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# Lotus Domino Security



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## White and black box testing



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- Architecture

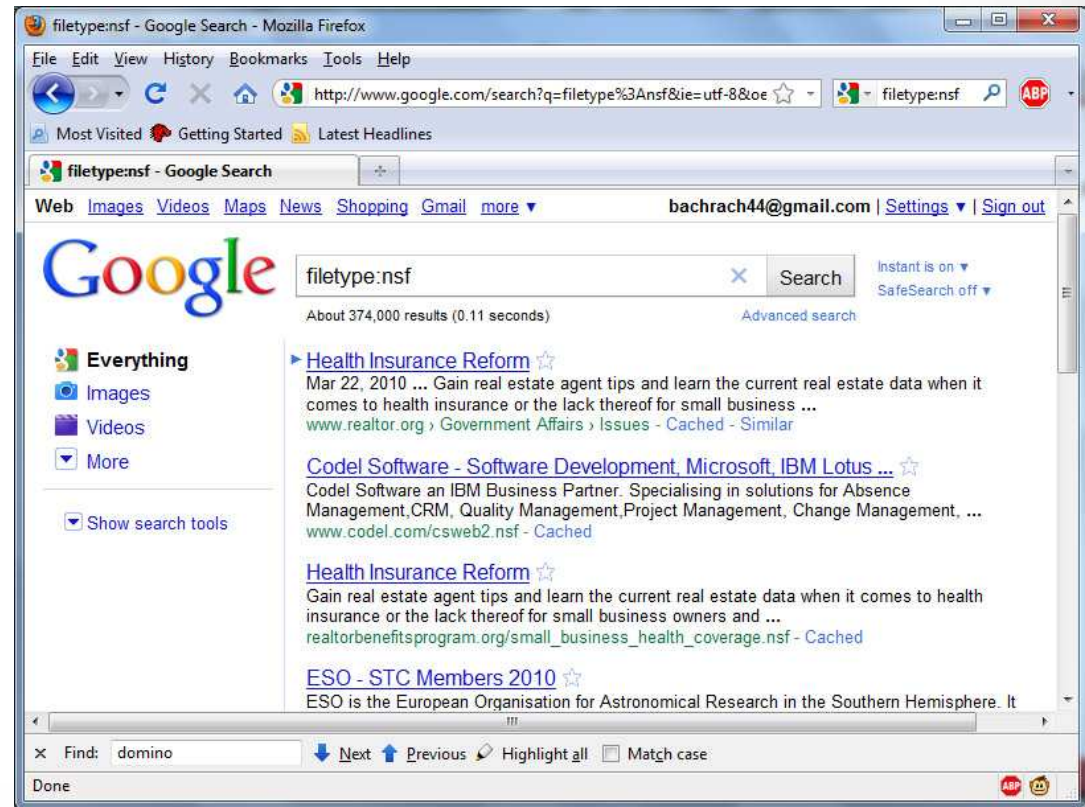
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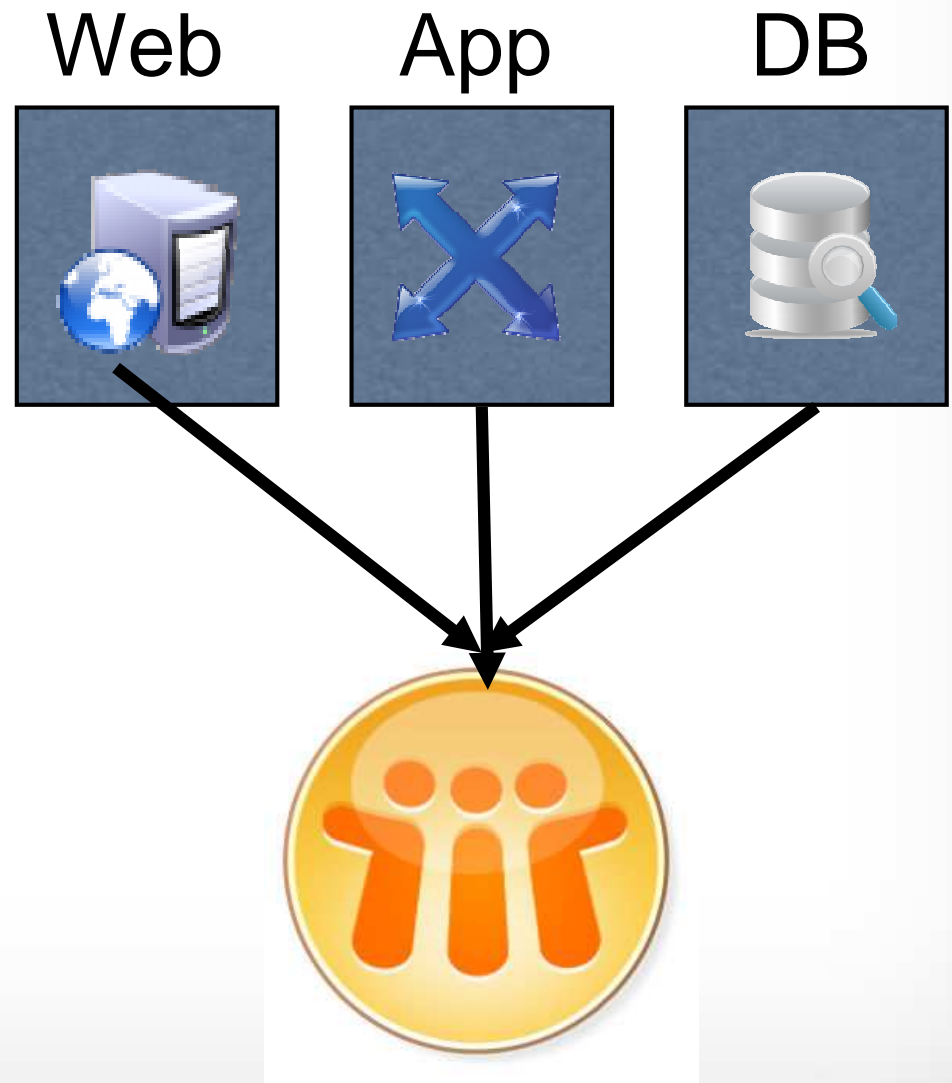
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# Why is This Necessary?

