

Oracle 18c/19c & Centrally Managed Users (CMU)

DB User Management Made Easy

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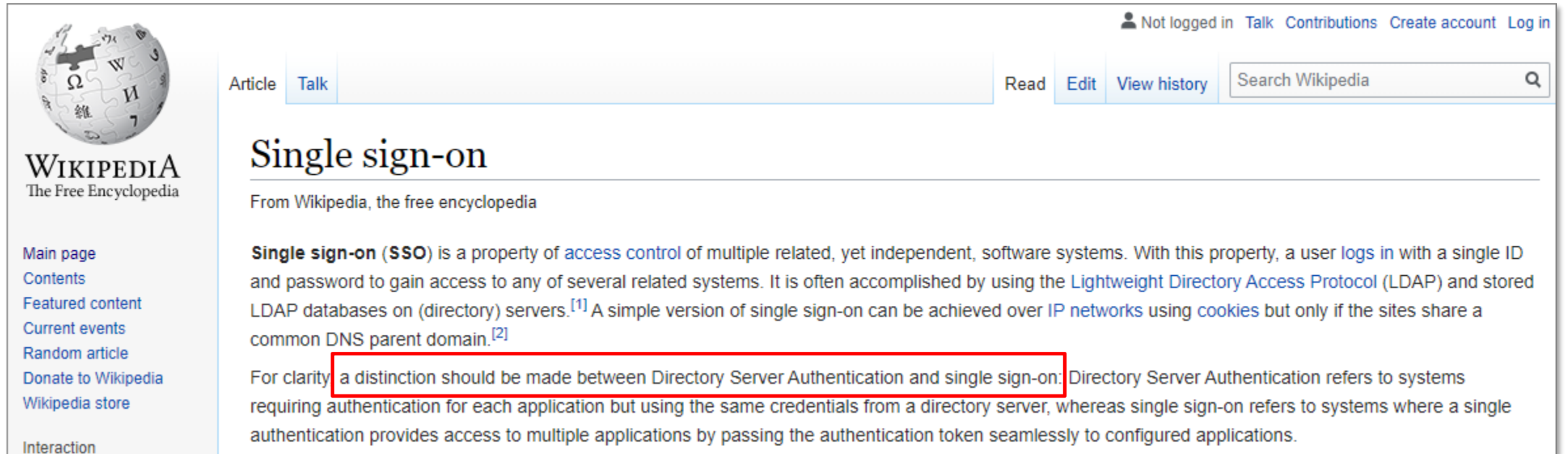
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**Clients
Globally**

PYTHIAN TIMELINE

1997-2012	2013-2014	2015	2016	2017
Remote Database Management Services—Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, MySQL	Cloud emerges, DevOps practice established	Expanded Open Source—databases Cassandra, MongoDB	Competencies grow with Cloud partners—Data, Machine Learning, Migrations, DevOps	11,000 database systems under Pythian management
	Hadoop practice established	Cloud partnerships with Google, AWS, Microsoft		Analytics as a Service launches
	First Cloud Managed Service	Analytics practice established		Completed one of the world's most complex Cloud Migrations

Quick Definitions



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Single sign-on". The page title is "Single sign-on" and the subtitle is "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". The main text defines "Single sign-on (SSO)" as a property of access control of multiple related, yet independent, software systems. It mentions that SSO is often accomplished by using the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) and stored LDAP databases on (directory) servers. A red box highlights the sentence: "For clarity a distinction should be made between Directory Server Authentication and single sign-on: Directory Server Authentication refers to systems requiring authentication for each application but using the same credentials from a directory server, whereas single sign-on refers to systems where a single authentication provides access to multiple applications by passing the authentication token seamlessly to configured applications."

- CMU support both “**Directory Server Authentication**” and “**Single Sign-on**”

Benefit to the DBA

```
SQL> select username, authentication_type, external_name  
2 from dba_users where oracle_maintained='N' order by 1;
```

USERNAME	AUTHENTI	EXTERNAL_NAME
ACCOUNTING_BASIC_USERS	GLOBAL	cn=Accounting Basic Users,cn=Users,dc=stagecoa
ACCOUNTING_POWER_USERS	GLOBAL	cn=Accounting Power Users,cn=Users,dc=stagecoa
APPLICATION_SUPPORT_TEAM	GLOBAL	cn=Application Support Users,cn=Users,dc=stage
DBA_TEAM	GLOBAL	cn=Oracle DBAs,cn=Users,dc=stagecoach,dc=net

```
SQL>
```

Background & How it Works

Oracle Possibilities with Directory Services

1. Federate OCI with an IdP
2. Centralize Net Naming Services in AD, OID, or any LDAP compliant directory
3. User management through Enterprise User Security (EUS) and OUD **HARD !!!**
4. **NEW:** Oracle Database 18c+ authentication and authorization for multiple 18c+ databases within Microsoft Active Directory

- No additional licenses required
- No additional software tiers to add
- Compatible with 11g and 12c clients

*There's also **RADIUS** !*
Similar in some ways but different in others

Some Foundational Basics ...

- “**Active Directory**” (AD) is Microsoft’s customized LDAP Directory Service
 - Supports many common LDAP features and tools
 - Is based on the concept of an AD “schema” which holds properties of objects
- Runs on one or more “**Domain Controllers**” (DCs)
 - Other services such as DNS often run on the same DCs
- Minimum version for CMU is Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
 - CMU doesn’t currently support any other LDAP Directory Services

Conceptualizing the AD Schema

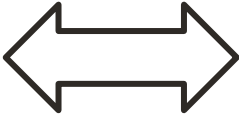
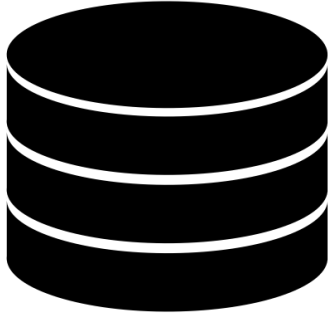
- **Active Directory** refers to a “Schema” – conceptually similar to a DB schema

```
DistinguishedName : CN=Simon Pane,CN=Users,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET
Enabled           : True
GivenName        : Simon
Name             : Simon Pane
ObjectClass      : user
ObjectGUID       : a3ac96ee-1bf3-498b-9a33-09f277cd9f30
SamAccountName   : simon
SID              : S-1-5-21-1306279433-3385030304-3161737977-1111
Surname          : Pane
UserPrincipalName : simon@STAGECOACH.NET
```

The Difference is Profound

EUS / OUD and syncing of AD users/groups

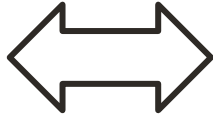
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Oracle Directory Services

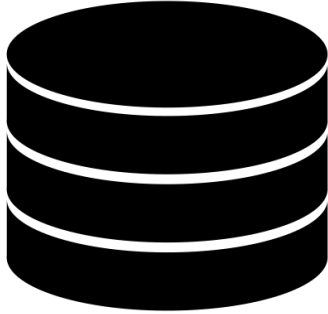
An icon for Oracle Directory Services, showing a blue folder with a white person icon and a white document icon, with three orange circles on the left side.

VERY COMPLEX



Database 18c talks directly to AD

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Why Do We Want To Do This?

- Centralize (some) DB user management
 - If organizationally using Active Directory, then users are almost certainly added/maintained there anyway
 - **Removes user account and user password layer from the database**
 - Can leverage Active Directory security groups – map to database roles/privileges
 - **Reduced DBA administration workload**
 - With shared DB schemas, no onboarding or offboarding at the DB level
- White paper explaining: <https://hubs.ly/H0mJjGb0>

Similar to SQL Server Integrated Logons

Login - New

Select a page

- General
- Server Roles
- User Mapping
- Securables
- Status

Script Help

Login name: STAGECOACH\DB_PRD01_Admins Search...

