

## Re: SQL Server 120 Trial

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The logic, right or wrong, is that since it's only evaluation software you can just remove it if there is a problem. You are only using it for evaluation, right?

As much as I hate to say this, you should immediately remove the Enterprise Evaluation Edition from your machine. In my opinion, user's should not install this software until Microsoft either re-releases the download with SP3 pre-installed or at least makes it possible to install SP3 on it.

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"Steve" <[steve.turnbull@northlincsnet.org](mailto:steve.turnbull@northlincsnet.org)> wrote in message news:039801c2c5f9\$a4e9a7a0\$cef82ecf@TK2MSFTNGXA08...

> I can appreciate that Microsoft doesn't want to support  
> software that is known to be easily 'cracked', but surely  
> they should be able to implement a way of keeping this  
> software secure?

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> Everybody is affected by worms such as Slammer, not just a  
> few developers running SQL. There must be a hundreds of  
> people out there - particularly students - who are using  
> all sorts of trial edition software that is exposed to  
> security risks.

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> Thanks for the reply,

> Steve

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> >-----Original Message-----

> >Unfortunately, the Evaluation Edition of SQL Server  
> cannot be

> >upgraded with security fixes or service packs. While I  
> am interested

> >to hear any official word about the wisdom of

> >distributing software

> >with known critical vulnerabilities, I think the best you  
> can do for this

> >particular problem now is to follow these Microsoft  
> instructions:

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> >2) If you cannot apply this patch immediately, the

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> following options can  
> >limit propagation of the worm:  
> >A) Block UDP port 1434 inbound and outbound traffic at  
> your firewalls.  
> >B) You may also block UDP port 1434 inbound traffic on  
> your Microsoft  
> >SQL 2000 Servers. Following this instruction may result  
> in support  
> >issues as this port performs name resolution.  
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> >There is usually no support provided for evaluation  
> software, but it's  
> >hard for  
> >me to understand how Microsoft can ignore the fact that  
> its evaluation  
> >software  
> >is contributing to serious and widespread havoc and  
> continue that  
> >practice, to say  
> >nothing about the likelihood anyone currently evaluating  
> SQL Server will  
> >decide it's  
> >just fine and dandy.  
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> >Steve Kass  
> >Drew University  
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> >Steve wrote:  
> >  
> >>I have only recently installed the trial version of SQL.  
> I  
> >>can't afford to upgrade just yet, but I am also unable  
> to  
> >>install the required service packs/patches to cope with  
> >>the Slammer worm.  
> >>  
> >>I am sure that this could be a major issue, with a lot  
> of  
> >>people worldwide being unable to correct the problem.  
> >>  
> >>Is there a workround? Is it possible to successfully put  
> >>the patch onto the 120 trial version, even though it  
> says  
> >>service pack 2 must be installed.  
> >>  
> >>Help and advice appreciated (don't want to un-install if  
> I  
> >>don't have to...)  
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> >>Steve  
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