- Domino is.....  
Unique



# Why is This Necessary?

- Automated scanners seem to have a hard time with Domino apps
- Many “normal” attacks don’t work (SQL injection)
- There are many other attacks which will work
- Not a lot of good information out there

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# Introduction to Domino

- Domino stores data in custom database files with the .nsf extension

<http://server/database.nsf/DominoObj?Action>

- View
- Frameset
- Form
- Navigator
- Agent
- Document
- Page



# Introduction to Domino

- Special Identifiers begin with \$ and can return any domino object

[http://server/database.nsf/\\$SpecialIdentifier](http://server/database.nsf/$SpecialIdentifier)

[http://server/database.nsf/\\$help?openhelp](http://server/database.nsf/$help?openhelp)

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# Domino Commands

- **View**
  - Openview – opens the view
  - ReadViewEntries – access the view data in XML format
  - \$first – returns the first document in the view
  - \$searchform?opensearchform – opens a search form from which the view can be searched

<http://server/database.nsf/myview?Openview>

# Domino Commands

## Form

- OpenForm – opens the form
- ReadForm – displays the form without its editable fields.
- CreateDocument – sent using an HTTP post. Domino will create a document with the contents of the HTTP post packet.

<http://server/database.nsf/myform?OpenForm>

# Domino Commands

## Document

- EditDcoument
- SaveDocument – sent as an HTTP post. Domino will update the document with the contents of the post.
- DeleteDocument
- OpenDocument
- \$file/name – returns doc's attachment with the name "name"

<http://server/db.nsf/myView/doc1?EditDocument>

# Domino Commands

## Navigator

- OpenNavigator

## Agent

- OpenAgent

## Page

- OpenPage

## Frameset

Openframeset

<http://server/db.nsf/myAgent?OpenAgent>

# Domino Commands

- **Special Items**
- ?Redirect – allows redirection to another database based on it's ID.
- ?openDatabase
- /\$about?OpenAbout – opens the “about this database” document
- /\$help?openhelP – opens the help document
- /\$icon?openicon – opens the icon for the database
- /\$defaultview – returns the default view (if there is one).
- /\$defaultform – returns the default form (if there is one).
- /\$defaultnav – returns the default navigator
- ?openpreferences – opens the preferences setting.

