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# Preface

*Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide* explains how to configure access control-based security in an Oracle AI Database environment by using Oracle Database Vault.

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## Audience

This document is intended for security managers, audit managers, label administrators, and Oracle database administrators (DBAs) who are involved in the configuration of Oracle Database Vault.

## Related Documents

For more information refer to the following documents:

- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*
- *Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle AI Database Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference*
- *Oracle Multitenant Administrator's Guide*

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Convention	Meaning
<b>boldface</b>	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
<i>italic</i>	Italic type indicates book titles, emphasis, or placeholder variables for which you supply particular values.
monospace	Monospace type indicates commands within a paragraph, URLs, code in examples, text that appears on the screen, or text that you enter.

# Changes in This Release for Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide

This preface contains:

- [Changes in Oracle Database Vault](#)
- [Updates to Oracle Database Vault 26ai](#)

## Changes in Oracle Database Vault

The following are changes in *Oracle AI Database Vault Administrator's Guide* for Oracle AI Database 26ai.

- [Ability to Control Authorizations for Unified Auditing and Traditional Auditing](#)  
Starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai, you can have tighter control on audit management with audit authorizations.
- [Ability to Control Authorizations for Oracle SQL Firewall](#)  
Starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai, you can control the authorization of users to use Oracle SQL Firewall, new to this release, in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Desupport of Traditional Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai, traditional auditing is desupported.

## Ability to Control Authorizations for Unified Auditing and Traditional Auditing

Starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai, you can have tighter control on audit management with audit authorizations.

Starting in this release, when Oracle Database Vault is configured and enabled on a new or upgraded, database, audit authorizations will be required for any user who wants to query audit-related tables and views, or manage traditional or unified audit policies, without first being authorized by Oracle Database Vault. This applies to SYS, SYSTEM, and any user with the SYSDBA administrative privilege, or with the DBA, AUDIT\_ADMIN, or AUDIT\_VIEWER roles.

This feature provides the following audit-related enhancements for an Oracle Database Vault environment:

- It protects both unified auditing and traditional auditing.
- It blocks direct modification of the SYS.AUD\$ and SYS.FGA\_LOG\$ database tables except through the DBMS\_AUDIT\_MGMT PL/SQL package by authorized users.
- It provides a new mandatory default realm for audit-related objects, Oracle Audit Realm, to protect the AUDSYS schema and audit-related objects in the SYS schema.

The following new procedures are available for this feature:

- DVSYS.DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN
- DVSYS.DBMS\_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN

- `DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER`
- `DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER`

The following new data dictionary views are available:

- `DVSYS.DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH`
- `DVSYS.DBA_DV_AUDIT_VIEWER_AUTH`

The `ALTER SYSTEM` command rule now requires `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization for the `AUDIT_FILE_DEST`, `AUDIT_TRAIL`, `AUDIT_SYS_OPERATIONS`, and `AUDIT_SYSLOG_LEVEL` parameters. (Note that these parameters have been deprecated starting in this release.) Querying audit trails in the `SYS` and `AUDSYS` schemas now requires `AUDIT_ADMIN` or `AUDIT_VIEWER` authorization.

In previous releases, to control or restrict auditing, the Database Vault administrator had to create command rules for the audit-related PL/SQL statements such as `CREATE AUDIT POLICY`. Traditional auditing requires the modification of system parameters such as `AUDIT_FILE_DEST`. This new authorization does not consolidate or replace the required database privileges. The audit authorization is additional requirement for managing audit in an Oracle Database Vault environment. That is, users are required to have sufficient privileges *and* audit authorization in order to manage audit when Oracle Database Vault is enabled. In addition to facilitating the granting of audit-related privileges to the user, this enhancement provides greater separation of duties for managing auditing in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

#### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## Ability to Control Authorizations for Oracle SQL Firewall

Starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai, you can control the authorization of users to use Oracle SQL Firewall, new to this release, in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

In addition to granting a user the ability to perform SQL Firewall operations, you can prevent the user from using SQL Firewall to apply policies that could affect users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

The following new `DBMS_MACADM` package procedures are available for this feature:

- `DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL`
- `DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL`

This enhancement also includes the `DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH` data dictionary view, which provides information about SQL Firewall authorizations.

#### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize Oracle SQL Firewall users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## Desupport of Traditional Auditing in Oracle Database Vault

Starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai, traditional auditing is desupported.

Unified auditing is the way forward to perform Oracle Database Vault auditing. Unified auditing offers more flexibility to perform selective and effective auditing, which helps you focus on

activities that really matter to your enterprise. Unified auditing has one single and secure unified trail, conditional policy for audit selectivity, and default predefined policies for simplicity. To improve security and compliance, Oracle strongly recommends that you use unified auditing.

The main impact of the desupport of traditional auditing in Oracle Database Vault is with the `audit_options` parameter in the APIs for realms, rule sets, and factors.

#### Related Topics

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## Updates to Oracle Database Vault 26ai

*Oracle AI Database Vault Administrator's Guide* for Oracle AI Database 26ai has new security features.

- [Ability to Set Tracing Using Oracle Database Vault APIs](#)  
You now can use two new Oracle Database Vault APIs to control and view Database Vault tracing settings.
- [New Utility Functions for Finding Client Host and IP Information](#)  
You now can use two new Oracle Database Vault utility functions to find information about client hosts and IPs.
- [Fewer Parameters to Specify When Creating or Updating Controls](#)  
You now can greatly simplify creating or updating realms, rules, command rules, factors, and policies by using the new default behaviors of the administration procedures.

## Ability to Set Tracing Using Oracle Database Vault APIs

You now can use two new Oracle Database Vault APIs to control and view Database Vault tracing settings.

These new APIs are as follows:

- `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`
- `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`

This enhancement enables users who have been granted the `DV_ADMIN` role to enable or disable Database Vault system level tracing, which applies to all database sessions. In previous releases, this user needed the `ALTER SYSTEM` and the `ALTER SESSION` system privileges to perform this task, in addition to the `DV_ADMIN` role. (The `ALTER SYSTEM` system procedure for tracing is still supported.) The enhancement also provides the `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function, which returns the trace level that has been set for the current database session. (This trace level can have been set by `ALTER SYSTEM`, `ALTER SESSION`, or `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`.)

#### Related Topics

- [About Using Trace Files to Diagnose Oracle Database Vault Events](#)  
You can monitor the Oracle Database Vault database instance for server and background process events by enabling and checking the database instance trace files.

## New Utility Functions for Finding Client Host and IP Information

You now can use two new Oracle Database Vault utility functions to find information about client hosts and IPs.

These new utility functions are as follows:

- `DBMS_MACUTL.CONTAINS_HOST`
- `DBMS_MACUTL.IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED`

These utility functions enable you to conveniently check if an IP address (or a host) is contained in a domain (or subnet range). They are useful for configuring rules and rule sets.

### Related Topics

- [CONTAINS\\_HOST Function](#)  
The `CONTAINS_HOST` function checks if the given host is contained in the given domain and then returns a `BOOLEAN` value.
- [IS\\_CLIENT\\_IP\\_CONTAINED Function](#)  
The `IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED` function checks if the IP address of the current client connection is contained in the given domain and then returns a `BOOLEAN` value.

## Fewer Parameters to Specify When Creating or Updating Controls

You now can greatly simplify creating or updating realms, rules, command rules, factors, and policies by using the new default behaviors of the administration procedures.

This enhancement, which streamlines the Oracle Database Vault configuration, enables you to omit parameters in the following cases:

- If you are creating a new control, omitting the parameter specifies its default value.
- If you are updating an existing control, omitting the parameter retains the current setting.

The procedures that are affected are as follows:

- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM`

- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE`
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE`

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Command Rule APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package provides procedures for configuring command rules. .
- [Oracle Database Vault Factor APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package has factor-related Oracle Database Vault rule procedures and functions, and `DVF` has functions to manage factors.
- [Oracle Database Vault Policy APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Database Vault policies.
- [Oracle Database Vault Realm APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package enables you to configure Oracle Database Vault realms.
- [Oracle Database Vault Rule Set APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package and a set of Oracle Database Vault rule functions to manage rule sets.

# 1

## Introduction to Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Database Vault enables you to control administrative access to your data.

- [What Is Oracle Database Vault?](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides controls to prevent unauthorized privileged users from accessing sensitive data and to prevent unauthorized database changes.
- [What Privileges Do You Need to Use Oracle Database Vault?](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides database roles that enable different users to perform specific tasks, based on separation-of-duty guidelines.
- [Components of Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Database Vault has a set of components that include PL/SQL packages and other special tools.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Addresses Compliance Regulations](#)  
One of the biggest side benefits resulting from regulatory compliance has been security awareness.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Protects Privileged User Accounts](#)  
Many security breaches, both external and internal, target privileged database user accounts to steal data from databases.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Allows for Flexible Security Policies](#)  
Oracle Database Vault helps you design flexible security policies for your database.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Addresses Database Consolidation Concerns](#)  
Consolidation and cloud environments reduce cost but can expose sensitive application data to those without a true need-to-know.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Works in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can implement three different configuration strategies when you use Oracle Databases Vault in a multitenant environment.

### 1.1 What Is Oracle Database Vault?

Oracle Database Vault provides controls to prevent unauthorized privileged users from accessing sensitive data and to prevent unauthorized database changes.

- [About Oracle Database Vault](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault security controls protect application data from unauthorized access, and helps you to comply with privacy and regulatory requirements.
- [Controls for Privileged Accounts](#)  
Privileged database accounts are one of the most commonly used pathways for gaining access to sensitive applications data in the database.
- [Controls for Database Configuration](#)  
Common audit findings are unauthorized changes to database entitlements and grants of the DBA role to too many users.
- [Enterprise Applications Protection Policies](#)  
Application-specific Oracle Database Vault protection policies and guidelines are available for major enterprise applications.



### 1.1.1 About Oracle Database Vault

The Oracle Database Vault security controls protect application data from unauthorized access, and helps you to comply with privacy and regulatory requirements.

Oracle Database Vault is a licensable option of Oracle AI Database Enterprise Edition. Its purpose is to mitigate the potential impact of privileged account abuse, misuse, insider and external threats, and human error on your sensitive data.

Privileged accounts can be administrator accounts, such as database administrators, or application administrators, application owners, or data analysts. Most users with these type of accounts have far more privileges and access than they need on a daily basis.

Oracle Database Vault is built into the kernel of the Oracle database and makes decisions after system or object privileges are verified. If the command is authorized by a system or object privilege, then Oracle Database Vault then determines if the command is controlled by an Oracle Database Vault realm or command rule. The realm or command rule controls are determined by you. Oracle Database Vault does not replace your existing existing grants or roles but augments them by allowing you to decide when, where, why, and how object or system privileges or roles are used by the grantee.

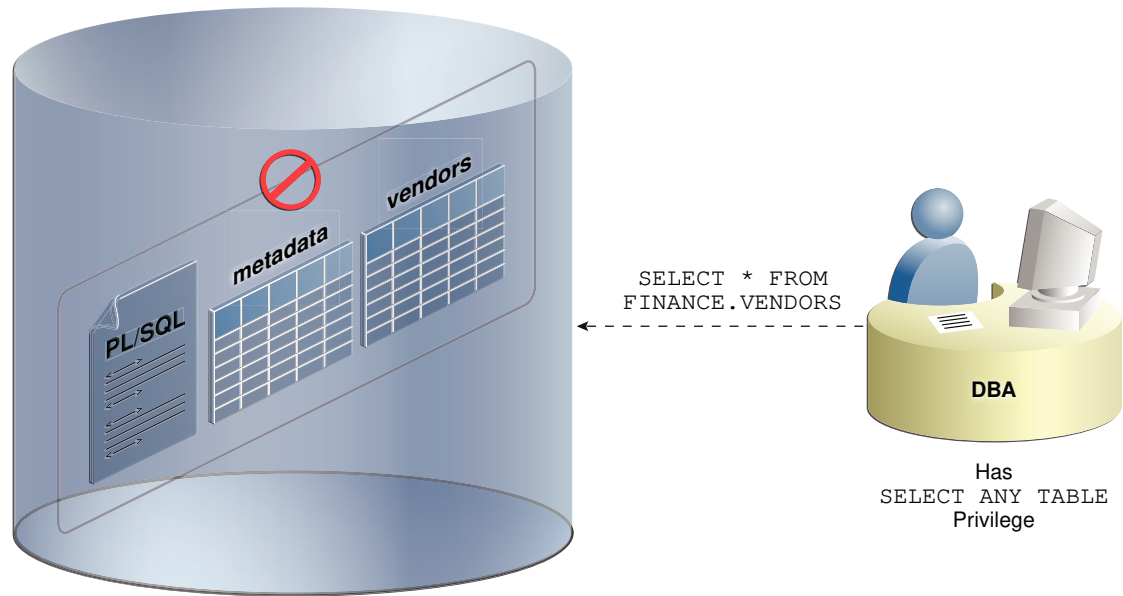
For example, any user who is granted the `SELECT ANY TABLE` system privilege can use their privilege to query virtually any table in the database, including tables you consider sensitive or important. Oracle Database Vault can restrict the `SELECT ANY TABLE` system privilege usage on your sensitive tables or other database objects. In addition, Oracle Database Vault can restrict privileged users and the object owner from performing destructive commands on objects. For example, `DROP TABLE` or `DROP INDEX` commands are rarely, or never, used on a production schema and should be disabled to prevent mistakes.

Oracle Database Vault helps you increase the security of existing applications through transparent controls that are determined by your requirements.

### 1.1.2 Controls for Privileged Accounts

Privileged database accounts are one of the most commonly used pathways for gaining access to sensitive applications data in the database.

While their broad and unrestricted access facilitates database maintenance, the same access also creates a point of attack for gaining access to large amounts of data. Oracle Database Vault realms around application schemas, sensitive tables, and stored procedures provide controls to prevent privileged accounts from being exploited by intruders and insiders to access sensitive application data.

**Figure 1-1 Oracle Database Vault Realm Blocking DBA Access to Data**

### 1.1.3 Controls for Database Configuration

Common audit findings are unauthorized changes to database entitlements and grants of the DBA role to too many users.

Preventing unauthorized changes to production environments is important not only for security, but also for compliance as such changes can weaken security and open doors to intruders, violating privacy and compliance regulations. Oracle Database Vault SQL command rules enable you to control operations inside the database, including commands such as `CREATE TABLE`, `TRUNCATE TABLE`, and `DROP TABLE`. Various out-of-the-box factors such as IP address, authentication method, and program name help implement trusted path authorization to deter attacks leveraging stolen passwords. These controls prevent accidental configuration changes and also prevent hackers and malicious insiders from tampering with applications.

The Oracle Database Vault realms with the mandatory mode enables you to seal off access to application objects, even to those with direct object grants, including the object owner. With mandatory realms, you do not need to analyze who has access because this is clear from the list of authorized users.

### 1.1.4 Enterprise Applications Protection Policies

Application-specific Oracle Database Vault protection policies and guidelines are available for major enterprise applications.

These enterprise applications include Oracle Fusion Applications, Oracle E-Business Suit, Oracle PeopleSoft, Oracle Siebel, Oracle Financial Services (i-Flex), Oracle Primavera, SAP, and Finacle from Infosys. Because Oracle Database Vault does not modify the application nor require changes to the client, you can use it with most off-the-shelf and custom applications.

## 1.2 What Privileges Do You Need to Use Oracle Database Vault?

Oracle Database Vault provides database roles that enable different users to perform specific tasks, based on separation-of-duty guidelines.

The most commonly used roles are as follows:

- `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ADMIN` enable you to create and manage Database Vault policies.
- `DV_ACCTMGR` enables you to manage user accounts.

When you configure and enable Oracle Database Vault, the `DV_OWNER` role is granted to a user who must exist before you begin the configuration process, and the `DV_ACCTMGR` role is granted to a second, optional user, who must also exist before configuration. You can grant the Database Vault roles to other users, but ensure that these users are trusted.

During the registration process, you must create backup accounts for the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` users. As a best practice, Oracle strongly recommends that you keep and maintain these backup accounts.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.
- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

## 1.3 Components of Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Database Vault has a set of components that include PL/SQL packages and other special tools.

- [Oracle Database Vault Access Control Components](#)  
Oracle Database Vault enables you to create a set of components to manage security for your database instance.
- [Oracle Database Vault DVSYS and DVF Schemas](#)  
Oracle Database Vault objects and public functions are stored in the `DVSYS` and `DVF` schemas, respectively.
- [Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL Interfaces and Packages](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides PL/SQL interfaces and packages for security managers or application developers to configure access control policies.
- [Oracle Database Vault Reporting and Monitoring Tools](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager generates and maintains the Oracle Database Vault reports.
- [Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control Database Vault Administrator Pages](#)  
Oracle Database Vault administration is fully integrated with Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, providing security administrators with a streamlined and centralized interface to manage Oracle Database Vault.

## 1.3.1 Oracle Database Vault Access Control Components

Oracle Database Vault enables you to create a set of components to manage security for your database instance.

These components are as follows:

- **Realms.** A realm is a protection zone inside the database where database schemas, objects, and roles can be secured. For example, you can secure a set of schemas, objects, and roles that are related to accounting, sales, or human resources. After you have secured these into a realm, you can use the realm to control the use of system and object privileges to specific accounts or roles. This enables you to provide fine-grained access controls for anyone who wants to use these schemas, objects, and roles. [Configuring Realms](#), discusses realms in detail. See also [Oracle Database Vault Realm APIs](#).
- **Command rules.** A command rule is a special security policy that you can create to control how users can run almost any SQL statement, including `SELECT`, `ALTER SYSTEM`, database definition language (DDL), and data manipulation language (DML) statements. Command rules use rule sets to determine whether the statement is allowed. [Configuring Command Rules](#), discusses command rules in detail. See also [Oracle Database Vault Command Rule APIs](#).
- **Rule sets.** A rule set is a collection of one or more rules that you can associate with a realm authorization, command rule, factor assignment, or secure application role. The rule set evaluates to true or false based on the evaluation of each rule it contains and the evaluation type (**All True** or **Any True**). Rule sets can be associated with zero, one, or multiple realm authorizations, command rules, or secure application roles. [Configuring Rule Sets](#), discusses rule sets in detail. See also [Oracle Database Vault Rule Set APIs](#).
- **Rules.** A rule is a PL/SQL expression that evaluates to true or false. You can use the same rule in multiple rule sets. For more information, see [How Rule Sets Work](#).
- **Factors.** A factor is a named variable or attribute, such as a user location, database IP address, or session user, which Oracle Database Vault can recognize and use as a trusted path. You can use factors in rules to control activities such as authorizing database accounts to connect to the database or the execution of a specific database command to restrict the visibility and manageability of data. Each factor can have one or more identities. An identity is the actual value of a factor. A factor can have several identities depending on the factor retrieval method or its identity mapping logic. [Configuring Factors](#), discusses factors in detail. See also [Oracle Database Vault Factor APIs](#).
- **Secure application roles.** A secure application role is a special Oracle AI Database role that can be enabled based on the evaluation of an Oracle Database Vault rule set. [Configuring Secure Application Roles for Oracle Database Vault](#), discusses secure application roles in detail. See also [Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role APIs](#).

To augment these components, Oracle Database Vault provides a set of PL/SQL interfaces and packages. [Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL Interfaces and Packages](#) provides an overview.

In general, the first step you take is to create a realm composed of the database schemas or database objects that you want to secure. You can further secure the realm by creating rules, command rules, factors, identities, rule sets, and secure application roles. In addition, you can run reports on the activities these components monitor and protect. [Getting Started with Oracle Database Vault](#), provides a simple tutorial that will familiarize you with basic Oracle Database Vault functionality. Later chapters provide more advanced tutorials. [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#), provides more information about how you can run reports to check the configuration and other activities that Oracle Database Vault performs.

## 1.3.2 Oracle Database Vault DVSYS and DVF Schemas

Oracle Database Vault objects and public functions are stored in the `DVSYS` and `DVF` schemas, respectively.

Oracle Database Vault provides a schema, `DVSYS`, which stores the database objects needed to process Oracle data for Oracle Database Vault. This schema contains the roles, views, accounts, functions, and other database objects that Oracle Database Vault uses. The `DVF` schema contains public functions to retrieve (at run time) the factor values set in the Oracle Database Vault access control configuration. The `DVSYS` and `DVF` schemas must exist in the container database and in any pluggable databases in which you want to use Oracle Database Vault. Both of these schemas are authenticated as schema-only accounts. They do not have authentication privileges, nor do they have passwords. These accounts are locked by default and should remain locked unless you are directed otherwise by Oracle Support.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.
- [Oracle Database Vault Schemas, Roles, and Accounts](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides schemas that contain Database Vault objects, roles that provide separation of duty for specific tasks, and default user accounts.
- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.

## 1.3.3 Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL Interfaces and Packages

Oracle Database Vault provides PL/SQL interfaces and packages for security managers or application developers to configure access control policies.

The PL/SQL procedures and functions allow the general database account to operate within the boundaries of access control policy in the context of a given database session.

See [Oracle Database Vault Realm APIs](#) through [Oracle Database Vault API Reference](#) for more information.

## 1.3.4 Oracle Database Vault Reporting and Monitoring Tools

Oracle Enterprise Manager generates and maintains the Oracle Database Vault reports.

Oracle Database Vault provides database views that enable you to retrieve information about Oracle Database Vault configuration settings, including status and component information.

In addition, you can monitor policy changes, security violation attempts, and Oracle Database Vault configuration and structure changes through the Oracle AI Database unified audit trail by using Oracle Enterprise Manager, Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall, or Oracle Data Safe.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.
- [Monitoring Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can monitor Oracle Database Vault by checking for violations to the Database Vault configurations and by tracking changes to policies.

## 1.3.5 Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control Database Vault Administrator Pages

Oracle Database Vault administration is fully integrated with Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, providing security administrators with a streamlined and centralized interface to manage Oracle Database Vault.

Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control provides a graphical user interface you can use to view and configure Oracle Database Vault policies and view Oracle Database Vault alerts and reports. Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control provide an extensive collection of security-related reports that assist in understanding the baseline security configuration.

## 1.4 How Oracle Database Vault Addresses Compliance Regulations

One of the biggest side benefits resulting from regulatory compliance has been security awareness.

Historically, the focus of the information technology (IT) department has been on high availability and performance. The focus on regulatory compliance has required everyone to take a step back and look at their IT infrastructure, databases, and applications from a security angle. Common questions include:

- Where is the sensitive information stored?
- Who has access to this information?

Regulations such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards: a Revised Framework (Basel II), Japan Privacy Law, Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), and the European Union Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications have common themes that include internal controls, separation of duty, and access control.

While most changes required by regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley and HIPAA are procedural in nature, the remainder may require technology investments. A common security requirement found in regulations is stringent internal controls. The degree to which Oracle Database Vault helps an organization achieve compliance varies with the regulation. In general, Oracle Database Vault realms, command rules, factors and separation of duty features, help reduce the overall security risks that regulation provisions worldwide address.

[Table 1-1](#) lists regulations that address potential security threats.

**Table 1-1 Regulations That Address Potential Security Threats**

Regulation	Potential Security Threat
Sarbanes-Oxley Section 302	Unauthorized changes to data
Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404	Modification to data, unauthorized access
Sarbanes-Oxley Section 409	Denial of service, unauthorized access
Gramm-Leach-Bliley	Unauthorized access, modification, or disclosure

**Table 1-1 (Cont.) Regulations That Address Potential Security Threats**

Regulation	Potential Security Threat
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 164.306	Unauthorized access to data
HIPAA 164.312	Unauthorized access to data
Basel II – Internal Risk Management	Unauthorized access to data
CFR Part 11	Unauthorized access to data
Japan Privacy Law	Unauthorized access to data
EU Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications	Unauthorized access to data
Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)	Unauthorized changes to data

## 1.5 How Oracle Database Vault Protects Privileged User Accounts

Many security breaches, both external and internal, target privileged database user accounts to steal data from databases.

Oracle Database Vault helps to protect against compromised privilege user account attacks by using realms, factors, and command rules. Combined, these provide powerful security tools to help secure access to databases, applications, and sensitive information. You can combine rules and factors to control the conditions under which commands in the database are allowed to run, and to control access to data protected by a realm. For example, you can create rules and factors to control access to data based on IP addresses, the time of day, and specific program, such as JDBC, SQL Developer, or SQL\*Plus. These can limit access to only those connections that pass these conditions. This can prevent unauthorized access to application data and access to the database by unauthorized applications. For example, you could define a rule to limit execution of the `DROP TABLE` statement to a specific IP address and host name.

## 1.6 How Oracle Database Vault Allows for Flexible Security Policies

Oracle Database Vault helps you design flexible security policies for your database.

For example, any database user who has the `DBA` role can use the `DROP ANY TABLE` system privilege granted to that role. Suppose an inexperienced administrator believes they are on a non-production database when they execute a `DROP TABLE` command and is instead on the production system and drops a critical application table. This will probably cause an application outage, data loss, and hours to recover from. With Oracle Database Vault, you can create a command rule to prevent this user from making such modifications by limiting their usage of the `DROP TABLE` statement. Furthermore, you can attach rule sets to the command rule to restrict activity further, such as limiting the statement's execution in the following ways:

- By time (for example, only outside of business hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday)
- By local access only, that is, not remotely



- Require two database users to authorize an action instead of one user
- If the user has an Oracle Database Vault secure application role enabled
- By host name or IP address (for example, the host name could be %appserver% or match an IP address of 192.0.2.150)

You can customize Oracle Database Vault separation of duties to fit the requirements of business of any size. For example, large customers with dedicated IT staff and some out sourced back end operations can further fine tune separation of duties to control what out sourced database administrators can do. For smaller organizations with some users handling multiple responsibilities, separation of duties can be tuned down and these users can create separate dedicated accounts for each responsibility. This helps such users keep track of all actions made and prevents intruders from exploiting compromised privileged database accounts to steal sensitive data. In addition, it helps auditors verify compliance.

## 1.7 How Oracle Database Vault Addresses Database Consolidation Concerns

Consolidation and cloud environments reduce cost but can expose sensitive application data to those without a true need-to-know.

Data from one country may be hosted in an entirely different country, but access to that data must be restricted based on regulations of the country to which the data belongs. Oracle Database Vault controls provide increased security for these environments by preventing database administrators from accessing the applications data. In addition, controls can be used to help block application bypass and enforce a trusted-path from the application tier to the application data.

Oracle Database Vault provides four distinct separation of duty controls for security administration:

- Day-to-day database administrator tasks using the default Oracle AI Database DBA role
- Security administrator tasks using the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ADMIN roles
- Account administrator tasks using the DV\_ACCTMGR role
- Grants of roles and privileges by a named trusted user

Oracle Database Vault separation of duty controls can be customized and organizations with limited resources can assign multiple Oracle Database Vault responsibilities to the same administrator, but using separate accounts for each separation-of-duty role to minimize damage to the database if any one account is stolen and leveraged.

Oracle customers today still have hundreds and even thousands of databases distributed throughout the enterprise and around the world. However, for database consolidation as a cost-saving strategy in the coming years to be effective, the physical security provided by the distributed database architecture must be available in the consolidated environment. Oracle Database Vault addresses the primary security concerns of database consolidation.

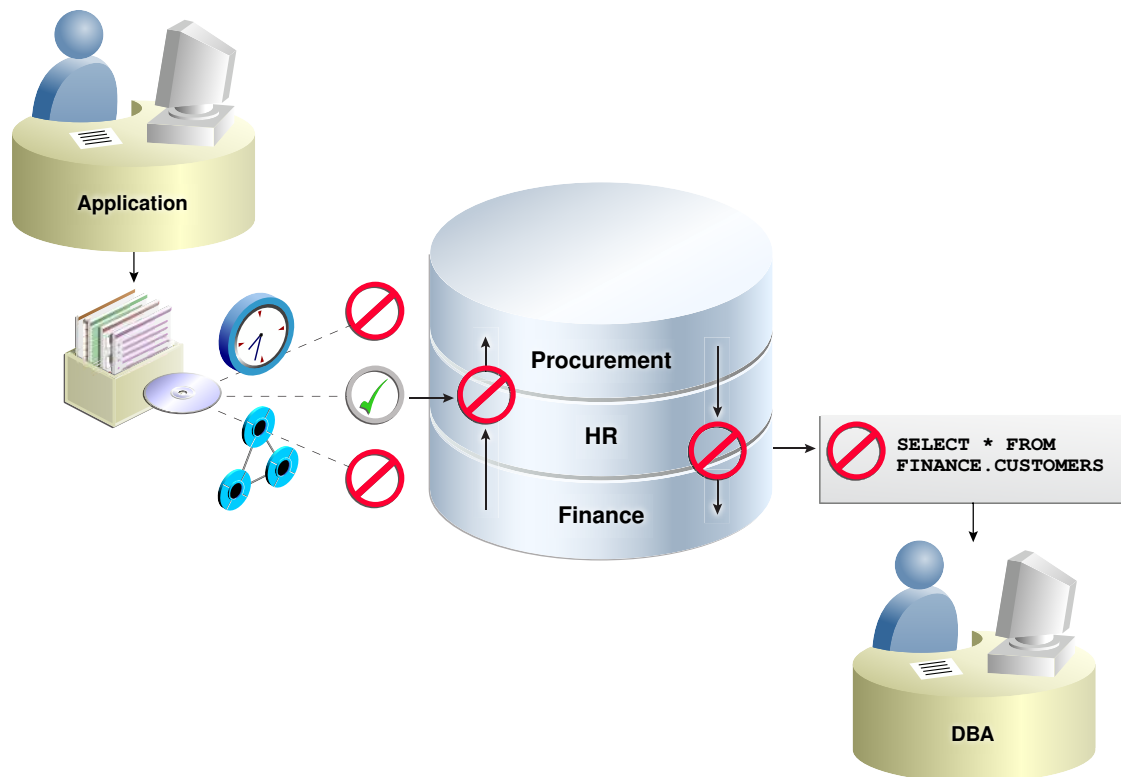
[Figure 1-2](#) illustrates how Oracle Database Vault addresses the following database security concerns:

- **Administrative privileged account access to application data:** In this case, Oracle Database Vault prevents the database administrator from accessing the schemas that are protected by the Finance realm. Although the database administrator is the most powerful and trusted user, this administrator does not need access to application data residing within the database.



- **Separation of duties for application data access:** In this case, the HR realm owner has access to the HR realm schemas but not Procurement or Finance.

**Figure 1-2 Oracle Database Vault Security**



Database consolidation can result in multiple powerful user accounts residing in a single database. This means that in addition to the overall database administrator, individual application schema owners also may have powerful privileges. Revoking some privileges may adversely affect existing applications. Using Oracle Database Vault realms, you can enforce access to applications through a trusted application path, preventing the application schema user name and password from being used by anyone other than the application itself. For example, a database administrator who has the `SELECT ANY TABLE` system privilege can be prevented from using that privilege to view other application data residing in the same database.

## 1.8 How Oracle Database Vault Works in a Multitenant Environment

You can implement three different configuration strategies when you use Oracle Databases Vault in a multitenant environment.

- [About How Oracle Database Vault Works in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
Using Oracle Database Vault in a multitenant environment increases security for database consolidation.
- [Oracle Database Vault Configured and Enabled in One or More PDBs](#)  
The use of Oracle Database Vault is optional in the pluggable databases (PDBs) that are associated with an enabled container database (CDB).

- [Operations Control Enabled in the CDB without Enabling Oracle Database Vault in a PDB](#)  
Oracle Database Vault operations control can separate application data in the pluggable database (PDB) from the common privileged users in the container database (CDB).
- [Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Operations Control Enabled Together](#)  
Oracle Database Vault and operations control in a multitenant environment can easily work together.
- [Oracle Database Vault in Regular or Strict Mode in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can configure regular or strict mode when you enable Oracle Database Vault in the container database (CDB).
- [Oracle Database Vault Common Objects in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
When you configure a pluggable database (PDB) that has Database Vault enabled, the DVSYS schema is a common user schema that is stored in container database (CDB) root.
- [Oracle Database Vault in an Application Containers Environment](#)  
Oracle Database Vault can protect the data and metadata in the application container root and in each clone of the application container.

## 1.8.1 About How Oracle Database Vault Works in a Multitenant Environment

Using Oracle Database Vault in a multitenant environment increases security for database consolidation.

To use Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle multitenant environment, you must first configure and enable it in the container database. Afterward, you can use Oracle Database Vault in any of the following different configuration use cases:

- Configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in one or more pluggable databases (PDBs).
- Enable Oracle Database Vault operations control in the container database without enabling Oracle Database Vault in a PDB.
- Enable both Oracle Database Vault and Oracle operations control together.

A multitenant environment affects Oracle Database Vault in the following additional ways:

- How you enable regular or strict mode
- How common objects are treated
- How application containers affect Oracle Database Vault

### Related Topics

- [Realms in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create a realm to protect common objects in the application root.
- [Rule Sets and Rules in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create a rule set and its associated rules in a PDB or an application root.
- [Command Rules in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create common and local command rules in either the CDB root or the application root.
- [Converting a Standalone Oracle AI Database to a PDB and Plugging It into a CDB](#)  
You can convert a standalone Oracle database from Oracle Database release 12c through 19c to a PDB, and then plug this PDB into a CDB.

## 1.8.2 Oracle Database Vault Configured and Enabled in One or More PDBs

The use of Oracle Database Vault is optional in the pluggable databases (PDBs) that are associated with an enabled container database (CDB).

You can enable Oracle Database Vault on none, a select few, or all PDBs. You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault on each of the PDBs that you want to use it on. Doing so enables you to enforce the separation of responsibilities through database roles, realms, command rules, and authorizations that Oracle Database Vault provides.

## 1.8.3 Operations Control Enabled in the CDB without Enabling Oracle Database Vault in a PDB

Oracle Database Vault operations control can separate application data in the pluggable database (PDB) from the common privileged users in the container database (CDB).

After you configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the CDB, you can enable operations control from the CDB so that you can protect all associated PDBs. One of the benefits of operations control is it does not require Oracle Database Vault to be enabled in the PDBs, but it separates the container users, and container privileged users, from accessing non-Oracle-maintained schema data in all PDBs. In a multitenant environment, this enables you to enforce separation of duties from the CDB without changing the way the PDB is maintained. This use case can be very important in organizations providing database-as-a-service (DBaaS) where the database infrastructure, including the CDB, is centrally maintained but each of the PDBs have their own database administrators or application administrators.

### Related Topics

- [DBA Operations in an Oracle Database Vault Environment](#)

## 1.8.4 Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Operations Control Enabled Together

Oracle Database Vault and operations control in a multitenant environment can easily work together.

After both Oracle Database Vault and operations control are enabled in the container database (CDB), you can enable Oracle Database Vault on any or no pluggable databases (PDBs).

As in the use case in which you only enabled operations control in the CDB without enabling Oracle Database Vault in the PDB, operations control will prevent the container-based privileged users from accessing application data in any of the pluggable databases. In addition, with Oracle Database Vault enabled in a PDB, the benefits of separation of duties, roles, realms, command rules, and authorizations protect the application data from privileged users in the PDB.

The combination of operations control and Oracle Database Vault provide the security, and flexibility, to separate container administrators from application data in PDBs and protect that application data from misuse, abuse, curious insiders, or human errors.

## 1.8.5 Oracle Database Vault in Regular or Strict Mode in a Multitenant Environment

You can configure regular or strict mode when you enable Oracle Database Vault in the container database (CDB).

Either of the following command will enable regular mode:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV;
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV (strict_mode => 'n');
```

To enable strict mode, you run the following command:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV (strict_mode => 'y');
```

If you choose the default, non-strict, mode, then PDBs with Oracle Database Vault enabled, or disabled, continue to function normally as long as Oracle Database Vault is enabled in the CDB. If you enable Oracle Database Vault using strict mode, then the PDBs with Oracle Database Vault disabled will operate in restricted mode.

Before the PDBs can be opened in read/write mode, Oracle Database Vault must be configured and enabled in the PDB or strict mode must be disabled in the CDB.

## 1.8.6 Oracle Database Vault Common Objects in a Multitenant Environment

When you configure a pluggable database (PDB) that has Database Vault enabled, the `DVSYS` schema is a common user schema that is stored in container database (CDB) root.

This means that all the objects within the `DVSYS` schema (tables, data dictionary views, user accounts, PL/SQL packages, default policies, and so on) are subject to the common privileges available for this schema. In other words, you can create realms, factors, and so on in the root to protect the schema in the CDB root. Ensure that you configure Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root first before you configure it in the associated PDBs.

## 1.8.7 Oracle Database Vault in an Application Containers Environment

Oracle Database Vault can protect the data and metadata in the application container root and in each clone of the application container.

A container database (CDB) includes zero or more application containers. Within an application container, an application is the named, versioned set of common data and metadata stored in the application root. You can, for example, create multiple sales-related PDBs within one application container, with these pluggable databases (PDBs) sharing an application that consists of a set of common tables and table definitions. You can store multiple human resources-related PDBs within a separate application container, with their own common tables and table definitions.

By combining Oracle Database Vault and application containers, you can configure common realms in the application root only, but you can create common rule sets and command rules in either the application root or the container database root. A common command rule in the application root applies to its associated pluggable databases, and common command rules in the container root apply to all pluggable databases in the container database environment. The

ability to create common realms and command rules enables you to create policies that use a shared set of realms, rule sets, or command rules throughout the container databases, rather than having to create these same components for every pluggable database in the multitenant environment.

You can create individual local policies for each PDB. When you use Oracle Database Vault to protect an object, Oracle Database Vault subjects common privileges for common objects to the same enforcement rules as local system privileges.

# 2

## What to Expect After You Enable Oracle Database Vault

When you enable Oracle Database Vault, several Oracle AI Database security features, such as default user authorizations, are modified to provide stronger security restrictions.

- [Initialization and Password Parameter Settings That Change](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault configuration modifies several database initialization parameter settings to better secure your database configuration.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Restricts User Authorizations](#)  
Oracle Database Vault restricts user authorizations through the revocation of system and object privileges, the separation of responsibilities through new database roles, and the enforcement of new controls by Oracle Database Vault realms, command rules, and authorizations.
- [Oracle Database Vault-Specific Database Roles to Enforce Separation of Duties](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault configuration implements the concept of *separation of duty* so that you can improve security and meet regulatory, privacy, and other compliance requirements.
- [Privileges That Are Revoked from Existing Users and Roles](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault configuration revokes privileges from several Oracle AI Database-supplied users and roles, for better separation of duty.
- [Privileges That Are Prevented for Existing Users and Roles](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault configuration prevents several privileges for all users and roles who have been granted these privileges, including users `SYS` and `SYSTEM`.

### 2.1 Initialization and Password Parameter Settings That Change

The Oracle Database Vault configuration modifies several database initialization parameter settings to better secure your database configuration.

If these changes will affect your organizational processes or database maintenance procedures, then contact Oracle Support for help in resolving the issue.

[Table 2-1](#) describes the initialization parameter settings that Oracle Database Vault modifies. Initialization parameters are stored in the `init.ora` initialization parameter file. See *Oracle AI Database Reference* for more information about initialization parameters.

**Table 2-1 Modified Database Initialization Parameter Settings**

Parameter	Default Value in Database	New Value Set by Database Vault	Impact of the Change
OS_ROLES	Not configured	FALSE	Disables the operating system to completely manage the granting and revoking of roles to users. Any previous grants of roles to users using GRANT statements do not change, because they are still listed in the data dictionary. Only the role grants made at the operating system-level to users apply. Users can still grant privileges to roles and users.
REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE	EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSIVE	Specifies whether Oracle AI Database checks for a password file. The EXCLUSIVE setting enforces the use of the password file, if you installed Oracle Database Vault into a database where REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE is not set to EXCLUSIVE.
SQL92_SECURITY	TRUE	TRUE	Ensures that if a user has been granted the UPDATE or DELETE object privilege, then the user must also be granted the SELECT object privilege before being able to perform UPDATE or DELETE operations on tables that have WHERE or SET clauses.  Be aware that if the user is only granted the READ object privilege (instead of SELECT), then the user is not able to perform UPDATE or DELETE operations.

## 2.2 How Oracle Database Vault Restricts User Authorizations

Oracle Database Vault restricts user authorizations through the revocation of system and object privileges, the separation of responsibilities through new database roles, and the enforcement of new controls by Oracle Database Vault realms, command rules, and authorizations.

In addition, several database roles are created. These roles are part of the separation of duties provided by Oracle Database Vault. One common audit problem that has affected several large organizations is the unauthorized creation of new database accounts by a database administrator within a production instance. Upon installation, Oracle Database Vault prevents anyone other than the Oracle Database Vault account manager or a user granted the Oracle Database Vault account manager role from creating users in the database.

### Related Topics

- [Separation of Duty Guidelines](#)  
Oracle Database Vault is designed to easily implement separation of duty guidelines.

## 2.3 Oracle Database Vault-Specific Database Roles to Enforce Separation of Duties

The Oracle Database Vault configuration implements the concept of *separation of duty* so that you can improve security and meet regulatory, privacy, and other compliance requirements.

Oracle Database Vault makes clear separation between the account management responsibility, data security responsibility, and database management responsibility inside the database. This means that the concept of a super-privileged role (for example, `DBA`) is divided among several new database roles to ensure no one user has full control over both the data and configuration of the system. Oracle Database Vault prevents privileged users (those with the `DBA` and other privileged roles and system privileges) from accessing designated protected areas of the database called realms. It also introduces new database roles called the Oracle Database Vault Owner (`DV_OWNER`) and the Oracle Database Vault Account Manager (`DV_ACCTMGR`). These new database roles separate the data security and the account management from the traditional `DBA` role. You should map these roles to distinct security professionals within your organization.

### Related Topics

- [Separation of Duty Guidelines](#)  
Oracle Database Vault is designed to easily implement separation of duty guidelines.
- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.

## 2.4 Privileges That Are Revoked from Existing Users and Roles

The Oracle Database Vault configuration revokes privileges from several Oracle AI Database-supplied users and roles, for better separation of duty.

[Table 2-2](#) lists privileges that Oracle Database Vault revokes from the Oracle AI Database-supplied users and roles. Be aware that if you disable Oracle Database Vault, these privileges remain revoked. If your applications depend on these privileges, then grant them to application owner directly. These privileges are revoked from the users and roles in the CDB root and its PDBs and from the application root and its PDBs.

**Table 2-2 Privileges Oracle Database Vault Revokes**

User or Role	Privilege That Is Revoked
DBA role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>BECOME USER</code></li> <li>• <code>SELECT ANY TRANSACTION</code></li> <li>• <code>CREATE ANY JOB</code></li> <li>• <code>CREATE EXTERNAL JOB</code></li> <li>• <code>EXECUTE ANY PROGRAM</code></li> <li>• <code>EXECUTE ANY CLASS</code></li> <li>• <code>MANAGE SCHEDULER</code></li> <li>• <code>DEQUEUE ANY QUEUE</code></li> <li>• <code>ENQUEUE ANY QUEUE</code></li> <li>• <code>MANAGE ANY QUEUE</code></li> </ul>



**Table 2-2 (Cont.) Privileges Oracle Database Vault Revokes**

User or Role	Privilege That Is Revoked
IMP_FULL_DATABASE role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BECOME USER</li> <li>MANAGE ANY QUEUE</li> </ul>
EXECUTE_CATALOG_ROLE role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS_LOGMNR_D</li> <li>EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS_LOGMNR_LOGREP_DICT</li> <li>EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS_FILE_TRANSFER</li> <li>EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS_LOGMNR</li> </ul>
PUBLIC user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXECUTE ON UTL_FILE during the execution of the CONFIGURE_DV procedure, but before this revocation takes place, CONFIGURE_DV grants the object privilege directly to any schema that is dependent on this procedure</li> </ul>
SCHEDULER_ADMIN role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CREATE ANY JOB</li> <li>CREATE EXTERNAL JOB</li> <li>EXECUTE ANY PROGRAM</li> <li>EXECUTE ANY CLASS</li> <li>MANAGE SCHEDULER</li> </ul>

**Note**

Both the SYS and SYSTEM users retain the SELECT privilege for the DBA\_USERS\_WITH\_DEFPWD data dictionary view, which lists user accounts that use default passwords. If you want other users to have access to this view, grant them the SELECT privilege on it.

**Related Topics**

- [Privileges of Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault roles are designed to provide the maximum benefits of separation of duty.
- [DV\\_ACCTMGR Database Vault Account Manager Role](#)  
The DV\_ACCTMGR role is a powerful role, used for accounts management.

## 2.5 Privileges That Are Prevented for Existing Users and Roles

The Oracle Database Vault configuration prevents several privileges for all users and roles who have been granted these privileges, including users SYS and SYSTEM.

The DV\_ACCTMGR role has these privileges for separation of duty:

- ALTER PROFILE
- ALTER USER
- CREATE PROFILE
- CREATE USER
- DROP PROFILE
- DROP USER

For better security and to maintain separation-of-duty standards, do not enable `SYS` or `SYSTEM` users the ability to create or manage user accounts.

Any role can be granted to user `SYS`, but `SYS` cannot use the role because no roles are enabled in the `SYS` session.

# 3

## Getting Started with Oracle Database Vault

Before you can start using Oracle Database Vault, you must configure and enable it with the Oracle database.

- [About Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault in Oracle AI Database](#)  
Oracle AI Database includes Database Vault when you choose to include a default database in the installation process, but you must configure and enable it before you can use it.
- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.
- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)  
The `DBA_DV_STATUS`, `CDB_DV_STATUS`, and `DBA_OLS_STATUS` data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.
- [Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control (Cloud Control) provides pages for managing Oracle Database Vault.
- [Quick Start Tutorial: Securing a Schema from DBA Access](#)  
This tutorial shows how to create a realm around the `HR` schema.

### 3.1 About Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault in Oracle AI Database

Oracle AI Database includes Database Vault when you choose to include a default database in the installation process, but you must configure and enable it before you can use it.

The configuration and enablement process enables Oracle Label Security if it is not already enabled. Oracle Label Security is required for Oracle Database Vault but it does not require a separate license unless you begin using Oracle Label Security separately and create Oracle Label Security policies.

If you create a custom database, then you can use DBCA to install and enable Database Vault for it. The registration process enables Oracle Label Security if it is not already enabled. This procedure applies to the CDB root, application root, and the current pluggable database (PDB), as well as to both single-instance and Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) installations. In a multitenant database, Database Vault must be configured with the CDB root before any of the PDBs can configure Database Vault.

As part of the configuration process, you created the Oracle Database Vault administrative accounts. The Oracle Database Vault configuration recommends four administrative database account names (two primary accounts and two backup accounts) with different passwords for each. These are accounts that hold the Database Vault roles `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR`, granted with the `WITH ADMIN OPTION` clause. Two of these accounts will be used to provision the roles to named users with administrative privileges. Maintaining two backup accounts, one with `DV_OWNER` and one with `DV_ACCTMGR` roles, will allow you to recover from the named user losing or somehow misplacing their credentials because `SYS`, or any other user, will not be able to reset these passwords for users with these roles.

**Note**

If you upgraded from a release earlier than Oracle Database 12c, then you disabled Oracle Database Vault to perform the upgrade. After the upgrade process is complete, then you must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault again.

If you are migrating a non-Database Vault-enabled Oracle database from a release earlier than release 12c, then you must perform a manual installation of Database Vault.

**Related Topics**

- [Manually Installing Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Under certain conditions, you must manually install Oracle Database Vault.
- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)  
The `DBA_DV_STATUS`, `CDB_DV_STATUS`, and `DBA_OLS_STATUS` data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.
- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.

## 3.2 Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault

You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.

- [About Configuring and Enabling Database Vault](#)  
You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root before you can perform the same action in any of the associated PDBs.
- [Configuring and Enabling Database Vault in the CDB Root](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with common users who will use the Database Vault administrative roles from the CDB root.
- [Configuring and Enabling Database Vault Common Users to Manage Specific PDBs](#)  
You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root first, then in the PDBs afterward.
- [Configuring and Enabling Database Vault Local Users to Manage Specific PDBs](#)  
You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the root first, and then in the PDBs afterward.
- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Real Application Clusters Environment](#)  
You can configure Oracle Database Vault for an Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environment, including each Oracle RAC node.
- [Creating a Profile to Protect the DV\\_OWNER and DV\\_ACCTMGR Users](#)  
A profile provides additional protection for users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.
- [Manually Installing Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Under certain conditions, you must manually install Oracle Database Vault.

### 3.2.1 About Configuring and Enabling Database Vault

You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root before you can perform the same action in any of the associated PDBs.

The common users who have been assigned the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles in the CDB root can also have the same role in the PDBs. PDBs can have Database Vault configured and enabled using the same common users or use separate PDB local users. The DV\_ACCTMGR role is granted commonly to the common user in the CDB root. You can grant DV\_OWNER locally or commonly to the CDB root common user when you configure and enable Database Vault with the CDB root. Granting DV\_OWNER locally to the common user prevents the common DV\_OWNER user from using this role in any PDB.

### 3.2.2 Configuring and Enabling Database Vault in the CDB Root

You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with common users who will use the Database Vault administrative roles from the CDB root.

Before you begin, Oracle recommends that you ensure that all database-related objects are valid. You can use the UTL\_RECOMP PL/SQL package to check the validity of objects. See *Oracle AI Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*.

1. Log into the CDB root of the database instance as a user who has privileges to create users and grant the CREATE SESSION and SET CONTAINER privileges.
2. Select user accounts (or create new users) that will be used for the Database Vault Owner (DV\_OWNER role) and Database Vault Account Manager (DV\_ACCTMGR role) accounts.

Oracle strongly recommends that you maintain two accounts for each role. One account, the primary named user account, will be used on a day-to-day basis and the other account will be used as a backup account in case the password of the primary account is lost and must be reset. If you do not have a backup for your account, then you cannot reset passwords. In addition, you must grant the DV\_OWNER role, WITH ADMIN OPTION, to be able to reset the password of the primary account. Store these passwords in a safe location, such as a privileged account management (PAM) system, in case they are needed in the future.

Prepend the names of these accounts with c## or C##. For example:

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO c##dvowner
  IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = ALL;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO c##dvowner_backup
  IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = ALL;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO c##dvacctmgr
  IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = ALL;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO c##dvacctmgr_backup
  IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = ALL;
```

This specification grants two system privileges, creates the accounts if they do not exist, assigns a password, and does this so all the users have access to the CDB and all PDB databases.

- Create the primary accounts (c##dvowner and c##dvacctmgr) if these do not already exist for the new roles, DV\_ADMIN and DV\_ACCTMGR.
  - Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.
3. Connect to the CDB root as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege
  4. Configure the two backup Database Vault user accounts.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  CONFIGURE_DV (
    dvowner_uname          => 'c##dvowner_backup',
    dvacctmgr_uname        => 'c##dvacctmgr_backup',
    force_local_dvowner    => FALSE);
END;
/
```

In this example, setting `force_local_dvowner` to `FALSE` enables the common users to have `DV_OWNER` privileges for the PDBs that are associated with this CDB root. Setting it to `TRUE` restricts the common `DV_OWNER` user to have the `DV_OWNER` role privileges for the CDB root only. If you grant `DV_OWNER` locally to the CDB root common user, then that user cannot grant the `DV_OWNER` role commonly to any other user.

5. Run the `utlrp.sql` script to recompile invalidated objects in the root.

```
@?/rdbms/admin/utlrp.sql
```

If the script provides instructions, follow them, and then run the script again. If the script terminates abnormally without giving any instructions, then run it again.

6. Connect to the root as the backup Database Vault Owner user that you just configured.

For example:

```
CONNECT c##dvowner_backup
Enter password: password
```

7. Enable Oracle Database Vault using one of the following commands:

- To enable Oracle Database Vault to use regular mode:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV;
```

- If every associated PDB will need to have Database Vault enabled in this database, then use the following command. (You will need to enable each of these PDBs after you complete this procedure.) PDBs that do not have Database Vault enabled will be in restricted mode after the database is restarted and until Database Vault is enabled in the PDB:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV (strict_mode => 'y');
```

8. Connect with the `SYSOPER` administrative privilege.
9. Restart the database.

For a single-instance database:

```
SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
STARTUP
```

If you are in an Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environment, then you can perform an Oracle RAC rolling enablement.

10. Connect with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.

11. Verify that Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Label Security are installed and enabled.

```
SELECT * FROM CDB_DV_STATUS;  
SELECT * FROM CDB_OLS_STATUS;
```

12. Connect as the backup DV\_OWNER user and then grant the DV\_OWNER role, including the WITH ADMIN OPTION clause, to the primary DV\_OWNER user that you created earlier.

For example:

```
CONNECT c##dvowner_backup  
Enter password: password
```

```
GRANT DV_OWNER TO c##dvowner WITH ADMIN OPTION CONTAINER = ALL;
```

13. Connect as the backup DV\_ACCTMGR user and then grant the DV\_ACCTMGR role, including the WITH ADMIN OPTION clause, to the primary DV\_ACCTMGR user.

For example:

```
CONNECT c##dvacctmgr_backup  
Enter password: password
```

```
GRANT DV_ACCTMGR TO c##dvacctmgr WITH ADMIN OPTION CONTAINER=ALL;
```

14. Store the two backup account passwords in a safe location such as a privileged account management (PAM) system in case they are needed in the future.

### Related Topics

- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_STATUS, CDB\_DV\_STATUS, and DBA\_OLS\_STATUS data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.
- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.
- [Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control (Cloud Control) provides pages for managing Oracle Database Vault.

### Related Topics

- [DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN Database Vault Database Patch Role](#)  
The DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role is used for patching operations.
- [CONFIGURE\\_DV General System Maintenance Procedure](#)  
The CONFIGURE\_DV procedure configures the initial two Oracle AI Database user accounts, which are granted the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles, respectively.
- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Real Application Clusters Environment](#)  
You can configure Oracle Database Vault for an Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environment, including each Oracle RAC node.
- [Resetting Oracle Database Vault Account Passwords](#)  
Backup accounts can help you reset lost passwords for users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.

### 3.2.3 Configuring and Enabling Database Vault Common Users to Manage Specific PDBs

You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root first, then in the PDBs afterward.

If you try to configure and enable in a PDB first, then an `ORA-47503: Database Vault is not enabled on CDB$ROOT` error appears.

1. If you have not already done so, then identify or create named common user accounts to be used as the Database Vault accounts along with associated backup accounts.
2. Ensure that you have configured and enabled Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root and that the `DV_OWNER` role was granted commonly to the common user.
3. Connect to the PDB as an administrator who is local to the PDB.
4. If necessary, open the database.

```
ALTER DATABASE OPEN;
```

5. Grant the `CREATE SESSION` and `SET CONTAINER` privileges to the users for this PDB.

For example:

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO c##dvowner CONTAINER = CURRENT;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO c##dvacctmgr CONTAINER = CURRENT;
```

6. Connect as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege
7. While still in the PDB, configure the two backup Database Vault user accounts.

```
BEGIN  
  CONFIGURE_DV (  
    dvowner_uname      => 'c##dvowner_backup',  
    dvacctmgr_uname    => 'c##dvacctmgr_backup');  
END;  
/
```

In this example, the `force_local_dvowner` parameter is omitted because it is unnecessary. All common users who are configured within a PDB are restricted to the scope of the PDB.

8. Run the `utlrp.sql` script to recompile invalidated objects in this PDB.

```
@?/rdbms/admin/utlrp.sql
```

If the script provides instructions, follow them, and then run the script again. If the script terminates abnormally without giving any instructions, then run it again.

9. Connect to the PDB as the backup Database Vault Owner user that you just configured.

For example:

```
CONNECT c##dvowner_backup@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```



10. Enable Oracle Database Vault in this PDB.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV;
```

11. Connect to the CDB with the SYSDBA administrative privilege.
12. Close and reopen the PDB.

For example:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;  
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

13. Verify that the PDB is configured and enabled for Database Vault and Oracle Label Security.

```
CONNECT SYS@pdb_name AS SYSDBA  
Enter password: password
```

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;  
SELECT * FROM DBA_OLS_STATUS;
```

14. Connect as the backup DV\_OWNER user and then grant the DV\_OWNER role, including the WITH ADMIN OPTION clause, to the primary DV\_OWNER user that you created earlier.

For example:

```
CONNECT c##dvowner_backup@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

```
GRANT DV_OWNER TO c##dvowner WITH ADMIN OPTION;
```

15. Connect as the backup DV\_ACCTMGR user and then grant the DV\_ACCTMGR role, including the WITH ADMIN OPTION clause, to the primary DV\_ACCTMGR user.

For example:

```
CONNECT c##dvacctmgr_backup@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

```
GRANT DV_ACCTMGR TO c##dvacctmgr WITH ADMIN OPTION;
```

16. Store the two backup account passwords in a safe location such as a privileged account management (PAM) system in case they are needed in the future.

### Related Topics

- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_STATUS, CDB\_DV\_STATUS, and DBA\_OLS\_STATUS data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.
- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
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You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with common users who will use the Database Vault administrative roles from the CDB root.
- [Resetting Oracle Database Vault Account Passwords](#)  
Backup accounts can help you reset lost passwords for users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.

## 3.2.4 Configuring and Enabling Database Vault Local Users to Manage Specific PDBs

You must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the root first, and then in the PDBs afterward.

If you try to configure and enable in a PDB first, then an ORA-47503: Database Vault is not enabled on CDB\$ROOT error appears.

1. Log in to the PDB as a user who has privileges to create users and to grant the CREATE SESSION and SET CONTAINER privileges.
2. If necessary, open the database.

```
ALTER DATABASE OPEN;
```

3. If you are not using existing local user named accounts for the new Database Vault roles, create new named local user accounts.

In both cases, you must create backup accounts to hold the Database Vault roles in case the named user loses or forgets their password.

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO dvowner
  IDENTIFIED BY password;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO dvowner_backup
  IDENTIFIED BY password;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO dvacctmgr
  IDENTIFIED BY password;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, SET CONTAINER TO dvacctmgr_backup
  IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Oracle strongly recommends that you maintain two accounts for each role. One account, the primary named user account, will be used on a day-to-day basis and the other account will be used as a backup account in case the password of the primary account is lost and must be reset. If you do not have a backup for your account, then you cannot reset passwords. In addition, you must grant the DV\_OWNER role, WITH ADMIN OPTION, to be able to reset the password of the primary account. Store these passwords in a safe location, such as a privileged account management (PAM) system, in case they are needed in the future.

4. Ensure that you have configured and enabled Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root.

Temporarily connect to the root and then query the DBA\_DV\_STATUS view.

```
CONNECT SYS / AS SYSDBA
Enter password: password

SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;
```

5. Connect to the PDB as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege.
6. While still in the PDB, configure the two backup Database Vault user accounts.

```
BEGIN
  CONFIGURE_DV (
    dvowner_uname      => 'dvowner_backup',
    dvacctmgr_uname    => 'dvacctmgr_backup' );
END;
/
```

In this example, the `force_local_dvowner` parameter is omitted because it is unnecessary. Database Vault roles are granted locally when configured in a PDB.

7. Run the `utlrp.sql` script to recompile invalidated objects in this PDB.

```
@?/rdbms/admin/utlrp.sql
```

If the script provides instructions, follow them, and then run the script again. If the script terminates abnormally without giving any instructions, run it again.

8. Connect to the PDB as the backup Database Vault Owner user that you just configured. For example:

```
CONNECT dvowner_backup@pdb_name
Enter password: password
```

9. Enable Oracle Database Vault in this PDB.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV;
```

10. Connect to the CDB with the SYSDBA administrative privilege.

```
CONNECT / AS SYSDBA
```

11. Close and reopen the PDB.

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

12. Verify that the PDB is configured and enabled for Database Vault and Oracle Label Security.

```
CONNECT SYS@pdb_name AS SYSDBA
Enter password: password
```

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;  
SELECT * FROM DBA_OLS_STATUS;
```

13. Connect as the backup DV\_OWNER user and then grant the DV\_OWNER role, including the WITH ADMIN OPTION clause, to the primary DV\_OWNER user that you created earlier.

For example:

```
CONNECT dvowner_backup@pdb_name  
Enter password: password  
  
GRANT DV_OWNER TO dvowner WITH ADMIN OPTION;
```

14. Connect as the backup DV\_ACCTMGR user and then grant the DV\_ACCTMGR role, including the WITH ADMIN OPTION clause, to the primary DV\_ACCTMGR user.

For example:

```
CONNECT dvacctmgr_backup@pdb_name  
Enter password: password  
  
GRANT DV_ACCTMGR TO dvacctmgr WITH ADMIN OPTION;
```

15. Store the two backup account passwords in a safe location such as a privileged account management (PAM) system in case they are needed in the future.

#### Related Topics

- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_STATUS, CDB\_DV\_STATUS, and DBA\_OLS\_STATUS data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.
- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.
- [Configuring and Enabling Database Vault in the CDB Root](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with common users who will use the Database Vault administrative roles from the CDB root.
- [Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control (Cloud Control) provides pages for managing Oracle Database Vault.

## 3.2.5 Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Real Application Clusters Environment

You can configure Oracle Database Vault for an Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environment, including each Oracle RAC node.

To configure Oracle Database vault for an Oracle RAC environment, you must configure and enable Oracle Database Vault on one node, then restart each of the instance nodes to enable it everywhere. The following procedure assumes that you have a separate Oracle home for each node. If you are familiar with rolling patch installation on Oracle RAC, then you will perform similar steps to enable Oracle Database Vault on all Oracle RAC nodes.

1. Configure and enable Oracle Database Vault in the CDB root.
2. Log into the PDB as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege.

3. If necessary, open the database.

```
ALTER DATABASE OPEN;
```

4. Run the following `ALTER SYSTEM` statements on either of the Oracle RAC nodes:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET OS_ROLES=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;  
ALTER SYSTEM SET REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE='EXCLUSIVE' SCOPE=SPFILE;  
ALTER SYSTEM SET SQL92_SECURITY=TRUE SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

5. Close and then reopen the PDB.

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;  
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

### Related Topics

- [Configuring and Enabling Database Vault in the CDB Root](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with common users who will use the Database Vault administrative roles from the CDB root.

## 3.2.6 Creating a Profile to Protect the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR Users

A profile provides additional protection for users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

Database users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ACCTMGR` roles are considered critical, privileged, accounts. Typically, these accounts should be considered service accounts and exempt from password lockout requirements. Oracle recommends that you create a custom profile that prevents the account from being locked. In addition, you should audit failed login attempts for these Database Vault-related accounts.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has the `CREATE PROFILE` system privilege.
  - For common `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` users: Log in to the root of the database instance.
  - For local `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` users: Log in to the PDB in which you created the users.
2. Create a profile similar to the following:
  - For common `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` users: In the root, create the profile similar to the following:

```
CREATE PROFILE c##dv_profile limit  
FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS 5  
PASSWORD_VERIFY_FUNCTION ORA12C_VERIFY_FUNCTION  
PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME 1/1440  
CONTAINER=ALL;
```

By setting the `password_lock_time` to `1/1440`, you will lock the user account for one minute after five failed login attempts. This ensures your `DV_OWNER`-related accounts cannot be permanently locked out. You should adjust the limits to meet your organization or industry standards.

- For local DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR users: In the PDB, create the profile similar to the following:

```
CREATE PROFILE dv_profile limit
FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS 5
PASSWORD_VERIFY_FUNCTION ORA12C_VERIFY_FUNCTION
PASSWORD_LOCK_TIME 1/1440
CONTAINER=CURRENT;
```

By setting the password\_lock\_time to 1/1440, you will lock the user account for one minute after five failed login attempts. This ensures your DV\_OWNER-related accounts cannot be permanently locked out. You should adjust the limits to meet your organization or industry standards.

3. Update the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR user accounts to use this profile.

- For common DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR users:

```
ALTER USER c##dvowner PROFILE c##dv_profile CONTAINER = ALL;
ALTER USER c##dvowner_backup PROFILE c##dv_profile CONTAINER = ALL;
ALTER USER c##dvacctmgr PROFILE c##dv_profile CONTAINER = ALL;
ALTER USER c##dvacctmgr_backup PROFILE c##dv_profile CONTAINER = ALL;
```

- For local DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR users:

```
ALTER USER dvowner PROFILE dv_profile CONTAINER = CURRENT;
ALTER USER dvowner_backup PROFILE dv_profile CONTAINER = CURRENT;
ALTER USER dvacctmgr PROFILE dv_profile CONTAINER = CURRENT;
ALTER USER dvacctmgr_backup PROFILE dv_profile CONTAINER = CURRENT;
```

4. Connect as a user who has been granted the AUDIT\_ADMIN role.

5. Create and enable a unified audit policy to track failed logins by any user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ACCTMGR role.

- For common DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR users: In the root, create a policy similar to the following:

```
CREATE AUDIT POLICY c##dv_logins ACTIONS LOGON;
AUDIT POLICY c##dv_logins BY USERS WITH GRANTED ROLES DV_OWNER,
DV_ACCTMGR
WHENEVER NOT SUCCESSFUL;
```

- For local DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR users: In the PDB, create a policy similar to the following:

```
CREATE AUDIT POLICY dv_logins ACTIONS LOGON;
AUDIT POLICY dv_logins BY USERS WITH GRANTED ROLES DV_OWNER, DV_ACCTMGR
WHENEVER NOT SUCCESSFUL;
```

## Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference*
- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

## 3.2.7 Manually Installing Oracle Database Vault

Under certain conditions, you must manually install Oracle Database Vault.

For example, you may have to manually install Oracle Database Vault if a release 19c Oracle database without Database Vault is upgraded to release 26ai, then converted to a PDB to be plugged into a 26ai Database Vault-enabled database. In addition, you must manually install Oracle Database Vault (and Oracle Label Security) in a PDB if this PDB does not have these products when the PDB has been plugged into a CDB where Database Vault and Label Security are installed.

1. As user who has been granted the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege, log in to the PDB in which you want to install Oracle Database Vault.

Alternatively, log in to the CDB root as a user with `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role, and then check that all of the PDBs are open and if Oracle Database Vault is in all of the associated PDBs. You can check if the PDB is open by connecting to it and then querying the `OPEN_MODE` column from the `V$DATABASE` view. To find if there is an Oracle Database Vault installation on the CDB, as a user with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege, run this query:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;
```

2. If necessary, check if Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Label Security are already installed on this PDB.

If the `DVSY` and `DVF` accounts (for Database Vault) and the `LBACSYS` account (for Label Security) exist, then Database Vault and Label Security exist on the PDB.

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS WHERE USERNAME IN ( 'DVSYS', 'DVF',  
'LBACSYS' );
```

If properly installed, the result of this should show the major database version and a status of `VALID` for both Oracle Label Security and Oracle Database Vault:

```
SELECT COMP_NAME, VERSION, STATUS FROM DBA_REGISTRY WHERE COMP_ID IN  
( 'DV', 'OLS' );
```

3. If neither Database Vault nor Label Security have been installed, then install Oracle Label Security by executing the `catols.sql` script.

```
@$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catols.sql
```

Oracle Label Security must be installed before you can install Oracle Database Vault.

4. Install Oracle Database Vault by executing the `catmac.sql` script.

```
@$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catmac.sql
```

5. At the Enter value for 1 prompt, enter `SYSTEM` as the tablespace to install `DVSYS`.
6. At the Enter value for 2 prompt, enter the temporary tablespace for the PDB.

7. Verify that the three schemas exist.

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS WHERE USERNAME IN ( 'DVSYS' , 'DVF' ,
'LBACSYS' ) ;
```

8. Verify that the view exists and is currently set.

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

NAME	STATUS
-----	-----
DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS	FALSE
DV_ENABLE_STATUS	FALSE
DV_APP_PROTECTION	NOT CONFIGURED

After Database Vault is configured and enabled in the CDB root and the database has been restarted, then you can configure and enable Database Vault in the PDB.

#### Related Topics

- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.

## 3.3 Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled

The `DBA_DV_STATUS`, `CDB_DV_STATUS`, and `DBA_OLS_STATUS` data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.

In addition to Oracle Database Vault administrators, the Oracle AI Database `sys` user and users who have been granted the `DBA` role can query these views.

- For Database Vault:
  - If you want to find the Database Vault status for the root only or an individual PDB, then query `DBA_DV_STATUS`. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

NAME	STATUS
-----	-----
DV_APP_PROTECTION	NOT CONFIGURED
DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS	TRUE
DV_ENABLE_STATUS	TRUE

`DV_APP_PROTECTION` refers to operations control, which automatically restricts common users from accessing PDB local data in Oracle AI Database multitenant environments.

- If you want to find the Database Vault status of all PDBs in the multitenant environment, then as a common user with administrative privileges, query `CDB_DV_STATUS`, which provides the addition of a container ID (`CON_ID`) field.
- For Oracle Label Security, query the `DBA_OLS_STATUS` data dictionary view.



### Related Topics

- [Using Database Vault Operations Control to Restrict Multitenant Common User Access to Local PDB Data](#)

You can control PDB access by CDB root common users, such as infrastructure database administrators.

## 3.4 Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control

Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control (Cloud Control) provides pages for managing Oracle Database Vault.

Only Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control is supported, not Oracle EM Express. The Oracle Database Vault pages can be used to administer and monitor Database Vault-protected databases from a centralized console. This console enables you to automate alerts, view Database Vault reports, and propagate Database Vault policies to other Database Vault-protected databases.

Before you try to log in, ensure that you have configured the Cloud Control target databases that you plan to use with Database Vault by following the Oracle Enterprise Manager online help. Oracle Database Vault must also be configured and enabled with the Oracle database.

1. Log in to Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control with the credentials that were provided by your Cloud Control administrator.
2. In the Cloud Control home page, from the **Targets** menu, select **Databases**.
3. In the Databases page, select the link for the Oracle Database Vault-protected database to which you want to connect.

The Database home page appears.

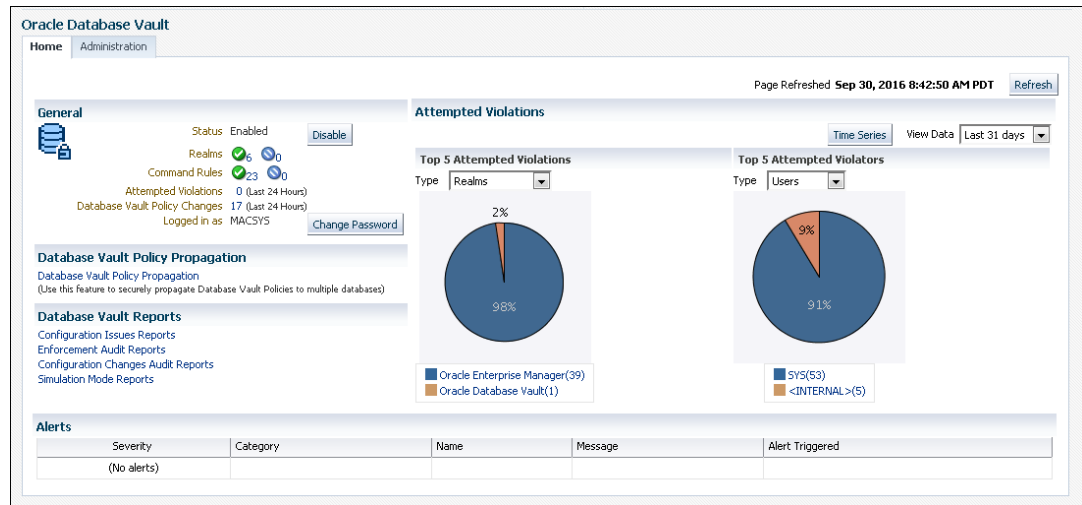
4. From the **Security** menu, select **Database Vault**.

The Database Login page appears.

5. Enter the following information:

- **Username:** Enter the name of a user who has been granted the appropriate Oracle Database Vault role:
  - Creating and propagating Database Vault policies: `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role, `SELECT ANY DICTIONARY` privilege
  - Viewing Database Vault alerts and reports: `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role, `SELECT ANY DICTIONARY` privilege
- **Password:** Enter your password.
- **Role:** Select **NORMAL** from the list.
- **Save as:** Select this check box if you want these credentials to be automatically filled in for you the next time that this page appears. The credentials are stored in Enterprise Manager in a secure manner. Access to these credentials depends on the user who is currently logged in.

The Database Vault home page appears.



### Related Topics

- [About Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of roles that are required for managing Oracle Database Vault.
- [Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager](#)  
Oracle Database Vault administrators can perform tasks in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control such as propagating policies to other databases.

## 3.5 Quick Start Tutorial: Securing a Schema from DBA Access

This tutorial shows how to create a realm around the HR schema.

- [About This Tutorial](#)  
In this tutorial, you create a realm around the EMPLOYEES table in the HR sample database schema by using the Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.
- [Step 1: Log On as SYSTEM to Access the HR Schema](#)  
You must enable the HR schema for this tutorial.
- [Step 2: Create a Realm](#)  
Realms can protect one or more schemas, individual schema objects, and database roles.
- [Step 3: Create a Unified Audit Policy for Realm Violations](#)  
You can create unified audit policies for Oracle Database Vault realms, rule sets, and factors.
- [Step 4: Create the SEBASTIAN User Account](#)  
At this stage, only the HR schema and database users, or roles, with direct object grants can manipulate the database objects the realm will protect. Users relying on system privileges cannot.
- [Step 5: Have User SEBASTIAN Test the Realm](#)  
At this stage, user sebastian can test the realm by trying to query the HR.EMPLOYEES table.
- [Step 6: Create an Authorization for the Realm](#)  
Next, user SEBASTIAN must be granted authorization to the HR Apps realm, so that they can access the HR.EMPLOYEES table.
- [Step 7: Test the Realm](#)  
To test the realm, you must try to access the EMPLOYEES table as a user other than HR.

- [Step 8: View Audit Records from Realm Violations](#)  
You should conduct a periodic review of violations on the unified audit policies that you have created.
- [Step 9: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

### 3.5.1 About This Tutorial

In this tutorial, you create a realm around the `EMPLOYEES` table in the `HR` sample database schema by using the Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.

You will also learn how to create a unified audit policy to record realm violations and review them.

In the `HR` schema, the `EMPLOYEES` table has information such as salaries that should be hidden from most employees in the company, including those with administrative access. To accomplish this, you add the `HR` schema to the secured objects of the protection zone, which in Oracle Database Vault is called a *realm*, inside the database. Then you grant limited authorizations to this realm. Afterward, you test the realm to make sure it has been properly secured.

### 3.5.2 Step 1: Log On as SYSTEM to Access the HR Schema

You must enable the `HR` schema for this tutorial.

Before you begin this tutorial, ensure that the `HR` sample schema is installed.

1. Log in to a PDB as a user who has been granted the `DBA` role, and then access the `HR` schema.
2. Query the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table as follows.

```
SELECT FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE ROWNUM < 10;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	SALARY
-----	-----	-----
Steven	King	24000
Neena	Kochhar	17000
Lex	De Haan	17000
Alexander	Hunold	9000
Bruce	Ernst	6000
David	Austin	4800
Valli	Pataballa	4800
Diana	Lorentz	4200
Nancy	Greenberg	12008

9 rows selected.

3. If the `HR` schema is locked and expired, log in to the database instance as the `DV_ACCTMGR` user and unlock and unexpire the account. For example:

```
ALTER USER HR ACCOUNT UNLOCK IDENTIFIED BY password
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

A user with the DBA role has access to the salary information in the `EMPLOYEES` table of the HR schema. Logging in as `SYSTEM` works because `SYSTEM` has the DBA role, which has the `SELECT ANY TABLE` system privilege.

4. Do not exit SQL\*Plus.

#### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Sample Schemas*
- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

### 3.5.3 Step 2: Create a Realm

Realms can protect one or more schemas, individual schema objects, and database roles.

After you create a realm, you can create security restrictions that apply to the schemas and their schema objects within the realm. You will need to create a realm for the `EMPLOYEES` table in the HR schema.

1. Connect to a PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Create the HR Apps realm around the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table.
  - a. Create the HR Apps realm itself.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
    description   => 'Realm to protect the HR schema',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    audit_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF,
    realm_type    => DBMS_MACADM.REGULAR_REALM);
END;
/
```

- b. Add the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table to this realm.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
    object_owner  => 'HR',
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',
    object_type   => 'TABLE');
END;
/
```

At this stage, you have created the realm but you have not assigned any authorizations to it. Because this is a traditional realm (`realm_type => DBMS_MACADM.REGULAR_REALM`), any user with direct grants to `READ` or `SELECT` from `HR.EMPLOYEES` will still be able to view this table, but users who rely on system privileges, such as `READ ANY TABLE` or `SELECT ANY TABLE`, will not. You will take care of that later on in this tutorial.

### 3.5.4 Step 3: Create a Unified Audit Policy for Realm Violations

You can create unified audit policies for Oracle Database Vault realms, rule sets, and factors.

Unified Audit policies can be designed to create audit records whenever access to realms, rule sets, or factors are not successful, when access is successful, or when access is either successful or not successful. See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for more information about creating unified audit policies for Oracle Database Vault.

After you create a realm, you can create unified audit policies to capture violations of the realm.

1. Connect to a PDB as a user who has been granted the DBA role, AUDIT\_SYSTEM system privilege, or AUDIT\_ADMIN role.

It may be easier to create a user with this privilege for the tutorial.

- a. As a user with the DV\_ACCTMGR role, create a temporary user to act as audit administrator.

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO cmack IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

- b. As a user with the SYSDBA administrative privilege, grant this new user the AUDIT\_ADMIN role.

```
GRANT AUDIT_ADMIN TO cmack;
```

- c. As a user with the DV\_OWNER role, grant the new user authorization to use their AUDIT\_ADMIN role.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN('CMACK');
```

2. As the AUDIT\_ADMIN user, cmack, create a unified audit policy to audit all actions that are violations of the HR Apps realm.

- a. Create the unified audit policy.

```
CREATE AUDIT POLICY aud_hrapps_dv  
ACTIONS COMPONENT=DV REALM VIOLATION ON "HR Apps";
```

- b. Enable the unified audit policy.

```
AUDIT POLICY aud_hrapps_dv;
```

At this stage, you have created the unified audit policy but you have not committed any realm violations yet. You will take care of that later in this tutorial.

### 3.5.5 Step 4: Create the SEBASTIAN User Account

At this stage, only the HR schema and database users, or roles, with direct object grants can manipulate the database objects the realm will protect. Users relying on system privileges cannot.

So, the next step is to authorize database accounts or database roles so that they have access to the schemas or objects protected by the realm. In this tutorial, the only object we have protected is the HR.EMPLOYEES table. User cmack has been granted the AUDIT\_ADMIN role, and through the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN authorization that you performed earlier, authorized to use the AUDIT\_ADMIN role to manage unified audit policies and view unified audit records. You will create the sebastian user account.

1. In SQL\*Plus, connect to the PDB as the Database Vault Account Manager, who has the DV\_ACCTMGR role, and create the local user sebastian.

For example:

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO sebastian IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

2. Connect as SYS with the SYSDBA privilege, and then grant SEBASTIAN the following additional privilege.

```
GRANT READ ANY TABLE TO sebastian;
```

3. Do not exit SQL\*Plus.

#### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

### 3.5.6 Step 5: Have User SEBASTIAN Test the Realm

At this stage, user sebastian can test the realm by trying to query the HR.EMPLOYEES table.

1. Connect as user sebastian.
2. Query the HR.EMPLOYEES table.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM HR.EMPLOYEES;
```

The following output should appear:

```
ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges
```

Even though user sebastian has the READ ANY TABLE system privilege, he cannot query the HR.EMPLOYEES table, because the HR Apps realm takes precedence over the READ ANY TABLE system privilege.

### 3.5.7 Step 6: Create an Authorization for the Realm

Next, user SEBASTIAN must be granted authorization to the HR Apps realm, so that they can access the HR.EMPLOYEES table.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Create an authorization for the HR Apps realm.

This authorization allows SEBASTIAN to use the READ ANY TABLE system privilege on the HR.EMPLOYEES table that is protected by this realm.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(  
    realm_name => 'HR Apps',  
    grantee    => 'SEBASTIAN');  
END;  
/
```

### 3.5.8 Step 7: Test the Realm

To test the realm, you must try to access the EMPLOYEES table as a user other than HR.

(This tutorial does not cover the ability to prevent HR from accessing its own objects.)  
The SYSTEM account normally has access to all objects in the HR schema because it has the SELECT ANY TABLE privilege, but now that you have safeguarded the EMPLOYEES table with Oracle Database Vault, this is no longer the case.

1. In SQL\*Plus, connect to the PDB as SYSTEM.
2. Try querying any of the rows in the EMPLOYEES table again.

For example:

```
SELECT FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE ROWNUM <10;
```

The following output should appear:

```
Error at line 1:
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges
```

SYSTEM no longer has access to the EMPLOYEES table. (In fact, even user SYS does not have any access to this table.) However, user SEBASTIAN does have access to this information because sebastian is an authorized participant in the HR Apps realm.

**3. Connect as user sebastian.**

Perform the following query:

```
SELECT FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE ROWNUM <10;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	SALARY
Steven	King	24000
Neena	Kochhar	17000
Lex	De Haan	17000
Alexander	Hunold	9000
Bruce	Ernst	6000
David	Austin	4800
Valli	Pataballa	4800
Diana	Lorentz	4200
Nancy	Greenberg	12008

9 rows selected.

### 3.5.9 Step 8: View Audit Records from Realm Violations

You should conduct a periodic review of violations on the unified audit policies that you have created.

You should create these unified audit policies to track violations to realms, rule sets, and factors. Ideally, you would incorporate this information with a security solution, such as Oracle Data Safe, and send notifications out immediately for all violations.

**1. Connect to the PDB as the user cmack.**

At minimum, a user must have the AUDIT\_VIEWER role to view unified audit policy records. User cmack has been granted the AUDIT\_ADMIN role, and through the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN authorization that you performed earlier, authorized to use the AUDIT\_ADMIN role to manage unified audit policies and view unified audit records.

**2. As user cmack, query the UNIFIED\_AUDIT\_TRAIL view, which stores the unified audit records.**

```
column dbusername format a20
column action_name format a20
column object_name format a20
column object_schema format a20
column dv_action_object_name format a25
```

```
SELECT DBUSERNAME, ACTION_NAME, OBJECT_SCHEMA, OBJECT_NAME,
```

```
DV_ACTION_OBJECT_NAME, DV_RETURN_CODE
FROM UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL
WHERE AUDIT_TYPE = 'Database Vault'
AND DV_ACTION_NAME = 'Realm Violation Audit'
ORDER BY EVENT_TIMESTAMP;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

DBUSERNAME	ACTION_NAME	OBJECT_SCHEMA	
OBJECT_NAME	DV_ACTION_OBJECT_NAME	DV_RETURN_CODE	
SEBASTIAN	SELECT	HR	
EMPLOYEES	HR Apps		1031
SYSTEM	SELECT	HR	
EMPLOYEES	HR Apps		1031

### 3.5.10 Step 9: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. As the user `cmack`, disable and drop the `aud_hrapps_dv` unified audit policy.

```
NOAUDIT POLICY aud_hrapps_dv;
DROP AUDIT POLICY aud_hrapps_dv;
```

2. As a user who has the `DV_ACCTMGR` role, drop users `cmack` and `sebastian`.

```
DROP USER cmack;
DROP USER sebastian;
```

3. Delete the `HR Apps` realm.

- a. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
- b. Run the following statement to drop the `HR Apps` realm and its authorizations:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM_CASCADE('HR Apps');
```

4. If necessary, lock and expire the `HR` account.

- a. Connect as a user who has the `DV_ACCTMGR` role (for example, user `dvacctmgr`).
- b. Run the following `ALTER USER` statement:

```
ALTER USER HR ACCOUNT LOCK PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```



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## Configuring Realms

You can create a realm around database objects to protect them, and then set authorizations to control user access to this data.

- [What Are Realms?](#)  
Realms enable you to protect database objects, including specific object types.
- [Default Realms](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default realms to protect Database Vault and SYS-related schemas, system and object privileges, roles, and audit-related objects.
- [Creating a Realm](#)  
The first step in enabling realm protection is to create the realm itself, and then add realm-secured objects, roles, and authorizations.
- [Modifying a Realm](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM` procedure to modify the definition of a realm.
- [Deleting a Realm](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM` procedure to delete a realm.
- [About Realm-Secured Objects](#)  
Realm-secured objects define the territory—a set of schema and database objects and roles—that a realm protects.
- [About Realm Authorization](#)  
Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.
- [Realm Authorizations in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
The rules and behavior for common realm authorizations are similar to the authorizations for other common objects.
- [How Realms Work](#)  
When an appropriately privileged database account issues a SQL statement that affects an object within a realm, a special set of activities occur.
- [How Authorizations Work in a Realm](#)  
Realm authorizations prevent users from performing activities if the users do not have the correct privileges.
- [Access to Objects That Are Protected by a Realm](#)  
You can protect an object by a realm, but still enable access to objects that are part of this realm-protected object.
- [Example of How Realms Work](#)  
Realms can provide protection in which two users who each have the same privileges must have separate access levels for an object.
- [How Realms Affect Other Oracle Database Vault Components](#)  
Realms have no effect on factors, identities, or rule sets, but they do affect command rules.
- [Guidelines for Designing Realms](#)  
Oracle provides a set of guidelines for designing realms.

- [How Realms Affect Performance](#)  
Realms can affect database performance in a variety of situations, such as with DDL and DML operations.
- [Realm Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing realms.

## 4.1 What Are Realms?

Realms enable you to protect database objects, including specific object types.

- [About Realms](#)  
A realm is a grouping of database schemas, database objects, and database roles that must be secured for a given application.
- [Mandatory Realms to Restrict User Access to Objects within a Realm](#)  
By default, users who own or have object privileges are allowed to access realm-protected objects without explicit realm authorization.
- [Realms in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create a realm to protect common objects in the application root.
- [Object Types That Realms Can Protect](#)  
You can create realms around all objects in a schema of certain object types.

### 4.1.1 About Realms

A realm is a grouping of database schemas, database objects, and database roles that must be secured for a given application.

Think of a realm as a zone of protection for your database objects. A schema is a logical collection of database objects such as tables, views, and packages, and a role is a collection of privileges. By arranging schemas and roles into functional groups, you can control the ability of users to use system privileges against these groups and prevent unauthorized data access by the database administrator or other powerful users with system privileges. Oracle Database Vault does not replace the discretionary access control model in the existing Oracle database. It functions as a layer on top of this model for both realms and command rules.

Oracle Database Vault provides two types of realms: regular and mandatory. Both realm types can protect either an entire schema, individual database roles or crucial objects within a schema selectively, such as tables and indexes. With a regular realm, an object owner or users who has been granted object privileges can perform queries or DML operations without realm authorization but must have realm authorization to perform DDL operations. A mandatory realm provides stronger protection for objects within a realm. Mandatory realms block both object privilege and system privilege access and will not allow users with object privileges to perform queries, DML, or DDL operations without realm authorization. In other words, if the objects are protected by mandatory realms, even the object owner cannot access their own objects without proper realm authorization.

For example, you can create a realm to protect the database schemas that are used by an accounting department's application. The realm will prohibit any user from using their system privileges (for example, `SELECT ANY TABLE`) from accessing the realm-protected schema objects. When an entire schema is realm protected, all existing and new objects are protected. This includes tables, indexes, procedures, views, packages, and more. Users with direct object grant on objects protected by a regular realm are still allowed to use their grants. For example, if you are granted `SELECT` on `HR.EMPLOYEES`, you can perform the `SELECT` command on objects protected by a regular realm. However, if that object is protected by a mandatory realm, you

will not be allowed to perform the `SELECT` command unless you are a member of the realm authorization list. Mandatory realms require the granted user to be an authorized participant in the mandatory realm.

Note the following:

- You can run reports on realms that you create in Oracle Database Vault. Realms can be enabled, disabled, or placed in simulation mode where violations of the realm will be logged but the action will not be blocked. This enables you to quickly test applications using Database Vault realms.
- You can configure realms by using the Oracle Database Vault Administrator pages in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control. Alternatively, you can configure realms by using the PL/SQL interfaces and packages provided by Oracle Database Vault.

## 4.1.2 Mandatory Realms to Restrict User Access to Objects within a Realm

By default, users who own or have object privileges are allowed to access realm-protected objects without explicit realm authorization.

You optionally can configure the realm to prevent these users' access by configuring it to be a mandatory realm. Mandatory realms block system privilege-based access as well as object privilege-based access. This means that even the object owner cannot have access if the are not authorized to access the realm. Users can access secured objects in the mandatory realm only if the user or role is authorized to do so.

Mandatory realms have the following additional characteristics:

- As with regular realms, if a role is protected by a mandatory realm, then no privileges can be granted to or revoked from the protected role except by the realm owner.
- You can update regular realms that you created in earlier releases to be mandatory realms. This way, you can block owner access and object-privileged users from accessing the realm-protected objects.

Mandatory realms have the following benefits:

- **Mandatory realms can block object owners and object privileged users.** In previous releases, blocking these users could only be done by defining complicated command rules.
- **Mandatory realms provide more flexible configurations for access control.** For example, suppose you want to enable a user to access an object with certain conditions, such as in a specific time range during the day. You cannot grant object privileges to that user because realms do not block object privileges. You only can grant system privileges to the user and then authorize this user to the realm with a rule, or make a command rule on the command directly. These solutions are either very expensive in terms of computational cost or undesirable because they entail the excessive granting of privileges such as system privileges to the user. With a mandatory realm, you only need to grant object privileges to the user, with a rule for specific conditions, and then authorize this user to be a realm owner or participant. Thus, with mandatory realms, Oracle Database Vault policies have more flexibility without granting users excessive privileges.
- **You can use mandatory realms to secure tables during runtime.** During runtime, application data can be stored in many tables. It is better to have a single user such as a runtime schema to access these tables so that you can maintain the integrity and correctness of the data. If the application data is scattered in many different schemas, then schema owners and users with object privileges can change the data if they log in to the database directly. To insure that users cannot update these tables without going through the runtime schema's procedures, you can use mandatory realms to protect the tables so that only the authorized user's procedures can access them. Because a regular realm

does not block object owners and object-privileged users, you can use mandatory realms to block them. This way, only authorized users can access these tables during runtime.

If there are multiple mandatory realms on the same object, then you must authorize the user or role on all the mandatory realms before they can access the protected object.

#### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_REALM` procedure creates both common and local realms.
- [UPDATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_REALM` procedure updates a realm.

### 4.1.3 Realms in a Multitenant Environment

You can create a realm to protect common objects in the application root.

The advantage of creating a realm in the application root instead of creating a large number of objects and realms around these objects within individual pluggable databases (PDBs) is that you can create them in one place, the application root. This way, you can manage them centrally.

You cannot create a common realm in the CDB root.

A Database Vault common realm can be either a regular realm or a mandatory realm. The realm protects only objects within the application root, not local objects in a PDB. The CDB root, application root, and any affected PDBs all must be Database Vault enabled.

To configure a common realm, you must be commonly granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role. To grant common authorizations for a common realm, you must be in the application root. To propagate the realm to the PDBs that are associated with the application root, you must synchronize the application root. For example, to synchronize an application called `saas_sales_app`:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;
```

#### Related Topics

- [About Realm Authorization](#)  
Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.

### 4.1.4 Object Types That Realms Can Protect

You can create realms around all objects in a schema of certain object types.

These object types are as follows:

- `CLUSTER`
- `DIMENSION`
- `DOMAIN*`
- `FUNCTION`
- `INDEX`
- `INDEX PARTITION`

- INDEX TYPE
- MATERIALIZED VIEW
- MATERIALIZED VIEW LOG
- JAVA CLASS
- JAVA SOURCE
- JAVA RESOURCE
- JOB
- LIBRARY
- MLE MODULE\*
- MLE ENVIRONMENT\*
- OPERATOR
- PACKAGE
- PROCEDURE
- PROGRAM
- PROPERTY GRAPH\*
- ROLE
- SEQUENCE
- SYNONYM
- TABLE
- TRIGGER
- TYPE
- VIEW

\* Added in Oracle AI Database 26ai

## 4.2 Default Realms

Oracle Database Vault provides default realms to protect Database Vault and `sys`-related schemas, system and object privileges, roles, and audit-related objects.

You can add users to realms so that the user can perform tasks that are protected by the default realms.

- [Oracle Database Vault Realm](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault realm protects configuration and role information in the Oracle Database Vault `DV$SYS`, `DVF`, and `LBAC$SYS` schemas.
- [Database Vault Account Management Realm](#)  
The Database Vault Account Management realm defines the realm for the administrators who manage and create database accounts and database profiles.
- [Oracle Enterprise Manager Realm](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a realm specifically for Oracle Enterprise Manager monitoring accounts.

- [Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm](#)  
The Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm protects roles and schemas that are used with Oracle features such as Oracle Text.
- [Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm](#)  
The Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm protects all Oracle-supplied roles in an Oracle database.
- [Oracle Default Component Protection Realm](#)  
The Oracle Default Component Protection Realm protects the SYSTEM and OUTLN schemas.
- [Oracle Label Security Realm](#)  
The Oracle Label Security realm protects Oracle Label Security schemas and roles.
- [Oracle GoldenGate Protection Realm](#)  
The Oracle GoldenGate Protection Realm protects GoldenGate-related objects in the Oracle database.
- [Oracle Audit Realm](#)  
The Oracle Audit realm protects the AUDSYS schema and audit-related objects in the SYS schema.

## 4.2.1 Oracle Database Vault Realm

The Oracle Database Vault realm protects configuration and role information in the Oracle Database Vault DVSYS, DVF, and LBACSYS schemas.

The owners of all three of the DVSYS, DVF, and LBACSYS schemas are owners of this realm.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Database Vault Realm'
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Database Vault Realm'
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Schemas](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault schemas, DVSYS and DVF, support the administration and run-time processing of Oracle Database Vault.

## 4.2.2 Database Vault Account Management Realm

The Database Vault Account Management realm defines the realm for the administrators who manage and create database accounts and database profiles.

The owner of this realm can grant or revoke the CREATE SESSION privilege to or from a user.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Database Vault Account Management'
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Database Vault Account Management'
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

### Related Topics

- [DV\\_ACCTMGR Database Vault Account Manager Role](#)  
The DV\_ACCTMGR role is a powerful role, used for accounts management.

## 4.2.3 Oracle Enterprise Manager Realm

Oracle Database Vault provides a realm specifically for Oracle Enterprise Manager monitoring accounts.

The Oracle Enterprise Manager realm protects Oracle Enterprise Manager accounts that are used for monitoring and management (DBSNMP user and the OEM\_MONITOR role).

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Enterprise Manager'
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Enterprise Manager'
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager](#)  
Oracle Database Vault administrators can perform tasks in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control such as propagating policies to other databases.

## 4.2.4 Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm

The Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm protects roles and schemas that are used with Oracle features such as Oracle Text.

The advantage of this grouping is that Oracle Spatial schemas (MDSYS, MDDATA) are used extensively with Oracle Text (CTXSYS), and Oracle OLAP is an application rather than a core Oracle AI Database kernel feature.

Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm protects several roles and schemas.

- To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm'
AND OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE';
```

- To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm'
AND OBJECT_TYPE = '%';
```

- Roles that are protected by default: CTXAPP, OLAP\_DBA, EJBCLIENT, OLAP\_USER
- Schemas that are protected by default: CTXSYS, EXFSYS, MDDATA, MDSYS
- Schemas that are recommended for protection: APEX\_030200, OWBSYS, WMSYS

The SYS, CTXSYS, and EXFSYS users are the default owners of Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm. These users can grant the roles protected by this realm to other users, and grant permissions on its schemas to other users as well.

## 4.2.5 Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm

The Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm protects all Oracle-supplied roles in an Oracle database.

This realm also contains authorizations for users who must grant system privileges.

User SYS is the only default owner of this realm. Any user who is responsible for managing system privileges should be authorized as an owner to this realm. These users can grant the roles that are protected by this realm to other users.

Examples of roles that the Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm protects are DBA, IMP\_FULL\_DATABASE, SELECT\_CATALOG\_ROLE, and SCHEDULER\_ADMIN.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm'
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
```



```
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm'  
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

## 4.2.6 Oracle Default Component Protection Realm

The Oracle Default Component Protection Realm protects the `SYSTEM` and `OUTLN` schemas.

The authorized users of this realm are users `SYS` and `SYSTEM`.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE  
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT  
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Default Component Protection Realm'  
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME  
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH  
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Default Component Protection Realm'  
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

## 4.2.7 Oracle Label Security Realm

The Oracle Label Security realm protects Oracle Label Security schemas and roles.

By default, the `LBACSYS` and `DVSYSP` users are the owners for the realm, and the `LBAC_DBA` role is authorized to the realm as a participant. `LBACSYS` is the schema for this realm.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE  
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT  
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Label Security'  
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME  
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH  
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Label Security'  
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

## 4.2.8 Oracle GoldenGate Protection Realm

The Oracle GoldenGate Protection Realm protects GoldenGate-related objects in the Oracle database.

By default, the `GGSHARED CAP` user is the owner of the realm.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle GoldenGate Protection Realm'
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle GoldenGate Protection Realm'
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

## 4.2.9 Oracle Audit Realm

The Oracle Audit realm protects the AUDSYS schema and audit-related objects in the SYS schema.

The audit-related objects include SYS-owned tables (such as SYS.AUD\$), views (such as AUDSYS.UNIFIED\_AUDIT\_TRAIL, and packages (such as DBMS\_AUDIT\_MGMT). Oracle Database Vault does not allow attempts to alter, drop, or replace any of these objects, and generates an audit record for each attempt. By default, only the AUDSYS schema is authorized to the Oracle Audit realm, and the SYS user who is granted with the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role during patching can modify the protected objects.

To find the objects that this realm protects, perform the following query:

```
SELECT OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Audit'
ORDER BY OWNER, OBJECT_NAME;
```

To find the realm-authorized users, their role as participant or owner, and if an Oracle Database Vault rule set is applied to the authorized user, perform the following query:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'Oracle Audit'
ORDER BY GRANTEE;
```

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 4.3 Creating a Realm

The first step in enabling realm protection is to create the realm itself, and then add realm-secured objects, roles, and authorizations.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Execute the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_REALM procedure to create the realm.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Realm',
    description     => 'Realm to protect the HR schema',
    enabled         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    audit_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF,
    realm_type      => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM,
    realm_scope     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL,
    pl_sql_stack    => TRUE);
END;
/
```

At this stage, the realm is created, but it protects no objects nor does it have any authorizations.

3. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.ADD\_OBJECT\_TO\_REALM procedure to add objects (such as tables or roles) to the realm so that they can be protected.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Realm',
    object_owner    => 'HR',
    object_name     => 'EMPLOYEES',
    object_type     => 'TABLE');
END;
/
```

4. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM procedure to authorize users for the realm.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Realm',
    grantee         => 'HR',
    rule_set_name   => 'Enabled',
    auth_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER,
    auth_scope      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

## Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_REALM procedure creates both common and local realms.
- [ADD\\_OBJECT\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The ADD\_OBJECT\_TO\_REALM procedure registers a set of objects for realm protection.
- [ADD\\_AUTH\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM procedure authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant. You can authenticate both common and local realms.

## 4.4 Modifying a Realm

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM` procedure to modify the definition of a realm.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Find the realm name and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, DESCRIPTION, ENABLED, AUDIT_OPTIONS, REALM_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM ORDER BY NAME;
```

If you want to change the `ENABLED` setting, then note the following: If the realm is managed by a policy, and if the policy status is set to partial, then you can modify the enablement status of the realm. If the policy is set to enabled, disabled, or simulation mode, then you cannot modify the enablement status of the realm.

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM` statement.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Realm',
    description   => 'Realm to protect the HR schema',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    audit_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF,
    realm_type    => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM,
    pl_sql_stack  => TRUE;
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_REALM` procedure updates a realm.

## 4.5 Deleting a Realm

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM` procedure to delete a realm.

When you delete a realm, all the associations that were created for the realm are dropped, too.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Find the names of the realms that you want to remove.

```
SELECT NAME FROM DBA_DV_REALM
ORDER BY NAME;
```

3. Optionally, check the realm's definitions before you decide to delete the realm.
  - To check for any object references to realm, query the `DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT` data dictionary view. For example:

```
SELECT OBJECT_OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'HR Realm';
```

OBJECT_OWNER	OBJECT_NAME	OBJECT_TYPE
HR	EMPLOYEES	TABLE

If you want to only remove objects from the realm, then you can run the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_OBJECT_FROM_REALM` procedure.

- To find the authorizations for the realm, query the `DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH` data dictionary view. For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, AUTH_OPTIONS
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'HR Realm';
```

GRANTEE	AUTH_OPTIONS
HR	DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL

You can remove authorizations by running the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_AUTH_FROM_REALM` procedure.

- To find policies that are associated with the realm, query the `DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT` data dictionary view. For example:

```
SELECT POLICY_NAME, COMMAND_OBJ_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT
WHERE COMMAND_OBJ_NAME = 'HR Realm';
```

You can run the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY` to remove the realm from the policy.

