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Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall

Overview

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- 3 Network-based SQL traffic monitoring
- 4 Alerts and reports
- 5 Enterprise deployment
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Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall

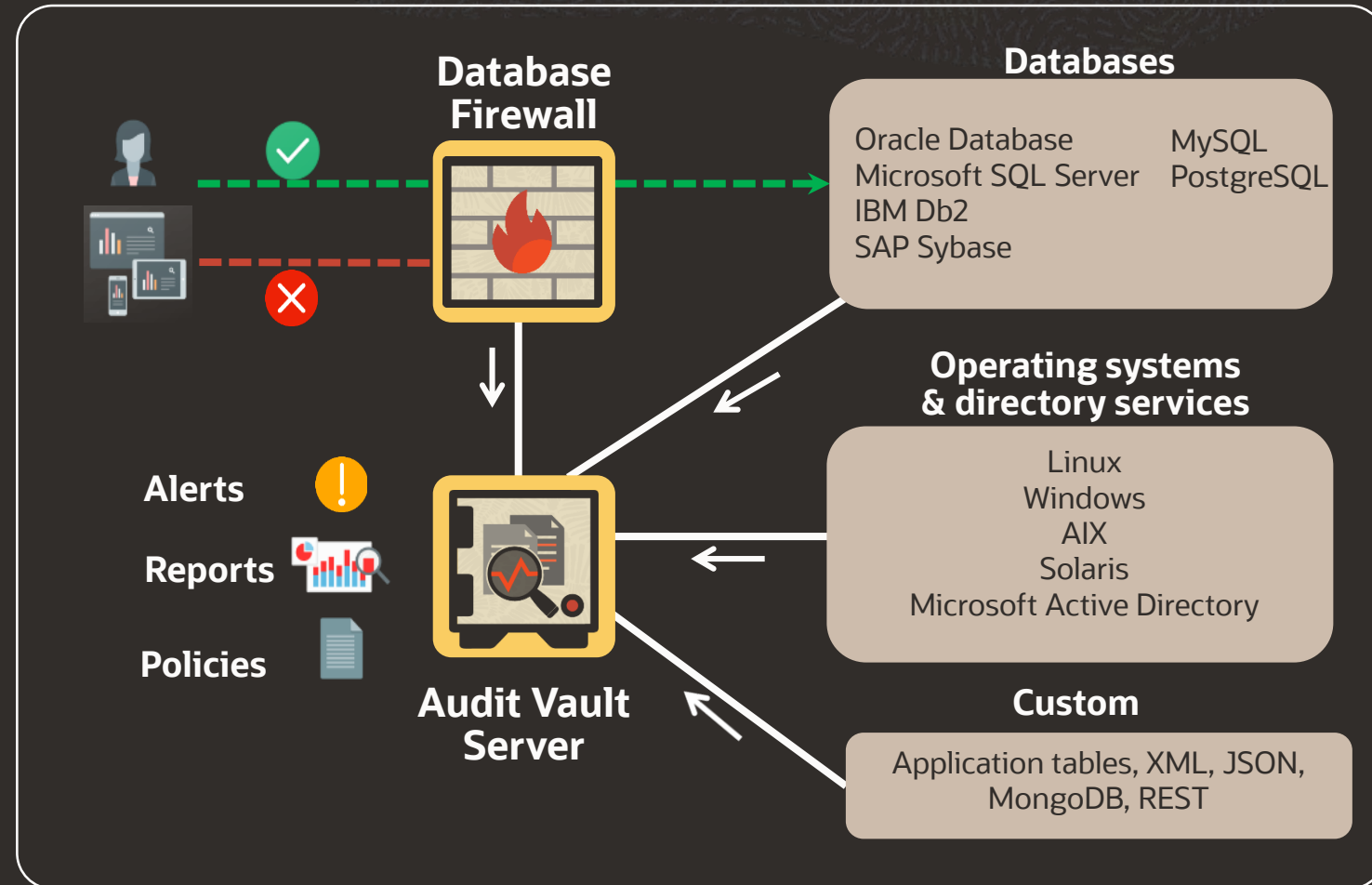
— Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall is a comprehensive and scalable software solution for database auditing and network-based activity monitoring.

Protect Your Data & Applications

- Implement corporate security policies relating to activity monitoring and auditing
- Monitor and audit privileged user access to sensitive data
- Enforce trusted path access to corporate applications
- Blocking and monitoring of SQL statements

Accelerate Regulatory Compliance

- Address compliance requirements e.g.: PCI, HIPAA, GDPR, etc.
- Pre-defined compliance reports
- Support forensic analysis



Key features

Database auditing and audit collection

SQL traffic monitoring using database firewall

Reporting and alerting

Enterprise deployment

Supported target types and configurations

- Audit collection including data access and modification
- Before/after values, entitlement changes , stored procedure changes
- Application auditing with custom collectors
- Seeded audit policies for Oracle
- Multi-stage firewall using SQL grammar analysis
- Policies based on session parameters, database objects, SQL clusters
- SQL Injection detection and prevention
- Powerful, customizable reports with filtering for forensic analysis
- Out-of-the-box reports for security and compliance
- Rich alert builder to detect unexpected activity
- Open schema enabling integration with third party tools
- Auto updatable agents for easier management
- Automated archival of audit data for compliance
- LDAP/Active Directory authentication
- Single console for managing audit and network monitoring
- SIEM/Syslog integration
- High availability for continuous audit collection
- Delivered as full-stack software appliance
- Heterogeneous target types - Oracle and non-Oracle databases, operating system logs, directory service, file systems
- Extensible with custom collector framework (table, XML, JSON, REST)
- Hybrid cloud deployments

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Database auditing and audit data collection

Database auditing and monitoring use cases

Monitoring all privileged user activity

Operations on sensitive data

Before / after data value changes

Login failures

Entitlement changes

Stored procedure changes

Compliance related reporting for GDPR, PCI, GLBA, HIPAA, IRS 1075, SOX, UK DPA

Database audit collection with AVDF

Configure targets and trails

- Targets
- Audit vault agents
- Audit data collection (trails)
- Data retention policy

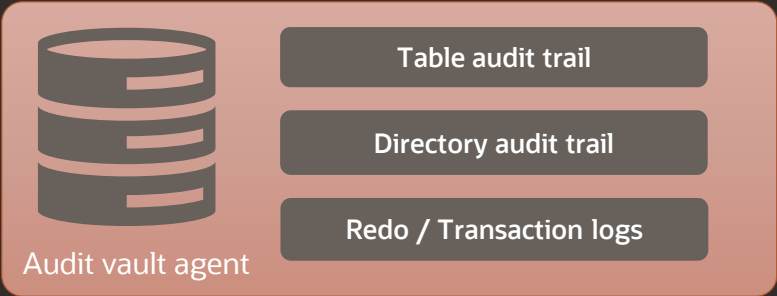
Configure audit policies

- Who
- What
- When
- Where

Create reports and alerts

- Define alert baselines
- Create and schedule reports

Oracle Database Auditing



Audit collection



Audit Vault console

	Target	User	Client IP	Event	Object	Event Time ⌵
📄	hr	dba_charles@example.com	10.89.33.137	UPDATE	EMPLOYEES	7/4/2020 8:29:28 AM
📄	hr	dba_charles@example.com	10.89.33.137	UPDATE	EMPLOYEES	7/4/2020 8:29:27 AM
📄	hr	dba_charles@example.com	10.76.43.231	UPDATE	EMPLOYEES	7/3/2020 12:37:58 AM
📄	hr	dba_charles@example.com	10.76.43.231	UPDATE	EMPLOYEES	7/3/2020 12:37:57 AM



Registering Targets and Audit Trails

Registering Targets

Select from pre-defined target type

Add Trails (sources of audit data)

Table, Directory, Transaction Log, etc.

