

#### MASTER SECURITY AND APPLIED LOGIC

## **Database Security**

# PROJECT REPORT

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#### 1 Introduction

The following project involves securing an Oracle 21c database used for a fictitious vehicle rental application. The application is designed as follows: Customers can reserve a vehicle for a chosen period. They can also choose the vehicle, model and equipment they want. Vehicles have a daily price and a price per kilometre that varies according to model and equipment. In the event of late arrival, a fine must be paid and in the event of theft or breakage, a deposit must also be paid. An employee is then responsible for checking in the vehicle. When the vehicle is returned, the employee carries out a check-out and closes the reservation. What's more, in the event of damage to the vehicle, the employee has the option of immediately making the vehicle unavailable so that it can be sent for maintenance, but normally it's the role of the fleet manager to manage the vehicles. The fleet manager manages the vehicles, models and options. There is also an HR manager who manages the employees. Once the booking is closed, the employee calculates the invoice and sends it to the customer.

In order to secure the database the followings approaches were used:

- Management of the computational resources and users.
- Roles and privileges management.
- Encryption of critical data.
- Audit of tables.
- Data masking when exporting it.
- Application context and security.

### 2 Diagrams

The following figures are used to illustrate the final structure of the database. Note that the white tables in the ownership diagram 3 are owned by the admin user.

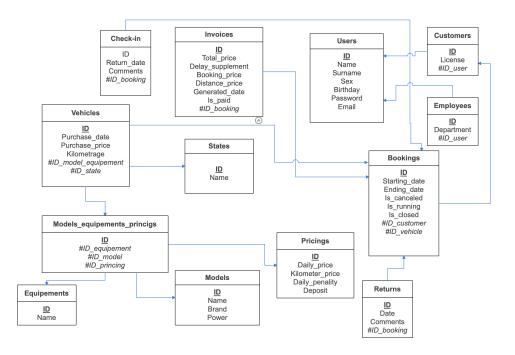


Figure 1: Relational Diagram

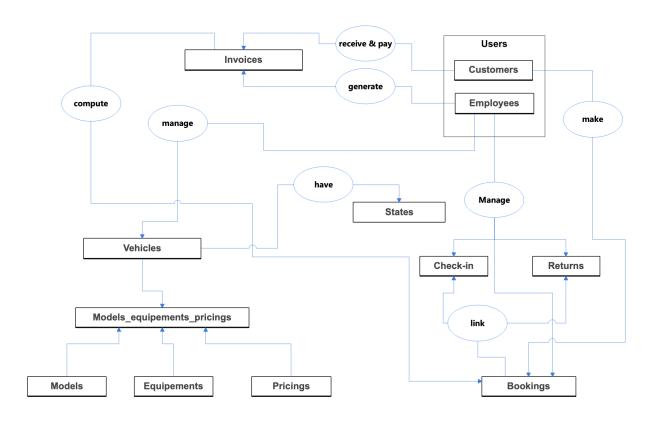


Figure 2: Conceptual Diagram

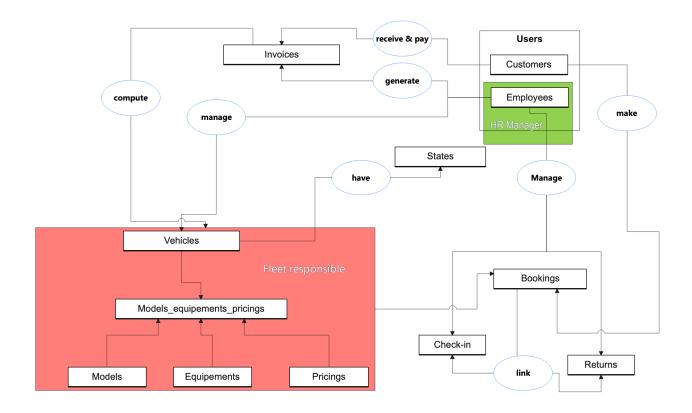


Figure 3: Ownership Diagram

#### 3 Users and resources management

Before starting SQL scripts, different matrices are defined in order to assign the necessary privileges and create necessary users. Starting with the process-user matrix, it identify the users involved in the different processes of the application as shown on figure 4. The second matrix is the entity-process matrix and is used to identify which permission a process need on a specific table in order to be successful as shown on figure 4. By combining both matrices, the entity-user matrix is created on figure 6. This one is the final matrix which identify the privileges every users need to have.