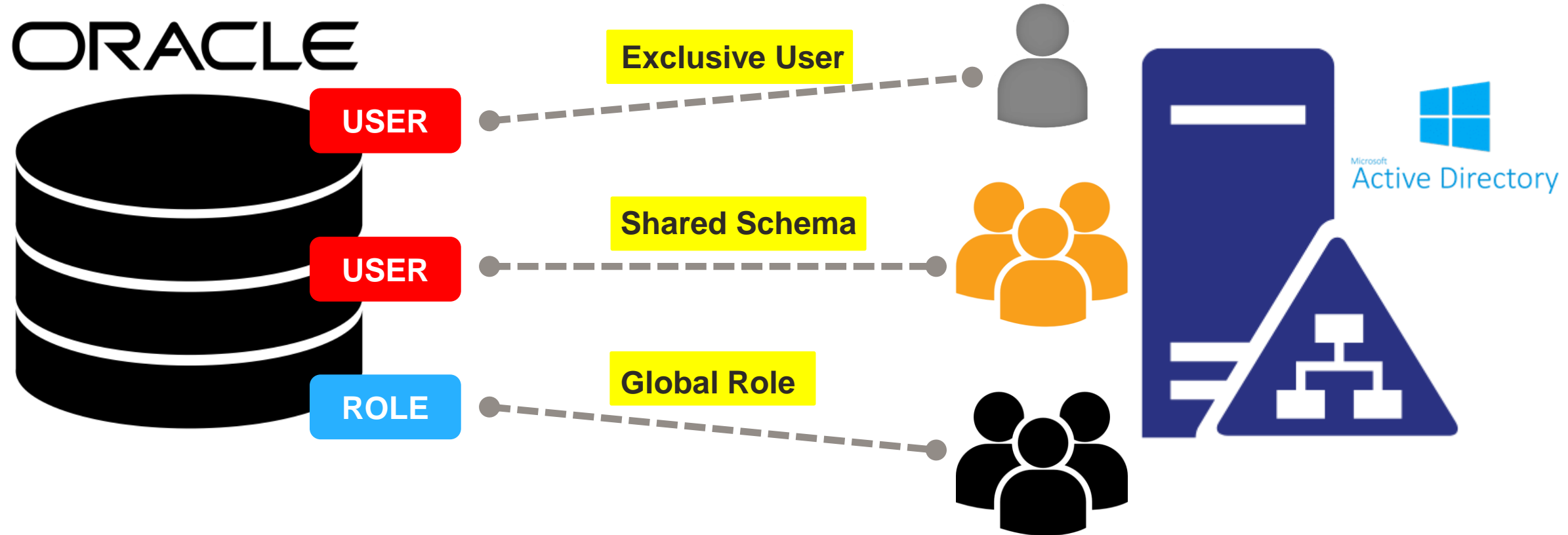
Windows authentication

SQL Server authentication

Password:

Now we really have the same options with Oracle Database 18c+

“ ... IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS ... ”



NOTE: Oracle User/Role names don't need to match AD User/Group names

Logical Connection Flow

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USER

dsi.ora/ldap.ora & wallet



Found AD DN

No Match – LDAP Query AD

Send Credential to DB



Microsoft Active Directory

Authentication and Authorization Options

- Oracle Database 18c+ provides several CMU AD **authentication** options:
 1. Password ← **Compatibility**
 2. Kerberos ← **Recommended**
 3. PKI Certificate (AD acts as the Certificate Authority)
- Oracle Database 18c+ provides several CMU AD **authorization** options:
 - Normal Oracle Database built-in technologies (roles, privileges, etc.)
 - Active Directory Security Groups

To Put it Simply & Which is Best for You?

- Using the “**Password**” configuration option:

PASSWORD

- Database connections still require credentials (username & password)
- Password is **validated against Active Directory** instead of the database
- Essentially “re-prompting” – compromised desktop != DB access

- Using the “**Kerberos**” configuration option:

KERBEROS

- Active Directory issues Kerberos “tickets” (TGT)
- Tickets are used for authentication – **no credential** (no username or password) **required** for DB connections

Summary of Implementation Steps

A red speech bubble with a white outline, containing the text '?!?!?' in white. It is positioned to the right of the first step of the list.

1. Extend the AD Schema and install the DC “Password Verifiers”
2. Create an “Oracle Service Directory User” (for DB <-> AD communication)
3. Configure the RDBMS home to integrate with AD via the Service Directory User and the AD’s “Public Certificate”
4. Create “... IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY ...” database users and/or roles

Summary of Implementation Steps

1. Create a “service principal” for the DB server in Active Directory
2. Extract the “key table” for the “service principal” and copy to the DB server
3. Configure Kerberos settings and SQLNET.ORA on DB server
4. Create “... IDENTIFIED EXTERNALLY ...” database users and/or groups
5. Configure Kerberos settings in client’s SQLNET.ORA



***Explaining “Password” authentication
going forward as it seems to usually
be the most applicable***

***But blog explaining and
demonstrating “Kerberos” setup
is also available***

Active Directory Implementation Steps

This might seem a little complicated at first but really is not. And is only a one-time setup!

Testbed Environment Summary – OCI Based

- Oracle Linux 7 Database server with Oracle 18c **XE** RDBMS home:
 - Using default locations for certain files such as `dsi.ora` and Oracle Wallet
- XE default installation is a CDB database with one pluggable database **XEPDB1**:
 - CMU works fine with PDB or non-CDB database
- One Windows 2016 Standard Edition Domain Controller (DC)



Prerequisites

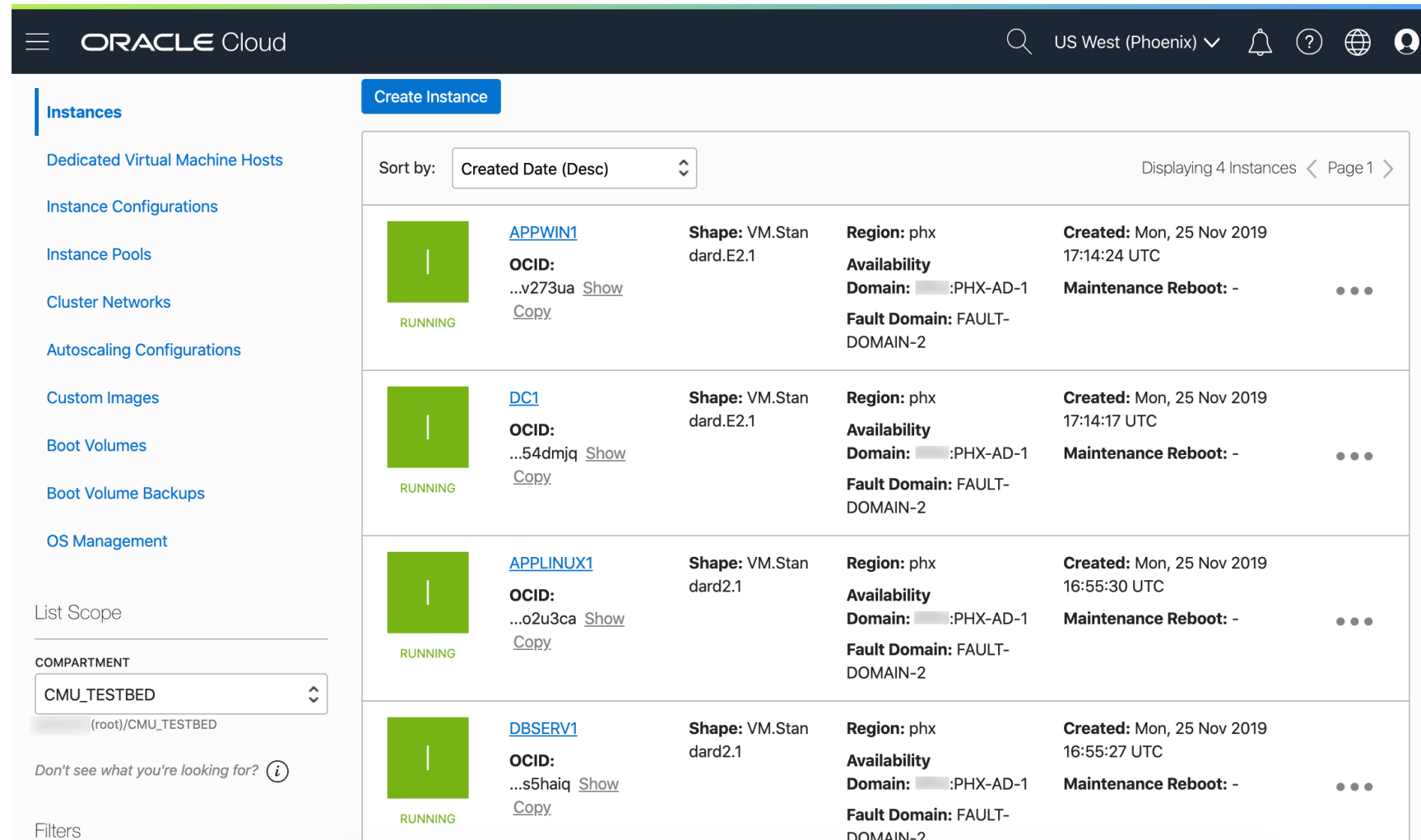
- An Active Directory (AD) forest and domain controller (DC)
 - Administrative access to the DC – AD schema will be extended
- Easy to setup your own PoC / test lab using a cloud environment (OCI):
 - Provision new Windows 2016 Server (Standard edition on VM will suffice)
 - [Install and configure Active Directory Domain Services](#)
 - [Install and configure Active Directory Certificate Services](#)
- **Step-by-step (command line) blog series for DBAs to implement:**
 - Creating An Oracle 18c Centrally Managed Users Testbed Using OCI:
 - 1: <https://hubs.ly/H0mS79v0>
 - 2: <https://hubs.ly/H0mYNPv0>
 - 3: https://hubs.ly/H0n3_L30
 - 4: <https://hubs.ly/H0n9fK-0>



Easy to follow
step-by-step
GUI instructions

Easy and Relatively Affordable to test in the Cloud

- Follow blog series:
 1. OCI testbed setup
 2. Active Directory and server config
 3. Password based setup & testing
 4. Kerberos based setup & testing



The screenshot displays the Oracle Cloud console interface. At the top, the Oracle Cloud logo is visible on the left, and the region 'US West (Phoenix)' is selected on the right. A navigation menu on the left lists various services: Instances, Dedicated Virtual Machine Hosts, Instance Configurations, Instance Pools, Cluster Networks, Autoscaling Configurations, Custom Images, Boot Volumes, Boot Volume Backups, and OS Management. The 'Instances' section is active, showing a list of four instances. The list is sorted by 'Created Date (Desc)' and displays 4 instances on page 1. Each instance entry includes a green 'RUNNING' status icon, the instance name, OCID, Shape, Region, Availability Domain, Fault Domain, and Created date. The instances listed are APPWIN1, DC1, APPLINUX1, and DBSERV1, all created on November 25, 2019.

