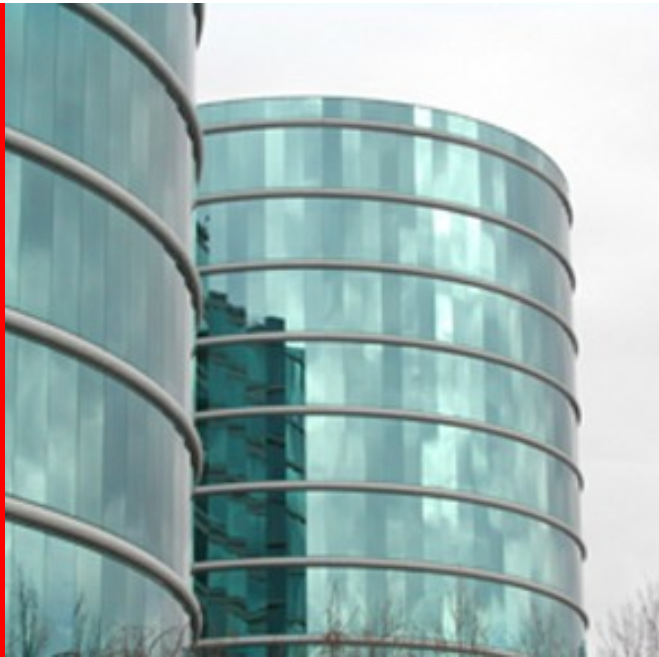


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## **Project Alcatraz: Secure Oracle DB on Solaris**

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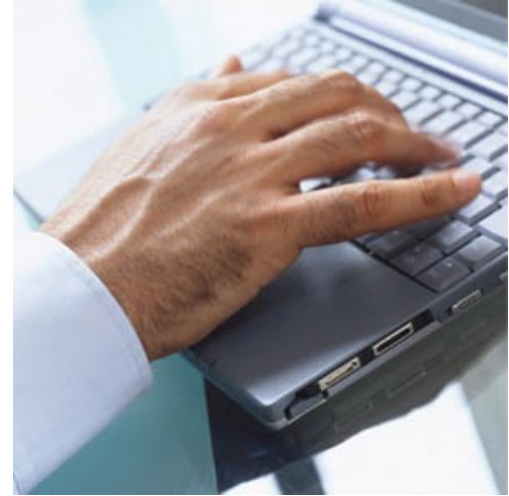
# Disclaimer

Framework:

- We will show features which are today available with Oracle Solaris 10, this does not mean that all possible combinations are valid for support/production
- The only supported combination is Oracle Solaris 10 with the corresponding Oracle Databases
- The base target of the following Information is to demonstrate structures, functionalities and the easy path for setting things up.

# Program **Agenda**

- Background / some Solaris features
- Config-Vision
- What else can we do?





# Secure: Solaris + DB

Some Solaris Features and  
Background

# Challenges

- Privileged Users (root,oracle)
- Easy to use and changeable Filesystems/Devices
- Difficult security related monitoring
- Not used audit features → No evidence for actions
- Thinking: „Security prevents daily work“
- Unclear access path
- “Inside” actions are possible
- Easy walking between accounts and POSSIBILITIES



## The Mission of Project Alcatraz

Combine Solaris features with the Oracle-Database, use related security features to deliver:

- a still suitable to manage environment
- a combination which is at least activating the security features

# The Approach (1/3):

- Zones
  - Encapsulate database in own environment
  - Zone configuration and resources are controlled from “outside”
- Zones Networking inclusive IPF/IPNAT
  - Enforce network traffic
    - Block/Filter Traffic
    - Map external to/from internal traffic
  - Control network traffic
  - Log/Monitor network traffic
- ZFS with Zones
  - Filesystems will be controlled from “outside”
  - Selective read/execute rights per filesystem (dataset)
  - The use of snapshots enables evidence and fast “return”



## The Approach (2/3):

- **RBAC** (role base access control)
  - No root user
  - No oracle user
  - User rights and execute control
  - Enforce correct login
- **BSM** (base security module, aka OS Audit)
  - Create audit trail
  - Enforces that audit will be written
  - Store access- and execute-path
- **BART** (basic audit and reporting tool)
  - Doublecheck OS-Installation with Solaris fingerprint database
  - Searches for changes on files and directoriesZones
  - Encapsulate database in own environment
  - Zone configuraation and resources are controlled from “outside”

## The Approach (3/3):

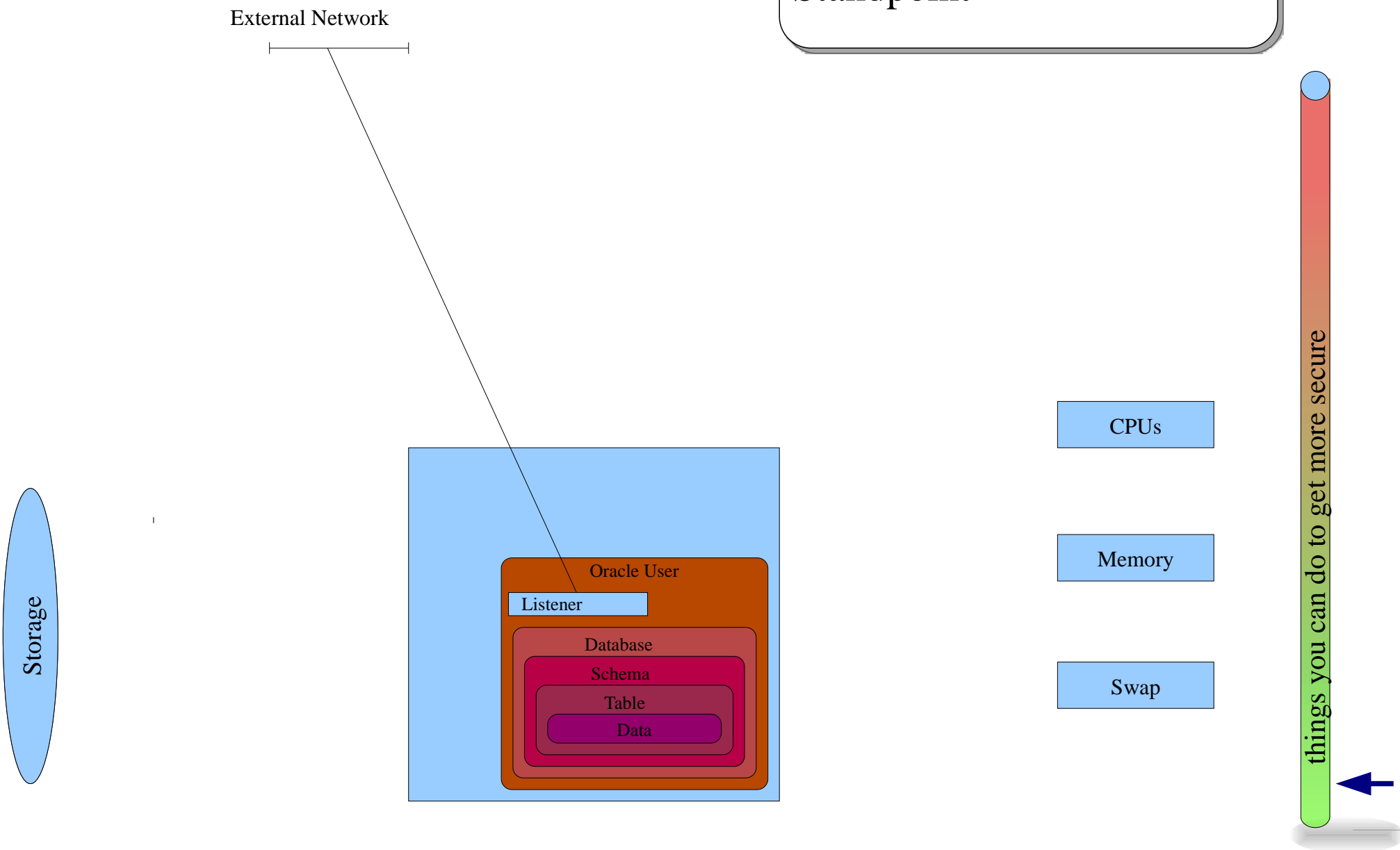
- Projects and Resource-Controls
  - Limited access or usage of Memory/Swap/CPU
- PRM (process right management)
  - Reduces rights for processes/users/executable
- SMF (service management facility)
  - Central switchboard for services
  - Access to the switchboard might be granted/restricted
- Dtrace
- Others
  - CryptoFramework, Kerberos, IPsec, TrustedExtensions, signed patches, ssh, /dev/random, pam, smartcard framework, java security, ldap connections.....

