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Where's My  
Data?



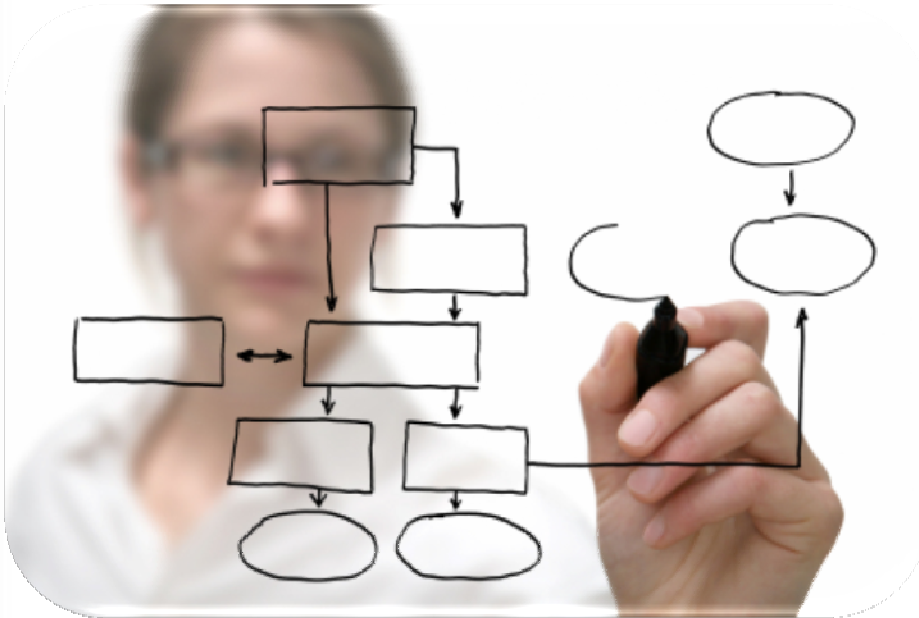
Making a Case for Data Security Solutions

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# Agenda

- Background
- What do Auditors Want
- The Changing Threatscape
- Data Security Solutions
- Usage Scenarios
- Summary
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# Data: One of Your Most Valuable Assets



**She Knows It**



**"They" Do Too**

Over 245 Million Records Containing Sensitive Information have been Compromised  
Between January 2005 and December 2008

*Privacy Rights Clearinghouse "A Chronology of Data Breaches"*



# Breach Costs Part I



**Investigate the Breach**



**Provide Credit  
Monitoring Services**



**Public Relations**



**Notify Victims**



## Breach Costs Part II



**Fines**



**Brand Damage**



**Lawsuits**



**Customer Loss**

56% of data breach related costs are from customer loss

After a database breach of around 40M+ customer records in 2005 – CardSystems went under and had its assets sold off



In 2007 the total average cost of a data breach was \$6.3 million per breach or \$197 per compromised record.

*Ponemon Institute, "2007 Annual Study: Cost of a Data Breach", 2007*

# Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report 2008

## *Based on 4 Years and 500 Cases*

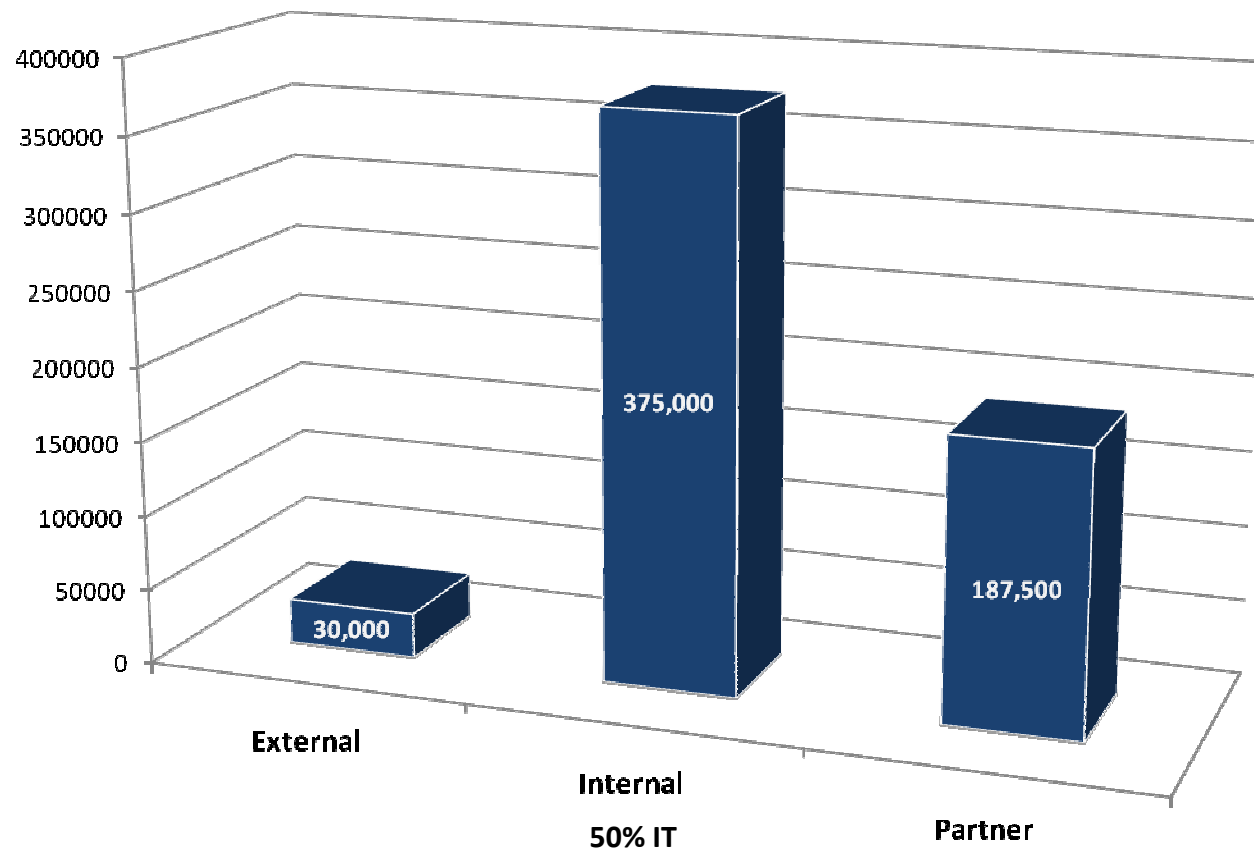
### **90% Breaches Involved One of the Following**

