

Re: SQL 6.5 sa Password, how to change?

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OK:

I went ahead and changed the sa password. There must be some other gotcha that I don't understand. After changing it I can no longer connect to SQL Server. Do I need to Stop/Start the service? I changed the PW both through Enterprise Manager, and using sp_password. In both cases I had to change it back using sp_password to the original PW in order to connect to SQL.

Any suggestions?

Thank You,
Paul

"Russell Fields" <RussellFields@NoMailPlease.Com> wrote in message news:e%23Dj pqz6DHA.2712@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> Paul,

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> Use sp_password to change it. Make it a strong password. Here is

> Microsoft's simple definition of strong:

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> *Security Note Use strong passwords. A strong password makes it more difficult for unauthorized users to break into a system by cracking the password. A strong password is at least seven characters long; contains a combination of letters, numbers, and symbol characters within the password;*

> *and is not a dictionary word, command name, person's name, or system user name. A strong password also is updated regularly and is significantly different from previous passwords.*

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> *And never, never, never have an application run as sa. (This will slightly limit what the application can do.) Always run as a user with appropriate rights granted.*

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> Russell Fields

> "PBS" <pbs@allwave.com> wrote in message

> news:ONAHHAz6DHA.2064@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> > Hello:

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microsoft.public.sqlserver.security: Re: SQL 6.5 sa Password, how to change?

> > *What is the procedure for changing the sa password in SQL 6.5?*

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> > *Thanks*

> > *Paul*

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