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avadmin Help

HomeTargetsAgentsDatabase FirewallsSettings

Targets

CancelSave

Audit Trails

Target Groups

Access Rights

Name *

Description

Type *

Oracle Database
IBM AIX
IBM DB2 LUW
Linux
Microsoft Active Directory Server
Microsoft SQL Server
Microsoft Windows
MySQL
Oracle ACFS
Oracle Database
Oracle Key Vault
Oracle Solaris
PostgreSQL
Quick JSON
Sybase ASE
Sybase SQL Anywhere

Audit Connection Details

Audit Collection Attributes

BasicAdvanced

Host Name / IP Address

Port

Service Name

Protocol

User Name

Password

TCP

Existing database user on the Secured Target

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Audit and entitlement data collection

- Audit policy
- User entitlements
- Stored procedure changes

Home Targets Policies Alerts Reports Settings

Targets hr (Oracle Database) Cancel

Audit Trails Connect String jdbc:oracle:thin:@//denac258.us.oracle.com:1522/orclpdb.us.oracle.com Description PDB on denac258 for HR department

Retention Policy CustomArchivePolicy 1-1 - 1 months online, 1 months in archive

Target Groups

Access Rights

User Entitlement Snapshots

Audit Data Collection

Audit Trail Location	Audit Trail Status	Audit Trail Type	Collection Agent	Last Start At
UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL	Idle	TABLE	denac258.us.oracle.com	7/3/2020 11:17:18 AM

Database Firewall Monitoring

Audit Policy

Last Retrieved 7/2/2020 8:05:45 AM

Retrieve Immediately ☐

Schedule ☒ Disable ☐ Enable

User Entitlements

Last Retrieved 7/2/2020 9:55:54 AM

Retrieve Immediately ☐

Schedule ☒ Disable ☐ Enable

Stored Procedure Auditing

Schedule ☒ Disable ☐ Enable

1 - 1 Save

New: default seeding of audit policies for Oracle

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Home Targets Policies Alerts Reports Settings

Audit Policies

Database Firewall Policies

Alert Policies

AVDF recommended

Pre-defined in Oracle DB

User defined

Unified Auditing

Traditional Auditing

Core Policies

Basic Auditing * ☒ Critical Database Activity

☒ Database Schema Changes

☐ Logon/Logoff Events

Exclude Users

Admin Activity Auditing * ☒ All Admin Activity

User Activity Auditing ☐ All User Activity

List of Users

Audit Compliance Standards ☐ Center for Internet Security (CIS) Configuration

Oracle Predefined Policies

☐ Policy Name

☐ ORA_ACCOUNT_MGMT

☐ ORA_DATABASE_PARAMETER

☐ ORA_DV_AUDPOL

☐ ORA_DV_AUDPOL2

☒ ORA_LOGON_FAILURES

☐ ORA_RAS_POLICY_MGMT

☐ ORA_RAS_SESSION_MGMT

☒ ORA_SECURECONFIG

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Custom Policies

☒ Policy Name

☒ UNAUTHORIZED_ACTIVITY_BY_EMP

☒ UNAUTHORIZED_ACTIVITY_BY_HR

☒ UNAUTHORIZED_ACTIVITY_BY_HRMGR

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* Oracle recommends provisioning these policies.

- Single-click provisioning of core, predefined and custom policies
 - Core: Oracle recommended
 - Predefined: Out-of-the-box available in Oracle databases
 - Custom: User Defined
- Audit records are periodically collected from target and loaded into Audit Vault Server

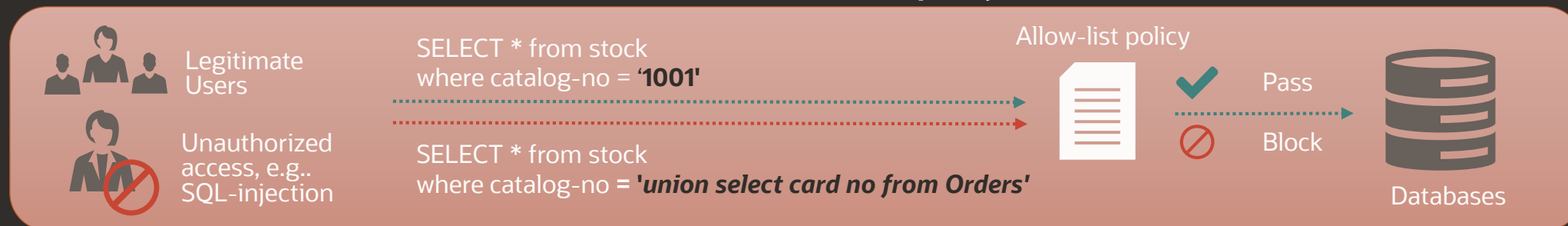
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Network-based SQL traffic monitoring