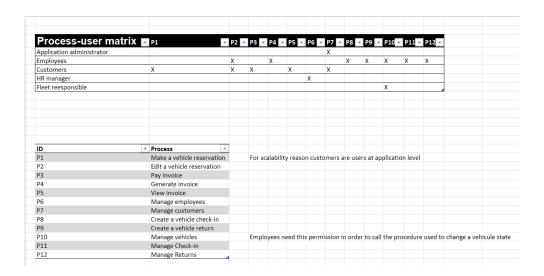


Figure 4: Process-user matrix

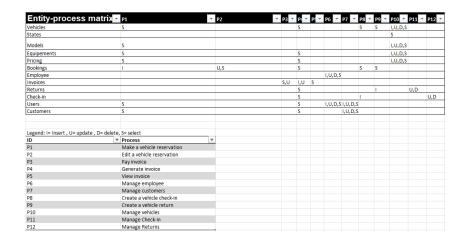


Figure 5: Entity-process matrix

Entity-user matrix	▼ Employee	Admin app	Fleet responsible	HR manager
Vehicles	S,U		I,U,D,S	
States	S	I,U,D	S	
Models			I,U,D,S	
Equipements			I,U,D,S	
Pricings	S		I,U,D,S	
Bookings	U,S		U,S	
Employees				I,U,D,S
Invoices	I,U			
Returns	S,I,U,D			
Check-in	S,I,U,D			
Customers	S	I,U,D,S		
Users	S	I,U,D,S		I,U,D,S
	Customers are not DB users, they are users at the application leve	el		
	Admin can also manage the list of states			

Figure 6: Entity-user matrix

From now, the different database users are identified and the accounts can be created

using the **sys** account in the portable database as follows:

Figure 7: Users script

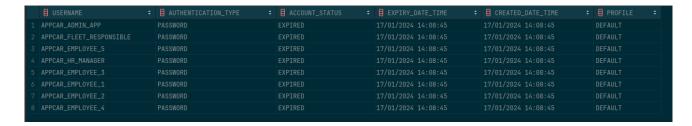


Figure 8: Users list

After the accounts creation, it is important to set the storage limit for the users. The administrator of the application receives unlimited storage, the fleet responsible receives 20MB, the HR manager receives 10 MB and the employees 3MB.

Figure 9: Storage script

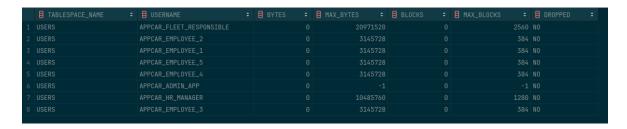


Figure 10: Storage list

In order to monitor the CPU resources and other settings for the different users, profiles can be used. Only 2 profiles will be used: one is used for all kind of employees (HR manager and fleet responsible included) and one for the admin account.

Figure 11: Profiles script

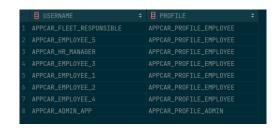


Figure 12: Profiles list

The last step is the resource plan of the application. This plan includes directives for each consumer group, dictating how resources should be allocated among them. This step is essential for maintaining performance and preventing resource hogging by any single user or group. The *mgmt* group might be allocated 30% of resources, the *admin* group 25%, the *employee* group 35%, and *OTHER\_GROUPS* 10%. The full script of the resource plan can be found in the **1-management.sql** file.

