

## RE: MSSQL Server Recovery

**Source:**

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/SQL-Server/microsoft.public.sqlserver.server/2004-08/3643.html>

---

**From:** Pankaj Agarwal [MSFT] ([pankaja\\_at\\_online.microsoft.com](mailto:pankaja_at_online.microsoft.com))

**Date:** 08/27/04

Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:45:58 GMT

Hello KS

Assuming you have all database files (including system databases – master, msdb), you should follow the steps below :

1. Install SQL Server to the same location on the second server (as your old server)
2. Apply the same service pack and/or hotfix that you had on your old server.
3. Stop SQL Server services and replace all database files with the ones that you had from your old server.

Remember the above step may not work correctly if you do not have the system database file level backups. If this condition was a result of file system corruption and the database files were copied after the corruption, its possible that they may be corrupted too. So the above steps may not work.

If you only have the user database files, follow the step in the article below :

314546 HOW TO: Move Databases Between Computers That Are Running SQL Server  
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=314546>

There is also a section in the above article regarding recovering orphaned logins.

Thank you for using Microsoft newsgroups.

Sincerely

Pankaj Agarwal  
Microsoft Corporation

This posting is provided AS IS with no warranties, and confers no rights.