

Re: How to I get a list of databases?

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Same permissions quandary, but EM uses the sp_databases system stored procedure if I am not mistaken.

Dave Navarro wrote:

But don't you have to have permission to access master.dbo.sysdatabases?

I am wondering because if I connect to my ISP's SQL server using Enterprise Manager, EP will only show me the databases that I own or have permission to access.

Since I don't have admin rights to their server, I'm wondering how EP was able to deduce which databases I can access.

—Dave

In article <OYvBBwVzHHA.4928@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, reb01501@NOyahoo.SPAMcom says...

Dave Navarro wrote:

How can I get a list of databases in an SQL server that I have permissions for?

You can get a list of databases by querying the master.dbo.sysdatabases table. Depending on the version of SQL Server you are using, there are other ways as well.

Then, to determine which ones you have permissions for, I guess you would need to loop through the list of names and attempt to open a connection to each one in turn, catching the error if it fails.

I have used ADOX to get a list of tables in a database, but I can't

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find any sample ADOX code for getting a list of databases
on a
server that I can access.

That's because ADOX is geared to work with a single database at a
time: its top-level object is the Catalog, i.e., database.

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