■ CONSUMER_GROUP_ID ÷ 目		■ MGMT_METHOD ÷			
1 20970 OTH					
2 20971 DEF					
3 20973 LOV	W_GROUP I				
4 75776 MGF					
5 75777 ADM					
6 75778 EMF					

Figure 13: Consumer groups of the resource plan

#### 4 Privileges and roles

Now that accounts are created, it is necessary to grant them the required privileges. The first thing to do is to authorize the account to connect to the database by using the GRANT CREATE SESSION TO syntax. Because the application administrator will own most of the tables, so it is important to give him the necessary privileges so that he can create tables, indexes and sequences. After that, the first part of the tables can be created with the create\_tables.sql script and by using the administrator account. The HR manager needs the permissions to create foreign keys on tables that are not in its schema. To do this, the GRANT REFERENCES instruction is given to the HR manager on the following table: APPCAR\_ADMIN\_APP.USERS. Then, the administrator is granted the references permission to the APPCAR\_FLEET\_RESPONSIBLE.VEHICLES. The user responsible for the vehicle fleet must be able to reference APPCAR\_ADMIN\_APP.STATES, which belongs to the admin.



Figure 14: Created tables

After the tables creation, roles can help assign permissions more quickly, so it's important to create a few. Four different roles are used, appear\_employee\_role, app-

car\_fleet\_role,appcar\_hr\_role and appcar\_admin\_role. The entity user matrix created above is used to assign the necessary permissions to the roles. In addition, a special view will be used to allow employees to SELECT on the user table without giving them access to the password column. This view is owned by the administrator and is called AP-PCAR\_ADMIN\_APP.USERS\_MGMT\_VIEW. The last step is to assign the roles to the users.

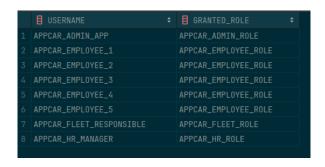


Figure 15: Roles assigned

Before moving on to the "encryption" section, we need to insert some test data into the tables. The **insert\_samples.sql** file can be used for this. In addition, the procedure allowing employees to modify the status of a vehicle is created and belongs to the administrator. The following screens demonstrate that the procedure works and that the roles and permissions are correctly configured.



Figure 16: State of vehicle 1 before calling the procedure with the employee account



Figure 17: State of vehicle 1 after calling the procedure with the employee account

#### 5 Encryption

In order to put some additional security, it is important to encrypt critical data such as the users password in this case. The file **3-encryption.sql** is used to implement it. Firstly a new table is created in order to store the encryption keys. Then, encryption and decryption functions are used to compute the cipher value of passwords. The next step is creating procedures to encrypt / decrypt the password by calling those functions. Furthermore, a trigger is added to detect when a new line is inserted in the users table. This trigger calls the encryption procedure to prevent plain text password to be stored.

```
125
126 -- Test the encryption procedure (should return all the encrypted passwords)
127 © CALL appear_encrypt_user_passwords();
128 © SELECT * FROM APPCAR_ADMIN_APP.users;
129
130 -- Test the decryption procedure (should return the password of the user with id 1 in clear but the password in the table should still be encrypted)
131 SELECT appear_decrypt_user_password_by_id(_Dubs_10_1) FROM dual;
132
```

Figure 18: Calling encryption and decryption procedures

		■ NAME ÷				<b>∃</b> EMAIL \$
1						
2						
3						
4						

Figure 19: Encrypted passwords

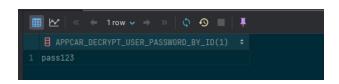


Figure 20: Uncrypted password of user 1

#### 6 Audit

Audit is used in order to record some events that occurred in the database such as selecting or inserting data in a specific table. The **4-audit.sql** file is used in order to create standard audit, trigger audit and audit policy. The standard audit is used to log all **INSERT**, **DELETE** and **UPDATE** on the **EMPLOYEES** table. It also record all **INSERT** and **DELETE** on the **VEHICLES** table. The standard audit is also enable on the **DELETE** query of the **USERS** table and the **UPDATE** query of the **INVOICES** table. When any query fail on the **BOOKINGS** table, it is also recorded. To test the standard audit, a new employee record is added by the HR manager user, and then it is immediately deleted. The HR manager also attempted to select the booking with ID 1, resulting in a failure because he does not have the required privileges. Figure 21 shows the audit of the queries by using the query *SELECT OBJ\$NAME*, *SQLTEXT*, *NTIMESTAMP# FROM aud\$*;

