

If you've set server auditing to shutdown on failure,e.g.,

```
ALTER SERVER AUDIT auditname WITH (ON_FAILURE=SHUTDOWN)
```

If there is a failure you will may need to reset it from a command line while the server is in single user mode

locate sqlservr.exe for the correct instance

You probably don't want to put it in the path then

```
sqlservr /c /m"SQLCMD"      -- sqlcmd MUST BE IN UPPERCASE
```

In a second command session

```
c:>sqlcmd
```

It will connect to the correct server instance

```
1> select @@servername
```

```
2>go
```

```
1>use master
```

```
2>go
```

To find the name of a sql server server audit

```
select name from sys.server_audits
```

```
1>alter server audit auditname with (state=off)
```

```
2>go
```

```
1>alter server audit auditname with (on_failure=continue)
```

```
2>go
```

```
1> alter server audit auditname with (state=on)
```

```
2>go
```

Then do a ctrl /c in the other ` server process console and answer Y to shutdown the server

Restart SQL Server normally

