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SAP Runs SAP – Remote Function Call: Gateway Hacking and Defense

This presentation describes experiences gained in real-life implementation of RFC gateway* protection at SAP

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This presentation describes and reflects experiences gathered during the real-life implementation of the RFC gateway protection in systems at the company SAP. Some information presented is simplified. Implementation in systems at other companies may require additional steps.

Abstract

For the first time, SAP's own internal security department will provide insight into the SAP internal project of how to secure remote function call (RFC) communication via the "gateway" component. RFC is one of the main communication technologies for SAP NetWeaver-based systems. RFC is handled by gateway, which is a technical component running on every SAP NetWeaver Application Server – ABAP and Java. Gateway access control is one of the most crucial security configurations in SAP NetWeaver systems. After demonstrating how to break into SAP systems that lack gateway access control, you will learn how to design access control for highly integrated and connected SAP landscapes and how to implement it without business disruption. In addition, a monitoring strategy for gateway security will be presented.

Agenda

Hackers & RFC gateway

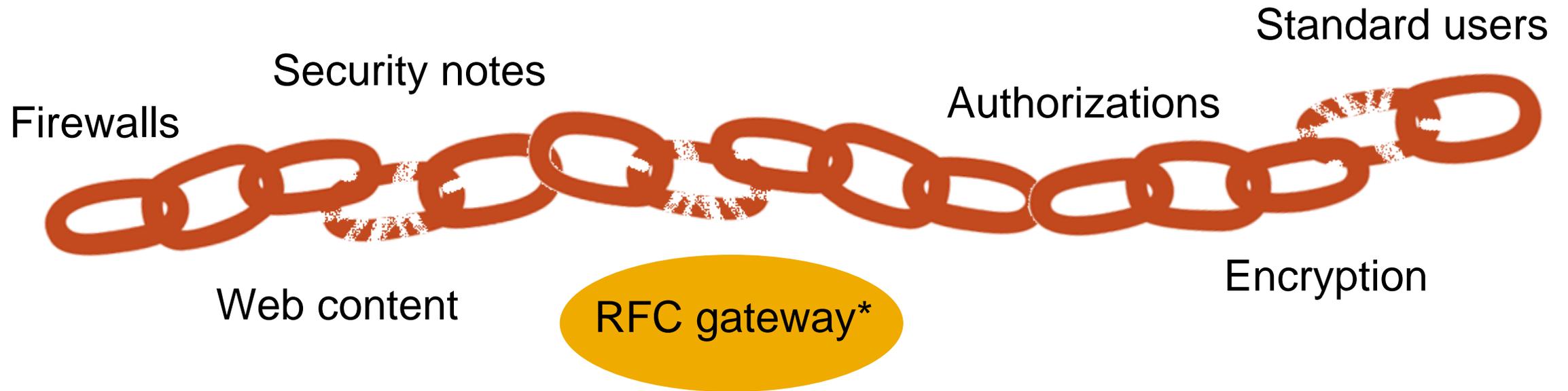
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Hackers & RFC gateway

Is your SAP environment secure?



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Vulnerabilities of RFC gateway disclosed on security conference

2007

Security conference – Blackhat USA

- Mariano Nuñez Di Croce –
Attacking the Giants: Exploiting SAP Internals



SAP Runs SAP: What we did to protect our own systems at SAP

2007

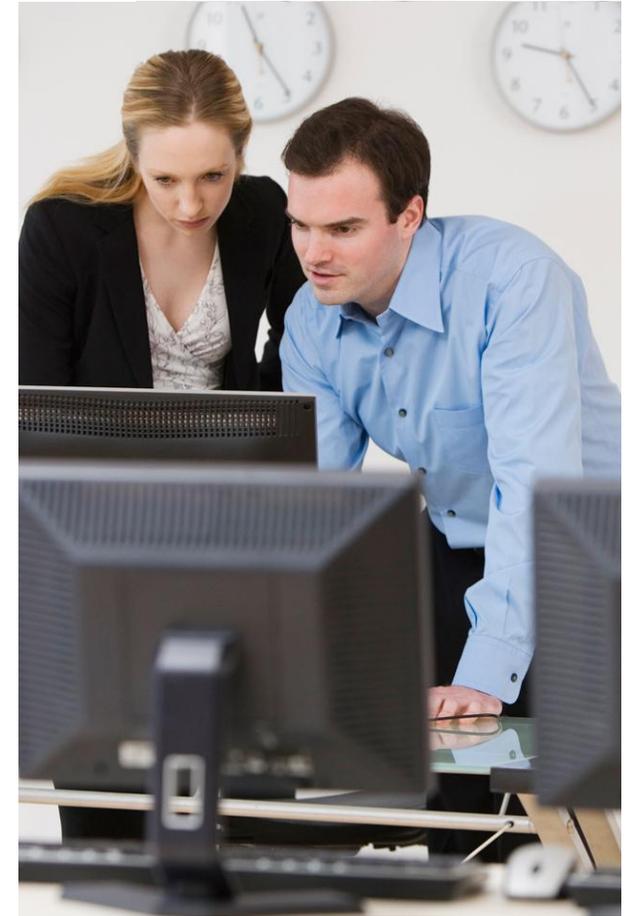
Task force initiated with SAP Product Development

- Evaluate the security issue with SAP Product Development and the external researcher
- Analyze and discuss protection possibilities as protection is only possible by configuration

2008

SAP internal project started

- Define protection of the RFC gateway for our own SAP business systems
- Run pilot implementation for 1 system landscape
- Rollout to all critical landscapes
- Define monitoring procedure



