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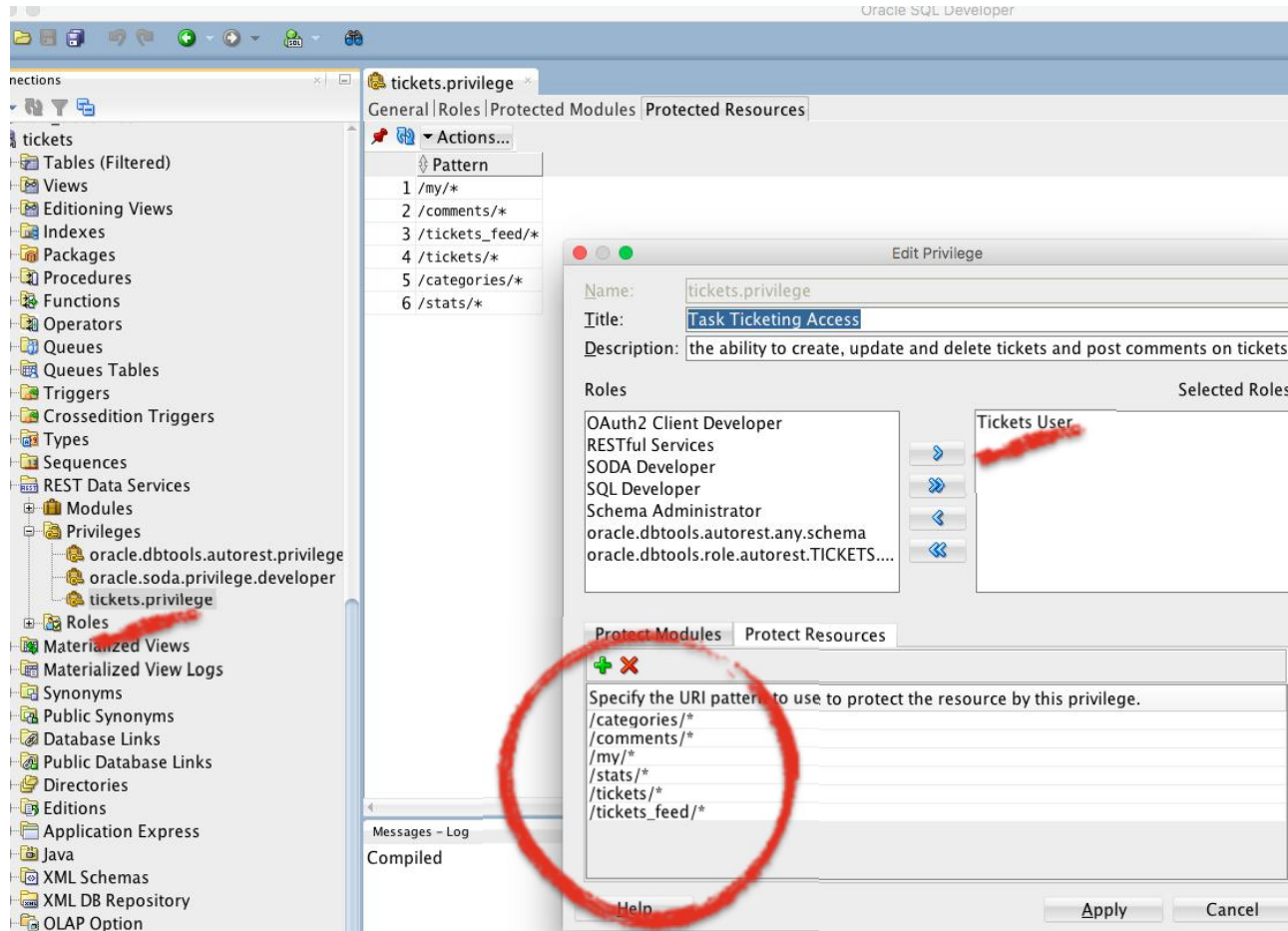
CON6667 - Securing your RESTful Services - Agenda

- 1 Protecting ORDS RESTful Services with Privileges and Roles
- 2 Integrating ORDS with your Enterprise security solution
- 3 ORDS out of the box security solutions
- 4 Using HTTPS with ORDS
- 5 One more thing... ;-)



