

Re: sa account locked out

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J. Cairn (jcairn@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx) writes:

I am getting a message that my sa account is locked out, and I can't connect with SQL Server Management Studio.

Other posts say to log in using Windows auth, but that is not letting me in either. I am logged into the machine as the administrator and SQL is set to mixed mode authentication. For security, I previously removed the Windows accounts from SQL, including builtin \administrators.

Any ideas? Thanks.

Looks like you are in dire straits. You need sysadmin to unlock sa, but you don't have an sysadmin access available.

If you really must need access to this master database, you could open a case with Microsoft to see if they have any tricks up their sleeve.

Else, it seems that you need to reinstall. You can attach the user databases later on.

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