Figure 21: Standard audit result

Concerning, trigger audit, a new table is created (APPCAR\_AUDIT\_LOG\_PROC\_STATES) for auditing when employees call the appcar\_proc\_state pro-

cedure to modify the status of a vehicle. The trigger appcar\_audit\_trigger\_proc\_states is added to store the name of the employee calling the procedure, the timestamp, the id of the impacted vehicle and the id of the new state into the new audit table. As figure 22 shows, employee 1 called the procedure by giving state 4 (In maintenance) to vehicle 1. Another trigger audit is used in order to audit the RETURNS table (except when using the SELECT query on it). The audit table created is called APP-CAR\_AUDIT\_LOG\_RETURNS. Figure 23 show the logs of the INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE queries on this table.

Figure 22: Trigger audit of the APPCAR\_AUDIT\_LOG\_PROC\_STATES procedure

Figure 23: Trigger audit of the RETURNS table

Finally, an audit policy is created in order to audit the **UPDATE** query of the **COM-MENTS** column from the **CHECK\_IN** table. The figure 24 shows the audit result when an employee update the **COMMENTS** column.



Figure 24: Audit policy result

#### 7 Data masking

The **5-masking.sql** file is useful because it can be used in order to mask sensitive data when exporting it such as the **EMAIL** column of the **USERS** table. The pattern used only keeps the two first character and the domain of the emails while the rest is replaced by the "\*" character. The same logic is applied for the **LICENSE** column, only the first two character are kept.

```
appcar_masking_pkg.mask_email(email: 'test@test.rom') AS masked_email,
appcar_masking_pkg.mask_license(license: 'FR4578961123') AS masked_license
FROM dual;
```

Figure 25: Query in order to call masking procedures

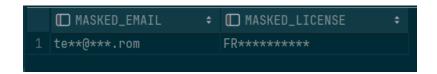


Figure 26: Result of the masked query

In order to export the data the **expdp** command can be used in a regular terminal (see the file for to see the parameters used). In the same way the **impdp** is used to import the masked data into the database. Figure 27 shows the successful export of the data using the masking functions. Figures 28 and 29 show the result of the import command.

Figure 27: Export result

Figure 28: Import result

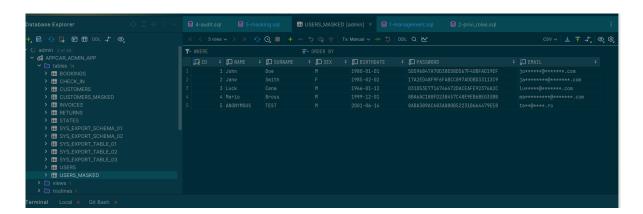


Figure 29: Imported masked data

## 8 Database application and context

The last part of the project is the security and the context of the application using the file **6-security\_context.sql**. A context is set to prevent the insertion, deletion or modification of data outside opening hours for the check in and returns table. As figure 30 shows, when an employee tries to insert a new row after 10pm, he receives an error message, but if he tries again between 8am and 10pm, the error message disappears and the new data is added to the table as shown on figure 31.