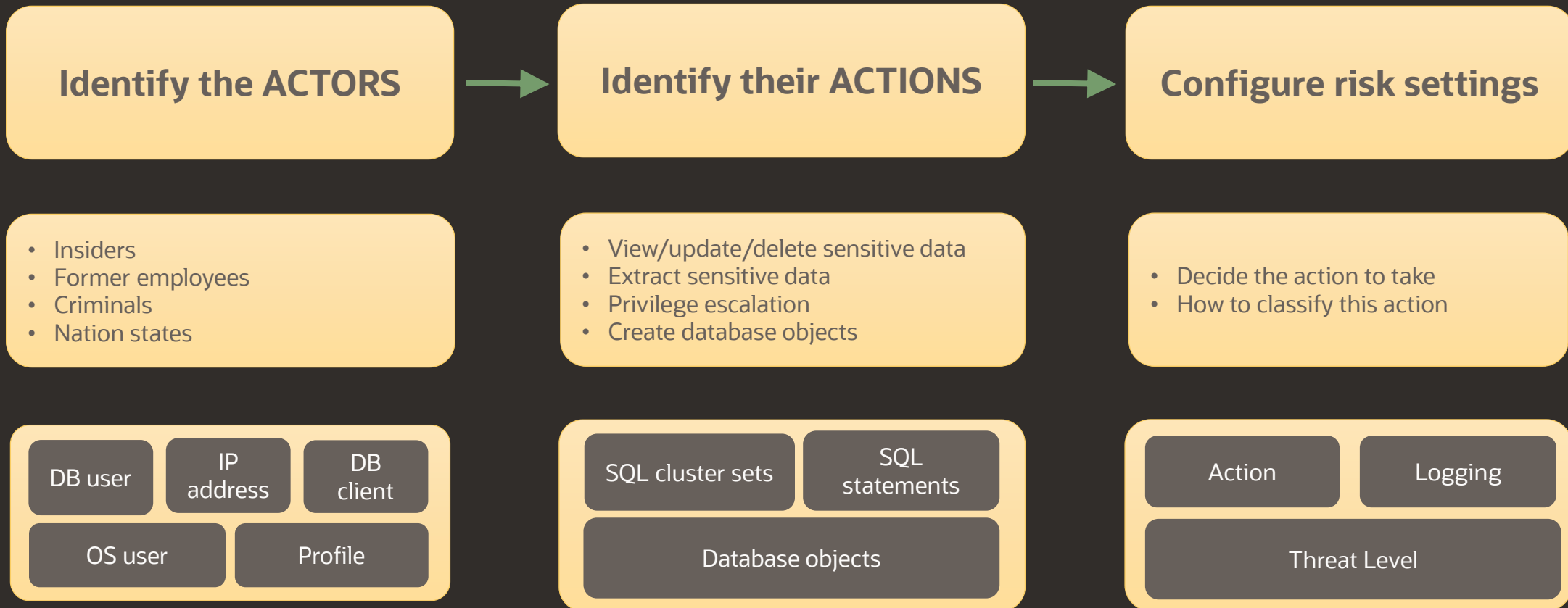
Network monitoring with database firewall

- Detection and blocking based on capturing normal application SQL patterns
- Detect or block never-before-seen SQL from reaching the database
- Anomaly detection and threat blocking with allow-list / deny-list based policy
- Does not use easy-to-defeat regular expressions

Allow-list based firewall policy



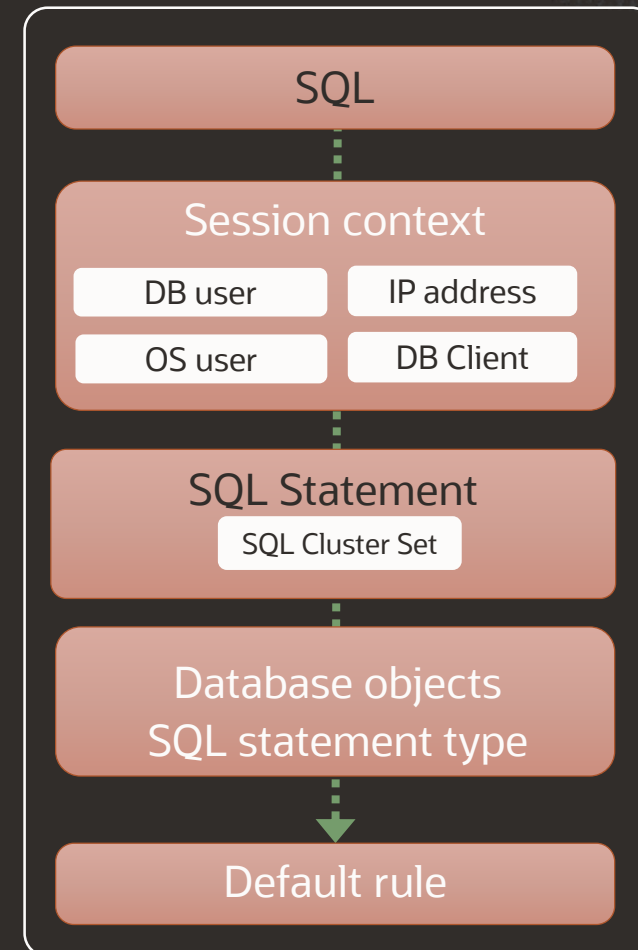
Building policies in Database Firewall



Multi-stage firewall

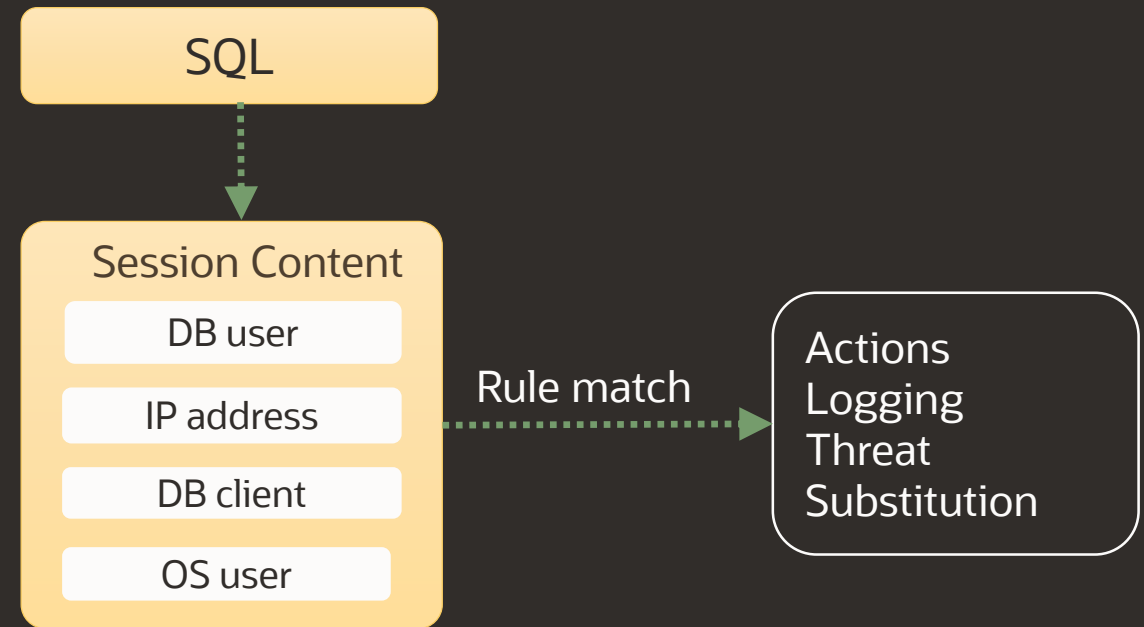
- Firewall policies can be based on session context, SQL Statement, database objects or a combination of them
- Policies execute in order as shown in the diagram
- Simple to complex firewall policies satisfying various use cases can be developed
- Simplified firewall configuration