# Secure Config

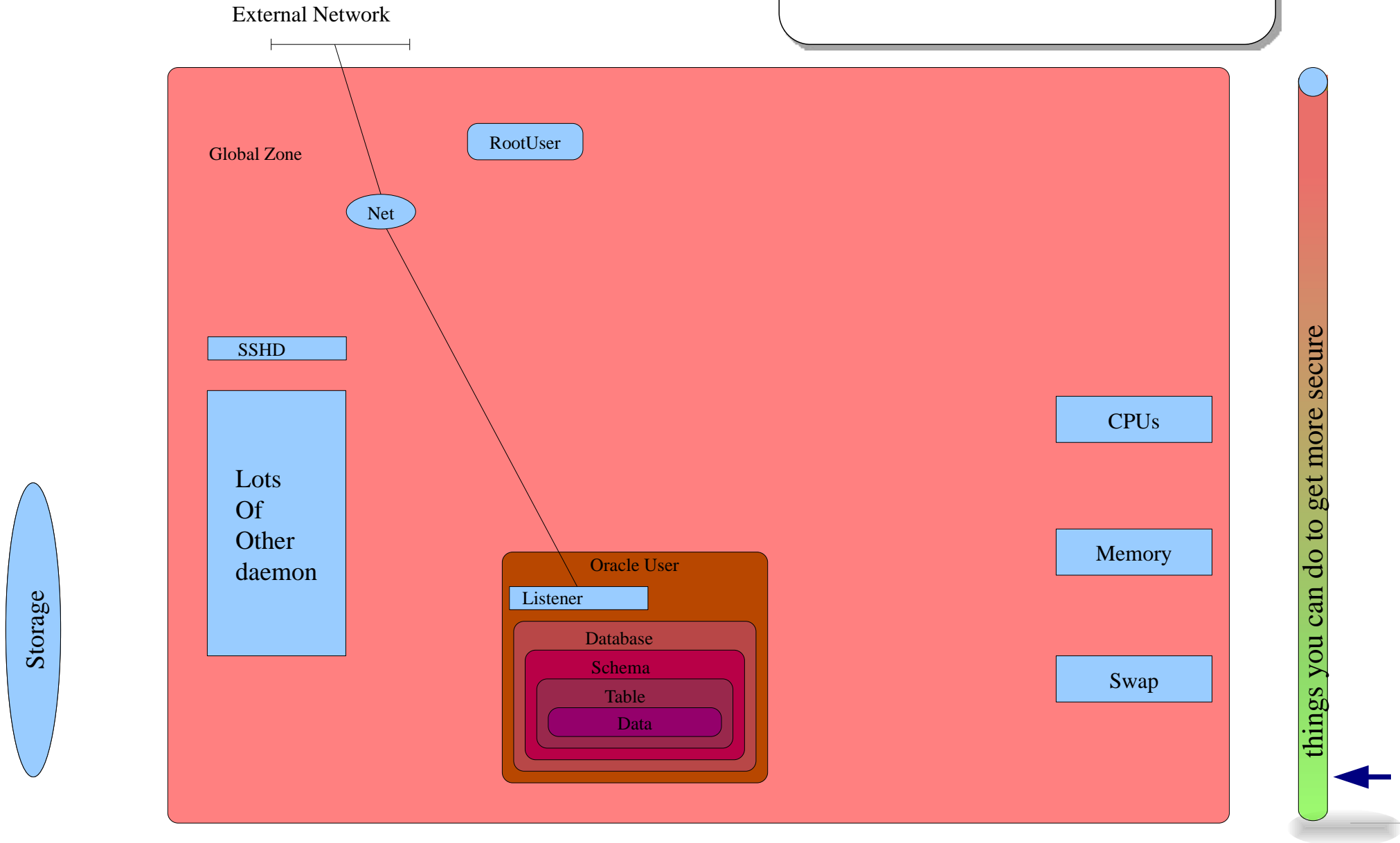
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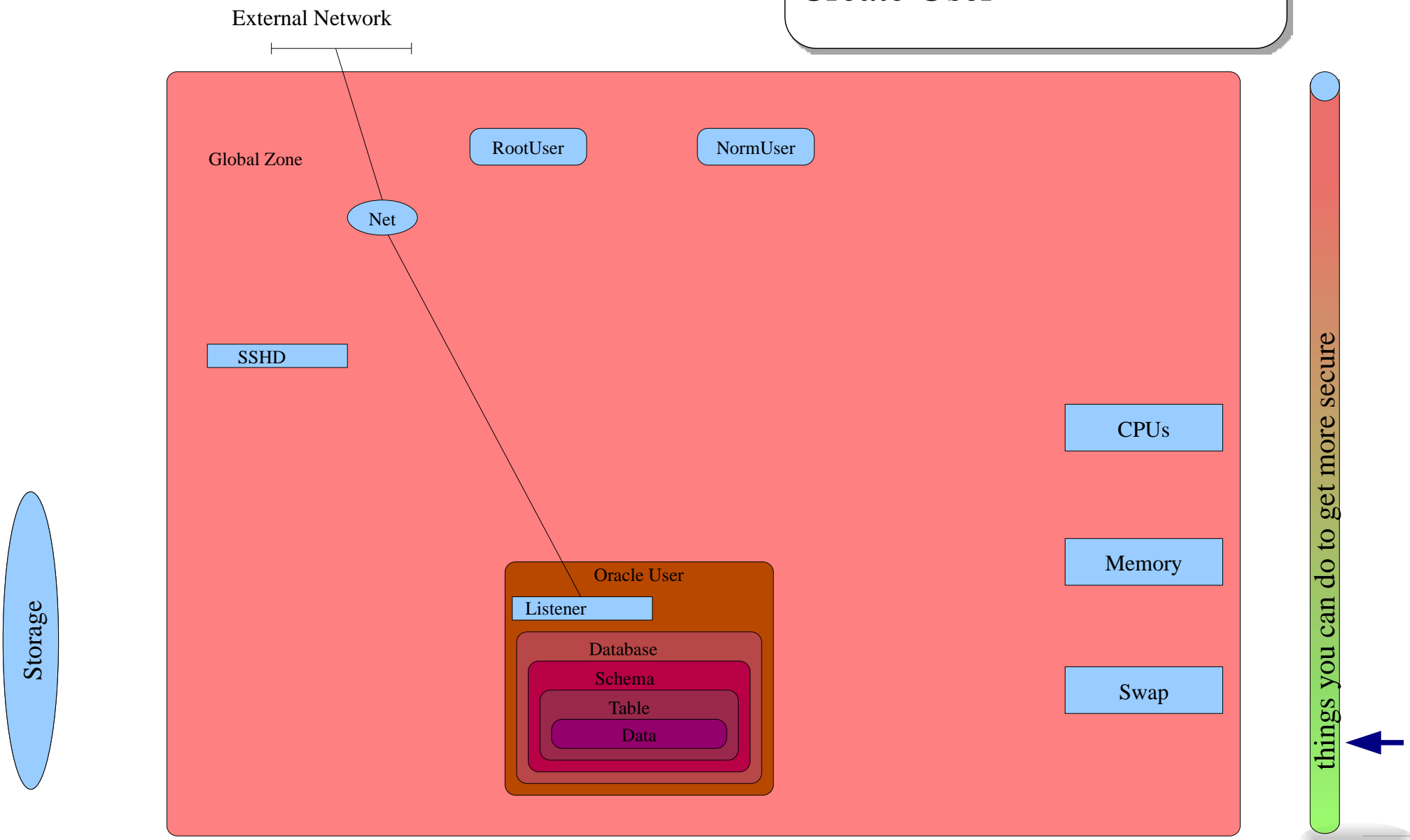
# A Typical Oracle DB Standpoint



