

Security for Oracle Database Java Applications

Security is a large arena that includes network security for the connection, access, and execution control of operating system resources or of Java virtual machine (JVM)-defined and user-defined classes. Security also includes bytecode verification of Java Archive (JAR) files imported from an external source. This chapter describes the various security support available for Java applications within Oracle Database:

- [Network Connection Security](#)
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- [Secure Use of Runtime.exec Functionality in Oracle Database](#)
- [FIPS Support](#)

10.1 Network Connection Security

The two major aspects to network security are authentication and data confidentiality. The type of authentication and data confidentiality is dependent on how you connect to the database, either through Oracle Net or Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) connection. The following table provides the security description for Oracle Net and JDBC connections:

Connection Security	Description
Oracle Net	<p>The database can require both authentication and authorization before allowing a user to connect to it. Oracle Net database connection security can require one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A user name and password for client verification. For each connection request, a user name and password configured within Oracle Net has to be provided.• Advanced Networking Option for encryption, kerberos, or secureld.• SSL for certificate authentication.
JDBC	<p>The JDBC connection security that is required is similar to the constraints required on an Oracle Net database connection.</p>



See Also:

- *Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle Database Security Guide*
- *Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide*

10.2 Database Contents and Oracle JVM Security

Once you are connected to the database, you must have the appropriate Java security permissions and database privileges to access the resources stored within the database. These resources include:

- Database resources, such as tables and PL/SQL packages
- Operating system resources, such as files and sockets
- Oracle JVM classes
- User-loaded classes

These resources can be protected by the following methods:

Resource Security	Description
Database Resource Security	Authorization for database resources requires that database privileges, which are not the same as the Java security permissions, are granted to resources. For example, database resources include tables, classes, and PL/SQL packages. All user-defined classes are secured against users from other schemas. You can grant execution permission to other users or schemas through an option on the <code>loadjava</code> tool.
JVM Security	Oracle JVM uses Java security, which uses <code>Permission</code> objects to protect operating system resources. Java security is automatically installed upon startup and protects all operating system resources and Oracle JVM classes from all users, except <code>JAVA_ADMIN</code> . The <code>JAVA_ADMIN</code> user can grant permission to other users to access these classes.

Note:

- The Oracle JVM is shipped with strong but limited encryption as included in JDK1.5 and JDK 6. If you want to have unlimited encryption strength in your application, then you must download and install the appropriate version-specific files from the following Web site
<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/indexes/downloads/index.html>
- The Oracle JVM classes used for granting or revoking permissions can run only on a server.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Overview of Java Security Features](#)
- [Overview of Setting Permissions](#)
- [Debugging Permissions](#)
- [Permission for Loading Classes](#)
- [Customizing the Default java.security Resource](#)

**See Also:**

Oracle Database Development Guide

10.2.1 Overview of Java Security Features

Each user or schema must be assigned the proper permissions to access operating system resources, such as sockets, files, and system properties.

Java security provides a flexible and configurable security for Java applications. With Java security, you can define exactly what permissions on each loaded object that a schema or role will have. In Oracle Database release 23ai, the following secure roles are available:

- `JAVAUSERPRIV`
Few permissions, including examining properties
- `JAVASYSPRIV`
Major permissions, including updating Oracle JVM-protected packages

**See Also:**

[Database Security in a Multitenant Environment](#)

Because Oracle JVM security is based on Java security, you assign permissions on a class-by-class basis. These permissions are assigned through database management tools. Each permission is encapsulated in a `Permission` object and is stored within a `Permission` table. `Permission` contains the `target` and `action` attributes, which take `String` values.

Java security was created for the non-database world. When you apply the Java security model within the database, certain differences manifest themselves. For example, Java security defines that all applets are implicitly untrusted and all classes within the `CLASSPATH` are trusted. In Oracle Database, all classes are loaded within a secure database. As a result, no classes are trusted.

The following table describes the differences between the standard Java security and Oracle Database security implementation:

Java Security Standard	Oracle Database Security Implementation
Java classes located within the <code>CLASSPATH</code> are trusted.	All Java classes are loaded within the database. Classes are trusted on a class-by-class basis according to the permission granted.
You can specify the policy using the <code>-usepolicy</code> flag on the <code>java</code> command.	You must specify the policy within <code>PolicyTable</code> .

Java Security Standard	Oracle Database Security Implementation
You can write your own <code>SecurityManager</code> or use the Launcher.	You can write your own <code>SecurityManager</code> . However, Oracle recommends that you use only Oracle Database <code>SecurityManager</code> or that you extend it. If you want to modify the behavior, then you should not define a <code>SecurityManager</code> . Instead, you should extend <code>oracle.aurora.rdbms.SecurityManagerImpl</code> and override specific methods.
<code>SecurityManager</code> is not initialized by default. You must initialize <code>SecurityManager</code> .	Oracle JVM always initializes <code>SecurityManager</code> at start up.
Permissions are determined by the location or the URL, where the application or applet is loaded, or key code, that is, signed code.	Permissions are determined by the schema in which the class is loaded. Oracle Database does not support signed code.
The security policy is defined in a file.	The <code>PolicyTable</code> definition is contained in a secure database table.
You can update the security policy file using a text editor or a tool, if you have the appropriate permissions.	You can update <code>PolicyTable</code> through <code>DBMS_JAVA</code> procedures. After initialization, only <code>JAVA_ADMIN</code> has permission to modify <code>PolicyTable</code> . <code>JAVA_ADMIN</code> must grant you the right to modify <code>PolicyTable</code> so that you can grant permissions to others.
Permissions are assigned to a protection domain, which classes can belong to.	All classes within the same schema are in the same protection domain.
You can use the <code>CodeSource</code> class for identifying code.	You can use the <code>CodeSource</code> class for identifying schema.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <code>equals()</code> method returns <code>true</code> if the URL and certificates are equal. The <code>implies()</code> method returns <code>true</code> if the first <code>CodeSource</code> is a generic representation that includes the specific <code>CodeSource</code> object. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <code>equals()</code> method returns <code>true</code> if the schemas are the same. The <code>implies()</code> method returns <code>true</code> if the schemas are the same.
Supports positive permissions only, that is, <code>grant</code> .	Supports both positive and limitation permissions, that is, <code>grant</code> and <code>restrict</code> .

10.2.2 Overview of Setting Permissions

As with Java security, Oracle Database supports the security classes. Typically, you set the permissions for the code base either using a tool or by editing the security policy file. In Oracle Database, you set the permissions dynamically using `DBMS_JAVA` procedures, which modify a policy table in the database.

