



## Session 60

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# DB Audits / POPI / Data Quality Audits

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# Agenda

## POPI and GDPR

- Background and importance for ITS Integrator clients
- Available Toolset
- Considerations


## Database Security Audits

- Problem statement
- Application vs Database
- Appropriate Safeguards
- Typical Audit Findings

## Value Add's

- Data Quality Audit Services
- Data Categorization
- Recordkeeping of Custom Database Objects

# POPI and GDPR: Background

- What is it about
  - Information on individuals and individual entities
  - Protecting the rights of individuals and individual entities related to their personal information
  - How organizations deal with the information
- References
  - GDPR: (EU) General Data Protection Regulation
    - <https://gdpr.eu>
  - POPI: (South African) Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013
    - [https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/201409/3706726-11act4of2013protectionofpersonalinforcorrect.pdf](https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/3706726-11act4of2013protectionofpersonalinforcorrect.pdf)
- One of the main functions of ITS Integrator is to maintain the records of Higher- and Further Education institutions. Many of these are of a highly personal nature and concerns the present and past students and staff members.
- Adapt IT list of items 

# Available Toolset (1)

- User Access and Privileges
  - Granular / Applied per Menu Option
  - Engage Adapt IT PO's if
    - Additional Screens with less information
- Data Access / Restrictions
  - Integrator (Back-Office) Users limited e.g. to a single Campus / Department / Cost Centre
    - Applied to the appropriate set of options for each use case
  - iEnablers
    - Lecturer access information of students in specific class
    - Student only see own information
  - Engage Adapt IT PO's if
    - Tweaking is required

# Available Toolset (2)

- User Authentication
  - Integrator Back-Office
    - Password Policy
  - iEnablers
    - Password in addition to PIN available, Outsourced Authentication through e.g. Active Directory being researched
- Access to the Jaspersoft Server Ad Hoc Reporting Tool
  - Administration required
    - Login Credentials for Individual Users
    - Set-ups for Access and Restrictions for Individual Users

# Considerations (1)

- Consent
  - Applications Wizard / Registration “Rules and Regulations”
  - Personnel: How Handled for permanently appointed staff ?
- Processing by Adapt IT on behalf of the Institution
  - Requested data updates / data loading from the back-end
  - Work done by Adapt IT Consultants
- How long will information be retained
  - Should Information be classified, and retention schedules be based on classification? – Engage the Adapt IT PO’s
    - E.g. Academic Records to be retained, but should Academic Application Information be retained once Selection and Registration processes were completed?
    - Personnel e-Recruitment and Web Appointment Records?
    - Statutory (Tax / HEMIS / TVETMIS) Records and Records kept for evidence purposes?

# Considerations (2)

- Processing by Third Parties
  - NSFAS / Debt Collection Agencies / Other
- The use of the Test Environment
  - Can information be stolen from the test environment?
  - Is there a requirement for data anonymization on the test environment?
  - Data Anonymization Strategies and Techniques
    - Data Masking (Impossible to get original values back)
    - Pseudonymization (Replacement with fake identifiers and pseudonyms, impossible to get original values back)
    - Generalization
    - Data Swapping (Rearrange values to prevent identification)
    - Data Perturbation (Adding random noise)
    - Encryption (One-way encryption vs. Encryption Key to decrypt)
  - Anonymization vs Hiding Information in the UI vs Protecting the Database so that data is only visible through the UI.



# Considerations (3)

- Security Safeguards
  - Data kept for evidence purposes
    - Removal of personal details of users could destroy audit/log information

# Risks

- Risks related to user behaviour
  - Sharing of credentials
  - Leaving Sessions open / System Inactive system logout
  - Storing or sharing of information outside Integrator / Emails
  - Forwarding Email Trails that contain information of a personal nature or login credentials
  - “Reply to all”
- Risks related to System Administrator behaviour
  - Control over authorisation (Who can see and do what) and Role Definition
    - Roles and Role definitions tend to be added, but not to be removed from users when they move to different positions
- Direct Database Access bypassing the application (ITS Integrator / iEnabler / Jaspersoft Server)
  - Authorised Access
  - Unauthorised back-end access

