

# Stalking the Hackers: Effective Tips for Auditing and Monitoring Oracle Database

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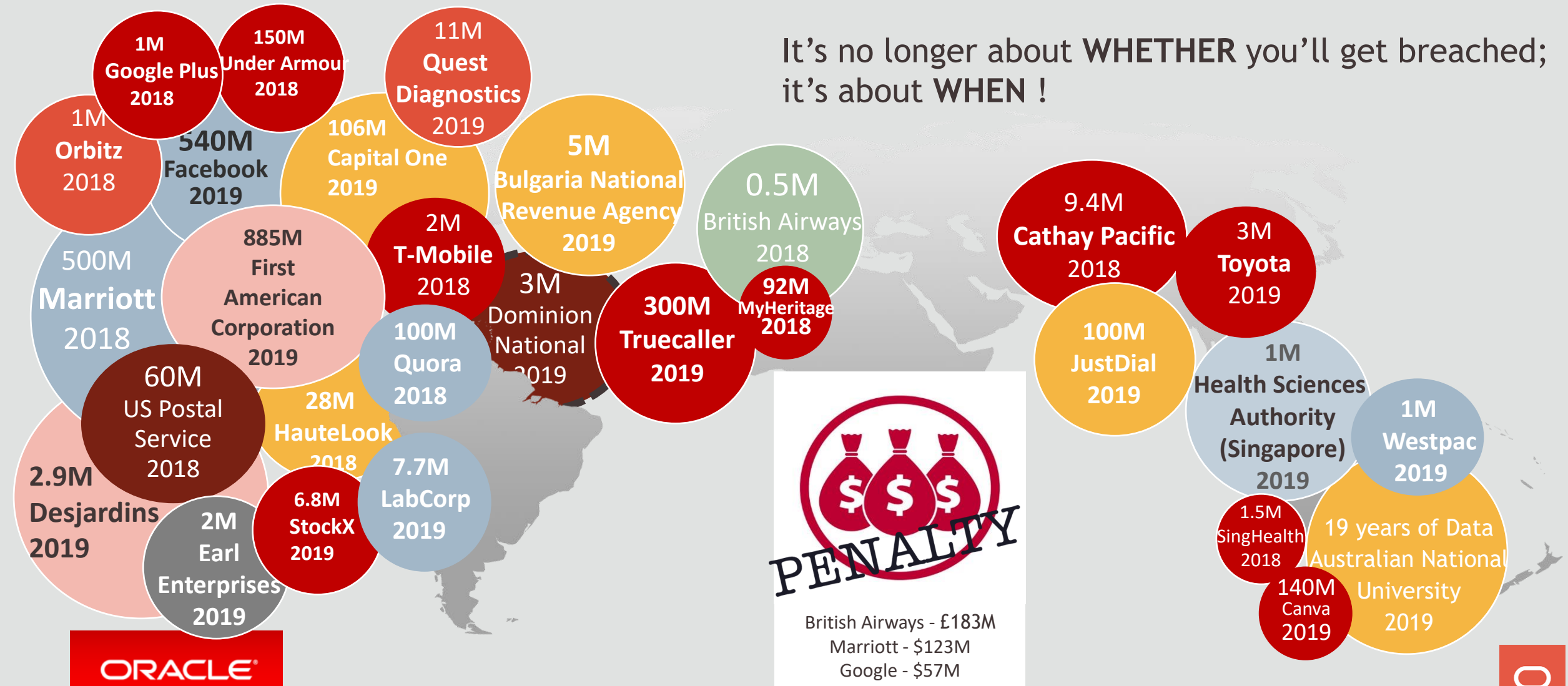
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# Data Breaches Exploding World-Wide(2018-2019)

It's no longer about **WHETHER** you'll get breached;  
it's about **WHEN** !





# Security Zones of Control for Oracle Databases

## Assess

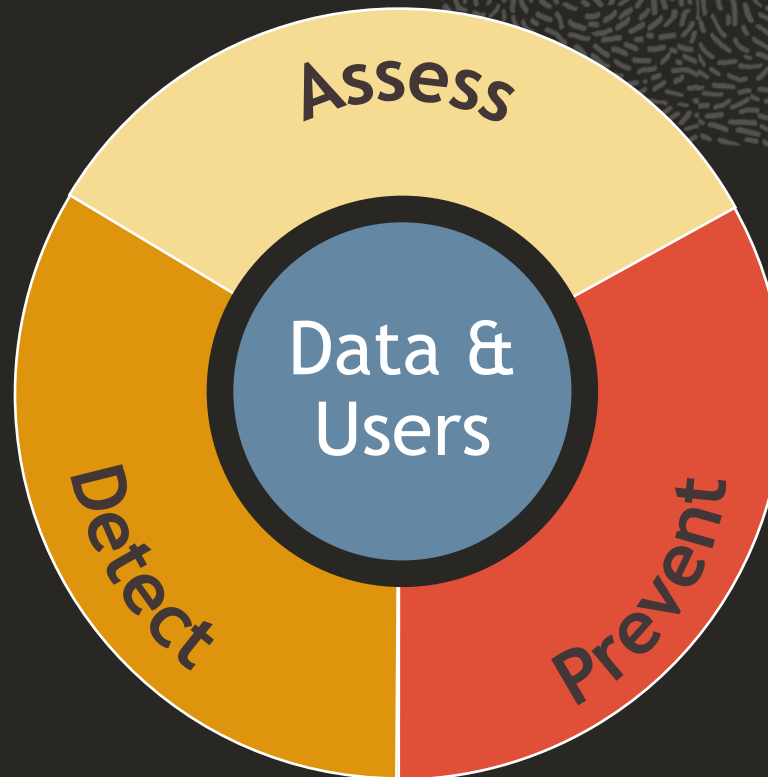
Security-Assessment (DBSAT)  
Data Discovery  
***Privilege Analysis\****

## Detect

Activity Auditing/Monitoring  
Audit Vault  
***Database Firewall\****

## Prevent

Encryption & Key Vault  
Data Masking, Data Redaction  
***Database Vault\****



## Data

Crypto Toolkit  
Virtual Private Database  
Label Security  
***Real Application Security\****

