

## Re: Pros vs Cons of installing MSDE on Win98 SE

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Hi,

At the moment I have MSDE un-installed. I will re-install it later today and report back.

Let's assume that what you say is true then my next questions are:

1. Why does the SQL icon even load up in the first place? If a 'Power User' does not have the correct rights then the icon is useless.
2. Why does the MSDE installer kick in every single time my ISP dialer is loaded? Any ideas on how to stop this?

Thanks for any help,

Charles

On 2/15/2005 9:50 AM, Jim Young wrote:

> I believe MSDE is still running on your system when logged in as a Power  
> User. The issue is that you do not have permissions to enumerate the names  
> of services. If you bring up Task Manager do you see sqlservr.exe running?  
> If you do then MSDE is up and ready for connections.  
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> Jim  
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> "Charles E Finkenbiner" <CharlesEF\_@\_MailandNews.Com> wrote in message  
> news:uKM%23xO2EFHA.2176@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...  
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>>Hi Mike,  
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>>I install MSDE while logged in as 'Administrator' and it installs fine. It  
>>works fine as long as the person logged in has Administrator rights. The  
>>problem is that I do not want to allow anyone to have Administrator  
>>rights. Even I do not use a login with Administrator rights. I, like all  
>>my users, only have 'Power User' rights and that's the way I want to keep  
>>it.  
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>>When a 'Power User' logs in the service does not appear to start. The SQL  
>>icon in the taskbar is blank (white circle). When I open it up there is  
>>no computer name or services shown in the drop down lists. If I type in  
>>the computer name and hit the 'Refresh' button then MSDE starts to run but  
>>when I load a certain program (my ISP dialer software) the MSI installer  
>>kicks in. Sometimes it appears to be installing but then it rolls back  
>>and the little icon in the taskbar is gone. Other times it just sits  
>>there and does nothing. Whatever happens the MSI installer kicks in every  
>>time I load my ISP dialer software.

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>>So, I install MSDE while logged in as 'Administrator' but I want MSDE to  
>>run while anyone is logged in as a 'Power User' (without the MSI installer  
>>kicking in every single time).

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>>Thanks for any help,

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>>Charles

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>>On 2/15/2005 5:29 AM, Mike Epprecht (SQL MVP) wrote:

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>>>Power User is not enough to install applications under. Get used to it as  
>>>W2K onwards, you have to live with it. Security. Security.Security.

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>>>Win 98 Or 98SE is no longer fully supported:

>>><http://support.microsoft.com/gp/lifewin>

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>>>Regards

>>>Mike

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>>>"Greg Low [MVP]" wrote:

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>>>>Plus, in our experience, it's much slower and way less reliable on FAT32  
>>>>than on NTFS. FAT32 is great for sequential access, not good for random  
>>>>(as in most databases). NTFS is a journalled filesystem. Words like  
>>>>"cross-linked clusters" etc. are not words you want associated with your  
>>>>database. If you are going to use it on Win98, I'd suggest leaving  
>>>>AutoClose database option on for safety.

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>>>>HTH,

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>>>>Greg Low [MVP]

>>>>MSDE Manager SQL Tools

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>>>>"Tim Bird" <[tim.bird@nospamprettypleasehebron.co.uk](mailto:tim.bird@nospamprettypleasehebron.co.uk)> wrote in message  
>>>>news:%23KgOn40EFHA.2700@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...

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>>>>> "Charles E Finkenbiner" <CharlesEF\_@\_MailandNews.Com> wrote in message

>>>>>news:eEzPbQ0EFHA.2824@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

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>>>>>>Hi All,

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>>>>>>Since I have not been able to get MSDE to work under Win2000 Pro while

>>>>>>logged in as a 'Power User' I have to come up with an alternative. I

>>>>>>have searched the MS knowledge base and posted a couple of questions

>>>>>>here but no one has been able to help me with this problem. I notice

>>>>>>that some other people have the same problem and they too were not able

>>>>>>to fix it.

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>>>>>>So, my idea is to install MSDE on a Win98 SE computer. Anyone know if

>>>>>>this is a good/bad idea?

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>>>>>>MSDE on Win98SE works fine. With the notable exception of it not

>>>>>>automatically starting the services. Strangely this does not seem to

>>>>>>happen on all 98 installations. There is a workaround for (google that

>>>>>>one).

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>>>>>>>Thanks for any help,

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>>>>>>>Charles