- A system unknown to the organization (or business group affected)
- A system storing data that the organization did not know existed on that system
- A system that had unknown network connections or accessibility
- A system that had unknown accounts or privileges
- 66% involved data the victim did not know was on the system
- 75% of breaches were not discovered by the victim
- 83% of attacks were not highly difficult

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### Median Number of Records Compromised



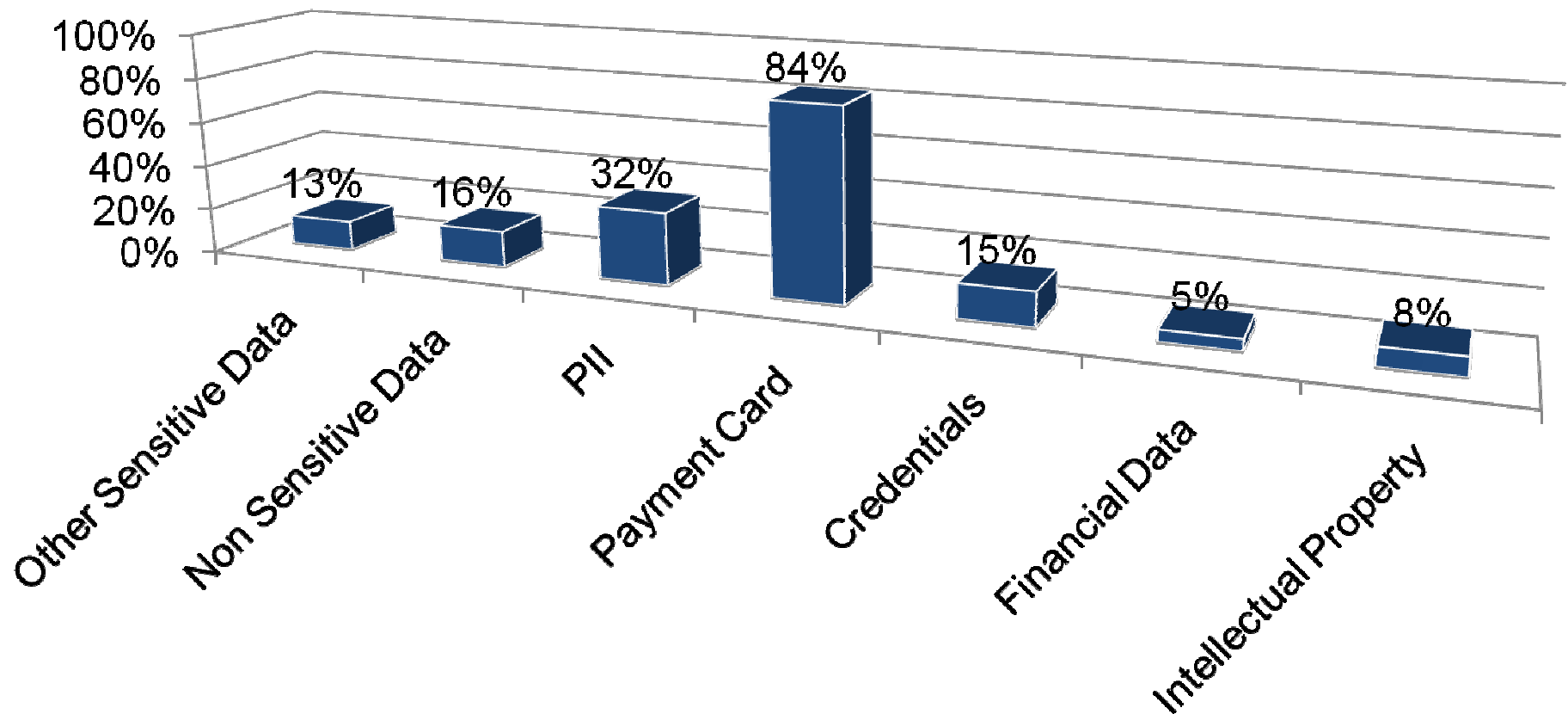
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### Percentage of Breach Type in Case Load



