

Definition of Severity in Oracle Security Alerts

Oracle Security Alerts posted on Oracle Technology Network, OTN, at <http://otn.oracle.com/deploy/security/alerts.htm> contain a *Severity* rating for every vulnerability described in each Alert.

The Severity ratings are defined as:

- **Severity = 1**
The vulnerability is high risk *and* requires little specialized knowledge to exploit. Apply the patch and/or workaround to the affected products with the highest priority.
- **Severity = 2**
The vulnerability is lesser risk and requires more specialized knowledge to exploit. Apply the patch and/or workaround to the affected products with lesser priority than is required for Severity 1.
- **Severity = 3**
The vulnerability is the least risk and may require specialized knowledge to exploit. Apply the patch and/or workaround to the affected products with lesser priority than is required for Severity 2.