Order Of Execution



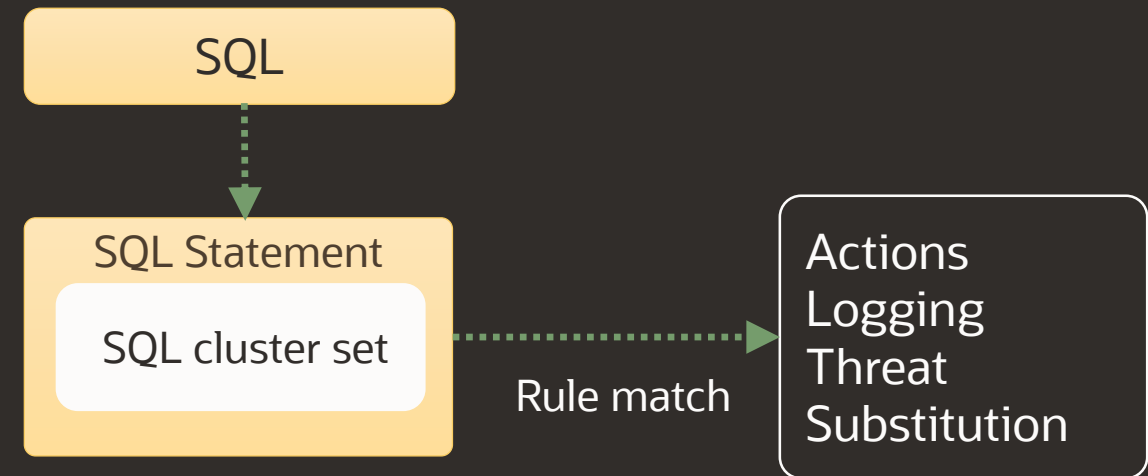
Implementing trusted application path using session context rules

- Trusted application paths based on session attributes
- Use session content information to allow or block any statement, or log them, or alert



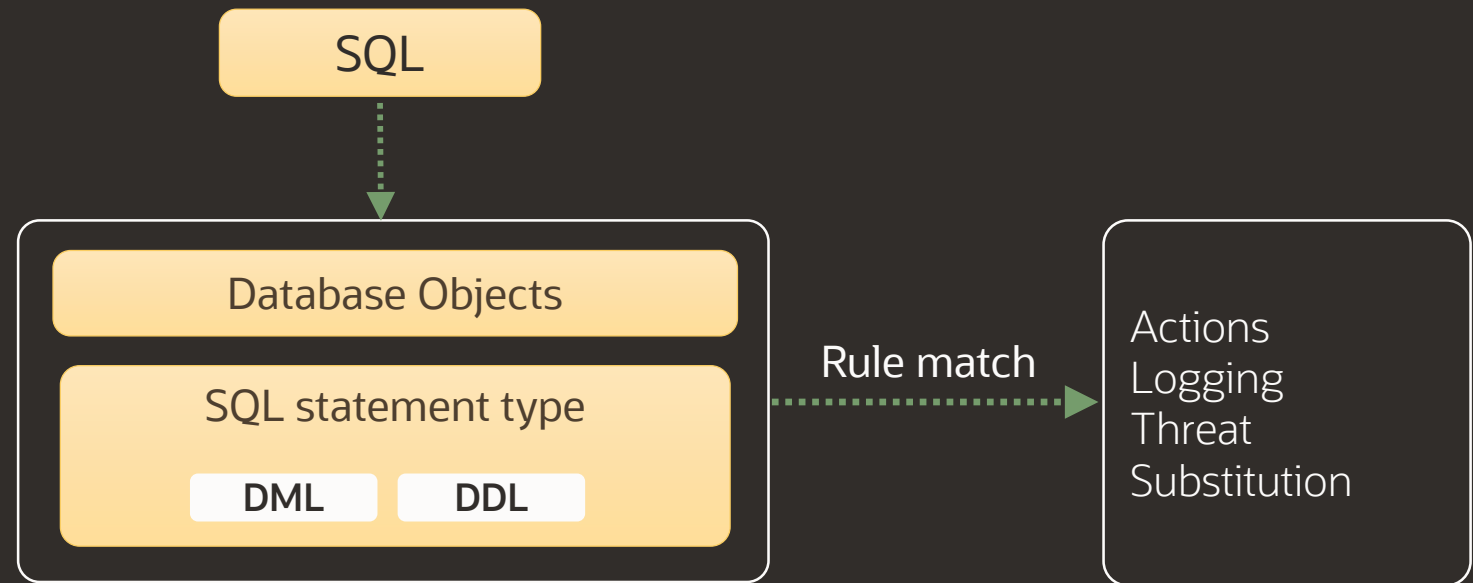
Analyzing SQL traffic to create allow-list/deny-list policies

- Train firewall based on known SQL to create allow-list or deny-list
- Implement policies based on specific SQL clusters – e.g. Privileged user access
 - Clusters are groups of SQL statements analyzed by Database Firewall to be similar



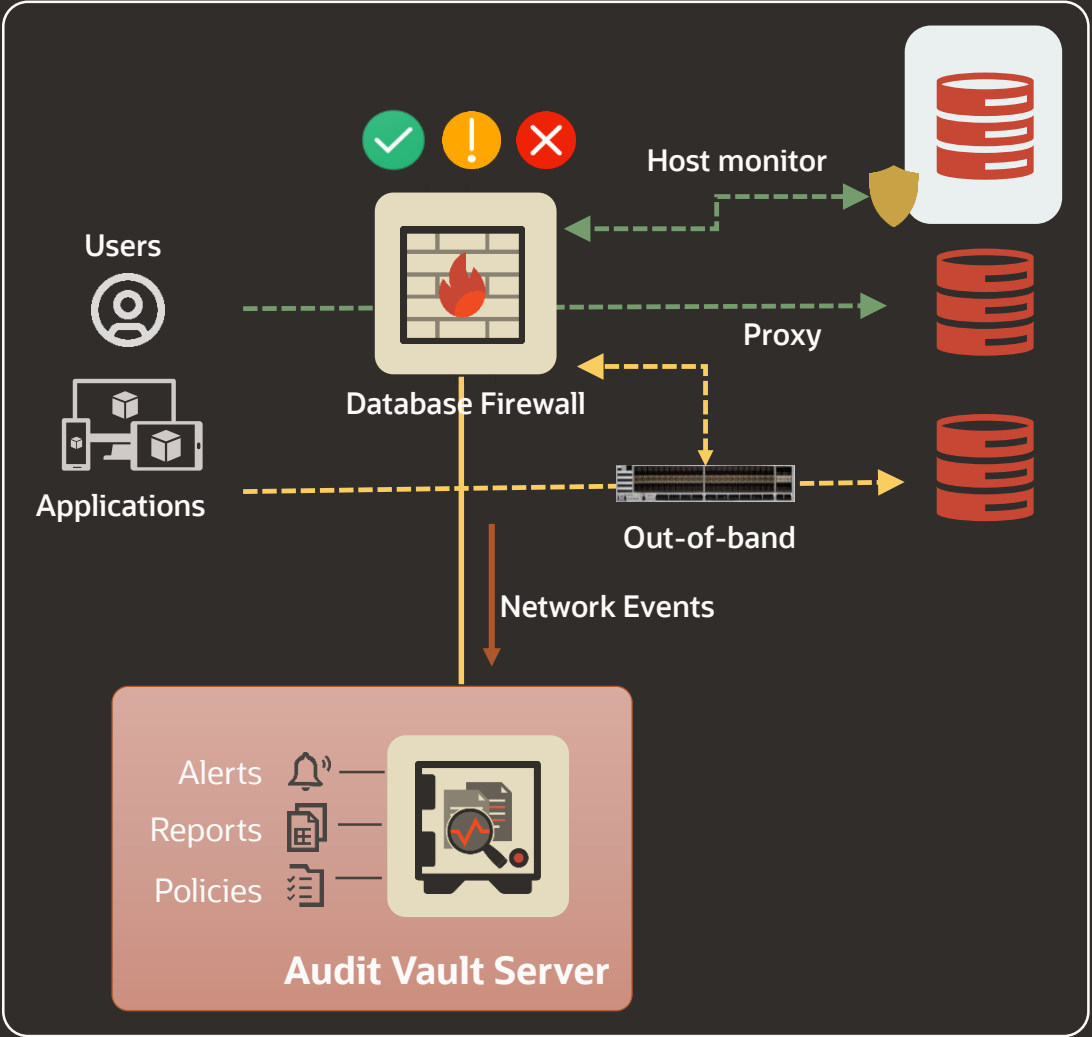
Creating policies specific to sensitive data and actions