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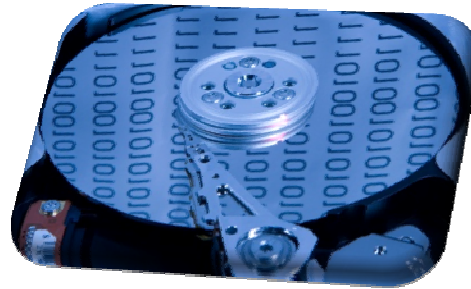


# Who Else Knows: Government & Industry Groups

## Two Primary Categories of Standards and Regulations

### Data Integrity

- Monitor Changes to Data
- Verify Actions Meet Internal Controls
- Record Activity in Audit Trails



### Data Protection

- Security Policies to Protect the Confidentiality
- Security Policies to Protect the Integrity



# Data Integrity and Data Protection

Standard/Regulation Name	Integrity or Security Requirement
Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)	Section 10 requires that merchants track and monitor all access to cardholder data. Merchants must “implement automated audit trails for all system components” and “secure audit trails so they cannot be altered”.
Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX)	Section 302 requires management to setup controls on financial statements, evaluate the controls and report on their effectiveness. Section 404 mandates IT controls and periodic reports to validate these IT controls.
Financial Instruments and Exchange Law in Japan (J-SOX)	J-SOX requires management to evaluate and prepare a report on the effectiveness of financial reporting. Companies must also demonstrate that system development and operations, change management, and security processes are in place and followed.
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)	Title II of HIPAA defines the following security safeguards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 164.308(a)(1) mandates risk analysis, risk management, and information system activity review.</li> <li>• 164.308(a)(6) enforces security incident response including mitigating and reporting on security events.</li> </ul>
California Senate Bill 1386	Businesses must disclose any breach of their personal information to California residents.
Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)	The Financial Privacy Rule governs the collection and disclosure of customers’ financial information. The Safeguards Rule requires financial institutions to design and implement safeguards to protect customer information.
EU Privacy Directive	Directive 95/46/EC protects personal data that is processed or transferred. European companies must have IT controls in place to ensure and prove to auditors that data is processed correctly.
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	CIPS 002-009: Identification of Critical Cyber Assets, Access Controls, Monitor, Audit, & Report



# Not a Choice – A Cost of Doing Business

## Example: Public U.S. Companies that Fail to Meet SOX



Fines

Most Volatile S&P 500 Stocks on Earnings Report Days

Stock	Company	Price	Expected Report Date	Average Absolute % Chg on Report Day
WFFB	WHOLE FOODS MKT	45.87	5/2/07	12.65
SNPK	SANPAC CORP	64.10	4/26/07	12.41
NVDA	VIDIA CORP	30.50	5/11/07	11.75
SWHM	SUMMA SCI CORP	3.88	4/25/07	11.33
AV	AVAYA INC	12.10	4/26/07	10.44
DYN	DYMEGY INC-A	10.22	5/3/07	10.43
AMZN	AMAZON COM INC	41.89	4/29/07	10.23
GTW	GATEWAY INC	3.17	4/23/07	9.85
HAK	HARMAN INTL	3.81	4/23/07	9.84
NOVL	NOVELL INC	7.81	5/3/07	9.70
HSP	HOSPITA INC	40.76	5/8/07	9.30
ADCT	ADC TELECOM INC	17.31	5/3/07	9.30
WMS	WILLIAMS COS INC	26.88	5/7/07	9.30
YHCO	YHOO INC	1.88	4/17/07	9.28
ANDW	ANDREW CORP	10.81	4/27/07	9.04
BRDM	BROADCOM CORP-A	32.20	4/26/07	8.89
CTSD	CTEK SYSTEMS	35.21	4/16/07	8.30
ITSH	CONSLANT TECH	39.15	5/3/07	8.23
TLAS	TELEUS INC	8.88	4/26/07	8.12
SHLD	SEARS ROEBUCK	189.27	5/2/07	8.05
NTAP	NETWORK APPLIANCE	35.32	5/2/07	8.05
TXR	TEREX CORP	71.83	5/4/07	8.04
PMCS	PMCSERVICES INC	7.12	4/23/07	7.87
UNM	UNUM GROUP	25.89	5/2/07	7.83
NTAP	NETWORK APPLIANCE	35.32	5/2/07	8.05

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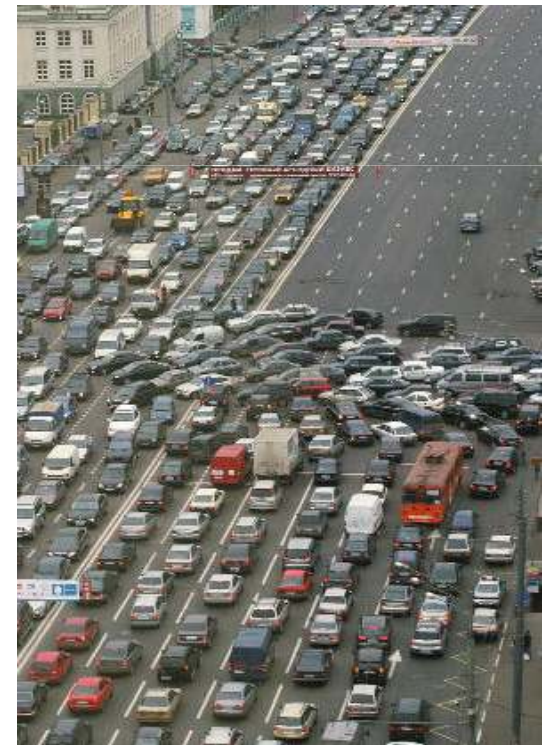