More presentations about the same RFC gateway vulnerabilities

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2010

Security conference – 27C3, the 27th. Chaos Communication Congress

- Ertunga Arsal – Rootkits and Trojans On Your SAP Landscape

2012

Security conference – CRESTCon

- Dave Hartley – SAP Slapping

Security conference – Troopers

- Mariano Nuñez Di Croce – Real-World Cyber Threats to SAP Systems
- Ralf Kempf – SAP Solution Manager from the hackers point of view

Protection of RFC gateways at SAP customers

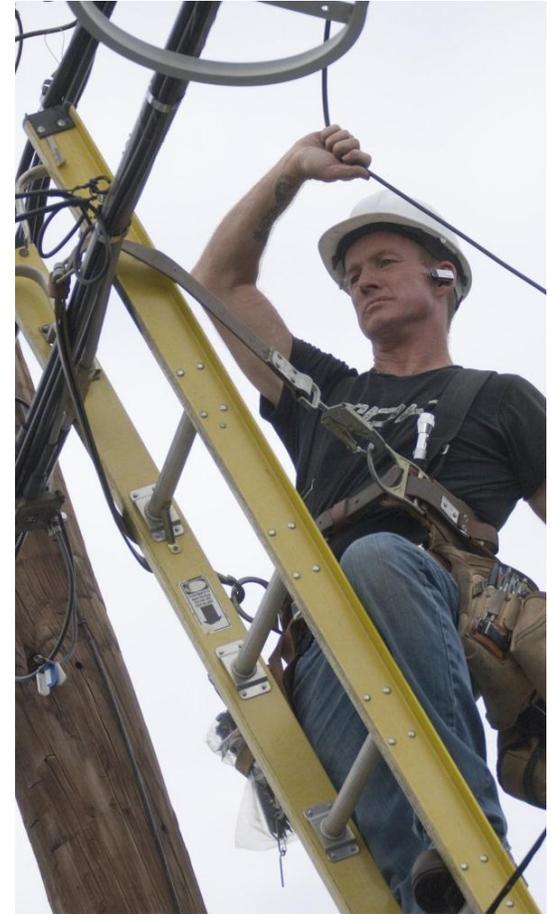
Challenges for SAP Customers

- Protection requires configuration on customer side
- Very technical topic with high complexity
- Elaborate implementation of security measures

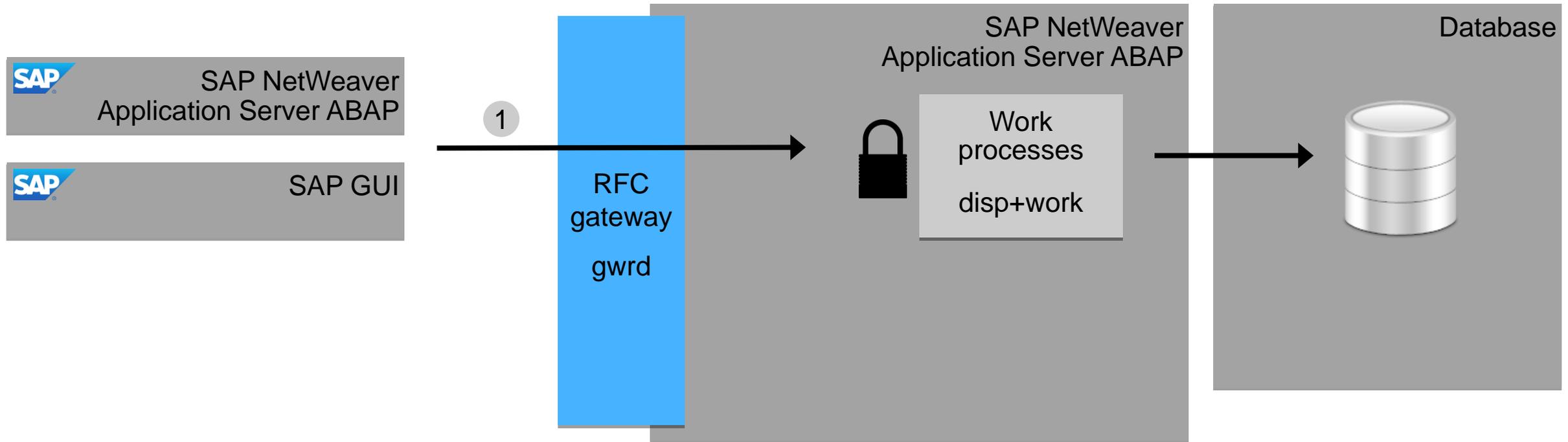
Improvements by SAP (supported by our implementation experience)

- Reduced implementation times of security measures
- Improved documentation on vulnerability and security measures
- Secure default configuration of RFC gateways as of SAP NetWeaver Application Server ABAP 7.31