Protecting REST Services with Privileges and Roles

Defining Resource Privileges



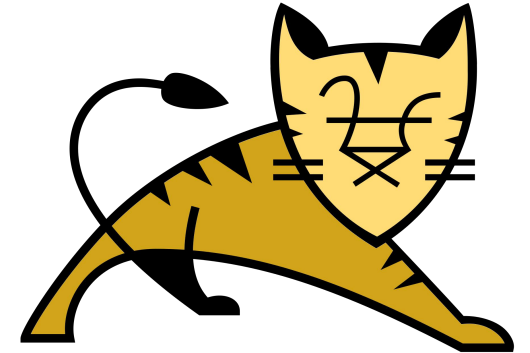
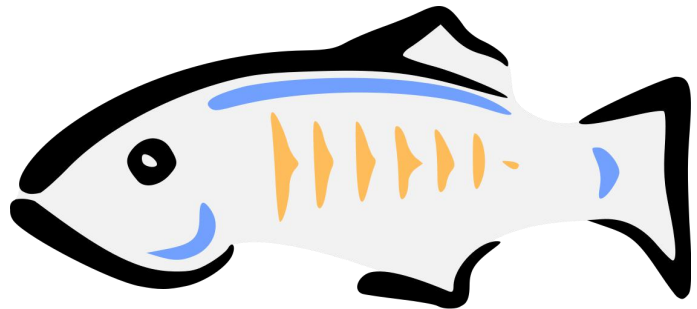
- Using SQL Developer you can view the **Privileges** defined for a schema
- You can also query the underlying views: **USER_ORDS_PRIVILEGES**, **USER_ORDS_PRIVILEGE_MAPPINGS**, **USER_ORDS_PRIVILEGE_ROLES**
- Similarly you can create/update/delete privileges using SQL Developer or **PL/SQL API**
- A user must have **at least one of the required roles** to be granted access

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and dark tie, is looking intently at a tablet computer he is holding. The background is a blurred cityscape at night with bokeh lights. The image is overlaid with a teal geometric pattern consisting of several overlapping triangles.

Integrating with Enterprise Security Solutions

The Preferred Solution

Delegate to the Application Server



- Application Servers have a wealth of security solution integrations
- ORDS has built in support for retrieving the user identity from Apache Tomcat, Oracle Glassfish and Oracle WebLogic
- Challenges: No one size fits all solution, multitude of approaches, not clear which is best choice. Integrations often require expertise to configure

Enterprise Intergration - Case Study

Oracle Database Cloud

- Oracle Database Cloud **Schema as a Service** and **Exadata Express** products are web based cloud databases, with ORDS powering the web interface
- Need to integrate ORDS with the Cloud security solution, **Oracle Identity Manager**
- **OHS, WebGate and WebLogic** all sit in front of ORDS and take care of all authentication of users
- All that is required on ORDS side is to configure ORDS to enable WebLogic to propagate user identity to ORDS

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java -jar ords.war oam-config
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The Alternative Integration Option

Use Custom HTTP Request Headers to share user identity with ORDS

- Assume there is some **middleware** sitting in front of ORDS. The purpose of this middleware is to authenticate and identify user and their roles.
- When user is successfully authenticated then it must **add additional headers to the request** that indicate to ORDS the user's identity and roles
- Middleware **must be locked down to prevent an attacker spoofing these headers!**
- We call this feature **External Session Authentication**

Configuring External Session Authentication

- Add 3 settings to defaults.xml:
 - *security.externalUserHeader* - The name of the header that identifies the user
 - *security.externalRolesHeader* - The name of the header that identifies user roles (comma delimited)
 - *security.externalSessionTrustedOrigins* - The set of Origins trusted to make cross-origin requests to this server



Out of the Box Security

Out of the Box Security Functionality

Built in Security Functionality that Oracle REST Data Services provides

- **OAuth 2.0** Support
 - Client Credentials
 - Implicit Grant
 - Authorization Code
- **HTTP Basic** (over HTTPS) support - use strongly discouraged
- **Cookie** based first party app authentication
 - Stateless encrypted cookie for the same Origin that ORDS is hosted on
- Deep Cross Origin Request Sharing (**CORS**) Support

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Using HTTPS

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HTTPS is now ubiquitous, and required

- If you don't know about **LetsEncrypt**, you should! Provides automated **free** HTTPS certs to any public Internet connected web-site. **No more \$\$\$ for HTTPS certs**
- Any REST API endpoint **MUST** use HTTPS to keep data secure
- ORDS **Standalone Mode** supports **user provided certs** and **auto generated self signed certs**

Standalone Mode & HTTPS Support

User defined certificate

- Need PEM encoded Certificate file and unencrypted PKCS8 PEM encoded private key
- Place both files in a suitable location. Use file permissions to restrict access
- Either:
 - Specify location when prompted during setup
 - Pass the locations via Java System properties
 - `-Dssl.cert=/path/to/host.crt, -Dssl.cert.key=/path/to/host.key`



One more thing...