Exec Officers that Willfully Violate SOX can Face Imprisonment

# What do Auditors Want Part I

**Auditors are looking at regulated data residing in databases connected to enterprise applications such as SAP, Oracle E-Business Suite, PeopleSoft and others**

- Regulations & Standards Demand it
  - Sarbanes-Oxley, PCI, HIPAA, and Others
  
- So they Analyze areas such as
  - User Management
  - Authentication
  - Separation of Duties (SOD)
  - Access Controls
  - Audit Trails





# What do Auditors Want Part II

## *Consistent Themes for the Multi-Regulated*

### **Full Audit of All Activity and Operations**

- Covers Entire Database & Database Infrastructure
- All Databases, Tables, Columns, or Users

### **Separation of Duties**

- Independent of Audited System
- Not Part of the Audited Database

### **User Accountability**

- Audit Trail Must Demonstrate User Accountability
- Especially over “pooled” connections
- Not Part of the Audited Database

### **User Activity**

- Separate Suspicious Behavior and Material Variances from “normal” Activity

### **Demonstrate Compliance**

- Reports on the Above (Distributed, Reviewed, Approved)



# What do Auditors Want Part III

## *Five Questions they Ask*

1. Is the audit process independent from the database system being audited?
2. Does the audit trail establish user accountability?
3. Does the audit trail include appropriate detail?
4. Does the audit trail identify material variances from baseline activity?
5. Is the scope of the audit trail sufficient?

# What do Auditors Want Part IV

## *Independence*

1. Is the audit process independent from the database system being audited?
  - Process must be independent of the database server & DBAs
    - Rouge administrators could tamper with records and cover tracks
  - Audit duties must be separate from database administration
  - Audit data collection should be independent of native database software capabilities
  - External audit solutions provide independence, but can't rely upon native database software capabilities



# What do Auditors Want Part V

## *Accountability*

### 2. Does the audit trail establish user accountability?

- Each database transaction must be contributed to a specific user
  - For SOX – each change to financial reporting data must have a user
- Problems
  - Most users don't directly interact with the database (pooled users)
- Solutions
  - Application rewrites – Unique accounts or references
  - Proprietary database audit mechanisms
  - Web application audit data - timestamp correlation
- Drawbacks
  - Issues with performance, user management, 3<sup>rd</sup> party software limitations, cost, time, code change risks

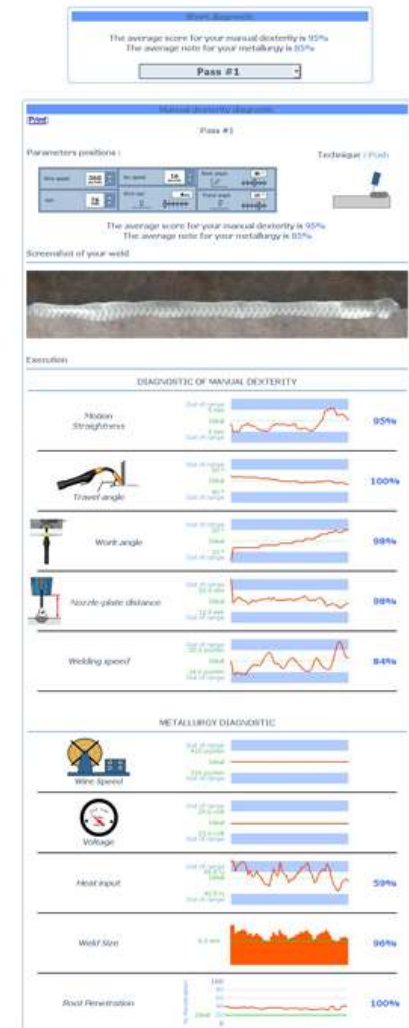


# What do Auditors Want Part VI

## Detail

### 3. Does the audit trail include appropriate detail?

- Example 1: JOHN requested DATA from the CUSTOMER database and the database **returned DATA**
- Example 2: JOHN requested FIRST NAMES, LAST NAMES, EMAIL ADDRESSES, PHON NUMBERS, and CREDIT CARD NUMBERS for ALL customer from the CUSTOMER database and the database **returned 65,000 records**
- Assuming that John is authorized Example 1 is of little use
- Detailed transactions logs can overwhelm processors, disks, and I/O resources (many organizations opt for basic)

