

# Auditing MySQL for Security and Compliance

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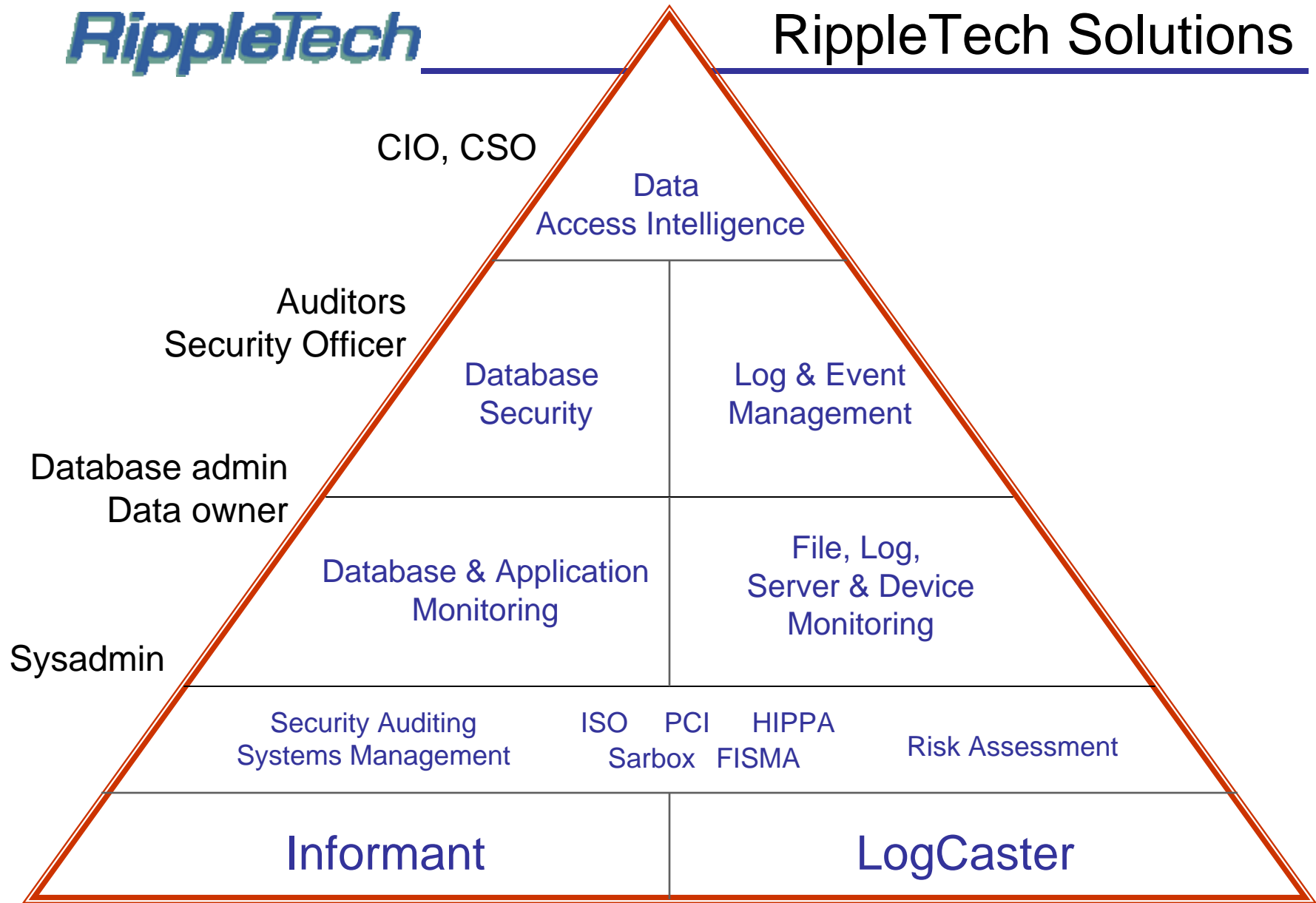
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- + Database Security: Business Drivers
- + Product Demonstration

## Company Background

***RippleTech***

- + Founded in 1998
- + Solutions for Ensuring IT Compliance and Data Security
- + Over **650** active customers:
  - Financial Services, Government, Healthcare, Insurance & Manufacturing (30% international)
- + Based 10 miles west of Philadelphia, PA
- + Venture backed