- Run the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM` procedure to delete the realm.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM('HR Realm');
```

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_REALM` procedure deletes a realm, including its related configuration information that specifies who is authorized and what objects are protected.
- [DELETE\\_REALM\\_CASCADE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_REALM_CASCADE` procedure deletes a realm, including its related Database Vault configuration information that specifies who is authorized and the objects that are protected.

## 4.6 About Realm-Secured Objects

Realm-secured objects define the territory—a set of schema and database objects and roles—that a realm protects.

You can create the following types of protections:

- Objects from multiple database accounts or schemas can be under the same realm.
- One object can belong to multiple realms.

If an object belongs to multiple realms, then Oracle Database Vault checks the realms for the proper authorization. For `SELECT`, `DDL`, and `DML` statements, as long as a user is a participant in one of the realms, and if the command rules permit it, then the commands that the user enters are allowed. For `GRANT` and `REVOKE` operations of a database role in

multiple realms, the person performing the `GRANT` or `REVOKE` operation must be the realm owner. Schema owners can perform DML operations on objects that are protected by multiple regular realms.

If one of the realms is a mandatory realm, then the user who wants to access the object must be a realm owner or participant in the mandatory realm. During the authorization checking process, the non-mandatory realms are ignored. If there are multiple mandatory realms that protect the object, then the user who wants to access the object must be authorized in all of the mandatory realms.

- `SYS`-owned objects are already protected by data dictionary protection and are not protected separately by Oracle Database Vault.

## 4.7 About Realm Authorization

Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.

You can grant a realm authorization to an account or role to allow the use of its system privileges in the following situations:

- When the user must create or access realm-secured objects
- When a user must grant or revoke realm-secured roles

A user who has been granted realm authorization as either a realm owner or a realm participant can use its system privileges to access secured objects in the realm.

Note the following:

- Realm owners cannot add other users to their realms as owners or participants. Only users who have the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role are allowed to add users as owners or participants to a realm.
- Users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can add themselves to a realm authorization.
- A realm owner, but not a realm participant, can grant or revoke realm secured roles or grant or revoke object privileges on realm secured objects to anyone.
- A user can be granted either as a realm owner or a realm participant, but not both. However, you can update the authorization types of existing realm authorizations.

### Related Topics

- [Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault realm configuration issues.

## 4.8 Realm Authorizations in a Multitenant Environment

The rules and behavior for common realm authorizations are similar to the authorizations for other common objects.

### Local Authorization for a Common Realm

The local authorization for a common realm refers to the authorization a user has for the PDB that this user is accessing.

The rules for the local authorization for a common realm are as follows:

- A user who has been commonly granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can grant local authorization to common users, common roles, local users, and local roles. The common `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` user can also remove local authorization from a common realm in a PDB.
- A local Database Vault administrator can authorize locally (that is, grant local authorizations to both local and common users) within the PDB. A common Database Vault administrator can also grant authorizations in each PDB. A common realm authorization can only be granted by a common Database Vault administrator in the application root.
- The common Database Vault administrator can both add or remove local authorization to and from a common realm from within the PDB.
- If a common user has only local authorization for a common realm, then this user cannot access the common realm in any other PDB than this local authorization.
- A common user or a common role can have both the local authorization and the common authorization to a common realm at the same time. Removing a common user's local authorization from a common realm does not affect the common user's common authorization. Removing a common user's common authorization from a common realm does not affect the common user's local authorization.

### Common Authorization for a Common Realm

The common authorization for a common realm refers to the authorization a common user or a common role has in the application root while the authorization takes effect in every container that is Database Vault enabled.

The rules for the local authorization for a common realm are as follows:

- A user who has been commonly granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can grant common realm authorization to common users or roles in the application root. This common Database Vault administrator can perform the removal of common authorizations while in the application root.
- This common authorization applies to the containers that have been Database Vault enabled in the CDB.
- If a common user is authorized to a common realm in the application root, then this user has access to the objects protected by the common realm in the application root and any application PDBs.
- Any rule sets that are associated with a common realm must be common rule sets. The rules that are added to a common rule set that is associated with common authorization cannot involve any local objects.

### How the Authorization of a Realm Works in Both the Application Root and in an Individual PDB

During the Database Vault enforcement in a container, a common realm performs the same enforcement behaviors as the same realm when it is used locally in a PDB.

## 4.9 How Realms Work

When an appropriately privileged database account issues a SQL statement that affects an object within a realm, a special set of activities occur.

These privileges include `DDL`, `DML`, `EXECUTE`, `GRANT`, `REVOKE`, or `SELECT` privileges.

1. Are the user's object privileges correct?  
Oracle Database Vault first checks the user's privileges before allowing the user to continue. If the user does not have the correct privileges, then grant these to the user. If

the user's privileges are correct, then go to Step 2. Realm authorization does not implicitly grant additional privileges to the user.

2. Does the SQL statement affect objects secured by a realm?

If yes, then go to Step 3. If no, then realms do not affect the SQL statement. Go to Step 8. If the object affected by the command is not secured in any realms, then realms do not affect the SQL statement being attempted.

3. Is the realm a mandatory realm or regular realm?

If yes, then go to Step 5. If it is regular realm, then go to Step 4.

4. Is the database account using a system privilege to run the SQL statement?

If yes, then go to Step 5. If no, then go to Step 7. If the session has object privileges on the object in question for `SELECT`, `EXECUTE`, and DML statements only, then the realm protection is not enforced. Realms protect against the use of any system privilege on objects or roles protected by the realm. Even users with object privileges for objects that are protected by regular realms are prevented from performing DDL operations.

5. Is the database account a realm owner or realm participant?

If yes, then go to Step 6. Otherwise, a realm violation occurs and the statement is not allowed to succeed. If the command is a `GRANT` or `REVOKE` of a role that is protected by the realm, or the `GRANT` or `REVOKE` of an object privilege on an object protected by the realm, then the session must be authorized as the realm owner directly or indirectly through roles.

6. Is the realm authorization for the database account conditionally based on a rule set?

If yes, then go to Step 7. If no, then go to Step 8.

7. Does the rule set evaluate to `TRUE`?

If yes, then go to Step 8. If no, then there is a realm violation, so the SQL statement is not allowed to succeed.

8. Does a command rule prevent the command from executing?

If yes, then there is a command rule violation and the SQL statement fails. If no, then there is no realm or command rule violation, so the command succeeds.

For example, the `HR` account may have the `DROP ANY TABLE` privilege and may be the owner of the `HR` realm, but a command rule can prevent `HR` from dropping any tables in the `HR` schema unless it is during its monthly maintenance window. Command rules apply to the use of the `ANY` system privileges and object privileges and are evaluated after the realm checks.

In addition, because a session is authorized in a realm, it does not mean the account has full control on objects protected by the realm. Realm authorization does *not* implicitly grant extra privileges to the account. The account still must have system privileges or object privileges to access the objects. For example, an account or role may have the `SELECT ANY table` privilege and be a participant in the `HR` realm. This means the account or the account granted the role could query the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table. Being a participant in the realm does not mean the account or role can `DROP` the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table. Oracle Database Vault does not replace the discretionary access control model in the existing Oracle database. It functions as a layer on top of this model for both realms and command rules.

Note the following:

- Protecting a table in a realm does not protect the view by default. Any view that must be protected should be added to the realm regardless of whether the view was created before or after the table was added to the realm.



- For invoker's right procedures that access realm protected objects, the invoker of the procedure must be authorized to the realm.
- Be aware that realm protection does not protect a table if access to the table has been granted to PUBLIC. For example, if `SELECT ON table_name` is granted to PUBLIC, then every user has access to `table_name` (unless the table is protected by a mandatory realm), even if this table is protected by a realm. As a best practice, revoke unnecessary privileges from PUBLIC.

## 4.10 How Authorizations Work in a Realm

Realm authorizations prevent users from performing activities if the users do not have the correct privileges.

- [About Authorizations in a Realm](#)  
Realms protect data from access through system privileges.
- [Examples of Realm Authorizations](#)  
You can create realms that protect objects from users who have system privileges and other powerful privileges, for example.

### 4.10.1 About Authorizations in a Realm

Realms protect data from access through system privileges.

Realms do not give additional privileges to the data owner or participants.

The realm authorization provides a run-time mechanism to check logically if a user's command should be allowed or denied to access objects specified in the command and to proceed with its execution.

System privileges are sweeping database privileges such as `CREATE ANY TABLE` and `DELETE ANY TABLE`. These privileges typically apply across schemas and bypass the need for object privileges. Data dictionary views such as `DBA_SYS_PRIVS`, `USER_SYS_PRIVS`, and `ROLE_SYS_PRIVS` list the system privileges for database accounts and roles. Database authorizations work normally for objects not protected by a realm. However, a user must be authorized as a realm owner or participant to successfully use their system privileges on objects secured by the realm. A realm violation prevents the use of system privileges and can be audited.

Mandatory realms block both object privileged-based access and system privilege-based access. This means that even the object owner cannot have access if they are not authorized to access the realm. Users can access secured objects in the mandatory realm only if the user or role is authorized to do so.

### 4.10.2 Examples of Realm Authorizations

You can create realms that protect objects from users who have system privileges and other powerful privileges, for example.

- [Example: Unauthorized User Trying to Create a Table](#)  
The `ORA-47401` error appears when unauthorized users try to create tables.
- [Example: Unauthorized User Trying to Use the DELETE ANY TABLE Privilege](#)  
An `ORA-01031: insufficient privileges` error appears for unauthorized user access.
- [Example: Authorized User Performing DELETE Operation](#)  
Authorized users are allowed to perform the activities for which they are authorized.

### 4.10.2.1 Example: Unauthorized User Trying to Create a Table

The ORA-47401 error appears when unauthorized users try to create tables.

[Example 4-1](#) shows what happens when an unauthorized user who has the `CREATE ANY TABLE` system privilege tries to create a table in a realm where the `HR` schema is protected by a realm.

#### Example 4-1 Unauthorized User Trying to Create a Table

```
CREATE TABLE HR.demo2 (col1 NUMBER(1));
```

The following output should appear

```
ORA-47401: Realm violation for CREATE TABLE on HR.DEMO2
```

As you can see, the attempt by the unauthorized user fails. Unauthorized use of system privileges such as `SELECT ANY TABLE`, `CREATE ANY TABLE`, `DELETE ANY TABLE`, `UPDATE ANY TABLE`, `INSERT ANY TABLE`, `CREATE ANY INDEX`, and others results in failure.

### 4.10.2.2 Example: Unauthorized User Trying to Use the DELETE ANY TABLE Privilege

An ORA-01031: insufficient privileges error appears for unauthorized user access.

[Example 4-2](#) shows what happens when an unauthorized database account tries to use their `DELETE ANY TABLE` system privilege to delete an existing record, the database session returns the following error.

#### Example 4-2 Unauthorized User Trying to Use the DELETE ANY TABLE Privilege

```
DELETE FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE EMPNO = 8002;
```

The following output should appear:

```
ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges
```

Realms do not affect direct privileges on objects. For example, a user granted delete privileges to the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table can successfully delete records without requiring realm authorizations. Therefore, realms should minimally affect normal business application usage for database accounts.

### 4.10.2.3 Example: Authorized User Performing DELETE Operation

Authorized users are allowed to perform the activities for which they are authorized.

[Example 4-3](#) shows how an authorized user can perform standard tasks allowed within the realm.

#### Example 4-3 Authorized User Performing DELETE Operation

```
DELETE FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE EMPNO = 8002;
```

```
1 row deleted.
```

## 4.11 Access to Objects That Are Protected by a Realm

You can protect an object by a realm, but still enable access to objects that are part of this realm-protected object.

For example, suppose you create a realm around a specific table. However, you want users to be able to create an index on this table. You can accomplish this as follows, depending on the following scenarios.

- **The user does not have the CREATE ANY INDEX privilege.** As the realm owner of the table, grant the `CREATE INDEX ON table` privilege to the user who must create the index.
- **The user has the CREATE ANY INDEX privilege.** In this case, create another realm and make all index types as the secured objects and grant that user participant authorization to the realm. (Remember that having the `CREATE ANY INDEX` privilege alone is not sufficient for a non-realm participant to create an index in a realm-protected table.)
- **You want all of your database administrators to be able to create an index and they have the CREATE ANY INDEX privilege.** In your data protection realm, specify all object types to be protected *except* the index types. This permits all of your administrators to create indexes for the protected table.

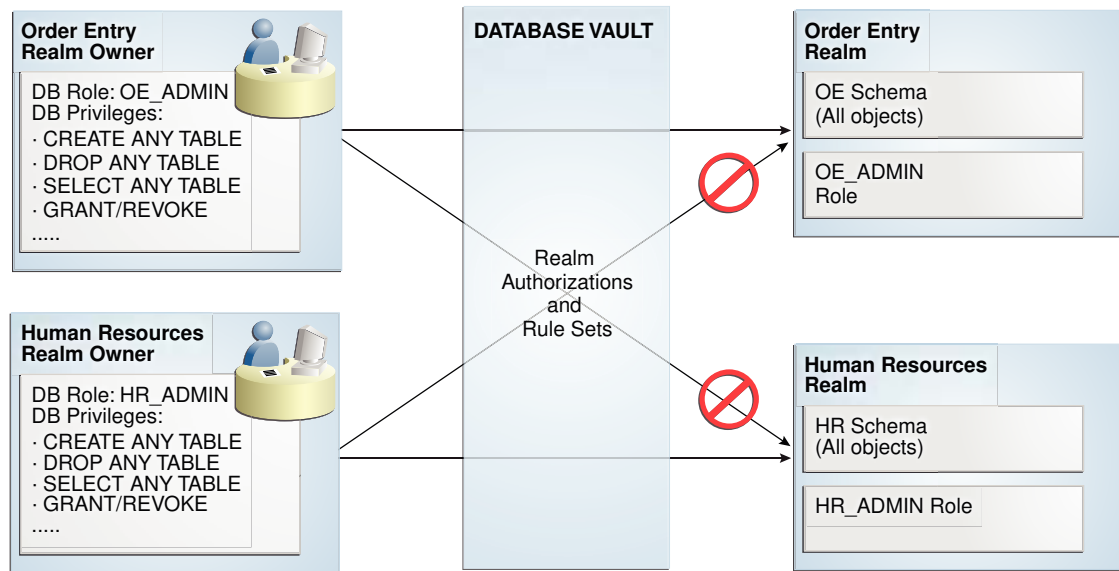
## 4.12 Example of How Realms Work

Realms can provide protection in which two users who each have the same privileges must have separate access levels for an object.

[Figure 4-1](#) illustrates how data within a realm is protected.

In this scenario, two users, each in charge of a different realm, have the same system privileges. The owner of a realm can be either a database account or a database role. As such, each of the two roles, `OE_ADMIN` and `HR_ADMIN`, can be protected by a realm as a secured object *and* be configured as the owner of a realm.

Further, only a realm owner, such as `OE_ADMIN`, can grant or revoke database roles that are protected by the realm. The realm owner cannot manage roles protected by other realms such as the `DBA` role created by `SYS` in the Oracle System Privilege and Role Management realm. Any unauthorized attempt to use a system privilege to access realm-protected objects raises a realm violation, which can be audited. The powers of each realm owner are limited within the realm itself. For example, `OE_ADMIN` has no access to the Human Resources realm, and `HR_ADMIN` has no access to the Order Entry realm.

**Figure 4-1 How Authorizations Work for Realms and Realm Owners****Related Topics**

- [Quick Start Tutorial: Securing a Schema from DBA Access](#)  
This tutorial shows how to create a realm around the HR schema.

## 4.13 How Realms Affect Other Oracle Database Vault Components

Realms have no effect on factors, identities, or rule sets, but they do affect command rules.

With command rules, Oracle Database Vault evaluates the realm authorization first when processing SQL statements.

[How Realms Work](#) explains the steps that Oracle Database Vault takes to process SQL statements that affect objects in a realm. [How Command Rules Work](#) describes how command rules are processed.

## 4.14 Guidelines for Designing Realms

Oracle provides a set of guidelines for designing realms.

- Create realms based on the schemas and roles that form a database application.  
Define database roles with the minimum and specific roles and system privileges required to maintain the application objects and grant the role to named accounts. You then can add the role as an authorized member of the realm. For object-level privileges on objects protected by the realm and required by an application, create a role and grant these minimum and specific object-level privileges to the role, and then grant named accounts this role. In most cases, these types of roles do not need to be authorized in the realm unless *ANY*-style system privileges are already in use. A model using the principle of least privilege is ideal for any database application.

- A database object can belong to multiple realms and an account or role can be authorized in multiple realms.

To provide limited access to a subset of a database schema (for example, just the `EMPLOYEES` table in the `HR` schema), or roles protected by a realm, create a new realm with just the minimum required objects and authorizations.

- If you want to add a role to a realm as a grantee, create a realm to protect the role. Doing so prevents users who have been granted the `GRANT ANY ROLE` system privilege, such as the `SYSTEM` user account, from granting the role to themselves.
- If you want to add the `SYS` user account to a realm authorization, you must add user `SYS` explicitly and not through a role (such as the `DBA` role).
- Be mindful of the privileges currently allowed to a role that you plan to add as a realm authorization.

Realm authorization of a role can be accidentally granted and not readily apparent if an account such as `SYS` or `SYSTEM` creates a role for the first time and the Oracle Database Vault administrator adds this role as a realm authorization. This is because the account that creates a role is implicitly granted the role when it is created.

- Sometimes you must temporarily relax realm protections for an administrative task. Rather than disabling the realm, have the Security Manager (`DV_ADMIN` or `DV_OWNER`) log in, add the named account to the authorized accounts for the realm, and set the authorization rule set to Enabled. Then in the enabled rule set, turn on all auditing for the rule set. You can remove the realm authorization when the administrative task is complete.
- If you want to grant `ANY` privileges to new users, Oracle recommends that you add a database administrative user to the Oracle System Privilege and Role Management realm so that this user can grant other users `ANY` privileges, if they need them. For example, using a named account to perform the `GRANT` of the `ANY` operations enables you to audit these operations, which creates an audit trail for accountability.
- If you drop a table, index, or role that has been protected by a realm and then recreate it using the same name, the realm protection is not restored. You must re-create the realm protection for the new table, index, or role. However, you can automatically enforce protection for all future tables, indexes, and roles within a specified schema. For example, to enforce protection for all future tables:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM('realm_name', 'schema_name', '%', 'TABLE');
END;
/
```

- You can test the development phase of a realm by using simulation mode, which enables the realm without enforcing the restrictions. Simulation mode writes detailed information about violations, allowing you to see the activities that have been enforced. A user who has the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can view the simulation log by querying the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view.

### Related Topics

- [Using Simulation Mode for Logging Realm and Command Rule Activities](#)  
Simulation mode writes violations to the simulation log instead of preventing SQL execution to quickly test new and modified Oracle Database Vault controls.

## 4.15 How Realms Affect Performance

Realms can affect database performance in a variety situations, such as with DDL and DML operations.

- **DDL and DML operations on realm-protected objects do not have a measurable effect on Oracle Database.** Oracle recommends that you create the realm around the entire schema, and then authorize specific users to perform only specific operations related to their assigned tasks. For finer-grained control, you can define realms around individual tables and authorize users to perform certain operations on them, and also have a realm around the entire schema to protect the entire application. Note that this type of configuration (that is, multiple realms protecting the same objects) does not result in significant performance degradation, and it does enable you to grant realm authorization to some of the objects in a schema.
- **Auditing affects performance.** To achieve the best performance, Oracle recommends that you use fine-grained auditing rather than auditing all operations.
- **Periodically check the system performance.** You can do so by running tools such as Oracle Enterprise Manager (including Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, which is installed by default with Oracle Database), Automatic Workload Repository (AWR), and TKPROF.

#### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Performance Tuning Guide](#)
- [Oracle AI Database SQL Tuning Guide](#)

## 4.16 Realm Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views

Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing realms.

[Table 4-1](#) lists the Oracle Database Vault reports.

**Table 4-1 Oracle Enterprise Manager Reports Related to Realms**

Report	Purpose
Realm Audit Report	Audits records generated by the realm protection and realm authorization operations
Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report	Lists authorization configuration information, such as incomplete or disabled rule sets, or nonexistent grantees or owners that may affect the realm
Rule Set Configuration Issues Report	Lists rule sets that do not have rules defined or enabled, which may affect the realms that use them
All object privilege reports	List object privileges that the realm affects
Privilege management summary reports	Provide information about grantees and owners for a realm
Sensitive objects reports	Lists objects that the command rule affects

[Table 4-2](#) lists data dictionary views that provide information about existing realms.

**Table 4-2 Data Dictionary Views Used for Realms**

Data Dictionary View	Description
DBA_DV_REALM	Lists the realms created in the current database instance.

**Table 4-2 (Cont.) Data Dictionary Views Used for Realms**

Data Dictionary View	Description
DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH	lists the authorization of a named database user account or database role (GRANTEE) to access realm objects in a particular realm
DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT	Lists the database schemas, or subsets of schemas with specific database objects contained therein, that are secured by the realms

**Related Topics**

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.
- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

# 5

## Configuring Rule Sets

Rule sets group one or more rules together; the rules determine whether a user can perform an action on an object.

- [What Are Rule Sets?](#)  
A rule set is a collection of one or more rules.
- [Rule Sets and Rules in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create a rule set and its associated rules in a PDB or an application root.
- [Default Rule Sets](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of default rule sets that you can customize for your needs.
- [Creating a Rule Set](#)  
To create a rule set, you first create the rule set itself, and then you can edit the rule set to associate it with one or more rules.
- [Creating a Rule to Add to a Rule Set](#)  
A rule defines the behavior that you want to control; a rule set is a named collection of rules.
- [Modifying a Rule Set](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET` procedure to modify the definition of a rule set.
- [Deleting a Rule Set](#)  
Before you delete a rule set, you must remove any rules from the rule set.
- [How Rule Sets Work](#)  
Understanding how rule sets work helps to create more effective rule sets.
- [Tutorial: Configuring Two-Person Integrity, or Dual Key Security](#)  
This tutorial demonstrates how to use Oracle Database Vault to control the authorization of two users.
- [Guidelines for Designing Rule Sets](#)  
Oracle provides guidelines for designing rule sets.
- [How Rule Sets Affect Performance](#)  
The number and complexity of rules can slow database performance.
- [Default Rules and Rule Sets from Releases Earlier Than Release 12.2](#)  
Many default rules and rule sets from earlier releases are no longer supported, but may be in use in your current Oracle AI Database installation.
- [Rule Set and Rule Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing rule sets and rules.

### 5.1 What Are Rule Sets?

A rule set is a collection of one or more rules.



You can associate the rule set with a realm authorization, factor assignment, command rule, or secure application role.

The rule set evaluates to true or false based on the evaluation of each rule it contains and the evaluation type (*All True* or *Any True*). A rule within a rule set is a PL/SQL expression that evaluates to true or false. You can create a rule and add the rule to multiple rule sets.

You can use rule sets to accomplish the following activities:

- As a further restriction to realm authorization, to define the conditions under which realm authorization is active
- To define when to allow a command rule
- To enable a secure application role
- To define when to assign the identity of a factor

When you create a rule set, Oracle Database Vault makes it available for selection when you configure the authorization for a realm, command rule, factor, or secure application role.

#### Related Topics

- [Rule Set and Rule Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing rule sets and rules.
- [Oracle Database Vault Rule Set APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package and a set of Oracle Database Vault rule functions to manage rule sets.

## 5.2 Rule Sets and Rules in a Multitenant Environment

You can create a rule set and its associated rules in a PDB or an application root.

A common realm must use a common rule set when the associated realm or command rule is evaluated by Database Vault. The common rule set and its rules can only be created in the application root. After the common rule set is created, it exists in every container that is associated with the root where the common rule set is created. The common rule set can only include common rules.

To configure a common rule set and its rules, you must be commonly granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.

#### Related Topics

- [Command Rules in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create common and local command rules in either the CDB root or the application root.

## 5.3 Default Rule Sets

Oracle Database Vault provides a set of default rule sets that you can customize for your needs.

You can find a full list of rule sets by querying the `DBA_DV_RULE_SET` data dictionary view. To find rules that are associated with a rule set, query the `DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE` data dictionary view.

The default rule sets are as follows:

- **Allow Dumping Datafile Header** prevents the dumping of data blocks.
- **Allow Fine Grained Control for Alter System** enables you to control the ability of users to set initialization parameters using the `ALTER SYSTEM SQL` statement.
- **Allow Sessions** controls the ability to create a session in the database. This rule set enables you to add rules to control database logins using the `CONNECT` command rule. The `CONNECT` command rule is useful to control or limit `SYSDBA` access to programs that require its use. This rule set is not populated.
- **Can Grant VPD Administration** controls the ability to grant the `GRANT EXECUTE` or `REVOKE EXECUTE` privileges on the Oracle Virtual Private Database `DBMS_RLS` package, with the `GRANT` and `REVOKE` statements.
- **Can Maintain Accounts/Profiled** controls the roles that manage user accounts and profiles, through the `CREATE USER`, `DROP USER`, `CREATE PROFILE`, `ALTER PROFILE`, or `DROP PROFILE` statements.
- **Can Maintain Own Account** allows the accounts with the `DV_ACCTMGR` role to manage user accounts and profiles with the `ALTER USER` statement. Also allows individual accounts to change their own password using the `ALTER USER` statement. See [DV\\_ACCTMGR Database Vault Account Manager Role](#) for more information about the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
- **Disabled** is a convenience rule set to quickly disable security configurations like realms, command rules, factors, and secure application roles.
- **Enabled** is a convenience rule set to quickly enable system features.
- **Not allow to set OS\_ROLES to True** prevents the `OS_ROLES` initialization parameter from being set to `TRUE`.
- **Not allow to set PLSQL\_DEBUG to True** prevents the `PLSQL_DEBUG` initialization parameter from being set to `TRUE`.
- **Not allow to set REMOTE\_OS\_ROLES to True** prevents the `REMOTE_OS_ROLES` initialization parameter from being set to `TRUE`.  
  
The `REMOTE_OS_ROLES` initialization parameter is deprecated in Oracle AI Database 26ai
- **Not allow to set SQL92\_SECURITY to False** prevents the `SQL92_SECURITY` from being set to `FALSE`.

## 5.4 Creating a Rule Set

To create a rule set, you first create the rule set itself, and then you can edit the rule set to associate it with one or more rules.

You can associate a new rule with the rule set, add existing rules to the rule set, or delete a rule association from the rule set.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET` statement to create the rule set.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    description      => 'DBA access through predefined processes',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
```

```

audit_options      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
fail_options       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
fail_message       => 'Evaluation failed',
fail_code          => 20461,
handler_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
handler           => '',
is_static          => TRUE,
scope             => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

At this stage the rule set creation is complete.

### 3. Optionally, add one or more rules to the rule set.

The `DBA_DV_RULE` data dictionary view lists existing rules.

For example:

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    rule_name     => 'Is Database Administrator');
END;
/

```

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_RULE_SET` procedure creates a rule set.
- [Creating a Rule](#)  
You can create a new rule or use the default Oracle Database Vault rules.

## 5.5 Creating a Rule to Add to a Rule Set

A rule defines the behavior that you want to control; a rule set is a named collection of rules.

- [What Are Rules?](#)  
A rule is an expression that checks if a particular condition is true or false.
- [Default Rules](#)  
Default rules are rules that have commonly used behavior, such as checking if an action evaluates to true or false.
- [Creating a Rule](#)  
You can create a new rule or use the default Oracle Database Vault rules.
- [Adding Existing Rules to a Rule Set](#)  
After you have created one or more rules, you can add them to a rule set.
- [Modifying a Rule](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE` procedure to modify the definition of a rule.
- [Removing a Rule from a Rule Set](#)  
Before you remove a rule from a rule set, you must remove references to it from rule sets.

### 5.5.1 What Are Rules?

A rule is an expression that checks if a particular condition is true or false.

This expression enables Oracle Database Vault to perform an action based on the result of the rule evaluation during runtime. For example, the `Is Database Administrator` default rule

checks if the session user is `SYS` or has the `DBA` role enabled or granted. You can create an Oracle Database Vault rule set that includes the rule to prevent users who fail this rule check from accessing a realm that should only be accessed by users with the `DBA` role. In addition, you can create Oracle Database Vault command rules that prevent users who fail a rule check from executing critical SQL commands that should only be used by users with the `DBA` role or `SYS`.

The expression that you use to define the rule must be a PL/SQL Boolean expression. You can use standard Oracle AI Database functions to build the expression, such as the `SYS_CONTEXT` function. An example of a rule expression using the `SYS_CONTEXT` function is as follows:

```
SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'SESSION_USER') = 'RLAYTON'
```

This rule expression translates to "Check if the currently logged in user is user `RLAYTON`."

When you create a rule, you can define a scope for it, that is, whether the rule is created in a PDB or in an application root.

You can create rules during the rule set creation process, or independently of it. After you create the rule, you can associate a rule set with one or more additional rules.

If you create a new rule during the rule set creation process, the rule is automatically added to the current rule set. You also can add existing rules to the rule set. Alternatively, you can omit adding rules to the rule set and use it as a template for rule sets you may want to create in the future.

You can add as many rules that you want to a rule set, but for better design and performance, you should keep the rule sets simple. Oracle provides guidelines for designing rule sets.

The rule set evaluation depends on the evaluation of its rules using the Evaluation Options (**All True** or **Any True**). If a rule set is disabled, then Oracle Database Vault evaluates the rule set to true without evaluating its rules.

### Related Topics

- [How Rule Sets Work](#)  
Understanding how rule sets work helps to create more effective rule sets.
- [Guidelines for Designing Rule Sets](#)  
Oracle provides guidelines for designing rule sets.

## 5.5.2 Default Rules

Default rules are rules that have commonly used behavior, such as checking if an action evaluates to true or false.

You can find a full list of rules by querying the `DBA_DV_RULE` data dictionary view. The following table lists the current default Oracle AI Database rules.

**Table 5-1 Current Default Oracle Database Vault Rules**

Rule	Description
Are Dest Parameters Allowed	Checks if the current SQL statement attempts to alter initialization parameters related to the size limit of a dump
Are Dump Parameters Allowed	Checks if the current SQL statement attempts to alter initialization parameters related to the destination of a dump
False	Evaluates to <code>FALSE</code>

**Table 5-1 (Cont.) Current Default Oracle Database Vault Rules**

Rule	Description
Is Alter DVSYS Allowed	Note: This default rule has been deprecated. Checks if the logged-in user can run the <code>ALTER USER</code> statement on other users successfully
Is Database Administrator	Checks if a user has been granted the DBA role
Is Drop User Allowed	Checks if the logged in user can drop users
Is Dump of Block Allowed	Checks if the dumping of blocks is allowed
Is First Day of Month	Checks if the specified date is the first day of the month
Is Label Administrator	Checks if the user has been granted the <code>LBAC_DBA</code> role
Is Last Day of Month	Checks if the specified date is the last day of the month
Is Parameter Value False	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>FALSE</code>
Is Parameter Value None	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>NONE</code>
Is Parameter Value Not False	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>&lt;&gt; FALSE</code>
Is Parameter Value Not None	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>&lt;&gt; NONE</code>
Is Parameter Value Not Off	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>&lt;&gt; OFF</code>
Is Parameter Value Not On	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>&lt;&gt; ON</code>
Is Parameter Value Not True	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>&lt;&gt; TRUE</code>
Is Parameter Value Off	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>OFF</code>
Is Parameter Value On	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>ON</code>
Is Parameter Value True	Checks if a specified parameter value has been set to <code>TRUE</code>
Is SYS or SYSTEM User	Checks if the user is <code>SYS</code> or <code>SYSTEM</code>
Is Security Administrator	Checks if a user has been granted the <code>DV_ADMIN</code> role
Is Security Owner	Checks if a user has been granted the <code>DV_OWNER</code> role
Is User Manager	Checks if a user has been granted the <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> role
Login User Is Object User	Checks if the logged in user is the same as the user about to be altered by the current SQL statement
No Exempt Access Policy Role	Checks if the user has been granted the <code>EXEMPT ACCESS POLICY</code> role or is user <code>SYS</code>
Not Export Session	Obsolete
True	Evaluates to <code>TRUE</code>

## 5.5.3 Creating a Rule

You can create a new rule or use the default Oracle Database Vault rules.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE` statement to create the rule.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Is SYSADM Administrator',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''SESSION_USER'') = ''SYSADM'',
    scope     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL,
    is_static => TRUE);
END;
/
```

After you create a rule, you can add it to a rule set.

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_RULE` procedure creates both common and local rules, which afterward, can be added to a rule set.
- [Adding Existing Rules to a Rule Set](#)  
After you have created one or more rules, you can add them to a rule set.

## 5.5.4 Adding Existing Rules to a Rule Set

After you have created one or more rules, you can add them to a rule set.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_RULE` data dictionary view to find the rule to add to a rule set.

```
SELECT NAME FROM DBA_DV_RULE
ORDER BY NAME;
```

3. Query the `DBA_DV_RULE_SET` data dictionary view to find the rule set to which you want to add the rule.

```
SELECT RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET
ORDER BY RULE_SET_NAME;
```

You can also query the `DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE` data dictionary view to find if the rule has already been associated with a rule set.

4. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET` to add the rule to a rule set.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    rule_name     => 'Is SYSADM Administrator');
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [ADD\\_RULE\\_TO\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET` procedure adds rule to a rule set; you can enable having the rule checked when the rule set is evaluated.

## 5.5.5 Modifying a Rule

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE` procedure to modify the definition of a rule.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.

2. Find the rule and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_RULE ORDER BY NAME;
```

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE` statement.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check UPDATE operations',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''SESSION_USER'') = ''SYSADM'' AND
      (
        UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''MODULE'')) LIKE ''APPSRV%' ' OR
        UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''MODULE'')) LIKE ''DBAPP%' ' )'
      );
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_RULE` procedure updates a rule.

## 5.5.6 Removing a Rule from a Rule Set

Before you remove a rule from a rule set, you must remove references to it from rule sets.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_RULE` data dictionary view to find the rule that you want to remove from a rule set.

```
SELECT NAME FROM DBA_DV_RULE
ORDER BY NAME;
```

3. Query the `DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE` data dictionary views to find rule sets that are associated with the rule.

For example:

```
SELECT RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE
WHERE RULE_NAME = 'Is SYSADM Administrator';
```

4. Execute the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET` procedure to remove the rule from the rule set.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    rule_name      => 'Is SYSADM Administrator');
```

```
END;
/
```

After you remove the rule from the rule set, the rule still exists. If you want, you can associate it with other rule sets. You can also delete the rule by executing the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE`. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Is SYSADM Administrator');
```

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_RULE\\_FROM\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET` procedure deletes a rule from a rule set.

## 5.6 Modifying a Rule Set

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET` procedure to modify the definition of a rule set.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Find the rule set and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET ORDER BY RULE_SET_NAME;
```

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET` statement.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    description      => 'DBA access through predefined processes',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
    fail_message     => 'Access denied!',
    fail_code        => 20900,
    handler_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
    handler          => '',
    is_static        => TRUE);
END;
/
```

After you update a rule set, if it has traditional auditing set (`audit_options`), then this auditing disabled because traditional auditing is desupported starting in release 26ai. Only the `DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF` setting is available for the `audit_options` parameter. To audit a rule set, you must use unified auditing. See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a rule set.

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_RULE_SET` procedure updates a rule set.

## 5.7 Deleting a Rule Set

Before you delete a rule set, you must remove any rules from the rule set.



1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Query the DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view to find the rule set that you want to delete.

```
SELECT RULE_SET_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET
ORDER BY RULE_SET_NAME;
```

3. Query the DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET\_RULE data dictionary view to ensure that no rules are associated with the rule set that you want to delete.

For example:

```
SELECT RULE_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE
WHERE RULE_SET_NAME = 'Limit_DBA_Access';
```

4. If necessary, run DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_RULE\_FROM\_RULE\_SET remove the rules that are associated with the rule set.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    rule_name      => 'Is SYSADM Administrator');
END;
/
```

5. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_RULE\_SET procedure to delete the rule set.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET('Limit_DBA_Access');
```

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_RULE\_SET procedure deletes a rule set.

## 5.8 How Rule Sets Work

Understanding how rule sets work helps to create more effective rule sets.

- [How Oracle Database Vault Evaluates Rules](#)  
Oracle Database Vault evaluates the rules within a rule set as a collection of expressions.
- [Nested Rules within a Rule Set](#)  
You can nest one or more rules within the rule set.
- [Creating Rules to Apply to Everyone Except One User](#)  
You can also create rules to apply to everyone *except* one user (for example, a privileged user).

### 5.8.1 How Oracle Database Vault Evaluates Rules

Oracle Database Vault evaluates the rules within a rule set as a collection of expressions.

If you have set the eval\_options parameter in the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_RULE\_SET or DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_RULE\_SET procedure to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_RULESET\_EVAL\_ALL and if a rule evaluates to false, then the evaluation stops at that point, instead of attempting to evaluate the

rest of the rules in the rule set. Similarly, if `eval_options` is set to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY` and if a rule evaluates to true, the evaluation stops at that point. If a rule set is disabled, then Oracle Database Vault evaluates it to true without evaluating its rules.

## 5.8.2 Nested Rules within a Rule Set

You can nest one or more rules within the rule set.

For example, suppose you want to create a nested rule, `Is Corporate Network During Maintenance`, that performs the following two tasks:

- It limits table modifications only when the database session originates within the corporate network.
- It restricts table modifications during the system maintenance window scheduled between 10:00 p.m. and 10:59 p.m.

The rule definition would be as follows:

```
DVF.F$NETWORK = 'Corporate' AND TO_CHAR(SYSDATE,'HH24') between '22' AND '23'
```

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault maintains the DVF schema functions when you use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.
- [Configuring Factors](#)  
Factors allow you to create and use complex attributes through PL/SQL to make Oracle Database Vault authorization decisions.

## 5.8.3 Creating Rules to Apply to Everyone Except One User

You can also create rules to apply to everyone *except* one user (for example, a privileged user).

- To create a rule that excludes specific users, user the `SYS_CONTEXT` function.

For example:

```
SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','SESSION_USER') = 'SUPERADMIN_USER' OR additional_rule
```

If the current user is a privileged user, then the system evaluates the rule to true without evaluating *additional\_rule*. If the current user is not a privileged user, then the evaluation of the rule depends on the evaluation of *additional\_rule*.

## 5.9 Tutorial: Configuring Two-Person Integrity, or Dual Key Security

This tutorial demonstrates how to use Oracle Database Vault to control the authorization of two users.

- [About This Tutorial](#)  
In this tutorial, you configure a rule set that defines two-person integrity (TPI).
- [Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial](#)  
You must create two users for this tutorial, `patch_boss` and `patch_user`.

- [Step 2: Create a Function to Check if User patch\\_boss Is Logged In](#)  
The behavior of the Database Vault settings will be determined by the function.
- [Step 3: Create Rules, a Rule Set, and a Command Rule to Control User Access](#)  
Next, you must create two rules, a rule set to which you will add them, and a command rule.
- [Step 4: Test the Users' Access](#)  
After the rules have been created, they are ready to be tested.
- [Step 5: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

## 5.9.1 About This Tutorial

In this tutorial, you configure a rule set that defines two-person integrity (TPI).

This feature is also called dual key security, dual key connection, and two-man rule security. In this type of security, two users are required to authorize an action instead of one user.

The idea is that one user provides a safety check for the other user before that user can proceed with a task. Two-person integrity provides an additional layer of security for actions that potentially can be dangerous. This type of scenario is often used for tasks such as database patch updates, which is what this tutorial will demonstrate. One user, `patch_user` must log in to perform a database patch upgrade, but the only way that they can do this is if their manager, `patch_boss` is already logged in. You will create a function, rules, a rule set, and a command rule to control `patch_user`'s ability to log in.

## 5.9.2 Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial

You must create two users for this tutorial, `patch_boss` and `patch_user`.

- `patch_boss` acts in a supervisory role: If `patch_boss` is not logged in, then the `patch_user` user cannot log in.
- `patch_user` is the user who is assigned to perform the patch upgrade. However, for this tutorial, user `patch_user` does not actually perform a patch upgrade. This user can only attempt to log in.

To create the users:

1. Log in to a PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
2. Create the following users and grant them the `CREATE SESSION` privilege.

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO patch_boss IDENTIFIED BY password;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO patch_user IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace `password` with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

3. Connect as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.
4. Grant the following privileges to the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` user.

For example:

```
GRANT CREATE PROCEDURE TO dvowner;  
GRANT SELECT ON V_$SESSION TO dvowner;
```

The `V_$SESSION` table is the underlying table for the `V$SESSION` dynamic view.

In a real-world scenario, you also would log in as the DV\_OWNER user and grant the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to user patch\_user (but not to patch\_boss). But because you are not really going to perform a database patch upgrade in this tutorial, you do not need to grant this role to user patch\_user.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

## 5.9.3 Step 2: Create a Function to Check if User patch\_boss Is Logged In

The behavior of the Database Vault settings will be determined by the function.

The function that you must create, check\_boss\_logged\_in, does just that: When user patch\_user tries to log in to the database instance, it checks if user patch\_boss is already logged in by querying the V\$SESSION data dictionary view.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Create the check\_boss\_logged\_in function as follows:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_boss_logged_in
return varchar2
authid definer as

v_session_number number := 0;
v_allow varchar2(10)    := 'TRUE';
v_deny varchar2(10)     := 'FALSE';

BEGIN
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO v_session_number
    FROM SYS.V_$SESSION
    WHERE USERNAME = 'PATCH_BOSS'; -- Enter the user name in capital letters.

    IF v_session_number > 0
    THEN RETURN v_allow;
    ELSE
        RETURN v_deny;
    END IF;
END check_boss_logged_in;
/
```

3. Grant the EXECUTE privilege on the check\_boss\_logged\_in function to the DVSYS schema.

```
GRANT EXECUTE ON check_boss_logged_in to DVSYS;
```

## 5.9.4 Step 3: Create Rules, a Rule Set, and a Command Rule to Control User Access

Next, you must create two rules, a rule set to which you will add them, and a command rule.

The rule set triggers the check\_boss\_logged\_in function when user patch\_user tries to logs in to the database.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Create the Check if Boss Is Logged In rule, which checks that the patch\_user user is logged in to the database. In the definition, replace dvowner with the name of the DVOWNER or DV\_ADMIN user who created the check\_boss\_logged\_in function.

If the `check_boss_logged_in` function returns `TRUE` (that is, `patch_boss` is logged in to another session), then `patch_user` can log in.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check if Boss Is Logged In',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', 'SESSION_USER') = ''PATCH_USER'' and
    dvowner.check_boss_logged_in = ''TRUE'' ');
END;
/
```

Enter the user name, `PATCH_USER`, in upper-case letters, which is how the `SESSION_USER` parameter stores it.

3. Create the Allow Connect for Other Database Users rule, which ensures that the user logged in (`patch_user`) is not user `patch_boss`. It also enables all other valid users to log in.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Allow Connect for Other Database Users',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', 'SESSION_USER') != ''PATCH_USER'' ');
END;
/
COMMIT;
```

4. Create the Dual Connect for Boss and Patch rule set, and then add the two rules to it.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name      => 'Dual Connect for Boss and Patch',
    description        => 'Checks if both boss and patch users are logged in.',
    enabled             => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options        => 2,
    audit_options       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
    fail_message        => '',
    fail_code           => NULL,
    handler_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
    handler             => ''
  );
END;
/

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name      => 'Dual Connect for Boss and Patch',
    rule_name          => 'Check if Boss Is Logged In'
  );
END;
/

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name      => 'Dual Connect for Boss and Patch',
    rule_name          => 'Allow Connect for Other Database Users'
  );
END;
/
```

5. Create the following `CONNECT` command rule, which permits user `patch_user` to connect to the database only if `patch_boss` is already logged in.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command          => 'CONNECT',
    rule_set_name    => 'Dual Connect for Boss and Patch',
    object_owner     => '%',
    object_name      => '%',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
END;
/
COMMIT;

```

## 5.9.5 Step 4: Test the Users' Access

After the rules have been created, they are ready to be tested.

1. Exit SQL\*Plus.

```
EXIT
```

2. Create a second shell, for example:

```
xterm &
```

3. In the first shell, try to log in as user `patch_user`.

```
sqlplus patch_user@pdb_name
Enter password: password
```

```
ERROR:
ORA-47400: Command Rule violation for CONNECT on LOGON
```

```
Enter user-name:
```

User `patch_user` cannot log in until user `patch_boss` is already logged in. (Do not try the Enter user-name prompt yet.)

4. In the second shell and then log in as user `patch_boss`.

```
sqlplus patch_boss@pdb_name
Enter password: password
Connected.
```

User `patch_boss` can log in.

5. Go back to the first shell, and then try logging in as user `patch_user` again.

```
Enter user_name: patch_user
Enter password: password
```

This time, user `patch_user` is deemed a valid user, so now `patch_user` can log in.

## 5.9.6 Step 5: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. In the session for the user `patch_boss`, exit SQL\*Plus and then close the shell.

```
EXIT
```

2. In the first shell, connect the `DV_ACCTMGR` user and remove the users you created.

```
DROP USER patch_boss;
DROP USER patch_user;
```

3. Connect as a user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege and revoke the privileges that you had granted to the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN user.

```
REVOKE CREATE PROCEDURE FROM dvowner;
REVOKE SELECT ON V_$SESSION FROM dvowner;
```

4. Connect as the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN user and drop the rules, rule set, and command rule, in the order shown.

```
DROP FUNCTION check_boss_logged_in;
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE('CONNECT', '%', '%');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET('Dual Connect for Boss and Patch', 'Check
if Boss Is Logged In');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET('Dual Connect for Boss and Patch', 'Allow
Connect for Other Database Users');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Check if Boss Is Logged In');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Allow Connect for Other Database Users');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET('Dual Connect for Boss and Patch');
COMMIT;
```

## 5.10 Guidelines for Designing Rule Sets

Oracle provides guidelines for designing rule sets.

- You can share rules among multiple rule sets. This lets you develop a library of reusable rule expressions. Oracle recommends that you design such rules to be discrete, single-purpose expressions.
- You can design a rule set so that its evaluation is static, that is, it is evaluated only once during a user session. Alternatively, it can be evaluated each time the rule set is accessed. If the rule set is evaluated only once, then the evaluated value is reused throughout the user session each time the rule set is accessed. Using static evaluation is useful in cases where the rule set must be accessed multiple times but the conditions on which the rule set depend do not change during that session. An example would be a `SELECT` command rule associated with a rule set when the same `SELECT` statement occurs multiple times and if the evaluated value is acceptable to use again, rather than evaluating the rule set each time the `SELECT` occurs.

To control the static evaluation of the rule set, set the `is_static` parameter of the `CREATE_RULE_SET` or `UPDATE_RULE_SET` procedures of the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package. See [DBMS\\_MACADM Rule Set Procedures](#) for more information.

- Use Oracle Database Vault factors in your rule expressions to provide reusability and trust in the values used by your rule expressions. Factors can provide contextual information to use in your rules expressions.
- You can use custom event handlers to extend Oracle Database Vault security policies to integrate external systems for error handling or alerting. Using Oracle utility packages such as `UTL_TCP`, `UTL_HTTP`, `UTL_MAIL`, `UTL_SMTP`, or `DBMS_AQ` can help you to achieve this type of integration.
- Test rule sets thoroughly for various accounts and scenarios either on a test database or on a test realm or command rule for nonsensitive data before you apply them to realms and command rules that protect sensitive data. You can test rule expressions directly with the following SQL statement:

```
SQL> SELECT SYSDATE from DUAL where rule expression
```

- You can nest rule expressions inside a single rule. This helps to achieve more complex situations where you would need a logical `AND` for a subset of rules and a logical `OR` with

the rest of the rules. For example, suppose you want to create a nested rule that performs the following two tasks:

- Limits table modifications only when the database session originates within the corporate network
- Restricts table modifications during the system maintenance window scheduled between 10:00 p.m. and 10:59 p.m.

A rule definition for this scenario could be as follows:

```
DVF.F$NETWORK = 'Corporate' AND TO_CHAR(SYSDATE,'HH24') between '22' AND '23'
```

- You cannot use invoker's rights procedures with rule expressions. Only use definer's rights procedures with rule expressions.

## 5.11 How Rule Sets Affect Performance

The number and complexity of rules can slow database performance.

Rule sets govern the performance for execution of certain operations. For example, if you have a very large number of rules in a rule set governing a `SELECT` statement, performance could degrade significantly.

If you have rule sets that require many rules, performance improves if you move all the rules to logic defined in a single PL/SQL standalone or package function. However, if a rule is used by other rule sets, there is little performance effect on your system.

If possible, consider setting the rule set to use static evaluation, assuming this is compatible with the associated command rule's usage. See [Guidelines for Designing Rule Sets](#) for more information.

You can check system performance by running tools such as Oracle Enterprise Manager (including Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, which is installed by default with Oracle AI Database), Automatic Workload Repository (AWR), and `TKPROF`.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Performance Tuning Guide*
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Tuning Guide*

## 5.12 Default Rules and Rule Sets from Releases Earlier Than Release 12.2

Many default rules and rule sets from earlier releases are no longer supported, but may be in use in your current Oracle AI Database installation.

If you use default rules and rule sets from releases earlier than Oracle Database release 12.2, Oracle AI Database does not remove them during an upgrade in case you have customized them for your own use. If you customized these rules and rule sets, or use these older default rule sets, Oracle recommends that you re-implement the customized rules and rule sets by using the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` command rules, and then disable and drop the old rules and rule sets. If you have not customized these rules and rule sets, or otherwise use them, you should drop these earlier rules and rule sets because the same functionality is available in later default command rules.



**Note**

See the release 12.2 version of [Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide](#) for a full listing of the rules and rule sets that may be affected.

## 5.13 Rule Set and Rule Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views

Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing rule sets and rules.

[Table 5-2](#) lists the Oracle Database Vault reports.

**Table 5-2 Oracle Enterprise Manager Reports Related to Rule Sets**

Report	Description
Rule Set Configuration Issues Report	Lists rule sets that have no rules defined or enabled
Secure Application Configuration Issues Report	Lists secure application roles that have incomplete or disabled rule sets
Command Rule Configuration Issues Report	Lists rule sets that are incomplete or disabled

[Table 5-3](#) lists data dictionary views that provide information about existing rules and rule sets.

**Table 5-3 Data Dictionary Views Used for Rules and Rule Sets**

Data Dictionary View	Description
DBA_DV_RULE	Lists the rules that have been defined
DBA_DV_RULE_SET	Lists the rule sets that have been created
DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE	Lists rules that are associated with existing rule sets

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.
- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

# 6

## Configuring Command Rules

You can create command rules or use the default command rules to protect DDL and DML statements.

- [What Are Command Rules?](#)  
A command rule applies Oracle Database Vault protections with an Oracle AI Database SQL statement, such as `ALTER SESSION`.
- [Default Command Rules](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default command rules, based on commonly used SQL statements.
- [SQL Statements That Can Be Protected by Command Rules](#)  
You can protect a large number of SQL statements by using command rules.
- [Creating a Command Rule](#)  
You can create a different types of command rules using different command rule APIs.
- [Modifying a Command Rule](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE`, `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE`, `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE`, and `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedures to modify the definition of a command rule.
- [Deleting a Command Rule](#)  
Before you delete a command rule, you can locate the various references to it by querying the command rule-related Oracle Database Vault views.
- [How Command Rules Work](#)  
Command rules follow a set of steps to check their associated components.
- [Tutorial: Using a Command Rule to Control Table Creations by a User](#)  
In this tutorial, you create a simple local command rule to control whether users can create tables in the `SCOTT` schema.
- [Guidelines for Designing Command Rules](#)  
Oracle provides guidelines for designing command rules.
- [How Command Rules Affect Performance](#)  
The performance of a command rule depends on the complexity of the rules in the rule set associated with the command rule.
- [Command Rule Related Reports and Data Dictionary View](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing command rules.

### 6.1 What Are Command Rules?

A command rule applies Oracle Database Vault protections with an Oracle AI Database SQL statement, such as `ALTER SESSION`.

- [About Command Rules](#)  
A command rule protects Oracle AI Database SQL statements that affect one or more database objects.
- [Command Rules in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
You can create common and local command rules in either the CDB root or the application root.
- [Types of Command Rules](#)  
In addition to command rules for many SQL statements, you can create command rules specifically for the `CONNECT`, `ALTER SYSTEM`, and `ALTER SESSION` SQL statements.

## 6.1.1 About Command Rules

A command rule protects Oracle AI Database SQL statements that affect one or more database objects.

These statements can include `SELECT`, `ALTER SYSTEM`, database definition language (DDL), and data manipulation language (DML) statements.

To customize and enforce the command rule, you associate it with a rule set, which is a collection of one or more rules. The command rule is enforced at run time. Command rules affect anyone who tries to use the SQL statements it protects, regardless of the realm in which the object exists.

You can use command rules to protect a wide range of SQL statements, in addition to basic Oracle AI Database DDL and DML statements. For example, you can protect statements that are used with Oracle Flashback Technology.

A command rule has the following attributes, in addition to associating a command rule to a command:

- SQL statement the command rule protects
- Owner of the object the command rule affects
- Database object the command rule affects
- Whether the command rule is enabled
- An associated rule set

Command rules can be categorized as follows:

- **Command rules that have a system-wide scope.** With this type, in most cases, you can only create one command rule for each database instance. For example, `CONNECT` or `ALTER SYSTEM` command rules are enforced system-wide.
- **Command rules that are schema specific.** An example of a schema-specific command rule is a command rule for the `DROP TABLE` statement. You can create only one `CONNECT` command rule for each schema.
- **Command rules that are object specific.** An example is creating a command rule for the `DROP TABLE` statement with a specific table included in the command rule definition.

When a user runs a statement affected by a command rule, Oracle Database Vault checks the realm authorization first. If it finds no realm violation and if the associated command rules are enabled, then Database Vault evaluates the associated rule sets. If all the rule sets evaluate to `TRUE`, then the statement is authorized for further processing. If any of the rule sets evaluate to `FALSE`, then the statement is not allowed to be run and a command rule violation is raised.

You can define a command rule that uses factors for the `CONNECT` event to permit or deny sessions after the usual steps—user authentication process, factor initialization, and Oracle

Label Security integration—are complete. In addition, you can configure a command rule that allows DDL statements such as `CREATE TABLE`, `DROP TABLE`, and `ALTER TABLE` in the `BIZAPP` schema to be authorized after business hours, but not during business hours.

You can run reports on the command rules by using the data dictionary views or the reports included in Oracle Enterprise Manager.

You cannot create command rules that block `SYS` from executing `SYS`-owned procedures. Instead, you should minimize your use of the `SYS` database user and, instead, create named accounts with the appropriate privileges. The `SYS` account should be reserved for installation, database creation, and database patching..

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Command Rule APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package provides procedures for configuring command rules. .
- [Configuring Rule Sets](#)  
Rule sets group one or more rules together; the rules determine whether a user can perform an action on an object.
- [SQL Statements That Can Be Protected by Command Rules](#)  
You can protect a large number of SQL statements by using command rules.

## 6.1.2 Command Rules in a Multitenant Environment

You can create common and local command rules in either the CDB root or the application root.

Common command rules can be associated only with common realms, rule sets, and rules. Local command rules can be associated only with local realm, rule sets, and rules.

To apply these command rules to the entire multitenant environment, you must run the command rule procedures from the CDB root or application root as a common user who has been granted the `DVADM` or `DVOWNER` role. A common command rule that is created in the CDB root will be applied to all PDBs in that CDB environment. A common command rule that is created in the application root will only be applied to the PDBs that are associated with this application root. To propagate the command rule to the PDBs that are associated with the CDB root or application root, you must synchronize the PDB. For example, to synchronize an application root called `saas_sales_app` to its application PDBs:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;
```

To synchronize a common command rule in the CDB root to a PDB:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION APP$CDB$SYSTEM SYNC;
```

You can check a user's roles by querying the `USER_ROLE_PRIVS` data dictionary view. To find information about command rules, query the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view.

## 6.1.3 Types of Command Rules

In addition to command rules for many SQL statements, you can create command rules specifically for the `CONNECT`, `ALTER SYSTEM`, and `ALTER SESSION` SQL statements.

- [CONNECT Command Rule](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_CMD_RULE` procedure creates a user-specific `CONNECT` command rule.
- [ALTER SESSION and ALTER SYSTEM Command Rules](#)  
You can create different kinds of `ALTER SESSION` and `ALTER SYSTEM` command rules that provide fine-grained control for these SQL statements.

### 6.1.3.1 CONNECT Command Rule

The `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_CMD_RULE` procedure creates a user-specific `CONNECT` command rule.

This type of command rule specifies a user, an associated rule set, an enablement status, and where to run the `CONNECT` command rule. You can enable or disable the `CONNECT` command rule, or you can set it to use simulation mode. In simulation mode, violations to the command rule are logged in a designated log table with sufficient information to describe the error, such as the user name or SQL statement used.

You can create the `CONNECT` command rule in either the application root or in a specific PDB. The associated rule set must be consistent with the `CONNECT` command rule: if the `CONNECT` command rule is in the application root, then the rule set and rules must also be in the application root. You run the `CONNECT` command rule procedures from the CDB root as a common user. If the `CONNECT` command rule is local to a pluggable database (PDB), then you must run the `CONNECT` command rule creation command in that PDB, and the rule set and rules must be local.

The following example shows a `CONNECT` command rule definition that creates a local, enabled `CONNECT` command rule for the `HR` user. The rule set that is associated with this command rule is local to the current PDB.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
  rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
  user_name     => 'HR',
  enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
  scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

#### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.
- [Using Simulation Mode for Logging Realm and Command Rule Activities](#)  
Simulation mode writes violations to the simulation log instead of preventing SQL execution to quickly test new and modified Oracle Database Vault controls.

### 6.1.3.2 ALTER SESSION and ALTER SYSTEM Command Rules

You can create different kinds of `ALTER SESSION` and `ALTER SYSTEM` command rules that provide fine-grained control for these SQL statements.

The procedures to create these types of command rules are as follows:

- `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` creates `ALTER SESSION` and `ALTER SYSTEM` command rules that use clauses from the corresponding SQL statement, such as `ADVISE`, `CLOSE`

DATABASE LINK, COMMIT IN PROCEDURE, and SET for ALTER SESSION, or ARCHIVE\_LOG, CHECK DATAFILES, CHECKPOINT, and SET for ALTER SYSTEM.

- DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_SESSION\_EVENT creates a command rule that is specific to the ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL statement
- DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT creates a command rule that is specific to the ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL statement.

To create these command rules, you use the appropriate Database Vault procedure to specify the clause and if applicable, the parameter of the clause, in the creation statement. If the ALTER SESSION or ALTER SYSTEM command rule use the SET EVENTS setting, then you can use special parameters to specify events, components, and actions.

For example, for an ALTER SYSTEM command rule, you could specify the SECURITY clause and its RESTRICTED SESSION parameter from the ALTER SYSTEM SQL statement. To specify whether RESTRICTED SESSION is TRUE or FALSE, you must create a Database Vault rule and rule set, which can test for the validity of this sequence number.

To understand how this concept works, first create the following rule and rule set, which are designed to check if the RESTRICTED SESSION parameter is set to TRUE:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE('RESTRICTED SESSION TRUE', 'UPPER(PARAMETER_VALUE) =
''TRUE'');

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Check RESTRICTED SESSION for TRUE',
    description      => 'Checks if restricted session is true',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
    fail_message     => 'RESTRICTED SESSION is not TRUE',
    fail_code        => 20461,
    handler_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL,
    handler          => '',
    is_static        => false);
END;
/
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET('Check RESTRICTED SESSION for TRUE', 'RESTRICTED
SESSION TRUE');
```

With the rule and rule set in place, you are ready to create an ALTER SYSTEM command rule that will check if the RESTRICTED SESSION parameter:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command          => 'ALTER SYSTEM',
    rule_set_name    => 'Check RESTRICTED SESSION for TRUE',
    object_owner     => '%',
    object_name      => '%',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    clause_name      => 'SECURITY',
    parameter_name   => 'RESTRICTED SESSION',
    scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

In this example:

- `rule_set_name` checks whether `RESTRICTED SESSION` is set to `TRUE` or `FALSE`. You must create the rule set and rule in the same location as the command rule: either in the application root or locally in a PDB.
- `object_owner` and `object_name` must always be set to `%` for this kind of `ALTER SESSION` or `ALTER SYSTEM` command rule.
- `enabled` enables you to enable or disable the command rule, or to use simulation mode to log violations to the command rule to a designated log table. The log data describes the error, such as the user name or SQL statement used.
- `clause_name` specifies the `SECURITY` clause of the `ALTER SYSTEM` SQL statement
- `parameter_name` specifies the `RESTRICTED SESSION` parameter from the `SECURITY` clause
- `scope` sets the command rule to be local to the current PDB. The associated rule set and rule must also be local to the current PDB. If you want to create the command rule in the application root, then as a common user, you would set `scope` to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON` and run the procedure (and its accompanying rule set and rule creation procedures) from the application root.

#### 📘 See Also

- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#) about the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure
- [CREATE\\_SESSION\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#) about the `DVS.DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure
- [CREATE\\_SYSTEM\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#) for more information about the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure
- [DBA\\_DV\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#) for information about the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference* for information about the `ALTER SESSION` SQL statement
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference* for information about the `ALTER SYSTEM` SQL statement

## 6.2 Default Command Rules

Oracle Database Vault provides default command rules, based on commonly used SQL statements.

[Table 6-1](#) lists the default Database Vault command rules.

**Table 6-1 Default Command Rules**

SQL Statement	Rule Set Name
CREATE USER	Can Maintain Accounts/Profiles
ALTER USER	Can Maintain Own Account
DROP USER	Can Maintain Accounts/Profiles
CREATE PROFILE	Can Maintain Accounts/Profiles

**Table 6-1 (Cont.) Default Command Rules**

SQL Statement	Rule Set Name
ALTER PROFILE	Can Maintain Accounts/Profiles
DROP PROFILE	Can Maintain Accounts/Profiles
ALTER SYSTEM	Allow Fine Grained Control of System Parameters
CHANGE PASSWORD	Can Maintain Own Account <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The actual SQL statement that the Can Maintain Own Account rule refers to is PASSWORD.

The following set of command rules helps you to achieve separation of duty for user management:

- ALTER PROFILE
- ALTER USER
- CREATE PROFILE
- CREATE USER
- DROP PROFILE
- DROP USER

To grant a user the ability to use these commands, you can grant the user the role that the rule set checks. For example, the CREATE USER command rule ensures that a user who tries to run a CREATE USER statement has the DV\_ACCTMGR role.

#### Note

To find information about the default command rules, query the DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view.

## 6.3 SQL Statements That Can Be Protected by Command Rules

You can protect a large number of SQL statements by using command rules.

The SQL statements that you can protect are as follows:

### SQL Statements A-A

ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT  
ALTER CLUSTER  
ALTER DIMENSION  
ALTER FLASHBACK ARCHIVE  
  
ALTER FUNCTION  
ALTER INDEX  
ALTER INDEXTYPE

### SQL Statements A-D

ANALYZE TABLE  
ASSOCIATE STATISTICS  
AUDIT  
AUDIT POLICY (for enabling audit unified audit policies)  
CHANGE PASSWORD  
COMMENT  
CONNECT

### SQL Statements C-U

CREATE SYNONYM  
CREATE TABLE  
CREATE TABLESPACE  
CREATE TRIGGER  
  
CREATE TYPE  
CREATE TYPE BODY  
CREATE VIEW



**SQL Statements A-A**

ALTER JAVA  
 ALTER LIBRARY  
 ALTER OPERATOR  
 ALTER OUTLINE  
 ALTER MATERIALIZED VIEW  
 ALTER MATERIALIZED VIEW LOG  
 ALTER PACKAGE  
 ALTER PACKAGE BODY  
 ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE  
 ALTER PROCEDURE  
 ALTER PROFILE  
 ALTER RESOURCE COST  
 ALTER ROLE  
 ALTER ROLLBACK SEGMENT  
 ALTER SEQUENCE  
 ALTER SESSION  
  
 ALTER SYNONYM  
 ALTER SYSTEM  
 ALTER TABLE  
 ALTER TABLESPACE  
 ALTER TRIGGER  
 ALTER TYPE  
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 FLASHBACK TABLE  
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 GRANT  
 INSERT  
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 NOAUDIT POLICY (for disabling unified audit policies only)  
 PURGE DBA\_RECYCLEBIN  
 PURGE INDEX  
 RENAME  
 PURGE RECYCLEBIN  
 PURGE TABLE  
 PURGE TABLESPACE  
 REVOKE  
 SELECT  
 TRUNCATE CLUSTER  
 TRUNCATE TABLE  
 UPDATE

**Related Topics**

- [Command Rules in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
 You can create common and local command rules in either the CDB root or the application root.

## 6.4 Creating a Command Rule

You can create a different types of command rules using different command rule APIs.

Depending on the command rule that you want to create, you can use one of the following command rule APIs to create the command rule: `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE`, `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE`, `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE`. The `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure enables you to create complex command

rules for ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION statements. This topic describes how to create a command rule using the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.

2. If necessary, create a rule set that the command rule will use.

The DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view lists existing rule sets.

3. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE to create the command rule.

For example, to create a simple command rule:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'GRANT',
    rule_set_name => 'Can Grant VPD Administration',
    object_owner  => 'HR',
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [CREATE COMMAND RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.
- [SQL Statements That Can Be Protected by Command Rules](#)  
You can protect a large number of SQL statements by using command rules.

## 6.5 Modifying a Command Rule

You can use the DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE, DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE, DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE, and DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedures to modify the definition of a command rule.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.

2. Find the command rule and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT COMMAND, ENABLED FROM DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE ORDER BY COMMAND;
```

The DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE view also shows the definition of the command rule.

3. Run the appropriate procedure to modify the command rule.
  - DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE updates a command rule declaration that was created with the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure. For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'GRANT',
    rule_set_name => 'Can Grant VPD Administration',
    object_owner  => 'HR',
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',
```

```

        enabled      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO,
        scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` updates command rules that were created with `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE`.
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` updates command rules that were created with `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE`.
- `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` updates command rules that were created with `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE`.

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure updates the command rule declaration for both common and local command rules.
- [UPDATE\\_CONNECT\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` procedure updates a `CONNECT` command rule that had been created with the `CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` procedure.
- [UPDATE\\_SESSION\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure updates both common and local session event command rules, based on the `ALTER SESSION` statement.
- [UPDATE\\_SYSTEM\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure updates both common and local system event command rules, based on the `ALTER SYSTEM` statement.

## 6.6 Deleting a Command Rule

Before you delete a command rule, you can locate the various references to it by querying the command rule-related Oracle Database Vault views.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary to find the command rule to delete.

For example:

```
SELECT COMMAND FROM DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE ORDER BY COMMAND;
```

The `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` view also shows the definition of the command rule.

3. Query the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary to find the definition of the command rule.

When you drop a command rule, you must omit the `rule_set_name` and `enabled` parameters, and ensure that the rest of the parameters match the settings that were used the last time the command rule was updated.

For example:

```

SELECT OBJECT_OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, COMMON
FROM DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE
WHERE COMMAND = 'GRANT';

```

4. Run the appropriate procedure to delete the command rule.
  - `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE` deletes a command rule that was created with the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure. For example:

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE (
    command      => 'GRANT',
    object_owner  => 'HR',
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

- `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` deletes command rules that were created with `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE`.
- `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` deletes command rules that were created with `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE`.
- `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` deletes command rules that were created with `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE`.

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure drops a command rule declaration.
- [DELETE\\_CONNECT\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` procedure deletes a `CONNECT` command rule that had been created with the `CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` procedure.
- [DELETE\\_SESSION\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure deletes a session command rule that was associated with events.
- [DELETE\\_SYSTEM\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure deletes a system command rule that was associated with events.

## 6.7 How Command Rules Work

Command rules follow a set of steps to check their associated components.

[How Realms Work](#) describes what happens when a database account issues a `SELECT`, `DDL`, or `DML` statement that affects objects within a realm.

The following actions take place when `SELECT`, `DDL`, or `DML` statement is issued:

1. Oracle Database Vault queries all the command rules that need to be applied.  
For `SELECT`, `DDL`, and `DML` statements, multiple command rules may apply because the object owner and object name support wildcard notation.  
You can associate rule sets with both command rules and realm authorizations. Oracle Database Vault evaluates the realm authorization rule set first, and then it evaluates the rule sets that apply to the command type being evaluated.
2. For each command rule that applies, Oracle Database Vault evaluates its associated rule set.
3. If the associated rule set of any of the applicable command rules returns false or errors, Oracle Database Vault prevents the command from executing. Otherwise, the command is authorized for further processing. The configuration of the rule set with respect to auditing and event handlers dictates the auditing or custom processing that occurs.

Command rules override object privileges. That is, even the owner of an object cannot access the object if the object is protected by a command rule. You can disable either a

command rule or the rule set of a command. If you disable a command rule, then the command rule does not perform the check it is designed to handle. If you disable a rule set, then the rule set always evaluates to `TRUE`. However, if you want to disable a command rule for a particular command, then you should disable the command rule because the rule set may be associated with other command rules or realm authorizations.

## 6.8 Tutorial: Using a Command Rule to Control Table Creations by a User

In this tutorial, you create a simple local command rule to control whether users can create tables in the `SCOTT` schema.

- [Step 1: Create a Table](#)  
First, user `SEBASTIAN` must create a table.
- [Step 2: Create a Command Rule](#)  
After the table has been created in the `SEBASTIAN` schema, you can create a command rule.
- [Step 3: Test the Command Rule](#)  
Next, you are ready to test the `CREATE TABLE` local command rule.
- [Step 4: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

### 6.8.1 Step 1: Create a Table

First, user `SEBASTIAN` must create a table.

1. Log in to a PDB as the Database Vault Account Manager, who has the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
2. Create the local user `SEBASTIAN`.

For example:

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO SEBASTIAN IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

3. Connect as a user who has the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege and then grant the following additional privilege to `SEBASTIAN`.

```
GRANT CREATE TABLE TO SEBASTIAN;
```

4. As user `SEBASTIAN`, create a table.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (num NUMBER);
```

5. Now drop the table.

```
DROP TABLE t1;
```

At this stage, user `SEBASTIAN` can create and drop tables. Do not exit SQL\*Plus yet, and remain connected as `SEBASTIAN`. You must use it later on when `SEBASTIAN` tries to create another table.

**Related Topics**

- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

## 6.8.2 Step 2: Create a Command Rule

After the table has been created in the `SEBASTIAN` schema, you can create a command rule.

1. Connect to a PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Create a `CREATE TABLE` command rule with user `SEBASTIAN` as the owner.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'CREATE TABLE',
    rule_set_name => 'Disabled',
    object_owner  => 'SEBASTIAN',
    object_name   => '%',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
END;
/
```

This command rule will prevent user `SEBASTIAN` from creating tables in their schema, even though he is the schema owner. The `object_name` will apply the command rule to all objects in the `SEBASTIAN` schema.

Command rules take effect immediately. Right away, user `SEBASTIAN` is prevented from creating tables, even though he is still in the same user session that he was in a moment ago, before you created the `CREATE TABLE` command rule.

## 6.8.3 Step 3: Test the Command Rule

Next, you are ready to test the `CREATE TABLE` local command rule.

1. In SQL\*Plus, ensure that you are logged in to the PDB as user `SEBASTIAN`.
2. Try to create a table.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (num NUMBER);
```

The following output should appear:

```
ORA-47400: Command Rule violation for create table on SEBASTIAN.T1
```

As you can see, `SEBASTIAN` is no longer allowed to create tables, even in their own schema.

3. Now enable user `SEBASTIAN` to create tables again.
  - a. Connect to the PDB as the user who created the command rule.
  - b. Update the `CREATE TABLE` command rule to now enable table creations.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'CREATE TABLE',
    rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
    object_owner  => 'SEBASTIAN',
    object_name   => '%',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
END;
/
```

4. Connect as user SEBASTIAN, and then try creating the table again.

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (num NUMBER);
```

```
Table created.
```

5. User SEBASTIAN does not really need this table, so drop the table.

```
DROP TABLE t1;
```

Now that the `CREATE TABLE` command rule is set to `Enabled`, user SEBASTIAN is once again permitted to create tables. (Do not exit SQL\*Plus.)

## 6.8.4 Step 4: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. Connect to the PDB as the user who created the `CREATE TABLE` command rule.
2. Drop the `CREATE TABLE` command rule.

Remember that the `command`, `object_owner`, and `object_name` arguments must match exactly the arguments that were used the last time the command rule was updated. You can check a command rule's definition by querying the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'CREATE TABLE',
    object_owner  => 'SEBASTIAN',
    object_name   => '%');
END;
/
```

3. As a user who has the `DV_ACCTMGR` role, drop user SEBASTIAN.

```
DROP USER SEBASTIAN;
```

## 6.9 Guidelines for Designing Command Rules

Oracle provides guidelines for designing command rules.

- Create finer-grained command rules, because they are far easier to maintain.  
For example, if you want to prevent `SELECT` statements from occurring on specific schema objects, then design multiple command rules to stop the `SELECT` statements on those specific schema objects, rather than creating a general command rule to prevent `SELECT` statements in the schema level.
- When designing rules for the `CONNECT` event, be careful to include logic that does not inadvertently lock out any required user connections. If any account has been locked out accidentally, ask a user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN` or `DV_OWNER` role to log in and correct the rule that is causing the lock-out problem. The `CONNECT` command rule does not apply to users with the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ADMIN` roles. This prevents improperly configured `CONNECT` command rules from causing a complete lock-out.

If the account has been locked out, you can disable Oracle Database Vault, correct the rule that is causing the lock-out problem, and then reenabling Oracle Database Vault. Even when Oracle Database Vault is disabled, you still can use Database Vault Administrator and the Database Vault PL/SQL packages.

- If you must temporarily relax an enabled command rule for an administrative task, then consider switching the command rule to simulation mode. Note that this will not capture activity that meets the rule set criteria, only activity that would have violated it.
- When designing command rules, be careful to consider automated processes such as backup where these procedures may be inadvertently disabled. You can account for these tasks by creating rules that allow the command when a series of Oracle Database Vault factors is known to be true (for example, the program being used), and the account being used or the computer or network on which the client program is running.
- You can test the development phase of a command rule by using simulation mode, which enables the command rule but writes detailed information about it to a log file.

#### Related Topics

- [Using Simulation Mode for Logging Realm and Command Rule Activities](#)  
Simulation mode writes violations to the simulation log instead of preventing SQL execution to quickly test new and modified Oracle Database Vault controls.

## 6.10 How Command Rules Affect Performance

The performance of a command rule depends on the complexity of the rules in the rule set associated with the command rule.

For example, suppose a rule set invokes a PL/SQL function that takes 5 seconds to run. In this case, a command rule that uses that rule set would take 5 seconds to grant access for the command statement to run.

You can check the system performance by running tools such as Oracle Enterprise Manager (including Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, which is installed by default with Oracle AI Database), Automatic Workload Repository (AWR), and `TKPROF`.

#### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Performance Tuning Guide*
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Tuning Guide*

## 6.11 Command Rule Related Reports and Data Dictionary View

Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing command rules.

[Table 6-2](#) lists the Oracle Database Vault report.

**Table 6-2 Reports Related to Command Rules**

Report	Description
Command Rule Audit Report	Lists audit records generated by command rule processing operations
Command Rule Configuration Issues Report	Tracks rule violations, in addition to other configuration issues the command rule may have
Object privilege reports	List object privileges that the command rule affects
Sensitive object reports	List objects that the command rule affects
Rule Set Configuration Issues Report	Lists rules sets that have no rules defined or enabled, which may affect the command rules that use them



You can use the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view to find the SQL statements that are protected by command rules.

**Related Topics**

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.
- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

# 7

## Configuring Factors

Factors allow you to create and use complex attributes through PL/SQL to make Oracle Database Vault authorization decisions.

- [What Are Factors?](#)  
A factor is a named variable or attribute, such as a database IP address, that Oracle Database Vault can recognize.
- [Default Factors](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of default factors.
- [Creating a Factor](#)  
In general, to create a factor, you first create the factor itself, and then you edit the factor to include its identity.
- [Adding an Identity to a Factor](#)  
After you create a new factor, you optionally can add an identity to it.
- [Modifying a Factor](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR` procedure to modify the definition of a factor.
- [Deleting a Factor](#)  
Before you delete a factor, you must remove references to the factor.
- [How Factors Work](#)  
Oracle Database Vault processes factors when a session is established.
- [Tutorial: Preventing Ad Hoc Tool Access to the Database](#)  
This tutorial demonstrates how to use factors to prevent ad hoc tools (such as SQL\*Plus) from accessing the database.
- [Guidelines for Designing Factors](#)  
Oracle provides guidelines for designing factors.
- [How Factors Affect Performance](#)  
The complexity of factors affects the performance of your Oracle database instance.
- [Factor Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing factors and their identities.

### 7.1 What Are Factors?

A factor is a named variable or attribute, such as a database IP address, that Oracle Database Vault can recognize.

You can use factors for activities such as authorizing database accounts to connect to the database or creating filtering logic to restrict the visibility and manageability of data.

Oracle Database Vault provides a selection of factors that lets you set controls on such components as the domain for your site, IP addresses, databases, and so on. You also can create custom factors, using your own PL/SQL retrieval methods. However, for the vast majority of cases, you can use the `SYS_CONTEXT` PL/SQL function to create rules on the most commonly used factors that are readily available in the database. Such factors as

`Session_User`, `Proxy_User`, `Network_Protocol`, and `Module` are available through the `SYS_CONTEXT` function.

Factors have powerful capabilities that are used in conjunction with Oracle Label Security and for other database attributes that are not already available through context parameters. Commonly available factors are listed in this section, but Oracle recommends that you use the `SYS_CONTEXT` function in the rule definitions for these factors. Only create and use factors that are not already available through `SYS_CONTEXT`.

Note the following:

- You can use factors in combination with rules in rule sets. The DVF factor functions are factor-specific functions that you can use in rule expressions.
- Factors have values (identities) and are further categorized by their factor types.
- You also can integrate factors with Oracle Label Security labels.
- You can run reports on the factors that you create in Oracle Database Vault.
- You only can create factors in a PDB, not in the CDB root or the application root.

### Related Topics

- [Creating a Rule to Add to a Rule Set](#)  
A rule defines the behavior that you want to control; a rule set is a named collection of rules.
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference*
- [Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault maintains the DVF schema functions when you use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.
- [Oracle Database Vault Factor APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package has factor-related Oracle Database Vault rule procedures and functions, and DVF has functions to manage factors.

## 7.2 Default Factors

Oracle Database Vault provides a set of default factors.

For each of these factors, there is an associated function that retrieves the value of the factor.

You can create custom factors by using your own PL/SQL retrieval methods. A useful PL/SQL function you can use (which is used for many of the default factors) is the `SYS_CONTEXT` SQL function, which retrieves data about the user session. For example, you can use the `CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME` attribute of `SYS_CONTEXT` to find the name of the program used for the database session. After you create the custom factor, you can query its values similar to the functions used to query the default factors.

The default factors are as follows:

- `Authentication_Method` is the method of authentication. In the list that follows, the type of user is followed by the method returned:
  - Password-authenticated enterprise user, local database user, user with the `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER` administrative privilege using the password file; proxy with user name using password: `PASSWORD`
  - Kerberos-authenticated enterprise user or external user (with no administrative privileges): `KERBEROS`

- Kerberos-authenticated enterprise user (with administrative privileges):  
KERBEROS\_GLOBAL
- Kerberos-authenticated external user (with administrative privileges):  
KERBEROS\_EXTERNAL
- Transport Layer Security (TLS)-authenticated enterprise or external user (with no administrative privileges): SSL (Transport Layer Security replaces Secure Sockets Layer, but SSL-related settings will work with Transport Layer Security.)
- Transport Layer Security-authenticated enterprise user (with administrative privileges):  
SSL\_GLOBAL
- Transport Layer Security-authenticated external user (with administrative privileges):  
SSL\_EXTERNAL
- Radius-authenticated external user: RADIUS
- OS-authenticated external user, or user with the SYSDBA or SYSOPER administrative privilege: OS
- Proxy with certificate, DN, or username without using password: NONE
- Background process (job queue secondary process): JOB
- Parallel Query Slave (secondary) process: PQ\_SLAVE

For non-administrative connections, you can use the `Identification_Type` factor to distinguish between external and enterprise users when the authentication method is `PASSWORD`, `KERBEROS`, or `SSL`. For administrative connections, the `Authentication_Method` factor is sufficient for the `PASSWORD`, `SSL_EXTERNAL`, and `SSL_GLOBAL` authentication methods.

- `Client_Identifier` is an identifier that is set by the application through the `DBMS_SESSION.SET_IDENTIFIER` procedure, the Oracle Call Interface (OCI) attribute `OCI_ATTR_CLIENT_IDENTIFIER`, or Oracle Dynamic Monitoring Service (DMS). Various Oracle AI Database components use this attribute to identify lightweight application users who authenticate as the same database user.
- `Client_IP` is the IP address of the machine from which the client is connected.
- `Database_Domain` is the domain of the database as specified in the `DB_DOMAIN` initialization parameter.
- `Database_Hostname` is the host name of the computer on which the instance is running.
- `Database_Instance` is the instance identification number of the current instance.
- `Database_IP` is the IP address of the computer on which the instance is running.
- `Database_Name` is the name of the database as specified in the `DB_NAME` initialization parameter.
- `DBlink_Info` is the source of a database link session. The string has this form:

```
SOURCE_GLOBAL_NAME=dblink_src_global_name,
DBLINK_NAME=dblink_name,SOURCE_AUDIT_SESSIONID=dblink_src_audit_sessionid
```

In this specification:

- `dblink_src_global_name` is the unique global name of the source database
- `dblink_name` is the name of the database link on the source database
- `dblink_src_audit_sessionid` source database that initiated source database that initiated the connection to the remote database using `dblink_name`

- **Domain** is a named collection of physical, configuration, or implementation-specific factors in the run-time environment (for example, a networked IT environment or subset of it) that operates at a specific sensitivity level. You can identify a domain using factors such as host name, IP address, and database instance names of the Database Vault nodes in a secure access path to the database. Each domain can be uniquely determined using a combination of the factor identifiers that identify the domain. You can use these identifying factors and possibly additional factors to define the Maximum Security Label within the domain. This restricts data access and commands, depending on the physical factors about the Database Vault session. Example domains of interest may be Corporate Sensitive, Internal Public, Partners, and Customers.
- **Enterprise\_Identity** is the enterprise-wide identity for the user:
  - For enterprise users: the Oracle Internet Directory-distinguished name (DN).
  - For external users: the external identity (Kerberos principal name, Radius and DCE schema names, operating system user name, certificate DN).
  - For local users and SYSDBA and SYSOPER logins: NULL.

The value of the attribute differs by proxy method:

- For a proxy with DN: the Oracle Internet Directory DN of the client.
  - For a proxy with certificate: the certificate DN of the client for external users; the Oracle Internet Directory DN for global users.
  - For a proxy with user names: the Oracle Internet Directory DN if the client is an enterprise user; NULL if the client is a local database user.
- **Identification\_Type** is the way the user schema was created in the database. Specifically, it reflects the IDENTIFIED clause in the CREATE USER and ALTER USER syntax. In the list that follows, the syntax used during schema creation is followed by the identification type returned:
    - IDENTIFIED BY *password*: LOCAL
    - IDENTIFIED EXTERNALLY: EXTERNAL
    - IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY: GLOBAL SHARED
    - IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS DN: GLOBAL PRIVATE
    - GLOBAL EXCLUSIVE for exclusive global user mapping
    - GLOBAL SHARED for shared user mapping
    - NONE when the schema is created with no authentication
  - **Lang** is the ISO abbreviation for the language name, a shorter form than the existing LANGUAGE parameter.
  - **Language** is the language and territory your session currently uses, along with the database character set, in the following form:

*language\_territory.characterset*

For example:

AMERICAN\_AMERICA.WE8MSWIN1252

- **Machine** is the host name for the database client that established the current session. If you must find out whether the computer was used for a client or server session, then you can compare this setting with the Database\_Hostname factor to make the determination.
- **Module** is the application name (module) that is set through the DBMS\_APPLICATION\_INFO PL/SQL package or OCI.

- `Network_Protocol` is the network protocol being used for communication, as specified in the `PROTOCOL=protocol` portion of the connect string.
- `Proxy_Enterprise_Identity` is the Oracle Internet Directory DN when the proxy user is an enterprise user.
- `Proxy_User` is the name of the database user who opened the current session on behalf of `SESSION_USER`.
- `Session_User` is the database user name by which the current user is authenticated. This value remains the same throughout the session.

#### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault maintains the DVF schema functions when you use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference*
- *Oracle AI Database Globalization Support Guide*

## 7.3 Creating a Factor

In general, to create a factor, you first create the factor itself, and then you edit the factor to include its identity.

This procedure explains how to create the factor only, not how to configure an identity for it.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. If necessary, create a rule set that the factor will use.

The `DBA_DV_RULE_SET` data dictionary view lists existing rule sets.

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR` procedure to create the factor.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'Sector2_DB',
    factor_type_name => 'Instance',
    description      => 'Factor to restrict DBA access',
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    get_expr         => 'UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''DB_NAME''))',
    validate_expr    => 'dbavowner.check_db_access',
    identify_by      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD,
    labeled_by       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_SESSION,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_SILENTLY);
END;
/
```

At this stage, the factor is complete and can be used. For more detailed and customized processing, you can configure an identity for the factor.

#### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_FACTOR` procedure creates a factor.

## 7.4 Adding an Identity to a Factor

After you create a new factor, you optionally can add an identity to it.

- [About Factor Identities](#)  
An identity is the actual value of a factor, such as an IP\_Address factor identity being 192.0.2.4.
- [How Factor Identities Work](#)  
A factor identity is the actual value of a factor (for example, the IP address for a factor that uses the IP\_Address type).
- [About Trust Levels](#)  
Trust levels enable you to assign a numeric value to indicate the measure of trust allowed.
- [About Label Identities](#)  
You can assign Oracle Label Security (OLS) labels to factor identities.
- [Creating and Configuring a Factor Identity](#)  
You can create and configure a factor identity for an existing factor.
- [Using Identity Mapping to Configure an Identity to Use Other Factors](#)  
You can use identity mapping to use a group of factors to manage identity values.
- [Modifying a Factor Identity](#)  
You can use the DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_IDENTITY procedure to modify a factor identity.
- [Deleting a Factor Identity](#)  
Before delete a factor identity, you must remove references to it.

### 7.4.1 About Factor Identities

An identity is the actual value of a factor, such as an IP\_Address factor identity being 192.0.2.4.

A factor identity for a given database session is assigned at run time using the `get_expr` parameter (to retrieve the identity of a factor) and the `identify_by` parameter (to determine the identity of the factor) in the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_FACTOR procedure. You can further configure the identity for the following reasons:

- To define the known identities for a factor
- To add a trust level to a factor identity
- To add an Oracle Label Security label to a factor identity
- To resolve a factor identity through its child factors, by using identity mapping

### 7.4.2 How Factor Identities Work

A factor identity is the actual value of a factor (for example, the IP address for a factor that uses the IP\_Address type).

A factor can have several identities depending on its retrieval method or its identity mapping logic. For example, a factor such as `Database_Hostname` could have multiple identities in an Oracle Real Application Clusters environment; a factor such as `Client_IP` can have multiple identities in any database environment. The retrieval method for these types of factors may return different values because the retrieval method is based on the database session. Several reports allow you to track the factor identity configuration.

You can configure the assignment of a factor in the following ways:

- Assign the factor at the time a database session is established.
- Configure individual requests to retrieve the identity of the factor.

With the Oracle Label Security integration, you can label identities with an Oracle Label Security label. You can also assign an identity *trust levels*, which are numbers that indicate the magnitude of trust relative to other identities for the same factor. In general, the higher the trust level number is set, the greater the trust. Negative trust levels are not trusted.

Within a database session, a factor assigned identity is available to Oracle Database Vault and any application with a publicly accessible PL/SQL function that exists in the `DVF` schema (which contains functions that retrieve factor values) as follows:

```
dvf.f${factor_name}
```

This allows the identifier for a factor to be accessed globally from within the Oracle database (using PL/SQL, SQL, Oracle Virtual Private Database, triggers, and so on). For example, in SQL\*Plus:

```
CONNECT dvowner@pdb_name
Enter password: password
```

```
SELECT DVF.F$DATABASE_IP FROM DUAL;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
SELECT DVF.F$DATABASE_IP FROM DUAL;
```

```
F$DATABASE_IP
```

```
-----
192.0.2.1
```

You can also use the `GET_FACTOR` function to find the identity of a factor that is made available for public access. For example:

```
SELECT GET_FACTOR('DATABASE_IP') FROM DUAL;
```

The following output appears:

```
GET_FACTOR('DATABASE_IP')
```

```
-----
192.0.2.1
```

### Related Topics

- [Adding an Identity to a Factor](#)  
After you create a new factor, you optionally can add an identity to it.
- [Factor Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing factors and their identities.

## 7.4.3 About Trust Levels

Trust levels enable you to assign a numeric value to indicate the measure of trust allowed.

A trust value of 1 signifies some trust. A higher value indicates a higher level of trust. A negative value or zero indicates distrust. When the factor identity returned from a factor retrieval method is not defined in the identity, Oracle Database Vault automatically assigns the identity a negative trust level.



To determine the trust level of a factor identity at run time, you can use the `GET_TRUST_LEVEL` and `GET_TRUST_LEVEL_FOR_IDENTITY` functions in the `DVSYS` schema.

For example, suppose you have created a factor named `Network`. You can create the following identities for the `Network` factor:

- Intranet, with a trust level of 10
- VPN (virtual private network), with a trust level of 5
- Public, with a trust level of 1

You then can create rule expressions (or custom application code) that base policy decisions on the trust level. For example, you can use the `GET_TRUST_LEVEL` function to find trust levels greater than 5:

```
GET_TRUST_LEVEL('Network') > 5
```

Or, you can use a `SELECT` statement on the `DBA_DV_IDENTITY` data dictionary view to find trust levels for the `Network` factor greater than or equal to 5:

```
SELECT VALUE, TRUST_LEVEL FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY
       WHERE TRUST_LEVEL >= 5
       AND FACTOR_NAME='Network'
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
F$NETWORK GET_TRUST_LEVEL('NETWORK')
-----
VPN                               5
INTRANET                         10
```

In the preceding example, the `Network` factor identity for `VPN` is trusted (value equals 5), and the identity for the `INTRANET` domain is 10, which implies a greater trust.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Realm APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package enables you to configure Oracle Database Vault realms.

## 7.4.4 About Label Identities

You can assign You Oracle Label Security (OLS) labels to factor identities.

In brief, a label acts as an identifier for a database table row to assign privileges to the row. In the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR` or `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR` procedure, the `labeled_by` parameter setting determines whether a factor is labeled `DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF` or `DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_FACTORS`. If you set `labeled_by` to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF`, then you can associate OLS labels with the factor identities. If you set `labeled_by` to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_FACTORS`, then Oracle Database Vault derives the factor identity labels from the labeling of child factor identities. When there are multiple child factor identities with labels, Oracle Database Vault merges the labels using the OLS algorithm associated with the applicable factor Oracle Label Security policy.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide*

## 7.4.5 Creating and Configuring a Factor Identity

You can create and configure a factor identity for an existing factor.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY` procedure.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    value       => 'intranet',
    trust_level => 5);
END;
/
```

In this specification:

- `factor_name` is the name of the existing factor. The `DBA_DV_FACTOR` data dictionary view lists factors.
- `value` is the value of the factor, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. For example, the identity of an `IP_Address` factor could be the IP address of 192.0.2.12.
- `trust_level` indicates the magnitude of trust relative to other identities for the same factor. In general, the higher the trust level number is set, the greater the trust. A trust level of 10 indicates "very trusted." Negative trust levels are not trusted.
  - 10 is very trusted.
  - 5 is trusted.
  - 1 is somewhat trusted.
  - -1 is untrusted.
  - NULL is for a trust level that is not defined (default)

After you create a factor identity, you can use it in an identity map with two existing factors.

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_IDENTITY` procedure assigns an identity and an associated trust level for a given factor.

## 7.4.6 Using Identity Mapping to Configure an Identity to Use Other Factors

You can use identity mapping to use a group of factors to manage identity values.

- [About Identity Mapping](#)  
While you are creating a factory identity, you can map it.
- [Mapping an Identity to a Factor](#)  
You can map an identity to a factor by creating a parent-child relationship with two factors.
- [Deleting an Identity Map](#)  
To remove the parent-child relationship between two factors, you must delete the identity map.

## 7.4.6.1 About Identity Mapping

While you are creating a factory identity, you can map it.

Identity mapping is the process of identifying a factor by using other (child) factors. This is a way to transform combinations of factors into logical identities for a factor or to transform continuous identity values (for example, temperature) or large discrete identity values (for example, IP address ranges) into logical sets. To check configuration issues in the mapping for an identity, you can run the Identity Configuration Issues report.

You can map different identities of a parent factor to different identities of the contributing factor. For example, an `INTRANET` identity maps to an IP address range of 192.0.2.1 to 192.0.2.24. A `REMOTE` identity can map to an IP address range that excludes the address range 192.0.2.1 to 192.0.2.24.

Based on identity mapping, you can create a security policy. For example, you can define a reduced set of privileges for an employee connecting over VPN (with `REMOTE`), as opposed to an employee connecting from within the corporate network (with `INTRANET`).

If you need to change the identity mapping, you must delete and then recreate the identity map.

## 7.4.6.2 Mapping an Identity to a Factor

You can map an identity to a factor by creating a parent-child relationship with two factors.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Ensure that you have created the factors and factor identities that you that you plan to use for the mapping.

The `DBA_DV_FACTOR` data dictionary view lists the existing factors. The `DBA_DV_IDENTITY` data dictionary view lists the existing factor identities.

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP` procedure to create the identity map.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP(
    identity_factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    identity_factor_value => 'intranet',
    parent_factor_name   => 'HQ_ClientID',
    child_factor_name    => 'Div1_ClientID',
    operation            => '<',
    operand1             => '192.0.2.50',
    operand2             => '192.0.2.100');
END;
/
```

For example, consider a scenario where the child factor is set to `Client_IP`, operation is set to `between`, operand1 is set to 192.0.2.1, and operand2 is set to 192.0.2.24. This means that whenever the client IP address lies in the specified address range of 192.0.2.1 to 192.0.2.24, the parent factor evaluates to a predefined identity (for example, `INTRANET`).

4. Repeat this process to add more contributing factors for a parent factor identity.

For example, you can configure the `Network` factor to resolve to a value `ACCOUNTING-SENSITIVE`, when the `Program` factor resolves to `Oracle General Ledger` and the

Client\_IP is in between 192.0.2.1 and 192.0.2.24. So, if an authorized accounting financial application program, running on a client with IP address 192.0.2.12 accesses the database, then the Network factor is resolved to ACCOUNTING-SENSITIVE. A database session with the ACCOUNTING-SENSITIVE Network value would have more access privileges than one with the INTRANET Network value.

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_IDENTITY\_MAP procedure defines tests that can derive the identity of a factor from the value of linked child factors (subfactors).

## 7.4.6.3 Deleting an Identity Map

To remove the parent-child relationship between two factors, you must delete the identity map.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Query the DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_LINK data dictionary view to find the factors that have been used in parent-child mappings.

For example:

```
SELECT PARENT_FACTOR_NAME, CHILD_FACTOR_NAME FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK;
```

PARENT_FACTOR_NAME	CHILD_FACTOR_NAME
Domain	Database_Instance
Domain	Database_IP
Domain	Database_Hostname

3. Query the DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY\_MAP data dictionary view to find the definition of the mapping that you want to remove.
4. Based on the definition of the mapping, run the DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_IDENTITY\_MAP procedure.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP(
    identity_factor_name => 'intranet-factor',
    identity_factor_value => 'intranet',
    parent_factor_name   => 'Domain',
    child_factor_name    => 'Database_IP',
    operation            => 'between',
    operand1             => '192.0.2.22',
    operand2             => '192.0.2.99');
END;
```

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_IDENTITY\_MAP procedure removes an identity map for a factor.

## 7.4.7 Modifying a Factor Identity

You can use the DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_IDENTITY procedure to modify a factor identity.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Find the factor identity and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY ORDER BY FACTOR_NAME;
```

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_IDENTITY` statement.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    value       => 'intranet',
    trust_level => 7);
END;
/
```

#### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)

The `UPDATE_IDENTITY` procedure updates the trust level of a factor identity.

## 7.4.8 Deleting a Factor Identity

Before delete a factor identity, you must remove references to it.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_IDENTITY` data dictionary view to find the factor identity to remove.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY ORDER BY FACTOR_NAME;
```

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY` procedure.

You must include the `factor_name` and `value` parameters. For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    value       => 'intranet');
END;
/
```

#### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)

The `DELETE_IDENTITY` procedure removes an identity from an existing factor.

## 7.5 Modifying a Factor

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR` procedure to modify the definition of a factor.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Find the factor and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR ORDER BY NAME;
```

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR` statement.

For example:

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'Sector2_DB',
    factor_type_name => 'Instance',
    description      => 'Factor to restrict DBA access in Sector2_DB',
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    get_expr         => 'UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''DB_NAME''))',
    validate_expr    => 'dbavowner.check_db_access',
    identify_by      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD,
    labeled_by       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELLED_BY_SELF,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_ACCESS,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_WITH_MESSAGE);
END;
/

```

After you update a factor, if it has traditional auditing set (`audit_options`), then this auditing disabled because traditional auditing is desupported starting in release 26ai. Only the `DBMS_MACUTL.G_AUDIT_OFF` setting is available for the `audit_options` parameter. To audit a factor, you must use unified auditing. See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a factor.

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)

The `UPDATE_FACTOR` procedure updates the description of a factor.

## 7.6 Deleting a Factor

Before you delete a factor, you must remove references to the factor.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_FACTOR` data dictionary to find the name of the factor to delete.

```
SELECT NAME FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR ORDER BY NAME;
```

3. Query the `DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK` data dictionary to find if the factor is a parent or a child factor.

For example, assuming the factor is named `Sector2_DB`:

```

SELECT PARENT_FACTOR_NAME, CHILD_FACTOR_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK
WHERE PARENT_FACTOR_NAME = 'Sector2_DB'
OR CHILD_FACTOR_NAME = 'Sector2_DB';

```

4. If the factor is a parent or child factor, then delete the factor link.

For example:

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR_LINK(
    parent_factor_name => 'Sector2_DB',
    child_factor_name  => 'Div1_ClientID');
END;
/

```

5. Query the `DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP` data dictionary view to find the definition for any identity maps that may use the factor.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP
WHERE FACTOR_NAME = 'Sector2_DB';
```

6. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_IDENTITY\_MAP to delete the identity map.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP(
    identity_factor_name => 'Sector2_DB',
    identity_factor_value => 'intranet',
    parent_factor_name   => 'HQ_ClientID',
    child_factor_name    => 'Div1_ClientID',
    operation            => '<',
    operand1             => '192.0.2.10',
    operand2             => '192.0.2.15');
END;
/
```

7. Query the DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY data dictionary view to find if the factor has a reference to any factor identities.

Query for the factor name and the value. For example:

```
SELECT VALUE FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY
WHERE FACTOR_NAME = 'Sector2_DB'
```

8. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_IDENTITY procedure to remove the factor reference.

You must include both the factor\_name and value parameters. For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_DB',
    value       => 'intranet');
END;
/
```

9. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_FACTOR to delete the factor.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR('Sector2_DB');
```

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_FACTOR\\_LINK Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_FACTOR\_LINK procedure removes a parent-child relationship for two factors.
- [DELETE\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_IDENTITY\_MAP procedure removes an identity map for a factor.
- [DELETE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_IDENTITY procedure removes an identity from an existing factor.
- [DELETE\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_FACTOR procedure deletes a factor.

## 7.7 How Factors Work

Oracle Database Vault processes factors when a session is established.

- [How Factors Are Processed When a Session Is Established](#)  
Oracle Database Vault evaluates the factors based on when a session begins.

- [How Retrieval Methods Work](#)  
The Retrieval Method identifies factors where the factor identification is by method or constant.
- [How Factors Are Retrieved](#)  
You can retrieve a factor in a database session at any time by using the `DVF` factor function or the `GET_FACTOR` function.
- [How Factors Are Set](#)  
You can assign a factor identity at any time during a database session, but only if the factor assignment rule set evaluates to true.
- [How Factor Auditing Works](#)  
Whether you have unified auditing enabled affects how auditing is handled for factors.

## 7.7.1 How Factors Are Processed When a Session Is Established

Oracle Database Vault evaluates the factors based on when a session begins.

When a database session is established, the following actions occur:

1. At the start of each database session, Oracle Database Vault begins to evaluate all default and user-created factors in the database instance.  
  
This evaluation occurs after the normal database authentication of the session and the initialization of the Oracle Label Security session information, if applicable.
2. In the factor evaluation stage, the factor initialization process executes the retrieval method for all factors that are identified by methods or constants, to resolve the factor identity for the session.

The factor error options setting has no effect on the factor initialization process.

3. If a factor has a validation method defined, Oracle Database Vault validates the identity (value) of the factor by executing this validation method. If the validation method fails or returns false, the identity of the factor is undefined (`NULL`).
4. If a factor has any identities defined for it, Oracle Database Vault resolves the trust level of the factor based on the identities defined. If an identity of the factor is defined in this list of defined identities, then Oracle Database Vault assigns the trust level as configured; otherwise it sets it to `-1`. If there are no identities defined for the factor, the trust level is undefined (`NULL`).
5. Depending on the outcome of this factor evaluation, factor validation, and trust level resolution, Database Vault audits the details of the evaluation as dictated by the factor audit configuration.
6. When the evaluation of all factors that are identified by method or constant completes, Oracle Database Vault resolves the factors that are identified by other factors by using the identity maps that are defined for the factor configured identities.

The evaluation order of the factor-configured identities is by ASCII sort on the identity values: Oracle Database Vault uses the first alphabetically sorted identity mapping that it evaluates. For example, suppose factor `TEST` has identities `X` and `Y`. Furthermore, identities `X` and `Y` have identity maps that are dependent on identities for factors `A`, `B`, and `C`. The following mapping occurs:

- `X` is mapped when `A=1` and `B=1`.
- `Y` is mapped when `A=1`, `B=1`, and `C=2`.

In this case, the first one evaluated is `X`. `Y` is not evaluated, but what if its `C` mapping meets the criteria that is needed for the `TEST` factor's success? You would need to reverse the



mapping, that is, map *Y* before *X* so that *A*, *B*, and *C* can be evaluated first. To reverse the mapping, rename *Y* to *V* (or some alphabetic value that sorts before *X*) so that it can be correctly resolved.

This algorithm works if the ASCII sort ordering is correct and the identities map the same number factors at some level.

7. When the factor initialization completes, the Oracle Database Vault integration with Oracle Label Security occurs.

After this process completes, Oracle Database Vault checks to see if a command rule is associated with the `CONNECT` event. If a rule set associated with the `CONNECT` event, then Oracle Database Vault evaluates the rule set. If the rule set evaluates to false or results in an error, then the session is terminated. Oracle Database Vault executes any auditing or call handlers associated with the rule set before the session is terminated.

## 7.7.2 How Retrieval Methods Work

The Retrieval Method identifies factors where the factor identification is by method or constant.

If the factor identification is by factors, Oracle Database Vault identifies it by its identity mappings. You can create your own PL/SQL retrieval methods, or use the functions supplied with Oracle Database Vault. Oracle Database Vault provides factor-specific and general utility functions that you can use to build the retrieval method.

See also the default factors provided with Oracle Database Vault for examples of retrieval methods.

The `get_expr` parameter is mandatory if you have selected the following `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR` or `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_UPDATE` settings for the `identify_by` parameter:

- `DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD`: Enter a method for the `get_expr` parameter.
- `DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONSTANT`: Enter a constant for the `get_expr` parameter.

The value returned as the factor identity must be a `VARCHAR2` string or otherwise convertible to one.

You can include any package function or standalone function in the expression. Ensure that the expression is a fully qualified function, such as `schema.function_name`. Do not include complete SQL statements. If you are using application packages or functions, you must provide `DVSYS` with the `EXECUTE` privilege on the object.

Write the function signature using the following format:

```
FUNCTION GET_FACTOR RETURN VARCHAR2
```

### Related Topics

- [Default Factors](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of default factors.
- [Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault maintains the `DVF` schema functions when you use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.
- [DBMS\\_MACADM Factor Procedures and Functions](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package provides procedures and functions to configure factors.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package.

## 7.7.3 How Factors Are Retrieved

You can retrieve a factor in a database session at any time by using the DVF factor function or the GET\_FACTOR function.

To find a listing of available factors, query the DBA\_DV\_FACTOR data dictionary view, described in .

[Example 7-1](#) shows an example of using the GET\_FACTOR function.

### Example 7-1 Using GET\_FACTOR to Retrieve a Factor

```
SELECT GET_FACTOR('client_ip') FROM DUAL;
```

You can use the factor values retrieved from the DVF factor function or the GET\_FACTOR in the following ways:

- Oracle Database Vault rule expressions
- Custom application code that is available to all database sessions in an Oracle Database Vault environment

If you had set the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_FACTOR or DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_FACTOR eval\_options parameter to factor evaluation to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_EVAL\_ON\_SESSION, then Oracle Database Vault retrieves the value from the session context established, as described under [How Factors Are Processed When a Session Is Established](#).

If you had set the factor evaluation to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_EVAL\_ON\_ACCESS, then Oracle Database Vault performs Step 2 through Step 5 (or Step 6), as described under [How Factors Are Processed When a Session Is Established](#), whenever the factor is retrieved.

If you had defined error options for the factor and if an error occurs, then Oracle Database Vault displays the error message.

## 7.7.4 How Factors Are Set

You can assign a factor identity at any time during a database session, but only if the factor assignment rule set evaluates to true.

You can do this in the application code by using the SET\_FACTOR function. In Java code, you can use the JDBC class java.sql.CallableStatement to set this value. For example:

```
java.sql.Connection connection ;
...
java.sql.CallableStatement statement =
    connection.prepareCall("{call SET_FACTOR('FACTOR_X', ?)}");
statement.setString(1, "MyValue");
boolean result = statement.execute();
...
```

Applications that can execute Oracle PL/SQL functions can use this procedure (for example, applications written using Oracle Data Provider for .NET (ODP.NET)).

This concept is similar to the standard Oracle DBMS\_SESSION.SET\_IDENTIFIER procedure with an added feature that a rule set controls when a factor value can be set. If the rule set evaluates to true, Steps [2](#) through [5](#) under [How Factors Are Processed When a Session Is Established](#) occur.

If you have not associated an assignment rule set for the factor or if the rule set returns false (or returns errors), then Oracle Database Vault sends an error message if you attempt to set the factor using the `SET_FACTOR` function.

## 7.7.5 How Factor Auditing Works

Whether you have unified auditing enabled affects how auditing is handled for factors.

In a traditional, non-unified auditing environment, Oracle Database Vault writes the audit trail to the `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table. Be aware that traditional auditing is desupported starting with Oracle AI Database 26ai.

If you have enabled unified auditing, then this setting does not capture audit records. Instead, you can create unified audit policies to capture this information.

You can use the Factor Audit Report to display the generated audit records. In addition, you can select multiple audit options at a time. Each option is converted to a bit mask and added to determine the aggregate behavior. Note that there is little performance impact in auditing, unless the factor has errors.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Security Guide](#)
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 7.8 Tutorial: Preventing Ad Hoc Tool Access to the Database

This tutorial demonstrates how to use factors to prevent ad hoc tools (such as SQL\*Plus) from accessing the database.

- [About This Tutorial](#)  
Many database applications contain features to explicitly control the actions of a user.
- [Step 1: Enable the HR User Accounts](#)  
You must use the `HR` account later on when you test the Oracle Database Vault components for this tutorial.
- [Step 2: Create the Factor](#)  
After you have ensured that the `HR` account is active, you can create a factor.
- [Step 3: Create the Rule Set and Rule](#)  
After you have created the factor, you can create a rule set and a rule to work with the factor.
- [Step 4: Create the CONNECT Command Rule](#)  
The `CONNECT` command rule controls the `CONNECT` SQL statement.
- [Step 5: Test the Ad Hoc Tool Access Restriction](#)  
You do not need to restart your SQL\*Plus session for the Oracle Database Vault changes to take effect.
- [Step 6: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

## 7.8.1 About This Tutorial

Many database applications contain features to explicitly control the actions of a user.

However, an ad hoc query tool, such as SQL\*Plus, may not have these controls. As a result, a user could use an ad hoc tool to perform actions in the database that they would normally be prevented from performing in a database application. You can use a combination of Oracle Database Vault factors, rule sets, and command rules to prevent unauthorized access to the database by ad hoc query tools.

In the following tutorial, you prevent user `HR` from using SQL\*Plus. To accomplish this, you will create an Oracle Database Vault rule that uses the `CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME` attribute of the `SYS_CONTEXT` SQL function `USERENV` namespace to find the names of the applications that are used to access the current instance of Oracle AI Database. Then you create a rule set that uses the new rule and a command rule for the `CONNECT` SQL statement, which is associated with the rule set.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference](#)

## 7.8.2 Step 1: Enable the HR User Accounts

You must use the `HR` account later on when you test the Oracle Database Vault components for this tutorial.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
2. Check the status of the `HR` account.

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACCOUNT_STATUS FROM DBA_USERS WHERE USERNAME = 'HR';
```

3. If the `HR` account is expired and locked, then enter the following statement to make it active:

```
ALTER USER HR ACCOUNT UNLOCK IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Security Guide](#)

## 7.8.3 Step 2: Create the Factor

After you have ensured that the `HR` account is active, you can create a factor.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Combine the `SYS_CONTEXT` function with the function `regexp_like` to create a flexible rule to identify SQL\*Plus anywhere in the `CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME` attribute.

The following query shows the output of the `CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME` attribute and a value of 1 if the client used is SQL\*Plus:

```
column client_program_name format a40
SELECT SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME')
       CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME, REGEXP_LIKE(SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV',
```

```
'CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME') , 'sqlplus', 'i')
USING_SQLPLUS FROM DUAL;
```

The output should be similar to the following:

CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME	USING_SQLPLUS
sqlplus@nemosity (TNS V1-V3)	TRUE

The following query will show the output of the `CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME` attribute and a value of 0 if the client is not SQL\*Plus. Notice the only code that has been changed in the query is the addition of the word `NOT` before the `REGEX_LIKE` function and the column alias is now `not_using_sqlplus` instead of `USING_SQLPLUS`.

```
SELECT SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME') CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME,
NOT REGEXP_LIKE(SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV',
'CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME') , 'sqlplus', 'i') NOT_USING_SQLPLUS FROM DUAL;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME	NOT_USING_SQLPLUS
sqlplus@nemosity (TNS V1-V3)	FALSE

### 3. Create the factor.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'is_sqlplus',
    factor_type_name => 'Application',
    description      => 'Returns TRUE if the client program name that connects to the
database contains sqlplus',
    rule_set_name    => NULL,
    validate_expr    => NULL,
    get_expr         => 'REGEXP_LIKE(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'',
''CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME'') , ''sqlplus'', ''i'')',
    identify_by      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD,
    labeled_by       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_SESSION,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_SILENTLY);
END;
/
```

In this specification:

- `factor_type_name` specifies that this is an application-based factor.
- `get_expr` defines the expression for the factor. This expression calls the `SYS_CONTEXT` function, using the `USERENV` namespace and `CLIENT_PROGRAM_NAME` attribute, to find the programs that are logged into the Oracle database.
- `identify_by` identifies the factor by method.
- `labeled_by` labels the identities for the factor directly from the labels associated with an Oracle Label Security policy (default).
- `eval_options` evaluates the factor when the database session is created.

- `audit_options` is disabled; audit records are written to the unified audit trail, viewable with the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` data dictionary view.
- `fail_silently` does not show any error messages for the factor.

## 7.8.4 Step 3: Create the Rule Set and Rule

After you have created the factor, you can create a rule set and a rule to work with the factor.

1. Create the Limit SQL\*Plus Access rule set as follows:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit SQL*Plus Access',
    description      => 'Limits access to SQL*Plus for Apps Schemas',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
    fail_message     => 'SQL*Plus access not allowed for Apps Schemas',
    fail_code        => 20461,
    handler_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
    handler          => NULL,
    is_static        => FALSE);
END;
/
```

In this specification:

- `fail_message` is a customized error message that will be returned to the user if the rule set criteria is not met.
- `fail_options` enables an error message, set by `fail_message`, and error code, set by `fail_code`, to appear if there are errors.
- `is_static` evaluates the rule set once during the user session. After that, the value is re-used.

2. Check the new factor.

```
SELECT DVF.F$IS_SQLPLUS FROM DUAL;
```

The output should be similar to the following:

```
F$IS_SQLPLUS
-----
TRUE
```

3. Create the following rule.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name    => 'Prevent HR Schema Access to SQL*Plus',
    rule_expr    => 'DVF.F$IS_SQLPLUS = ''FALSE''');
END;
/
```

4. Add the rule to the Limit SQL\*Plus Access rule set.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit SQL*Plus Access',
    rule_name     => 'Prevent HR Schema Access to SQL*Plus');
```

```
END;  
/
```

## 7.8.5 Step 4: Create the CONNECT Command Rule

The CONNECT command rule controls the CONNECT SQL statement.

This command rule also applies to logging into SQL\*Plus from the command line or other tools your site may use to access SQL\*Plus.

- Create the CONNECT command rule as follows:

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(  
    command      => 'CONNECT',  
    rule_set_name => 'Limit SQL*Plus Access',  
    object_owner  => 'HR',  
    object_name   => '%',  
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);  
END;  
/
```

In this specification:

- rule\_set\_name associates the Limit SQL\*Plus Access rule set with the CONNECT command rule.
- object\_owner is set to HR so that the command rule applies only to HR.
- object\_name is set to % so that the command rule applies to all objects.
- enabled enables the command rule so that it can be used right away.

## 7.8.6 Step 5: Test the Ad Hoc Tool Access Restriction

You do not need to restart your SQL\*Plus session for the Oracle Database Vault changes to take effect.

1. In SQL\*Plus, try to connect to the PDB as user HR:

```
CONNECT HR@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

The following output should appear:

```
ERROR:  
ORA-47306: 20461: SQL*Plus access not allowed for Apps Schemas
```

User HR should be prevented from using SQL\*Plus.

2. Now try to connect as user SYSTEM:

```
CONNECT SYSTEM@pdb_name  
Enter password: password  
Connected.
```

User SYSTEM should be able to log in to the database instance. So should SYS, the Database Vault Owner account, and the Database Vault Account Manager account.

### If the Test Fails

If you cannot log in to the database instance as `SYSTEM` (or as any of the other administrative users listed in your rule expression), then you are prevented from using SQL\*Plus. Users with the `DV_OWNER` role are exempt from Oracle Database Vault connect command rules.

You can remedy the problem as follows:

1. Log in to the database instance as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Enter the following statement to drop the `CONNECT` command rule.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE ('CONNECT', 'HR', '%');
```

Even though you have disabled Oracle Database Vault, you still can use its PL/SQL packages and Database Vault Administrator.

3. Check the policy components for any errors and then correct them. Recreate the `CONNECT` command rule, and then test it.

## 7.8.7 Step 6: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. Connect to the PDB as the user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Remove the `CONNECT` command rule.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE ('CONNECT', 'HR', '%');
```

3. Remove the Limit SQL\*Plus Access rule set.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET('Limit SQL*Plus Access');
```

4. Remove the rule.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Prevent HR Schema Access to SQL*Plus');
```

5. Remove the `Client_Prog_Name` factor.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR('IS_SQLPLUS');
```

6. If necessary, as a user who has been granted the `DBV_ACCTMGR` role, lock the `HR` account.

