

Administering User Security

Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Create and manage database user accounts:
 - Authenticate users
 - Assign default storage areas (tablespaces)
- Grant and revoke privileges
- Create and manage roles
- Create and manage profiles:
 - Implement standard password security features
 - Control resource usage by users

Database User Accounts

Each database user account has:

- A unique username
- An authentication method
- A default tablespace
- A temporary tablespace
- A user profile
- An initial consumer group
- An account status



A schema:

- Is a collection of database objects that are owned by a database user
- Has the same name as the user account

Predefined Administrative Accounts

- **SYS account:**
 - Is granted the DBA role, as well as several other roles.
 - Has all privileges with `ADMIN OPTION`
 - Is required for startup, shutdown, and some maintenance commands
 - Owns the data dictionary and the Automatic Workload Repository (AWR)
- **SYSTEM account is granted the DBA, MGMT_USER, and AQ_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE roles.**
- **DBSNMP account is granted the OEM_MONITOR role.**
- **SYSMAN account is granted the MGMT_USER, RESOURCE and SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE roles.**
- **These accounts are not used for routine operations.**

Creating a User

Database Instance: orcl.oracle.com > Users > Logged in As SYS

Create User

[Show SQL](#) [Cancel](#) [OK](#)

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* Name

Profile

Authentication

* Enter Password

* Confirm Password

For Password choice, the role is authorized via password.

☐ Expire Password now

Default Tablespace

Temporary Tablespace

Status ☐ Locked ☒ Unlocked

Show SQL [Return](#)

```
CREATE USER "MYDBA" PROFILE "DEFAULT" IDENTIFIED BY "*****" DEFAULT
TABLESPACE "USERS" TEMPORARY TABLESPACE "TEMP" ACCOUNT UNLOCK
GRANT "CONNECT" TO "MYDBA"
```

Select Server > Users, and then click the Create button.

Authenticating Users

- Password
- External
- Global

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Name **HR**

Profile


Authentication


* Enter Password

* Confirm Password


For Password choice, the role is authorized via password.

☐ Expire Password now

Default Tablespace 

Temporary Tablespace 

Status ☐ Locked ☒ Unlocked



Administrator Authentication

Operating system security:

- DBAs must have the OS privileges to create and delete files.
- Typical database users should not have the OS privileges to create or delete database files.

Administrator security:

- For SYSDBA, SYSOPER, and SYSASM connections:
 - DBA user by name is audited for password file and strong authentication methods
 - OS account name is audited for OS authentication
 - OS authentication takes precedence over password file authentication for privileged users
 - Password file uses case-sensitive passwords

Unlocking a User Account and Resetting the Password

Users

Object Type:

Search

Enter an object name to filter the data that is displayed in your results set.

Object Name:

By default, the search returns all uppercase matches beginning with the string you entered. To run an exact or case-sensitive match, double quote the search string. You can use the wildcard symbol (%) in a double quoted string.

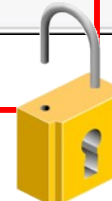
Selection Mode:

Select	UserName	Account Status	Expiration Date	Default Tablespace	Temporary Tablespace	Profile	Created
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANONYMOUS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	Aug 3, 2007 1:34:38 AM MDT	SYSAUX	TEMP	DEFAULT	Aug 3, 2007 1:34:38 AM MDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	APEX_PUBLIC_USER	EXPIRED & LOCKED	Aug 3, 2007 2:04:08 AM MDT	USERS	TEMP	DEFAULT	Aug 3, 2007 2:04:08 AM MDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	BI	EXPIRED & LOCKED	Aug 4, 2008 7:04:49 PM MDT	USERS	TEMP	DEFAULT	Aug 4, 2008 7:04:49 PM MDT

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- Create Like
- Expire Password
- Generate DDL
- Lock User
- Unlock User**

