Uninstalling Secret Server

Uninstalling Secret Server is a quick two step process:

1. Drop the database
2. Delete the files / backups

Following these instructions will ensure that there is absolutely no residue or trace of Secret Server on the server.

Dropping the Database

Dropping the database will delete all of your data.

Warning: This action is undoable. You may want to create a backup first to restore it if you need to.

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Begin by opening the Microsoft Management Studio and connecting.

1. Once connected, locate your Secret Server database. In the Object Explorer. Press F8 to show the Object Explorer if it is not visible. Typically it will be under the "Databases" folder.
2. Right click on the database, and click "Delete".
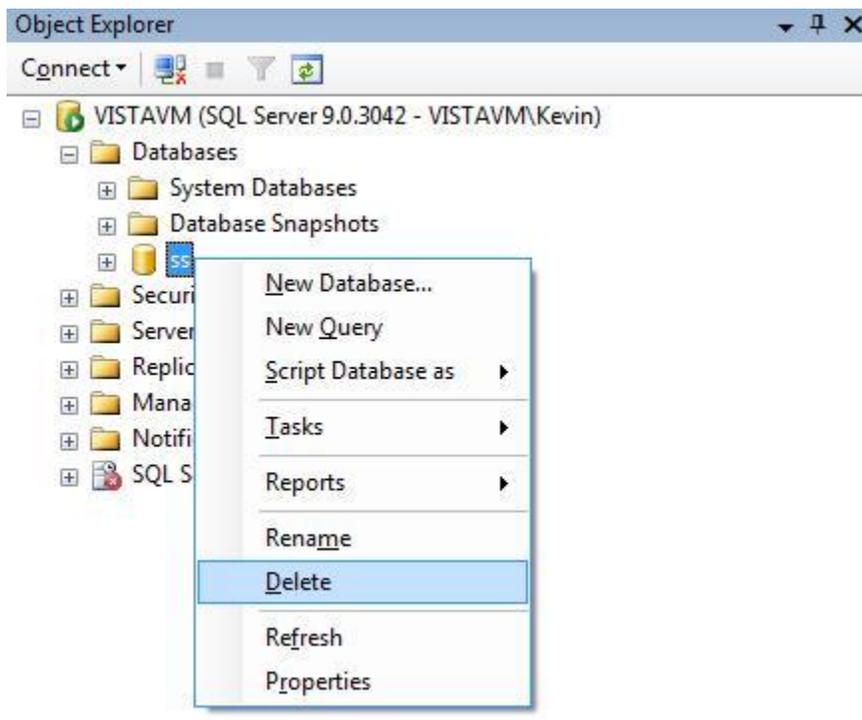
3. Once the delete window appears. Make sure the "Drop Existing Connections" check box is checked. This will disconnect all connections to the Secret Server database so that it can be dropped.
    Make sure the "Delete backup and restore history information for databases" checkbox ix checked as well.
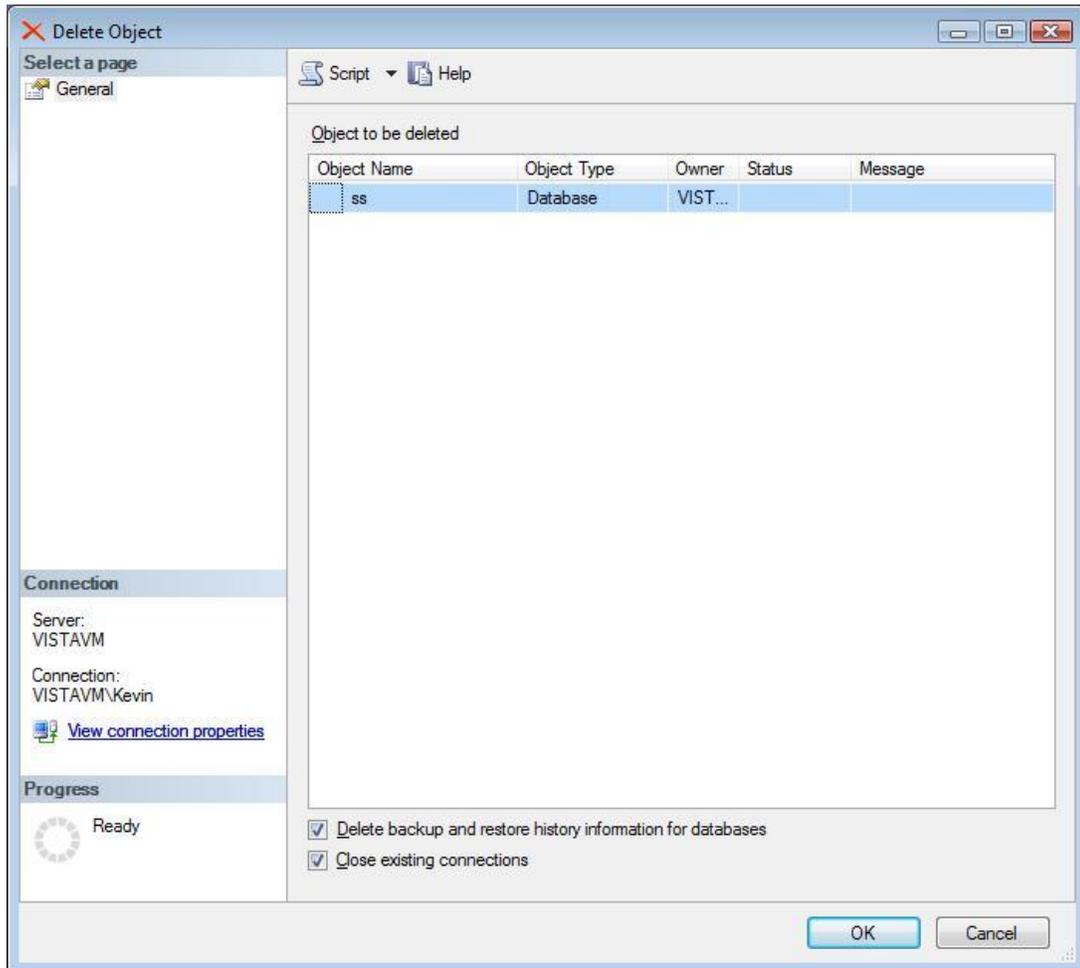
4. Once you are sure that you want the database deleted, click the "OK" button.
5. The database has now been deleted permanently.