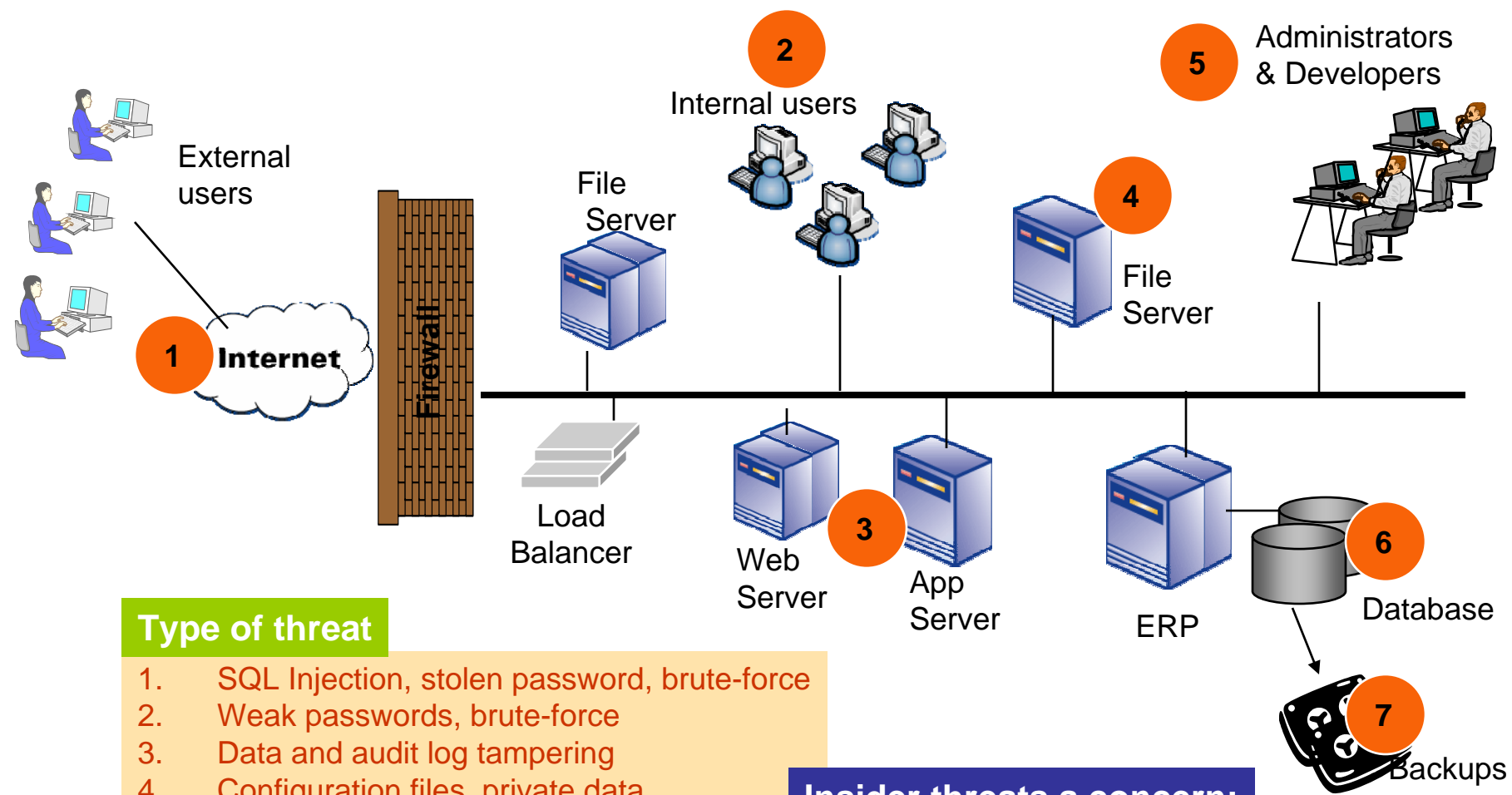






## **Database Security: Business Drivers**

## Database Security Threats



### Type of threat

1. SQL Injection, stolen password, brute-force
2. Weak passwords, brute-force
3. Data and audit log tampering
4. Configuration files, private data
5. Vulnerabilities, password exposed
6. Weak database security
7. Tapes stolen/lost

### Insider threats a concern:

80% of threats come from insiders  
 65% of internal threats are undetected  
 25% of enterprises detected security breaches  
 60% of data loss/corruption caused by human error

### + Hacking

- SQL Injection, Password & Brute Force, Database Vulnerability Exploit, Denial of Service, Malware

### + Malicious Intent

- Confidential Information/Identity Theft, Data Destruction/Sabotage, Unauthorized Access, Data compromise/Fraud

80%

### + Inappropriate Access

- Policy violation, Illegal Database Backup, Privilege Abuse, Inappropriate Data Access e.g. Unauthorized Application