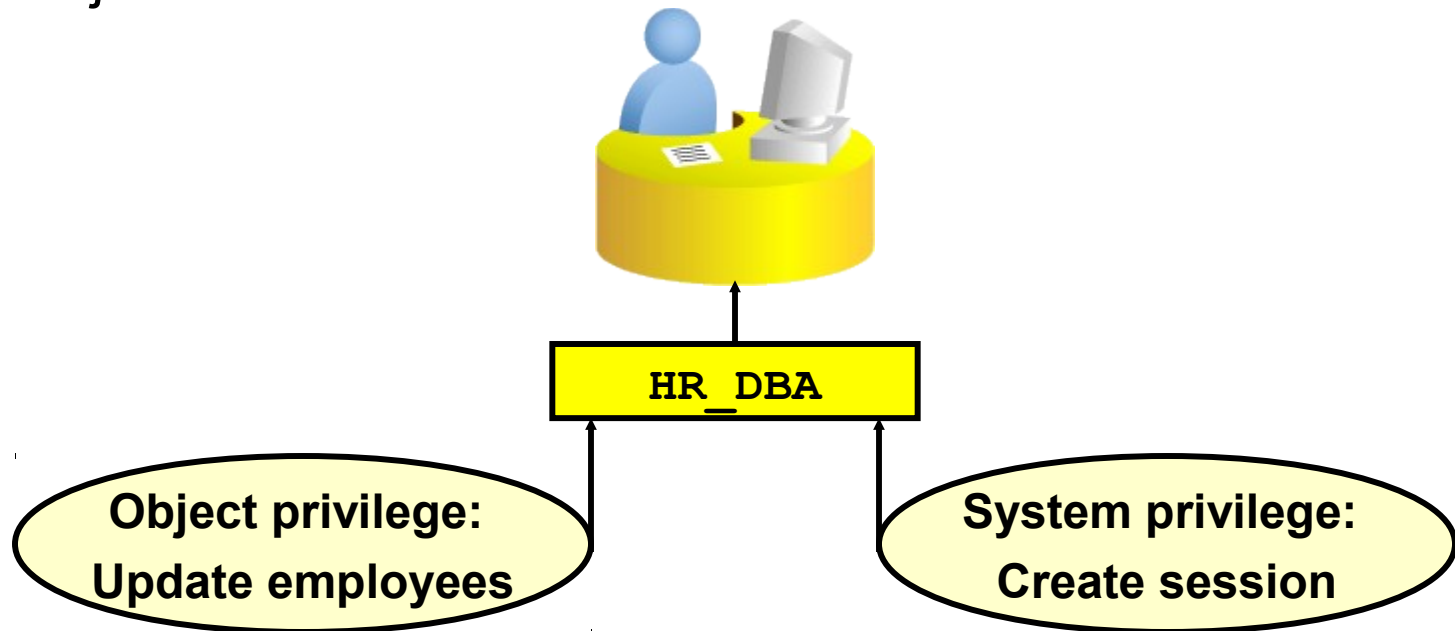
Select the user, select Unlock User, and click Go.



Privileges

There are two types of user privileges:

- **System:** Enables users to perform particular actions in the database
- **Object:** Enables users to access and manipulate a specific object



System Privileges

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System Privilege	Admin Option
ALTER SESSION	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREATE DATABASE LINK	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREATE SEQUENCE	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREATE SESSION	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREATE SYNONYM	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREATE VIEW	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNLIMITED TABLESPACE	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Modify System Privileges Cancel OK

Available System Privileges

- ACCESS_ANY_WORKSPACE
- ADMINISTER ANY SQL TUNING SET
- ADMINISTER DATABASE TRIGGER
- ADMINISTER RESOURCE MANAGER
- ADMINISTER SQL MANAGEMENT OBJECT
- ADMINISTER SQL TUNING SET
- ADVISOR
- ALTER ANY ASSEMBLY
- ALTER ANY CLUSTER
- ALTER ANY CUBE

Selected System Privileges

- ALTER SESSION
- CREATE DATABASE LINK
- CREATE SEQUENCE
- CREATE SESSION
- CREATE SYNONYM
- CREATE VIEW
- UNLIMITED TABLESPACE

