SQL SATURDAY RICHMOND - 2020

SQL ALERTS DASHBOARD

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AGENDA

- SQL Alerts for all my Servers in a Glass Pane
- Build it yourself Mentality/Methodology
- Setup
  - SQL Agent Alerts - Turn on for all Monitored Servers
  - SQL Agent Job - Copy Alerts to Central Database
  - Central Database holds Alerts for Reporting
  - SSRS or PowerBI Reports

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PROJECT WORKFLOW

- SQL Agent detects an Alert

- The Alert Response calls a SQL Agent Job, passing the Alert details via Agent Tokens to a Powershell Script with parameters

- The Powershell Script logs the Token values to the Centralized SQL database

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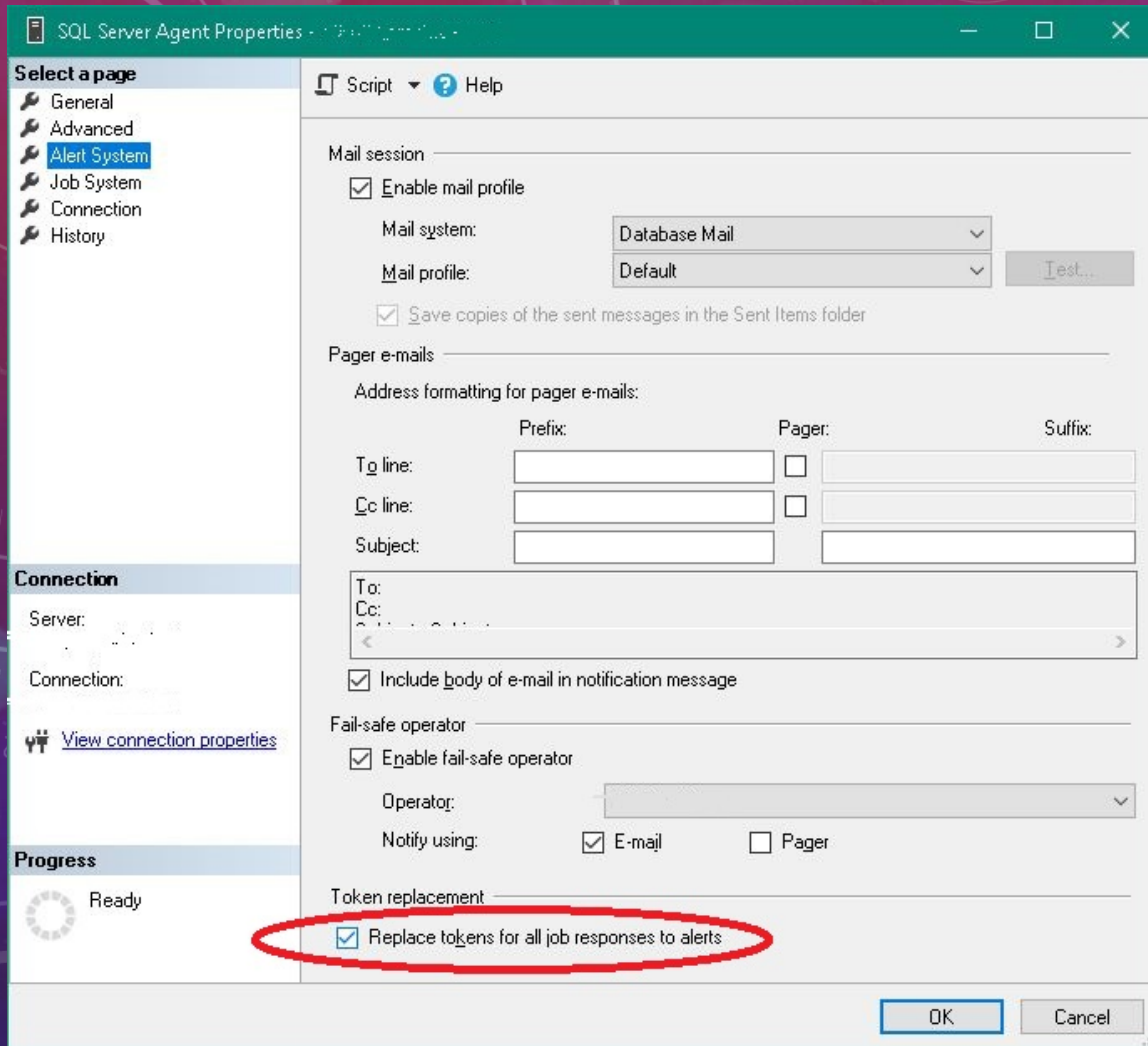
- SSRS Reports show the Alerts for all Servers