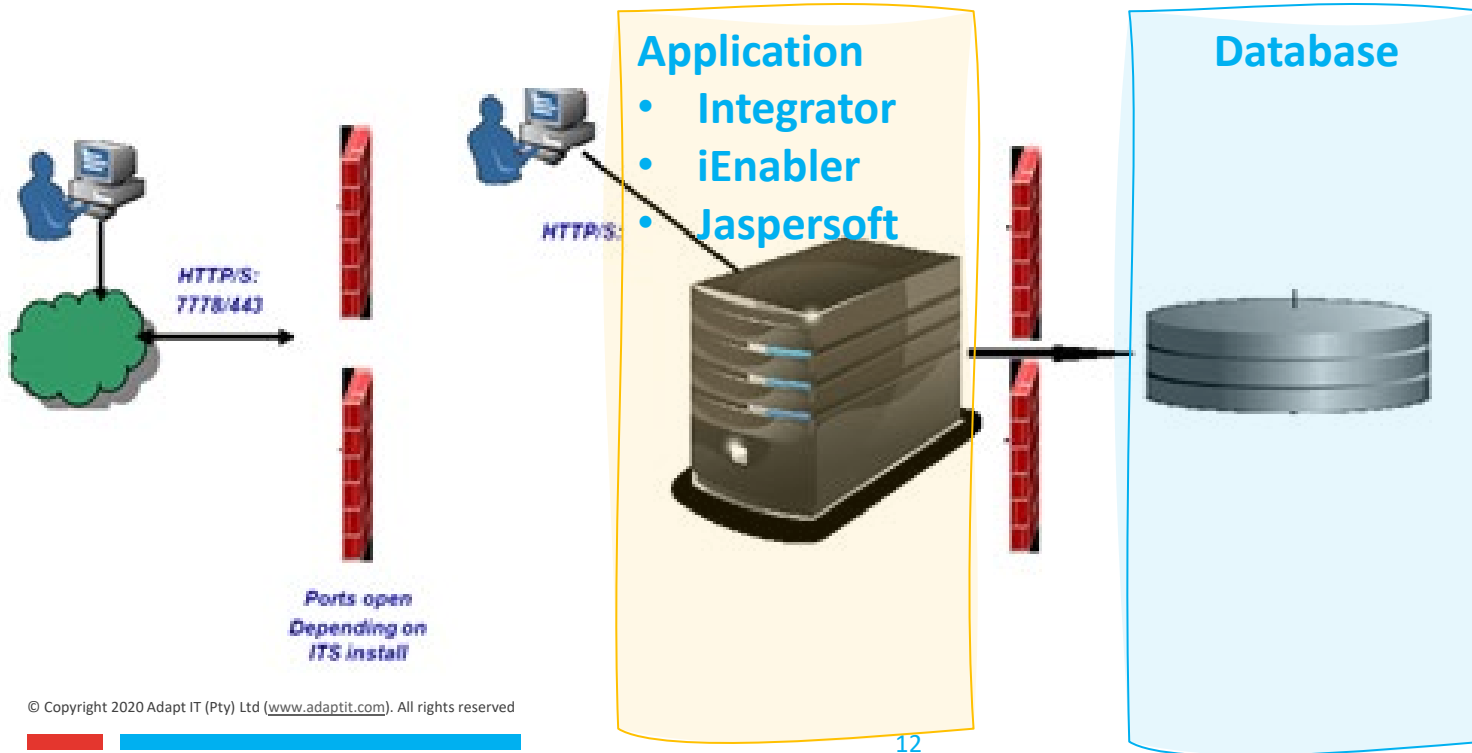
# Database Security Audits



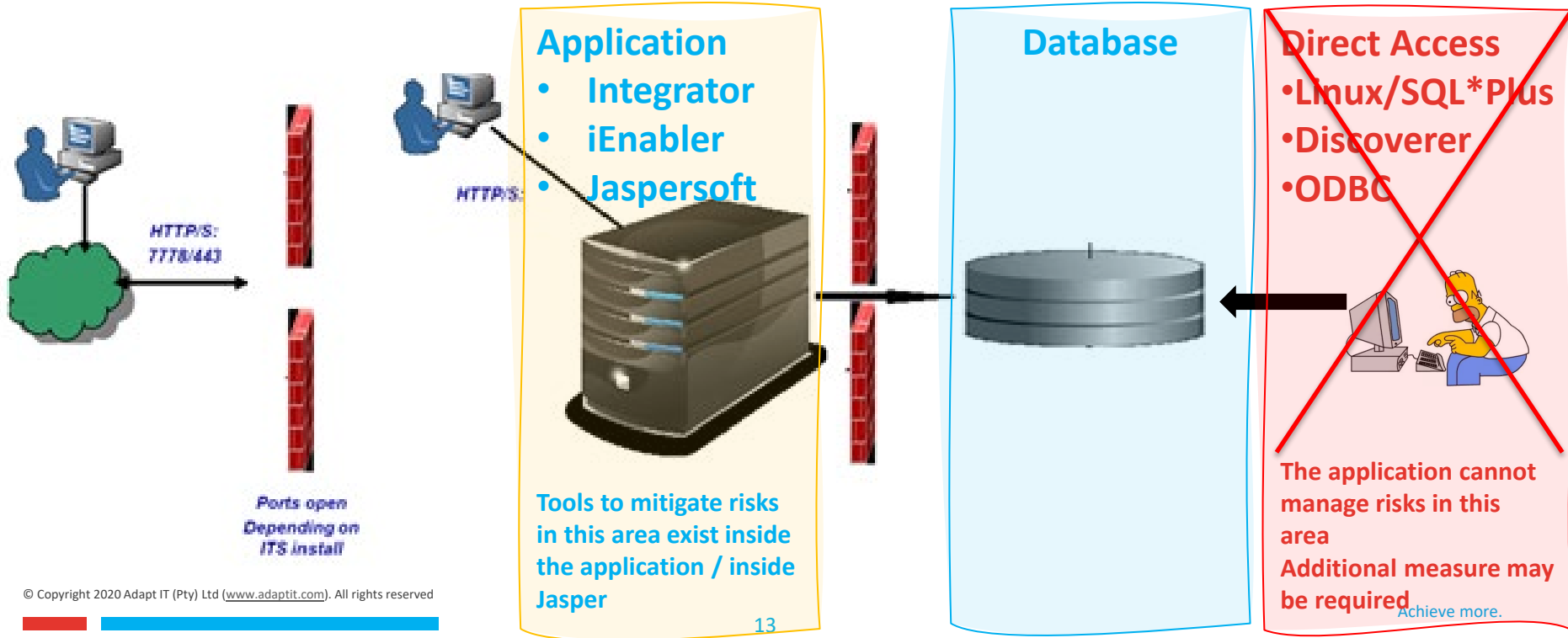
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# Application vs Database: Recommended



# Application vs Database: Risk Area



# The appropriate solution for the situation

## Integrator as hosted in the cloud

- Agreement with Adapt IT must cover all aspects

## Integrator on Premise

- Agreement with Adapt IT
- Direct Access to the Database
- DBA Monitoring Contract
- Own Developers vs All Local Software outsourced to Adapt IT
- Log of changes when a new build is installed
- Audit log when Adapt IT technical staff log into the back-end
- Own DBA with system password:  
Responsibility for reviewing change logs

# Typical Audit Findings

- Review of Audit Logs
  - Policy: Responsibility and Frequency
  - Evidence of Reviews
- Foreign Database Objects
  - Tables
  - What is it and who are using it / which applications are using it?
- Foreign Database Accounts (Users)
  - Who are using the accounts and what is the purpose of each account?
- Excessive Grants to the PUBLIC Role
  - Adapt IT can remove and replace with minimum required for Integrator
  - What will be the impact on custom software and own systems?
- Privileged SQL Statements
  - Who are using these:
    - The application (ITS Integrator) is not / Internal DBA's?

# Typical Audit Findings: Audit Policies (1)

	Inside Integrator	Direct Access to DB
<b>Password Policy</b>	<p>Back-Office (Rules in OID)</p> <p>iEnabler (Password in addition to PIN available, Outsourced Authentication through e.g. Active Directory being researched)</p>	Not covered
<b>Log of Failed Logins</b>	<p>Back-Office (Switch on and Monitor using EM)</p> <p>iEnabler (New Functionality to lock / automatically unlock accounts with next Build, switch on with Process Event Code LW)</p>	Not covered



# Typical Audit Findings: Audit Policies (2)

	Inside Integrator	Direct Access to DB
<b>Logs on changes to Master Data</b>	Standard logs and Dynamic Logs	Direct Access is covered, but then, logs can be altered, purged from the back-end
<b>Logs on Transactional Data</b>		
<b>Changes to Integrator configuration/set-up</b>		
<b>Changes to access</b>	Standard Logs	The issue of Oracle Grant Statements to Oracle Accounts or Roles outside the ITS Integrator application is not logged