SAP customers need to secure their RFC gateways



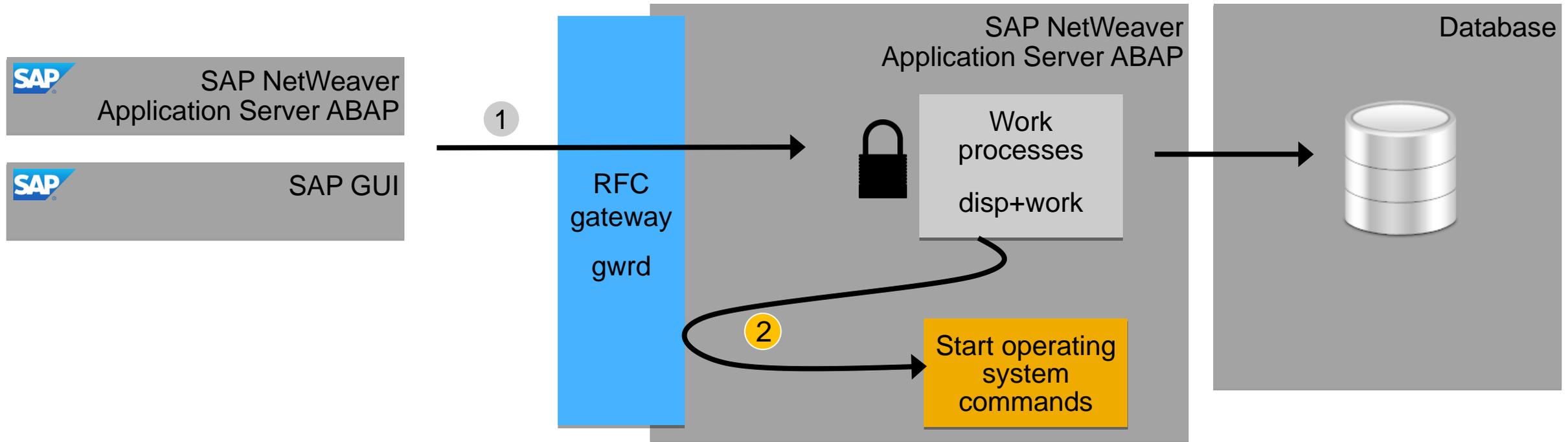
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Scenarios of RFC communication

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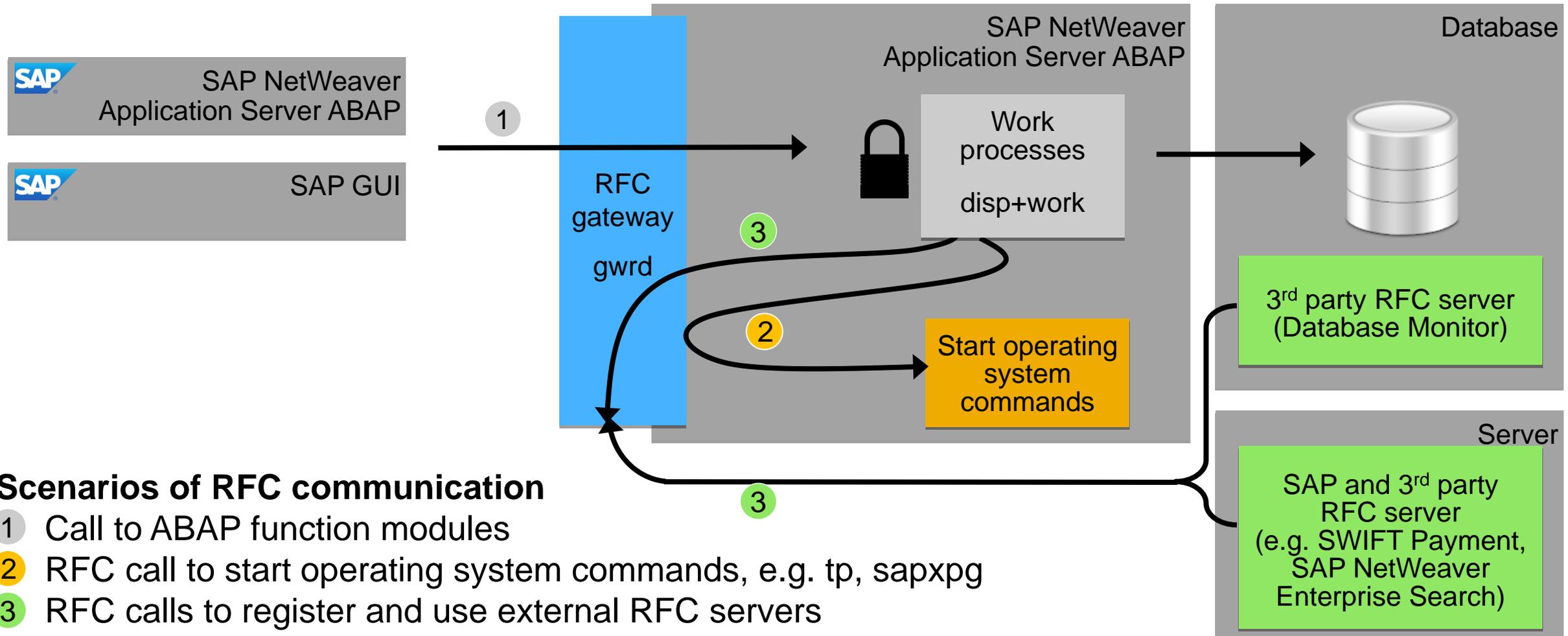
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Scenarios of RFC communication

- 1 Call to ABAP function modules
- 2 RFC call to start operating system commands, e.g. tp, sapxpg

