14. The system of claim **12**, wherein the one or more servers are further configured to generate a role assignment record.

15. The system of claim **14**, wherein the role assignment record comprises the actor, the role, and the context parameters.

16. The system of claim **14**, wherein the role assignment record comprises the one or more actor-role scope values based on the role scope.

17. The system of claim **12**, wherein said resource comprises a database, a system application, a document, or any combination thereof.

18. The system of claim **12**, wherein said actor comprises a user, a system account, a system application, a computing device, or any combination thereof.

19. The system of claim **12**, wherein the policy type includes an access control policy element, a data view/presentation policy element, a function performance/update operation policy element, or any combination thereof.

20. A computer program product, tangibly embodied in an information carrier, for managing role-based access in a multi-customer computing environment, the computer program product including instructions being operable to cause data processing apparatus to:

associate an actor with a role;

associate a policy type with the role;

associate a role scope with the role;

receive one or more values for one or more corresponding context parameters associated with the actor;

receive a request for access to a resource from the actor;

determine a policy instance based on the policy type and the one or more values for the one or more corresponding context parameters associated with the actor;

determine one or more actor-role scope values based on the role scope and the one or more values for the one or more corresponding context parameters associated with the actor; and

determine a response to the request based on the policy instance and the actor-role scope values.

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