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# Inception of the SAP® Platform's Brain

*Attacks on SAP Solution Manager*

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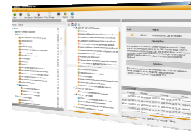
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- Working with Global Fortune-100 and large governmental organizations.
- What does Onapsis do?
  - Innovative ERP security software (Onapsis X1, Onapsis Bizploit, Onapsis IA).
  - ERP security consulting services.
  - Trainings on business-critical infrastructure security.



## Who am I?

- **Juan Pablo Perez Etchegoyen, CTO at Onapsis.**
- Discovered several **vulnerabilities** in SAP and Oracle ERPs...
- **Speakers/Trainers** at BlackHat, HITB, Ekoparty, Source, ...
- Collaborator in the "SAP Security In-Depth" publication.

## Agenda

- Introduction
- The SAP Solution Manager (SolMan)
- Central User Administration (CUA)
- Computing Center Management System (CCMS)
- Solution Manager Diagnostics (SMD)
- Conclusions

# Introduction

## What is SAP?

- **Largest** provider of **business management solutions** in the world.
  - More than 140.000 implementations around the globe.
  - More than 90.000 customers in 120 countries.
- Used by **Global Fortune-1000 companies, governmental organizations** and **defense agencies** to **run their every-day business processes**.
  - Such as Revenue / Production / Expenditure business cycles.

FINANCIAL PLANNING    TREASURY    PAYROLL  
SALES    INVOICING    LOGISTICS    BILLING  
PRODUCTION    PROCUREMENT

## A Business-Critical Infrastructure

- ERP systems store and process the most critical business information in the Organization.
- If the SAP platform is breached, an intruder would be able to perform different attacks such as:
  - **ESPIONAGE:** Obtain customers/vendors/human resources data, financial planning information, balances, profits, sales information, manufacturing recipes, etc.
  - **SABOTAGE:** Paralyze the operation of the organization by shutting down the SAP system, disrupting interfaces with other systems and deleting critical information, etc.
  - **FRAUD:** Modify financial information, tamper sales and purchase orders, create new vendors, modify vendor bank account numbers, etc.

**Over 95% of the SAP systems we evaluated were exposed to espionage, sabotage and fraud cyber attacks.**

*Attackers do not need access credentials to perform these attacks!*

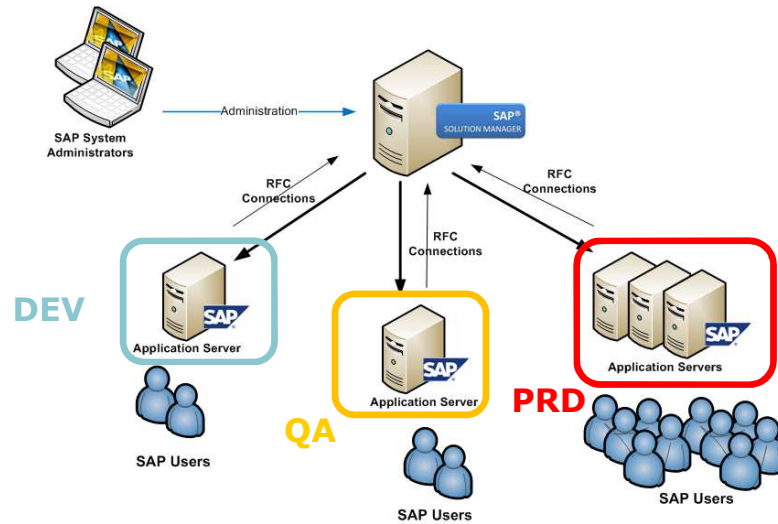
# The SAP Solution Manager

## What is the SAP Solution Manager?

- SAP component **required** in every SAP implementation.
- **Central** point for the administration of SAP systems.
- Typically, it is connected to several customer's SAP systems
- Does not hold any business data, but technical **information** about customer's SAP systems.
- Administrators connect to it to manage users, incidents, download and apply patches, among other activities.