What is the RFC gateway? – Quick introduction – Part 3



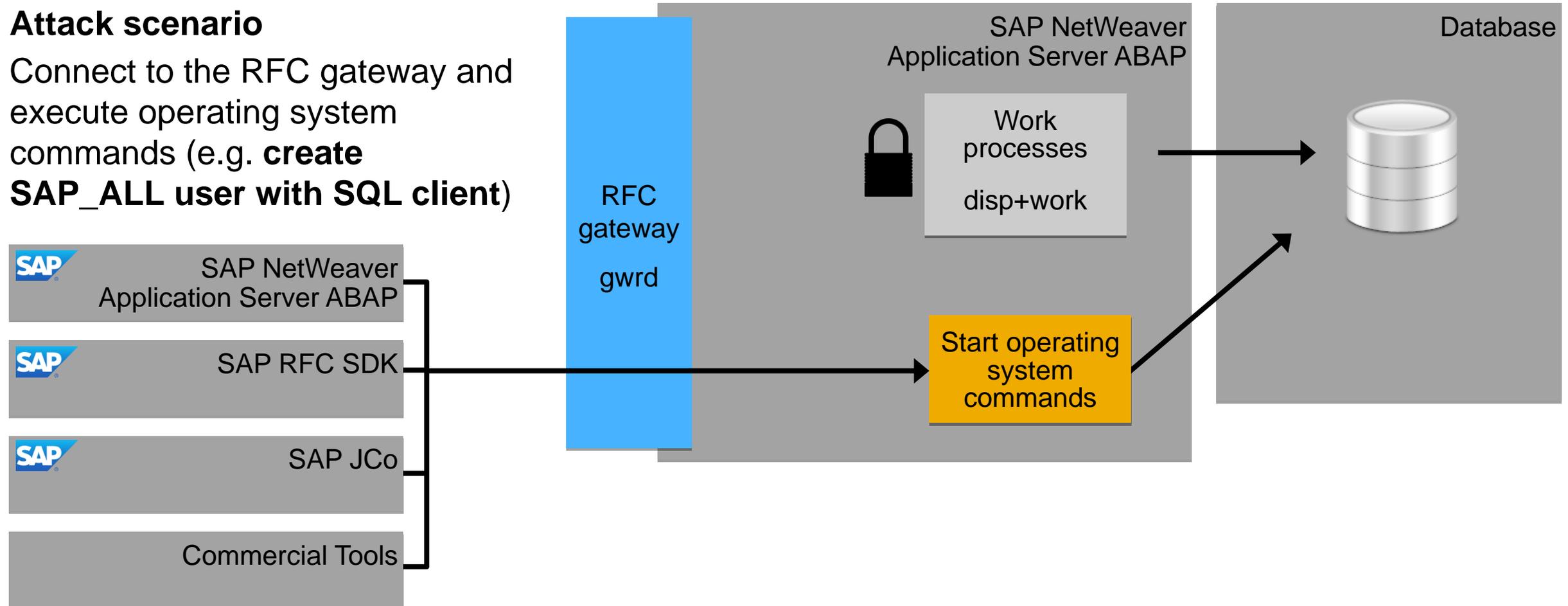


Live hacking demo – exploiting insecure RFC gateway configurations

Let's hack the SAP system misusing the RFC gateway

Attack scenario

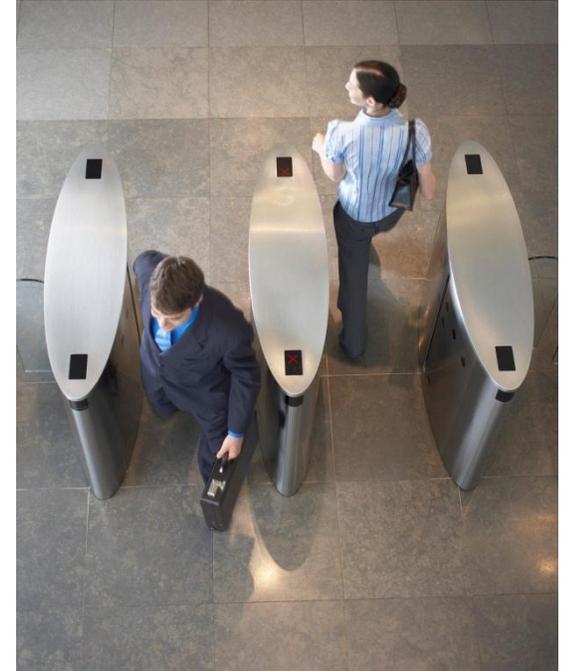
Connect to the RFC gateway and execute operating system commands (e.g. **create SAP_ALL user with SQL client**)



Impact of unprotected RFC gateway

Risk and impact of an unprotected RFC gateway

- Full control over SAP systems bypassing any other SAP security controls
- Manipulation of data which endangers legal compliance
- Data theft
- No traceability due to missing audit trail
- Unavailability of data and systems

