

# Re: Cannot view DB properties

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Sounds like a phantom user situation which is causing your error to be thrown.

Check out <http://sta.c64.org/sqlprg.html>

And download <http://sta.c64.org/sqlprg/fixusers.zip>

Before you run the script be sure and read what it does.

Good luck to ya.

IT wrote:

Here are the steps I followed:

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# Ran the setup and upgraded the existing SQL Server 8.00.818 to SQL Server
2005.
# I have like 20 databases and only for 5 databases I noticed that database
owner was NULL after the UPgraded finished successfully.
# I checked that by using sp_helpdb...IN the OWNER filed found NULL for
those 5 databases.
# Ran sp_changedbowner 'sa' and it updated the OWNER to SA
# If I want to change the owner to any existing user in the database it
gives me
following error.
Msg 15110, Level 16, State 1, Line 1
The proposed new database owner is already a user or aliased in the
database.
```

I can only change the Owner to sa and for any other USER if throws me the error I mentioned above. My question here is , Even though I upgraded the existing instance of 2000 to 2005, why is that only for 5 databases I am seeing this kind of behaviour.

Every thing was fine when it was in sql 2000. I was able to change the DB Owner...

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Thanks

"Uri Dimant" wrote:

IT

Sorry, I don't understand , what do you mean by "In-Place Upgrade"?

I just did testing and it worked fine.

- 1) BACKUP DATABASE command on SQL Server 2000
- 2) RESTORE DATABASE command on SQL Server 2005
- 3) Drop user in the database after restoring
- 4) CREATE LOGIN on SQL Server 2005
- 5) CREATE USER in the database and mapped it to the new created LOGIN

If it does not help, please provide with steps you did so far.

"IT" <IT@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
news:A8BF2B36-4223-49A6-948B-E5097FC52082@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I did In-Place Upgrade, I have like 20 databases and when I checked using sp\_helpdb for all databases, found NULL for 5 databases.

I followed the command

```
ALTER AUTHORIZATION ON  
DATABASE::database_name TO sa
```

Failed with:

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The proposed new database owner is already a user or  
aliased in the  
database.
```

Any other workarounds? Is this a Bug....in SQL 2005...

"Erland Sommarskog" wrote:

IT (IT@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
writes:

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Upgraded from SQL 2000 to SQL 2005. I am using Domain User with admin rights to view the DB properties and its failing with "Property Owner is not available for Database '[DB\_name]'. This property may not exist for this object, or may not be retrievable due to insufficient access rights.  
(Microsoft.SqlServer.Smo)"

I was able to view the properties of the same database using same domain user when we were in SQL 2000.

How to solve this issue?  
Any input is appreciated..

How did you upgrade? Did you upgrade the server in place, to did you reattach the database?

It sounds as the latter. The SID for the database user, does not seem to match any login on the server. Use

```
ALTER AUTHORIZATION ON  
DATABASE:db TO [domain\user]
```

and if necessary, create a login for the domain user first.

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Books Online for SQL Server 2005 at  
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/sql/2005/downloads/books.msp>  
Books Online for SQL Server 2000 at  
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