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SQL Server error log offers good way to obtain information when troubleshooting SQL Server related problem.   
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--find the path for SQL Error Log  
USE master  
GO  
xp\_readerrorlog 0, 1, N'Logging SQL Server messages in file', NULL, NULL, NULL  
GO  
  
--sproc to view SQL Error Log.  Requires 4 parameters  
  
  
--1: This parameter is to specify which error log to read from the 6 default logs (0 - 5)  
--2: This parameter to query the SQL Server Error Log or the SQL Server Agent Error Log. 1 or null = SQL Server Error Log. 2 = SQL Server Error Log.   
--3: Specify word or phrase that we are looking within the text/message on the SQL Server error log or SQL Server Agent error log.  
--4: Same as 3   
  
  
EXEC sp\_readerrorlog NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL --<< 4 parameters  
  
EXEC sp\_readerrorlog 0, 1, NULL, NULL  --<< 1 = SQL Server Error Log  
  
EXEC sp\_readerrorlog 0, 2, NULL, NULL  --<< 2 = SQL Agent Error Log  
  
EXEC sp\_readerrorlog 0, 1, 'starting', 'master'