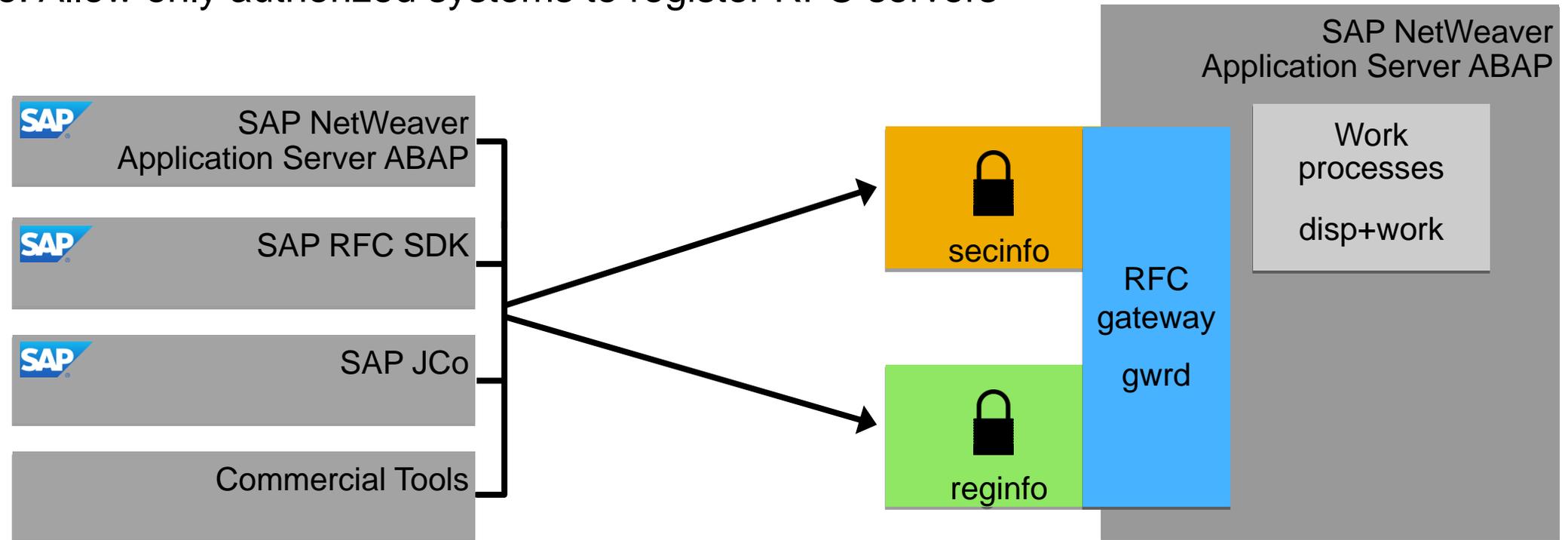


Unprotected RFC gateways allow manipulation of business processes in SAP systems

Protection of the RFC gateway – secinfo and reginfo

RFC gateway protection

- Secinfo: Allow only authorized systems to execute operating system commands
- Reginfo: Allow only authorized systems to register RFC servers



Protection in detail – started RFC server (secinfo)

File on operating system (defined by gw/sec_info) with a list of entries like



USER=*, *USER-HOST*=<source>, *HOST*=<destination>, *TP*=*

System that wants to start
the program (source system)

Name of the program
to be started

User that wants to
start the program

System where the program should
be started (destination system)

Useful variables for *USER-HOST* and *HOST*

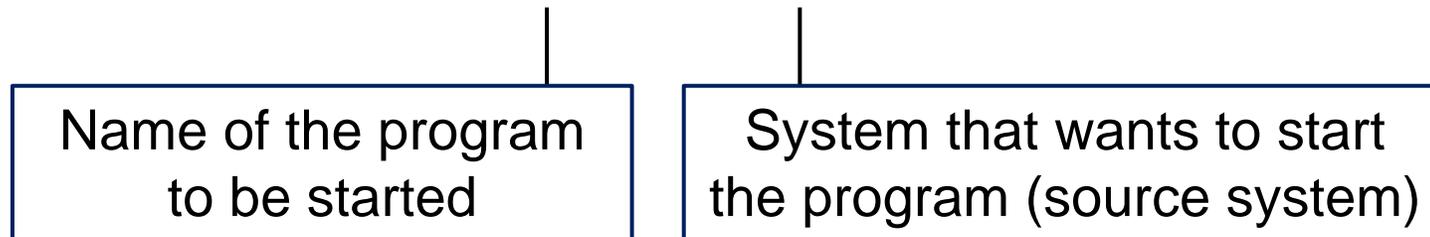
- *local* – All local interfaces of 1 application server
- *internal* – All interfaces of all application / database servers belonging to the same SAP system

Protection in detail – registered RFC server (reginfo)

File on operating system (defined by gw/reg_info) with a list of entries like



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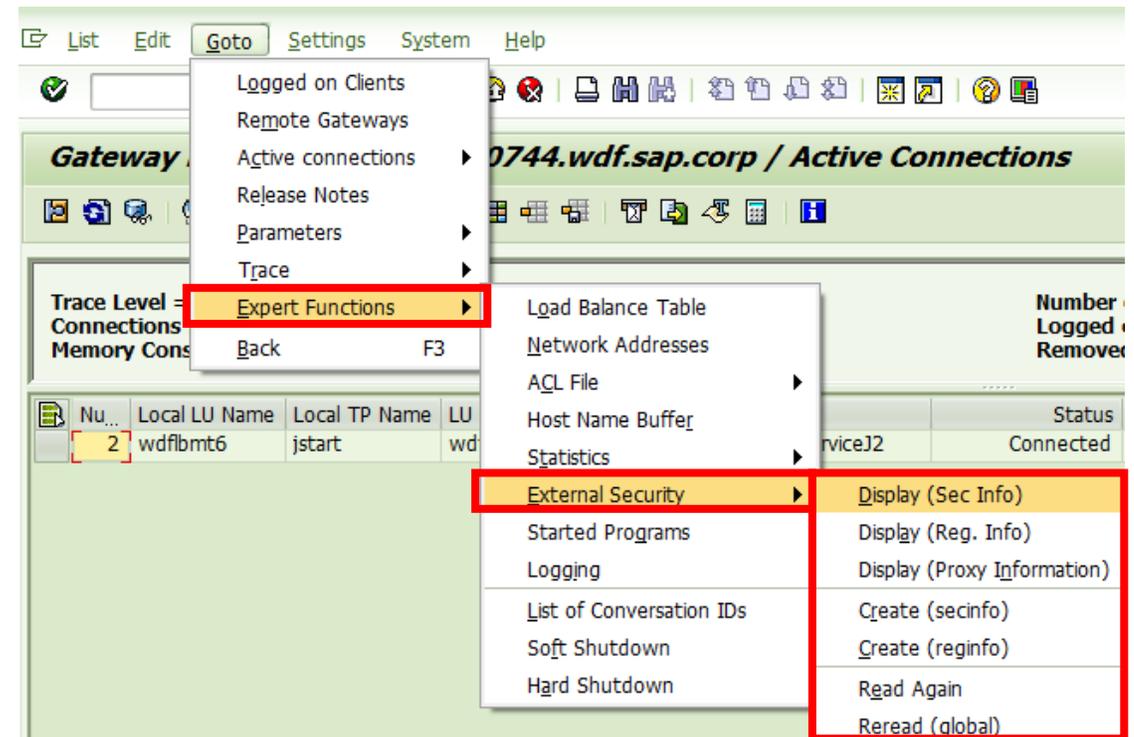
Useful variables for HOST

