



Navigating the Oracle Diagnostics Security Model

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 - Convergys Corporation Engineer/Developer
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- Oracle Diagnostics Customer Advisory Board Member 2007-PRESENT
- Unix Administrator for 12 years and Oracle Applications DBA for over 10 years
- Administered Oracle Apps 10.7SC, 10.7NCA, 11.0.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.7, 11.5.9, 11.5.10.2
- Private, public, university sector experience
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OBJECTIVES

- Introduction to Oracle Diagnostics
- Discussion of Security Model deployed by Oracle Diagnostics in Release 12.1
- Demonstration of Oracle Diagnostics in Release 12.1





Introduction to Oracle **Diagnostics**





What is Oracle Diagnostics?

- It is not to be confused with Oracle's Software Configuration Manager (another useful tool)
- A tool to collect data about the overall system as well as about functional setups, patches, packages and procedures, and forms for Oracle Service Requests (formerly TARS)
- It can be used proactively (such as running "Period Close" tests prior to the real closing)
- Some of the tests provide recommendations







Purpose of Diagnostics

- Ascertain information about data base and tech stack components such as forms, packages, and java servlets which can be used when evaluating patch pre-requisites
- Assists Oracle support analysts understand the customer environment
- Utilized by functional leads, DBAs to proactively identify issues





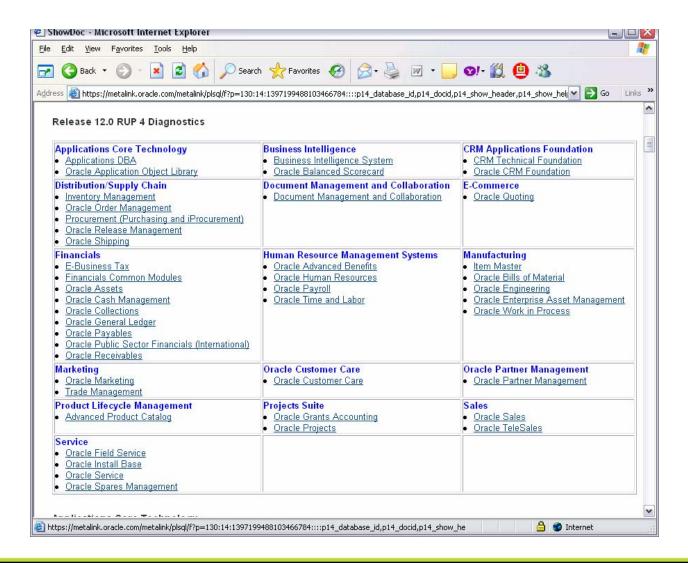


Components

- Remote Diagnostic Agent (RDA)
- Diagnostics Pack
- All are installed and maintained through the ADPATCH utility.