```
ALTER USER HR ACCOUNT LOCK;
```

## 7.9 Guidelines for Designing Factors

Oracle provides guidelines for designing factors.

- You can use the Oracle utility packages such as `UTL_TCP`, `UTL_HTTP`, `DBMS_LDAP`, and `DBMS_PIPE` to integrate security or other contextual information about the session from external systems.
- Do not specify a retrieval method (using the `get_expr` parameter in `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR` or `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR`) if the `identify_by` parameter is set to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_FACTOR`. Retrieval methods are only needed if you set the factor to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONSTANT` or `DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD`.
- Consider using a validation method if a factor has an assignment rule set. Doing so helps to verify that invalid identities are not submitted.



- Use the client-supplied factors such as Program, OS User, and others with caution, because the values that are supplied can only be trusted when the client software is trusted and the communications channel from the client software is known to be secure.
- Only specify an evaluation option `eval_options`) of `DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_ACCESS` if the value returned by the retrieval method could change from one invocation to the next in the same session (for example, time-based factors).
- Optimize the internal logic of a function used for the factor retrieval method using traditional SQL and PL/SQL optimization techniques.
- If the discrete values returned by the retrieval method are known, be sure to define identities for each value so that you can assign trust levels for them. Trust levels add value to factors as you also can use the trust level in application logic based on factors.
- A security policy based on more factors is generally considered stronger than one based on fewer factors. You can create a new factor that is identified by other factors to store combinations of factors into logical grouping using identity maps. This also makes it easier to label the parent factor when you integrate the factors with the Oracle Label Security labels.
- It is generally easier to configure and debug a factor whose `labeled_by` parameter is set to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF` than one labeled `DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_FACTORS` when integrating the Oracle Label Security.
- You can design a database client application to pass one or more security, end-user, or environmental attributes so that they are available to an associated database session. To do this, create a single factor for each attribute and then use an assignment rule set to control when these attributes can be assigned (for example only when using a specific Web application on specified named application server computers). Oracle Database Vault factors used in this fashion are very much like the Oracle procedure `DBMS_SESSION.SET_IDENTIFIER` but also include a capability to control when they can be set.

### Related Topics

- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security](#)  
You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security, and check the integration with reports and data dictionary views.

## 7.10 How Factors Affect Performance

The complexity of factors affects the performance of your Oracle database instance.

Each factor has elements that are processed, such as its validation method, trust level, and so on. For factors that are evaluated by the session, such as `Database_Hostname` and `Proxy_User`, Oracle Database Vault performs this processing during session initialization, and then caches the results for subsequent requests for that value.

The default factors are cached because they are likely candidates for a typical security policy. However, if you only use five factors (for example, in rule sets or other components), then the other factors consume resources that could otherwise be used elsewhere. In this case, you should remove the unnecessary factors by deleting them. (Oracle Database Vault does not use any of these factors internally, so you can remove them if you do not need them.)

If you have a large number of users or if your application server frequently must create and destroy connections, the resources used can affect system performance. You can delete the unnecessary factors.

You can check system performance by running tools such as Oracle Enterprise Manager (including Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, which is installed by default with Oracle AI Database), Automatic Workload Repository (AWR), and `TKPROF`.

### Related Topics

- [Default Factors](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of default factors.
- *Oracle AI Database Performance Tuning Guide*
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Tuning Guide*

## 7.11 Factor Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views

Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing factors and their identities.

[Table 7-1](#) lists the Oracle Database Vault reports.

**Table 7-1 Oracle Enterprise Manager Reports Related to Factors and Their Identities**

Report	Description
Factor Audit Report	Audits factors (for example, to find factors that failed to be evaluated)
Factor Configuration Issues Report	Lists configuration issues, such as disabled or incomplete rule sets, or to audit issues that may affect the factor
Factor Without Identities Report	Lists factors that have had no identities assigned yet
Identity Configuration Issues Report	Lists factors that have invalid label identities or no map for the identity
Rule Set Configuration Issues Report	Lists rule sets that have no rules defined or enabled, which may affect the factors that use them

[Table 7-2](#) lists data dictionary views that provide information about existing factors and factor identities.

**Table 7-2 Data Dictionary Views Used for Factors and Factor Identities**

Data Dictionary View	Description
<code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code>	Lists the existing factors in the current database instance
<code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK</code>	Shows the relationships of each factor whose identity is determined by the association of child factors
<code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE</code>	Lists the names and descriptions of factor types used in the system
<code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code>	Lists the identities for each factor
<code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP</code>	Lists the mappings for each factor identity

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

# 8

## Configuring Secure Application Roles for Oracle Database Vault

Secure application roles enable you to control how much access users have to an application.

- [What Are Secure Application Roles in Oracle Database Vault?](#)  
In Oracle Database Vault, you can create a secure application role that you enable with an Oracle Database Vault rule set.
- [Security for Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Roles](#)  
Users who have database administrative privileges may try to use the `DROP ROLE` statement to delete Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.
- [Creating an Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role](#)  
When you create a secure application role, you associate it with an Oracle Database Vault-maintained rule set to determine when the role is enabled or disabled.
- [Enabling Oracle AI Database Secure Application Roles to Work with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can modify an existing secure application role only if it has been created in Oracle Database Vault.
- [Modifying a Secure Application Role](#)  
You can modify the definition of an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.
- [Deleting an Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role](#)  
You can delete Oracle Database Vault secure application roles if no applications are using them.
- [How Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Roles Work](#)  
The process flow for an Oracle Database Vault secure application role begins after you create and set the secure application role.
- [Tutorial: Granting Access with Database Vault Secure Application Roles](#)  
This tutorial demonstrates how to create a secure application role to control user access to the `OE.ORDERS` table during work hours.
- [How Secure Application Roles Affect Performance](#)  
You can check system performance by using Oracle AI Database tools, including Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control.
- [Secure Application Role Related Reports and Data Dictionary View](#)  
Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and a data dictionary view that are useful for analyzing Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

### 8.1 What Are Secure Application Roles in Oracle Database Vault?

In Oracle Database Vault, you can create a secure application role that you enable with an Oracle Database Vault rule set.

Regular Oracle AI Database secure application roles are enabled by custom PL/SQL procedures. You use secure application roles to prevent users from accessing data from outside an application. This forces users to work within the framework of the application privileges that have been granted to the role.

You only can create a secure application role in a PDB, not in the CDB root or the application root.

The advantage of basing database access for a role on a rule set is that you can store database security policies in one central place, as opposed to storing them in all your applications. Basing the role on a rule set provides a consistent and flexible method to enforce the security policies that the role provides. In this way, if you must update the security policy for the application role, you do it in one place, the rule set. Furthermore, no matter how the user connects to the database, the result is the same, because the rule set is bound to the role. All you need to do is to create the role and then associate it with a rule set. The associated rule set validates the user who is trying to enable the role.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` and `DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES` PL/SQL packages manage Database Vault secure application roles.

## 8.2 Security for Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Roles

Users who have database administrative privileges may try to use the `DROP ROLE` statement to delete Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

Whenever an Oracle Database Vault secure application role has been created, Database Vault adds the secure application role to the Oracle Database Vault realm. This prevents database administrator from deleting the secure application role using the `DROP ROLE` statement.

## 8.3 Creating an Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role

When you create a secure application role, you associate it with an Oracle Database Vault-maintained rule set to determine when the role is enabled or disabled.

Before creating a secure application role, you must have a rule set available to associate with the role. The rule set can be an Oracle maintained rule set or, preferably, a rule set you have created based on the rules you created to determine when, where, and how the secure application role should be allowed to be enabled.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. If necessary, create a rule set that the secure application role will use.

The `DBA_DV_RULE_SET` data dictionary view lists existing rule sets.

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_ROLE` procedure to create the security role.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_ROLE(
    role_name      => 'access_hr_employees',
    enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    rule_set_name  => 'Can Access HR.EMPLOYEES');
END;
/
```

4. As the owner of the schema that will be affected by the secure application role, grant the appropriate privileges to the secure application role.

These privileges should be the same privileges that the secure application role will control. For example, suppose you created a role that enabled users to select or update the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table. The `HR` user would need to grant the `SELECT` and `UPDATE` privileges to the secure application role.

For example:

```
CONNECT HR@pdb_name
Enter password: password
```

```
GRANT SELECT, UPDATE ON EMPLOYEES TO ACCESS_HR_EMPLOYEES;
```

5. Test the secure application role.
  - a. Connect as the user who will be granted or denied the secure application role.
  - b. Run the `DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE` procedure on the role. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE('ACCESS_HR_EMPLOYEES');
```

- c. Attempt to perform an action that is controlled by the secure application role. For example:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM HR.EMPLOYEES;
```

If the user should be granted the privileges, then the user can perform the action. Otherwise, the action will fail.

#### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_ROLE Procedure](#)

The `CREATE_ROLE` procedure creates an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

## 8.4 Enabling Oracle AI Database Secure Application Roles to Work with Oracle Database Vault

You can modify an existing secure application role only if it has been created in Oracle Database Vault.

You cannot modify secure application roles or database roles that have been created outside of Oracle Database Vault. However, you can enable non-Oracle Database Vault roles to work with Oracle Database Vault.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Create a new secure application role in Oracle Database Vault and then grant the existing role to the secure application role.

For example:

```
GRANT myExistingDBrole TO myDVrole;
```

3. Modify your code to use this new role.

You can use `DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE` in your application code to accomplish this.

#### Related Topics

- [SET\\_ROLE Procedure](#)

The `SET_ROLE` procedure issues the `SET ROLE` PL/SQL statement for specified roles.

## 8.5 Modifying a Secure Application Role

You can modify the definition of an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Find the secure application role and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_ROLE ORDER BY ROLE;
```

3. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_ROLE statement.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_ROLE(
    role_name      => 'access_hr_employees',
    enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO,
    rule_set_name  => 'System Access Controls');
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_ROLE Procedure](#)

The UPDATE\_ROLE procedure updates a Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

## 8.6 Deleting an Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role

You can delete Oracle Database Vault secure application roles if no applications are using them.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Query the DBA\_DV\_ROLE data dictionary view to find the secure application roles that you want to delete.

For example:

```
SELECT ROLE FROM DBA_DV_ROLE ORDER BY ROLE;
```

3. Check and modify any applications that may be using the secure application role that you want to delete.
4. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.DELETE\_ROLE procedure to delete the role.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_ROLE('access_hr_employees');
```

### Related Topics

- [DELETE\\_ROLE Procedure](#)

The DELETE\_ROLE procedure deletes an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

## 8.7 How Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Roles Work

The process flow for an Oracle Database Vault secure application role begins after you create and set the secure application role.

1. Create or update the role either in Oracle Database Vault Administrator or by using the secure application role-specific functions in the `DBMS_MACADM` package.
2. Modify your application to call the role, by using the `DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE` function.
3. Oracle Database Vault then evaluates the rule set associated with the secure application role.

If the rule set evaluates to true, then Oracle Database Vault enables the role for the current session. If the rule set evaluates to false, the role is not enabled. In either case, Oracle Database Vault processes the associated auditing and custom event handlers for the rule set associated with the secure application role.

#### Related Topics

- [DBMS\\_MACADM Secure Application Role Procedures](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` package creates, renames, assigns, unassigns, updates, and deletes Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.
- [SET\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The `SET_ROLE` procedure issues the `SET ROLE` PL/SQL statement for specified roles.

## 8.8 Tutorial: Granting Access with Database Vault Secure Application Roles

This tutorial demonstrates how to create a secure application role to control user access to the `OE.ORDERS` table during work hours.

- [About This Tutorial](#)  
In this tutorial, you restrict the `SELECT` statement on the `ORDERS` table in the `OE` schema to a specific set of users.
- [Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial](#)  
First, you must create users for the tutorial.
- [Step 2: Enable the OE User Account](#)  
The `OE` schema will be used for this tutorial.
- [Step 3: Create the Rule Set and Its Rules](#)  
The rule set and rules will restrict who can modify orders in the `OE.ORDERS` table.
- [Step 4: Create the Database Vault Secure Application Role](#)  
The Database Vault secure application role will be set when the rule set conditions are satisfied.
- [Step 5: Grant the SELECT Privilege to the Secure Application Role](#)  
The secure application role must be granted the `SELECT` privilege.
- [Step 6: Test the Database Vault Secure Application Role](#)  
With all the components in place, you can test the Database Vault secure application role.
- [Step 7: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

### 8.8.1 About This Tutorial

In this tutorial, you restrict the `SELECT` statement on the `ORDERS` table in the `OE` schema to a specific set of users.



Furthermore, these users can only perform these statements on the `OE.ORDERS` table from within the office, not from a remote connection. To accomplish this, you create an Oracle Database Vault secure application role that is enabled for the user only if the user passes the checks enforced by the rule set that you associate with the secure application role.

## 8.8.2 Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial

First, you must create users for the tutorial.

1. Log in to a PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
2. Create the following user accounts:

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO eabel IDENTIFIED BY password;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO ahutton IDENTIFIED BY password;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO ldoran IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace `password` with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

## 8.8.3 Step 2: Enable the OE User Account

The `OE` schema will be used for this tutorial.

1. In SQL\*Plus, connect as the `DV_ACCTMGR` user.
2. Check the account status of the `OE` account.
3. If the `OE` account is locked and expired, unlock it and assign it a new password.

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACCOUNT_STATUS FROM DBA_USERS WHERE USERNAME = 'OE';
```

```
ALTER USER OE ACCOUNT UNLOCK IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace `password` with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*

## 8.8.4 Step 3: Create the Rule Set and Its Rules

The rule set and rules will restrict who can modify orders in the `OE.ORDERS` table.

1. Connect as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Create the following rule set.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(  
    rule_set_name    => 'Can Modify Orders',  
    description      => 'Rule set to control who can modify orders in the OE.ORDERS  
table',  
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,  
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL,  
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,  
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
```

```

fail_message      => 'Failure',
fail_code         => 20461,
handler_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
handler          => '',
is_static         => FALSE,
scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

**3. Create the following rule.**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name      => 'Check Session User',
    rule_expr      => 'DVF.F$SESSION_USER IN ( ''EABEL'', ''AHUTTON'' )');
END;
/

```

**4. Add the Check Session User rule to the Can Modify Orders rule set.**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Can Modify Orders',
    rule_name      => 'Check Session User');
END;
/

```

## 8.8.5 Step 4: Create the Database Vault Secure Application Role

The Database Vault secure application role will be set when the rule set conditions are satisfied.

1. If necessary, connect as the user who was granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Create and enable the secure application role, and associate it with the Can Modify Orders rule set.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_ROLE(
    role_name      => 'ORDERS_MGMT',
    enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    rule_set_name  => 'Can Modify Orders');
END;
/

```

At this stage, the Database Vault secure application role and its associated rule set are created, though the role does not yet have any privileges.

## 8.8.6 Step 5: Grant the SELECT Privilege to the Secure Application Role

The secure application role must be granted the SELECT privilege.

1. In SQL\*Plus, connect as user OE.
2. Grant the SELECT privilege to the ORDERS\_MGMT secure application role.

```
GRANT SELECT ON ORDERS TO ORDERS_MGMT;
```

## 8.8.7 Step 6: Test the Database Vault Secure Application Role

With all the components in place, you can test the Database Vault secure application role.

1. Connect as user eabel.
2. Set the `ORDERS_MGMT` role.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE('ORDERS_MGMT');
```

Typically, you would embed this call in the application to which the user logs in.

3. Select from the `OE.ORDERS` table.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM OE.ORDERS;
```

The following output should appear:

```

COUNT(*)
-----
      105
```

Because user `eabel` is configured as a valid session user, she can select from the `OE.ORDERS` table. If user `ahutton` logs in to SQL\*Plus in the same manner, she also can select from the `OE.ORDERS` table.

4. Connect as user `ldoran`.
5. Enter the following statements:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE('ORDERS_MGMT');
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM OE.ORDERS;
```

Because user `ldoran` is not a valid user, she cannot enable the `ORDERS_MGMT` role. Therefore, she cannot select from the `OE.ORDERS` table.

## 8.8.8 Step 7: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. Connect as a user who was granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Drop the `ORDERS_MGMT` secure application role.
3. Remove the Check Session User rule from the Can Modify Orders rule set.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Can Modify Orders',
    rule_name      => 'Check Session User');
END;
/
```

4. Drop the rule and rule set.
5. Connect as a user who has been granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
6. Drop the users.

```

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Check Session User');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET('Can Modify Orders');

DROP USER eabel;
DROP USER ahutton;
DROP USER ldoran;
```

7. If unnecessary, lock and expire the `OE` user account.

```
ALTER USER OE ACCOUNT LOCK PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

## 8.9 How Secure Application Roles Affect Performance

You can check system performance by using Oracle AI Database tools, including Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control.

Other tools that you can use are Automatic Workload Repository (AWR) and `TKPROF`.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Performance Tuning Guide](#)
- [Oracle AI Database SQL Tuning Guide](#)

## 8.10 Secure Application Role Related Reports and Data Dictionary View

Together, Oracle Enterprise Manager and Oracle Database Vault provide reports and a data dictionary view that are useful for analyzing Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

[Table 8-1](#) lists the Oracle Database Vault reports.

**Table 8-1 Oracle Enterprise Manager Reports Related to Secure Application Roles**

Report	Description
Secure Application Role Audit Report	Lists audit records generated by the Oracle Database Vault secure application role-enabling operation.  To generate this type of audit record, enable auditing for the rule set associated with the role.
Secure Application Configuration Issues Report	Lists secure application roles that have nonexistent database roles, or incomplete or disabled rule sets
Rule Set Configuration Issues Report	Lists rule sets that have no rules defined or enabled, which may affect the secure application roles that use them
Powerful database accounts and roles reports	Provide information about powerful database accounts and roles

The `DBA_DV_ROLE` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault secure application roles used in privilege management.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.
- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

# 9

## Configuring Oracle Database Vault Policies

You can use Oracle Database Vault policies to implement frequently used realm and command rule settings.

- [What Are Database Vault Policies?](#)  
An Oracle Database Vault policy groups local realms and command rules into a named policy that you can enable or disable as necessary.
- [Default Oracle Database Vault Policies](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides two default policies that you can use to better secure user accounts and system privileges.
- [Creating an Oracle AI Database Policy](#)  
To create an Oracle Database Vault policy, you create a container policy that specifies the realms and command rules that encompass the policy.
- [Modifying an Oracle Database Vault Policy](#)  
You can use the modify an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [Deleting an Oracle Database Vault Policy](#)  
You can use Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to delete Oracle Database Vault policies.
- [Oracle Database Vault Policies Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing Database Vault policies.

### 9.1 What Are Database Vault Policies?

An Oracle Database Vault policy groups local realms and command rules into a named policy that you can enable or disable as necessary.

- [About Oracle Database Vault Policies](#)  
Oracle Database Vault policies can group realm and command rule definitions into one policy, which then can be collectively enabled or disabled.
- [Oracle Database Vault Policies in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
Oracle Database Vault policies are only local to the pluggable database (PDB) in which they were created.

#### 9.1.1 About Oracle Database Vault Policies

Oracle Database Vault policies can group realm and command rule definitions into one policy, which then can be collectively enabled or disabled.

Database Vault policies enable you to delegate limited realm administration privileges to database users without giving them the powerful privileges that the DVADM and DVOWNER roles provide. Oracle Database Vault provides default policies.

For example, suppose you have a set of Oracle Database Vault objects that are related to a particular application, such as a realm and several command rules. You can use a Database Vault policy to group these objects into one policy. You then can designate a policy administrator to manage adding users to a realm for this application and for enabling or disabling the policy. If there is only one primary application, then it can be used for

manageability where a user can enable, disable, or simulate (use simulation mode) all related objects with one command rather than issuing a command for each included Database Vault object.

How the enablement of the individual realms and command rules works depends on how you set the policy state of the policy, as follows:

- Full enabled mode (`DBMS_MACADM.G_ENABLED`) sets the policy to take precedence over the individual enablement settings of the associated realms and command rules. For example, if the associated objects of a policy are individually disabled, then they will be enabled if the policy is enabled. (Conversely, you can set `DBMS_MACADM.G_PARTIAL` to allow the embedded security objects to set their own enabled, disabled, or simulation mode.)
- Partial enabled mode (`DBMS_MACADM.G_PARTIAL`) enables the associated realms and command rules to have different status settings (`ENABLED`, `DISABLED`, and `SIMULATION`). The other policy status choices force all associated controls to the same status dictated by the policy. Setting the policy status to partial allows each realm and command rule to change status as required.
- Simulation mode (`DBMS_MACADM.G_SIMULATION`) enables the policy but writes violations to realms or command rules to a designated log table with information about the type of violation, such as a user name or the SQL statement that was used. Simulation forces every security object in the policy to be in simulation mode.
- Disabled mode (`DBMS_MACADM.G_DISABLED`) disables the policy after you create it.

In general, to create a Database Vault policy, you perform the following steps:

1. Create the necessary realms and command rules to use in the policy.
2. Create the Database Vault policy.

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY` procedure to create the policy.

3. Add one or more realms to the policy.

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY` procedure to add realms to the policy.

4. Add one or more command rules to the policy.

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_TO_POLICY` procedure to add command rules to the policy.

5. Add one or more database users as owners of the policy.

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY` procedure to add users to the policy. Afterward, grant this user the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role. This user will be able to perform a limited set of tasks: changing the policy state, adding or removing authorization from a realm, and having the `SELECT` privilege for a set of the `DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER*` data dictionary views. By default, the `DVOWNER` user owns the policy.

After the policy is created, it can be used right away.

### Related Topics

- [Default Oracle Database Vault Policies](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides two default policies that you can use to better secure user accounts and system privileges.
- [Oracle Database Vault Policy APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Database Vault policies.

- [DV\\_POLICY\\_OWNER Database Vault Owner Role](#)  
The DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role enables database users to manage to a limited degree Oracle Database Vault policies.

## 9.1.2 Oracle Database Vault Policies in a Multitenant Environment

Oracle Database Vault policies are only local to the pluggable database (PDB) in which they were created.

That is, if you created the policy in a PDB, then only local realms and command rules can be added to it.

## 9.2 Default Oracle Database Vault Policies

Oracle Database Vault provides two default policies that you can use to better secure user accounts and system privileges.

You can use the default policies in your own security configurations. If you do not need them, then you can remove them because they are not needed for internal use by Oracle Database Vault.

The default policies are as follows:

- **Oracle Account Management Controls** enforces controls over user-related operations within Oracle Database Vault. It is used to prevent ad hoc user account creation, user deletions, and other user account-related operations by unauthorized privileged users. It includes the Database Vault Account Management realm and user account management command rules for SQL statements such as `CREATE USER`.
- **Oracle System Protection Controls** enforces controls on important database schemas, privileges, and roles that are associated with the default Oracle AI Database environment. It includes the realms such as Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm and command rules for the system management SQL statement `ALTER SYSTEM`.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists information about the objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault policies in the current database instance.

## 9.3 Creating an Oracle AI Database Policy

To create an Oracle Database Vault policy, you create a container policy that specifies the realms and command rules that encompass the policy.

You can enable the policy during creation time, or enable it later on by executing the .

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_POLICY procedure to create the policy

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'OE Policy',
    description => 'Policy to protect the OE schema',
    policy_state => DBMS_MACADM.G_ENABLED,
    pl_sql_stack => TRUE);
```

```
END;
/
```

3. So that the Database Vault policy owner can query policy related views and run the allowed procedures, grant this user the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role.

You can grant this role to multiple users.

For example:

```
GRANT DV_POLICY_OWNER TO psmith, pfitch;
```

4. To add a database user as the owner of the policy, run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY` procedure.

The policy owner will be able to modify the policy.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'OE Policy',
    owner_name  => 'PSMITH');
END;
/
```

5. Create the following command rule:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'TRUNCATE TABLE',
    object_owner => 'OE',
    object_name  => 'ORDERS',
    rule_set_name => 'Disabled',
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

6. To add a command rule to the policy, run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY` procedure.

If you created the policy in a PDB, then the command rule must be local to this PDB.

For example, you can add the command rule to the OE Policy::

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name  => 'OE Policy',
    command      => 'TRUNCATE TABLE',
    object_owner => 'OE',
    object_name  => 'ORDERS',
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
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```

In this specification, the command rule must exist and match the parameters included. To fine the command rule definition, query the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE`.

If you want to add an `ALTER SYSTEM` or `ALTER SESSION` command rule, then you must include the parameters specific to those command rules. First, create a command rule:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
```



```

command      => 'ALTER SESSION',
object_owner  => '%',
object_name   => '%',
clause_name   => 'PARALLEL DDL',
rule_set_name => 'Disabled',
scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

Then add the command rule to the policy::

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY(
  policy_name  => 'OE Policy',
  command      => 'ALTER SESSION',
  object_owner  => '%',
  object_name   => '%',
  clause_name   => 'PARALLEL DDL',
  scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

Now add the command rule to the policy:

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY(
  policy_name  => 'OE Policy',
  command      => 'ALTER SESSION',
  object_owner  => '%',
  object_name   => '%',
  clause_name   => 'PARALLEL DDL',
  scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

7. To add a realm to the policy, run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY` procedure.

If you created the policy in a PDB, then the command rule must be local to this PDB.

First, create a new realm:

```

BEGIN
DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
  realm_name    => 'Protect OE Tables',
  description    => 'Mandatory realm to protect OE tables',
  enabled        => dbms_macutl.g_yes,
  audit_options  => null,
  realm_type     => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM);
END;
/

```

Then add the realm to the policy:

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY(
  policy_name    => 'OE Policy',
  realm_name     => 'Protect OE Tables');
END;
/

```

In this specification:

- `policy_name` is a name of the policy. The `DBA_DV_POLICY` view lists existing policies.
- `realm_name` is the name of the realm. The `DBA_DV_REALM` view lists existing realms.

### Related Topics

- [About Simulation Mode](#)  
Simulation mode enables you to capture violations in a simulation log instead of blocking SQL execution by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules.
- [Oracle Database Vault Policy APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Database Vault policies.

## 9.4 Modifying an Oracle Database Vault Policy

You can use the `modify` an Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can modify only the description and state of a policy. If you want to make other modifications, such as changing the realm that is associated with the policy, then you must delete the object from the policy (for example, with the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY` procedure) and then add the replacement object (for example, with `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY`) to the policy.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Find policy and check its definition.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_POLICY ORDER BY POLICY_NAME;
```

3. To change the policy description, run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION` procedure.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION(
    policy_name => 'OE Policy',
    description => 'Policy to protect the OE schema from external intruders');
END;
/
```

4. To change the policy state, run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE` procedure.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE(
    policy_name => 'OE Policy',
    policy_state => DBMS_MACADM.G_SIMULATION,
    pl_sql_stack => TRUE);
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [UPDATE\\_POLICY\\_DESCRIPTION Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION` procedure enables you to update the description field in an Oracle Database Vault policy.

- [UPDATE\\_POLICY\\_STATE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_POLICY_STATE` procedure enables you to update the `policy_state` field in an Oracle Database Vault policy.

## 9.5 Deleting an Oracle Database Vault Policy

You can use Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to delete Oracle Database Vault policies.

When you delete an Oracle Database Vault policy, the underlying realms and command rules are preserved, and they retain their individual enablement status. You do not need to remove any objects (such as realms) that are associated with the policy before deleting it.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT` data dictionary view to find the policy to delete.

For example:

```
SELECT POLICY_NAME FROM DBA_DV_POLICY ORDER BY POLICY_NAME;
```

3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.DROP_POLICY` procedure to drop the policy.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DROP_POLICY ('OE Policy');
```

4. If you created command rules and a realm as part of this process, then you can drop them using the following commands:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM ('Protect OE Tables');
```

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'ALTER SESSION',
    object_owner => '%',
    object_name  => '%',
    clause_name  => 'PARALLEL DDL');
END;
/
```

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'TRUNCATE TABLE',
    object_owner => 'OE',
    object_name  => 'ORDERS');
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [DROP\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `DROP_POLICY` procedure enables you to drop an existing Oracle Database Vault policy.

## 9.6 Oracle Database Vault Policies Data Dictionary Views

Oracle Database Vault provides data dictionary views that are useful for analyzing Database Vault policies.

[Table 9-1](#) lists data dictionary views that provide information about existing Oracle Database Vault policies.

**Table 9-1 Data Dictionary Views Used for Oracle Database Vault Policies**

Data Dictionary View	Description
DBA_DV_POLICY	Lists the Database Vault policies, a description, and their state
DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT	Provides detailed information about the policies, such as the associated realms and command rules
DBA_DV_POLICY_OWNER	Lists the owners of Database Vault policies
DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the authorization that was granted to realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies, such as the realm name, grantee, and associated rule set.
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_COMMAND_RULE	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the command rules that have been associated with Database Vault policies, such as the command rule name.
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_POLICY	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information such as the names, descriptions, and states of existing policies in the current database instance, including policies created by other policy owners
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_REALM	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies, such as the realm name, realm type, or traditional audit options
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_REALM_OBJECT	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the objects that have been added to realms that are associated with Database Vault policies, such as the realm name, grantee, and associated rule set
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_RULE	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the rules that have been associated with rule sets in Database Vault policies, such as the rule name and its expression
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_RULE_SET	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that have been associated with Database Vault policies, such as the rule set name, its handler information, and whether it is enabled
DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_RULE_SET_RULE	Enables users who have been granted the DV_POLICY_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that contain rules used in Database Vault policies, such as the rule set name and whether it is enabled

**Related Topics**

- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

# Using Simulation Mode for Logging Realm and Command Rule Activities

Simulation mode writes violations to the simulation log instead of preventing SQL execution to quickly test new and modified Oracle Database Vault controls.

- [About Simulation Mode](#)  
Simulation mode enables you to capture violations in a simulation log instead of blocking SQL execution by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules.
- [Simulation Mode Use Cases](#)  
Simulation mode is useful for testing a development configuration of new realms and command rules.
- [Logging Realms in Simulation Mode](#)  
You can set both regular and mandatory realms in simulation mode.
- [Tutorial: Tracking Violations to a Realm Using Simulation Mode](#)  
This tutorial shows how to create a realm that uses simulation mode and then test violations to the realm.

## 10.1 About Simulation Mode

Simulation mode enables you to capture violations in a simulation log instead of blocking SQL execution by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules.

Simulation mode stores the Database Vault realm or command rule violations in one location for easy analysis. To use simulation mode, when you create or update a realm or command rule, instead of enabling or disabling the realm or command rule, you can set it to simulation mode. The realm or command rule is still enabled, but because violations are not blocked and are instead recorded to the simulation log file, you can test it for any potential errors before you enable it for a production environment. When simulation mode is enabled, the report may include violations for multiple realms or command rules. For more detailed reports that can help you better identify the source of user SQL statements, you can configure simulation mode to include the PL/SQL call stack. The call stack captures the calling procedures and functions recursively to better troubleshoot the Database Vault. Call stack information is stored in the `PL_SQL_STACK` column in the `DVSYSDBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view.

For example, the following update statement for a realm enables simulation mode and generates the PL/SQL call stack:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Apps',
    description     => 'Realm to protect the HR realm',
    enabled         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION,
    audit_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF,
    realm_type      => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM,
    pl_sql_stack    => TRUE);
END;
/
```

At this stage, SQL statements that violate realms or command rules are still able to execute, but these activities are recorded to the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view. For example, the following query finds violations against the HR Apps realm and any other realms or command rules that have been configured for simulation mode:

```
SELECT USERNAME, COMMAND, SQLTEXT, VIOLATION_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'HR Apps';
```

USERNAME	COMMAND	SQLTEXT	VIOLATION_TYPE
-----	-----	-----	-----
DGRANT	SELECT	SELECT SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES;	Realm Violation

Note that the name of the realm is case sensitive.

After you have completed testing the realm or command rule, a user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN` or `DV_OWNER` role can clear the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view by deleting the contents of the underlying table of this view, `DVSYS.SIMULATION_LOG$`.

For example:

```
DELETE FROM DVSYS.SIMULATION_LOG$;
```

Or:

```
DELETE FROM DVSYS.SIMULATION_LOG$ WHERE COMMAND = 'SELECT';
```

## 10.2 Simulation Mode Use Cases

Simulation mode is useful for testing a development configuration of new realms and command rules.

Use cases are as follows:

- Application certification

When you are certifying applications, you can use simulation mode as follows in an application test environment:

1. Put all schemas for the application into mandatory realms with simulation mode enabled.
2. Run a full regression test.
3. Analyze the simulation mode log by querying the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view to find out who would have violated the realm enforcement if it was enabled. .
4. Update the realm authorization based on who, from the simulation log, should be allowed to access the realm protected objects (for example, the violations would have been false positive).
5. Re-run the regression test.
6. Continue until there are no violations in the simulation log or the only records in the simulation log are violations that should be blocked when realm enforcement is enabled.

- Introduction of a new command rule

You can use simulation mode on a production database that has Oracle Database Vault enabled.

1. Put the new command rule into production in simulation mode for however many weeks that are necessary.
  2. Analyze the simulation mode log by querying `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` to determine if the command rule is working correctly.
  3. Make changes to the command rule as necessary.
  4. Enable the command rule.
- Putting a new realm into a production database in simulation mode.

This method can help to find the system context information needed to set the trusted path rules in rule sets and find authorized users for realms.

1. Create the new realm in mandatory mode, add the protected objects, and enable the realm in simulation mode.
2. Do not add any authorized users.
3. Run applications and development operations from the normal IP addresses that will be used.
4. Check the simulation log file for both authorized users and system context information that you can use to create trusted paths.
5. Create the trusted paths, and then add the authorized users.
6. Clear the simulation log and run the application and development operation tasks again.
7. After a period of time, review the simulation log. If all the controls were updated correctly, then the simulation log is empty. Log entries in the simulation mode indicate additional changes that you need to make to the realm and rule sets or the log entries may indicate a malicious use.

## 10.3 Logging Realms in Simulation Mode

You can set both regular and mandatory realms in simulation mode.

- [Considerations When Logging Realms in Simulation Mode](#)  
There are several use cases to consider if you want to use realms in simulation mode.
- [Use Case: All New Realms in Simulation Mode](#)  
In this use case, all realms are either mandatory or regular and all user-created realms are in simulation mode.
- [Use Case: New Realms Introduced to Existing Realms](#)  
In this use case, you add a set of new realms to a database that has an existing set of realms.
- [Use Case: Testing the Addition of New Objects in a Realm](#)  
In this use case, you add new objects to an existing realm and then test it using simulation mode without removing the current realm protections.
- [Use Case: Testing the Removal of Objects from a Realm](#)  
In this use case, you test the removal of objects to an existing realm.
- [Use Case: Testing the Addition of an Authorized User to a Realm](#)  
In this use case, you loosen security controls by adding more users. You do not need to simulate anything if you are simply adding more authorized users.
- [Use Case: Testing the Removal of an Authorized User from a Realm](#)  
In this use case, you want to drop an authorized user and use simulation mode to check if the user still needs to access the realm.



- [Use Case: Testing New Factors with Realms](#)  
In this use case, you want to test changes to factors.
- [Use Case: Testing Changes to an Existing Command Rule](#)  
In this use case, you test changes to an existing command rule while keeping the original command rule enabled.

## 10.3.1 Considerations When Logging Realms in Simulation Mode

There are several use cases to consider if you want to use realms in simulation mode.

- Testing an application with all new Database Vault controls: all realms are in simulation mode
- Adding a realm to existing working Database Vault controls: only a subset of realms are in simulation mode
- Adding new objects to an existing enabled realm and then testing the difference with simulation mode and not disabling existing controls
- Dropping one or more existing objects from an existing enabled realm and then testing the difference with simulation mode and not disabling existing controls
- Adding new authorized users to an existing enabled realm and then testing the difference with simulation mode and not disabling existing controls
- Dropping one or more existing authorized users from an existing enabled realm and then testing the difference with simulation mode and not disabling existing controls
- Adding or changing factors in an existing enabled realm and then testing the difference with simulation mode and not disabling existing controls
- Testing changes to a command rule in production while keeping the original command rule enabled

When a user runs a SQL statement and it fails, it may fail for realms that are enabled, fail for realms that are simulated, or it could fail for both of these reasons. There could be mandatory realms, regular realms, or both. These conditions determine the data that is captured in the simulation log.

After you create the use cases that are described in the next sections, regular realms are completely overpowered by mandatory realms when an object has both types of realms protecting it. In all cases where mandatory and regular realms protect the same object, regular realms can be ignored with regard to simulation logs. Only mandatory realm failures are captured in the simulation logs. The only time regular realm failures are entered into the simulation log is when all realms for an object are regular realms. And then, the following must happen for regular realms to be written to the simulation log:

- All regular realms in simulation mode fails and
- All regular realms that are enabled also fail

If at least one enabled or simulation regular realm succeeds, then no simulation regular realms are logged.

## 10.3.2 Use Case: All New Realms in Simulation Mode

In this use case, all realms are either mandatory or regular and all user-created realms are in simulation mode.

Examples are as follows:

- Mandatory realms only, which are all in simulation mode
  - The user is authorized to run the SQL statement in all mandatory realms. Nothing is captured in the simulation log table.
  - The user fails one or more mandatory realm checks. All realm check failures are logged to the simulation log. Mandatory realm checks where the user's SQL statement succeeded is not logged.

In this example, there are three mandatory realms. The user SQL statement succeeds with one realm and fails with the other two. Only the two failed realm checks are recorded in the simulation log.
- Regular realms only, which are all in simulation mode
  - The user is authorized to run the SQL statement in at least one regular realm. The user should have access to the data so nothing is logged to the simulation log.
  - The user is not authorized to run the SQL statement in all regular realms. The simulation log captures all the failed realm authorization failures. This enables the user to select which realm to which the user should be authorized. The SQL only needs to be authorized in one regular realm to work and not all regular realms need to be updated to authorize the SQL.
- Mix of mandatory and regular realms, which are all in simulation mode
  - In this case, you capture the key realms when a user is rejected. In the case with mandatory and regular realms, the mandatory realms are the key realms. All mandatory realms must pass the authorization check for the user to gain access. In fact, regular realms could be considered superfluous when mandatory realms are protecting an object. So in cases where there are both mandatory and regular realms protecting the same object, it is only the mandatory realms that control if the SQL statement is blocked or allowed to run. It does not matter whether the user was authorized to the regular realm or not. This example follows the rules for the first scenario, for mandatory realms in simulation mode.
  - The user is authorized to run the SQL statement in all mandatory realms. Nothing is captured in the simulation log table. Even though the user may succeed or fail in one or more regular realms, nothing about regular realm failure is captured.
  - The user fails one or more mandatory realm checks. All realm check failures are logged to the simulation log. Mandatory realm checks where the user SQL statement succeeded are not be logged.

For example, there are three mandatory realms. The user SQL statement succeeds with one realm and fails with the other two. Only the two failed realm checks are recorded in the simulation log.

No regular realms need to be captured, because only the mandatory realms need to be captured in the simulation log.

### 10.3.3 Use Case: New Realms Introduced to Existing Realms

In this use case, you add a set of new realms to a database that has an existing set of realms.

The existing realms are enabled and working. The new realms are in simulation mode. This use case applies only if both simulation and enabled realms are protecting the same object.

Examples:

- New mandatory realms in simulation mode with existing enabled mandatory realms. This use case shows some additional mandatory realms for an object: adding more security to an existing object.

- Enabled mandatory realms and mandatory realms in simulation mode all successful with user SQL statement: in this case, the SQL executes normally and nothing is captured
- Enabled mandatory realms (at least one) fails and mandatory realms in simulation mode all successful: SQL is blocked and nothing is written to the simulation log
- Enabled mandatory realms (at least one) fails and mandatory realms in simulation mode has one or more failures: SQL is blocked and all failing mandatory realms in simulation mode are entered into simulation log
- Enabled mandatory realms all successful and mandatory realms in simulation mode have at least one failure: SQL is not blocked, all failed mandatory realms in simulation mode entered into simulation log
- New regular realms in simulation mode with existing enabled regular realms: More regular realms are added to a security object, providing new ways for users to access sensitive data
  - Enabled regular realms (at least one) and regular realms in simulation mode (at least one) successful: the user SQL executes normally with nothing written to simulation log
  - Enabled regular realms (at least one) is successful, and regular realms in simulation mode all fail: user SQL executes normally, nothing is entered into the simulation log
  - Enabled regular realms all fail and regular realms in simulation mode all fail: the user SQL is blocked and all regular realms in simulation mode are entered into simulation log. The user must evaluate which regular realm to authorize to if needed. The current implementation blocks the SQL and does not add the regular realms in simulation mode into the simulation log because the enabled regular realm would have blocked it anyway. This must change because the user may have added a new realm to authorize the SQL in this use case. There is no way to tell what happened if the new SQL should have worked, but is blocked by all regular realms in simulation mode as well (when one of the regular realms in simulation mode was designed to allow it to work). This would simulate an entry into the audit log for this situation.
  - Enabled regular realms all fail and regular realms in simulation mode (at least one) successful: the user SQL is blocked and nothing is written to the simulation log.
- New regular realms with existing enabled mandatory realms: You do not need to do anything in this situation. The enabled mandatory realms will continue to control the objects and the new regular realms in simulation mode will have no impact if they are enabled or not. No simulation logs should be generated in this case.
- New mandatory realms in simulation mode with existing enabled regular realm: While the enabled regular realm controls the objects for now, when the new mandatory realms in simulation mode are enabled, then they will have full control over the objects with no control by the older enabled regular realms. So, simulation logs will be created for all mandatory realms. This is the same as the scenario for new mandatory realms with existing enabled mandatory realms.
- New regular realms in simulation mode with existing enabled mandatory and regular realms: The enabled mandatory realms will be the deciding realms whether the new regular realms in simulation mode are added to the existing enabled regular realms in the system. This is the same as the scenario as a mix of mandatory and regular realms, all in simulation mode. Nothing is written to the simulation logs.
- New mandatory realms in simulation mode with enabled mandatory and regular realms: The enabled regular realms can be ignored. This is the same as the scenario for new mandatory realms with existing enabled mandatory realms.
- Mix of new mandatory and regular realms in simulation mode with existing enabled mandatory and regular realms: Ignore all enabled and mandatory regular realms. This is

simply adding more mandatory realms to an existing object. This is the same scenario as new mandatory realms with existing enabled mandatory realms.

### 10.3.4 Use Case: Testing the Addition of New Objects in a Realm

In this use case, you add new objects to an existing realm and then test it using simulation mode without removing the current realm protections.

Oracle recommends that you create a duplicate realm in simulation mode for the new objects with the same authorized users and rule sets. This way, the existing realm can continue to provide protection to the existing objects while testing the new object.

### 10.3.5 Use Case: Testing the Removal of Objects from a Realm

In this use case, you test the removal of objects to an existing realm.

Because you are removing security controls for an existing object, there is no need to use simulation mode. Simply remove the object from the realm.

### 10.3.6 Use Case: Testing the Addition of an Authorized User to a Realm

In this use case, you loosen security controls by adding more users. You do not need to simulate anything if you are simply adding more authorized users.

If you are adding new functionality that is accessing data in a realm, but are not sure which new database users to authorize to the realm, then simply run the new functionality as a test (which will be blocked if not already authorized). Review the Database Vault audit logs to see the user name that attempted to access the realm data and add any new database users that are now authorized.

### 10.3.7 Use Case: Testing the Removal of an Authorized User from a Realm

In this use case, you want to drop an authorized user and use simulation mode to check if the user still needs to access the realm.

You may not be sure about dropping this user because you must check if the authorized user is accessing the realm for authorized activities.

If the data is only protected by a regular realm, then you can clone the realm with authorized users as the only difference. Remove the user to be dropped from the original realm and then add this user to the cloned realm. Then the cloned realm's audit setting is changed to capture `audit on success`. This enables the dropped user to be visible in the audit records if they accessed the realm over a period of time. Audit policies can also be used in this case. For data that is protected by a mandatory realm, the best solution is to create an audit policy.

### 10.3.8 Use Case: Testing New Factors with Realms

In this use case, you want to test changes to factors.

There are two scenarios where the factors can change:

- Changes to an application or the infrastructure that force a change to the factors

In this case, you do not need to keep the original factors in place. However, objects and authorized users should be able to remain enabled during the testing of the new factors. With an enabled realm, you can remove the factors from the authorized users. At the same time, create a mandatory realm for the same protected objects in simulation mode with no

authorized users. The regular realm will protect the objects from unauthorized users while the simulation realm will capture all access along with the factor information. The simulation log can then be mined for each user to come up with the new factors which can then be added to the mandatory realm in simulation mode to make sure it's clean before being migrated to the original regular realm.

- No changes to the application or the infrastructure but changes such as new factors being added or factors being removed take place

When factors are being added, you must clone a second simulation realm from the original, but with the new factors added in. If the simulation logs shows that the usage is clean, then you can safely introduce the new factors into the original realm.

Dropping factors lowers the security profile, so you can simply drop the factor from the rule set. No testing needs to be done.

### 10.3.9 Use Case: Testing Changes to an Existing Command Rule

In this use case, you test changes to an existing command rule while keeping the original command rule enabled.

Command rules may need to be updated and ideally tested before the changes are enabled in production. For a new command rule that will be added to a set of already existing command rules, put the new command rule into simulation mode when you create it. The other pre-existing command rules are already enabled and offer protection.

If you want to modify an existing command rule, there is no way to maintain the existing protection and test the new modification. Oracle recommends that you create an audit policy to capture what the original command rule was doing and then set an alert for it. The audit will not prevent the SQL as a command rule would do, but at least you can be alerted about the action. Then you can put the new updated command rule into simulation mode and test it.

## 10.4 Tutorial: Tracking Violations to a Realm Using Simulation Mode

This tutorial shows how to create a realm that uses simulation mode and then test violations to the realm.

- [About This Tutorial](#)  
In this tutorial, you will create a realm around the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table and test violations against it.
- [Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial](#)  
You must create three users for this tutorial.
- [Step 2: Create a Realm and an Oracle Database Vault Policy](#)  
Next, you create a realm around the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table, and then add this realm to an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [Step 3: Test the Realm and Policy](#)  
User `tjones_dba` will commit a violation on the realm to test the realm and policy.
- [Step 4: Query the DBA\\_DV\\_SIMULATION\\_LOG View for Violations](#)  
Now you can check the simulation mode log for the violations that user `tjones_dba` committed.
- [Step 5: Enable and Re-test the Realm](#)  
Now that you have captured the violations, user `psmith` can update the `HR_EMPLOYEES_POL` policy.

- [Step 6: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

## 10.4.1 About This Tutorial

In this tutorial, you will create a realm around the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table and test violations against it.

The `HR.EMPLOYEES` table contains confidential data such as employee salaries. To test the realm, an administrator, `tjones_dba`, will look up and modify the salary of another employee, `smavris`. The Database Vault administrator, `downer`, will use simulation mode to track the violations to the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table. To accomplish this, user `downer` will create a Database Vault policy, which a delegated administrator, user `psmith`, will own. User `psmith` will then be able to make limited changes to the policy without needing the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.

## 10.4.2 Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial

You must create three users for this tutorial.

The users are: `psmith`, who is the Database Vault policy owner; `tjones_dba`, who commits violations on the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table; and `smavris`, whose salary is the recipient of `tjones_dba`'s violations.

1. Log in to a PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
2. Create the following users and grant them the `CREATE SESSION` privilege.

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO psmith IDENTIFIED BY password;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO tjones_dba IDENTIFIED BY password;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO smavris IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace `password` with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

3. Connect as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
4. Grant user `psmith` the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role, which enables `psmith` to manage Database Vault policies.

```
GRANT DV_POLICY_OWNER TO psmith;
```

5. Connect as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.
6. Grant the `DBA` role to user `tjones_dba`

```
GRANT DBA TO tjones_dba;
```

7. Connect as the `HR` schema owner.

```
CONNECT HR@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

8. Grant the `SELECT` privilege on the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table to user `smavris`

```
GRANT SELECT ON HR.EMPLOYEES TO smavris;
```

At this stage, the users have all been created and granted the appropriate privileges.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Security Guide](#)

## 10.4.3 Step 2: Create a Realm and an Oracle Database Vault Policy

Next, you create a realm around the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table, and then add this realm to an Oracle Database Vault policy.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Create the realm around `HR.EMPLOYEES` table as follows.

These procedures create the `HR Apps` realm, add the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table to this realm, authenticate `HR` as an owner, authenticate user `psmith` as a participant, and set the realm in simulation mode.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
    description   => 'Realm to protect HR.EMPLOYEES',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION,
    audit_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF,
    realm_type    => DBMS_MACADM.REGULAR_REALM);
END;
/

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
    object_owner  => 'HR',
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',
    object_type   => 'TABLE');
END;
/
```

3. Create the `HR_EMPLOYEES_POL` Database Vault policy and set it to be in simulation mode.

These procedures create the `HR_EMPLOYEES_POL` policy, add the realm that was just created to the policy, and then add user `psmith` as the owner of the policy.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY(
    policy_name   => 'HR_EMPLOYEES_POL',
    description   => 'Policy to protect HR.EMPLOYEES',
    policy_state  => DBMS_MACADM.G_SIMULATION);
END;
/

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name   => 'HR_EMPLOYEES_POL',
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps');
END;
/

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name   => 'HR_EMPLOYEES_POL',
    owner_name    => 'PSMITH');
END;
/
```

At this point, the realm and policy are ready to be tested.



## 10.4.4 Step 3: Test the Realm and Policy

User `tjones_dba` will commit a violation on the realm to test the realm and policy.

1. Connect to the PDB as user `tjones_dba`.
2. Query the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table for the salary of `smavris`.

```
SELECT SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS';
```

Output similar to the following should appear:

```
SALARY
-----
      6500
```

3. Cut `smavris`'s salary in half.

```
UPDATE HR.EMPLOYEES
SET SALARY = SALARY / 2
WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS';
```

1 row updated.

4. Connect as user `smavris`.
5. Query the salary of `smavris`.

```
SELECT SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS';
```

Output similar to the following should appear:

```
SALARY
-----
      3250
```

At this point, `tjones_dba`'s violations have been recorded in the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view.

## 10.4.5 Step 4: Query the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` View for Violations

Now you can check the simulation mode log for the violations that user `tjones_dba` committed.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view.

```
SELECT USERNAME, COMMAND, SQLTEXT, VIOLATION_TYPE
FROM DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'HR Apps';
```

Output similar to the following should appear:

```
USERNAME
-----
COMMAND
-----
SQLTEXT
-----
VIOLATION_TYPE
-----
TJONES_DBA
```



```

UPDATE
UPDATE HR.EMPLOYEES SET SALARY = SALARY / 2 WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS'
Realm Violation

USERNAME
-----
COMMAND
-----
SQLTEXT
-----
VIOLATION_TYPE
-----

TJONES_DBA
SELECT
SELECT SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS'
Realm Violation

```

The output indicates that user `tjones_dba` has committed two offences: first, `tjones_dba` looked at another employee's salary, and not only that, `tjones_dba` cut it in half. The violation type is a realm violation. The query by `smavris` was not captured because she legitimately can look at `smavris`'d salary.

## 10.4.6 Step 5: Enable and Re-test the Realm

Now that you have captured the violations, user `psmith` can update the `HR_EMPLOYEES_POL` policy.

This is so that the `HR Apps` realm can be enabled. Then you can test the violations again.

1. Connect to the PDB as user `psmith`.
2. Update the policy so that it is enabled.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE(
    policy_name => 'HR_EMPLOYEES_POL',
    policy_state => DBMS_MACADM.G_ENABLED);
END;
/

```

3. Connect as user `tjones_dba`.
4. Try lowering `smavris`'s salary to new depths.

```

UPDATE HR.EMPLOYEES
SET SALARY = SALARY / 2
WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS';

```

Output similar to the following should appear:

```

ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges

```

The policy, now enabled, enables the realm to protect the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table. `smavris`'s salary can shrink no more.

## 10.4.7 Step 6: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Remove the HR\_EMPLOYEES\_POL Database Vault policy.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DROP_POLICY('HR_EMPLOYEES_POL');
```

You first must remove the policy before you can drop its contents.

3. Remove the HR Apps realm.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM('HR Apps');
```

4. Remove the simulation mode log data that was accumulated.

Because the simulation mode log only captured information about user `tjones_dba`, you can remove only the rows that relate to this user.

```
DELETE FROM DVSYS.SIMULATION_LOG$ WHERE USERNAME = 'TJONES_DBA';
```

5. Connect as user HR.

```
CONNECT HR@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

6. Revert `smavris`'s salary back to its pre-violated state.

```
UPDATE HR.EMPLOYEES  
SET SALARY = 6500  
WHERE EMAIL = 'SMAVRIS';
```

7. Connect as a user who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role.

For example:

```
CONNECT dvacctmgr@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

8. Remove the users `psmith`, `smavris`, and `tjones_dba`.

```
DROP USER psmith;  
DROP USER smavris;  
DROP USER tjones_dba;
```

# Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Other Oracle Products

You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with other Oracle products, such as Oracle Data Guard.

- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Transparent Data Encryption](#)  
Transparent Data Encryption complements Oracle Database Vault in that it provides data protection when the data leaves the secure perimeter of the database.
- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security](#)  
You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security, and check the integration with reports and data dictionary views.
- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Data Guard](#)  
Oracle Database Vault can protect your Oracle Data Guard environments, providing additional security for your high availability and disaster recovery architecture.
- [Configuring Oracle Internet Directory Using Oracle Database Configuration Assistant](#)  
You can use Oracle Internet Directory in an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database.
- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Enterprise User Security](#)  
You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise User Security.
- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle APEX](#)  
You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle APEX.

## 11.1 Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Transparent Data Encryption

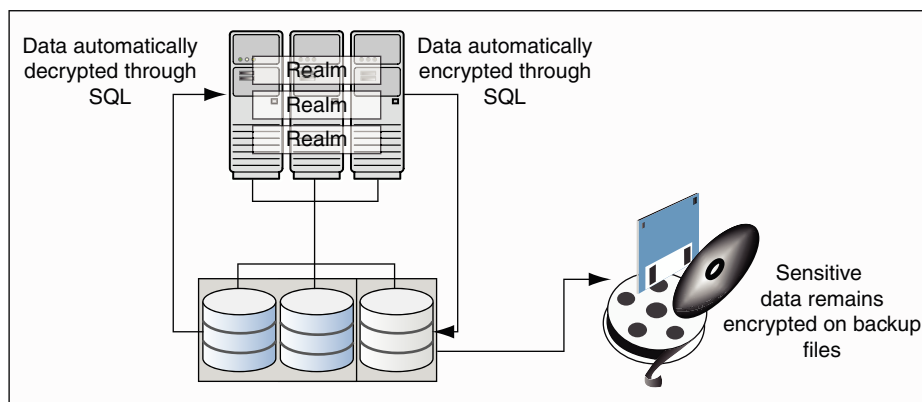
Transparent Data Encryption complements Oracle Database Vault in that it provides data protection when the data leaves the secure perimeter of the database.

With Transparent Data Encryption, a database administrator or database security administrator can encrypt columns with sensitive content in application tables, or encrypt entire application tablespaces, without any modification to the application.

If a user passes the authentication and authorization checks, Transparent Data Encryption automatically encrypts and decrypts information for the user. This way, you can implement encryption without having to change your applications.

Once you have granted the Transparent Data Encryption user the appropriate privileges, then Transparent Data Encryption can be managed as usual and be used complimentary to Database Vault.

[Figure 11-1](#) shows how Oracle Database Vault realms handle encrypted data.

**Figure 11-1 Encrypted Data and Oracle Database Vault****Related Topics**

- [Oracle AI Database Advanced Security Guide](#)

## 11.2 Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security

You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security, and check the integration with reports and data dictionary views.

- [How Oracle Database Vault Is Integrated with Oracle Label Security](#)  
An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration enables you to assign an OLS label to a Database Vault factor identity.
- [Requirements for Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security](#)  
You must fulfill specific requirements in place before you use Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security.
- [Using Oracle Database Vault Factors with Oracle Label Security Policies](#)  
To enhance security, you can integrate Oracle Database Vault factors with Oracle Label Security policies.
- [Tutorial: Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security](#)  
An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration can grant different levels of access to two administrative users who have the same privileges.
- [Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides reports and data dictionary views that list information about the Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration.

### 11.2.1 How Oracle Database Vault Is Integrated with Oracle Label Security

An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration enables you to assign an OLS label to a Database Vault factor identity.

In Oracle Label Security, you can restrict access to rows in database tables or PL/SQL programs. For example, Mary may be able to see data protected by the `HIGHLY SENSITIVE` label, an Oracle Label Security label on the `EMPLOYEE` table that includes records that should have access limited to certain managers. Another label can be `PUBLIC`, which allows more open access to this data.

In Oracle Database Vault, you can create a factor called `Network`, for the network on which the database session originates, with the following identities:

- **Intranet:** Used for when an employee is working on site within the intranet for your company.
- **Remote:** Used for when the employee is working at home from a VPN connection.

You then assign a maximum session label to both. For example:

- Assign the Intranet identity to the `HIGHLY SENSITIVE` Oracle Label Security label.
- Assign the Remote identity to the `PUBLIC` label.

This means that when Mary is working at home using their VPN connection, she have access only to the limited table data protected under the `PUBLIC` identity. But when she is in the office, she has access to the `HIGHLY SENSITIVE` data, because she is using the Intranet identity.

The Label Security Integration Audit Report enables you to monitor the integration with Oracle Label Security. You can create audit policies to capture this information. Be aware that as of Oracle AI Database 26ai, traditional auditing is desupported.

### Related Topics

- [Tutorial: Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security](#)  
An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration can grant different levels of access to two administrative users who have the same privileges.
- [Oracle Database Vault Oracle Label Security APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Label Security labels and policies in Oracle Database Vault.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.
- *Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide*

## 11.2.2 Requirements for Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security

You must fulfill specific requirements in place before you use Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security.

- Oracle Label Security is licensed separately. Ensure that you have purchased a license to use it.
- Before you install Oracle Database Vault, you must have already installed Oracle Label Security.
- Ensure that you have the appropriate Oracle Label Security policies defined.
- If you plan to integrate an Oracle Label Security policy with Oracle Database Vault, ensure that the Oracle Label Security policy name is less than 122 characters. You can check the names of Oracle Label Security policies by querying the `POLICY_NAME` column of the `ALL_SA_POLICIES` data dictionary view..

## 11.2.3 Using Oracle Database Vault Factors with Oracle Label Security Policies

To enhance security, you can integrate Oracle Database Vault factors with Oracle Label Security policies.

- [About Using Oracle Database Vault Factors with Oracle Label Security Policies](#)  
And Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration enables you to control the maximum security clearance for a database session.
- [Configuring Factors to Work with an Oracle Label Security Policy](#)  
You can define factors that contribute to the maximum allowable data label of an Oracle Label Security policy.

### 11.2.3.1 About Using Oracle Database Vault Factors with Oracle Label Security Policies

And Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration enables you to control the maximum security clearance for a database session.

Oracle Database Vault controls the maximum security clearance for a database session by merging the maximum allowable data for each label in a database session by merging the labels of Oracle Database Vault factors that are associated to an Oracle Label Security policy.

In brief, a label acts as an identifier for the access privileges of a database table row. A policy is a name associated with the labels, rules, and authorizations that govern access to table rows.

#### Related Topics

- *Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide*

### 11.2.3.2 Configuring Factors to Work with an Oracle Label Security Policy

You can define factors that contribute to the maximum allowable data label of an Oracle Label Security policy.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Make the user `LBACSYS` account an owner of the realm that contains the schema to which a label security policy has been applied.

This enables the `LBACSYS` account to have access to all the protected data in the realm, so that it can properly classify the data.

For example, to make `LBACSYS` the owner of a realm called `HR Realm`:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name => 'HR Realm',
    grantee    => 'LBACSYS',
    auth_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

3. Authorize the schema owner (on which the label security policy has been applied) as either a realm participant or a realm owner.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name => 'HR Realm',
    grantee    => 'HR',
    auth_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

**4. Configure a label security policy for the realm.**

Optionally set the label-merging algorithm for cases when Oracle Label Security has merged two labels. In most cases, you may want to configure the label security policy to use `LII` (Minimum Level/Intersection/Intersection). This setting is the most commonly used method that Oracle Label Security administrators use when they want to merge two labels. This setting provides optimum flexibility when your applications must determine the resulting label that is required when combining two data sets that have different labels. It is also necessary for situations in which you must perform queries using joins on rows with different data labels.

- To create a new label security policy, run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_MAC_POLICY` procedure. For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_MAC_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'Access Locations',
    algorithm   => 'LII');
END;
/
```

- To modify an existing label security policy, run the `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_MAC_POLICY` procedure.

**5. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_POLICY_FACTOR` factor to associate a factor with the label security policy.**

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_POLICY_FACTOR(
    policy_name => 'Access Locations',
    factor_name => 'Sector2_DB');
END;
/
```

**6. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY` procedure to create a factor identity.**

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_DB',
    value       => 'intranet',
    trust_level => 5);
END;
/
```

**7. Label the factor identities using the labels for the policy.**

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY_LABEL(
    identity_factor_name => 'Sector2_DB',
    identity_factor_value => 'intranet',
```

```
policy_name      => 'Access Locations',  
label           => 'sensitive');  
END;  
/
```

**Note**

If you do not associate an Oracle Label Security policy with factors, then Oracle Database Vault maintains the default Oracle Label Security behavior for the policy.

**Related Topics**

- [ADD\\_AUTH\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM` procedure authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant. You can authenticate both common and local realms.
- [Oracle Database Vault Oracle Label Security APIs](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Label Security labels and policies in Oracle Database Vault.
- [Oracle Database Vault Factor APIs](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package has factor-related Oracle Database Vault rule procedures and functions, and `DVF` has functions to manage factors.

## 11.2.4 Tutorial: Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Label Security

An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration can grant different levels of access to two administrative users who have the same privileges.

- [About This Tutorial](#)  
You can use Oracle Database Vault factors with Oracle Label Security and Oracle Virtual Private Database (VPD) to restrict sensitive data access.
- [Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial](#)  
You must create two administrative users for this tutorial.
- [Step 2: Create the Oracle Label Security Policy](#)  
Next, you can create the Oracle Label Security policy and grant users the appropriate privileges for it.
- [Step 3: Create Oracle Database Vault Rules to Control the OLS Authorization](#)  
After you create the Oracle Label Security policy, you can create Database Vault rules to work with it.
- [Step 4: Update the ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule to Use the Rule Set](#)  
Before the rule set can be used, you must update the `ALTER SYSTEM` command rule, which is a default command rule.
- [Step 5: Test the Authorizations](#)  
With all the components in place, you are ready to test the authorization.
- [Step 6: Remove the Components for This Tutorial](#)  
You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.



### 11.2.4.1 About This Tutorial

You can use Oracle Database Vault factors with Oracle Label Security and Oracle Virtual Private Database (VPD) to restrict sensitive data access.

You can restrict this data so that it is only exposed to a database session when the correct combination of factors exists, defined by the security administrator, for any given database session.

### 11.2.4.2 Step 1: Create Users for This Tutorial

You must create two administrative users for this tutorial.

1. Log in to a PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role.
2. Create the following local users:

```
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO mdale IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = CURRENT;  
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO jsmith IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = CURRENT;
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

3. Connect as a user who can grant system privileges and who has been granted the owner authorization for the Oracle System Privilege and Role Management realm, and then grant administrative privileges to users *mdale* and *jsmith*.

```
GRANT DBA TO mdale, jsmith;
```

At this stage, users *mdale* and *jsmith* have identical administrative privileges.

#### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Security Guide](#)

### 11.2.4.3 Step 2: Create the Oracle Label Security Policy

Next, you can create the Oracle Label Security policy and grant users the appropriate privileges for it.

1. In SQL\*Plus, connect to the PDB as the Oracle Label Security administrator, LBACSYS.

If user LBACSYS is locked and expired, connect as the Database Vault Account Manager, unlock and unexpire the LBACSYS account, and then log back in as LBACSYS.

For example:

```
ALTER USER LBACSYS ACCOUNT UNLOCK IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

```
CONNECT LBACSYS  
Enter password: password
```

2. Create a new Oracle Label Security policy:

```
EXEC SA_SYSDBA.CREATE_POLICY('PRIVACY','PRIVACY_COLUMN','NO_CONTROL');
```

3. Create the following levels for the *PRIVACY* policy:

```
EXEC SA_COMPONENTS.CREATE_LEVEL('PRIVACY',2000,'S','SENSITIVE');  
EXEC SA_COMPONENTS.CREATE_LEVEL('PRIVACY',1000,'C','CONFIDENTIAL');
```

4. Create the PII compartment.

```
EXEC SA_COMPONENTS.CREATE_COMPARTMENT('PRIVACY',100,'PII','PERS_INFO');
```

5. Grant users `mdale` and `jsmith` the following labels:

```
EXEC SA_USER_ADMIN.SET_USER_LABELS('PRIVACY','mdale','S:PII');
EXEC SA_USER_ADMIN.SET_USER_LABELS('PRIVACY','jsmith','C');
```

User `mdale` is granted the more sensitive label, Sensitive, which includes the PII compartment. User `jsmith` gets the Confidential label, which is less sensitive.

#### 11.2.4.4 Step 3: Create Oracle Database Vault Rules to Control the OLS Authorization

After you create the Oracle Label Security policy, you can create Database Vault rules to work with it.

1. Connect to the PDB as the Database Vault Owner.
2. Create the following rule set:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET('PII Rule Set', 'Protect PII data from privileged users', 'Y', 1, 0, 2, NULL, NULL, 0, NULL);
```

3. Create a rule for the PII Rule Set.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE('Check OLS Factor',
'dominates(sa_utl.numeric_label('PRIVACY'), char_to_label('PRIVACY','S:PII'))
= '1');
```

Ensure that you use single quotes, as shown in this example, and not double quotes.

4. Add the Check OLS Factor rule to the PII Rule Set.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET('PII Rule Set', 'Check OLS Factor');
```

#### 11.2.4.5 Step 4: Update the ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule to Use the Rule Set

Before the rule set can be used, you must update the ALTER SYSTEM command rule, which is a default command rule.

1. As the Database Vault Owner, check the current value of the ALTER SYSTEM command rule, which is one of the default command rules when you install Oracle Database Vault.

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE WHERE COMMAND = 'ALTER SYSTEM';
```

2. Make a note of these settings so that you can revert them to their original values later on.

In a default installation, the ALTER SYSTEM command rule uses the Allow Fine Grained Control of System Parameters rule set, and is enabled.

3. Update the ALTER SYSTEM command rule to be associated with the PII Rule Set.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE('ALTER SYSTEM', 'PII Rule Set', '%', '%', 'Y');
```

This command adds the PII Rule Set to the ALTER SYSTEM command rule, applies it to all object owners and object names, and enables the command rule.

#### 11.2.4.6 Step 5: Test the Authorizations

With all the components in place, you are ready to test the authorization.

1. In SQL\*Plus, log in to the PDB as user `mdale`.

2. Check the current setting for the CPU\_COUNT initialization parameter.

```
SHOW PARAMETER PARAMETER CPU_COUNT
```

NAME	TYPE	VALUE
-----	-----	-----
cpu_count	string	2

Make a note of this setting, so that you can revert it to its original setting later on.

3. As user mdale, use the ALTER SYSTEM statement to modify the CPU\_COUNT parameter.

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CPU_COUNT = 4;
System altered.
```

Because user mdale was assigned the Sensitive label with the PII compartment, he can use the ALTER SYSTEM statement to modify the CPU\_COUNT system parameter.

4. Set the CPU\_COUNT parameter back to its original value.

For example:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CPU_COUNT = 2;
```

5. Log in as user jsmith and then issue the same ALTER SYSTEM statement:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CPU_COUNT = 14;
```

The following output should appear:

```
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges
```

Because user jsmith was assigned only the Confidential label, he cannot perform the ALTER SYSTEM statement.

### 11.2.4.7 Step 6: Remove the Components for This Tutorial

You can remove the components that you created for this tutorial if you no longer need them.

1. Connect to the PDB as the Oracle Label Security administrator and remove the label policy and its components.

```
EXEC SA_SYSDBA.DROP_POLICY('PRIVACY', TRUE);
```

2. Connect as the Oracle Database Vault Owner and issue the following commands in the order shown, to set the ALTER SYSTEM command rule back to its previous setting and remove the rule set.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE('ALTER SYSTEM', 'Allow System Parameters','%','%', 'Y');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET('PII Rule Set', 'Check OLS Factor');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Check OLS Factor');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET('PII Rule Set');
COMMIT;
```

3. Connect as the Database Vault Account Manager and remove users mdale and jsmith.

```
DROP USER mdale;
DROP USER jsmith;
```

## 11.2.5 Related Reports and Data Dictionary Views

Oracle Database Vault provides reports and data dictionary views that list information about the Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Label Security integration.

[Table 11-1](#) lists the Oracle Database Vault reports.

**Table 11-1 Reports Related to Database Vault and Oracle Label Security Integration**

Report	Description
Factor Configuration Issues Report	Lists factors in which the Oracle Label Security policy does not exist.
Identity Configuration Issues Report	Lists invalid label identities (the Oracle Label Security label for this identity has been removed and no longer exists).
Security Policy Exemption Report	Lists accounts and roles that have the <code>EXEMPT ACCESS POLICY</code> system privilege granted to them. Accounts that have this privilege can bypass all Virtual Private Database policy filters and any Oracle Label Security policies that use Oracle Virtual Private Database indirectly.

[Table 11-2](#) lists data dictionary views that provide information about existing Oracle Label Security policies used with Oracle Database Vault.

**Table 11-2 Data Dictionary Views Used for Oracle Label Security**

Data Dictionary View	Description
DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY	Lists the Oracle Label Security policies defined
DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY	Lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies
DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL	Lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code> view for each policy

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.
- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

## 11.3 Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Data Guard

Oracle Database Vault can protect your Oracle Data Guard environments, providing additional security for your high availability and disaster recovery architecture.

- [Step 1: Configure the Primary Database](#)  
An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Data Guard integration requires first, the primary database configuration, then the standby database configuration.
- [Step 2: Configure the Standby Database](#)  
You can perform the standby database configuration within the database to be used for the standby database.

- [How Auditing Works After an Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Active Data Guard Integration](#)  
After you have integrated Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Active Data Guard, how auditing is configured affects how audit records are generated.
- [Disabling Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Data Guard Environment](#)  
If you want to disable Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Data Guard environment, you must perform the procedures first on the primary database, and then on the standby database.

### 11.3.1 Step 1: Configure the Primary Database

An Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Data Guard integration requires first, the primary database configuration, then the standby database configuration.

1. For Linux and UNIX systems, ensure there is an `/etc/oratab` entry for the database on the node in which you are installing Oracle Database Vault.
2. If you are using Data Guard Broker, then from the command prompt, disable the configuration as follows:

```
dgmgrl sys
Enter password: password

DGMGRL> disable configuration;
```

3. Configure and enable Oracle Database Vault on the primary server.

By default, Oracle Database Vault is installed as part of Oracle AI Database. You can check the registration status by querying the `DBA_DV_STATUS` data dictionary view.

4. Log in to the PDB as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.
5. Run the following `ALTER SYSTEM` statements:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET OS_ROLES=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;
ALTER SYSTEM SET REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE='EXCLUSIVE' SCOPE=SPFILE;
ALTER SYSTEM SET SQL92_SECURITY=TRUE SCOPE=SPFILE;
ALTER SYSTEM SET REMOTE_OS_ROLES=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

The `REMOTE_OS_ROLES` initialization parameter is deprecated in Oracle AI Database 26ai

6. Run the `ALTER SYSTEM` statement on each database instance to set the parameters as shown in the preceding step.
7. As user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege, close and then reopen each PDB.

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

#### Related Topics

- [Getting Started with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Before you can start using Oracle Database Vault, you must configure and enable it with the Oracle database.

### 11.3.2 Step 2: Configure the Standby Database

You can perform the standby database configuration within the database to be used for the standby database.

1. Log into the database instance as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.
2. Mount a standby database instance.

```
ALTER DATABASE MOUNT STANDBY DATABASE;
```

3. Run the following ALTER SYSTEM statements:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET OS_ROLES=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;  
ALTER SYSTEM SET REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE='EXCLUSIVE' SCOPE=SPFILE;  
ALTER SYSTEM SET SQL92_SECURITY=TRUE SCOPE=SPFILE;  
ALTER SYSTEM SET REMOTE_OS_ROLES=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

The REMOTE\_OS\_ROLES initialization parameter is deprecated in Oracle AI Database 26ai

4. Close and then reopen the PDB.

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;  
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

5. Mount the next standby instance.

6. Restart the managed recovery as follows:

```
ALTER DATABASE RECOVER MANAGED STANDBY DATABASE;
```

7. If you are using Data Guard Broker, then from the command line, re-enable the configuration.

```
dgmgrl sys  
Enter password: password  
  
DGMGRL> enable configuration;
```

This command applies the changes to the physical standby database made by the Oracle Database Vault installation on the primary database.

8. Repeat the physical standby installation process on each physical standby database. For example, if there are three physical standby databases, then run these procedures on each standby database.

## 11.3.3 How Auditing Works After an Oracle Database Vault-Oracle Active Data Guard Integration

After you have integrated Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Active Data Guard, how auditing is configured affects how audit records are generated.

If you want to use the Active Data Guard physical standby database for read-only queries, then you must use unified auditing. Oracle Database Vault cannot write to the traditional Database Vault audit table (DVSYS.AUDIT\_TRAILS\$). Unified auditing will ensure that the Database Vault audit data is written into the operating system log files in an Oracle Active Data Guard physical standby database. You can move the data in these log files to the unified audit trail. Remember that to audit Database Vault activities, you must create unified audit policies, because traditional auditing is no longer supported.

### Related Topics

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)

All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 11.3.4 Disabling Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Data Guard Environment

If you want to disable Oracle Database Vault in an Oracle Data Guard environment, you must perform the procedures first on the primary database, and then on the standby database.

Perform the disablement of Oracle Database Vault on the primary and standby databases in the following order:

1. Disable Oracle Database Vault on the primary database.
2. Disable Oracle Database Vault on the secondary database.
3. Restart the primary database.
4. Restart each standby database.

### Related Topics

- [Step 1: Disable Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Be aware that after you disable Oracle Database Vault, Oracle Label Security, which is required to run Database Vault, is still enabled.

## 11.4 Configuring Oracle Internet Directory Using Oracle Database Configuration Assistant

You can use Oracle Internet Directory in an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database.

However, if you want to configure Oracle Internet Directory (OID) using Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA), then you must first disable Oracle Database Vault.

### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 11.5 Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Enterprise User Security

You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise User Security.

- [About Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Enterprise User Security](#)  
Enterprise User Security centrally manages database users and authorizations in one place.
- [Configuring an Enterprise User Authorization](#)  
To configure an Enterprise User authorization, you must create an Oracle Database Vault rule set to control the user access.
- [Configuring Oracle Database Vault Accounts as Enterprise User Accounts](#)  
You can configure existing Oracle Database Vault user accounts as enterprise user accounts in a PDB.

## 11.5.1 About Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Enterprise User Security

Enterprise User Security centrally manages database users and authorizations in one place.

It is combined with Oracle Identity Management and is available in Oracle AI Database Enterprise Edition.

In general, to integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise User Security, you configure the appropriate realms to protect the data that you want to protect in the database.

After you define the Oracle Database Vault realms as needed, you can create a rule set for the Enterprise users to allow or disallow their access.

### Note

Enterprise User Security (EUS) is deprecated with Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you migrate to Centrally Managed Users (CMU). This feature enables you to directly connect with Microsoft Active Directory without an intervening directory service for enterprise user authentication and authorization to the database. If your Oracle database is in the cloud, you can also choose to move to one of the newer integrations with a cloud identity provider. If you are using a cloud identity provider, such as Microsoft Entra ID (Azure Active Directory), then you can choose to use this instead of Enterprise User Security or CMU.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Enterprise User Security Administrator's Guide*

## 11.5.2 Configuring an Enterprise User Authorization

To configure an Enterprise User authorization, you must create an Oracle Database Vault rule set to control the user access.

1. Connect to the PDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE` procedure to create the rule that allows or disallows user access.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Control User Access',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''AUTHENTICATED_IDENTITY'') =
  ''USER_DOMAIN_NAME'',
    scope => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

In this specification:

- `rule_name` specifies a rule name. Enter any valid name that is appropriate for your needs.



- `rule_expr` must use the rule expression given in this example. Replace `'user_domain_name'` with the domain. For example:  
  
`'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''AUTHENTICATED_IDENTITY'') =  
'myserver.us.example.com'''`
  - `scope` must be `DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL`.
3. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET` procedure to create a rule set to be used for the rule.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'EM User Authorization',
    description   => 'Allows or disallows user access to EM',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
    fail_message  => null,
    fail_code     => null,
    handler_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
    handler       => ' ',
    is_static     => TRUE);
END;
/
```

4. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET` procedure to add the rule to the rule set.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'EM User Authorization',
    rule_name     => 'Control User Access');
END;
/
```

5. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM` procedure to add the rule set to the realm authorization for the data that you want to protect.

For example, for a realm called HR Realm:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Realm',
    grantee       => 'PFITCH',
    rule_set_name => 'EM User Authorization',
    auth_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER,
    auth_scope    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

## 11.5.3 Configuring Oracle Database Vault Accounts as Enterprise User Accounts

You can configure existing Oracle Database Vault user accounts as enterprise user accounts in a PDB.

1. Log in to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `CREATE ROLE` system privilege.
2. Create a global role for the `DV_OWNER` role and a global role for the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.

For example:

```
CREATE ROLE g_dv_owner IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY;
CREATE ROLE g_dv_acctmgr IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY;
```

3. Connect as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.

4. Grant the DV\_OWNER role to the global DV\_OWNER role.

```
GRANT DV_OWNER TO g_dv_owner;
```

5. Connect as a user who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role.

6. Grant the DV\_ACCTMGR role to the global DV\_ACCTMGR role.

```
GRANT DV_ACCTMGR TO g_dv_acctmgr;
```

7. Connect as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege.

8. Temporarily grant the DV\_ACCTMGR user who will import the Database Vault users into OID the CREATE TABLE privilege and the SELECT\_CATALOG\_ROLE role.

```
GRANT CREATE TABLE, SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE TO dbv_acctmgr;
```

9. From the command line, run the User Migration Utility (UMU) to import the Database Vault accounts into Oracle Internet Directory (OID).

The following example imports the Database Vault accounts dvowner and dvacctmgr into OID. The DV\_ACCTMGR user is specified for the DBADMIN setting.

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/bin/umu PHASE=ONE
DBADMIN=dbv_acctmgr:password
ENTADMIN=cn=jane_ent_admin,dc=example,dc=com:password
USERS= LIST
DBLOCATION=example.com:7777:orcl
DIRLOCATION=example.com:636
USERSLIST=dvowner:dvacctmgr
MAPSCHEMA=PRIVATE
CONTEXT=CONTEXT="c=Users, c=us"
KREALM=EXAMPLE.COM
```

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/bin/umu PHASE=TWO
DBADMIN=dbv_acctmgr:password
ENTADMIN=cn=jane_ent_admin,dc=example,dc=com:password
DBLOCATION=example.com:7777:orcl
DIRLOCATION=example.com:636
```

By default, errors are written to the \$ORACLE\_HOME/network/log/umu.log file.

Enterprise User Security (EUS) User Migration Utility (UMU) is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Use EUS Manager (EUSM) features instead.

10. From the Oracle Internet Directory Self Service Console (<http://hostname:port/oiddas/>), grant the global DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles (for example, g\_dv\_owner and g\_dv\_acctmgr) to the enterprise user Database Vault accounts.

See the example of creating enterprise users in *Oracle AI Database Enterprise User Security Administrator's Guide* for a demonstration of creating an enterprise role from a global role and then granting this role to a user.

11. From SQL\*Plus, as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege, revoke the CREATE TABLE and SELECT\_CATALOG\_ROLE role from the DV\_ACCTMGR user.

```
REVOKE CREATE TABLE, SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE FROM dbv_acctmgr;
```

**Related Topics**

- *Oracle AI Database Enterprise User Security Administrator's Guide*

## 11.6 Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle APEX

You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with Oracle APEX.

- [About Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle APEX](#)  
Oracle APEX is Oracle's primary tool for developing Web applications with SQL and PL/SQL.
- [Installing or Upgrading Oracle APEX with Oracle Database Vault Enabled](#)  
When Oracle Database Vault is enabled, additional privileges are required to install or upgrade Oracle APEX.
- [Authorizing the Oracle APEX Schema for Oracle Database Vault Activities](#)  
You must add the Oracle APEX schema (for example, `APEX_SCHEMA`) to Oracle Database Vault realms and authorizations that are required by Oracle APEX.
- [Authorizing Oracle APEX to Use Oracle Scheduler](#)  
Oracle APEX uses Oracle Scheduler and must be authorized to continue to do so.
- [Authorizing Oracle APEX to Perform DDL Tasks](#)  
You must authorize the Oracle APEX schema to use its DDL privileges on objects that it has access to but may be subject to additional Oracle Database Vault controls
- [Authorizing Oracle APEX to Perform Information Lifecycle Maintenance Tasks](#)  
You must authorize the Oracle APEX schema to perform maintenance tasks.
- [Authorizing Oracle APEX to Proxy Users for Oracle Rest Data Services](#)  
If you use Oracle Rest Data Services (ORDS), then you must authorize proxy users.
- [Oracle APEX and Application Objects Protected by Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules are still protected after you have integrated Oracle APEX.
- [Troubleshooting the Oracle APEX and Database Vault Integration](#)  
If you have problems with the integration of Oracle APEX and Database Vault, then you can diagnose these problems using tracing and Oracle Database Vault simulation mode.

### 11.6.1 About Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Oracle APEX

Oracle APEX is Oracle's primary tool for developing Web applications with SQL and PL/SQL.

You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault to protect applications that have been developed using Oracle APEX. Oracle Database Vault can provide the same controls to Oracle APEX that are available to other applications, including custom and enterprise applications. Because Oracle APEX has its own web-based user interface to create and manage applications, as well as Oracle APEX workspaces and users, there are certain steps that you must follow so that Oracle APEX can work on an Oracle database that has Oracle Database Vault enabled.

### 11.6.2 Installing or Upgrading Oracle APEX with Oracle Database Vault Enabled

When Oracle Database Vault is enabled, additional privileges are required to install or upgrade Oracle APEX.

1. Log in to the root of the Oracle Database Vault-enabled database as a user with the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Grant the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to SYS in all pluggable databases (PDBs).

```
GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL;
```

3. Complete the installation of Oracle APEX as directed by *Oracle APEX Installation Guide*.  
If this installation includes Oracle Rest Data Services (ORDS), then see [Authorizing Oracle APEX to Proxy Users for Oracle Rest Data Services](#).
4. As a user with the DV\_OWNER role, in the container database revoke the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role from SYS from all PDBs.

```
REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL;
```

## 11.6.3 Authorizing the Oracle APEX Schema for Oracle Database Vault Activities

You must add the Oracle APEX schema (for example, APEX\_SCHEMA) to Oracle Database Vault realms and authorizations that are required by Oracle APEX.

1. Connect to the pluggable database (PDB) of the Oracle Database Vault-enabled database as a user with the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Authorize the Oracle APEX schema for the following realms, policies, and rules.

For example, for an Oracle APEX schema called APEX\_SCHEMA:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    REALM_NAME      => 'Oracle Default Schema Protection Realm',
    GRANTEE         => 'APEX_SCHEMA',
    RULE_SET_NAME   => NULL,
    AUTH_OPTIONS    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    REALM_NAME      => 'Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm',
    GRANTEE         => 'APEX_SCHEMA',
    RULE_SET_NAME   => NULL,
    AUTH_OPTIONS    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    REALM_NAME      => 'Oracle Default Component Protection Realm',
    GRANTEE         => 'APEX_SCHEMA',
    RULE_SET_NAME   => NULL,
    AUTH_OPTIONS    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    REALM_NAME      => 'Database Vault Account Management',
    GRANTEE         => 'APEX_SCHEMA',
    RULE_SET_NAME   => NULL,
    AUTH_OPTIONS    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE('Oracle Account Management
Controls',DBMS_MACADM.G_PARTIAL);
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE('Is User Manager'
, 'DVSYS.DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_ROLE_VARCHAR(''DV_ACCTMGR'',SYS_CONTEXT(''user
env'', ''current_user'')) = ''Y'');
END;
/

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE('Is Alter DVSYS Allowed'
, 'DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.IS_ALTER_USER_ALLOW_VARCHAR(SYS_CONTEXT(''userenv'', ''c
urrent_user'')) = ''Y'');
END;
/

```

## 11.6.4 Authorizing Oracle APEX to Use Oracle Scheduler

Oracle APEX uses Oracle Scheduler and must be authorized to continue to do so.

1. Connect the pluggable database (PDB) of the Oracle Database Vault-enabled database as a user with the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Authorize the `SYS` user to use its scheduler privileges on the Oracle APEX schema.

For example, for an Oracle APEX schema named `APEX_SCHEMA`:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('SYS','APEX_SCHEMA');
```

3. Authorize the Oracle APEX user to use its job scheduler privileges.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('APEX_SCHEMA','%');
```

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who are responsible for scheduling database jobs must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.

## 11.6.5 Authorizing Oracle APEX to Perform DDL Tasks

You must authorize the Oracle APEX schema to use its DDL privileges on objects that it has access to but may be subject to additional Oracle Database Vault controls

1. Connect the pluggable database (PDB) of the Oracle Database Vault-enabled database as a user with the `DV_OWNER` role.

2. Authorize the Oracle APEX schema to use its DDL privileges

For example, for an Oracle APEX schema named APEX\_SCHEMA:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL('APEX_SCHEMA','%');
```

#### Related Topics

- [Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Data Definition Language (DDL) operations in Oracle Database Vault can be affected by situations such as schema ownership and patch upgrades.

## 11.6.6 Authorizing Oracle APEX to Perform Information Lifecycle Maintenance Tasks

You must authorize the Oracle APEX schema to perform maintenance tasks.

1. Connect the pluggable database (PDB) of the Oracle Database Vault-enabled database as a user with the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Authorize the Oracle APEX schema to use its DDL privileges.

For example, for an Oracle APEX schema named APEX\_SCHEMA:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER('APEX_SCHEMA','%');
```

#### Related Topics

- [Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who perform Information Lifecycle Management operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database must be granted authorization to perform these operations.

## 11.6.7 Authorizing Oracle APEX to Proxy Users for Oracle Rest Data Services

If you use Oracle Rest Data Services (ORDS), then you must authorize proxy users.

1. Connect the pluggable database (PDB) of the Oracle Database Vault-enabled database as a user with the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Find the existing proxy users and database users that they can proxy as.

```
SELECT PROXY, CLIENT FROM PROXY_USERS;
```

3. Authorize the proxying of users.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER('proxy','client');
```

4. Repeat this step for each of the combinations listed in the PROXY\_USERS query that you performed.

#### Related Topics

- [Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who perform Information Lifecycle Management operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database must be granted authorization to perform these operations.

## 11.6.8 Oracle APEX and Application Objects Protected by Oracle Database Vault

Objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules are still protected after you have integrated Oracle APEX.

The same privileges and authorizations must be met before Oracle Database Vault will grant access to these objects. For example, if you create an Oracle APEX workspace that requires access to the HR schema objects, and there is an Oracle Database Vault realm protected the HR schema objects, then the workspace will be required to have authorization to access the realm.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring Realms](#)  
You can create a realm around database objects to protect them, and then set authorizations to control user access to this data.
- [Configuring Command Rules](#)  
You can create command rules or use the default command rules to protect DDL and DML statements.

## 11.6.9 Troubleshooting the Oracle APEX and Database Vault Integration

If you have problems with the integration of Oracle APEX and Database Vault, then you can diagnose these problems using tracing and Oracle Database Vault simulation mode.

- **Tracing:** Trace files enable you to track the Oracle Database Vault database instance for server and background process events. Use trace file to find out if the Oracle Database Vault policy authorization succeeded or failed. They are also useful for resolving issues such as bugs and other unexpected behavior.
- **Simulation mode:** You can use simulation mode to capture violations in a simulation log instead of blocking SQL execution by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules. Oracle Database Vault stores these errors in a central location so that you can easily analyze them.

### Related Topics

- [Using Trace Files to Diagnose Oracle Database Vault Events](#)  
Trace files, which the database generates, capture important information to help you debug errors.
- [Using Simulation Mode for Logging Realm and Command Rule Activities](#)  
Simulation mode writes violations to the simulation log instead of preventing SQL execution to quickly test new and modified Oracle Database Vault controls.

# Database Vault Operations Control

Oracle Database Vault operations control prevents common users from accessing application data in a pluggable database.

Oracle Database Vault operations control, abbreviated to ops control, was introduced in Oracle Database 19c. Ops control allows you to separate your container users (e.g., SYS, SYSTEM, and C## users) from the customer or application data stored in Oracle Multitenant pluggable databases (PDBs).

Ops control is configured from the container database (CDB\$ROOT) and, when enabled, is enforced on all PDBs associated with the CDB. Ops control can be selectively disabled by exempting specific container-users or exempting specific PDBs. However, when a user is exempt from ops control, it can use its privileges to access data in the PDB. When a PDB has been exempted, any common user with the appropriate privileges can use those privileges to access data in the PDB.

- [Configuring and Enabling Operations Control](#)  
Oracle Database Vault must be configured and enabled on the container database or application container root to enable operations control.
- [Exempt a Container User from Oracle Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
Container users can be exempt from operations control and use their privileges to access data in pluggable databases.
- [Disable Exempt Access for a Container User](#)  
To disable a common user from being exempt from operations control, run the `DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION` procedure.
- [Disable Operations Control for a Specific Pluggable Database](#)  
Operations control can be disabled for a specific PDB.
- [Disable Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
To disable operations control for all pluggable databases run the `DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION` procedure.
- [DBA Operations in an Operations Control Environment](#)  
Database administrator operations in an operations control environment are minimally affected.

## 12.1 Configuring and Enabling Operations Control

Oracle Database Vault must be configured and enabled on the container database or application container root to enable operations control.

### Prerequisites

- Configure and enable Oracle Database Vault on the container root database. Follow the steps from [Configuring and Enabling Database Vault in the CDB Root](#), to configure and enable Database Vault.
- Ensure you have a PDB database user who can perform administrative actions in your pluggable database. Administrative actions include, but are not limited to, the following:



- GRANT, REVOKE CREATE SESSION, or CONNECT role
- GRANT or REVOKE the DBA role
- CREATE, ALTER USER, or DROP USER system privileges
- CREATE, ALTER, or DROP TABLESPACE system privileges
- Using the DATAPUMP\_EXP\_FULL\_DATABASE or DATAPUMP\_IMP\_FULL\_DATABASE roles
- Using the GATHER\_SYSTEM\_STATISTICS role
- Using the SELECT\_CATALOG\_ROLE role

### Note

Once you enable operations control, SYS and SYSTEM are considered common database users and cannot perform CREATE, ALTER USER, or DROP USER operations in a PDB. It is important to have your database users, and their privileges, configured prior to enabling operations control.

## Enable Operations Control

From the container root, you run the following procedure as a user with the DV\_OWNER role:

```
exec dbms_macadm.enable_app_protection;
```

Once the command has been successfully completed, operations control is configured and enabled in the container and pluggable databases.

Alternatively, to enable ops control in an individual pluggable database, run the following procedure as a user with DV\_OWNER role:

```
exec dbms_macadm.enable_app_protection(<pdb_name>);
```

There is no database restart required to enable operations control.

## 12.2 Exempt a Container User from Oracle Database Vault Operations Control

Container users can be exempt from operations control and use their privileges to access data in pluggable databases.

To exempt a specific container user from operations control, run the following command as a user with the DV\_OWNER, or DV\_ADMIN role in the CDB root:

```
exec DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION ('C##COMMON_USER', '%');
```

The above command will allow the common user to use its privileges in all pluggable databases associated with the container database.

**Note**

Actions taken by exempt users automatically generate audit records for every action that would have been prevented by operations control. This is a mandatory audit and cannot be disabled.

To identify users who have been exempted from operations control, run the following command as a user with the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role:

```
select * from DBA_DV_APP_EXCEPTION;
```

## 12.3 Disable Exempt Access for a Container User

To disable a common user from being exempt from operations control, run the DELETE\_APP\_EXCEPTION procedure.

As a user with the DV\_OWNER, or DV\_ADMIN role, run the following command in the CDB root to remove a common user from the exempt list:

```
exec DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION ('C##COMMON_USER','%');
```

To identify users who are still exempt from operations control, run the following command as a user with the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role:

```
select * from DBA_DV_APP_EXCEPTION;
```

## 12.4 Disable Operations Control for a Specific Pluggable Database

Operations control can be disabled for a specific PDB.

Disabling operations control for a specific PDB requires you to run the following command as a user with the DV\_OWNER role from the container database:

```
exec dbms_macadm.disable_app_protection('<pdb_name>');
```

To check the status of operations control, run the following command as SYSDBA from the container database:

```
select * from cdb_dv_status order by con_id;
```

## 12.5 Disable Database Vault Operations Control

To disable operations control for all pluggable databases run the DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure.

As a user with the DV\_OWNER role, run the following command from the container:

```
exec dbms_macadm.disable_app_protection;
```

As the SYSDBA user, run the following command from the container.

```
select * from cdb_dv_status order by con_id;
```

To verify ops control is disabled, the column DV\_APP\_PROTECTION should show FALSE.

## 12.6 DBA Operations in an Operations Control Environment

Database administrator operations in an operations control environment are minimally affected.

- [Operations on a Pluggable Database](#)
- [Using Database Vault Roles and Database Accounts in Pluggable Databases](#)  
Common Database Vault roles and database accounts cannot be used to manage Database Vault in pluggable databases.
- [Performing DDL Operations](#)  
Data Definition Language (DDL) operations by common users in Oracle Database Vault operations control are limited to schemas owned and maintained by Oracle.
- [Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager](#)
- [RMAN Operations with Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
Oracle Database Vault operations control supports RMAN full restore or duplicate. However, it does not support RMAN operations involving the recovery of individual objects. Oracle Database Vault cannot determine who or why changes to an object are occurring and protects it with operations control.
- [Data Pump Operations on a Pluggable Database Protected by Operations Control](#)  
Common users can only perform Oracle Data Pump metadata exports of PDB-specific data.
- [Database Scheduler Jobs on a PDB Protected by Operations Control](#)  
Oracle AI Database scheduler jobs can be managed by common users on common user objects but not by common users on local PDB user objects.
- [Oracle Proxy Authentication on a PDB Protected by Operations Control](#)
- [Oracle GoldenGate on a PDB Protected by Operations Control](#)  
Oracle GoldenGate can be used when a pluggable database is protected by operations control.

### 12.6.1 Operations on a Pluggable Database

Actions that affect the pluggable database but not the application data, are generally acceptable in an operations control environment.

For example, you can perform the following on a database that has operations control enabled:

- Open or close a PDB
- Clone an existing PDB to the same container database
- Unplug a PDB
- Plug-in an unplugged PDB

- Gather optimizer statistics on application objects
- Perform a Data Pump export of metadata associated with application objects

**Note**

If you attempt to plug in a PDB protected by operations control into a CDB without Database Vault enabled, you will receive plug-in violations. You must configure and enable Database Vault, and operations control, on the receiving CDB before plugging in a PDB protected by operations control.

## 12.6.2 Using Database Vault Roles and Database Accounts in Pluggable Databases

Common Database Vault roles and database accounts cannot be used to manage Database Vault in pluggable databases.

You must create local accounts and grant them the appropriate roles and privileges.

For example, you cannot use C##DVACCTMGR to create users in a PDB:

```
connect c##dvacctmgr@pdb1
create user testuser identified by Oracle123;
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges
```

If Database Vault is not enabled in the PDB, there is no reason to use DV-related roles or users in the PDB. Instead, you will use your PDB database user who have been granted the appropriate system or object privileges. For example:

```
connect dba_debra@pdb1
create user testuser identified by Oracle123;
```

User created.

## 12.6.3 Performing DDL Operations

Data Definition Language (DDL) operations by common users in Oracle Database Vault operations control are limited to schemas owned and maintained by Oracle.

DDL on PDB-specific objects (such as HR tables) is limited to PDB database users with the appropriate privileges. For example, performing the below command as a C##, SYS, or SYSTEM user will cause an ORA-01031 insufficient privileges error message:

```
ALTER TABLE HR.EMPLOYEES ADD NEW_COLUMN VARCHAR2(20);
```

Instead, perform the action as a PDB database user having the appropriate privilege.

```
connect dba_debra@pdb1
ALTER TABLE HR.EMPLOYEES ADD NEW_COLUMN VARCHAR2(20);
```

## 12.6.4 Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager

Oracle Database Vault operations control allows Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control tasks to be performed as expected. Actions against pluggable databases should be performed using PDB database accounts. Do not use SYS, SYSTEM, or other common (C##) accounts when operations control is enabled on the PDB.

## 12.6.5 RMAN Operations with Database Vault Operations Control

Oracle Database Vault operations control supports RMAN full restore or duplicate. However, it does not support RMAN operations involving the recovery of individual objects. Oracle Database Vault cannot determine who or why changes to an object are occurring and protects it with operations control.

To restore or recover an individual object (e.g., a table in the HR schema), you must perform a manual recovery of this object. You will instantiate a clone of the database to the point in time you wish to recover the object, perform a Data Pump export of the object, using the schema account or a user local to the PDB, and perform a Data Pump import of the object, again using the schema account or a user local to the PDB.

## 12.6.6 Data Pump Operations on a Pluggable Database Protected by Operations Control

Common users can only perform Oracle Data Pump metadata exports of PDB-specific data.

Oracle recommends using a PDB database user to perform Oracle Data Pump export or import operations of PDB-specific objects.

For example, this command will be successful because it uses a common user (SYSTEM) to export only the metadata from the HR schema:

```
expdp system@pdb1 content=metadata_only directory=DATA_PUMP_DIR schemas=HR
dumpfile=hr_metadata.dmp logfile=hr_metadata.log
```

However, the following command will not be successful because it uses a common user (SYSTEM) to export both metadata and actual data from the HR schema:

```
expdp system@pdb1 content=all directory=DATA_PUMP_DIR schemas=HR
dumpfile=hr_all.dmp logfile=hr_all.log
```

## 12.6.7 Database Scheduler Jobs on a PDB Protected by Operations Control

Oracle AI Database scheduler jobs can be managed by common users on common user objects but not by common users on local PDB user objects.

You must use a local PDB user with the appropriate privileges to manage Oracle AI Database scheduler jobs on PDB-specific objects.

## 12.6.8 Oracle Proxy Authentication on a PDB Protected by Operations Control

Within a PDB, Oracle AI Database proxy user is not affected by operations control. As a common user, you cannot proxy to a local account. For example, this is allowed by operations control:

```
connect dba_debra[hr]@pdb1
```

However, this is not allowed by operations control:

```
connect c##common_user[hr]@pdb1
```

## 12.6.9 Oracle GoldenGate on a PDB Protected by Operations Control

Oracle GoldenGate can be used when a pluggable database is protected by operations control.

Oracle Database Vault operations control can be used together with Oracle GoldenGate.

From the container database, run the following role grants and authorizations as a user with the DV\_OWNER role:

```
GRANT DV_STREAMS_ADMIN to c##ggadmin container=all;  
GRANT DV_XSTREAM_ADMIN to c##ggadmin container=all;  
GRANT DV_GOLDENGATE_ADMIN TO c##ggadmin container=all;  
GRANT DV_GOLDENGATE_REDO_ACCESS TO c##ggadmin container=all;  
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL('SYS', 'SYSTEM');  
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL('SYS', '%');
```

Oracle GoldenGate administrators in a PDB should be a local database user because operations control does not affect local users within the pluggable database.

# DBA Operations in an Oracle Database Vault Environment

Database administrators can perform operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment, such as using Database Vault with products such as Oracle Data Pump.

- [Handling Role Grants in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Database Vault protects default roles such as `RESOURCE`, `DBA`, `AUDIT_ADMIN`, and `PDB_DBA`, which are created when you install Oracle AI Database. This feature protects the system and object privileges that are granted to these roles
- [Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Data Definition Language (DDL) operations in Oracle Database Vault can be affected by situations such as schema ownership and patch upgrades.
- [Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize Oracle SQL Firewall users to work in a Database Vault environment.
- [Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager](#)  
Oracle Database Vault administrators can perform tasks in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control such as propagating policies to other databases.
- [Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Data Pump users to work in a Database Vault environment.
- [Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who are responsible for scheduling database jobs must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.
- [Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who perform Information Lifecycle Management operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database must be granted authorization to perform these operations.
- [Using Oracle Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Database Replay users to work in a Database Vault environment.
- [Running Preprocessor Programs with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who run preprocessor programs through external tables must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.
- [Using Database Vault Operations Control to Restrict Multitenant Common User Access to Local PDB Data](#)  
You can control PDB access by CDB root common users, such as infrastructure database administrators.
- [Preventing Multitenant Local Users from Blocking Common Operations](#)  
You can prevent multitenant local users from blocking common operations when they attempt to create Oracle Database Vault protections on common user objects.
- [Oracle Recovery Manager and Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can use Recovery Manager (RMAN) in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

- [Privileges for Using XStream with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
If you want to use XStream in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.
- [Privileges for Using Oracle GoldenGate with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
If you want to use Oracle GoldenGate in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.
- [Using Data Masking in an Oracle Database Vault Environment](#)  
You must have the correct authorization to perform data masking in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Converting a Standalone Oracle AI Database to a PDB and Plugging It into a CDB](#)  
You can convert a standalone Oracle database from Oracle Database release 12c through 19c to a PDB, and then plug this PDB into a CDB.
- [Using the ORADEBUG Utility with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
The ORADEBUG utility is used primarily by Oracle Support to diagnose problems that may arise with an Oracle database.
- [Performing Patch Operations in an Oracle Database Vault Environment](#)  
User SYS must have the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to perform a patch operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database.

## 13.1 Handling Role Grants in Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Database Vault protects default roles such as RESOURCE, DBA, AUDIT\_ADMIN, and PDB\_DBA, which are created when you install Oracle AI Database. This feature protects the system and object privileges that are granted to these roles

- [Identifying Roles That Are Protected by a Realm](#)  
As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role, you can identify which roles are protected by which realm.
- [Identifying Roles That Are Not Protected by a Realm](#)  
As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role, you can identify which roles are *not* protected by realms.
- [Handling Protected Role Grants for Named Users](#)  
If you are using named accounts, which Oracle recommends, and you must grant a protected role to another user, then you must authorize each named account by adding it to the appropriate realm as a realm owner.
- [Identifying Realms and Roles Protected by a Realm to Which SYS Has Authorization](#)  
As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role, you can identify the Oracle Database Vault realms and roles that are protected by a realm to which SYS has authorization.

### 13.1.1 Identifying Roles That Are Protected by a Realm

As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role, you can identify which roles are protected by which realm.



Perform the following query:

```
COLUMN "ROLE PROTECTED BY A DV REALM" FORMAT A35
SELECT REALM_NAME, OBJECT_NAME
AS "ROLE PROTECTED BY A DV REALM"
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE'
ORDER BY 1, 2;
```

## 13.1.2 Identifying Roles That Are Not Protected by a Realm

As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role, you can identify which roles are *not* protected by realms.

Perform the following query:

```
COLUMN "ROLE NOT PROTECTED BY A DV REALM" FORMAT A40
SELECT ROLE AS "ROLE NOT PROTECTED BY A DV REALM"
FROM DBA_ROLES
WHERE ROLE NOT IN (SELECT OBJECT_NAME FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT WHERE
OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE')
ORDER BY 1;
```

## 13.1.3 Handling Protected Role Grants for Named Users

If you are using named accounts, which Oracle recommends, and you must grant a protected role to another user, then you must authorize each named account by adding it to the appropriate realm as a realm owner.

For example, if dba\_debra wants to grant the PDB\_DBA role to dba\_harvey, then the following error will occur if the realm authorizations are not in place for dba\_debra:

```
GRANT PDB_DBA TO DBA_HARVEY;
```

```
ERROR at line 1: ORA-47410: Insufficient realm privileges to GRANT on PDB_DBA.
```

As a user with the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role, identify the Database Vault realm that is protecting the PDB\_DBA role by performing the following query. This example uses the PDB\_DBA role in its query.

```
SELECT REALM_NAME FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE OBJECT_NAME = 'PDB_DBA' AND OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
REALM_NAME
-----
Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm
```

As that same user, add `dba_debra` to the Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm as an owner.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM (
    REALM_NAME    => 'Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm',
    GRANTEE       => 'DBA_DEBRA',
    RULE_SET_NAME => NULL,
    AUTH_OPTIONS  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

Now, when `dba_debra` attempts to grant the `PDB_DBA` role to another user, the role grant will succeed:

```
GRANT PDB_DBA TO DBA_HARVEY;
```

Grant succeeded.

To revoke the authorization from `dba_debra`:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_AUTH_FROM_REALM (
    REALM_NAME    => 'Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm',
    GRANTEE       => 'DBA_DEBRA');
END;
/
```

Note that `SYS` has been granted owner authorization on many of the default Database Vault realms. You can use `SYS` to perform the `GRANT` commands. Oracle recommends that you create named accounts (for example, `pfitch`, `cabramowitz`) for each user instead of relying on shared accounts such as `SYS` or `SYSTEM`. Named users will also make it easier to identify who performed an action in the Oracle database.

## 13.1.4 Identifying Realms and Roles Protected by a Realm to Which SYS Has Authorization

As a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role, you can identify the Oracle Database Vault realms and roles that are protected by a realm to which `SYS` has authorization.

Perform the following query:

```
SELECT REALM_NAME, OBJECT_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE' AND REALM_NAME IN (SELECT REALM_NAME FROM
DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'SYS')
ORDER BY 1,2;
```

To identify only the realms, you can perform a query similar to the following:

```
SELECT DISTINCT REALM_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
```

```
WHERE OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE' AND REALM_NAME IN (SELECT REALM_NAME FROM
DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'SYS')
ORDER BY 1;
```

To identify the realms in that SYS does *not* have authorization for, you can perform a query similar to the following:

```
SELECT DISTINCT REALM_NAME
FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT
WHERE OBJECT_TYPE = 'ROLE' AND REALM_NAME NOT IN (SELECT REALM_NAME FROM
DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'SYS')
ORDER BY 1;
```

## 13.2 Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault

Data Definition Language (DDL) operations in Oracle Database Vault can be affected by situations such as schema ownership and patch upgrades.

- [Restrictions on Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Depending on the Oracle Database Vault configuration, DDL operations may be restricted and require DDL authorizations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Impact of the DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN Role on DDL Operations](#)  
Object owners and users who have been granted the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role are exempt from the DDL authorization requirement.
- [Impact of Upgrades from Releases 21c and Earlier on DDL Operations](#)  
If you upgrade Oracle Database Vault from release 21c or earlier, you may need to change the DDL authorizations.
- [Impact of the Removal of the DDL Default Authorization of \('%', '%'\)](#)  
The DDL default authorization of ('%', '%') enables a user to perform DDL operations on any schema without explicit DDL authorizations.

### 13.2.1 Restrictions on Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault

Depending on the Oracle Database Vault configuration, DDL operations may be restricted and require DDL authorizations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

Specifically, a user is required to have DDL authorization to perform DDL operations on a schema that has any of the following characteristics:

- The schema is an owner of objects that are protected by enabled realms.
- The schema is authorized to any enabled realm directly or through roles.
- The schema is granted object privileges directly or through roles on objects that are protected by enabled realms.
- The schema is granted any Oracle Database Vault roles directly or through roles.

Object owners and users who have granted the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role are exempt from the DDL authorization requirement. You can authorize a user to perform DDL operations on a specific schema by using the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_DDL procedure. Note, however, that DDL authorization does not enable the grantee to perform DDL operations on a realm protected object or schema. To enable such operations, you must authorize the user to the realm. To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_DDL\_AUTH data dictionary view.

If Oracle Database Vault is upgraded from a previous release older than Oracle Database 21c, then the default DDL authorization of ('%', '%') may exist, and it would enable users to perform DDL operations on any schema without explicit DDL authorizations. For better security, Oracle recommends that you remove the default DDL authorization by running `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DDL('%', '%')` and grant required DDL authorizations only to users who need to perform DDL operations.

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.

## 13.2.2 Impact of the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN Role on DDL Operations

Object owners and users who have been granted the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role are exempt from the DDL authorization requirement.

You can authorize a user to perform DDL operations on a specific schema by using the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure. Note, however, that DDL authorization does not allow the grantee to perform DDL operations on a realm-protected object or schema. To allow such operations, you must authorize the user for the realm. To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the `DBA_DV_DDL_AUTH` data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.

## 13.2.3 Impact of Upgrades from Releases 21c and Earlier on DDL Operations

If you upgrade Oracle Database Vault from release 21c or earlier, you may need to change the DDL authorizations.

The default DDL authorization of ('%', '%') may exist, which enables users to perform DDL operations on any schema without explicit DDL authorizations. For better security, Oracle recommends that you remove the default DDL authorization by running `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DDL('%', '%')` and then grant required DDL authorizations only to users who need to perform DDL operations.

#### Related Topics

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted authorization to run DDL statements through the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.

## 13.2.4 Impact of the Removal of the DDL Default Authorization of ('%', '%')

The DDL default authorization of ('%', '%') enables a user to perform DDL operations on any schema without explicit DDL authorizations.

This default DDL authorization, which has been in place since DDL authorization was introduced in Oracle Database release 12.1, was to prevent any undesirable disruption due to unexpected DDL failures in the Oracle Database Vault environment. From Database Vault release 21c, however, there is no default DDL authorization, and the existing default DDL authorization of ('%', '%') is removed when Database Vault is upgraded to 21c or later. To prevent any problems, you need to identify and authorize trusted database users for DDL operations or optionally re-authorize ('%', '%') so that every user is allowed to perform DDL operations without explicit authorization. For better security, Oracle recommends that only trusted users are authorized for DDL operations.

#### Related Topics

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted authorization to run DDL statements through the `DBMS_MACDM.AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.

## 13.3 Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault

You can authorize Oracle SQL Firewall users to work in a Database Vault environment.

- [About Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators who use Oracle SQL Firewall in an Oracle Database Vault environment must have Database Vault-specific authorization.
- [Authorizing Users for Oracle SQL Firewall in Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize a database administrator to use Oracle SQL Firewall in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Revoking Oracle SQL Firewall Authorization from Users](#)  
You can revoke Oracle SQL Firewall authorization from a database administrator in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### 13.3.1 About Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault

Database administrators who use Oracle SQL Firewall in an Oracle Database Vault environment must have Database Vault-specific authorization.

In addition to the Database Vault-specific authorization, these users must have the standard SQL Firewall privileges (the `ADMINISTER SQL FIREWALL` system privilege or the `SQL_FIREWALL_ADMIN` role). You can configure the authorization to prevent SQL Firewall from blocking users with `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR`. These users must be database users only. When Database Vault operations control is enabled, common users will be blocked from using SQL Firewall (that is, the `DBMS_SQL_FIREWALL` procedures for managing captures and allow-lists) on local users unless the common users are included in the exception list.

You can check a user's authorizations for using SQL Firewall in an Oracle Database Vault environment by querying the `DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH` data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [Using Database Vault Operations Control to Restrict Multitenant Common User Access to Local PDB Data](#)  
You can control PDB access by CDB root common users, such as infrastructure database administrators.

## 13.3.2 Authorizing Users for Oracle SQL Firewall in Database Vault

You can authorize a database administrator to use Oracle SQL Firewall in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Ensure that the database user to whom you want to grant authorization has been granted the `ADMINISTER SQL FIREWALL` system privilege or the `SQL_FIREWALL_ADMIN` role.

You can query the `DBA_SYS_PRIVS` data dictionary view to find the privileges that the user has been granted, and the `DBA_ROLES` view for the user's roles.

3. Grant this user Oracle Database Vault authorization to use SQL Firewall.

For example, to authorize the user `PFITCH`:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL (
    uname           => 'PFITCH',
    manage_dv_admins => 'Y');
END;
/
```

In this specification, `manage_dv_admins` controls whether the authorized user is allowed to use SQL Firewall on user accounts that have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ACCTMGR` role. A setting of `Y` enables the user to use SQL Firewall for users who have been granted either of these roles. A setting of `N` (the default) prevents the user from using SQL Firewall for these users. The SQL Firewall procedures (that is, the `DBMS_SQL_FIREWALL` package procedures for managing captures and allow-lists) will raise an error if the target user is granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ACCTMGR` role and the current user does not have SQL Firewall authorization with `manage_dv_admins` set to `Y`.