# A Bit More Detailed

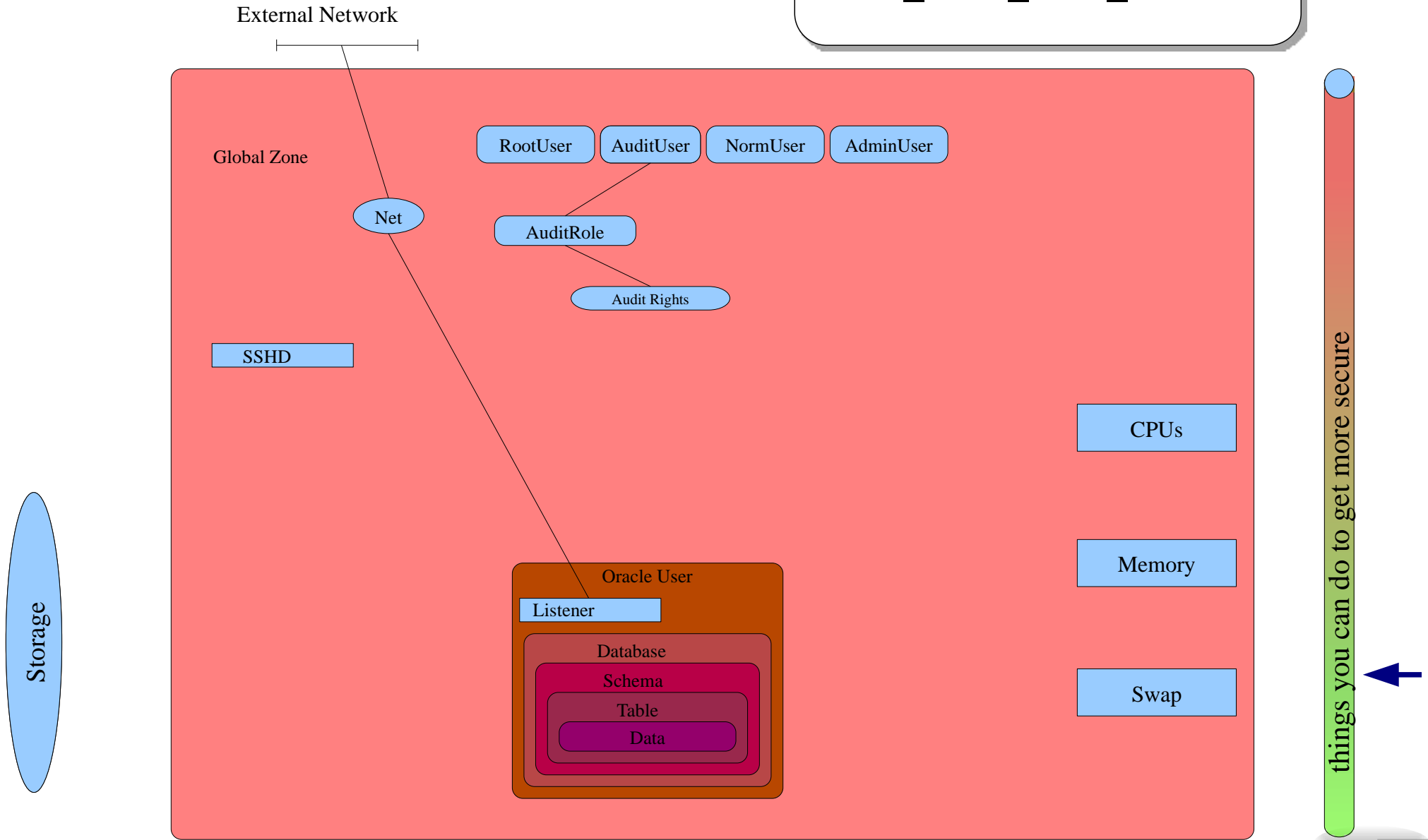


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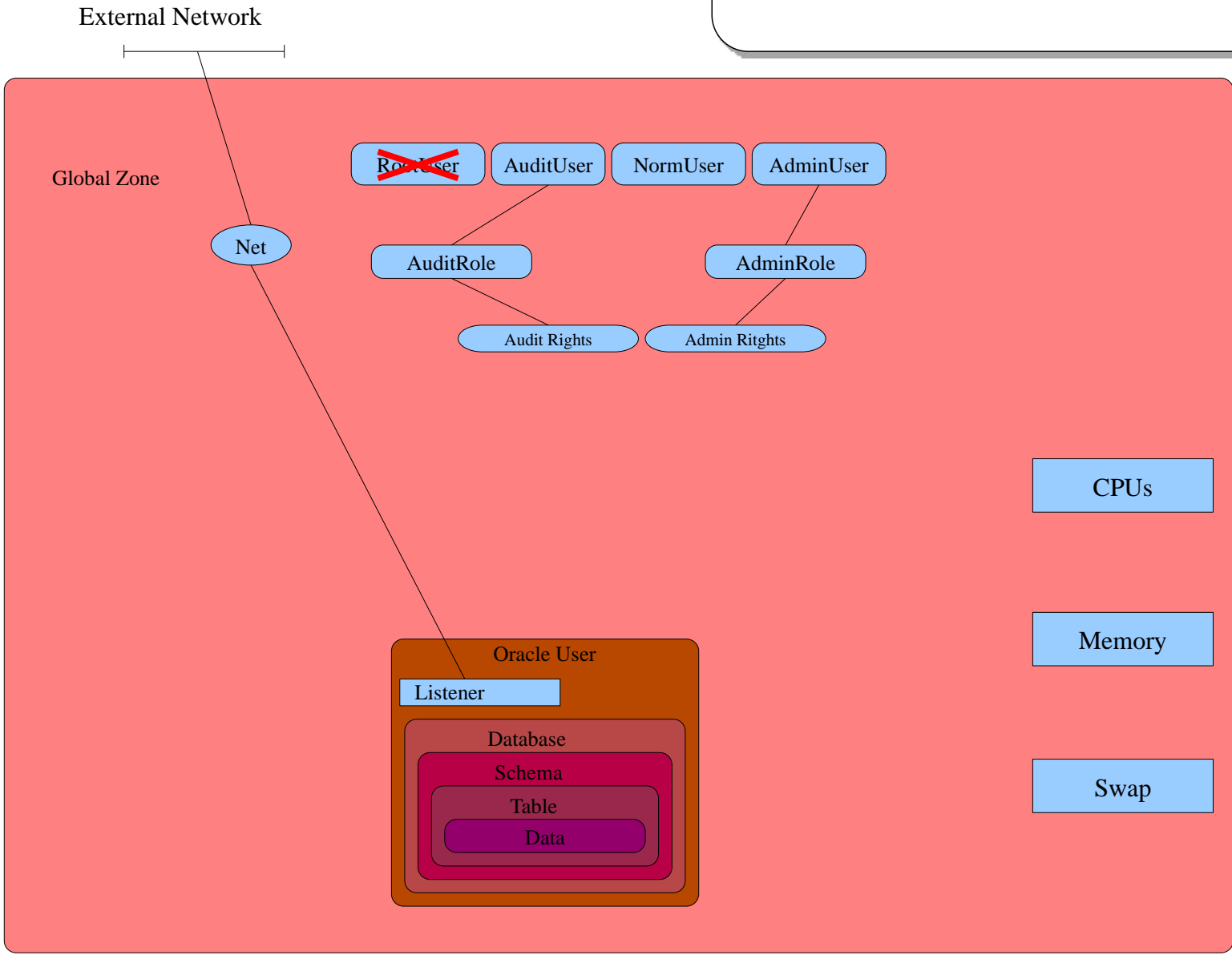