THE AGENT TOKENS

- A-DBN – Database Name
- A-SVR – Server Name
- A-ERR – Error Number
- A-SEV – Severity Level
- A-MSG – Message Text

- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/ssms/agent/use-tokens-in-job-steps?view=sql-server-ver15

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THE AGENT TOKENS - ENABLE

THE ALERT RESPONSE

- The Response Calls a SQL Agent Job
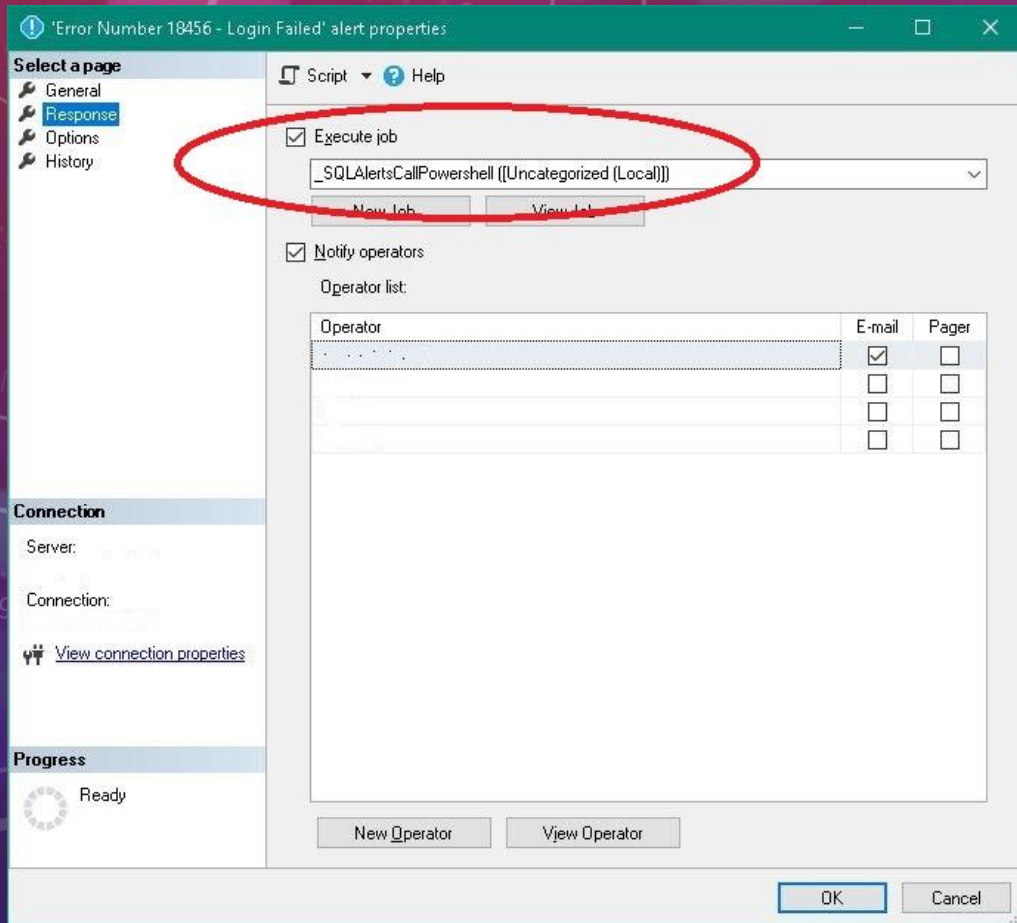
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THE SQL AGENT JOB

- Has No Schedule: called from the Alert Response
- Passes the Alert Tokens to the Powershell script
- Job Step Type is Operating System
- Command Line:
- powershell.exe c:\psscripts\logsqlalert.ps1
'$(ESCAPE_SQUOTE(A-SVR))'
'$(ESCAPE_SQUOTE(A-DBN))'
'$(ESCAPE_SQUOTE(A-ERR))'
'$(ESCAPE_SQUOTE(A-SEV))'
'$(ESCAPE_SQUOTE(A-MSG))'

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THE POWERSHELL SCRIPT

- Short and Quick
- Adds the passed-in Tokens via SQL INSERT

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THE REPORTS

- Visual Summary with Charts
- Detail Report with Search Parameters
- Security-Only Digest Sent to Security Officer Daily

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THE CODE AND THE THANKS

https://github.com/gwalkey/SQL-Agent-Repo

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