4. To check the authorization of the user, query the `DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH` data dictionary view.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH WHERE UNAME = 'PFITCH';
```

### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_SQL\\_FIREWALL Procedure](#)

The `AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL` procedure grants a user authorization to use Oracle SQL Firewall.

## 13.3.3 Revoking Oracle SQL Firewall Authorization from Users

You can revoke Oracle SQL Firewall authorization from a database administrator in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Check the current SQL Firewall authorization for the user from whom you want to revoke authorization.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH
WHERE UNAME = 'PFITCH';
```

Make a note of the output. For example:

```
GRANTEE  CAN_MANAGE_DV_ADMINS
-----  -
PFITCH   Y
```

3. Revoke the Database Vault authorization to use SQL Firewall from the user. Ensure that the settings that you use match the settings that were previously used to authorize the user. Otherwise, the revocation will fail with an `ORA-47896: SQL Firewall authorization for Oracle Database Vault to PFITCH is not found` error.

For example, if the user's `manage_dv_admins` setting was `Y`, then you must use that setting when you revoke the SQL Firewall authorization from the user.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL (
    uname           => 'PFITCH',
    manage_dv_admins => 'Y');
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_SQL\\_FIREWALL Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL` procedure revokes a user's authorization to use Oracle SQL Firewall.

## 13.4 Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager

Oracle Database Vault administrators can perform tasks in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control such as propagating policies to other databases.

Using Oracle Database Vault with Oracle Enterprise Manager Express is not supported. Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control provides the pages for Oracle Database Vault.

- [Propagating Oracle Database Vault Configurations to Other Databases](#)  
You can propagate Database Vault configurations (such as a realm configuration) to other Database Vault-protected databases.
- [Enterprise Manager Cloud Control Alerts for Oracle Database Vault Policies](#)  
To view Oracle Database Vault alerts, you must be granted the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role.
- [Oracle Database Vault-Specific Reports in Enterprise Manager Cloud Control](#)  
From the Database Vault home page, you can find information about violations.

## 13.4.1 Propagating Oracle Database Vault Configurations to Other Databases

You can propagate Database Vault configurations (such as a realm configuration) to other Database Vault-protected databases.

1. Log in to Oracle Database Vault Administrator from Cloud Control as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role and the SELECT ANY DICTIONARY privilege. [Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#) explains how to log in.
2. In the Database Vault home page, under Database Vault Policy Propagation, select **Database Vault Policy Propagation**.

The Available Policies area in the Policy Propagation subpage lists a summary of the Oracle Database Vault configurations that were created for the current database: that is, configurations that were created for realms, command rules, rule sets, and secure application roles. It does not list the Oracle Database Vault policies that were introduced in Oracle Database release 12c (12.2). From here, you can propagate these configurations to another database.

3. Under Available Policies, select each configuration that you want to propagate to another database.

**Database Vault Policy Propagation**  
This page enables the propagation of Database Vault policies like realms, command rules, secure application roles, factors and rule sets from a source database to multiple destination databases. You can also backup your Database Vault policies to a file by clicking on Show SQL then on Save SQL. Cancel Show SQL OK

**Available Policies**  
The following is the list of all the available Database Vault policies. Select the policies that need to be propagated to the destination databases.  
Select All | Select None | Expand All | Collapse All

Select	Name	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	▼ Policies	
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Realms	
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Command Rules	
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Secure Application Roles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Rule Sets	

**Destination Databases**  
Select the databases to which these policies need to be applied. Database vault administrator credentials are required for each of the destination databases to successfully propagate the policies.  
The table below shows the list of database targets to which these database policies will be applied.

Add Remove

Select	Database Name	Database Type	Database Vault Administrator User Name	Database Vault Administrator Password
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add destination databases.			

**Propagate Options**

☒ **Restore on failure.**  
If policy propagation encounters errors, the original Database Vault policies on the destination are restored.

☒ **Skip propagation if user defined policies exist.**  
If there are already existing user defined policies, policy propagation would not be attempted.

☒ **Propagate Enterprise Manager metric thresholds for Database Vault metrics.**  
Database vault related metric thresholds, configured on this database will be propagated to destination databases.

Cancel Show SQL OK

4. Under Destination Databases, click the **Add** button.
5. Under Search and Select: Database Vault Enabled Destination Databases, search for the destination databases, and then select each database to which you want to propagate the configurations. Then click the **Select** button.
6. Under Destination Databases, do the following:



- a. Under Apply credentials across destination database(s), enter the user name and password of the administrator of the Database Vault database that contains the configurations you want to propagate.  
  
This feature applies the Database Vault administrator's user name and password to all of the selected destination databases.
  - b. Select each database to which you want to propagate the configurations.
  - c. Enter the Database Vault administrator user name and password for each database.
  - d. Click the **Apply** button.
7. In the Propagate Options page, select from the following options.
- Any changes made to the seeded realms, command rules, rule sets, and so on will not be propagated to the destination databases. Only custom-created data are propagated.
- **Restore on failure:** If the propagation operations encounters errors, then the propagation is rolled back. That is, the original policies on the destination database are restored. If you do not select this option, then the policy propagation on the destination database continues and ignores any errors.
  - **Skip propagation if user defined policies exist:** If the destination databases already have the user-defined configurations, then the propagation operation is not attempted. If you do not select this option, then regardless of whether user-defined policies exist on the destination database, all the existing configurations are cleared, and the configurations from the source database are applied to the destination database.
  - **Propagate Enterprise Manager metric thresholds for database vault metrics:** If the source database has Oracle Database Vault metric thresholds set, then these thresholds are also propagated to the destination databases. If you do not select this option, then only configurations are propagated and not the Oracle Database Vault thresholds.
8. Click the **OK** button.
9. In the Confirmation window, click **OK**.

A message indicating success or failure appears. If the propagation succeeds, then the configurations are active right away in their destination databases.

## 13.4.2 Enterprise Manager Cloud Control Alerts for Oracle Database Vault Policies

To view Oracle Database Vault alerts, you must be granted the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role.

The alerts are as follows:

- **Database Vault Attempted Realm Violations.** This alert helps the Oracle Database Vault security analyst (`DV_SECANALYST` role) to monitor violation attempts on the Database Vault database. This user can select the realms to be affected by the alert and filter these realms based on the different types of attempts by using error codes. You can enable this metric from the Metrics and Policy Settings page. By default, the attempted realm violations are collected every 24 hours.
- **Database Vault Attempted Command Rule Violations.** The functionality for this alert is the same as for Database Vault Attempted Realm Violations, except that it focuses on violations on command rules.

- **Database Vault Realm Configuration Issues.** This metric tracks and raises an alert if users misconfigure realms. This metric is enabled when you install Oracle Database vault, and by default it collects data every one hour.
- **Database Vault Command Rule Configuration Issues.** This functionality for this alert is that same as Database Vault Realm Configuration Issues, except that it focuses on configuration changes to command rules.
- **Database Vault Policy Changes.** This metric raises an alert on any change to any Database Vault policy, such as policies for realms and command rules. It provides a detailed policy changes report.

### 13.4.3 Oracle Database Vault-Specific Reports in Enterprise Manager Cloud Control

From the Database Vault home page, you can find information about violations.

These violations are as follows:

- Top five attempted violations on realm and command rule
- Top five attempted violations by database users and client host
- Time series-based graphical reports on attempted violations for more detailed analysis

To have full access to the Database Vault reports, you must log into Database Vault Administrator as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role.

#### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

## 13.5 Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault

Database administrators can authorize Oracle Data Pump users to work in a Database Vault environment.

- [About Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Data Pump is used to unload data and metadata into a set of operating system files and dump files. Oracle Database Vault enables you to control which privileged users are authorized to perform Data Pump imports or exports.
- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.
- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Transportable Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can grant authorization levels for users who must perform Oracle Data Pump transportable operations, either directly or through a role.
- [Guidelines for Exporting or Importing Data in a Database Vault Environment](#)  
After you grant the Oracle Data Pump database administrator the proper authorization, this user can perform any export or import operations that are necessary.

## 13.5.1 About Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Data Pump is used to unload data and metadata into a set of operating system files and dump files. Oracle Database Vault enables you to control which privileged users are authorized to perform Data Pump imports or exports.

This type of user must have Database Vault privileges in addition to the standard Oracle Data Pump privileges. If these users want to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations, then they must have special authorization. You can check a user's authorizations for using Data Pump in an Oracle Database Vault environment by querying the `DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH` data dictionary view. You can grant this authorization to either individual users or to database roles.

## 13.5.2 Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations

You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

- [About Authorizing Users or Roles for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations](#)  
Users who have Oracle Data Pump authorization can perform regular Oracle Data Pump operations in a Database Vault environment.
- [Levels of Database Vault Authorization for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides several levels of authorization required for Oracle Data Pump regular operations in a Database Vault environment.
- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations in Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize a database administrator or a role to use Data Pump for regular operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Revoking Oracle Data Pump Authorization from Users or Roles](#)  
You can revoke authorization from the database administrator or role who is using Oracle Data Pump for regular operations.

### 13.5.2.1 About Authorizing Users or Roles for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations

Users who have Oracle Data Pump authorization can perform regular Oracle Data Pump operations in a Database Vault environment.

You can perform the following types of Oracle Data Pump authorizations:

- Authorizing the user or role to be able to import protected schemas and objects
- Authorizing the user or role to be able to perform following activities that can take place during the import operation: the creation of users, the grant of Oracle Database Vault-protected roles and system privileges, the grant of specific Oracle AI Database roles, and the grant of Oracle AI Database system privileges

#### Note

Full level Data Pump authorization enables these users to perform transportable export and import operations as well.

**Related Topics**

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Transportable Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can grant authorization levels for users who must perform Oracle Data Pump transportable operations, either directly or through a role.

## 13.5.2.2 Levels of Database Vault Authorization for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations

Oracle Database Vault provides several levels of authorization required for Oracle Data Pump regular operations in a Database Vault environment.

[Table 13-1](#) describes these levels.

**Table 13-1 Levels of Authorization for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations**

Scenario	Authorization Required
A database administrator wants to import data into another schema.	You must grant this user (or a role) the <code>BECOME USER</code> system privilege and the <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> role. <sup>1</sup> To find the privileges a user has been granted, query the <code>USER_SYS_PRIVS</code> data dictionary view.
A database administrator wants to export or import data in a schema that has no Database Vault protection.	You only need to grant this user (or a role) the standard Oracle Data Pump privileges, which are the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles. If the user wants to import data, grant this user the <code>BECOME USER</code> system privilege.
A database administrator wants to export or import data in a protected schema.	In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles, you must grant this user (or a role) Database Vault-specific authorization by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure. This authorization applies to both the <code>expdp</code> and <code>impdp</code> utilities. Later on, you can revoke this authorization by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure.  If the user wants to import data, also grant this user the <code>BECOME USER</code> system privilege.
A database administrator wants to export or import the contents of an entire database.	In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles and the authorization granted by the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure, you must grant this user (or a role) the <code>DV_OWNER</code> role. If the user wants to import data, grant this user the <code>BECOME USER</code> system privilege.

<sup>1</sup> The `BECOME USER` privilege is part of the `IMP_FULL_DATABASE` role by default, but in an Oracle Database Vault environment, this privilege is revoked.

## 13.5.2.3 Authorizing Users or Roles for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations in Database Vault

You can authorize a database administrator or a role to use Data Pump for regular operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Ensure that the user or role to whom you want to grant authorization has been granted the `EXP_FULL_DATABASE` and `IMP_FULL_DATABASE` roles, which are required for using Oracle Data Pump.

```
SELECT GRANTEE, GRANTED_ROLE FROM DBA_ROLE_PRIVS WHERE GRANTED_ROLE LIKE '%FULL%';
```

3. Grant this user or role Oracle Database Vault authorization to import protected schemas and objects.

For example, to authorize the Data Pump user `DP_MGR` to export and import objects for the database table `EMPLOYEES`:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR', 'EMPLOYEES');
```

To restrict `DP_MGR`'s activities to a specific schema, you would enter the following procedure:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR');
```

To authorize users who have been granted the `DP_MGR_ROLE` role to export and import objects for the entire database, enter the following:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR_ROLE');
```

After you run the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure, you can check the authorization of the user or role by querying the `DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH` data dictionary view.

If you granted the user or role full authorization (using `%` for the schema, object, type, and action parameters), then you can bypass the next step. However, if the authorization is only for a specific schema (for example, `schema` is set to `HR` and the remaining parameters are still set to `%`), then you must perform the next step.

4. If necessary, grant the user or role authorization to perform the following activities during the import operation:

- a. Creating users during the import. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER('DP_MGR');
```

- b. Granting Oracle Database Vault-protected roles and system privileges during the import. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT('DP_MGR');
```

- c. Granting a specific role during the import. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE('DP_MGR', 'DBA');
```

- d. Granting system privileges during the import. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV('DP_MGR');
```

5. If the user or role must export the entire database, then grant them the `DV_OWNER` role.

For example, for a role:

```
GRANT DV_OWNER TO DP_MGR_ROLE;
```

### Related Topics

- [About Authorizing Users or Roles for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations](#)  
Users who have Oracle Data Pump authorization can perform regular Oracle Data Pump operations in a Database Vault environment.

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DATAPUMP\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump operations when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH` data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Data Pump in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### 13.5.2.4 Revoking Oracle Data Pump Authorization from Users or Roles

You can revoke authorization from the database administrator or role who is using Oracle Data Pump for regular operations.

1. If you granted the user or role the `DV_OWNER` role, then optionally revoke the `DV_OWNER` role.

```
REVOKE DV_OWNER FROM DP_MGR_ROLE;
```

2. Query the `DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH` data dictionary view to find the users or roles that have been granted Oracle Data Pump authorizations.

```
SELECT GRANTEE, SCHEMA, OBJECT FROM DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH;
```

3. Use the information you gathered from the preceding step to build the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` command.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR', 'EMPLOYEES');
```

Ensure that this unauthorization complements the original authorization action. In other words, if you originally gave `DP_MGR` authorization over the entire database, then the following commands will not work:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR', 'EMPLOYEES');
```

4. If you authorized the user or role to perform user creation or other activities during the import operation, then revoke these.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER('DP_MGR');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT('DP_MGR');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE('DP_MGR', 'DBA');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV('DP_MGR');
```

You can find the user's authorizations by querying the `DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH` data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DATAPUMP\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH` data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Data Pump in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 13.5.3 Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Transportable Export and Import Operations

You can grant authorization levels for users who must perform Oracle Data Pump transportable operations, either directly or through a role.

- [About Authorizing Users for Oracle Data Pump Transportable Operations](#)  
You can grant users (either directly or through a role) different levels of transportable operation authorization.
- [Levels of Database Vault Authorization for Data Pump Transportable Operations](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides levels of authorization required for users who must perform export and import transportable operations in a Database Vault environment.
- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Transportable Operations in Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize users or roles to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable export or import operations in a Database Vault environment.
- [Revoking Transportable Tablespace Authorization from Users or Roles](#)  
You can revoke authorization from the database administrator who is using Data Pump.

### 13.5.3.1 About Authorizing Users for Oracle Data Pump Transportable Operations

You can grant users (either directly or through a role) different levels of transportable operation authorization.

If you want users to only have the authorization to perform transportable export and import operations, then you must grant users or roles the correct authorization, based on their tasks.

#### Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

### 13.5.3.2 Levels of Database Vault Authorization for Data Pump Transportable Operations

Oracle Database Vault provides levels of authorization required for users who must perform export and import transportable operations in a Database Vault environment.

[Table 13-2](#) describes these levels.

**Table 13-2 Levels of Authorization for Oracle Data Pump Transportable Operations**

Scenario	Authorization Required
A database administrator wants to transportable export a tablespace or table that has no Database Vault protection.	You only need to grant this user (or a role) the standard Oracle Data Pump privileges, which are the EXP_FULL_DATABASE and IMP_FULL_DATABASE roles.



**Table 13-2 (Cont.) Levels of Authorization for Oracle Data Pump Transportable Operations**

Scenario	Authorization Required
A database administrator wants to transportable export a tablespace where there is Database Vault protection (for example, realm or command rule for a table object residing on that tablespace).	<p>In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles, you must grant this user (or a role) Database Vault-specific transportable tablespace authorization by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER</code> procedure. Later on, you can revoke this authorization by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER</code> procedure.</p> <p>Remember that users who have been granted full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization (through the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure) can perform these operations as well.</p>
A database administrator wants to transportable export a table within a tablespace where there is Database Vault protection (for example, a realm or command rule for a table object residing on the tablespace that contains the table to be exported).	<p>In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles, you must grant this user (or a role) Database Vault-specific transportable tablespace authorization for the tablespace that contains the table to be exported by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER</code> procedure.</p> <p>Remember that users who have been granted full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization (from the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure) can perform these operations as well.</p>
A database administrator wants to transportable export the contents of an entire database.	<p>In addition to the <code>DV_OWNER</code>, <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code>, and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles, you must grant this user (or a role) Database Vault-specific full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure. You do not need to run the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER</code> procedure for this user.</p>
A database administrator wants to use a network link to transportable import a tablespace or a table that has no Database Vault protection.	<p>In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles for both the database administrator and the connecting user, you must grant the connecting user (or a role) specified in the network link the <code>DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK</code> role.</p>
A database administrator wants to use a network link to transportable import a tablespace where there is Database Vault protection (for example, realm or command rule for a table object residing on that tablespace)	<p>In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles, you must grant the connecting user (or a role) specified in the network link the Database Vault-specific transportable tablespace authorization for that tablespace by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER</code> procedure. You must also grant the connecting user the <code>DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK</code> role.</p> <p>Remember that users that have been granted Database Vault-specific full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization (through the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure) can perform these operations.</p>
A database administrator wants to use a network link to import a table within a transportable tablespace where there is Database Vault protection (for example, realm or command rule for a table object residing on the tablespace that contains the table to be exported)	<p>In addition to the <code>EXP_FULL_DATABASE</code> and <code>IMP_FULL_DATABASE</code> roles, you must grant the connecting user (or a role) the Database Vault-specific transportable tablespace authorization for the tablespace that contains the table to be exported by using the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER</code> procedure. You also must grant the connecting user (or a role) specified in the network link the <code>DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK</code> role.</p> <p>Remember that users who have been granted Database Vault-specific full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization (through the <code>DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER</code> procedure) can perform the operations.</p>



**Table 13-2 (Cont.) Levels of Authorization for Oracle Data Pump Transportable Operations**

Scenario	Authorization Required
A database administrator wants to use a network link to transportable import the contents of an entire database.	In addition to the DV_OWNER role, you must grant the connecting user (or a role) Database Vault-specific full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization by using the DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER procedure. You do not need to run the DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER procedure for this user. You must also grant the connecting user (or a role) who is specified in the network link the DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK role.

### 13.5.3.3 Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Transportable Operations in Database Vault

You can authorize users or roles to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable export or import operations in a Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Ensure that the user or role to whom you want to grant authorization has been granted the EXP\_FULL\_DATABASE and IMP\_FULL\_DATABASE roles, which are required for using Oracle Data Pump.

```
SELECT GRANTEE, GRANTED_ROLE FROM DBA_ROLE_PRIVS
WHERE GRANTED_ROLE LIKE '%FULL%';
```

3. If the user wants to transportable export or use a network link to transportable import the contents of an entire database, then grant the full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization to the user or role by using the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER procedure. Otherwise, bypass this step.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR');
```

4. If the user must have Database Vault-specific transportable tablespace authorization only, then grant this user or role this authorization.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR_TS');
```

5. If the user who wants to perform a transportable import operation wants to use a network link to perform the operation, then grant this user or role the DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK role.

For example:

```
GRANT DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK TO DP_MGR;
```

6. If the user wants to perform a transportable export or use a network link to transportable import the entire database, then grant this user or role the DV\_OWNER role.

```
GRANT DV_OWNER TO DP_MGR;
```

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_TTS\\_USER Procedure](#)

The AUTHORIZE\_TTS\_USER procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations for a tablespace when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DATAPUMP\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump operations when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- [DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_NETWORK\\_LINK Data Pump Network Link Role](#)  
The `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role is used for Data Pump import operations.

### 13.5.3.4 Revoking Transportable Tablespace Authorization from Users or Roles

You can revoke authorization from the database administrator who is using Data Pump.

1. If you granted the user or role the `DV_OWNER` role, then optionally revoke this role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_TTS_AUTH` data dictionary view to find the users and roles that have been granted Oracle Data Pump authorizations.

```
REVOKE DV_OWNER FROM DP_MGR;
```

```
SELECT GRANTEE, TSNAME FROM DBA_DV_TTS_AUTH;
```

3. Use the information you gathered from the preceding step to build the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` statement.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR_TS');
```

4. If the user had transportable exported or used a network link to transportable import the contents of an entire database, then revoke the full database level Oracle Data Pump authorization from the user or role.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR');
```

5. If the user who had performed a transportable import operation used a network link to perform the operation, then revoke the `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role from the user or role.

For example:

```
REVOKE DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK FROM DP_MGR;
```

#### Related Topics

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_TTS\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` procedure removes from authorization users who had previously been granted the authorization to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DATAPUMP\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure.
- [DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_NETWORK\\_LINK Data Pump Network Link Role](#)  
The `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role is used for Data Pump import operations.

## 13.5.4 Guidelines for Exporting or Importing Data in a Database Vault Environment

After you grant the Oracle Data Pump database administrator the proper authorization, this user can perform any export or import operations that are necessary.

Before this user begins work, they should follow these guidelines:

- **Create a full backup of the database datafiles.** This way, if you or other users do not like the newly-imported data, then you easily can revert the database to its previous state. This guideline is especially useful if an intruder had managed to modify Oracle Data Pump exported data to use their own policies.
- **Decide how to handle exporting and importing multiple schemas or tables.** You cannot specify multiple schemas or tables in the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure, but you can use either of the following methods to accomplish this task:
  - Run the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure for each schema or table, and then specify the list of these objects in the `SCHEMAS` or `TABLES` parameter of the `EXPDP` and `IMPDP` utilities.
  - Perform a full database export or import operation. If so, see the next guideline.
- **When performing an export or import operation for an entire database, set the `EXPDP` or `IMPDP FULL` option to `Y`.** Remember that this setting will capture the `DVSYS` schema, so ensure that the user or role has that you have authorized been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.

Note the following:

- You cannot use the legacy `EXP` and `IMP` utilities with the direct path option (`direct=y`) if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- Users, either through a direct grant or a role grant, that have been granted Database Vault-specific Oracle Data Pump authorization through the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure or transportable tablespace authorization through the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` procedure can export and import database objects, but they cannot perform other activities, such as `SELECT` queries on schema tables to which they normally do not have access. Similarly, users are not permitted to perform Data Pump operations on objects outside the designated data objects.
- You must grant the `DV_OWNER` role to users who must export or import an entire database, because a full database export requires access to the `DVSYS` schema, which stores the Oracle Database Vault policies. However, you cannot export the `DVSYS` schema itself. Data Pump only exports the protection definitions. The target database must have the `DVSYS` schema in it and Database Vault enabled before you can begin the import process.) Conversely, for a Data Pump import operation to apply the imported policies to the target database, it internally uses the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package, which in turn requires the Data Pump user to have the `DV_OWNER` role.

## 13.6 Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault

Users who are responsible for scheduling database jobs must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.

- [About Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Database Vault can control access to sensitive data from Oracle Scheduler jobs and protect Scheduler jobs from being modified maliciously or accidentally.
- [Granting a Job Scheduling Administrator Authorization for Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize a user to schedule database jobs in a Database Vault environment.
- [Revoking Authorization from Job Scheduling Administrators](#)  
You can revoke authorization from a user for scheduling database jobs.

## 13.6.1 About Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Database Vault can control access to sensitive data from Oracle Scheduler jobs and protect Scheduler jobs from being modified maliciously or accidentally.

The level of authorization that you must grant depends on the schema in which the administrator wants to perform a task. Possible scenarios are as follows:

- **An administrator wants to schedule a job in their own schema.** An administrator who has been granted privileges to schedule database jobs can continue to do so without any Oracle Database Vault-specific authorizations, unless this schema is protected by a realm. In that case, ensure that this user is authorized to access the realm.
- **An administrator wants to run a job in another schema, but this job does not access any Oracle Database Vault realm or command rule protected object.** In this case, this user only needs job related system privileges, not the Oracle Database Vault privileges.
- **An administrator wants to run a job under the schema of another user, including any schema in the database or a remote database.** If this job accesses an Oracle Database Vault realm or command rule protected object, then you must grant this user Database Vault-specific authorization by using the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure. This authorization applies to both background and foreground jobs. For background jobs, the authorization applies to the last user who created or modified the job. In addition, ensure that the schema owner (the protected schema in which the job is created) authorized to the realm.

Later on, you can revoke this authorization by using the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure. If the schema is not protected by a realm, then you do not need to run the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure for the user.

Before you can enable or disable an Oracle Scheduler job that is protected by a realm, you must be authorized for that realm (using `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM`), or you should have Oracle Scheduler authorization for the job owner schema (using `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER`).

### Related Topics

- [About Realm Authorization](#)  
Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.

## 13.6.2 Granting a Job Scheduling Administrator Authorization for Database Vault

You can authorize a user to schedule database jobs in a Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant the necessary authorization.
2. Ensure that the user to whom you want to grant authorization has been granted system privileges to schedule database jobs.

These privileges include any of the following: `CREATE JOB`, `CREATE ANY JOB`, `CREATE EXTERNAL JOB`, `EXECUTE ANY PROGRAM`, `EXECUTE ANY CLASS`, `MANAGE SCHEDULER`. The DBA

and `SCHEDULER_ADMIN` roles provide these privileges; however, when Oracle Database Vault is enabled, the privileges are revoked from these roles.

For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_SYS_PRIVS
WHERE PRIVILEGE IN ('CREATE JOB', 'CREATE ANY JOB');
```

3. Grant this user Oracle Database Vault authorization.

For example, to authorize the user `job_mgr` to schedule jobs for any schema in the database:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

Optionally, you can restrict `job_mgr`'s activities to a specific schema, as follows:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR', 'HR');
```

4. Ensure that the user has been authorized by querying the `DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH` data dictionary view as follows:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, SCHEMA FROM DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'user_name';
```

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_SCHEDULER\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure grants a user authorization to schedule database jobs when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_JOB\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH` data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Scheduler in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 13.6.3 Revoking Authorization from Job Scheduling Administrators

You can revoke authorization from a user for scheduling database jobs.

1. Query the `DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH` data dictionary view to find the user's authorization.

```
SELECT GRANTEE, SCHEMA FROM DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE='username';
```

2. Use the information you gathered from the preceding step to build the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` command.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

Ensure that this unauthorization complements the original authorization action. In other words, if you originally gave `job_mgr` authorization over the entire database, then the following command will not work:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR', 'HR');
```

#### Related Topics

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_SCHEDULER\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the `AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure.

## 13.7 Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault

Users who perform Information Lifecycle Management operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database must be granted authorization to perform these operations.

- [About Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can grant authorization to and from users who are responsible for performing Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations on Oracle Database Vault realm- and command rule-protected objects.
- [Authorizing Users for ILM Operations in Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize a user to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Revoking Information Lifecycle Management Authorization from Users](#)  
You can revoke authorization from users so that they cannot perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### 13.7.1 About Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault

You can grant authorization to and from users who are responsible for performing Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations on Oracle Database Vault realm- and command rule-protected objects.

You must first authorize users before they can perform the following SQL statements for ILM operations in a Database Vault-enabled database:

- ALTER TABLE
  - ILM
  - FLASHBACK ARCHIVE
  - NO FLASHBACK ARCHIVE
- ALTER TABLESPACE
  - FLASHBACK MODE

### 13.7.2 Authorizing Users for ILM Operations in Database Vault

You can authorize a user to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.

Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant the necessary authorization.

2. Use the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_MAINTENANCE\_USER to authorize the user.

For example, to grant a user authorization to perform ILM operations on the HR.EMPLOYEES table:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER ('PSMITH', 'HR', 'EMPLOYEES', 'TABLE',  
'ILM');
```

If you wanted to grant user `psmith` ILM authorizations for the entire database, you would enter a procedure similar to the following:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER ('PSMITH', '%', '%', '%', '%');
```

3. Ensure that the user has been authorized by querying the `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_MAINTENANCE\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAINTENANCE\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` data dictionary view provides information about the configuration of Oracle Database Vault authorizations to use Information Life Management (ILM) features.

## 13.7.3 Revoking Information Lifecycle Management Authorization from Users

You can revoke authorization from users so that they cannot perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.

Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant the necessary authorization.

2. Query the `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` data dictionary view to find the kind of authorization that was granted to the ILM user.
3. Use the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` to revoke the authorization from the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER ('PSMITH', 'HR', '%', 'TABLE', 'ILM');
```

#### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAINTENANCE\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` data dictionary view provides information about the configuration of Oracle Database Vault authorizations to use Information Life Management (ILM) features.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_MAINTENANCE\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` procedure revokes privileges from users who have been granted authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 13.8 Using Oracle Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault

Database administrators can authorize Oracle Database Replay users to work in a Database Vault environment.



- [About Using Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can grant Oracle Database Vault authorizations for users to perform both workload capture and workload replay operations with Database Replay.
- [Authorizing Users for Database Replay Operations](#)  
You can authorize Oracle Database Replay users for both workload capture and workload replay operations.
- [Revoking Database Replay Authorization from Users](#)  
You can remove authorization for both Oracle Database Replay workload capture and workload replay operations.

## 13.8.1 About Using Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault

You can grant Oracle Database Vault authorizations for users to perform both workload capture and workload replay operations with Database Replay.

Database Replay can capture a workload on the production system and replay it on a test system with the exact timing, concurrency, and transaction characteristics of the original workload. Because the workload may contain sensitive information, Oracle Database Vault enables you to control which privileged users can perform replay and capture operations.

## 13.8.2 Authorizing Users for Database Replay Operations

You can authorize Oracle Database Replay users for both workload capture and workload replay operations.

- [Authorizing Users for Workload Capture Operations](#)  
You can authorize a user to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Authorizing Users for Workload Replay Operations](#)  
You can authorize a user to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### 13.8.2.1 Authorizing Users for Workload Capture Operations

You can authorize a user to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant this authorization.
2. Use the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE` procedure to authorize the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE ('PFITCH');
```

3. Ensure that the user has been authorized by querying the `DBA_DV_DBCAPTURE_AUTH` data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DBCAPTURE Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.



- [DBA\\_DV\\_DBCAPTURE\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_DBCAPTURE_AUTH` data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.

### 13.8.2.2 Authorizing Users for Workload Replay Operations

You can authorize a user to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant this authorization.
2. Use the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY` procedure to authorize the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY ( 'PFITCH' );
```

3. Ensure that the user has been authorized by querying the `DBA_DV_DBREPLAY_AUTH` data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DBREPLAY Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_DBREPLAY View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_DBREPLAY_AUTH` data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.

### 13.8.3 Revoking Database Replay Authorization from Users

You can remove authorization for both Oracle Database Replay workload capture and workload replay operations.

- [Revoking Workload Capture Privileges](#)  
You can revoke authorization from users so that they cannot perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [Revoking Workload Replay Privileges](#)  
You can revoke authorization from users so that they cannot perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

#### 13.8.3.1 Revoking Workload Capture Privileges

You can revoke authorization from users so that they cannot perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant this authorization.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_DBCAPTURE_AUTH` data dictionary view to find users whose workload capture authorization you want to revoke.
3. Use the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE` procedure to revoke authorization from the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE ( 'PFITCH' );
```

**Related Topics**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_DBCAPTURE\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_DBCAPTURE\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DBCAPTURE Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE procedure revokes authorization from users to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.

### 13.8.3.2 Revoking Workload Replay Privileges

You can revoke authorization from users so that they cannot perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.  
  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant this authorization.
2. Query the DBA\_DV\_DBREPLAY\_AUTH data dictionary view to find users whose workload replay authorization you want to revoke.
3. Use the DBMS\_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE\_DBDREPLAY procedure to revoke authorization from the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY ( 'PFITCH' );
```

**Related Topics**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_DBREPLAY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_DBREPLAY\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DBREPLAY Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY procedure revokes authorization from users to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.

## 13.9 Running Preprocessor Programs with Oracle Database Vault

Users who run preprocessor programs through external tables must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.

- [About Running Preprocessor Programs with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can grant and revoke Database Vault authorizations for users to run preprocessor programs through external tables.
- [Authorizing Users to Run Preprocessor Programs](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR procedure grants users authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.
- [Revoking Authorization to Run Execute Preprocessor Programs from Users](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR procedure revokes authorization from users so that they cannot run preprocessor programs through external tables in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 13.9.1 About Running Preprocessor Programs with Oracle Database Vault

You can grant and revoke Database Vault authorizations for users to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

## 13.9.2 Authorizing Users to Run Preprocessor Programs

The `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR` procedure grants users authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant this authorization.

2. Use the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR` procedure to authorize the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR ('PFITCH');
```

3. Ensure that the user has been authorized by querying the `DBA_DV_PREPROCESSOR_AUTH` data dictionary view.

## 13.9.3 Revoking Authorization to Run Execute Preprocessor Programs from Users

The `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR` procedure revokes authorization from users so that they cannot run preprocessor programs through external tables in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.  
Only a user who has been granted either of these roles can grant this authorization.

2. Use the `DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR` procedure to revoke the authorization from the user.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR ('PFITCH');
```

3. Query the `DBA_DV_PREPROCESSOR_AUTH` data dictionary view to ensure that the user is no longer authorized.

## 13.10 Using Database Vault Operations Control to Restrict Multitenant Common User Access to Local PDB Data

You can control PDB access by CDB root common users, such as infrastructure database administrators.

- [About Using Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
You can automatically restrict common users from accessing pluggable database (PDB) local data in autonomous, regular Cloud, or on-premises environments.
- [How the Addition of Common Users and Packages to an Exception List Works](#)  
Before you add a common user or package to an exception list, they must fulfill special requirements.

- [Enabling Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
To enable Database Vault operations control, use the `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION` PL/SQL procedure.
- [Adding Common Users and Packages to an Exception List](#)  
Common users and applications that must access PDB local data can be added to an exception list.
- [Deleting Common Users and Packages from an Exception List](#)  
Users and applications that no longer need to access PDB local data can be removed from the exception list.
- [Disabling Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
To disable Database Vault operations control, use the `DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION` PL/SQL procedure.

## 13.10.1 About Using Database Vault Operations Control

You can automatically restrict common users from accessing pluggable database (PDB) local data in autonomous, regular Cloud, or on-premises environments.

To accomplish this, you can use Oracle Database Vault operations control, which applies to common users such as infrastructure database administrators and applications.

Database Vault operations control is useful for situations where a database administrator must log in to the CDB root as a highly privileged user, but still not be able to access PDB customer data. Database operations control does not block PDB database administrators. To block these users, enable Oracle Database Vault in the PDB and then use the Database Vault features such as realm control to block these users. (Note that when operations control is enabled, common users cannot proxy as local users into the PDB.)

You can create an exception list for Database Vault operations control of common users and packages for situations where a common user or application must perform tasks that must access local data on a PDB. An example of the type of common user that you would specify for the exception list is the `CTXSYS` application account, which is responsible for Oracle Text. Specifying a package in an exception list enables you to apply more fine-grained control instead of providing full access to a user in an exception list.

The general process for using Database Vault operations control is as follows:

1. Enable Database Vault operations control and keep it enabled for the production environment.
2. At this stage Database Vault operations control applies to all PDBs in the environment, regardless of whether the PDB has enabled Database Vault or not.
3. To enable specific users and packages to have access to the local schemas of the PDBs, add them to an exception list. When the user or package no longer needs access, then you can remove them from the exception list. For example, if the database is using Oracle Text, then you can add the `CTXSYS` administrative user account and the package to the exception list.

## 13.10.2 How the Addition of Common Users and Packages to an Exception List Works

Before you add a common user or package to an exception list, they must fulfill special requirements.

You can add a user package to the exception list if the package is the only object in the user account that needs access to the PDB local data. This allows for fine grained control over what is put into the exception list. The kinds of common users and packages that you would add to the exception list are ones that are necessary for the functioning of the PDB. For example, if you are using Oracle Spatial, then you should add the MDSYS account to the exception list. MDSYS requires access to customer PDB data for Oracle Spatial functions.

A PL/SQL procedure on the Ops Control exception list can be run by any common user, as long as the common user has system or direct object privileges to run the PL/SQL procedure. (Only definer's rights procedures can be added to the exception list, not invoker's rights.)

Only users on the operations control exception list (user, % exception) can modify PL/SQL procedures on an exception list and only if they have the privileges to modify the PL/SQL procedures. For example, User X cannot modify their own User X PL/SQL procedure if the procedure is on the operations control exception list, but User X is not on the exception list. User Y can modify User X procedures if User Y is on the exception list (Y, %) and if User Y has privileges to modify User X procedures.

To add a common user and a package to the Database Vault operations control exception list, you can use the DBMS\_MACADM.ADD\_APP\_EXCEPTION PL/SQL procedure. To find existing exceptions, you can query the DBA\_DV\_APP\_EXCEPTION data dictionary view.

### 13.10.3 Enabling Database Vault Operations Control

To enable Database Vault operations control, use the DBMS\_MACADM.ENABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION PL/SQL procedure.

Oracle recommends that if you elect to use Database Vault operations control for your multitenant production server, then you should keep Database Vault operations control enabled full time.

In most cases, you will enable Database Operations control for the entire CDB, not just a specific PDB. If you need to disable it for a specific PDB (for example, for troubleshooting purposes), then you can run the DBMS\_MACADM.DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure on the PDB. When you are finished troubleshooting the PDB, re-enable it for Database Vault operations control, as shown in the example in this topic.

Before you enable Database Vault operations control, Database Vault must be enabled and configured in the CDB root. However, Database Vault does not need to be enabled in the PDBs.

1. Log in to the CDB root as a common user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.ENABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure.
  - To enable Database Vault operations control for all PDBs in the CDB environment:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION;
```

- The operations control for a specific PDB may have been disabled for troubleshooting reasons. To re-enable Database Vault operations control for a specific PDB (for example, HRPDB):

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION ( 'HRPDB' );
```

At this stage, one or all of the PDBs are enabled for Database Vault operations control. You can confirm by connecting as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege and then executing the `SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;` query. If specific trusted common users or packages must have access to the local schemas of these PDBs to perform special

operations, then you can use the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION` procedure to add the user or package to an exception list for Database Vault operations control.

#### Related Topics

- [Adding Common Users and Packages to an Exception List](#)  
Common users and applications that must access PDB local data can be added to an exception list.

### 13.10.4 Adding Common Users and Packages to an Exception List

Common users and applications that must access PDB local data can be added to an exception list.

1. Log in to the CDB root as a common user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Ensure that the package that you will specify for the common user meets the following requirements:
  - The package must be owned by the common user.
  - A user-created package must be created with definer's rights procedures.

You can find more information about user-created packages by querying the `DBA_OBJECTS` data dictionary view.

3. Execute the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION` procedure.

For example:

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION ('MDSYS', 'PATCH_APP');
```

### 13.10.5 Deleting Common Users and Packages from an Exception List

Users and applications that no longer need to access PDB local data can be removed from the exception list.

To remove a common user and a package from the Database Vault operations control exception list, you can use the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_PROTECTION` PL/SQL procedure. To find existing exceptions, you can query the `DBA_DV_APP_EXCEPTION` data dictionary view.

1. Log in to the CDB root as a common user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION` procedure.

For example:

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION ('MDSYS', 'PATCH_APP');
```

### 13.10.6 Disabling Database Vault Operations Control

To disable Database Vault operations control, use the `DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION` PL/SQL procedure.

In most cases, you should keep Database Vault operations control enabled. If troubleshooting requires that a PDB be dropped from Database Vault operations control, then Oracle recommends that you temporarily disable Database Vault operations control for the PDB (and maintain operations control for the rest of the PDBs). After the troubleshooting is complete, then you should re-enable Database Vault operations control.

1. Log in to the CDB root as a common user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Run the DBMS\_MACADM.DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure.
  - To disable Database Vault operations control for all PDBs in the CDB environment:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION;
```

- To disable Database Vault operations control for a specific PDB (for example, HRPDB):

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION ( 'HRPDB' );
```

## 13.11 Preventing Multitenant Local Users from Blocking Common Operations

You can prevent multitenant local users from blocking common operations when they attempt to create Oracle Database Vault protections on common user objects.

- [About Preventing Multitenant Local Users from Blocking Common Operations](#)  
A user who has the DV\_OWNER role in the root can control whether local PDB users can create Oracle Database Vault controls on a common user's local objects.
- [Preventing Local Users from Blocking Common Operations](#)  
To prevent local users from blocking common operations, run the DBMS\_MACADM.ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION procedure in the root.

### 13.11.1 About Preventing Multitenant Local Users from Blocking Common Operations

A user who has the DV\_OWNER role in the root can control whether local PDB users can create Oracle Database Vault controls on a common user's local objects.

If a local user can apply Oracle Database Vault controls (such as realms or command rules) to a local object that is owned by a common user, or to an object owned by an application common user, then the common user or the application common user could be blocked from accessing local data in their own schema in the PDB. This may prevent them from running common operations necessary for the maintenance of the database or application. In addition, a local user could be able to create a CONNECT command rule on a common user that can prevent this common user from logging in to the PDB in which the common user's objects reside.

To prevent local users from being able to block common operations, a common user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role in the root can run the DBMS\_MACADM.ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION procedure in the root.

To find the current status of how DBMS\_MACADM.ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION has been set, a user with the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role can query the DVSYS.DBA\_DV\_COMMON\_OPERATION\_STATUS data dictionary view.

#### Related Topics

- [DVSYS.DBA\\_DV\\_COMMON\\_OPERATION\\_STATUS View](#)  
The DVSYS.DBA\_DV\_COMMON\_OPERATION\_STATUS data dictionary view displays the status of the DBMS\_MACADM.ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION procedure setting.



## 13.11.2 Preventing Local Users from Blocking Common Operations

To prevent local users from blocking common operations, run the `DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` procedure in the root.

When you set `ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` to `TRUE`, then local users are restricted from creating Oracle Database Vault controls on common user objects. This setting applies to existing local PDB Database Vault controls that were created on common user objects, so that they will not be enforced on common users.

1. Log in to the root as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role for the root.
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` procedure as follows:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION (TRUE);
```

In this specification:

- `TRUE` prevents local users from creating Oracle Database Vault controls on common user objects. Alternatively, you can run this procedure without including any parameter to achieve a `TRUE` result.
- `FALSE` enables local users to create Database Vault controls on common user objects. If you do not run `DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` at all, then the default `ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` status is `FALSE`, and the default behavior will be to allow local users to create Database Vault controls on common user objects.

If a realm or command rule was already created on a common object while `DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` is set to `FALSE`, and then subsequently, `DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` is set to `TRUE`, then the realm and command rule on the common object are not enforced.

## 13.12 Oracle Recovery Manager and Oracle Database Vault

You can use Recovery Manager (RMAN) in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

The functionality of RMAN with Oracle Database Vault is almost the same as its functionality in a standard Oracle AI Database environment. However, be aware that the RMAN recover table and table partitions features do not work with realm-protected tables when you attempt an export operation. To perform an export operation, you must perform a full table recovery and then have a Database Vault authorized user perform the export of the real-protected protected table.

Be aware that the RMAN recover table and table partitions features do not work with realm-protected tables when you attempt to recover the table. To recover the table, you must perform a full database recovery and then have a Database Vault authorized user perform the export of the realm-protected table to import into the existing database.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide*
- *Oracle AI Database Backup and Recovery Reference*

## 13.13 Privileges for Using XStream with Oracle Database Vault

If you want to use XStream in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.



These privileges are as follows:

- You must be granted the `DV_XSTREAM_ADMIN` role in order to configure the XStream.
- Before you can apply changes to any tables that are protected by a realm, you must be authorized to have access to that realm. For example:  

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM('realm_name','username');
```
- Before you can run the `DBMS_XSTREAM_AUTH.GRANT_ADMIN_PRIVILEGE` procedure, you must be granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.

#### Related Topics

- [DV\\_XSTREAM\\_ADMIN XStream Administrative Role](#)  
The `DV_XSTREAM_ADMIN` role is used for Oracle XStream.
- [ADD\\_AUTH\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM` procedure authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant. You can authenticate both common and local realms.

## 13.14 Privileges for Using Oracle GoldenGate with Oracle Database Vault

If you want to use Oracle GoldenGate in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.

These privileges are as follows:

- The user must be granted the `DV_GOLDENGATE_ADMIN` role in order to configure the Oracle GoldenGate.
- The user must be granted the `DV_GOLDENGATE_REDO_ACCESS` role if the user must use the Oracle GoldenGate `TRANLOGOPTIONS DBLOGREADER` method to access redo logs.

For example, to grant the `DV_GOLDENGATE_ADMIN` and `DV_GOLDENGATE_REDO_ACCESS` roles to a user named `gg_admin`:

```
GRANT DV_GOLDENGATE_ADMIN, DV_GOLDENGATE_REDO_ACCESS TO gg_admin;
```

- The user must be granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role before this user can create users on the replicated side.
- The user must perform extract operations in triggerless mode before attempting to perform procedural replication.
- Before users can apply changes to any tables that are protected by a realm, they must be authorized to have access to that realm. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM('realm_name','username');
```

- The `SYS` user must be authorized to perform Data Definition Language (DDL) operations in the `SYSTEM` schema, as follows:

```
EXECUTE DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL('SYS', 'SYSTEM');
```

- The user must be granted authorization to the Oracle Default Component Protection Realm. For example, to grant this realm authorization to a user named `gg_admin`:

```
BEGIN
DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
  REALM_NAME    => 'Oracle Default Component Protection Realm',
  GRANTEE       => 'gg_admin',
  AUTH_OPTIONS  => 1);
```

```
END;  
/
```

**Note**

Oracle GoldenGate queries, updates, and manages objects in the `SYS`, `SYSTEM` and GoldenGate-related schemas. If any of the schemas are protected by an Oracle Database Vault realm, then the GoldenGate Extract operation can fail. Oracle Database Vault protects dictionary related objects with the Oracle Default Component Protection Realm and recommends that you do not protect default schemas, such as `SYS` and `SYSTEM`, with any custom Oracle Database Vault realms or custom Oracle Database Vault command rules.

**Related Topics**

- [DV\\_GOLDENGATE\\_ADMIN GoldenGate Administrative Role](#)  
The `DV_GOLDENGATE_ADMIN` role is used with Oracle GoldenGate.
- [DV\\_GOLDENGATE\\_REDO\\_ACCESS GoldenGate Redo Log Role](#)  
The `DV_GOLDENGATE_REDO_ACCESS` role is used with Oracle GoldenGate.
- [ADD\\_AUTH\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM` procedure authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant. You can authenticate both common and local realms.

## 13.15 Using Data Masking in an Oracle Database Vault Environment

You must have the correct authorization to perform data masking in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

- [About Data Masking in an Oracle Database Vault Enabled Database](#)  
In an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database, only users who have Database Vault authorizations can mask data in Database Vault-protected database objects.
- [Adding Data Masking Users to the Data Dictionary Realm Authorizations](#)  
You can add data masking users to the Oracle Default Component Protection realm to give them data dictionary realm authorizations.
- [Giving Users Access to Tables or Schemas That They Want to Mask](#)  
To give users access to tables or schemas that they want to mask, you must authorize them for the appropriate realm.
- [Creating a Command Rule to Control Data Masking Privileges](#)  
You must have privileges to manage tables, packages, and triggers before you can use data masking in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### 13.15.1 About Data Masking in an Oracle Database Vault Enabled Database

In an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database, only users who have Database Vault authorizations can mask data in Database Vault-protected database objects.

In a non-Database Vault environment, users who have been granted the `SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE` and `DBA` roles can perform data masking. However, with Database Vault, users must have

additional privileges. This section describes three ways that you can use to enable users to mask data in Database Vault-protected objects.

If users do not have the correct privileges, then the following errors can occur while creating the masking definition or when the job is executing:

ORA-47400: Command Rule violation for string on string

ORA-47401: Realm violation for string on string.

ORA-47408: Realm violation for the EXECUTE command

ORA-47409: Command Rule violation for the EXECUTE command

ORA-01301: insufficient privileges

## 13.15.2 Adding Data Masking Users to the Data Dictionary Realm Authorizations

You can add data masking users to the Oracle Default Component Protection realm to give them data dictionary realm authorizations.

The Oracle Data Dictionary controls access to the Oracle AI Database catalog schemas, such as SYS and SYSTEM. (See [Default Realms](#) for a full list of these schemas.) It also controls the ability to grant system privileges and database administrator roles. If you add users to the Oracle Default Component Protection realm, and assuming these users already have the privileges associated with the Oracle Data Dictionary, then these users will have these same privileges in a Database Vault environment. Therefore, if you do add a user to this realm, ensure that this user is a trusted user.

- To add a user to the Oracle Default Component Protection realm, use the DBMS\_MACADM.ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM procedure.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name => 'Oracle Default Component Protection Realm',
    grantee    => 'DBA_JSMITH',
    auth_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_PARTICIPANT);
END;
/
```

## 13.15.3 Giving Users Access to Tables or Schemas That They Want to Mask

To give users access to tables or schemas that they want to mask, you must authorize them for the appropriate realm.

If the table or schema of a table that is to be data masked is in a realm, then you must add the user responsible for data masking to the realm authorization as a participant or owner. If the table or schema has dependent objects that are in other realm-protected tables, then you must grant the user participant or owner authorization for those realms as well.

- To authorize users for data masking to a realm that protects the objects they want to data mask, use the DBMS\_MACADM.ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM procedure.

The following example shows how to grant user DBA\_JSMITH authorization for the HR.EMPLOYEES table, which is protected by a realm called Business Apps Realm:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name => 'Business Apps Realm',
    grantee    => 'DBA_JSMITH',
    auth_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_PARTICIPANT;
  END;
/
```

## 13.15.4 Creating a Command Rule to Control Data Masking Privileges

You must have privileges to manage tables, packages, and triggers before you can use data masking in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

For data masking, users must have the CREATE TABLE, SELECT TABLE, ALTER TABLE, and DROP TABLE privileges for the masking objects and if there are any dependent objects to be created, the user must have the appropriate privileges such as CREATE PACKAGE, CREATE TRIGGER, and so on.

You can create command rules to control data masking privileges at a granular level. To do so, create a command rule that can either prevent or allow the user access to objects that must have to be data masked. For example, you can create a command rule called Allow Data Masking that checks if the user is in a list of users who are responsible for data masking. If the user logging in is one of these users, then the command rule evaluates to true and the user is permitted to create the data mask for the protected object.

To create a command rule that controls data masking privileges:

1. Create the rule set rule.

For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Is HDRISCOLL or DBA_JSMITH User',
    rule_expr => 'USER IN(''HDRISCOLL'', ''DBA_JSMITH'')';
  END;
/
```

2. Create a rule set and then add the rule to it:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Data Masking',
    description   => 'Allows users HDRISCOLL and DBA_JSMITH access',
    enabled       => 'DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES',
    eval_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL,
    audit_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
    fail_message  => 'You do not have access to this object.',
    fail_code     => 20461,
    handler_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
    is_static     => TRUE);
  END;
/
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Data Masking',
    rule_name     => 'Is HDRISCOLL or DBA_JSMITH User');
```

```
END;  
/
```

3. Create a command rule and then add this rule to it:

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(  
    command      => 'CREATE TABLE',  
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Data Masking',  
    object_owner  => 'HR',  
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',  
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);  
END;  
/
```

## 13.16 Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault

You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

- [About Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Controlling who has the authority to grant and revoke auditing authorizations in an Oracle Database Vault environment ensures a tighter control of audit management.
- [Authorizing the Management of Audit Policies and Related Auditing Tasks](#)  
You can authorize a user to perform tasks that are associated with the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_ADMIN role.
- [Authorizing the Ability to View and Analyze Audit Data](#)  
You can authorize a user to perform tasks that are associated with the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_VIEWER role.

### 13.16.1 About Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault

Controlling who has the authority to grant and revoke auditing authorizations in an Oracle Database Vault environment ensures a tighter control of audit management.

#### ① Note

Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.

For users who are responsible for auditing tasks such as creating and managing unified audit policies, you can grant and revoke the authorizations that are provided by the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_ADMIN and AUDIT\_VIEWER roles. Note that these roles are specific to Oracle AI Database and are not part of Oracle Database Vault.

- **AUDIT\_ADMIN role.** This Oracle AI Database role enables you to create unified and fine-grained audit policies, use the AUDIT and NOAUDIT SQL statements, view audit data, and manage the audit trail administration. Only trusted users should be granted this role.

- **AUDIT\_VIEWER role.** This Oracle AI Database role enables users to view and analyze audit data. It provides the `EXECUTE` privilege on the `DBMS_AUDIT_UTIL` PL/SQL package. The kind of user who needs this role is typically an external auditor.

Oracle Database Vault protects the `AUDSYS` schema and audit-related objects in the `SYS` schema (for example, audit-related `SYS`-owned tables, views, and packages) with the Oracle Audit realm, which is a mandatory realm. In addition, this authorization prevents direct DMLs and DDLs on the `SYS.AUD$` and `SYS.FGA_LOG$` tables.

#### Related Topics

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.
- [Oracle Audit Realm](#)  
The Oracle Audit realm protects the `AUDSYS` schema and audit-related objects in the `SYS` schema.

## 13.16.2 Authorizing the Management of Audit Policies and Related Auditing Tasks

You can authorize a user to perform tasks that are associated with the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role.

- [Granting AUDIT\\_ADMIN Authorization](#)  
You can authorize a database administrator to perform audit-related tasks that are enabled for users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role.
- [Revoking AUDIT\\_ADMIN Authorization](#)  
You can revoke authorization from the database administrator who has been granted `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

### 13.16.2.1 Granting AUDIT\_ADMIN Authorization

You can authorize a database administrator to perform audit-related tasks that are enabled for users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Ensure that the user to whom you want to grant the `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization has been granted the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role.

For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, GRANTED_ROLE FROM DBA_ROLE_PRIVS WHERE GRANTED_ROLE =  
'AUDIT_ADMIN' ;
```

3. Grant the user `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN ( 'PSMITH' ) ;
```

**Related Topics**

- [AUTHORIZE\\_AUDIT\\_ADMIN Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN` procedure enables a user to perform the auditing tasks that are available to users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role, such as creating audit policies.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_ADMIN\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH` data dictionary view lists users who have `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

### 13.16.2.2 Revoking `AUDIT_ADMIN` Authorization

You can revoke authorization from the database administrator who has been granted `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Query the `DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH` to check if the user currently has `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE FROM DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH;
```

3. Revoke the `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN ( 'PSMITH' );
```

4. If necessary, revoke the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role from this user.

For example:

```
REVOKE AUDIT_ADMIN FROM PSMITH;
```

**Related Topics**

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_ADMIN\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN` procedure revokes the `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization from a user.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_ADMIN\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH` data dictionary view lists users who have `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization.

### 13.16.3 Authorizing the Ability to View and Analyze Audit Data

You can authorize a user to perform tasks that are associated with the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_VIEWER` role.

- [Granting `AUDIT\_VIEWER` Authorization](#)  
You can authorize a database administrator to perform audit-related tasks that are enabled for users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_VIEWER` role.
- [Revoking `AUDIT\_VIEWER` Authorization](#)  
You can revoke authorization from the database administrator who has been granted `AUDIT_VIEWER` authorization.

### 13.16.3.1 Granting AUDIT\_VIEWER Authorization

You can authorize a database administrator to perform audit-related tasks that are enabled for users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_VIEWER role.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Ensure that the user to whom you want to grant the AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization has been granted the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_VIEWER role.

For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, GRANTED_ROLE FROM DBA_ROLE_PRIVS WHERE GRANTED_ROLE =  
'AUDIT_VIEWER' ;
```

3. Grant the user AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER ('RLAYTON') ;
```

#### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER Procedure](#)  
The AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER procedure enables a user to perform the auditing tasks that are available to users who have been granted the AUDIT\_VIEWER role to query audit-related views.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

### 13.16.3.2 Revoking AUDIT\_VIEWER Authorization

You can revoke authorization from the database administrator who has been granted AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

1. Log into the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Query the DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH to check if the user currently has AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE FROM DBA_DV_AUDIT_VIEWER_AUTH ;
```

3. Revoke the AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER ('RLAYTON') ;
```

4. If necessary, revoke the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_VIEWER role from this user.

For example:

```
REVOKE AUDIT_VIEWER FROM RLAYTON ;
```



**Related Topics**

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER procedure revokes the AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization from a user.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

## 13.17 Converting a Standalone Oracle AI Database to a PDB and Plugging It into a CDB

You can convert a standalone Oracle database from Oracle Database release 12c through 19c to a PDB, and then plug this PDB into a CDB.

1. Connect to the root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Grant the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to user SYS with CONTAINER = CURRENT.

```
GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER = CURRENT;
```

3. In the root, connect as user SYS with the SYSOPER system privilege.
4. Restart the database in read-only mode.

For example:

```
SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
STARTUP MOUNT
ALTER DATABASE OPEN READ ONLY
```

5. Connect to the Database Vault-enabled PDB as a user who has the DV\_OWNER role.
6. Grant the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to user SYS in this PDB.

```
GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS;
```

7. Optionally, run the DBMS\_PDB.CHECK\_PLUG\_COMPATIBILITY function to determine whether the unplugged PDB is compatible with the CDB.

When you run the function, set the following parameters:

- `pdb_descr_file`: Set this parameter to the full path to the XML file that will contain a description of the PDB.
- `store_report`: Set this parameter to indicate whether you want to generate a report if the PDB is not compatible with the CDB. Set it to `TRUE` to generate a report or `FALSE` to not generate a report. A generated report is stored in the `PDB_PLUG_IN_VIOLATIONS` temporary table and is generated only if the PDB is not compatible with the CDB.

For example, to determine whether a PDB described by the `/disk1/usr/dv_db_pdb.xml` file is compatible with the current CDB, run the following PL/SQL block:

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    compatible CONSTANT VARCHAR2(3) :=
        CASE DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY(
```

```

        pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/usr/dv_db_pdb.xml',
        store_report    => TRUE)
    WHEN TRUE THEN 'YES'
    ELSE 'NO'
END;
BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(compatible);
END;
/

```

If the output is YES, then the PDB is compatible, and you can continue with the next step.

If the output is NO, then the PDB is not compatible. You can check the PDB\_PLUG\_IN\_VIOLATIONS temporary table to see why it is not compatible.

**8. Create an XML file that describes the PDB.**

For example:

```

BEGIN
    DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE(
        pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/oracle/dv_db.xml');
END;
/

```

**9. Run the CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE statement, and specify the XML file in the USING clause. Specify other clauses when they are required.**

For example:

```
CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE dv_db_pdb AS CLONE USING 'dv_db.xml' NOCOPY;
```

**10. Connect to the PDB that you just created as user SYS with the SYSDBA administrative privilege.**

**11. Run the noncdb\_to\_pdb.sql script.**

```
@$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/noncdb_to_pdb.sql
```

**12. Open this PDB in a read/write restricted mode.**

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN READ WRITE RESTRICTED;
```

**13. Run the following procedure to synchronize the PDB:**

```
EXECUTE DBMS_PDB.SYNC_PDB;
```

**14. Connect to the root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.**

**15. Revoke the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role from user SYS with CONTAINER = CURRENT.**

```
REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER = CURRENT;
```

**16. Connect to the legacy Database Vault-enabled PDB as user SYS with the SYSOPER system privilege.**

17. Close and then reopen the PDB.

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;  
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

18. Revoke the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role from user SYS.

```
REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS;
```

## 13.18 Using the ORADEBUG Utility with Oracle Database Vault

The ORADEBUG utility is used primarily by Oracle Support to diagnose problems that may arise with an Oracle database.

You can control whether users can run the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault-enabled environment. In a unified auditing environment, ORADEBUG commands are mandatorily audited. This control does not apply to a privileged OS user, which is the OS user with the same OS user ID as the Oracle server process. This exception is made because such a user can completely control and examine the Oracle process using other means (for example, with a debugger).

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. If necessary, find out if ORADEBUG is already disabled or enabled.

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_ORADEBUG;
```

3. Run one of the following procedures:

- To disable the use of ORADEBUG:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_ORADEBUG;
```

- To enable the use of ORADEBUG:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_ORADEBUG;
```

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_ORADEBUG View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_ORADEBUG data dictionary view indicates whether users can use the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [DISABLE\\_ORADEBUG Procedure](#)  
The DISABLE\_ORADEBUG procedure disables the use of the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [ENABLE\\_ORADEBUG Procedure](#)  
The ENABLE\_ORADEBUG procedure enables the use of the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 13.19 Performing Patch Operations in an Oracle Database Vault Environment

User SYS must have the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to perform a patch operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database.

Users who have been granted the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN can also view data.

1. Connect to the CDB or the application root as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Temporarily grant the SYS user the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role.

```
GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL;
```

If you are applying a patch to a single PDB, then you do not need to grant DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN to SYS on all containers.

3. After the SYS user has performed the patch operation, carefully following the instructions in the patch readme file, then revoke DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN from user SYS.

```
REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL;
```

# Oracle Database Vault Schemas, Roles, and Accounts

Oracle Database Vault provides schemas that contain Database Vault objects, roles that provide separation of duty for specific tasks, and default user accounts.

- [Oracle Database Vault Schemas](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault schemas, `DVSYS` and `DVF`, support the administration and run-time processing of Oracle Database Vault.
- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.
- [Oracle Database Vault Accounts Created During Registration](#)  
The accounts that you create during registration enable Oracle Database Vault to adhere to separation of duty concepts and provide flexibility for users based on the tasks they perform.
- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

## 14.1 Oracle Database Vault Schemas

The Oracle Database Vault schemas, `DVSYS` and `DVF`, support the administration and run-time processing of Oracle Database Vault.

- [DVSYS Schema](#)  
The `DVSYS` schema contains Oracle Database Vault database objects.
- [DVF Schema](#)  
The `DVF` schema is the owner of the Oracle Database Vault `DBMS_MACSEC_FUNCTION` PL/SQL package.

### 14.1.1 DVSYS Schema

The `DVSYS` schema contains Oracle Database Vault database objects.

These objects store Oracle Database Vault configuration information and support the administration and run-time processing of Oracle Database Vault.

In a default installation, the `DVSYS` schema is locked. The `DVSYS` schema also owns the `AUDIT_TRAIL$` table, which is used in traditional auditing. Traditional auditing is desupported starting in Oracle AI Database 26ai. The `AUDIT_TRAIL$` table is available for databases that have been upgraded to release 26ai and traditional audit policies that exist from the upgrade.

The `DVSYS` schema exists in the CDB root and each of the pluggable databases. The `DVSYS` schema cannot switch to other containers if you try using the `ALTER SESSION` statement in the CDB root or pluggable databases.

Oracle Database Vault secures the `DVSY` schema by using a protected schema design. A protected schema design guards the schema against improper use of system privileges (for example, `SELECT ANY TABLE`, `CREATE ANY VIEW`, or `DROP ANY`).

Oracle Database Vault protects and secures the `DVSY` schema in the following ways:

- The `DVSY` protected schema and its administrative roles cannot be dropped. By default, the `DVSY` account is locked.
- By default, users cannot directly log into the `DVSY` account. To control the ability of users to directly log into this account, you can run the `DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` procedure to prevent users from logging in and the `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` procedure to allow users to log in.
- Statements such as `CREATE USER`, `ALTER USER`, `DROP USER`, `CREATE PROFILE`, `ALTER PROFILE`, and `DROP PROFILE` can only be issued by a user with the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.
- The powerful `ANY` system privileges for database definition language (DDL) and data manipulation language (DML) commands are blocked in the protected schema. This means that the objects in the `DVSY` schema must be created by the schema account itself. Also, access to the schema objects must be authorized through object privilege grants.
- Object privileges in the `DVSY` schema can only be granted to Database Vault administrative roles in the schema. This means that users can access the protected schema only through predefined administrative roles.
- Only the protected schema account `DVSY` can issue `ALTER ROLE` statements on Database Vault predefined administrative roles of the schema.
- The `SYS.DBMS_SYS_SQL.PARSE_AS_USER` procedure cannot be used to run SQL statements on behalf of the protected schema `DVSY`.

**Note**

Database users can grant additional object privileges and roles to the Oracle Database Vault administrative roles (`DV_ADMIN` and `DV_OWNER`, for example) provided they have sufficient privileges to do so.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.

## 14.1.2 DVF Schema

The `DVF` schema is the owner of the Oracle Database Vault `DBMS_MACSEC_FUNCTION` PL/SQL package.

This package contains the functions that retrieve factor identities. After you install Oracle Database Vault, the installation process locks the `DVF` account to better secure it. When you create a new factor, Oracle Database Vault creates a new retrieval function for the factor and saves it in this schema.

The `DVF` user cannot switch to other containers using the `ALTER SESSION` statement.

By default, users cannot directly log into the `DVF` account. To control the ability of users to directly log into this account, you can run the `DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS`

procedure to prevent users from logging in and the  
DBMS\_MACADM.ENABLE\_DV\_DICTIONARY\_ACCTS procedure to allow users to log in.

## 14.2 Oracle Database Vault Roles

Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.

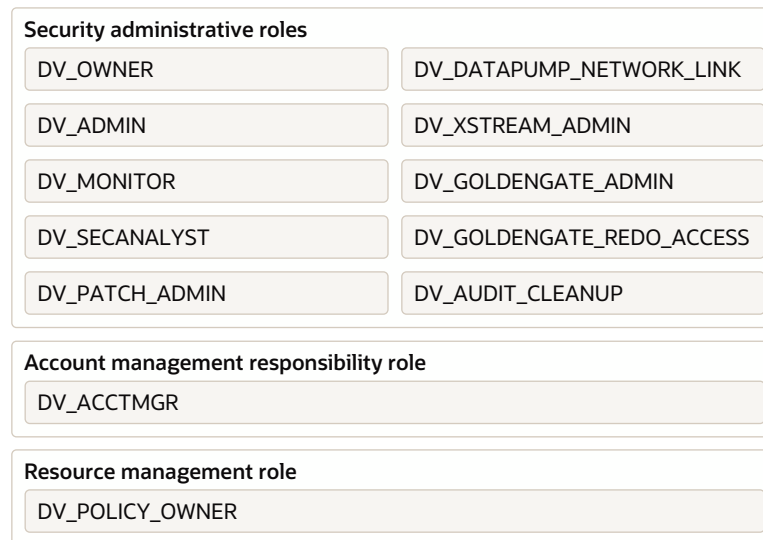
- [About Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of roles that are required for managing Oracle Database Vault.
- [Privileges of Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault roles are designed to provide the maximum benefits of separation of duty.
- [Granting Oracle Database Vault Roles to Users](#)  
You can use Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to grant Oracle Database Vault roles to users.
- [DV\\_ACCTMGR Database Vault Account Manager Role](#)  
The DV\_ACCTMGR role is a powerful role, used for accounts management.
- [DV\\_ADMIN Database Vault Configuration Administrator Role](#)  
The DV\_ADMIN role controls the Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.
- [DV\\_AUDIT\\_CLEANUP Audit Trail Cleanup Role](#)  
The DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP role is used for purge operations.
- [DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_NETWORK\\_LINK Data Pump Network Link Role](#)  
The DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK role is used for Data Pump import operations.
- [DV\\_GOLDENGATE\\_ADMIN GoldenGate Administrative Role](#)  
The DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN role is used with Oracle GoldenGate.
- [DV\\_GOLDENGATE\\_REDO\\_ACCESS GoldenGate Redo Log Role](#)  
The DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role is used with Oracle GoldenGate.
- [DV\\_MONITOR Database Vault Monitoring Role](#)  
The DV\_MONITOR role is used for monitoring Oracle Database Vault.
- [DV\\_OWNER Database Vault Owner Role](#)  
The DV\_OWNER role enables you to manage the Oracle Database Vault roles and its configuration.
- [DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN Database Vault Database Patch Role](#)  
The DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role is used for patching operations.
- [DV\\_POLICY\\_OWNER Database Vault Owner Role](#)  
The DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role enables database users to manage to a limited degree Oracle Database Vault policies.
- [DV\\_SECANALYST Database Vault Security Analyst Role](#)  
The DV\_SECANALYST role enables users to analyze activities.
- [DV\\_XSTREAM\\_ADMIN XStream Administrative Role](#)  
The DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role is used for Oracle XStream.

### 14.2.1 About Oracle Database Vault Roles

Oracle Database Vault provides a set of roles that are required for managing Oracle Database Vault.

The following illustration shows how these roles are designed to implement the first level of separation of duties within the database. How you use these roles depends on the requirements that your company has in place.

**Figure 14-1 How Oracle Database Vault Roles Are Categorized**



#### Note

You can grant additional object privileges and roles to the Oracle Database Vault roles to extend their scope of privileges. For example, a user logged in with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege can grant object privileges to an Oracle Database Vault role as long as the object is not in the `DVSYS` schema or realm.

#### Related Topics

- [Separation of Duty Guidelines](#)  
Oracle Database Vault is designed to easily implement separation of duty guidelines.
- [Managing Oracle AI Database Administrative Accounts](#)  
Oracle provides guidelines for managing security for administrative accounts such as `SYSTEM` or users who have the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.

## 14.2.2 Privileges of Oracle Database Vault Roles

The Oracle Database Vault roles are designed to provide the maximum benefits of separation of duty.

The `DV_PATCH_ADMIN`, `DV_XSTREAM`, `DV_GOLDENGATE_ADMIN`, and `DV_GOLDENGATE_REDO_ACCESS` roles are not included in the following sections because they have no system privileges.

#### DVSYS Schema, EXECUTE Privilege

Roles that can use this privilege:

- `DV_ADMIN` (includes the `EXECUTE` privilege on all Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages)



- DV\_OWNER (includes the EXECUTE privilege on all Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages)
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER (on some DBMS\_MACADM procedures)

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_SECANALYST

### DVSYs Schema, SELECT Privilege

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP (on some Database Vault tables and views; can perform SELECT statements on the AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table, and the DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT and DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT views)
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER (on some DBMS\_MACADM procedures and on POLICY\_OWNER\* views only)
- DV\_SECANALYST (on some Database Vault views: DV\_SECANALYST can query DVSYs schema objects through Oracle Database Vault-supplied views)

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR

### DVSYs Schema, DELETE Privilege

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP (can perform DELETE on some Database Vault tables and views, on the AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table, and the DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT and DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT views)
- DV\_OWNER (can perform DELETE on some Database Vault tables and views, on the AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table, and the DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT and DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT views)

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST

### DVSYs Schema, Grant Privileges on Objects

Roles that can use this privilege: None

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN

- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST

**DVF Schema, EXECUTE Privilege**

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_OWNER

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST

**DVF Schema, SELECT Privilege**

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER

**Monitor Database Vault Privilege**

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_SECANALYST

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP

- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER

### Run Database Vault Reports Privilege

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER

### SYS Schema, SELECT Privilege

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST (on the same system views as DV\_OWNER and DV\_ADMIN)

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER

### SYSMAN Schema, SELECT Privilege

Roles that can use this privilege:

- DV\_OWNER (portions of SYSMAN)
- DV\_SECANALYST (portions of SYSMAN)

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER

### CREATE , ALTER , DROP User Accounts and Profiles Privilege

This privilege does not include the ability to drop or alter the DVSYS account, nor change the DVSYS password.

Role that can use this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST

### Manage Objects in Schemas that Define a Realm

This privilege includes ANY privileges, such as CREATE ANY , ALTER ANY , and DROP ANY.

Roles that can use this privilege: None

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER (portions of SYSMAN)
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST (portions of SYSMAN)

### RESOURCE Role Privileges

The RESOURCE role provides the following system privileges: CREATE CLUSTER , CREATE INDEXTYPE , CREATE OPERATOR , CREATE PROCEDURE , CREATE SEQUENCE , CREATE TABLE , CREATE TRIGGER, CREATE TYPE.

Roles that can use this privilege: None

Roles that are denied this privilege:

- DV\_ACCTMGR
- DV\_ADMIN
- DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP
- DV\_MONITOR
- DV\_OWNER (portions of SYSMAN)
- DV\_POLICY\_OWNER
- DV\_SECANALYST (portions of SYSMAN)

## 14.2.3 Granting Oracle Database Vault Roles to Users

You can use Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to grant Oracle Database Vault roles to users.

1. From Cloud Control, log into Oracle Database Vault Administrator as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role and the SELECT ANY DICTIONARY privilege..

[Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#) explains how to log in.

Refer to the role descriptions to find the requirements for who can grant roles to other users.

2. In the Administration page, under Database Vault Components, click **Database Vault Role Management**.

The Database Vault Role Management page appears.

### Database Vault Role Management

This page displays users or roles granted with Database Vault roles.

**Search**

Grantee

The search returns all matches beginning with the string you enter. You can use the wildcard symbol (%) in the search string.

View ▼

	Grantee	Grantee Type	DV_OWNER	DV_ADMIN	DV_MONITOR	DV_S
	DBSNMP	USER			✓	
▼	MACAUTH	USER				
	MACSYS	USER	✓	✓	✓	
	SYS	USER				

3. Do one of the following:
  - To add a new user or role for a grant, click the Add button to display the Add Authorization dialog box. Enter the grantee in the **Grantee** field, and then select the roles for the grant. Then click **OK**.

**Add Authorization**

Use this page to grant Database Vault roles to a user or a role.

**Authorization Attributes**

\* Grantee

☐ DV\_OWNER

☐ DV\_ADMIN

☐ DV\_MONITOR

☐ DV\_SECANALYST

☐ DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP

**Show SQL**

Implicitly granted roles cannot be revoked.

- DV\_OWNER implicitly grant DV\_ADMIN, DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP and DV\_MONITOR roles.
- DV\_ADMIN implicitly grant DV\_SECANALYST role.

**OK Cancel**

- To grant different roles or modify role grants for a user or role listed in the Database Vault Role Management page, select the user or role, click **Edit**, and then modify the role grants as necessary. Then click **OK**.

## 14.2.4 DV\_ACCTMGR Database Vault Account Manager Role

The DV\_ACCTMGR role is a powerful role, used for accounts management.

Use the DV\_ACCTMGR role to create and maintain database accounts and database profiles. In this guide, the example DV\_ACCTMGR role is assigned to a user named dvacctmgr.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_ACCTMGR Role

A user who has been granted this role can use the CREATE, ALTER, and DROP statements for user accounts or profiles, including users who have been granted the DV\_SECANALYST, DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP, and DV\_MONITOR roles.

This user also can grant the CREATE SESSION privilege to other users. However, a person who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role cannot perform the following operations:

- ALTER or DROP statements on the DVSYS account
- ALTER or DROP statements on users who have been granted the DV\_ADMIN or DV\_OWNER role
- Change passwords for users who have been granted the DV\_ADMIN or DV\_OWNER role

A common user who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role in the CDB root can alter a common user or a common profile in the CDB root even if the common DV\_ACCTMGR user does not have the SET CONTAINER privilege or the DV\_ACCTMGR role in any PDB.

To find the full list of system and object privileges associated with the DV\_ACCTMGR role, log into the database instance with sufficient privileges and then enter the following queries:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_ACCTMGR';  
SELECT PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_SYS_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_ACCTMGR';
```

### ❗ Tips

- If you want the DV\_ACCTMGR user to be able to grant or revoke the ANY privileges for other users, then log in as user SYS with the SYSDBA privilege and grant this user the GRANT ANY PRIVILEGE and REVOKE ANY PRIVILEGE privileges. Then add this user to the Oracle System Privilege and Role Management Realm as an owner.
- Oracle strongly recommends that you create a separate, named account for the DV\_ACCTMGR user. This way, if this user forgets their password, you can log in as the original DV\_ACCTMGR account and reset the user's password. Otherwise, you must disable Oracle Database Vault, log in as SYS or SYSTEM to recreate the password, and then re-enable Database Vault.

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_ACCTMGR?

Any account, such as SYS or SYSTEM, with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege alone does not have the rights to grant this role to or revoke this role from any other database account.

The account with the DV\_ACCTMGR role and the ADMIN OPTION can grant this role to any given database account and revoke this role from another account.

### DV\_ACCTMGR Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle AI Database roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.5 DV\_ADMIN Database Vault Configuration Administrator Role

The DV\_ADMIN role controls the Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.

These packages are the underlying interface for the Database Vault Administrator user interface in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_ADMIN Role

The DV\_ADMIN role has the EXECUTE privilege on the DVSYS packages (DBMS\_MACADM and DBMS\_MACUTL).

DV\_ADMIN also has the capabilities provided by the DV\_SECANALYST role, which allow the user to run Oracle Database Vault reports and monitor Oracle Database Vault. During installation, the DV\_ADMIN role is granted to the DV\_OWNER role with the ADMIN OPTION.

In addition, the DV\_ADMIN role provides the SELECT privilege on the DBA\_DV\_POLICY, DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OWNER, and DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT data dictionary views.

To find the full list of system and object privileges associated with the DV\_ADMIN role, log into the database instance with sufficient privileges and then enter the following queries:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_ADMIN';  
SELECT PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_SYS_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_ADMIN';
```

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_ADMIN?

Accounts such as SYS or SYSTEM, with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege alone do not have the rights to grant or revoke DV\_ADMIN from any other database account.

The user with the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke this role to and from any database account.

### Managing Password Changes for Users Who Have the DV\_ADMIN Role

Before you can change the password for a user who has been granted the DV\_ADMIN role, you must revoke the DV\_ADMIN role from this account.

If you have been granted the DV\_ADMIN role, then you can change your own password without having to revoke the role from yourself.

To change the DV\_ADMIN user password:

1. Log into the root or the PDB using an account that has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Revoke the DV\_ADMIN role from the user account whose password needs to change.
3. Connect as a user who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role and then change the password for this user.
4. Connect as the DV\_OWNER user and then grant the DV\_ADMIN role back to the user whose password you changed.

### DV\_ADMIN Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle Database Vault roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.6 DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP Audit Trail Cleanup Role

The DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP role is used for purge operations.

Grant the DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP role to any user who is responsible for purging the Database Vault audit trail in a non-unified auditing environment.

[Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#) explains how to use this role to complete a purge operation.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP Role

The DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP role has SELECT and DELETE privileges for three Database Vault-related auditing views.



- `SELECT` and `DELETE` on the `DVSY$AUDIT_TRAIL$` table
- `SELECT` and `DELETE` on the `DVSY$ENFORCEMENT_AUDIT` view
- `SELECT` and `DELETE` on the `DVSY$CONFIGURATION_AUDIT` view

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP?

By default, this role is granted to the `DV_OWNER` role with the `ADMIN OPTION`.

Only a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role can grant or revoke the `DV_AUDIT_CLEANUP` role to another user.

### DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle Database Vault roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the `GRANT ANY ROLE` system privilege can perform `GRANT` and `REVOKE` operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.7 DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK Data Pump Network Link Role

The `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role is used for Data Pump import operations.

Grant the `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role to any user who is responsible for conducting the `NETWORK_LINK` transportable Data Pump import operation in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

This role enables the management of the Oracle Data Pump `NETWORK_LINK` transportable import processes to be tightly controlled by Database Vault, but does not change or restrict the way you would normally conduct Oracle Data Pump operations.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK Role

There are no system privileges associated with the `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role, but it does have the `EXECUTE` privilege on `DVSY$` objects.

To find the full list of `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` object privileges, log into the database instance with sufficient privileges and then enter the following query:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE =  
'DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK';
```

Be aware that the `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role does not provide a sufficient set of database privileges to conduct `NETWORK_LINK` transportable Data Pump import operation. Rather, the `DV_DATAPUMP_NETWORK_LINK` role is an additional requirement (that is, in addition to the privileges that Oracle Data Pump currently requires) for database administrators to conduct `NETWORK_LINK` transportable Data Pump import operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK?

Only users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke the DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK role to or from other users.

### DV\_DATAPUMP\_NETWORK\_LINK Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle AI Database roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

#### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Data Pump users to work in a Database Vault environment.
- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.8 DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN GoldenGate Administrative Role

The DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN role is used with Oracle GoldenGate.

Grant this role to any user who is responsible for configuring Oracle GoldenGate in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

This enables the management of Oracle GoldenGate processes to be tightly controlled by Database Vault, but does not change or restrict the way an administrator would normally configure Oracle GoldenGate.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN Role

There are no privileges associated with the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN role.

Be aware that the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN role does not provide a sufficient set of database privileges for configuring Oracle GoldenGate. Rather, the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN role is an additional requirement (that is, in addition to the privileges that Oracle GoldenGate currently requires) for database administrators to configure Oracle GoldenGate in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN?

Only users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN role to or from other users.

### DV\_GOLDENGATE\_ADMIN Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle AI Database roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

**Related Topics**

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.
- [Privileges for Using Oracle GoldenGate with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
If you want to use Oracle GoldenGate in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.

## 14.2.9 DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS GoldenGate Redo Log Role

The DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role is used with Oracle GoldenGate.

Grant the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role to any user who is responsible for using the Oracle GoldenGate TRANLOGOPTIONS DBLOGREADER method to access redo logs in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

This enables the management of Oracle GoldenGate processes to be tightly controlled by Database Vault, but does not change or restrict the way an administrator would normally configure Oracle GoldenGate.

**Privileges Associated with the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS Role**

There are no privileges associated with the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role.

Be aware that the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role does not provide a sufficient set of database privileges for configuring Oracle GoldenGate. Rather, the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role is an additional requirement (that is, in addition to the privileges that Oracle GoldenGate currently requires) for database administrators.

**How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS?**

You cannot grant the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role with ADMIN OPTION.

Only users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke the DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS role to or from other users.

**DV\_GOLDENGATE\_REDO\_ACCESS Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled**

The protection of all Oracle AI Database roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

**Related Topics**

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.
- [Privileges for Using Oracle GoldenGate with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
If you want to use Oracle GoldenGate in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.

## 14.2.10 DV\_MONITOR Database Vault Monitoring Role

The DV\_MONITOR role is used for monitoring Oracle Database Vault.

The DV\_MONITOR role enables the Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control agent to monitor Oracle Database Vault for attempted violations and configuration issues with realm or command rule definitions.

This role enables Cloud Control to read and propagate realm definitions and command rule definitions between databases.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_MONITOR Role

There are no system privileges associated with the DV\_MONITOR role, but it does have the SELECT privilege on SYS and DVSYS objects.

In addition, the DV\_MONITOR role provides the SELECT privilege on the DBA\_DV\_POLICY, DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OWNER, and DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT data dictionary views.

To find the full list of DV\_MONITOR object privileges, log into the database instance with sufficient (such as DV\_OWNER) privileges and then enter the following query:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_MONITOR';
```

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_MONITOR?

By default, the DV\_MONITOR role is granted to the DV\_OWNER role and the DBSNMP user.

Only a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke the DV\_MONITOR role to another user.

### DV\_MONITOR Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle Database Vault roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- [Monitoring Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can monitor Oracle Database Vault by checking for violations to the Database Vault configurations and by tracking changes to policies.
- [Auditing Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can audit activities in Oracle Database Vault, such as changes to policy configurations.
- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.11 DV\_OWNER Database Vault Owner Role

The DV\_OWNER role enables you to manage the Oracle Database Vault roles and its configuration.

In this guide, the example account that uses this role is dvowner.

## Privileges Associated with the DV\_OWNER Role

The DV\_OWNER role has the administrative capabilities that the DV\_ADMIN role provides, and the reporting capabilities the DV\_SECANALYST role provides.

This role also provides privileges for monitoring Oracle Database Vault. It is created when you install Oracle Database Vault, and has the most privileges on the DVSYS schema. It also has the DV\_ADMIN role.

To find the full list of system and object privileges associated with the DV\_OWNER role, you can log into the database instance and enter the following queries:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_OWNER';  
SELECT PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_SYS_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_OWNER';
```

When you configure and enable Oracle Database Vault, the DV\_OWNER account is created. The user who is granted this role is also granted the ADMIN option and can grant any Oracle Database Vault roles (except DV\_ACCTMGR) to any account. Users granted this role also can run Oracle Database Vault reports and monitor Oracle Database Vault.

### ✓ Tip

Oracle strongly recommends that you create separate, named account for the DV\_OWNER user. This way, if the user is no longer available (for example, they left the company), then you can easily recreate this user account and then grant this user the DV\_OWNER role.

## How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_OWNER?

Anyone with the DV\_OWNER role can grant the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ADMIN roles to another user.

The account granted this role can revoke any granted Database Vault role from another account. Accounts such as SYS or SYSTEM, with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege alone (directly granted or indirectly granted using a role) do not have the right to grant or revoke the DV\_OWNER role to or from any other database account. Note also that a user with the DV\_OWNER role cannot grant or revoke the DV\_ACCTMGR role.

## Managing Password Changes for Users Who Have the DV\_OWNER Role

Before you can change the password for another user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role, you must revoke the DV\_OWNER role from that user account.

However, be cautious about revoking the DV\_OWNER role. At least one user on your site must have this role granted. If another DV\_OWNER user has been granted this role and needs to have their password changed, then you can temporarily revoke DV\_OWNER from that user. Note also that if you have been granted the DV\_OWNER role, then you can change your own password without having to revoke the role from yourself.

To change the DV\_OWNER user password:

1. Log into the root or the PDB using an account that has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.
2. Revoke the DV\_OWNER role from the user account whose password needs to change.
3. Connect as a user who has been granted the DV\_ACCTMGR role and then change the password for this user.

4. Connect as the `DV_OWNER` user and then grant the `DV_OWNER` role back to the user whose password you changed.

### DV\_OWNER Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle Database Vault roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the `GRANT ANY ROLE` system privilege can perform `GRANT` and `REVOKE` operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.12 DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN Database Vault Database Patch Role

The `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role is used for patching operations.

In order to generate all Database Vault-related audit records in accordance with the audit policies specified in the Database Vault metadata as well as Database Vault unified audit policies, run the `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure as a user who has been granted the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role before using the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role. By default, `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` is enabled.

Temporarily grant the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role to any database administrator who is responsible for performing database patching, typically the user `SYS`. Before this administrator performs the patch operation, run the `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure. This procedure enables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have been granted the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role, in accordance with the existing audit configuration. If you have mixed-mode auditing, then this user's actions are written to the `AUDIT_TRAIL$` table. If you have pure unified auditing enabled, then you should create a unified audit policy to capture this user's actions.

After the patch operation is complete, do not immediately disable the auditing of users who are responsible for performing database patch operations. This way, you can track the actions of the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role users. For backwards compatibility, this type of auditing is disabled by default.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN Role

The `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role does not provide access to any secured data. The common `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` grant is required for database upgrades, and Oracle recommends that this role not be used for any other database administration purpose.

The `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role is a special Database Vault role that does not have any object or system privilege. It is designed to allow the database administrator or the user `SYS` to patch Database Vault enabled databases (for example, applying a database patch without disabling Database Vault). It also enables the database administrator to create users, because some patches may require the need to create new schemas.

Follow these guidelines for managing the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role:

- Do not grant the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role unless it is required (for example, for a database upgrade).
- Revoke the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role grant when the role is no longer needed.

- Review the audit records to monitor activities while the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role was granted.

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN?

Only a user who has the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role to and from another user.

### DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle AI Database roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- Introduction to Auditing
- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.13 DV\_POLICY\_OWNER Database Vault Owner Role

The DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role enables database users to manage to a limited degree Oracle Database Vault policies.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER Role

The DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role provides non-Database Vault administrative users the sufficient privileges to enable or disable a Database Vault policy, add or remove authorization to or from a realm, and use the SELECT privilege for the following database views:

- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_COMMAND\_RULE
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_POLICY
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_AUTH
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_OBJECT
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE
- DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET\_RULE

Only the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER can query these views. Even users who have the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ADMIN roles cannot query these views.

The DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role does not have any system privileges. To find the full list of object privileges that are associated with the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role, you can log into the database instance enter the following query:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_POLICY_OWNER';
```

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_POLICY\_OWNER?

Users who have been granted DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role cannot grant or revoke this role to or from other users.



### DV\_POLICY\_OWNER Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle Database Vault roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the `GRANT ANY ROLE` system privilege can perform `GRANT` and `REVOKE` operations on protected Database Vault roles.

#### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 14.2.14 DV\_SECANALYST Database Vault Security Analyst Role

The `DV_SECANALYST` role enables users to analyze activities.

Use the `DV_SECANALYST` role to run Oracle Database Vault reports and monitor Oracle Database Vault.

This role is also used for database-related reports. In addition, this role enables you to check the `DVSYS` configuration by querying the `DVSYS` views described in [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#).

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_SECANALYST Role

There are no system privileges associated with the `DV_SECANALYST` role, but it does have the `SELECT` privilege for some `DVSYS` schema objects and portions of the `SYS` and `SYSMAN` schema objects for reporting on `DVSYS`- and `DVF`-related entities.

In addition, the `DV_SECANALYST` role provides the `SELECT` privilege on the `DBA_DV_POLICY`, `DBA_DV_POLICY_OWNER`, and `DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT` data dictionary views.

To find the full list of `DV_SECANALYST` object privileges, log into the database instance with sufficient privileges and then enter the following query:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, OWNER, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE GRANTEE = 'DV_SECANALYST';
```

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_SECANALYST?

Any account, such as `SYS` or `SYSTEM`, with the `GRANT ANY ROLE` system privilege alone does not have the rights to grant this role to or revoke this role from any other database account.

Only the user with the `DV_OWNER` role can grant or revoke this role to and from another user.

### DV\_SECANALYST Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle Database Vault roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the `GRANT ANY ROLE` system privilege can perform `GRANT` and `REVOKE` operations on protected Database Vault roles.

#### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.



## 14.2.15 DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN XStream Administrative Role

The DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role is used for Oracle XStream.

Grant the DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role to any user who is responsible for configuring Oracle XStream in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

This enables the management of XStream processes to be tightly controlled by Database Vault, but does not change or restrict the way an administrator would normally configure XStream.

### Privileges Associated with the DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN Role

There are no privileges associated with the DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role.

Be aware that the DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role does not provide a sufficient set of database privileges for configuring XStream. Rather, the DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role is an additional requirement (that is, in addition to the privileges that XStream currently requires) for database administrators to configure XStream in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

### How Are GRANT and REVOKE Operations Affected by DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN?

Only users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER role can grant or revoke the DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN role to or from other users.

### DV\_XSTREAM\_ADMIN Status When Oracle Database Vault Security Is Disabled

The protection of all Oracle AI Database roles is enforced only if Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

If Oracle Database Vault is disabled, then any account with the GRANT ANY ROLE system privilege can perform GRANT and REVOKE operations on protected Database Vault roles.

### Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.
- [Privileges for Using XStream with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
If you want to use XStream in an Oracle Database Vault environment, then you must have the appropriate privileges.

## 14.3 Oracle Database Vault Accounts Created During Registration

The accounts that you create during registration enable Oracle Database Vault to adhere to separation of duty concepts and provide flexibility for users based on the tasks they perform.

- [About Oracle Database Vault Accounts Created During Registration](#)  
You must create accounts for the Oracle Database Vault Owner and Oracle Database Vault Account Manager during the registration process.
- [Database Accounts Used by Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides accounts that provide access to system and object privileges, and Oracle Label Security.

- [Model Oracle Database Vault Database Accounts](#)  
You can create different database accounts to implement the separation of duties requirements for Oracle Database Vault.

## 14.3.1 About Oracle Database Vault Accounts Created During Registration

You must create accounts for the Oracle Database Vault Owner and Oracle Database Vault Account Manager during the registration process.

You must supply an account name and password for the Oracle Database Vault Owner accounts during installation. Creating an Oracle Database Vault Account Manager is optional but strongly recommended for better separation of duty.

The Oracle Database Vault Owner account is granted the `DV_OWNER` role. This account can manage Oracle Database Vault roles and configuration.

The Oracle Database Vault Account Manager account is granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role. This account is used to manage database user accounts to facilitate separation of duties.

If you choose not to create the Oracle Database Vault Account Manager account during installation, then both the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles are granted to the Oracle Database Vault Owner user account.

## 14.3.2 Database Accounts Used by Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Database Vault provides accounts that provide access to system and object privileges, and Oracle Label Security.

The following table lists the Oracle Database Vault database accounts that are needed in addition to the accounts that you create during installation.

**Table 14-1 Database Accounts Used by Oracle Database Vault**

Database Account	Roles and Privileges	Description
DVSYs	Several system and object privileges are provided to support Oracle Database Vault. The ability to create a session with this account is revoked at the end of the installation, and the account is locked.	Owner of Oracle Database Vault schema and related objects
DVF	A limited set of system privileges are provided to support Oracle Database Vault. The ability to create a session with this account is revoked at the end of the installation, and the account is locked.	Owner of the Oracle Database Vault functions that are created to retrieve factor identities
LBACSYS	This account is created when you install Oracle Label Security by using the Oracle Universal Installer custom installation option. (It is not created when you install Oracle Database Vault.) Do not drop or re-create this account.  If you plan to integrate a factor with an Oracle Label Security policy, you must assign this user as the owner of the realm that uses this factor.	Owner of the Oracle Label Security schema

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Database Vault Factors with Oracle Label Security Policies](#)  
To enhance security, you can integrate Oracle Database Vault factors with Oracle Label Security policies.

### 14.3.3 Model Oracle Database Vault Database Accounts

You can create different database accounts to implement the separation of duties requirements for Oracle Database Vault.

The following table lists some model database accounts that can act as a guide. (The accounts listed in this table serve as a guide to implementing Oracle Database Vault roles. These are not actual accounts that are created during installation.)

**Table 14-2 Model Oracle Database Vault Database Accounts**

Database Account	Roles and Privileges	Description
EBROWN	DV_OWNER (with DV_ADMIN and DV_SECANALYST)	Account that is the realm owner for the Oracle Database Vault realm. This account can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run DVSYS packages.</li> <li>Grant privileges on the DVSYS schema objects.</li> <li>Select objects in the DVSYS schema.</li> <li>Monitor Oracle Database Vault activity.</li> <li>Run reports on the Oracle Database Vault configuration.</li> </ul>
JGODFREY	DV_ACCTMGR	Account for administration of database accounts and profiles. This account can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create, alter, and drop users.</li> <li>Create, alter, and drop profiles.</li> <li>Grant and revoke the CREATE SESSION privilege.</li> <li>Grant and revoke the DV_ACCTMGR role, but only if this account was created during the Database Vault installation (this account is created with the ADMIN option).</li> <li>Grant and revoke the CONNECT role.</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> This account cannot create roles, or grant the RESOURCE or DBA roles.
RLAYTON	DV_ADMIN (with DV_SECANALYST)	Account to serve as the access control administrator. This account can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run DVSYS packages.</li> <li>Monitor Oracle Database Vault activity.</li> <li>Run reports on the Oracle Database Vault configuration.</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> This account cannot directly update the DVSYS tables.
PSMYTHE	DV_SECANALYST	Account for running Oracle Database Vault reports

#### Related Topics

- [Configuring Oracle Database Vault Accounts as Enterprise User Accounts](#)  
You can configure existing Oracle Database Vault user accounts as enterprise user accounts in a PDB.
- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.

## 14.4 Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts

As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

The Oracle Database Vault registration process entails creating both day-to-day and backup accounts for the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles. You should keep and maintain these accounts as a safety measure in case a user who has been granted one of these roles forgets their password or leaves the organization. Then you can log in to the backup account to recover the password or grant the role to a new account. These should be only used as a backup account kept safe in a privileged account management system or an organization break-glass (or emergency password recovery) system. When you grant a user one of these roles, include the `WITH ADMIN OPTION` clause in the `GRANT` statement.

Because of the strong separation of duty that Oracle Database Vault implements, loss of access to the `DV_OWNER` account will force you to rebuild the database. The `SYS` account cannot override the `DV_OWNER` account.

### Related Topics

- [Resetting Oracle Database Vault Account Passwords](#)  
Backup accounts can help you reset lost passwords for users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

# Oracle Database Vault Realm APIs

The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package enables you to configure Oracle Database Vault realms.

Only users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can use these procedures. For constants that you can use with these procedures, see [Table 21-1](#) for more information.

- [ADD\\_AUTH\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM` procedure authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant. You can authenticate both common and local realms.
- [ADD\\_OBJECT\\_TO\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM` procedure registers a set of objects for realm protection.
- [CREATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_REALM` procedure creates both common and local realms.
- [DELETE\\_AUTH\\_FROM\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_AUTH_FROM_REALM` procedure removes the authorization of a user or role to access a realm.
- [DELETE\\_OBJECT\\_FROM\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_OBJECT_FROM_REALM` procedure removes a set of objects from realm protection.
- [DELETE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_REALM` procedure deletes a realm, including its related configuration information that specifies who is authorized and what objects are protected.
- [DELETE\\_REALM\\_CASCADE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_REALM_CASCADE` procedure deletes a realm, including its related Database Vault configuration information that specifies who is authorized and the objects that are protected.
- [RENAME\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `RENAME_REALM` procedure renames a realm; the name change takes effect everywhere the realm is used.
- [UPDATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_REALM` procedure updates a realm.
- [UPDATE\\_REALM\\_AUTH Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_REALM_AUTH` procedure updates the authorization of a user or role to access a realm.

## 15.1 ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM Procedure

The `ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM` procedure authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant. You can authenticate both common and local realms.

Optionally, you can specify a rule set that must be checked before allowing the authorization to be enabled.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
  realm_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  grantee         IN VARCHAR2,
  rule_set_name   IN VARCHAR2,
  auth_options    IN NUMBER
  auth_scope      IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 15-1 ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	<p>Realm name, which can be 128 characters in mixed case.</p> <p>To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.</p>
grantee	<p>User or role name to authorize as an owner or a participant.</p> <p>To find the existing users and roles in the current database instance, query the DBA_USERS and DBA_ROLES views.</p> <p>To find the authorization of a particular user or role, query the DVA_DV_REALM_AUTH view.</p> <p>To find existing secure application roles used in privilege management, query the DBA_DV_ROLE view.</p>
rule_set_name	<p>Optional. The rule set to check during runtime. The realm authorization is enabled only if the rule set evaluates to TRUE.</p> <p>To find the available rule sets, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view.</p>
auth_options	<p>Optional. Specify one of the following options to authorize the realm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_PARTICIPANT: Participant. This account or role allows system or direct privileges to access, manipulate, and create objects protected by the realm, provided these rights have been granted using the standard Oracle AI Database privilege grant process. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER: Owner. This account or role has the same authorization as the realm participant, plus the authorization to grant or revoke realm-secured roles and privileges on realm-protected objects.</li> </ul> <p>A realm can have multiple owners or participants.</p> <p>See Related Topics for more information about participants and owners.</p>
auth_scope	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) authorizes the realm locally in the current PDB</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) authorizes the realm in the application root</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example authorizes user PSMITH as a participant in the HR Apps realm. Because the default is to authorize the user as a participant, the auth\_options parameter can be omitted.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
    realm_name => 'HR Apps',
    grantee    => 'PSMITH');
```

```
END;  
/
```

This example sets user PSMITH as the owner of the HR Apps realm.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(  
    realm_name => 'HR Apps',  
    grantee    => 'PSMITH',  
    auth_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);  
END;  
/
```

The next example triggers the Check Conf Access rule set before allowing user PSMITH to act as the owner of the HR Apps realm.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(  
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',  
    grantee       => 'PSMITH',  
    rule_set_name => 'Check Conf Access',  
    auth_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);  
END;  
/
```

This example shows how to commonly grant the common user C##HR\_ADMIN access to the common realm HR Statistics Realm. The user running this procedure must be in the CDB root, and the rule set must be a common rule set residing in the application root.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(  
    realm_name    => 'HR Statistics Realm',  
    grantee       => 'C##HR_ADMIN',  
    rule_set_name => 'Check Access',  
    auth_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER,  
    auth_scope    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);  
END;  
/
```

This example shows how to locally grant the common user C##HR\_CLERK access to the common realm HR Statistics Realm. The user running this procedure must be in the same PDB in which the authorization applies. To find the existing PDBs query the DBA\_PDBS data dictionary view. The rule set must be a local rule set.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(  
    realm_name    => 'HR Statistics Realm',  
    grantee       => 'C##HR_CLERK',  
    rule_set_name => 'Check Access',  
    auth_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER,  
    auth_scope    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);  
END;  
/
```

## Related Topics

- [About Realm Authorization](#)  
Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.

## 15.2 ADD\_OBJECT\_TO\_REALM Procedure

The ADD\_OBJECT\_TO\_REALM procedure registers a set of objects for realm protection.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM(
    realm_name    IN VARCHAR2,
    object_owner  IN VARCHAR2,
    object_name   IN VARCHAR2,
    object_type   IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 15-2 ADD\_OBJECT\_TO\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	<p>Realm name, which can be 128 characters in mixed case.</p> <p>To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.</p>
object_owner	<p>The owner of the object that is being added to the realm. If you add a role to a realm, the object owner of the role is shown as % (for all), because roles do not have owners.</p> <p>To find the available users, query the DBA_USERS view.</p> <p>To find the authorization of a particular user or role, query the DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH view.</p>
object_name	<p>Object name. The wildcard % is allowed, to specify all objects (except roles) for the object owner that you have specified. If you enter %, then it can encompass all objects in the schema if % is also used for the object_type parameter. But if object_type is set to TABLE, then using % for the object_name refers to all tables in the schema. Note that the % wildcard character applies to objects that do not yet exist and currently existing objects. You can also use the DBMS_MACUTL.G_ALL_OBJECT constant.</p> <p>To find the available objects, query the ALL_OBJECTS view.</p> <p>To find objects that are secured by existing realms, query the DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT view.</p>
object_type	<p>Object type, such as TABLE, INDEX, or ROLE. (The wildcard % is allowed.)</p> <p>You can also use the DBMS_MACUTL.G_ALL_OBJECT constant. You can add as many objects of any type as you want to the realm.</p>

### Example

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM(
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
    object_owner  => '%',
    object_name   => 'HR_SELECT_ROLE',
    object_type   => 'ROLE');
END;
/
```



Related Topics

- [About Realm-Secured Objects](#)  
Realm-secured objects define the territory—a set of schema and database objects and roles—that a realm protects.

# 15.3 CREATE\_REALM Procedure

The CREATE\_REALM procedure creates both common and local realms.

After you create the realm, use the following procedures to complete the realm definition:

- ADD\_OBJECT\_TO\_REALM procedure registers one or more objects for the realm.
- ADD\_AUTH\_TO\_REALM procedure authorizes users or roles for the realm.

Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(  
    realm_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    description     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,  
    enabled         IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,  
    audit_options   IN NUMBER DEFAULT,  
    realm_type      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,  
    realm_scope     IN NUMBER DEFAULT,  
    pl_sql_stack    IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

Parameters

Table 15-3 CREATE\_REALM Parameters

Parameter	Description
realm_name	Realm name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case. Oracle suggests that you use the name of the protected application as the realm name (for example, hr_app for an human resources application). This parameter is mandatory.  To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.
description	Description of the purpose of the realm, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to an empty string.  You may want to include a description for the business objective of the given application protection and document all other security policies that compliment the realm's protection. Also document who is authorized to the realm, for what purpose, and any possible emergency authorizations.
enabled	Controls realm checking and the ability of SQL statements to capture simulation log violations. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables realm checking. (Default)</li><li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') disables all realm checking, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li><li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li></ul>

**Table 15-3 (Cont.) CREATE\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
audit_options	Specify DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF (or NULL). (Default)  Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. Only the DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF setting is available for the audit_options parameter. To audit a realm, you must use unified auditing. See <i>Oracle AI Database Security Guide</i> for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a realm.
realm_type	Controls whether the realm is regular or mandatory. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACADM.REGULAR_REALM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACADM.REGULAR_REALM (or 0) disables mandatory realm checking. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM (or 1) enables mandatory realm checking for realm objects. Only realm owners or realm participants will have access to objects in a realm. Object owners and object-privileged users who are not realm owners or participants will have no access.</li> </ul>
realm_scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the realm is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the realm must be in the application root. This setting duplicates the realm in all of the associated PDBs.</li> </ul> <p>If you create the common realm in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>
pl_sql_stack	When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to FALSE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack. (Default)</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example shows how to create a realm that is enabled and uses mandatory realm checking, and records the PL/SQL stack. Auditing is disabled because NULL defaults to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_REALM\_AUDIT\_OFF.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Apps',
    description     => 'Realm to protect the HR schema',
    enabled         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    audit_options   => NULL,
    realm_type      => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM,
    pl_sql_stack    => TRUE);
END;
/
```

This example shows how to create a variation of the preceding example, but as a common realm located in the application root. The user who creates this realm must be a common user and must run the procedure in the application root. The enabled setting is omitted and so defaults to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_YES.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Apps',
    description     => 'Realm to protect the HR schema',
    audit_options   => NULL,
    realm_type      => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM,
    realm_scope     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/

```

This example shows how to create a local version of the preceding example. The user who creates this realm must be in the PDB in which the realm will reside. To find existing PDBs, query the DBA\_PDBS data dictionary view.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Apps',
    description     => 'Realm to protect the HR schema',
    audit_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF,
    realm_type      => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM,
    realm_scope     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

### Related Topics

- [Mandatory Realms to Restrict User Access to Objects within a Realm](#)  
By default, users who own or have object privileges are allowed to access realm-protected objects without explicit realm authorization.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 15.4 DELETE\_AUTH\_FROM\_REALM Procedure

The DELETE\_AUTH\_FROM\_REALM procedure removes the authorization of a user or role to access a realm.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_AUTH_FROM_REALM(
  realm_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  grantee         IN VARCHAR2,
  auth_scope      IN NUMBER DEFAULT);

```

### Parameters

**Table 15-4** DELETE\_AUTH\_FROM\_REALM Parameters

Parameter	Description
realm_name	<p>Realm name.</p> <p>To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.</p>
grantee	<p>User or role name.</p> <p>To find the authorization of a particular user or role, query the DVA_DV_REALM_AUTH view.</p>

**Table 15-4 (Cont.) DELETE\_AUTH\_FROM\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
auth_scope	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is local. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) if the realm was authorized locally in the current PDB</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2 if the realm was authorized in the application root</li> </ul>

**Example**

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_AUTH_FROM_REALM(
  realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
  grantee       => 'PSMITH',
  auth_scope    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

## 15.5 DELETE\_OBJECT\_FROM\_REALM Procedure

The DELETE\_OBJECT\_FROM\_REALM procedure removes a set of objects from realm protection.

