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Understand I am not a DBA. I am just the guy who has to work with this stuff.

We have client software that uses SQL 7 as a database. Winpak is a door access software made by Northern. It stores proxy card info, access levels, historys, etc. in a SQL 7 database. I know the databases are still there because Winpak connects and I can pull up info.

This started because I noticed whoever set up the primary and archive databases pointed them both to the same file name. I backed up the primary and deleted it. Restored it with the full backup and made sure it was pointed to a different file name. Everything worked fine and still showed up in Enterprise Manager. I restarted the computer later and tried to go back into Enterprise Manager. Tried to expand 'SQL Server Group' to list all the databases and I got an error saying, "A connection could not be established to COMPUTER – Cannot open user default database '<ID>'. Using master database instead. Please verify SQL Server is running and check your SQL Server registration properties (by right-clicking on the COMPUTER node) and try again."

My services were running just fine and when I checked my registration properties everything looked fine. Redid the registration properties with no luck. Using NT authentication and even making a new one. The other problem is that somebody set this thing up 3 years ago and I have no idea what the 'sa' password is and I have tried every simple password I can think of. I am checked out the knowledge database articles matching my error message and they didn't really help cuz I either needed the 'sa' password or I don't know how to impliment the solution based on my limited knowledge of SQL. I need to do a

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final backup to move all the info to a new machine with SQL 2000. I am really stuck (and screwed) if I can't get that info off cuz we just entered in a few hundred more employees so using an old backup isn't going to save me. Help would be greatly appreciated