

## Re: unknown database owner

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In the second, it isn't asking for a password because the password has been cleared for the 'Admin' user. Set a password for this user and you'll get the login dialog.

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"Eugen S. Teodor" <[teo@xxxxxxx](mailto:teo@xxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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You should be right. Normally... But... My message intended to be short, but ended to be confused. There are two different situations. I used, over time, two different system files, and when I saw that the database doesn't work, I tried them both. In the first case, the "owner is unknown" (you described already the situation), but in the second (the most interesting) is that I already described: it doesn't ask for password, the access to data is forbidden, the owner is known (myself), but it will never know, because does not ask for... I hope this time I was clearer.

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"Rick Brandt" wrote:

Eugen S. Teodor wrote:

I am not an expert or a professional in computing, but I am working with Access and system files from at least 10 years. Along time I was frequently in the position to share databases, with end users etc. But I never saw this: An old database, converted from 97

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version to  
2000, now to 2003, used at least once per week, suddently  
stoped to  
recognise my as the owner. In fact, it does not ask for a user  
name  
and password anymore.  
I want to prevent the standard answer and I am telling you  
that is  
the right system file. What is to do next? The database is  
rather  
large, and when I'm thinking to do it from the scratch...  
Sorry for misspelling. That's it. I am not a native...

You are mistaken. If you are not being prompted then either someone has  
removed  
the password from the Admin user on your workgroup file or (more likely)  
it is  
NOT the correct workgroup file. And since you can open the file without  
logging  
in then security was never correct in the first place.

An owner of "unknown" absolutely means that the object was created by an  
account  
that does not exist in the workgroup file currently in use.

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