Two views have been created for you to view the policy table, `USER_JAVA_POLICY` and `DBA_JAVA_POLICY`. Both views contain information about granted and limitation permissions. The `DBA_JAVA_POLICY` view can see all rows within the policy table. The `USER_JAVA_POLICY` view can see only permissions relevant to the current user. The following is a description of the rows within each view:

Table Column	Description
Kind	<code>GRANT</code> or <code>RESTRICT</code> . Shows whether this permission is a positive or a limitation permission.

Table Column	Description
Grantee	The name of the user, schema, or role to which the <code>Permission</code> object is assigned.
<code>Permission_schema</code>	The schema in which the <code>Permission</code> object is loaded.
<code>Permission_type</code>	The <code>Permission</code> class type, which is designated by a string containing the full class name, such as, <code>java.io.FilePermission</code> .
<code>Permission_name</code>	The target attribute of the <code>Permission</code> object. You use this when defining the permission. When defining the target for a <code>Permission</code> object of type <code>PolicyTablePermission</code> , the name can become quite complicated.
<code>Permission_action</code>	The action attribute of the <code>Permission</code> object. Many permissions expect a null value if no action is appropriate for the permission.
Status	<code>ENABLED</code> and <code>DISABLED</code> . After creating a row for a <code>Permission</code> object, you can disable or reenable it. This column shows whether the permission is enabled or disabled.
Key	Sequence number you use to identify this row. This number should be supplied when disabling, enabling, or deleting a permission.

There are two ways to set permissions:

- [Fine-Grain Definition for Each Permission](#)
- [Assigning General Permission Definition to Roles](#)



Note:

For absolute certainty about the security settings, implement the fine-grain definition. The general definition is easy to implement, but you may not get the exact security settings you require.

10.2.2.1 Fine-Grain Definition for Each Permission

Using fine-grain definition, you can grant each permission individually to specific users or roles. If you do not grant a permission for access, then the schema will be denied access. To set individual permissions within the policy table, you must provide the following information:

Parameter	Description
Grantee	The name of the user, schema, or role to which you want the grant to apply. <code>PUBLIC</code> specifies that the row applies to all users.
Permission type	The <code>Permission</code> class on which you are granting permission. For example, if you were defining access to a file, the permission type would be <code>FilePermission</code> . This parameter requires a fully-qualified name of a class that extends <code>java.lang.security.Permission</code> . If the class is not within <code>SYS</code> , then the name should be prefixed by <code>schema:.</code> For example, <code>mySchema:myPackage.MyPermission</code> is a valid name for a user-generated permission.
Permission name	The meaning of the target attribute as defined by the <code>Permission</code> class. Examine the appropriate <code>Permission</code> class for the relevant name.

Parameter	Description
Permission action	The type of action that you can specify. This can vary according to the permission type. For example, <code>FilePermission</code> can have the action, read or write.
Key	Number returned from grant or limit to use on enable, disable, or delete methods.

10.2.2.1.1 Granting and Limiting Permissions

You can grant permissions using either SQL or Java. Each version returns a row key identifier that identifies the row within the permission table. In the Java version of `DBMS_JAVA`, each method returns the row key identifier, either as a returned parameter or as an `OUT` variable in the parameter list. In the PL/SQL `DBMS_JAVA` package, the row key is returned only in the procedure that defines the `key OUT` parameter. This key is used to enable and disable specific permissions.

After running the grant, if a row already exists for the exact permission, then no update occurs, but the key for that row is returned. If the row was disabled, then running the grant enables the existing row.



Note:

If you are granting `FilePermission`, then you must provide the physical name of the directory or file, such as `/private/oracle`. You cannot provide either an environment variable, such as `$ORACLE_HOME`, or a symbolic link. To denote all files within a directory, provide the `*` symbol, as follows:

```
/private/oracle/*
```

To denote all directories and files within a directory, provide the `-` symbol, as follows:

```
/private/oracle/-
```

You can grant permissions using the `DBMS_JAVA` package, as follows:

```
procedure grant_permission ( grantee varchar2, permission_type varchar2, permission_name
varchar2,
permission_action varchar2 )
```

```
procedure grant_permission ( grantee varchar2, permission_type varchar2, permission_name
varchar2,
permission_action varchar2, key OUT number)
```

You can grant permissions using Java, as follows:

```
long oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.grant ( java.lang.String grantee,
java.lang.String permission_type, java.lang.String permission_name, java.lang.String
permission_action);
```

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.grant ( java.lang.String grantee,
java.lang.String permission_type, java.lang.String permission_name, java.lang.String
permission_action, long[] key);
```

You can limit permissions using the `DBMS_JAVA` package, as follows:

```
procedure restrict_permission ( grantee varchar2, permission_type varchar2,
permission_name varchar2,
permission_action varchar2)
```

```
procedure restrict_permission ( grantee varchar2, permission_type varchar2,
permission_name varchar2,
permission_action varchar2, key OUT number)
```

You can limit permissions using Java, as follows:

```
long oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.restrict ( java.lang.String
grantee,
java.lang.String permission_type, java.lang.String permission_name, java.lang.String
permission_action);
```

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.restrict ( java.lang.String
grantee,
java.lang.String permission_type, java.lang.String permission_name, java.lang.String
permission_action, long[] key);
```

[Example 10-1](#) shows how to use the `grant_permission()` method to grant permissions.

[Example 10-2](#) shows how to limit permissions using the `restrict()` method.

The following examples perform the following actions:

1. Grants everyone read and write permission to all files in `/tmp`.
2. Limits everyone from reading or writing only the `password` file in `/tmp`.
3. Grants only `Larry` explicit permission to read and write the `password` file.

Example 10-1 Granting Permissions

Assuming that you have appropriate permissions to modify the policy table, you can use the `grant_permission()` method, which is in the `DBMS_JAVA` package, to modify `PolicyTable` to allow user access to the indicated file. In this example, the user, `Larry`, has modification permission on `PolicyTable`. Within a SQL package, `Larry` can grant permission to `Dave` to read and write a file, as follows:

```
connect larry
Enter password: password

REM Grant DAVE permission to read and write the Test1 file.
call dbms_java.grant_permission('DAVE', 'java.io.FilePermission', '/test/Test1',
'read,write');

REM commit the changes to PolicyTable
commit;
```

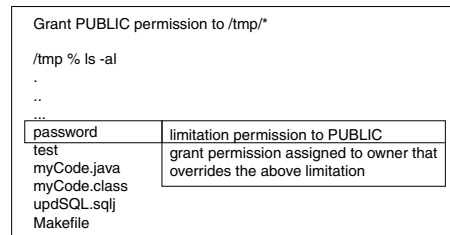
Example 10-2 Limiting Permissions

You can use the `restrict()` method to specify a limitation or exception to general rules. A general rule is a rule where, in most cases, the permission is true or granted. However, there may be exceptions to this rule. For these exceptions, you specify a limitation permission.