# Configure Audit

Set `No_Exec_User_Stack`



Reconf g root  
Create roles

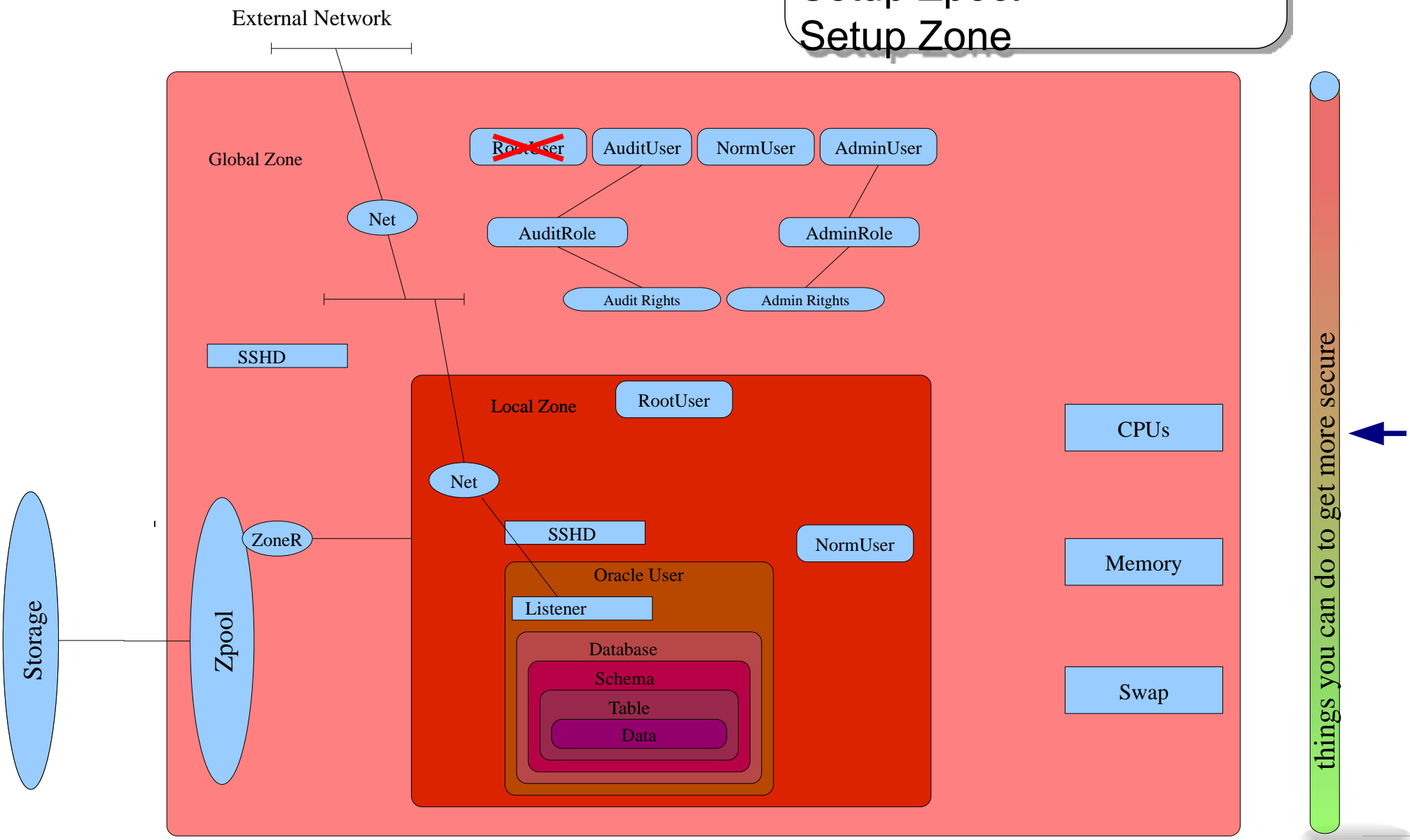


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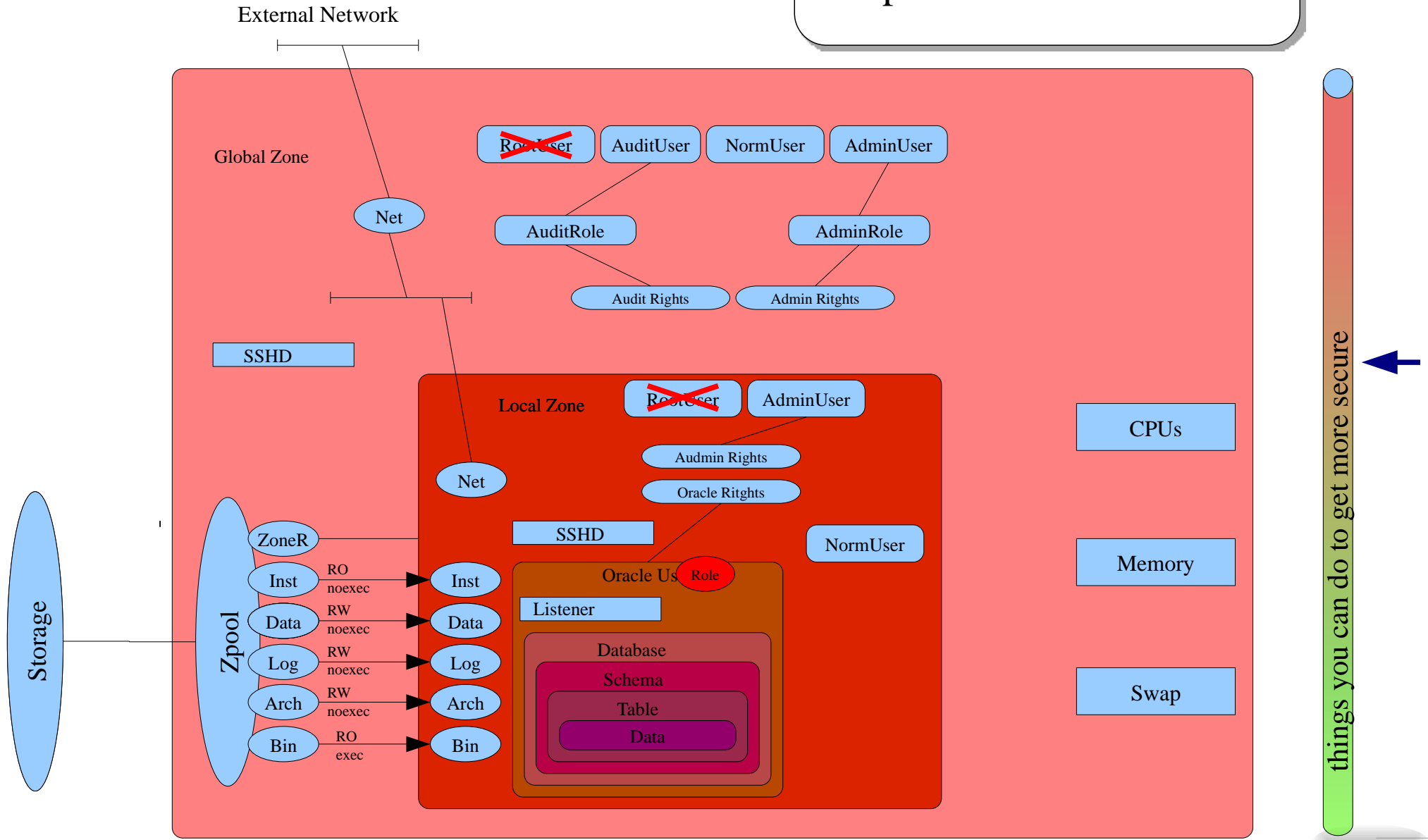
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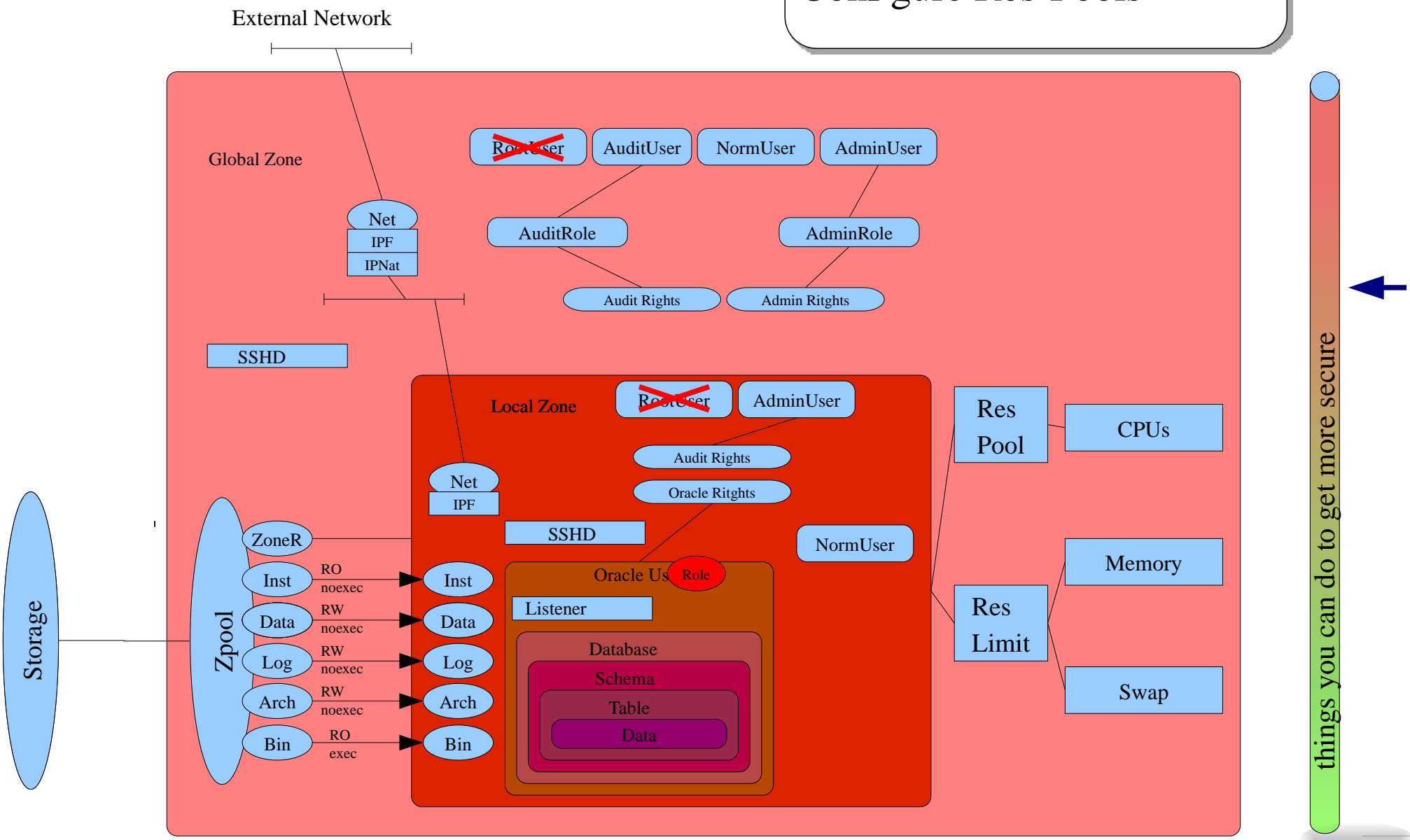
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 Setup Zpool  
 Setup Zone