HTTP/2 Support is Incoming!

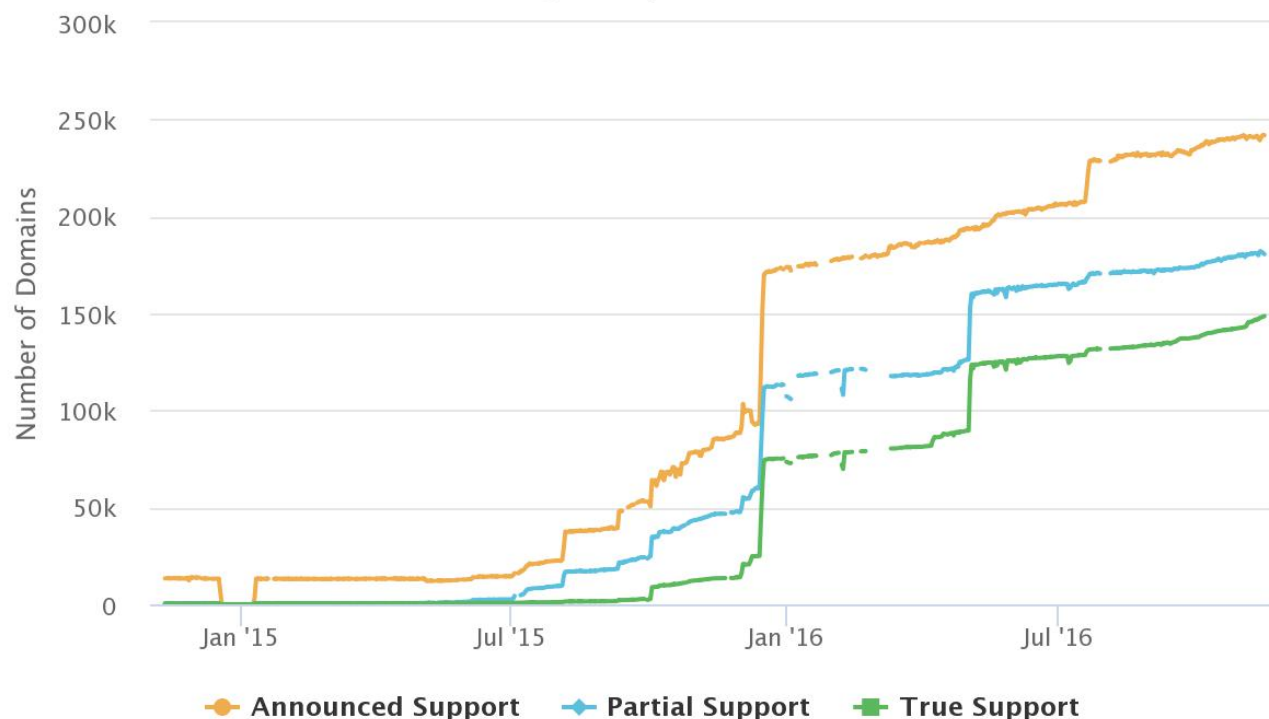
The upcoming ORDS release will support HTTP/2 when running on JDK 9



The Web never stops evolving

Announced, Partial, and True Support

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- **HTTP/2** is already in use with top tier sites and CDNs. Google, Facebook, Cloudflare etc.
- From 0 to 100K sites in a year
- Offers significant **performance improvements** over HTTP/1.1
- ORDS is committed to keeping pace as the Web evolves, so we are delighted to build atop the HTTP/2 support in **Java JDK 9**
- Also supports **cleartext HTTP/2** to facilitate TLS termination at **load balancer**

HTTP/2 Support

- HTTP/2 Support is provided for Standalone Mode.
- Just works out of the box on JDK 9
 - HTTP port will negotiate HTTP/1.1 or HTTP/2 cleartext
 - HTTPS port will negotiate HTTP/1.1 or HTTP/2 ciphertext
- Tomcat 9 and GlassFish 5 also offer HTTP/2 support, haven't had chance to test yet!
- Try it out today: Download new 17.3 Beta from <https://oracle.com/rest>

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