[Move](#) [Move All](#) [Remove](#) [Remove All](#)

Object Privileges

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General Roles System Privileges **Object Privileges** Quotas Consumer Group Privileges Proxy Users

Select Object Type: Table Add

Delete

Select	Object Privilege	Schema	Object	Grant Option
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTE	SYS	DBMS_STATS	

General Roles System Privileges **Object Privileges** Quotas

Add Table Object Privileges

Cancel OK

* Select Table Objects

OE.CUSTOMERS,OE.INVENTORIES,OE.ORDERS,OE.ORDER_ITEMS

(SchemaName.Table,...)
Select object and then choose privileges to assign

Available Privileges

- ALTER
- DELETE
- INDEX
- INSERT
- REFERENCES
- UPDATE

Move Move All Remove Remove All

Selected Privileges

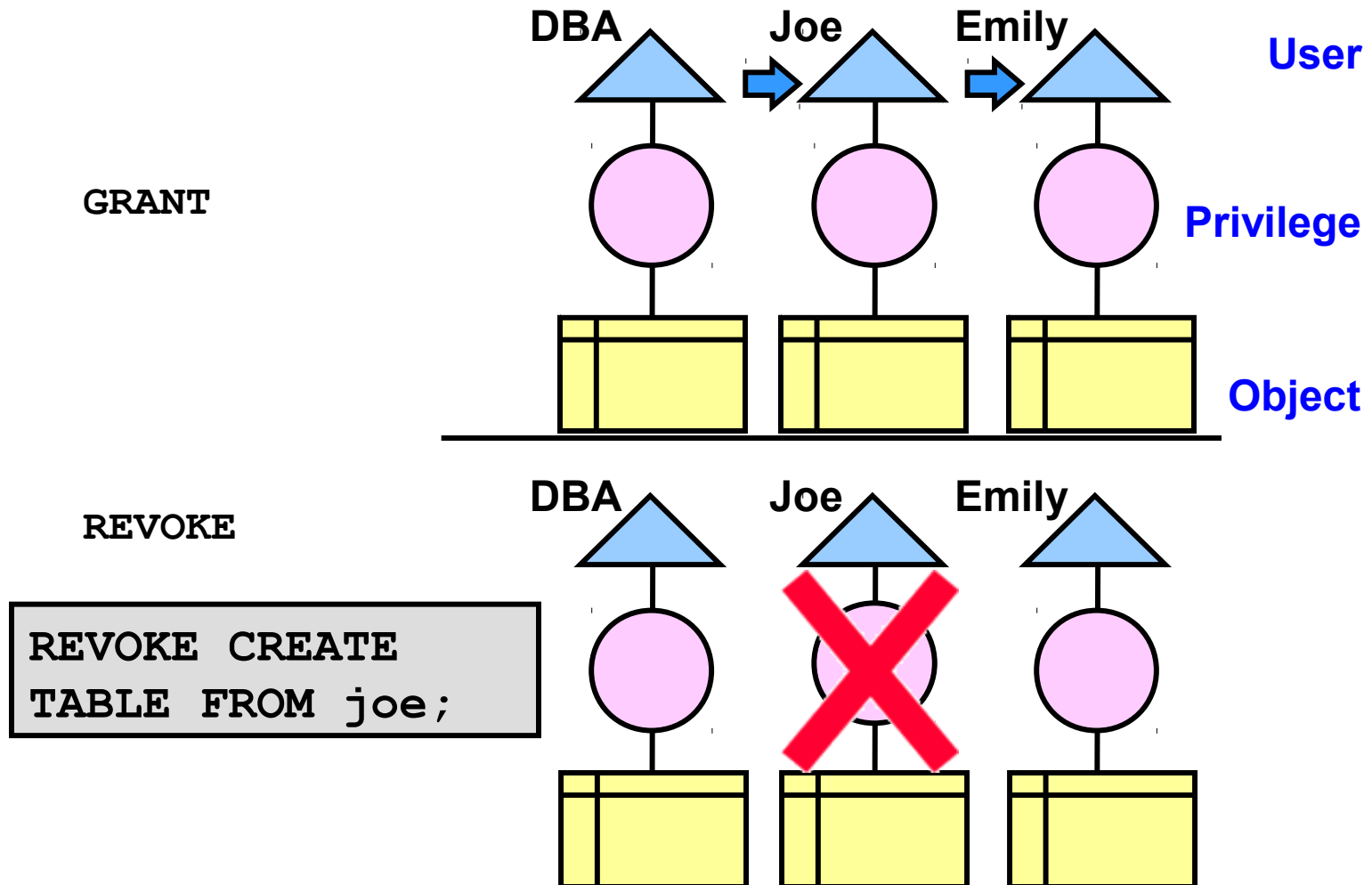
- SELECT

Search and select objects.

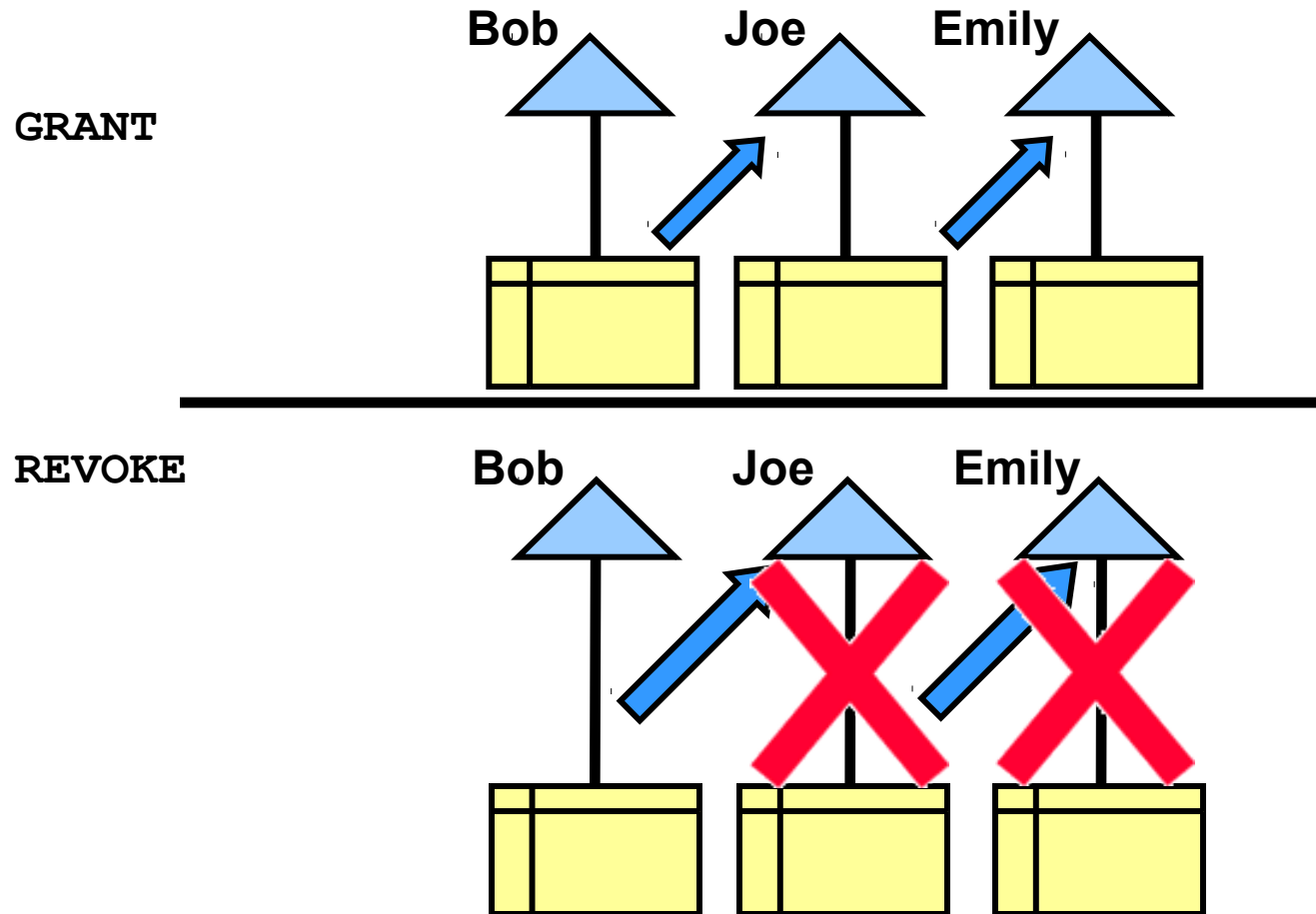
To grant object privileges:

- Choose the object type.
- Select objects.
- Select privileges.

Revoking System Privileges with ADMIN OPTION



Revoking Object Privileges with GRANT OPTION

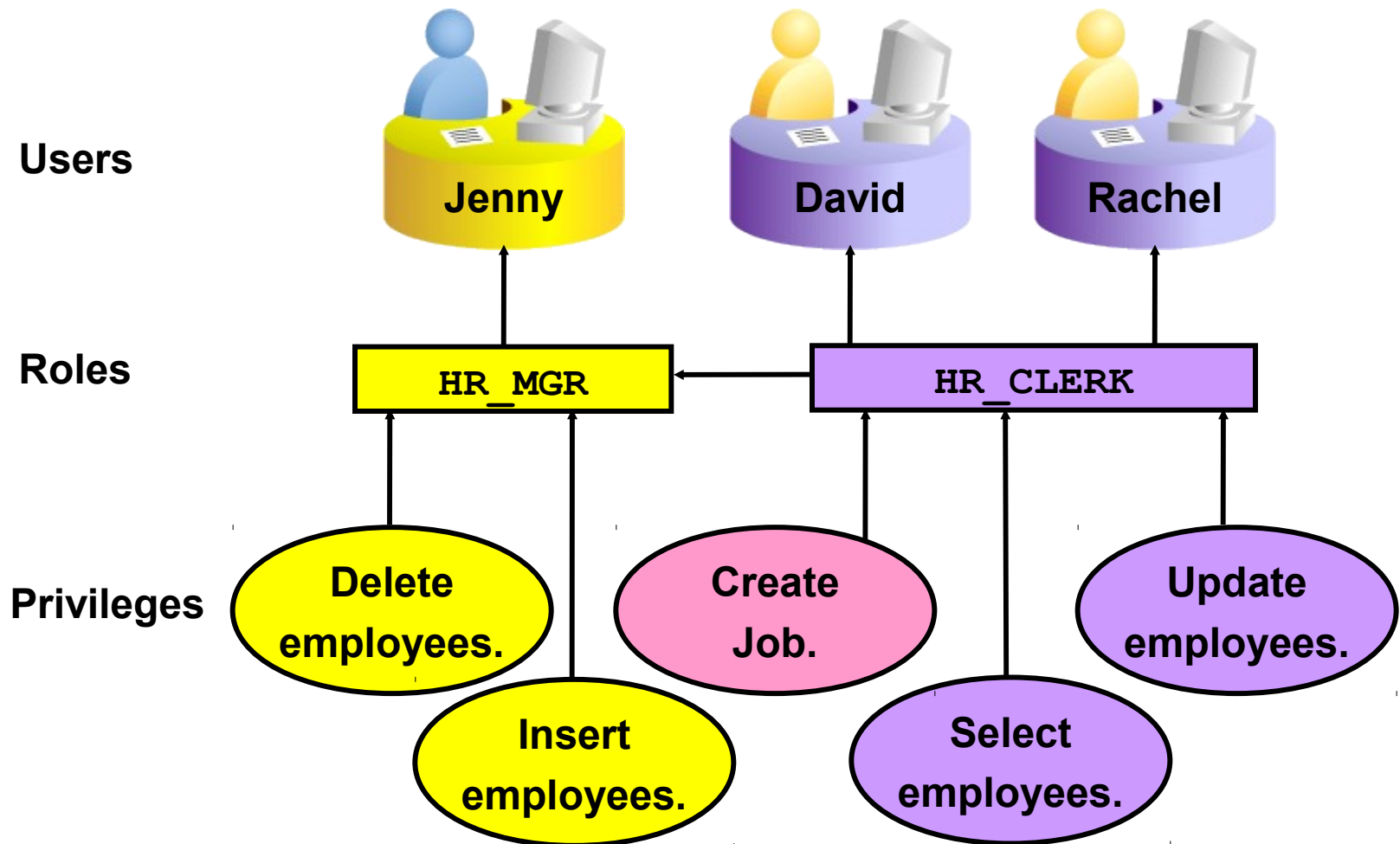


Benefits of Roles

- Easier privilege management
- Dynamic privilege management
- Selective availability of privileges



Assigning Privileges to Roles and Assigning Roles to Users



Predefined Roles

Role	Privileges Included
CONNECT	CREATE SESSION
RESOURCE	CREATE CLUSTER, CREATE INDEXTYPE, CREATE OPERATOR, CREATE PROCEDURE, CREATE SEQUENCE, CREATE TABLE, CREATE TRIGGER, CREATE TYPE
SCHEDULER_ ADMIN	CREATE ANY JOB, CREATE EXTERNAL JOB, CREATE JOB, EXECUTE ANY CLASS, EXECUTE ANY PROGRAM, MANAGE SCHEDULER
DBA	Most system privileges; several other roles. Do not grant to nonadministrators.
SELECT_ CATALOG_ROLE	No system privileges; HS_ ADMIN_ROLE and over 1,700 object privileges on the data dictionary

Creating a Role

Select Server > Roles.

Add privileges and roles from the appropriate tab.

Click OK when finished.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Role' dialog box in Oracle. The 'General' tab is selected, and the role name is 'OE_READER'. The 'Authentication' is set to 'None'. The 'Object Privileges' tab is also visible, showing a list of privileges for the role. A red box highlights the 'Add' button next to the 'Table' dropdown in the 'Object Privileges' section.

Create Role

General Roles System Privileges Object Privileges Consumer Group Privileges

* Name: OE_READER

Authentication: None

There is no authentication.

Show SQL Cancel OK

Create Role

