

Convert Windows Authentication Server Instance to Windows + Sql Server Instance

To convert your SQL Server instance from Windows Authentication mode to Mixed Mode Authentication (which allows both Windows and SQL Server logins), follow these steps:

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Open SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)
 - Connect to your SQL Server instance.
2. Access Server Properties
 - Right-click on your server name in Object Explorer.
 - Select Properties.
3. Change Authentication Mode
 - Go to the Security page.
 - Under Server authentication, select SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode.
4. Restart SQL Server Service
 - Click OK to save the changes.
 - You will be prompted to restart the SQL Server service for changes to take effect.
 - Restart the service from SQL Server Configuration Manager or Windows Services.
5. Enable SA Account (Optional)
 - Open SSMS and connect using Windows Authentication.
 - In Object Explorer, expand Security > Logins.
 - Right-click sa and select Properties.
 - On the Status page, set Login to Enabled.
 - Set a strong password for the sa account.

6. Test SQL Server Authentication

- Restart SSMS and try connecting using SQL Server Authentication with a SQL login.