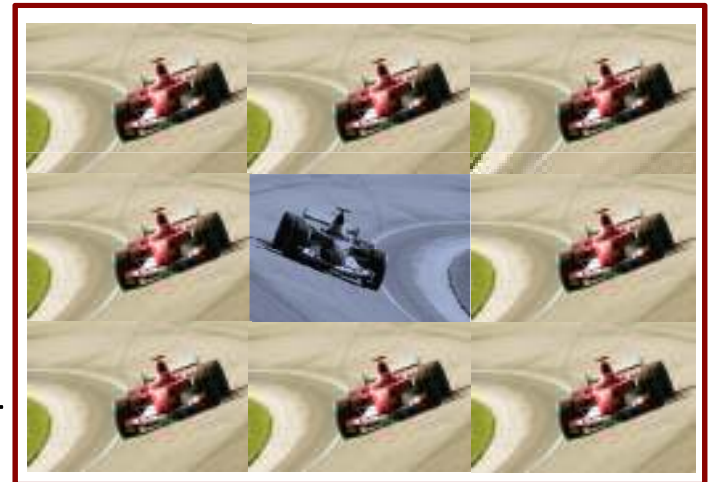


# What do Auditors Want Part VII

## *Material Variances*

### 4. Does the audit trail identify material variances from baseline activity?

- Chronological listing of transactions is insufficient – volume is overwhelming identification is difficult
- Prioritization is needed – separate variances from legitimate activity
- Most native auditing systems lack this capability – resulting in error-prone, manual, time-consuming and costly analysis





# What do Auditors Want Part VIII

## *Sufficient Scope*

### 5. Is the scope of the audit trail sufficient?

- Need to audit and monitor
  - Database software
  - Operating system software
  - Database Protocols
- To identify attacks on
  - Database platform vulnerabilities
  - Operating system vulnerabilities
  - Protocols (DB protocols don't conform to an open standard & often change)
    - Unauthenticated data access
    - Native audit log evasion



# Changing Threatscape





# Complexity Has Increased

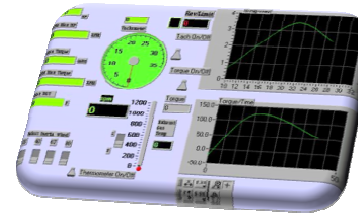


- Attacks are now financially motivated; valuable information resides in applications and databases
- Application and database exposure was historically internal
- They have limited security; often not coded by experts
- They are highly complex, customized, and often change (no longer static)
- Issues on the user (browser side) and organization (server side)
- Attack vectors have moved from open ports/services, OS vulnerabilities, & bypassing network firewalls to: SQL Injection, CSRF, Clickjacking
- Applications need their own layers of protection (Network security won't save you)
- Databases need their own layers of protection (Database controls won't save you)

# Data Security Solutions: Pre Race Prep Part I

## Pre Race

- Security Development Life Cycle (SDLC) – [Microsoft for example](#)
- Developer Education, Training and Awareness
- Static Code Testing (Reviews and Walkthroughs)
- Dynamic Code Testing (Executing Programmed Code)
- Architectural Risk Analysis
- Abuse Cases
- Black Box Testing (No Internal Knowledge)
- White Box Testing (Internal Knowledge)
- **Discovery and Validation**
- **Vulnerability Assessment and Pen Testing (L7)**



# Data Security Solutions: Pre Race Prep Part II

- Turn off default output/error messages to users (just needed for testing)
- Trap and log errors using log files (or leverage alternative logging/auditing solutions)
- Don't divulge information such as OS, application, database, etc. (modify headers to hide)
- Don't leave old versions of backed up code on production servers
- Don't give the Application full access to the Database (two separate layers/secured separately)
  - Might reveal embedded passwords used in testing
  - Might reveal source code information or configuration information
- Define inputs; drop everything else (input validation on application and database)
  - If you want an integer – only allow integers
  - Set length limits (prevents buffer overflows)
  - Do this for all inputs, alpha and/or numeric
- Cleaning/filtering doesn't scale because there are too many ways to say the same thing

# Complexity Example - Web Escaping And Encoding: How many ways can you hide <



## Percent Encoding

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## HTML Entity Encoding

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## CSS Escape

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## Overlong UTF-8

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%e0%80%bc  
%f0%80%80%bc  
%f8%80%80%80%bc  
%fc%80%80%80%80%bc

## US-ASCII

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## UTF-7

+ADw-

## Punycode

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## Simple Double Encoding

< --> &lt; --> &#26;lt&#59 (double entity)  
< --> %3c --> %253c (double percent)  
etc...

## Double Encoding with Multiple Schemes

< --> &lt; --> %26lt%3b (first entity, then percent)  
< --> %26 --> &#25;26 (first percent, then entity)  
etc...

## Simple Nested Escaping

< --> %3c --> %%%33%63 (nested encode percent both nibbles)  
< --> %3c --> %%33c (nested encode first nibble percent)  
< --> %3c --> %3%63 (nested encode second nibble percent)  
< --> &lt; --> &&108;t; (nested encode l with entity)  
etc...

## Nested Escaping with Multiple Schemes

< --> &lt; --> &%6ct; (nested encode l with percent)  
< --> %3c --> %&#x33;c (nested encode 3 with entity)  
etc...

