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4) is not a last resort, that should be SOP – rebuild master, restore from backup prior to "Corruption" by vendor script. You will lose all config and login changes since the backup.

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and not of my employer.

"Denny" <mrdenny@gamespy.com> wrote in message
news:#K8dVcUXDHA.2592@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
> I see four possible options for you.
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> 1. Use some other account that the client has (any domain admin should
have
> sysadmin permissions unless BUILTIN\Administrators has been removed) and
use
> sp_password to change the sa password (see BOL).
> 2. Call the vendor of the new software product, and ask them what the
> install script sets the SA password to when installing the product.
> 3. Did around there install package, and see if the sql script that
changed
> the password happens to be there. If it is the password will be in it.
> 4. (Use this as a last resort, no idea if it will actually work). Detach
> all user databases, and move them somewhere save (another drive, another
> folder, another machine, etc). Then restore the master db from a backup
> that was before the sa password was changed. Then delete all the suspect
> databases that are listed. Put the database files back where they should
> be, and reattach them.
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> No mater which one you use, be sure to set the sa password once you can
get
> into the system with sysadmin permissions.
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> Good luck.
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> --
> Denny Cherry
> DBA
> GameSpy Industries
> "Ryan Gaudet" <rgaudet@hushmail.com> wrote in message
> news:030501c35d2f\$84266260\$a501280a@phx.gbl...
> > Hi,

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> > I have a SQL Server 7 Standard edition server running in a
> > clients IT environment. Sometime last week, the IT
> > department installed a new application that needed a new
> > SQL server database that was to be installed on a
> > different SQL Server. When they were prompted to select
> > the server to install the database to, they inadvertently
> > installed to our server. (our sa password was blank and
> > that's how they could do this...Very bad, I know)The
> > script that created the database reset the sa password and
> > noone seems to know what it is.
> > Here's the kicker; When we installed the SQL server, it
> > was part of domain "A" and we were logged in as a service
> > account user as per our application requirements but the
> > client installed a new PDC last spring and we moved the
> > server to the new domain so the account we used to install
> > the SQL server doesn't exist so we don't have an account
> > with admin rights. We tried setting up a bogus PDC with
> > the old domain name, setting up a trust between the
> > domains and logging in with the original account name to
> > see if we could trick it that way but to no avail.
> > Is there any way that we will be able to reset the sa
> > password or change the domain reference to the NT user
> > account with admin priveledges? If not, will Microsoft be
> > able to reset the sa password? I know it will cost money
> > if they can but we need to get this resolved.
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> > Thanks in advance.
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