

# Re: How to change service accounts on a cluster

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You are correct. Configuration manager is the correct tool.

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Actually, you CAN'T use SSMS to change service accounts in 2005. You need to use SQL Configuration Manager to change the service accounts. You only need to do this once and SQL Configuration Manager takes care of everything else.

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If you use SSMS you can change the account when you are connected to the virtual SQL instance and it will do the job cluster-wide. You need to make sure the new accounts are in the same groups as the original accounts. Test the accounts by logging on to the console of each server before trying to change the service accounts.

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Hello,

Need help. Have 2005 SQL Server cluster... I need to change the service accounts for SQL Server, SQL Server Agent, etc to a non-administrator domain user.

What is the correct way to do this? From which node do I change the service accounts? Do I need to change them on both nodes?

I've tried to make the changes from one of the nodes, but every time I click "OK" it says – specified network password is incorrect. I've confirmed with our sysadmin here that it IS the correct password for the domain user.

I'm not even sure if I'm approaching this correctly. Help.

Thanks,  
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