[http://server/database.nsf/\\$about?OpenAbout](http://server/database.nsf/$about?OpenAbout)

# Domino Commands

- **Chaining**

[http://host/db.nsf/\\$defaultview/\\$first?editdocument](http://host/db.nsf/$defaultview/$first?editdocument)



# Pause for Questions



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# Blackbox

- Navigate the app - use the commands just discussed
- Check all defaults/special identifiers
- Try to edit docs (permissions checking)
- Find (and use) search forms
- Enumerate views (more on this later)

# Blackbox

- Views, Forms, and Agents all have a notesID. Assignment begins with 0x11A and increments by 4 each time
- <http://host/database.nsf/11A>
- <http://host/database.nsf/11E>
- <http://host/database.nsf/122>
- <http://host/database.nsf/126>
- <http://host/database.nsf/12A>

# Blackbox

Enumerate views

Occurrences of view names in help files:

- 135 - By Category
- 36 - View A
- 31 - All
- 26 - Main
- 23 - Categorized
- 22 - Main View
- 13 - All Documents
- 6 - Topics

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# Whitebox

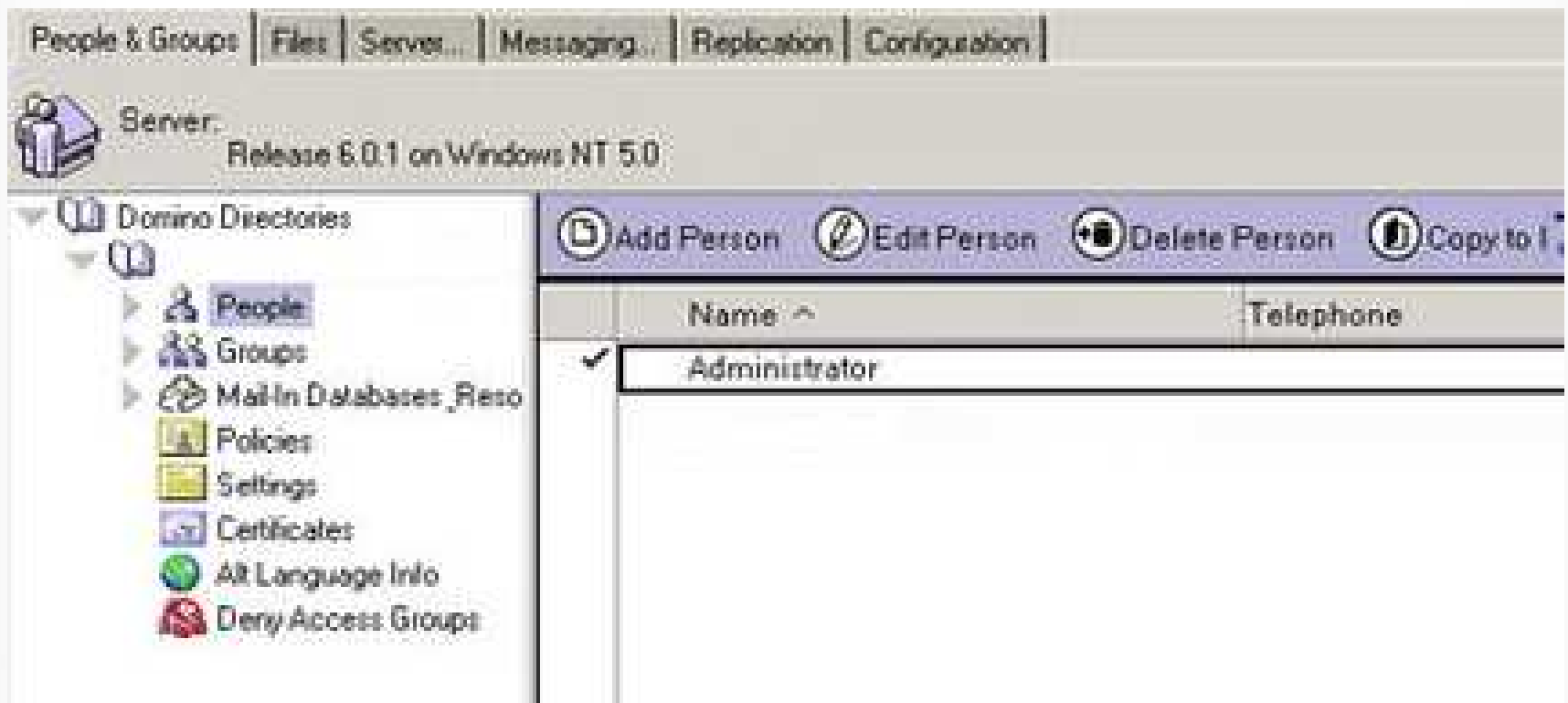
- Levels of Access in Domino
  - Server
  - Database
  - Elements
  - Documents
  - Fields

