



# DNS Data Exfiltration

Using SQL Injection

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# SQL Injection

- We assume knowledge of how it works
- Basic types of data exfiltration
  - Verbose
    - Displayed on page
    - Error based
  - Blind
    - Timing
    - HTTP Request
    - Change in page
    - DNS Exfiltration



# Related Work on DNS Exfiltration



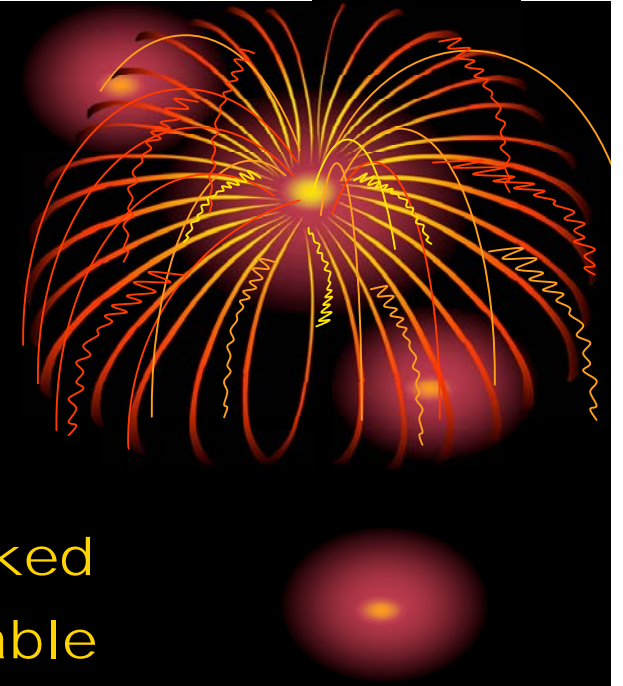
- <http://pentestmonkey.net/blog/mssql-dns/>
- David Litchfield: [The Oracle Hacker's Handbook: Hacking and Defending Oracle](#)
- Squeeza  
(<http://www.sensepost.com/research/squeeza/dc-15->

# Attacking Oracle



- Because it's there, and out there
- Most of the DNS Exfiltration tools attack MS-SQL Server
- Until Oracle 11g, access to UTL\_INADDR defaulted to on and unprotected. Access to UTL\_HTTP defaults to on, but Oracle recommends turning it off unless needed.

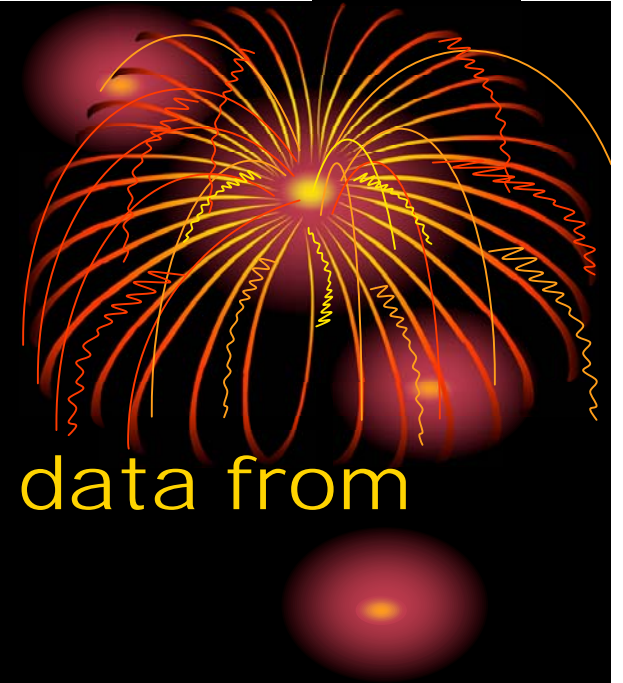
# Why we are here



- DNS is Usually available
  - HTTP connections should be blocked
  - There is usually a DNS path available
    - Even if the database has no outbound comms
    - DNS server for DMZ will probably forward requests
- Speed
  - Timing/change in page extract ~1 bit per injection
- Completeness
  - Non-standard table and column names
  - Data types

# What we built

- Tool to exfiltrate arbitrary data from Oracle
- Automatically generates injection strings
- Receives and processes DNS queries
- Asks for additional information based on responses from the database