Instance Name	OCID	Shape	Region	Availability Domain	Fault Domain	Created
APPWIN1	...v273ua	VM.Standard.E2.1	phx	:PHX-AD-1	FAULT-DOMAIN-2	Mon, 25 Nov 2019 17:14:24 UTC
DC1	...54dmjq	VM.Standard.E2.1	phx	:PHX-AD-1	FAULT-DOMAIN-2	Mon, 25 Nov 2019 17:14:17 UTC
APPLINUX1	...o2u3ca	VM.Standard2.1	phx	:PHX-AD-1	FAULT-DOMAIN-2	Mon, 25 Nov 2019 16:55:30 UTC
DBSERV1	...s5haic	VM.Standard2.1	phx	:PHX-AD-1	FAULT-DOMAIN-2	Mon, 25 Nov 2019 16:55:27 UTC

Creating the Oracle Service Directory User

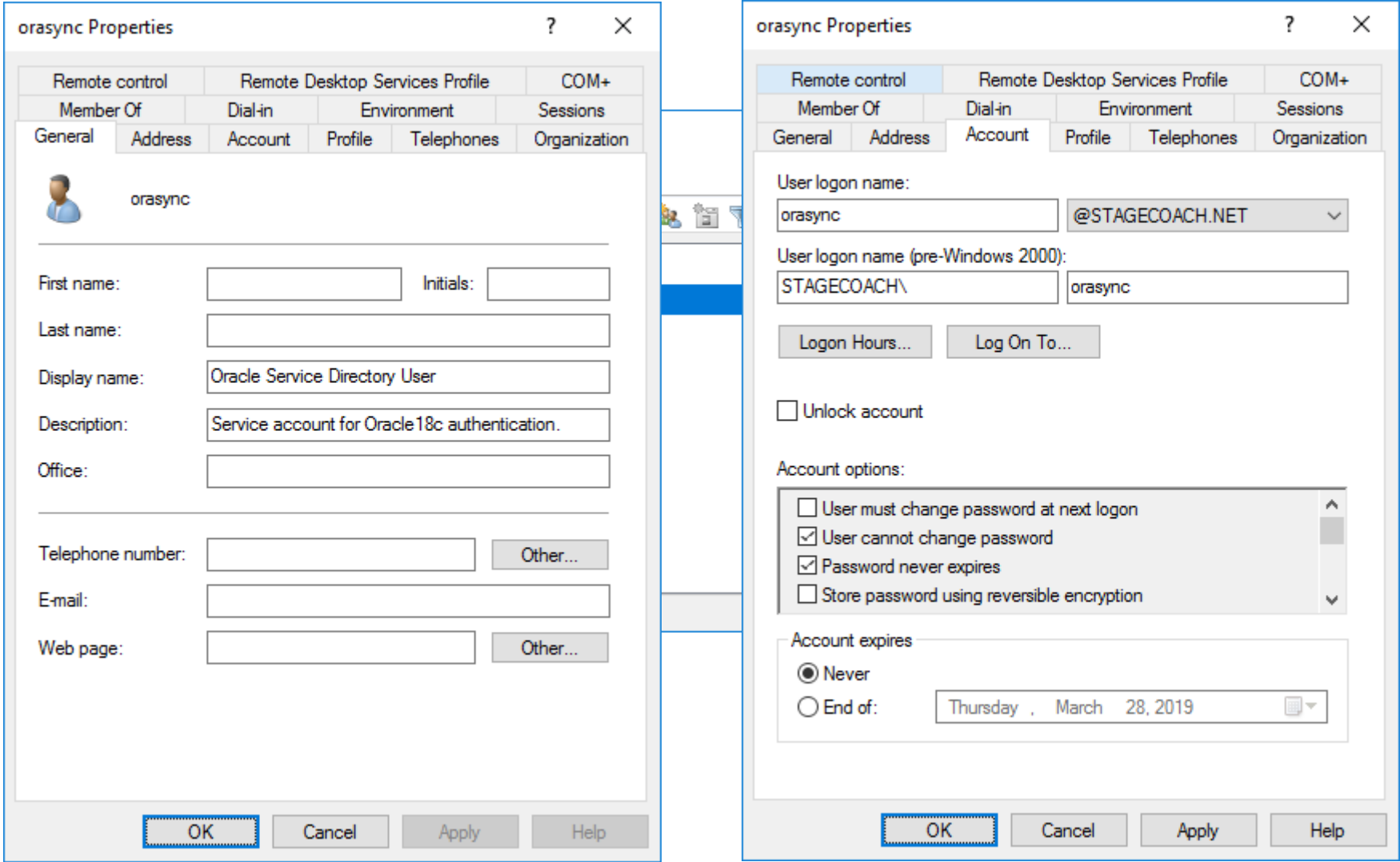
- An AD user that the Oracle Database software will use for AD interaction
- Sample Windows PowerShell script:

```
New-ADUser `
  -Name "orasync" `
  -UserPrincipalName "orasync@stagecoach.net" `
  -DisplayName "Oracle Service Directory User" `
  -Description "Service account for Oracle Database authentication." `
  -Path "CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=stagecoach,DC=net" `
  -ChangePasswordAtLogon $false `
  -PasswordNeverExpires $true `
  -CannotChangePassword $true `
  -Enabled $true `
  -AccountPassword(Read-Host -AsSecureString "Initial Password:")
```

A Personal Preference:

- Alternatively use "Users"
- This path is referenced in later commands

The Oracle Service Directory User



Permissions for the Oracle Service Directory User

- Not very clear in the official documentation
- Actual AD implementation steps:

All tasks -> Delegate Control

Select the Oracle Services Directory User

Choose the **"Create a custom task to delegate"** radio box

Select the **"Only the following objects in the folder"** radio box, then the **"User objects"** check-box

Choose both the **"General"** and **"Property specific"** check-boxes

Select the **"Read"** and **"Write lockout Time"** permissions.

- Or from Windows PowerShell:

```
dscls "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET" /I:P /G "STAGECOACH\orasync:WP;lockoutTime"  
dscls "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET" /I:P /G "STAGECOACH\orasync:RP"
```


Conceptualizing the LDAP Modifications

- For sake of understanding, think of LDAP (AD) as a database with tables

New Column: "orclCommonAttribute"

Active Directory Users Table

Username	Microsoft AD Password Hash	Oracle Password Hash
Scott	<Oracle can't use>	{MR-SHA512}vpOdKnf2YwHjK...
Simon	<Oracle can't use>	{MR-SHA512}7iup/cbAZB20M...
...

Oracle "**Password Filter**" acts like a trigger to populate the new column

Copy the Password Filter Installer to the DC

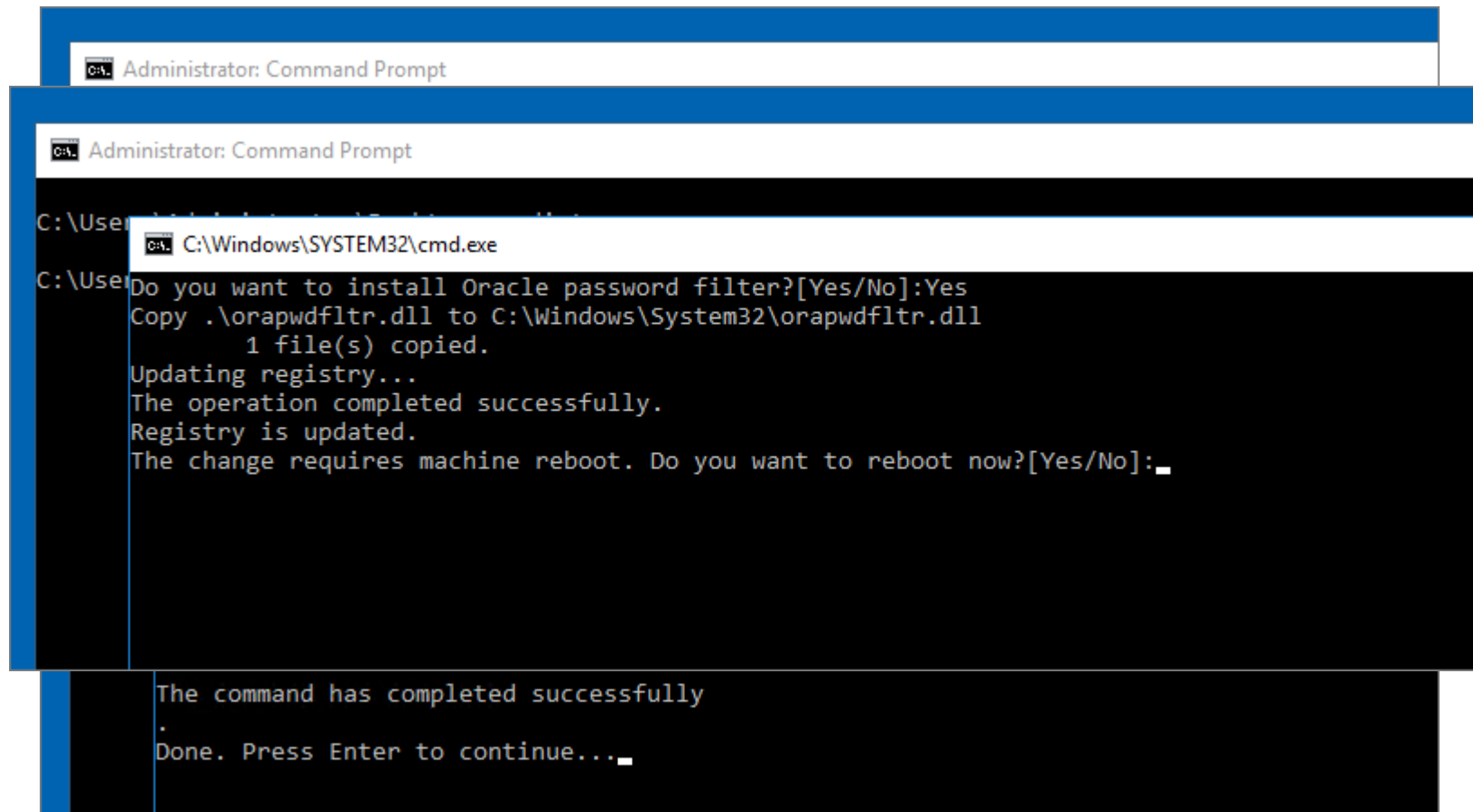
- Extends the Active Directory Schema:
 - Adds the “orc1CommonAttribute” for user accounts
- Creates three new AD groups that will use the password filter
- Must install on every DC (**reboot required**)
- Copy the `${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/opwdintg.exe` file from an RDBMS home
 - Must be an Oracle18c+ home
 - Can be copied from a Linux home (same endian)

