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- Introduction
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- Summary
- Netherlands Case Study





# The need for additional security for databases



#### Protecting the "Crown Jewels" and why it's necessary



Modern-day data breaches demonstrate that traditional security solutions are not always effective – therefore a last line of defense is vital



#### **5 Common Database Auditing & Security Challenges**

- 1. How can we monitor access to sensitive data and detect anomalies or policy violations in an automated way?
- 2. How can we track the activities of privileged users, such as DBAs or sysadmins, who have direct access to databases?
- 3. Can we have segregation of duties and store DB audit logs in a secure repository operated by IT Security and audit specialists?
- 4. Is it possible to have one central audit repository for all database types including Oracle, MS SQL Server, DB2 and more?
- 5. How can we achieve all of this without impacting the performance or stability of our database and application servers?



# Why is database auditing still so challenging in 2013 ?



#### Native DB logging is now considered inadequate

#### × Lack visibility and granularity

- Privileged users difficult to monitor
- Anomalies and violations not promptly detected

#### × Inefficient and costly

- Database performance is impacted
- Manual processes consume valuable resources

#### $\times$ Provide little value to the business

- Logs are complex and rarely reviewed
- Vulnerabilities are not resolved

#### $\times$ No segregation of duties

- Audit trail can be tampered with
- Privileged users can bypass the system





#### **Real-Time Database Security & Monitoring**



- 100% visibility including local DBA access
- No DBMS or application changes
- Minimal impact on DB performance
- Enforces separation of duties with tamper-proof audit repository

- Granular policies, monitoring & auditing providing the Who, What, When & How
- Real-time, policy-based alerting
- Can stores between 3-6 months worth of audit data on the appliance itself and integrates with archiving systems



#### **Scalable Multi-Tier Architecture**





#### **Summary**

- Risks related to data privacy breaches have never been greater and most confidential data is on a database.
- Fine-grained monitoring of database access is the best way to protect from information being compromised
- A unified and consistent approach across the database infrastructure will save time, money, and increase security
- Guardium continues to be the market leader because of comprehensive functionality and ease of implementation



## **Netherlands Case Study**



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## **Case description**

- A typical case
- Implementation scenario
- Results



#### Why wait for a data breach?



## A typical case

- Outsourced infrastructure
  - Several 'trusted' parties and () owner have potential access to data
- SAP enterprise application landscape
  - High-value confidential data
  - Some critical tables

Who is accessing data, what is going on and can I accept/reject immediately?



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### **Risk mitigation:** Governance issue or Information Management ?

- Governance
  - Provide oversight, assess compliance, manage risks
- Information Management
  - How can the desired level of security be supported
  - How can compliance be enforced

How to secure data, intercept inappropriate actions, and trust reports about activity history?

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## **Implementation scenario**

- Monitor and protect a selected set of tables
  - Continuously track actions
  - Detect or block unapproved activity
    - Not relying on native logs and triggers
- Simplified audit and validation processes
- Report the results for data governance and auditcompliance

#### Support the rules of governance!

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## **Benefits**

- Maintain security on a key ERP outsourcing
  - Automate and simplify audit process
  - Without impact the performance of secured systems
- Show the results of data security compliance
  - Internally
  - Auditors

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### Your case?

- Protect high-value / business critical data?
- Simplify auditing and reporting process?
- Support information governance rules?
- Enforce compliance?
- Enable 'security thinking'?

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