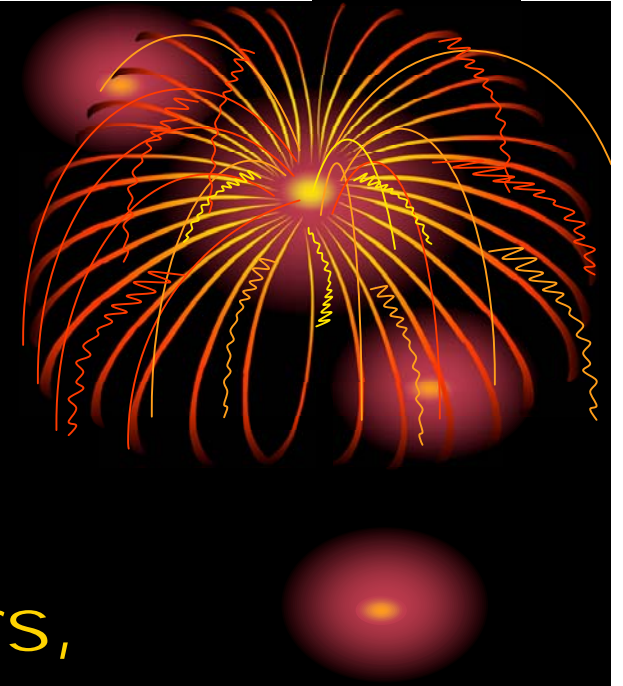


# Our Design



- Submit a number of queries in each round
  - We know from the position in the DNS request which subquery each field matches
  - Can configure how many subqueries and maximum length of each return value
- Random characters plus query number
- Use a short domain name, xg2.us
- e.g. 0414243.DATABASE.sa10.xg2.us

# What we learned



- DNS Restrictions
  - Total size 248 characters, including overhead
    - Require use of entire domain, own domain name
  - Each field needs to be 1-63 characters
    - Each subquery must return 1 column and 1 row



# How we process data types



- **RAW**
  - Uses approximately twice as many characters
  - Nothing has to be changed, all chars valid
- **Character strings**
  - Good if all characters and numbers
  - Need conversion if there are spaces
  - Marker to determine if truncated
- **Numbers**

# Tool used on HR

## Schema

- Standard HR

### Displaying Schema

```
User: HR
Attributes:
authentication => DATABASE
username => HR
web_server_internal_ip => 127.0.0.1
language => AMERICAN_AMERICA.WE8MSWIN1252
database_ip => 192.168.10.93
lang => US
web_host => hawker
```

8 Tables

Table: "USERS" has 2 columns and approximately 1 rows

Column: "USERNAME" (VARCHAR2)

Column: "PASSWORD" (VARCHAR2)

Table: "COUNTRIES" has 3 columns and approximately 25 rows

Column: "COUNTRY\_ID" (CHAR)

Column: "COUNTRY\_NAME" (VARCHAR2)

Column: "REGION\_ID" (NUMBER)

Table: "EMPLOYEES" has 11 columns and approximately 107 rows

Column: "EMPLOYEE\_ID" (NUMBER)

Column: "FIRST\_NAME" (VARCHAR2)

Column: "LAST\_NAME" (VARCHAR2)

Column: "EMAIL" (VARCHAR2)

Column: "PHONE\_NUMBER" (VARCHAR2)

Column: "HIRE\_DATE" (DATE)

Column: "JOB\_ID" (VARCHAR2)

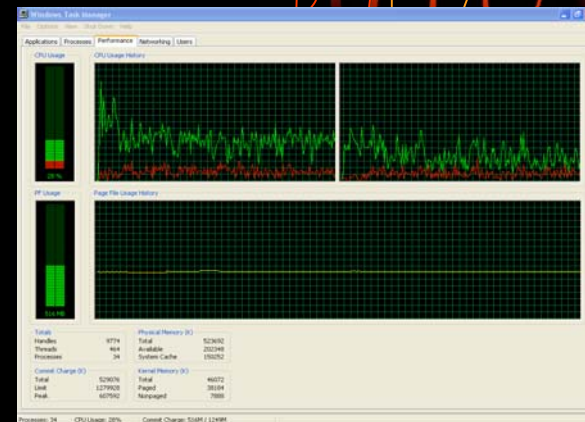
Column: "SALARY" (NUMBER)

Column: "COMMISSION\_PCT" (NUMBER)