Remember:
Not required
with
Kerberos!

```
$ ls -lh ${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/*.exe
-rw-r--r--. 1 oracle oinstall 183K Feb  7 2018 /u01/app/oracle/product/18.0.0/dbhome_1/bin/opwdintg.exe
$
```

Install the Password Filter into AD

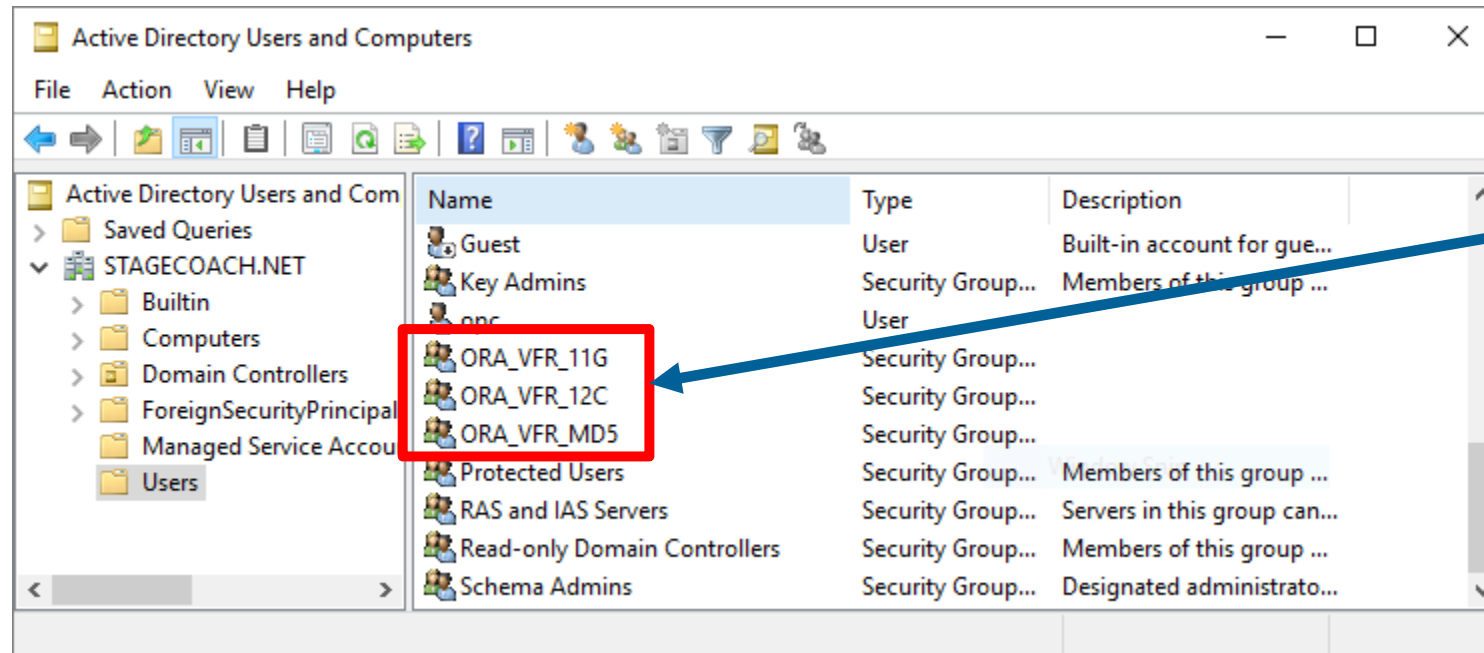
- **IMPORTANT:** a Domain Controller reboot is required!



```
C:\Users\...> Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Users\...> Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Users\...> C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\...> Do you want to install Oracle password filter?[Yes/No]:Yes
Copy .\orapwdfldr.dll to C:\Windows\System32\orapwdfldr.dll
      1 file(s) copied.
Updating registry...
The operation completed successfully.
Registry is updated.
The change requires machine reboot. Do you want to reboot now?[Yes/No]:_
The command has completed successfully
Done. Press Enter to continue..._
```

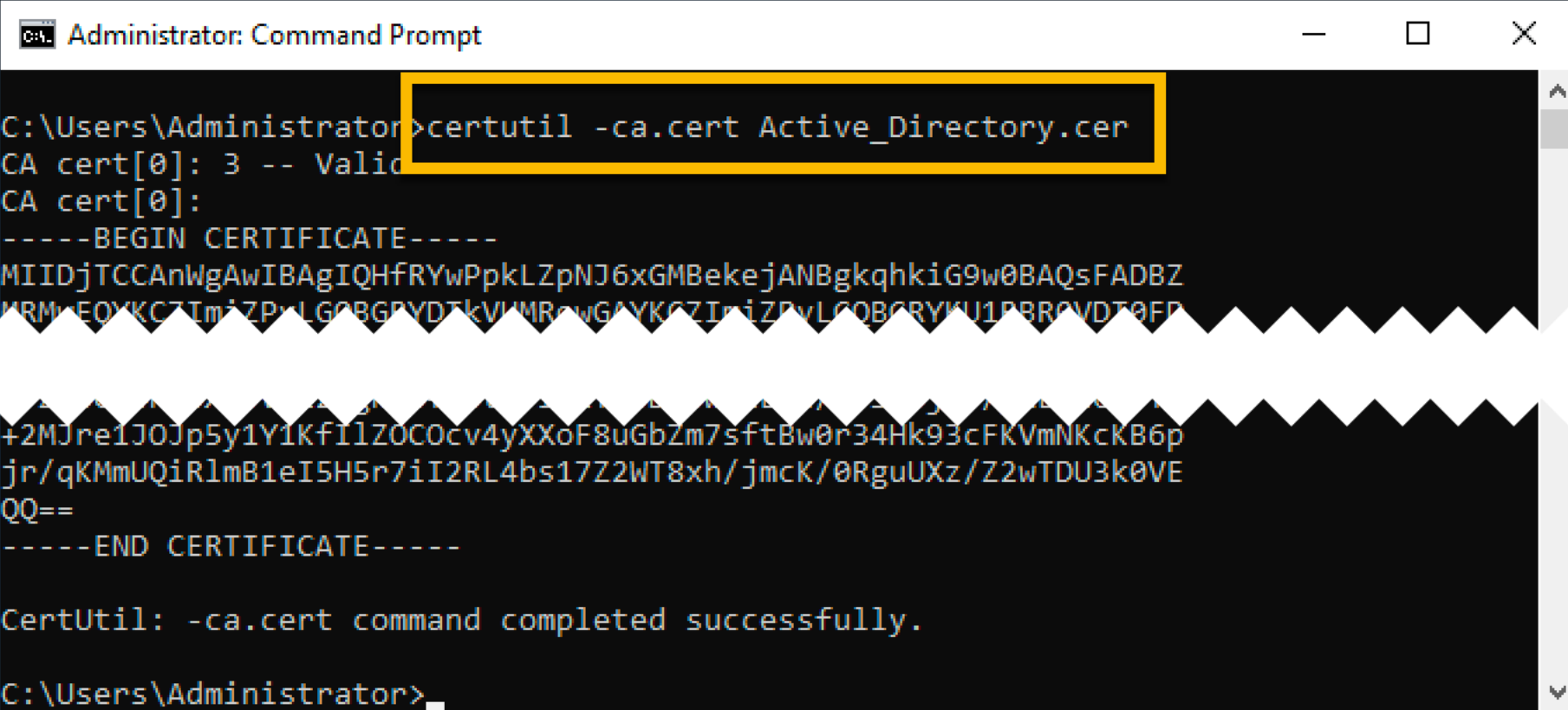
The Result: New AD Groups

- Three new AD groups for the Oracle Database 11g password verifier, 12c+ password verifier, and WebDAV client:



For sake of understanding, conceptualize ORA_VFR Security Group membership as *“who does the trigger apply to”*

Export the Server's Public Certificate



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Users\Administrator>certutil -ca.cert Active_Directory.cert
CA cert[0]: 3 -- Valid
CA cert[0]:
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIDjTCCANWgAwIBAgIQHfRYwPpkLZpNJ6xGMBEkejANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADBZ
MRMwEQYKCZImeZPLG0BGRVDTkVUMRwwGAYKChIwIzPvLCOBGRYKU1PBRQVDT0FD
+2MJre1JOJp5y1Y1KfI1ZOCcv4yXXoF8uGbZm7sftBw0r34Hk93cFKVmNKcKB6p
jr/qKMMUQiRlmB1eI5H5r7iI2RL4bs17Z2WT8xh/jmck/0RguUXz/Z2wTDU3k0VE
QQ==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

CertUtil: -ca.cert command completed successfully.