If you have defined a general rule that no one can read or write an entire directory, then you can define a limitation on an aspect of this rule through the `restrict()` method. For example, if you want to allow access to all files within the `/tmp` directory, except for your `password` file that exists in that directory, then you would grant permission for read and write to all files within `/tmp` and limit read and write access to the `password` file.

If you want to specify an exception to the limitation, then you must create an explicit grant permission to override the limitation permission. In the previously mentioned scenario, if you want the file owner to still be able to modify the password file, then you can grant a more explicit permission to allow access to one user, which will override the limitation. Oracle JVM security combines all rules to understand who really has access to the password file. This is demonstrated in the following diagram:

Figure 10-1 The List of Files in the /tmp Directory



The explicit rule is as follows:

If the limitation permission implies the request, then for a grant permission to be effective, the limitation permission must also imply the grant.

The following code implements this example:

```
connect larry
Enter password: password

REM Grant permission to all users (PUBLIC) to be able to read and write
REM all files in /tmp.
call dbms_java.grant_permission('PUBLIC', 'java.io.FilePermission', '/tmp/*',
'read,write');

REM Limit permission to all users (PUBLIC) from reading or writing the
REM password file in /tmp.
call dbms_java.restrict_permission('PUBLIC', 'java.io.FilePermission', '/tmp/password',
'read,write');

REM By providing a more specific rule that overrides the limitation,
REM Larry can read and write /tmp/password.
call dbms_java.grant_permission('LARRY', 'java.io.FilePermission', '/tmp/password',
'read,write');

commit;
```

10.2.2.1.2 Acquiring Administrative Permission to Update Policy Table

All permissions are rows in `PolicyTable`. Because it is a table in the database, you need appropriate permissions to modify it. Specifically, the `PolicyTablePermission` object is required to modify the table. After initializing Oracle JVM, only a single role, `JAVA_ADMIN`, is granted `PolicyTablePermission` to modify `PolicyTable`. The `JAVA_ADMIN` role is immediately assigned to the database administrator (DBA). Therefore, if you are assigned to the DBA group, then you will automatically take on all `JAVA_ADMIN` permissions.

If you need to add permissions as rows to this table, `JAVA_ADMIN` must grant your schema update rights using `PolicyTablePermission`. This permission defines that your schema can add rows to the table. Each `PolicyTablePermission` is for a specific type of permission. For example, to add a permission that controls access to a file, you must have

`PolicyTablePermission` that lets you grant or limit a permission on `FilePermission`. Once this occurs, you have administrative permission for `FilePermission`.

An administrator can grant and limit `PolicyTablePermission` in the same manner as other permissions, but the syntax is complicated. For ease of use, you can use the `grant_policy_permission()` or `grantPolicyPermission()` method to grant administrative permissions.

You can grant policy table administrative permission using `DBMS_JAVA`, as follows:

```
procedure grant_policy_permission ( grantee varchar2, permission_schema varchar2,
permission_type varchar2, permission_name varchar2 )
```

```
procedure grant_policy_permission ( grantee varchar2, permission_schema varchar2,
permission_type varchar2, permission_name varchar2, key OUT number )
```

You can grant policy table administrative permission using Java, as follows:

```
long oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.grantPolicyPermission
(java.lang.String grantee, java.lang.String permission_schema,
 java.lang.String permission_type, java.lang.String permission_name);
```

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.grantPolicyPermission
(java.lang.String grantee, java.lang.String permission_schema,
 java.lang.String permission_type, java.lang.String permission_name, long[] key);
```

Parameter	Description
Grantee	The name of the user, schema, or role to which you want the grant to apply. <code>PUBLIC</code> specifies that the row applies to all users.
Permission_schema	The schema where the <code>Permission</code> class is loaded.
Permission_type	The <code>Permission</code> class on which you are granting permission. For example, if you were defining access to a file, the permission type would be <code>FilePermission</code> . This parameter requires a fully-qualified name of a class that extends <code>java.lang.security.Permission</code> . If the class is not within <code>SYS</code> , the name should be prefixed by <code>schema:.</code> For example, <code>mySchema:myPackage.MyPermission</code> is a valid name for a user-generated permission.
Permission_name	The meaning of the target attribute as defined by the <code>Permission</code> class. Examine the appropriate <code>Permission</code> class for the relevant name.
Row_number	Number returned from grant or limitation to use on enable, disable, or delete methods.



Note:

When looking at the policy table, the name in the `PolicyTablePermission` rows contains both the permission type and the permission name, which are separated by a `#`. For example, to grant a user administrative rights for reading a file, the name in the row contains `java.io.FilePermission#read`. The `#` separates the `Permission` class from the permission name.

Example 10-3 shows how you can modify `PolicyTable`.

Example 10-3 Granting PolicyTable Permission

This example shows SYS, which has the `JAVA_ADMIN` role assigned, giving Larry permission to update `PolicyTable` for `FilePermission`. Once this permission is granted, Larry can grant permissions to other users for reading, writing, and deleting files.

```
REM Connect as SYS, which is assigned JAVA_ADMIN role, to give Larry permission
REM to modify the PolicyTable
connect SYS as SYSDBA
Enter password: password

REM SYS grants Larry the right to administer permissions for
REM FilePermission
call dbms_java.grant_policy_permission('LARRY', 'SYS', 'java.io.FilePermission', '*');
```

10.2.2.1.3 Creating Permissions

You can create your own permission type by performing the following steps:

1. Create and load the user permission

Create your own permission by extending the `java.security.Permission` class. Any user-defined permission must extend `Permission`. The following example creates `MyPermission`, which extends `BasicPermission`, which, in turn, extends `Permission`.

