

Re: Find unused databases on the server

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You could create an autostart proc that begins a trace to do limited small audit tracing. Capture just Audit Login and Audit Logout events and note the dbid connected to. Spool these to a table.

Another, if you are regularly backing up the databases, you could examine the msdb.dbo.backupset table and note the LSN increase between successive backups. If the values are small, then there is not much activity going on in the system. The LSN values are updated whenever transactions occur to the database. No transactions, very little increase in LSN between backups. Now, there are system processes that do transactions; so, the LSNs will unlikely be the same. However, they should be much closer together than an active database would be.

Sincerely,

Anthony Thomas

"Sasan Saidi" wrote:

> *A bit less drastic than the previous post, you could always put the db(s) in
> single user mode. You could even put the autoclose options to those DBs and
> take a look at your logs (keep in mind that the DBs will open whenever you
> back them up or browse the list of DBs in EM) but you might have an idea if
> the dbs are used or not.*

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> *Sasan Saidi*

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> *"Jeff Dillon" wrote:*

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> > *Backup first*

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> > *Then delete the db's and wait to see who complains*

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> > *Jeff*

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> > *"Sergey Zuyev" <SergeyZuyev@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*

> > *news:04E151E5-D3BB-4689-9168-185C7F116C0F@microsoft.com...*

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> > > *Hi,*
> > > *I have to find all databases on the server that haven't been used for last*
> > *3*
> > > *month.*
> > > *Is there an easy way to get this list ?*
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> > > *--*
> > > *Programmer*
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