

Re: losing sysadmin

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Thanks Hari,

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

>Hi,

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>You can edit the registry key (This key will vary slightly for a default

>instance of SQL server)

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>\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Microsoft SQL Server\HARISQL\MSSQLServer

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>Change the value for LoginMode key to 2 (Mixed mode).

This will allow you to

>login as SA.

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>Thanks

>Hari

>MCDBA

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>"Anand" <anand_r@linuxmail.org> wrote in message

>news:0c8b01c3a8d7\$7bf3b4f0\$a101280a@phx.gbl...

>> Hello All,

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>> I was just experimenting this.

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>> 1)My SQL Server is in Mixed Authentication Mode.

>> 2)I register my server using SQL Authentication (sa login)

>> 3)I revoked the sysadmin role from BUILTIN/Administrators

>> using

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sp_drosvrolemember 'BUILTIN/Administrators', 'sysadmin'

>> 4)Now I changed the Mixed Authentication Mode to Windows

>> Only Authentication Mode

>> 5)I deleted the server registration and re-registered

>> *using Windows Authentication*
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>> *Now the problem is that I can't create a new login, I*
>> *can't see/change the properties of a login because*
>> *now I don't have a sysadmin role. I can't even change*
>> *the Windows Authentication mode back to Mixed Mode,*
>> *because that also require a sysadmin role. So after*
>> *struggling a lot I finally reinstalled the instance and*
>> *now everything is working fine.*
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>> *My question is whether there is a workaround for this*
>> *other than reinstalling.*
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>> *Thanks in advance*
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>> *Anand*
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