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_OBJECT_FROM_REALM(
  realm_name    IN VARCHAR2,
  object_owner  IN VARCHAR2,
  object_name   IN VARCHAR2,
  object_type   IN VARCHAR2);

```

**Parameters****Table 15-5 DELETE\_OBJECT\_FROM\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	<p>Realm name.</p> <p>To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.</p>
object_owner	<p>The owner of the object that was added to the realm.</p> <p>To find the available users, query the DBA_USERS view.</p>
object_name	<p>Object name. (The wildcard % is allowed.) You can also use the DBMS_MACUTL.G_ALL_OBJECT constant.</p> <p>To find objects that are secured by existing realms, query the DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT view.</p> <p>See also Related Topics.</p>
object_type	<p>Object type, such as TABLE, INDEX, or ROLE. (The wildcard % is allowed.) You can also use the DBMS_MACUTL.G_ALL_OBJECT constant.</p> <p>See also Related Topics.</p>

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_OBJECT_FROM_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Apps',
    object_owner    => '%',
    object_name     => 'HR_SELECT_ROLE',
    object_type     => '%');
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [About Realm-Secured Objects](#)  
Realm-secured objects define the territory—a set of schema and database objects and roles—that a realm protects.

## 15.6 DELETE\_REALM Procedure

The `DELETE_REALM` procedure deletes a realm, including its related configuration information that specifies who is authorized and what objects are protected.

This procedure does not delete the actual database objects or users.

To find users who are authorized for the realm, query the `DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH` view. To find the objects that are protected by the realm, query the `DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT` view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM(
  realm_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 15-6** `DELETE_REALM` Parameter

Parameter	Description
<code>realm_name</code>	Realm name. To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_REALM</code> view.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM ('HR Apps');
```

## 15.7 DELETE\_REALM\_CASCADE Procedure

The `DELETE_REALM_CASCADE` procedure deletes a realm, including its related Database Vault configuration information that specifies who is authorized and the objects that are protected.

The `DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH` view lists who is authorized in the realm and the `DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT` view lists the protected objects.

It does not delete the actual database objects or users. This procedure works the same as the `DELETE_REALM` procedure. (In previous releases, these procedures were different, but now they

are the same. Both are retained for earlier compatibility.) To find a listing of the realm-related objects, query the DBA\_DV\_REALM view. To find its authorizations, query DBA\_DV\_REALM\_AUTH.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM_CASCADE(  
    realm_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 15-7 DELETE\_REALM\_CASCADE Parameter**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	Realm name. To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_REALM(  
        realm_name => 'HR Apps',  
        new_name   => 'HR and HCM Apps');  
END;  
/
```

## 15.8 RENAME\_REALM Procedure

The RENAME\_REALM procedure renames a realm; the name change takes effect everywhere the realm is used.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_REALM(  
    realm_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    new_name   IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 15-8 RENAME\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	Current realm name. To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.
new_name	New realm name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_REALM(  
        realm_name => 'HR Apps',  
        new_name   => 'HR and FIN Apps');  
END;  
/
```

## 15.9 UPDATE\_REALM Procedure

The UPDATE\_REALM procedure updates a realm.

To find information about the current settings for a realm, query the DVSYS.DV\$REALM or DBA\_DV\_REALM view.

When you update the audit options in a realm, the existing traditional audit records are disabled. You must create a unified audit policy to capture new audit records.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM(
    realm_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    description     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
    enabled         IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
    audit_options   IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
    realm_type      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
    pl_sql_stack    IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 15-9 UPDATE\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	<p>Realm name.</p> <p>To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.</p>
description	<p>Description of the purpose of the realm, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p>
enabled	<p>Controls the enablement of the realm. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables realm checking.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') disables all realm checking, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
audit_options	<p>Perform one of the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF to disable traditional auditing for this realm policy. (Default)</li> <li>Leave the current audit_options setting as is if you want to continue using this traditional auditing setting. To do so, you can specify the same setting as the current existing audit_options for this realm, or do not specify audit_options (NULL).</li> </ul> <p>Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. To audit a realm, you must use unified auditing. See <i>Oracle AI Database Security Guide</i> for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a realm.</p>

**Table 15-9 (Cont.) UPDATE\_REALM Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_type	<p>Determines if a realm is regular or mandatory. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACADM.REGULAR_REALM (or 0): Disables mandatory realm checking.</li> <li>DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM (or 1): Enables mandatory realm checking for realm objects. Only realm owners or realm participants will have access to objects in a realm. Object owners and object-privileged users who are not realm owners or participants will have no access.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
pl_sql_stack	<p>When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

**Example**

In the following example, the `description`, `enabled`, and `audit_options` settings are omitted because their values did not need to change.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'HR Apps',
    realm_type      => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM);
END;
/
```

If you did not make any modifications to the `audit_options` parameter of your realm, then the existing traditional audit policy will still be in place. If you updated the `audit_options` parameter of the realm, then this auditing will be disabled because traditional auditing is desupported starting in Oracle AI Database 26ai. To create and enable a new unified audit policy, a user must be granted the `AUDIT_ADMIN` Oracle AI Database role and `AUDIT_ADMIN` Oracle Database Vault authorization. See the below example for creating a new unified audit policy:

```
CREATE AUDIT POLICY hr_app_aud_pol
  ACTIONS COMPONENT=DV Realm Violation ON "HR Apps";

AUDIT POLICY hr_app_aud_pol;
```

You can view the audit records by querying the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` data dictionary view. See *How Oracle Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for how this works.

**Related Topics**

- [Mandatory Realms to Restrict User Access to Objects within a Realm](#)  
By default, users who own or have object privileges are allowed to access realm-protected objects without explicit realm authorization.
- [Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Unified Auditing](#)  
Oracle recommends that you migrate all your Oracle Database Vault audit policies to unified auditing.



- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 15.10 UPDATE\_REALM\_AUTH Procedure

The UPDATE\_REALM\_AUTH procedure updates the authorization of a user or role to access a realm.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM_AUTH(
    realm_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    grantee         IN VARCHAR2,
    rule_set_name   IN VARCHAR2,
    auth_options    IN NUMBER,
    auth_scope      IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 15-10 UPDATE\_REALM\_AUTH Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	<p>Realm name.</p> <p>To find the existing realms in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.</p>
grantee	<p>User or role name.</p> <p>To find the available users and roles in the current database instance, query the DBA_USERS and DBA_ROLES data dictionary views.</p> <p>To find the authorization of a particular user or role, query the DVA_DV_REALM_AUTH view.</p> <p>To find existing secure application roles used in privilege management, query the DBA_DV_ROLE view.</p>
rule_set_name	<p>Optional. A rule set to check during runtime. The realm authorization is enabled only if the rule set evaluates to TRUE.</p> <p>To find the available rule sets, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view. To find rules that are associated with the rule sets, query the DBA_DB_RULE_SET_RULE view.</p>
auth_options	<p>Optional. Specify one of the following options to authorize the realm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_PARTICIPANT: Participant. This account or role provides system or direct privileges to access, manipulate, and create objects protected by the realm, provided these rights have been granted using the standard Oracle AI Database privilege grant process.</li> <li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER: Owner. This account or role has the same authorization as the realm participant, plus the authorization to grant or revoke realm-secured roles and privileges on realm-protected objects. A realm can have multiple owners.</li> </ul> <p>The default for auth_options value is the previously set value, which you can find by querying the DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH data dictionary view.</p>
realm_auth	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is local. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) if the realm is authorized locally in the current PDB</li> <li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) if the realm is authorized in the application root</li> </ul>

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM_AUTH(
    realm_name    => 'HR Apps',
    grantee       => 'HR_SELECT_ROLE',
    rule_set_name => 'Check Conf Access',
    auth_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

# Oracle Database Vault Rule Set APIs

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package and a set of Oracle Database Vault rule functions to manage rule sets.

- [DBMS\\_MACADM Rule Set Procedures](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` rule set procedures enable you to configure both rule sets and individual rules that go within these rule sets.
- [Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL Rule Set Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides functions to use in rule sets to inspect the SQL statement that the rule set protects.

## 16.1 DBMS\_MACADM Rule Set Procedures

The `DBMS_MACADM` rule set procedures enable you to configure both rule sets and individual rules that go within these rule sets.

Only users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can use these procedures.

- [ADD\\_RULE\\_TO\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET` procedure adds rule to a rule set; you can enable having the rule checked when the rule set is evaluated.
- [CREATE\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_RULE` procedure creates both common and local rules, which afterward, can be added to a rule set.
- [CREATE\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_RULE_SET` procedure creates a rule set.
- [DELETE\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_RULE` procedure deletes a rule.
- [DELETE\\_RULE\\_FROM\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET` procedure deletes a rule from a rule set.
- [DELETE\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_RULE_SET` procedure deletes a rule set.
- [RENAME\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `RENAME_RULE` procedure renames a rule and causes the name change to take effect everywhere the rule is used
- [RENAME\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `RENAME_RULE_SET` procedure renames a rule set and causes the name change to take effect everywhere the rule set is used.
- [UPDATE\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_RULE` procedure updates a rule.
- [UPDATE\\_RULE\\_SET Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_RULE_SET` procedure updates a rule set.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring Rule Sets](#)  
Rule sets group one or more rules together; the rules determine whether a user can perform an action on an object.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package.

## 16.1.1 ADD\_RULE\_TO\_RULE\_SET Procedure

The `ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET` procedure adds rule to a rule set; you can enable having the rule checked when the rule set is evaluated.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(  
    rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
    rule_name      IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 16-1** ADD\_RULE\_TO\_RULE\_SET Parameters

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	Rule set name. To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view.
rule_name	Rule to add to the rule set. To find existing rules, query the DBA_DV_RULE view. To find rules that have been associated with rule sets, query DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE.

### Example

The following example adds a rule to a rule set, and by omitting the `enabled` parameter, automatically enables the rule to be checked when the rule set is evaluated.

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET(  
        rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',  
        rule_name      => 'Restrict DROP TABLE operations');  
END;  
/
```

### Related Topics

- [DBMS\\_MACUTL Constants](#)  
You can use a set of constants, available in the DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package.

## 16.1.2 CREATE\_RULE Procedure

The `CREATE_RULE` procedure creates both common and local rules, which afterward, can be added to a rule set.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
  rule_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
  rule_expr  IN VARCHAR2  
  scope      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,  
  is_static  IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE);
```

### Parameters

**Table 16-2** CREATE\_RULE Parameters

Parameter	Description
rule_name	<p>Rule name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case. Spaces are allowed. Oracle suggests that you start the name with a verb and complete the name with the purpose of the rule. For example: Prevent non-admin access to SQL*Plus. Because rules do not have a <code>description</code> parameter, make the name explicit but be sure to not exceed over 128 characters.</p> <p>To find existing rules in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE</code> view.</p> <p>To find rules that have been associated with rule sets, query <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE</code>.</p>

Table 16-2 (Cont.) CREATE\_RULE Parameters

Parameter	Description
rule_expr	<p>PL/SQL BOOLEAN expression.</p> <p>It must follow these guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is valid in a SQL WHERE clause.</li> <li>It can be a freestanding and valid PL/SQL Boolean expression such as the following: <pre>TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'HH24') = '12'</pre> </li> <li>It must evaluate to a Boolean (TRUE or FALSE) value.</li> <li>It must be no more than 1024 characters long.</li> <li>If the expression contains quotation marks, do not use double quotation marks. Instead, use two single quotation marks. Enclose the entire expression within single quotation marks. For example: <pre>'TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'HH24') = '12'''</pre> </li> <li>It can contain existing and compiled PL/SQL functions from the current database instance. Ensure that these are fully qualified functions (such as <i>schema.function_name</i>). Do not include any other form of SQL statements.</li> </ul> <p>Be aware that you cannot use invoker's rights procedures with rule expressions. Doing so will cause the rule evaluation to fail unexpectedly. Only use definer's rights procedures with rule expressions.</p> <p>If you want to use application package functions or standalone functions, you must grant the DVSYS account the EXECUTE privilege on the function. Doing so reduces the chances of errors when you add new rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that the rule works. You can test the syntax by running the following statement in SQL*Plus: <pre>SELECT rule_expression FROM DUAL;</pre> <p>For example, suppose you have created the following the rule expression:</p> <pre>SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'SESSION_USER') != 'TSMITH'</pre> <p>You could test this expression as follows:</p> <pre>SELECT SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'SESSION_USER') FROM DUAL;</pre> <p>For the Boolean example listed earlier, you would enter the following:</p> <pre>SELECT TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'HH24') FROM DUAL;</pre> </li> </ul>
scope	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) if the rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) if the rule is in the application root</li> </ul>
is_static	<p>Specifies whether the evaluation of a rule should be static or dynamic. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to FALSE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE evaluates the rule set once during the user session. After that, the value is re-used.</li> <li>FALSE sets the rule to be dynamic. The result of the rule will be evaluated each time the rule is triggered. (Default)</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example shows how to create a local rule expression that checks if the current session user is SYSADM. The scope setting is omitted to default it to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_SCOPE\_LOCAL. The user running this procedure must be in the same PDB in which the rule and its rule set reside. To find the existing PDBs, run the `show pdbs` command. The rule and rule set must be local.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check UPDATE operations',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''SESSION_USER'') = ''SYSADM'',
    is_static => TRUE);
END;
/
```

This example shows a multitenant environment common version of the preceding example. The user running this procedure must be in the CDB root, and the rule and its associated rule set must be common. The rule will reside in the application root.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check UPDATE operations',
    rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''SESSION_USER'') = ''SYSADM'',
    scope      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON,
    is_static  => TRUE);
END;
/
```

This example shows how to create a rule expression that uses the public standalone function OLS\_LABEL\_DOMINATES to find if the session label of the hr\_ols\_pol Oracle Label Security policy dominates or is equal to the hs label. The value 0 indicates if it is false. (To check if it is equal, you would specify 1.) The `scope` (default is local) and `is_static` (default is FALSE) parameters are omitted; their default values will be used.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check OLS Factor',
    rule_expr => 'OLS_LABEL_DOMINATES(''hr_ols_pol'', ''hs'') = 1');
END;
/
```

## Related Topics

- [Creating a Rule](#)  
You can create a new rule or use the default Oracle Database Vault rules.

## 16.1.3 CREATE\_RULE\_SET Procedure

The `CREATE_RULE_SET` procedure creates a rule set.

After you create a rule set, you can use the `CREATE_RULE` and `ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET` procedures to create and add rules to the rule set.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  description    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
```

```

eval_options      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
audit_options     IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
fail_options      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
fail_message      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
fail_code         IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
handler_options   IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
handler           IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
is_static         IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT,
scope             IN NUMBER DEFAULT);

```

## Parameters

**Table 16-3 CREATE\_RULE\_SET Parameters**

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	<p>Rule set name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case. Spaces are allowed. Oracle suggests that you start the name with a verb and complete it with the realm or command rule name to which the rule set is attached.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view.</p>
description	Description of the purpose of the rule set, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to an empty string.
enabled	<p>Controls realm checking. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables the rule set. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') to disable all realm checking, including the capture of violations in the simulation log</li> </ul>
eval_options	<p>For multiple rules being added to a rule set, determines if any or all rules are evaluated. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL: All rules in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to true. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY: At least one rule in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to true.</li> </ul>
audit_options	<p>Specify DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF (or NULL). (Default)</p> <p>Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. To audit a rule set, you must use unified auditing. See <i>Oracle AI Database Security Guide</i> for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a rule set.</p>
fail_options	<p>Determines whether to show or not show errors if the rule set evaluation fails. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW shows the custom error code and message when the rule set evaluation fails. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT does not show the custom error code and message when the rule set evaluation fails. Instead, it uses the default error message. An advantage of selecting DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT and then enabling auditing is that you can track the activities of a potential intruder. The audit report reveals the detailed activities of the intruder, but the intruder only sees a default error message (for example, ORA-01031: insufficient privileges), without knowing why the action failed.</li> </ul>
fail_message	<p>Enter an error message for failure, up to 80 characters in mixed-case, to associate with the fail code you specify for fail_code. The default is NULL, which means no custom fail message. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to no custom fail message.</p>



Table 16-3 (Cont.) CREATE\_RULE\_SET Parameters

Parameter	Description
fail_code	Enter a number in the range of -20000 to -20999 or 20000 to 20999 to associate with the fail_message parameter. The default is NULL, which means no fail code. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to no fail code.
handler_options	Controls the behavior of the handler. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF: Disables error handling. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL: Calls handler on rule set failure</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_SUCCESS: Calls handler on rule set success</li> </ul>
handler	<p>Name of the PL/SQL function or procedure that defines the custom event handler logic. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to NULL, which means no handler.</p> <p>You can create a custom event method to provide special processing outside the standard Oracle Database Vault rule set auditing features. For example, you can use an event handler to initiate a workflow process or send event information to an external system.</p> <p>Write the expression as a fully qualified procedure (such as <i>schema.procedure_name</i>). Do not include any other form of SQL statements. If you are using application package procedures or standalone procedures, you must provide DVSYS with the EXECUTE privilege on the object. The procedure signature can be in one of the following two forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PROCEDURE <i>my_ruleset_handler</i>(<i>p_ruleset_name</i> IN VARCHAR2, <i>p_ruleset_rules</i> IN BOOLEAN): Use this form when the name of the rule set and its return value are required in the handler processing.</li> <li>PROCEDURE <i>my_ruleset_handler</i>: Use this form when the name of the rule set and its return value are not required in the handler processing.</li> </ul> <p>Be aware that you cannot use invoker's rights procedures as event handlers. Doing so can cause the rule set evaluation to fail unexpectedly. Only use definer's rights procedures as event handlers.</p> <p>Use the following syntax:</p> <pre>my_schema.my_ruleset_handler</pre>
is_static	<p>Optional. Determines if the rule set is re-evaluated when it is accessed. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to FALSE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE sets the rule set to be static. When a rule set is specified as static, then the result of the first rule evaluation in a session will be cached and used whenever the rule needs to be evaluated again in the session.</li> <li>FALSE sets the rule set to be dynamic. The result of the rule set will be evaluated each time the rule set is triggered. (Default)</li> </ul>
scope	<p>Determines whether the rule set should be common or local. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) if the rule set is to be local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) if the rule set is to be in the application root</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example creates a rule set that is enabled and is set so that at least one rule must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to true. The `enabled` setting is omitted, which defaults the rule set's enablement status to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES`. It shows an error message and uses the fail code 20461 to track failures. It also uses a handler to send email alerts to the appropriate users if there are violations to the rule set.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    description      => 'DBA access through predefined processes',
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
    fail_message     => 'Configuration failed; check settings',
    fail_code        => 20461,
    handler_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL,
    handler          => 'dbavowner.email_alert',
    is_static        => TRUE);
END;
/
```

This rule set uses no fail messages or fail codes, nor does it use any handlers. This rule set will be in the application root of a multitenant environment, so the user running this procedure must be in the application root. It has no fail message or fail code, so the `fail_message` and `fail_code` settings are omitted. Any rules or command rules that are associated with this rule set must be common.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Check_HR_Access',
    description      => 'Checks for failed access attempts to the HR schema',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
    is_static        => TRUE,
    scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

This rule set is a local version of the preceding rule set. The user who creates this rule set must be in the PDB in which this rule set will reside. The `fail_message`, `fail_code`, `handler_options`, and `handler` settings are omitted because this rule set has no error messages or handler. Any rules or command rules that are associated with this rule set must be local.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Check_HR_Access',
    description      => 'Checks for failed access attempts to the HR schema',
    enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
    is_static        => TRUE,
    scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

**Related Topics**

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 16.1.4 DELETE\_RULE Procedure

The `DELETE_RULE` procedure deletes a rule.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE(  
    rule_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameter**

**Table 16-4** `DELETE_RULE` Parameter

Parameter	Description
rule_name	Rule name.  To find existing rules in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE</code> view.  To find rules that have been associated with rule sets, query <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE</code> .

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE('Check UPDATE operations');
```

## 16.1.5 DELETE\_RULE\_FROM\_RULE\_SET Procedure

The `DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET` procedure deletes a rule from a rule set.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET(  
    rule_set_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    rule_name      IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameters**

**Table 16-5** `DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET` Parameters

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	Rule set name.  To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.
rule_name	Rule to remove from the rule set.  To find existing rules in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE</code> view.  To find rules that have been associated with rule sets, query <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE</code> .

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    rule_name      => 'Check UPDATE operations');
END;
/
```

## 16.1.6 DELETE\_RULE\_SET Procedure

The `DELETE_RULE_SET` procedure deletes a rule set.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET(
  rule_set_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 16-6** `DELETE_RULE_SET` Parameter

Parameter	Description
<code>rule_set_name</code>	Rule set name. To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_RULE_SET('Limit_DBA_Access');
```

## 16.1.7 RENAME\_RULE Procedure

The `RENAME_RULE` procedure renames a rule and causes the name change to take effect everywhere the rule is used

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_RULE(
  rule_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  new_name   IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 16-7** `RENAME_RULE` Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>rule_name</code>	Current rule name. To find existing rules in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE</code> view. To find rules that have been associated with rule sets, query <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE</code> .
<code>new_name</code>	New rule name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case.

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check UPDATE operations',
    new_name  => 'Check Sector 2 Processes');
END;
/
```

## 16.1.8 RENAME\_RULE\_SET Procedure

The `RENAME_RULE_SET` procedure renames a rule set and causes the name change to take effect everywhere the rule set is used.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_RULE_SET(
  rule_set_name IN VARCHAR2,
  new_name      IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 16-8** RENAME\_RULE\_SET Parameters

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	Current rule set name. To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.
new_name	New rule set name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case. Spaces are allowed.

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    new_name      => 'Limit Sector 2 Access');
END;
/
```

## 16.1.9 UPDATE\_RULE Procedure

The `UPDATE_RULE` procedure updates a rule.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE(
  rule_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  rule_expr  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  is_static  IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 16-9 UPDATE\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
rule_name	Rule name. To find existing rules in the current database instance. To find rules that have been associated with rule sets, query DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE.
rule_expr	PL/SQL BOOLEAN expression. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. If the expression contains quotation marks, do not use double quotation marks. Instead, use two single quotation marks. Enclose the entire expression within single quotation marks. For example:  <code>'TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'HH24') = '12''</code>
is_static	NULL or omitted leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default) To find existing rule expressions, query the DBA_DV_RULE view. Specifies whether the evaluation of a rule should be static or dynamic. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE sets the rule to be static. When a rule is specified as static, then the result of the first rule evaluation in a session will be cached and used whenever the rule needs to be evaluated again in the session.</li> <li>FALSE sets the rule to be dynamic. The result of the rule will be evaluated each time the rule is triggered.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

## Example

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE(
  rule_name => 'Check UPDATE operations',
  rule_expr => 'SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', 'SESSION_USER') = 'SYSADM' AND
    (
      UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', 'MODULE')) LIKE 'APPSRVR%' OR
      UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', 'MODULE')) LIKE 'DBAPP%'
    ),
  is_static => TRUE);
END;
/

```

## 16.1.10 UPDATE\_RULE\_SET Procedure

The UPDATE\_RULE\_SET procedure updates a rule set.

When you update a rule set, the existing traditional audit records are disabled. You must create a unified audit policy to capture new audit records. To find the current values, query the DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view.

## Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET(
  rule_set_name    IN VARCHAR2,
  description      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  enabled          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,

```

```

eval_options      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
audit_options     IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
fail_options      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
fail_message      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
fail_code         IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
handler_options   IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
handler           IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
is_static         IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);

```

## Parameters

**Table 16-10 UPDATE\_RULE\_SET Parameters**

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	Rule set name. To find existing rule sets in the current database instance.
description	Description of the purpose of the rule set, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.
enabled	Controls the enablement of the rule set. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES enables rule set checking.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO disables rule set checking.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current value unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
eval_options	For multiple rules that have been added to a rule set, determines if any or all rules are evaluated. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL: All rules in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to true.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY: At least one rule in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to true.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
audit_options	Perform one of the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF to disable traditional auditing for this rule set policy.</li> <li>Leave the current audit_options setting as is if you want to continue using this traditional auditing setting. To do so, you can specify the same setting as the current existing audit_options for this rule set, or do not specify audit_options (NULL).</li> </ul> <p>Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. To audit a rule set, you must use unified auditing. See <i>Oracle AI Database Security Guide</i> for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a rule set.</p>
fail_options	Options for reporting errors. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW shows the custom error code and message when the rule set evaluation fails.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT does not show the custom error code and message when the rule set evaluation fails. Instead, it uses the default error message.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
fail_message	Error message for failure, up to 80 characters in mixed-case, to associate with the fail code you specify for fail_code. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.

**Table 16-10 (Cont.) UPDATE\_RULE\_SET Parameters**

Parameter	Description
fail_code	Enter a number in the range of -20000 to -20999 or 20000 to 20999 to associate with the fail_message parameter. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.
handler_options	Controls the behavior of the handler. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF disables error handling.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL calls the handler on rule set failure.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_SUCCESS calls the handler on rule set success.</li> <li>NULL or omitted leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
handler	Name of the PL/SQL function or procedure that defines the custom event handler logic. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.
is_static	Optional. Determines how often a rule set is evaluated when it is accessed by a SQL statement. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE sets the rule set to be static. When a rule set is specified as static, then the result of the first rule evaluation in a session will be cached and used whenever the rule needs to be evaluated again in the session.</li> <li>FALSE sets the rule set to be dynamic. The result of the rule set will be evaluated each time the rule set is triggered.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

### Example

In this example, enabled is omitted because this value did not need to change.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    description      => 'DBA access through predefined processes',
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
    fail_message     => 'Access denied!',
    fail_code        => 20900,
    handler_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF,
    handler          => '',
    is_static        => TRUE);
END;
/

```

If you did not make any modifications to the audit\_options parameter of your rule set, then the existing traditional audit policy will still be in place. If you updated the audit\_options parameter of the rule set, then this auditing will be disabled because traditional auditing is desupported starting in Oracle AI Database 26ai. To capture new audit records, as a user who has been granted the AUDIT\_ADMIN Oracle AI Database role and AUDIT\_ADMIN Oracle Database Vault authorization, create and enable a unified audit policy. For example:

```

CREATE AUDIT POLICY Limit_DBA_Access_pol
  ACTIONS COMPONENT=DV RULE SET FAILURE ON "Limit_DBA_Access";

```



```
AUDIT POLICY Limit_DBA_Access_pol;
```

You can view the audit records by querying the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` data dictionary view. See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for how this works.

### Related Topics

- [Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Unified Auditing](#)  
Oracle recommends that you migrate all your Oracle Database Vault audit policies to unified auditing.
- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 16.2 Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL Rule Set Functions

Oracle Database Vault provides functions to use in rule sets to inspect the SQL statement that the rule set protects.

- [DV\\_SYSEVENT Function](#)  
The `DV_SYSEVENT` function returns the system event firing the rule set. .
- [DV\\_LOGIN\\_USER Function](#)  
The `DV_LOGIN_USER` function returns the session user name, in `VARCHAR2` data type.
- [DV\\_INSTANCE\\_NUM Function](#)  
The `DV_INSTANCE_NUM` function returns the database instance number, in `NUMBER` data type.
- [DV\\_DATABASE\\_NAME Function](#)  
The `DV_DATABASE_NAME` function returns the database name, in `VARCHAR2` data type.
- [DV\\_DICT\\_OBJ\\_TYPE Function](#)  
The `DV_DICT_OBJ_TYPE` function returns the type of the dictionary object on which the database operation occurred.
- [DV\\_DICT\\_OBJ\\_OWNER Function](#)  
The `DV_DICT_OBJ_OWNER` function returns the name of the owner of the dictionary object on which the database operation occurred.
- [DV\\_DICT\\_OBJ\\_NAME Function](#)  
The `DV_DICT_OBJ_NAME` function returns the name of the dictionary object on which the database operation occurred.
- [DV\\_SQL\\_TEXT Function](#)  
The `DV_SQL_TEXT` function returns the first 4000 characters of SQL text of the database statement used in the operation.

### 16.2.1 DV\_SYSEVENT Function

The `DV_SYSEVENT` function returns the system event firing the rule set. .

The event name is the same as that in the syntax of the SQL statement (for example, `INSERT`, `CREATE`.) The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

#### Syntax

```
DV_SYSEVENT ( )  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Get System Event Firing the Maintenance Rule Set',
    rule_expr => 'DV_SYSEVENT = ''CREATE''');
END;
/
```

## 16.2.2 DV\_LOGIN\_USER Function

The DV\_LOGIN\_USER function returns the session user name, in VARCHAR2 data type.

**Syntax**

```
DV_LOGIN_USER ()
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Session User Name',
    rule_expr => 'DV_LOGIN_USER = ''SEBASTIAN''');
END;
/
```

## 16.2.3 DV\_INSTANCE\_NUM Function

The DV\_INSTANCE\_NUM function returns the database instance number, in NUMBER data type.

**Syntax**

```
DV_INSTANCE_NUM ()
RETURN NUMBER;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Database Instance Number',
    rule_expr => 'DV_INSTANCE_NUM BETWEEN 6 AND 9');
END;
/
```

## 16.2.4 DV\_DATABASE\_NAME Function

The DV\_DATABASE\_NAME function returns the database name, in VARCHAR2 data type.

### Syntax

```
DV_DATABASE_NAME ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Database Name',  
    rule_expr => 'DV_DATABASE_NAME = ''ORCL''');  
END;  
/
```

## 16.2.5 DV\_DICT\_OBJ\_TYPE Function

The DV\_DICT\_OBJ\_TYPE function returns the type of the dictionary object on which the database operation occurred.

For example, dictionary objects it returns are table, procedure, or view. The return type is VARCHAR2.

### Syntax

```
DV_DICT_OBJ_TYPE ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Dictionary Object Type',  
    rule_expr => 'DV_DICT_OBJ_TYPE IN ( ''TABLE'', ''VIEW'' )');  
END;  
/
```

## 16.2.6 DV\_DICT\_OBJ\_OWNER Function

The DV\_DICT\_OBJ\_OWNER function returns the name of the owner of the dictionary object on which the database operation occurred.

The return type is VARCHAR2.

### Syntax

```
DV_DICT_OBJ_OWNER ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Dictionary Object Owner',
    rule_expr => 'DV_DICT_OBJ_OWNER = ''JSMITH''');
END;
/
```

## 16.2.7 DV\_DICT\_OBJ\_NAME Function

The `DV_DICT_OBJ_NAME` function returns the name of the dictionary object on which the database operation occurred.

The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

**Syntax**

```
DV_DICT_OBJ_NAME ( )
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Dictionary Object Name',
    rule_expr => 'DV_DICT_OBJ_NAME = ''SALES''');
END;
/
```

## 16.2.8 DV\_SQL\_TEXT Function

The `DV_SQL_TEXT` function returns the first 4000 characters of SQL text of the database statement used in the operation.

The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

**Syntax**

```
DV_SQL_TEXT ( )
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check SQL Text',
    rule_expr => 'DV_SQL_TEXT = ''SELECT SALARY FROM HR.EMPLOYEES''');
```

```
END;  
/
```

# Oracle Database Vault Command Rule APIs

The DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package provides procedures for configuring command rules. .

Only users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role can use these procedures.

- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.
- [CREATE\\_CONNECT\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure creates both common and local CONNECT command rules that you can associate with a user and a rule set.
- [CREATE\\_SESSION\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure creates both common and local command rules that you can associate with session events, based on the ALTER SESSION statement.
- [CREATE\\_SYSTEM\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure creates both command and local command rules that you can associate with system events, based on the ALTER SYSTEM statement.
- [DELETE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure drops a command rule declaration.
- [DELETE\\_CONNECT\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure deletes a CONNECT command rule that had been created with the CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure.
- [DELETE\\_SESSION\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure deletes a session command rule that was associated with events.
- [DELETE\\_SYSTEM\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure deletes a system command rule that was associated with events.
- [UPDATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure updates the command rule declaration for both common and local command rules.
- [UPDATE\\_CONNECT\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure updates a CONNECT command rule that had been created with the CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure.
- [UPDATE\\_SESSION\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure updates both common and local session event command rules, based on the ALTER SESSION statement.
- [UPDATE\\_SYSTEM\\_EVENT\\_CMD\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure updates both common and local system event command rules, based on the ALTER SYSTEM statement.

**Related Topics**

- [Configuring Command Rules](#)  
You can create command rules or use the default command rules to protect DDL and DML statements.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package.

## 17.1 CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Procedure

The `CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.

Optionally, you can use it to enable the command rule for rule checking with a rule set.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command           IN VARCHAR2,
  rule_set_name     IN VARCHAR2,
  object_owner      IN VARCHAR2,
  object_name       IN VARCHAR2,
  enabled           IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  privilege_scope   IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  clause_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  parameter_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope             IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  pl_sql_stack      IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT;
```

**Parameters****Table 17-1 CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
command	<p>SQL statement to protect.</p> <p>To find existing command rules, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> data dictionary view.</p> <p>If you plan to create a command rule for a unified audit policy object, then ensure that you specify <code>AUDIT POLICY</code> or <code>NOAUDIT POLICY</code>, not <code>AUDIT</code> or <code>NOAUDIT</code>, as the command.</p> <p>If you want to create a command rule for the <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> or <code>ALTER SESSION</code> statements, then you must include a set of special parameters to define the details of these statements: <code>clause_name</code>, <code>parameter_name</code>, <code>event_name</code>, <code>component_name</code>, and <code>action_name</code>. These parameters, as well as examples of how to use them, are described in the <code>CREATE_COMMAND_RULE</code> reference.</p>
rule_set_name	<p>Name of rule set to associate with this command rule.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.</p>

**Table 17-1 (Cont.) CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
object_owner	<p>Database schema to which this command rule will apply. To find the available schema users, query the DBA_USERS view.</p> <p>The wildcard % is allowed, except for the SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and EXECUTE statements. However, you cannot use wildcard characters with text, such as EM% to select all owners whose names begin in EM.</p> <p>The wildcard % is not allowed for the command rules for the SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and EXECUTE statements. Nor is % allowed for SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and EXECUTE statements to do a selection of all (%) or the SYS and DVSYS schemas.</p>
object_name	<p>Object to be protected by the command rule.</p> <p>The wildcard % is allowed. Specify % to select all database objects, which can include tables, procedures, views, unified audit policies, and so on. This attribute is mandatory if you specified object_owner.</p> <p>To find the available objects, query the ALL_OBJECTS view.</p>
enabled	<p>Controls the enablement of the command rule. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables the command rule. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') disables the command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> </ul>
privilege_scope	Obsolete parameter, NULL
clause_name	<p>A clause from the SQL statement that was used to create the command rule. For example, a command rule for the ALTER SESSION SQL statement could have the SET clause as the clause_name parameter.</p> <p>Applies only to command rules for ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all clauses.</p>
parameter_name	<p>A parameter from the clause_name parameter. For example, for an ALTER SESSION command rule, you could set parameter_name to EVENTS if the clause_name is SET.</p> <p>Applies only to command rules for ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all parameters.</p>
event_name	<p>An event that the command rule defines. For example, suppose an ALTER SESSION command rule uses SET for the clause_name and EVENTS as the parameter_name. The event_name could be set to TRACE if you want to track trace events.</p> <p>Applies only to ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules that have the parameter parameter set to EVENTS.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all events.</p>
component_name	<p>A component of the event_name setting. For example, for a TRACE event, the component_name could be GCS.</p> <p>Applies only to ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules that have the parameter parameter set to EVENTS.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all components.</p>



**Table 17-1 (Cont.) CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
action_name	<p>An action of the component_name setting.</p> <p>Applies only to ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules that have the parameter parameter set to EVENTS.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all actions.</p>
scope	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>If you create the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>
pl_sql_stack	<p>When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack. (Default)</li> </ul>

**ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule Settings**

[Table 17-2](#) describes the ALTER SYSTEM command rule settings.

**Table 17-2 ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule Settings**

clause_name	parameter_name — Parameter Value
ARCHIVE LOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL — <i>sequence_number</i></li> <li>CHANGE — <i>change_number</i></li> <li>CURRENT — N/A</li> <li>GROUP — <i>group_number</i></li> <li>LOGFILE — <i>log_file_name</i></li> <li>NEXT — N/A</li> <li>SEQUENCE — N/A</li> </ul>
CHECK DATAFILES	N/A — global or local
CHECKPOINT	N/A — global or local
COPY LOGFILE	N/A — N/A
DISTRIBUTED RECOVERY	N/A — enable or disable
DUMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DATAFILE — N/A</li> <li>FLASHBACK — N/A</li> <li>LOGFILE — N/A</li> <li>REDO — N/A</li> <li>TEMPFILE — N/A</li> <li>UNDO — N/A</li> </ul>
END SESSION	DISCONNECT SESSION — N/A KILL SESSION — N/A

**Table 17-2 (Cont.) ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule Settings**

<b>clause_name</b>	<b>parameter_name — Parameter Value</b>
FLUSH	BUFFER_CACHE — N/A
	GLOBAL_CONTEXT — N/A
	REDO — <i>target_db_name</i>
	SHARED_POOL — N/A
QUIESCE	QUIESCE RESTRICTED — N/A
	UNQUIESCE — N/A
REFRESH	LDAP_REGISTRATION — N/A
REGISTER	N/A — N/A
RESET	<i>initialization_parameter_name</i> — N/A
RESUME	N/A — N/A
SECURITY	RESTRICTED SESSION — enable or disable
	SET ENCRYPTION KEY — N/A
	SET ENCRYPTION WALLET — open or close
SET	EVENTS — <i>event_string</i>
	GLOBAL_TOPIC_ENABLED — true or false
	<i>initialization_parameter_name</i> — <i>parameter_value</i>
	LDAP_REGISTRATION_ENABLED — true or false
	LDAP_REG-SYNC_INTERVAL — Number
	SINGLETASK DEBUG — N/A
SHUTDOWN DISPATCHER	USE_STORED_OUTLINES — true, false, or <i>category_name</i>
	N/A — <i>dispatcher_name</i>
SWITCH LOGFILE	N/A — all or none
SUSPEND	N/A — N/A
TX RECOVERY	N/A — enable or disable

**ALTER SESSION Command Rule Settings**

[Table 17-3](#) describes the ALTER SESSION command rule settings.

**Table 17-3 ALTER SESSION Command Rule Settings**

<b>clause_name</b>	<b>parameter_name — Parameter Value</b>
ADVISE	N/A — COMMIT, ROLLBACK, or NOTHING
CLOSE DATABASE LINK	N/A — <i>database_link</i>
COMMIT IN PROCEDURE	N/A — ENABLE or DISABLE
GUARD	N/A — ENABLE or DISABLE
ILM	ROW ACCESS TRACKING — N/A
	ROW MODIFICATION TRACKING — N/A
LOGICAL REPLICATION	N/A — N/A
PARALLEL DML	N/A — ENABLE, DISABLE, or FORCE
PARALLEL DDL	N/A — ENABLE, DISABLE, or FORCE

**Table 17-3 (Cont.) ALTER SESSION Command Rule Settings**

clause_name	parameter_name — Parameter Value
PARALLEL QUERY	N/A — ENABLE, DISABLE, or FORCE
RESUMABLE	N/A — ENABLE or DISABLE
SYNC WITH PRIMARY	N/A — N/A
SET	APPLICATION ACTION — <i>action_name</i> APPLICATION MODULE — <i>module_name</i> CONSTRAINTS — IMMEDIATE, DEFERRED, or DEFAULT CONTAINER — <i>container_name</i> CURRENT SCHEMA — <i>schema_name</i> EDITION — <i>edition_name</i> ERROR ON OVERLAP TIME — TRUE or FALSE EVENTS — <i>event_string</i> FLAGGER — OFF, FULL, INTERMEDIATE, ENTRY <i>initialization_parameter_name</i> — <i>parameter_name</i> INSTANCE — <i>instance_number</i> ISOLATION_LEVEL — SERIALIZABLE or READ COMMITTED ROW_ARCHIVAL_VISABILITY — ACTIVE or ALL SQL_TRANSFORMATION_PROFILE — <i>profile_name</i> STANDBY_MAX_DATA_DELAY — NONE <i>number</i> TIME_ZONE — LOCAL, DBTIMEZONE, or <i>other_value</i> USE_PRIVATE_OUTLINES — TRUE, FALSE, or <i>category_name</i> USE_STORED_OUTLINES — TRUE, FALSE, or <i>category_name</i>

## Examples

### Simple Command Rules

The following example shows how to create a simple command rule for the SELECT statement on the HR.EMPLOYEES table. This command rule uses a custom rule set called Check User Role. This rule set must exist before the command rule can be created.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command          => 'SELECT',
    rule_set_name     => 'Check User Role',
    object_owner      => 'HR',
    object_name       => 'EMPLOYEES',
    enabled           => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
END;
/
```

This example shows how to create a command rule that checks if users can enable or disable the hr\_app\_aud\_pol unified audit policy. The enabled parameter is omitted so that it can default to DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_YES. Note that if the object is a unified audit policy, then you must have AUDIT POLICY, not AUDIT, for the command parameter.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command          => 'AUDIT POLICY',
    rule_set_name     => 'Check ability to audit',
```

```

object_owner    => '%',
object_name     => 'hr_app_aud_pol',
scope          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

### ALTER SESSION Command Rule Using the SET Clause

The following example shows how to create an ALTER SESSION command rule that uses the SET clause with the ERROR\_ON\_OVERLAP\_TIME parameter.

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command        => 'ALTER SESSION',
  rule_set_name  => 'Test ERROR_ON_OVERLAP_TIME for FALSE',
  object_owner   => '%',
  object_name    => '%',
  enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO,
  clause_name    => 'SET',
  parameter_name => 'ERROR_ON_OVERLAP_TIME',
  scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

In this example:

- **rule\_set\_name:** The ALTER SESSION SQL statement ERROR\_ON\_OVERLAP\_TIME session parameter must be set to either TRUE or FALSE. You can create a rule set that checks if this setting. For example, for the rule:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE('RULE_TRUE', 'UPPER(PARAMETER_VALUE) = 'TRUE'');
```

The rule set that is used with this rule can be similar to the following:

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
  rule_set_name  => 'Test ERROR_ON_OVERLAP_TIME',
  description    => 'Checks if the ERROR_ON_OVERLAP_TIME setting is TRUE or FALSE',
  enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
  eval_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL,
  audit_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
  fail_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT,
  fail_message   => 'false error on overlap time',
  fail_code      => 20461,
  handler_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL,
  handler        => '',
  is_static      => false);
END;
/
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET('Test ERROR_ON_OVERLAP_TIME', 'RULE_TRUE');

```

- **object\_owner** and **object\_name** must be set to % for ALTER SESSION and ALTER SYSTEM command rules.
- **enabled** uses the DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_NO constant to disable the command rule when it is created.
- **clause\_name** sets the ALTER SESSION command rule to use the SET clause of the ALTER SESSION PL/SQL statement.
- **parameter\_name** is set to the ERROR\_ON\_OVERLAP\_TIME parameter of the SET clause.
- **scope** uses the DBMS\_MACUTL.G\_SCOPE\_COMMON constant to set the command rule to be a common command rule. This command rule will be in the application root of a multitenant

environment, so the user running this procedure must be in the CDB root. Any rules or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

If you were creating the command rule locally, you would set `scope` to `DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL`. In that case, the user who runs this procedure must be in the PDB in which the command rule will reside. To find the existing PDBs, you can query the `DBA_PDBS` data dictionary view. Any rules or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be local.

### ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule Using the CHECKPOINT Clause

This example shows how to create an ALTER SYSTEM command rule that uses the `CHECKPOINT` clause. To have the command rule test for the `CHECKPOINT` setting, you must create a rule set and rule, similar to the ALTER SESSION command rule in the previous example. In this example, the `parameter` setting is not specified because the `CHECKPOINT` setting does not have parameters.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command          => 'ALTER SYSTEM',
  rule_set_name    => 'Test CHECKPOINT Setting',
  object_owner     => '%',
  object_name      => '%',
  enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
  clause_name      => 'CHECKPOINT',
  parameter_name   => '',
  scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

### ALTER SESSION Command Rule Using the SET Clause

The following ALTER SESSION command rule uses the `SET` clause to specify an `event_name` and `component_name`. You can only use the `event_name`, `component_name`, and `action_name` parameters if the `clause_name` parameter specifies `SET`.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command          => 'ALTER SESSION',
  rule_set_name    => 'Check Trace Events',
  object_owner     => '%',
  object_name      => '%',
  enabled          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
  clause_name      => 'SET',
  parameter_name   => 'EVENTS',
  event_name       => 'TRACE',
  component_name   => 'GCS',
  scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [ALTER SESSION and ALTER SYSTEM Command Rules](#)  
You can create different kinds of ALTER SESSION and ALTER SYSTEM command rules that provide fine-grained control for these SQL statements.
- [SQL Statements That Can Be Protected by Command Rules](#)  
You can protect a large number of SQL statements by using command rules.

## 17.2 CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Procedure

The `CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE` procedure creates both common and local `CONNECT` command rules that you can associate with a user and a rule set.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
  user_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 17-4 CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
<code>user_name</code>	<p>User to whom the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule will apply. If you enter the % wildcard, then the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule will be applied to every database user.</p> <p>If you run this procedure in the root, then specifying % applies to all common users. If you run the procedure in a PDB, then it applies to all local and common users who have access to this PDB. If there are two command rules, one common and one local, and they both apply to the same object, then both must evaluate successfully for the operation to succeed.</p> <p>Ensure that this user is common if the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule is common, and local or common if the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing database users in the current instance, query the <code>DBA_USERS</code> view, described in <i>Oracle AI Database Reference</i>.</p>
<code>rule_set_name</code>	<p>Name of rule set to associate with this command rule. Ensure that this rule set is common if the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule is common, and local if the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view, described in <a href="#">DBA_DV_RULE_SET View</a>.</p>
<code>enabled</code>	<p>Controls the enablement of the connect command rule. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES</code>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES</code> (or 'y') enables the connect command rule. (Default)</li> <li><code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO</code> (or 'n') disables the connect command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li><code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION</code> (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> </ul>
<code>scope</code>	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL</code>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL</code> (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li><code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON</code> (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>If you create the common <code>CONNECT</code> command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>

## Examples

The following example shows how to create a common CONNECT command rule. This command rule will be in the CDB root, so the user who runs this procedure must be in the CDB root. Any user names or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Sessions',
    user_name     => 'C##HR_ADMIN',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION,
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

This example is a local version of the preceding example. The user who runs this procedure must be in the PDB in which the local CONNECT command rule will reside. To find the available PDBs, run the `show pdbs` command. Any rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be local. The user can be either common or local.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Sessions',
    user_name     => 'PSMITH',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION,
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

## 17.3 CREATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Procedure

The `CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure creates both common and local command rules that you can associate with session events, based on the `ALTER SESSION` statement.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  pl_sql_stack   IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 17-5 CREATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
<code>rule_set_name</code>	<p>Name of the rule set to associate with the command rule. Ensure that this rule set is common if the session event command rule is common, and local if the command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.</p>

Table 17-5 (Cont.) CREATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters

Parameter	Description
enabled	Controls the enablement of the session event command rule. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables the command rule. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO or 'n' disables the command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION or 's' enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> </ul>
event_name	An event that the command rule defines. This setting enables the command rule to correspond with an ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS <i>event_name</i> statement. For example, to track trace events, you would set <i>event_name</i> to TRACE.  The default is %, which includes all events.
component_name	A component of the event_name setting. Example settings are DV, OLS, or GCS.  You can find valid component names by issuing ORADEBUG DOC COMPONENT RDBMS as user SYS. The output displays parent and child components, which you can use for the component_name setting. For example, both XS (parent) and XSSESSION (child of XS) are valid component names. If you select the parent component, then the command rule applies to it and the child components.  The default is %, which includes all components.
action_name	An action of the component_name setting.  The default is %, which includes all actions.
scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>If you create the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>
pl_sql_stack	When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack. (Default)</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example shows how to create a common session event command rule in a multitenant environment. This command rule will be in the application root, so the user running this procedure must be in the CDB root. Any user names or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Sessions',
    event_name    => 'TRACE',
```



```

    component_name => 'DV',
    action_name    => 'CURSORTRACE',
    enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION,
    scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/

```

This example shows how to create a session event for the 47998 trace event. In this example, `enabled` is omitted so that its default, `DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES`, will be used. This example will records the PL/SQL stack for failed operations.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Sessions',
    event_name    => '47998',
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL,
    pl_sql_stack  => TRUE);
END;
/

```

## 17.4 CREATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Procedure

The `CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure creates both command and local command rules that you can associate with system events, based on the `ALTER SYSTEM` statement.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope         IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  pl_sql_stack   IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);

```

### Parameters

**Table 17-6 CREATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
<code>rule_set_name</code>	<p>Name of the rule set to associate with the command rule. Ensure that this rule set is common if the system event command rule is common, and local if the command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.</p>
<code>event_name</code>	<p>An event that the command rule defines. This setting enables the command rule to correspond to an <code>ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS event_name</code> statement. For example, to track trace events, you would set <code>event_name</code> to <code>TRACE</code>.</p> <p>The default is <code>%</code>, which includes all events.</p>

**Table 17-6 (Cont.) CREATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
component_name	<p>A component of the event_name setting. Example settings are DV, OLS, or GCS.</p> <p>You can find valid component names by issuing ORADEBUG DOC COMPONENT RDBMS as user SYS. The output displays parent and child components, which you can use for the component_name setting. For example, both XS (parent) and XSSESSION (child of XS) are valid component names. If you select the parent component, then the command rule applies to it and the child components.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all components.</p>
action_name	<p>An action of the component_name setting.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all actions.</p>
enabled	<p>Controls the enablement of the system event command rule. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'Y') enables the system event command rule. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO or 'n' disables the system event command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION or 's' enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> </ul>
scope	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>If you create the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>
pl_sql_stack	<p>When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. Enter TRUE to record the PL/SQL stack, FALSE to not record. The default is FALSE.</p>

### Example

The following example shows how to create a common system event command rule in a multitenant environment. This command rule will be in the application root, so the user running this procedure must be in the CDB root. Any user names or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE (
    rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
    event_name    => 'TRACE',
    component_name => 'GSIPC',
    action_name   => 'HEAPDUMP',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO,
    scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

## 17.5 DELETE\_COMMAND\_RULE Procedure

The `DELETE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure drops a command rule declaration.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command          IN VARCHAR2,
  object_owner     IN VARCHAR2,
  object_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  clause_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  parameter_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope            IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 17-7 DELETE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
command	SQL statement the command rule protects. To find available command rules, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.
object_owner	Database schema to which this command rule applies. To find the available users in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_USERS</code> view.
object_name	Object name. The wildcard % is allowed. To find the available objects in the current database instance, query the <code>ALL_OBJECTS</code> view.
clause_name	A clause from the SQL statement that was used to create the command rule. Applies only to command rules for <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> . The default is %, which includes all clauses.
parameter_name	A parameter from the <code>clause_name</code> parameter. Applies only to command rules for <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> . The default is %, which includes all parameters.
event_name	An event that the command rule defines. Applies only to command rules for <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> . The default is %, which includes all events.
component_name	A component of the <code>event_name</code> setting. Applies only to command rules for <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> . The default is %, which includes all components.
action_name	An action of the <code>component_name</code> setting. Applies only to command rules for <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> . The default is %, which includes all actions.

**Table 17-7 (Cont.) DELETE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
scope	<p>Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is local. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul>

### Examples

When you drop a command rule, you must omit the `rule_set_name` and `enabled` parameters, and ensure that the rest of the parameters match the settings that were used the last time the command rule was updated. You can check the most recent settings by querying the `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view.

For example, suppose you created the following command rule:

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command      => 'SELECT',
  rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
  object_owner  => 'OE',
  object_name   => 'ORDERS',
  enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
  scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

To drop this command rule, use the most of same parameters as shown here, but omit `rule_set_name` and `enabled`.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command      => 'SELECT',
  object_owner  => 'OE',
  object_name   => 'ORDERS',
  scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

The following example shows how to delete an `ALTER SESSION` command rule.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command      => 'ALTER SESSION',
  object_owner  => '%',
  object_name   => '%',
  clause_name   => 'SET',
  parameter_name => 'EVENTS',
  event_name    => 'TRACE',
  component_name => 'GCS',
  scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

**Related Topics**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view lists the SQL statements that are protected by command rules.

## 17.6 DELETE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Procedure

The DELETE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure deletes a CONNECT command rule that had been created with the CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
  user_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

**Parameters****Table 17-8 DELETE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
user_name	User to whom the CONNECT command rule applied. To find this user, query the OBJECT_OWNER field of the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is local. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>• DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul>

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
    user_name      => 'PSMITH',
    scope          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

## 17.7 DELETE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Procedure

The DELETE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure deletes a session command rule that was associated with events.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  event_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope           IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 17-9 DELETE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
event_name	An event that the session event command rule defines. The DBA_CV_COMMAND_RULE view lists information about existing command rules. The default is %, which includes all events.
component_name	A component of the event_name setting. The default is %, which includes all components.
action_name	An action of the component_name setting. The default is %, which includes all actions.
scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul>

## Example

The following example shows how to delete a common session event command rule in the application root a multitenant environment. The user running this procedure must be a common user in the CDB root. When you specify the parameters, ensure that they match exactly the parameters that were used the last time the command rule was updated. To find the current settings of the command rule, query the DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE view.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  event_name      => '47999',
  scope          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

## 17.8 DELETE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Procedure

The DELETE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE procedure deletes a system command rule that was associated with events.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  event_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 17-10 DELETE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
event_name	An event that the system event command rule defines. The DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view lists information about existing command rules. The default is %, which includes all events.
component_name	A component of the event_name setting . The default is %, which includes all components.
action_name	An action of the component_name setting The default is %, which includes all actions.
scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is in the application root.</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example shows how to delete a common system event command rule in the application root. The user running this procedure must be a common user in the CDB root. When you specify the parameters, ensure that they match exactly the parameters that were used the last time the command rule was updated. To find the current settings of the command rule, query the DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE view.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
    event_name      => 'TRACE',
    component_name  => 'DV',
    action_name     => '',
    scope           => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

# 17.9 UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Procedure

The UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure updates the command rule declaration for both common and local command rules.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE(
  command           IN VARCHAR2,
  rule_set_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  object_owner      IN VARCHAR2,
  object_name       IN VARCHAR2,
  enabled           IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  privilege_scope   IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  clause_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  parameter_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
```

```
scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
pl_sql_stack   IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 17-11 UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
command	Command rule to update See also Related Topics.
rule_set_name	Name of rule set to associate with this command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view.
object_owner	Database schema to which this command rule applies. To find the available users, query the DBA_USERS view. See also Related Topic on creating a command rule for more details about object owners.
object_name	Object name. (The wildcard % is allowed. See also Related Topic on creating a command rule for more details about object names. To find the available objects, query the ALL_OBJECTS view.
enabled	Sets the status of the command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables the command rule.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') disables the command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
privilege_scope	Obsolete parameter, NULL
clause_name	A clause from the SQL statement that was used to create the command rule. For example, a command rule for the ALTER SESSION SQL statement could have the SET clause as the clause_name parameter. Applies only to command rules for ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION. The command rule settings for these two statements are described in the DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE procedure. See Related Topics. The default is %, which includes all clauses. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.
parameter_name	A parameter from the clause_name parameter. For example, for an ALTER SESSION command rule, you could set parameter_name to EVENTS if the clause_name is SET. Applies only to command rules for ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION. See Related Topics. The default is %, which includes all parameters. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.
event_name	An event that the command rule defines. For example, for an ALTER SESSION command rule that uses SET for the clause_name and EVENTS as the parameter_name, then the event_name could be set to TRACE. Applies only to ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules that have the parameter parameter set to events. See Related Topics. The default is %, which includes all events. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.



**Table 17-11 (Cont.) UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
component_name	<p>A component of the event_name setting. For example, for a TRACE event, the component_name could be GCS.</p> <p>Applies only to ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules that have the parameter parameter set to events. See Related Topics.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all components. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
action_name	<p>An action of the component_name setting. For example, if component_name is set to GCS, then the action_name setting could be DISK HIGH.</p> <p>Applies only to ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules that have the parameter parameter set to events. See Related Topics.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all actions. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
scope	<p>Determines whether the command rule to be updated is a local command rule or a common command rule. The possible settings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is to be updated is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is to be updated in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>This parameter is not for update, that is, you cannot switch a command rule from LOCAL to COMMON (or from COMMON to LOCAL).</p> <p>If you update the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>
pl_sql_stack	<p>When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

## Examples

The following example shows how to update a simple command rule that protects the HR.EMPLOYEES schema (for example, changing its rule set).

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'SELECT',
    rule_set_name => 'Disabled',
    object_owner  => 'HR',
    object_name   => 'EMPLOYEES',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION,
    scope        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

This example shows how to update a more complex command rule, which is based on the ALTER SESSION SQL statement. The enabled parameter is omitted so that its previous value can be used.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE(
    command      => 'ALTER SESSION',
    rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
    object_owner  => '%',
    object_name   => '%',
    clause_name   => 'SET',
    parameter_name => 'EVENTS',
    event_name    => 'TRACE',
    component_name => 'GCS',
    scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/

```

### Related Topics

- [SQL Statements That Can Be Protected by Command Rules](#)  
You can protect a large number of SQL statements by using command rules.
- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.
- [Creating a Command Rule](#)  
You can create a different types of command rules using different command rule APIs.

## 17.10 UPDATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Procedure

The UPDATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure updates a CONNECT command rule that had been created with the CREATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
  user_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT);

```

### Parameters

**Table 17-12 UPDATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
user_name	<p>User to whom the CONNECT command rule will apply. If you enter the % wildcard, then the CONNECT command rule will be applied to every database user.</p> <p>If you run this procedure in the root, then specifying % applies to all common users. If you run the procedure in a PDB, then it applies to all local and common users who have access to this PDB. If there are two command rules, one common and one local, and they both apply to the same object, then both must evaluate successfully for the operation to succeed.</p> <p>Environment, ensure that this user is common if the CONNECT command rule is common, and local or common if the CONNECT command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing command rules, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view, described in <a href="#">DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE View</a>.</p> <p>To find existing database users in the current instance, query the DBA_USERS view, described in <i>Oracle AI Database Reference</i>.</p>

**Table 17-12 (Cont.) UPDATE\_CONNECT\_COMMAND\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	<p>Name of rule set to associate with this command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <p>Ensure that this rule set is common if the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule is common, and local if the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view, described in <a href="#">DBA_DV_RULE_SET View</a>.</p>
enabled	<p>Controls the enablement of the command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables the connect command rule.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') disables the connect command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
scope	<p>Determines whether the command rule to be updated is a local command rule or a common command rule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is to be updated is local in the current PDB.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is to be updated in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>This parameter is not for update, that is, you cannot switch a command rule from LOCAL to COMMON (or from COMMON to LOCAL).</p> <p>If you update the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>

**Example**

In this example, `enabled` is omitted because this setting did not need to change.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE(
    rule_set_name => 'Allow Sessions',
    user_name     => 'PSMITH',
    scope         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL);
END;
/
```

## 17.11 UPDATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Procedure

The `UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure updates both common and local session event command rules, based on the `ALTER SESSION` statement.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
```

```

action_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
pl_sql_stack   IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);

```

## Parameters

**Table 17-13 UPDATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	<p>Name of the rule set to associate with the command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <p>Ensure that this rule set is common if the session event command rule is common, and local if the command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view.</p>
enabled	<p>Controls the enablement of the session event command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'Y') enables the session event command rule.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'N') disables the session event command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 'S') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
event_name	<p>An event that the command rule defines. This setting enables the command rule to correspond with an ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS <i>event_name</i> statement. For example, to track trace events, you would set <i>event_name</i> to TRACE.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all events. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
component_name	<p>A component of the event_name setting. Example settings are DV, OLS, or GCS. You can find valid component names by issuing ORADEBUG DOC COMPONENT RDBMS as user SYS. The output displays parent and child components, which you can use for the component_name setting. For example, both XS (parent) and XSSESSION (child of XS) are valid component names. If you select the parent component, then the command rule applies to it and the child components.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all components. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
action_name	<p>An action of the component_name setting.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all actions. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
scope	<p>Determines whether the command rule to be updated is a local command rule or a common command rule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is to be updated is local in the current PDB. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is to be updated in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>This parameter is not for update, that is, you cannot switch a command rule from LOCAL to COMMON (or from COMMON to LOCAL).</p> <p>If you update the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>

**Table 17-13 (Cont.) UPDATE\_SESSION\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
pl_sql_stack	<p>When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>• FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>• NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

**Example**

The following example shows how to update a common session event command rule. In this example, `rule_set_name` is omitted because the rule set associated with this command rule does not need to be changed. This command rule is in the application root, so the user running this procedure must be in the CDB root. Any user names or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
    event_name => '47999',
    enabled    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO,
    scope      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

## 17.12 UPDATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Procedure

The `UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE` procedure updates both common and local system event command rules, based on the `ALTER SYSTEM` statement.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
  rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  enabled        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope          IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  pl_sql_stack   IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

**Parameters****Table 17-14 UPDATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
rule_set_name	<p>Name of the rule set to associate with the command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <p>Ensure that this rule set is common if the system event command rule is common, and local if the command rule is local.</p> <p>To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.</p>

**Table 17-14 (Cont.) UPDATE\_SYSTEM\_EVENT\_CMD\_RULE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
enabled	<p>Controls the enablement of the system event command rule. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (or 'y') enables the system event command rule.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (or 'n') disables the system event command rule, including the capture of violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SIMULATION (or 's') enables SQL statements to execute but capture violations in the simulation log.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
event_name	<p>An event that the command rule defines. This setting enables the command rule to correspond to an ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS <i>event_name</i> statement. For example, to track trace events, you would set <i>event_name</i> to TRACE.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all events. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
component_name	<p>A component of the event_name setting. Example settings are DV, OLS, or GCS. You can find valid component names by issuing ORADEBUG DOC COMPONENT RDBMS as user SYS. The output displays parent and child components, which you can use for the component_name setting. For example, both XS (parent) and XSSESSION (child of XS) are valid component names. If you select the parent component, then the command rule applies to it and the child components.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all components. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
action_name	<p>An action of the component_name setting.</p> <p>The default is %, which includes all actions. This parameter is part of the key that identifies the command rule. You cannot update this parameter.</p>
scope	<p>Determines whether the command rule to be updated is a local command rule or a common command rule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) means the command rule is to be updated is local in the current PDB.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) means the command rule is to be updated in the application root.</li> </ul> <p>This parameter is not for update, that is, you cannot switch a command rule from LOCAL to COMMON (or from COMMON to LOCAL).</p> <p>If you update the common command rule in an application root and want it visible to the associated PDBs, then you must synchronize the application. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE APPLICATION saas_sales_app SYNC;</pre>
pl_sql_stack	<p>When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>FALSE does not record the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

### Example

The following example shows how to update a common system event command rule. This command rule is in the application root, so the user running this procedure must be in the CDB root. Any user names or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE(
    rule_set_name    => 'Disabled',
    event_name       => 'TRACE',
    component_name   => 'DV',
    enabled          => 'n',
    scope            => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/
```

# Oracle Database Vault Factor APIs

The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package has factor-related Oracle Database Vault rule procedures and functions, and `DVF` has functions to manage factors.

- [DBMS\\_MACADM Factor Procedures and Functions](#)  
The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package provides procedures and functions to configure factors.
- [Oracle Database Vault Run-Time PL/SQL Procedures and Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides procedural interfaces to administer Database Vault security options and manage Database Vault security enforcements.
- [Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault maintains the `DVF` schema functions when you use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.

## 18.1 DBMS\_MACADM Factor Procedures and Functions

The `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package provides procedures and functions to configure factors.

Only users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can use these procedures and functions.

- [ADD\\_FACTOR\\_LINK Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_FACTOR_LINK` procedure specifies a parent-child relationship for two factors.
- [ADD\\_POLICY\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_POLICY_FACTOR` procedure specifies that the label for a factor contributes to the Oracle Label Security label for a policy.
- [CHANGE\\_IDENTITY\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `CHANGE_IDENTITY_FACTOR` procedure associates an identity with a different factor.
- [CHANGE\\_IDENTITY\\_VALUE Procedure](#)  
The `CHANGE_IDENTITY_FACTOR` procedure updates the value of an identity.
- [CREATE\\_DOMAIN\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_DOMAIN_IDENTITY` procedure is used for Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) and Oracle Label Security.
- [CREATE\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_FACTOR` procedure creates a factor.
- [CREATE\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_FACTOR_TYPE` procedure creates a user-defined factor type.
- [CREATE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_IDENTITY` procedure assigns an identity and an associated trust level for a given factor.
- [CREATE\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP` procedure defines tests that can derive the identity of a factor from the value of linked child factors (subfactors).
- [DELETE\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_FACTOR` procedure deletes a factor.



- [DELETE\\_FACTOR\\_LINK Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_FACTOR_LINK` procedure removes a parent-child relationship for two factors.
- [DELETE\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_FACTOR_TYPE` procedure deletes a factor type.
- [DELETE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_IDENTITY` procedure removes an identity from an existing factor.
- [DELETE\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP` procedure removes an identity map for a factor.
- [DROP\\_DOMAIN\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The `DROP_DOMAIN_IDENTITY` procedure removes an Oracle Real Application Clusters database node from a domain.
- [GET\\_SESSION\\_INFO Function](#)  
The `GET_SESSION_INFO` function returns information from the `SYS.V_$SESSION` system table for the current session.
- [GET\\_INSTANCE\\_INFO Function](#)  
The `GET_INSTANCE_INFO` function returns information from the `SYS.V_$INSTANCE` system table about the current database instance.
- [RENAME\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `RENAME_FACTOR` procedure renames a factor; the name change takes effect everywhere the factor is used.
- [RENAME\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE Procedure](#)  
The `RENAME_FACTOR` procedure renames a factor type; the name change takes effect everywhere the factor type is used.
- [UPDATE\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_FACTOR` procedure updates the description of a factor.
- [UPDATE\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_FACTOR_TYPE` procedure updates a factor type.
- [UPDATE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_IDENTITY` procedure updates the trust level of a factor identity.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring Factors](#)  
Factors allow you to create and use complex attributes through PL/SQL to make Oracle Database Vault authorization decisions.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package.

## 18.1.1 ADD\_FACTOR\_LINK Procedure

The `ADD_FACTOR_LINK` procedure specifies a parent-child relationship for two factors.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_FACTOR_LINK(  
    parent_factor_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    child_factor_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
    label_indicator    IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 18-1 ADD\_FACTOR\_LINK Parameters**

Parameter	Description
parent_factor_name	Parent factor name.  To find existing parent and child factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK view.
child_factor_name	Child factor name.
label_indicator	Indicates that the child factor being linked to the parent factor contributes to the label of the parent factor in an Oracle Label Security integration. Specify either DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (for Yes) or DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (for No).  To find the Oracle Label Security policies and labels associated with factors, query the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY: Lists Oracle Label Security policies defined in the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR: Lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies for the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL: Lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the DBA_DV_IDENTITY view for each policy.</li> </ul>

## Example

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_FACTOR_LINK(
    parent_factor_name => 'HQ_ClientID',
    child_factor_name  => 'Div1_ClientID',
    label_indicator    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
END;
/

```

## 18.1.2 ADD\_POLICY\_FACTOR Procedure

The ADD\_POLICY\_FACTOR procedure specifies that the label for a factor contributes to the Oracle Label Security label for a policy.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.ADD_POLICY_FACTOR(
  policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  factor_name  IN VARCHAR2);

```

## Parameters

**Table 18-2 ADD\_POLICY\_FACTOR Parameters**

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Oracle Label Security policy name. To find the policies defined in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY view. To find factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies, query DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR.
factor_name	Factor name. To find existing factors, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_POLICY_FACTOR(
    policy_name => 'AccessData',
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID');
END;
/
```

## 18.1.3 CHANGE\_IDENTITY\_FACTOR Procedure

The CHANGE\_IDENTITY\_FACTOR procedure associates an identity with a different factor.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CHANGE_IDENTITY_FACTOR(
  factor_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  value            IN VARCHAR2,
  new_factor_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 18-3 CHANGE\_IDENTITY\_FACTOR Parameters**

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Current factor name. To find existing factors, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.
value	Value of the identity to update. To find existing identities for each factor in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_IDENTITY view. To find current identity mappings, query the DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP view.
new_factor_name	Name of the factor to associate with the identity, which you can find by querying the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CHANGE_IDENTITY_FACTOR(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    value       => 'intranet',
```

```

        new_factor_name => 'Sector4_ClientID');
    END;
/

```

## 18.1.4 CHANGE\_IDENTITY\_VALUE Procedure

The `CHANGE_IDENTITY_FACTOR` procedure updates the value of an identity.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.CHANGE_IDENTITY_VALUE(
    factor_name  IN VARCHAR2,
    value        IN VARCHAR2,
    new_value    IN VARCHAR2);

```

### Parameters

**Table 18-4** `CHANGE_IDENTITY_VALUE` Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>factor_name</code>	Factor name. To find existing factors, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.
<code>value</code>	Current value associated with the identity. To find existing identities for each factor in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code> view. To find current identity mappings, query the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP</code> view.
<code>new_value</code>	New identity value, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case.

### Example

```

BEGIN
    DBMS_MACADM.CHANGE_IDENTITY_VALUE(
        factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
        value       => 'remote',
        new_value   => 'intranet');
    END;
/

```

## 18.1.5 CREATE\_DOMAIN\_IDENTITY Procedure

The `CREATE_DOMAIN_IDENTITY` procedure is used for Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) and Oracle Label Security.

It adds an Oracle RAC database node to the domain factor identities and labels it according to an Oracle Label Security policy

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_DOMAIN_IDENTITY(
    domain_name  IN VARCHAR2,
    domain_host  IN VARCHAR2,
    policy_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    domain_label IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);

```

## Parameters

**Table 18-5 CREATE\_DOMAIN\_IDENTITY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
domain_name	Name of the domain to which to add the host. To find the logical location of the database within the network structure within a distributed database system, run the <code>DVF.F\$DATABASE_DOMAIN</code> function. See Related Topics.
domain_host	Oracle Real Application Clusters host name being added to the domain. To find host name of a database, run the <code>DVF.F\$DATABASE_HOSTNAME</code> function. See Related Topics.
policy_name	Oracle Label Security policy name. If you omit the policy name, then the domain is not associated with any policy. To find the available policies, query the <code>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY</code> view.
domain_label	Name of the domain to which to add the Oracle Label Security policy.

## Examples

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_DOMAIN_IDENTITY(
    domain_name => 'example',
    domain_host => 'mydom_host',
    policy_name => 'AccessData',
    domain_label => 'sensitive');
END;
/

```

## Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault maintains the DVF schema functions when you use the DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.

## 18.1.6 CREATE\_FACTOR Procedure

The `CREATE_FACTOR` procedure creates a factor.

After you create a factor, you can give it an identity by using the `CREATE_IDENTITY` procedure.

## Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR(
  factor_name          IN VARCHAR2,
  factor_type_name     IN VARCHAR2,
  description          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  rule_set_name        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  get_expr             IN VARCHAR2,
  validate_expr        IN VARCHAR2,
  identify_by          IN NUMBER,
  labeled_by           IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  eval_options         IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  audit_options        IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  fail_options         IN NUMBER DEFAULT);

```

## Parameters

Table 18-6 CREATE\_FACTOR Parameters

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Factor name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case, without spaces. Mandatory. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.
factor_type_name	Type of the factor, up to 128 characters in mixed-case, without spaces. To find existing factor types, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE view. Factor types have a name and description and are used only to help classify factors. A factor type is the category name used to classify the factor. The default physical factor types include authentication method, host name, host IP address, instance identifiers, database account information, and others. You can create user-defined factor types, such as application name, certificate information, and so on in addition to the installed factor types, such as time and authentication method. If you want to find factors that are associated with a particular factor type, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view. For example:  <pre>SELECT NAME FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR WHERE FACTOR_TYPE_NAME='Authentication Method';</pre>
description	Optional description of the purpose of the factor, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to an empty string.
rule_set_name	Rule set name if you want to use a rule set to control when and how a factor identity is set. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to no associated rule set. To find existing rule sets, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view. For more details, see the rule_set_name description for creating factors. This setting is particularly useful for situations where database applications, such as a Web application using a JDBC connection pool, must dynamically set a factor identity for the current database session. For example, a Web application may want to assign the geographic location for a database account logging in to the Web application. To do so, the Web application can use the JDBC Callable Statement, or Oracle Data Provider for .NET (ODP.NET) to execute the PL/SQL function SET_FACTOR, for example:  <pre>BEGIN   SET_FACTOR( 'GEO_STATE', 'VIRGINIA' ); END;</pre> Then you can create an assignment rule for the GEO_STATE factor to allow or disallow the setting of the GEO_STATE factor based on other factors or rule expressions.
get_expr	Valid PL/SQL expression that retrieves the identity of a factor. It can use up to 255 characters in mixed-case. For more details, see the get_expr description for creating factors. The following retrieval method sets a value of the DB_NAME factor by retrieving the database name (DB_NAME) from the USERENV namespace in a user's session:  <pre>UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT( 'USERENV', 'DB_NAME' ) )</pre>

Table 18-6 (Cont.) CREATE\_FACTOR Parameters

Parameter	Description
validate_expr	<p>Name of the procedure to validate the factor. This is a valid PL/SQL expression that returns a Boolean value (TRUE or FALSE) to validate the identity of the factor. For more details, see the <code>validate_expr</code> description for creating factors.</p> <p>If the method is evaluated to false for the value being retrieved or to be assigned, then the factor identity is set to null. This feature provides an additional level of assurance that the factor is properly retrieved and set. You can include any package function or standalone function in the expression. Ensure that the expression is a fully qualified function, such as <code>schema.function_name</code>. Do not include complete SQL statements. If you are using application packages or functions, then you must provide DVSYS with the EXECUTE privilege on the object.</p> <p>The PL/SQL expression can use either of these formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FUNCTION IS_VALID RETURN BOOLEAN In this form, you can use the <code>DVF.F\$factor_name</code> function inside the function logic. This is more appropriate for factors that are evaluated by session.</li> <li>FUNCTION IS_VALID(<i>p_factor_value</i> VARCHAR2) RETURN BOOLEAN In this form, the factor value is passed to the validation function directly. This is more appropriate for factors that are evaluated by access. It is also valid for factors evaluated by session.</li> </ul>
identify_by	<p>Options for determining the identity of a factor, based on the expression set for the <code>get_expr</code> parameter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONSTANT determines by constant.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD determines by method. For example, suppose the expression returns the date and time of the PDB using the time zone of the PDB: <code>to_char(sysdate, 'yyyy-mm-dd')</code>. On December 15, 2022, the following value would be returned: 2023-12-15</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_FACTOR determines by factor. . This setting determines the factor identity by mapping the identities of the child factor to its parent factor. A parent factor is a factor whose values are resolved based on a second factor, called a child factor. To establish their relationship, you map their identities. (You do not need to specify the <code>get_expr</code> parameter for this option.)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONTEXT is obsolete.</li> </ul> <p>For more details, see the <code>identify_by</code> description for creating factors.</p>
labeled_by	<p>Options for labeling the factor. This parameter is mandatory if you are using the Oracle Label Security integration. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF: Labels the identities for the factor directly from the labels associated with an Oracle Label Security policy. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_FACTORS: Derives the factor identity label from the labels of its child factor identities.</li> </ul> <p>For more details, see the <code>labeled_by</code> description for creating factors.</p>

**Table 18-6 (Cont.) CREATE\_FACTOR Parameters**

Parameter	Description
eval_options	Options for evaluating the factor when the user logs on. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_SESSION. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_SESSION: When the database session is created. Be aware that this setting may affect performance of the factor. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_ACCESS: Each time the factor is accessed</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_STARTUP: On start-up</li> </ul> For more details, see the eval_options description for creating factors.
audit_options	Specify DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF (or NULL). (Default) Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. To audit a factor, you must use unified auditing. See <i>Oracle AI Database Security Guide</i> for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a factor.
fail_options	Controls how error messages are handled for failures. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_WITH_MESSAGE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_WITH_MESSAGE: Shows an error message. (Default)</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_SILENTLY: Does not show an error message</li> </ul>

### Example

In this example, description, label\_by, and eval\_options are omitted so that their default settings can be used.,

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'Sector2_DB',
    factor_type_name => 'Instance',
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    get_expr         => 'UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''DB_NAME''))',
    validate_expr    => 'dbavowner.check_db_access',
    identify_by      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_SILENTLY);
END;
/

```

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_IDENTITY Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_IDENTITY procedure assigns an identity and an associated trust level for a given factor.
- [Creating a Factor](#)  
In general, to create a factor, you first create the factor itself, and then you edit the factor to include its identity.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.



## 18.1.7 CREATE\_FACTOR\_TYPE Procedure

The `CREATE_FACTOR_TYPE` procedure creates a user-defined factor type.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR_TYPE(  
    name          IN VARCHAR2,  
    description IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-7** CREATE\_FACTOR\_TYPE Parameters

Parameter	Description
name	Factor type name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case, without spaces. To find existing factor types, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE</code> view.
description	Description of the purpose of the factor type, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR_TYPE(  
    name          => 'Sector2Instance',  
    description => 'Checks DB instances used in Sector 2');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.1.8 CREATE\_IDENTITY Procedure

The `CREATE_IDENTITY` procedure assigns an identity and an associated trust level for a given factor.

After you create a factor, you must assign it an identity.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY(  
    factor_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    value       IN VARCHAR2,  
    trust_level IN NUMBER);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-8** CREATE\_IDENTITY Parameters

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Factor name. To find existing factors, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.
value	The actual value of the factor, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. For example, the identity of an <code>IP_Address</code> factor could be the IP address of 192.0.2.12.

**Table 18-8 (Cont.) CREATE\_IDENTITY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
trust_level	<p>Number that indicates the magnitude of trust relative to other identities for the same factor. In general, the higher the trust level number is set, the greater the trust. A trust level of 10 indicates "very trusted." Negative trust levels are not trusted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 is very trusted.</li> <li>5 is trusted.</li> <li>1 is somewhat trusted.</li> <li>-1 is untrusted.</li> <li>NULL is for a trust level that is not defined (default)</li> </ul>

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    value       => 'intranet',
    trust_level => 5);
END;
/

```

**Related Topics**

- [Creating and Configuring a Factor Identity](#)  
You can create and configure a factor identity for an existing factor.

## 18.1.9 CREATE\_IDENTITY\_MAP Procedure

The `CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP` procedure defines tests that can derive the identity of a factor from the value of linked child factors (subfactors).

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP(
  identity_factor_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  identity_factor_value IN VARCHAR2,
  parent_factor_name    IN VARCHAR2,
  child_factor_name     IN VARCHAR2,
  operation             IN VARCHAR2,
  operand1              IN VARCHAR2,
  operand2              IN VARCHAR2);

```

**Parameters****Table 18-9 CREATE\_IDENTITY\_MAP Parameters**

Parameter	Description
identity_factor_name	<p>Factor the identity map is for.</p> <p>To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.</p>

**Table 18-9 (Cont.) CREATE\_IDENTITY\_MAP Parameters**

Parameter	Description
identity_factor_value	Value the factor assumes if the identity map evaluates to TRUE. To find existing factor identities, query the DBA_DV_IDENTITY view. To find current factor identity mappings, use DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP.
parent_factor_name	The parent factor link to which the map is related. To find existing parent-child factor mappings, query the DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP view.
child_factor_name	The child factor link to which the map is related.
operation	Relational operator for the identity map (for example, <, >, =, and on).
operand1	Left operand for the relational operator; refers to the low value you enter.
operand2	Right operand for the relational operator; refers to the high value you enter.

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP(
    identity_factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    identity_factor_value => 'intranet',
    parent_factor_name   => 'HQ_ClientID',
    child_factor_name    => 'Div1_ClientID',
    operation            => '<',
    operand1             => '192.0.2.50',
    operand2             => '192.0.2.100');
END;
/

```

## 18.1.10 DELETE\_FACTOR Procedure

The DELETE\_FACTOR procedure deletes a factor.

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR(
  factor_name IN VARCHAR2);

```

**Parameters****Table 18-10 DELETE\_FACTOR Parameter**

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.

**Example**

```

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR('Sector2_ClientID');

```

## 18.1.11 DELETE\_FACTOR\_LINK Procedure

The `DELETE_FACTOR_LINK` procedure removes a parent-child relationship for two factors.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR_LINK(  
    parent_factor_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    child_factor_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-11** `DELETE_FACTOR_LINK` Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>parent_factor_name</code>	Factor name. To find factors that are used in parent-child mappings in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK</code> view.
<code>child_factor_name</code>	Factor name

### Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR_LINK(  
        parent_factor_name => 'HQ_ClientID',  
        child_factor_name  => 'Div1_ClientID');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.1.12 DELETE\_FACTOR\_TYPE Procedure

The `DELETE_FACTOR_TYPE` procedure deletes a factor type.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR_TYPE(  
    name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-12** `DELETE_FACTOR_TYPE` Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>name</code>	Factor type name. To find existing factor types, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE</code> view.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_FACTOR_TYPE('Sector2Instance');
```

## 18.1.13 DELETE\_IDENTITY Procedure

The `DELETE_IDENTITY` procedure removes an identity from an existing factor.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY(  
    factor_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    value       IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-13** `DELETE_IDENTITY` Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>factor_name</code>	Factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.
<code>value</code>	Identity value associated with the factor. To find the identities for each factor in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code> view.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY(  
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',  
    value       => 'intranet');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.1.14 DELETE\_IDENTITY\_MAP Procedure

The `DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP` procedure removes an identity map for a factor.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP(  
    identity_factor_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    identity_factor_value IN VARCHAR2,  
    parent_factor_name   IN VARCHAR2,  
    child_factor_name    IN VARCHAR2,  
    operation             IN VARCHAR2,  
    operand1             IN VARCHAR2,  
    operand2             IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-14** `DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP` Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>identity_factor_name</code>	Factor the identity map is for. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.

**Table 18-14 (Cont.) DELETE\_IDENTITY\_MAP Parameters**

Parameter	Description
identity_factor_value	Value the factor assumes if the identity map evaluates to TRUE. To find existing factor identities, query the DBA_DV_IDENTITY view. To find current factor identity mappings, query DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP.
parent_factor_name	The parent factor link to which the map is related. To find existing parent-child factors, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.
child_factor_name	The child factor to which the map is related.
operation	Relational operator for the identity map (for example, <, >, =, and so on).
operand1	Left (low value) operand for the relational operator.
operand2	Right (high value) operand for the relational operator.

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP(
    identity_factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    identity_factor_value => 'intranet',
    parent_factor_name   => 'HQ_ClientID',
    child_factor_name    => 'Div1_ClientID',
    operation            => '<',
    operand1             => '192.0.2.10',
    operand2             => '192.0.2.15');
END;
/

```

## 18.1.15 DROP\_DOMAIN\_IDENTITY Procedure

The `DROP_DOMAIN_IDENTITY` procedure removes an Oracle Real Application Clusters database node from a domain.

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACADM.DROP_DOMAIN_IDENTITY(
  domain_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  domain_host  IN VARCHAR2);

```

**Parameters****Table 18-15 DROP\_DOMAIN\_IDENTITY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
domain_name	Name of the domain to which the host was added. To find the domain of a database as specified by the <code>DB_DOMAIN</code> initialization parameter, run the <code>DVF.F\$DATABASE_DOMAIN</code> function.

**Table 18-15 (Cont.) DROP\_DOMAIN\_IDENTITY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
domain_host	Oracle Real Application Clusters host name being that was added to the domain.  To find the host name for a specified database, run the DVF.F\$DATABASE_HOSTNAME function.

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DROP_DOMAIN_IDENTITY(
    domain_name => 'example',
    domain_host => 'mydom_host');
END;
/
```

**Related Topics**

- [F\\$DATABASE\\_DOMAIN Function](#)  
The F\$DATABASE\_DOMAIN function returns the domain of the database as specified in the DB\_DOMAIN initialization parameter, in VARCHAR2 data type.

## 18.1.16 GET\_SESSION\_INFO Function

The GET\_SESSION\_INFO function returns information from the SYS.V\_\$SESSION system table for the current session.

The V\$SESSION data dictionary view also contains session information from this table.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.GET_SESSION_INFO(
  p_parameter IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters****Table 18-16 GET\_SESSION\_INFO Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_parameter	Column name in the SYS.V_\$SESSION system table.

**Example**

```
DECLARE
  session_var varchar2 := null;
BEGIN
  session_var = DBMS_MACADM.GET_SESSION_INFO('PROCESS');
END;
/
```

## 18.1.17 GET\_INSTANCE\_INFO Function

The `GET_INSTANCE_INFO` function returns information from the `SYS.V_$INSTANCE` system table about the current database instance.

The `V_$INSTANCE` data dictionary view also contains database instance information from this table.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.GET_INSTANCE_INFO(  
    p_parameter IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-17** GET\_INSTANCE\_INFO Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_parameter	Column name in the <code>SYS.V_\$INSTANCE</code> system table

### Example

```
DECLARE  
    instance_var varchar2 := null;  
BEGIN  
    instance_var = DBMS_MACADM.GET_INSTANCE_INFO('INSTANCE_NAME');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.1.18 RENAME\_FACTOR Procedure

The `RENAME_FACTOR` procedure renames a factor; the name change takes effect everywhere the factor is used.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_FACTOR(  
    factor_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    new_factor_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-18** RENAME\_FACTOR Parameters

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Current factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.
new_factor_name	New factor name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case, without spaces.



### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    new_factor_name => 'Sector2_Clients');
END;
/
```

## 18.1.19 RENAME\_FACTOR\_TYPE Procedure

The `RENAME_FACTOR` procedure renames a factor type; the name change takes effect everywhere the factor type is used.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_FACTOR_TYPE(
  old_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  new_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-19 RENAME\_FACTOR\_TYPE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
old_name	Current factor type name. To find existing factor types in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE</code> view.
new_name	New factor type name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case, without spaces.

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_FACTOR_TYPE(
    old_name => 'Sector2Instance',
    new_name => 'Sector2DBInstance');
END;
/
```

## 18.1.20 UPDATE\_FACTOR Procedure

The `UPDATE_FACTOR` procedure updates the description of a factor.

When you update a factor, the existing traditional audit records are disabled. You must create a unified audit policy to capture new audit records.

To find the current settings, query the `DBA_DV_FACTOR` data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR(
  factor_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  factor_type_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  description      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  rule_set_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  get_expr         IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  validate_expr    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
```

```

identify_by      IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
labeled_by       IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
eval_options     IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
audit_options    IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
fail_options     IN NUMBER DEFAULT);

```

## Parameters

**Table 18-20 UPDATE\_FACTOR**

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view.
factor_type_name	Factor type name. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. To find existing factor types, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE view.
description	Description of the purpose of the factor, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL.
rule_set_name	Name of the rule set used to control when and how a factor identity is set. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. To find existing rule sets, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view .
get_expr	Valid PL/SQL expression that retrieves the identity of a factor. It can use up to 255 characters in mixed-case. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. See also the audit_options parameter.
validate_expr	Name of the procedure to validate factor. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. This is a valid PL/SQL expression that returns a Boolean value (TRUE or FALSE) to validate the identity of the factor.
identify_by	Determines the identity of a factor, based on the expression set for the get_expr parameter. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONSTANT determines by constant.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD determines by method.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_FACTOR determines by factor.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONTEXT is obsolete.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
labeled_by	Options for labeling the factor. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF labels the identities for the factor directly from the labels associated with an Oracle Label Security policy</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_FACTORS derives the factor identity label from the labels of its child factor identities.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

Table 18-20 (Cont.) UPDATE\_FACTOR

Parameter	Description
eval_options	Options for evaluating the factor when the user logs on. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_SESSION evaluates when the database session is created.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_ACCESS evaluates each time the factor is accessed.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_STARTUP evaluates on start-up.</li> <li>NULL leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>
audit_options	Perform one of the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF to disable traditional auditing for this factor policy.</li> <li>Leave the current existing audit_options setting as is if you want to continue using this traditional auditing setting. To do so, you can specify NULL, or specify the same setting as the current existing audit_options for this factor, or simply do not specify audit_options (NULL).</li> </ul> <p>Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. To audit a factor, you must use unified auditing. See <i>Oracle AI Database Security Guide</i> for an example of how to create a unified audit policy for a factor.</p>
fail_options	Options for reporting factor errors. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to NULL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_WITH_MESSAGE: Shows an error message.</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_SILENTLY: Does not show an error message.</li> </ul>

### Example

In this example, the description, audit\_options, and eval\_options settings are omitted because they do not need to change.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'Sector2_DB',
    factor_type_name => 'Instance',
    rule_set_name    => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    get_expr         => 'UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''DB_NAME''))',
    validate_expr     => 'dbavowner.check_db_access',
    identify_by      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD,
    labeled_by       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_WITH_MESSAGE);
END;
/

```

If you did not make any modifications to the audit\_options parameter of your factor, then the existing traditional audit policy will still be in place. If you updated the audit\_options parameter of the factor, then this auditing will be disabled because traditional auditing is desupported starting in Oracle AI Database 26ai. To capture new audit records, as a user who has been granted the AUDIT\_ADMIN Oracle AI Database role and AUDIT\_ADMIN Oracle Database Vault authorization, create and enable a unified audit policy. For example:

```

CREATE AUDIT POLICY Sector2_DB_pol
  ACTIONS COMPONENT=DV FACTOR ERROR ON "Sector2_DB";

```

```
AUDIT POLICY Sector2_DB_pol;
```

You can view the audit records by querying the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` data dictionary view. See *How Oracle Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for how this works.

### Related Topics

- [Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Unified Auditing](#)  
Oracle recommends that you migrate all your Oracle Database Vault audit policies to unified auditing.
- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 18.1.21 UPDATE\_FACTOR\_TYPE Procedure

The `UPDATE_FACTOR_TYPE` procedure updates a factor type.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR_TYPE(  
    name          IN VARCHAR2,  
    description   IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-21** UPDATE\_FACTOR\_TYPE Parameters

Parameter	Description
name	Factor type name.  To find existing factor types in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE</code> view.
description	Description of the purpose of the factor type, up to 1024 characters in mixed case.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_FACTOR_TYPE(  
    name          => 'Sector2DBInstance',  
    description => 'Checks DB instances used in Sector 2');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.1.22 UPDATE\_IDENTITY Procedure

The `UPDATE_IDENTITY` procedure updates the trust level of a factor identity.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_IDENTITY(  
    factor_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
    value        IN VARCHAR2,  
    trust_level  IN NUMBER);
```

## Parameters

**Table 18-22 UPDATE\_IDENTITY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR view. To find factors that have identities, query DBA_DV_IDENTITY.
value	New factor identity, up to 1024 characters in mixed-case. For example, the identity of an IP_Address factor could be the IP address of 192.0.2.12.
trust_level	Number that indicates the magnitude of trust relative to other identities for the same factor. In general, the higher the trust level number is set, the greater the trust. A trust level of 10 indicates "very trusted." Negative trust levels are not trusted.

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_IDENTITY(
    factor_name => 'Sector2_ClientID',
    value       => 'intranet',
    trust_level => 10);
END;
/
```

## Related Topics

- [Creating and Configuring a Factor Identity](#)  
You can create and configure a factor identity for an existing factor.

# 18.2 Oracle Database Vault Run-Time PL/SQL Procedures and Functions

Oracle Database Vault provides procedural interfaces to administer Database Vault security options and manage Database Vault security enforcements.

- [About Oracle Database Vault Run-Time PL/SQL Procedures and Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of PL/SQL procedures and functions that are specific to factors.
- [SET\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The SET\_FACTOR procedure can be exposed to an application that requires the ability to set factor identities dynamically.
- [GET\\_FACTOR Function](#)  
The GET\_FACTOR function is exposed to the DVF schema to allow the public factor functions to resolve the identity of a factor. The return type is VARCHAR2.
- [GET\\_FACTOR\\_LABEL Function](#)  
The GET\_FACTOR\_LABEL function returns the label for the specified factor when the factor has a label assigned to it for the specified Oracle Label Security policy. The return type is VARCHAR2.

- [GET\\_TRUST\\_LEVEL Function](#)  
The `GET_TRUST_LEVEL` function returns the trust level of the current session identity for the factor requested. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [GET\\_TRUST\\_LEVEL\\_FOR\\_IDENTITY Function](#)  
The `GET_TRUST_LEVEL_FOR_IDENTITY` function returns the trust level for the factor and identity requested. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [ROLE\\_IS\\_ENABLED Function](#)  
The `ROLE_IS_ENABLED` function returns a boolean value that specifies whether a database role has been enabled. The return type is `BOOLEAN`.

## 18.2.1 About Oracle Database Vault Run-Time PL/SQL Procedures and Functions

Oracle Database Vault provides a set of PL/SQL procedures and functions that are specific to factors.

These procedures and functions that expose the logic to validate a DDL command for realm violations and command authorizations. Additional procedures and functions are provided to set the value of a factor (assuming their associated rule sets evaluate to true) (for example, from a Web application), to retrieve the trust level for a session or specific factor identity, and to get the label for a factor identity. These procedures and functions are provided so that a database administrator does not grant the `EXECUTE` privilege on all `DVSYS` package procedures to the general database account population. The procedures and functions expose only the minimum methods that are required. All of these functions and procedures are publicly available for applications that need them.

## 18.2.2 SET\_FACTOR Procedure

The `SET_FACTOR` procedure can be exposed to an application that requires the ability to set factor identities dynamically.

It wraps the package procedure `DBMS_MACADM.SET_FACTOR`. When a factor has a rule set associated with it for assignment and if the rule set returns true, then the value is set. Normal rule set handling occurs, and the factor value (identity) validation method is called. This procedure is available (to execute) to the general database account population.

### Syntax

```
SET_FACTOR(
  p_factor IN VARCHAR2,
  p_value  IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 18-23 SET\_FACTOR Parameters**

Parameter	Description
<code>p_factor</code>	Factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> data dictionary view.
<code>p_value</code>	Identity value, up to 1024 characters in mixed case. To find the identities for each factor in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code> data dictionary view.

**Example**

```
EXECUTE SET_FACTOR('Sector2_ClientID', 'identity');
```

## 18.2.3 GET\_FACTOR Function

The `GET_FACTOR` function is exposed to the `DVF` schema to allow the public factor functions to resolve the identity of a factor. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

This function enables the `F$` functions in the `DVF` schema. This function is available (to execute) to the general database account population.

**Syntax**

```
GET_FACTOR(  
    p_factor IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameter**

**Table 18-24** GET\_FACTOR Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_factor	Factor name.  To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> data dictionary view.

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
        rule_name => 'Get Client ID Factor Identity',  
        rule_expr => 'GET_FACTOR(''Sector2_ClientID'')');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.2.4 GET\_FACTOR\_LABEL Function

The `GET_FACTOR_LABEL` function returns the label for the specified factor when the factor has a label assigned to it for the specified Oracle Label Security policy. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

The function returns a label that is merged with the maximum session label for the policy if the policy is configured with Oracle Label Security. The function is available (to execute) to the general database population.

**Syntax**

```
GET_FACTOR_LABEL(  
    p_factor      IN VARCHAR2,  
    p_policy_name IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

## Parameters

**Table 18-25 GET\_FACTOR\_LABEL Parameters**

Parameter	Description
p_factor	Factor name.  To find the available factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR data dictionary view. To find factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies, use DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR.
p_policy_name	Oracle Label Security policy name.  Use the following data dictionary views to find information about policies and factors in the current database instance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY: Lists Oracle Label Security policies defined in the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR: Lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies for the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL: Lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the DBA_DV_IDENTITY view for each policy.</li> </ul>

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Get the ClientID Factor Label',
    rule_expr => 'GET_FACTOR_LABEL(''Sector2_ClientID'', ''Access Locations'')');
END;
/
```

## 18.2.5 GET\_TRUST\_LEVEL Function

The GET\_TRUST\_LEVEL function returns the trust level of the current session identity for the factor requested. The return type is VARCHAR2.

This function is available (to execute) to the general database account population.

## Syntax

```
GET_TRUST_LEVEL(
  p_factor IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

## Parameter

**Table 18-26 GET\_TRUST\_LEVEL Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_factor	Factor name.  To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_FACTOR data dictionary view.

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
```



```

    rule_name => 'Get Client ID Trust Level',
    rule_expr => 'GET_TRUST_LEVEL(''Sector2_ClientID'')');
END;
/

```

### Related Topics

- [Creating and Configuring a Factor Identity](#)  
You can create and configure a factor identity for an existing factor.

## 18.2.6 GET\_TRUST\_LEVEL\_FOR\_IDENTITY Function

The `GET_TRUST_LEVEL_FOR_IDENTITY` function returns the trust level for the factor and identity requested. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

This function is available (to execute) to the general database account population.

### Syntax

```

GET_TRUST_LEVEL_FOR_IDENTITY(
    p_factor    IN VARCHAR2,
    p_identity  IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2;

```

### Parameters

**Table 18-27** GET\_TRUST\_LEVEL\_FOR\_IDENTITY Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>p_factor</code>	Factor name. To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.
<code>p_identity</code>	Identity value. To find the identities for each factor in the current database instance, use the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code> data dictionary view.

### Example

```

BEGIN
    DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
        rule_name => 'Get Client ID Identity Trust Level',
        rule_expr => 'GET_TRUST_LEVEL_FOR_IDENTITY(''Sector2_ClientID'', ''identity'')');
END;
/

```

## 18.2.7 ROLE\_IS\_ENABLED Function

The `ROLE_IS_ENABLED` function returns a boolean value that specifies whether a database role has been enabled. The return type is `BOOLEAN`.

This function is available (to execute) to the general database account population.

### Syntax

```

ROLE_IS_ENABLED(
    p_role IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN BOOLEAN;

```

**Parameter****Table 18-28** **ROLE\_IS\_ENABLED** Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_role	Database role name to check. To find existing roles, use the following data dictionary views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_ROLES: Finds available roles in the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular role.</li> <li>DBA_DV_ROLE: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li> </ul>

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check if SYSADM Role Is Enabled',
    rule_expr => 'ROLE_IS_ENABLED(''SYSADM'')');
END;
/

```

## 18.3 Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions

Oracle Database Vault maintains the DVF schema functions when you use the DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package to manage the various factors.

- [About Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides DVF factor-specific functions for frequently used activities.
- [F\\$AUTHENTICATION\\_METHOD Function](#)  
The F\$AUTHENTICATION\_METHOD function returns the method of authentication in VARCHAR2 data type.
- [F\\$CLIENT\\_IP Function](#)  
The F\$CLIENT\_IP function returns the IP address of the computer from which the client is connected, in VARCHAR2 data type.
- [F\\$DATABASE\\_DOMAIN Function](#)  
The F\$DATABASE\_DOMAIN function returns the domain of the database as specified in the DB\_DOMAIN initialization parameter, in VARCHAR2 data type.
- [F\\$DATABASE\\_HOSTNAME Function](#)  
The F\$DATABASE\_HOSTNAME function returns the host name of the computer on which the instance is running, in VARCHAR2 data type.
- [F\\$DATABASE\\_INSTANCE Function](#)  
The F\$DATABASE\_INSTANCE function returns the instance identification number of the current database instance, in VARCHAR2 data type.
- [F\\$DATABASE\\_IP Function](#)  
The F\$DATABASE\_IP function returns the IP address of the computer on which the database instance is running, in VARCHAR2 data type.
- [F\\$DATABASE\\_NAME Function](#)  
The F\$DATABASE\_NAME function returns the name of the database as specified in the DB\_NAME initialization parameter, in VARCHAR2 data type.

- [F\\$DOMAIN Function](#)  
The `F$DOMAIN` function returns a named collection of physical, configuration, or implementation-specific factors in the run-time environment (for example, a networked IT environment or subset of it) that operates at a specific sensitivity level. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$DV\\$\\_CLIENT\\_IDENTIFIER Function](#)  
The `F$DV$_CLIENT_IDENTIFIER` function returns an Oracle Database Vault client identifier.
- [F\\$DV\\$\\_DBLINK\\_INFO Function](#)  
The `F$DV$_DBLINK_INFO` function returns information about an Oracle Database Vault database link.
- [F\\$DV\\$\\_MODULE Function](#)  
The `F$DV$_MODULE` function returns information about an Oracle Database Vault module.
- [F\\$ENTERPRISE\\_IDENTITY Function](#)  
The `F$ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY` function returns the enterprise-wide identity for a user, in `VARCHAR2` data type.
- [F\\$IDENTIFICATION\\_TYPE Function](#)  
The `F$IDENTIFICATION_TYPE` function returns the way the schema of a user was created in the database. Specifically, it reflects the `IDENTIFIED` clause in the `CREATE/ALTER USER` syntax. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$LANG Function](#)  
The `F$LANG` function returns the ISO abbreviation for the language name, a shorter form than the existing `LANGUAGE` parameter, for the session of the user. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$LANGUAGE Function](#)  
The `F$LANGUAGE` function returns the language and territory currently used by a user session, along with the database character set. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$MACHINE Function](#)  
The `F$MACHINE` function returns the computer (host) name for the database client that established the database session. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$NETWORK\\_PROTOCOL Function](#)  
The `F$NETWORK_PROTOCOL` function returns the network protocol being used for communication, as specified in the `PROTOCOL=protocol` portion of the connect string. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$PROXY\\_ENTERPRISE\\_IDENTITY Function](#)  
The `F$PROXY_ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY` function returns the Oracle Internet Directory distinguished name (DN) when the proxy user is an enterprise user. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.
- [F\\$PROXY\\_USER Function](#)  
The `F$PROXY_USER` function returns the name of a proxy user.
- [F\\$SESSION\\_USER Function](#)  
The `F$SESSION_USER` function returns the database user name by which the current user is authenticated. This value remains the same throughout the session. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

## 18.3.1 About Oracle Database Vault DVF PL/SQL Factor Functions

Oracle Database Vault provides DVF factor-specific functions for frequently used activities.

In addition to the functions and procedures made available from the `DVSYS` schema, the `DVF` schema contains a single function for each factor defined in the system.

The functions are then available to the general database account population through PL/SQL functions and standard SQL. This enables factors to be used in Oracle Label Security, Oracle Virtual Private Database (VPD), and so on.

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Typically, you can incorporate these functions into rule expressions. For example:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Not Internal DBA',
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$SESSION_USER NOT IN (''JSMTIH'', ''TBROWN'')');
END;
/
```

To find the value of a factor function, select from the `DUAL` system table. For example:

```
SELECT DVF.F$SESSION_USER FROM DUAL;

F$SESSION_USER
-----
DVOWNER
```

The name of the factor itself is case-insensitive. For example, the following statements return the same result

```
select dvf.f$session_user from dual;

SELECT DVF.F$SESSION_USER FROM DUAL;
```

## 18.3.2 F\$AUTHENTICATION\_METHOD Function

The `F$AUTHENTICATION_METHOD` function returns the method of authentication in `VARCHAR2` data type.