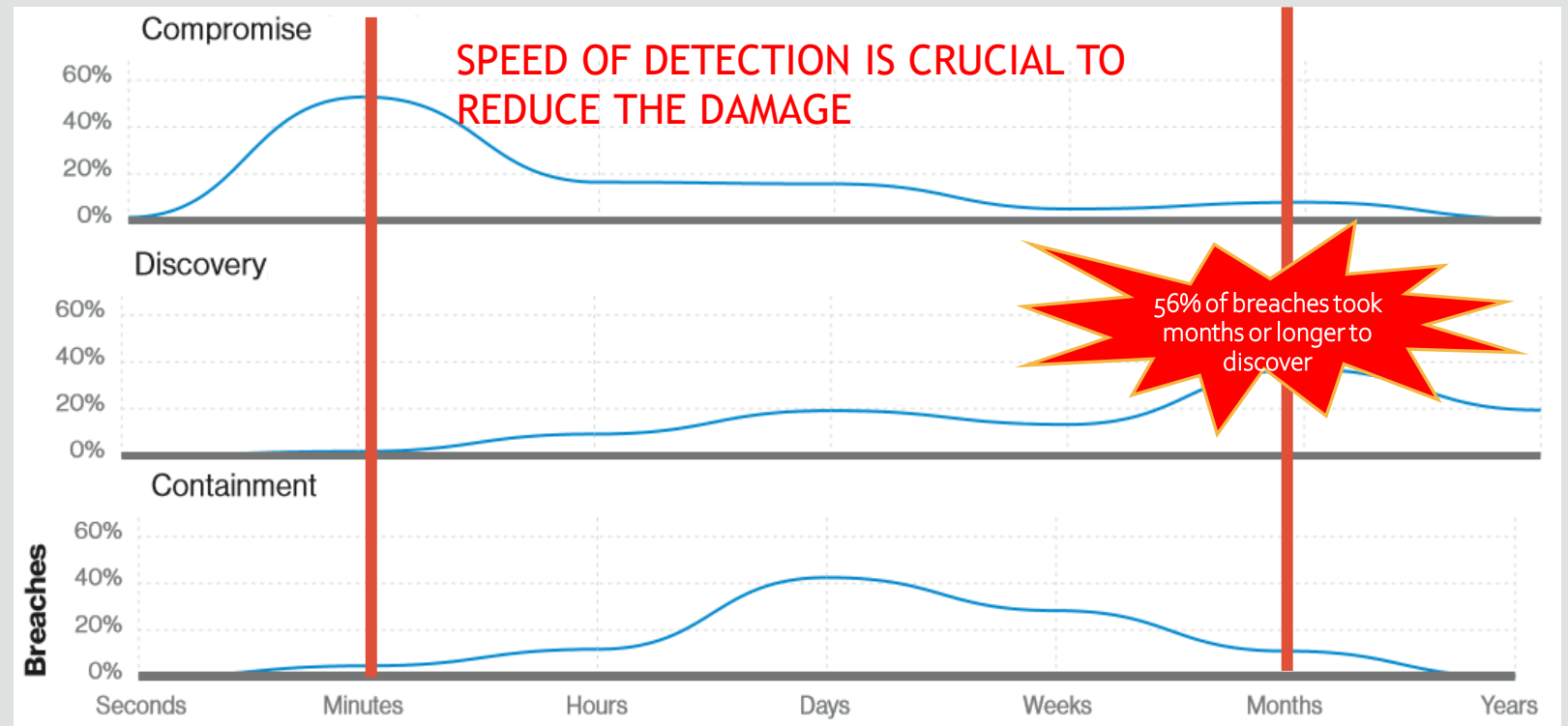
## Users

Password, PKI, Kerberos, Radius  
Proxy Users, Password Profiles  
Oracle & Active Directory

# Minimizing Time To Discovery

Data Breaches typically take minutes for compromise, but months to discover

Database Activity Monitoring (DAM) is key to identifying breaches and responding quickly



Verizon's 2019 Data Breach Investigations Report

# What is Database Activity Monitoring(DAM) ?

- Observing database actions and reporting policy issues in real time
- Complementary methodologies:

	Database Auditing	Network Monitoring
Information	Who, what, where, when Before/After values Full execution and application context	Who, what, where, when
Pathways	All: stored procedures, direct connections, scheduled jobs, operational activities	Network
Impact on database	Requires native database auditing, minimal performance impact	Completely independent, negligible performance impact
Purpose	Ensure regulatory compliance, provide guaranteed audit trail to enable control	Identify SQL-Injections and other unauthorized activity, enforce corporate data security policy

**Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall: DAM solution for Oracle and non-Oracle databases**

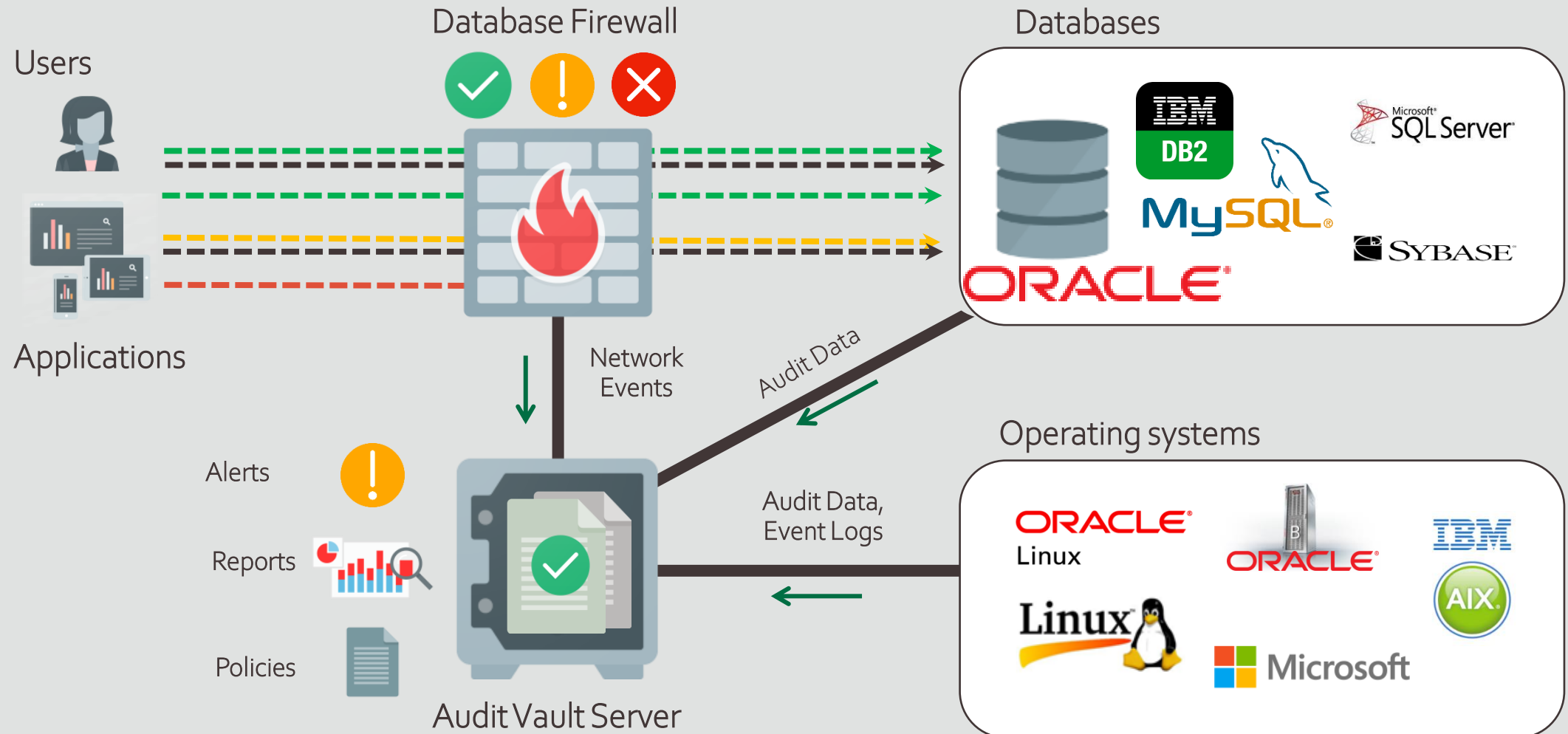
# Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall



## Key capabilities

- Security hardened software appliance
- Consolidates audit data from databases, operating systems, and directories
- Supports Oracle and non-Oracle Databases
- Database Anomaly Detection
- Detect and block SQL Injection
- Custom and pre-defined regulatory reports
- Custom generated alerts

# Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall





# Configuring Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall



Database Audit Collection

Network Monitoring

# Database Audit Collection with AVDF

## CONFIGURE TARGETS AND TRAILS

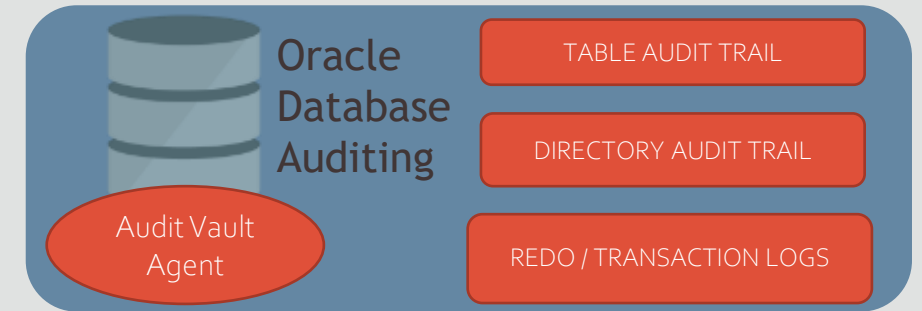
- Targets
- Audit Vault Agents
- Audit data collection
- Data retention policy

## CONFIGURE AUDIT POLICIES

- Who
- What
- When
- Where

## CREATE REPORTS AND ALERTS

- Define alert baselines
- Create and schedule reports



Audit Collection



### Sensitive Data

	Schema Name ↑	Target Type	Target Object	Column Name	Sensitive Type	Secured Target Name
📁	HCM_USER	TABLE	EMPLOYEES	EMAIL	EMAIL ADDRESS	PDB_1
📁	HCM_USER	TABLE	EMPLOYEES	EMPLOYEE_ID	EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER	PDB_1
📁	HCM_USER	TABLE	EMPLOYEES	FIRST_NAME	FIRST NAME	PDB_1
📁	HCM_USER	TABLE	EMPLOYEES	HIRE_DATE	HIRE DATE	PDB_1
📁	HCM_USER	TABLE	EMPLOYEES	JOB_ID	JOB CODE	PDB_1

# Tips for Effective Oracle Database Auditing

## TIPS & TRICKS

### **ALWAYS-ON** Audit

ALWAYS audited with Mandatory Auditing

1. Top level Statements by administrative users SYS, SYSDBA, SYSOPER, and SYSDG until database opens
2. Data/metadata modification attempt of unified audit tables

## TIPS & TRICKS

### **PREDEFINED** Unified Audit Policies

Pre-designed commonly used policies

1. Logon Failures
2. Secure Configurations
3. CIS Recommended Audit

# Tips for Effective Oracle Database Auditing

## TIPS & TRICKS

### SELECTIVE and FOCUSED Unified Audit Policies

- ➡ Audit all administrative user Top-Level actions
- ➡ Audit based on conditions to reduce noise
- ➡ Use Exception-based auditing
- ➡ Extend the audit trail to include default or application contexts

AUDIT CONTEXT NAMESPACE ebusiness\_context ATTRIBUTES form, action, active\_responsibility;  
Custom Application Contexts are supported!



# Tips for Effective Oracle Database Auditing

## TIPS & TRICKS

### Audit Sensitive Data Access

- ➔ Identify sensitive data (DBSAT / Enterprise Manager's ADM)
- ➔ Audit access to sensitive data
- ➔ Monitor using AVDF Data Privacy Reports

### Use Transparent Sensitive Data Protection (TSDP) policies with Unified Auditing

Define Sensitive Type



Define Unified Audit TSDP Policy

- Audit Actions
- Policy Conditions



Associate TSDP policy with sensitive type



Enable TSDP protection

# Oracle Database Auditing: Alerting Tips

## TIPS & TRICKS

### Baseline Alerts

- ➔ Plan and Configure Alerts That Work for You!
- ➔ Define alerts that are actionable and granular
- ➔ Monitor alerts from console dashboard / alert reports

Define meaningful alerts for events that concerns you!

