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("CIS") announced today the public release of a new CIS Scoring Tool for Oracle databases ("Oracle Scoring Tool").

The Oracle Scoring Tool scans Oracle Database versions 8i and 9i, running on Windows, Linux, or Solaris operating systems, and is available for download, free of charge, from the CIS web site, www.cisecurity.org.

The Oracle Scoring Tool analyzes the host system and produces a score of 0 through 10, with 10 representing the highest level of conformity to the CIS Oracle Database Benchmark. Reports generated by the Oracle Scoring Tool guide users in making changes to harden the security configuration of the database application.

CIS Scoring Tools evaluate host systems, comparing their security configurations against the Benchmarks. They produce easy to understand reports that rate system security on a simple numeric scale.

CIS Benchmarks specify technical security controls that strengthen a system's defenses against malicious attacks.

The Benchmarks are unique because security professionals from around the world contribute to the consensus security configuration recommendations. This group of security professionals includes the public/private user community, as represented by CIS member organizations, as well as representatives from participating software vendors.

An update to the Oracle Scoring Tool, enabling the Tool to scan Oracle 10g databases, is currently under development

The Oracle Scoring Tool download package is available via the CIS website at www.cisecurity.org. The download package contains the Oracle Benchmark (v1.1), the Benchmark security templates (INF files), the Oracle Scoring Tool for Windows, the Oracle Scoring Tool for Linux, the Oracle Scoring Tool for Sparc Solaris, and a detailed users guide for installation and use of the tool(s).

More information on CIS, its Benchmarks, and Tools can be obtained from the CIS website, www.cisecurity.org.

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