In the list that follows, the type of user is followed by the method returned:

- Password-authenticated enterprise user, local database user, or `SYSDBA/SYSOPER` using Password File; proxy with user name using password: `PASSWORD`
- Kerberos-authenticated enterprise or external user: `KERBEROS`
- Transport Layer Security (TLS)-authenticated enterprise or external user: `SSL`
- Radius-authenticated external user: `RADIUS`
- Operating system-authenticated external user or `SYSDBA/SYSOPER`: `OS`
- DCE-authenticated external user: `DCE`
- Proxy with certificate, distinguished name (DN), or user name without using password: `NONE`

You can use `IDENTIFICATION_TYPE` to distinguish between external and enterprise users when the authentication method is Password, Kerberos, or TLS.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$AUTHENTICATION_METHOD ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check TLS Authentication Method',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$AUTHENTICATION_METHOD = ''SSL''');  
END;  
/
```

### 18.3.3 F\$CLIENT\_IP Function

The `F$CLIENT_IP` function returns the IP address of the computer from which the client is connected, in `VARCHAR2` data type.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$CLIENT_IP ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

The following example shows how to use `DVF.F$CLIENT_IP` in a rule creation statement. Note that you can only enter one IP address, not a range of IP addresses.

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Client IP Address',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$CLIENT_IP = ''192.0.2.10''');  
END;  
/
```

### 18.3.4 F\$DATABASE\_DOMAIN Function

The `F$DATABASE_DOMAIN` function returns the domain of the database as specified in the `DB_DOMAIN` initialization parameter, in `VARCHAR2` data type.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$DATABASE_DOMAIN ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Client Database Domain',
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DATABASE_DOMAIN NOT IN (''EXAMPLE'', ''YOURDOMAIN'')');
END;
/
```

### 18.3.5 F\$DATABASE\_HOSTNAME Function

The F\$DATABASE\_HOSTNAME function returns the host name of the computer on which the instance is running, in VARCHAR2 data type.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$DATABASE_HOSTNAME ()
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Host Name',
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DATABASE_HOSTNAME IN (''SHOBEEN'', ''MAU'')');
END;
/
```

### 18.3.6 F\$DATABASE\_INSTANCE Function

The F\$DATABASE\_INSTANCE function returns the instance identification number of the current database instance, in VARCHAR2 data type.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$DATABASE_INSTANCE ()
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Database Instance ID',
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DATABASE_INSTANCE = ''SALES_DB''');
END;
/
```

### 18.3.7 F\$DATABASE\_IP Function

The `F$DATABASE_IP` function returns the IP address of the computer on which the database instance is running, in `VARCHAR2` data type.

#### Syntax

```
DVF.F$DATABASE_IP ( )  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

#### Parameters

None

#### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Database IP address',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DATABASE_IP = ''192.0.2.5''');  
END;  
/
```

### 18.3.8 F\$DATABASE\_NAME Function

The `F$DATABASE_NAME` function returns the name of the database as specified in the `DB_NAME` initialization parameter, in `VARCHAR2` data type.

#### Syntax

```
DVF.F$DATABASE_NAME ( )  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

#### Parameters

None

#### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Database DB_NAME Name',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DATABASE_NAME = ''ORCL''');  
END;  
/
```

### 18.3.9 F\$DOMAIN Function

The `F$DOMAIN` function returns a named collection of physical, configuration, or implementation-specific factors in the run-time environment (for example, a networked IT environment or subset of it) that operates at a specific sensitivity level. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

You can identify a domain using factors such as host name, IP address, and database instance names of the Oracle Database Vault nodes in a secure access path to the database. Each domain can be uniquely determined using a combination of the factor identifiers that identify the domain. You can use these identifying factors and possibly additional factors to define the Maximum Security Label within the domain. This restricts data access and commands,

depending on the physical factors about the Oracle Database Vault session. Example domains of interest may be Corporate Sensitive, Internal Public, Partners, and Customers.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$DOMAIN ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Domain',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DOMAIN = ''EXAMPLE.COM''');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.3.10 F\$DV\$\_CLIENT\_IDENTIFIER Function

The F\$DV\$\_CLIENT\_IDENTIFIER function returns an Oracle Database Vault client identifier.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$DV$_CLIENT_IDENTIFIER ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Database Vault Client Identifiers',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DV$_CLIENT_IDENTIFIER = ''14903BUA765454''';  
END;/
```

## 18.3.11 F\$DV\$\_DBLINK\_INFO Function

The F\$DV\$\_DBLINK\_INFO function returns information about an Oracle Database Vault database link.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$DV$_DBLINK_INFO ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  

```



```
rule_name => 'Check Database Vault database link info',  
rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DV$_DBLINK_INFO = ''SOURCE_GLOBAL_NAME=SALES.US.EXAMPLE.COM,  
DBLINK_NAME=PDB2_LINK, SOURCE_AUDIT_SESSIONID=200057''';  
END;/
```

### 18.3.12 F\$DV\$\_MODULE Function

The F\$DV\$\_MODULE function returns information about an Oracle Database Vault module.

#### Syntax

```
DVF.F$DV$_MODULE (  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

#### Parameters

None

#### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Database Vault modules',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$DV$_MODULE = ''SQL*Plus''';  
END;/
```

### 18.3.13 F\$ENTERPRISE\_IDENTITY Function

The F\$ENTERPRISE\_IDENTITY function returns the enterprise-wide identity for a user, in VARCHAR2 data type.

- For enterprise users: the Oracle Internet Directory DN.
- For external users: the external identity (Kerberos principal name, Radius and DCE schema names, operating system user name, certificate DN).
- For local users and SYSDBA/SYSOPER logins: NULL.

The value of the attribute differs by proxy method:

- For a proxy with DN: the Oracle Internet Directory DN of the client.
- For a proxy with certificate: the certificate DN of the client for external users; the Oracle Internet Directory DN for global users.
- For a proxy with user name: the Oracle Internet Directory DN if the client is an enterprise user; NULL if the client is a local database user.

#### Syntax

```
DVF.F$ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY (  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

#### Parameters

None

#### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check User Enterprise Identity',
```

```
rule_expr => 'DVF.F$ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY NOT IN (''JSMITH'', ''TSMITH'')');  
END;  
/
```

### 18.3.14 F\$IDENTIFICATION\_TYPE Function

The F\$IDENTIFICATION\_TYPE function returns the way the schema of a user was created in the database. Specifically, it reflects the IDENTIFIED clause in the CREATE/ALTER USER syntax. The return type is VARCHAR2.

In the list that follows, the syntax used during schema creation is followed by the identification type returned:

- IDENTIFIED BY *password*: LOCAL
- IDENTIFIED EXTERNALLY: EXTERNAL
- IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY: GLOBAL SHARED
- IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS DN: GLOBAL PRIVATE

#### Syntax

```
DVF.F$IDENTIFICATION_TYPE (  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

#### Parameters

None

#### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check User Schema Creation Type',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$IDENTIFICATION_TYPE = ''GLOBAL SHARED''');  
END;  
/
```

### 18.3.15 F\$LANG Function

The F\$LANG function returns the ISO abbreviation for the language name, a shorter form than the existing LANGUAGE parameter, for the session of the user. The return type is VARCHAR2.

#### Syntax

```
DVF.F$LANG (  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

#### Parameters

None

#### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check ISO Abbreviated Language Name',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$LANG IN (''EN'', ''DE'', ''FR'')');  
END;  
/
```

**Related Topics**

- *Oracle AI Database Globalization Support Guide*

## 18.3.16 F\$LANGUAGE Function

The F\$LANGUAGE function returns the language and territory currently used by a user session, along with the database character set. The return type is VARCHAR2.

The return type is in the following format:

*language\_territory.characterset*

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$LANGUAGE ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Session Language and Territory',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$LANGUAGE = ''AMERICAN_AMERICA.WE8ISO8859P1''');  
END;  
/
```

**Related Topics**

- *Oracle AI Database Globalization Support Guide*

## 18.3.17 F\$MACHINE Function

The F\$MACHINE function returns the computer (host) name for the database client that established the database session. The return type is VARCHAR2.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$MACHINE ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameter**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Client Computer Host Name',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$MACHINE NOT IN (''SHOBEEN'', ''SEBASTIAN'')');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.3.18 F\$NETWORK\_PROTOCOL Function

The `F$NETWORK_PROTOCOL` function returns the network protocol being used for communication, as specified in the `PROTOCOL=protocol` portion of the connect string. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

### Syntax

```
DVF.F$NETWORK_PROTOCOL ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Check Network Protocol',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$NETWORK_PROTOCOL = ''TCP''');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.3.19 F\$PROXY\_ENTERPRISE\_IDENTITY Function

The `F$PROXY_ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY` function returns the Oracle Internet Directory distinguished name (DN) when the proxy user is an enterprise user. The return type is `VARCHAR2`.

### Syntax

```
DVF.F$PROXY_ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
    rule_name => 'Get OID DN of Enterprise User',  
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$PROXY_ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY = ''cn=Provisioning Admins''');  
END;  
/
```

## 18.3.20 F\$PROXY\_USER Function

The `F$PROXY_USER` function returns the name of a proxy user.

### Syntax

```
DVF.PROXY_USER ()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Proxy Users',
    rule_expr => 'DVF.PROXY_USER NOT IN (''ECHICHESTER'', ''PFITCH'')');
END;
```

## 18.3.21 F\$SESSION\_USER Function

The F\$SESSION\_USER function returns the database user name by which the current user is authenticated. This value remains the same throughout the session. The return type is VARCHAR2.

**Syntax**

```
DVF.F$SESSION_USER ()
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'Check Database User Name',
    rule_expr => 'DVF.F$SESSION_USER IN (''JSMITH'', ''TSMITH'')');
END;
/
```

# Oracle Database Vault Secure Application Role APIs

The DBMS\_MACADM and DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES PL/SQL packages manage Database Vault secure application roles.

- [DBMS\\_MACADM Secure Application Role Procedures](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM package creates, renames, assigns, unassigns, updates, and deletes Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.
- [DBMS\\_MACSEC\\_ROLES Secure Application Role Procedure and Function](#)  
The DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES package checks the authorization for users and sets Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

## Related Topics

- [Configuring Secure Application Roles for Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Secure application roles enable you to control how much access users have to an application.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package.

## 19.1 DBMS\_MACADM Secure Application Role Procedures

The DBMS\_MACADM package creates, renames, assigns, unassigns, updates, and deletes Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

- [CREATE\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_ROLE procedure creates an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.
- [DELETE\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_ROLE procedure deletes an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.
- [RENAME\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The RENAME\_ROLE procedure renames an Oracle Database Vault secure application role. The name change takes effect everywhere the role is used.
- [UPDATE\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_ROLE procedure updates a Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

### 19.1.1 CREATE\_ROLE Procedure

The CREATE\_ROLE procedure creates an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

#### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_ROLE(  
    role_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    enabled        IN VARCHAR2,  
    rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 19-1 CREATE\_ROLE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
role_name	Role name, up to 128 characters in mixed-case, without spaces. Ensure that this name follows the standard Oracle naming conventions for role creation using the <code>CREATE_ROLE</code> statement. Prepend the role name with <code>c##</code> or <code>C##</code> if it is a common role.  To find existing secure application roles in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_ROLE</code> view.
enabled	<code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES</code> makes the role available for enabling; <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO</code> prevents the role from being enabled. The default is <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES</code> . That is, users are allowed to call the <code>DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE</code> function to try to enable the role. Note that whether or not the role will be enabled depends on the evaluation result of the associated rule set.
rule_set_name	Name of rule set to determine whether this secure application can be enabled. If the rule set evaluates to true, then Oracle Database Vault enables the role for the database session. If the rule set evaluates to false, then the role is not enabled.  To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_RULE_SET</code> view.

## Example

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_ROLE(
    role_name      => 'Sector2_APP_MGR',
    enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    rule_set_name  => 'Check App2 Access');
END;
/

```

## 19.1.2 DELETE\_ROLE Procedure

The `DELETE_ROLE` procedure deletes an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

## Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_ROLE(
  role_name IN VARCHAR2);

```

## Parameters

**Table 19-2 DELETE\_ROLE Parameter**

Parameter	Description
role_name	Role name.  To find existing secure application roles in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_ROLE</code> view.

## Example

```

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_ROLE('SECT2_APP_MGR');

```

## 19.1.3 RENAME\_ROLE Procedure

The `RENAME_ROLE` procedure renames an Oracle Database Vault secure application role. The name change takes effect everywhere the role is used.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_ROLE(  
    role_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    new_role_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 19-3 RENAME\_ROLE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
role_name	Current role name. To find existing secure application roles in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_ROLE</code> view.
new_role_name	Role name, up to 128 characters, with no spaces. Ensure that this name follows the standard Oracle naming conventions for role creation described in <i>Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference</i> . Prepend the role name with <code>c##</code> or <code>C##</code> if it is a common role.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_ROLE(  
        role_name      => 'SECT2_APP_MGR',  
        new_role_name  => 'SECT2_SYSADMIN');  
END;  
/
```

## 19.1.4 UPDATE\_ROLE Procedure

The `UPDATE_ROLE` procedure updates a Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_ROLE(  
    role_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    enabled        IN VARCHAR2,  
    rule_set_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 19-4 UPDATE\_ROLE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
role_name	Role name. To find existing secure application roles in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_ROLE</code> view.



**Table 19-4 (Cont.) UPDATE\_ROLE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
enabled	DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES (Yes) makes the role available for enabling; DBMS_MACUTL.G_NO (No) prevents the role from being enabled.  The default for enabled is the previously set value, which you can find by querying the DBA_DV_ROLE data dictionary view.
rule_set_name	Name of rule set to determine whether this secure application can be enabled.  To find existing rule sets in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view.

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_ROLE(
    role_name      => 'SECT2_SYSADMIN',
    enabled        => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    rule_set_name  => 'System Access Controls');
END;
/

```

## 19.2 DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES Secure Application Role Procedure and Function

The DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES package checks the authorization for users and sets Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

The DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES package is available to all users.

- [CAN\\_SET\\_ROLE Function](#)  
The CAN\_SET\_ROLE function checks if the user invoking the method is authorized to use an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.
- [SET\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The SET\_ROLE procedure issues the SET ROLE PL/SQL statement for specified roles.

### 19.2.1 CAN\_SET\_ROLE Function

The CAN\_SET\_ROLE function checks if the user invoking the method is authorized to use an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

The authorization is determined by checking the rule set associated with the role. The return type is BOOLEAN.

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.CAN_SET_ROLE(
  p_role IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN BOOLEAN;

```

## Parameters

**Table 19-5 CAN\_SET\_ROLE Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_role	Role name. To find existing secure application roles in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_ROLE view.

## Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
  IF DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.CAN_SET_ROLE('SECTOR2_APP_MGR')
    THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('''SECTOR2_APP_MGR'' can be enabled.');
```

```
END IF;
END;
/
```

## 19.2.2 SET\_ROLE Procedure

The SET\_ROLE procedure issues the SET ROLE PL/SQL statement for specified roles.

This procedure includes both Oracle Database Vault secure application roles and regular Oracle AI Database roles in its checking process.

This procedure sets an Oracle Database Vault secure application role only if the rule set that is associated with the role evaluates to true. Before SET ROLE is issued, the CAN\_SET\_ROLE method is called to check the rule set associated with the role. Run-time rule set behavior such as auditing, failure processing, and event handling occur during this process.

The SET\_ROLE procedure is available to the general database account population.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE(
  p_role IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 19-6 SET\_ROLE Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_role	Role names. You can enter multiple roles, separated by commas (,), including secure application roles and regular roles. To find existing secure application roles in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_ROLE view. To find all of the existing roles in the database, query the DBA_ROLES data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACSEC_ROLES.SET_ROLE('SECTOR2_APP_MGR, APPS_MGR');
```

You can enter the name of the role in any case (for example, Sector2\_APP\_MGR).



# Oracle Database Vault Oracle Label Security APIs

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Label Security labels and policies in Oracle Database Vault.

- [CREATE\\_MAC\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_MAC_POLICY` procedure specifies the algorithm to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label.
- [CREATE\\_POLICY\\_LABEL Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_POLICY_LABEL` procedure labels an identity within an Oracle Label Security policy.
- [DELETE\\_MAC\\_POLICY\\_CASCADE Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_MAC_POLICY_CASCADE` procedure deletes all Oracle Database Vault objects related to an Oracle Label Security policy.
- [DELETE\\_POLICY\\_FACTOR Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_POLICY_FACTOR` procedure removes the factor from contributing to the Oracle Label Security label.
- [DELETE\\_POLICY\\_LABEL Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_POLICY_LABEL` procedure removes the label from an identity within an Oracle Label Security policy.
- [UPDATE\\_MAC\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_MAC_POLICY` procedure specifies the algorithm to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label.

## Related Topics

- [Integrating Oracle Database Vault with Other Oracle Products](#)  
You can integrate Oracle Database Vault with other Oracle products, such as Oracle Data Guard.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package.

## 20.1 CREATE\_MAC\_POLICY Procedure

The `CREATE_MAC_POLICY` procedure specifies the algorithm to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_MAC_POLICY(  
    policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
    algorithm    IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameters****Table 20-1 CREATE\_MAC\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Name of an existing policy. To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY view.
algorithm	Merge algorithm for cases when Oracle Label Security has merged two labels. Enter the code listed in <a href="#">Table 20-2</a> that corresponds to the merge algorithm you want. For example, enter HUU to if you want to select the Maximum Level/Union/Union merge algorithm.

**Table 20-2 Oracle Label Security Merge Algorithm Codes**

Code	Value
HUU	Maximum Level/Union/Union
HIU	Maximum Level/Intersection/Union
HMU	Maximum Level/Minus/Union
HNU	Maximum Level/Null/Union
HUI	Maximum Level/Union/Intersection
HI I	Maximum Level/Intersection/Intersection
HMI	Maximum Level/Minus/Intersection
HNI	Maximum Level/Null/Intersection
HUM	Maximum Level/Union/Minus
HIM	Maximum Level/Intersection/Minus
HMM	Maximum Level/Minus/Minus
HNM	Maximum Level/Null/Minus
HUN	Maximum Level/Union/Null
HIN	Maximum Level/Intersection/Null
HMN	Maximum Level/Minus/Null
HNN	Maximum Level/Null/Null
LUU	Minimum Level/Union/Union
LIU	Minimum Level/Intersection/Union
LMU	Minimum Level/Minus/Union
LNU	Minimum Level/Null/Union
LUI	Minimum Level/Union/Intersection
LI I	Minimum Level/Intersection/Intersection
LMI	Minimum Level/Minus/Intersection
LNI	Minimum Level/Null/Intersection
LUM	Minimum Level/Union/Minus
LIM	Minimum Level/Intersection/Minus
LMM	Minimum Level/Minus/Minus

**Table 20-2 (Cont.) Oracle Label Security Merge Algorithm Codes**

Code	Value
LNМ	Minimum Level/Null/Minus
LUN	Minimum Level/Union/Null
LIN	Minimum Level/Intersection/Null
LMN	Minimum Level/Minus/Null
LNN	Minimum Level/Null/Null

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_MAC_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'Access Locations',
    algorithm   => 'HUU');
END;
/

```

## 20.2 CREATE\_POLICY\_LABEL Procedure

The `CREATE_POLICY_LABEL` procedure labels an identity within an Oracle Label Security policy.

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY_LABEL(
  identity_factor_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  identity_factor_value IN VARCHAR2,
  policy_name          IN VARCHAR2,
  label                IN VARCHAR2);

```

**Parameters****Table 20-3 CREATE\_POLICY\_LABEL Parameters**

Parameter	Description
<code>identity_factor_name</code>	<p>Name of the factor being labeled.</p> <p>To find existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_FACTOR</code> view.</p> <p>To find factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies, use <code>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR</code>.</p>
<code>identity_factor_value</code>	<p>Value of identity for the factor being labeled.</p> <p>To find the identities of existing factors in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_IDENTITY</code> view.</p>
<code>policy_name</code>	<p>Name of an existing policy.</p> <p>To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY</code> view.</p>
<code>label</code>	<p>Oracle Label Security label name.</p> <p>To find existing policy labels for factor identifiers, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL</code> view.</p>

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY_LABEL(
    identity_factor_name => 'App_Host_Name',
    identity_factor_value => 'Sect2_Fin_Apps',
    policy_name          => 'Access Locations',
    label                => 'Sensitive');
END;
/
```

## 20.3 DELETE\_MAC\_POLICY\_CASCADE Procedure

The `DELETE_MAC_POLICY_CASCADE` procedure deletes all Oracle Database Vault objects related to an Oracle Label Security policy.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_MAC_POLICY_CASCADE(
  policy_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 20-4** DELETE\_MAC\_POLICY\_CASCADE Parameter

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Name of an existing policy. To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY</code> view.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_MAC_POLICY_CASCADE('Access Locations');
```

## 20.4 DELETE\_POLICY\_FACTOR Procedure

The `DELETE_POLICY_FACTOR` procedure removes the factor from contributing to the Oracle Label Security label.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_POLICY_FACTOR(
  policy_name IN VARCHAR2,
  factor_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 20-5** DELETE\_POLICY\_FACTOR Parameters

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Name of an existing policy. To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY</code> view.

**Table 20-5 (Cont.) DELETE\_POLICY\_FACTOR Parameters**

Parameter	Description
factor_name	Name of factor associated with the Oracle Label Security label. To find factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies, query DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR.

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_POLICY_FACTOR(
    policy_name => 'Access Locations',
    factor_name => 'App_Host_Name');
END;
/

```

## 20.5 DELETE\_POLICY\_LABEL Procedure

The `DELETE_POLICY_LABEL` procedure removes the label from an identity within an Oracle Label Security policy.

**Syntax**

```

DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_POLICY_LABEL(
  identity_factor_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  identity_factor_value IN VARCHAR2,
  policy_name           IN VARCHAR2,
  label                 IN VARCHAR2);

```

**Parameters****Table 20-6 DELETE\_POLICY\_LABEL Parameters**

Parameter	Description
identity_factor_name	Name of the factor that was labeled. To find existing factors in the current database instance that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies, query DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR.
identity_factor_value	Value of identity for the factor that was labeled. To find the identities of existing factors in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_IDENTITY view.
policy_name	Name of an existing policy. To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY view.
label	Oracle Label Security label name. To find existing policy labels for factor identifiers, query the DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL view.

**Example**

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_POLICY_LABEL(
    identity_factor_name => 'App_Host_Name',

```



```
identity_factor_value => 'Sect2_Fin_Apps',  
policy_name          => 'Access Locations',  
label                => 'Sensitive');  
END;  
/
```

## 20.6 UPDATE\_MAC\_POLICY Procedure

The UPDATE\_MAC\_POLICY procedure specifies the algorithm to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_MAC_POLICY(  
    policy_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    algorithm   IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 20-7** UPDATE\_MAC\_POLICY

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Name of an existing policy. To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY view.
algorithm	Merge algorithm for cases when Oracle Label Security has merged two labels. See the codes listed in the DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_MAC_POLICY description.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_MAC_POLICY(  
        policy_name => 'Access Locations',  
        algorithm   => 'LUI');  
END;  
/
```

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_MAC\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_MAC\_POLICY procedure specifies the algorithm to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label.

# Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs

Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package.

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The `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package can perform tasks such as finding a time value or whether a user has the appropriate privileges.

## 21.1 DBMS\_MACUTL Constants

You can use a set of constants, available in the `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package.

- [DBMS\\_MACUTL Listing of Constants](#)  
The `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package provides constants (fields) to use with Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.
- [Example: Creating a Realm Using DBMS\\_MACUTL Constants](#)  
Constants can be used to answer simple Yes or No settings when you create objects in Oracle Database Vault.
- [Example: Creating a Rule Set Using DBMS\\_MACUTL Constants](#)  
Constants can be used to set options such as handler options.
- [Example: Creating a Factor Using DBMS\\_MACUTL Constants](#)  
Constants can be used to set information specific to factors, such as identity or labeling.

### 21.1.1 DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants

The `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package provides constants (fields) to use with Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.

[Table 21-1](#) summarizes constant (that is, fields) descriptions for the `DBMS_MACUTL` package.

Many of these constants have equivalents in the Oracle Database Vault package. For example, the `enabled` parameter, which is available in several procedures, can accept either `Y` (for Yes) or the constant `G_YES`. Choosing one over the other is a matter of personal preference. They both have the same result.

**Table 21-1 DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants**

Constant Name	Data Type	Description
<code>G_ALL_OBJECT</code>	<code>VARCHAR2(1)</code>	Used with the realm API <code>object_name</code> and <code>object_type</code> parameters as a wildcard to indicate all object names or all object types.

Table 21-1 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants

Constant Name	Data Type	Description
G_AUDIT_ALWAYS	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to enable traditional auditing.  Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. You cannot set this constant.
G_AUDIT_OFF	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to disable traditional auditing.  Because traditional auditing is desupported, this is the only audit constant that you can set.
G_AUDIT_ON_GET_ERROR	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to audit using traditional auditing if the expression specified in the <code>get_expr</code> parameter returns an error.  Because traditional auditing is desupported, you cannot set this constant.
G_AUDIT_ON_GET_NULL	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to audit using traditional auditing if the expression in the <code>get_expr</code> field is null.  Because traditional auditing is desupported, you cannot set this constant.
G_AUDIT_ON_TRUST_LEVEL_NEG	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to audit using traditional auditing if the trust level is negative.  Because traditional auditing is desupported, you cannot set this constant.
G_AUDIT_ON_TRUST_LEVEL_NULL	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to audit using traditional auditing if no trust level exists.  Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. You cannot set this constant.
G_AUDIT_ON_VALIDATE_ERROR	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to audit using traditional auditing if the validation function returns an error.  Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. You cannot set this constant.

**Table 21-1 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants**

Constant Name	Data Type	Description
G_AUDIT_ON_VALIDATE_FALSE	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to audit using traditional auditing if validation function is false.  Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing. You cannot set this constant. You cannot set this constant.
G_DISABLE	NUMBER	Used to disable Oracle Database Vault policies and command rules
G_ENABLE	NUMBER	Used to enable Oracle Database Vault policies and command rules
G_EVAL_ON_ACCESS	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>eval_options</code> parameter to reevaluate the factor each time it is accessed.
G_EVAL_ON_SESSION	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>eval_options</code> parameter to evaluate the factor only once, when the user logs in to the session.
G_FAIL_SILENTLY	NUMBER	Used with the <code>fail_options</code> parameter to fail and show no error message.
G_FAIL_WITH_MESSAGE	NUMBER	Used with the <code>fail_options</code> parameter to fail and show an error message.
G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONSTANT	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>identify_by</code> parameter: Fixed value in PL/SQL expression defined in the <code>get_expr</code> parameter.
G_IDENTIFY_BY_CONTEXT	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>identify_by</code> parameter to indicate context.
G_IDENTIFY_BY_FACTOR	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>identify_by</code> parameter for subfactors through the <code>factor_link\$</code> table.
G_IDENTIFY_BY_METHOD	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>identify_by</code> parameter: Expression in <code>get_expr</code> field
G_IDENTIFY_BY_RULESET	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>identify_by</code> parameter: Expression and Rule Set with the <code>factor_expr\$</code> table
G_LABELED_BY_FACTORS	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>labeled_by</code> parameter to derive the label from subfactor and merge algorithm.
G_LABELED_BY_SELF	NUMBER	Used with the factor API <code>labeled_by</code> parameter to label the factor identities.
G_MAX_SESSION_LABEL	VARCHAR2(30)	This is the highest label a user could set based on the factors. It does not consider the label for a user.

Table 21-1 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants

Constant Name	Data Type	Description
G_MIN_POLICY_LABEL	VARCHAR2(30)	The label to which a factor with a null label defaults.
G_NO	VARCHAR2(1)	Used with the following APIs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The factor API <code>label_indicator</code> parameter to indicate that a child factor linked to a parent factor does not contribute to the label of the parent factor in an Oracle Label Security integration.</li> <li>Any API that uses the <code>enabled</code> parameter.</li> </ul>
G_OLS_SESSION_LABEL	VARCHAR2(30)	The Oracle Label Security session label for a user at the time <code>init_session</code> is run.
G_PARTIAL	NUMBER	Sets the enforcement state of the realms and command rules under an Oracle Database Vault policy to be changed individually
G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF	NUMBER	Used with the realm API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to disable auditing.  Because traditional auditing is desupported, this is the only realm audit option that you can set.
G_REALM_AUDIT_SUCCESS	NUMBER	Used with the realm API <code>audit_options</code> parameter: Audit on successful realm access  Because traditional auditing is desupported, you cannot set this constant.
G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER	NUMBER	Used with the realm API <code>auth_options</code> parameter to set the realm authorization to Owner.
G_REALM_AUTH_PARTICIPANT	NUMBER	Used with the realm API <code>auth_options</code> parameter to set the realm authorization to Participant.
G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>audit_options</code> parameter to disable auditing.  Because traditional auditing is desupported, this is the only rule set constant that you can set.
G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>eval_options</code> parameter to enable the rule set to succeed if all rules evaluate to true.
G_RULESET_EVAL_ANY	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>eval_options</code> parameter to succeed if any of the rules evaluate to true.

**Table 21-1 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants**

Constant Name	Data Type	Description
G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>fail_options</code> parameter to show an error message if the rule set fails.
G_RULESET_FAIL_SILENT	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>fail_options</code> parameter to not show an error message if the rule set fails.
G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>handler_options</code> parameter to call a handler (specified by the <code>handler</code> parameter) if the rule set fails.
G_RULESET_HANDLER_OFF	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>handler_options</code> parameter to disable calls to a handler or if no handler is used.
G_RULESET_HANDLER_SUCCESS	NUMBER	Used with the rule set API <code>handler_options</code> parameter to call a handler if the rule set succeeds.
G_SIMULATION	NUMBER	Used to set the enforcement state of a policy to simulation mode. This mode does not raise errors for realm or command rule violations. Instead, an error is logged in a designated log table with sufficient information relevant to the error (for example, users or SQL command.)
G_USER_POLICY_LABEL	VARCHAR2( 30 )	This is what Oracle Label Security has decided the user's label should be set to after factoring in the preceding values.
G_TRACE_HIGH	NUMBER	Prints trace records that include both successful and failed authorizations. Alternatively, you can use 4 instead of <code>G_TRACE_HIGH</code> .
G_TRACE_HIGHEST	NUMBER	Prints the PL/SQL stack and function call stack to a trace file, as well as what is traced from <code>G_TRACE_HIGH</code> . Alternatively, you can use 5 instead of <code>G_TRACE_HIGHEST</code> .
G_TRACE_LOW	NUMBER	Prints the information for all failed Oracle Database Vault authorizations to a trace file. Alternatively, you can use 2 instead of <code>G_TRACE_LOW</code> .
G_TRACE_OFF	NUMBER	Disables tracing. Alternatively, you can use 0 instead of <code>G_TRACE_OFF</code> .

**Table 21-1 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACUTL Listing of Constants**

Constant Name	Data Type	Description
G_YES	VARCHAR2(1)	Used with the following APIs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The factor API <code>label_indicator</code> parameter to indicate that a child factor linked to a parent factor contributes to the label of the parent factor in an Oracle Label Security integration.</li> <li>Any API that uses the <code>enabled</code> parameter.</li> </ul>

**Related Topics**

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 21.1.2 Example: Creating a Realm Using DBMS\_MACUTL Constants

Constants can be used to answer simple Yes or No settings when you create objects in Oracle Database Vault.

[Example 21-1](#) shows how to use the `G_YES` `DBMS_MACUTL` constant when creating a realm.

**Example 21-1 Creating a Realm Using DBMS\_MACUTL Constants**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
    realm_name      => 'Performance Statistics Realm',
    description     => 'Realm to measure performance',
    enabled         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    audit_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_OFF);
END;
/
```

## 21.1.3 Example: Creating a Rule Set Using DBMS\_MACUTL Constants

Constants can be used to set options such as handler options.

[Example 21-2](#) shows how to use several `DBMS_MACUTL` constants when creating a rule set.

**Example 21-2 Creating a Rule Set Using DBMS\_MACUTL Constants**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE_SET(
    rule_set_name   => 'Limit_DBA_Access',
    description     => 'DBA access through predefined processes',
    enabled         => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
    eval_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_EVAL_ALL,
    audit_options   => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_FAIL_SHOW,
    fail_message    => 'Rule Set Limit_DBA_Access has failed.',
    fail_code       => 20000,
    handler_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_RULESET_HANDLER_FAIL,
    handler         => 'dbavowner.email_alert');
```

```
END;
/
```

## 21.1.4 Example: Creating a Factor Using DBMS\_MACUTL Constants

Constants can be used to set information specific to factors, such as identity or labeling.

[Example 21-3](#) shows how to use constants when creating a factor.

### Example 21-3 Creating a Factor Using DBMS\_MACUTL Constants

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_FACTOR(
    factor_name      => 'Sector2_DB',
    factor_type_name => 'Instance',
    description      => ' ',
    rule_set_name    => 'DB_access',
    get_expr         => 'UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT(''USERENV'', ''DB_NAME''))',
    validate_expr    => 'dbavowner.check_db_access',
    identify_by      => DBMS_MACUTL.G_IDENTIFY_BY_FACTOR,
    labeled_by       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_LABELED_BY_SELF,
    eval_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_EVAL_ON_SESSION,
    audit_options    => DBMS_MACUTL.G_AUDIT_OFF,
    fail_options     => DBMS_MACUTL.G_FAIL_SILENTLY);
END;
/
```

## 21.2 DBMS\_MACUTL Package Procedures and Functions

The DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package can perform tasks such as finding a time value or whether a user has the appropriate privileges.

- [CHECK\\_DVSYS\\_DML\\_ALLOWED Procedure](#)  
The CHECK\_DVSYS\_DML\_ALLOWED procedure checks if a user can issue Data Modification Language (DML) commands to access the DVSYS objects.
- [CONTAINS\\_HOST Function](#)  
The CONTAINS\_HOST function checks if the given host is contained in the given domain and then returns a BOOLEAN value.
- [GET\\_CODE\\_VALUE Function](#)  
The GET\_CODE\_VALUE function finds the value for a code within a code group, and then returns a VARCHAR2 value.
- [GET\\_DV\\_TRACE\\_LEVEL Function](#)  
The GET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL function returns the Oracle Database Vault trace level for the current session.
- [GET\\_SECOND Function](#)  
The GET\_SECOND function returns the seconds in Oracle SS (seconds) format (00–59), and then returns a NUMBER value.
- [GET\\_MINUTE Function](#)  
The GET\_MINUTE function returns the minute in Oracle MI (minute) format (00–59), in a NUMBER value.
- [GET\\_HOUR Function](#)  
The GET\_HOUR function returns the hour in Oracle HH24 (hour) format (00–23), in a NUMBER value.



- [GET\\_DAY Function](#)  
The GET\_DAY function returns the day in Oracle DD (day) format (01–31), in a NUMBER value.
- [GET\\_MONTH Function](#)  
The GET\_MONTH function returns the month in Oracle MM (month) format (01–12), in a NUMBER value.
- [GET\\_TRACE\\_LEVEL Function](#)  
The GET\_TRACE\_LEVEL function returns the most recent trace level that was set for the current database session.
- [GET\\_YEAR Function](#)  
The GET\_YEAR function returns the year in Oracle YYYY (year) format (0001–9999), in a NUMBER value.
- [IS\\_ALPHA Function](#)  
The IS\_ALPHA function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if a character is alphabetic.
- [IS\\_CLIENT\\_IP\\_CONTAINED Function](#)  
The IS\_CLIENT\_IP\_CONTAINED function checks if the IP address of the current client connection is contained in the given domain and then returns a BOOLEAN value.
- [IS\\_DIGIT Function](#)  
The IS\_DIGIT function checks returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if a character is numeric.
- [IS\\_DVSYIS\\_OWNER Function](#)  
The IS\_DVSYIS\_OWNER function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if a user is authorized to manage the Oracle Database Vault configuration.
- [IS\\_OLS\\_INSTALLED Function](#)  
The IS\_OLS\_INSTALLED function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if Oracle Label Security is installed.
- [IS\\_OLS\\_INSTALLED\\_VARCHAR Function](#)  
The IS\_OLS\_INSTALLED\_VARCHAR function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if Oracle Label Security is installed.
- [ROLE\\_GRANTED\\_ENABLED\\_VARCHAR Function](#)  
The ROLE\_GRANTED\_ENABLED\_VARCHAR function returns a VARCHAR2 value indicating the role grant and enablement status of a user.
- [USER\\_HAS\\_OBJECT\\_PRIVILEGE Function](#)  
The USER\_HAS\_OBJECT\_PRIVILEGE function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if user or role can access an object through a single specified object privilege grant.
- [USER\\_HAS\\_ROLE Function](#)  
The USER\_HAS\_ROLE function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if a user has a role privilege, directly or indirectly (through another role).
- [USER\\_HAS\\_ROLE\\_VARCHAR Function](#)  
The USER\_HAS\_ROLE\_VARCHAR function returns a VARCHAR2 value indicating if a user has a role privilege, directly or indirectly (through another role).
- [USER\\_HAS\\_SYSTEM\\_PRIVILEGE Function](#)  
The USER\_HAS\_SYSTEM\_PRIVILEGE function returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if a user has a system privilege, directly or indirectly (through a role).

## 21.2.1 CHECK\_DVSYSDML\_ALLOWED Procedure

The `CHECK_DVSYSDML_ALLOWED` procedure checks if a user can issue Data Modification Language (DML) commands to access the `DVSYSDML` objects.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.CHECK_DVSYSDML_ALLOWED(  
    p_user IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER);
```

### Parameter

**Table 21-2** `CHECK_DVSYSDML_ALLOWED` Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_user	User to check. To find existing users in the current database instance, query the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>DBA_USERS</code>: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li><li>• <code>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH</code>: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li><li>• <code>DBA_DV_ROLE</code>: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li></ul>

### Example

User `SYSTEM` fails the check:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACUTL.CHECK_DVSYSDML_ALLOWED('system');  
  
ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-47920: Authorization failed for user system to perform this operation  
ORA-06512: at "DBMS_MACUTL", line 23  
ORA-06512: at "DBMS_MACUTL", line 372  
ORA-06512: at "DBMS_MACUTL", line 508  
ORA-06512: at "DBMS_MACUTL", line 572  
ORA-06512: at line 1
```

User `dvowner`, who has the `DV_OWNER` role, passes the check:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACUTL.CHECK_DVSYSDML_ALLOWED('dvowner');  
  
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

## 21.2.2 CONTAINS\_HOST Function

The `CONTAINS_HOST` function checks if the given host is contained in the given domain and then returns a `BOOLEAN` value.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.CONTAINS_HOST(  
    host      IN VARCHAR2,  
    domain    IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

## Parameters

**Table 21-3** CONTAINS\_HOST Parameters

Parameter	Description
host	The network host to be checked
domain	The network host, domain, or subnet

## Examples

```
SELECT DBMS_MACUTL.CONTAINS_HOST('192.0.2.1', '192.0.*') FROM DUAL;
```

```
SELECT DBMS_MACUTL.CONTAINS_HOST('192.0.2.1', '192.0.2.0/24') FROM DUAL;
```

## 21.2.3 GET\_CODE\_VALUE Function

The GET\_CODE\_VALUE function finds the value for a code within a code group, and then returns a VARCHAR2 value.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_CODE_VALUE(  
    p_code_group IN VARCHAR2,  
    p_code       IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

## Parameters

**Table 21-4** GET\_CODE\_VALUE Parameters

Parameter	Description
p_code_group	Code group (for example, AUDIT_EVENTS or BOOLEAN). To find available code groups in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_CODE view.
p_code	ID of the code. This ID is listed when you run the DBA_DV_CODE view.

## Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(  
        rule_name => 'Get Label Algorithm for Maximum Level/Union/Null',  
        rule_expr => 'DBMS_MACUTL.GET_CODE_VALUE(''LABEL_ALG'', ''HUN'') = ''Union''');  
END;  
/
```

## 21.2.4 GET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL Function

The `GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function returns the Oracle Database Vault trace level for the current session.

If the Oracle Database Vault trace has been set by `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`, then all sessions in that system will have the same trace level. The output can be one of the following values: `HIGHEST`, `HIGH`, `LOW`, or `OFF`.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameter

None

### Example

```
SELECT DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL FROM DUAL;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL  
-----  
HIGH
```

## 21.2.5 GET\_SECOND Function

The `GET_SECOND` function returns the seconds in Oracle SS (seconds) format (00–59), and then returns a `NUMBER` value.

It is useful for rule expressions based on time data.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_SECOND(  
  p_date IN DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE)  
RETURN NUMBER;
```

### Parameter

**Table 21-5** GET\_SECOND Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_date	Date in SS format (for example, 59).  If you do not specify a date, then Oracle Database Vault uses the Oracle AI Database <code>SYSDATE</code> function to retrieve the date and time of the PDB that uses the time zone of the PDB.

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON  
DECLARE
```

```

        seconds number;
BEGIN
    seconds := DBMS_MACUTL.GET_SECOND(TO_DATE('03-APR-2009 6:56 PM',
        'dd-mon-yyyy hh:mi PM'));
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Seconds: ' || seconds);
END;
/

```

This example, which uses a fixed date and time, returns the following:

```
Seconds: 56
```

## 21.2.6 GET\_MINUTE Function

The `GET_MINUTE` function returns the minute in Oracle MI (minute) format (00–59), in a `NUMBER` value.

It is useful for rule expressions based on time data.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACUTL.GET_MINUTE(
    p_date IN DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE)
RETURN NUMBER;

```

### Parameter

**Table 21-6 GET\_MINUTE Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_date	Date in MI format (for example, 30, as in 2:30).  If you do not specify a date, then Oracle Database Vault uses the Oracle AI Database <code>SYSDATE</code> function to retrieve the date and time of the PDB that uses the time zone of the PDB.

### Example

```

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    minute number;
BEGIN
    minute := DBMS_MACUTL.GET_MINUTE(SYSDATE);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Minute: ' || minute);
END;
/

```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
Minute: 17
```

## 21.2.7 GET\_HOUR Function

The `GET_HOUR` function returns the hour in Oracle HH24 (hour) format (00–23), in a `NUMBER` value.

It is useful for rule expressions based on time data.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_HOUR(  
    p_date IN DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE)  
RETURN NUMBER;
```

## Parameter

**Table 21-7 GET\_HOUR Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_date	Date in HH24 format (for example, 14 for 2:00 p.m.)  If you do not specify a date, then Oracle Database Vault uses the Oracle AI Database SYSDATE function to retrieve the date and time of the PDB that uses the time zone of the PDB.

## Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON  
DECLARE  
    hours number;  
BEGIN  
    hours := DBMS_MACUTL.GET_HOUR(SYSDATE);  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Hour: ' || hours);  
END;  
/
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
Hour: 12
```

## 21.2.8 GET\_DAY Function

The GET\_DAY function returns the day in Oracle DD (day) format (01–31), in a NUMBER value.

It is useful for rule expressions based on time data.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DAY(  
    p_date IN DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE)  
RETURN NUMBER;
```

## Parameter

**Table 21-8 GET\_DAY Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_date	Date in DD format (for example, 01 for the first day of the month).  If you do not specify a date, then Oracle Database Vault uses the Oracle AI Database SYSDATE function to retrieve the date and time of the PDB that uses the time zone of the PDB.

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    day number;
BEGIN
    day := DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DAY(SYSDATE);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Day: ' || day);
END;
/
```

Output similar to the following appears:

Day: 3

## 21.2.9 GET\_MONTH Function

The `GET_MONTH` function returns the month in Oracle MM (month) format (01–12), in a `NUMBER` value.

It is useful for rule expressions based on time data.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_MONTH(
    p_date IN DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE)
RETURN NUMBER;
```

### Parameter

**Table 21-9** GET\_MONTH Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_date	Date in MM format (for example, 08 for the month of August).  If you do not specify a date, then Oracle Database Vault uses the Oracle AI Database <code>SYSDATE</code> function to retrieve the date and time of the PDB that uses the time zone of the PDB.

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    month number;
BEGIN
    month := DBMS_MACUTL.GET_MONTH(SYSDATE);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Month: ' || month);
END;
/
```

Output similar to the following appears:

Month: 4

## 21.2.10 GET\_TRACE\_LEVEL Function

The `GET_TRACE_LEVEL` function returns the most recent trace level that was set for the current database session.

`DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` applies to Database Vault trace levels that have been set using `ALTER SYSTEM`, `ALTER SESSION`, or `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`. If the Database Vault trace was set by `ALTER SYSTEM` or `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`, then all sessions in that system will have the same trace level.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_TRACE_LEVEL
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameter

None

### Example

```
SELECT DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL FROM DUAL;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL
-----
HIGH
```

## 21.2.11 GET\_YEAR Function

The `GET_YEAR` function returns the year in Oracle YYYY (year) format (0001–9999), in a `NUMBER` value.

It is useful for rule expressions based on time data.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.GET_YEAR(
  p_date IN DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE)
RETURN NUMBER;
```

### Parameter

**Table 21-10 GET\_YEAR Parameter**

Parameter	Description
p_date	Date in YYYY format (for example, 1984).  If you do not specify a date, then Oracle Database Vault uses the <code>SYSDATE</code> function to retrieve the date and time of the PDB that uses the time zone of the PDB.

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
```



```
    year number;  
BEGIN  
    year := DBMS_MACUTL.GET_YEAR(SYSDATE);  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Year: '||year);  
END;  
/
```

## 21.2.12 IS\_ALPHA Function

The `IS_ALPHA` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if a character is alphabetic.

`IS_ALPHA` returns `TRUE` if the character is alphabetic.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.IS_ALPHA(  
    c IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

### Parameter

**Table 21-11** IS\_ALPHA Parameter

Parameter	Description
c	String with one character

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON  
BEGIN  
    IF DBMS_MACUTL.IS_ALPHA('z')  
    THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The alphabetic character was found');  
    ELSE  
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('No alphabetic characters today.');
```

```
    END IF;  
END;  
/
```

## 21.2.13 IS\_CLIENT\_IP\_CONTAINED Function

The `IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED` function checks if the IP address of the current client connection is contained in the given domain and then returns a `BOOLEAN` value.

`IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED` returns `TRUE` if the IP address of the current client connection is within the given domain

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED(  
    domain IN VARCHAR2)  
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

## Parameter

**Table 21-12** IS\_CLIENT\_IP\_CONTAINED Parameter

Parameter	Description
domain	String containing the IP expression of a network host, range, or subnet

## Examples

The following example shows how to use DBMS\_MACUTL.IS\_CLIENT\_IP\_CONTAINED in a rule:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    RULE_NAME => 'Check_IPs',
    RULE_EXPR => 'DBMS_MACUTL.IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED(''192.0.2.0/24'')');
END;
/
```

The following example shows how to directly check if the client IP of the current session is contained in the IP range 192.0.2.\*:

```
SELECT DBMS_MACUTL.IS_CLIENT_IP_CONTAINED('192.0.2.*') FROM DUAL;
```

## 21.2.14 IS\_DIGIT Function

The IS\_DIGIT function checks returns a BOOLEAN value indicating if a character is numeric.

IS\_DIGIT returns TRUE if the character is a digit.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.IS_DIGIT(
  c IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

## Parameter

**Table 21-13** IS\_DIGIT Parameter

Parameter	Description
c	String with one character

## Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
  IF DBMS_MACUTL.IS_DIGIT('7')
  THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The numeric character was found');
  ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('No numeric characters today.');
```

```
  END IF;
```

```
END;
```

```
/
```

## 21.2.15 IS\_DVSY\_Owner Function

The `IS_DVSY_Owner` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if a user is authorized to manage the Oracle Database Vault configuration.

`IS_DVSY_Owner` returns `TRUE` if the user is authorized.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.IS_DVSY_Owner(  
    p_user IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER)  
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

### Parameter

**Table 21-14** `IS_DVSY_Owner` Parameter

Parameter	Description
p_user	User to check. To find existing users, query the following data dictionary views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>DBA_USERS</code>: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li><li>• <code>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH</code>: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li><li>• <code>DBA_DV_ROLE</code>: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li></ul>

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON  
BEGIN  
    IF DBMS_MACUTL.IS_DVSY_Owner('PSMITH')  
    THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('PSMITH is authorized to manage Database Vault.');
```

## 21.2.16 IS\_OLS\_INSTALLED Function

The `IS_OLS_INSTALLED` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if Oracle Label Security is installed.

If Oracle Label Security is installed, `IS_OLS_INSTALLED` returns `TRUE`.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.IS_OLS_INSTALLED()  
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON  
BEGIN
```

```
IF DBMS_MACUTL.IS_OLS_INSTALLED()  
THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('OLS is installed');  
ELSE  
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('OLS is not installed');  
END IF;  
END;  
/
```

## 21.2.17 IS\_OLS\_INSTALLED\_VARCHAR Function

The `IS_OLS_INSTALLED_VARCHAR` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if Oracle Label Security is installed.

If Oracle Label Security is installed, then `IS_OLS_INSTALLED_VARCHAR` returns `Y`.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.IS_OLS_INSTALLED_VARCHAR()  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON  
BEGIN  
  IF DBMS_MACUTL.IS_OLS_INSTALLED()  
  THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('OLS is installed');  
  ELSE  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('OLS is not installed');  
  END IF;  
END;  
/
```

## 21.2.18 ROLE\_GRANTED\_ENABLED\_VARCHAR Function

The `ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR` function returns a `VARCHAR2` value indicating the role grant and enablement status of a user.

`ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR` function checks whether a user has a role granted directly or indirectly (through another role) with a sufficient scope or the role currently is enabled in the session while the role is not granted. If either of these conditions are true, then it returns `Y`.

Because the `SYS_SESSION_ROLES` namespace of the `SYS_CONTEXT` function does not represent the logged in user roles when it is evaluated as a `DVSYS` command rule, Oracle recommends that you use the `ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR` function to check if a role is enabled for a logged in user.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR(  
  p_role IN VARCHAR2,  
  p_user IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER,  
  p_profile IN NUMBER(38) DEFAULT 1,  
  p_scope IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT LOCAL)  
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

## Parameters

**Table 21-15** **ROLE\_GRANTED\_ENABLED\_VARCHAR** Parameters

Parameter	Description
p_role	<p>Role to check.</p> <p>To find existing roles, query the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_ROLES: Finds available roles in the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> <li>DBA_DV_ROLE: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li> </ul>
p_user	<p>User to check. If you want to use <code>ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR</code> function as part of a rule evaluation, then you cannot set <code>p_user</code> to <code>CURRENT_USER</code> when <code>ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR</code> is being evaluated as an Oracle Database Vault rule. Instead, you can use the <code>SYS_CONTEXT</code> function <code>USERENV</code> namespace <code>SESSION_USER</code> to represent the login user.</p> <p>To find existing users, query the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_USERS: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> </ul>
p_profile	<p>If you are using privilege analysis and the role being checked is used, then specify 1 so that privilege analysis can capture the usage of the role. Otherwise, enter 0.</p>
p_scope	<p>Specify either <code>COMMON</code> for a commonly granted role, or <code>LOCAL</code> for a locally granted role.</p>

## Example

This example shows how to use the `DBMS_MACUTL.ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR` function in a command rule to check if the logged in user has the enabled role of `EMPLOYEE`.

```

BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE(
    rule_name => 'does role exist',
    rule_expr => 'DVSYS.DBMS_MACUTL.ROLE_GRANTED_ENABLED_VARCHAR(''EMPLOYEE'', '''' ||
dvsys.dv_login_user || ''') = ''Y''';
END;
/

```

## 21.2.19 USER\_HAS\_OBJECT\_PRIVILEGE Function

The `USER_HAS_OBJECT_PRIVILEGE` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if user or role can access an object through a single specified object privilege grant.

If the user or role has the object privilege, then `USER_HAS_OBJECT_PRIVILEGE` returns `TRUE`.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_OBJECT_PRIVILEGE(
    p_user          VARCHAR2,
    p_object_owner   VARCHAR2,
    p_object_name    VARCHAR2,
    p_privilege      VARCHAR2)
RETURNS BOOLEAN;

```

## Parameters

**Table 21-16 USER\_HAS\_OBJECT\_PRIVILEGE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
p_user	User or role to check. To find existing users, query the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_USERS: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_ROLES: Finds available roles in the current database instance.</li> <li>DVA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> <li>DBA_DV_ROLE: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li> </ul>
p_object_owner	Object owner, such as a schema. To find the available users, query the DBA_USERS view. To find the authorization of a particular user, query the DVA_DV_REALM_AUTH view.
p_object_name	Object name, such as a table within the schema specified in the p_object_owner parameter. To find the available objects, query the ALL_OBJECTS view. To find objects that are secured by existing realms, query the DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT view.
p_privilege	Object privilege, such as, UPDATE. To find privileges for a database account excluding PUBLIC privileges, query the DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS view. To find all privileges for a database account, query the DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS_ALL view.

## Example

```

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
  IF DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_OBJECT_PRIVILEGE(
    'SECTOR2_APP_MGR', 'OE', 'ORDERS', 'UPDATE')
    THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('SECTOR2_APP_MGR has the UPDATE privilege for the OE.ORDERS
table');
    ELSE
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('SECTOR2_APP_MGR does not have the UPDATE privilege for the
OE.ORDERS table.');
```

```

    END IF;
  END;
/
```

## 21.2.20 USER\_HAS\_ROLE Function

The `USER_HAS_ROLE` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if a user has a role privilege, directly or indirectly (through another role).

If the user has a role privilege, then `USER_HAS_ROLE` returns `TRUE`.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_ROLE(
  p_role IN VARCHAR2,
```

```
p_user IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER)
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

### Parameters

**Table 21-17 USER\_HAS\_ROLE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
p_role	<p>Role privilege to check.</p> <p>To find existing roles, query the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_ROLES: Finds available roles in the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> <li>DBA_DV_ROLE: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li> </ul>
p_user	<p>User to check.</p> <p>To find existing users, query the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBA_USERS: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li> <li>DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> </ul>

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
  IF DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_ROLE('SECTOR2_APP_MGR', 'PSMITH')
    THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('User PSMITH has the SECTOR2_APP_MGR role');
    ELSE
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('User PSMITH does not have the SECTOR2_APP_MGR role.');
```

```
END IF;
END;
```

## 21.2.21 USER\_HAS\_ROLE\_VARCHAR Function

The `USER_HAS_ROLE_VARCHAR` function returns a `VARCHAR2` value indicating if a user has a role privilege, directly or indirectly (through another role).

If the user has the role privilege specified, then `USER_HAS_ROLE_VARCHAR` returns Y.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_ROLE_VARCHAR(
  p_role IN VARCHAR2,
  p_user IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER)
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

## Parameters

**Table 21-18 USER\_HAS\_ROLE\_VARCHAR Parameters**

Parameter	Description
p_role	Role to check. To find existing roles, query the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBA_ROLES: Finds available roles in the current database instance.</li> <li>• DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> <li>• DBA_DV_ROLE: Finds existing secure application roles used in privilege management.</li> </ul>
p_user	User to check. To find existing users, query the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBA_USERS: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li> <li>• DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> </ul>

## 21.2.22 USER\_HAS\_SYSTEM\_PRIVILEGE Function

The `USER_HAS_SYSTEM_PRIVILEGE` function returns a `BOOLEAN` value indicating if a user has a system privilege, directly or indirectly (through a role).

If the user has the system privilege specified, then `USER_HAS_SYSTEM_PRIVILEGE` returns `TRUE`.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_SYSTEM_PRIVILEGE(
    p_privilege IN VARCHAR2,
    p_user      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER)
RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

## Parameters

**Table 21-19 USER\_HAS\_SYSTEM\_PRIVILEGE Parameters**

Parameter	Description
p_privilege	System privilege to check for. To find privileges for a database account excluding <code>PUBLIC</code> privileges, query the <code>DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS</code> view. To find all privileges for a database account, use <code>DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS_ALL</code> .
p_user	User to check. To find existing users, query the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBA_USERS: Finds available users for the current database instance.</li> <li>• DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH: Finds the authorization of a particular user or role.</li> </ul>

### Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
    IF DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_SYSTEM_PRIVILEGE('EXECUTE', 'PSMITH')
    THEN DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('User PSMITH has the EXECUTE ANY PRIVILEGE privilege.');
```

```
    ELSE
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('User PSMITH does not have the EXECUTE ANY PRIVILEGE
```



```
privilege.');
```

```
    END IF;
```

```
END;
```

```
/
```

# Oracle Database Vault General Administrative APIs

The DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package and the CONFIGURE\_DV standalone procedure enable you to perform general maintenance tasks.

- [DBMS\\_MACADM General System Maintenance Procedures](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package general system maintenance procedures perform tasks such as authorizing users or adding new language to Oracle Database Vault.
- [CONFIGURE\\_DV General System Maintenance Procedure](#)  
The CONFIGURE\_DV procedure configures the initial two Oracle AI Database user accounts, which are granted the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles, respectively.

## 22.1 DBMS\_MACADM General System Maintenance Procedures

The DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package general system maintenance procedures perform tasks such as authorizing users or adding new language to Oracle Database Vault.

- [ADD\\_APP\\_EXCEPTION Procedure](#)  
The ADD\_APP\_EXCEPTION procedure enables a common user or package to access local schemas.
- [ADD\\_NLS\\_DATA Procedure](#)  
The ADD\_NLS\_DATA procedure adds a new language to Oracle Database Vault.
- [ALLOW\\_COMMON\\_OPERATION Procedure](#)  
The ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION procedure controls the access that a local user has on common objects in a PDB.
- [AUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_CREATE\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_CREATE\_USER procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to create users during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [AUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_GRANT Procedure](#)  
The AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to grant Oracle Database Vault-protected roles and system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [AUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_GRANT\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_ROLE procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to grant a specific role during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [AUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_GRANT\\_SYSPRIV Procedure](#)  
The AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_SYSPRIV procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to grant system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_AUDIT\\_ADMIN Procedure](#)  
The AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN procedure enables a user to perform the auditing tasks that are available to users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database AUDIT\_ADMIN role, such as creating audit policies.

- [AUTHORIZE\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER` procedure enables a user to perform the auditing tasks that are available to users who have been granted the `AUDIT_VIEWER` role to query audit-related views.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DATAPUMP\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump operations when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DBCAPTURE Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DBREPLAY Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_DIAGNOSTIC\\_ADMIN Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN` procedure authorizes a user to query diagnostic views and tables.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_MAINTENANCE\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_PREPROCESSOR Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR` procedure grants a user authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_PROXY\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` procedure grants a proxy user authorization to proxy other user accounts, as long as the proxy user has database authorization. For example, the `CREATE SESSION` privilege is a valid database authorization.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_SCHEDULER\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure grants a user authorization to schedule database jobs when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_SQL\\_FIREWALL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL` procedure grants a user authorization to use Oracle SQL Firewall.
- [AUTHORIZE\\_TTS\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations for a tablespace when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.
- [DELETE\\_APP\\_EXCEPTION Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION` procedure removes a common user or a common user's package from the Database Vault operations control exception list.
- [DISABLE\\_APP\\_PROTECTION Procedure](#)  
The `DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION` procedure disables Database Vault operations control.
- [DISABLE\\_DV Procedure](#)  
The `DISABLE_DV` procedure disables Oracle Database Vault.

- [DISABLE\\_DV\\_DICTIONARY\\_ACCTS Procedure](#)  
The `DISABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` procedure prevents any user from logging into the database as the `DVSY` or `DVF` schema user.
- [DISABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The `DISABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure disables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.
- [DISABLE\\_ORADEBUG Procedure](#)  
The `DISABLE_ORADEBUG` procedure disables the use of the `ORADEBUG` utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [ENABLE\\_APP\\_PROTECTION Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION` procedure enables Database Vault operations control.
- [ENABLE\\_DV Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_DV` procedure enables Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Label Security.
- [ENABLE\\_DV\\_DICTIONARY\\_ACCTS Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` procedure enables users to log into the database as the `DVSY` or `DVF` user.
- [ENABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure enables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.
- [ENABLE\\_ORADEBUG Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_ORADEBUG` procedure enables the use of the `ORADEBUG` utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [SET\\_DV\\_TRACE\\_LEVEL Procedure](#)  
The `SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure sets the trace level for all database sessions in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [UNAUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_CREATE\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to create users during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [UNAUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_GRANT Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to grant Oracle Database Vault-protected roles and system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [UNAUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_GRANT\\_ROLE Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to grant a specific role during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [UNAUTH\\_DATAPUMP\\_GRANT\\_SYSPRIV Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to grant system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_ADMIN\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN` procedure revokes the `AUDIT_ADMIN` authorization from a user.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER` procedure revokes the `AUDIT_VIEWER` authorization from a user.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DATAPUMP\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure.

- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DBCAPTURE Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE procedure revokes authorization from users to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DBREPLAY Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY procedure revokes authorization from users to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_DDL procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted authorization to run DDL statements through the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_DDL procedure.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DIAGNOSTIC\\_ADMIN Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN procedure revokes authorization from a user who was authorized with the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN procedure to query diagnostic views and tables.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_MAINTENANCE\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_MAINTENANCE\_USER procedure revokes privileges from users who have been granted authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_PREPROCESSOR Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR procedure revokes authorization from a user to run preprocessor programs through external tables.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_PROXY\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted proxy authorization from the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER procedure.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_SCHEDULER\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_SCHEDULER\_USER procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the AUTHORIZE\_SCHEDULER\_USER procedure.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_SQL\\_FIREWALL Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL procedure revokes a user's authorization to use Oracle SQL Firewall.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_TTS\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The UNAUTHORIZE\_TTS\_USER procedure removes from authorization users who had previously been granted the authorization to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations.

### 22.1.1 ADD\_APP\_EXCEPTION Procedure

The ADD\_APP\_EXCEPTION procedure enables a common user or package to access local schemas.

Use this procedure when you are configuring Database Vault operations control to automatically restrict common users from accessing pluggable database (PDB) local data. The procedure applies to the entire container, so you must run it from the CDB root. When the exception is for a package, then owner statements from the given package can access local schemas.

#### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION(  
    owner          IN VARCHAR2,  
    package_name   IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-1 ADD\_APP\_EXCEPTION**

Parameter	Description
owner	Name of the user who you want to add as an exception To find a list of available common users, query the USERNAME and COMMON columns of the DBA_USERS data dictionary view.
package_name	Name of the package that you want to add as an exception if you want to specify a package instead of the entire user account. This package must be owned by the user specified in the owner parameter. If you want to create an exception for the entire schema and not any particular package, then specify '%' for the package_name parameter.

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION ('C##HR_ADMIN', '%'); --Applies to the user
c##hr_admin
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_APP_EXCEPTION('C##HR_ADMIN', 'validateHRdata'); --Applies to the
package validateHRdata
```

## Related Topics

- [Adding Common Users and Packages to an Exception List](#)  
Common users and applications that must access PDB local data can be added to an exception list.
- [ENABLE\\_APP\\_PROTECTION Procedure](#)  
The ENABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure enables Database Vault operations control.
- [DISABLE\\_APP\\_PROTECTION Procedure](#)  
The DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure disables Database Vault operations control.
- [DELETE\\_APP\\_EXCEPTION Procedure](#)  
The DELETE\_APP\_EXCEPTION procedure removes a common user or a common user's package from the Database Vault operations control exception list.

## 22.1.2 ADD\_NLS\_DATA Procedure

The ADD\_NLS\_DATA procedure adds a new language to Oracle Database Vault.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_NLS_DATA(
  language          IN VARCHAR );
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-2 ADD\_NLS\_DATA**

Parameter	Description
language	Enter one of the following settings. (This parameter is case insensitive.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ENGLISH</li><li>• GERMAN</li><li>• SPANISH</li><li>• FRENCH</li><li>• ITALIAN</li><li>• JAPANESE</li><li>• KOREAN</li><li>• BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE</li><li>• SIMPLIFIED CHINESE</li><li>• TRADITIONAL CHINESE</li></ul>

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_NLS_DATA('french');
```

## 22.1.3 ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION Procedure

The `ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION` procedure controls the access that a local user has on common objects in a PDB.

This procedure can only be run in the CDB root by a common user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role in the root.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION(  
    status      IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-3 ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION**

Parameter	Description
status	Enter one of the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>TRUE</code> prevents local users from creating Oracle Database Vault controls on common user objects. This setting applies to existing local PDB Database Vault controls that were created on common user objects, so that they will not be enforced on common users. Alternatively, you can run this procedure without including any parameter to achieve a <code>TRUE</code> result.</li><li>• <code>FALSE</code> enables local users to create Database Vault controls on common user objects. Existing local PDB controls that were created on common user objects will continue to be enforced. If you do not run <code>DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION</code> at all, then the default <code>ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION</code> status is <code>FALSE</code>, and the default behavior will be to allow local users to create Database Vault controls on common user objects</li></ul>

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION('TRUE');
```

## 22.1.4 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_CREATE\_USER Procedure

The `AUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER` procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to create users during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies to the `impdp` utility only.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-4 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_CREATE\_USER**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user who will need to create users during the import operation.  To find the user's current status, query the <code>DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH</code> data dictionary view.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER('DP_MGR');
```

### Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.5 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT Procedure

The `AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT` procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to grant Oracle Database Vault-protected roles and system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies to the `impdp` utility only. Be aware that this authorization does not cover Oracle Database Vault roles such as `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, `DV_MONITOR`, and so on.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```



## Parameters

**Table 22-5 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT**

Parameter	Description
user_name	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user who will need to grant roles and privileges to users during the import operation.  To find a user's current status, query the DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT('DP_MGR');
```

## Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.6 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_ROLE Procedure

The AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_ROLE procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to grant a specific role during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies to the `impdp` utility only.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE(
  uname      IN VARCHAR2,
  role       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT %);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-6 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_ROLE**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user who will need to grant a specific role to users during the import operation.  To find a user's current status, query the DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH data dictionary view.
role	The role to grant to the user. Do not specify Oracle Database Vault roles such as DV_OWNER, DV_ADMIN, DV_MONITOR, and so on. If you omit this value or specify %, then the user is authorized to grant any roles (other than Oracle Database Vault roles) during the import operation. Note that if the user has been authorized with the DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT procedure, or if the user has authorization to grant a specific role, then the user can still grant these roles.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE('DP_MGR', 'DBA');
```

**Related Topics**

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.7 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_SYSPRIV Procedure

The `AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV` procedure authorizes an Oracle Data Pump user to grant system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

The procedure applies the `IMPDP` utility only.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameters**

**Table 22-7 AUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_SYSPRIV**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user who will need to grant system privileges to users during the <code>IMPDP</code> operation.  To find a user's current status, query the <code>DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH</code> data dictionary view.

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV('DP_MGR');
```

**Related Topics**

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.8 AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN` procedure enables a user to perform the auditing tasks that are available to users who have been granted the Oracle AI Database `AUDIT_ADMIN` role, such as creating audit policies.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-8 AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to grant AUDIT_ADMIN authorization To find a list of available users, query the USERNAME column of the DBA_USERS data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN ('PSMITH');
```

## Related Topics

- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.9 AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER` procedure enables a user to perform the auditing tasks that are available to users who have been granted the `AUDIT_VIEWER` role to query audit-related views.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-9 AUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to grant authorization for viewing audit trail information To find a list of available users, query the USERNAME column of the DBA_USERS data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER ('PSMITH');
```

## Related Topics

- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.10 AUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER` procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump operations when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

It applies to both the `expdp` and `impdp` utilities.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER(
    user_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    schema_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    table_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-10 AUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER**

Parameter	Description
user_name	<p>Name of the Oracle Data Pump user to whom you want to grant authorization. To find a list of users who have privileges to use Oracle Data Pump (that is, the EXP_FULL_DATABASE and IMP_FULL_DATABASE roles), query the DBA_ROLE_PRIVS data dictionary view as follows:</p> <pre>SELECT GRANTEE, GRANTED_ROLE FROM DBA_ROLE_PRIVS WHERE GRANTED_ROLE LIKE '%FULL%'</pre>
schema_name	<p>Name of the database schema that the Oracle Data Pump user must export or import. If you omit this parameter, then the user is granted global authorization to export and import any schema in the database. In this case, ensure the user has been granted the DV_OWNER role.</p>
table_name	<p>Name of the table within the schema specified by the schema_name parameter. If you omit this parameter, then the user you specified can export and import all tables within the schema specified by the schema_name parameter.</p>

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR');

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR');

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('DP_MGR', 'HR', 'EMPLOYEES');
```

## Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.11 AUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE Procedure

The AUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE procedure grants a user authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_DBCAPTURE\_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE(
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-11 AUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to whom you want to grant Database Replay workload capture authorization

### Example 22-1 Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE('PFITCH');
```

## 22.1.12 AUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the `DBA_DV_DBREPLAY_AUTH` data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-12 AUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to whom you want to grant Database Replay workload replay authorization

### Example 22-2 Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY('PFITCH');
```

## 22.1.13 AUTHORIZE\_DDL Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.

The DDL authorization allows the grantee to perform DDL operations on users who are authorized to realms or granted Oracle Database Vault roles. However, the DDL authorization does not allow the grantee to perform DDL operations on realm-protected schemas. To enable such operations, you must authorize the user for the realm.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the `DBA_DV_DDL_AUTH` data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL(  
    user_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    schema_name    IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-13 AUTHORIZE\_DDL**

Parameter	Description
user_name	Name of the user to whom you want to grant DDL authorization.
schema_name	Name of the database schema in which the user wants to perform the DDL statements. Enter % to specify all schemas.

## Examples

The following example enables user psmith to run DDL statements in any schema:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL('psmith', '%');
```

This example enables user psmith to run DDL statements in the HR schema only.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL('psmith', 'HR');
```

## Related Topics

- [Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Data Definition Language (DDL) operations in Oracle Database Vault can be affected by situations such as schema ownership and patch upgrades.

## 22.1.14 AUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN Procedure

The AUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN procedure authorizes a user to query diagnostic views and tables.

These views and tables are as follows:

Views and Tables V\$	Views and Tables X\$
V\$DIAG_OPT_TRACE_RECORDS	X\$DBGTFOPTT
V\$DIAG_SESS_OPT_TRACE_RECORDS	X\$DBGTFSOPTT
V\$DIAG_TRACE_FILE_CONTENTS	X\$DBGTFVIEW

Without this authorization, when a user queries these tables and views, no values are returned.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-14 AUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to whom you want to grant authorization.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN('PFITCH');
```

## 22.1.15 AUTHORIZE\_MAINTENANCE\_USER Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` procedure grants a user authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER(  
  uname          IN VARCHAR2,  
  sname          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,  
  objname        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,  
  objtype        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,  
  action         IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-15** `AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER`

Parameter	Description
<code>uname</code>	Name of the user to whom you want to grant authorization
<code>sname</code>	Name of the database schema for which the maintenance operations are to be performed. Enter % to specify all schemas.
<code>objname</code>	Name of the object (such as the name of a table) in the schema that is specified in the <code>sname</code> parameter for which maintenance operations are to be performed
<code>objtype</code>	Type of the <code>objname</code> object, such as table, index, tablespace, and so on
<code>action</code>	Maintenance action. Enter <code>ilm</code> for Information Lifecycle Management

### Example

The following example enables user `psmith` to have Database Vault authorization to manage ILM features for the `HR.EMPLOYEES` table:

```
BEGIN  
  DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER (  
    uname      => 'psmith',  
    sname      => 'HR',  
    objname    => 'EMPLOYEES',  
    objtype    => 'TABLE',  
    action     => 'ILM');  
END;  
/
```

### Related Topics

- [Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who perform Information Lifecycle Management operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database must be granted authorization to perform these operations.

## 22.1.16 AUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR` procedure grants a user authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the `DBA_DV_PREPROCESSOR_AUTH` data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-16** `AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR`

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to whom you want to grant authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables

### Example 22-3 Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR('PFITCH');
```

### Related Topics

- [Running Preprocessor Programs with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who run preprocessor programs through external tables must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_PREPROCESSOR\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_PREPROCESSOR_AUTH` data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

## 22.1.17 AUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` procedure grants a proxy user authorization to proxy other user accounts, as long as the proxy user has database authorization. For example, the `CREATE SESSION` privilege is a valid database authorization.

This authorization procedure must be performed for each user you wish to use their proxy authorization capabilities. For example, if both `scott` and `preson` should be able to use their proxy authorization for `dkent`, you must run two commands, one to authorize `preston` to proxy as `dkent` and another to authorize `scott` to proxy as `dkent`.

`AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` does not control whether a particular user can connect as a proxy of another user. That part is controlled by `GRANT CONNECT THROUGH`, which can be issued only by the a user who has the `DV_ACCTMGR` role. Instead, `AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` controls whether the proxy user is allowed to assume all the Database Vault authorizations that the target user has. For example, suppose that the proxy user `hr_proxy_user` successfully connects as user `HR`. Now being `HR`, `hr_proxy_user` can access all the objects to which `HR` has access. However, if the target objects are Database Vault protected and `HR` is authorized to access it, `hr_proxy_user` can access the objects if and only if `hr_proxy_user` is proxy-authorized for `HR`. If `hr_proxy_user` is not proxy-authorized for `HR`, then even after connecting as `HR`, `hr_proxy_user` cannot access the Database Vault-protected objects for which `HR` is authorized.



To find information about users who have been granted authorization using `AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER`, query the `DBA_DV_PROXY_AUTH` view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER(
    proxy_user    IN VARCHAR2,
    user_name     IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-17 AUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER**

Parameter	Description
<code>proxy_user</code>	Name of the proxy user.
<code>user_name</code>	Name of the database user who will be proxied by the <code>proxy_user</code> user. Enter % to specify all users.

### Examples

The following example enables proxy user `preston` to proxy all users:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER('preston', '%');
```

This example enables proxy user `preston` to proxy database user `dkent` only.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER('preston', 'dkent');
```

## 22.1.18 AUTHORIZE\_SCHEDULER\_USER Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure grants a user authorization to schedule database jobs when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

This authorization applies to anyone who has privileges to schedule database jobs. These privileges include any of the following: `CREATE JOB`, `CREATE ANY JOB`, `CREATE EXTERNAL JOB`, `EXECUTE ANY PROGRAM`, `EXECUTE ANY CLASS`, `MANAGE_SCHEDULER`.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER(
    user_name     IN VARCHAR2,
    schema_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-18 AUTHORIZE\_SCHEDULER\_USER**

Parameter	Description
<code>user_name</code>	Name of the user to whom you want to grant authorization.  To find a list of users who have privileges (for example, <code>CREATE JOB</code> and <code>CREATE ANY JOB</code> ) to schedule jobs, query the <code>GRANTEE</code> and <code>PRIVILEGE</code> columns of the <code>DBA_SYS_PRIVS</code> data dictionary view.
<code>schema_name</code>	Name of the database schema for which a job will be scheduled. If you omit this parameter, then the user is granted global authorization to schedule a job for any schema in the database.

## Examples

The following example authorizes the user `JOB_MGR` to run a job under any schema.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

This example authorizes user `JOB_MGR` to run a job under the `HR` schema only.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR', 'HR');
```

## Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who are responsible for scheduling database jobs must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.

## 22.1.19 AUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL` procedure grants a user authorization to use Oracle SQL Firewall.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the `DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH` data dictionary view.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL(  
    uname             IN VARCHAR2,  
    manage_dv_admins  IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-19** `AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL`

Parameter	Description
<code>uname</code>	<p>Name of the database user to grant SQL Firewall authorization</p> <p>To find a list of available users, query the <code>USERNAME</code> column of the <code>DBA_USERS</code> data dictionary view.</p> <p>The user must have the <code>ADMINISTER SQL FIREWALL</code> system privilege or the <code>SQL_FIREWALL_ADMIN</code> role. You can confirm these by querying the <code>DBA_SYS_PRIVS</code> and <code>DBA_ROLES</code> views.</p>
<code>manage_dv_admins</code>	<p>Specifies whether the authorized user is allowed to apply SQL Firewall policies on user accounts that have been granted the <code>DV_OWNER</code> or <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> role. The default is <code>N</code>. Specify one of the following settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>N</code> prevents the user from applying SQL Firewall policies on a target user that is granted the <code>DV_OWNER</code> or <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> role.</li> <li>• <code>Y</code> enables the user to apply SQL Firewall policies on users who have been granted either the <code>DV_OWNER</code> or <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> roles.</li> </ul> <p>This parameter prevents SQL Firewall from blocking users with <code>DV_OWNER</code> and <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> (unintentionally or maliciously).</p>

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL('PFITCH', 'Y');
```

**Related Topics**

- [Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize Oracle SQL Firewall users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.20 AUTHORIZE\_TTS\_USER Procedure

The `AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` procedure authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations for a tablespace when Oracle Database Vault is enabled.

It applies to both the `EXPDP` and `IMPDP` utilities.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2,  
    tsname         IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameters**

**Table 22-20** `AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER`

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user who you want to authorize to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations. To find a list of users and their current privileges, query the <code>DBA_SYS_PRIVS</code> data dictionary view.
tsname	Name of the tablespace in which the <code>uname</code> user is to perform the transportable tablespace operation. To find a list of tablespaces, query the <code>DBA_TABLESPACES</code> data dictionary view.

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER('PSMITH', 'HR_TS');
```

**Related Topics**

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Oracle Data Pump Regular Operations in Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize a database administrator or a role to use Data Pump for regular operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.21 DELETE\_APP\_EXCEPTION Procedure

The `DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION` procedure removes a common user or a common user's package from the Database Vault operations control exception list.

The exception list allows a user or package to access local PDB data. Removing a user or package from the exception list will block the user or package from accessing PDB local data.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION(  
    owner          IN VARCHAR2,  
    package_name   IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-21 DELETE\_APP\_EXCEPTION**

Parameter	Description
owner	Name of the user who you want to remove from being an exception
package_name	Name of the package that you want to remove from being an exception

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION ('C##HR_ADMIN'); --Applies to the user c##hr_admin
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION('C##HR_ADMIN', 'validateHRdata'); --Applies to the  
package validateHRdata
```

## Related Topics

- [Adding Common Users and Packages to an Exception List](#)  
Common users and applications that must access PDB local data can be added to an exception list.
- [ADD\\_APP\\_EXCEPTION Procedure](#)  
The ADD\_APP\_EXCEPTION procedure enables a common user or package to access local schemas.
- [ENABLE\\_APP\\_PROTECTION Procedure](#)  
The ENABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure enables Database Vault operations control.
- [DISABLE\\_APP\\_PROTECTION Procedure](#)  
The DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure disables Database Vault operations control.

## 22.1.22 DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION Procedure

The DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION procedure disables Database Vault operations control.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION(  
    pdb_name          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-22 DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION**

Parameter	Description
pdb_name	Name of the pluggable database (PDB) for which you want to disable Database Vault operations control. If you omit this setting, then it applies to all PDBs in the CDB environment.  To find a list of available PDBs, query the DBA_PDBS data dictionary view.

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION; --Applies to all PDBs
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION('hr_pdb'); --Applies to a specific PDB
```

**Related Topics**

- [Disabling Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
To disable Database Vault operations control, use the DBMS\_MACADM.DISABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION PL/SQL procedure.

## 22.1.23 DISABLE\_DV Procedure

The DISABLE\_DV procedure disables Oracle Database Vault.

After you run this procedure, you must restart the database.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV;
```

**Related Topics**

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 22.1.24 DISABLE\_DV\_DICTIONARY\_ACCTS Procedure

The DISABLE\_DV\_DICTIONARY\_ACCTS procedure prevents any user from logging into the database as the DVSYS or DVF schema user.

By default these two accounts are locked. Only a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role can run this procedure. To find the status of whether users can log into DVSYS and DVF, query the DBA\_DV\_DICTIONARY\_ACCTS data dictionary view. For stronger security, run this procedure to better protect the DVSYS and DVF schemas. The disablement takes place immediately, so you do not need to restart the database after running this procedure.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS;
```

**Related Topics**

- [Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
If you have not migrated to unified auditing, you should periodically archive and purge the Oracle Database Vault audit trail.

## 22.1.25 DISABLE\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT Procedure

The `DISABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure disables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.

This procedure disables the successful actions of this user, not the failed actions. You should run this procedure after the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` user has completed database patch operation. To find if auditing is enabled or not, query the `DBA_DV_PATCH_AUDIT` data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT;
```

### Related Topics

- [DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN Database Vault Database Patch Role](#)  
The `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role is used for patching operations.
- [ENABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure enables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.

## 22.1.26 DISABLE\_ORADEBUG Procedure

The `DISABLE_ORADEBUG` procedure disables the use of the `ORADEBUG` utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

The disablement takes place immediately, so you do not need to restart the database after running this procedure. To find the status of whether the `ORADEBUG` utility is available in Database Vault, query the `DVYS.DBA_DV_ORADEBUG` data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_ORADEBUG;
```

### Parameters

None

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_ORADEBUG;
```

### Related Topics

- [Using the ORADEBUG Utility with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
The `ORADEBUG` utility is used primarily by Oracle Support to diagnose problems that may arise with an Oracle database.

## 22.1.27 ENABLE\_APP\_PROTECTION Procedure

The `ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION` procedure enables Database Vault operations control.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION(  
    pdb_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-23** `ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION`

Parameter	Description
<code>pdb_name</code>	Allows a single PDB to have Database Vault operations control re-enabled after it was disabled. The default is to omit the <code>pdb_name</code> setting and then enable operations control across all of the PDBs.  To find a list of available PDBs, query the <code>DBA_PDBS</code> data dictionary view.

### Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION; --Applies to all PDBs
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION('hr_pdb'); --Applies to a specific PDB
```

### Related Topics

- [Enabling Database Vault Operations Control](#)  
To enable Database Vault operations control, use the `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION` PL/SQL procedure.

## 22.1.28 ENABLE\_DV Procedure

The `ENABLE_DV` procedure enables Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Label Security.

If you want to run `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV` in an application container, then you must run it in the application container outside of application actions.

After you run this procedure, you must restart the database.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV(  
    strict_mode  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-24** ENABLE\_DV

Parameter	Description
strict_mode	<p>Specifies one of the following modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>n</code> specifies regular mode, which allows the PDBs to be Database Vault enabled or disabled. (Default)</li> <li><code>y</code> specifies strict mode, which puts the PDBs that have not been Database Vault-enabled in restricted mode, until you enable Database Vault in them and then restart the PDB.</li> </ul> <p>To apply this setting to all PDBs, run the <code>DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV</code> procedure in the CDB root. To apply it to all PDBs in an application container, run the procedure in the application root.</p>

## Examples

The following example enables Oracle Database Vault in regular mode.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV;
```

This example enables Oracle Database Vault in strict mode.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV (strict_mode => 'y');
```

## Related Topics

- [Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

## 22.1.29 ENABLE\_DV\_DICTIONARY\_ACCTS Procedure

The `ENABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` procedure enables users to log into the database as the `DVSY` or `DVF` user.

By default, the `DVSY` and `DVF` accounts are locked.

Only a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` role can run this procedure. To find the status of whether users can log into `DVSY` and `DVF`, query the `DBA_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` data dictionary view. For stronger security, only run this procedure when you need to better protect the `DVSY` and `DVF` schemas. The enablement takes place immediately, so you do not need to restart the database after running this procedure.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS;
```

## Parameters

None

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS;
```



**Related Topics**

- [Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
If you have not migrated to unified auditing, you should periodically archive and purge the Oracle Database Vault audit trail.

## 22.1.30 ENABLE\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT Procedure

The `ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure enables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.

This procedure is designed to audit these users' actions during a patch upgrade. To find if this auditing is enabled or not, query the `DBA_DV_PATCH_AUDIT` data dictionary view.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT;
```

**Related Topics**

- [DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN Database Vault Database Patch Role](#)  
The `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role is used for patching operations.
- [DISABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The `DISABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure disables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.

## 22.1.31 ENABLE\_ORADEBUG Procedure

The `ENABLE_ORADEBUG` procedure enables the use of the `ORADEBUG` utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

The enablement takes place immediately, so you do not need to restart the database after running this procedure. To find the status of whether the `ORADEBUG` utility is available in Database Vault, query the `DVYS.DBA_DV_ORADEBUG` data dictionary view.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_ORADEBUG;
```

**Parameters**

None

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_ORADEBUG;
```

### Related Topics

- [Using the ORADEBUG Utility with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
The ORADEBUG utility is used primarily by Oracle Support to diagnose problems that may arise with an Oracle database.

## 22.1.32 SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL Procedure

The `SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure sets the trace level for all database sessions in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

This procedure is almost the same as using the `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL` statement, except that the user who runs it only needs the `DV_ADMIN` role to perform tracing, without having to be granted the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` system privileges. To check the most recent tracing value, you can use the `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_TRACE_LEVEL` function.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL(  
    trace_level      IN NUMBER);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-25 SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL**

Parameter	Description
trace_level	Specify one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_OFF</code> (constant number is 0)</li><li>• <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_LOW</code> (constant number is 2)</li><li>• <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_HIGH</code> (constant number is 4)</li><li>• <code>DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_HIGHEST</code> (constant number is 5)</li></ul>

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL(DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_HIGHEST);
```

### Related Topics

- [Levels of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can use the several levels for Oracle Database Vault trace events.
- [GET\\_DV\\_TRACE\\_LEVEL Function](#)  
The `GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function returns the Oracle Database Vault trace level for the current session.
- [Finding the Current Oracle Database Vault Trace Level](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function to find the most recently set trace level for the current session.

## 22.1.33 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_CREATE\_USER Procedure

The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to create users during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies to the `impdp` utility only.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-26 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_CREATE\_USER**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user whose authorization must be removed. To find a user's current status, query the DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_CREATE_USER('DP_MGR');
```

## Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.34 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT Procedure

The UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to grant Oracle Database Vault-protected roles and system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies to the `impdp` utility only.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-27 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT**

Parameter	Description
user_name	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user whose authorization must be removed. To find a user's current status, query the DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT('DP_MGR');
```

## Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.35 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_ROLE Procedure

The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to grant a specific role during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies to the `impdp` utility only.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE(  
    uname      IN VARCHAR2,  
    role       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT %);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-28 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_ROLE**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user whose authorization must be removed. To find a user's current status, query the <code>DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH</code> data dictionary view.
role	The role that the user is authorized to grant during the import operation. Do not specify Oracle Database Vault roles such as <code>DV_OWNER</code> , <code>DV_ADMIN</code> , <code>DV_MONITOR</code> , and so on. If you omit this value, then the user is not authorized to grant roles during the import.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_ROLE('DP_MGR', 'DBA');
```

### Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.36 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_SYSPRIV Procedure

The `UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV` procedure removes authorization from an Oracle Data Pump user to grant system privileges during an Oracle Data Pump import operation.

This procedure applies the `impdp` utility only.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV(  
    uname      IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-29 UNAUTH\_DATAPUMP\_GRANT\_SYSPRIV**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user whose authorization must be removed. To find a user's current status, query the DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTH_DATAPUMP_GRANT_SYSPRIV( 'DP_MGR' );
```

## Related Topics

- [Authorizing Users or Roles for Data Pump Regular Export and Import Operations](#)  
You can use different authorization types for administrators who perform Oracle Data Pump export and import operations in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.37 UNAUTHORIZE\_ADMIN\_USER Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN procedure revokes the AUDIT\_ADMIN authorization from a user.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-30 UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_ADMIN**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to revoke AUDIT_ADMIN authorization from To find users who have been granted AUDIT_ADMIN authorization, query the DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_ADMIN ( 'PSMITH' );
```

## Related Topics

- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.38 UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER procedure revokes the AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization from a user.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER(
    uname          IN VARCHAR2;
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-31 UNAUTHORIZE\_AUDIT\_VIEWER**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user to revoke AUDIT_VIEWER authorization from To find users who have been granted AUDIT_VIEWER authorization, query the DBA_DV_AUDIT_VIEWER_AUTH data dictionary view.

### Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_AUDIT_VIEWER ( 'RLAYTON' );
```

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle AI Database Auditing with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You grant and revoke authorizations to manage and view audit records in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.39 UNAUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the AUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER procedure.

When you run this procedure, ensure that its settings correspond exactly to the equivalent AUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER procedure.

For example, the following two procedures will work because the parameters are consistent:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER( 'DP_MGR' );
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER( 'DP_MGR' );
```

However, because the parameters in the following procedures are not consistent, the UNAUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER procedure will not work:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER( 'JSMITH' );
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER( 'JSMITH', 'HR' );
```

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER(
    user_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    schema_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    table_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-32 UNAUTHORIZE\_DATAPUMP\_USER**

Parameter	Description
user_name	Name of the Oracle Data Pump user from whom you want to revoke authorization.  To find a list of users and authorizations from the AUTHORIZER_DATAPUMP_USER procedure, query the DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH data dictionary view as follows:  <pre>SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH;</pre>
schema_name	Name of the database schema that the Oracle Data Pump user is authorized to export or import.
table_name	Name of the table within the schema specified by the schema_name parameter.

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('JSMITH');  
  
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('JSMITH', 'HR');  
  
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('JSMITH', 'HR', 'SALARY');
```

## 22.1.40 UNAUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE procedure revokes authorization from users to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_DBCAPTURE\_AUTH data dictionary view.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-33 UNAUTHORIZE\_DBCAPTURE**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user from whom you want to revoke Database Replay workload capture authorization

## Example 22-4 Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBCAPTURE('PFITCH');
```

## 22.1.41 UNAUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY procedure revokes authorization from users to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_DBREPLAY\_AUTH data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-34 UNAUTHORIZE\_DBREPLAY**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user from whom you want to revoke Database Replay workload replay authorization

### Example 22-5 Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DBREPLAY('PFITCH');
```

## 22.1.42 UNAUTHORIZE\_DDL Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_DDL procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted authorization to run DDL statements through the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_DDL procedure.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_DDL\_AUTH data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DDL(  
    user_name      IN VARCHAR2,  
    schema_name    IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-35 UNAUTHORIZE\_DDL**

Parameter	Description
user_name	Name of the user from whom you want to revoke DDL authorization.
schema_name	Name of the database schema in which the user wants to perform the DDL statements. Enter % specify all schemas.

### Examples

The following example revokes DDL statement execution authorization from user psmith for all schemas:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DDL('psmith', '%');
```



This example revokes DDL statement execution authorization from user `psmith` for the `HR` schema only.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DDL('psmith', 'HR');
```

### Related Topics

- [Performing DDL Operations in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Data Definition Language (DDL) operations in Oracle Database Vault can be affected by situations such as schema ownership and patch upgrades.

## 22.1.43 UNAUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN Procedure

The `UNAUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN` procedure revokes authorization from a user who was authorized with the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN` procedure to query diagnostic views and tables.

These views and tables are as follows:

Views and Tables V\$	Views and Tables X\$
V\$DIAG_OPT_TRACE_RECORDS	X\$DBGTFOPTT
V\$DIAG_SESS_OPT_TRACE_RECORDS	X\$DBGTFSOPTT
V\$DIAG_TRACE_FILE_CONTENTS	X\$DBGTFVIEW

Without this authorization, when a user queries these tables and views, no values are returned.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN(
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-36 UNAUTHORIZE\_DIAGNOSTIC\_ADMIN**

Parameter	Description
<code>uname</code>	Name of the user from whom you want to revoke authorization.

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_DIAGNOSTIC_ADMIN('PFITCH');
```

## 22.1.44 UNAUTHORIZE\_MAINTENANCE\_USER Procedure

The `UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` procedure revokes privileges from users who have been granted authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

To find information about the settings for the ILM authorization, query the `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` view.

When you run this procedure, ensure that its settings correspond exactly to the equivalent `AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER` procedure.

For example, the following two procedures will work because the parameter settings correspond:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER('psmith', 'OE', 'ORDERS', 'TABLE', 'ILM');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER('psmith', 'OE', 'ORDERS', 'TABLE', 'ILM');
```

However, these two statements will fail because the settings do not correspond:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER('psmith', 'OE', 'ORDERS', 'TABLE', 'ILM');

EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER('psmith', '%', '%', '%', 'ILM');
```

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER(
  uname          IN VARCHAR2,
  sname          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
  objname        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
  objtype        IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
  action         IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-37 UNAUTHORIZE\_MAINTENANCE\_USER**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user from whom you want to revoke authorization
sname	Name of the database schema for which the maintenance operations are performed. Enter % to specify all schemas.
objname	Name of the object (such as the name of a table) in the schema that is specified in the sname parameter for which maintenance operations are performed
objtype	Type of the objname object, such as table, index, tablespace, and so on
action	Maintenance action. Enter ilm for Information Lifecycle Management

## Example

The following example revokes privileges from Database Vault user psmith so that they can no longer perform ILM operations in any HR schema objects:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER (
    uname      => 'psmith',
    sname      => 'HR',
    objname    => 'EMPLOYEES',
    objtype    => 'TABLE',
    action     => 'ILM');
END;
/
```

## Related Topics

- [Using Information Lifecycle Management with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who perform Information Lifecycle Management operations on an Oracle Database Vault-enabled database must be granted authorization to perform these operations.

## 22.1.45 UNAUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR procedure revokes authorization from a user to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

To find information about users who have been granted this authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_PREPROCESSOR\_AUTH data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR(  
    uname          IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-38 UNAUTHORIZE\_PREPROCESSOR**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user from whom you want to revoke authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables

### Example 22-6 Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PREPROCESSOR('PFITCH');
```

### Related Topics

- [Running Preprocessor Programs with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who run preprocessor programs through external tables must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_PREPROCESSOR\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_PREPROCESSOR\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

## 22.1.46 UNAUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted proxy authorization from the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER procedure.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER(  
    proxy_user      IN VARCHAR2,  
    user_name       IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-39 UNAUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER**

Parameter	Description
proxy_user	Name of the proxy user from whom you want to revoke authorization.
user_name	Name of the database user who was proxied by the proxy_user user. Enter % to specify all users.

## Examples

The following example revokes proxy authorization from user `preston` for proxying all users:

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER('preston', '%');
```

This example revokes proxy authorization from user `preston` for proxying database user `psmith` only.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER('preston', 'psmith');
```

## 22.1.47 UNAUTHORIZE\_SCHEDULER\_USER Procedure

The `UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure revokes the authorization that was granted by the `AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure.

When you run this procedure, ensure that its settings correspond exactly to the equivalent `AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure. For example, the following two procedures will work because the parameters are consistent:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

However, because the parameters in the following procedures are not consistent, the `UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER` procedure will not work:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR', 'HR');
```

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER
  user_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  schema_name    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-40 UNAUTHORIZE\_SCHEDULER\_USER**

Parameter	Description
<code>user_name</code>	<p>Name of the job scheduling user from whom you want to revoke authorization.</p> <p>To find a list of users and authorizations from the <code>AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER</code> procedure, query the <code>DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH</code> data dictionary view as follows:</p> <pre>SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH;</pre>
<code>schema_name</code>	Name of the database schema for which the user is authorized to schedule jobs.

## Examples

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR');
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER('JOB_MGR', 'HR');
```

## 22.1.48 UNAUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL Procedure

The UNAUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL procedure revokes a user's authorization to use Oracle SQL Firewall.

When you run this procedure, ensure that its settings correspond exactly to the equivalent AUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL procedure.

For example, the following two procedures will work because the parameter settings are consistent:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL('PFITCH', 'Y');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL('PFITCH', 'Y');
```

However, because the parameter settings in the following procedures are not consistent, the UNAUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL procedure will not work and will return an ORA-47896: SQL Firewall authorization for Oracle Database Vault to PFITCH is not found error:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL('PFITCH', 'N');
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL('PFITCH', 'Y');
```

To find information about users who have been granted SQL Firewall authorization, query the DBA\_DV\_SQL\_FIREWALL\_AUTH data dictionary view.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL(
  uname          IN VARCHAR2,
  manage_dv_admins IN VARCHAR2);
/
```

### Parameters

**Table 22-41 UNAUTHORIZE\_SQL\_FIREWALL**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the database user from which to revoke SQL Firewall authorization To find a list of authorized users, query the GRANTEE column of the DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH data dictionary view.
manage_dv_admins	Specifies whether the authorized user is allowed to apply SQL Firewall policies on user accounts that have been granted the DV_OWNER or DV_ACCTMGR role. The default is N. Specify one of the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N prevents the user from applying SQL Firewall policies on a target user that is granted the DV_OWNER or DV_ACCTMGR role.</li> <li>Y enables the user to apply SQL Firewall policies on users who have been granted either the DV_OWNER or DV_ACCTMGR roles.</li> </ul> This parameter prevents SQL Firewall from blocking users with DV_OWNER and DV_ACCTMGR (unintentionally or maliciously).

### Example

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL('PFITCH', 'Y');
```

**Related Topics**

- [Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize Oracle SQL Firewall users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 22.1.49 UNAUTHORIZE\_TTS\_USER Procedure

The `UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` procedure removes from authorization users who had previously been granted the authorization to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER
  uname      IN VARCHAR2,
  tsname     IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameters****Table 22-42 UNAUTHORIZE\_TTS\_USER**

Parameter	Description
uname	Name of the user who you want to remove from being authorized to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations. To find a list of users and their current privileges, query the <code>DBA_SYS_PRIVS</code> data dictionary view.
tsname	Name of the tablespace that is used in the transportable tablespace operation. To find a list of tablespaces, query the <code>DBA_TABLESPACES</code> data dictionary view.

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER('PSMITH', 'HR_TS');
```

## 22.2 CONFIGURE\_DV General System Maintenance Procedure

The `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure configures the initial two Oracle AI Database user accounts, which are granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles, respectively.

You can check the status of this configuration by querying the `DBA_DV_STATUS` data dictionary view. Before you run the `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure, you must create the two user accounts and grant them the `CREATE SESSION` privilege. The accounts can be either local or common. If you create common user accounts, then the Database Vault roles that are granted to these users apply to the current pluggable database (PDB) only. You then refer to these user accounts for the `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure.

The `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure resides in the `SYS` schema. Oracle provides a synonym, `DVSY.S.CONFIGURE_DV`, so that any existing Oracle Database Vault configuration scripts that you may have created in previous releases will continue to work in this release.

You only can run the `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure once, when you are ready to configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with an Oracle database. After you run this procedure, you must run `utlrlp.sql` script and then `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV` to complete the registration process. Oracle strongly recommends that for better security, you use the two accounts you create here as back-up accounts and then create additional accounts for every day use.

If after running `CONFIGURE_DV` you decide that you want to modify the settings that you had entered, you or another user who has the `DV_OWNER` role must disable Database Vault, and then have an administrator with the `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER` administrative privilege restart the database. As user `SYS`, then commonly grant the `DV_OWNER` user the `DV_OWNER` role, with the `CONTAINER` clause set to `ALL`.

When you run the `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure, it checks the `DVSYS` schema for problems such as missing tables or packages. If it finds problems, then it raises an `ORA-47500 Database Vault cannot be configured` error. If this happens, then you can reinstall Oracle Database Vault onto a PDB by running `catmac.sql`.

Together, the `CONFIGURE_DV` and `DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV` procedures, and the `utlrlp.sql` script, are designed to be a command-line alternative to using Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) to configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with an Oracle database.

When you configure and enable Oracle Database Vault with an Oracle database, you must run the `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure as user `SYS`.

## Syntax

```
CONFIGURE_DV
  dvowner_uname          IN VARCHAR2,
  dvacctmgr_uname        IN VARCHAR2,
  force_local_dvowner    IN BOOLEAN;
```

## Parameters

**Table 22-43 CONFIGURE\_DV**

Parameter	Description
<code>dvowner_uname</code>	Name of the user who will be the Database Vault Owner. This user will be granted the <code>DV_OWNER</code> role.
<code>dvacctmgr_uname</code>	Name of the user who will be the Database Vault Account Manager. This user will be granted the <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> role. If you omit this setting, the user specified by the <code>dvowner_uname</code> parameter is made the Database Vault Account Manager and granted the <code>DV_ACCTMGR</code> role.
<code>force_local_dvowner</code>	Applies only to the <code>DV_OWNER</code> ( <code>dvowner_uname</code> user) in the CDB root or an application root. It does not apply to users who are created in a PDB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>TRUE</code> restricts the <code>DV_OWNER</code> role privileges of the <code>dvowner_uname</code> user to be local to the root.</li> <li>• <code>FALSE</code>, the default setting, enables the <code>dvowner_uname</code> user to have <code>DV_OWNER</code> privileges for all containers that are associated with the root.</li> </ul>

## Example

```
CREATE USER c##dvowner_backup IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = CURRENT;
CREATE USER c##dvacctmgr_backup IDENTIFIED BY password CONTAINER = CURRENT;
GRANT CREATE SESSION TO c##dvowner_backup, c##dvacctmgr_backup;
```

```
BEGIN
  CONFIGURE_DV (
    dvowner_uname      => 'c##dvowner_backup',
    dvacctmgr_uname    => 'c##dvacctmgr_backup',
    force_local_dvowner => TRUE);
```

```
END;  
/
```

### Related Topics

- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.
- [Uninstalling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can uninstall Oracle Database Vault from an Oracle AI Database installation, for PDBs (but not the root) and Oracle RAC installations.
- [Reinstalling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can reinstall Oracle Database Vault by manually installing it, and then afterward, configure and enable it.
- [Getting Started with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Before you can start using Oracle Database Vault, you must configure and enable it with the Oracle database.



# Oracle Database Vault Policy APIs

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM` PL/SQL package to manage Oracle Database Vault policies.

Only users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role can use these procedures.

- [ADD\\_CMD\\_RULE\\_TO\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_COMMAND_RULE_TO_POLICY` procedure enables you to add an existing command rule to an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [ADD\\_OWNER\\_TO\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY` procedure enables you to add an existing database user to an Oracle Database Vault policy as an owner.
- [ADD\\_REALM\\_TO\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY` procedure enables you to add an existing realm to an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [CREATE\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_POLICY` procedure enables you to create an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [DELETE\\_CMD\\_RULE\\_FROM\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_CMD_RULE_FROM_POLICY` procedure enables you to remove an existing command rule from an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [DELETE\\_OWNER\\_FROM\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_OWNER_FROM_POLICY` procedure enables you to remove an owner from an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [DELETE\\_REALM\\_FROM\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY` procedure enables you to remove an existing realm from an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [DROP\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `DROP_POLICY` procedure enables you to drop an existing Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [RENAME\\_POLICY Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION` procedure enables you to rename an existing Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [UPDATE\\_POLICY\\_DESCRIPTION Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION` procedure enables you to update the description field in an Oracle Database Vault policy.
- [UPDATE\\_POLICY\\_STATE Procedure](#)  
The `UPDATE_POLICY_STATE` procedure enables you to update the `policy_state` field in an Oracle Database Vault policy.

## Related Topics

- [Configuring Oracle Database Vault Policies](#)  
You can use Oracle Database Vault policies to implement frequently used realm and command rule settings.
- [Oracle Database Vault Utility APIs](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides a set of utility APIs in the `DBMS_MACUTL` PL/SQL package.

## 23.1 ADD\_CMD\_RULE\_TO\_POLICY Procedure

The `ADD_COMMAND_RULE_TO_POLICY` procedure enables you to add an existing command rule to an Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can add a command rule to a policy when the command rule is in any state. For example, you can add a disabled command rule to an enabled policy. In this case, the disabled command rule will automatically become enabled when it is added to the policy. A command rule can be added to only one policy. In other words, you cannot assign the same command rule to multiple policies.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY(
  policy_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  command          IN VARCHAR2,
  object_owner     IN VARCHAR2,
  object_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  clause_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  parameter_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope            IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 23-1** ADD\_CMD\_RULE\_TO\_POLICY Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>policy_name</code>	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY</code> view.
<code>command</code>	Command rule name To find existing Database Vault command rules in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.
<code>object_owner</code>	Database schema to which the command rule applies To find existing object owners for this command rule, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.
<code>object_name</code>	Object to be protected by the command rule To find existing objects for this command rule, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.
<code>clause_name</code>	For <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> command rules, a clause from the SQL statement that was used to create the command rule To find existing clauses for this command rule, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.
<code>parameter_name</code>	For <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> and <code>ALTER SESSION</code> command rules, a parameter from the <code>clause_name</code> parameter. To find existing parameters for this command rule, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.

**Table 23-1 (Cont.) ADD\_CMD\_RULE\_TO\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
event_name	For ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules, an event that the command rule defines To find existing event names for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
component_name	A component of the event_name setting To find existing component names for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
action_name	An action of the component_name setting. To find existing action names for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is local. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) if the command rule is local in the current PDB</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) if the command rule applies to all the PDBs</li> </ul>

### Example

The following example shows how to add a common command rule to a Database Vault policy. This command rule is in the application root of a multitenant environment, so the user running this procedure must be in the application root or the CDB root. Any rules or rule sets that are associated with this command rule must be common.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name    => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    command        => 'ALTER SESSION',
    object_owner   => '%',
    object_name     => '%',
    clause_name    => 'PARALLEL DDL',
    parameter_name => '',
    event_name     => '',
    action_name    => '',
    scope          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/

```

## 23.2 ADD\_OWNER\_TO\_POLICY Procedure

The ADD\_OWNER\_TO\_POLICY procedure enables you to add an existing database user to an Oracle Database Vault policy as an owner.

When you add an owner to an enabled policy, the change takes place immediately. There is no limit to the number of users that you add to the policy.

### Syntax

```

DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY(
  policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  owner_name   IN VARCHAR2);

```

## Parameters

**Table 23-2 ADD\_OWNER\_TO\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_POLICY view.
owner_name	User name. To find existing database users (not roles) in the current instance, query the DBA_USERS view. To find existing policy owners, query the DBA_DV_POLICY_OWNER view.

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    owner_name  => 'PSMITH');
END;
/
```

# 23.3 ADD\_REALM\_TO\_POLICY Procedure

The ADD\_REALM\_TO\_POLICY procedure enables you to add an existing realm to an Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can add a disabled realm to an enabled policy. In this case, the realm automatically becomes enabled when it is added. A realm can be added to only one policy. In other words, you cannot assign the same realm to multiple policies.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY(
  policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  realm_name   IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 23-3 ADD\_REALM\_TO\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_POLICY view.
realm_name	Realm name. To find existing Database Vault realms in the current database instance.

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    realm_name  => 'HR Realm');
END;
/
```

## 23.4 CREATE\_POLICY Procedure

The `CREATE_POLICY` procedure enables you to create an Oracle Database Vault policy.

After you create the policy, you must add at least one realm and one command rule to the policy. Optionally, you can set these realms and command rules to be enforced individually or use the enforcement that the policy uses.

An owner for the policy is not required, but if you do not assign an owner to the policy, a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role must administer the policy.

After you create the policy, use the following procedures to complete the policy definition:

- `ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY` adds realms to the policy.
- `ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY` adds command rules to the policy.
- `ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY` enables the specified database users to manage the policy.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY(
  policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  description  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  policy_state IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  pl_sql_stack IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 23-4 CREATE\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
<code>policy_name</code>	Policy name, up to 128 characters in mixed case To find existing policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY</code> view.
<code>description</code>	Description of the purpose of the policy, up to 4000 characters in mixed-case. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to an empty string.
<code>policy_state</code>	Specifies how the policy is enabled. If you omit this setting, then it defaults to <code>DBMS_MACADM.G_ENABLED</code> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>DBMS_MACADM.G_ENABLED</code> (or 1) enables the policy after you create it. (Default)</li> <li>• <code>DBMS_MACADM.G_DISABLED</code> (or 0) disables the policy after you create it.</li> <li>• <code>DBMS_MACADM.G_SIMULATION</code> (or 2) sets the policy to simulation mode. In simulation mode, any violations to realms or command rules used in the policy are logged in a designated log table with sufficient information to describe the error, such as the user name or SQL statement used.</li> <li>• <code>DBMS_MACADM.G_PARTIAL</code> (or 3) sets the policy to partial mode. In partial mode, the enforcement state of realms or command rules associated with the policy can be changed individually.</li> </ul>
<code>pl_sql_stack</code>	When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. Enter <code>TRUE</code> to record the PL/SQL stack, <code>FALSE</code> to not record. The default is <code>FALSE</code> .

### Example

The following example creates a policy that uses the partial state and enables the capture of the PL/SQL stack. The `description` and `policy_state` settings are omitted so that they can use their defaults. Later on, when a realm or a command rule is added to this policy, their enforcement state will be able to be changed individually.

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    pl_sql_stack => TRUE);
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_POLICY Procedure](#)

The `CREATE_POLICY` procedure enables you to create an Oracle Database Vault policy.

## 23.5 DELETE\_CMD\_RULE\_FROM\_POLICY Procedure

The `DELETE_CMD_RULE_FROM_POLICY` procedure enables you to remove an existing command rule from an Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can remove command rules from a policy anytime regardless of the state of the policy. When a command rule is removed from a policy, the state of command rule remains the same. That is, if the policy is enabled, and a command rule is removed from the policy, then the command rule will be still enabled after you have removed it from the policy.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_CMD_RULE_FROM_POLICY(
  policy_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  command          IN VARCHAR2,
  object_owner     IN VARCHAR2,
  object_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  clause_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  parameter_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  event_name       IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  component_name   IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  action_name      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT,
  scope            IN NUMBER DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 23-5** DELETE\_CMD\_RULE\_FROM\_POLICY Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>policy_name</code>	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY</code> view.
<code>command</code>	Command rule name To find existing Database Vault command rules in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.
<code>object_owner</code>	Database schema to which the command rule applies To find existing object owners for this command rule, query the <code>DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE</code> view.

**Table 23-5 (Cont.) DELETE\_CMD\_RULE\_FROM\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
object_name	Object to be protected by the command rule To find existing objects for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
clause_name	For ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules, a clause from the SQL statement that was used to create the command rule To find existing clauses for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
parameter_name	For ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules, a parameter from the clause_name parameter. To find existing parameters for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
event_name	For ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION command rules, an event that the command rule defines To find existing event names for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
component_name	A component of the event_name setting To find existing component names for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
action_name	An action of the component_name setting. To find existing action names for this command rule, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
scope	Determines how to execute this procedure. The default is local. Options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_LOCAL (or 1) if the command rule is local in the current PDB</li> <li>DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON (or 2) if the command rule is in the application root</li> </ul>

### Example

The following example shows how to delete a common command rule from a Database Vault policy. This command rule is in the application root of a multitenant environment, so the user running this procedure must be in the CDB root.

```

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_CMD_RULE_FROM_POLICY(
    policy_name    => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    command        => 'ALTER SESSION',
    object_owner   => '%',
    object_name    => '%',
    clause_name    => 'END SESSION',
    parameter_name => 'KILL SESSION',
    event_name     => '',
    action_name    => '',
    scope          => DBMS_MACUTL.G_SCOPE_COMMON);
END;
/

```

## 23.6 DELETE\_OWNER\_FROM\_POLICY Procedure

The `DELETE_OWNER_FROM_POLICY` procedure enables you to remove an owner from an Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can remove owners from policies any time, regardless of the state (enabled or disabled) of the policy. The change takes effect immediately.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_OWNER_FROM_POLICY(  
    policy_name    IN VARCHAR2,  
    owner_name     IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 23-6** DELETE\_OWNER\_FROM\_POLICY Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>policy_name</code>	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY</code> view.
<code>owner_name</code>	User name. To find existing policy owners in the current instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY_OWNER</code> view.

### Example

```
BEGIN  
    DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_OWNER_FROM_POLICY(  
        policy_name => 'HR_DV_Policy',  
        owner_name  => 'PSMITH');  
END;  
/
```

## 23.7 DELETE\_REALM\_FROM\_POLICY Procedure

The `DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY` procedure enables you to remove an existing realm from an Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can remove realms from policies any time, regardless of the state (enabled or disabled) of the policy. The change takes effect immediately.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY(  
    policy_name    IN VARCHAR2,  
    realm_name     IN VARCHAR2);
```

### Parameters

**Table 23-7** DELETE\_REALM\_FROM\_POLICY Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>policy_name</code>	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY</code> view.



**Table 23-7 (Cont.) DELETE\_REALM\_FROM\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
realm_name	Realm name. To find existing Database Vault realms in the current database instance, query the DV_REALM view.