#### BUILT-IN REPORTS

Activity Reports

Summary Reports

Compliance Reports

Specialized Reports

#### CUSTOM REPORTS

PDF/XLS Reports

Saved Interactive Reports

#### REPORT WORKFLOW

Report Schedules

Generated Reports

#### QUICK LINKS

Audit Trails

#### Activity Reports

[Activity Overview](#)

Summary of all audited and monitored events

[All Activity](#)

All audited and monitored events

[Audit Settings Changes](#)

Changes in Audit settings

[Data Access](#)

Details of read access events

[Data Modification](#)

Events that led to Data modification

[Data Modification Before-After Values](#)

Data modification events with before and after values in Oracle database

[Database Schema Changes](#)

Changes in Database Schema

[Entitlements Changes](#)

Changes in grants of Database privileges and roles

[Login Failures](#)

Failed Authentication attempts

[Login and Logout](#)

All successful login and logout events

[Startup and Shutdown](#)

System startup and shutdown events

# Oracle Database Auditing: Reporting Tips

## TIPS & TRICKS

Examine audit data in a consolidated manner with AVDF Reports

- ➔ Activity Reports tracks general database access activities
- ➔ Summary Reports shows user activity on specific targets or across the enterprise
- ➔ Compliance Reports to help meet regulations

The screenshot displays the Oracle Database Auditing Reports interface. On the left, a sidebar lists 'BUILT-IN REPORTS' including Activity Reports, Summary Reports (highlighted), Compliance Reports, and Specialized Reports. Below this, 'Anomaly Reports' are listed with links for 'New or Dormant User Activity' and 'New or Dormant Client IP Activity'. The main content area shows a 'Trend Charts' section with links for 'Event Trend', 'Event Trend By Secured Target', and 'Event Trend'. Below this, a 'Summary Reports' section is expanded, showing links for 'Activity Summary by Client IP and OS User', 'Activity Summary by Secured Target', 'DDL Activity Summary by Secured Target', 'DML Activity Summary by Secured Target', and 'Failed Logins Summary by Secured Target'. Each link is accompanied by a brief description of the report's content.

Report Category	Report Name	Description
BUILT-IN REPORTS	Activity Reports	
	Summary Reports	
	Compliance Reports	
	Specialized Reports	
Anomaly Reports	New or Dormant User Activity	Activity by newly created or dormant users
	New or Dormant Client IP Activity	Activity from newly seen or dormant client IPs
Trend Charts	Event Trend	Trend of all events
	Event Trend By Secured Target	Trend of events by Secured Target
Summary Reports	Activity Summary by Client IP and OS User	Events grouped by OS User and Client IP
	Activity Summary by Secured Target	Events grouped by Secured target
	DDL Activity Summary by Secured Target	Schema changes grouped by Secured Target
	DML Activity Summary by Secured Target	Data modifications grouped by Secured Target
	Failed Logins Summary by Secured Target	Failed authentication attempts grouped by Secured Target

# Configuring Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall



Database Audit Collection

Network Monitoring



# Network Monitoring with AVDF

## Monitoring SQL with Database Firewall

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

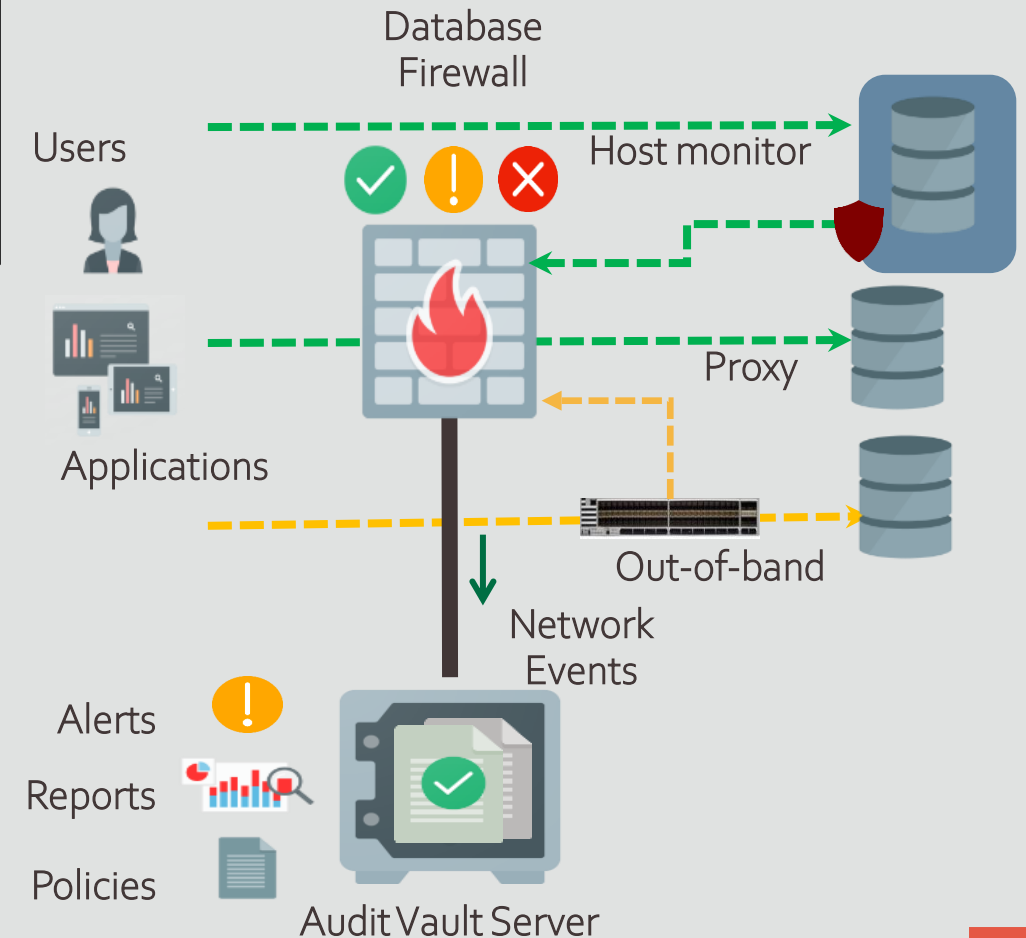


# Network Monitoring: Deployment Tips

## TIPS & TRICKS

Choose from 3 flexible deployment options

Proxy	Detect and prevent unauthorized access over access over the network to the database database
Host Monitor Monitor	Actively monitor database network traffic traffic
Out-of-band	Actively monitor database traffic over network agent-free



# Network Monitoring :Tips for Configuring Database Firewall Policy

## TIPS & TRICKS

- ➡ Identify the Actors
- ➡ Identify their Actions
- ➡ Configure Risk Management Settings