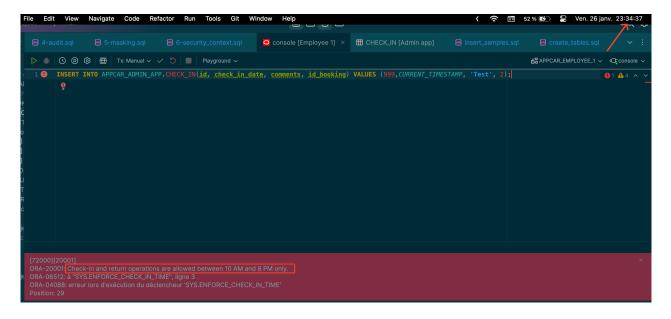


Figure 30: Failed insert due to bad timing

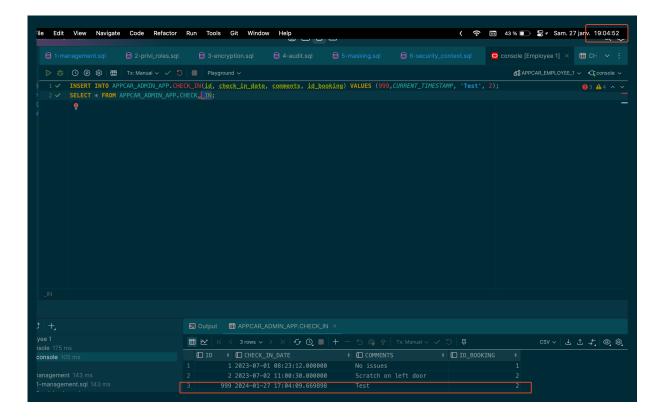


Figure 31: Success insert

Another important aspect of security is protection against SQL injections, which can occur when a user has direct access to the query. To illustrate the principle of sql injection, a vulnerable procedure has been created to take a customer's name as a parameter and search for reservations and invoice amount. Figure 32 shows the result of the procedure when it is called with a valid input. Figure 33 shows a successful exploitation of the vulnerable procedure by fetching all the user passwords with the following payload 'Nonexistent' UNION SELECT 'EMAIL: ', email, 'PASSWORD: ', password, 0, DATE '1970-01-01', DATE '1970-01-01', 0.0 FROM APPCAR\_ADMIN\_APP.USERS -'. In order to fix the procedure, a bind variable is used with the USING clause. As shown on figure 34, by using the same malicious payload, the attacker is not able to get any password because the procedure does not render anything while figure 35 shows the normal behaviour of the fixed procedure.

```
APPCAR_ADMIN_APP> CALL APPCAR_ADMIN_APP.get_customer_bookings('Luck')
[2024-01-28 15:38:26] completed in 25 ms
Luck Cena luck123@example.com ABC123 - Booking ID: 1 - Starting date: 01/07/23 - Ending date: 10/07/23 - Total price: 5500
Luck Cena luck123@example.com ABC123 - Booking ID: 3 - Starting date: 13/10/23 - Ending date: 11/01/24 - Total price:
```

Figure 32: Normal execution of the vulnerable procedure

```
APPCAR_ADMIN_APP> CALL APPCAR_ADMIN_APP.get_customer_bookings('Nonexistent'' UNION SELECT ''EMAIL: '', email , ''PASSWORD: '', password, 0, DATE ''1970-01-01'', DATE ''19 [2024-01-28 15:39:54] completed in 75 ms

EMAIL: john.doe@example.com PASSWORD: C15068EFE8F059972A13AC6E4160E1EC - Booking ID: 0 - Starting date: 01/01/70 - Ending date: 01/01/70 - Total price: 0

EMAIL: jane.smith@example.com PASSWORD: 3C0377E566032F67419DC8A2EB3A7867 - Booking ID: 0 - Starting date: 01/01/70 - Ending date: 01/01/70 - Total price: 0

EMAIL: uckl23@example.com PASSWORD: A36CCA2306F9AB1B7590B60091371509 - Booking ID: 0 - Starting date: 01/01/70 - Ending date: 01/01/70 - Total price: 0

EMAIL: mario.bross@example.com PASSWORD: 621F498FE16AFAA7D1ACA052C2BC686D - Booking ID: 0 - Starting date: 01/01/70 - Ending date: 01/01/70 - Total price: 0
```

Figure 33: Exploited procedure

```
APPCAR_ADMIN_APP> CALL APPCAR_ADMIN_APP.get_customer_bookings_mitigate('Nonexistent'' UNION SELECT ''EMAIL: '', email , ''PASSWORD: '', password, 0, DATE ''1970-01-01'', [2024-01-28 15:47:43] completed in 22 ms
```

Figure 34: Result of the fixed procedure when using SQLi

```
APPCAR_ADMIN_APP> CALL APPCAR_ADMIN_APP.get_customer_bookings_mitigate('Luck')
[2024-01-28 15:48:30] completed in 27 ms
Luck Cena luck123@example.com ABC123 - Booking ID: 1 - Starting date: 01/07/23 - Ending date: 10/07/23 - Total price: 5500
Luck Cena luck123@example.com ABC123 - Booking ID: 3 - Starting date: 13/10/23 - Ending date: 11/01/24 - Total price:
```

Figure 35: Normal behaviour of the fixed procedure