# Whitebox

- Server access – Ask your administrator
  - Server Doc
  - Internet Site Doc
  - Configuration Doc
  - Person Docs – Internet passwords are secure



# Whitebox



# Whitebox

- Database access – ACLs for Web Access
  - Editor – Create and edit docs
  - Author – Create and edit own docs
  - Reader – Read docs
  - Depositor – Create docs
  - No access – Be careful public documents

# Whitebox

## ACL Mistakes

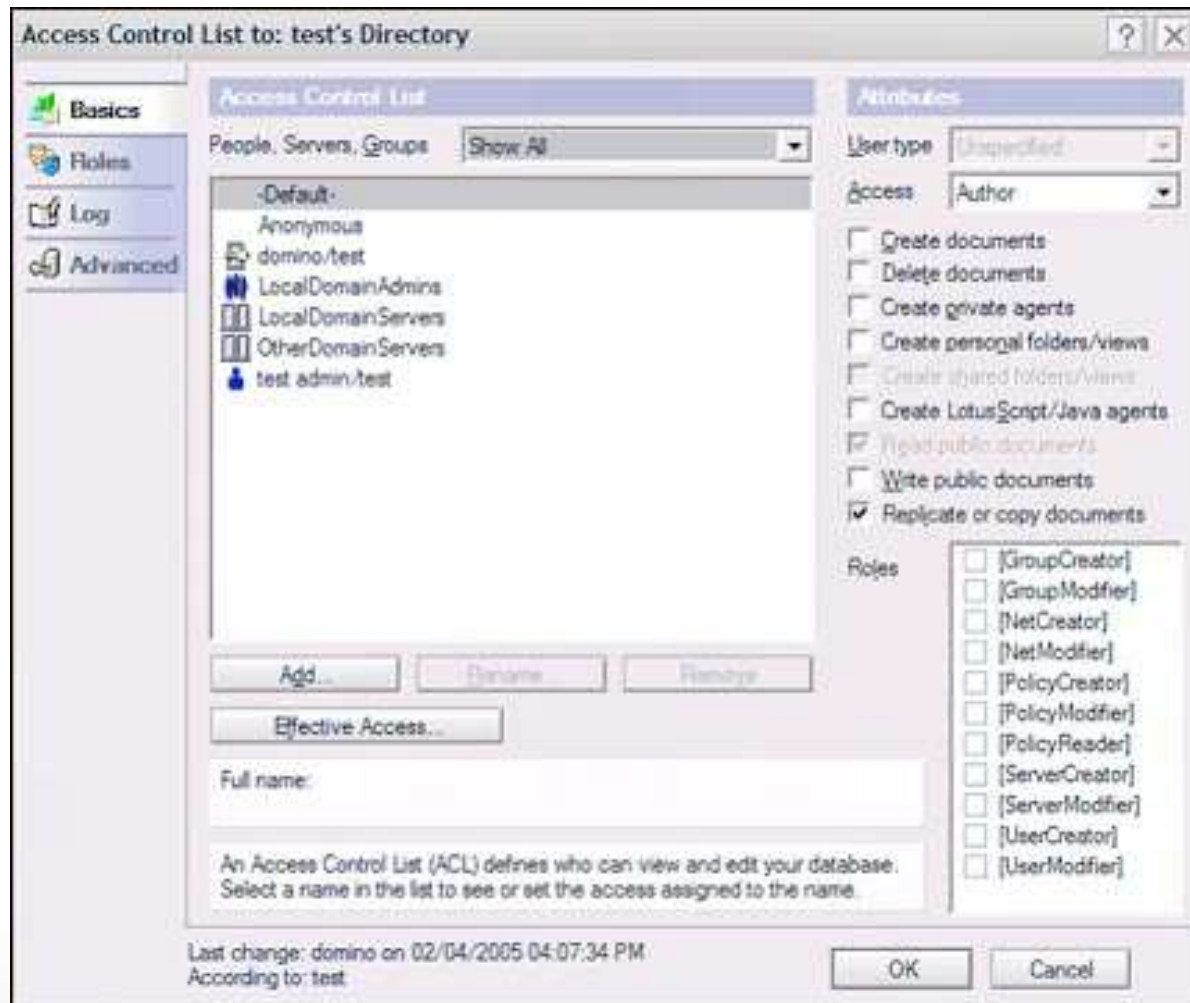
- Even though Anonymous is set to No Access, it is possible to overlook Read Public documents which will give access.
- Common App – Mail File\*
- Do not overlook any setting