Column: "MANAGER\_ID" (NUMBER)

Column: "DEPARTMENT\_ID" (NUMBER)

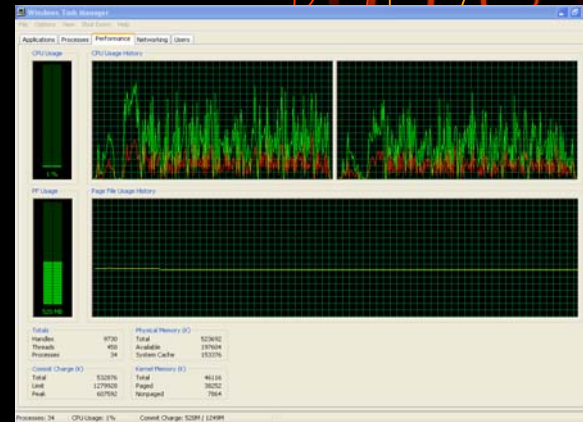
... (4 More Tables)



- Time 5 min, ALL data

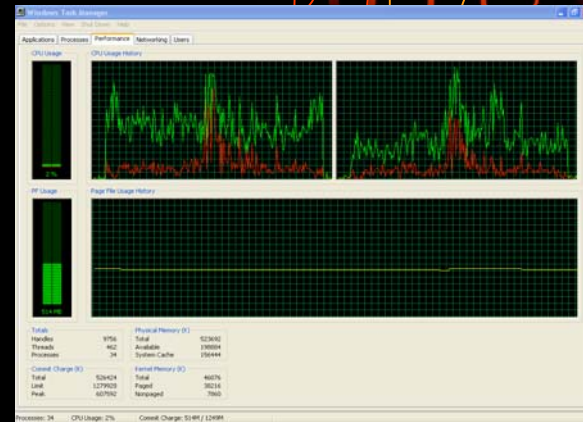
# Absinthe on same DB

- Graph shows
  - Initialization
  - Schema Name
  - Table names
- 5 Took minutes
- Our tool got basically all this in 6 seconds



# COUNTRIES

- Absinthe is getting column names, data types, etc.
- Took about 5 minutes
- Much higher CPU utilization on



# Table: "USERS"

"USERNAME","PASSWORD"

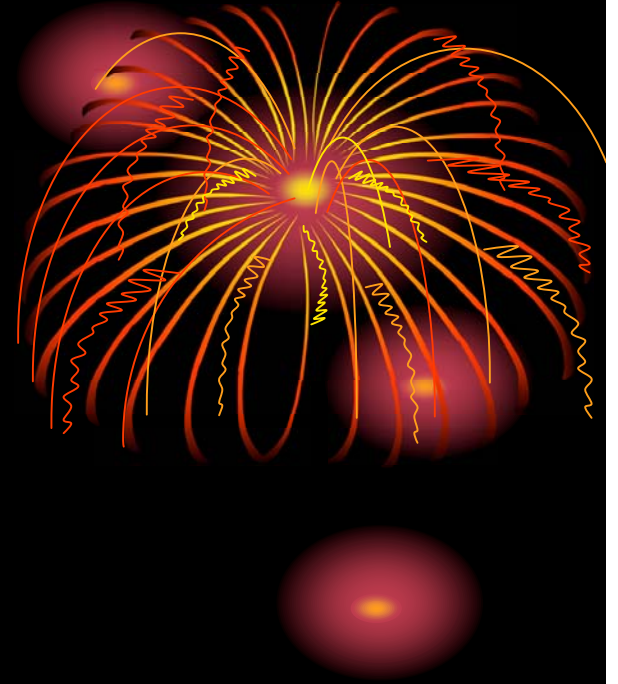
"admin","password"

"bob",";alfkjsdj023jr;oajsd890asfdja023j"

## Another example

"USERNAME","PASSWORD"

"Iamgettingtiredofcomingupwithfakeusernamesandpasswords","Thisisjustpainful  
tohavetokeepdoingthisajf0923ja09a0fj[a}{F03927"





# Wireshark

Intel(R) PRO/Wireless 3945ABG Network Connection (Microsoft's Packet Scheduler) : Capturing - Wireshark