### Identify the ACTORS

DB User

IP Address

DB Client

OS User

Profile

### Identify their ACTIONS

SQL Cluster

Database Tables

SQL Statement  
types

### Configure Risk Management Settings

Action

Threat

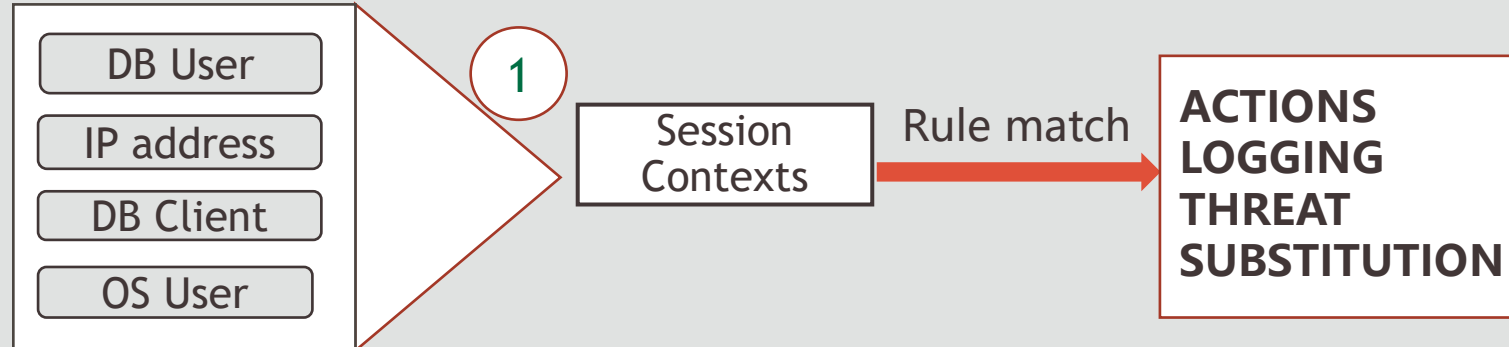
Logging

Substitution

# Network Monitoring : Tips for configuring Firewall Policy Rules

## TIPS & TRICKS

Configure Session Context rules based on Actors and Risk Management Settings



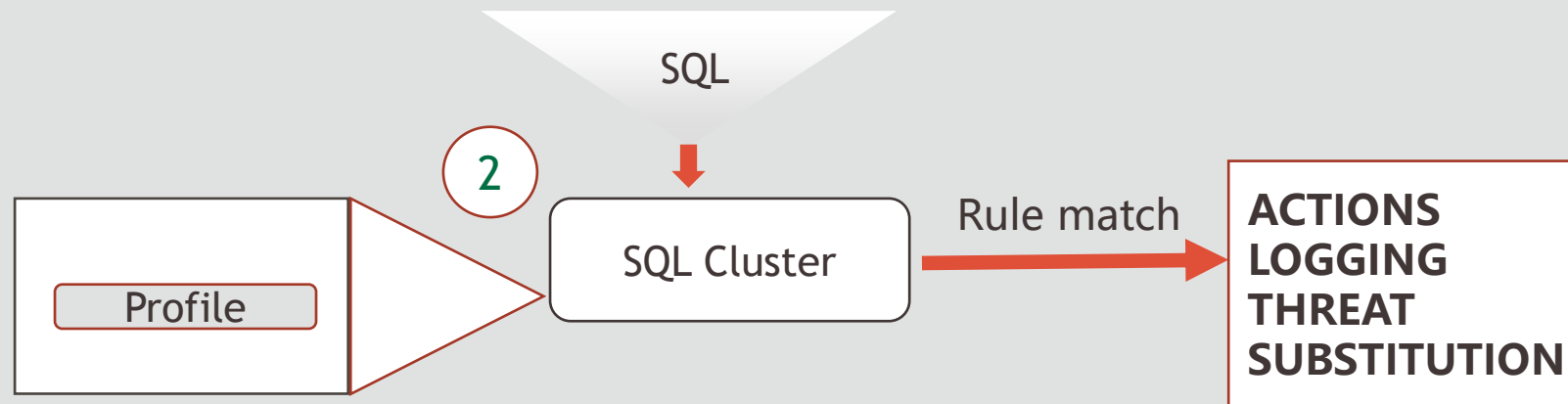
- Trusted Application paths based on session attributes
- Create KNOWN “profiles” for groups of actors



# Network Monitoring : Tips for configuring Firewall Policy Rules

## TIPS & TRICKS

Configure SQL Cluster rules based on Actors, Actions and Risk Management Settings

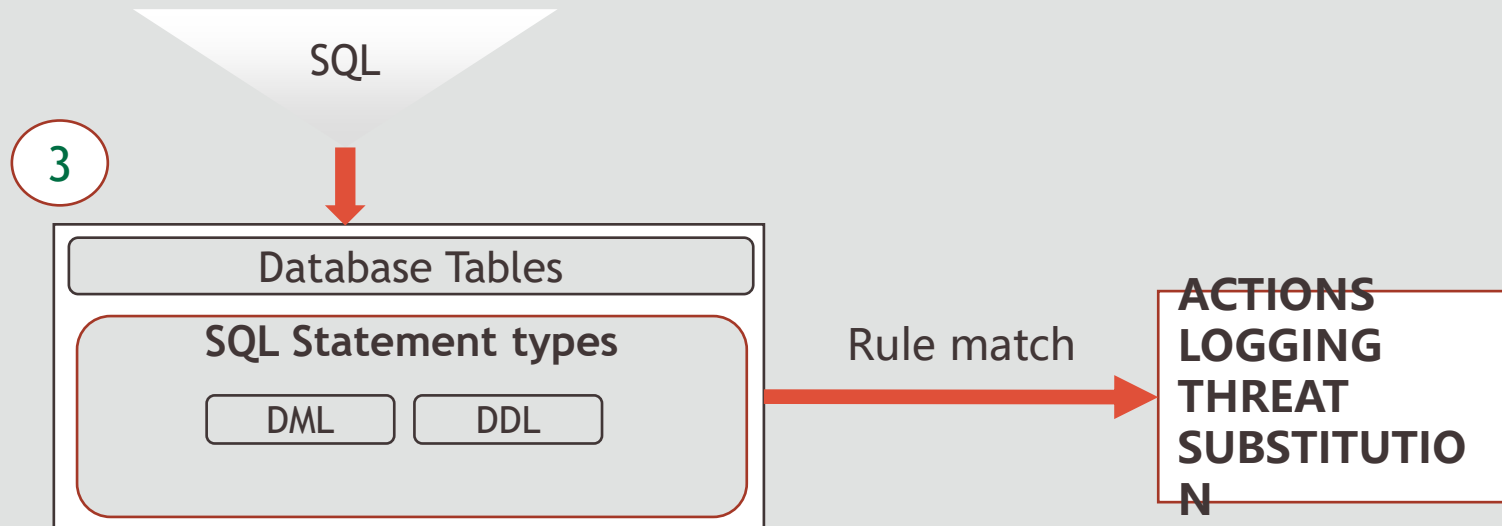


- Policy rules based on session attributes and SQL Statements.
- Control privileged user activity