# Typical Audit Findings: Audit Policies (3)

	Inside Integrator	Direct Access to DB
<b>Users who change Posts / Roles</b>	Standard Functionality – Refer {USERS-45 / 46}	Not Covered

# Database Audits: Conclusion

- Risks related to the use of the application can be mitigated with existing tools; policies, procedures and contracts may have to be looked at
- Direct Access to the database may require additional tools, policies and procedures
  - Tools could be expensive

# Data Quality Audit Services, Data Categorization and Recordkeeping of Custom Database Objects



## Data Quality Audit Services

### Problem Statement

- Different answers to the same question at different times
- Questions about reliability of information

## Data Categorization

### Use Cases

- Data categorization iro. POPI classification and reporting on volumes and movements of records
- Data anonymization in a Test or Query environment

## Recordkeeping of Custom Database Objects

### Problem Statement

- No record or control of database tables created by institutional development staff
- Security Audit Findings

# Data Quality Audit Service

## Methodology

- Review DB Structure Against Documentation
- Validate data in database for missing reference information
- Set-up additional validation rules and include in validation.
- Steps to remedy existing gaps
- Steps to prevent future issues
- Set-up and monitoring of continuous validation runs

## Set-up

{DOMAIN-33} Maintain Validations x

Search

Group  Type

Table Code IAG  ColumnNumber

List of Validations Create Delete First Prev Next

Group	Table Code	Table Name	Sequence	Column Number	Column Name	Type	Description	Started	Last t
F	IAG	QUALIFICATION ENROLME...	544	12	IAGERES	R	Validate Code		
F	IAG	QUALIFICATION ENROLME...	565	1	IAGSTNO	R	Validate Code		
F	IAG	QUALIFICATION ENROLME...	669	131	IAGPATH	R	Validate Code		
F	IAG	QUALIFICATION ENROLME...	719	13	IAGCANCREASON	R	Validate Code		
F	IAG	QUALIFICATION ENROLME...	860	31	IAGICP	R	Validate Code		

Maintain Validations

Group F Sequence 3256

Table Code IAG Description Validate Code

\* Type R  Table Name QUALIFICATION ENROLMENT RECORD

Column Number 46 Column Name IAGNUM

Last Updated  Errors Encountered

Started

# Data Categorization

## Data Category List / User Defined

{DMAIN-18} Data Category Codes x

Data Category Codes {DMAIN-18} Create Delete

View ▾ Attach Detach

* Category	Category Description
PI	Personal Identifiers
NP	No POPI impact
SU	Structure / Set-up
NA	Names of Individuals
LS	Local Software
DS	Discontinued
S	System Default Records
LG	Log
SN	Sensitive Personal Information
RM	To be deleted when anonymized
BD	Bank Details
SE	Security Set-up
RP	Summarized Reporting Data
US	Unstructured
T	Temp Table
SA	Tax / Salary

## Data Category Attached to Table

Maintain Tables

Table Code PAA Table Name PERSONNEL PERSONAL DETAIL

Table Sub Code PR1

Subsystem Code P Description The table includes the biographical and work related detail

System Code P Subsystem Name

System Name

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Storage Definition Code P01SPC Storage Definition Name

Log Table ID PEQ Log Table Name

Date Released 01-Jan-1986 Date Discontinued

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\* On this Environment Y - Yes \* Global Temp No

\* Incl in Data Model N - No \* Used in Data Scripts Y - Yes

\* Code Structure Table Y - Yes Constraint Level 0

Exclude ADF? N - No Task Code

Nr of Columns/Line 2 Local Software ? N



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Category NA Category Description Names of Individuals

Notes Anonymization: Special

# Recordkeeping of Custom Database Tables

**List of Local Tables** Save Cancel



View   Detach

Object Name	Ownership	Category	End Date
LOCAL_ASSETS	ASSET		
LOCAL_STUDENT...	TESTOWNER	NA	


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**Table Definition** Columns

**Maintain Local Tables** Create Delete First Prev Next Last

Object Name: LOCAL\_ASSETS      Ownership: ASSET  
 Type: T      End Date:   
 Category: 

Remarks: Table was created on 03 January 2015 and is used by {MENU-OPTION} by the Fixed Assets Department

Category: NA       Category Description: Names of Individuals

Notes: Anonymization: Special

# Q & A





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