**If an attacker breaks into the SolMan, all the connected systems can be ultimately compromised!**

## SAP SolMan Infrastructure



## The Initial Compromise

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- **BIZEC TEC-02: Standard Users with Default Passwords**
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## SAP SolMan RFC Connections

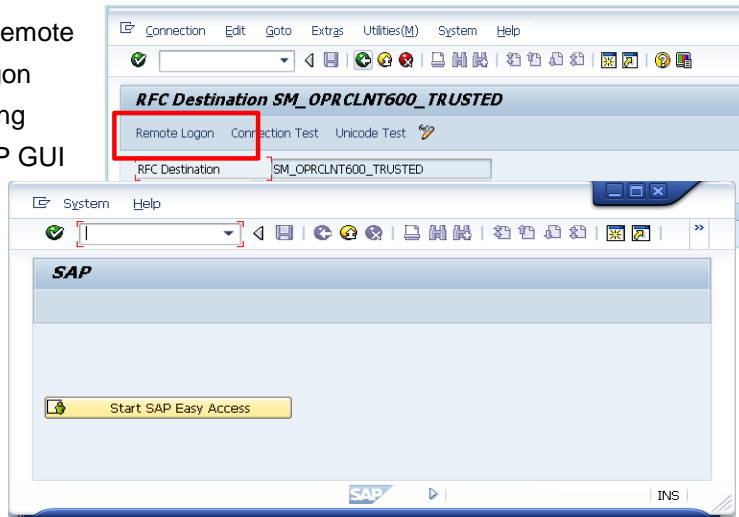
- RFC connections **to and from** the Solution Manager created by default

RFC Destination
SM_<SID>CLNT<Client>_LOGIN
SM_<SID>CLNT<Client>_READ
SM_<SID>CLNT<Client>_TRUSTED
SM_<SID>CLNT<Client>_TMW
SM_<SID>CLNT<Client>_BACK

- TRUSTED connections imply a trust relationship (a user with S\_RFCACL authorization is required)
- **BACK connections imply access from satellite systems to Solution Manager.**
- Connections with stored password can be used to do remote logons or remotely execute RFC-enabled function modules.

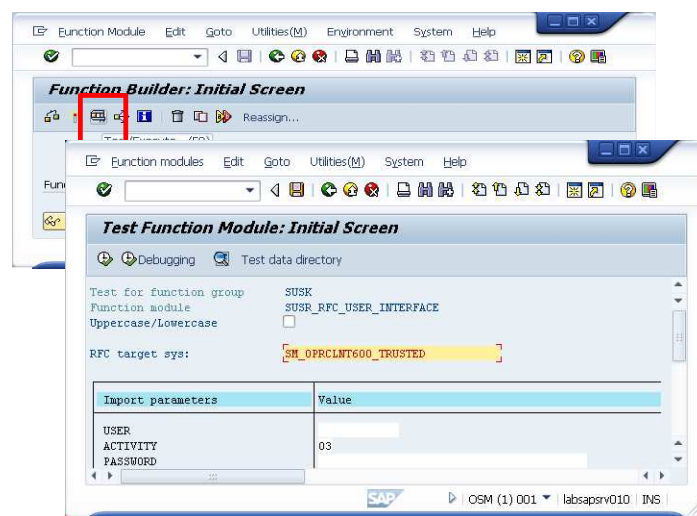
## Abuse of default RFC connections

- Remote Logon Using SAP GUI



## Abuse of default RFC connections

- Remote Execution of RFC Function Modules





## SAP SolMan and Gateway attacks

- SAP Solution Manager is highly dependent on the Gateway: several external servers are registered by default.
- If the attacker knows/can guess the TPNAME, and the Gateway is not protected (by default), then all the well-known **Gateway attacks** can be triggered:
  - RFC callback attacks.
  - Cancellation of required external servers (DoS).
  - Man-in-the-middle attacks through RFC. No sensitive business data, but technical information, useful for other attacks, can be intercepted (and modified).