Quadrillion

**1,677,721,600,000,000**  
ways to encode <script>

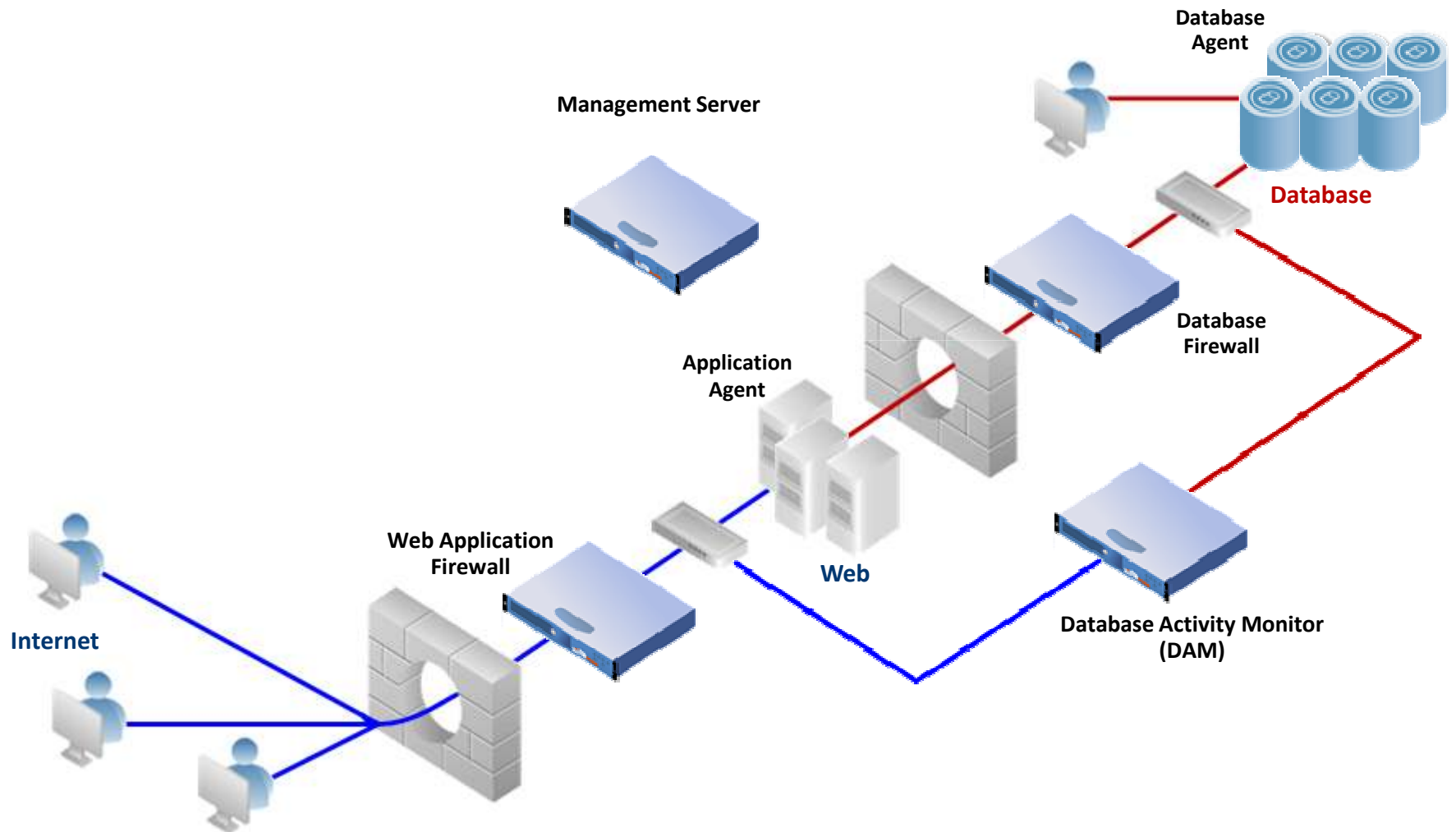
# Data Security Solutions: Race Day

## Race Day

- Web Application Firewalls (WAF)
- Database Firewalls
- Database Activity Monitoring (DAM) Solutions