C:\Users\Administrator>
```

- Manually copy the exported public certificate to the database server

Database Home Configuration

Create a Wallet File

- To hold the “*Service Directory User’s*” credential and the certificate

```
mkdir -p ${ORACLE_BASE}/admin/${ORACLE_SID}/wallet
cd ${ORACLE_BASE}/admin/${ORACLE_SID}/wallet

orapki wallet create -wallet . -auto_login
mkstore -wrl . -createEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.USERNAME orasync
mkstore -wrl . -createEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.DN "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET"
mkstore -wrl . -createEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.PASSWORD ██████████
orapki wallet add -wallet . -cert Active_Directory.cer -trusted_cert

orapki wallet display -wallet .
mkstore -wrl . -viewEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.DN -viewEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.PASSWORD -viewEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.USERNAME
```

Specifying the Active Directory Servers

- List AD servers in a `dsi.ora` file (use of an `ldap.ora` is not recommended)

```
cat <<EOT > ${ORACLE_HOME}/ldap/admin/dsi.ora
DSI_DIRECTORY_SERVERS = (10.0.0.12:389:636)
DSI_DEFAULT_ADMIN_CONTEXT = "DC=stagecoach,DC=net"
DSI_DIRECTORY_SERVER_TYPE = AD
EOT

cat ${ORACLE_HOME}/ldap/admin/dsi.ora
```

Optional

Can use hostname or FQDN
and list multiple DCs

A Quick Test/Verification

- LDAP utilities have been in RDMS homes for many releases

```

${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/ldapsearch \
  -b "DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \
  -D "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \
  -h 10.0.0.12 -p 389 -q \
  "cn=orasync" description

${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/ldapbind \
  -D "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \
  -h 10.0.0.12 -p 389 -q

${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/ldapbind \
  -b "DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \
  -D "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \
  -h 10.0.0.12 -p 636 -c -U3 \
  -W "file:/u01/app/oracle/admin/PRD01/wallet" -Q \
  "cn=orasync" description

```

To test two-way authentication using certificate

Location of Oracle Wallet containing cert

Database Configuration

- Initialization Parameter adjustments:

```
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET ldap_directory_access='PASSWORD' SCOPE=both;

System altered.

SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET ldap_directory_sysauth=YES SCOPE=spfile /* Optional */ ;

System altered.

SQL> !orapwd file=${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/orapwd${ORACLE_SID} format=12.2 # Optional #

Enter password for SYS:

SQL>
```

- Instance restart required for the optional `ldap_directory_sysauth` change

Database User / Role Configuration

Database Catalog Differences

- Normal database authenticated users – DB stored credentials:

USERNAME	PASSWORD_HASH	AUTH_TYP	EXTERNAL_NAME
SCOTT	S:ABB999A0C4672B5A5E5DF1628DC8D1BC0AB398 AF4A8272E69947F97BE5B4;T:D08D189CDB2B553 FF85185625B14ECCAD362ACA5F9BA807D343E13D DAE583A7FB5EE5777228206AB20F0A8E0450A465 1B82225DCF92BF12ACAA54B275E42FFB008E4EB5 196572B53C0221B76B86FA258	PASSWORD	

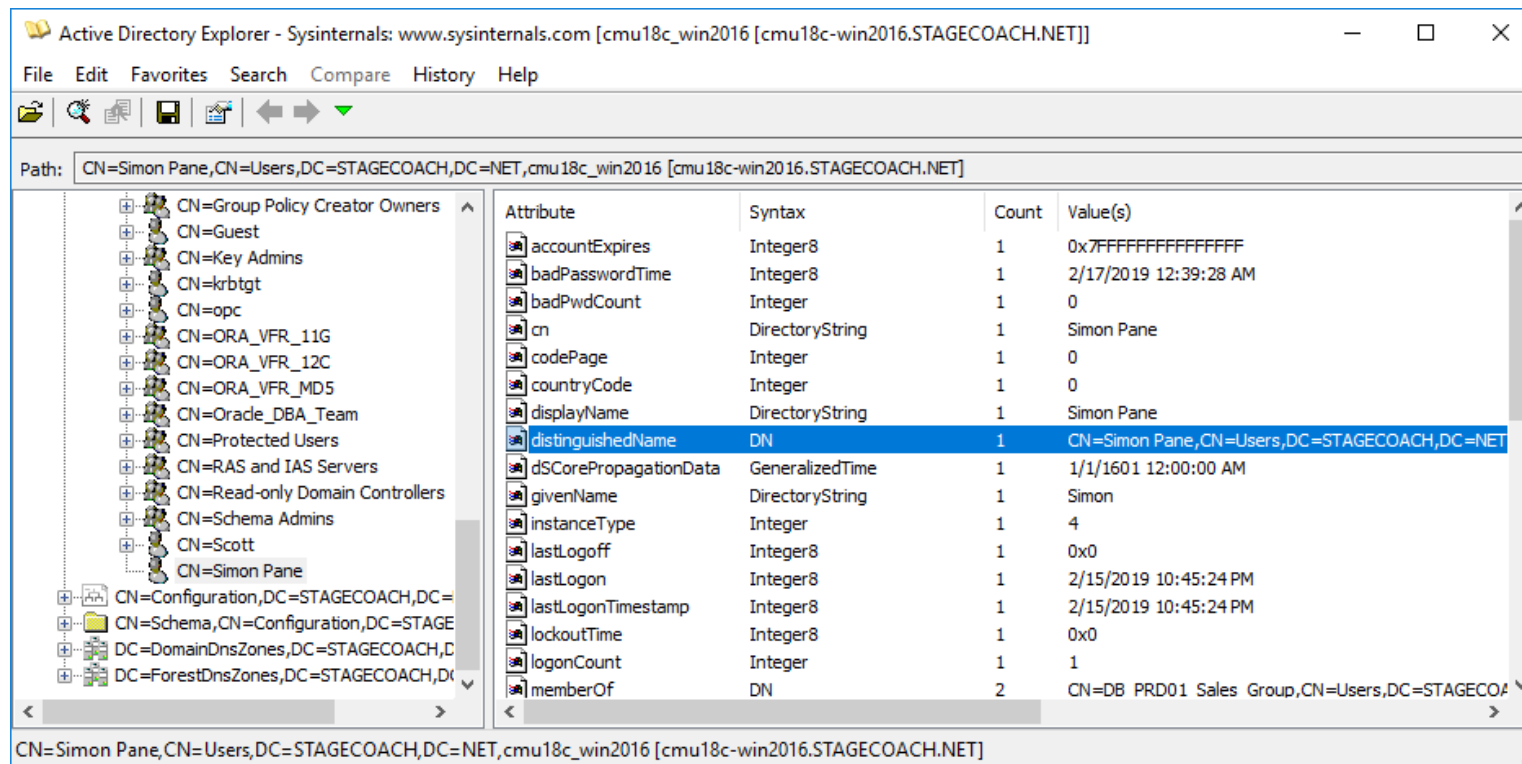
- New Active Directory authenticated users – AD stored credentials:

USERNAME	PASSWORD_HASH	AUTH_TYP	EXTERNAL_NAME
SCOTT		GLOBAL	cn=Scott,cn=Users,dc=stagecoach,dc=net

Active Directory “Distinguished Name”

Recommended AD Query Tool

- [AD Explorer](#) - Windows Sysinternals
 - Single executable utility
 - Useful for obtaining the user's "Distinguished Name" and checking the "orclCommonAttribute"



Command Line Alternatives

- Command shell example:

```
dsquery user -name simon -o dn
```

- PowerShell example:

```
Get-ADUser -Identity "simon" -properties DistinguishedName,orclCommonAttribute
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-ADUser -Identity "simon" -properties DistinguishedName,orclCommonAttribute
DistinguishedName : CN=Simon Pane,CN=Users,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET
Enabled           : True
GivenName        : Simon
Name             : Simon Pane
ObjectClass      : user
ObjectGUID       : 76438e16-125c-4dff-a153-d8628905e6d5
orclCommonAttribute : {MR-SHA512}v8oLSV8JuPW8jhjTv2cTcubULP6+yvbeZqZyqwrPpKAqkyx+wXnE8hEKU5kovMDXEudfN8+XZy1A4aTDr dAxe
                    S9yCj0Mwq7B1P4yI2S7k4=
SamAccountName   : simon
SID              : S-1-5-21-2551431580-742512773-3804340073-1112
Surname          : Pane
UserPrincipalName : simon@STAGECOACH.NET
```

Create Users and Roles

- Use “... IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS ...”
- Obtain the “Distinguished Names” from Active Directory

```
CREATE USER ad_simon_pane IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS 'cn=Simon Pane,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET';  
CREATE USER ad_dba_team IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS 'cn=Oracle_DBA_Team,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET';  
CREATE ROLE ad_sales_role IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS 'cn=DB_PRD01_Sales_Group,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET';
```

- Existing database users can also be migrated via “ALTER USER ... IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS ...”
- Administrative users and connections are also supported

Connection Options

- Can perform the database connection using:
 1. Using the “**down-level logon name**” (or “SAMAccountName”, “pre-Windows 2000 logon name”) : `DOMAIN\User`
 2. Using the “**User Principal Name**” (or “UPN”): `User@Domain`
 3. Just using the “**User Login Name**” : `User`
- Local BEQ and TNS connections supported
- Examples:

```
SQL> connect "STAGECOACH\simon"
```

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"
```

```
SQL> connect simon
```


Other Suggestions

- Use a good nomenclature to make AD users/groups easily identifiable:

USERNAME	AUTHENTI	EXTERNAL_NAME	PASSWORD
AD_ORACLE_DBA_TEAM	GLOBAL	cn=Oracle_DBA_Team,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET	GLOBAL
AD_PRD01_ADMINS	GLOBAL	cn=DB_PRD01_Admins,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET	GLOBAL
AD_PRD01_USERS	GLOBAL	cn=DB_PRD01_Users,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET	GLOBAL
AD_SCOTT	GLOBAL	cn=Scott,cn=Users,dc=stagecoach,dc=net	GLOBAL
AD_SIMON	GLOBAL	cn=Simon Pane,cn=Users,dc=stagecoach,dc=net	GLOBAL



What appears in `v$session` and other views (AWR)

Must Change AD Password After Creation

- Because the AD “Password Verifier” groups are assigned after creation
- Need to be part of the verifier groups to store hash in `orclCommonAttribute`
- Users usually have to change their password on first (Windows) login anyway

Attribute Properties

Attribute: orclCommonAttribute

Object: CN=Scott,CN=Users,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET

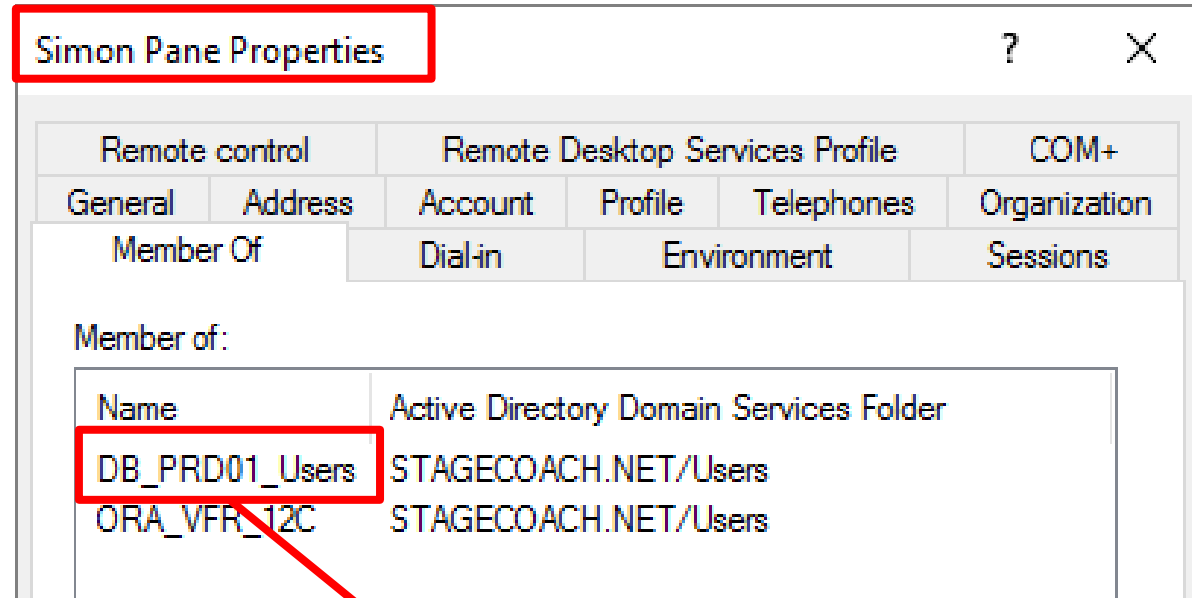
Syntax: CaseIgnoreString

Schema: CN=orclcommonattribute,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=S1

Values: {MR-SHA512}2ivGfRDJC4nJ7+J4z2q3z1m9D3xhCy+ehgWt9UyLCDg7MXjZu42QHK2T

Reminder:
Not required
with
Kerberos!

Example Shared Schema Configuration



USERNAME	AUTHENTI	EXTERNAL_NAME	PASSWORD
AD_PRD01_USERS	GLOBAL	cn=DB_PRD01_Users, cn=Users, dc=STAGECOACH, dc=NET	GLOBAL

The Typical Session Properties

- Only shows the Shared Schema details:

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
Connected.
SQL>
SQL> SELECT SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','SESSION_USER') AS session_user,
2         SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','SESSION_SCHEMA') AS session_schema,
3         SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','CURRENT_USER') AS current_user,
4         SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','CURRENT_SCHEMA') AS current_schema,
5         user
6         FROM dual;
```

SESSION_USER	SESSION_SCHEMA	CURRENT_USER	CURRENT_SCHEMA	USER
AD_PRD01_USERS	AD_PRD01_USERS	AD_PRD01_USERS	AD_PRD01_USERS	AD_PRD01_USERS

```
SQL>
```

Authentication and Identity Properties

- Does show all of the pertinent information:

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"
```

```
Enter password:
```

```
Connected.
```

```
SQL>
```

```
SQL> SELECT SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','AUTHENTICATED_IDENTITY') AS authenticated_identity,  
2          SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','AUTHENTICATION_METHOD') AS authentication_method,  
3          SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','IDENTIFICATION_TYPE') AS identification_type,  
4          SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','LDAP_SERVER_TYPE') AS ldap_server_type,  
5          SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY') AS enterprise_identity  
6          FROM dual;
```

AUTHENTICATED_IDENTITY	AUTHENTICATION_METHOD	IDENTIFICATION_TYPE	LDAP_SERVER_TYPE	ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY
simon@stagecoach.net	PASSWORD_GLOBAL	GLOBAL SHARED	AD	cn=Simon Pane,cn=Users, dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET

A Simple Auditing Test

- Audit create session and connect using a Shared Schema:

```
SQL> audit create session;

Audit succeeded.

SQL> connect "STAGECOACH\simon"@PRD01
Enter password:
Connected.
SQL>
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
Connected.
SQL>
```

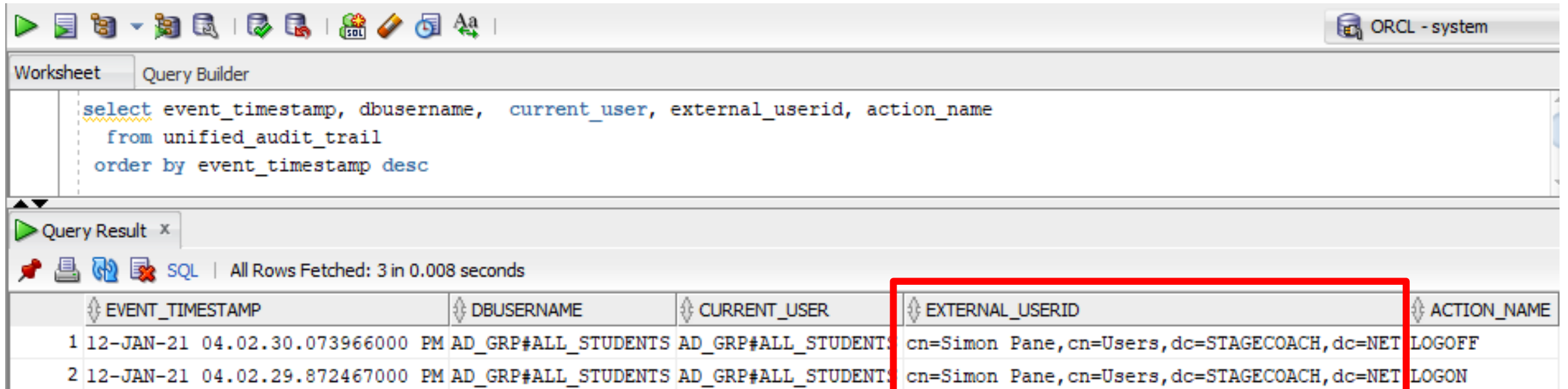
Audit Records (Traditional)

```
SQL> SELECT username, extended_timestamp, comment_text FROM dba_audit_trail ORDER BY 1,2;
```

