

# Re: Bug in Database Maintenance Plans Enterprise Manager and MSDE v SQL

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John,

Yep, this is a bug. Have a look at these articles:

BUG: Sqlmaint Does Not Delete Expired Backup Files on Windows 95, 98 or ME Computers

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=278667>

BUG: Cannot Edit or Delete Database Maintenance Plan on MSDE Installation

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=247879>

FIX: SQLMaint.exe Sets Database Status Incorrectly

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=276234>

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Looking for a SQL Server replication book?

<http://www.nwsu.com/0974973602.html>

John D. Sullivan wrote:

> I have seen this "bug" many times personally, but cannot seem to find any  
> posting on the Internet about it. I have many customers using MSDE  
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> The bug is with the Database Maintenance Plans of Microsoft SQL Enterprise  
> Manager when connecting to MSDE.  
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> Yes, yes, I realize that MSDE (Microsoft SQL Desktop Edition) does NOT  
> include licence for Enterprise Manager (EM)... but any technician who does  
> have a licenced copy of SQL (Standard, Enterprise etc) CAL (Client Access  
> Licence) does have Enterprise Manager and can connect and manage MSDE and  
> SQL engines/servers equally well.  
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> Consider  
> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;295022&Product=sql>  
> Here we see substantiation that one "can" use EM and Maintenance Plans on  
> MSDE, albeit that you had better be the latest Service Pack since the  
> sqlmaint feature was overlooked in the original release to market.  
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> The bug I am reporting is with the "Remove after X Weeks/Days" option for  
> Database Backup, Transaction Backup (and Log text files). This is important

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> because unless you can also choose to do so, one will end up filling the  
> hard disk with far too many SQL dumps.  
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> If connected to an SQL server... the option works fine. If connected to an  
> MSDE, the option fails to provide the drop-down for days/weeks and the  
> resulting job created has bugs in the command line options of the job step  
> which one must then go and manually tweak to be correct (never report a bug  
> without a workaround eh? ;-P)  
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