```
package test.larry;
import java.security.Permission;
import java.security.BasicPermission;

public class MyPermission extends BasicPermission
{
    public MyPermission(String name)
    {
        super(name);
    }

    public boolean implies(Permission p)
    {
        boolean result = super.implies(p);
        return result;
    }
}
```

2. Grant administrative and action permissions to specified users

When you create a permission, you are designated as the owner of that permission. The owner is implicitly granted administrative permission. This means that the owner can be an administrator for this permission and can run `grant_policy_permission()`. Administrative permission enable the user to update the policy table for the user-defined permission.

For example, if LARRY creates a permission, `MyPermission`, then only he can call `grant_policy_permission()` for himself or another user. This method updates `PolicyTable` on who can grant rights to `MyPermission`. The following code demonstrates this:

```
REM Since Larry is the user that owns MyPermission, Larry connects to
REW the database to assign permissions for MyPermission.
```

```
connect larry
Enter password: password
```

```
REM As the owner of MyPermission, Larry grants himself the right to
```

```

REM administer permissions for test.larry.MyPermission within the JVM
REM security PolicyTable. Only the owner of the user-defined permission
REM can grant administrative rights.
call dbms_java.grant_policy_permission ('LARRY', 'LARRY', 'test.larry.MyPermission',
    '*');

```

```

REM commit the changes to PolicyTable
commit;

```

Once you have granted administrative rights, you can grant action permissions for the created permission. For example, the following SQL statements grant LARRY the permission to run anything within MyPermission and DAVE the permission to run only actions that start with "act.".

```

REM Since Larry is the user that creates MyPermission, Larry connects to
REW the database to assign permissions for MyPermission.

```

```

connect larry
Enter password: password

```

```

REM Once able to modify PolicyTable for MyPermission, Larry grants himself
REM full permission for MyPermission. Notice that the Permission is prefixed
REM with its owner schema.
call dbms_java.grant_permission( 'LARRY', 'LARRY:test.larry.MyPermission', '*',
    null);

```

```

REM Larry grants Dave permission to do any actions that start with 'act.*'.
call dbms_java.grant_permission
    ('DAVE', 'LARRY:test.larry.MyPermission', 'act.*', null);

```

```

REM commit the changes to PolicyTable
commit;

```

3. Implement security checks using the permission

Once you have created, loaded, and assigned permissions for MyPermission, you must implement the call to SecurityManager to have the permission checked. There are four methods in the following example: sensitive(), act(), print(), and hello(). Because of the permissions granted using SQL in the preceding steps, the following users can run methods within the example class:

- LARRY can run any of the methods.
- DAVE is given permission to run only the act() method.
- Anyone can run the print() and hello() methods. The print() method does not check any permissions. As a result, anyone can run it. The hello() method runs AccessController.doPrivileged(), which means that the method runs with the permissions assigned to LARRY. This is referred to as the definer's rights.

```

package test.larry;
import java.security.AccessController;
import java.security.Permission;
import java.security.PrivilegedAction;

import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.SQLException;

/**
 * MyActions is a class with a variety of public methods that
 * have some security risks associated with them. We will rely
 * on the Java security mechanisms to ensure that they are
 * performed only by code that is authorized to do so.

```

```
*/

public class Larry {

    private static String secret = "Larry's secret";
    MyPermission sensitivePermission = new MyPermission("sensitive");

    /**
     * This is a security sensitive operation. That is it can
     * compromise our security if it is executed by a "bad guy".
     * Only larry has permission to execute sensitive.
     */
    public void sensitive()
    {
        checkPermission(sensitivePermission);
        print();
    }

    /**
     * Will display a message from Larry. You must be
     * careful about who is allowed to do this
     * because messages from Larry may have extra impact.
     * Both larry and dave have permission to execute act.
     */
    public void act(String message)
    {
        MyPermission p = new MyPermission("act." + message);
        checkPermission(p);
        System.out.println("Larry says: " + message);
    }

    /**
     * display secret key
     * No permission check is made; anyone can execute print.
     */
    private void print()
    {
        System.out.println(secret);
    }

    /**
     * Display "Hello"
     * This method invokes doPrivileged, which makes the method run
     * under definer's rights. So, this method runs under Larry's
     * rights, so anyone can execute hello. Only Larry can execute hello
     */
    public void hello()
    {
        AccessController.doPrivileged(new PrivilegedAction() {
            public Object run() { act("hello"); return null; }
        });
    }

    /**
     * If a security manager is installed ask it to check permission
     * otherwise use the AccessController directly
     */
    void checkPermission(Permission permission)
    {
        SecurityManager sm = System.getSecurityManager();
        sm.checkPermission(permission);
    }
}
```

```
    }
}
```

10.2.2.1.4 Enabling or Disabling Permissions

Once you have created a row that defines a permission, you can disable it so that it no longer applies. However, if you decide that you want the row action again, then you can enable the row. You can delete the row from the table if you believe that it will never be used again. To delete, you must first disable the row. If you do not disable the row, then the deletion will not occur.

To disable rows, you can use either of the following methods:

- `revoke_permission()`

This method accepts parameters similar to the `grant()` and `restrict()` methods. It searches the entire policy table for all rows that match the parameters provided.

- `disable_permission()`

This method disables only a single row within the policy table. To do this, it accepts the policy table key as parameter. This key is also necessary to enable or delete a permission. To retrieve the permission key number, perform one of the following:

- Save the key when it is returned on the grant or limit calls. If you do not foresee a need to ever enable or disable the permission, then you can use the grant and limit calls that do not return the permission number.
- Look up `DBA_JAVA_POLICY` or `USER_JAVA_POLICY` for the appropriate permission key number.

You can disable permissions using `DBMS_JAVA`, as follows:

```
procedure revoke_permission (grantee varchar2, permission_type varchar2, permission_name
                             varchar2, permission_action varchar2)
```

```
procedure disable_permission (key number)
```

You can disable permissions using Java, as follows:

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.revoke (java.lang.String grantee,
                                                             java.lang.String permission_type,
                                                             java.lang.String permission_name, java.lang.String permission_action_type);
```

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.disable (long key);
```

You can enable permissions using `DBMS_JAVA`, as follows:

```
procedure enable_permission (key number)
```

You can enable permissions using Java, as follows:

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.enable (long key);
```

You can delete permissions using `DBMS_JAVA`, as follows:

```
procedure delete_permission (key number)
```

You can delete permissions using Java, as follows:

```
void oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTableManager.delete (long key);
```

10.2.2.1.5 About Permission Types

Whenever you want to grant or limit a permission, you must provide the permission type. The permission types with which you control access are the following:

- Java permission types
- Oracle-specific permission types
- User-defined permission types that extend `java.security.Permission`

Table 10-1 lists the installed permission types.

Table 10-1 Predefined Permissions

Type	Permissions
Java 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>java.util.PropertyPermission</code>• <code>java.io.SerializablePermission</code>• <code>java.io.FilePermission</code>• <code>java.net.NetPermission</code>• <code>java.net.SocketPermission</code>• <code>java.lang.RuntimePermission</code>• <code>java.lang.reflect.ReflectPermission</code>• <code>java.security.SecurityPermission</code>
Oracle specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTablePermission</code>• <code>oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission</code>



Note:

`SYS` is granted permission to load libraries that come with Oracle Database. However, Oracle JVM does not support other users loading libraries, because loading C libraries within the database is insecure. As a result, you are not allowed to grant `RuntimePermission` for `loadLibrary.*`.