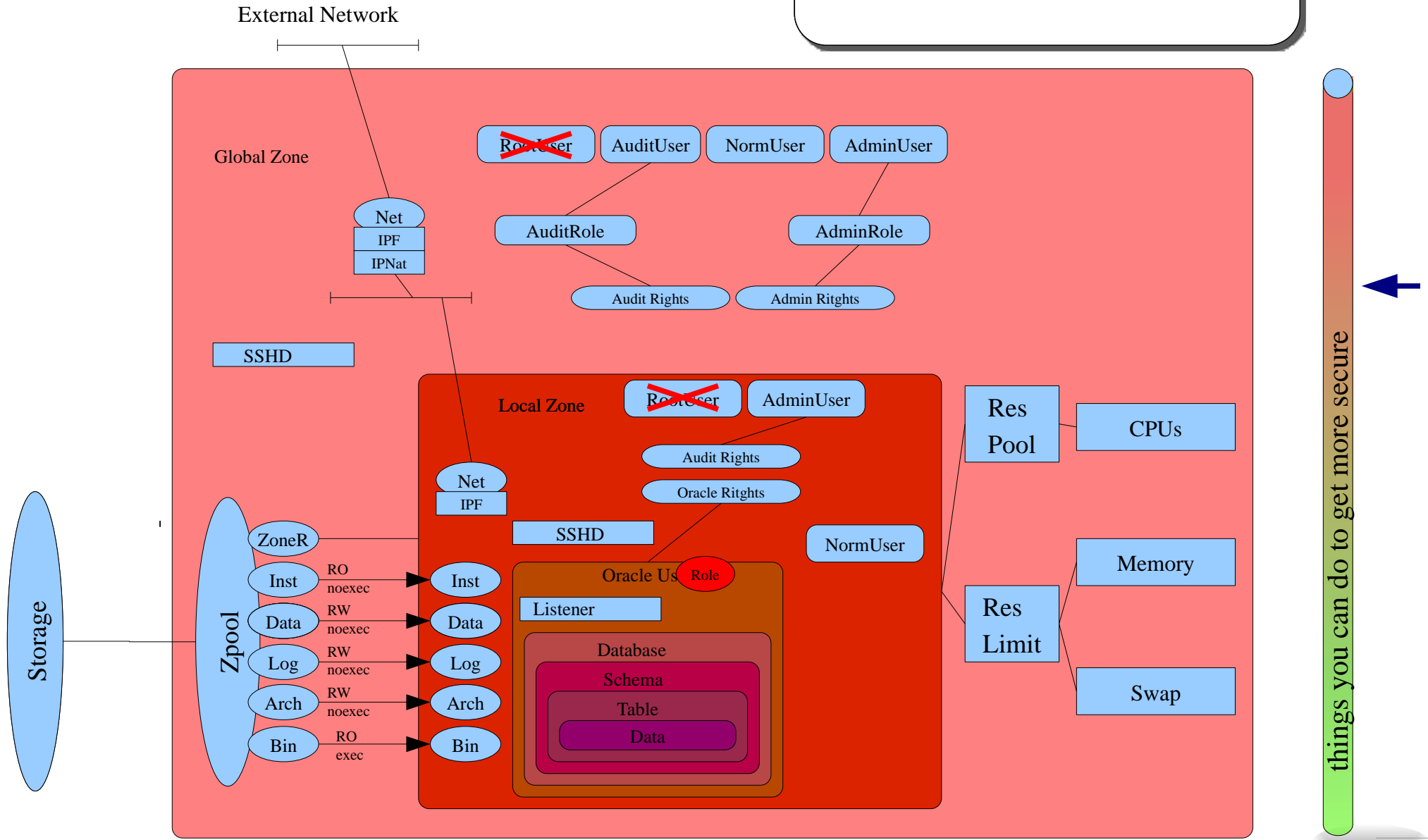
# Create Datasets Setup Zone RBAC



# Configure IPF/IPNAT Configure Res-Pools



# Final Setup for Today



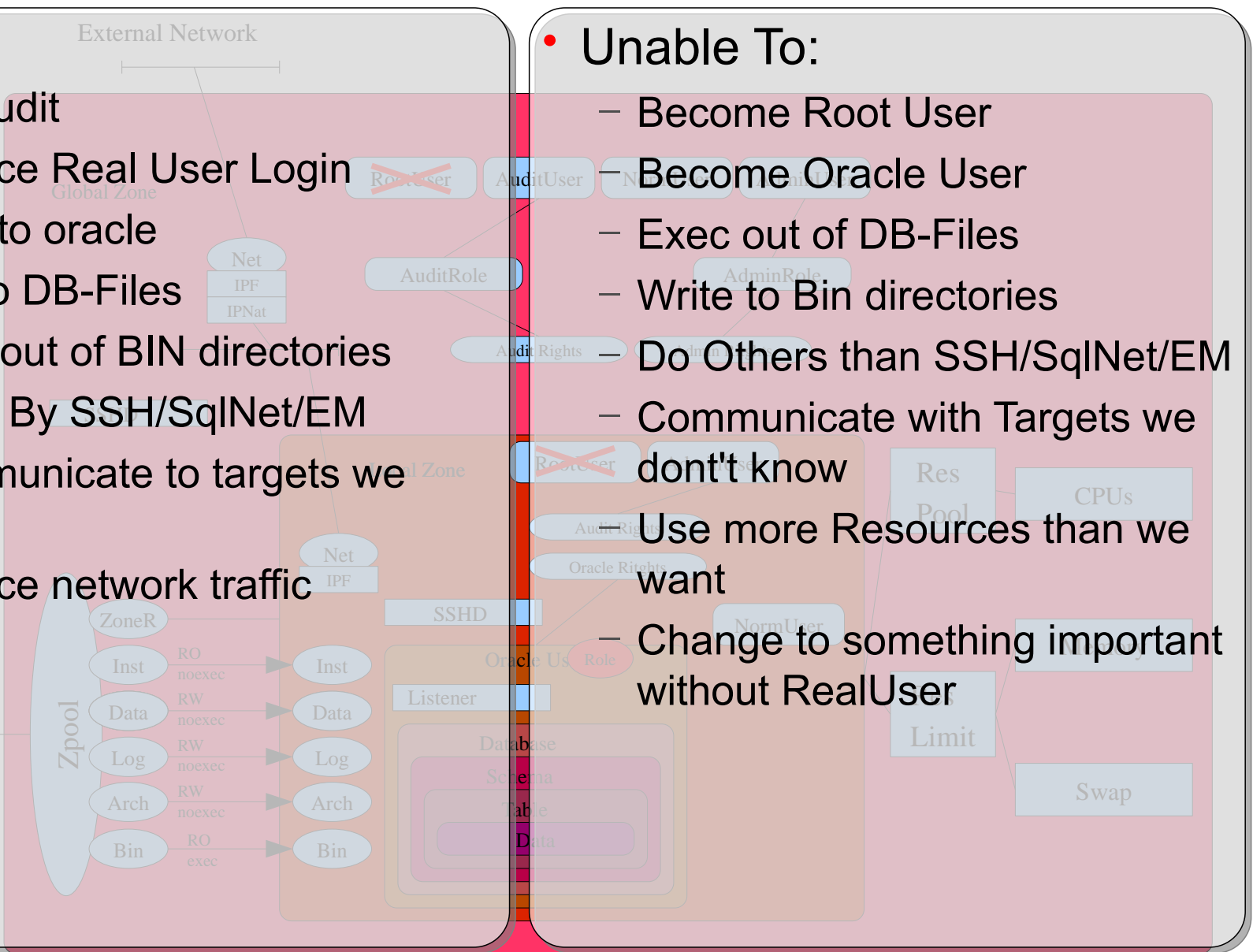
# Can / Can Not

## CAN

- OS Audit
- Enforce Real User Login
- su - to oracle
- RW to DB-Files
- Exec out of BIN directories
- Login By SSH/SqlNet/EM
- Communicate to targets we know
- Enforce network traffic

## Unable To:

- Become Root User
- Become Oracle User
- Exec out of DB-Files
- Write to Bin directories
- Do Others than SSH/SqlNet/EM