# Network Monitoring : Tips for configuring Firewall Policy Rules

## TIPS & TRICKS

Configure database table specific rules based on Actions and Risk Management Settings



- Identify unauthorized access to Sensitive Data

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## Effective Tips for Auditing and Monitoring Oracle Database using Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall (AVDF)



# Agenda



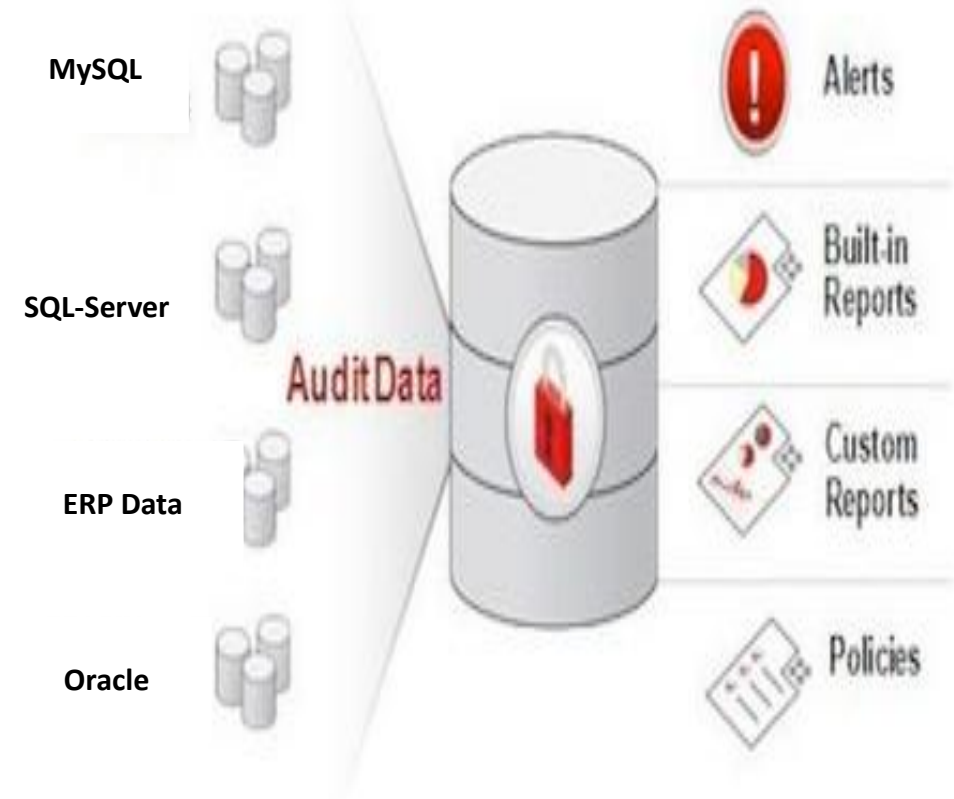
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- 2 Symantec's Current Auditing requirement
- 3 Audit Vault and Database Firewall Architecture
- 4 Symantec's Auditing & Logging Framework
- 5 Implementation and Future Directions



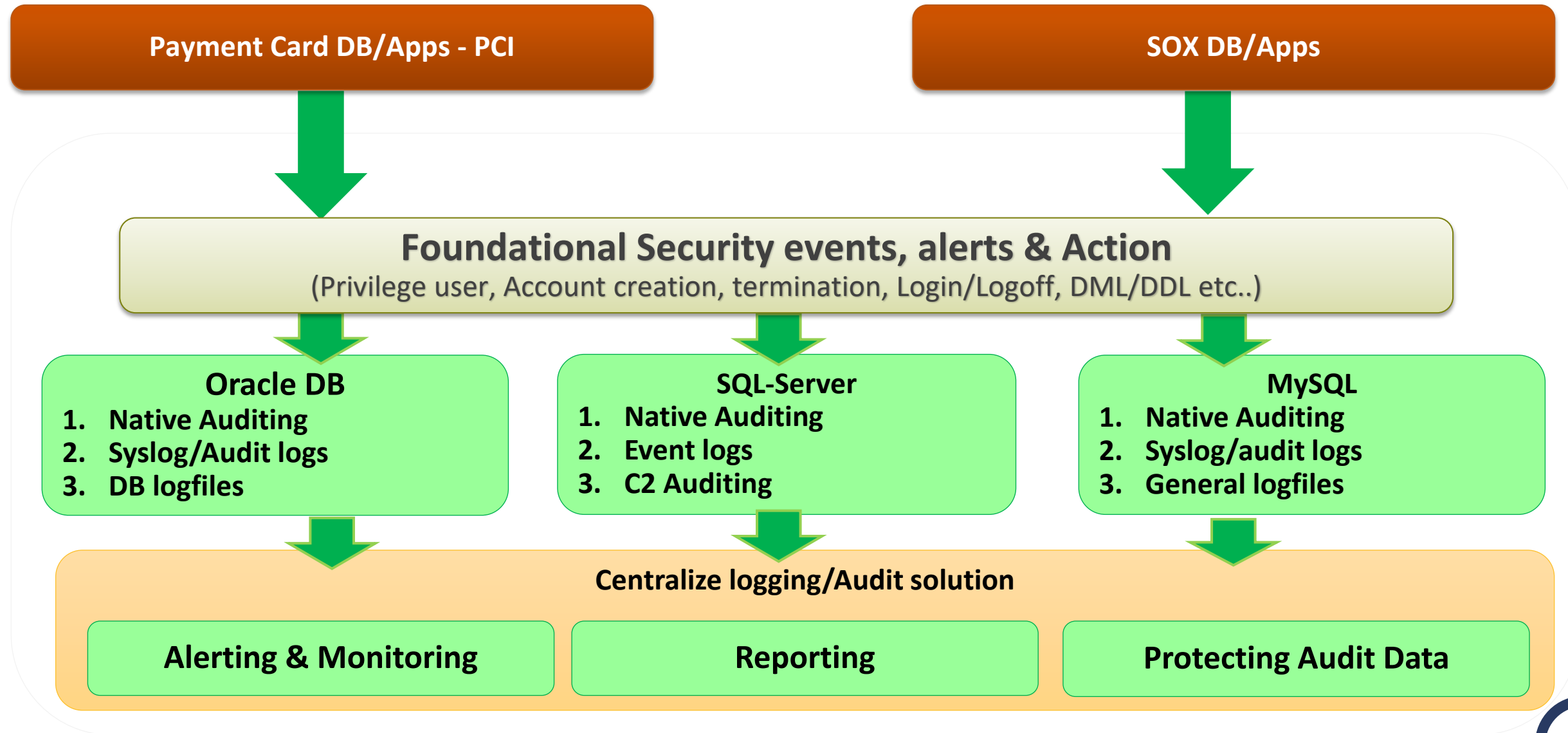
# Auditing Challenges & Top AVDF Features Symantec Leveraged