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Help

Filter: `udp.port==53` Expression... Clear Apply

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
456	26.621551	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.39	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
461	26.955176	68.237.161.39	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A 14141414258414150.26.36.sez9r.xg2.us
462	26.955633	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.39	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
466	27.287272	68.237.161.36	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A C20210.19950518.C220.9149s.xg2.us
467	27.287696	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.36	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
471	27.619161	68.237.161.37	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A 72.C2020F.jk99t.xg2.us
472	27.619643	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.37	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
476	27.847377	68.237.161.36	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A C11F.AKH00.rpz9u.xg2.us
477	27.849419	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.36	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
481	28.184905	68.237.161.40	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A 0416C6578616E646572.050555F434C45524B.a689v.xg2.us
482	28.186014	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.40	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
486	28.517911	68.237.161.36	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A 04B686F6F.03531352E3132372E34.9.knc9w.xg2.us
487	28.518445	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.36	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
490	28.876599	68.237.161.40	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A 1414141413341414E.36C442B.12.su79x.xg2.us
492	28.877574	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.40	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
495	29.184014	68.237.161.37	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A C20229.72.562.48e9y.xg2.us
496	29.184449	192.168.72.5	68.237.161.37	DNS	Standard query response A 12.6.19.80
500	29.491148	68.237.161.38	192.168.72.5	DNS	Standard query A C104.C212.ldv9z.xg2.us

Frame 1 (98 bytes on wire, 98 bytes captured)

- Ethernet II, Src: Belkin\_43:e9:f6 (00:11:50:43:e9:f6), Dst: IntelCor\_08:a9:17 (00:1c:bf:08:a9:17)
- Internet Protocol, src: 68.237.161.39 (68.237.161.39), Dst: 192.168.72.5 (192.168.72.5)
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 48669 (48669), Dst Port: domain (53)
- Domain Name System (query)

```
0000  00 1c bf 08 a9 17 00 11 50 43 e9 f6 08 00 45 00  .....PC....E.
0010  00 54 4d 67 40 00 f8 11 46 6f 44 ed a1 27 c0 a8  .TMg@...FoD...'
0020  48 05 be 1d 00 35 00 40 ca 4a f0 67 00 00 00 01  H....S.@.J.g....
0030  00 00 00 00 00 00 02 33 36 02 32 36 13 34 31 34  .....36.26.414
0040  31 34 31 34 33 33 39 34 35 34 31 34 31 34 35 34  14143394 54141454
0050  05 75 30 31 37 64 02 78 67 22 02 75 72 00 00 01  7017d x 02 uc
```



# What the tool does not do



- Find SQL injection sites for you
- Does not process "long" data type because you cannot use functions on it
  - Extensive use of the following functions
    - LENGTH()
    - SUBSTR()
    - UTL\_RAW cast to row()

# Future Work



- Retry queries/fields that failed
- Create GUI front end
  - Would work well on a web server since we could have the web server control a domain
  - Specify target, parameters, cookies
- Harden tool

# Prevention



- Revoke privileges on UTL\_INADDR to Oracle user used by web pages
- No outgoing DNS requests from DMZ
- Fix SQL injection sites
- There are no good fixes for bad programming
- Always check ALL input from "users"
  - Strings, passwords, cookies
- Double-check login information

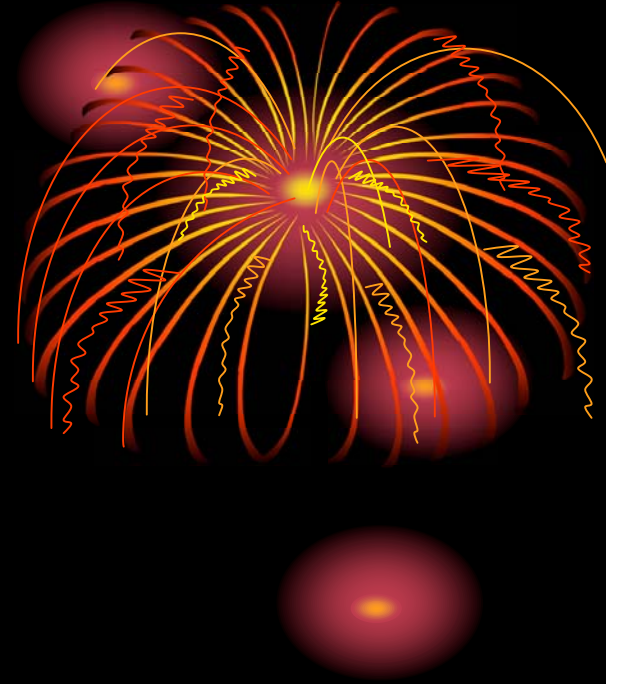
# Summary



- SQL Injection is bad news (in a good way)
- DNS exfiltration can be very effective
- DBAs should block DNS for web users
- Web programmers should guard against SQL injection
  - Parameterized SQL

