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Securing the SQL Server Data Platform

Preventing Data Loss and Ensuring Data Privacy



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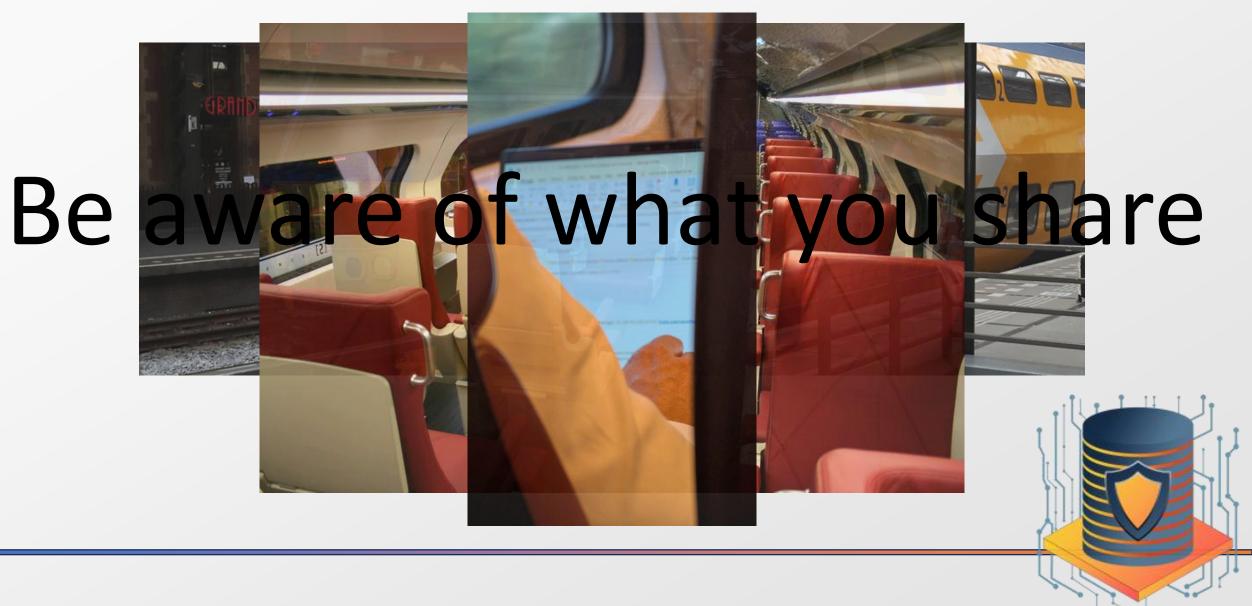
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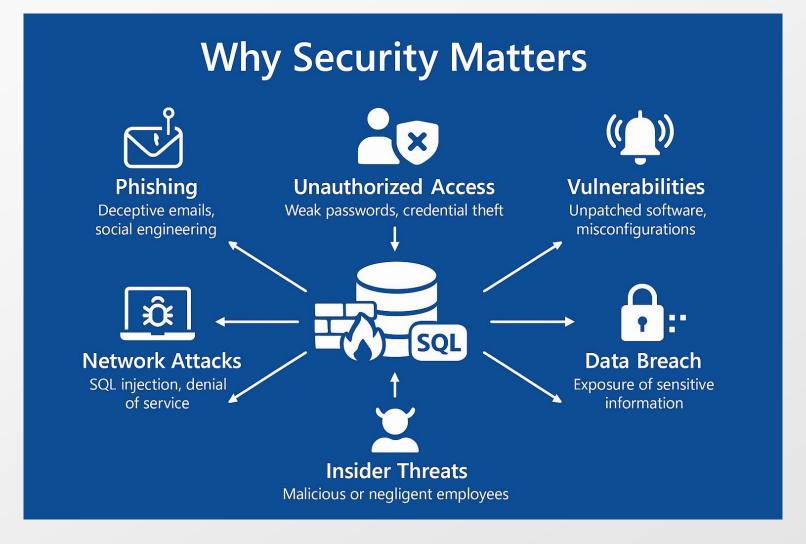
I've been working in IT for nearly 20 years in various roles. With over 15 years of experience with SQL Server, I've always placed a strong emphasis on Security, Risk Management, and Compliance for the SQL Server Data Platform. Ensuring industry best practices and regulatory requirements are followed from an infrastructural point of view.



"It's not a matter of if, but when..."



The SQL Server Threat Landscape





Core Security Principles

- CIA Triad
- Layered Security
- Least privilege
- Zero Trust
- Attack surface in SQL Server



Reducing the Attack Surface

- Unused features
- Unnecessary Protocols & Services
- Patching
- Firewall & Network Segmentation



KB5063814 - Description of the security

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SQL Server (MSSQLSERVER)

SQL Server Agent (MSSQLSERVER)

SQL Server Browser

SQL Server CEIP service (MSSQLSERVER)

SQL Server VSS Writer

Summary

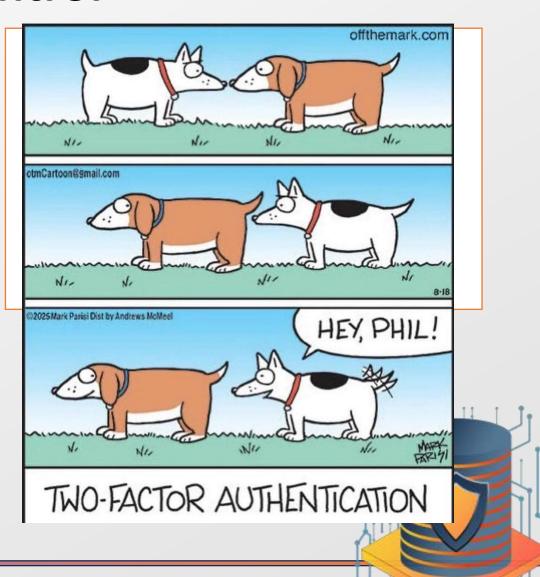
This security update contains fixes and resolves vulnerabilities. To learn more about the vulnerabilities, see the following security advisories:

- CVE-2025-47954 Microsoft SQL Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability
- CVE-2025-49758 Microsoft SQL Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability
- CVE-2025-24999 Microsoft SQL Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability
- CVE-2025-49759 Microsoft SQL Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability
- CVE-2025-53727 Microsoft SQL Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability

Authentication & Access Control

- Windows vs SQL Authentication
- Multi Factor Authentication
- Role Based Access Control
- Shared accounts
- Access Review





Encryption & Data Protection

- In Transit: Transport Layer Security
- At Rest: Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)
- In Memory: Always Encrypted





Back-up & Recovery Strategies

- Last line of defense
- Offsite/Immutable
- RTO / RPO
- Test Test Test!



Key Takeaways

- Security is proactive (even offline)
- Layered defenses are essential (everywhere)
- Review, Test & Adapt



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Speaker Breakout





Session Feedback





Event Feedback

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