The Oracle-specific permissions are:

- `oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTablePermission`

This permission controls who can update the policy table. Once granted the right to update the policy table for a certain permission type, you can control the access to few resources.

After the initialization of Oracle JVM, only the `JAVA_ADMIN` role can grant administrative rights for the policy table through `PolicyTablePermission`. Once it grants this right to other users, these users can, in turn, update the policy table with their own grant and limitation permissions.

To grant policy table updates, you can use the `grant_policy_permission()` method, which is in the `DBMS_JAVA` package. Once you have updated the table, you can view either the `DBA_JAVA_POLICY` or `USER_JAVA_POLICY` view to see who has been granted permissions.

- `oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission`

This permission is used to grant and limit access to Oracle JVM resources. The `JServerPermission` extends `BasicPermission`. The following table lists the permission names for which `JServerPermission` grants access:

Permission Name	Description
<code>LoadClassInPackage.package_name</code>	Grants the ability to load a class within the specified package
<code>Verifier</code>	Grants the ability to turn the bytecode verifier on or off
<code>Debug</code>	Grants the ability for debuggers to connect to a session
<code>JRIExtensions</code>	Grants the use of MEMSTAT
<code>Memory.Call</code>	Grants rights to call certain methods in <code>oracle.aurora.vm.OracleRuntime</code> on call settings
<code>Memory.Stack</code>	Grants rights to call certain methods in <code>oracle.aurora.vm.OracleRuntime</code> on stack settings
<code>Memory.SGASIntern</code>	Grants rights to call certain methods in <code>oracle.aurora.vm.OracleRuntime</code> on SGA settings
<code>Memory.GC</code>	Grants rights to call certain methods in <code>oracle.aurora.vm.OracleRuntime</code> on garbage collector settings

Table 10-2 JServerPermission Description

Grantee	Permission Type	Permission Name	Permission Granted or Restricted	Action
JAVADEBUGPRIV	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	Debug	Granted	null
SYS	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	*	Granted	null
SYS	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.java.*</code>	Granted	null
SYS	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.oracle.aurora.*</code>	Granted	null
SYS	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.oracle.jdbc.*</code>	Granted	null
PUBLIC	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.*</code>	Granted	null
PUBLIC	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.java.*</code>	Restricted	null
PUBLIC	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.oracle.aurora.*</code>	Restricted	null
PUBLIC	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	<code>LoadClassInPackage.oracle.jdbc.*</code>	Restricted	null

Table 10-2 (Cont.) JServerPermission Description

Grantee	Permission Type	Permission Name	Permission Granted or Restricted	Action
JAVA_DEPLOY	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	LoadClassInPackage.oracle.aurora.deploy.*	Granted	null
JAVA_DEPLOY	SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	Deploy	Granted	null

10.2.2.1.6 About Initial Permission Grants

When you first initialize Oracle JVM, several roles are populated with certain permission grants. The following tables show these roles and their initial Permissions:

- [Table 10-3](#)
- [Table 10-4](#)
- [Table 10-5](#)
- [Table 10-6](#)
- [Table 10-7](#)

The `JAVA_ADMIN` role is given access to modify the policy table for all permissions. All DBAs, including `SYS`, are granted `JAVA_ADMIN`. Full administrative rights to update the policy table are granted for the permissions listed in [Table 10-1](#). In addition to the `JAVA_ADMIN` permissions, `SYS` is granted some additional permissions that are needed to support the standard JDK functionality and Oracle JVM specifics.

[Table 10-3](#) lists some of the additional permissions granted to `SYS`.

Table 10-3 SYS Initial Permissions

Permission Type	Permission Name	Action
oracle.aurora.rdbms.security. PolicyTablePermission	oracle.aurora.rdbms.security. PolicyTablePermission#*	null
oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	*	null
java.net.NetPermission	*	null
java.security.SecurityPermission	*	null
java.util.PropertyPermission	*	write
java.lang.reflect.ReflectPermission	*	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	*	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	loadLibrary.xaNative	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	loadLibrary.corejava	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	loadLibrary.corejava_d	null

[Table 10-4](#) lists permissions initially granted or restricted to all users.

Table 10-4 PUBLIC Default Permissions

Permission Type	Permission Name	Permission Granted or Restricted	Action
oracle.aurora.rdbms.security.PolicyTablePermission	java.lang.RuntimePermission#loadLibrary.*	Restricted	null
java.util.PropertyPermission	*	Granted	read
java.util.PropertyPermission	user.language	Granted	write
java.util.PropertyPermission	oracle.net.tns_admin	Granted	write
java.lang.RuntimePermission	exitVM	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	createSecurityManager	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	modifyThread	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	modifyThreadGroup	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	getenv.ORACLE_HOME	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	getenv.TNS_ADMIN	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	preferences	Granted	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	loadLibrary.*	Restricted	null
oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	LoadClassInPackage.* except for LoadClassInPackage.java.*, LoadClassInPackage.oracle.aurora.*, and LoadClassInPackage.oracle.jdbc.*	Granted	null

[Table 10-5](#) lists permissions initially granted to the JAVAUSERPRIV role.

Table 10-5 JAVAUSERPRIV Permissions

Permission Type	Permission Name	Action
java.net.SocketPermission	*	connect, resolve
java.io.FilePermission	<<ALL FILES>>	read
java.lang.RuntimePermission	stopThread	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	getProtectionDomain	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	accessClassInPackage.*	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	defineClassInPackage.*	null

[Table 10-6](#) lists permissions initially granted to the JAVASYSPRIV role.

Table 10-6 JAVASYSPRIV Permissions

Permission Type	Permission Name	Action
java.io.SerializablePermission	*	no applicable action

Table 10-6 (Cont.) JAVASYSPRIV Permissions

Permission Type	Permission Name	Action
java.io.FilePermission	<<ALL FILES>>	read, write, execute, delete
java.net.SocketPermission	*	accept, connect, listen, resolve
java.sql.SQLPermission	setLog	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	createClassLoader	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	getClassLoader	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	setContextClassLoader	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	setFactory	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	setIO	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	setFileDescriptor	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	readFileDescriptor	null
java.lang.RuntimePermission	writeFileDescriptor	null

Table 10-7 lists permissions initially granted to the JAVADEBUGPRIV role.

