

Re: ALTER IDENTITY setting...

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Why can't you drop the table? Make a backup (hopefully this is an obvious step, but make sure you do it :) create the new table that looks like you want it to, and then populate the new table with the data, and then apply all of the constraints that were on the original table (pretty much what Enterprise Manager would do. Now if this will take too much time, like it is a 24/7 system and the table has 2.789 billion rows, that would make sense, but normal production systems have down time, and dropping the table temporarily is probably acceptable.

I also would suggest you use EM and save the script. When you "try" this out on your test system and it works, you want to make 100% sure that you do the exact same thing in production, lest you make a boo boo (again something most everyone does once, but hopefully not twice!)

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"Angel" <Angel@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

news:CB5BC37D-3B31-4192-9EAE-67459F633815@microsoft.com...

>I can not drop the table, because it is on production server.

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> I just need to alter column with Identity.

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> I think that my unique option is doing it using Enterprise Manager, but

> I prefer send a script because i reported it another person not technical

> in order to do it the change.

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> But i believe that exist one chance, which ???

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> "Aaron [SQL Server MVP]" wrote:

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>> You can't add or remove the IDENTITY property for an existing table. You

>> can

>> do it in enterprise manager, but watch how it does it... you will have to

>> do

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>> the manual work yourself, also (copy all the data to a new working table
>> with an IDENTITY column already defined, then drop the old table, then
>> rename the new one).
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>> "Angel" <Angel@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> news:7073DA88-0F95-45E7-96F5-7E6EE7284C9A@microsoft.com...
>> > Hello,
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