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DAL: Accessing Different ORACLE Instances

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TOPIC -----

We use ORACLE 6.x, and modified our LOGIN.COM files to access a given instance of Oracle. The problem is that we want to use the SAME LOGIN.COM procedure to sometimes access the "test" instance of Oracle, and sometimes access the "production" instance. Is there a good way to do this, short of creating a separate account ID with another LOGIN.COM? Can we pass a parameter to the LOGIN.COM file to denote Test or Production?

DISCUSSION -----

Unfortunately, there is no easy way to do this using the same account. It's even awkward to do this with just serial terminal access to ORACLE on the VAX.

You can pass a parameter to LOGIN.COM, or have LOGIN.COM ask the user to enter a choice, and then execute the appropriate command procedures to assign the correct logical names. You will have to define a special "log-in definitions" -- a sequence of commands for logging on to the host system after a physical connection has been established, to deal with your special LOGIN.COM file. The DAL Prefs Editor helps this process a little bit. Look at the chapter about Log-in Connections in the "DAL for Macintosh Installations and User's Guide" to see if this is something you want to try.

It is a common problem that VAX and Oracle users have to deal with. It's probably better to create separate VAX and Oracle user names with separate LOGIN.COM files to deal with this, since they are supposed to be two separate environments anyway -- one for production and one for test. Copyright 1991, Apple Computer, Inc.

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