Table 10-7 JAVADEBUGPRIV Permissions

Permission Type	Permission Name	Action
oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission	Debug	null

10.2.2.2 Assigning General Permission Definition to Roles

In Oracle Database Release 23ai, you can set up and define your own collection of permissions. Once defined, you can grant any collection of permissions to any user or role. That user will then have the same permissions that exist within the role. In addition, if you need additional permissions, then you can add individual permissions to either your specified user or role. Permissions defined within the policy table have a cumulative effect.



Note:

The ability to write to properties, granted through the write action on `PropertyPermission`, is no longer granted to all users. Instead, you must have either `JAVA_ADMIN` grant this permission to you or you can receive it by being granted the `JAVASYSPRIV` role.

The following example gives Larry and Dave the following permissions:

- Larry receives `JAVASYSPRIV` permissions.
- Dave receives `JAVADEBUGPRIV` permissions and the ability to read and write all files on the system.

```
REM Granting Larry the same permissions as those existing within JAVASYSPRIV
grant javasyspriv to larry;
```

```
REM Granting Dave the ability to debug
```

```
grant javadebugpriv to dave;

commit;
```

```
REM I also want Dave to be able to read and write all files on the system
call dbms_java.grant_permission('DAVE', 'SYS:java.io.FilePermission',
  '<<ALL FILES>>', 'read,write', null);
```

Related Topics

- [Fine-Grain Definition for Each Permission](#)

10.2.3 Debugging Permissions

A debug role, `JAVADEBUGPRIV`, was created to grant permissions for running the debugger. The permissions assigned to this role are listed in [Table 10-7](#). To receive permission to call the debug agent, the caller must have been granted `JAVADEBUGPRIV` or the debug `JServerPermission` as follows:

```
REM Granting Dave the ability to debug
grant javadebugpriv to dave;
```

```
REM Larry grants himself permission to start the debug agent.
call dbms_java.grant_permission(
  'LARRY', 'oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission', 'Debug', null);
```

Although a debugger provides extensive access to both code and data on the server, its use should be limited to development environments.

10.2.4 Permission for Loading Classes

To load classes, you must have the following permission:

```
JServerPermission("LoadClassInPackage." + class_name)
```

where, `class_name` is the fully qualified name of the class that you are loading.

This excludes loading into System packages or replacing any System classes. Even if you are granted permission to load a System class, Oracle Database prevents you from performing the load. System classes are classes that are installed by Oracle Database using the `CREATE JAVA SYSTEM` statement. The following error is thrown if you try to replace a System class:

```
ORA-01031 "Insufficient privileges"
```

The following describes what each user can do after database installation:

- `SYS` can load any class except for System classes.
- Any user can load classes in its own schema that do not start with the following patterns: `java.*`, `oracle.aurora.*`, and `oracle.jdbc.*`. If the user wants to load such classes into another schema, then it must be granted the `JServerPermission(LoadClassInPackage.class)` permission.

The following example shows how to grant `HR` permission to load classes into the `oracle.aurora.tools.*` package:

```
dbms_java.grant_permission('HR', 'SYS:oracle.aurora.security.JServerPermission', 'LoadC
lassInPackage.oracle.aurora.tools.*', null);
```

10.2.5 Customizing the Default java.security Resource

If you want to add a security provider or change the order of the security providers listed in the default `java.security` resource, then you can create an alternate resource and add it to the Database.

This change affects all new Oracle JVM sessions that start after the resource is loaded. Perform the following steps to configure the default `java.security` resource:

1. Create the following file:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/javavm/lib/security/java.security.alt
```

2. Use the following command to copy the contents of the file `$ORACLE_HOME/javavm/lib/security/java.security` into the file created in step 1:

```
cp $ORACLE_HOME/javavm/lib/security/java.security $ORACLE_HOME/javavm/lib/security/java.security.alt
```

3. Edit the `$ORACLE_HOME/javavm/lib/security/java.security.alt` file and make the necessary changes as necessary.

Caution:

If you make a mistake in specifying the order of the service providers or defined devices, then some features may become unusable.

4. Use the following commands to load the `java.security.alt` file:

Note:

You must be able to log in as `SYS` to load the `lib/security/java.security.alt` file.

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/javavm
loadjava -u sys/<sys_pwd> -v -g public lib/security/java.security.alt
```

This security setting affects every future Oracle JVM session started from the Database. However, the changes in the security settings are not in effect for the loading session.

Caution:

You must have knowledge about the security parameters before configuring them. Incorrect settings can lead to unusual operations.

See Also:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/technotes/guides/security/index.html>
for more information about this security setting

Example 10-4 Creating or Replacing Java System

You must now perform a Create or Replace Java System, for `java.security.alt` to provide a different set of security parameters to the OJVM. Before this, all system sessions should be re-started using:

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
shutdown
```

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
startup
```

Create Java System is performed in the following way:

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
create or replace java system
```

For Linux.X64 databases, the Create Java System will not work. In that case, use the following command:

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
call javavm_sys.rehotload();
```

Example 10-5 Restoring the Security Settings

You can restore the original security settings in either of the two following ways:

- Use the following commands:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/javavm
dropjava -u sys/<sys_pwd> -v lib/security/java.security.alt
```

- Use the following commands:

```
sqlplus sys/<sys_pwd> as sysdba
SQL> drop java resource "lib/security/java.security.alt";
```

10.3 Database Authentication Mechanisms Available with Oracle JVM

The following database authentication mechanisms are available with Oracle JVM:

- Password authentication
- Strong authentication
- Proxy authentication
- Single sign-on

10.4 Secure Use of Runtime.exec Functionality in Oracle Database

This section is intended for DBAs and security administrators, and provides guidelines for secure use of the Java SE `Runtime.exec` functionality in Java applications running inside Oracle Database. The `java.lang.Runtime.exec` methods span a new operating system (OS) process and execute the specified command and arguments in the new process. If a `SecurityManager` is present, which is always the case for Java VM running in the database, then a security check for file execution permissions on relevant path names is performed

before the new OS process starts. If you are a DBA or a security administrator, then you are responsible for granting the appropriate file read, write, and execute permissions selectively to the database users, who are authorized to run server-side OS commands. In addition, Oracle strongly recommends that the `dbms_java.set_runtime_exec_credentials` procedure is used to control OS user identities of spawned commands as described in the following sections.

By design, the `Runtime.exec` and the related functionality of the `java.lang.ProcessBuilder` and `java.lang.Process` classes provide no control over the identity of the user associated with the newly created process. In most Java implementations, including the default behavior of Java VM, the forked process runs with the identity of the parent process, which is the Oracle OS user in Oracle Database. For security reasons, it is advisable to run the processes forked by the `Runtime.exec` functionality with OS identity granted lesser rights. The `dbms_java.set_runtime_exec_credentials` procedure provides a mechanism to bind a specified database user/schema to a specific OS account. If you are a DBA, then you should bind database users issuing `Runtime.exec` calls to OS accounts with the least possible power. The following call associates database user/schema `DBUSER` with an OS `osuser` account:

