

Re: Third party access to SQL

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Dan

Although the IT folks are stakeholders, they don't always have the final say about such matters in the real world. A DBA can voice concerns but, at the end of the day, it is a management decision as to whether or not Best Practices are followed.

Oh,how true it is

"Dan Guzman" <guzmanda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:BE6DF1B2-9302-4757-918C-D84C3F4856C0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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If this is the case, then why would the third party request sysadmin access to the production environment? Why do they need access to the production environment at all? I think you need a clear understanding of the third party roles, responsibilities and expectations before you can setup the appropriate permissions (minimal level of required). This is particularly true of customized solutions.

When working with third party solutions, don't assume that Best Practices like a formalized testing and promotion process are followed. I've seen external vendors develop applications ad-hoc in the live production environment (if it works it's production, otherwise it's just development). Although the IT folks are stakeholders, they don't always have the final say about such matters in the real world. A DBA can voice concerns but, at the end of the day, it is a management decision as to whether or not Best Practices are followed.

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Hope this helps.

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"Simon" <Simon@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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We have a hosted SQL server with various internal applications on it. It has been decided by on high that the same server will also have a database from a third party on the server. The third party have asked for full system admin rights on the SQL server.

Obviously I am not going to grant that access level as it gives them full control on the box. From my viewpoint read and write access to the data can be tolerated but anything else will be denied. Would you consider this standard and is there any documentation with recommendations for control of external suppliers ?

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Anyone have any advice ?

Thanks

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