

# Re: What is the criterion for 'strong password' for SQL Express SA acc

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>From BOL:

Password complexity policies are designed to deter brute force attacks by increasing the number of possible passwords. When password complexity policy is enforced, new passwords must meet the following guidelines.

a.. The password does not contain all or "part" of the user's account name. Part of an account name is defined as three or more consecutive alpha-numeric characters delimited on both ends by "white space" (space, tab, return, etc.) or any of the following characters: , . - \_ #

b.. The password is at least six characters long.

c.. The password contains characters from three of the following four categories:

a.. English uppercase letters (A - Z)

b.. English lowercase letters (a - z)

c.. Base 10 digits (0 - 9)

d.. Non-alphanumeric (For example: !, \$, #, or %)

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> Hi, I have a project that will ask the user to provide a 'sa' account  
> password, and then install the SQL Express in command line quietly by the  
> SAPWD option. My question is, what is the logic to validate the 'strong

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- > password' for SQL Express in my program (C#) before SQL Express
- > installation
- > start? Thanks a lot!

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