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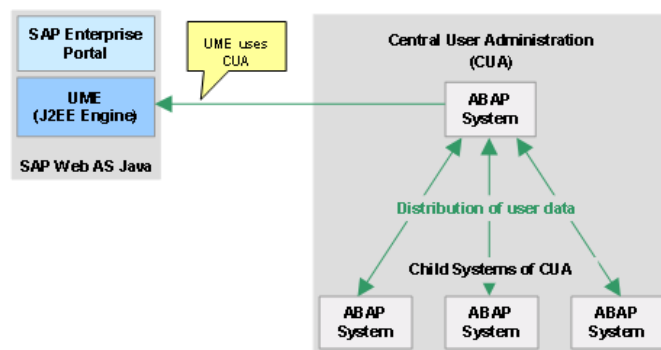
### Protection / Countermeasure

- Restrict the assignment of user authorizations to logon from trusted systems (S\_RFCACL and S\_RFC).
- Use authorization object S\_ICF on calling systems, controlling who can use which RFC destination.
- Restrict who can access RFC destinations by transaction (SM59), by table (RFCDES) and by authorization object (S\_RFC\_ADM).
- Restrict authorization object S\_DEVELOP with activity 16 (execute) to control who can test function modules using SE37.
- *Check the "References" slide for more information!*

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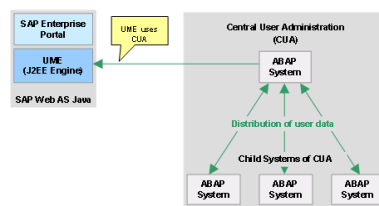
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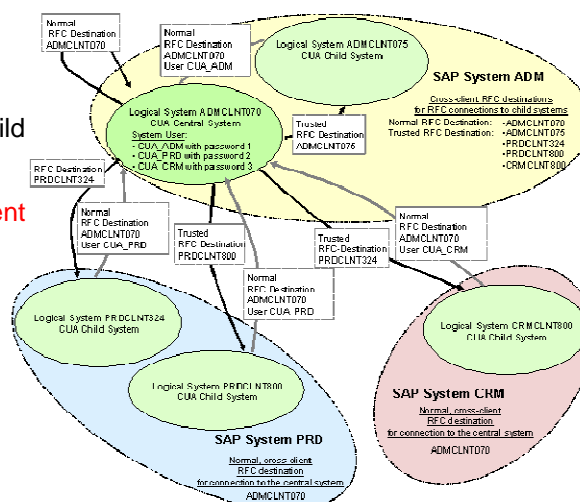
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- The CUA Parent system needs to be allowed to create and administrate users on every Child system.
- It allows SAP administrators to easily manage users of ALL the SAP systems from a single point.
- Useful for ABAP and J2EE systems integration.



## Central User Administration (CUA)

- RFC Connections are created:
  - From Parent to Child system (Trusted)
  - From Child to Parent system (Normal)



[http://help.sap.com/saphelp\\_nw73/helpdata/en/a9/1a/1ba3db9343beb2723452255003c5/content.htm](http://help.sap.com/saphelp_nw73/helpdata/en/a9/1a/1ba3db9343beb2723452255003c5/content.htm)

## Attacks on Central User Administration

- If the CUA Parent (usually the SolMan) is compromised, arbitrary users with any profiles can be created in all satellite systems.

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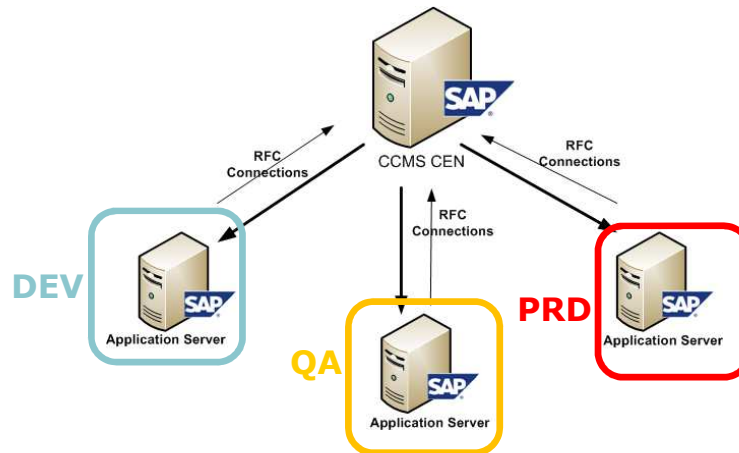
- Restrict the usage of CUA RFC destinations for user administrators only, by using authorization object S\_ICF on the CUA master.
- Use a special client within the SolMan to run the CUA master.