USERNAME	EXTENDED_TIMESTAMP	COMMENT_TEXT
AD_PRD01_USERS	16-FEB-19 04.14.38.796356 PM -07:00	Authenticated by: DIRECTORY PASSWORD; EXTERNAL NAME: cn=Simon Pane, cn=Users, dc=STAGECOACH, dc=NET; AUTHENTICATED IDENTITY: STAGECOACH\simon; Client address: (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=10.0.0.13)(PORT=36076))
AD_PRD01_USERS	16-FEB-19 04.14.38.804294 PM -07:00	
AD_PRD01_USERS	16-FEB-19 04.14.38.921909 PM -07:00	Authenticated by: DIRECTORY PASSWORD; EXTERNAL NAME: cn=Simon Pane, cn=Users, dc=STAGECOACH, dc=NET; AUTHENTICATED IDENTITY: simon@stagecoach.net; Client address: (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=10.0.0.13)(PORT=36080))
AD_PRD01_USERS	16-FEB-19 04.14.42.656294 PM -07:00	

```
SQL>
```

Audit Records (Unified)



Worksheet Query Builder

```
select event_timestamp, dbusername, current_user, external_userid, action_name
from unified_audit_trail
order by event_timestamp desc
```

Query Result x

SQL | All Rows Fetched: 3 in 0.008 seconds

	EVENT_TIMESTAMP	DBUSERNAME	CURRENT_USER	EXTERNAL_USERID	ACTION_NAME
1	12-JAN-21 04.02.30.073966000 PM	AD_GRP#ALL_STUDENTS	AD_GRP#ALL_STUDENT	cn=Simon Pane,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET	LOGOFF
2	12-JAN-21 04.02.29.872467000 PM	AD_GRP#ALL_STUDENTS	AD_GRP#ALL_STUDENT	cn=Simon Pane,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET	LOGON

- Can catch additional details by auditing other **USERENV** namespace attributes!
- Some issues still when combining both **CMU** and **PROXY AUTHENTICATION** ☹️

Both Exclusive and Shared Schema Matches?

- Connects as the Exclusive User over the Shared Schema

USERNAME	AUTHENTI	EXTERNAL_NAME	PASSWORD
AD_ORACLE_DBA_TEAM	GLOBAL	cn=Oracle_DBA_Team,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET	GLOBAL
AD_SIMON	GLOBAL	cn=Simon Pane,cn=Users,dc=stagecoach,dc=net	GLOBAL

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
Connected.
SQL>
SQL> show user
```

Member of Multiple AD Groups?

TIP: Don't Do!

```
SQL> connect "scott@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
ERROR:
ORA-28306: The directory user has 2 groups mapped to different database global users.
```

Connected.

Scott Properties

SQL>

Remote control		Remote Desktop Services Profile			COM+
General	Address	Account	Profile	Telephones	Organization
Member Of		Dial-in	Environment	Sessions	
Member of:					
Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder				
DB_PRD01_Adm...	\$STAGECOACH.NET/Users				
DB_PRD01_Users	\$STAGECOACH.NET/Users				
Domain Users	STAGECOACH.NET/Users				
ORA_VFR_12C	STAGECOACH.NET/Users				

- Only connects as the one Shared Schema based on lowest **USER_ID**

Global Roles

- Create a Database Role that maps to an AD group:

```
CREATE ROLE ad sales role IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS  
'CN=DB_PRD01_Sales_Group,CN=Users,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET';
```

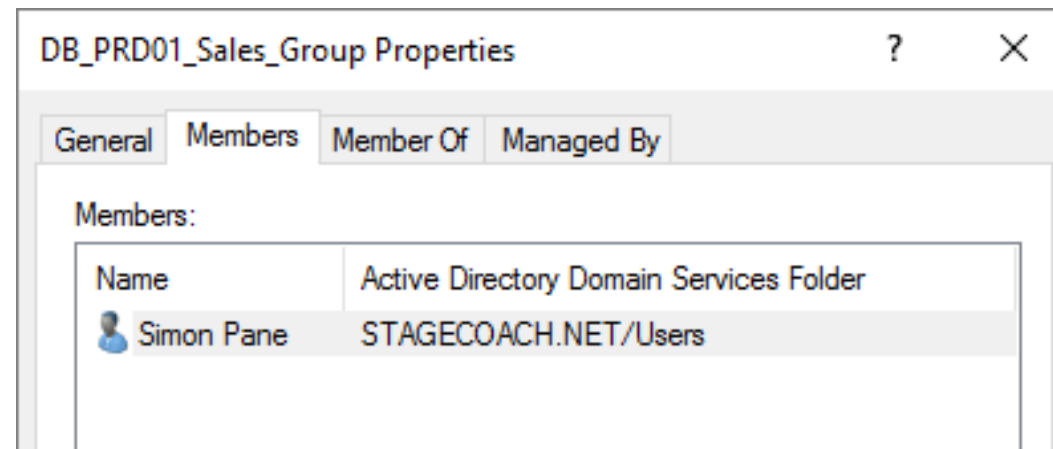
ROLE	AUTHENTICAT	PASSWORD	EXTERNAL_NAME
<u>AD_SALES_ROLE</u>	GLOBAL	GLOBAL	cn=DB_PRD01_Sales_Group,cn=Users,dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET

Global Role Membership

- Can't grant in the DB – membership assigned through AD group:

```
SQL> GRANT ad_sales_role TO clark;  
GRANT ad_sales_role TO clark  
*  
ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-28021: cannot grant global roles
```

- Effectively grant through AD Group membership



Global Roles – Activated When Connected

- After connecting:

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"  
Enter password:  
Connected.  
SQL>  
SQL> SELECT role FROM session_roles ORDER BY 1;  
  
ROLE  
-----  
AD_SALES_ROLE  
CONNECT  
  
SQL>
```

Issues and Troubleshooting

What does ORA-01017 Actually Mean?

- Error **ORA-01017** is commonly returned due to a wide variety of causes

```
ERROR:
ORA-01017: invalid username/password; logon denied

SQL> !oerr ora 01017
01017, 00000, "invalid username/password; logon denied"
// *Cause:
// *Action:
```

- Really means: **could not validate that the credential is valid:**
 - Bad Password
 - DC unreachable (due to setup, networking, routing, permissions, or server down)

First Check the Obvious: Verify the Password

- Test AD user password:

```
C:\>runas /u:simon@stagecoach.net notepad.exe
Enter the password for simon@stagecoach.net:
Attempting to start notepad.exe as user "simon@stagecoach.net" ...
RUNAS ERROR: Unable to run - notepad.exe
1385: Logon failure: the user has not been granted the requested logon type at this computer.

C:\>
```

- AD user may have:
 - Expired password
 - Locked account due to failed login attempts



**The Oracle Database
honors these**

Verify the Connection: Test Using an LDAP Query

```
$ ${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/ldapbind \  
> -D "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \  
> -h 10.0.0.12 -p 389 -q  
Please enter bind password:  
bind successful  
$
```

```
$ ${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/ldapsearch \  
> -b "DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \  
> -D "CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=stagecoach,DC=net" \  
> -h 10.0.0.12 -p 389 -q "cn=orasync" description  
Please enter bind password:  
CN=orasync,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=STAGECOACH,DC=NET  
description=Service account for Oracle18c authentication.
```

- Check firewalls
 - At the network level, the DB server level, and Domain Controller level
 - ICMP (ping) tests

Firewall Rules – Common LDAP Ports Required

Stateful Rules				
Source: 10.0.0.0/24	IP Protocol: TCP	Source Port Range: All	Destination Port Range: 389	Allows: TCP traffic for ports: 389 Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
Source: 10.0.0.0/24	IP Protocol: TCP	Source Port Range: All	Destination Port Range: 636	Allows: TCP traffic for ports: 636

Active Directory Policies and Passwords

- Oracle DB prevents connections when the AD status is:
 - “password expired”
 - “password must change”
 - “account locked out”
 - “account disabled”
- Remember to change the AD password after adding the user to the Oracle password verifier group(s) in AD

Connection Tracing

- Additional details can be obtained using tracing:

```
alter system set events='trace[gdsi] disk low;  
off
```

- Then review the resulting trace file in the ADR:

```
[28994890]kzlg discovered server type: AD  
[28994890]kzlg AD user name: STAGECOACH\simon  
[28994890]kzlg found dn in wallet  
[28994890]kzlg found pwd in wallet  
[28994890]kzlg found usr in wallet  
[28994890]kzlg discovered ldaptype: AD  
[28994890]kzlg ldap_open 10.0.0.12:636  
[28994890]kzlg DB-LDAP init SSL succeeded.  
...
```

Lacking Critical Detail in Oracle Return Codes

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
ERROR:
ORA-01017: invalid username/password; logon denied

Warning: You are no longer connected to ORACLE.
SQL>
```

- Within Active Directory (and associated trace file messages)
 - “User must change password at next logon”: `kzlg polerr=28223`
 - “Account disabled”: `kzlg polerr=28052`
 - “Password incorrect”: `kzlg polerr=0 ; KZLG_ERR: LDAPERR=49, OER=28043`
 - Cannot contact AD DC: `KZLG_ERR: 28030 from kzlgOpenBind`

User “locked” in Active Directory

```
SQL> connect "simon@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
ERROR:
ORA-28300: No permission to read user entry in LDAP directory service.