### + User Error

- Accidental deletion



# RippleTech Visibility into Database Access

## + HR Server

+ Account Added

+ Failed Logon

+ Failed Database Backup

+ arcsserver

+ backup table employee to

“c:\take\_it\_home.bak”

+ Prohibited Command Issued

+ john

+ mel

+ select \* from credit\_data

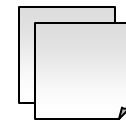
Significant Event

Repeat Failures

Policy Violation

Malicious Intent

Report



Real-time alert

## *RippleTech* Visibility into Database Access

- + Alert and report if any “user account” was added, deleted and or modified
- + Alert and report if production database was modified during business hours

- + Alert on repeat logon failures by a user
- + Alert on repeat access denied errors

- + Alert and report on data access policy violation  
“root user accessed server from Untrusted network”

## + Customer Case Study

- Layer I – Monitor Network Perimeter & Hosts
- **Layer II – Monitor Databases and Applications**
  - Visibility into application access
  - Privilege abuse by staff
  - Attempts to gain unauthorized access
  - SQL Injection attempts
  - Track administrator's changes
  - Forensic analysis – what was compromised?

- + Forensics - Which records were compromised, if any?
- + Monitor Database Backdoors
- + Audit Trail of Employee Prior To Termination
- + Reconcile Database Change Control Activity
- + Log Service Provider Activity
- + Data Utilization Trends (Most & Least Used, By Who?)
- + Recurring Problem Identification - Slow SQL, Errors

**Product Demonstration:**

**Monitoring Databases  
with ZERO Impact using  
RippleTech Informant**

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## Traditional Approach

(Limited Value)

### + Native Database Auditing

- Unacceptable performance
- No management & reporting
- No support for competing vendor tools
- Cannot segregate security administration from DBA's

### + Application Controls

- Insufficient information
- No logging standard
- No log of backdoor entries

### + Intrusion Detection Systems

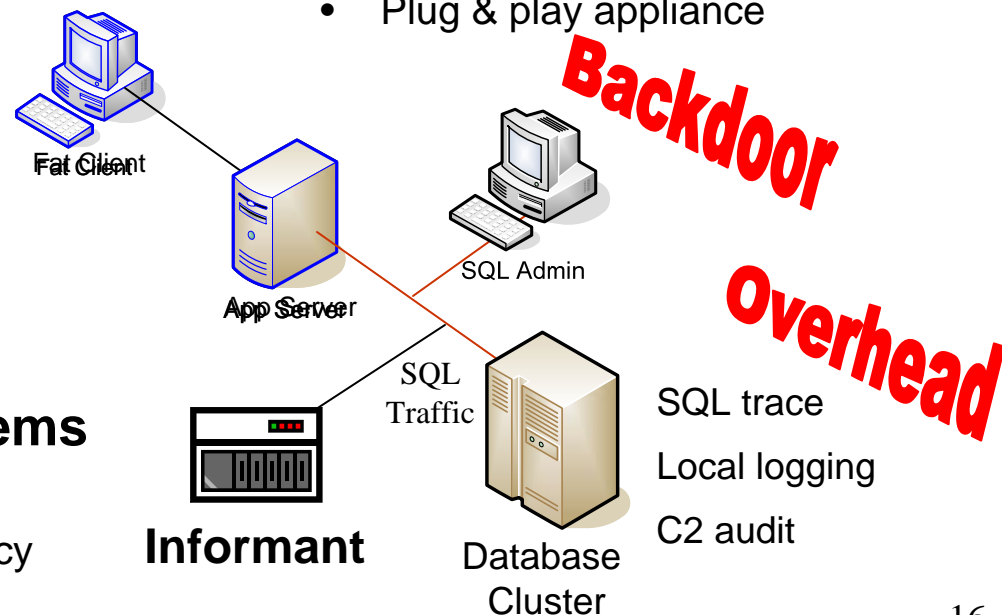
- Not session aware
- Not suitable for monitoring policy violations

## New Approach

(High Value)

### + Use a parallel process to create a log of ALL database activity

- No impact on production databases
- Complete user session audit-trail
- Plug & play appliance





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**Informant**    **Status**    **Configuration**    **Rules & Policies**    **Security**    **Administration**    **User Administration**    **Change Password**

Resource Configuration | Monitoring Setup

### Monitoring Rules

Configured Device List			Available Devices		
eth0			eth0		

Select			Rule Name	Application	IP	Port	Special Options
Delete	Modify	Clone					
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MSSQL_SRV1	MSSQL	192.168.0.16	1433	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ORACLE_SRV1	ORACLE	192.168.0.16	1521	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	DB2_SRV1	DB2	192.168.0.16	50000	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SYBASE_SRV1	SyBASE	192.168.0.16	5000	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MYSQL_SRV1	MySQL	192.168.0.16	3306	