- Communicate with Targets we don't know
- Use more Resources than we want
- Change to something important without RealUser



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# Secure: Inside the DBMS



## Challenges on the DBMS Side

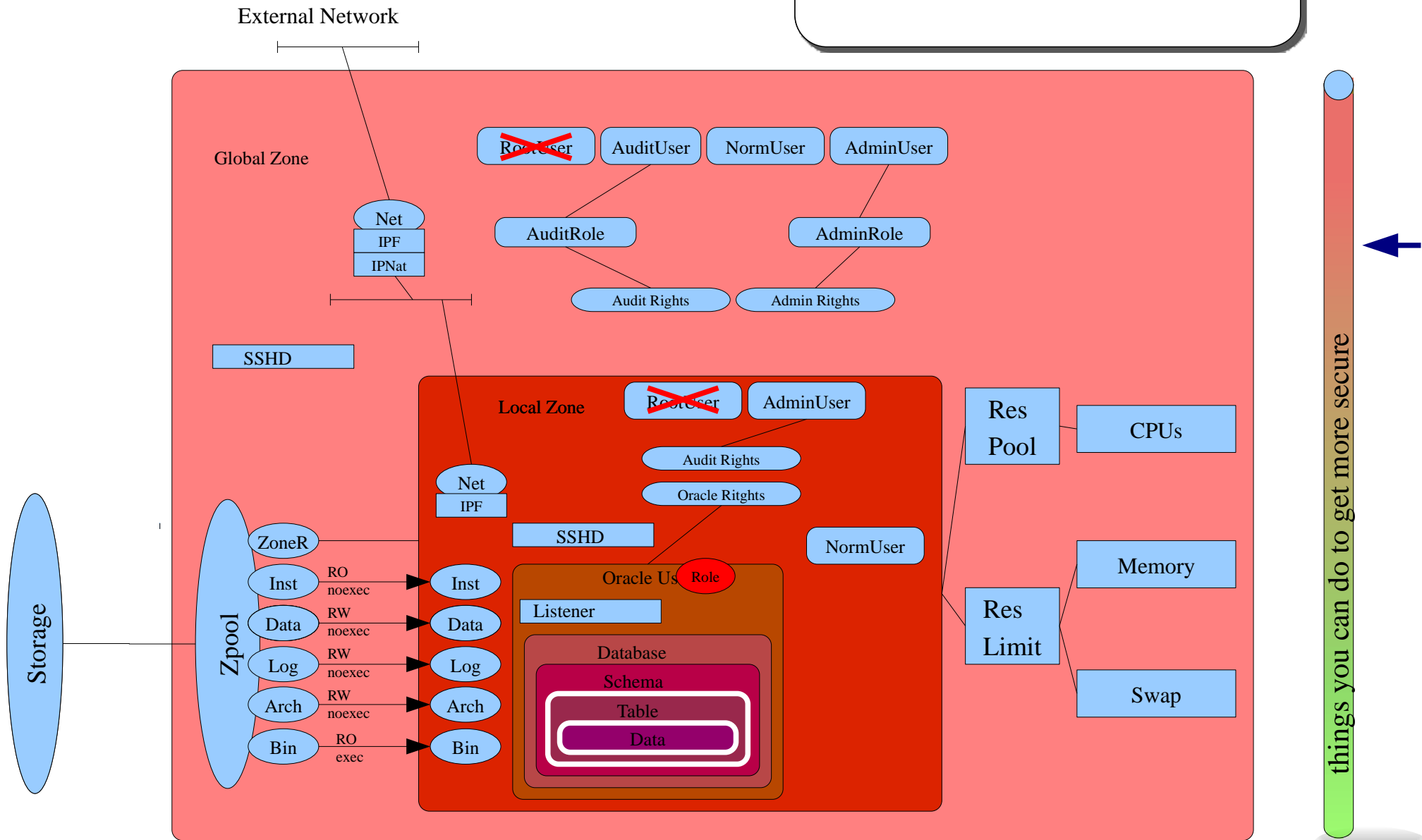
- Privileged Users (sys) may see and change everything
- SqlNet is not encrypted by default
- Data on Disk is not encrypted
- Audit speaks of start and stop, but not a lot of more
- Grant to users might be too generic
- Access to not allowed objects is not logged
- “Inside” actions are possible

