

# Re: How do I find out SQL Server instance name and username?

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The 'instance' name is usually the same as the computer name.

To obtain the username and password, you will most likely have to contact the application provider. I suspect that they have the MSDE server and databases 'locked' down to prevent customers from 'accidentally making changes that would cause the application to fail or have problems. (It's a normal way of doing business since they would be expected to 'fix' the problems.)

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Most good judgment comes from experience.  
Most experience comes from bad judgment.  
– Anonymous

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I have an application that uses MSDE 2000, I just obtained a free 3rd party tool trying to manage the database a little bit toward what I wish it to be.

However I do not remember the "SQL Server instance name" and "username" when MSDE was installed with this application, is there any way to find out?