**Example**

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY(
    policy_name => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    realm_name  => 'HR Realm');
END;
/
```

## 23.8 DROP\_POLICY Procedure

The `DROP_POLICY` procedure enables you to drop an existing Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can remove a policy at any time, regardless of the state (enabled or disabled) of the policy.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.DROP_POLICY(
  policy_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

**Parameters****Table 23-8 DROP\_POLICY Parameters**

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_POLICY view.

**Example**

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DROP_POLICY ('HR_DV_Policy');
```

## 23.9 RENAME\_POLICY Procedure

The `UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION` procedure enables you to rename an existing Oracle Database Vault policy.

You can rename a policy at any time, regardless of the state (enabled or disabled) of the policy. The change takes effect immediately.

**Syntax**

```
DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_POLICY(
  policy_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  new_policy_name  IN VARCHAR2);
```

## Parameters

**Table 23-9** RENAME\_POLICY Parameters

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_POLICY view.
new_policy_name	New policy name, up to 128 characters in mixed case

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.RENAME_POLICY(
    policy_name      => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    new_policy_name  => 'HR_WEST_COAST_DV_Policy');
END;
/
```

# 23.10 UPDATE\_POLICY\_DESCRIPTION Procedure

The UPDATE\_POLICY\_DESCRIPTION procedure enables you to update the description field in an Oracle Database Vault policy.

## Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION(
  policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  description  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT);
```

## Parameters

**Table 23-10** UPDATE\_POLICY\_DESCRIPTION Parameters

Parameter	Description
policy_name	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the DBA_DV_POLICY view.
description	New description of the purpose of the policy, up to 4000 characters in mixed-case

## Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION(
    policy_name  => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    description  => 'HR schema protection policy');
END;
/
```

## 23.11 UPDATE\_POLICY\_STATE Procedure

The `UPDATE_POLICY_STATE` procedure enables you to update the `policy_state` field in an Oracle Database Vault policy.

### Syntax

```
DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE(
  policy_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  policy_state IN NUMBER DEFAULT,
  pl_sql_stack IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT);
```

### Parameters

**Table 23-11** UPDATE\_POLICY\_STATE Parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>policy_name</code>	Policy name. To find existing Database Vault policies in the current database instance, query the <code>DBA_DV_POLICY</code> view.
<code>policy_state</code>	Specifies how the policy is enabled. If you do not want to change this setting, then omit it or set it to <code>NULL</code> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>DBMS_MACADM.G_ENABLED</code> (or 1) enables the policy.</li> <li><code>DBMS_MACADM.G_DISABLED</code> (or 0) disables the policy</li> <li><code>DBMS_MACADM.G_SIMULATION</code> (or 2) sets the policy to simulation mode. In simulation mode, any violations to realms or command rules used in the policy are logged in a designated log table with sufficient information to describe the error, such as the user name or SQL statement used.</li> <li><code>DBMS_MACADM.G_PARTIAL</code> (or 3) sets the policy to partial mode. In partial mode, the enforcement state of realms or command rules associated with the policy can be changed individually.</li> <li><code>NULL</code> leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul> See <a href="#">About Simulation Mode</a> for more information about simulation mode
<code>pl_sql_stack</code>	When simulation mode is enabled, specifies whether to record the PL/SQL stack for failed operations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>TRUE</code> records the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li><code>FALSE</code> does not record the PL/SQL stack.</li> <li><code>NULL</code> leaves the current setting unchanged. (Default)</li> </ul>

### Example

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_POLICY_STATE(
    policy_name => 'HR_DV_Policy',
    policy_state => DBMS_MACADM.G_DISABLED,
    pl_sql_stack => TRUE);
END;
/
```

### Related Topics

- [About Simulation Mode](#)  
Simulation mode enables you to capture violations in a simulation log instead of blocking SQL execution by Oracle Database Vault realms and command rules.

# Oracle Database Vault API Reference

Oracle Database Vault provides a rich set of APIs, both in PL/SQL packages and in standalone procedures.

- [DBMS\\_MACADM PL/SQL Package Contents](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM package enables you to configure the realms, factors, rule sets, command rules, secure application roles, and Oracle Label Security policies.
- [DBMS\\_MACSEC\\_ROLES PL/SQL Package Contents](#)  
The DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES package enables you to check and set Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.
- [DBMS\\_MACUTL PL/SQL Package Contents](#)  
The DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package defines constants and utility methods that are commonly used by other Oracle Database Vault packages, such as error handling.
- [CONFIGURE\\_DV PL/SQL Procedure](#)  
The CONFIGURE\_DV configures the initial two Oracle AI Database user accounts, which are granted the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles, respectively.
- [DVF PL/SQL Interface Contents](#)  
The DVF schema provides a set of factor-related PL/SQL functions.

## 24.1 DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL Package Contents

The DBMS\_MACADM package enables you to configure the realms, factors, rule sets, command rules, secure application roles, and Oracle Label Security policies.

The DBMS\_MACADM package is available only for users who have been granted the DV\_ADMIN or DV\_OWNER role.

### DBMS\_MACADM Realm Procedures

[Table 24-1](#) lists the realm procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-1 DBMS\_MACADM Realm Procedures**

Procedure	Description
ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM procedure	Authorizes a user or role to access a realm as an owner or a participant
ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM procedure	Registers a set of objects for realm protection
CREATE_REALM procedure	Creates a realm
DELETE_AUTH_FROM_REALM procedure	Removes the authorization of a user or role to access a realm
DELETE_OBJECT_FROM_REALM procedure	Removes a set of objects from realm protection
DELETE_REALM procedure	Deletes a realm, including its related Database Vault configuration information that specifies who is authorized and what objects are protected

**Table 24-1 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACADM Realm Procedures**

Procedure	Description
DELETE_REALM_CASCADE procedure	Deletes a realm, including its related Database Vault configuration information that specifies who is authorized and what objects are protected
RENAME_REALM procedure	Renames a realm. The name change takes effect everywhere the realm is used.
UPDATE_REALM procedure	Updates a realm
UPDATE_REALM_AUTH procedure	Updates the authorization of a user or role to access a realm

**DBMS\_MACADM Rule Set and Rule Procedures**

[Table 24-2](#) lists the rule set and rule procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-2 DBMS\_MACADM Rule Set and Rule Procedures**

Procedure	Description
CREATE_RULE_SET procedure	Creates a rule set
RENAME_RULE_SET procedure	Renames a rule set. The name change takes effect everywhere the rule set is used.
DELETE_RULE_FROM_RULE_SET procedure	Deletes a rule from a rule set
DELETE_RULE_SET procedure	Deletes a rule set
UPDATE_RULE_SET procedure	Updates a rule set
CREATE_RULE procedure	Creates a rule
ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET procedure	Adds a rule to a rule set
DELETE_RULE procedure	Deletes a rule
RENAME_RULE procedure	Renames a rule. The name change takes effect everywhere the rule is used.
UPDATE_RULE procedure	Updates a rule

**DBMS\_MACADM Command Rule Procedures**

[Table 24-3](#) lists the command rule procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-3 DBMS\_MACADM Command Rule Procedures**

Procedure	Description
CREATE_COMMAND_RULE procedure	Creates a command rule, associates it with a rule set, and lets you enable the command rule for rule checking with a rule set
CREATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE procedure	Creates a CONNECT command rule
CREATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE procedure	Creates a session event command rule, using the ALTER SESSION SQL statement

**Table 24-3 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACADM Command Rule Procedures**

Procedure	Description
CREATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE procedure	Creates a system event command rule, using the ALTER SYSTEM SQL statement
DELETE_COMMAND_RULE procedure	Drops a command rule declaration
DELETE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE procedure	Drops a CONNECT command rule declaration
DELETE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE procedure	Drops a SESSION_EVENT_CMD command rule declaration
DELETE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE procedure	Drops a SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD command rule declaration
UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE procedure	Updates a command rule declaration
UPDATE_CONNECT_COMMAND_RULE procedure	Updates a CONNECT command rule declaration
UPDATE_SESSION_EVENT_CMD_RULE procedure	Updates a SESSION_EVENT_CMD command rule declaration
UPDATE_SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD_RULE procedure	Updates a SYSTEM_EVENT_CMD command rule declaration

**DBMS\_MACADM Factor Procedures and Functions**

lists the factor procedures and functions in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-4 DBMS\_MACADM Factor Procedures and Functions**

Procedure or Function	Description
ADD_FACTOR_LINK procedure	Specifies a parent-child relationship for two factors
ADD_POLICY_FACTOR procedure	Specifies that the label for a factor contributes to the Oracle Label Security label for a policy.
CHANGE_IDENTITY_FACTOR procedure	Associates an identity with a different factor
CHANGE_IDENTITY_VALUE procedure	Updates the value of an identity
CREATE_DOMAIN_IDENTITY procedure	Adds an Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) database node to the domain factor identities and labels it according to the Oracle Label Security policy.
CREATE_FACTOR procedure	Creates a factor
CREATE_FACTOR_TYPE procedure	Creates a factor type
CREATE_IDENTITY procedure	Creates an identity
CREATE_IDENTITY_MAP procedure	Defines a set of tests that are used to derive the identity of a factor from the value of linked child factors (subfactors)
DELETE_FACTOR procedure	Deletes a factor
DELETE_FACTOR_LINK procedure	Removes a parent-child relationship for two factors
DELETE_FACTOR_TYPE procedure	Deletes a factor type
DELETE_IDENTITY procedure	Removes an identity
DELETE_IDENTITY_MAP procedure	Removes an identity map from a factor

**Table 24-4 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACADM Factor Procedures and Functions**

Procedure or Function	Description
DROP_DOMAIN_IDENTITY procedure	Removes an Oracle RAC database node from a domain
GET_INSTANCE_INFO function	Returns information from the SYS.V_\$INSTANCE system table about the current database instance; returns a VARCHAR2 value
GET_SESSION_INFO function	Returns information from the SYS.V_\$SESSION system table for the current session; returns a VARCHAR2 value
RENAME_FACTOR procedure	Renames a factor. The name change takes effect everywhere the factor is used.
RENAME_FACTOR_TYPE procedure	Renames a factor type. The name change takes effect everywhere the factor type is used.
UPDATE_FACTOR procedure	Updates a factor
UPDATE_FACTOR_TYPE procedure	Updates the description of a factor type
UPDATE_IDENTITY procedure	Updates the trust level of a factor identity

**DBMS\_MACADM Secure Application Role Procedures**

[Table 24-5](#) lists the secure application role procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-5 DBMS\_MACADM Secure Application Role Procedures**

Procedure	Description
CREATE_ROLE procedure	Creates an Oracle Database Vault secure application role
DELETE_ROLE procedure	Deletes an Oracle Database Vault secure application role
RENAME_ROLE procedure	Renames an Oracle Database Vault secure application role. The name change takes effect everywhere the role is used.
UNASSIGN_ROLE procedure	Unassigns an Oracle Database Vault secure application role from a user
UPDATE_ROLE procedure	Updates a Oracle Database Vault secure application role

**DBMS\_MACADM Oracle Label Security Procedures**

[Table 24-6](#) lists the Oracle Label Security procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-6 DBMS\_MACADM Oracle Label Security Procedures**

Procedure	Description
CREATE_MAC_POLICY procedure	Specifies the algorithm that is used to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label
CREATE_POLICY_LABEL procedure	Labels an identity within an Oracle Label Security policy
DELETE_MAC_POLICY_CASCADE procedure	Deletes all Oracle Database Vault objects related to an Oracle Label Security policy.
DELETE_POLICY_FACTOR procedure	Removes the factor from contributing to the Oracle Label Security label

**Table 24-6 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACADM Oracle Label Security Procedures**

Procedure	Description
DELETE_POLICY_LABEL procedure	Removes the label from an identity within an Oracle Label Security policy
UPDATE_MAC_POLICY procedure	Specifies the algorithm that is used to merge labels when computing the label for a factor, or the Oracle Label Security Session label

**DBMS\_MACADM Database Vault Policy Procedures**

[Table 24-7](#) lists the Database Vault policy procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-7 DBMS\_MACADM Database Vault Policy Procedures**

Procedure	Description
ADD_CMD_RULE_TO_POLICY procedure	Adds a command rule to a Database Vault policy
ADD_OWNER_TO_POLICY procedure	Adds an owner to a Database Vault policy
ADD_REALM_TO_POLICY procedure	Adds a realm to a Database Vault policy
CREATE_POLICY procedure	Creates a Database Vault policy
DELETE_CMD_RULE_FROM_POLICY procedure	Deletes a command rule from a Database Vault policy
DELETE_OWNER_FROM_POLICY procedure	Deletes an owner from a Database Vault policy
DELETE_REALM_FROM_POLICY procedure	Deletes a realm from a Database Vault policy
DROP_POLICY procedure	Drops a Database Vault policy
RENAME_POLICY procedure	Renames a Database Vault policy
UPDATE_POLICY_DESCRIPTION procedure	Updates a Database Vault policy description
UPDATE_POLICY_STATE procedure	Updates the enablement status of the a Database Vault policy

**DBMS\_MACADM General Administrative Procedures**

[Table 24-8](#) lists the general administrative procedures in the DBMS\_MACADM package.

**Table 24-8 DBMS\_MACADM General Administrative Procedures**

Procedure	Description
ADD-NLS_DATA procedure	Adds a new language to Oracle Database Vault
ADD_APP_EXCEPTION procedure	Enables a common user or package to access local schemas
AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER procedure	Authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump operations when Oracle Database Vault is enabled
AUTHORIZE_DDL procedure	Grants a user authorization to run data definition language (DDL) statements
AUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER procedure	Grants a user authorization to perform Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) operations



**Table 24-8 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACADM General Administrative Procedures**

Procedure	Description
AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER procedure	Grants a proxy user authorization to proxy other user accounts
AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER procedure	Authorizes a user to schedule database jobs when Oracle Database Vault is enabled
AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER procedure	Authorizes a user to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations for a tablespace when Oracle Database Vault is enabled
DELETE_APP_EXCEPTION procedure	Deletes the exception for a common user or package to access a local schema
DISABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS procedure	Prevents users from logging into the DVSYS and DFV schema accounts
DISABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN	Disables auditing of the DV_PATCH_ADMIN user
DISABLE_DV procedure	Disables Oracle Database Vault
DISABLE_APP_PROTECTION procedure	Disables Database Vault operation control
DISABLE_ORADEBUG procedure	Disables the use of the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment
ENABLE_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS procedure	Enables users to log into the DVSYS and DFV schema accounts
ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN	Enables auditing of the DV_PATCH_ADMIN user
ENABLE_DV procedure	Enables Oracle Database Vault
ENABLE_APP_PROTECTION procedure	Enables Database Vault operations control
ENABLE_ORADEBUG procedure	Enables the use of the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment
UNAUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER procedure	Revokes the authorization that was granted by the DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER procedure
UNAUTHORIZE_DDL procedure	Revokes authorization from a user who was granted authorization to run DDL statements through the DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL procedure
UNAUTHORIZE_MAINTENANCE_USER procedure	Revokes authorization to perform ILM operations
UNAUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER procedure	Revokes authorization from a user who was granted proxy authorization from the DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER procedure
UNAUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER procedure	Revokes authorization that was granted by the DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_SCHEDULER_USER procedure
UNAUTHORIZE_TTS_USER procedure	Revokes from authorization a user who had been granted authorization to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable tablespace operations for a tablespace when Oracle Database Vault is enabled

## 24.2 DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES PL/SQL Package Contents

The DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES package enables you to check and set Oracle Database Vault secure application roles.

This package is available to the general database account population.

[Table 24-9](#) lists the contents of the DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES package.

**Table 24-9 DBMS\_MACSEC\_ROLES PL/SQL Package Contents**

Procedure or Function	Description
CAN_SET_ROLE function	Checks whether the user invoking the method is authorized to use the specified Oracle Database Vault secure application role. Returns a BOOLEAN value.
SET_ROLE procedure	Issues the SET_ROLE statement for an Oracle Database Vault secure application role.

## 24.3 DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL Package Contents

The DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL package defines constants and utility methods that are commonly used by other Oracle Database Vault packages, such as error handling.

This package can be run by the general database account population. This allows for security developers to leverage the constants in scripted configuration files. Utility methods such as USER\_HAS\_ROLE can also be used in Oracle Database Vault rules.

[Table 24-10](#) lists the DBMS\_MACUTL package contents.

**Table 24-10 DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL Package Contents**

Procedure or Function	Description
CHECK_DVSYSDML_ALLOWED procedure	Verifies that public-packages are not being bypassed by users updating the Oracle Database Vault configuration
GET_CODE_VALUE function	Looks up the value for a code within a code group.
GET_SECONDS function	Returns the seconds in Oracle SS format (00-59). Useful for rule expressions based on time data
GET_MINUTE function	Returns the minute in Oracle MI format (00-59). Useful for rule expressions based on time data
GET_HOUR function	Returns the month in Oracle HH24 format (00-23). Useful for rule expressions based on time data
GET_DAY function	Returns the day in Oracle DD format (01-31). Useful for rule expressions based on time data
GET_MONTH function	Returns the month in Oracle MM format (01-12). Useful for rule expressions based on time data
GET_YEAR function	Returns the year in Oracle YYYY format (0001-9999). Useful for rule expressions based on time data
IS_ALPHA function	Checks whether the character is alphabetic
IS_DIGIT function	Checks whether the character is numeric
IS_DVSYSDML_OWNER function	Determines whether a user is authorized to manage the Oracle Database Vault configuration
IS_OLS_INSTALLED function	Returns an indicator regarding whether Oracle Label Security is installed
IS_OLS_INSTALLED_VARCHAR function	Returns an indicator regarding whether Oracle Label Security is installed
USER_HAS_ROLE function	Checks whether a user has a role privilege, directly or indirectly (through another role)

**Table 24-10 (Cont.) DBMS\_MACUTL PL/SQL Package Contents**

Procedure or Function	Description
USER_HAS_ROLE_VARCHAR function	Checks whether a user has a role privilege, directly or indirectly (through another role)
USER_HAS_SYSTEM_PRIVILEGE function	Checks whether a user has a system privilege, directly or indirectly (through a role)

## 24.4 CONFIGURE\_DV PL/SQL Procedure

The `CONFIGURE_DV` configures the initial two Oracle AI Database user accounts, which are granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles, respectively.

This procedure is used as part of the registration process for Oracle Database Vault with an Oracle database. You only need to use it once for the database instance.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.
- [CONFIGURE\\_DV General System Maintenance Procedure](#)  
The `CONFIGURE_DV` procedure configures the initial two Oracle AI Database user accounts, which are granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles, respectively.

## 24.5 DVF PL/SQL Interface Contents

The `DVF` schema provides a set of factor-related PL/SQL functions.

The functions are then available to the general database account population through PL/SQL functions and standard SQL.

[Table 24-11](#) lists the `DVF` factor functions.

**Table 24-11 DVF PL/SQL Interface Contents**

Function	Description
<code>F\$CLIENT_IP</code>	Returns the IP address of the computer from which the client is connected
<code>F\$DATABASE_DOMAIN</code>	Returns the domain of the database as specified in the <code>DB_DOMAIN</code> initialization parameter
<code>F\$DATABASE_HOSTNAME</code>	Returns the host name of the computer on which the database instance is running
<code>F\$DATABASE_INSTANCE</code>	Returns the database instance identification number of the current database instance
<code>F\$DATABASE_IP</code>	Returns the IP address of the computer on which the database instance is running
<code>F\$DATABASE_NAME</code>	Returns the name of the database as specified in the <code>DB_NAME</code> initialization parameter

**Table 24-11 (Cont.) DVF PL/SQL Interface Contents**

Function	Description
F\$DOMAIN	Returns a named collection of physical, configuration, or implementation-specific factors in the run-time environment (for example, a networked IT environment or subset of it) that operates at a specific sensitivity level
F\$ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY	Returns the enterprise-wide identity for a user
F\$IDENTIFICATION_TYPE	Returns the way the schema of a user was created in the database. Specifically, it reflects the IDENTIFIED clause in the CREATE USER or ALTER USER syntax.
F\$LANG	Returns the ISO abbreviation for the language name, a shorter form than the existing LANGUAGE parameter
F\$LANGUAGE	Returns the language and territory currently used by your session, in VARCHAR2 data type, along with the database character set
F\$MACHINE	Returns the computer (host) name for the database client that established the database session.
F\$NETWORK_PROTOCOL	Returns the network protocol being used for communication, as specified in the PROTOCOL= <i>protocol</i> portion of the connect string
F\$PROXY_ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY	Returns the Oracle Internet Directory distinguished name (DN) when the proxy user is an enterprise user
F\$SESSION_USER	Returns the database user name by which the current user is authenticated

# Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views

You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

- [About the Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can use both the traditional auditing data dictionary views that Oracle Database Vault provides, as well as unified auditing views to find information about Oracle Database Vault policies and other settings.
- [CDB\\_DV\\_STATUS View](#)  
The CDB\_DV\_STATUS data dictionary view shows the Database Vault operations control, configuration, and enablement status for all PDBs.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_APP\\_EXCEPTION View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_APP\_EXCEPTION data dictionary view lists the common schemas and package names that are in the Database Vault operations control exception list.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_ADMIN\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_ADMIN\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_ADMIN authorization.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_CODE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_CODE data dictionary view lists generic lookup codes for the user interface, error messages, and constraint checking.
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- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR data dictionary view lists the existing factors in the current PDB.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE` data dictionary view lists the names and descriptions of factor types used in the system.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_LINK View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK` data dictionary view shows the relationships of each factor whose identity is determined by the association of child factors.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_IDENTITY View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_IDENTITY` data dictionary view lists the identities for each factor.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP` data dictionary view lists the mappings for each factor identity.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_JOB\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH` data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Scheduler in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAC\\_POLICY View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security policies defined for use with Oracle Database Vault.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAC\\_POLICY\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAINTENANCE\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH` data dictionary view provides information about the configuration of Oracle Database Vault authorizations to use Information Life Management (ILM) features.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_ORADEBUG View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_ORADEBUG` data dictionary view indicates whether users can use the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` data dictionary view indicates if auditing has been enabled or disabled for the user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN_PATCH` role.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_LABEL View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the `DBA_DV_IDENTITY` view for each policy.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT` data dictionary view lists information about the objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault policies in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_OWNER View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_POLICY_OWNER` data dictionary view lists the owners of Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_PREPROCESSOR\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_PREPROCESSOR_AUTH` data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_PROXY\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_PROXY_AUTH` data dictionary view lists the proxy users and schemas that were specified by the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` procedure.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_PUB\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_PUB_PRIVS` data dictionary view lists data reflected in the Oracle Database Vault privilege management reports used in Oracle Database Vault Administrator.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_REALM` data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH` data dictionary view lists database user account or role authorization (GRANTEE) who can access realm objects.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT` data dictionary view lists the database schemas, or subsets of schemas, that are secured by the realms.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_ROLE View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_ROLE` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault secure application roles used in privilege management.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_RULE` data dictionary view lists the rules that have been defined.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_RULE_SET` data dictionary view lists the rules sets that have been created.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE\\_SET\\_RULE View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE` data dictionary view lists rules that are associated with existing rule sets.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_SIMULATION\\_LOG View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG` data dictionary view captures simulation log information for realms and command rules that have had simulation mode enabled.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_STATUS or SYS.DBA\\_DV\\_STATUS View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_STATUS` (or `SYS.DBA_DV_STATUS`) data dictionary view shows the status of Oracle Database Vault being enabled and configured.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_SQL\\_FIREWALL\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH` data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle SQL Firewall operations.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_TTS\\_AUTH View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_TTS_AUTH` data dictionary view lists users who have been granted authorization through the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_TTS_USER` procedure to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable operations.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS` data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database user account excluding privileges granted through the `PUBLIC` role.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS\\_ALL View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS_ALL` data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database account including privileges granted through `PUBLIC`.
- [DVSYS.DV\\$CONFIGURATION\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The `DVSYS.DV$CONFIGURATION_AUDIT` data dictionary view captures `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table audit trail records.
- [DVSYS.DV\\$ENFORCEMENT\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The `DVSYS.DV$ENFORCEMENT_AUDIT` data dictionary view provides information about enforcement-related audits from the `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table.



- [DVSYS.DV\\$REALM View](#)  
The DVSYS.DV\$REALM data dictionary view describes settings that were used to create Oracle Database Vault realms, such as which audit options have been assigned or whether the realm is a mandatory realm.
- [DVSYS.DBA\\_DV\\_COMMON\\_OPERATION\\_STATUS View](#)  
The DVSYS.DBA\_DV\_COMMON\_OPERATION\_STATUS data dictionary view displays the status of the DBMS\_MACADM.ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION procedure setting.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view enables DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role users to find information about the command rules that are used by Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_POLICY data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information such as the names, descriptions, and states of existing policies in the current database instance, including policies created by other policy owners.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM View](#)  
The POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the authorization that was granted to realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view enables users to find information about the objects that have been added to realms that are associated with Database Vault policies, such as. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rules that have been associated with rule sets in Database Vault policies, such as the rule name and its expression. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE\\_SET\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET\_RULE data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that contain rules used in Database Vault policies.
- [AUDSYS.DV\\$CONFIGURATION\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The AUDSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view is almost the same as the DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view except that it captures unified audit trail Database Vault audit records.
- [AUDSYS.DV\\$ENFORCEMENT\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The AUDSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view is almost the same as the DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view except that it captures unified audit trail Database Vault audit records.



## 25.1 About the Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views

You can use both the traditional auditing data dictionary views that Oracle Database Vault provides, as well as unified auditing views to find information about Oracle Database Vault policies and other settings.

- **Traditional auditing:** The Oracle Database Vault DBA-style data dictionary views that can be accessed through the `DV_SECANALYST` role or the `DV_ADMIN` role are used to query audit records from traditional auditing settings.
- **Unified auditing:** In addition to views such as `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL`, users who have the `AUDIT_ADMIN` and `AUDIT_VIEWER` roles can query Oracle Database Vault-specific unified audit trail views.

These views provide access to the various underlying Oracle Database Vault tables in the `DVSYS` and `LBACSYS` schemas without exposing the primary and foreign key columns that may be present. These views are intended for the database administrative user to report on the state of the Oracle Database Vault configuration without having to perform the joins required to get the labels for codes that are stored in the core tables or from the related tables.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

## 25.2 CDB\_DV\_STATUS View

The `CDB_DV_STATUS` data dictionary view shows the Database Vault operations control, configuration, and enablement status for all PDBs.

Only Oracle AI Database administrative users, such users who have been granted the `DBA` role, can query this view. Database Vault administrators do not have access to this view.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM CDB_DV_STATUS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

NAME	STATUS	CON_ID
DV_APP_PROTECTION	ENABLED	5
DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS	TRUE	5
DV_ENABLE_STATUS	TRUE	5

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR2(19)	NOT NULL	Shows either of the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>DV_APP_PROTECTION</code> shows whether Database Vault operations control is enabled or not enabled.</li> <li>• <code>DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS</code> shows whether Oracle Database Vault is configured (that is, with the <code>CONFIGURE_DV</code> procedure).</li> <li>• <code>DV_ENABLE_STATUS</code> shows whether Oracle Database Vault is enabled (that is, with the <code>DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV</code> procedure).</li> </ul>

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
STATUS	VARCHAR2(64)	NOT NULL	For DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS and DV_ENABLE_STATUS, TRUE means that Oracle Database Vault is configured or enabled; FALSE means that it is not. For DV_APP_PROTECTION, the output is ENABLED or DISABLED.
CON_ID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The identification number of the PDB container in which Oracle Database Vault is used

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_STATUS or SYS.DBA\\_DV\\_STATUS View](#)

The DBA\_DV\_STATUS (or SYS.DBA\_DV\_STATUS) data dictionary view shows the status of Oracle Database Vault being enabled and configured.

## 25.3 DBA\_DV\_APP\_EXCEPTION View

The DBA\_DV\_APP\_EXCEPTION data dictionary view lists the common schemas and package names that are in the Database Vault operations control exception list.

You must query this view from the CDB root only. If you try to query this view from a pluggable database (PDB), then no output appears.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_APP_EXCEPTION WHERE GRANTEE = 'C##HR_ADMIN';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE      PACKAGE_NAME
-----
C##HR_ADMIN  PATCH_APP
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the grantee To find the names of common users, query the USERNAME and COMMON columns of the DBA_USERS data dictionary view.
PACKAGE_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the package

## 25.4 DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_ADMIN\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_ADMIN\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_ADMIN authorization.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_AUDIT_ADMIN_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PSMITH';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE
-----
PSMITH
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted AUDIT_ADMIN authorization

#### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_VIEWER\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

## 25.5 DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_VIEWER\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_VIEWER authorization.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_AUDIT_VIEWER_AUTH WHERE UNAME = 'RLAYTON';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE
-----
RLAYTON
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted AUDIT_VIEWER authorization.

#### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_AUDIT\\_ADMIN\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_AUDIT\_ADMIN\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have AUDIT\_ADMIN authorization.

## 25.6 DBA\_DV\_CODE View

The DBA\_DV\_CODE data dictionary view lists generic lookup codes for the user interface, error messages, and constraint checking.

These codes are used for the user interface, views, and for validating input in a translatable fashion.

For example:

```
SELECT CODE, VALUE FROM DBA_DV_CODE WHERE CODE_GROUP = 'BOOLEAN';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
CODE    VALUE
-----
Y       True
N       False
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
CODE_GROUP	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Displays one of the code groups that are listed in <a href="#">Table 25-1</a>
CODE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Boolean code used; either Y (Yes) or N (No).
VALUE	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Boolean value used; either True if the Boolean code is Y or False if the Boolean code is N.
LANGUAGE	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Language for this installation of Oracle Database Vault. Supported languages are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• en: English</li> <li>• de: German</li> <li>• es: Spanish</li> <li>• fr: French</li> <li>• it: Italian</li> <li>• ja: Japanese</li> <li>• ko: Korean</li> <li>• pt_BR: Brazilian Portuguese</li> <li>• zh_CN: Simplified Chinese</li> <li>• zh_TW: Traditional Chinese</li> </ul>
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Brief description of the code group.

[Table 25-1](#) describes the possible values from the CODE\_GROUP column in the DBA\_DV\_CODE data dictionary view.

**Table 25-1 DBA\_DV\_CODE View CODE\_GROUP Values**

CODE_GROUP Name	Description
AUDIT_EVENTS	Contains the action numbers and action names that are used for the custom event audit trail records
BOOLEAN	A simple Yes or No or True or False lookup
DB_OBJECT_TYPE	The database object types that can be used for realm objects and command authorizations
SQL_CMDS	The DDL commands that can be protected through command rules
FACTOR_AUDIT	The auditing options for factor retrieval processing
FACTOR_EVALUATE	The evaluation options (by session or by access) for factor retrieval
FACTOR_FAIL	The options for propagating errors when a factor retrieval method fails
FACTOR_IDENTIFY	The options for determining how a factor identifier is resolved (for example, by method or by factors)
FACTOR_LABEL	The options for determining how a factor identifier is labeled in the session establishment phase
LABEL_ALG	The algorithms that can be used to determine the maximum session label for a database session for each policy. See Related Topics.
OPERATORS	The Boolean operators that can be used for identity maps
REALM_AUDIT	The options for auditing realm access or realm violations
REALM_OPTION	The options for ownership of a realm
RULESET_AUDIT	The options for auditing rule set execution or rule set errors
RULESET_EVALUATE	The options for determining the success or failure of a rule set based on all associated rules being true or any associated rule being true

**Table 25-1 (Cont.) DBA\_DV\_CODE View CODE\_GROUP Values**

CODE_GROUP Name	Description
RULESET_EVENT	The options to invoke a custom event handler when a rule set evaluates to Succeeds or Fails
RULESET_FAIL	The options to determine the run-time visibility of a rule set failing

**Related Topics**

- [Table 20-2](#)

## 25.7 DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE View

The `DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view lists the SQL statements that are protected by command rules.

For example:

```
SELECT COMMAND, RULE_SET_NAME FROM DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

COMMAND	RULE_SET_NAME
GRANT	Can Grant VPD Administration
REVOKE	Can Grant VPD Administration
ALTER SYSTEM	Allow System Parameters
ALTER USER	Can Maintain Own Account
CREATE USER	Can Maintain Account/Profiles
DROP USER	Can Maintain Account/Profiles
CREATE PROFILE	Can Maintain Account/Profiles
DROP PROFILE	Can Maintain Account/Profiles
ALTER PROFILE	Can Maintain Account/Profiles

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
COMMAND	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the command rule.
CLAUSE_NAME	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL	A clause from either the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION SQL statement, which was used to create the command rule. For example, you it could list the SET clause for the ALTER SESSION statement.  The command rule settings for these two statements are described in the <code>DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE</code> procedure. See Related Topics.
PARAMETER_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	A parameter from the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule CLAUSE_NAME setting.  See Related Topics.
EVENT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	An event that the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule defines.  See Related Topics.
COMPONENT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	A component of the EVENT_NAME setting for the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule.  See Related Topics.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ACTION_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	An action of the EVENT_NAME setting for the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule. See Related Topics.
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set associated with this command rule.
OBJECT_OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	The owner of the object that the command rule affects.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	The name of the database object the command rule affects (for example, a database table).
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Possible values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y indicates the command rule is enabled</li> <li>N indicates it is disabled</li> <li>S indicates it is in simulation mode</li> </ul>
PRIVILEGE_SCOPE	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Obsolete column
COMMON	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the command rule is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the command rule is common</li> <li>NO if the command rule is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the command rule, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the command rule was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the command rule is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the command rule, which is automatically generated when the command rule is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the command rule is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) command rule or a user-created command rule. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the command rule is a default command rule</li> <li>NO if the command rule is a user-created command rule</li> </ul>
PL_SQL_STACK	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	When simulation mode is enabled, indicates whether the PL/SQL stack has been recorded for failed operations. TRUE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has been recorded; FALSE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has not been recorded.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring Command Rules](#)  
You can create command rules or use the default command rules to protect DDL and DML statements.
- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.

## 25.8 DBA\_DV\_DATAPUMP\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_DATAPUMP\_AUTH data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Data Pump in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DATAPUMP_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PRESTON';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE SCHEMA OBJECT  TYPE  ACTION
-----
PRESTON OE      ORDERS  %      CREATE_USER
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted Data Pump authorization
SCHEMA	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the schema on which the user GRANTEE is authorized to perform Data Pump operations
OBJECT	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the object within the schema specified by the SCHEMA parameter on which the GRANTEE user has Data Pump authorization (such as a table)
TYPE	VARCHAR2(32)	NOT NULL	For Oracle Data Pump import operations, indicates the type of grant, such as ROLE)
ACTION	VARCHAR2(30)	NOT NULL	For Oracle Data Pump import operations, indicates action that is associated with the TYPE: %, TABLE, CREATE_USER, or GRANT

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Data Pump users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 25.9 DBA\_DV\_DBCAPTURE\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_DBCAPTURE\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload capture operations.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DBCAPTURE_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PFITCH';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE
-----
PFITCH
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted Database Replay workload capture authorization

**Related Topics**

- [Using Oracle Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Database Replay users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 25.10 DBA\_DV\_DBREPLAY View

The DBA\_DV\_DBREPLAY\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle Database Replay workload replay operations.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DBREPLAY_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PFITCH';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE
-----
PFITCH
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted Database Replay workload replay authorization

**Related Topics**

- [Using Oracle Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Database Replay users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 25.11 DBA\_DV\_DDL\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_DDL data dictionary view lists the users and schemas that were specified by the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_DDL procedure.

This procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DDL_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'psmith';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE  SCHEMA
-----  -
PSMITH   HR
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted DDL authorization
SCHEMA	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the schema on which the user GRANTEE is authorized to perform DDL operations



**Related Topics**

- [AUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure grants a user authorization to run Data Definition Language (DDL) statements on the specified schema.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_DDL Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted authorization to run DDL statements through the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DDL` procedure.

## 25.12 DBA\_DV\_DICTIONARY\_ACCTS View

The `DBA_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS` data dictionary view indicates whether users can directly log into the `DVSY` and `DVF` schema accounts.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DICTIONARY_ACCTS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
STATE
-----
ENABLED
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
STATE	VARCHAR2(8)	NOT NULL	Describes whether users can log directly into the <code>DVSY</code> and <code>DVF</code> schemas. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ENABLED</code> means that users can log directly into the <code>DVSY</code> and <code>DVF</code> schemas</li> <li>• <code>DISABLED</code> means that users cannot log directly into the <code>DVSY</code> and <code>DVF</code> schemas</li> </ul>

## 25.13 DBA\_DV\_FACTOR View

The `DBA_DV_FACTOR` data dictionary view lists the existing factors in the current PDB.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, GET_EXPR FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR WHERE NAME = 'Session_User';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME          GET_EXPR
-----
Session_User  UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'SESSION_USER'))
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the factor.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Description of the factor.
FACTOR_TYPE_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Category of the factor, which is used to classify the purpose of the factor.
ASSIGN_RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Rule set used to control the identify of the factor.
GET_EXPR	VARCHAR2(1024)	NULL	PL/SQL expression that retrieves the identity of a factor.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
VALIDATE_EXPR	VARCHAR2(1024)	NULL	PL/SQL expression used to validate the identity of the factor. It returns a Boolean value.
IDENTIFIED_BY	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Determines the identity of a factor, based on the expression listed in the GET_EXPR column. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: By constant</li> <li>1: By method</li> <li>2: By factors</li> </ul>
IDENTIFIED_BY_MEANING	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Provides a text description for the corresponding value in the IDENTIFIED_BY column. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Constant: If IDENTIFIED_COLUMN is 0</li> <li>By Method: If IDENTIFIED_COLUMN is 1</li> <li>By Factors: If IDENTIFIED_COLUMN is 2</li> </ul>
LABELED_BY	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Determines the labeling the factor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Labels the identities for the factor directly from the labels associated with an Oracle Label Security policy</li> <li>1: Derives the factor identity label from the labels of its child factor identities.</li> </ul>
LABELED_BY_MEANING	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Provides a text description for the corresponding value in the LABELED_BY column. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Self: If LABELED_BY column is 0</li> <li>By Factors: If LABELED_BY column is 1</li> </ul>
EVAL_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Determines how the factor is evaluated when the user logs on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: When the database session is created</li> <li>1: Each time the factor is accessed</li> <li>2: On start-up</li> </ul>
EVAL_OPTIONS_MEANING	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Provides a text description for the corresponding value in the EVAL_OPTIONS column. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Session: If EVAL_OPTIONS is 0</li> <li>By Access: If EVAL_OPTIONS is 1</li> <li>On Startup: If EVAL_OPTIONS is 2</li> </ul>

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
AUDIT_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Option for auditing the factor using traditional auditing if you want to generate a custom Oracle Database Vault audit record. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: No auditing set</li> <li>1: Always audits</li> <li>2: Audits if get_expr returns an error</li> <li>4: Audits if get_expr is null</li> <li>8: Audits if the validation procedure returns an error</li> <li>16: Audits if the validation procedure is false</li> <li>32: Audits if there is no trust level set</li> <li>64: Audits if the trust level is negative.</li> </ul> Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
FAIL_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Options for reporting factor errors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Shows an error message.</li> <li>2: Does not show an error message.</li> </ul>
FAIL_OPTIONS_MEANING	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Provides a text description for the corresponding value in the FAIL_OPTIONS column. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show Error Message</li> <li>Do Not Show Error Message:</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the factor, which is automatically generated when the factor is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the factor is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) factor or a user-created factor. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the factor is a default factor</li> <li>NO if the factor is a user-created factor</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_LINK View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_LINK data dictionary view shows the relationships of each factor whose identity is determined by the association of child factors.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_TYPE data dictionary view lists the names and descriptions of factor types used in the system.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 25.14 DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_TYPE View

The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_TYPE data dictionary view lists the names and descriptions of factor types used in the system.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR_TYPE WHERE NAME = 'Time';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME          DESCRIPTION
-----
Time          Time-based factor
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the factor type.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Description of the factor type.

#### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR data dictionary view lists the existing factors in the current PDB.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_LINK View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_LINK data dictionary view shows the relationships of each factor whose identity is determined by the association of child factors.

## 25.15 DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_LINK View

The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_LINK data dictionary view shows the relationships of each factor whose identity is determined by the association of child factors.

This view contains one entry for each parent factor and child factor. You can use this view to resolve the relationships from the factor links to identity maps.

For example:

```
SELECT PARENT_FACTOR_NAME, CHILD_FACTOR_NAME FROM DBA_DV_FACTOR_LINK;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
PARENT_FACTOR_NAME      CHILD_FACTOR_NAME
-----
Domain                  Database_Instance
Domain                  Database_IP
Domain                  Database_Hostname
```

#### Related Views

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)
- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE View](#)

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
PARENT_FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the parent factor
CHILD_FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the child factor of the parent factor
LABEL_IND	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the child factor that is linked to the parent factor contributes to the label of the parent factor in an Oracle Label Security integration. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y (for Yes)</li> <li>• N (for No)</li> </ul>

**Related Topics**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR data dictionary view lists the existing factors in the current PDB.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR\\_TYPE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR\_TYPE data dictionary view lists the names and descriptions of factor types used in the system.

## 25.16 DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY View

The DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY data dictionary view lists the identities for each factor.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY WHERE VALUE = 'GLOBAL SHARED';
```

Output similar to the following appears, assuming you have created only one factor identity:

FACTOR_NAME	VALUE	TRUST_LEVEL
-----	-----	-----
Identification_Type	GLOBAL SHARED	1

**Related Views**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)
- [DBA\\_DV\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP View](#)

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the factor.
VALUE	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	Value of the factor.
TRUST_LEVEL	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Number that indicates the magnitude of trust relative to other identities for the same factor.

**Related Topics**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR data dictionary view lists the existing factors in the current PDB.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_IDENTITY\\_MAP View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY\_MAP data dictionary view lists the mappings for each factor identity.

## 25.17 DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY\_MAP View

The DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY\_MAP data dictionary view lists the mappings for each factor identity.

The view includes mapping factors that are identified by other factors to combinations of parent-child factor links. For each factor, the maps are joined by the OR operation, and for different factors, the maps are joined by the AND operation.

You can use this view to resolve the identity for factors that are identified by other factors (for example, a domain) or for factors that have continuous domains (for example, Age or Temperature).

For example:

```
SELECT FACTOR_NAME, IDENTITY_VALUE FROM DBA_DV_IDENTITY_MAP;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

FACTOR_NAME      IDENTITY_VALUE
-----
Sector2_Program  Accounting-Sensitive

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Factor the identity map is for.
IDENTITY_VALUE	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	Value the factor assumes if the identity map evaluates to TRUE.
OPERATION_CODE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Descriptive name of the operation in the OPERATION_VALUE column.
OPERATION_VALUE	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Relational operator for the identity map (for example, <, >, =, and so on).
OPERAND1	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Left operand for the relational operator; refers to the low value you enter.
OPERAND2	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Right operand for the relational operator; refers to the high value you enter.
PARENT_FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	The parent factor link to which the map is related.
CHILD_FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	The child factor link to which the map is related.
LABEL_IND	VARCHAR(1)	NULL	Indicates whether the child factor being linked to the parent factor contributes to the label of the parent factor in an Oracle Label Security integration. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y (for Yes)</li> <li>N (for No)</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_FACTOR data dictionary view lists the existing factors in the current PDB.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_IDENTITY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY data dictionary view lists the identities for each factor.

## 25.18 DBA\_DV\_JOB\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_JOB\_AUTH data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Scheduler in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_JOB_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PRESTON';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

GRANTEE  SCHEMA
-----
PRESTON  OE

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted Oracle Scheduler authorization

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
SCHEMA	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the schema on which the user GRantee is authorized to perform Oracle Scheduler operations

## 25.19 DBA\_DV\_MAC\_POLICY View

The `DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security policies defined for use with Oracle Database Vault.

For example:

```
SELECT POLICY_NAME, ALGORITHM_CODE, ALGORITHM_MEANING
FROM DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
POLICY_NAME      ALGORITHM_CODE      ALGORITHM_MEANING
-----
ACCESS_DATA      LUI                  Minimum Level/Union/Intersection
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
POLICY_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the policy.
ALGORITHM_CODE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Merge algorithm code used for the policy. See Related Topics.
ALGORITHM_MEANING	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Provides a text description for the corresponding value in the <code>ALGORITHM_CODE</code> column. See Related Topics.
ERROR_LABEL	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Label specified for initialization errors, to be set when a configuration error or run-time error occurs during session initialization.

### Related Topics

- [Table 20-2](#)
- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAC\\_POLICY\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_LABEL View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the `DBA_DV_IDENTITY` view for each policy.

## 25.20 DBA\_DV\_MAC\_POLICY\_FACTOR View

The `DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies.

You can use this view to determine what factors contribute to the maximum session label for each policy using the `DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY` view.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_MAC_POLICY_FACTOR;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

FACTOR_NAME      MAC_POLICY_NAME
-----
App_Host_Name    Access Locations

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the factor
MAC_POLICY_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the Oracle Label Security policy associated with this factor

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAC\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_MAC\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security policies defined for use with Oracle Database Vault.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_LABEL View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_LABEL data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY view for each policy.

## 25.21 DBA\_DV\_MAINTENANCE\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_MAINTENANCE\_AUTH data dictionary view provides information about the configuration of Oracle Database Vault authorizations to use Information Life Management (ILM) features.

For example:

```
SELECT GRANTEE, ACTION STATE FROM DBA_DV_MAINTENANCE_AUTH;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

GRANTEE          ACTION
-----
PSMITH           ILM

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the grantee
SCHEMA	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Schema name or % (for all schemas)
OBJECT	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Object name or % (for all objects in a schema)
OBJECT_TYPE	VARCHAR(30)	NOT NULL	Object type
ACTION	VARCHAR(30)	NOT NULL	Maintenance action ILM for ILM operations

## 25.22 DBA\_DV\_ORADEBUG View

The DBA\_DV\_ORADEBUG data dictionary view indicates whether users can use the ORADEBUG utility in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_ORADEBUG;
```

Output similar to the following appears:



STATE  
-----  
DISABLED

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
STATE	VARCHAR2 ( 8 )	NOT NULL	Describes whether the ORADEBUG utility can be used in a Database Vault-enabled environment. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENABLED means that users can run the ORADEBUG utility</li> <li>DISABLED means that users cannot run the ORADEBUG utility</li> </ul>

## 25.23 DBA\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT View

The DBA\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT data dictionary view indicates if auditing has been enabled or disabled for the user who has been granted the DV\_ADMIN\_PATCH role.

The DBMS\_MACADM.ENABLE\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT procedure enables this type of auditing.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

STATE  
-----  
DISABLED

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
STATE	VARCHAR2 ( 8 )	NOT NULL	Describes whether auditing has been enabled or disabled for the DV_ADMIN_PATCH role user. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENABLED means that the auditing has been enabled</li> <li>DISABLED means that the auditing has been disabled</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [ENABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The ENABLE\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT procedure enables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role.
- [DISABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The DISABLE\_DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN\_AUDIT procedure disables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role.

## 25.24 DBA\_DV\_POLICY View

The DBA\_DV\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.

For example:

```
SELECT POLICY_NAME, STATE FROM DBA_DV_POLICY
WHERE STATE = 'ENABLED';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

POLICY_NAME	STATE
Oracle Account Management Controls	ENABLED
Oracle System Protection Controls	ENABLED

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
POLICY_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the Oracle Database Vault policies that have been created.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Description of the policy that was created
STATE	VARCHAR(8)	NULL	Specifies whether the policy is enabled. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENABLED</li> <li>DISABLED</li> <li>SIMULATION</li> </ul>
ID#	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Is a system-generated ID that was assigned to the policy when the policy was created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the policy is a default Oracle Database Vault policy
PL_SQL_STACK	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	When simulation mode is enabled, indicates whether the PL/SQL stack has been recorded for failed operations. TRUE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has been recorded; FALSE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has not been recorded.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists information about the objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault policies in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_SIMULATION\\_LOG View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_SIMULATION\_LOG data dictionary view captures simulation log information for realms and command rules that have had simulation mode enabled.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_POLICY data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information such as the names, descriptions, and states of existing policies in the current database instance, including policies created by other policy owners.

## 25.25 DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_LABEL View

The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_LABEL data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security label for each factor identifier in the DBA\_DV\_IDENTITY view for each policy.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_POLICY_LABEL;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

IDENTITY_VALUE	FACTOR_NAME	POLICY_NAME	LABEL
App_Host_Name	Sect2_Fin_Apps	Access Locations	Sensitive

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
IDENTITY_VALUE	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	Name of the factor identifier.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
FACTOR_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the factor associated with the factor identifier.
POLICY_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the Oracle Label Security policy associated with this factor.
LABEL	VARCHAR(4000)	NOT NULL	Name of the Oracle Label Security label associated with the policy.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAC\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_MAC\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the Oracle Label Security policies defined for use with Oracle Database Vault.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_MAC\\_POLICY\\_FACTOR View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_MAC\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the factors that are associated with Oracle Label Security policies.

## 25.26 DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT View

The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists information about the objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault policies in the current database instance.

For example:

```
SELECT POLICY_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE FROM DBA_DV_POLICY_OBJECT WHERE POLICY_NAME LIKE
'%Protection Controls';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
POLICY_NAME                                OBJECT_TYPE
-----                                -
Oracle System Protection Controls    REALM
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
POLICY_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the Oracle Database Vault policies that have been created.
OBJECT_TYPE	VARCHAR(12)	NULL	Type of object that is being protected, such as REALM
COMMAND	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the command rules that are protected by Database Vault policies
COMMAND_OBJ_OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Names of object owners that are associated with Database Vault policies
COMMAND_OBJ_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Names of objects that are associated with Database Vault policies
COMMAND_CLAUSE	VARCHAR(100)	NULL	A clause from either the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION SQL statement, which was used to create the command rule. For example, you it could list the SET clause for the ALTER SESSION statement.  The command rule settings for these two statements are described in the DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE procedure. See Related Topics.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
COMMAND_PARAMETER	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	A parameter from the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule CLAUSE_NAME setting. See Related Topics.
COMMAND_EVENT	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	An event that the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule defines. See Related Topics.
COMMAND_COMPONENT	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	A component of the EVENT_NAME setting for the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule. See Related Topics.
COMMAND_ACTION	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	An action of the EVENT_NAME setting for the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION command rule. See Related Topics.
COMMON	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates if the policy objects are local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the policy objects are common</li> <li>NO if the policy objects are local</li> </ul>
INHERITED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the policy object, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the policy object was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the policy object is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_OWNER View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OWNER data dictionary view lists the owners of Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.

## 25.27 DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OWNER View

The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OWNER data dictionary view lists the owners of Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_POLICY_OWNER;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

POLICY_OWNER	POLICY_OWNER
-----	-----
Oracle System Protection Controls	PSMITH

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
POLICY_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the Oracle Database Vault policies that have been created.
POLICY_OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of users who have own Database Vault policies

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists information about the objects that are protected by Oracle Database Vault policies in the current database instance.

## 25.28 DBA\_DV\_PREPROCESSOR\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_PREPROCESSOR\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to run preprocessor programs through external tables.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_PREPROCESSOR_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PFITCH';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE
-----
PFITCH
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted authorization to run preprocessor programs

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Database Replay with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Database Replay users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 25.29 DBA\_DV\_PROXY\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_PROXY\_AUTH data dictionary view lists the proxy users and schemas that were specified by the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_PROXY\_USER procedure.

This procedure grants a proxy user authorization to proxy other user accounts.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_DDL_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PRESTON';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE SCHEMA
-----
PRESTON DKENT
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the proxy user
SCHEMA	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the schema that is proxied by the GRANTEE user.

### Related Topics

- [AUTHORIZE\\_PROXY\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` procedure grants a proxy user authorization to proxy other user accounts, as long as the proxy user has database authorization. For example, the `CREATE SESSION` privilege is a valid database authorization.
- [UNAUTHORIZE\\_PROXY\\_USER Procedure](#)  
The `UNAUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` procedure revokes authorization from a user who was granted proxy authorization from the `DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_PROXY_USER` procedure.

## 25.30 DBA\_DV\_PUB\_PRIVS View

The `DBA_DV_PUB_PRIVS` data dictionary view lists data reflected in the Oracle Database Vault privilege management reports used in Oracle Database Vault Administrator.

See also [Privilege Management - Summary Reports](#).

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACCESS_TYPE FROM DBA_DV_PUB_PRIVS WHERE USERNAME = 'OE';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
USERNAME  ACCESS_TYPE
-----
OE        PUBLIC
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
USERNAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Database schema in the current database instance.
ACCESS_TYPE	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Access type granted to the user listed in the <code>USERNAME</code> column (for example, <code>PUBLIC</code> ).
PRIVILEGE	VARCHAR(40)	NOT NULL	Privilege granted to the user listed in the <code>USERNAME</code> column.
OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Owner of the database schema to which the <code>USERNAME</code> user has been granted privileges.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the object within the schema listed in the <code>OWNER</code> column.

### Related Topics

- [Privilege Management - Summary Reports](#)  
The privilege management summary reports track privilege distribution by grantees, owners, and privileges.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS` data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database user account excluding privileges granted through the `PUBLIC` role.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS\\_ALL View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS_ALL` data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database account including privileges granted through `PUBLIC`.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_ROLE View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_ROLE` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault secure application roles used in privilege management.

## 25.31 DBA\_DV\_REALM View

The `DBA_DV_REALM` data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, ENABLED, COMMON FROM DBA_DV_REALM ORDER BY NAME;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

NAME	ENABLED	COMMON
Database Vault Account Management	Y	NO
...		

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the realms created.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	Description of the realm created.
AUDIT_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Specifies whether auditing using traditional auditing is enabled. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: No auditing for the realm.</li><li>• 1: Creates an audit record when a realm violation occurs (for example, when an unauthorized user tries to modify an object that is protected by the realm).</li><li>• 2: Creates an audit record for authorized activities on objects protected by the realm.</li><li>• 3: Creates an audit record for both authorized and unauthorized activities on objects protected by the realm.</li></ul> Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
REALM_TYPE	VARCHAR(9)	NULL	Type of realm: whether it is a regular realm or a mandatory realm. See <code>realm_type</code> in the <code>UPDATE_REALM</code> command description for more information about possible values. (See Related Topics.)
COMMON	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the realm is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• YES if the realm is common</li><li>• NO if the realm is local</li></ul>

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
INHERITED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Possible values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y indicates that realm checking is enabled</li> <li>N indicates it is disabled</li> <li>S indicates the realm is in simulation mode</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the realm, which is automatically generated when the realm is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the realm is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) realm or a user-created command rule. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the realm is a default realm</li> <li>NO if the realm is a user-created realm</li> </ul>
PL_SQL_STACK	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	When simulation mode is enabled, indicates whether the PL/SQL stack has been recorded for failed operations. TRUE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has been recorded; FALSE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has not been recorded.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view lists database user account or role authorization (GRANTEE) who can access realm objects.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists the database schemas, or subsets of schemas, that are secured by the realms.
- [UPDATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_REALM procedure updates a realm.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 25.32 DBA\_DV\_REALM\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view lists database user account or role authorization (GRANTEE) who can access realm objects.

For example:

```
SELECT REALM_NAME, GRANTEE, AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME FROM DBA_DV_REALM_AUTH;
```



Output similar to the following appears:

```

REALM_NAME          GRANTEE  AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME
-----
Performance Statistics Realm  SYSADM  Check Conf Access

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
REALM_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the realm.
COMMON_REALM	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	For a multitenant environment, indicates whether the realm is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the realm is common</li> <li>NO if the realm is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED_REALM	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
GRANTEE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	User or role name to authorize as owner or participant.
AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Rule set to check before authorizing. If the rule set evaluates to TRUE, then the authorization is allowed.
AUTH_OPTIONS	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Type of realm authorization: either Participant or Owner.
COMMON_AUTH	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the authorization to the common realm is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the authorization is common</li> <li>NO if the authorization is local to this PDB</li> </ul>
INHERITED_AUTH	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm authorization, when the COMMON_AUTH column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the realm authorization was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was applied.</li> <li>NO means that the realm authorization is local, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED_AUTH value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED_AUTH value of YES.</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [About Realm Authorization](#)  
Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists the database schemas, or subsets of schemas, that are secured by the realms.

## 25.33 DBA\_DV\_REALM\_OBJECT View

The DBA\_DV\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view lists the database schemas, or subsets of schemas, that are secured by the realms.

See [About Realm-Secured Objects](#) for more information.

For example:

```
SELECT REALM_NAME, OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, COMMON_REALM FROM DBA_DV_REALM_OBJECT;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
REALM_NAME          OWNER    OBJECT_NAME  COMMON_REALM
-----
Performance Statistics Realm OE      ORDERS      NO
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
REALM_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the realm.
COMMON_REALM	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether this realm is a common realm or a local realm. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES if the realm is common</li> <li>• NO if the realm is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED_REALM	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>• NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Database schema owner who owns the object.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the object the realm protects.
OBJECT_TYPE	VARCHAR(32)	NOT NULL	Type of object the realm protects, such as a database table, view, index, or role.

### Related Topics

- [About Realm-Secured Objects](#)  
Realm-secured objects define the territory—a set of schema and database objects and roles—that a realm protects.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view lists database user account or role authorization (GRANTEE) who can access realm objects.

## 25.34 DBA\_DV\_ROLE View

The DBA\_DV\_ROLE data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault secure application roles used in privilege management.

For example:

```
SELECT ROLE, RULE_NAME FROM DBA_DV_ROLE;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

ROLE                RULE_NAME
-----
Sector2_APP_MGR     Check App2 Access
Sector2_APP_DBA     Check App2 Access

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ROLE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the secure application role.
RULE_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set associated with the secure application role.
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the secure application role is enabled. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y (Yes) if the role is enabled</li> <li>• N (No) if the role is disabled</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the command rule, which is automatically generated when the command rule is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the command rule is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) command rule or a user-created command rule. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES if the command rule is a default command rule</li> <li>• NO if the command rule is a user-created command rule</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_PUB\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_PUB\_PRIVS data dictionary view lists data reflected in the Oracle Database Vault privilege management reports used in Oracle Database Vault Administrator.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database user account excluding privileges granted through the PUBLIC role.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS\\_ALL View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS\_ALL data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database account including privileges granted through PUBLIC.

## 25.35 DBA\_DV\_RULE View

The DBA\_DV\_RULE data dictionary view lists the rules that have been defined.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, RULE_EXPR FROM DBA_DV_RULE WHERE NAME = 'Maintenance Window';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME                RULE_EXPR
-----
Maintenance Window  TO_CHAR(SYSDATE,'HH24') BETWEEN '10' AND '12'
```

To find the rule sets that use specific rules, query the DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET\_RULE view.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule.
RULE_EXPR	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	PL/SQL expression for the rule.
COMMON	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the rule is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule is common</li> <li>NO if the rule is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the rule, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the rule was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the rule is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the rule, which is automatically generated when the rule is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the rule is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) rule or a user-created rule. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule is a default rule</li> <li>NO if the rule is a user-created rule</li> </ul>
IS_STATIC	VARCHAR(5)	NULL	Indicates whether the evaluation of a rule is static or dynamic. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE means the rule is static. The result of the first rule evaluation in a session is cached and used whenever the rule needs to be evaluated again in the session.</li> <li>FALSE (default) means the rule is not static, and hence not cached for use later in the session.</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)

The DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view lists the rules sets that have been created.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE\\_SET\\_RULE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET\_RULE data dictionary view lists rules that are associated with existing rule sets.

## 25.36 DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET View

The DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view lists the rules sets that have been created.

For example:

```
SELECT RULE_SET_NAME, HANDLER_OPTIONS, HANDLER FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET
WHERE RULE_SET_NAME = 'Maintenance Period';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
RULE_SET_NAME      HANDLER_OPTIONS  HANDLER
-----
Maintenance Period                1 dbavowner.email_alert
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Description of the rule set.
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the rule set has been enabled. Y (Yes) enables the rule set; N (No) disables it.
EVAL_OPTIONS_MEANING	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	For rules sets that contain multiple rules, determines how many rules are evaluated. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All True: All rules in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to TRUE.</li> <li>• Any True: At least one rule in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to TRUE.</li> </ul>
AUDIT_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Indicates when auditing using traditional auditing is used. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0: No auditing</li> <li>• 1: Audit on failure</li> <li>• 2: Audit on success</li> <li>• 3: Audit on both failure and success</li> </ul> Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
FAIL_OPTIONS_MEANING	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Determines when an audit record is created for the rule set. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do Not Show Error Message.</li> <li>• Show Error Message</li> </ul>
FAIL_MESSAGE	VARCHAR(80)	NULL	Error message for failure that is associated with the fail code listed in the FAIL_CODE column.
FAIL_CODE	VARCHAR(10)	NULL	The error message number associated with the message listed in the FAIL_MESSAGE column. Possible values are in the ranges of -20000 to -20999 or 20000 to 20999.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
HANDLER_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Determines how error handling is used. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Disables error handling.</li> <li>1: Call handler on rule set failure.</li> <li>2: Call handler on rule set success.</li> </ul>
HANDLER	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Name of the PL/SQL function or procedure that defines the custom event handler logic.
IS_STATIC	VARCHAR2(5)	NULL	Indicates how often the rule set is evaluated during a user session. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE: The rule set is evaluated once, and result of the rule set is reused throughout the user session.</li> <li>FALSE (default): The rule set is evaluated each time it is accessed during the user session.</li> </ul>
COMMON	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the rule set is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule set is common</li> <li>NO if the rule set is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the rule set, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the rule set was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the rule set is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER)	NOT NULL	The ID number of the rule set, which is automatically generated when the rule set is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the rule set is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) rule set or a user-created rule set. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule set is a default rule set</li> <li>NO if the rule set is a user-created rule set</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_RULE data dictionary view lists the rules that have been defined.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE\\_SET\\_RULE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET\_RULE data dictionary view lists rules that are associated with existing rule sets.

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 25.37 DBA\_DV\_RULE\_SET\_RULE View

The `DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE` data dictionary view lists rules that are associated with existing rule sets.

For example:

```
SELECT RULE_SET_NAME, RULE_NAME, RULE_EXPR FROM DBA_DV_RULE_SET_RULE
WHERE RULE_NAME = 'Is Security Officer';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
RULE_SET_NAME          RULE_NAME          RULE_EXPR
-----
Can Grant VPD Administration Is Security Owner  DBMS_MACUTL.USER_HAS_ROLE_VARCHAR
                                                ('DV_OWNER',
                                                dvsys.dv_login_user) = 'Y'
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
<code>RULE_SET_NAME</code>	<code>VARCHAR(128)</code>	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set that contains the rule.
<code>RULE_NAME</code>	<code>VARCHAR(128)</code>	NOT NULL	Name of the rule.
<code>RULE_EXPR</code>	<code>VARCHAR(1024)</code>	NOT NULL	PL/SQL expression that defines the rule listed in the <code>RULE_NAME</code> column.
<code>ENABLED</code>	<code>VARCHAR(1)</code>	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the rule is enabled or disabled. Y (Yes) enables the rule set; N (No) disables it.
<code>RULE_ORDER</code>	<code>NUMBER</code>	NOT NULL	The order in which rules are used within the rule set. Does not apply to this release.
<code>COMMON</code>	<code>VARCHAR(3)</code>	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the rule is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES if the rule is common</li> <li>• NO if the rule is local</li> </ul>
<code>INHERITED</code>	<code>VARCHAR(3)</code>	NOT NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the rule, when the <code>COMMON</code> column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES means that the rule was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>• NO means that the rule is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an <code>INHERITED</code> value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an <code>INHERITED</code> value of YES.</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_RULE` data dictionary view lists the rules that have been defined.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_RULE_SET` data dictionary view lists the rules sets that have been created.

## 25.38 DBA\_DV\_SIMULATION\_LOG View

The DBA\_DV\_SIMULATION\_LOG data dictionary view captures simulation log information for realms and command rules that have had simulation mode enabled.

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME, COMMAND
FROM DBA_DV_SIMULATION_LOG, REALM_NAME
WHERE REALM_NAME = 'HR Realm';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
USERNAME      COMMAND
-----
PSMITH        SELECT
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Simulation log ID
USERNAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user whose information is being tracked
COMMAND	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Command rule being tracked For a listing of existing command rules, query the DBA_DV_COMMAND_RULE view.
VIOLATION_TYPE	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Type of violation. See <a href="#">Table 25-2</a> for more information.
REALM_NAME	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Realm being tracked. Multiple realms are represented as comma separated names in the VARCHAR2 field. For a listing of existing realms, query the DBA_DV_REALM view.
REALM_TYPE	VARCHAR2(9)	NULL	Type of realm being tracked (for example, mandatory realms).
OBJECT_OWNER	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	For command rules, the database schema to which the command rule applied
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	For command rules, the database object that the command rule protects
OBJECT_TYPE	VARCHAR2(129)	NULL	For command rules, the type of object that is being protected
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Rule set being tracked; it is associated with a command rule. Multiple rule sets are represented as comma separated names in the VARCHAR2 field. For a listing of existing rule sets, query the DBA_DV_RULE_SET view, described in <a href="#">DBA_DV_RULE_SET View</a>
RETURNCODE	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The Oracle AI Database ORA error that results if the Database Vault entity was in the enabled state rather than in simulation state
SQLTEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	SQL text that the simulation mode captures
AUTHENTICATION_METHOD	VARCHAR2(10)	NULL	Authentication method used.



Column	Datatype	Null	Description
CLIENT_IP	VARCHAR2(45)	NULL	The IP address of the machine from which the client is connected
DB_DOMAIN	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The domain of the database as specified in the DB_DOMAIN initialization parameter
DATABASE_HOSTNAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The host name of the computer on which the instance is running
DATABASE_INSTANCE	VARCHAR2(5)	NULL	The instance identification number of the current instance
DATABASE_IP	VARCHAR2(45)	NULL	The IP address of the computer on which the instance is running
DATABASE_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The name of the database as specified in the DB_NAME initialization parameter
DOMAIN	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	A named collection of physical, configuration, or implementation-specific factors in the run-time environment.
ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY	VARCHAR2(1024)	NULL	The enterprise-wide identity for the user.
IDENTIFICATION_TYPE	VARCHAR2(14)	NULL	The way the user schema was created in the database.
LANG	VARCHAR2(10)	NULL	The ISO abbreviation for the language name, a shorter form than the existing LANGUAGE parameter
LANGUAGE	VARCHAR2(100)	NULL	The language and territory your session currently uses, along with the database character set.
MACHINE	VARCHAR2(64)	NULL	The host name for the database client that established the current session. If you must find out whether the computer was used for a client or server session, then you can compare this setting with the Database_Hostname factor to make the determination
NETWORK_PROTOCOL	VARCHAR2(4)	NULL	The network protocol being used for communication, as specified in the PROTOCOL=protocol portion of the connect string
PROXY_ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY	VARCHAR2(1024)	NULL	The Oracle Internet Directory DN when the proxy user is an enterprise user
PROXY_USER	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The name of the database user who opened the current session on behalf of SESSION_USER
SESSION_USER	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The database user name by which the current user is authenticated. This value remains the same throughout the session.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
DV\$_DBLINK_INFO	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	<p>Returns the source of a database link session. The string that it returns has this form:</p> <p>SOURCE_GLOBAL_NAME=dblink_src_global_name,</p> <p>DBLINK_NAME=dblink_name,</p> <p>SOURCE_AUDIT_SESSIONID=dblink_src_audit_sessionid</p> <p>In this specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>dblink_src_global_name</i> is the unique global name of the source database</li> <li>• <i>dblink_name</i> is the name of the database link on the source database</li> <li>• <i>dblink_src_audit_sessionid</i> source database that initiated source database that initiated the connection to the remote database using <i>dblink_name</i></li> </ul>
DV\$_MODULE	VARCHAR2(64)	NULL	The application name (module) that was set through the DBMS_APPLICATION_INFO PL/SQL package or Oracle Call Interface (OCI).
DV\$_CLIENT_IDENTIFIER	VARCHAR2(64)	NULL	Returns an identifier that is set by the application through the DBMS_SESSION.SET_IDENTIFIER procedure, the OCI attribute OCI_ATTR_CLIENT_IDENTIFIER, or Oracle Dynamic Monitoring Service (DMS). Various Oracle AI Database components use this attribute to identify lightweight application users who authenticate as the same database user.
FACTOR_CONTEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	An XML document that contains all of the factor identifiers for the current session at the point when the audit event was triggered
TIMESTAMP	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE	NULL	Time stamp of user action, in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) time zone
PL_SQL_STACK	CLOB	NULL	When simulation mode is enabled, indicates whether the PL/SQL stack has been recorded for failed operations. TRUE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has been recorded; FALSE indicates that the PL/SQL stack has not been recorded.

### VIOLATION\_TYPE Code Values

[Table 25-2](#) lists the VIOLATION\_TYPE code values for the DBA\_DV\_SIMULATION\_LOG view.

**Table 25-2 DBA\_DV\_SIMULATION\_LOG VIOLATION\_TYPE Code Values**

Code	Meaning
1000	Realm violation
1001	Command rule violation
1002	Oracle Data Pump authorization violation
1003	Simulation violation
1004	Oracle Scheduler authorization violation

**Table 25-2 (Cont.) DBA\_DV\_SIMULATION\_LOG VIOLATION\_TYPE Code Values**

Code	Meaning
1005	DDL authorization violation
1006	PARSE_AS_USER violation

**Related Topics**

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view lists the SQL statements that are protected by command rules.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_POLICY data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.

## 25.39 DBA\_DV\_STATUS or SYS.DBA\_DV\_STATUS View

The DBA\_DV\_STATUS (or SYS.DBA\_DV\_STATUS) data dictionary view shows the status of Oracle Database Vault being enabled and configured.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME                STATUS
-----
DV_APP_PROTECTION    NOT CONFIGURED
DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS  TRUE
DV_ENABLE_STATUS     TRUE
```

**Related Views**

- [CDB\\_DV\\_STATUS View](#)

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR2(19)	NOT NULL	Shows one of the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DV_APP_PROTECTION shows whether Database Vault operations control has been configured or not configured</li> <li>• DV_CONFIGURE_STATUS shows whether Oracle Database Vault has been configured, that is, with the CONFIGURE_DV procedure.</li> <li>• DV_ENABLE_STATUS shows whether Oracle Database Vault has been enabled, that is, with the DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV procedure.</li> </ul>

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
STATUS	VARCHAR2(64)	NOT NULL	TRUE means that Oracle Database Vault is configured or enabled; FALSE means that it is not. For DV_APP_PROTECTION, it shows either CONFIGURED or NOT CONFIGURED.

## 25.40 DBA\_DV\_SQL\_FIREWALL\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_SQL\_FIREWALL\_AUTH data dictionary view shows users who have been granted authorization to perform Oracle SQL Firewall operations.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_SQL_FIREWALL_AUTH WHERE GRANTEE = 'PFITCH';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE  CAN_MANAGE_DV_ADMINS
-----  -
PFITCH   Y
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted Database Replay workload capture authorization
CAN_MANAGE_DV_ADMINS	VARCHAR2(32)	NOT NULL	Setting for the AUTHORIZE_SQL_FIREWALL manage_dv_admins parameter for this user

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle SQL Firewall with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can authorize Oracle SQL Firewall users to work in a Database Vault environment.

## 25.41 DBA\_DV\_TTS\_AUTH View

The DBA\_DV\_TTS\_AUTH data dictionary view lists users who have been granted authorization through the DBMS\_MACADM.AUTHORIZE\_TTS\_USER procedure to perform Oracle Data Pump transportable operations.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_TTS_AUTH;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GRANTEE  TSNAME
-----  -
DB_MGR   HR_TS
```

### Related Views

- [DBA\\_DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_AUTH View](#)

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
GRANTEE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the user who has been granted transportable tablespace authorization
TSNAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the transportable tablespace to which the GRANTEE user has been granted authorization

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Data Pump users to work in a Database Vault environment.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_DATAPUMP\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_DATAPUMP\_AUTH data dictionary view lists the authorizations for using Oracle Data Pump in an Oracle Database Vault environment.

## 25.42 DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS View

The DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database user account excluding privileges granted through the PUBLIC role.

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACCESS_TYPE, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

USERNAME  ACCESS_TYPE          PRIVILEGE
-----
DVOWNER    DV_ADMIN             SELECT
SYS        SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE  SELECT
...
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
USERNAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the database schema account in which privileges have been defined.
ACCESS_TYPE	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Role the database user account listed in the USERNAME column uses to access the database. Oracle Database Vault accounts have direct access.
PRIVILEGE	VARCHAR(40)	NOT NULL	Privilege granted to the user listed in the USERNAME column.
OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the database user account.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the PL/SQL function or procedure used to define privileges.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_PUB\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_PUB\_PRIVS data dictionary view lists data reflected in the Oracle Database Vault privilege management reports used in Oracle Database Vault Administrator.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_ROLE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_ROLE data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault secure application roles used in privilege management.

- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS\\_ALL View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS\_ALL data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database account including privileges granted through PUBLIC.

## 25.43 DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS\_ALL View

The DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS\_ALL data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database account including privileges granted through PUBLIC.

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACCESS_TYPE, PRIVILEGE FROM DBA_DV_USER_PRIVS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```

USERNAME          ACCESS_TYPE  PRIVILEGE
-----
BEA_DVACCTMGR     CONNECT     CREATE_SESSION
LEO_DVOWNER       DIRECT      CREATE PROCEDURE
...

```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
USERNAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the database schema account in which privileges have been defined.
ACCESS_TYPE	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Role the database user account listed in the USERNAME column uses to access the database. Oracle Database Vault accounts have direct access.
PRIVILEGE	VARCHAR(40)	NULL	Privilege granted to the user listed in the USERNAME column.
OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the database user account.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the PL/SQL function or procedure used to define privileges.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_PUB\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_PUB\_PRIVS data dictionary view lists data reflected in the Oracle Database Vault privilege management reports used in Oracle Database Vault Administrator.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_ROLE View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_ROLE data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault secure application roles used in privilege management.
- [DBA\\_DV\\_USER\\_PRIVS View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_USER\_PRIVS data dictionary view lists the privileges for a database user account excluding privileges granted through the PUBLIC role.

## 25.44 DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT View

The DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT data dictionary view captures DVSYS.AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table audit trail records.

It includes records that are related to successful and failed configuration changes made to realms, rules, rule sets, factors, and other Oracle Database Vault policy configuration activities.

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACTION_NAME FROM DVSYS.DV$CONFIGURATION_AUDIT
WHERE USERNAME = 'PSMITH';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
USERNAME  ACTION_NAME
-----
PSMITH    Realm Creation Audit
PSMITH    Rule Set Update Audit
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for the audit record
OS_USERNAME	VARCHAR(255)	NULL	Operating system login user name of the user whose actions were audited
USERNAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the database user whose actions were audited
USERHOST	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Client computer name
TERMINAL	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	Identifier for the user's terminal
TIMESTAMP	DATA	NULL	Date and time of creation of the audit trail entry (in the local database session time zone)
OWNER	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Creator of the object affected by the action, always DVSYS (because DVSYS is where objects are created)
OBJ_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Name of the object affected by the action. Expected values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROLE\$</li> <li>• REALM\$</li> <li>• CODE\$</li> <li>• FACTOR\$</li> </ul>
ACTION	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric action type code. The corresponding name of the action type is in the ACTION_NAME column. See <a href="#">Table 25-3</a> for a listing of the possible actions.
ACTION_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Name of the action type corresponding to the numeric code in the ACTION column. See <a href="#">Table 25-3</a> for a listing of the possible actions.
ACTION_OBJECT_ID	NUMBER	NULL	The unique identifier of the record in the table specified under OBJ_NAME
ACTION_OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The unique name or natural key of the record in the table specified under OBJ_NAME
ACTION_COMMAND	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	The SQL text of the command procedure that was run that resulted in the audit event being triggered
AUDIT_OPTION	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	The labels for all (traditional) audit options specified in the record that resulted in the audit event being triggered. For example, a factor set operation that is supposed to audit on get failure and get NULL would indicate these two options.  Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
RULE_SET_ID	NUMBER	NULL	The unique identifier of the rule set that was executing and caused the audit event to trigger
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The unique name of the rule set that was executing and caused the audit event to trigger
RULE_ID	NUMBER	NULL	Not used

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
RULE_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Not used
FACTOR_CONTEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	An XML document that contains all of the factor identifiers for the current session at the point when the audit event was triggered
COMMENT_TEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Text comment on the audit trail entry, providing more information about the statement audited
SESSIONID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for each Oracle session
ENTRYID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Same as the value in the ID# column
STATEMENTID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for the statement invoked that caused the audit event to be generated. This is empty for most Oracle Database Vault events.
RETURNCODE	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Oracle error code generated by the action. The error code for a statement or procedure invoked that caused the audit event to be generated. This is empty for most Oracle Database Vault events.
EXTENDED_TIMESTAMP	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE	NULL	Time stamp of creation of the audit trail entry (time stamp of user login for entries) in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) time zone
PROXY_SESSIONID	NUMBER	NULL	Proxy session serial number, if an enterprise user has logged in through the proxy mechanism
GLOBAL_UID	VARCHAR2(32)	NULL	Global user identifier for the user, if the user has logged in as an enterprise user
INSTANCE_NUMBER	NUMBER	NULL	Instance number as specified by the INSTANCE_NUMBER initialization parameter
OS_PROCESS	VARCHAR2(16)	NULL	Operating system process identifier of the Oracle process
CREATED_BY	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Database login user name of the user whose actions were audited
CREATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Date on which the action occurred, based on the SYSDATE date
UPDATED_BY	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Same as CREATED_BY column value
UPDATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Same as UPDATED_BY column value
GRANTEE	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	User ID of users who have been granted Database Vault-protected roles, realm authorization, command-rule authorization, job scheduler authorization, or Oracle Data Pump authorizations
ENABLED_STATUS	VARCHAR2(1)	NULL	Indicates whether the configuration was enabled

[Table 25-3](#) describes the possible values for the ACTION column of the DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view.

**Table 25-3 DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT View ACTION Values**

Action Type Code	Action Name
20001	Enable DV enforcement Audit
20002	Disable DV enforcement Audit
20003	Realm Creation Audit



**Table 25-3 (Cont.) DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT View ACTION Values**

Action Type Code	Action Name
20004	Realm Update Audit
20005	Realm Rename Audit
20006	Realm Deletion Audit
20007	Add Realm Auth Audit
20008	Delete Realm Auth Audit
20009	Update Realm Auth Audit
20010	Add Realm Object Audit
20011	Update Realm Object Audit
20012	Delete Realm Object Audit
20013	Enable Event Audit
20014	Disable Event Audit
20015	Rule Set Creation Audit
20016	Rule Set Update Audit
20017	Rule Set Rename Audit
20018	Rule Set Deletion Audit
20019	Add Rule To Rule Set Audit
20020	Delete Rule From Rule Set Audit
20021	Rule Creation Audit
20022	Rule Update Audit
20023	Rule Rename Audit
20024	Rule Deletion Audit
20025	CommandRule Creation Audit
20026	CommandRule Update Audit
20027	CommandRule Deletion Audit
20028	Authorize Datapump User Audit
20029	Unauthorize Datapump User Audit
20030	Authorize Job User Audit
20031	Unauthorize Job User Audit
20032	Factor_Type Creation Audit
20033	Factor_Type Deletion Audit
20034	Factor_Type Update Audit
20035	Factor_Type Rename Audit
20036	Factor Creation Audit
20037	G_FACTOR_DELETION_AUDIT_CODE
20038	Factor Update Audit
20039	Factor Rename Audit
20040	Add Factor Link Audit

**Table 25-3 (Cont.) DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT View ACTION Values**

Action Type Code	Action Name
20041	Delete Factor Link Audit
20042	Add Policy Factor Audit
20043	Delete Policy Factor Audit
20044	Create Identity Audit
20045	Delete Identity Audit
20046	Update Identity Audit
20047	Change Identity Factor Audit
20048	Change Identity Value Audit
20049	Create Identity Map Audit
20050	Delete Identity Map Audit
20051	Create Policy Label Audit
20052	Delete Policy Label Audit
20053	Create Mac Policy Audit
20054	Update Mac Policy Audit
20055	Delete Mac Policy Audit
20056	Create Role Audit
20057	Delete Role Audit
20058	Update Role Audit
20059	Rename Role Audit
20060	Create Domain Identity Audit
20061	Drop Domain Identity Audit
20062	Enable Oradebug Audit
20063	Disable Oradebug Audit
20064	Authorize Proxy User Audit
20065	Unauthorize Proxy User Audit
20066	Enable DV Dictionary Accounts Audit
20067	Disable DV Dictionary Accounts Audit
20068	Authorize DDL Audit
20069	Unauthorize DDL Audit
20070	Authorize TTS Audit
20071	Unauthorize TTS Audit
20072	Authorize PREPROCESSOR Audit
20073	Unauthorize PREPROCESSOR Audit
20074	Create Policy Audit
20075	Update Policy Description Audit
20076	Update Policy State Audit
20077	Rename Policy Audit

**Table 25-3 (Cont.) DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT View ACTION Values**

Action Type Code	Action Name
20078	Drop Policy Audit
20079	Add Realm to Policy Audit
20080	Delete Realm From Policy Audit
20081	Add Command Rule to Policy Audit
20082	Delete Command Rule from Policy Audit
20083	Add Policy Owner Audit
20084	Delete Policy Owner Audit
20085	Authorize Maintenance Audit
20086	Unauthorize Maintenance Audit

**Related Topics**

- [AUDSYS.DV\\$CONFIGURATION\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The AUDSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view is almost the same as the DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view except that it captures unified audit trail Database Vault audit records.

## 25.45 DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT View

The DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT data dictionary view provides information about enforcement-related audits from the DVSYS.AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table.

It captures user violations on command rules, realms, and factors.

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME, ACTION_COMMAND FROM DVSYS.DV$ENFORCEMENT_AUDIT
WHERE OWNER = 'HR';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
USERNAME      ACTION_COMMAND
-----
PSMITH        CREATE_REALM
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for the audit record
OS_USERNAME	VARCHAR(255)	NULL	Operating system login user name of the user whose actions were audited
USERNAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the database user whose actions were audited
USERHOST	VARCHAR(255)	NULL	Client computer name
TERMINAL	VARCHAR(255)	NULL	Identifier for the user's terminal
TIMESTAMP	DATE	NULL	Date and time of creation of the audit trail entry (in the local database session time zone)

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Creator of the object affected by the action, always DVSYS (because DVSYS is where objects are created)
OBJ_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the object affected by the action. Expected values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROLE\$</li> <li>• REALM\$</li> <li>• CODE\$</li> <li>• FACTOR\$</li> </ul>
ACTION	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric action type code. The corresponding name of the action type is in the ACTION_NAME column. See <a href="#">Table 25-4</a> for a listing of the possible actions.
ACTION_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Name of the action type corresponding to the numeric code in the ACTION column
ACTION_OBJECT_ID	NUMBER	NULL	The unique identifier of the record in the table specified under OBJ_NAME
ACTION_OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	The unique name or natural key of the record in the table specified under OBJ_NAME
ACTION_COMMAND	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	The SQL text of the command procedure that was run that resulted in the audit event being triggered
AUDIT_OPTION	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	The labels for all (traditional) audit options specified in the record that resulted in the audit event being triggered. For example, a factor set operation that is supposed to audit on get failure and get NULL would indicate these two options. Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
RULE_SET_ID	NUMBER	NULL	The unique identifier of the rule set that was executing and caused the audit event to trigger
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	The unique name of the rule set that was executing and caused the audit event to trigger
RULE_ID	NUMBER	NULL	Not used
RULE_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Not used
FACTOR_CONTEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	An XML document that contains all of the factor identifiers for the current session at the point when the audit event was triggered
COMMENT_TEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Text comment on the audit trail entry, providing more information about the statement audited
SESSIONID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for each Oracle session
ENTRYID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Same as the value in the ID# column
STATEMENTID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for the statement invoked that caused the audit event to be generated. This is empty for most Oracle Database Vault events.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
RETURNCODE	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Oracle error code generated by the action. The error code for a statement or procedure invoked that caused the audit event to be generated. This is empty for most Oracle Database Vault events.
EXTENDED_TIMESTAMP	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE	NULL	Time stamp of creation of the audit trail entry (time stamp of user login for entries) in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) time zone
PROXY_SESSIONID	NUMBER	NULL	Proxy session serial number, if an enterprise user has logged in through the proxy mechanism
GLOBAL_UID	VARCHAR2(32)	NULL	Global user identifier for the user, if the user has logged in as an enterprise user
INSTANCE_NUMBER	NUMBER	NULL	Instance number as specified by the INSTANCE_NUMBER initialization parameter
OS_PROCESS	VARCHAR2(16)	NULL	Operating system process identifier of the Oracle process
CREATED_BY	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Database login user name of the user whose actions were audited
CREATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Date on which the action occurred, based on the SYSDATE date
UPDATED_BY	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Same as CREATED_BY column value
UPDATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Same as UPDATED_BY column value

The following table describes the possible values for the ACTION column of the DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view.

**Table 25-4 DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT View ACTION Values**

Action Type Code	Action Name
10000	Factor Evaluation Audit
10001	Factor Assignment Audit
10002	Factor Expression Audit
10003	Realm Violation Audit
10004	Realm Authorization Audit
10005	Command Authorization Audit
10006	Secure Role Audit
10007	Session Initialization Audit
10008	Secure Command Authorization Audit
10009	OLS Session Initialization Audit
10010	OLS Attempt to Upgrade Label Audit
10011	Command Failure Audit

Related Topics

- [AUDSYS.DV\\$ENFORCEMENT\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The AUDSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view is almost the same as the DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view except that it captures unified audit trail Database Vault audit records.

# 25.46 DVSYS.DV\$REALM View

The DVSYS.DV\$REALM data dictionary view describes settings that were used to create Oracle Database Vault realms, such as which audit options have been assigned or whether the realm is a mandatory realm.

This view also indicates information such as who created and updated the realm, and when the realm was created and updated.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, CREATED_BY, TYPE FROM DVSYS.DV$REALM WHERE NAME LIKE 'Statistics';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME                                CREATED_BY TYPE
-----
Performance Statistics Realm JGODFREY 2
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	ID number of the realm
NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the realm
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR2(1024)	NULL	Description of the realm
AUDIT_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Audit options set for the realm. See audit_options in the UPDATE_REALM procedure description. See Related Topics.
REALM_TYPE	NUMBER	NULL	Type of realm: whether it is a regular realm or a mandatory realm. See realm_type in the UPDATE_REALM procedure description. See Related Topics.
COMMON	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the realm is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES if the realm is common</li> <li>• NO if the realm is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>• NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ENABLED	VARCHAR2(1)	NOT NULL	Whether the realm has been enabled. See enabled in the DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_REALM procedure description. See Related Topics.
VERSION	NUMBER	NULL	Version of Oracle Database Vault in which the realm was created
CREATED_BY	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	User who created the realm
CREATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Date on which the realm was created.
UPDATED_BY	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	User who last updated the realm
UPDATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Date on which the realm was last updated

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [UPDATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_REALM procedure updates a realm.

## 25.47 DVSYS.DBA\_DV\_COMMON\_OPERATION\_STATUS View

The DVSYS.DBA\_DV\_COMMON\_OPERATION\_STATUS data dictionary view displays the status of the DBMS\_MACADM.ALLOW\_COMMON\_OPERATION procedure setting.

For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DVSYS.DBA_DV_COMMON_OPERATION_STATUS;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME                                STATUS
-----
DV_ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION          FALSE
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	CHAR(25)	NOT NULL	Name of this control, that is, DV_ALLOW_COMMON_OPERATION
STATUS	VARCHAR(5)	NOT NULL	Either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRUE prevents local users from creating Oracle Database Vault controls on common user objects. This setting applies to existing local PDB Database Vault controls that were created on common user objects, so that they will not be enforced on common users.</li> <li>• FALSE enables local users to create Database Vault controls on common user objects. Existing local PDB controls that were created on common user objects will continue to be enforced.</li> </ul>

## 25.48 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_COMMAND\_RULE View

The `DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_COMMAND_RULE` data dictionary view enables `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role users to find information about the command rules that are used by Database Vault policies.

Examples of information that users can find include the command rule name, its associated rule set, and whether it is enabled. Only users who have been granted the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT COMMAND, OBJECT_OWNER, OBJECT_NAME FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_COMMAND_RULE;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
COMMAND      OBJECT_OWNER  OBJECT_NAME
-----
SELECT       HR            EMPLOYEES
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
COMMAND	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the command rule.
CLAUSE_NAME	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL	A clause from either the <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> or <code>ALTER SESSION</code> SQL statement, which was used to create the command rule. For example, you it could list the <code>SET</code> clause for the <code>ALTER SESSION</code> statement.  The command rule settings for these two statements are described in the <code>DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE</code> procedure. See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> .
PARAMETER_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	A parameter from the <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> or <code>ALTER SESSION</code> command rule <code>CLAUSE_NAME</code> setting.  See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> .
EVENT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	An event that the <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> or <code>ALTER SESSION</code> command rule defines.  See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> .
COMPONENT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	A component of the <code>EVENT_NAME</code> setting for the <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> or <code>ALTER SESSION</code> command rule.  See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> .
ACTION_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	An action of the <code>EVENT_NAME</code> setting for the <code>ALTER SYSTEM</code> or <code>ALTER SESSION</code> command rule.  See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> .
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set associated with this command rule.
OBJECT_OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	The owner of the object that the command rule affects.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	The name of the database object the command rule affects (for example, a database table).
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Y indicates the command rule is enabled; N indicates it is disabled.
PRIVILEGE_SCOPE	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Obsolete column
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the command rule, which is automatically generated when the command rule is created



Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the command rule is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) command rule or a user-created command rule. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the command rule is a default command rule</li> <li>NO if the command rule is a user-created command rule</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [CREATE\\_COMMAND\\_RULE Procedure](#)  
The `CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure creates both command and local command rules, which can be added to a rule set.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_POLICY View](#)  
The `DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_POLICY` data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role to find information such as the names, descriptions, and states of existing policies in the current database instance, including policies created by other policy owners.

## 25.49 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_POLICY View

The `DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_POLICY` data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role to find information such as the names, descriptions, and states of existing policies in the current database instance, including policies created by other policy owners.

The columns of the `DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_POLICY` view are the same as those in `DBA_DV_POLICY`. Only users who have been granted the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT POLICY_NAME, STATE FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_POLICY
WHERE STATE != 'ENABLED';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
POLICY_NAME                                STATE
-----
HR.EMPLOYEES_pol                           ENABLED
```

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_POLICY View](#)  
The `DBA_DV_POLICY` data dictionary view lists the Oracle Database Vault policies that were created in the current database instance.

## 25.50 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM View

The `POLICY_OWNER_REALM` data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role to find information about the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.

Examples of information that users can find include the realm name, audit options, type, whether it is inherited, and if it is enabled. Only users who have been granted the `DV_POLICY_OWNER` role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, ENABLED FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_REALM;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME                               ENABLED
-----
HR.EMPLOYEES_realm                S
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Description of the realm
AUDIT_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Audit options using traditional auditing set for the realm. See <code>audit_options</code> in the <code>UPDATE_REALM</code> command description. See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> for a description of the possible values. Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
REALM_TYPE	NUMBER	NULL	Type of realm: whether it is a regular realm or a mandatory realm. See <code>realm_type</code> in the <code>UPDATE_REALM</code> command description. See <a href="#">Related Topics</a> .
COMMON_REALM	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the realm is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the realm is common</li> <li>NO if the realm is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED_REALM	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm, when the <code>COMMON</code> column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an <code>INHERITED</code> value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an <code>INHERITED</code> value of YES.</li> </ul>
ENABLED	VARCHAR2(1)	NOT NULL	Indicates the enablement status of the realm. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y for yes (enabled)</li> <li>N for no (not enabled)</li> <li>S for simulation mode</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the realm, which is automatically generated when the realm is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the realm is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) realm or a user-created realm. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the realm is a default realm</li> <li>NO if the realm is a user-created realm</li> </ul>

**Related Topics**

- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the authorization that was granted to realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view enables users to find information about the objects that have been added to realms that are associated with Database Vault policies, such as. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.
- [UPDATE\\_REALM Procedure](#)  
The UPDATE\_REALM procedure updates a realm.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 25.51 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_AUTH View

The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the authorization that was granted to realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.

Examples of the information that users can find are the realm name, grantee, and associated rule set. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT REALM_NAME, INHERITED_REALM FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_REALM_AUTH;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
REALM_NAME          INHERITED
-----
HR.EMPLOYEES_realm  NO
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
REALM_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies. See also Related Topics.
COMMON_REALM	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the realm is local or common.
INHERITED_REALM	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>• NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
GRANTEE	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	User or role name to authorize as owner or participant.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
AUTH_RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NULL	Rule set to check before authorizing. If the rule set evaluates to TRUE, then the authorization is allowed.
AUTH_OPTIONS	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Type of realm authorization: either Participant or Owner.
COMMON_AUTH	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the user who is authorized for this realm is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the user is a common user</li> <li>NO if the users is a local user</li> </ul>
INHERITED_AUTH	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES</li> <li>NO</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM View](#)  
The POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM\\_OBJECT View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view enables users to find information about the objects that have been added to realms that are associated with Database Vault policies, such as. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

## 25.52 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_OBJECT View

The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_OBJECT data dictionary view enables users to find information about the objects that have been added to realms that are associated with Database Vault policies, such as. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

Examples of information that users can find include the realm name, grantee, and associated rule set.

For example:

```
SELECT REALM_NAME, OWNER, OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_REALM_OBJECT;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
REALM_NAME      OWNER  OBJECT_NAME  OBJECT_TYPE
-----
HR.EMPLOYEES_realm HR      EMPLOYEES    TABLE
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
REALM_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Names of the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies. See also Related Topics.
COMMON_REALM	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the realm is local or common.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
INHERITED_REALM	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the realm, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the realm was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the realm is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
OWNER	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Database schema owner who owns the object.
OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the object the realm protects.
OBJECT_TYPE	VARCHAR(32)	NOT NULL	Type of object the realm protects, such as a database table, view, index, or role.

### Related Topics

- [DBA\\_DV\\_REALM View](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_REALM data dictionary view lists the realms created in the current database instance.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM View](#)  
The POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_REALM\\_AUTH View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_REALM\_AUTH data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the authorization that was granted to realms that have been associated with Database Vault policies.

## 25.53 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE View

The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rules that have been associated with rule sets in Database Vault policies, such as the rule name and its expression. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT NAME, RULE_EXPR FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_RULE WHERE NAME = 'True';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
NAME          RULE_EXPR
-----
True          1=1
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule.
RULE_EXPR	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	PL/SQL expression for the rule.

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
COMMON	VARCHAR(3)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the rule is local or common. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule is common</li> <li>NO if the rule is local</li> </ul>
INHERITED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Shows the inheritance status of the rule, when the COMMON column output is YES. Values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES means that the rule was defined in another container that is higher in the hierarchy of the container tree, and inherited in this container when the Database Vault policy was synced during the synchronization process of applications in an application PDB.</li> <li>NO means that the rule is a local object, or it is common from that container. For example, in an application root, an application common realm will have an INHERITED value NO but a CDB root common command rule will have an INHERITED value of YES.</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The ID number of the rule, which is automatically generated when the rule is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the rule is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) rule or a user-created rule. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule is a default rule</li> <li>NO if the rule is a user-created rule</li> </ul>

### Related Topics

- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view enables DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role users to find information about the command rules that are used by Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that have been associated with Database Vault policies.

## 25.54 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET View

The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that have been associated with Database Vault policies.

Examples of information that users can find include the rule set name, its handler information, and whether it is enabled. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT RULE_SET_NAME, ENABLED FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_RULE_SET;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
RULE_SET_NAME  ENABLED
-----
Allow Sessions Y
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set.
DESCRIPTION	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Description of the rule set.
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)	NOT NULL	Indicates whether the rule set has been enabled. Y (Yes) enables the rule set; N (No) disables it.
EVAL_OPTIONS_MEANING	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	For rules sets that contain multiple rules, determines how many rules are evaluated. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All True: All rules in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to TRUE.</li> <li>Any True: At least one rule in the rule set must evaluate to true for the rule set itself to evaluate to TRUE.</li> </ul>
AUDIT_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Indicates when auditing using traditional auditing is used. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: No auditing</li> <li>1: Audit on failure</li> <li>2: Audit on success</li> <li>3: Audit on both failure and success</li> </ul> Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle AI Database 26ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.
FAIL_OPTIONS_MEANING	VARCHAR(4000)	NULL	Determines when an audit record is created for the rule set. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do Not Show Error Message.</li> <li>Show Error Message</li> </ul>
FAIL_MESSAGE	VARCHAR(80)	NULL	Error message for failure that is associated with the fail code listed in the FAIL_CODE column.
FAIL_CODE	VARCHAR(10)	NULL	The error message number associated with the message listed in the FAIL_MESSAGE column. Possible values are in the ranges of -20000 to -20999 or 20000 to 20999.
HANDLER_OPTIONS	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Determines how error handling is used. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Disables error handling.</li> <li>1: Call handler on rule set failure.</li> <li>2: Call handler on rule set success.</li> </ul>
HANDLER	VARCHAR(1024)	NULL	Name of the PL/SQL function or procedure that defines the custom event handler logic.
IS_STATIC	VARCHAR2(5)	NULL	Indicates how often the rule set is evaluated during a user session. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRUE: The rule set is evaluated once, and result of the rule set is reused throughout the user session.</li> <li>FALSE (default): The rule set is evaluated each time it is accessed during the user session.</li> </ul>
ID#	NUMBER)	NOT NULL	The ID number of the rule set, which is automatically generated when the rule set is created
ORACLE_SUPPLIED	VARCHAR2(3)	NULL	Indicates whether the rule set is a default (that is, Oracle-supplied) rule set or a user-created rule set. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YES if the rule set is a default rule set</li> <li>NO if the rule set is a user-created rule set</li> </ul>

## Related Topics

- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view enables DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role users to find information about the command rules that are used by Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rules that have been associated with rule sets in Database Vault policies, such as the rule name and its expression. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

## 25.55 DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET\_RULE View

The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET\_RULE data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that contain rules used in Database Vault policies.

Examples of information that users can find include the rule set name and whether it is enabled. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

For example:

```
SELECT ENABLED FROM DVSYS.POLICY_OWNER_RULE_SET_RULE WHERE RULE_SET_NAME = 'Can Maintain Own Account';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
ENABLED
-----
Y
```

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule set that contains the rule.
RULE_NAME	VARCHAR(128)	NOT NULL	Name of the rule.
RULE_EXPR	VARCHAR(1024)	NOT NULL	PL/SQL expression that defines the rule listed in the RULE_NAME column.
ENABLED	VARCHAR(1)		Indicates whether the rule is enabled or disabled. Y (Yes) enables the rule set; N (No) disables it.
RULE_ORDER	NUMBER	NOT NULL	The order in which rules are used within the rule set. Does not apply to this release.



**Related Topics**

- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_COMMAND\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_COMMAND\_RULE data dictionary view enables DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role users to find information about the command rules that are used by Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE\\_SET View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE\_SET data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rule sets that have been associated with Database Vault policies.
- [DVSYS.POLICY\\_OWNER\\_RULE View](#)  
The DVSYS.POLICY\_OWNER\_RULE data dictionary view enables users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role to find information about the rules that have been associated with rule sets in Database Vault policies, such as the rule name and its expression. Only users who have been granted the DV\_POLICY\_OWNER role can query this view.

## 25.56 AUDSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT View

The AUDSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view is almost the same as the DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT view except that it captures unified audit trail Database Vault audit records.

**Related Topics**

- [DVSYS.DV\\$CONFIGURATION\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The DVSYS.DV\$CONFIGURATION\_AUDIT data dictionary view captures DVSYS.AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table audit trail records.

## 25.57 AUDSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT View

The AUDSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view is almost the same as the DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT view except that it captures unified audit trail Database Vault audit records.

**Related Topics**

- [DVSYS.DV\\$ENFORCEMENT\\_AUDIT View](#)  
The DVSYS.DV\$ENFORCEMENT\_AUDIT data dictionary view provides information about enforcement-related audits from the DVSYS.AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table.

# Monitoring Oracle Database Vault

You can monitor Oracle Database Vault by checking for violations to the Database Vault configurations and by tracking changes to policies.

- [About Monitoring Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can use the Database Vault home page in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to monitor a Database Vault-enabled database.
- [Monitoring Security Violations and Configuration Changes](#)  
A user who has been granted the appropriate role can use Oracle Database Vault Administrator to monitor security violations and configuration changes.

## 26.1 About Monitoring Oracle Database Vault

You can use the Database Vault home page in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to monitor a Database Vault-enabled database.

This feature displays the top five attempted violations and who the top five attempted violators are. The attempted violations cover violations to realms and to command rules. The attempted violators is categorized into users and client hosts. By clicking the **Oracle Database Vault** link under Top 5 Attempted Violations, you can find details such as the type of violation, when it occurred, who the user was, and so on. Similarly, if you click the user link (for example, **SYS**) under Top 5 Attempted Violators, you can find detailed information about each violator, such as the action they performed, the client host name where the action originated, and when the violation occurred. You can manually refresh the data, and restrict the data view, such as within the last 24 hours. This page also shows a table listing all alerts that have been generated.

Before you can view these events, if you have not migrated your database to unified auditing, then you must ensure that the `AUDIT_TRAIL` initialization parameter (deprecated) is set to `DB` or `DB, EXTENDED`. If you have migrated your database to use unified auditing, then you do not need to configure any additional settings. You are ready to check for security violations.

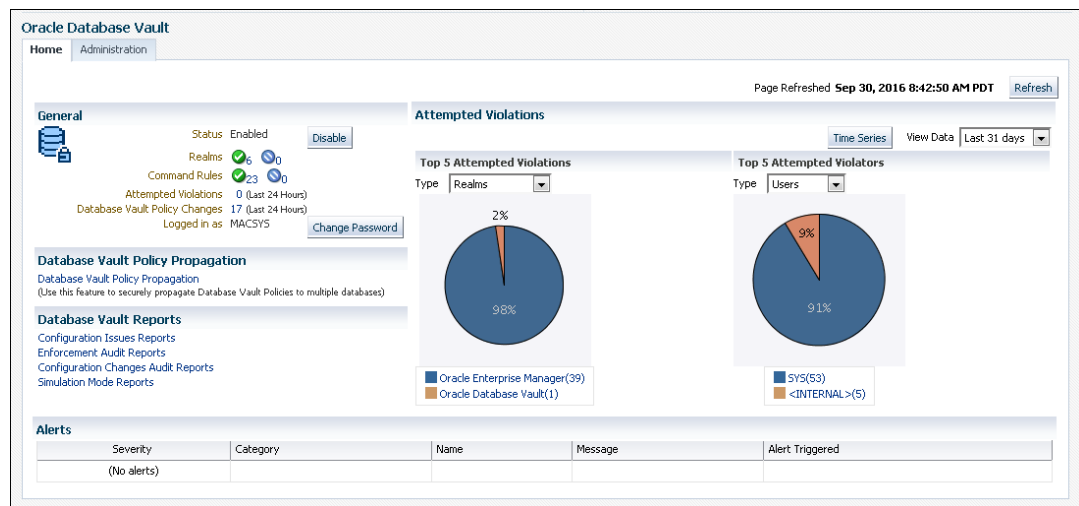
### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

## 26.2 Monitoring Security Violations and Configuration Changes

A user who has been granted the appropriate role can use Oracle Database Vault Administrator to monitor security violations and configuration changes.

1. Log in to Oracle Database Vault Administrator from Cloud Control as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role and the `SELECT ANY DICTIONARY` privilege. [Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#) explains how to log in.
2. Select the **Home** tab.  
A page similar to the following appears:



3. To find attempted violations for a specific time, such as the last 7 days, select from the menu under the **Time Series** button in the upper right corner.

You also can change the pie chart to a graph by clicking the **Time Series** button.

4. To find the **Configuration Issues Reports**, **Enforcement Audit Reports**, **Configuration Changes Audit Reports**, and **Simulation Mode Reports**, select the appropriate link under Database Vault reports.

See [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#) for detailed information about the Database Vault reports.

# Oracle Database Vault Reports

Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

- [About the Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides reports that display security-related information from the database.
- [Who Can Run the Oracle Database Vault Reports?](#)  
Users must have the DV\_OWNER, DV\_ADMIN, or DV\_SECANALYST role before they can run the Oracle Database Vault reports.
- [Running the Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
A user who has been granted the appropriate roles can run the Oracle Database Vault reports from Database Vault Administrator.
- [Oracle Database Vault Configuration Issues Reports](#)  
The configuration issues reports track the settings for command rules, rule sets, realms, and other Oracle Database Vault configurations.
- [Oracle Database Vault Auditing Reports](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault audit reports capture the results of both unified audit policies and traditional audit settings.
- [Oracle Database Vault General Security Reports](#)  
The general security reports track information such as object privileges related to PUBLIC or privileges granted to a database account or role.

## 27.1 About the Oracle Database Vault Reports

Oracle Database Vault provides reports that display security-related information from the database.

These reports also show custom Oracle Database Vault audit event information. If you have unified auditing enabled, then the reports capture the results of your unified audit policies.

The reports are in two categories:

- **Database Vault Reports.** These reports allow you to check configuration issues with realms, command rules, factors, factor identities, rule sets, and secure application roles. These reports also reveal realm violations, auditing results, and so on.
- **General Security Reports.** These reports allow you to check the status of object privileges, database account system privileges, sensitive objects, privilege management, powerful database accounts and roles, initialization parameters, profiles, account passwords, security audits, and other security vulnerability reports.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault-Specific Reports in Enterprise Manager Cloud Control](#)  
From the Database Vault home page, you can find information about violations.
- [Oracle Database Vault Data Dictionary Views](#)  
You can find information about the Oracle Database Vault configuration settings by querying the Database Vault-specific data dictionary views.

## 27.2 Who Can Run the Oracle Database Vault Reports?

Users must have the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role before they can run the Oracle Database Vault reports.

### Related Topics

- [DV\\_OWNER Database Vault Owner Role](#)  
The `DV_OWNER` role enables you to manage the Oracle Database Vault roles and its configuration.
- [DV\\_ADMIN Database Vault Configuration Administrator Role](#)  
The `DV_ADMIN` role controls the Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages.
- [DV\\_SECANALYST Database Vault Security Analyst Role](#)  
The `DV_SECANALYST` role enables users to analyze activities.

## 27.3 Running the Oracle Database Vault Reports

A user who has been granted the appropriate roles can run the Oracle Database Vault reports from Database Vault Administrator.

1. Log in to Oracle Database Vault Administrator from Cloud Control as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role and the `SELECT ANY DICTIONARY` privilege. [Logging in to Oracle Database Vault from Oracle Enterprise Cloud Control](#) explains how to log in.
2. In the Home page, under Reports, select **Database Vault Reports**.
3. On the left side, select the category of reports that you want.
  - Database Vault Configuration Issues
  - Database Vault Enforcement Audit Reports
  - Database Vault Configuration Changes
4. In the Reports page, expand the category that contains the report.  
For example, to find the Rule Set Configurations Issues report, you must expand **Database Vault Configuration Issues**.
5. Select the report (for example, **Rule Set Configuration Issues**).  
The report appears in the right pane.
6. Optionally, use the **Search** field to filter the report.  
For example, you can search for reported incidents that involve a specific rule set. The Search field contents vary depending on the report.
7. When you finished viewing the report, click the **OK** button.

## 27.4 Oracle Database Vault Configuration Issues Reports

The configuration issues reports track the settings for command rules, rule sets, realms, and other Oracle Database Vault configurations.

- [Command Rule Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Command Rule Configuration Issues Report displays command rules that have configuration issues.

- [Rule Set Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Rule Set Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault rule set configuration issues.
- [Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault realm configuration issues.
- [Factor Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Factor Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault factors configuration issues.
- [Factor Without Identities Report](#)  
The Factor Without Identities Report displays Oracle Database Vault factors that have no identities configured.
- [Identity Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Identity Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault factor identity configuration issues.
- [Secure Application Configuration Issues Report](#)  
The Secure Application Configuration Issues Report displays Database Vault secure application role configuration issues.

## 27.4.1 Command Rule Configuration Issues Report

The Command Rule Configuration Issues Report displays command rules that have configuration issues.

These issues are as follows:

- Rule set for the command rule is disabled.
- Rule set for the command rule is incomplete.
- Object owner for the command rule does not exist. This can happen when the user account for the object has been dropped.

## 27.4.2 Rule Set Configuration Issues Report

The Rule Set Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault rule set configuration issues.

This report tracks when no rules are defined or enabled for a rule set.

## 27.4.3 Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report

The Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault realm configuration issues.