# Whitebox

## ACL Mistakes

- -Default- is any user who has authenticated. If allowed access, make sure to audit the Domino Directory for test accounts or LDAP if directory assistance is used.

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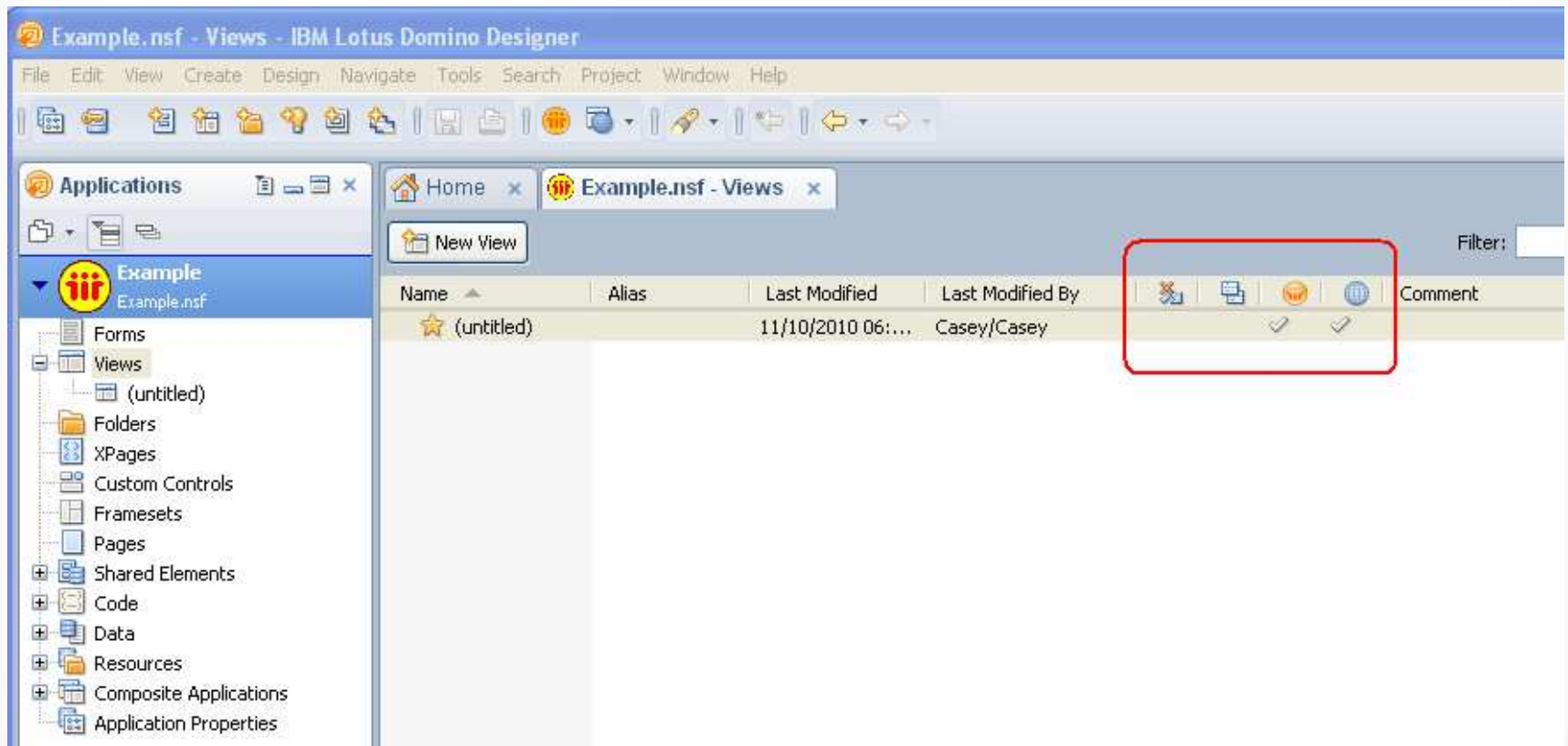


