

Re: Multi Instance Cluster Question

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Answer #1.

You can have one default instance and 15 named instances OR 16 named instances of SQL per cluster. Each named instance will be VirtualServerName\InstanceName. For consistency I use only named instances on a cluster, but that is just a personal thing.

Answer #2.

You may have an older version of MDAC on your client system. I think the breakover is MDAC 2.6, but I may be wrong. Version 2.6 and higher understand named instances. Versions before that do not. You can make an older version connect to a named instance if you create an alias that includes the port number.

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"Ronald" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:520a01c42ca8\$dfdc9680\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

> I decided to try and setup a multi instance cluster on my
> own and seem to be fairly successful . Its SQL 2000 EE on
> Windows Server 2003 EE

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> Just had 2 questions. When i installed the second
> instance, it asked me for a virtual name.. so i gave it
> one ..in my case SQL2.. and then was asked for an
> instance name so i called it ins2.. Eventually this
> second sql server is now called sql2\ins2 and not sql2 as
> i had thought it would be.. The first instance which was
> a default instance was named as SQL1 . Is this the right
> way it should be ? i.e one instance called SQL1 and the
> other SQL2\ins2 in my case. I was under the impression
> that since its a virtual name i could get them to be
> called SQL1 and SQL2

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> If not, then my next question is..

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> When i connect to those 2 virtual names from a client, it
> seems to connect fine to SQL1 but when i connect to SQL2
> \ins2 it fails...with SQL Server does not exist or access
> denied. Any reason why ? Thanks