These issues are as follows:

- Rule set for a realm authorization is disabled.
- Grantee does not exist for a realm authorization.
- Owner does not exist for a realm-secured object. This can happen when the user account has been dropped.

In most cases, however, these types of issues are caught when you configure the realm and during validation.

## 27.4.4 Factor Configuration Issues Report

The Factor Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault factors configuration issues.

These issues are as follows:

- Rule set for factor assignment is disabled.
- Rule set for factor assignment is incomplete.
- Audit options for the factor are invalid.
- No factor retrieval method or constant exists.
- No subfactors (that is, child factors) are linked to a factor identity.
- No subfactors (child factors) are linked to a label factor.
- Oracle Label Security policy does not exist for the factor.

## 27.4.5 Factor Without Identities Report

The Factor Without Identities Report displays Oracle Database Vault factors that have no identities configured.

For some factors such as `Background_Job_Id`, this may not be a real problem, but the report can help you determine whether your access control configuration is complete and whether you have accounted for all factor configuration.

## 27.4.6 Identity Configuration Issues Report

The Identity Configuration Issues Report displays Oracle Database Vault factor identity configuration issues.

These issues are as follows:

- Label identity for the Oracle Label Security label for this identity has been removed and no longer exists.
- No map exists for the identity.

## 27.4.7 Secure Application Configuration Issues Report

The Secure Application Configuration Issues Report displays Database Vault secure application role configuration issues.

These issues are as follows:

- The database role does not exist. This can happen when the database role has been dropped.
- The rule set for role is disabled.
- The rule set for role is incomplete.

## 27.5 Oracle Database Vault Auditing Reports

The Oracle Database Vault audit reports capture the results of both unified audit policies and traditional audit settings.

- [Realm Audit Report](#)  
The Realm Audit Report shows audit records generated by the realm protection and realm authorization operations.
- [Command Rule Audit Report](#)  
The Command Rule Audit Report shows audit records generated by command rule processing operations.
- [Factor Audit Report](#)  
The Factor Audit Report shows factors that failed to evaluate or were set to create audit records under various conditions.
- [Label Security Integration Audit Report](#)  
The Label Security Integration Audit Report shows audit records the session initialization operation generates and the session label assignment operation of label security.
- [Core Database Vault Audit Trail Report](#)  
The Core Database Vault Audit Trail Report shows audit records that the core access security session initialization operation generates.
- [Secure Application Role Audit Report](#)  
The Secure Application Role Audit Report shows the audit records that the Oracle Database Vault secure application role-enabling operation generates.

### 27.5.1 Realm Audit Report

The Realm Audit Report shows audit records generated by the realm protection and realm authorization operations.

You can manage realm authorizations by using rule sets, and then audit the rule set processing results. A realm violation occurs when the database account, performing an action on a realm-protected object, is not authorized to perform that action. Oracle Database Vault audits the violation even if you do not specify any rule sets attached to the realm. When you configure a realm, you can set it to audit instances of realm violations. You can use this information to investigate attempts to break security.

### 27.5.2 Command Rule Audit Report

The Command Rule Audit Report shows audit records generated by command rule processing operations.

When you configure a command rule, you can set it to audit the rule set processing results.

### 27.5.3 Factor Audit Report

The Factor Audit Report shows factors that failed to evaluate or were set to create audit records under various conditions.

This report also shows failed attempts to set factors.

You can audit instances where a factor identity cannot be resolved and assigned (such as *No data found* or *Too many rows*). A factor can have an associated rule set that assigns an identity



to the factor at run time. When you configure a factor, you can set it to audit the rule set processing results.

## 27.5.4 Label Security Integration Audit Report

The Label Security Integration Audit Report shows audit records the session initialization operation generates and the session label assignment operation of label security.

You can audit instances where the label security session fails to initialize, and where the label security component prevents a session from setting a label that exceeds the maximum session label.

## 27.5.5 Core Database Vault Audit Trail Report

The Core Database Vault Audit Trail Report shows audit records that the core access security session initialization operation generates.

You can audit instances where the access security session fails to initialize. It displays the following data:

Data A-R	Data R-U
Account	Rule Set
Command	Timestamp
Instance Number	Rule Set
Object Name	User Host
Return Code	-

## 27.5.6 Secure Application Role Audit Report

The Secure Application Role Audit Report shows the audit records that the Oracle Database Vault secure application role-enabling operation generates.

### Related Topics

- [Configuring Secure Application Roles for Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Secure application roles enable you to control how much access users have to an application.

## 27.6 Oracle Database Vault General Security Reports

The general security reports track information such as object privileges related to `PUBLIC` or privileges granted to a database account or role.

- [Object Privilege Reports](#)  
The object privilege reports track privileges affected by `PUBLIC`, direct object privileges, and object dependencies.
- [Database Account System Privileges Reports](#)  
The database account system privileges reports track activities such as direct, indirect, hierarchical, and `ANY` system privileges.
- [Sensitive Objects Reports](#)  
The sensitive objects reports track activities such as grants on the `EXECUTE` privilege on `SYS` schema objects and access to sensitive objects.

- [Privilege Management - Summary Reports](#)  
The privilege management summary reports track privilege distribution by grantees, owners, and privileges.
- [Powerful Database Accounts and Roles Reports](#)  
The powerful database accounts and roles reports track information about users who have been granted power privileges, such as the `WITH ADMIN` privilege.
- [Initialization Parameters and Profiles Reports](#)  
The initialization parameters and profiles reports track database parameters, resource profiles, and system limits.
- [Database Account Password Reports](#)  
The database account password reports track default passwords and account statuses of database accounts.
- [Security Audit Report: Core Database Audit Report](#)  
The Core Database Audit Report lists database audit trail records..
- [Other Security Vulnerability Reports](#)  
Other security vulnerability reports track vulnerabilities that arise with activities such as Java policy grants in operating system directory objects.

## 27.6.1 Object Privilege Reports

The object privilege reports track privileges affected by `PUBLIC`, direct object privileges, and object dependencies.

- [Object Access By PUBLIC Report](#)  
The Object Access By PUBLIC Report lists all objects whose access has been granted to `PUBLIC`.
- [Object Access Not By PUBLIC Report](#)  
The Object Access Not By PUBLIC Report describes the object access used by the database accounts on the Report Parameters page.
- [Direct Object Privileges Report](#)  
The Direct Object Privileges Report shows the direct object privileges granted to *nonsystem* database accounts.
- [Object Dependencies Report](#)  
The Object Dependencies Report describes dependencies in the database between procedures, packages, functions, package bodies, and triggers.

### 27.6.1.1 Object Access By PUBLIC Report

The Object Access By PUBLIC Report lists all objects whose access has been granted to `PUBLIC`.

This report details all the object access the database accounts that you specify on the Report Parameters page, through object grants to `PUBLIC`. On the Reports Parameters page, you can filter the results based on the privilege, the object owner, or the object name.

#### Note

This report can be quite large if you choose the defaults.

### 27.6.1.2 Object Access Not By PUBLIC Report

The Object Access Not By PUBLIC Report describes the object access used by the database accounts on the Report Parameters page.

It checks the grants to the account directly or through a role, but excluding the grants to PUBLIC.

On the Reports Parameters page, you can filter the results based on the privilege, the object owner or the object name.

#### Note

This report can be quite large if you choose the defaults.

### 27.6.1.3 Direct Object Privileges Report

The Direct Object Privileges Report shows the direct object privileges granted to *nonsystem* database accounts.

The following database accounts are excluded from the report:

#### Accounts C-O

CTXSYS

DMSYS

DVSYS

LBACSYS

MDSYS

ORDSYS

#### Accounts P-W

PUBLIC

SYS

SYSMAN

SYSTEM

WKSYS

WMSYS

### 27.6.1.4 Object Dependencies Report

The Object Dependencies Report describes dependencies in the database between procedures, packages, functions, package bodies, and triggers.

The report includes dependencies on views created without any database links.

This report can help you develop a security policy using the principle of least privilege for existing applications. If a database object, such as a `UTL_FILE` package, has privileges granted to `PUBLIC` or some other global role, then you can use the Object Dependencies Report to determine an account that may depend on the object and to determine how the account uses the object. To run the report, enter the database account you are inspecting for dependency and the object it may be dependent on, in the Report Parameters page.

The Report Results page shows the dependent object and object type and the source object name and type. This report shows where the potentially sensitive object is being used. By looking at several accounts, you might be able to see patterns that can help you develop restricted roles. These restricted roles can replace `PUBLIC` grants on widely used sensitive objects.

## 27.6.2 Database Account System Privileges Reports

The database account system privileges reports track activities such as direct, indirect, hierarchical, and `ANY` system privileges.

- [Direct System Privileges By Database Account Report](#)  
The Direct System Privileges By Database Account Report lists system privileges directly granted to the database account selected on the Report Parameters page.
- [Direct and Indirect System Privileges By Database Account Report](#)  
The Direct and Indirect System Privileges By Database Account Report displays system privileges for the database account selected on the Report Parameters page.
- [Hierarchical System Privileges by Database Account Report](#)  
The Hierarchical System Privileges by Database Account Report shows a hierarchical breakdown of role-based system privileges and direct system privileges.
- [ANY System Privileges for Database Accounts Report](#)  
The ANY System Privileges for Database Accounts Report shows `ANY` system privileges granted to the specified database account or role.
- [System Privileges By Privilege Report](#)  
The System Privileges By Privilege Report lists database accounts and roles that have the system privilege selected on the Report Parameters page.

### 27.6.2.1 Direct System Privileges By Database Account Report

The Direct System Privileges By Database Account Report lists system privileges directly granted to the database account selected on the Report Parameters page.

This report also shows whether a privilege has been granted the `WITH ADMIN` option.

### 27.6.2.2 Direct and Indirect System Privileges By Database Account Report

The Direct and Indirect System Privileges By Database Account Report displays system privileges for the database account selected on the Report Parameters page.

The system privileges may have been granted directly or granted through a database role that has the `WITH ADMIN` status.

### 27.6.2.3 Hierarchical System Privileges by Database Account Report

The Hierarchical System Privileges by Database Account Report shows a hierarchical breakdown of role-based system privileges and direct system privileges.

These privileges are granted to the database account specified on the Report Parameters page.

### 27.6.2.4 ANY System Privileges for Database Accounts Report

The ANY System Privileges for Database Accounts Report shows `ANY` system privileges granted to the specified database account or role.

`ANY` system privileges are very powerful and should be judiciously assigned to accounts and roles.

## 27.6.2.5 System Privileges By Privilege Report

The System Privileges By Privilege Report lists database accounts and roles that have the system privilege selected on the Report Parameters page.

Another way to control privileges is to create privilege analysis policies to analyze privilege use.

## 27.6.3 Sensitive Objects Reports

The sensitive objects reports track activities such as grants on the `EXECUTE` privilege on `SYS` schema objects and access to sensitive objects.

- [Execute Privileges to Strong SYS Packages Report](#)  
The Execute Privileges to Strong SYS Packages Report shows database accounts and roles with the `EXECUTE` privilege on powerful system packages.
- [Access to Sensitive Objects Report](#)  
The Access to Sensitive Objects Report shows database accounts and roles that have object privileges on system tables or views that have sensitive information.
- [Public Execute Privilege To SYS PL/SQL Procedures Report](#)  
The Public Execute Privilege to SYS PL/SQL Procedures Report shows database accounts and roles that have `EXECUTE` privileges on that `SYS` owns.
- [Accounts with SYSDBA/SYSOPER Privilege Report](#)  
The Accounts with SYSDBA/SYSOPER Privilege Report displays database accounts that have `SYS`-privileged connection privileges.

### 27.6.3.1 Execute Privileges to Strong SYS Packages Report

The Execute Privileges to Strong SYS Packages Report shows database accounts and roles with the `EXECUTE` privilege on powerful system packages.

For example, these types of packages can be used to access operating system resources.

The following system PL/SQL packages are included:

#### Packages D-D

DBMS\_ALERT  
 DBMS\_BACKUP\_RESTORE  
 DBMS\_CAPTURE\_ADM  
 DBMS\_CRYPTO  
 DBMS\_DDL  
 DBMS\_DISTRIBUTED\_TRUST\_ADMIN  
 DBMS\_FGA  
 DBMS\_JOB  
 DBMS\_LDAP  
 DBMS\_LOB  
 DBMS\_LOGMNR  
 DBMS\_LOGMNR\_D

#### Packages D-U

DBMS\_RANDOM  
 DBMS\_REPAIR  
 DBMS\_REPCAT  
 DBMS\_REPCAT\_ADMIN  
 DBMS\_RESOURCE\_MANAGER  
 DBMS\_RESOURCE\_MANAGER\_PRIVS  
 DBMS\_RLS  
 DBMS\_SESSION  
 DEBUG\_EXTPROC  
 UTL\_FILE  
 UTL\_HTTP  
 UTL\_SMTP

**Packages D-D**

DBMS\_ORACLE\_TRACE\_AGENT  
DBMS\_PIPE

**Packages D-U**

UTL\_TCP  
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## 27.6.3.2 Access to Sensitive Objects Report

The Access to Sensitive Objects Report shows database accounts and roles that have object privileges on system tables or views that have sensitive information.

This report includes the following system tables and views:

**Tables/Views A-O**

ALL\_SOURCE  
ALL\_USERS  
APPROLE\$  
AUD\$  
AUDIT\_TRAIL\$  
DBA\_ROLE\_PRIVS  
DBA\_ROLES  
DBA\_TAB\_PRIVS  
DBMS\_BACKUP\_RESTORE  
DEFROLE\$  
FGA\_LOG\$  
LINK\$  
OBJ\$  
OBJAUTH\$  
OBJPRIV\$

**Tables/Views P-S**

PROFILE\$  
PROXY\_ROLE\_DATA\$  
PROXY\_ROLE\_INFO\$  
ROLE\_ROLE\_PRIVS  
SOURCE\$  
STATS\$SQLTEXT  
STATS\$SQL\_SUMMARY  
SYSTEM\_PRIVILEGE\_MAP  
TABLE\_PRIVILEGE\_MAP  
TRIGGER\$  
USER\$  
USER\_HISTORY\$  
USER\_TAB\_PRIVS  
SYSTEM\_PRIVILEGE\_MAP  
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## 27.6.3.3 Public Execute Privilege To SYS PL/SQL Procedures Report

The Public Execute Privilege to SYS PL/SQL Procedures Report shows database accounts and roles that have `EXECUTE` privileges on that `SYS` owns.

This report can be used to determine which privileges can be revoked from `PUBLIC`, or from other accounts and roles. This reduces vulnerabilities as part of an overall security policy implementation using the principle of least privilege.

## 27.6.3.4 Accounts with SYSDBA/SYSOPER Privilege Report

The Accounts with SYSDBA/SYSOPER Privilege Report displays database accounts that have `SYS`-privileged connection privileges.

This report also shows whether the accounts use an external password. However, note that this report does not include operating system users who can become `SYSDBA`.

## 27.6.4 Privilege Management - Summary Reports

The privilege management summary reports track privilege distribution by grantees, owners, and privileges.

- [Privileges Distribution By Grantee Report](#)  
The Privileges Distribution By Grantee Report displays the count of privileges granted to a database account or role.
- [Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner Report](#)  
The Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner Report displays a count of privileges based on the grantee and the owner of the object.
- [Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner, Privilege Report](#)  
The Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner, Privilege Report displays a count of privileges based on the privilege, the grantee, and the object owner.

### See Also

[DBA\\_DV\\_PUB\\_PRIVS View](#) to find the values on which the counts listed in these reports are based

### 27.6.4.1 Privileges Distribution By Grantee Report

The Privileges Distribution By Grantee Report displays the count of privileges granted to a database account or role.

This report provides insight into accounts and roles that may have powerful privileges.

### 27.6.4.2 Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner Report

The Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner Report displays a count of privileges based on the grantee and the owner of the object.

This report provides insight into accounts or roles that may have powerful privileges. You can use this report if you suspect potential intruders or insider threats are looking for accounts that have powerful privileges as accounts to attack or compromise. If intruders can compromise the account (for example, by guessing the password), they can get more privileges than they already have.

### 27.6.4.3 Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner, Privilege Report

The Privileges Distribution By Grantee, Owner, Privilege Report displays a count of privileges based on the privilege, the grantee, and the object owner.

This report provides insight into the accounts or roles that may have powerful privileges.

## 27.6.5 Powerful Database Accounts and Roles Reports

The powerful database accounts and roles reports track information about users who have been granted power privileges, such as the `WITH ADMIN` privilege.

- [WITH ADMIN Privilege Grants Report](#)  
The WITH ADMIN Privileges Grants Report shows all database accounts and roles that have been granted privileges with the WITH ADMIN clause.
- [Accounts With DBA Roles Report](#)  
The Accounts With DBA Roles Report shows all database accounts that have the DBA role granted to them.
- [Security Policy Exemption Report](#)  
The Security Policy Exemption Report shows database (but not Oracle Database Vault) accounts and roles that have the EXEMPT ACCESS POLICY system privilege.
- [BECOME USER Report](#)  
The BECOME USER Report shows database accounts roles that have the BECOME USER system privilege.
- [ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION Report](#)  
The ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION Report shows database accounts and roles that have the ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION privilege.
- [Password History Access Report](#)  
The Password History Access Report shows database accounts that have access to the USER\_HISTORY\$ table.
- [WITH GRANT Privileges Report](#)  
The WITH GRANT Privileges Report shows database accounts that are granted privileges with the WITH GRANT clause.
- [Roles/Accounts That Have a Given Role Report](#)  
This report displays the database accounts and roles to which a role has been granted.
- [Database Accounts With Catalog Roles Report](#)  
The Database Accounts With Catalog Roles Report displays all database accounts and roles that have the catalog-related roles granted to them.
- [AUDIT Privileges Report](#)  
The AUDIT Privileges Report displays all database accounts and roles that have the AUDIT ANY or AUDIT SYSTEM privilege.
- [OS Security Vulnerability Privileges Report](#)  
The OS Security Vulnerability Privileges Report lists database accounts and roles that have privileges to export sensitive information to the operating system.

### 27.6.5.1 WITH ADMIN Privilege Grants Report

The WITH ADMIN Privileges Grants Report shows all database accounts and roles that have been granted privileges with the WITH ADMIN clause.

This privilege can be misused to give another account more system privileges than required.

### 27.6.5.2 Accounts With DBA Roles Report

The Accounts With DBA Roles Report shows all database accounts that have the DBA role granted to them.

The DBA role is a privileged role that can be misused. It is often granted to a database account to save time and to avoid having to determine the least number of privileges an account really needs. This report can help you to start applying a policy using the principle of least privilege to an existing database.



**① See Also**

[Oracle Database Vault Security Guidelines](#) for guidelines on deciding who should have privileged roles

### 27.6.5.3 Security Policy Exemption Report

The Security Policy Exemption Report shows database (but not Oracle Database Vault) accounts and roles that have the `EXEMPT ACCESS POLICY` system privilege.

Accounts that have this privilege can bypass all Virtual Private Database (VPD) policy filters and any Oracle Label Security policies that use Oracle Virtual Private Database indirectly. This is a powerful system privilege that should be granted only if absolutely necessary, as it presents a target to gain access to sensitive information in tables that are protected by Oracle Virtual Private Database or Oracle Label Security. You can use the auditing policies described in [Auditing Oracle Database Vault](#), to audit the use of this privilege.

### 27.6.5.4 BECOME USER Report

The BECOME USER Report shows database accounts roles that have the `BECOME USER` system privilege.

The `BECOME USER` privilege is a very powerful system privilege: it enables the `IMP_FULL_DATABASE` and `EXP_FULL_DATABASE` roles for use with Oracle Data Pump. Accounts that possess this privilege can be misused to get sensitive information or to compromise an application.

### 27.6.5.5 ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION Report

The ALTER SYSTEM or ALTER SESSION Report shows database accounts and roles that have the `ALTER SYSTEM` or `ALTER SESSION` privilege.

Oracle recommends that you restrict these privileges only to those accounts and roles that truly need them (for example, the `SYS` account and the `DV_ADMIN` role). The `ALTER SYSTEM` statement can be used to change the security-related database initialization parameters that are set to recommended values as part of the Oracle Database Vault security strengthening service. Both the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` statements can be used to dump database trace files, potentially containing sensitive configuration information, to the operating system.

**① See Also**

[ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION Privilege Security Considerations](#) for guidelines on using the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` privileges

### 27.6.5.6 Password History Access Report

The Password History Access Report shows database accounts that have access to the `USER_HISTORY$` table.

This table stores hashed passwords that were previously used by each account.

Access to this table can make guessing the existing password for an account easier for someone hacking the database.

## 27.6.5.7 WITH GRANT Privileges Report

The WITH GRANT Privileges Report shows database accounts that are granted privileges with the WITH GRANT clause.

Remember that WITH GRANT is used for object-level privileges: An account that has been granted privileges using the WITH GRANT option can be misused to grant object privileges to another account.

## 27.6.5.8 Roles/Accounts That Have a Given Role Report

This report displays the database accounts and roles to which a role has been granted.

This report is provided for dependency analysis.

## 27.6.5.9 Database Accounts With Catalog Roles Report

The Database Accounts With Catalog Roles Report displays all database accounts and roles that have the catalog-related roles granted to them.

These roles are as follows:

- DELETE\_CATALOG\_ROLE
- EXECUTE\_CATALOG\_ROLE
- RECOVERY\_CATALOG\_OWNER
- SELECT\_CATALOG\_ROLE

These catalog-based roles have a very large number of powerful privileges. They should be granted with caution, much like the DBA role, which uses them.

## 27.6.5.10 AUDIT Privileges Report

The AUDIT Privileges Report displays all database accounts and roles that have the AUDIT ANY or AUDIT SYSTEM privilege.

This privilege can be used to disable auditing, which could be used to eliminate the audit trail record of an intruder who has compromised the system. The accounts that have this privilege could be targets for intruders.

## 27.6.5.11 OS Security Vulnerability Privileges Report

The OS Security Vulnerability Privileges Report lists database accounts and roles that have privileges to export sensitive information to the operating system.

This report can reveal important vulnerabilities related to the operating system.

## 27.6.6 Initialization Parameters and Profiles Reports

The initialization parameters and profiles reports track database parameters, resource profiles, and system limits.

- [Security Related Database Parameters Report](#)  
The Security Related Database Parameters Report lists database parameters that can cause security vulnerabilities if they are not set correctly.

- [Resource Profiles Report](#)  
The Resource Profiles Report lists resource profiles that may be allowing unlimited resource consumption.
- [System Resource Limits Report](#)  
The System Resource Limits Report provides insight into the current system resource usage by the database.

### 27.6.6.1 Security Related Database Parameters Report

The Security Related Database Parameters Report lists database parameters that can cause security vulnerabilities if they not set correctly.

This report can be used to compare the recommended settings with the current state of the database parameter values.

### 27.6.6.2 Resource Profiles Report

The Resource Profiles Report lists resource profiles that may be allowing unlimited resource consumption.

Examples of resource profiles are `CPU_PER_SESSION` and `IDLE_TIME`. You should review the profiles that might need a cap on the potential resource usage.

### 27.6.6.3 System Resource Limits Report

The System Resource Limits Report provides insight into the current system resource usage by the database.

This report helps determine whether any of these resources are approaching their limits under the existing application load. Resources that show large increases over a short period may point to a denial-of-service (DoS) attack. You might want to reduce the upper limit for the resource to prevent the condition in the future.

## 27.6.7 Database Account Password Reports

The database account password reports track default passwords and account statuses of database accounts.

- [Database Account Default Password Report](#)  
The Database Account Default Password Report lists the database accounts that have default passwords.
- [Database Account Status Report](#)  
The Database Account Status Report lists existing database accounts.

### 27.6.7.1 Database Account Default Password Report

The Database Account Default Password Report lists the database accounts that have default passwords.

Default passwords are provided during the Oracle AI Database installation.

You should change the passwords for accounts included in this report to nondefault, complex passwords to help secure the database.

## 27.6.7.2 Database Account Status Report

The Database Account Status Report lists existing database accounts.

This report shows the account status for each account, which helps you identify accounts that must be locked. Lock and expiry dates provide information that helps determine whether the account was locked as a result of password aging. If a special password and resource secure profile is used, then you can identify accounts that are not using them. Accounts not using organizationally defined default tablespaces also can be identified, and the temporary tablespace for accounts can be determined. This report also identifies accounts that use external passwords.

## 27.6.8 Security Audit Report: Core Database Audit Report

The Core Database Audit Report lists database audit trail records..

This report applies to a non-unified auditing environment.

The Core Database Audit Report returns audit records for the audit policy defined in [Auditing Oracle Database Vault](#), and any auditing records that are generated for audit statements you have defined.

This report only displays audit records that are captured if the database initialization parameter `AUDIT_TRAIL` (deprecated) has been set to `DB` (with unified auditing disabled).

## 27.6.9 Other Security Vulnerability Reports

Other security vulnerability reports track vulnerabilities that arise with activities such as Java policy grants or operating system directory objects.

- [Java Policy Grants Report](#)  
The Java Policy Grants Report shows the Java policy permissions stored in the database.
- [OS Directory Objects Report](#)  
The OS Directory Objects Report shows directory objects in the database, their privileges, and whether they are available to `PUBLIC`.
- [Objects Dependent on Dynamic SQL Report](#)  
The Objects Dependent on Dynamic SQL Report lists objects that use dynamic SQL.
- [Unwrapped PL/SQL Package Bodies Report](#)  
The Unwrapped PL/SQL Package Bodies Report lists PL/SQL package procedures that are not wrapped.
- [Username/Password Tables Report](#)  
The Username/Password Tables Report identifies application tables in the database that store user names and password strings.
- [Tablespace Quotas Report](#)  
The Tablespace Quotas Report lists database accounts that have quotas on one or more tablespaces.
- [Non-Owner Object Trigger Report](#)  
The Non-Owner Object Trigger Report lists non-owner triggers.

### 27.6.9.1 Java Policy Grants Report

The Java Policy Grants Report shows the Java policy permissions stored in the database.

This report helps reveal violations to the principle of least privilege. Look for `GRANT`, `READ`, or `WRITE` privileges to `PUBLIC` or other accounts and roles that do not necessarily need the privilege. It is advisable to disable Java loading privileges from `PUBLIC`, if Java is not required in the database.

**Note**

Oracle JVM, the Java virtual machine option provided with Oracle Database Vault, must be installed before you can run the Java Policy Grants Report.

## 27.6.9.2 OS Directory Objects Report

The OS Directory Objects Report shows directory objects in the database, their privileges, and whether they are available to `PUBLIC`.

Directory objects should exist only for secured operating system (OS) directories, and access to them within the database should be protected. You should never use the root operating system directory on any storage device (for example, `/`), because it allows remote database sessions to look at all files on the device.

## 27.6.9.3 Objects Dependent on Dynamic SQL Report

The Objects Dependent on Dynamic SQL Report lists objects that use dynamic SQL.

Potential intruders have a greater chance of using this channel if parameter checking or bind variables are not used. The report helps by narrowing the scope of where to look for problems by pointing out who is using dynamic SQL. Such objects can be a target for a SQL injection attack and must be secured to avoid this type of attack. After determining the objects that use dynamic SQL, do the following:

- Check the privileges that client applications (for example, a Web application) have over the object.
- Check the access granted for the object to `PUBLIC` or a wider account base.
- Validate parameters.
- Use bind variables where possible.

## 27.6.9.4 Unwrapped PL/SQL Package Bodies Report

The Unwrapped PL/SQL Package Bodies Report lists PL/SQL package procedures that are not wrapped.

Oracle provides a wrap utility that obfuscates code to the point where it cannot be read in the data dictionary or from the data dictionary views. This helps reduce the ability of an intruder to circumvent data protection by eliminating the ability to read source code that manipulates data.

## 27.6.9.5 Username/Password Tables Report

The Username/Password Tables Report identifies application tables in the database that store user names and password strings.

You should examine these tables to determine if the information is encrypted. (Search for column names such as `%USER%NAME%` or `%PASSWORD%`.) If it is not, modify the code and applications using these tables to protect them from being visible to database sessions.

### 27.6.9.6 Tablespace Quotas Report

The Tablespace Quotas Report lists database accounts that have quotas on one or more tablespaces.

These tablespaces can become potential targets for denial-of-service (DoS) attacks.

### 27.6.9.7 Non-Owner Object Trigger Report

The Non-Owner Object Trigger Report lists non-owner triggers.

These are triggers that are owned by a database account that is different from the account that owns the database object on which the trigger acts.

If the trigger is not part of a trusted database application, then it can *steal* sensitive data, possibly from tables protected through Oracle Label Security or Virtual Private Database (VPD), and place it into an unprotected table for subsequent viewing or export.

# A

## Auditing Oracle Database Vault

You can audit activities in Oracle Database Vault, such as changes to policy configurations.

- [About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault](#)  
All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.
- [Oracle Database Vault Specific Audit Events](#)  
Oracle Database Vault traditional (non-unified) audit events track activities such as whether an action attempted on a realm was successful.
- [Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
If you have not migrated to unified auditing, you should periodically archive and purge the Oracle Database Vault audit trail.
- [Oracle Database Vault Predefined Unified Audit Policies](#)  
Oracle AI Database provides two predefined unified audit policies for Oracle Database Vault: `ORA_DV_SCHEMA_CHANGES` and `ORA_DV_DEFAULT_PROTECTION`.

### A.1 About Auditing in Oracle Database Vault

All activities in Oracle Database Vault can be audited, including Database Vault administrator activities.

- [Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Unified Auditing](#)  
Oracle recommends that you migrate all your Oracle Database Vault audit policies to unified auditing.
- [Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Traditional Auditing](#)  
Traditional auditing is desupported, but traditional audit settings in an upgraded database can be used with some limitations.

#### A.1.1 Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Unified Auditing

Oracle recommends that you migrate all your Oracle Database Vault audit policies to unified auditing.

To create **new** audit policies in Oracle Database Vault, you must use unified auditing. Traditional auditing is no longer supported as of Oracle AI Database 26ai for new audit settings, though the current existing traditional audit settings are still honored.

The unified audit trail will capture Oracle Database Vault unified audit policy records, as well as mandatory Oracle Database Vault audits.

In addition to this functionality, unified auditing provides the following two predefined policies that are designed for commonly used Database Vault auditing needs:

- `ORA_DV_SCHEMA_CHANGES` (previously called `ORA_DV_AUDPOL`) audits Oracle Database Vault `DVSY` and `LBACSYS` schema objects.
- `ORA_DV_DEFAULT_PROTECTION` (previously called `ORA_DV_AUDPOL2`) audits the Oracle Database Vault default realms and command rules.

In a new Oracle AI Database installation, the `ORA_DV_SCHEMA_CHANGES` and `ORA_DV_DEFAULT_PROTECTION` policies are enabled by default. In an upgraded Oracle database, these policies are not enabled by default.

When you use unified auditing, the auditing features in the Database Vault APIs (the `audit_options` parameter) are no longer effective. You should archive and then purge these audit records. From then on, you can manage Database Vault audit policies through the unified audit policy SQL statements.

All configuration changes made to Database Vault are mandatorily audited and these audit records are written to the unified audit trail, including actions of unprivileged users who attempt to modify Database Vault policies.

To learn how to create unified audit policies, including finding examples of Oracle Database Vault unified audit policies, see *Oracle AI Database Security Guide*.

#### Related Topics

- [Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
If you have not migrated to unified auditing, you should periodically archive and purge the Oracle Database Vault audit trail.

## A.1.2 Auditing Oracle Database Vault Using Traditional Auditing

Traditional auditing is desupported, but traditional audit settings in an upgraded database can be used with some limitations.

The traditional audit settings are controlled through the `audit_options` parameter when you create or modify realms, rule sets, and factors. The audit indicates if the user's action succeeded (that is, the policy enabled the user to accomplish a task) or if the user's action failed (the policy was violated). Database Vault APIs use this parameter to collect audit records and write these audit records to the Oracle Database Vault data dictionary views and reports. Though traditional auditing is desupported starting in Oracle AI Database 26ai any current existing Oracle Database Vault traditional audit settings that you have will still be honored. However, you cannot create new traditional audit settings. You can delete existing traditional audit settings. For example, suppose you created a realm in an earlier release and this realm uses traditional auditing. If you want to update the audit settings for the realm, then the only option available for the `audit_options` parameter is the `OFF` option. To track auditing for the realm, create a unified audit policy. If you do not update the `audit_options` parameter, that is, if you do not update the realm, or if you use `NULL` or the same `audit_options` setting as the current existing setting when updating the realm, then the traditional audit settings defined by `audit_options` will remain as is and continue to work.

When you install a new database and configure it to use Oracle Database Vault, then by default it uses unified auditing only. If you have upgraded from a previous release, then Database Vault uses the auditing that was available from that release.

See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for more information about how the desupport of traditional auditing works.

#### Related Topics

- [Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
If you have not migrated to unified auditing, you should periodically archive and purge the Oracle Database Vault audit trail.



## A.2 Oracle Database Vault Specific Audit Events

Oracle Database Vault traditional (non-unified) audit events track activities such as whether an action attempted on a realm was successful.

- [Oracle Database Vault Policy Audit Events](#)  
Oracle Database Vault uses audit events to track configuration activities, using traditional, non-unified auditing.
- [Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail Record Format](#)  
The `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table stores traditional audit trail records.

### A.2.1 Oracle Database Vault Policy Audit Events

Oracle Database Vault uses audit events to track configuration activities, using traditional, non-unified auditing.

These activities are as follows:

- **Realm Audit.** You can audit both successful and failed actions, based on the auditing option that you set when you created the realm. The exception to this is actions performed by the schema owner.
- **Rule Set Audit.** Audits the rule set processing results. You can audit both successful and failed processing. Realm authorizations can be managed using rule sets. You can audit the rule set processing results. Factor assignments and secure application roles audits can be managed using a rule set.
- **Factor Audit.** You can audit both successful and failed factor processing. For failed factor processing, you can audit on all or any of the following events: Retrieval Error, Retrieval Null, Validation Error, Validation False, Trust Level Null, or Trust Level Less Than Zero.
- **Oracle Label Security Session Initialization Failed.** Audits instances where the Oracle Label Security session fails to initialize.
- **Oracle Label Security Attempt to Upgrade Session Label Failed.** Audits instances where the Oracle Label Security component prevents a session from setting a label that exceeds the maximum session label.

#### Related Topics

- [Creating a Factor](#)  
In general, to create a factor, you first create the factor itself, and then you edit the factor to include its identity.
- [About Realm Authorization](#)  
Realm authorizations establish the set of database accounts and roles that manage or access objects protected in realms.
- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

### A.2.2 Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail Record Format

The `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table stores traditional audit trail records.

Starting in Oracle AI Database 26ai, traditional auditing is desupported. However, traditional audit settings that are currently in place will still be honored. The `audit_options` settings from

realms, rule sets, or factors from a previous release will continue to write to the `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table.

Users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, `DV_SECANALYST` or `DV_MONITOR` role can directly query the `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table.

[Table A-1](#) describes the format of the `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table.

**Table A-1 Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail Format**

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
ID#	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for the audit record
OS_USERNAME	VARCHAR2(255)	NULL	Operating system login user name of the user whose actions were audited
USERNAME	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	Name of the database user whose actions were audited
USERHOST	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Client computer name
TERMINAL	VARCHAR2(255)	NULL	Identifier for the user's terminal
TIMESTAMP	DATE	NULL	Date and time of creation of the audit trail entry (in the local database session time zone)
OWNER	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	Creator of the object affected by the action, always <code>DVSYS</code> (because <code>DVSYS</code> is where objects are created)
OBJ_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Name of the object affected by the action. Expected values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ROLE\$</code></li> <li>• <code>REALM\$</code></li> <li>• <code>CODE\$</code></li> <li>• <code>FACTOR\$</code></li> </ul>
ACTION	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric action type code. The corresponding name of the action type is in the <code>ACTION_NAME</code> column. See <a href="#">Table 25-3</a> for a list of the expected <code>ACTION</code> and <code>ACTION_NAME</code> values.
ACTION_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	Name of the action type corresponding to the numeric code in the <code>ACTION</code> column
ACTION_OBJECT_ID	NUMBER	NULL	The unique identifier of the record in the table specified under <code>OBJ_NAME</code> . For realms, this field contains a list of comma-separated values of all realm IDs that have the Audit on Failure audit option.
ACTION_OBJECT_NAME	VARCHAR2(128)	NULL	The unique name or natural key of the record in the table specified under <code>OBJ_NAME</code> . For realms, this field contains a list of comma-separated values of all realm names that have the Audit on Failure audit option.
ACTION_COMMAND	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	The SQL text of the command procedure that was run that resulted in the audit event being triggered
AUDIT_OPTION	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	The labels for all audit options specified in the record that resulted in the audit event being triggered. For example, a factor set operation that is supposed to audit on get failure and get <code>NULL</code> would indicate these two options.
RULE_SET_ID	NUMBER	NULL	The unique identifier of the rule set that was executing and caused the audit event to trigger

**Table A-1 (Cont.) Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail Format**

Column	Datatype	Null	Description
RULE_SET_NAME	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	The unique name of the rule set that was executing and caused the audit event to trigger
RULE_ID	NUMBER	NULL	Not used
RULE_NAME	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	Not used
FACTOR_CONTEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	An XML document that contains all of the factor identifiers for the current session at the point when the audit event was triggered
COMMENT_TEXT	VARCHAR2(4000)	NULL	Text comment on the audit trail entry, providing more information about the statement audited
SESSIONID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for each Oracle session
ENTRYID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Same as the value in the ID# column
STATEMENTID	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Numeric identifier for the statement invoked that caused the audit event to be generated. This is empty for most Oracle Database Vault events.
RETURNCODE	NUMBER	NOT NULL	Oracle error code generated by the action. The error code for a statement or procedure invoked that caused the audit event to be generated. This is empty for most Oracle Database Vault events.
EXTENDED_TIMESTAMP	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE	NULL	Time stamp of creation of the audit trail entry (time stamp of user login for entries) in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) time zone
PROXY_SESSIONID	NUMBER	NULL	Proxy session serial number, if an enterprise user has logged in through the proxy mechanism
GLOBAL_UID	VARCHAR2(32)	NULL	Global user identifier for the user, if the user has logged in as an enterprise user
INSTANCE_NUMBER	NUMBER	NULL	Instance number as specified by the INSTANCE_NUMBER initialization parameter
OS_PROCESS	VARCHAR2(16)	NULL	Operating system process identifier of the Oracle process
CREATED_BY	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	Database login user name of the user whose actions were audited
CREATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Date on which the action occurred, based on the SYSDATE date
UPDATED_BY	VARCHAR2(30)	NULL	Same as CREATED_BY column value
UPDATE_DATE	DATE	NULL	Same as UPDATED_BY column value

## A.3 Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail

If you have not migrated to unified auditing, you should periodically archive and purge the Oracle Database Vault audit trail.

- [About Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
In a traditional, non-unified auditing environment, you can archive the Oracle Database Vault audit trail by exporting the DVSYS.AUDIT\_TRAIL\$ table to a dump file.

- [Archiving the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
You can use SQL\*Plus and Oracle Data Pump to archive the Oracle Database Vault audit trail from the root or a PDB.
- [Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail](#)  
You can purge the (traditional, non-unified auditing) Oracle Database Vault audit trail from the root or a PDB.

## A.3.1 About Archiving and Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail

In a traditional, non-unified auditing environment, you can archive the Oracle Database Vault audit trail by exporting the `DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` table to a dump file.

You should periodically archive and then purge the audit trail to prevent it from growing too large.

If you choose to migrate to unified auditing, then use this procedure to archive and purge the Database Vault audit trail records after you complete the migration. When unified auditing begins to collect records, then the new records will be available for viewing from the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL`, `AUDSYS.DV$CONFIGURATION_AUDIT`, and `AUDSYS.DV$ENFORCEMENT_AUDIT` data dictionary views.

## A.3.2 Archiving the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail

You can use SQL\*Plus and Oracle Data Pump to archive the Oracle Database Vault audit trail from the root or a PDB.

Use this procedure to archive the traditional, non-unified audit trail in Oracle Database Vault.

1. As user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege, log in to the root or to the PDB.
2. Ensure that the user who will perform archiving has the appropriate privileges.

For example:

```
GRANT CREATE ANY DIRECTORY, EXP_FULL_DATABASE, UNLIMITED TABLESPACE TO psmith;
```

3. Connect to the root or the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_AUDIT_CLEANUP` role.
4. Ensure that the user who will perform archiving has the appropriate privileges.
5. Connect to the root or the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_AUDIT_CLEANUP` role.
6. Archive the Oracle Database Vault audit trail into a new table in an appropriate schema.

For example:

```
CREATE TABLE psmith.dv_audit_trail nologging \  
AS SELECT * FROM DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$;
```

7. If the schema is already protected by a realm, then ensure that you or the user performing the export operation has been granted the appropriate authorization to use Oracle Data Pump in a Database Vault environment.

For example, to authorize user `psmith` to perform Data Pump operations on their own schema:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.AUTHORIZE_DATAPUMP_USER('PSMITH', 'PSMITH');
```

8. Connect to the root or the PDB as the Data Pump user.

**9. Create a directory for the Database Vault audit trail.**

```
CREATE DIRECTORY dv_audit_dir AS 'dv_audit_trail_directory';
```

**10. Exit SQL\*Plus.**

```
EXIT
```

**11. Using Data Pump, export the Database Vault audit trail into the directory object that you just created.**

```
expdp psmith directory=dv_audit_dir tables=psmith.dv_audit_trail \
dumpfile=dv_audit.dmp log=dv_audit_exp.log
```

**12. Connect to the root or the PDB as a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role.****13. If you have not done so, then create a realm around the schema that now contains the Database Vault audit trail.****a. Create the realm. For example:**

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_REALM(
  realm_name    => 'DV Audit Trail Realm',
  description   => 'Realm to protect the DV audit trail',
  enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES,
  audit_options => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUDIT_ON,
  realm_type    => DBMS_MACADM.MANDATORY_REALM);
END;
/
```

**b. Add the schema that contains to audit trail to this realm. For example:**

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_OBJECT_TO_REALM(
  realm_name    => 'DV Audit Trail Realm',
  object_owner  => 'psmith',
  object_name   => '%',
  object_type   => '%');
END;
/
```

**c. Authorize a trusted user for this realm.**

```
BEGIN
DBMS_MACADM.ADD_AUTH_TO_REALM(
  realm_name    => 'DV Audit Trail Realm',
  grantee       => 'PSMITH',
  auth_options  => DBMS_MACUTL.G_REALM_AUTH_OWNER);
END;
/
```

**Related Topics**

- [Using Oracle Data Pump with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Database administrators can authorize Oracle Data Pump users to work in a Database Vault environment.
- *Oracle AI Database SQL Language Reference*
- *Oracle AI Database Utilities*

## A.3.3 Purging the Oracle Database Vault Audit Trail

You can purge the (traditional, non-unified auditing) Oracle Database Vault audit trail from the root or a PDB.

1. As user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role or the DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP role, log in to the root or to the PDB.
2. Purge the Database Vault audit trail.

```
DELETE FROM DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$;
```

#### Related Topics

- [DV\\_AUDIT\\_CLEANUP Audit Trail Cleanup Role](#)  
The DV\_AUDIT\_CLEANUP role is used for purge operations.

## A.4 Oracle Database Vault Predefined Unified Audit Policies

Oracle AI Database provides two predefined unified audit policies for Oracle Database Vault: ORA\_DV\_SCHEMA\_CHANGES and ORA\_DV\_DEFAULT\_PROTECTION.

- ORA\_DV\_SCHEMA\_CHANGES audits Oracle Database Vault DVSYS and LBACSYS schema objects. See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for detailed information about this predefined policy.
- ORA\_DV\_DEFAULT\_PROTECTION audits the Oracle Database Vault default realms and command rules. See *Oracle AI Database Security Guide* for detailed information about this predefined policy.

You can find the definitions of these policies by querying the AUDIT\_UNIFIED\_POLICIES data dictionary view. For the policy\_name parameter, specify ORA\_DV\_SCHEMA\_CHANGES or ORA\_DV\_DEFAULT\_PROTECTION.

# B

## Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault

Periodically you must disable and then re-enable Oracle Database Vault, for activities such as installing Oracle AI Database optional products or features.

- [When You Must Disable Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You may need to disable Oracle Database Vault to perform upgrade tasks or correct erroneous configurations.
- [Step 1: Disable Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Be aware that after you disable Oracle Database Vault, Oracle Label Security, which is required to run Database Vault, is still enabled.
- [Step 2: Perform the Required Tasks](#)  
At this stage, Oracle Database Vault is disabled and you can perform the required tasks.
- [Step 3: Enable Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can enable Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Label Security from SQL\*Plus from either the root or a PDB.

### B.1 When You Must Disable Oracle Database Vault

You may need to disable Oracle Database Vault to perform upgrade tasks or correct erroneous configurations.

You can reenable Oracle Database Vault after you complete the corrective tasks.

The following situations require you to disable Oracle Database Vault:

- You must install any of the Oracle AI Database optional products or features, such as Oracle Spatial, by using Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA).
- If you did not configure backup DV\_ACCTMGR accounts when you configured and enabled Database Vault, and this account is inadvertently locked or their passwords forgotten. If your site's only DV\_ACCTMGR user has lost the password, you can disable Database Vault. As a best practice, you should grant the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles to new or existing named user accounts, and use the Database Vault Owner and Account Manager accounts that you created when you configured and enabled Database Vault as back-up accounts. Note that if your site only has one DV\_OWNER user and this user has lost their password, you will be unable to disable Oracle Database Vault. It is recommended to always have at least two accounts with the DV\_OWNER role, granted WITH ADMIN OPTION, in order to allow the account to grant or revoke the DV\_OWNER role to complete password changes.
- If you want to configure Oracle Internet Directory (OID) using Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA).
- If Oracle Database Vault is enabled and you are upgrading an entire CDB, then use one of the following methods:
  - **CDB upgrade method 1:** Temporarily grant the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN to user SYS commonly by logging into the root container as a common user with the DV\_OWNER role, and then issuing the GRANT DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement. Oracle Database Vault controls will be in the same state as it was before the upgrade. When the upgrade is complete, log into the root container as the DV\_OWNER user and

revoke the DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN role from SYS by issuing the REVOKE DV\_PATCH\_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement.

- **CDB upgrade method 2:** Log into each container as a user who has the DV\_OWNER role and then run the DBMS\_MACADM.DISABLE\_DV procedure. You must first disable the PDBs (in any order) and then after that, disable the root container last. If you are upgrading only one PDB, then you can disable Oracle Database Vault in that PDB only. After you have completed the upgrade, you can enable Oracle Database Vault by logging into each container as the DV\_OWNER user and then executing the DVSYS.DBMS\_MACADM.ENABLE\_DV procedure. The order of enabling Oracle Database Vault must be the root container first and PDBs afterward. You can enable the PDBs in any order, but the root container must be enabled first.

### Note

Be aware that if you disable Oracle Database Vault, the privileges that were revoked from existing users and roles during the Oracle Database Vault configuration remain in effect.

### Related Topics

- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)  
The DBA\_DV\_STATUS, CDB\_DV\_STATUS, and DBA\_OLS\_STATUS data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.
- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.
- [Privileges That Are Revoked from Existing Users and Roles](#)  
The Oracle Database Vault configuration revokes privileges from several Oracle AI Database-supplied users and roles, for better separation of duty.

## B.2 Step 1: Disable Oracle Database Vault

Be aware that after you disable Oracle Database Vault, Oracle Label Security, which is required to run Database Vault, is still enabled.

1. As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role, log in to the root or to the PDB in which you want to disable Oracle Database Vault.
2. If necessary, verify the enablement status of Oracle Database Vault.
3. Disable Oracle Database Vault.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV;
```

4. Restart the CDB or close and then reopen the PDB.

To restart the CDB from the root:

```
CONNECT SYS@pdb_name AS SYSOPER
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
SQL> STARTUP
```

To close and reopen the PDB:



```
CONNECT dvowner@pdb_name
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

- For Oracle RAC installations, repeat these steps for each node on which the database is installed.

#### Related Topics

- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)

The DBA\_DV\_STATUS, CDB\_DV\_STATUS, and DBA\_OLS\_STATUS data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.

## B.3 Step 2: Perform the Required Tasks

At this stage, Oracle Database Vault is disabled and you can perform the required tasks.

You can perform the following types of activities:

- Use the Oracle Database Vault PL/SQL packages and functions.** For example, to correct a login or CONNECT rule set error, use the DBMS\_MACADM PL/SQL package or the Oracle Database Vault pages in Enterprise Manager Cloud Control. Note that a CONNECT command rule cannot prevent a user who has the DV\_OWNER or DV\_ADMIN role from connecting to the database. This enables a Database Vault administrator to correct a misconfigured protection without having to disable Database Vault.
- Use the SYSTEM or SYS accounts to perform tasks such as creating or changing passwords, or locking and unlocking accounts.** In addition to modifying standard database and administrative user accounts, you can modify passwords and the lock status of any of the Oracle Database Vault-specific accounts, such as users who have been granted the DV\_ADMIN or DV\_ACCTMGR roles.
- Perform the installation or other tasks that require security protections to be disabled.**

## B.4 Step 3: Enable Oracle Database Vault

You can enable Oracle Database Vault and Oracle Label Security from SQL\*Plus from either the root or a PDB.

- As a user who has been granted the DV\_OWNER role, log in to the root or to the PDB in which you want to enable Oracle Database Vault.
- If necessary, verify the enablement status of Oracle Database Vault.
- Enable Database Vault.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV (strict_mode => 'n');
-- For regular mode
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV (strict_mode => 'y');
-- For strict mode
```

- Check if Oracle Label Security is enabled.

```
SELECT VALUE FROM V$OPTION WHERE PARAMETER = 'Oracle Label Security';
```

Oracle Label security must be enabled before you can use Database Vault. If it is not enabled, then this query returns FALSE.

5. If Oracle Label Security is not enabled, then enable it.

```
EXEC LBACSYS.CONFIGURE_OLS;  
EXEC LBACSYS.OLS_ENFORCEMENT.ENABLE_OLS;
```

6. Restart the CDB or close and then reopen the PDB.

To restart the CDB from the root:

```
CONNECT SYS@pdb_name AS SYSOPER  
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE  
SQL> STARTUP
```

To close and reopen the PDB:

```
CONNECT dvowner@pdb_name  
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;  
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

7. For Oracle RAC installations, repeat these steps for each node on which the database is installed.

### Related Topics

- [Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled](#)

The `DBA_DV_STATUS`, `CDB_DV_STATUS`, and `DBA_OLS_STATUS` data dictionary views verify if Oracle AI Database is configured and enabled.

# C

## Postinstallation Oracle Database Vault Procedures

After you configure and enable Oracle Database Vault, you can perform specialized tasks, such as adding languages or uninstalling and reinstalling Oracle Database Vault.

- [Adding Languages to Oracle Database Vault](#)  
By default, Oracle Database Vault loads only the English language tables.
- [Uninstalling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can uninstall Oracle Database Vault from an Oracle AI Database installation, for PDBs (but not the root) and Oracle RAC installations.
- [Reinstalling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can reinstall Oracle Database Vault by manually installing it, and then afterward, configure and enable it.

### Related Topics

- [Converting a Standalone Oracle AI Database to a PDB and Plugging It into a CDB](#)  
You can convert a standalone Oracle database from Oracle Database release 12c through 19c to a PDB, and then plug this PDB into a CDB.

## C.1 Adding Languages to Oracle Database Vault

By default, Oracle Database Vault loads only the English language tables.

You can add more languages by running the `DBMS_MACADM.ADD-NLS_DATA` procedure for each new language that you want to add. You can add more than one language to Database Vault, to either a specific PDB or to the root for all PDBs.

1. Log into the root or the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Run the following procedure:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD-NLS_DATA( ' language' );
```

You can specify the *language* setting using any case. For example:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD-NLS_DATA( ' french' );
```

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD-NLS_DATA( ' JAPANESE' );
```

Replace *language* with one of the following supported languages:

- ENGLISH
- GERMAN
- SPANISH
- FRENCH
- ITALIAN

- JAPANESE
- KOREAN
- BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE
- SIMPLIFIED CHINESE
- TRADITIONAL CHINESE

## C.2 Uninstalling Oracle Database Vault

You can uninstall Oracle Database Vault from an Oracle AI Database installation, for PDBs (but not the root) and Oracle RAC installations.

The uninstallation process does not affect the initialization parameter settings, even those settings that were modified during the installation process, nor does it affect Oracle Label Security.

1. Connect to the PDB as a user who has been granted the `DV_OWNER` or `DV_ADMIN` role.
2. Run the following procedure to disable Oracle Database Vault:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV;
```

3. Close and reopen the PDB, or for Oracle RAC, restart the database.

As a user who has the `ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE` privilege:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

For Oracle RAC installations, shut down and then restart each database instance as follows:

```
srvctl stop database -db db_name
srvctl start database -db db_name
```

4. Run the `dvremov.sql` script to remove Oracle Database Vault.

For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/dvremov.sql
```

5. If necessary, in SQL\*Plus, as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege, manually revoke the `EXECUTE` privilege on the `DBMS_RLS` PL/SQL package from any users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` role.

When you configure Oracle Database Vault, one of the privileges that `DV_OWNER` users are granted is this privilege. However, when you remove Oracle Database Vault, `DV_OWNER` users still have this privilege. Optionally, you can revoke it.

```
REVOKE EXECUTE ON DBMS_RLS FROM dbv_owner_backup;
```

6. In the same SQL\*Plus session, verify that the deinstallation by performing the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM V$OPTION WHERE PARAMETER = 'Oracle Database Vault';
```

If Oracle Database Vault is deinstalled, the following output appears:

PARAMETER	VALUE
Oracle Database Vault	FALSE

## C.3 Reinstalling Oracle Database Vault

You can reinstall Oracle Database Vault by manually installing it, and then afterward, configure and enable it.

### Related Topics

- [Manually Installing Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Under certain conditions, you must manually install Oracle Database Vault.
- [Configuring and Enabling Oracle Database Vault](#)  
You can configure and enable Oracle Database Vault based on several scenarios.

# D

## Oracle Database Vault Security Guidelines

As with all Oracle AI Database products, you should follow security guidelines to better secure your Oracle Database Vault installation.

- [Separation of Duty Guidelines](#)  
Oracle Database Vault is designed to easily implement separation of duty guidelines.
- [Managing Oracle AI Database Administrative Accounts](#)  
Oracle provides guidelines for managing security for administrative accounts such as `SYSTEM` or users who have the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.
- [Accounts and Roles Trusted by Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Database Vault restricts access to application data from many privileged users and roles in the database.
- [Accounts and Roles That Should be Limited to Trusted Individuals](#)  
You should limit powerful accounts and roles only to trusted individuals.
- [Guidelines for Using Oracle Database Vault in a Production Environment](#)  
You should follow special guidelines when you run Oracle Database Vault in a production environment.
- [Secure Configuration Guidelines](#)  
You should be aware of security considerations for special PL/SQL packages, privileges, and the recycle bin.

### D.1 Separation of Duty Guidelines

Oracle Database Vault is designed to easily implement separation of duty guidelines.

- [How Oracle Database Vault Handles Separation of Duty](#)  
Separation of duty is restricting each user's privileges *only* to the tasks they are responsible for, and *no more*.
- [Separation of Tasks in an Oracle Database Vault Environment](#)  
Oracle Database Vault defines the several main responsibilities.
- [Separation of Duty Matrix for Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Before applying separation of duty, you must understand who performs basic administration tasks in your environment and what these administration tasks are.
- [Identification and Documentation of the Tasks of Database Users](#)  
You should document the areas of the tasks that your organization needs.

#### D.1.1 How Oracle Database Vault Handles Separation of Duty

Separation of duty is restricting each user's privileges *only* to the tasks they are responsible for, and *no more*.

You should assign specific categories of privileges to specific users, rather than granting many privileges to one user. Simply put, separation of duty creates accountability for each task that your organization requires.

Separation of duty has taken on increased importance over the past 10 years. For many organizations, separation of duty is a new concept that continues to evolve. Database consolidation, regulatory compliance, and outsourcing are just a few of the drivers for increased separation of duty. Oracle Database Vault separation of duty strengthens security by separating security-related administration from day-to-day DBA operations. You can tailor your Database Vault separation of duty implementation to easily adapt to current and future business requirements. Small organizations, in particular, need flexibility as they attempt to increase their security profile with limited resources.

## D.1.2 Separation of Tasks in an Oracle Database Vault Environment

Oracle Database Vault defines the several main responsibilities.

These responsibilities are as follows:

- **Account management.** Account management entails creating, modifying, and dropping user accounts. The `DV_ACCTMGR` role provides these privileges. A primary day-to-day `DV_ACCTMGR` user and a backup `DV_ACCTMGR` user are created during the Oracle Database Vault registration process. As a safety measure, you keep and maintain the backup account in case the primary `DV_ACCTMGR` account owner forgets their password or leaves the company.
- **Security administration.** Security administration covers basic security tasks such as creating realms and command rules, setting security policies for database users' access, and authorizing database users for jobs they are allowed to perform. Security administrators also run security audit reports. The `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ADMIN` roles provide these privileges. A primary day-to-day `DV_OWNER` user and a backup `DV_OWNER` user are created during the Oracle Database Vault registration process.

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As a safety measure, you should keep and maintain the backup user account in case the primary `DV_OWNER` account owner forgets their password or leaves the company. It is also important that you do not lose access to all of the user accounts that have been granted the `DV_OWNER` role. There is no way to recover the `DV_OWNER` role if you lose access (such as with a lost password or a staff departure) to any account that has the `DV_OWNER` role. If you lose access to the `DV_OWNER` role, then you cannot modify any Database Vault controls or disable Database Vault. To remedy this problem, you can recover the database to a time when the Database Vault owner account password is known.

Optionally, you can consolidate the account management and security administrative responsibilities.

- **Database management.** Database management refers to managing the database system but not accessing business data. It includes the following operations:
  - Backup operations require a predefined time to perform the backup using predefined tools.
  - Tuning and monitoring operations require ongoing performance monitoring and analysis.
  - Patching operations require temporary access only during the time the patching takes place

Oracle strongly recommends that you review database management accounts within the context of separation of duty. Different database administrators may have different responsibilities that require different privileges and roles. Similarly, more experienced database administrators may have more roles and privileges. Instead of granting users the default `DBA` role to users, consider tailoring database administrative roles for specific positions and for seniority in your organization. It is important to use only named accounts for day-to-day activities. Accounts such as `SYS` and accounts that use the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege should be managed with Privileged Account Management (PAM) systems and checked out (and audited) when they are used. You should also manage the backup Oracle Database Vault owner and account management accounts with a PAM system. Within the operating system, you should make the `root` and `oracle` accounts available only through a checkout system, because of the powerful privileges that these accounts have.

You should have separate accounts for database account management, database security administration, and additional named accounts for backup operations. Auditors check for separate database accounts for different responsibilities and being able to track the actions of each account. Less important is the number of users assigned to specific tasks. Remember that Oracle Database Vault audit events are protected and that the Database Vault reports show all attempted violations.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Roles](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides default roles that are based on specific user tasks and adhere to separation of duty concepts.
- [Database Accounts Used by Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides accounts that provide access to system and object privileges, and Oracle Label Security.
- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

## D.1.3 Separation of Duty Matrix for Oracle Database Vault

Before applying separation of duty, you must understand who performs basic administration tasks in your environment and what these administration tasks are.

Even if a single database administrator is responsible for managing both new database account provisioning and application patching, it is important to document and plan for each of these tasks. Using separate administration accounts for these types of tasks provides increased accountability and reduces associated risks if and when a single account is compromised by a malicious user. In midsize to large organizations, database administrators typically must perform common administration tasks but they do not need access to business data managed by the application. Creating a matrix for your separation of duty can help you plan your Database Vault deployment. As needed, you can include additional tasks and associated users to this list. This information should become part of the overall enterprise security documentation for your organization.

[Table D-1](#) shows an example of a separation of duty matrix.



**Table D-1 Example Separation of Duty Matrix**

User, Process or Application	Account Creation	Database Administration					Security Administrator
		SYSDBA	Backup	Tuning	Patching	Monitoring	
JSMITH	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
SHARDY	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
PKESTNER	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
RTYLER	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
SANDERSON	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
SYSTEM	No	No	No	No	Yes, for EBS patching	No	No
RMAN	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

In some cases, system management tasks may require temporary access to data through specific tools and programs. When this happens, build provisions for this temporary or emergency access into the Oracle Database Vault rules and rule sets.

## D.1.4 Identification and Documentation of the Tasks of Database Users

You should document the areas of the tasks that your organization needs.

These areas are as follows:

- The responsibilities of each administrative user
- The kind of access users need. For example, application owners should have data access and developers need access to development instances only.
- Who must manage the system without accessing business data (for example, users who perform backup, patching, tuning, and monitoring operations)
- The duties of each category of tasks (for example, the files that must be backed up, the applications that require patching, what exactly is monitored). Include the alternate user accounts for each of these tasks.
- The databases and applications that must be protected. This includes Oracle applications, partner applications, and custom applications.
- Who must be authorized to access business data, including the following:
  - Application owners through middle tier processes
  - Business users through an application interface
- Emergency "what if" scenarios, such as how to handle a security breach
- Reporting in a production environment, which should include the following:
  - Who runs the reports
  - Which reports must be run
  - The frequency with which each report is run
  - The users who must receive a copy of each report
- In addition to a separation of duty matrix, the creation of the following matrices:

- An Oracle Database Vault-specific matrix, which can cover the names and tasks of users who have been granted Database Vault roles
- An application protection matrix, which can cover the applications to be protected and the types of protections you have put in place.

[Table D-2](#) shows an example of protections Oracle created for PeopleSoft Applications. SYSADM, PSFTDBA, SYSTEM, and DBA have all been authorized for the appropriate rule sets.

**Table D-2 Example Application Protection Maxtrix**

Protection Type	SYSADM	PSFTDBA	SYSTEM	DBA
PeopleSoft Realm	Owner	Owner	No Access	No Access
SELECT Command Rule	Not Restricted	Limit PSFTDB Rule Set	No Access	No Access
CONNECT Command Rule	PeopleSoftAccess Rule Set	Not Restricted	Not Restricted	Not Restricted
DROP TABLESPACE Command Rule	Disabled Rule Set	Disabled Rule Set	Disabled Rule Set	Disabled Rule Set

## D.2 Managing Oracle AI Database Administrative Accounts

Oracle provides guidelines for managing security for administrative accounts such as `SYSTEM` or users who have the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege.

- [SYSTEM User Account for General Administrative Uses](#)  
Ideally, the `SYSTEM` account should only be available as a backup that is checked out and audited while being used.
- [SYSTEM Schema for Application Tables](#)  
If you have application tables in the `SYSTEM` schema, then you should add the `SYSTEM` account to your realm authorizations for these tables.
- [Limitation of the SYSDBA Administrative Privilege](#)  
Limit the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege to users who must connect using this privilege when absolutely necessary and for applications that still require `SYSDBA` access.
- [Root and Operating System Access to Oracle Database Vault](#)  
For better security, you should carefully monitor root and operating system access to Oracle Database Vault.

### D.2.1 SYSTEM User Account for General Administrative Uses

Ideally, the `SYSTEM` account should only be available as a backup that is checked out and audited while being used.

Only named accounts should be used for normal database administration tasks - not shared accounts. Doing so increases accountability for administrative actions in the database.

### D.2.2 SYSTEM Schema for Application Tables

If you have application tables in the `SYSTEM` schema, then you should add the `SYSTEM` account to your realm authorizations for these tables.

This enables these applications to continue to work normally.

You can place restrictions on the `SYSTEM` account to increase or fine-tune security for these applications. For example, you can create a Database Vault rule set to restrict the `SYSTEM` user's access to specific IP addresses.

## D.2.3 Limitation of the SYSDBA Administrative Privilege

Limit the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege to users who must connect using this privilege when absolutely necessary and for applications that still require `SYSDBA` access.

For example, mandatory patching processes require `SYSDBA` access.

For all other cases, create named database accounts to perform daily database administration. Members of the `OSDBA` user group are also given the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege. The database `SYS` account and accounts with `SYSDBA` privilege along with the operating system `root` and `oracle` accounts should be managed in a Privileged Account Management (PAM) system and checked out only when required.

### Related Topics

- [Management of SYSDBA Access](#)  
You should avoid using the `SYS` account and the `SYSDBA` privilege for normal database maintenance tasks.

## D.2.4 Root and Operating System Access to Oracle Database Vault

For better security, you should carefully monitor root and operating system access to Oracle Database Vault.

Oracle Database Vault prevents highly privileged database users from accessing sensitive data. In addition, if you are using Oracle AI Database itself, then you can use Transparent Data Encryption to prevent the most highly privileged operating system users from accessing sensitive data. Transparent data encryption enables you to encrypt tablespaces and table columns. This prevents operating system users from browsing through the operating system database files and finding sensitive data. As a best practice, always carefully review and restrict direct access to the operating system.

You should have personalized accounts access the operating system. These personalized accounts should, in the Linux or UNIX environments, login using `sudo` to the `oracle` software owner when needed. With `sudo`, you can control which specific command each personalized user can run. Be sure to prevent the use of the `make`, `relink`, `gdb`, or other commands that could potentially harm the database, for these users. However, if an administrative user must install a patch or perform some other emergency operation, you can enable the `make` and `relink` commands for a limited time, and audit their actions during this period.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Advanced Security Guide*

## D.3 Accounts and Roles Trusted by Oracle Database Vault

Oracle Database Vault restricts access to application data from many privileged users and roles in the database.

However, in some cases, Oracle Database Vaults trusts certain roles and privileges.

[Table D-3](#) lists the trusted roles and privileges that are created when you install Oracle Database Vault.

**Table D-3 Trusted Oracle Database Vault Roles and Privileges**

Role or Privilege	Status	Description
DV_ACCTMGR role	Open	<p>Role created during registration and used for creating new database accounts. As a safety measure, maintain a backup user who has the DV_ACCTMGR role and manage this account using a Privileged Account Management (PAM) system.</p> <p>Users who have the DV_OWNER role cannot alter this user.</p> <p>Loss of all accounts with the DV_ACCTMGR role (such as due to lost passwords or people leaving the organization) is not recoverable. Ensure that a backup DV_ACCTMGR account is created for this purpose.</p>
DV_OWNER role	Open	<p>Role created during registration and used for managing realms, factors and command rules. This user can add himself or herself to realm authorizations. As a safety measure, maintain a backup user who has the DV_OWNER role and manage this account using a Privileged Account Management (PAM) system.</p> <p>Users who have the DV_OWNER role cannot alter this user.</p> <p>Loss of all accounts with the DV_OWNER role (such as due to lost passwords or people leaving the organization) is not recoverable. Ensure that a backup DV_OWNER account is created for this purpose.</p>
SYSDBA privilege	Enabled	Privilege created during Oracle AI Database installation. Required by some Oracle features.
SYSOPER privilege	Enabled	Privilege created during Oracle AI Database installation. Database startup and shutdown. Granted to SYS only by default.

**Related Topics**

- [Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts](#)  
As a best practice, you should maintain backup accounts for the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.
- [Management of SYSDBA Access](#)  
You should avoid using the SYS account and the SYSDBA privilege for normal database maintenance tasks.
- [Management of SYSOPER Access](#)  
By default, Oracle AI Database limits SYSOPER access to operating system users in the OSOPER group and to the user SYS.

## D.4 Accounts and Roles That Should be Limited to Trusted Individuals

You should limit powerful accounts and roles only to trusted individuals.

- [Management of Users with Root Access to the Operating System](#)  
Users who have root user access have full control over the system.
- [Management of the Oracle Software Owner](#)  
Users who have access to a system as the Oracle software owner have control over the Oracle software.

- [Management of SYSDBA Access](#)  
You should avoid using the `SYS` account and the `SYSDBA` privilege for normal database maintenance tasks.
- [Management of SYSOPER Access](#)  
By default, Oracle AI Database limits `SYSOPER` access to operating system users in the `OSOPER` group and to the user `SYS`.

## D.4.1 Management of Users with Root Access to the Operating System

Users who have root user access have full control over the system.

Activities that these users can perform include the following:

- Reading unencrypted files
- Moving and deleting any files
- Starting or stopping any program on the system
- Logging in as any user, including the user who owns the Oracle AI Database installation

Oracle Database Vault does not provide protection against the operating system root access. Manage the `root` and `oracle` accounts in a Privileged Account Management (PAM) system. Only check these accounts out when they are required for certain tasks. Enhance audit levels when highly privileged operating system accounts are being used, up to an including keystroke capture and video capture.

## D.4.2 Management of the Oracle Software Owner

Users who have access to a system as the Oracle software owner have control over the Oracle software.

Activities these users can perform include the following:

- Reading unencrypted database files
- Moving and deleting database files
- Starting or stopping Oracle programs in the system

Oracle Database Vault does not provide protection against the operating system access of the Oracle software owner. Manage the Oracle software owner account in a Privileged Account Management (PAM) system. Only check this account out when it is required for certain tasks. Enhance audit levels when highly privileged operating system accounts are being used, up to an including keystroke capture and video capture.

## D.4.3 Management of SYSDBA Access

You should avoid using the `SYS` account and the `SYSDBA` privilege for normal database maintenance tasks.

Instead, use named accounts that have the required system privileges or a specific administrative privilege such as `SYSBACKUP`, `SYSDBG`, or `SYSKM`. However, there are cases where the `SYSDBA` privilege is required to perform a patch, upgrade of the database or troubleshoot issues (for example, connecting to a down database).

Because users with the `SYSDBA` privilege could have access to sensitive application data either directly or indirectly (for example, through diagnostics, database upgrades, and patching), use of the `SYSDBA` privilege and accounts must be highly restricted. The list of highly privileged

accounts include `SYS` and user accounts with the `SYSDBA` privilege in the database, and the root and oracle accounts in the operating system. Access to highly privileged accounts in the database and the operating system should be on an exception basis and require the user to go through a process to unlock access to these accounts and privileges. Oracle recommends that you manage these accounts with a Privileged Account Management (PAM) system. Only check these accounts out when they are required for certain tasks. Enhance audit levels when highly privileged operating system accounts (root and oracle) and database accounts (`SYS` account and `SYSDBA` administrative privilege) are being used, up to an including keystroke capture and video capture. When these highly privileged accounts access the database, audit the `SYS` account to monitor their activities. Oracle recommends that you use the `ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure during patching operations when the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role is granted to `SYS` (or to users who have the with `SYSDBA` administrative privilege).

#### Related Topics

- [ENABLE\\_DV\\_PATCH\\_ADMIN\\_AUDIT Procedure](#)  
The `ENABLE_DV_PATCH_ADMIN_AUDIT` procedure enables realm, command rule, and rule set auditing of the actions by users who have the `DV_PATCH_ADMIN` role.

## D.4.4 Management of SYSOPER Access

By default, Oracle AI Database limits `SYSOPER` access to operating system users in the `OSOPER` group and to the user `SYS`.

This prevents `SYSOPER` from modifying the Oracle data dictionary directly. The `SYSOPER` privilege has limited privileges within the database, but individuals with this role can start and shut down the Oracle database. Only grant the `SYSOPER` privilege to trusted individuals.

## D.5 Guidelines for Using Oracle Database Vault in a Production Environment

You should follow special guidelines when you run Oracle Database Vault in a production environment.

These guidelines are as follows:

- Run a full test of your applications to ensure that the Database Vault policies you have created are working as expected
- Monitor the performance of your applications, and if necessary, tune your rule expressions
- Assign responsibilities to the appropriate production support and security groups, as follows:
  - Assign security responsibilities to the database security administrator.
  - Assign account management to the database account manager.
  - Assign resource management tasks to database administrators.
- Back up your Database Vault API scripts to a secure server.

## D.6 Secure Configuration Guidelines

You should be aware of security considerations for special PL/SQL packages, privileges, and the recycle bin.

- [General Secure Configuration Guidelines](#)  
General secure configuration guidelines involved patches and revoke operations.
- [UTL\\_FILE and DBMS\\_FILE\\_TRANSFER Package Security Considerations](#)  
You should carefully restrict access to the UTL\_FILE and DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER PL/SQL packages.
- [CREATE ANY JOB Privilege Security Considerations](#)  
The CREATE ANY JOB privilege has been revoked from the DBA and the SCHEDULER\_ADMIN roles.
- [CREATE EXTERNAL JOB Privilege Security Considerations](#)  
The CREATE EXTERNAL JOB privilege was introduced in Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2).
- [ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION Privilege Security Considerations](#)  
You should be aware of ways to secure the powerful ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION system privileges.

## D.6.1 General Secure Configuration Guidelines

General secure configuration guidelines involved patches and revoke operations.

- Installing patches and new applications might re-grant some of the privileges that Oracle recommends that you revoke in this section. Check these privileges after you install patches and new applications to verify that they are still revoked.
- When you revoke EXECUTE privileges on packages, ensure that you grant EXECUTE on the packages to the owner, check the package dependencies, and recompile any invalid packages after the revoke.

To find users who have access to the package, log into the database instance as a named database administrator and issue the following query.

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_TAB_PRIVS WHERE TABLE_NAME = package_name;
```

*package\_name* is the name of the package you are looking for.

To find the users, packages, procedures, and functions that are dependent on the package, issue this query:

```
SELECT OWNER, NAME, TYPE FROM ALL_DEPENDENCIES  
WHERE REFERENCED_NAME = package_name;
```

Note that these two queries do not identify references to packages made through dynamic SQL.

## D.6.2 UTL\_FILE and DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER Package Security Considerations

You should carefully restrict access to the UTL\_FILE and DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER PL/SQL packages.

- [About Security Considerations for the UTL\\_FILE and DBMS\\_FILE\\_TRANSFER Packages](#)  
The UTL\_FILE package is owned by SYS and granted to PUBLIC.
- [Securing Access to the DBMS\\_FILE\\_TRANSFER Package](#)  
You can secure access to the DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER PL/SQL package in a variety of ways.



- [Example: Creating a Command Rule to Deny Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM.CREATE\_COMMAND\_RULE enables you to create command rules to deny access to the CREATE DATABASE LINK SQL statement.
- [Example: Creating a Command Rule to Enable Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK](#)  
The DBMS\_MACADM.UPDATE\_COMMAND\_RULE procedure can be used to modify an existing command rule.
- [Example: Command Rules to Disable and Enable Access to CREATE DIRECTORY](#)

### D.6.2.1 About Security Considerations for the UTL\_FILE and DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER Packages

The UTL\_FILE package is owned by SYS and granted to PUBLIC.

However, a user must have access to the directory object to manipulate the files in that operating system directory.

The DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER package is owned by SYS and granted to the EXECUTE\_CATALOG\_ROLE. Users with EXECUTE access on this package can move files from one location to another on the same file system. They also can move files between database instances, including databases on remote systems.

#### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*

### D.6.2.2 Securing Access to the DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER Package

You can secure access to the DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER PL/SQL package in a variety of ways.

- Use any of the following methods to secure the DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER PL/SQL package:
  - Revoke the EXECUTE privilege from the DBMS\_FILE\_TRANSFER package and grant the EXECUTE privilege only to trusted users who need it.
  - Create command rules to control the CREATE DATABASE LINK and CREATE DIRECTORY SQL statements. See [Creating a Command Rule](#) for information on creating command rules by using Oracle Database Vault Administrator.
  - Create Oracle Database Vault command rules to limit and enable access to the CREATE DATABASE LINK and CREATE DIRECTORY statements, which are used to establish connections to remote databases.

#### ① See Also

The following sections for examples of command rules that you can create to protect use of the CREATE DATABASE LINK statement:

- [Example: Creating a Command Rule to Deny Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK](#)
- [Example: Creating a Command Rule to Enable Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK](#)
- [Example: Command Rules to Disable and Enable Access to CREATE DIRECTORY](#)



### D.6.2.3 Example: Creating a Command Rule to Deny Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK

The `DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE` enables you to create command rules to deny access to the `CREATE DATABASE LINK` SQL statement.

[Example D-1](#) shows how to create a command rule to deny access to the `CREATE DATABASE LINK` privilege.

#### Example D-1 Creating a Command Rule to Deny Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE (
    command      => 'CREATE DATABASE LINK',
    rule_set_name => 'Disabled',
    object_owner  => '%',
    object_name   => '%',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
  END;
  /
  COMMIT;
```

### D.6.2.4 Example: Creating a Command Rule to Enable Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK

The `DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE` procedure can be used to modify an existing command rule.

[Example D-2](#) shows how to create a command rule that enables access to the `CREATE DATABASE LINK` privilege.

When a valid user must use the `CREATE DATABASE LINK` statement, the Oracle Database Vault owner can reenable it from Oracle Database Vault Administrator or issue the following commands in SQL\*Plus.

#### Example D-2 Creating a Command Rule to Enable Access to CREATE DATABASE LINK

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.UPDATE_COMMAND_RULE (
    command      => 'CREATE DATABASE LINK',
    rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
    object_owner  => '%',
    object_name   => '%',
    enabled       => DBMS_MACUTL.G_YES);
  END;
  /
  COMMIT;
```

### D.6.2.5 Example: Command Rules to Disable and Enable Access to CREATE DIRECTORY

[Example D-3](#) shows command rules that disable and enable access to `CREATE DIRECTORY`.

#### Example D-3 Command Rules to Disable and Enable Access to CREATE DIRECTORY

```
-- Disable access to CREATE DIRECTORY
BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_COMMAND_RULE (
```

```

command      => 'CREATE DIRECTORY',
rule_set_name => 'Disabled',
object_owner  => '%',
object_name   => '%',
enabled       => dbms_macutl.g_yes);
END;
/
COMMIT;

-- Enable access to CREATE DIRECTORY
BEGIN
dbms_macadm.update_command_rule (
  command      => 'CREATE DIRECTORY',
  rule_set_name => 'Enabled',
  object_owner  => '%',
  object_name   => '%',
  enabled       => dbms_macutl.g_yes);
END;
/
COMMIT;

```

## D.6.3 CREATE ANY JOB Privilege Security Considerations

The `CREATE ANY JOB` privilege has been revoked from the `DBA` and the `SCHEDULER_ADMIN` roles.

Ensure that this change does not affect your applications.

### Related Topics

- [Using Oracle Scheduler with Oracle Database Vault](#)  
Users who are responsible for scheduling database jobs must have Oracle Database Vault-specific authorization.

## D.6.4 CREATE EXTERNAL JOB Privilege Security Considerations

The `CREATE EXTERNAL JOB` privilege was introduced in Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2).

This privilege is required for database users who want to run jobs that run on the operating system outside the database. By default, the `CREATE EXTERNAL JOB` privilege is granted to all users who have been granted the `CREATE JOB` privilege. For greater security, revoke this privilege from users who do not need it and then grant it only to those users who do need it.

## D.6.5 ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION Privilege Security Considerations

You should be aware of ways to secure the powerful `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` system privileges.

- [About ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION Privilege Security Considerations](#)  
Be aware that trace and debug commands have the potential to show Oracle database memory information.
- [Example: Adding Rules to the Existing ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule](#)  
You can create a rule that prevents users with the `ALTER SYSTEM` privilege from issuing `ALTER SYSTEM` statements.

## D.6.5.1 About ALTER SYSTEM and ALTER SESSION Privilege Security Considerations

Be aware that trace and debug commands have the potential to show Oracle database memory information.

Oracle Database Vault does not protect against these commands. To help secure the Oracle database memory information, Oracle recommends that you strictly control access to the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` privileges. These privileges can be granted by the user `SYS` when connected as `SYSDBA` and by any user granted the `DBA` role.

Oracle also recommends that you add rules to the existing command rule for `ALTER SYSTEM` statement. You can use Oracle Database Vault Administrator to create a rule and add it to a rule set. You should grant the `ALTER SESSION` privilege only to trusted users. (For example, the `ALTER SESSION` statement can enable tracing.)

## D.6.5.2 Example: Adding Rules to the Existing ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule

You can create a rule that prevents users with the `ALTER SYSTEM` privilege from issuing `ALTER SYSTEM` statements.

[Example D-4](#) shows how to create a rule that prevents users with `ALTER SYSTEM` privilege from issuing the `ALTER SYSTEM DUMP` statement. Log into the database instance as the Oracle Database Vault Owner when you create this command rule.

Alternatively, you can use Oracle Database Vault Administrator to create and add this rule to the rule set. See [Creating a Rule to Add to a Rule Set](#) for more information.

### Example D-4 Adding Rules to the Existing ALTER SYSTEM Command Rule

```
CONNECT dvacctmgr
Enter password: password

BEGIN
  DBMS_MACADM.CREATE_RULE('NO_SYSTEM_DUMP',
    '(INSTR(UPPER(DV_SQL_TEXT), ''DUMP'') = 0)');
END;
/
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.ADD_RULE_TO_RULE_SET
  ('Allow Fine Grained Control of System Parameters', 'NO_SYSTEM_DUMP');

COMMIT;
```

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## Troubleshooting Oracle Database Vault

You can troubleshoot Oracle Database Vault by using tools such as trace files or checking certain Oracle Database Vault reports.

- [Using Trace Files to Diagnose Oracle Database Vault Events](#)  
Trace files, which the database generates, capture important information to help you debug errors.
- [General Diagnostic Tips](#)  
Oracle provides general tips for diagnosing problems in realms, factors, and rule sets.
- [Configuration Problems with Oracle Database Vault Components](#)  
Oracle Database Vault provides reports to check configuration problems with realms, command rules, factors, rule sets, or secure application roles.
- [Resetting Oracle Database Vault Account Passwords](#)  
Backup accounts can help you reset lost passwords for users who have been granted the DV\_OWNER and DV\_ACCTMGR roles.

### E.1 Using Trace Files to Diagnose Oracle Database Vault Events

Trace files, which the database generates, capture important information to help you debug errors.

- [About Using Trace Files to Diagnose Oracle Database Vault Events](#)  
You can monitor the Oracle Database Vault database instance for server and background process events by enabling and checking the database instance trace files.
- [Types of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events That You Can and Cannot Track](#)  
You can use trace files to track a variety of Oracle Database Vault activities.
- [Levels of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can use the several levels for Oracle Database Vault trace events.
- [Performance Effect of Enabling Oracle Database Vault Trace Files](#)  
Be careful about enabling trace files.
- [Enabling Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can use the ALTER SESSION or ALTER SYSTEM SQL statements to enable Oracle Database Vault trace events.
- [Finding the Current Oracle Database Vault Trace Level](#)  
You can use the DBMS\_MACUTL.GET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL function to find the most recently set trace level for the current session.
- [Finding Oracle Database Vault Trace File Data](#)  
The Linux grep command and the ADR Command Interpreter (ADRCI) command-line utility can find Oracle Database Vault trace file data.
- [Disabling Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can disable tracing for Oracle Database Vault events.

## E.1.1 About Using Trace Files to Diagnose Oracle Database Vault Events

You can monitor the Oracle Database Vault database instance for server and background process events by enabling and checking the database instance trace files.

Trace files reveal the Oracle Database Vault successes and failures of realms and command rules. They are useful for providing information to help resolve bug and other issues that may occur.

To set the system-level tracing for Oracle Database Vault, you must have the `DV_ADMIN` role. To perform the configuration, you can use the following methods:

- To set tracing at the session level, use the `ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL` statement, which requires having the `ALTER SESSION` system privilege (but not the `DV_ADMIN` role).
- To set tracing for all sessions under the database, use one of the following methods:
  - `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL` statement, which requires the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` system privileges, in addition to the `DV_ADMIN` role.
  - `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure, which performs the same function as `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS`. However, the user does not need to be granted the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` system privileges. To check the Database Vault trace level of the current trace session, you can use the `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function.

Individual users who have been granted the `ALTER SESSION` system privilege can enable Database Vault tracing in their own sessions, without having the `DV_ADMIN` role.

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Administrator's Guide*

## E.1.2 Types of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events That You Can and Cannot Track

You can use trace files to track a variety of Oracle Database Vault activities.

[Table E-1](#) describes these activities.

**Table E-1 Contents of Oracle Database Vault Trace Files**

Database Vault Feature	Description
Realm authorizations	The trace file tracks cases of realm authorization with a rule set and realm authorization to a role.
Rule set evaluations	The trace file includes information about a rule set evaluation from a realm authorization, for a command rule, the <code>CONNECT</code> command rule, and from a factor.
Oracle Data Pump authorization	The trace file includes Database Vault Data Pump authorization results and other user, object, and SQL text information.
Oracle Scheduler job authorization	The trace file includes the Database Vault Oracle Scheduler job authorization results, job name, job owner, current statement, and so on.

**Table E-1 (Cont.) Contents of Oracle Database Vault Trace Files**

Database Vault Feature	Description
Object privilege bypass	The trace file tracks both direct grants and grants through a role. This type of trace is useful for cases where mandatory realms are not enabled, which enables users who have an object privilege to access realm protected objects.
Factor loading	The trace file tracks the expression and value for each factor loaded.
Others	Object owner bypassed realm protection and other Database Vault failed and succeeded operations

**Related Topics**

- [Example: Low Level Oracle Database Vault Realm Violations in a Trace File](#)  
You can use trace file data to track low level realm violations.

## E.1.3 Levels of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events

You can use the several levels for Oracle Database Vault trace events.

These levels are as follows:

- **Off** disables tracing. By default, tracing is disabled in Oracle Database Vault.
- **Low** prints the information for all failed Oracle Database Vault authorizations to a trace file. This type of trace file includes failed realm authorizations, failed factor loading, failed rule set evaluating, and so on. It has a low impact on Oracle AI Database performance.
- **High** prints trace records that include both successful and failed authorizations. Because this type of tracing tracks all the authorizations, the overhead is larger than that of the low level tracing. In addition, the trace files are usually larger.
- **Highest** prints the PL/SQL stack and function call stack to a trace file, as well as what is traced at level high (as described in [Table E-1](#)). It has the highest impact on Oracle AI Database performance.

## E.1.4 Performance Effect of Enabling Oracle Database Vault Trace Files

Be careful about enabling trace files.

Doing so can increase the overhead of the database instance operation, which could decrease performance.

## E.1.5 Enabling Oracle Database Vault Trace Events

You can use the `ALTER SESSION` or `ALTER SYSTEM` SQL statements to enable Oracle Database Vault trace events.

- [Enabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using `DBMS\_MACADM.SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL`](#)  
You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure to enable Database Vault trace events for all database sessions.
- [Enabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using `ALTER SYSTEM`](#)  
You can use the `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS` SQL statement to enable Database Vault trace events for all database sessions.

- [Enabling Trace Events for the Current Database Session Using ALTER SESSION](#)  
You can use the `ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL` statement to enable trace events for the current database session.
- [Enabling Trace Events in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
Trace events affect both the current user session and all database sessions.

### E.1.5.1 Enabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using DBMS\_MACADM.SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL

You can use the `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure to enable Database Vault trace events for all database sessions.

Enabling Oracle Database Vault trace events generates trace files that consume disk space. Oracle recommends that you only enable trace events during the period of activity that you need to capture. As an alternative to using the `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure, you can use the `ALTER SYSTEM SQL` statement, which requires the `ALTER SYSTEM` and `ALTER SESSION` system privileges.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN` role
2. Run the `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure as follows:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL (level);
```

In this specification, *level* is one of the following:

- `DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_OFF` (constant number is 0) disables tracing.
- `DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_LOW` (constant number is 2) turns on tracing for failed operations that have a low impact.
- `DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_HIGH` (constant number is 4) turns on tracing for both failed and successful operations that have a high impact.
- `DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_HIGHEST` (constant number is 5) turns on tracing for both failed and successful operations with a function and PL/SQL call stack that has the highest impact.

For example, either of the following settings turns on high level tracing.

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL (DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_HIGH);  
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL (4);
```

#### Related Topics

- [Levels of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can use the several levels for Oracle Database Vault trace events.

### E.1.5.2 Enabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using ALTER SYSTEM

You can use the `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL` statement to enable Database Vault trace events for all database sessions.

Enabling Oracle Database Vault trace events generates trace files that consume disk space. Oracle recommends that you only enable trace events during the period of activity that you need to capture. As an alternative to using `ALTER SYSTEM`, you can use the `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` procedure.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the DV\_ADMIN role and the ALTER SYSTEM system privilege.
2. Enter the ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL statement to set the level of the Oracle Database Vault trace events to low, high, or highest.

- To turn on tracing for failed operations that have a low impact, enter one of the following statements:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] DISK=LOW';
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS '47998 TRACE NAME CONTEXT FOREVER, LEVEL 1';
```

- To turn on tracing for both failed and successful operations that have a high impact, enter one of the following statements:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] DISK=HIGH';
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS '47998 TRACE NAME CONTEXT FOREVER, LEVEL 3';
```

- To turn on tracing for both failed and successful operations with a function and PL/SQL call stack that has the highest impact, enter one of the following statements:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] DISK=HIGHEST';
```

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS '47998 TRACE NAME CONTEXT FOREVER, LEVEL 4';
```

Another way that you can enable trace events for all database sessions is to add the following line to the `init.ora` file, and then restart the database:

```
event="47998 trace name context forever, level [trace_level]"
```

Replace `trace_level` with one of the following values:

- 1 for the lowest level of tracing
- 3 for the high level
- 4 for the highest level

For example:

```
event="47998 trace name context forever, level [1]"
```

### Related Topics

- [Levels of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can use the several levels for Oracle Database Vault trace events.

## E.1.5.3 Enabling Trace Events for the Current Database Session Using ALTER SESSION

You can use the ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL statement to enable trace events for the current database session.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the DV\_ADMIN role and the ALTER SESSION system privilege.
2. Enter the ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL statement to set the level of the Oracle Database Vault trace events to low, high, or highest.
  - To turn on tracing for failed operations that have a low impact, enter one of the following statements:



```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] DISK=LOW';
```

```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS '47998 TRACE NAME CONTEXT FOREVER, LEVEL 1';
```

- To turn on tracing for both failed and successful operations that have a high impact, enter one of the following statements:

```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] DISK=HIGH';
```

```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS '47998 TRACE NAME CONTEXT FOREVER, LEVEL 3';
```

- To turn on tracing for both failed and successful operations with a function and PL/SQL call stack that has the highest impact, enter one of the following statements:

```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] DISK=HIGHEST';
```

```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS '47998 TRACE NAME CONTEXT FOREVER, LEVEL 4';
```

### Related Topics

- [Levels of Oracle Database Vault Trace Events](#)  
You can use the several levels for Oracle Database Vault trace events.

## E.1.5.4 Enabling Trace Events in a Multitenant Environment

Trace events affect both the current user session and all database sessions.

- **Trace events for the current user session:** Running the `ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS` SQL statement from either the root or a pluggable database (PDB) enables tracing for the current user session. When you enable tracing with `ALTER SYSTEM`, the tracing is enabled for all the sessions in the same container only. That is, it does not affect any other containers. Remember that you must have the `ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER` system privilege to move from one PDB to another.
- **Trace events for all database sessions:** Running the `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS` statement from the root CDB will enable it on the root CDB only. If you want to enable it on a specific PDB, then you must run the command on that PDB.

## E.1.6 Finding the Current Oracle Database Vault Trace Level

You can use the `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function to find the most recently set trace level for the current session.

`DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` applies to Oracle Database Vault trace levels that have been set using `ALTER SYSTEM`, `ALTER SESSION`, or `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL`. If the Database Vault trace has been set by `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` or `ALTER SYSTEM`, then all sessions in that system will have the same trace level.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN` role or the privilege to execute the `DBMS_MACUTL` package.
2. Use the `DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL` function as follows:

```
SELECT DBMS_MACUTL.GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL FROM DUAL;
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
GET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL
-----
HIGH
```

## E.1.7 Finding Oracle Database Vault Trace File Data

The Linux `grep` command and the ADR Command Interpreter (ADRCI) command-line utility can find Oracle Database Vault trace file data.

- [Finding the Database Vault Trace File Directory Location](#)  
You can find the full directory location of trace files by querying the `V$DIAG_INFO` dynamic view.
- [Using the Linux `grep` Command to Search Trace Files for Strings](#)  
To query or process the trace files, you can use the Linux `grep` command to search for strings.
- [Using the ADR Command Interpreter \(ADRCI\) Utility to Query Trace Files](#)  
You can query trace files by using the ADR Command Interpreter (ADRCI) command-line utility.
- [Example: Low Level Oracle Database Vault Realm Violations in a Trace File](#)  
You can use trace file data to track low level realm violations.
- [Example: High Level Trace Enabled for Oracle Database Vault Authorization](#)  
You can track Oracle Database Vault authorizations in a trace file with high level trace enabled.
- [Example: Highest Level Traces on Violations on Realm-Protected Objects](#)  
You can track high level violations using trace files.

### E.1.7.1 Finding the Database Vault Trace File Directory Location

You can find the full directory location of trace files by querying the `V$DIAG_INFO` dynamic view.

- Query the `V$DIAG_INFO` dynamic view as follows:

```
SELECT VALUE FROM V$DIAG_INFO WHERE NAME = 'Default Trace File';
```

Output similar to the following appears:

```
VALUE
-----
/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_ora_7174.trc
```

### E.1.7.2 Using the Linux `grep` Command to Search Trace Files for Strings

To query or process the trace files, you can use the Linux `grep` command to search for strings.

- For example, to find the trace files that show realm authorization failures, enter the following command:

```
grep 'Result=Realm Authorization Failed' *.trc
```

### E.1.7.3 Using the ADR Command Interpreter (ADRCI) Utility to Query Trace Files

You can query trace files by using the ADR Command Interpreter (ADRCI) command-line utility.

- To use the ADRCI utility to find trace file information, use the SHOW command.

For example, to use ADRCI to find the trace files, enter the SHOW TRACEFILE command:

```
adrci --To start ACRCI from the command line
adrci> show tracefile

diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_m002_14551.trc
diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_tmon_13450.trc
diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_vktm_963.trc
diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/alert_orcl.log
...
```

To find the number of all trace incidents:

```
adrci> show incident

ADR Home = /u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl:
*****
234 rows fetched
```

The following ADRCI command returns a list of all trace files whose name contains the word ora:

```
adrci> show tracefile %ora%

/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_ora_18841.trc
/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_ora_12017.trc
/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_ora_19372.trc
/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_ora_12221.trc
/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/log/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl/trace/orcl_ora_1600.trc
...
```

The following ADRCI command searches for trace files that contain the phrase Realm Authorization Failed:

```
adrci> show trace %trc -xp "[payload like '%Realm Authorization Failed%']"
```

### Related Topics

- *Oracle AI Database Utilities*
- *Oracle AI Database Administrator's Guide*

## E.1.7.4 Example: Low Level Oracle Database Vault Realm Violations in a Trace File

You can use trace file data to track low level realm violations.

[Example E-1](#) shows an example of tracking low lever real violations.

### Example E-1 Low Level Oracle Database Vault Realm Violations in a Trace File

```
*** 2010-02-05 18:35:31.438
*** SESSION ID:(34.559) 2010-02-05 18:35:31.438
*** CLIENT ID:() 2010-02-05 18:35:31.438
*** SERVICE NAME:(SYS$USERS) 2010-02-05 18:35:31.438
*** MODULE NAME:(SQL*Plus) 2010-02-05 18:35:31.438
*** ACTION NAME:() 2010-02-05 18:35:31.438

Result=Realm Authorization Failed
      Realm_Name=realm 3      Required_Auth_Level=0
      Current_User=116
      Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T1 Object_Type=TABLE
      SQL_Text=INSERT INTO U1.T1 VALUES(30)
```

```
Result=Realm Authorization Failed
  Realm_Name=realm 3      Required_Auth_Level=0
  Current_User=116
  Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T1 Object_Type=TABLE
  SQL_Text=DELETE FROM U1.T1
```

```
Result=Realm Authorization Failed
  Realm_Name=realm 3      Required_Auth_Level=0
  Current_User=116
  Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T3 Object_Type=TABLE
  SQL_Text=CREATE TABLE U1.T3(C INT)
```

```
*** 2010-02-05 18:35:34.465
```

```
Result=Realm Authorization Failed
  Realm_Name=realm 3      Required_Auth_Level=0
  Current_User=116
  Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T1 Object_Type=TABLE
  SQL_Text=INSERT INTO U1.T1 VALUES(30)
```

```
Result=Realm Authorization Failed
  Realm_Name=realm 3      Required_Auth_Level=0
  Current_User=116
  Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T1 Object_Type=TABLE
  SQL_Text=DELETE FROM U1.T1
```

## E.1.7.5 Example: High Level Trace Enabled for Oracle Database Vault Authorization

You can track Oracle Database Vault authorizations in a trace file with high level trace enabled.

[Example E-2](#) shows an example of this type of trace file.

### Example E-2 High Level Trace Enabled for Oracle Database Vault Authorization

```
Result= Realm Authorization Passed
  Reason=Current user is the object owner
  Current_User=70 Command=SELECT
  Object_Owner=LBACSYS Object_Name=LBAC$AUDIT Object_Type=TABLE

Result= Realm Authorization Passed
  Reason=Current user is the object owner
  Current_User=70 Command=SELECT
  Object_Owner=LBACSYS Object_Name=LBAC$AUDIT Object_Type=TABLE

Result= Realm Authorization Passed
  Reason=Current user is the object owner
  Current_User=70 Command=SELECT
  Object_Owner=LBACSYS Object_Name=LBAC$POL Object_Type=TABLE

Result= Realm Authorization Passed
  Reason=Current user is the object owner
  Current_User=70 Command=SELECT
  Object_Owner=LBACSYS Object_Name=LBAC$USER_LOGON Object_Type=VIEW

.....

Result= Realm Authorization Passed
  Reason=Current user is the object owner
  Current_User=70 Command=SELECT
  Object_Owner=LBACSYS Object_Name=LBAC$POL Object_Type=TABLE
```

```

Result=Set Factor Value
    Factor_Name=Sensitive_Treatments    Factor_Expression=/SURGERY/PSYCHOLOGICAL

Result=Set Factor Value
    Factor_Name=Database_Instance
Factor_Expression=UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','INSTANCE'))    Factor_Value=1

Result=Set Factor Value
    Factor_Name=Client_IP
Factor_Expression=UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','IP_ADDRESS'))    Factor_Value=

Result=Set Factor Value
    Factor_Name=Authentication_Method
Factor_Expression=UPPER(SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','AUTHENTICATION_METHOD'))
Factor_Value=PASSWORD
.....

*** ACTION NAME:() 2010-02-05 18:47:19.540

Result=Rule Set Evaluation Failed
    Command=SELECT    RuleSet_ID=2    RuleSet_Name=Disabled
    Current_User=SYSTEM
    Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T1    Object_Type=TABLE
    SQL_Text=SELECT * FROM U1.T1

Result=Rule Set Evaluation Succeeded
    Command=SELECT    RuleSet_ID=1    RuleSet_Name=Enabled
    Current_User=SYSTEM
    Object_Owner=U1 Object_Name=T1    Object_Type=TABLE
    SQL_Text=SELECT * FROM U1.T1

```

## E.1.7.6 Example: Highest Level Traces on Violations on Realm-Protected Objects

You can track high level violations using trace files.

[Example E-3](#) shows how highest level violations that involve Oracle Scheduler jobs authorization can appear in a trace file when trace is enabled at the highest level.

### Example E-3 Highest Level Traces on Violations on Realm-Protected Objects

```

----- Call Stack Trace -----
kzvdvechk<-kzvdvegau<-kksfbc<-opiexe<-kpoal8<-opiodr<-ttcpip<-opitsk<-opiino<-opiodr<-
opidrv<-sou2o<-opimai_real<-ssthdrmain<-main<-__libc_start_main<-_start

Result=Object Privilege check passed
    Current_User=INVOKER2    Used_Role=1
    Object_Owner=SYSTEM    Object_Name=PRODUCT_PRIVS    Object_Type=VIEW
    SQL_Text=SELECT CHAR_VALUE FROM SYSTEM.PRODUCT_PRIVS WHERE (UPPER('SQL*PLUS')
LIKE UPPER(PRODUCT)) AND ((USER LIKE USERID) OR (USERID = 'PUBLIC')) AND
(UPPER(ATTRIBUTE) = 'ROLES')
*** MODULE NAME:(SQL*Plus) 2010-02-05 18:57:53.973
*** ACTION NAME:() 2010-02-05 18:57:53.973

----- Current SQL Statement for this session (sql_id=2sr63rjm45yfh) -----
UPDATE INVOKER1.T1 SET A = 20
----- PL/SQL Stack -----
----- PL/SQL Call Stack -----
    object      line  object
    handle      number name
0x26a00e34      1  anonymous block
0x2495b000     185  package body SYS.DBMS_ISCHED
0x24958fb8     486  package body SYS.DBMS_SCHEDULER

```

```

0x247bbb34          1  anonymous block

----- Call Stack Trace -----
kzvdvechk<-kzvdvegau<-kksfbc<-opiexe<-opipls<-opiodr<-__PGOSF151_rpidrus<-skgmstack<-
rpidru<-rpiwu2<-rpidrv<-psddr0<-psdnal<-pevm_EXECC<-pfrinstr_EXECC<-pfrrun_no_tool<-
pfrrun<-plsqli_run<-peicnt<-kkxexe<-opiexe<-kpoal8<-opiodr<-kpoodr<-upirtrc<-kpurcsc<-
kpuxec
<-OCISmtExecute<-jslvec_execcb<-jslvswu<-jslve_execute0<-jskaJobRun<-jsiRunJob<-
jsaRunJob<-spefcmpa<-spefmccallstd<-pextproc<-__PGOSF495_pegtrusted<-__PGOSF522_psdexsp<-
rpiwu2<-psdextp<-pefccal<-pefcac<-pevm_FCAL<-pfrinstr_FCAL<-pfrrun_no_tool<-pfrrun<-
plsqli_run
<-peicnt<-kkxexe<-opiexe<-kpoal8<-opiodr<-ttcpip<-opitsk<-opiino<-opiodr<-opidrv<-sou2o<-
opimai_real<-ssthmain<-main<-__libc_start_main<-_start

Result=Realm Authorization Succeeded
      Realm_Name=jobowner realm          Used_Auth_Level=0
      Current_User=119
      Object_Owner=INVOKER1   Object_Name=T1   Object_Type=TABLE
      SQL_Text=UPDATE INVOKER1.T1 SET A = 20

Result=Scheduler Job Authorization Succeeded
      Current_User=JOBOWNER   Logon_User=INVOKER2
      Job_Owner=JOBOWNER     Job_Name=DMLJOB1
      Object_Owner=INVOKER1   Object_Name=T1   Object_Type=TABLE
      SQL_Text=UPDATE INVOKER1.T1 SET A = 20

```

## E.1.8 Disabling Oracle Database Vault Trace Events

You can disable tracing for Oracle Database Vault events.

- [Disabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using DBMS\\_MACADM.SET\\_DV\\_TRACE\\_LEVEL](#)  
You can use the DBMS\_MACADM.SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL procedure to disable Database Vault tracing for all database sessions.
- [Disabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using ALTER SYSTEM](#)  
You can use the ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL statement to disable Database Vault tracing for all database sessions.
- [Disabling Trace Events for the Current Database Session](#)  
You can use the ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL statement to disable Database Vault tracing for the current database session.
- [Disabling Trace Events in a Multitenant Environment](#)  
Disabling trace events affects both the current user session and all database sessions.

### E.1.8.1 Disabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using DBMS\_MACADM.SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL

You can use the DBMS\_MACADM.SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL procedure to disable Database Vault tracing for all database sessions.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the DV\_ADMIN role.
2. Run DBMS\_MACADM.SET\_DV\_TRACE\_LEVEL as follows:

```
EXEC DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL(DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_OFF);
```

## E.1.8.2 Disabling Trace Events for All Database Sessions Using ALTER SYSTEM

You can use the `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL` statement to disable Database Vault tracing for all database sessions.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN` role and the `ALTER SYSTEM` system privilege.
2. Enter the following `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS SQL` statements.

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] OFF';  
ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS '47998 trace name context off';
```

Another way that you can disable trace events for all database sessions is to add the following line to the `init.ora` file, and then restart the database:

```
event="47998 trace name context off"
```

Ensure that the `init.ora` file does not have any conflicting 47998 lines, such as `event="47998 trace name context forever, level [1]"`.

## E.1.8.3 Disabling Trace Events for the Current Database Session

You can use the `ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL` statement to disable Database Vault tracing for the current database session.

1. Log into the database instance as a user who has been granted the `DV_ADMIN` role and the `ALTER SESSION` system privilege.
2. Enter both of the following SQL statements to disable tracing:

```
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] OFF';  
ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS '47998 trace name context off';
```

## E.1.8.4 Disabling Trace Events in a Multitenant Environment

Disabling trace events affects both the current user session and all database sessions.

- **Trace events for the current user session:** Running the `ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS SQL` statement from either the root or a PDB disables tracing for the current user session. If you switch from one PDB to another PDB (by using the `ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER` statement), then tracing is still disabled for the new PDB. Remember that you must have the `ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER` system privilege to move from one PDB to another.
- **Trace events for all database sessions:** Running `ALTER SYSTEM SET EVENTS 'TRACE[DV] OFF'` or `DBMS_MACADM.SET_DV_TRACE_LEVEL(DBMS_MACUTL.G_TRACE_OFF)` from the CDB root disables tracing for all PDBs. However, running it in one PDB does not affect other PDBs or the CDB root. It only disables tracing for all sessions in that particular PDB.

## E.2 General Diagnostic Tips

Oracle provides general tips for diagnosing problems in realms, factors, and rule sets.

These guidelines are as follows:

- For realm protections, verify that a user has the underlying system or object privileges (granted directly or through a role) that might affect the command.
- If a realm authorization is not working, verify that the account roles are set correctly.

- For PL/SQL expressions used in factors and rule sets, grant the `EXECUTE` privilege on the PL/SQL package functions used in these expressions directly to the account and determine if the results appear to be correct.
- Use the auditing reports to diagnose problems in general.

#### Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Reports](#)  
Oracle Enterprise Manager provides Oracle Database Vault-related reports.

## E.3 Configuration Problems with Oracle Database Vault Components

Oracle Database Vault provides reports to check configuration problems with realms, command rules, factors, rule sets, or secure application roles.

See the following sections for more information:

- [Command Rule Configuration Issues Report](#)
- [Factor Configuration Issues Report](#)
- [Factor Without Identities Report](#)
- [Identity Configuration Issues Report](#)
- [Realm Authorization Configuration Issues Report](#)
- [Rule Set Configuration Issues Report](#)
- [Secure Application Configuration Issues Report](#)

To run these reports, see [Running the Oracle Database Vault Reports](#).

## E.4 Resetting Oracle Database Vault Account Passwords

Backup accounts can help you reset lost passwords for users who have been granted the `DV_OWNER` and `DV_ACCTMGR` roles.

- [Resetting the DV\\_OWNER User Password](#)  
You can use the `DV_OWNER` backup account to reset the `DV_OWNER` user password.
- [Resetting the DV\\_ACCTMGR User Password](#)  
You can use the `DV_ACCTMGR` backup account to reset the `DV_ACCTMGR` user password.

### E.4.1 Resetting the DV\_OWNER User Password

You can use the `DV_OWNER` backup account to reset the `DV_OWNER` user password.

To reset the `DV_OWNER` user password, you must temporarily revoke the `DV_OWNER` role from this user, reset the password, and then re-grant the role back to the user.

1. Log in to the database instance as the backup user for the `DV_OWNER` user account.
2. Revoke the `DV_OWNER` role from the `DV_OWNER` user who has lost the password.

For example:

```
REVOKE DV_OWNER FROM dvowner;
```

3. Connect as a user who has been granted the `DV_ACCTMGR` role.



4. Reset the password for the DV\_OWNER user.

```
ALTER USER dvowner IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

5. Connect as the backup DV\_OWNER user.
6. Grant the DV\_OWNER role back to the DV\_OWNER user.

```
GRANT DV_OWNER TO dvowner WITH ADMIN OPTION;
```

#### Note

Ensure that the backup DV\_OWNER account is safely stored in case it is needed again.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Security Guide](#)

## E.4.2 Resetting the DV\_ACCTMGR User Password

You can use the DV\_ACCTMGR backup account to reset the DV\_ACCTMGR user password.

To reset the DV\_ACCTMGR user password, you can use the backup DV\_ACCTMGR account to reset this user's password.

1. Log in to the database instance as the backup user for the DV\_ACCTMGR user account.
2. Reset the password for the DV\_ACCTMGR user.

For example:

```
ALTER USER dvacctmgr IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

Replace *password* with a password that meets the password complexity requirements of the user's profile.

#### Note

Ensure that the backup DV\_ACCTMGR account is safely stored in case it is needed again.

### Related Topics

- [Oracle AI Database Security Guide](#)

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