# Whitebox

Elements access – Check them ALL

- Forms, Views, Navigators, etc. - If they are not used, hide them from the web.
- Security Tab – Set who can access the element based on ACL
- Allow public access

# Whitebox



# Whitebox

- Restrict more in-depth audits for elements that are exposed to the web
  - Views, Forms, Pages...
  - Ask to see config or profile documents (make sure they are protected)
- Review All Agents – Can be called from the web to run code. Can write to DB2, SQL, FTP, basically do anything.



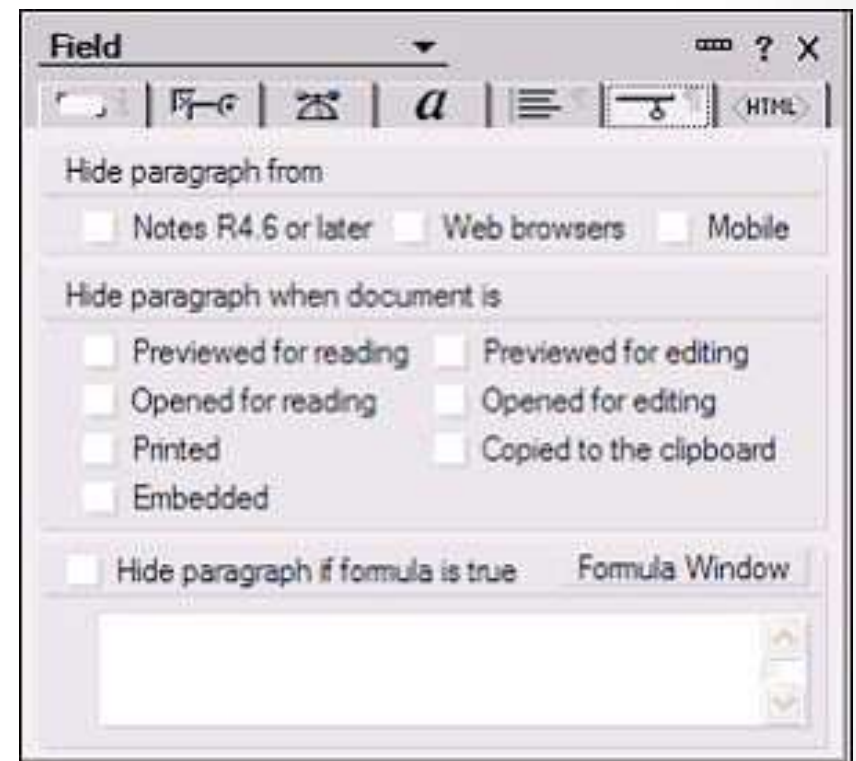
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- Check permissions on all design elements
- Check actions within design elements



# Whitebox

- Field Access
- Depending on how the application is written, fields on public forms can be hidden.



