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## **SQL Server version (Onprem)**

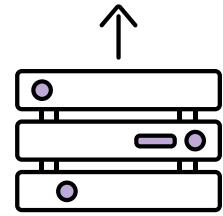
- SQL Server 2022, SQL Server 2019 or SQL Server 2017
- SQL Server 2016, SQL Server 2014, SQL Server 2012 or SQL Server 2008 R2

<https://sqlserverbuilds.blogspot.com>

Azure Arc

# Azure Arc Enable

Helps Onprem SQL Server  
SQL Server 2012 and newer with SU



## Configure

SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)

Facets

- Server Security
- Surface Area Configuration

Group-Managed Service Accounts - gMSA



## Clients

### Always Encrypted with Secure Enclaves

- Has a performance cost

Clients

Strict Encryption  
requires  
ODBC 18 Driver for SQL Server  
Microsoft OLE DB Driver 19 for SQL Server

EXECUTE AS

Stored Procedures in another user's  
security context

## EXECUTE AS

```
CREATE PROCEDURE HumanResources.uspEmployeesInDepartment @DeptValue INT
    WITH EXECUTE AS OWNER
AS
SET NOCOUNT ON;

SELECT e.BusinessEntityID,
    c.LastName,
    c.FirstName,
    e.JobTitle
FROM Person.Person AS c
INNER JOIN HumanResources.Employee AS e
    ON c.BusinessEntityID = e.BusinessEntityID
INNER JOIN HumanResources.EmployeeDepartmentHistory AS edh
    ON e.BusinessEntityID = edh.BusinessEntityID
WHERE edh.DepartmentID = @DeptValue
ORDER BY c.LastName,
    c.FirstName;
GO

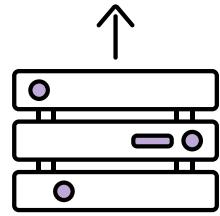
-- Execute the stored procedure by specifying department 5.
EXECUTE HumanResources.uspEmployeesInDepartment 5;
GO
```

Proxies

Create Accounts with special  
permissions for SQL Server Agent

## Proxies

```
-- creates credential CatalogApplicationCredential
USE msdb ;
GO
CREATE CREDENTIAL CatalogApplicationCredential WITH IDENTITY = 'AD-name/DomainUser',
    SECRET = '1kjhnfalksæhfd$]\';
GO
-- creates proxy "Catalog application proxy" and assigns
-- the credential 'CatAppCred' to it.
EXEC dbo.sp_add_proxy
    @proxy_name = 'Catalog application proxy',
    @enabled = 1,
    @description = 'Maintenance tasks on catalog application.',
    @credential_name = 'CatAppCred' ;
GO
-- grants the proxy "Catalog application proxy" access to
-- the ActiveX Scripting subsystem.
EXEC dbo.sp_grant_proxy_to_subsystem
    @proxy_name = N'Catalog application proxy',
    @subsystem_id = 2 ;
GO
-- subsystem 2-12
-- ActiveX, CmdExec, Snapshot Agent, Log Reader, Distribution Agent, Merge Agent,
-- SSAS Query, SSAS Command, SSIS package execution, PowerShell
```



## Vulnerability Assessment

Exists in SSMS 17.4 to 18.12.1 – Free and limited

*Not in SSMS 19.X og 20.X*

*Microsoft Defender for SQL – Not free and unlimited*



## Vulnerability Assessment Results

Server: M42-STCOR-P1SQL2019 Database: AdventureWorks2019 Scan time: 2024-03-21T09:33:58.8183776+01:00

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The Vulnerability Assessment scans in SSMS and in Azure Defender for SQL both rely on independent baselines. You can set and configure the baselines in each tool. For an optimal experience and advanced capabilities, we recommend running your VA scans with Azure Defender. Learn more: <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=2152847>



Total failing checks

4

Total passing checks

31

High Risk

2

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Medium Risk

2

[SQL Security Center](#)[Best Practices for SQL Security](#)

Low Risk

0

[Failed \(4\)](#)[Passed \(31\)](#)

ID	Security Check	Category	Risk	Additional Information
VA1102	The Trustworthy bit should be disabled on all databases except MSDB	Surface Area Reduction	High	
VA1245	The database owner information in the database should match the respective database owner inf	Surface Area Reduction	High	
VA1143	'dbo' user should not be used for normal service operation	Surface Area Reduction	Medium	
VA1219	Transparent data encryption should be enabled	Data Protection	Medium	

## Extended Events

xEvents mainly for performance but  
can be used for security as well

## xEvent

```
CREATE EVENT SESSION [audit_tsquery] ON SERVER
ADD EVENT sqlserver.existing_connection(
    ACTION(package0.event_sequence,sqlserver.session_id)),
-- Only session_id greater than 50 - exclude internal sessions
ADD EVENT sqlserver.login(SET collect_options_text=(1)
    ACTION(package0.event_sequence,sqlserver.session_id)),
ADD EVENT sqlserver.logout(
    ACTION(package0.event_sequence,sqlserver.session_id)),
ADD EVENT sqlserver.sql_statement_completed(
    ACTION(sqlos.task_time,sqlserver.client_hostname,sqlserver.database_name,sqlserver.nt_username,sqlserver.session_id,sqlserver.sql_text,sqlserver.username)
    -- Contains hostname, database, username, text of sql statement
    WHERE ([sqlserver].[session_id]>(50)))
ADD TARGET package0.event_file(SET filename=N'C:\Temp\audit_tsquery.xel'),-- When is event file place -
file will contain a timestamp
ADD TARGET package0.ring_buffer(SET max_events_limit=(0),max_memory=(102400))
WITH (MAX_MEMORY=8192 KB,EVENT_RETENTION_MODE=ALLOW_SINGLE_EVENT_LOSS,MAX_DISPATCH_LATENCY=5
SECONDS,MAX_EVENT_SIZE=0 KB,MEMORY_PARTITION_MODE=NONE,TRACK_CAUSALITY=ON,STARTUP_STATE=OFF)
GO
```

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Thank you for your attention

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