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Select Object Type: Table Add

Delete

Select	Object Privilege	Schema	Object
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	SELECT	OE	CUSTOMERS
<input type="radio"/>	SELECT	OE	INVENTORIES
<input type="radio"/>	SELECT	OE	ORDERS
<input type="radio"/>	SELECT	OE	ORDER_ITEMS

Secure Roles

- Roles can be nondefault and enabled when required.

```
SET ROLE vacationdba;
```

- Roles can be protected through authentication.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Role' dialog box with the 'General' tab active. The 'Name' field is set to 'HR_DBA'. The 'Authentication' dropdown is open, showing 'Password' as the selected option. The 'System Privileges' tab is also visible in the background.

- Roles can also be secured programmatically.

```
CREATE ROLE secure_application_role  
IDENTIFIED USING <security_procedure_name>;
```

Assigning Roles to Users

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Role	Admin Option	Default
CONNECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Modify Roles

Available Roles

- JAVA_DEPLOY
- JMXSERVER
- LOGSTDBY_ADMINISTRATOR
- MGMT_USER
- OEM_ADVISOR
- OEM_MONITOR
- OE_READER**
- OLAPI_TRACE_USER
- OLAP_DBA
- OLAP_USER

Selected Roles

- CONNECT



Quiz

All passwords created in Oracle Database 11g are not case-sensitive by default.

1. True
2. False

Quiz

A database role:

1. Can be enabled or disabled
2. Can consist of system and object privileges
3. Is owned by its creator
4. Cannot be protected by a password

Profiles and Users

Users are assigned only one profile at a time.