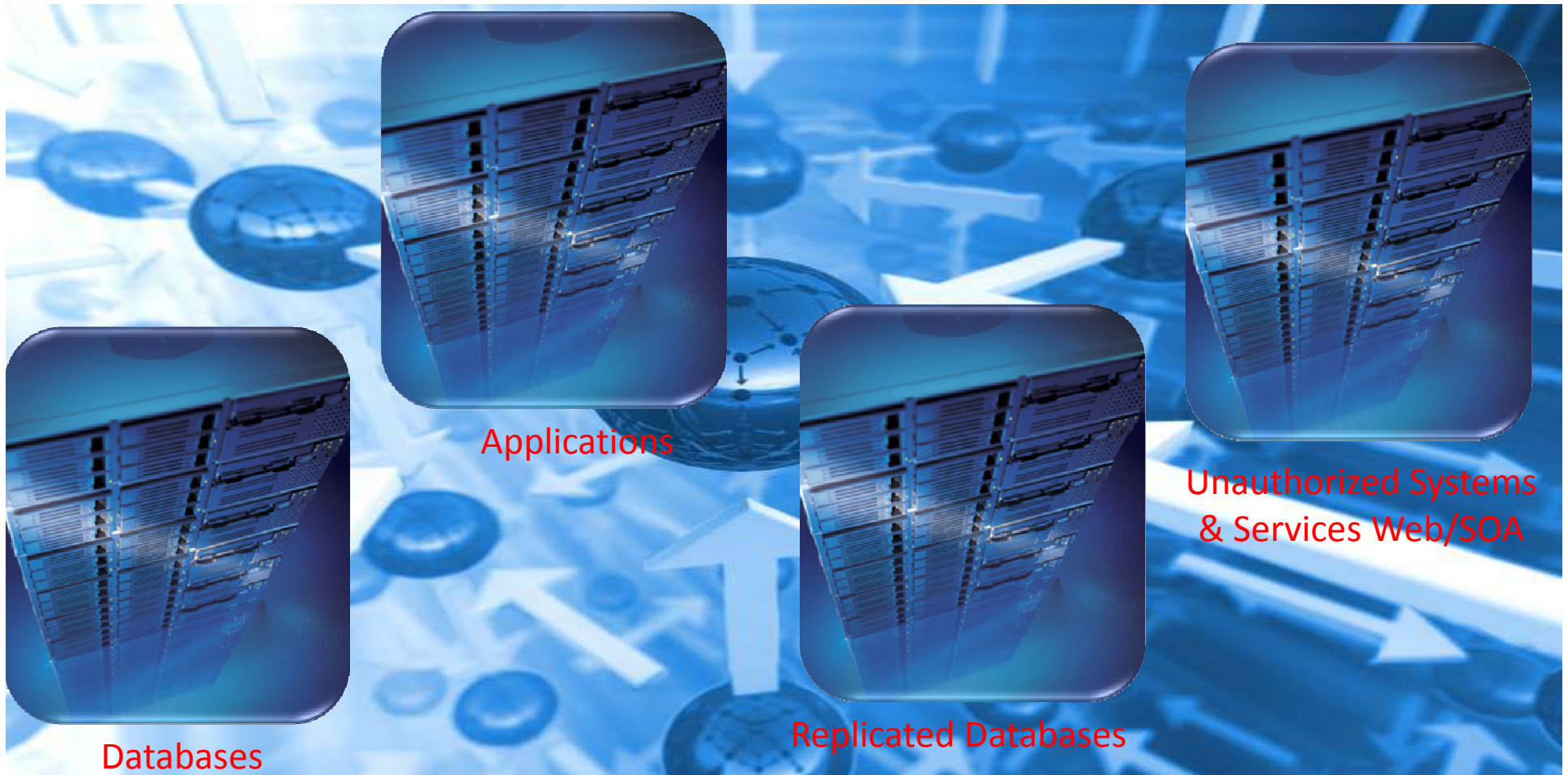
# WAF and DAM Architecture Options





# Usage Scenario: Discovery, Categorization, & Validation Part I

**Where are my applications & databases?**



# Usage Scenario: Discovery, Categorization, & Validation PII

What sensitive data resides on them?



ABC	123	Other
ert	654	5546 4857 8138 9872
ffdd	555	8574 2201 1587 1295
ytryj	1265	3571 2252 4467 8849
nnj	98	7145 7585 9872 0002



ABC	123	Credit Card Numbers
ert	654	Cat
ffdd	555	Dog
ytryj	1265	Fish
nnj	98	Bird



Test Server Using Real Customer Data

Leveraging Validation Algorithms Such as the Luhn Algorithm



# Usage Scenario: Profiling Application-Database-User Communications Part I



**Changing URLs**



**Changing Cookies**

```
SELECT * FROM table_name
```

```
SELECT LastName FROM Persons
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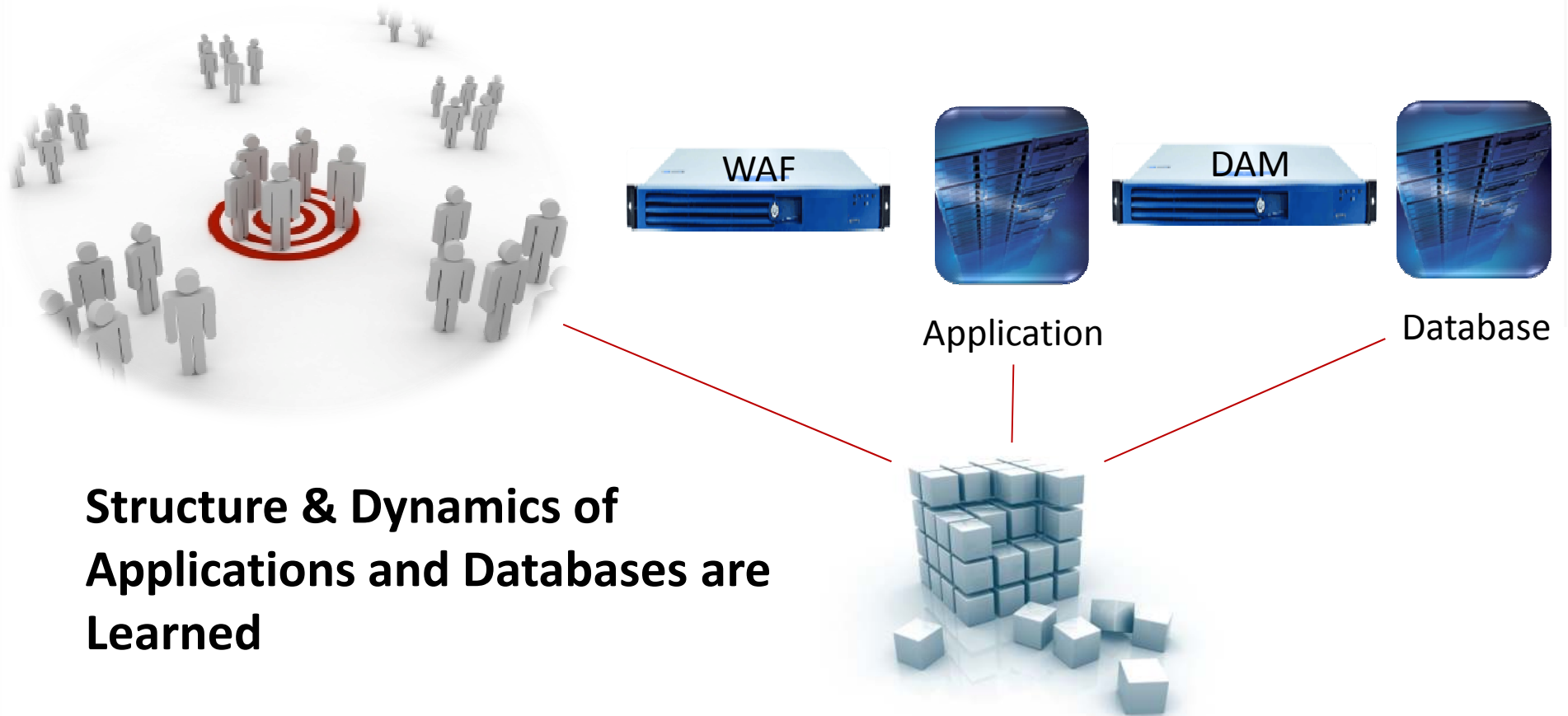
```
SELECT E_Name FROM  
Employees_Norway  
UNION
```