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# Default Files

- Names.nsf – The most important database
- Log.nsf – Shows events on server
- WebAdmin.nsf – A web version of admin client
- Help Files – Should never be left on the server

When upgrade a server, it could re-add databases you thought you deleted!!!

# Where to Start?

- Talk to the Administrator – Learn about the different documents (server, config, internet site) of the NAB
- Learn the default ACL and how it is audited.
- Talk to the Developers – Its impossible to go through every element and to look at field security. Establish security practices

# Where to Start?

Get a good tool

- Team Studio – Build Manager to write checks before a application is refreshed into production. Preventive Security!
- DominoScan II – NGS Software
- AppDetectivePro – Application Security Inc.
- PowerTools and ScanEz – Admin Tools

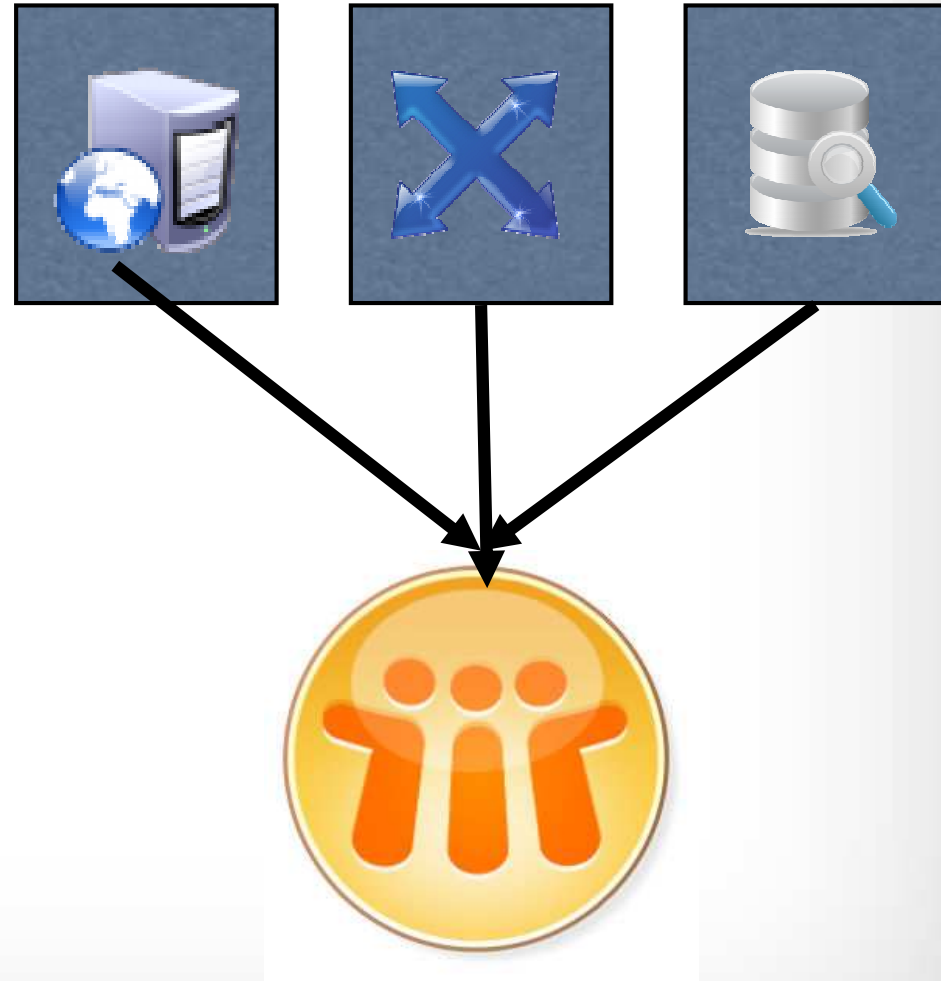
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# Architecture

- End users directly enter DB commands
- Cannot run arbitrary DB commands
- Who sets up ACLs in your org?





# Questions? Comments? Insults?



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