Profiles:

- Control resource consumption
- Manage account status and password expiration

Create Profile

Show SQL Cancel OK

General Password

* Name LIMITED_USER

Details

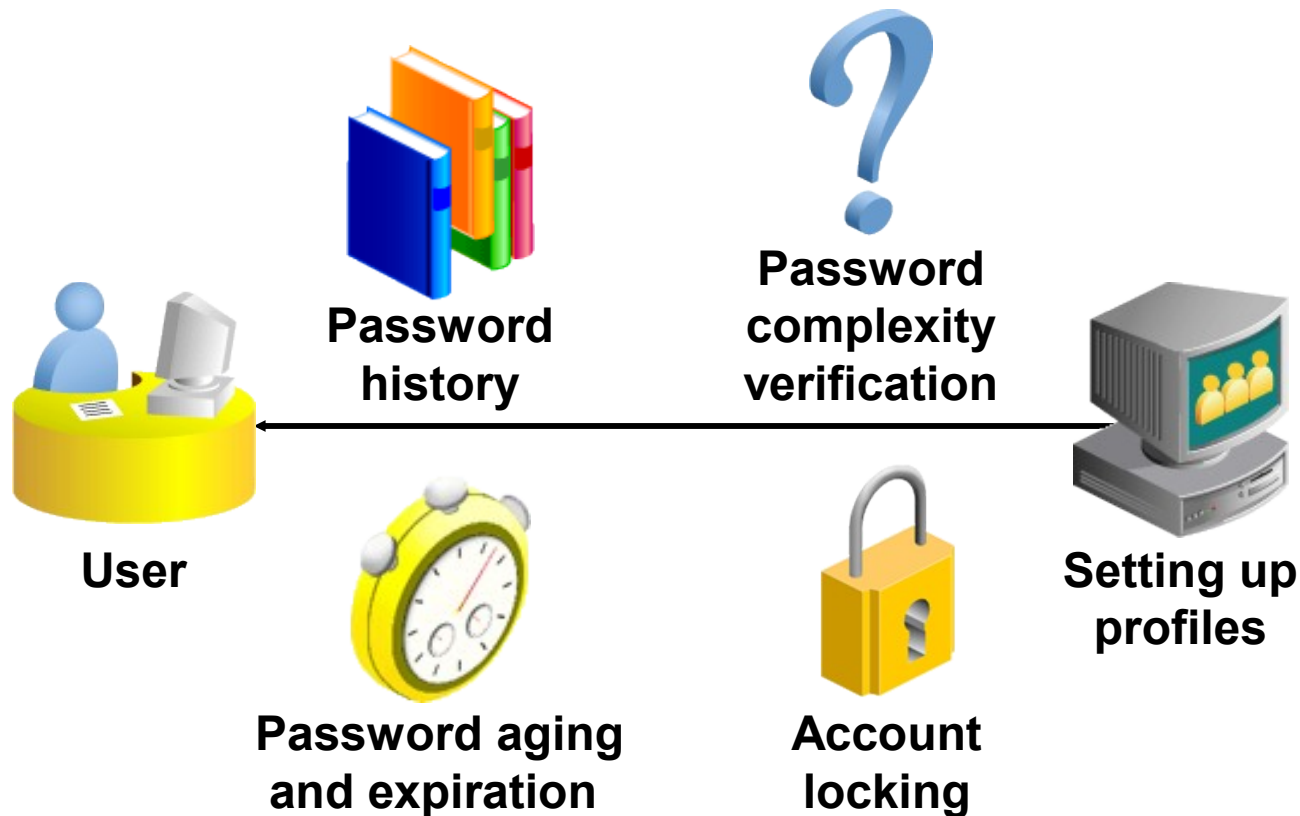
CPU/Session (Sec./100)	1000	
CPU/Call (Sec./100)	UNLIMITED	
Connect Time (Minutes)	DEFAULT	
Idle Time (Minutes)	60	

Database Services

Concurrent Sessions (Per User)	DEFAULT	
Reads/Session (Blocks)	DEFAULT	
Reads/Call (Blocks)	DEFAULT	
Private SGA (KBytes)	DEFAULT	
Composite Limit (Service Units)	DEFAULT	

Note: RESOURCE_LIMIT must be set to TRUE before profiles can impose resource limitations.

