

RE: Prevent direct connections

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If the application resides on an application server then you might want to consider placing a firewall on the SQLServer, or placing SQL Server behind one. Then, you can restrict access to the SQL Server by IP address to only the application server and DBA team.

If this is not possible then you can apply some control by denying direct access to user tables and only allowing it through stored procedures. If you apply the appropriate permissions to the stored procedures, you will have a little more control.

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