- Create policies specific to sensitive tables and SQL operations
- Protect, monitor, alert on access to sensitive tables



Firewall deployment modes

Mode	Details	Supported functionality	
		Monitoring	Blocking
Proxy	All client connections go via firewall, including return traffic	✓	✓
Host monitor	Agent running on database host listening to incoming traffic	✓	
Out-of-band	Monitors DB traffic sent to it (by span port, network taps, etc.)	✓	



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Reporting and alerting

Rich set of out-of-the-box reports

▼ Activity Reports

Summary

Report Name

All Activity

All Activity by Privileged Users

Data Access & Modification

Report Name

Data Access

Data Modification

Data Modification Before-After Values

Login & Logout Events

Report Name

Failed Login Events

Login and Logout

Startup and Shutdown

Database Settings

Report Name

Entitlements

Database Schema

Audit Settings

▼ Entitlement Reports

Name

Privileged Users

User Accounts

User Privileges

User Profiles

Role Privileges

System Privileges

Object Privileges

▼ Database Firewall Reports

Name

Database Firewall Monitored Activity

Blocked Statements

Database Traffic Analysis by OS User

Invalid Statements

Warned Statements

▼ Stored Procedure Changes

Name

Created Stored Procedures

Stored Procedure Modification History

Deleted Stored Procedures

▼ DB Vault Activity

Name

Database Vault Activity

- Consolidated data from audit trail and firewall
- Customizable
- Can be scheduled and emailed
- Open schema allowing use of third-party tools for analysis

Many Reports for different Personas

Activity reports

Activity reports show all audit related database and firewall activities

Sensitive data access

Sensitive table list can be imported from Database Security Assessment Tool (DBSAT, Enterprise Manager)

Reports on sensitive tables, activity, access by privilege users, etc. is available

Entitlement changes

Entitlements can be retrieved on a scheduled or as-needed basis
Snapshots can be compared across time to see changes and discover privilege escalations

Anomaly detection and trend charts

Activity by newly seen or dormant IPs
Activity by newly created or dormant users

Database Firewall monitored activity

Analyze firewall activity, blocked statements, warned statements
Report below shows database firewall monitored activity

Compliance reports simplified

Compliance reports: GDPR, PCI, GLBA, HIPAA, IRS 1075, SOX, UK DPA

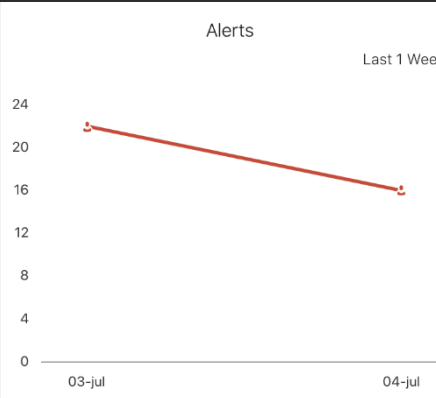
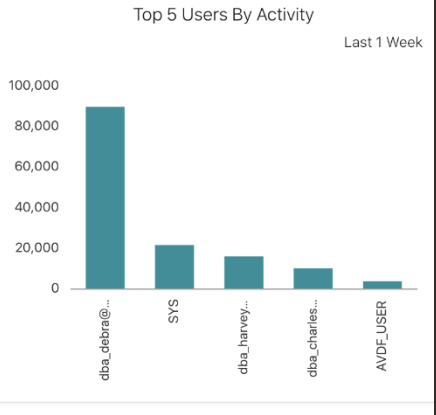
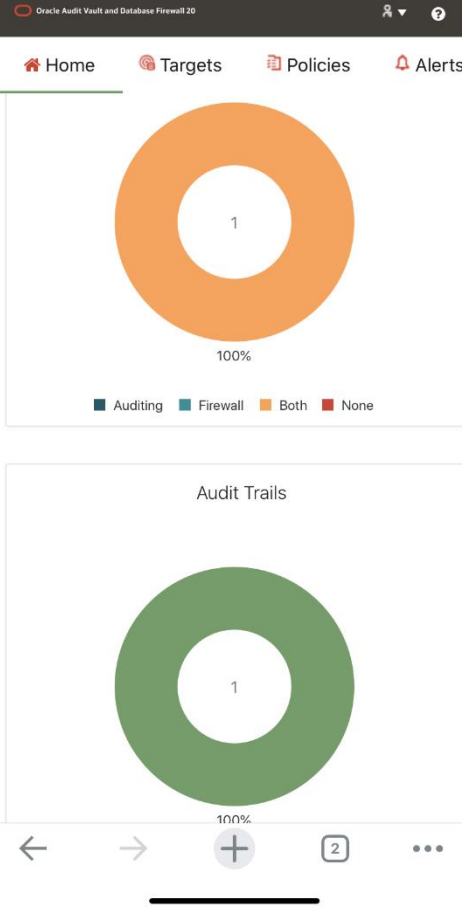
Alert policies

Alerts conditions based on audit record fields using SQL like expression
SQL like condition can be defined on one or more fields
Generated alerts can be viewed in “alert” reports, sent via email, and sent to syslog



View AVDF on your mobile

Dashboard



Alerts

19:59

Audit Vault Alert: Sensitive Data Access by DBA, Alert Time (UTC): 7/3/2020 7:37:22 AM

3 July 2020 13:07

avuser Details

Alert Name: Sensitive Data Access by DBA
Event Time (UTC): [7/3/2020 7:37:13 AM](#)
Alert Status: New
Alert Severity: Critical
Description: Alert me when DBA modifies any data in sensitive tables
URL: [Redacted]

Please do not reply to this email. This is an automated message.