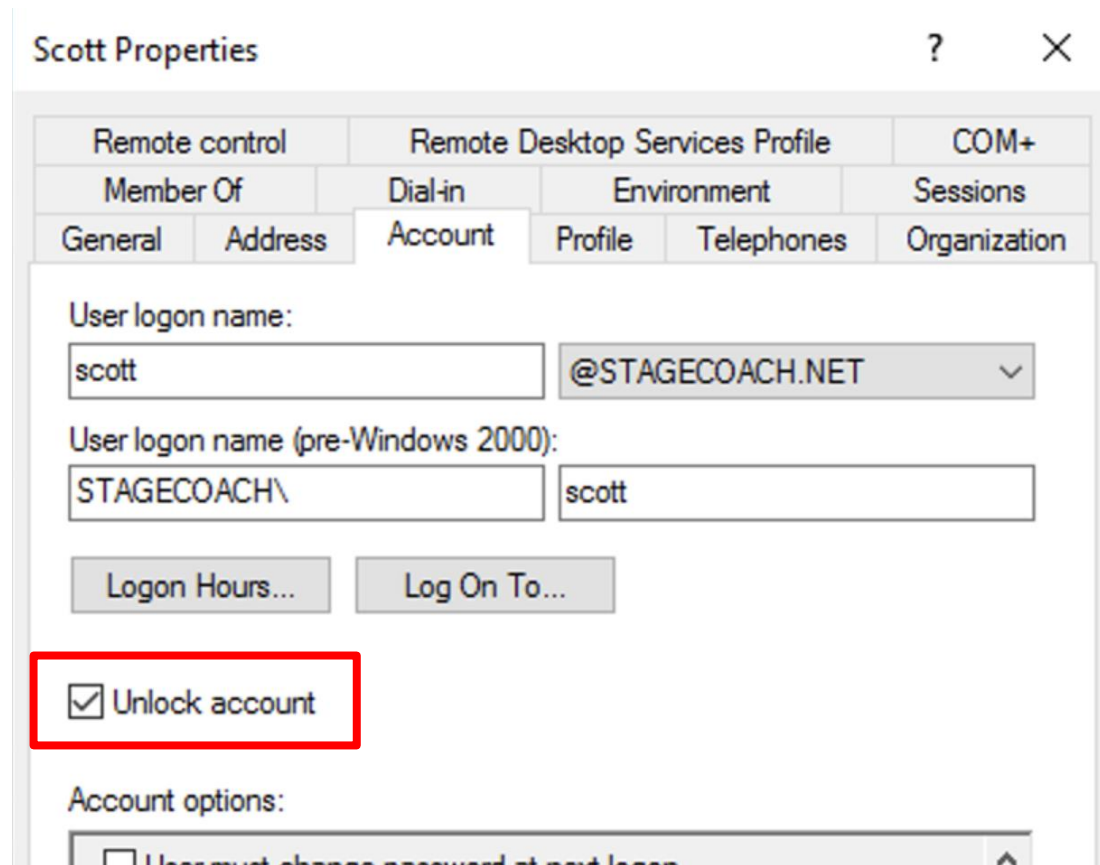
Warning: You are no longer connected to ORACLE.
SQL>
```

```
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: failed to modify user status Insufficient access
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: LDAPERR=50, OER=28300
```

- Usually associated with new AD accounts that have never logged into Windows
- Unlock within AD

User “locked” in Active Directory

- Is a group policy causing them to lock too easily?



Difficult Problem: LDAP Bind Errors

One error – but presented differently in different places!!!!

- SYMPTOM / ERROR from SQLPlus:
 - `ORA-01017: invalid username/password; logon denied`
- SYMPTOM / ERROR from the database alert log:
 - `ORA-28043` invalid bind credentials for DB-`OID` connection
- SYMPTOM / ERROR from (event) trace file:
 - `KZLG_ERR: failed to sasl bind to LDAP server. err=49`

Trace File from Network Issue

```
ERROR:
ORA-01017: invalid username/password; logon denied

Warning: You are no longer connected to ORACLE.
$ grep -ih kzlg *.trc
[28994890]kzlg AD user name: STAGECOACH\simon
[28994890]kzlg found dn in wallet
[28994890]kzlg found pwd in wallet
[28994890]kzlg found usr in wallet
[28994890]kzlg found domain STAGECOACH; dc=STAGECOACH,dc=NET; 1 dirsrv
[28994890]kzlg ldap_open 10.0.0.12:636
[28994890]kzlg DB-LDAP init SSL succeeded.
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: failed to sasl bind to LDAP server. err=49
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: ldap_bind_s on SSL failed. err=49
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: LDAPERR=49, OER=28043
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: ldap_bind err=28043
[28994890]kzlg doing LDAP unbind
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: 28043 from kzlgOpenBind.
[28994890]KZLG_ERR: failed to connect to ldap
```

Two Possible Causes

1. Check that the Oracle Directory User's credentials in the wallet are valid:

```
orapki wallet display -wallet .
```

```
mkstore -wrl . -viewEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.DN
```

```
mkstore -wrl . -viewEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.USERNAME
```

```
mkstore -wrl . -viewEntry ORACLE.SECURITY.PASSWORD
```

2. Networking resolution / firewall / routing

- Check resolution in DNS server or in local `/etc/hosts` file as a workaround if needed

Networking Solution

- On Domain controller determine the internal (private) IP, hostname, and FQDN. From Windows Command Prompt:

```
hostname
```

```
hostname | nslookup
```

- On DB Server ensure that LDAP port 636 can be reached for the IP, hostname, and FQDN (output from all three above):

```
(echo > /dev/tcp/10.0.0.12/636) >/dev/null 2>&1 && echo "OPEN" || echo "CLOSED"
```

```
(echo > /dev/tcp/DC2/636) >/dev/null 2>&1 && echo "OPEN" || echo "CLOSED"
```

```
(echo > /dev/tcp/DC2.STAGECOACH.net/636) >/dev/null 2>&1 && echo "OPEN" || echo "CLOSED"
```

Testing:
1) Private network IP
2) Hostname
3) FQDN

Authorization is Still Database Based

```
SQL> connect "scott@stagecoach.net"@PRD01
Enter password:
ERROR:
ORA-01045: user AD_SCOTT lacks CREATE SESSION privilege; logon denied

SQL>
```

- Still need to setup grants, roles, etc within the database via a normal role, global role or direct grant
- Granting to either the Exclusive User or Shared Schema

Other Very Misleading Errors

```
ORA-28304: Oracle encrypted block is corrupt (file # , block # )
```

PASSWORD

- Certificate in the Wallet file was no longer valid (not related to TDE)

```
ORA-28030: Server encountered problems accessing LDAP directory service
```

KERBEROS

- **DSI_DIRECTORY_SERVERS=(dc.example.com:389:636)**
 - Must include both ports even if only using one

A Few More Experienced Errors

```
ORA-12638: Credential retrieval failed
```

```
ORA-12641: Authentication service failed to initialize
```

- Verify Kerberos ticket (`oklist` / `klist`)
- Usually related to `SQLNET.ORA`, specifically `SQLNET.AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES`
- `ORA-12638` is really a “catch-all” error – `SQLNET` tracing might be required

One Final Error / Solution

```
ORA-12638: ORA-28276: Invalid ORACLE password attribute
```

- No shadow password in `orclCommonAttribute` in Active Directory
 - Change AD password to create shadow hash
- Ensure user is part of `ORA_VFR_...` AD Security Group



WRAP UP!

Summary...

- CMU finally means authorization and authentication can finally be *easily* offloaded to Microsoft Active Directory:
 - If using AD organizationally, new users will need to be in AD anyway
- Some initial one-time setup is required:
 - AD schema needs to be extended & password filter installed (for “password” option)
 - RDBMS home requires `dsi.ora`, Oracle Wallet, and initialization parameters
 - Less AD setup required for “Kerberos” based authentication
- Actual Database user and role management is easy



MOS Notes

- [How To Configure Authentication For The Centrally Managed Users In An 18c Database \(Doc ID 2462012.1\)](#)
- [Tracing CMU connection issues \(Doc ID 2470608.1\)](#)
- [18c Active Directory Password Authentication Fails With ORA-28276 for Client Connections Below 12c \(Doc ID 2472256.1\)](#)
- [How To Configure Kerberos Authentication In A 12c Database \(Doc ID 1996329.1\)](#)
- [Configuring ASO Kerberos Authentication with a Microsoft Windows 2008 R2 Active Directory KDC \(Doc ID 1304004.1\)](#)
- [Kerberos Troubleshooting Guide \(Doc ID 185897.1\)](#)
- [Mandatory Patches for Centrally Managed Users A.K.A CMU 18C / 19C. \(Doc ID 2716598.1\)](#)
- https://youtu.be/E03g8Hy8e_s





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