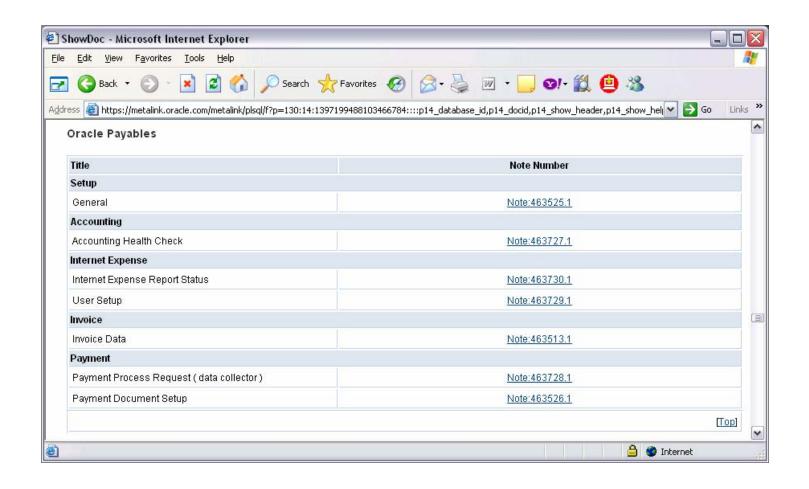






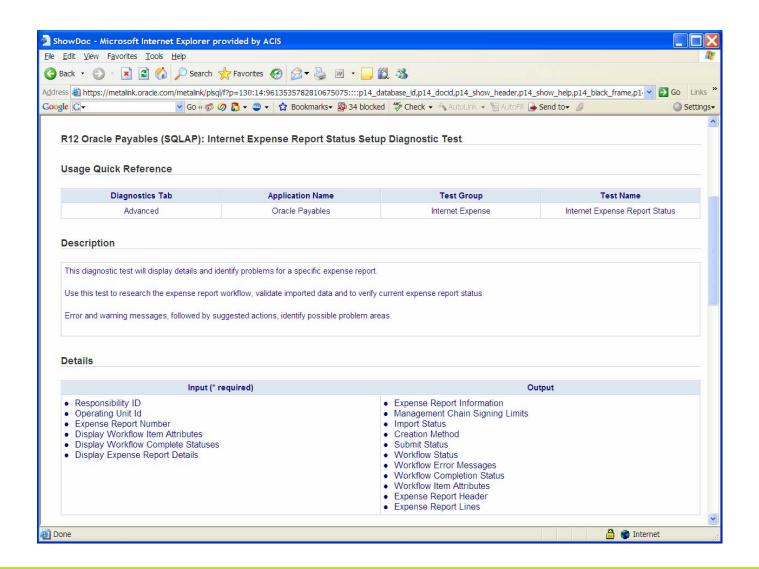
















System Snapshot

- A new product group to house the RDA and Diagnostic Pack
- No longer contained within the Applications DBA product group
- Will give RDA more visibility and permit assignment of the diagnostic to functional users (if desired)





Discussion of Security Model Deployed by Oracle Diagnostics in Release 12.1





Evolution of Security Model

- Functional Security Prior to Oracle
 Diagnostics 2.5 : All GL users regardless of their application access rights could run a GL test.
- Introduction of Limited Role Based Security: January, 2007 in Versions 11.5.9, 11.5.10, 12.0
- Full implementation of Role Based Security: Version 12.1





Diagnostics in 11i, 12.0

- Three Limited Roles
 - a. Diagnostics Super User Role unrestricted role
 - b. Application Super User Role Can execute tests with any sensitivity
 within own product group; execute low and
 medium sensitivity tests in other products
 - c. **End User Role** Can execute tests of low sensitivity in its own product group





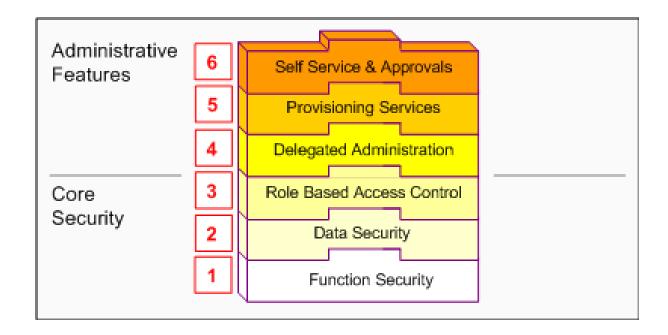
New Security Model

- Based upon Role Based Access Control (RBAC)
- ANSI Standard promoted by National Institute of Standards and Technology
- RBAC sits on top of Data Security and Function Security layers which were present in the previous security model though not via the same mechanisms