Monitoring Rules

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Informant

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[Active Rules](#) | [Basic Rule Builder](#) | [Advanced Rule Builder](#) | [Access Policies](#) | [Alerts](#)

**Filter Rules (Count: 76)**

Select Delete Modify Clone	Rule Name	FilterID	Application	Criticality	Alert Message
<b>Rule Expression</b>					
<input type="radio"/>	Audited Table Access	10001	MSSQL	ALERT	Audited Table Accessed
("query_text" REGEXP "ssn_info username_main credit_data")					
<input type="radio"/>	Audited Procedure Access	10002	MSSQL	ALERT	Audited Procedure Accessed
("query_text" REGEXP "get_all_user_info")					
<input type="radio"/>	Audited User Database	10003	MSSQL	ALERT	Audited Database Accessed
("database_name" REGEXP "CreditCardHistory")					
<input type="radio"/>	C2 Auditing Enabled	10004	MSSQL	ALERT	Native Auditing Enabled
("query_text" REGEXP "[Ss][Pp]_[Cc][Oo][Nn][Ff][Ii][Gg][Uu][Rr][Ee](.*)[Cc]2(.*)1")					
<input type="radio"/>	C2 Auditing Disabled	10005	MSSQL	ALERT	Native Auditing Disabled
("query_text" REGEXP "[Ss][Pp]_[Cc][Oo][Nn][Ff][Ii][Gg][Uu][Rr][Ee](.*)[Cc]2(.*)1")					
<input type="radio"/>	Trace Enabled	10006	MSSQL	ALERT	Native Auditing Enabled
("query_text" REGEXP "[Ss][Pp]_[Tt][Rr][Aa][Cc][Ee]_[Ss][Tt][Aa][Tt][Uu][Ss](.*)1")					
<input type="radio"/>	Trace Disabled	10007	MSSQL	ALERT	Native Auditing Disabled

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**Informant** | Status | Configuration | **Rules & Policies** | Security | Administration

Active Rules | Basic Rule Builder | Advanced Rule Builder | Access Policies

### Modify Filter Rule

**Rule Name:**

**Application**

- ORACLE
- DB2/JDB
- MSSQL
- MySql
- TDS

**Criticality**

- Debug (0)
- Info (1)
- Notice (2)
- Warning (3)
- Error (4)
- Critical (5)
- Alert (6)
- Emergency (7)
- Untrusted (8)
- Trusted (9)

**Alert Message**

**Rule Expression**  [Click here](#) for help

Boolean and Regex Expressions

### All Database Activity

#### Description

A summary of all database activity events for the specified time period

#### Parameters

<i>Start Date Time:</i>	10/01/2006 19:40:24	<i>Violation Type:</i>	All
<i>End Date Time:</i>	01/01/2007 21:40:24	<i>Client IP:</i>	All
<i>Server IP:</i>	All	<i>User Name:</i>	All
<i>Server Port:</i>	All		
<i>Server Type:</i>	All		
<i>Category:</i>	All		
<i>Criticality Level:</i>	All		



Activity Summary

Alert	Criticality Level	Count
<a href="#">Untrusted Session</a>	Untrusted	11
<a href="#">System Table Change</a>	Alert	1
<a href="#">Process Killed</a>	Alert	1
<a href="#">Prohibited Command Issued</a>	Alert	1
<a href="#">Server Configuration Change</a>	Alert	2

Report Manager - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address http://logcasterprod/Reports2005/Pages/Report.aspx?ItemPath=%2fRippleTech+Reporting%2fConfiguration%2fTemplates%2fDatabase+Audit

SQL Server Reporting Services  
 Home > RippleTech Reporting > Configuration > Templates > Database Auditing > ActivitySummaryDrillDown

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### ActivitySummaryDrillDown

**Description**  
 A detailed view of Prohibited Command Issued events for the specified time period

**Parameters**

Start Date Time: 10/11/2006 10:09:22  
 End Date Time: 12/11/2006 12:09:22  
 Alert Text: Prohibited Command Issued  
 Server IP: All  
 Server Port: All  
 Server Type: All  
 Client IP: All  
 Client Port: All  
 User Name: All

Alert Text	Criticality Level	User Name	Date Time	Client IP	Client Port
Prohibited Command Issued	Alert	sa	11/08/2006 18:01:11	192.168.0.16	60728
SQL Query Text:		exec xp_cmdshell 'dir C:\'			