Reply Reply all Forward Delete Thread

Status New

Description
Alert me when DBA modifies any data in sensitive tables

Condition
upper(:TARGET_OWNER)='HCM' AND upper(:TARGET_OBJ IN('EMPLOYEES','JOB_HISTORY','JOBS','SUPPLEMENTAL_ AND upper(:EVENT_NAME) NOT IN ('SELECT') AND upper(: 'DBA_%'

Notes

Save Add

Note	Note Timestamp	Note Created
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The auto-email ...	7/3/2020 12:37:...	AVAUDITOR

1 rows selected Total 1

Event

Target	User	Client IP	E
hr	dba_debra@example.com	10.76.43.231	1

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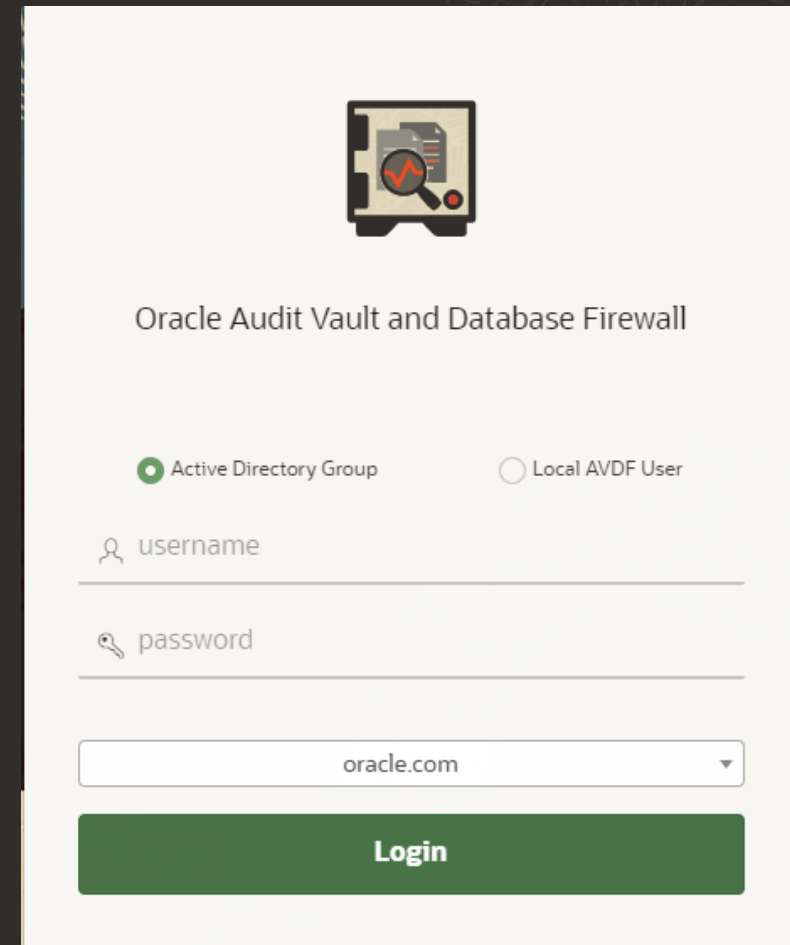
Enterprise deployment

Microsoft active directory / OpenLDAP integration

Supports user authentication and creation of new users

Logging into AVDF console

- Users (admins or auditors) can log into AVDF by selecting authentication mechanism to use
- Option 1: Login as AVDF user
- Option 2: Login as Active Directory or OpenLDAP user
 - Username, Password
 - Provide the group they belong to (to they are logged in as auditor or admin)



The image shows the login interface for Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall (AVDF). At the top is the AVDF logo, which is a shield with a magnifying glass and a red checkmark. Below the logo is the text "Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall". There are two radio buttons for authentication: "Active Directory Group" (selected) and "Local AVDF User". Below these are two input fields: "username" and "password". Below the password field is a dropdown menu showing "oracle.com". At the bottom is a green "Login" button.

Microsoft active directory / OpenLDAP integration

Supports user authentication and creation of new users

Creating new users

- New AVDF users (admins, auditors) can be created that exist only in AVDF, or are existing Active Directory/OpenLDAP users
- Option 1: AVDF user:
 - Username, password, admin type
- Option 2: Existing AD/OpenLDAP user:
 - User must exist before adding in AVDF
 - Select user from list of LDAP users and assign user type (admin, auditor etc.)

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of the 'Add Admin' dialog box. The left screenshot shows the 'Active Directory Group' and 'Fetch' options selected. The right screenshot shows the 'Local AVDF User' and 'Manual' options selected, with additional fields for Group Name and Admin Type.

Add Admin

☒ Active Directory Group ☐ Local AVDF User

Import Mode
☒ Fetch ☐ Manual

LDAP/Active Directory Username *
User having privileges to fetch group information from LDAP/Act

LDAP/Active Directory Password *

Domain *

Add Admin

☒ Active Directory Group ☐ Local AVDF User

Import Mode
☐ Fetch ☒ Manual

LDAP/Active Directory Username *
User having privileges to fetch group information from LDAP/Act

LDAP/Active Directory Password *

Group Name

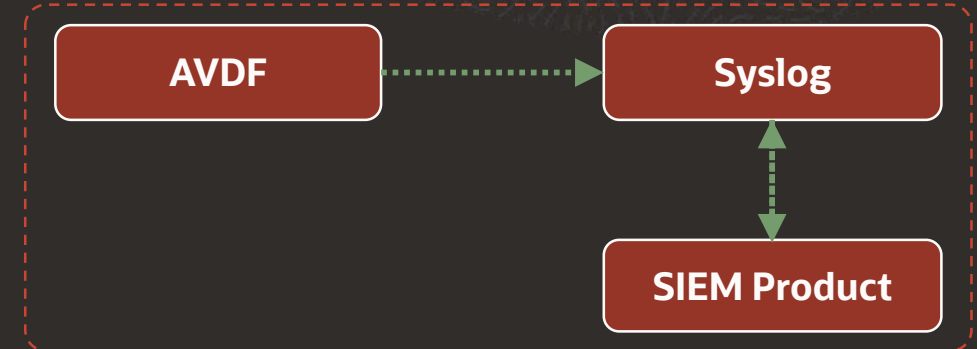
Admin Type
Admin

Buttons: Cancel, Save, Fe

SIEM/Syslog integration

- AVDF alerts can be sent to syslog and integrated with SIEM product
 - Configure event fields to send
 - Forward alerts to syslog
- SIEM products can also connect to audit vault server and read from the event log table

