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Preface

This document serves as a guide for administrators, developers, and system integrators who securely administer, customize, and integrate the Oracle Retail Data Extractor application. Installation and configuration are covered in more detail in the Installation Guide.

Audience

This document is intended for administrators, developers, and system integrators who perform the following functions:

- Document specific security features and configuration details for the above mentioned product, in order to facilitate and support the secure operation of the Oracle Retail Product and any external compliance standards.
- Guide administrators, developers, and system integrators on secure product implementation, integration, and administration.

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- *Oracle Retail Data Extractor for Merchandising Operations Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Data Extractor for Merchandising Implementation Guide*

- *Oracle Retail Data Extractor for Merchandising Release Notes*

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Overview of Security Features

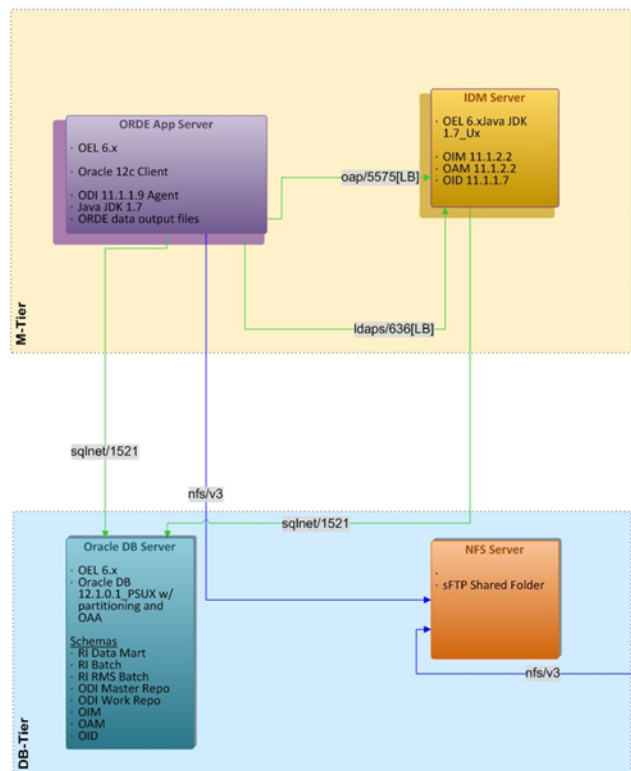
This chapter provides an overview of the security features included with Oracle Retail Data Extractor.

Oracle Retail Data Extractor Physical Deployment

The following diagram provides a high-level overview of the physical deployment of Retail Data extractor.

Figure 1–1 Physical Deployment

Notes:
 *The App Server is optional for better security control.



Retail Data Extractor

Oracle Retail Data Extractor (ORDE) is the application which enables customers to extract data from Retail Merchandising System (RMS) source system for Oracle Retail Insights Cloud Services (RI) consumption previously known as RA (Retail Analytics).

Oracle Retail Analytics (RA) was converted from being an on-premise application to a cloud based service offering named Oracle Retail Insights Cloud Services (RI). Oracle Data Integrator (ODI) mappings for extracting data from the Retail Merchandising System (RMS) called as SDE Mappings (Source Dependent Extracts) were removed because RMS was an on-premise product and could not be sourced directly from the cloud.

RMS is the primary source of information for the RI application, so there was requirement to be able to extract data from RMS into flat files for uploading and importing into RI staging tables for loading the RI data warehouse.

Oracle Retail Data Extractor (ORDE) provides the functionality to integrate with RMS 16.0 and extract data in ORDE staging tables and then unload them in to respective flat files for RI consumption.

