

Knowledge Base Article

Product Group: Software
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Version: 2008 R2

Abstract

Some corporate policies require passwords to be changed every 90 days. This includes SQL Server login credentials. The procedure in this article will step through how to change the SA user password.

Overview

Follow the steps below to change the SA user password in SQL Server.

1. Log in into SQL Server Management Studio using Windows Authentication. [Figure 1]



Figure 1. Log in using Windows Authentication

2. In Object Explorer, expand the folders Security, then Logins. Locate the 'sa' login, right-click it, and select Properties. [Figure 2]

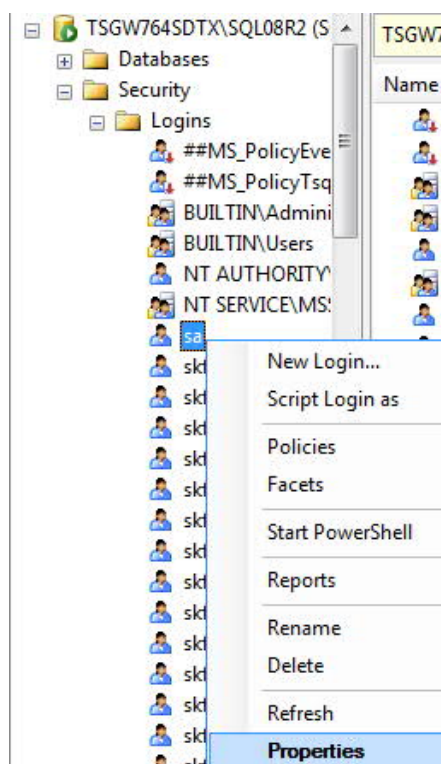


Figure 2. SA user properties

3. Enter a new password in the Password and Confirm password text boxes. [Figure 3] Click OK when done.

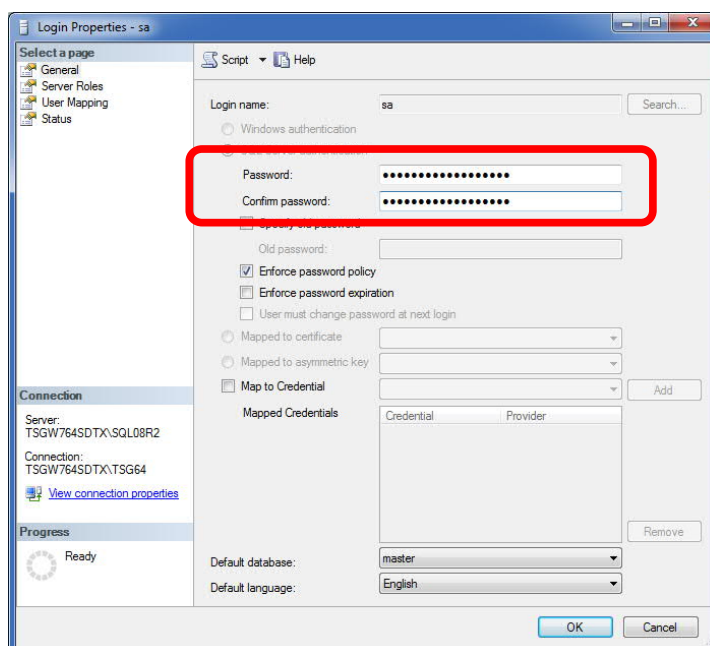


Figure 3. Enter new password

4. Exit SQL Server Management Studio. [Figure 4]

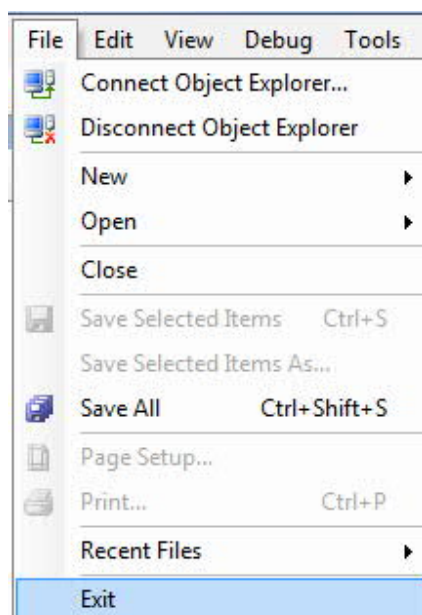


Figure 4. Exit application

5. Launch SQL Server Management Studio. Change Authentication back to SQL Server Authentication. Type sa in the Login field. Type the new password and click Connect to confirm the new password works. [Figure 5]



Figure 5. Log in to SQL Server



If the login fails, restart the SQL Server services and try to login again.

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