# The Approach (1/1):

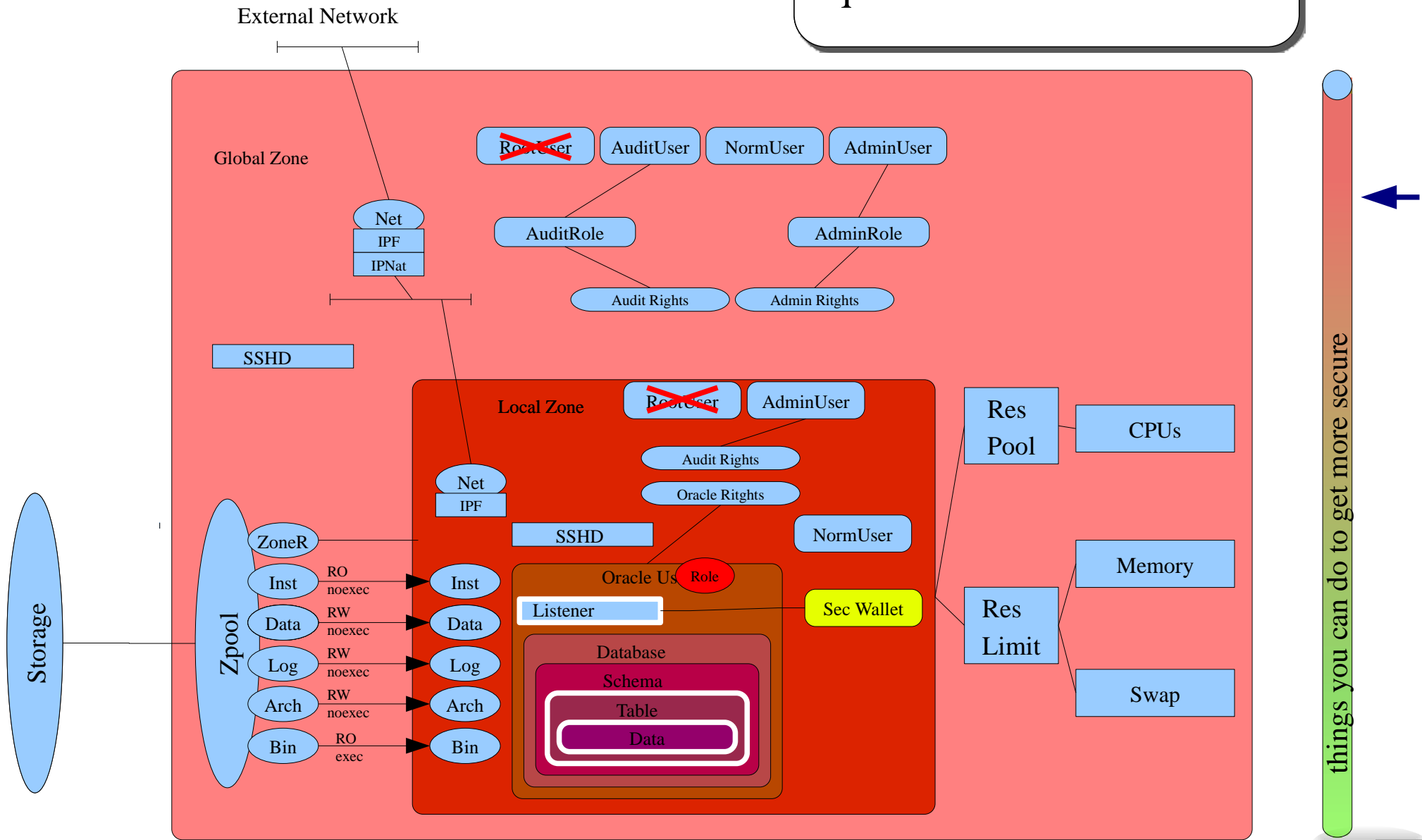
- DB Audit
  - Use the DB-Build in Audit to get Informations
  - Setup Audit to see
- DB Vault
  - Enforce Access/Deny to DB-Objects
  - Get Informations into the Database
  - Prevent Sys/DBA to access critical Objects
- Advances Securit Options
  - Setup Wallet
  - Listener Security
    - Setup ACL
    - Setup Logging
    - Setup SqlNet Encryption
  - Data Encryption
    - Encrypt a Tablespace



