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You can open SSMS and go to Security\Logins from the Object Browser to go to properties of "sa" Login and change it's password.

However, you better ensure about the problem. I'd go to SQL Error Logs and see a more detailed message about the error. SSMS Interface does not inform the user in more detail because of security. So, you can use SQL Error Logs to see more detailed info.

You can find the SQL Error Logs by opening SSMS (if it's not opened yet) and expanding Management\SQL Server Logs from the Object Browser and there you'll see the logs.

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Where and how can I specify the password for sa?

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It sounds to me, based on the error message, that you are not using the correct password for sa.

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Hi All,

I am getting following error while trying to install SQL Server 2005.  
Any pointer?

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Thanks in advance.

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SQL Server Setup could not connect to the database service for server configuration. The error was: [Microsoft][SQL Native Client][SQL Server]Login failed for user 'sa'. Refer to server error logs and setup logs for more information. For details on how to view setup logs, see "How to View Setup Log Files" in SQL Server Books Online.

For help, click:

<http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink?LinkID=20476&ProdName=Microsoft+SQL+Server&ProdVer=9.0.3042.0&Srch=1>