

## Re: sql server 2008 setup failure

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Also FWIW, from

[http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms143506\(SQL.100\).aspx](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms143506(SQL.100).aspx)

### Installing SQL Server on a Domain Controller

For security reasons, Microsoft recommends that you do not install SQL Server 2008 on a domain controller. SQL Server Setup will not block installation on a computer that is a domain controller, but the following limitations apply:

- On Windows Server 2003, SQL Server services can run under a domain account or a local system account.
- You cannot run SQL Server services on a domain controller under a local service account or a network service account.
- After SQL Server is installed on a computer, you cannot change the computer from a domain member to a domain controller. You must uninstall SQL Server before you change the host computer to a domain controller.
- After SQL Server is installed on a computer, you cannot change the computer from a domain controller to a domain member. You must uninstall SQL Server before you change the host computer to a domain member.
- SQL Server failover cluster instances are not supported where cluster nodes are domain controllers.
- SQL Server is not supported on a read-only domain controller.