Error in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio: "Input string was not in a correct format"

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Symptom

When starting Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio, the following error message appears: "Input string was not in a correct format."

Resolution

To resolve this issue, follow the steps below.

Always back up your Registry before doing any edits . Incorrect edits can impact usability or performance on the PC. See Microsoft.com for instructions on how to perform the backup.

1) Click **Start** and then select **Run**. Type regedit and click [OK] to open Registry Editor.
2) Navigate to the **HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\International** registry key.
3) Double-click the **sPositiveSign** string to open the Edit String dialog.
4) Delete the value in the **Value Data** field and enter a value of "a".
5) Click [OK] to apply this change.
6) Double-click the **sPositiveSign** string to open the Edit String dialog again.
7) Delete the value in the **Value Data** field.
8) Click [OK] to apply this change.
9) Exit Registry Editor.
10) Start Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio; the error message should no longer appear.

Applies To

SQL Server 2005
SQL Server 2005 Express

Additional Information

None