Dependent Applications

- Oracle Database 2 Day + Security Guide, 12c Release 1 Oracle® Fusion Middleware Developer's Guide for Oracle Data Integrator

Technical Overview of the Security Features

Retail Data Extractor Security Features

- Authentication is required when Retail Data Extractor batch users execute Retail Data Extractor batch in the back-end. For the batch execution, the authentication, including the storage of the credentials of the database connection, is managed by ODI.
- During the Retail Data Extractor installation, it is required to create a RI RMS batch user in RMS database. This user has the permission to access database objects owned by RMS data user. The permission is only on SELECT and is limited to the objects used by Retail Data Extractor.
- During Retail Data Extractor installation, it is required to create different Retail Data Extractor database users with different permissions. The Retail Data Extractor database can be the same database with RMS. Within these database users, the Retail Insights data mart user is the user who owns target staging tables. The Retail Insights batch user is the user who executes Retail Data Extractor batch. The batch user is granted with SELECT, UPDATE/INSERT, and DELETE permissions to the resources owned by the Retail Insights data user. The Retail Insights batch user has the permission to logon on RMS database as RI RMS user to access RMS objects through a Database Link.

Application Administration

Common Application Administration

- ORDE Retail Insights batch users access RMS and ORDE stored data through DB Link and ODI. Then credentials for ODI and RMS and ORDE Database access are managed through ODI security system. See the *ODI Security Guide* for the detail information.
- Configuration and logs files protection
 - Batch process:

To execute Retail Data Extractor batch, Retail Data Extractor batch scripts, Retail Data Extractor source data files, Retail Data Extractor configuration files, and Retail Data Extractor batch log files need to be placed under Retail Data Extractor base home directory. These files are protected with secured permission. There is no world read for these files. Retail Data Extractor batch scripts have 750 file permission Retail Data Extractor configuration files have 660 permission, and Retail Data Extractor static data files have 640 permission.

Application Specific Feature Administration

- The security and data access for Retail Insights goes beyond simple role based associations. Typically users and groups are associated with roles. The setup of each role determines what object is accessible by the users.
- Retail Insights batch user is the only one who can run the batch scripts and the connections managed by ODI are used by the batch processes to access data sources.
- For file permission, by default the following permissions are given to users to access files packaged with Retail Insights once installation is completed.
 - All Retail Insights scripts should at least have 750 permission
 - All configuration files should at least have 660 permission
 - All static data (csv files) should at least have 640 permission

Based on the permission above, besides owner (the installer user), the group member can also view and execute scripts, read and modify the configuration files, and read the static file. A user out of the group cannot do anything to Retail Insights files and explicit permission needs to be given by the Administrator to users outside of the group.

Appendix: Database Security Guide

The database should be secured using the recommendations from the *Oracle Database 12c Release 1 Security Guide*. The following sections provide additional application specific guidance for securing the database for use with Oracle Retail Stores products.

Application Schema Owners

The following recommendations should be considered for the schema owners:

- Database Administrators should create an individual schema owner for each application, unless the applications share the same data.
For example, the Oracle Retail Point-of-Service and Back Office applications share the same database.
- The schema owners should only have enough rights to install the applications.
- Set the following rights when using an Oracle database:
 - CREATE TABLE
 - CREATE VIEW
 - CREATE INDEX
 - CREATE SEQUENCE
 - CREATE PROCEDURE
 - ALTER SESSION
 - CONNECT
- After the database objects are created, the following rights are no longer needed, and should be revoked:
 - When using an Oracle database, revoke CREATE PROCEDURE.

Database Security Considerations

The following recommendations should be considered for the database:

- The database server should be in a private network.
- The database server should be in a locked secure facility and inaccessible to non-administrator personnel.
- The database should only be accessed via trusted network hosts.

- The database server should have minimal use of ports and any communications should be under secure protocols.
- The database should be on its own dedicated server.
- The database server should be behind a firewall.
- Any database user beyond the schema application owner should be audited.
- Only minimal rights should be granted to the owner of database processes and files such that only that owner has the right to read and write from the database related files, and no one else has the capability to read and write from such files.
- The internal database JVM is required to be Java JVM v7.0 in order to run the optional Universal Adapter ETL component
 - Note that in Oracle 12c, the internal JVM version is configurable
 - For more information regarding the internal JVM, please refer to the Oracle Database Java Developer's Guide

The purge script is usually put into an automation script, which runs once per day. As described above, this script is usually run by a user with limited access (only execute procedure and connect access).