

## Re: SA PW

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Jim,

Sue is correct. Your best bet is to access SQL with NT authentication, with an account that has sysadmin role on the server (as she said, by default builtin\local administrators is in this group).

And I'm assuming you've tried a blank pw? Sometimes people are surprised to find that their DBA left the pw blank.

Hope that helps.

Donna Lambert

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| From: Sue Hoegemeier <[Sue\\_H@nomail.please](mailto:Sue_H@nomail.please)>  
| Subject: Re: SA PW  
| Date: Mon, 12 Aug 2002 18:12:06 -0600  
| Message-ID: <[1djgluocgrl7nlfqvqh7163ka6918ji2hg@4ax.com](mailto:1djgluocgrl7nlfqvqh7163ka6918ji2hg@4ax.com)>  
| References: <[ulghkv559ajt4f@corp.supernews.com](mailto:ulghkv559ajt4f@corp.supernews.com)>  
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| Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
| Newsgroups: microsoft.public.sqlserver.security  
| NNTP-Posting-Host: 67.234.211.177  
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| Xref: cpmsftngxa10 microsoft.public.sqlserver.security:7668  
| X-Tomcat-NG: microsoft.public.sqlserver.security

| You can't retrieve the password but you can reset it. Log  
| onto SQL Server using a sysadmin account or if  
| BUILTIN\Admins is still on the server as a sysadmin you can  
| log in using a Windows NT local admin account. Then reset  
| the password using sp\_password, e.g  
| exec sp\_password NULL, 'NewPassword', 'sa'

| -Sue

| On Mon, 12 Aug 2002 18:39:26 -0500, "jim" <[jim@here.com](mailto:jim@here.com)>  
| wrote:

| >Major problem. Just took over a network from someone who left on bad  
| terms.

| >Before he left he changed the SA PW on one of our SQL servers. Need to  
| know

| >if there is a way to recover the PW. Server is running fine, so this is  
| not

| >a major problem yet, but..... you never know

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| >Thanks

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