Sending Alerts to Syslog



Alert Example in Syslog

AVDFAlert@111 name="Sensitive Data Access by DBA" severity="Critical" url="....." time="2020-07-06T07:38:02.209875Z" target="hr" user="dba_charles@example.com" desc="Alert me when DBA modifies any data in sensitive tables"

Default Alert Syslog Template

Name

Alert Syslog Template

Description

Built-in Alert Syslog Template

Event Information

- ☒ AlertName (AN)
- ☒ AlertSeverity (ASE)
- ☒ AlertDescription (AD)
- ☐ AlertID (AID)
- ☐ TargetType (TT)
- ☐ EventTime (ET)
- ☐ CommandClass (CC)
- ☒ UserName (UN)
- ☐ ClientIP (CIP)
- ☐ TargetObject (TOBJ)
- ☐ TargetOwner (TOWN)
- ☐ AuditTrailLocation (ATL)
- ☐ DatabaseMonitoringMode (DMM)
- ☐ PolicyName (PN)
- ☐ ClusterType (CT)
- ☐ GrammarVersion (GV)
- ☐ ErrorCode (EC)

- ☒ AlertTime (AT)
- ☐ AlertStatus (AST)
- ☒ AlertURL (URL)
- ☒ TargetName (TN)
- ☐ EventName (EN)
- ☐ EventStatus (ES)
- ☐ OSUserName (OSUN)
- ☐ ClientHostName (CHN)
- ☐ ClientProgram (CP)
- ☐ TargetType (TTYPE)
- ☐ AuditTrailType (ATT)
- ☐ DatabaseMonitoring (DM)
- ☐ ActionTaken (ACTION)
- ☐ ThreatSeverity (TS)
- ☐ ClusterID (CID)
- ☐ LogCause (LC)

Audit data lifecycle management

- Per target archive policies can be created
 - Specify number of months online, archive
- Archived data can be retrieved by specifying from-to dates
- Support secure copy, windows file sharing, network file system
 - Nightly job moves data to archive

The screenshot displays the Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall 20 web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Targets, Agents, Database Firewalls, and Settings. The left sidebar shows a menu with Security, Storage, Archiving, System, and Audit Vault CLI. The main content area is divided into sections for Manage Policies, Policy Usage, Manage Archive Locations, Data Retention, and Retrieve. The 'Manage Archive Locations' section is active, showing a table with columns for Location Name, Address, Path, Port, Username, Authentication Method, and Public Key. A 'Create Archive Location' dialog is open, allowing users to configure these details. The dialog includes radio buttons for Transfer Method (Secure Copy (scp), Windows File Sharing (SMB), Network File System (NFS)) and Authentication Method (Key-based Authentication, Password Authentication). The Public Key field contains a long alphanumeric string.

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Home Targets Agents Database Firewalls Settings

Security

Storage

Archiving

System

Audit Vault CLI

Manage Policies

Policy Usage

Manage Archive Locations

Data Retention

Retrieve

Create Delete

Auto Archive Status Disabled

Manage SCP/SMB Locations

Manage NFS Locations

Create Archive Location

Transfer Method ☒ Secure Copy (scp) ☐ Windows File Sharing (SMB) ☐ Network File System (NFS)

Location Name

Address

Path

Port 22

Username

Authentication Method ☒ Key-based Authentication ☐ Password Authentication

Public Key

ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDYEIN3xjhGmEUZFRsvB6IgsV
9KIaB//14p3yYds1V7+jr1f+hVwter2UEMYrZMoeXC9yMa1np9BU
2k3LhI7NRXCocISv6zyOGBCP1vL9zEH2m0IptoTSuYN0UaUD/vTa5Y
JHCOnFnD3sh8nvDHvp0opgwDxw2R1g6vEGwk7gZ+5vp4z1m07w4nhI
JabRn+2+ot8ICYCWKS/ZVF2+WAGcb9gUv537I1Yw0BzUEorp55poe9

Cancel Save

High availability

Audit vault servers and database firewalls can be configured in HA

Audit and configuration data copied to secondary

Secondary becomes primary in the event of failover

Database firewall HA

Both primary, secondary receive same traffic in out-of-band and host monitor mode

- Database Firewalls have same configuration, synchronized by AV Server

In Proxy only one is active at a time

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Supported targets and configurations

Supported targets

- Target types: database, operating system logs, directory system logs, file system logs
- Includes Oracle and non-Oracle targets
- Extensible for table and file-based trails

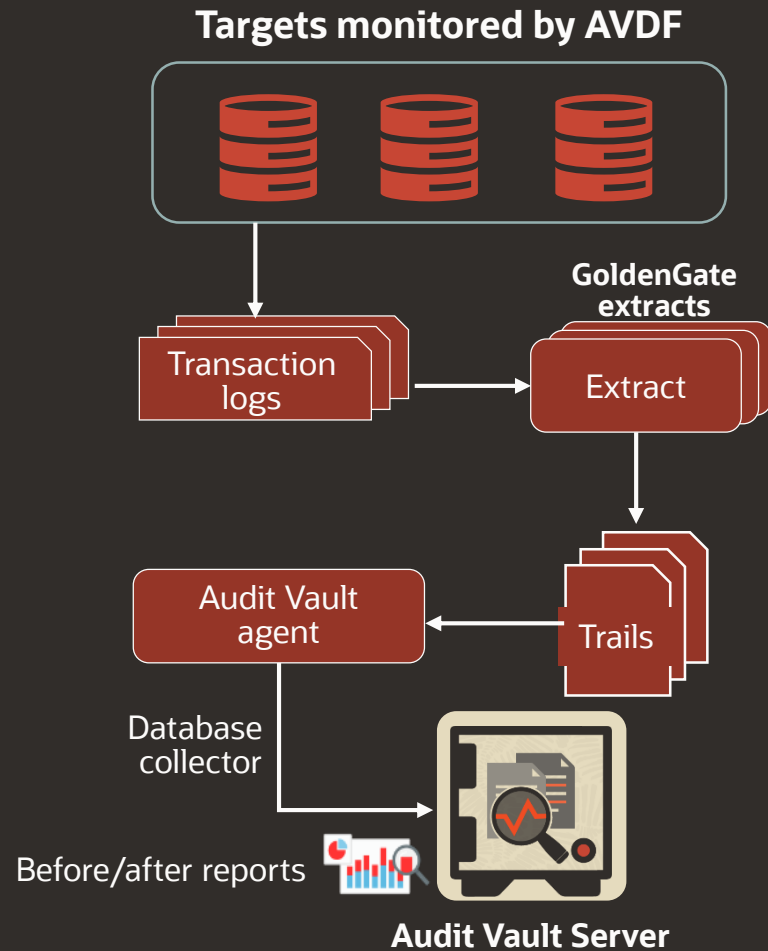
Databases
Oracle Database: on-prem, cloud (ATP-S, ADW-S), Exadata, RAC
IBM Db2: LUW, AIX
Microsoft SQL Server
SAP Sybase ASE
MySQL
PostgreSQL
MongoDB (via QuickJSON template)

