

Re: sp3 vs sp3a

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What Kevin outlined are the differences between 3 and 3a

1. 3a can be applied to trial versions
 2. 3a includes MDAC 2.71a which fixed the memory leak issue
 3. 3a disables listening on UDP 1434 when all libraries except for shared memory are disabled.
- SP 3 doesn't include those three fixes.

-Sue

On Tue, 2 Mar 2004 06:56:32 -0800,

<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Thanks for your response; but, I wanted to know the
>difference between sp3 and sp3a. I have already
>researched the service packs and the applicable changes
>that the service pack does. I want to know why MS
>created a distinction between "sp3" and "sp3a." Really I
>just want to know the difference between the two. I
>already know that there are no file changes. So why
>the "alpha" version?
>>-----Original Message-----
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>>Improves serviceability for SQL Server 2000 Evaluation
>Edition. SP3a
>>enables service pack upgrades for trial software. In the
>past, service
>>packs have not been applicable to trial software.
>>Includes a new version of Microsoft Data Access
>Components (MDAC) version
>>2.71a. This version fixes the installation of MDAC files
>and a memory leak.
>>These issues are addressed in articles 814572 and 814410
>in the Microsoft
>>Knowledge Base.
>>Disables listening on port 1434 when networking is
>disabled. This provides
>>further protection from "denial of service" attacks.
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