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RFC gateway protection – Where to find the settings?

In SAP NetWeaver Application Server ABAP, display settings of RFC gateway protection

- Transaction SMGW – Expert Functions
 - External Security
 - Display (Sec Info)
 - Display (Reg. Info)
 - Create (secinfo)
 - Create(reginfo)
 - Read Again
 - Reread (global)
- Change of secinfo & reginfo content has to be done on operating system level

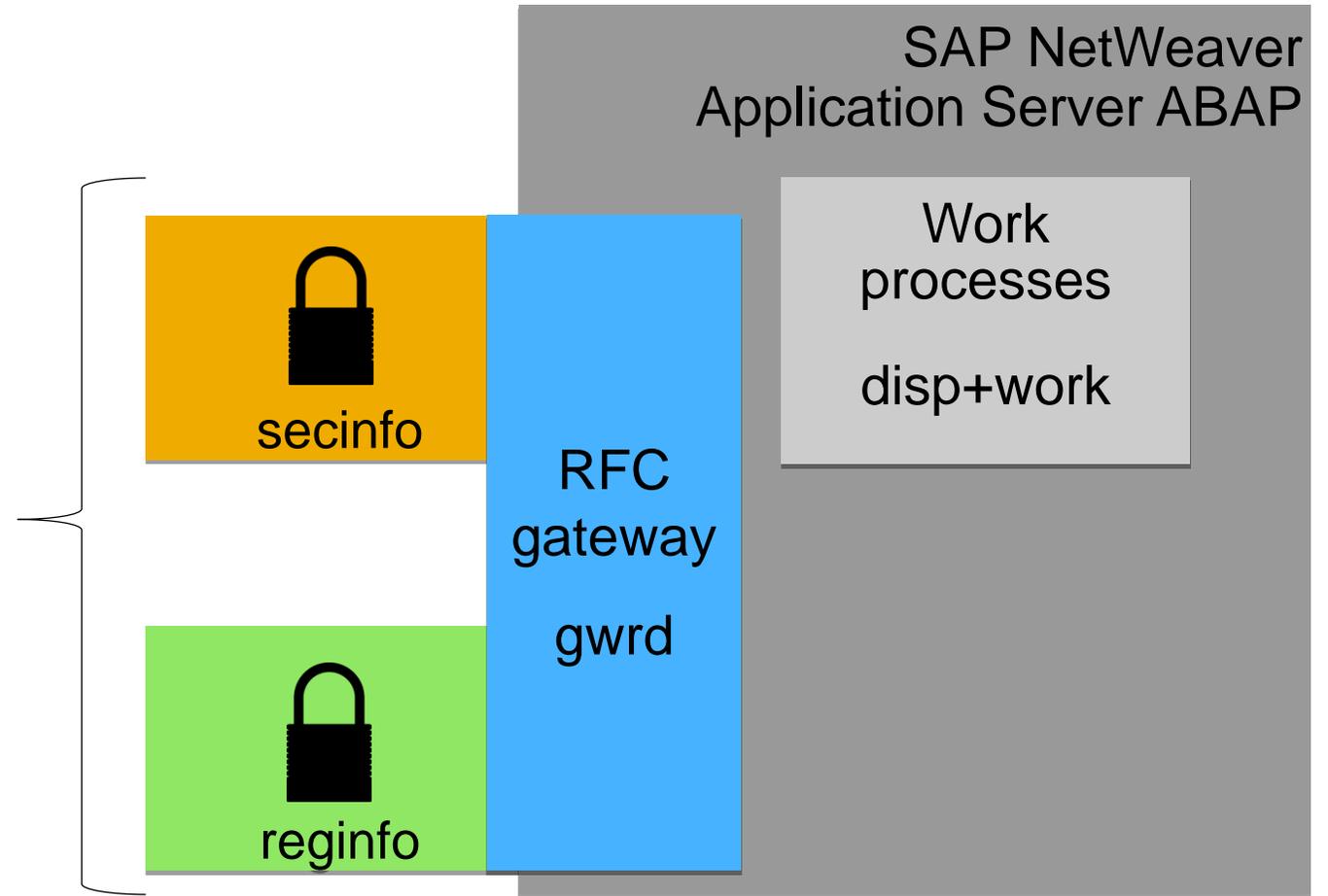




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The Challenge! – Find the right entries

How to identify systems that need to be added?