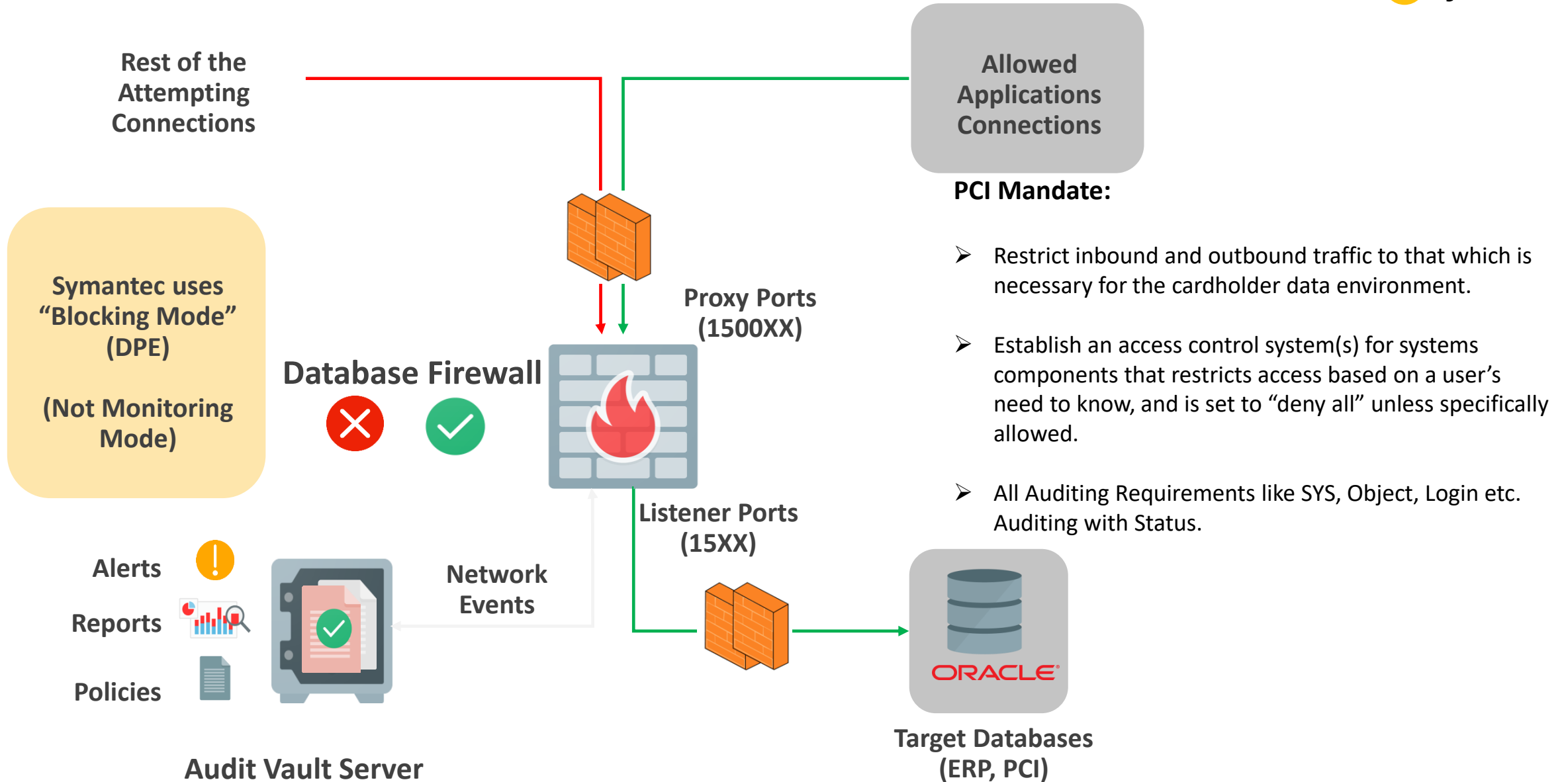
Challenges	AVDF Feature
Distributed & Unsecured Audit Data	Centralized & Encrypted Audit Data. Support for Heterogeneous DB platforms
Lack of Intelligent Alerting	Powerful and Customizable alert policies to Detect & Report security threats for Hosts/Databases
Audit Trailing with compliance	Ensure regularity compliance and guaranteed Audit Trail to enable strong controls over who, when, and where application can be accessed
Manual Report Generation	SOX - QAR reporting is now out-of-box with click of a button
Tedious Manual Review for Historical Analysis (Scan-Through)	AVDF designed to be a secure data warehouse of Information Log and Audit Log. Easy Navigation & Reporting
Manual Audit Log Purging	Real Time Data Collection by AV Agents, including option to Purge old Audit Data from Secured Target



# Symantec's Auditing & Logging Framework



# Symantec's AVDF Setup



# Powerful Alerting & Dashboard For Holistic View

Recently Raised Alerts	
Database Alert for SYS/SYSTEM Login	30/08/2019 08:00:47
Service account Logon/Logout	30/08/2019 08:00:47
Database Alert for SYS/SYSTEM Login	30/08/2019 08:00:47
Service account Logon/Logout	30/08/2019 08:00:31
Database Alert for SYS/SYSTEM Login	30/08/2019 08:00:31
Schema DDL Changes1	30/08/2019 05:39:48
Schema DDL Changes1	30/08/2019 05:39:02
Schema DDL Changes1	30/08/2019 05:35:45
Schema DDL Changes1	30/08/2019 05:33:59
Schema DDL Changes1	30/08/2019 05:23:34
Service account Logon/Logout	30/08/2019 05:20:29

