

## Re: Security bug?

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SQL Server 2000 Setup has been prompting for a password for sa since RTM, IIRC. This is nothing new with SP3. However, it's only a prompt and the ignorant administrator can still bypass it. I think it would serve Microsoft well to retool the prompt to be such that a password is a requirement to continue setup.

Further, folks pleading security ignorance just doesn't fly when a 3 second Google search on sql security brings up [www.sqlsecurity.com](http://www.sqlsecurity.com) as the first 2 hits and Chip Andrews Blackhat presentation as the third.

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"R. van Noorloos" <[renennospam@syfact.com](mailto:renennospam@syfact.com)> wrote in message news:#1UntkrwCHA.2636@TK2MSFTNGP12...

> *Kevin*

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> *Thanks, I know there is more, but a blank password is easely overseen if you*

> *standard install with NT security and not aware of this. And also*

> *administrators could be denied access to a database/sql server,depending on*

> *the confidentiality of the stored information.*

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> *But it is good to know SP3 is forcing it anyway.*

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> *Kind regards*

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> *René van Noorloos*

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> *Syfact int'l*

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> *"Kevin McDonnell [MS]" <[kevmc@online.microsoft.com](mailto:kevmc@online.microsoft.com)> wrote in message*

> *news:Y5oyS\$XwCHA.3048@cpmsfngxa06...*

> *> Also, installing sp3 will prompt the user to change a blank 'sa' password.*

> *> Only Administrators should be allowed to modify the servers registry*

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key.

> > *There's more to securing a server than supplying a good 'sa' password...*

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> > *Kevin McDonnell*

> > *Microsoft SQL Server Support*

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