

## Re: SQL 2005 express blank sa passwords

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jaylou (jaylor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) writes:

I just upgraded to SQL 2005 express on one of my remote branches. When it was SQL2000 the DBA before me set the passwords to blank for ease as opposed to entering in a password. there are many application and procedures that run off the SA login. for now until I find everything that uses the Sa login, I need to set the password to blank. Is there a way to set the sa pasword to blank in SQL 2005 express? When I try it disables the login.

I set the password for sa to blank, and then I tried

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ALTER LOGIN sa ENABLE
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and I was told that I cannot enable an account with a blank password. That makes me quite certain that the answer to your question is no.

I suggest that you get a voodoo doll of that former DBA, and some really ugly pins to stick into it.

I would also recommend that when you review the applications that you look into Windows authentication.

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