# Error message logging Into System Administration: "Could not add columns to table 'USER\_ACCOUNT"

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## Symptom

The following error message displays after starting System Administration, typing a user name and password, and then clicking [OK]:

Could not add columns to table 'USER\_ACCOUNT'

This error may be followed by one or more additional database-related errors prior to the System Administration application becoming available for use.

This error should only occur on an OnGuard system that has been upgraded from a previous version of OnGuard.

## Resolution

This error message often displays when Database Setup has not been run after an upgrade of the OnGuard software.

To resolve this error, complete the following steps:

1) Run the Database Setup application to update the back-end database to the currently installed version of the OnGuard software.

If the error persists, follow steps 2-5 below.

- 2) Edit the ACS.INI file located in either the C:\WINDOWS or C:\WINNT folder:
- Under the [DataBase] section, modify the following line from:

DataSourceType=0

to:

DataSourceType=2

- Save and close the ACS.INI file.
- 3) Start System Administration. You will be prompted to choose the ODBC DSN you will use to connect to the database. By default, this is "Lenel."
- 4) Type the desired user name and password, and then click [OK].

*Note:* No error messages should result from these steps.

5) If you wish to remove the ability to choose the ODBC DSN used to connect to the database, edit the

#### ACS.INI file:

- Under the [DataBase] section, modify the following line from: DataSourceType=2

to:

DataSourceType=0

- Save and close the ACS.INI file.

If the error still persists and you are using a 64-bit version of Microsoft Windows, you may have a 64-bit ODBC connection to the database, which will not work. You must create a 32-bit ODBC connection instead. To do this, refer to KB article, "How to configure ODBC DSNs in 64-bit versions of Microsoft Windows".

## Applies To

OnGuard (All Versions) SQL Server (All versions)

### Additional Information

None