# SAP Computing Center Management System (CCMS)

## SAP CCMS

- Monitoring infrastructure provided by SAP to monitor SAP Application Servers. It can be configured centrally, using a central server (CEN) defined to receive all alerts.
- An **AGENT** is required to be executed on each monitored server. The agent :
  - Is implemented as an RFC server, which exposes several functions.
  - Registers itself as an **EXTERNAL SERVER** in the CEN, with a specific TPNAME (following a well-known pattern).
  - Is running as **<SID>adm** → Any abuse or exploitation would imply a full compromise of the SAP system information.

## SAP CCMS Infrastructure



In many cases the Solution Manager is used as the CCMS Central Server (CEN), receiving information from all managed systems.

## SAP CCMS RFC Connections

- RFC Connections from the CEN are created by default

RFC Destination
<SID>_RZ20_COLLECT
<SID>_RZ20_ANALYZE

- The *COLLECT* destination has stored logon data and can be used to remotely execute function modules in the monitored systems.
- The *ANALYZE* destination is typically used with a highly-privileged user, but has no stored logon information.
- Additionally, the agent connects back to the CEN using the CMSREG user, whose credentials are stored in a local file in the agent system (`/usr/sap/SID/INSTANCE/log/sapccm4x/passwd`).

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### **Protection / Countermeasure**

- Secure the SAP Gateway, only allowing connections from authorized systems to the CCMS agents working as registered servers.

# SAP Solution Manager Diagnostics (SMD)

## SAP SMD

- **“Solution Manager Diagnostics** provides all functionality to centrally analyze and monitor a complete NetWeaver system landscape”.
- An **AGENT** is required to be executed on each monitored server. The agent :
  - Is developed in JAVA and installed as a new SAP system (typically using a high system number like 97 or 98).
  - Exposes an **anonymous** P4 interface with a reduced set of methods.
  - Connects back to the Solution Manager, using a highly-privileged user account.



## Abuse of SMD stored credentials

- If a monitored system is compromised, the credentials of the user used for the connection can be decrypted (*kudos to Jordan Santarsieri @Onapsis*).
- Using these credentials, an attacker can connect back to the Solution Manager with high privileges.
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### Protection / Countermeasure

- Avoid the initial compromise of SAP system running the SDM agent.
  - Restrict access to the secure storage file at the file-system level.
- Using the Solution Manager with high privileges.
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- Once the SMD agent is installed, the P4 interface is exposed on TCP service 5XX04 (instance num. XX).
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### **Protection / Countermeasure**

- Follow SAP recommendations and restrict access to P4 interface in SAP systems, as potentially insecure services might be exposed.

# Conclusions

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- **If an attacker breaks into the SAP Solution Manager, the game is over:** he would be able to compromise all managed satellite systems.
- **Trust relationships** are necessary in most SAP implementations. Extra caution:
  - Which users can log-in using this feature (**S\_RFCACL**).
  - Which **authorizations** are being granted to these users.
- RFC connections are necessary in all SAP implementations. **Whenever possible:**
  - Use **encryption** (SNC). It should be mandatory for business related communications.
  - Avoid using connections with stored credentials.
  - Avoid using connections from systems with lower security classification to systems with higher security classification (DEV → PRD!)
- **Monitor the creation/management of RFC connections**, as one single connection from DEV → PRD could result in a full system compromise if

## Conclusions

- If possible, use **different Solution Manager/CEN systems** for Production environments.
- Secure the Solution Manager as **ANY** other Productive System
- Secure all satellite systems managed by an SAP Solution Manager:
  - Segregation of Duties (SoD) is really necessary, but not enough.
  - Implement a secure technical configuration of satellite systems.
  - Perform continuous/automated security monitoring.
- Do not expose the Solution Manager to the Internet!
- Restrict network access to the SAP Systems. Use firewalls/network filters to restrict potentially insecure interfaces.
- Update the systems, use the latest versions of all SAP solutions and apply all relevant SAP Security Notes.

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