```
dbms_java.set_runtime_exec_credentials('DBUSER', 'osuser', 'ospass');
```

As a result, the OS process spawned to run the `Runtime.exec` commands issued by `DBUSER` runs with the identity of `osuser`. You must be the `SYS` user to use `set_runtime_exec_credentials` procedure.

You can use an alternative way to secure the `Runtime.exec` functionality with OS identity granted lesser rights in pluggable databases (PDBs). The `PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL` initialization parameter of a PDB is recognized by Oracle JVM and is used as the effective user ID (UID) for the processes forked with the `Runtime.exec` functionality by any user running in the PDB.

**Note:**

For security reasons, the `PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL` initialization parameter, when in effect, always takes precedence over the settings specified with the `dbms_java.set_runtime_exec_credentials` procedure.

**See Also:**

- [set_runtime_exec_credentials](#)
- `PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL`
- [Configuring Operating System Users for a PDB](#)

10.5 Database Security in a Multitenant Environment

Oracle Multitenant Isolation is a set of security principles implemented by the Oracle Multitenant Architecture. It is designed to guard each tenant's data, and the overall performance integrity of all aspects of Oracle Database, on both On-Premises Database as well as on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure.

Oracle Multitenant Isolation is supported with PDB lockdown profiles and PDB initialization options, such as `PATH_PREFIX` and `PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL`. Oracle JVM supports Multitenant

Isolation since Oracle Database Release 12c. This section describes the PDB lockdown profile features and PDB initialization parameters that Oracle JVM currently supports.

Supported PDB Lockdown Profile Features

Feature or Bundle Name	Description
JAVA	Disables or enables Java in the Database as a whole.
OS_ACCESS (Bundle)	Disables or enables all kinds of OS access from Java.
JAVA_RUNTIME	Disables or enables Java operations that require <code>java.lang.RuntimePermission</code> . It disables risky operations like creating or retrieving class loaders, replacing the security manager, and so on.
JAVA_OS_ACCESS	Disables or enables JVM file operations as well as the ability to grant Java permissions of type <code>java.io.FilePermission</code> , which basically disables the ability to access files using Java. It is a feature under the <code>OS_ACCESS</code> bundle. ¹
NETWORK_ACCESS (Bundle)	Disables or enables all networking to and from Java.
JAVA_TCP	Disables or enables Java TCP operations. It is a feature under the <code>NETWORK_ACCESS</code> bundle. Refer to the following section for more information.
JAVA_HTTP	Disables or enables Java HTTP operations. It is a feature under the <code>NETWORK_ACCESS</code> bundle. Refer to the following section for more information.

¹ The name of the feature is historical and may be confusing. This feature is related *only* to file access and not all Java OS operations. Refer to the following section for details about enabling Java file operations, while disabling other kinds of OS operations.

Supported PDB Initialization Parameters and Clauses

Name	Description
PATH_PREFIX (Clause of the CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE statement)	Confines the OS file access to paths within the <code>PATH_PREFIX</code> directory, regardless of the file access permission grants that are in effect.
PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL (Initialization Parameter)	Forces Oracle JVM to use the specified OS user identity, and not the Oracle user identity, when forking OS processes through <code>Runtime.exec()</code> .

Starting from the current release, Oracle JVM enhances the support for PDB lockdown profiles, providing more flexibility as described in the following section:



Note:

The enhancements described in the following section are also available in Oracle Database Release 19c and 21c through backports.

Additional Flexibility in Specifying Oracle JVM OS Access Restrictions

The enhancements to the PDB isolation feature provides the following additional flexibility in specifying the Oracle JVM Operating System (OS) Access Restrictions in the PDB lockdown profiles:

New Role of JAVA_OS_ACCESS Lockdown Profile Feature

The existing `JAVA_OS_ACCESS` lockdown profile feature, which controls the `java.io.FilePermission` Java permission, is assigned a new, closely-related role. It now controls the file-access checks in the Oracle JVM run time. This new role blends well with its existing role of controlling the file permissions.

The OS_ACCESS Lockdown Feature Bundle

You can still use the existing `OS_ACCESS` Lockdown profile feature bundle to disable the file-access access in the Oracle JVM run time as long as its constituent feature `JAVA_OS_ACCESS` is not configured to enable the file-access checks of Oracle JVM.

Examples of Enhanced Oracle JVM OS Access Restrictions

This section describes how to take advantage of the enhanced Oracle JVM OS access restrictions:

Earlier, you used the following command to disable all OS access from Java:

```
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile1 DISABLE FEATURE ('OS_ACCESS');
```

Now, you can use the following commands to disable all OS access from Java, except file access:

```
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile2 DISABLE FEATURE ('OS_ACCESS');  
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile2 ENABLE FEATURE ('JAVA_OS_ACCESS');
```

Complete Example

This is a complete example that demonstrates the following:

- Creating a new PDB with the `PATH_PREFIX` clause value set
- Creating a new lockdown profile that disables all types of OS access, except for Java file operations
- Linking the new lockdown profile to the PDB
- Administering the users in the new PDB with the ability to read and write files inside the `PATH_PREFIX`

Example 10-6 Complete Example Demonstrating Oracle JVM OS Access Restrictions

1. Create a PDB named `cdb1_pdb5`, while you connect as the root `SYS` user and `cdb1_pdb0` is the CDB root:

```
create pluggable database cdb1_pdb5 admin user admin identified by manager  
file_name_convert = ('cdb1_pdb0','cdb1_pdb5') path_prefix='/d1/pdbs/pdb5/'
```

2. Create a lockdown profile and set it to disable the `OS_ACCESS` and `NETWORK_ACCESS` features, and enable the `JAVA_OS_ACCESS` feature:

```
create lockdown profile java_profile;  
alter lockdown profile java_profile disable feature=('OS_ACCESS');  
alter lockdown profile java_profile disable feature=('NETWORK_ACCESS');  
alter lockdown profile java_profile enable feature=('JAVA_OS_ACCESS');
```


3. Associate the JAVA_PROFILE with the pdb5 PDB:

```
alter session set container = cdb1_pdb5;
alter system set pdb_lockdown = java_profile ;
```

4. Restart the database after altering the system:

```
alter session set container = cdb1_pdb0; -- this is the root
shutdown abort
startup pfile = t_initvm1.ora
alter pluggable database all open;
alter session set container = cdb1_pdb5;
grant create session, create procedure, create public synonym to admin;
grant create table to admin;
-- add other grants to the local PDB admin as required
```

5. Grant permissions to user ADMIN for file access operations:

```
call dbms_java.grant_permission('ADMIN', 'SYS:java.io.FilePermission',
'/d1/pdbs/pdb5/-', 'read,write,delete');
```

6. Create a regular user in cdb1_pdb5:

```
create user juser identified by juser;
grant create session to juser;
```

7. Grant juser the permissions for file access operations:

```
call dbms_java.grant_permission('JUSER',
'SYS:java.io.FilePermission',
'/d1/pdbs/pdb5/file1.txt', 'read');
call dbms_java.grant_permission('JUSER',
'SYS:java.io.FilePermission',
'/d1/pdbs/pdb5/file2.txt', 'read,write');
```

Additional Flexibility in the Oracle JVM Networking Access Restrictions

The enhancements to the PDB isolation feature provides the following additional flexibilities in specifying the Oracle JVM Networking Access Restrictions in the PDB lockdown profiles:

New Lockdown Profile Feature JAVA_TCP

The existing NETWORK_ACCESS lockdown profile feature bundle receives a new feature JAVA_TCP that controls the TCP operations in the Oracle JVM run time. It is analogous to the existing UTL_TCP lockdown profile feature that controls the PL/SQL TCP functionality.

New Lockdown Profile Feature JAVA_HTTP

The existing NETWORK_ACCESS lockdown profile feature bundle receives a new feature JAVA_HTTP that controls the HTTP operations in the Oracle JVM run time. It is analogous to the existing UTL_HTTP lockdown profile feature that controls the PL/SQL HTTP functionality.

The NETWORK_ACCESS Lockdown Profile Feature Bundle

You can still use the existing NETWORK_ACCESS lockdown profile feature bundle to disable networking in the Oracle JVM run time as a whole.

Important Notes for Database Administrators

This release further enhances the ability of CDB Database Administrators to configure safe lockdowns for PDBs that allow file access from Oracle JVM. For security and isolation, always use the `PATH_PREFIX` clause when any form of file access is allowed for PDBs.

This section summarizes the important enhancements made to the PDB isolation feature for CDB administrators:

- Earlier, disabling the `OS_ACCESS` feature in a lockdown profile meant disabling all OS access from Java, including file operations. Now, a lockdown profile can enable only the Java file operations, while other types of OS access from Java remain disabled:

```
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile DISABLE FEATURE ('OS_ACCESS');  
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile ENABLE FEATURE ('JAVA_OS_ACCESS');
```

- Earlier, disabling the `NETWORK_ACCESS` feature in a lockdown profile meant disabling all network access from Java. Now, a lockdown profile can selectively enable HTTP connectivity for Oracle JVM, while other types of networking remain disabled:

```
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile DISABLE FEATURE ('NETWORK_ACCESS');  
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile ENABLE FEATURE ('JAVA_HTTP');
```

- Earlier, disabling the `NETWORK_ACCESS` feature in a lockdown profile meant disabling all network access from Java. Now, a lockdown profile can selectively enable TCP connectivity for Oracle JVM, while other types of networking remain disabled:

```
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile DISABLE FEATURE ('NETWORK_ACCESS');  
ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE my_profile ENABLE FEATURE ('JAVA_TCP');
```

See Also:

- [Oracle Multitenant Isolation White Paper](#)
- `ALTER LOCKDOWN PROFILE` for description of PDB lockdown profile features
- `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE` for more information about the `PATH_PREFIX` clause
- `PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL` for more information about the `PDB_OS_CREDENTIAL` initialization parameter

10.6 FIPS Support

Perform the steps described in this section for installing the JAR files to support FIPS 140-2 standard and to make JsafJCE as the default cryptography provider in Oracle Database:

Installing and Uninstalling FIPS Classes

The following command installs the FIPS classes in the Oracle JVM:

```
javavm/install/install_fips.sql
```

The following command uninstalls the FIPS classes from the Oracle JVM:

```
javavm/install/deinstall_fips.sql
```

Enabling FIPS

To enable FIPS in the applicable application, you must call the `insertProviderAt()` method in the following way:



Note:

You must call this method prior to calling any cryptographic method.

```
Security.insertProviderAt(new com.rsa.jsafe.provider.JsafeJCE(), 1);
```

This method also makes `JsafeJCE` the preferred provider for the application. If you are a non-SYS users, ensure that you have the following permission to execute the `Security.insertProviderAt()` method:

```
call dbms_java.grant_permission( '<schema_name>',  
'SYS:java.security.SecurityPermission',  
'insertProvider', '' );
```

Where, `<schema_name>` is the name of the schema calling the FIPS application.

Loading Scripts

The `$ORACLE_HOME/javavm/install/install_fips.sql` script grants read permission on the `jcmFIPS.jar` file to enable the FIPS JAR verification for the provider. Subsequently, the following FIPS JAR files are loaded and PUBLIC synonyms are created:

```
ORACLE_HOME/jlib/cryptojce.jar  
$ORACLE_HOME/jlib/crtpyojcommon.jar  
$ORACLE_HOME/jlib/jcmFIPS.jar
```

Loading Considerations

You must keep the following points in mind in a typical loading process:

- All scripts must be run as SYS.
- If you are working in a multitenant environment, then you must load the `java.security.alt` file into the CDB\$ROOT first. After you configure the CDB\$ROOT, you can load the PDBs in parallel, if desired.

Working in a Multitenant Environment

Use the following command to install the FIPS classes in all the containers:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -u sys/<syspassword> -b install_fips -  
d $ORACLE_HOME/javavm/install install_fips.sql
```

**Note:**

The log files created are of the form `install_fips[01..].log`. You must check the log files for any errors.

Use the following command to install the FIPS classes in a particular PDB, say PDB1:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -u sys/<syspassword> -c 'CDB$ROOT PDB1'
-b install_fips -d $ORACLE_HOME/javavm/install install_fips.sql
```

Use the following command to uninstall the FIPS classes from all the containers:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -u sys/<syspassword> -b deinstall_fips
-d $ORACLE_HOME/javavm/install deinstall_fips.sql
```

**Note:**

The log files created are of the form `deinstall_fips[01..].log`. You must check the log files for any errors.

Use the following command to uninstall the FIPS classes from a particular PDB, say PDB1:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -u sys/<syspassword> -c 'PDB1'
-b deinstall_fips -d $ORACLE_HOME/javavm/install deinstall_fips.sql
```

**Note:**

To remove the FIPS classes from the Oracle JVM completely, add `CDB$ROOT` to the `-c` list in the preceding command.