SAP Runs SAP: Protection in detail – started RFC server (secinfo)

Recommended entries



Allow local application server traffic

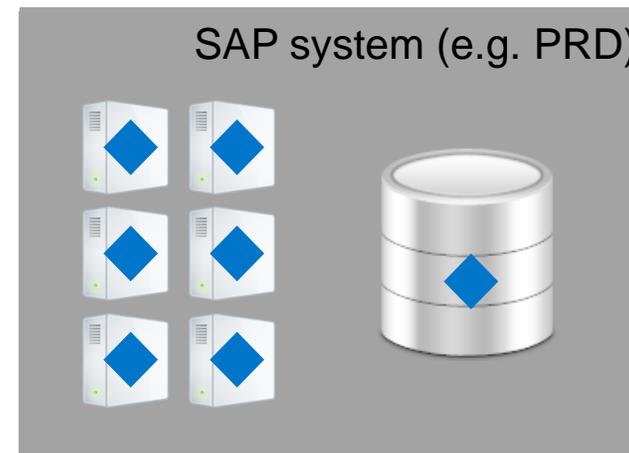
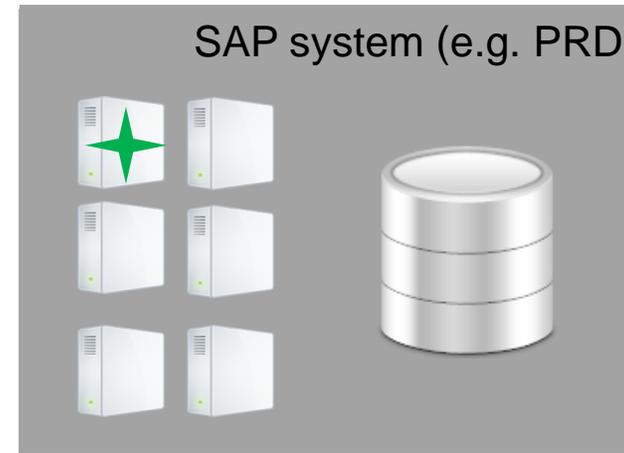
USER=* USER-HOST=**local** HOST=**local** TP=*



Allow traffic between all application servers and the database server of an SAP system

USER=* USER-HOST=**internal** HOST=**internal** TP=*

According to our experience at SAP this covers about 99% of all secinfo traffic!



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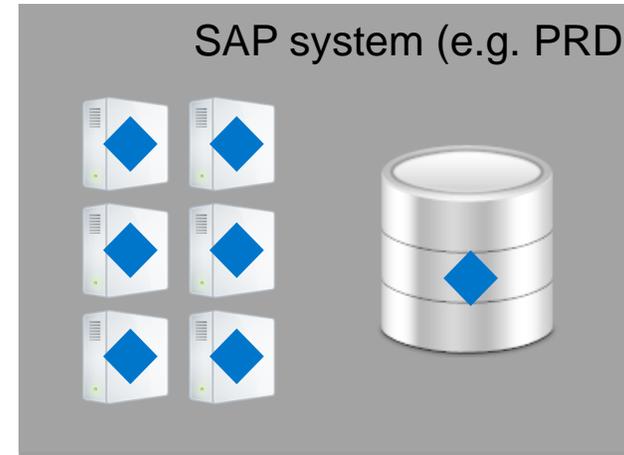
Recommended entries



Allow registration of RFC servers between all application servers and the database server

TP=*, HOST=local

TP=*, HOST=internal



The Challenge! Additional customer specific entries



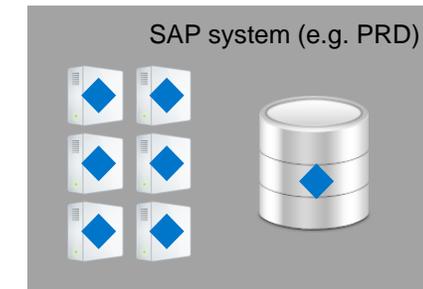
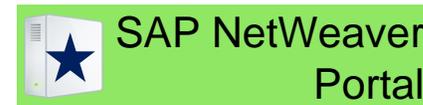
Allow registration of RFC servers from required systems for 3rd party software integration, e.g.

TP=*, HOST=search.demo.sap.corp

TP=*, HOST=payment.demo.sap.corp

TP=*, HOST=10.2.4.2

TP=*, HOST=<Unknown system>



SAP Runs SAP: How to implement RFC gateway protection?

Prerequisite: Use the highest SAP kernel patch level as lots of things were improved and bugs fixed

Original way:

Low business risk, but huge effort

- Activate logging of RFC gateway
- Analyze logs
- Create secinfo & reginfo files manually
- Activate secinfo & reginfo

Additional way:

More business risk, but less effort

- Use creation reports for initial secinfo & reginfo
- Activate proposed secinfo & reginfo
- Monitor logs for rejected connections closely
- Add rejected entries to secinfo & reginfo manually

With SAP kernel 7.21: Introduction of simulation mode



SAP Runs SAP: Internal implementation of RFC gateway protection

Scope of our SAP internal implementation

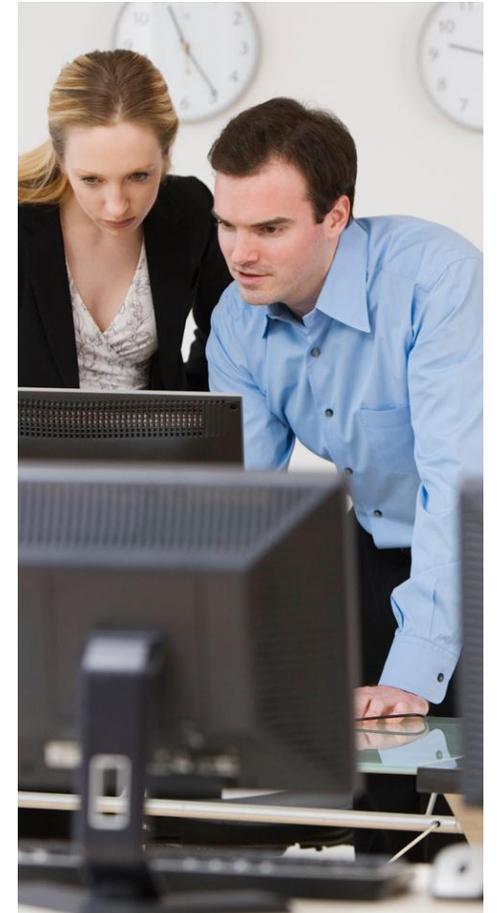
- Business critical systems of SAP (e.g. SAP's own SAP ERP system)
- About 40 productive landscapes with roughly 200 single systems