```
SELECT E_Name FROM  
Employees_USA
```

**Changing Queries**

**Parameters, Commands, Stored Procedures, Etc.**

# Usage Scenario: Profiling Application-Database-User Communications Part II



**Structure & Dynamics of  
Applications and Databases are  
Learned**

**Behavior is Modeled**

# Usage Scenario: Profiling Application-Database-User Communications Part III

**Compare Profiles Against Observed Traffic**  
**Detect Malicious Activity**  
**Detect Usage Policy Exceptions**

- Volume
- Location
- Time
- Data Type
- Upload
- Download



- Login
- BCOPY
- BDELETE
- GET
- POST
- Etc.

(SQL Injection) `1 OR 1=1, 1' OR '1'='1, 1'1, 1 EXEC SP_ (or EXEC XP_), 1 AND USER_NAME() = 'dbo'`

Select, update, insert, alter, drop, backup, kill, shutdown, **truncate**, create, revoke, deny, restore

# Usage Scenario: Tracking Pooled Users Part I

## User Pooling – Common & Negates Accountability



**Can You Spot The Bad Guy?**



**How About Now?**

# Usage Scenario: Tracking Pooled Users Part II



Application



Database

- Application Authentication
- Database SQL Queries
- Database Response
- Session Associated with Individual User
- Timestamps Captured for Full Audit Trail



# Usage Scenario: Database Audit Part I



**Remove Audit Logs**



**Bidirectional Audit Log Storage**



Database



## Usage Scenario: Database Audit Part II

- No Audit Logs to Remove
- Capture Malformed Queries
- Separation of Duties (SOD)
- Performance Gain
- Centralized Analysis
- Heterogeneous support
- Understand Breach – Limit Liability
- Litigation-Quality Data



# Usage Scenario: Privilege Abuse



Application

Database



**Who? How? What? When?**



# Usage Scenario: Virtual Patching Part I (Integration with VA)



XSS  
SQL injection  
Directory Traversal



Application



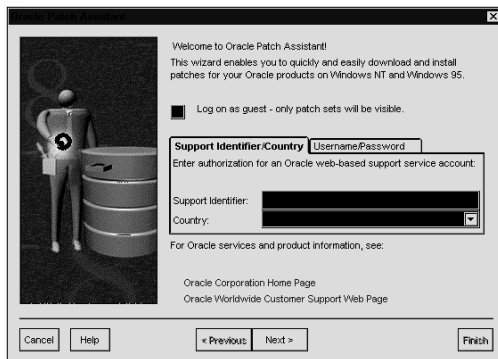
WAF

Vulnerability Information In  
Blocking Rules and/or Alerts Out



# Case Study: Virtual Patching Part II

## *(Integration with Reverse Engineered Vendor Patches)*



Application

diff



Application



Patch + 48 Hours = Exploit

App & DB Patching Practices are Slow (Operational Availability, Functionality

Patching Survey Results: 10% Days, 50% Weeks, 40% Months or Never

Who Needs a Zero Day?

# Summary

- Sensitive Data is the New Target
- Bad Guys Want it; Good Guys Need to Protect it; Auditors Audit it
- Classic Network Security Solutions Aren't Enough
- Audit is Extremely Important for Sensitive Data
  - Is the audit process independent from the database system being audited?
  - Does the audit trail establish user accountability?  
*(You can't arrest an IP Address)*
  - Does the audit trail include appropriate detail?
  - Does the audit trail identify material variances from baseline activity?
  - Is the scope of the audit trail sufficient?
- Data Security Solutions Require a Holistic Approach
  - Pre Race & Race Day

## More Information

- OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) [www.owasp.org](http://www.owasp.org)
- WASC (Web Application Security Consortium)  
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- SANS Institute [www.sans.org](http://www.sans.org)
- Imperva Data Security Blog [blog.imperva.com](http://blog.imperva.com)
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