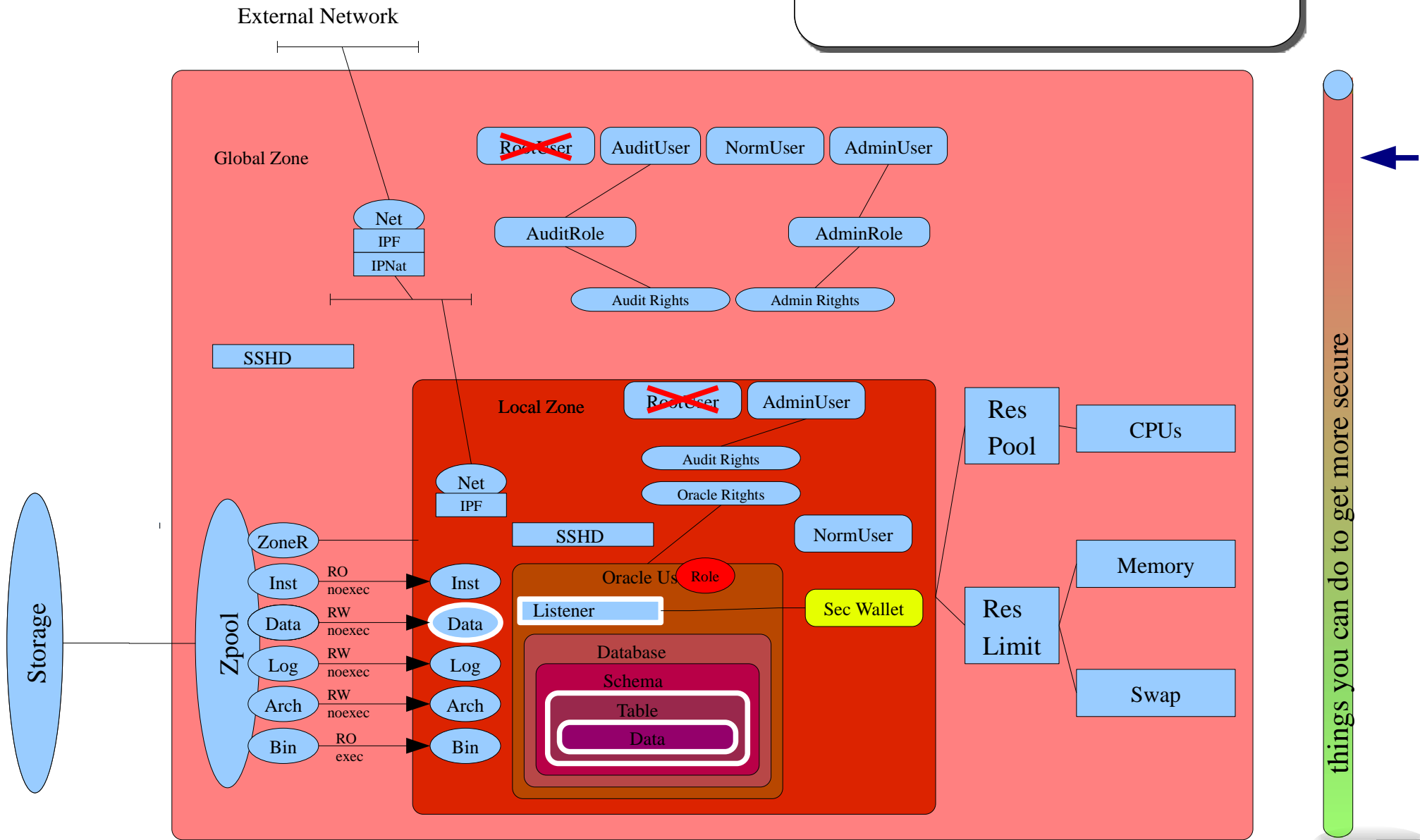
# Secure Objects with DB Vault



# Encrypt and Secure SqlNET



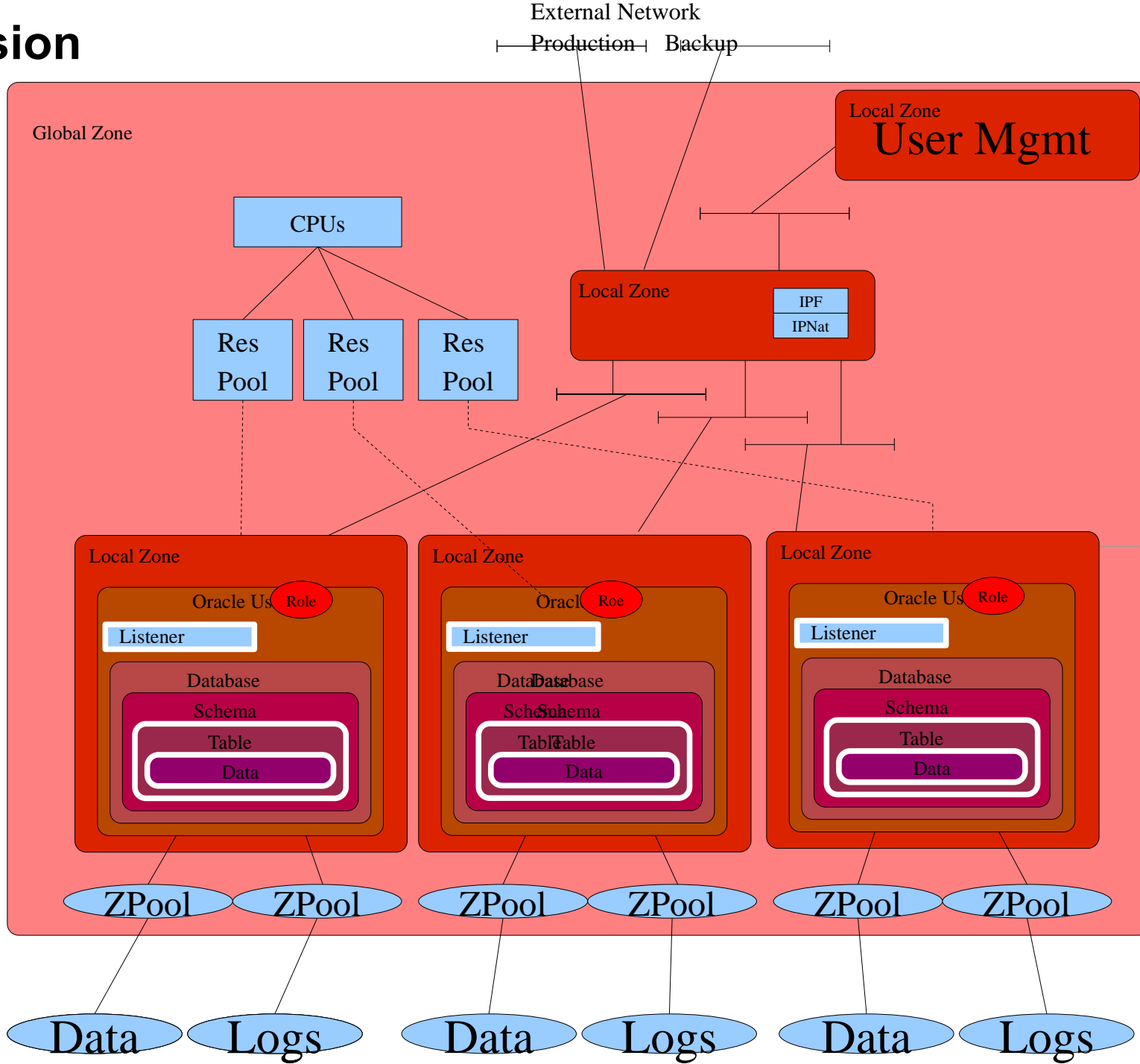
# Encrypt Tablespace



# Vision



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Q&A

Ask us, and get in contact if you need help

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# Credits

This Information/Demo Is Based On:

- Lots of Customer Projects and Discussions
- Immutable Service Container Blueprint  
(Glenn Brunette)
- Influenced by several presentations  
(e.g Protecting Networked Services with (Open)Solaris Security Features by Dr. Christoph Schuba, Solaris 10 Security Deep Dive)
- Solaris Security Toolkit

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# Some more Information on local Zones

## Local Zones Are:

- Lightweight representation of a Solaris-OS
- A GlobalZone (a normal Solaris install) might run one ore more LocalZones
- LocalZones are
  - guests on a Type 4 Hypervisor
  - participating on resources from the GlobalZone
    - Kernel
    - Networking
    - Memory
    - Scheduling
    - Device Access
  - do have own user databases
  - communicating via network only
  - operating with fewer privileges
  - having their own root directory
  - either inherit binaries ore are working on a copy of the original binaries
- Special rights and device access is controlled by the GlobalZone

# Some more Information on local Zones Networking

- GlobalZone sets network possibilities for local Zones
- LocalZones only communicate over the network
- GlobalZone might run IPF/IPNAT for access/traffic management from and to local Zone
- LocalZones might have own IP-Stack, and therefor might run own IPF Instances
- LocalZones might have own routing
- LocalZones might have their own set of services
- LocalZones must be maintained similar to any other Solaris Install

# Some more Information on ZFS

- ZFS (from a security standpoint and very condensed)
  - Works with “Copy on Write”
  - Checksumming of data
  - Easy to use snapshots
    - Will create read only copy of dataset
    - Might be used for forensic and fast recovery
  - ZFS Pools
    - Are a summary (and description) of single “Disks” (or lunes)
    - Defines RaidLevel
  - ZFS Dataset (filesystem)
    - Does have own quota and access rights
    - Will be delegate to zone
    - Will be controlled from the globalzone → from outside

# Some more Information on RBAC and BSM

- RBAC
  - Defines Roles
  - Roles must be assigned to users
  - A direct login to a role is not possible
  - Enforces a user login
  - Might eliminate privileged users like root or “oracle”
  - A role might have less or more rights than the user
  - We might define effective or real user id for each binary a role/user will start
  - Is deeply integrated with the Solaris-Audit to log the access pathes
  - Roles can not delegate what they don't have
- BSM
  - Checkes files against a fingerprint which has been created before
  - Might check Installation against the Solaris-Fingerprint-Database

## Some more Information on “others”

- Netservices Limited
- No exec user stack
  - Prevents code to start code out of the stack
- SMF
  - Integrate with right management and RBAC
  - Will not deeply discussed because this is “dayly work”