Timelines of our SAP internal implementation

- In 2007, start with first analysis of RFC gateway protection
- In 2008, first pilot implementation
- By end of 2009, rollout completed to productive landscapes

Further Details of our SAP internal implementation

- Our project staffing: SAP Global IT Security & Risk Office with Basis Administrators and a close link to SAP Product Development
- Our implementation was done with log analysis, as other ways were not available
- Implementation effort for rollout: ~200 person days (~5 person days per landscape)
- Estimated ongoing maintenance effort: ~0.25 person day per year per landscape



SAP Runs SAP: Internal implementation of RFC gateway protection

Issues faced during implementation

- Limited knowledge about RFC gateway and its use
- No references how to implement RFC gateway protection in a real-life environment with productive SAP NetWeaver systems
- Adjustment of implementation approach after pilot
- RFC gateway logging only available in latest SAP NetWeaver release
- No tools / scripts available to analyze generated RFC gateway log files
- Some bugs caused delays, e.g.
 - RFC gateway logging not complete
 - Network masks not supported in secinfo / reginfo for older SAP kernel releases
 - RFC gateway protection can be circumvented under special circumstances



SAP Runs SAP: Importance of RFC gateway monitoring

RFC gateway protection depends on several independent settings

- Profile parameter (gw/reg_no_conn_info, gw/sec_info, gw_reginfo)
- Content of files secinfo and reginfo on operating system
- Successful load of content into RFC gateway memory

Usage of SAP Solution Manager – Configuration Validation for RFC gateway protection at SAP

Configuration Items							
ConfigStore Name	Compliance	System	Compliant (1=Yes, 0=No, ''=Not valuated)				
			ABC 12345678	DEF 12345678	GHI 12345678	JKL 12345678	MNO 12345678
ABAP_INSTANCE_PAHI	No			0			0
	Yes		1	1	1	1	1
GW_REGINFO	No						
	Yes		1	1	1	1	1
GW_SECINFO	No						
	Yes		1	1	1	1	1



Summary

Three key messages as take away!

RFC gateway is one of the **common points to attack** in an SAP NetWeaver system

Implementation of **RFC gateway protection** is not easy but **manageable**

SAP customers need to **take action** and secure RFC gateways of their SAP systems

- Do it yourself
- Use SAP offered services





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Thanks for attending this SAP TechEd session.



Further Information

RFC gateway documentation

Security Settings in the SAP Gateway

http://help.sap.com/saphelp_nw73ehp1/helpdata/en/48/b2096e7895307be10000000a42189b/frameset.htm

SAP Security Note 1408081 – Basic settings for reg_info and sec_info

<https://service.sap.com/sap/support/notes/1408081>

SAP Note 1425765 – Generating sec_info reg_info

<https://service.sap.com/sap/support/notes/1425765>

SAP Security Note 1444282 – gw/reg_no_conn_info settings

<https://service.sap.com/sap/support/notes/1444282>

SAP Note 1689663 – GW: Simulation mode for reg_info and sec_info

<https://service.sap.com/sap/support/notes/1689663>

Further Information

SAP offered services to support RFC gateway protection

SAP Global IT Security & Risk Office

Contact ralph.salomon@sap.com

SAP Consulting – SAP Note 1504652 – Consulting: Secure Configuration of Application Server

ABAP <https://service.sap.com/sap/support/notes/1504652>

SAP Active Global Support – Security Services

Contact securitycheck@sap.com

SAP Public Web

SCN Security Community

<http://scn.sap.com/community/security>

SCN Security Forum

<http://scn.sap.com/community/security/content>

Further Information

SAP Public Web

SAP System Recommendations “Secure Configuration SAP NetWeaver Application Server ABAP”:
<http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-17149>

SAP Solution Manager Configuration Validation
<https://service.sap.com/changecontrol>

SAP Education and Certification Opportunities

www.sap.com/education

ADM960 – SAP NetWeaver AS – Security

P_ADM_SEC_70 – SAP Certified Technology Professional – Security with SAP NetWeaver 7.0

SAP Runs SAP: Some advice on gw/reg_no_conn_info



RFC gateway protection and gw/reg_no_conn_info

- Due to a bug, RFC gateway protection can be circumvented under special circumstances
- Set gw/reg_no_conn_info to **1 or an odd value** (1,3,5,...127) to disable this security bypass
gw/reg_no_conn_info is used to activate different RFC gateway functionalities by binary addition

Note	Description	Binary value	Example #1	Example #2
1298433	Bypassing security in reginfo & secinfo	1	X	X
1434117	Bypassing sec_info without reg_info	2		X
1465129	CANCEL registered programs	4	X	
1473017	Uppercase/lowercase in the files reg_info and sec_info	8	X	X
....	...			
	Calculated value for gw/reg_no_conn_info		13	11

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