Implementing Password Security Features



Note: Do not use profiles that cause the SYS, SYSMAN, and DBSNMP passwords to expire and the accounts to be locked.

Creating a Password Profile

Create Profile

Show SQLCancelOK

General

Password

Password

Expire in (days)90

Lock (days past expiration)10

History

Number of passwords to keep2

Number of days to keep forUNLIMITED

Complexity

Complexity functionVERIFY_FUNCTION_11G

Failed Login

Number of failed login attempts to lock after3

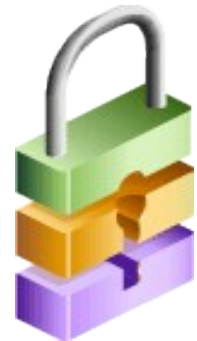
Number of days to lock for5/1440

Supplied Password Verification Function: `VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G`

The `VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G` function insures that the password is:

- At least eight characters
- Different from the username, username with a number, or username reversed
- Different from the database name or the database name with a number
- A string with at least one alphabetic and one numeric character
- Different from the previous password by at least three letters

Tip: Use this function as a template to create your own customized password verification.



Assigning Quotas to Users

Users who do not have the `UNLIMITED TABLESPACE` system privilege must be given a quota before they can create objects in a tablespace.

Quotas can be:

- A specific value in megabytes or kilobytes
- Unlimited

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Tablespace	Quota	Value	Unit
EXAMPLE	<input type="text" value="Value"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>
INVENTORY	<input type="text" value="None"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>
SYSAUX	<input type="text" value="None"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>
SYSTEM	<input type="text" value="None"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>
TEMP	<input type="text" value="None"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>
UNDOTBS1	<input type="text" value="None"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>
USERS (Default)	<input type="text" value="Unlimited"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="MBytes"/> <input type="button" value="u"/>

Applying the Principle of Least Privilege

- Protect the data dictionary:

```
O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY=FALSE
```

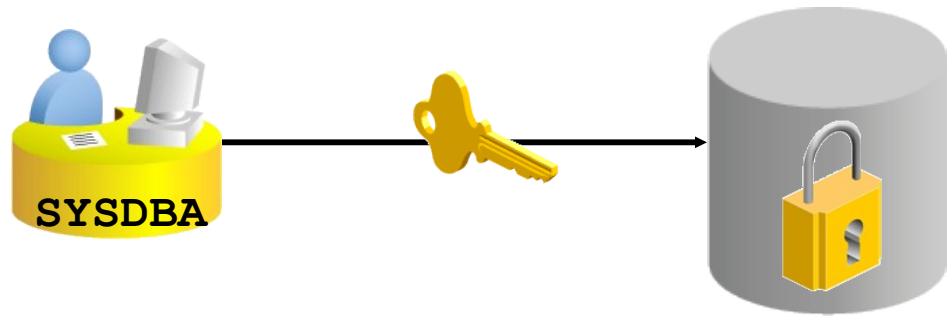
- Revoke unnecessary privileges from PUBLIC.
- Use access control lists (ACL) to control network access.
- Restrict the directories accessible by users.
- Limit users with administrative privileges.
- Restrict remote database authentication:

```
REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT=FALSE
```

Protect Privileged Accounts

Privileged accounts can be protected by:

- Using password file with case-sensitive passwords
- Enabling strong authentication for administrator roles



Quiz

Applying the principle of least privilege is not enough to harden the Oracle database.

1. True
2. False

Quiz

With `RESOURCE_LIMIT` set at its default value of `FALSE`, profile password limitations are ignored.

1. True
2. False

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Create and manage database user accounts:
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- Create and manage roles
- Create and manage profiles:
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Practice 8 Overview: Administering Users

This practice covers the following topics:

- Creating a profile to limit resource consumption
- Creating two roles:
 - HRCLERK
 - HRMANAGER
- Creating four new users:
 - One manager and two clerks
 - One schema user for the next practice session