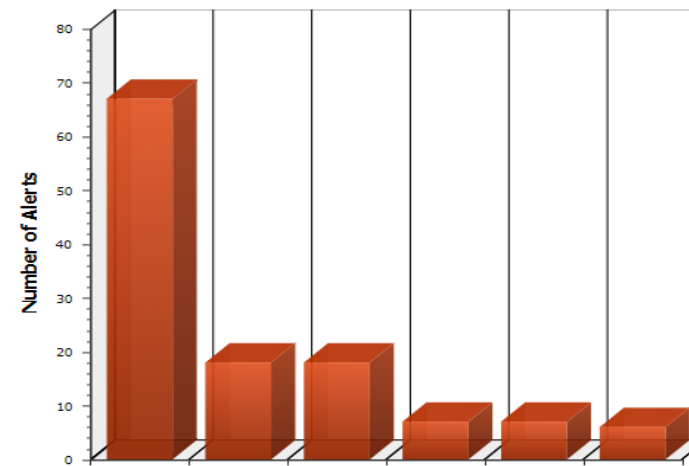
Name *	Oracle User Failed Logon
Secured Target Type	Oracle Database
Severity *	Warning
Threshold (times) *	3
Duration (min) *	5
Group By (Field)	CLIENT_ID
Status *	Enabled
Description	Alert DBA team when there are 3 failed logon with in 5 min by user on secured target group by applicaiton client_id.
Condition *	UPPER(:EVENT_STATUS)='FAILURE' and UPPER(:EVENT_NAME)='LOGON'

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- Powerful Alerting Engine
- Flexible Conditional Alerting
- Alerting Via Email
- Real-Time Monitoring & Alerting
- Multi-Event alerts with threshold and time duration.
- Holistic view using Dashboard & Drill-down

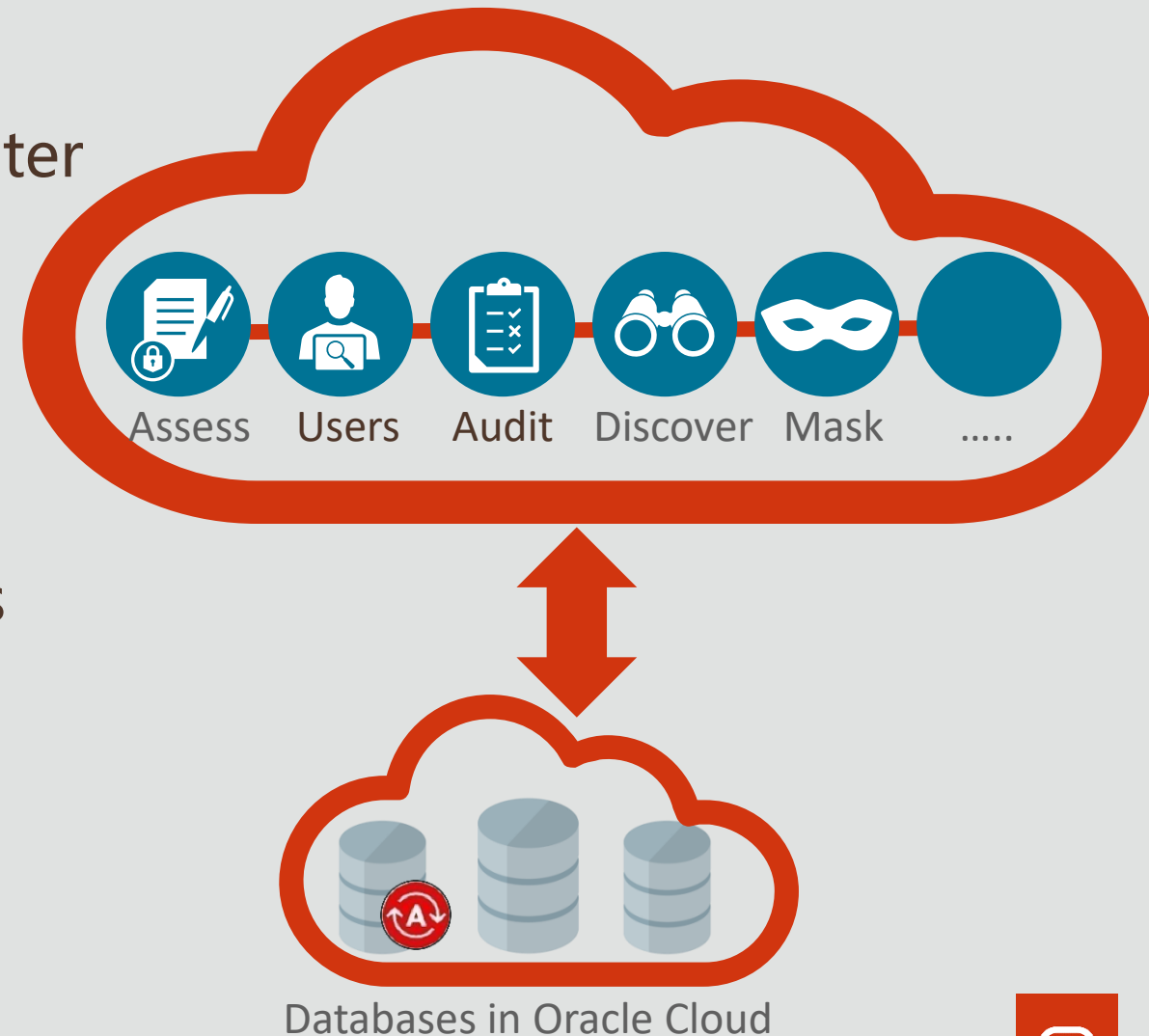
Top Five Secured Targets by Number of Alerts



# Oracle Data Safe

## Security for Cloud Databases

- Unified Database Security Control Center
  - Security Assessment
  - User Assessment
  - User Activity Auditing
  - Sensitive Data Discovery
  - Sensitive Data Masking
- Saves time and mitigates security risks
- Defense in Depth for all customers
- No special security expertise needed





# User Activity Auditing



## Track user actions and streamline auditing with robust reporting

- Provision audit, compliance, and alert policies
- Collect audit data from databases, and track sensitive operations
- Audit Reports
  - Interactive reports for forensics
  - Summary and detailed reports
  - PDF reports for compliance

Target Name : CRM - Dev

[Audit Policies](#) [Alert Policies](#)

	Alert Name	Severity Level	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed Logins by Admin User	Critical	Failed admin user login attempts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Audit Policy Changes	High	Changes in audit policy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Database Parameter Changes	High	Database parameter changes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User Entitlement Changes	Medium	User entitlement changes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User Creation/Deletion	Medium	Creation or deletion of users

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# Summary

- Database Activity Monitoring is key to identifying breaches and responding quickly
- Both database auditing and network monitoring are important components of Database Activity Monitoring
- Database Activity Monitoring solutions:
  - Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall (AVDF)
  - Oracle Data Safe

# Securing the Oracle Database

*Third Edition*

*Oracle Database Security Team*

*URL:*

*<https://oracle.com/securingthetdatabase>*



# Database Security Office Hours

*Direct line into Database Security PM*

*Second Thursday of every month, 09:00  
and 20:00 UTC (identical sessions)*

*URL: <http://bit.ly/asktomdbsec>*

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