Operating system logs
Oracle Solaris
Oracle Linux
Red Hat Enterprise Linux
Microsoft Windows Server
IBM AIX Power Systems
SuSE Linux

Directory service
Microsoft Active Directory

File system
Oracle ACFS

Before and after value capture using GoldenGate



- Install Oracle GoldenGate Microservices Architecture (min version 19.1.0.0.4)
- Configure Integrated Extract process in GoldenGate console for each source database
- Configure transaction log audit trail in AVDF
- Before/After values available in AVDF reports

Support for MongoDB (by configuring Quick JSON)

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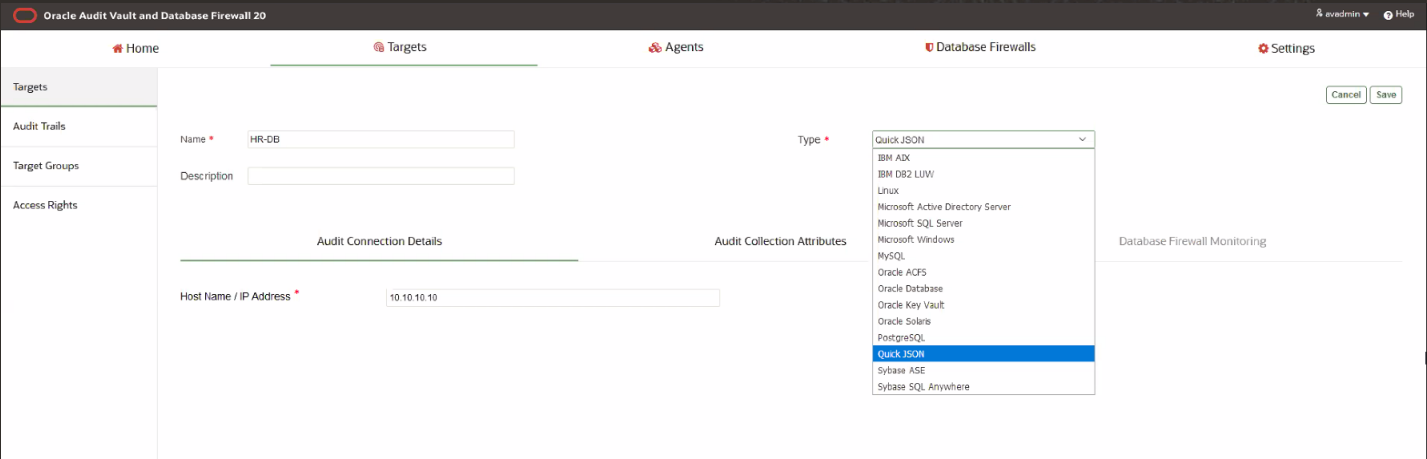
- Use Quick JSON as target type
- Provide collection attributes for fields in MongoDB audit trail

Add DIRECTORY Trail

- Provide location of directory trail
- Collector uses mapping to read from MongoDB audit trail and map to fields in Audit Vault Server

Mapping

- Provide the list of attributes and equivalent JSON file values
- Mapping provided in documentation



Audit Vault Collector Attribute	MongoDB JSON File Value
av.collector.qck.starttag	atype
av.collector.qck.eventtime	\$.ts.\$date
av.collector.qck.username	\$.users[0].user
av.collector.qck.os.username	\$.users[0].user
...	...



Support for JSON audit data (using Quick JSON)

Adding a Target

- Use Quick JSON as target type
- Provide collection attributes for fields
 - Used to identify audit record fields in the JSON file

Adding DIRECTORY Trail

- Provide location of directory trail
- Collector uses mapping to read from JSON file and map to fields in Audit Vault Server

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Home Targets Agents Database Firewalls Settings

Targets

Audit Trails

Target Groups

Access Rights

Name * HR-DB

Description

Type * Quick JSON

Quick JSON

IBM ADX

IBM DB2 LUW

Linux

Microsoft Active Directory Server

Microsoft SQL Server

Microsoft Windows

MySQL

Oracle ACFS

Oracle Database

Oracle Key Vault

Oracle Solaris

PostgreSQL

Quick JSON

Sybase ASE

Sybase SQL Anywhere

Audit Connection Details

Audit Collection Attributes

Host Name / IP Address * 10.10.10.10

Database Firewall Monitoring

Cancel Save

Audit Connection Details			Audit Collection Attributes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Value		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.os.username	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.username	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.eventtime	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.starttag	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.securedTargetVersion	1.0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.timezoneoffset	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.eventname	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.target.role	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.commandclass	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.client.ip	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.targetobject	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.targettype	NA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.eventstatus	NA		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	av.collector.qck.target.user	NA		



Collecting application audit data using extensible framework

Extensible to add support for table, XML, REST, Quick JSON and JSON based trails. For more complex trail formats Java based collector can be written.

Application audit data stored in tables can be collected using “Custom table collector”

- Target audit record fields stored in tables can be mapped to corresponding AVDF fields using mapper file

Similarly audit data in XML, JSON files can be collected, mapped to AVDF fields and stored

Cloud audit trails can be supported using REST/JSON collector

Agent

Pre-packaged collectors



Custom table collector



Custom XML file collector



JSON collector**



REST/JSON collector**

** : New in AVDF 20

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What's new and summary

AVDF 20: What's new

Expanded Audit Collection

- Built-in support for PostgreSQL
- Extending custom collector support to include JSON/REST, MongoDB
- Before/After values for Oracle databases

Simplified Database Firewall

- Multi-stage firewall with simplified configuration
- Simpler policy creation using SQL cluster sets
- Oracle database RAC support
- NIC bonding for increased throughput
- SQL traffic collection on host machine on windows

Modernized User Interface

- Simplified navigation for common workflows
- Rich dashboards for auditors and admins
- Seeded audit policies for Oracle
- Unified console for audit and firewall management

Improved Enterprise Support

- LDAP/Active Directory authentication
- Automated archiving of audit/log data
- Multi-path Fiber Channel support for high availability

Summary

- Native database audit collection and SQL traffic monitoring
 - Audit collection from heterogeneous databases, OS logs with extensible custom collector framework
 - Database Firewall, enabling monitoring and blocking of suspicious SQL and preventing SQL injection
- Reporting and alerting with complex filtering to support forensic analysis
- Pre-build compliance reports: GDPR, PCI, GLBA, HIPAA, IRS 1075, SOX, UK DPA
- Enterprise features such as HA, ILM, SIEM/Syslog integration and LDAP authentication
- Hybrid cloud deployments supported



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