# Extra Slides

- String strategy
- Additional data tables
  - Stress nonstandard table names
  - File names are URL Encoded
  - Varying data types



# String Strategy

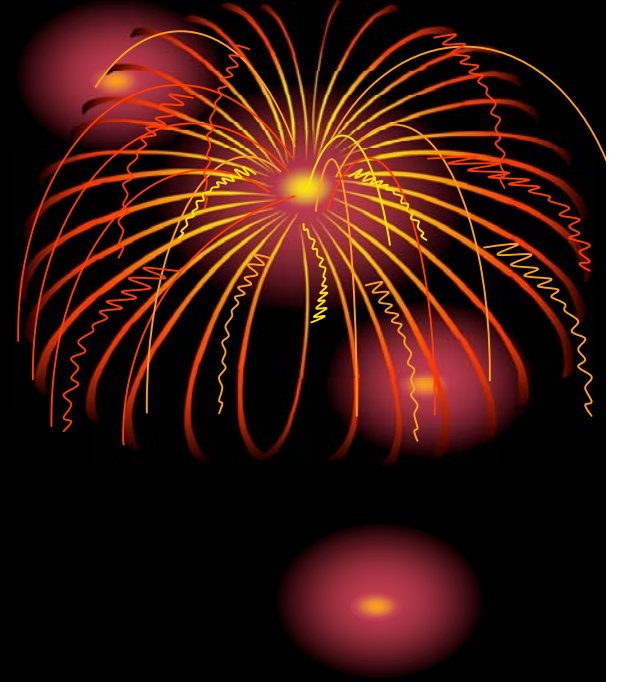


- If possible and starts with non-'0' pull as is
- If necessary convert to '0' plus raw (hex)
- Ask for substring of allowable length
- If return is maximum length
  - Ask for length



# Table: EMPTY

"BLANK", "EMPTY", "NONE", "NIL"

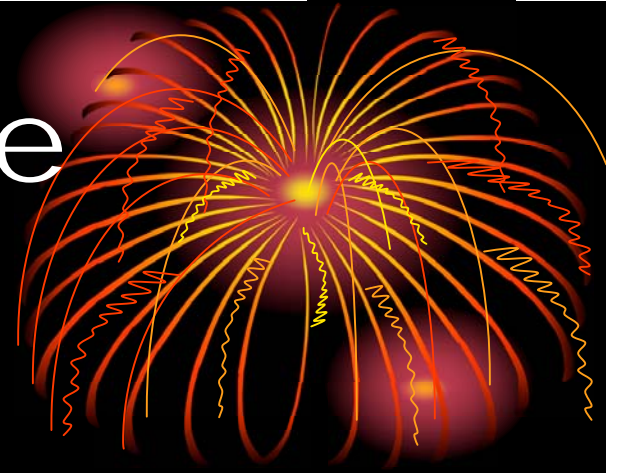


# Table: COMMENTS



- "NAME","COMMENTS","KEY"
- "null","comments",41
- "null",,25
- "null","70.17.254.77",27
- "null","127.0.0.1",28
- "null",,26
- "null","172.16.1.102",29
- "null",,30
- "null","127.0.0.1",12345678901234568790
- "null","70.17.254.75",36
- "null","209.35.68.205",37
- "null","64.236.91.24",39
- "null","why isn't the terminal working?",42

# Table: "Valid Table Name"



"Valid \$ Column", "Weird@@@"

"39 digits", 123456789012345678901234567890123456789

"really 39  
digits", 123456789012345678901234567890123456789

"40 digits", 1234567890123456789012345678901234567890

"42  
digits", 12345678901234567890123456789012345678900  
0

"42 digits round  
up", 123456789012345678901234567890123456789100

"null",

Table: "VALID ``\$@!()%\$``  
TABLE NAME"

"THAT`S ALL FOLKS", "TRY ``THIS`` ON FOR  
SIZE \*\*\*", "Let`s Try Precision/No Scale--  
", "bang"

"first line", 99, 1234567, 0