Activity Summary Drill-Down

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## ActivityUserSessionDrillDown

### Description

A detailed view of user session activity with security metrics

### Parameters

Start Date Time: 10/11/2006 10:09:22  
 End Date Time: 12/11/2006 12:09:22  
 Server IP: 192.168.0.40  
 Server Port: 1433  
 Client IP: 192.168.0.16  
 Client Port: 60728  
 User Name: sa  
 Server Type: MSSQL



Begin Time	Query Number	Return Rows	Database	Application	Security Flag
11/08/2006 17:59:48	0	0	master	TSQL	Unknown
Message No:	5703	Message Text:	Warning::Changed database context to 'master'. ,Changed language setting to us_english.		
SQL Query Text:	<u>Login:sa@penguin:60728</u>				
11/08/2006 18:00:23	1	0	master	TSQL	Unknown
Message No:	15457	Message Text:	Warning::DBCC execution completed. If DBCC printed error messages, contact your system administrator. ,Configuration option 'remote access' changed fr		
SQL Query Text:	sp_configure 'remote access',1				
11/08/2006 18:01:11	2	0	master	TSQL	Unknown
Message No:	0	Message Text:	-		
SQL Query Text:	<u>exec xp_cmdshell 'dir C:\'</u>				
11/08/2006 18:02:13	9	0	master	TSQL	Unknown

## 1. Access Policy Violations

- Access to database from Untrusted sources (Users, IP Address)

## 2. Audited Object Access

- Access or change to sensitive tables, procedures by all users & apps

## 3. Database Schema Changes

- Reports on all DDL changes on all audited databases

## 4. Failed Logins

- Failed Logins Attempts

## 5. Logon Logoff

- Reports on all successful and failed logon & logoff attempts

## 6. User Accounts and Privilege Changes

- Reports on all user account additions, modifications, deletions and privilege changes

## 7. Privileged User Session/Audit Trail

- Audit-trail of all database activity performed by privileged users

1. Repeat logon failures by super user
2. Repeat logon failures by same user
3. Repeat query failures by same user
4. Successful logon after repeat failures
5. Successful logon by client on watch list
6. Successful logon by user on watch list





# Database Events & Alarms

## Alarms Groups

Audited Application Access	Large Result Set
Audited User Access	Logon-logoff
Audited Data Changes	Object Changes (DDL)
Audited Object Access	Privileges Changes
Audited Schema Changes	Prohibited Activity
Connection Changes	Server Startup & Shutdown
Data Changes (DML)	Slow Queries
Database Config Changes	Successful Logons
Database Maintenance	Suspicious Activity
Database Server Changes	System Table Changes
Failed Logons	Untrusted Access
Failed Transactions	Users Changes

## Alert Options

SNMP	SCRIPT
SMTP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Tools
SYSLOGS	

## Criticality Levels

DEBUG	0
INFO	1
NOTICE	2
WARNING	3
ERROR	4
CRIT	5
ALERT	6
EMERG	7
UNTRUSTED	8
TRUSTED	9
CUSTOM	>= 10



- + Minimal impact to applications and servers
- + Support high-volume transactions
- + Support for heterogeneous environment
- + Separation of roles – DBA/security
- + Self-auditing tamper-proof audit repository
- + Centralized control of all audit information and mgmt
- + Long-term data archival
- + Customizable rules, reports and audit procedure
- + Role-based access to audit-data & reports
- + Granular auditing – who accessed what & when
- + Seamless integration into the enterprise SIM framework

- + **(VISA) Credit card breach exposes 40 million accounts**  
MasterCard International announced information on more than 40 million credit cards **may have** been stolen.
- + **US Air Force scrambles after privacy breach**  
The US Air Force has been forced to notify more than 33,000 airmen that their personal details **might** have been exposed ... on one account into a careers database
- + **Database Breach at Computer Forensics Company**  
Guidance Software Inc stated **that it believed** that the compromised database contained names, addresses, credit card numbers and expiration dates of some 3,800 people
- + **Honeywell Data Breach-** Reported January 26, 2006 - personal information of **19,000 employees compromised.**



The list of companies with 'possible' breaches that 'MAY' have, 'MIGHT' have, 'BELIEVED' to have had a breach goes on and on.....

And the cost per 'possible' breach is significant....over **\$182** per record compromised, *3 notifications required*

### We can't afford to guess

Enterprises need to actively monitor and report on exactly who is accessing data, what they are doing with it, and alert when in-appropriate use is detected.

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## Questions

# Thank you

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