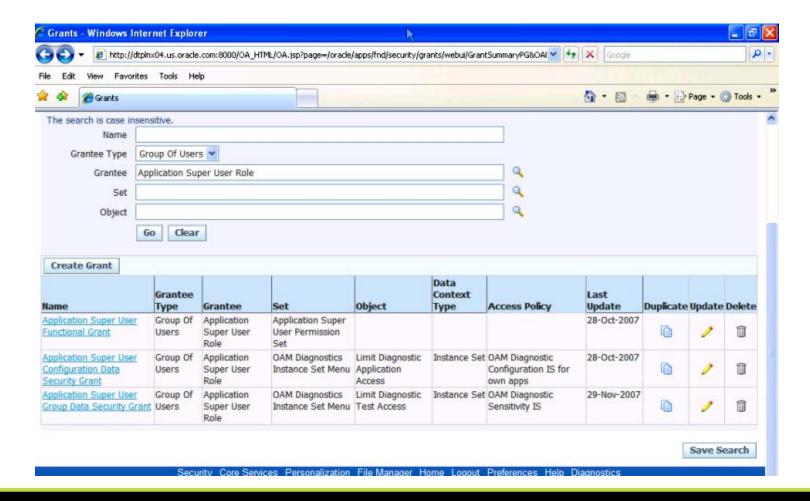
Schematic Diagram of Model







GRANTS







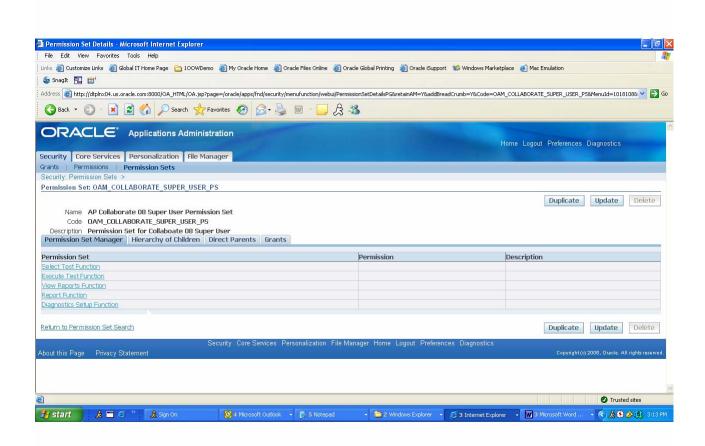
Functional Grants

- Specified in permission sets
- Independent of responsibilities
- Restricts access to functions





Functional Grant in 12.1 **Diagnostics**







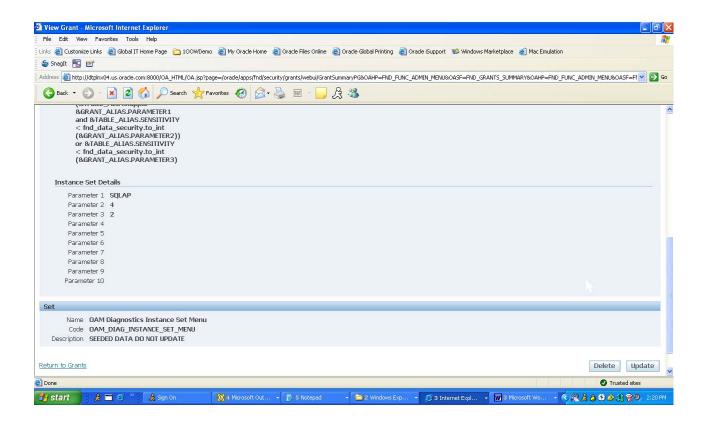
Data Security Grants

- Specifies a data object and an instance set or specific instance
- Instance set is a group of rows
- Specific instance is a single row
- Data security extends Function security by controlling user access to data sets or actions on these data sets





Custom Data Security Grant in 12.1 Diagnostics







Data Security Grant Parameters

- Parameter One: Application Short Name you want to link to
- Parameter Two: Sensitivity Allowed on that application
- Parameter Three: Sensitivity Allowed on all other application tests





Sensitivity Levels Explained

- Value of Four: Access to tests of low, medium, and high sensitivity tests
- Value of Three: Access to low and medium sensitivity tests
- Value of Two: Access only to low sensitivity tests
- Value of One: No access to any tests





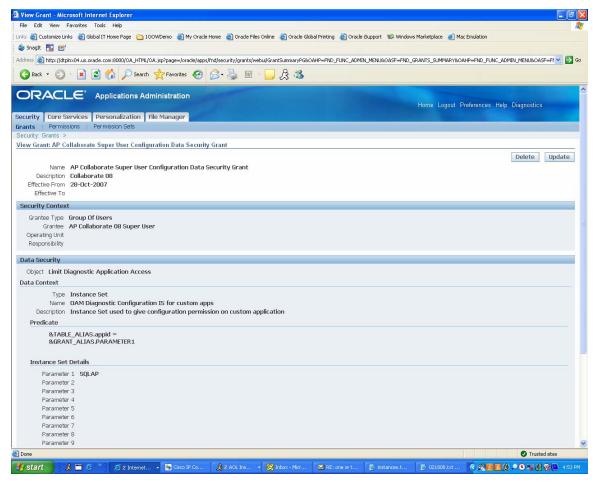
Configuration Data Security Grants

- Instance set that provides configuration permission on the Application it is linked to
- One parameter: Short name





Custom Configuration Data Security Grant







Demonstration

Questions and Answers