Deleting the Files

This part deletes all of the files and web pages.

Warning: The *encryption.config* file is crucial to being able to restore a backup. Make sure that this file is backed up properly if there is a chance that you may want to restore Secret Server.

Deleting the Virtual Directory

If you installed Secret Server as a virtual directory, the virtual directory must be deleted first. If Secret Server is not configured as a Virtual Directory, please skip to *Deleting the Files*.

1. Open the Computer Management console by selecting the "Computer Management" menu item under "Administrative Tools" in the start menu. An alternative is to right-click "My Computer" on your desktop and select "Manage".
2. Expand the "Services" item and locate the sub item "Internet Information Services".
3. Locate the Web Site that Secret Server is installed on under the "Web Sites" item, and find the Virtual Directory that Secret Server is installed on.
4. Right-click your virtual directory and select "Delete" or "Remove".
5. The virtual directory has now been deleted.
6. (Optional): Deleting ASP.NET's cached version of Secret Server. Open the directory:
   C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v2.0.50727\Temporary ASP.NET Files
   and delete the folder with the same name as your virtual directory. These files are not a security risk but removing them eliminates any evidence that Secret Server was installed.

Deleting the Files

Now the files need to be deleted as well. Locate the directory where Secret Server was installed. Select the folder and press Shift + Delete to *permanently* delete the files. Holding shift will prevent the files from going to the recycle bin.

Once the files have been deleted, Secret Server is now permanently removed from the system.