Database Owner? What user owns your database?

Who owns that database?

A quick check of the owner of most databases will likely reveal that the databases are either owned by sa, or by someone with sysadmin permissions (or domain admin permissions). This is not recommended, however it is typically the case. It is generally recommended that the owner of a database be a user with limited permissions, certainly not sysadmin, sa, local admininstrator, or domain admin permissions.

Suggestions:

- One login for each database
- One login for each SQL Server
- One login for all your SQL Servers

These logins can be either domain (Active Directory) or SQL Logins, but they should not have any special permissions, and the accounts should be disabled for login, and connections not allowed.

I like to use an account called that describes that it is the database owner, something like DBOwner with an extremely complex password that will never be used, CONNECT denied, and LOGIN disabled. Something like this.

Here is TSQL Code to generate TQL scripts to change the database owner. Just copy and paste from the Script column, review the script and then you can run it to change the database owner.

See Also:

- Database Health Monitor - Quick Scan Report
- Database Health Monitor