

## Re: SPS 2003 Portal change SQL server

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Hello Dave,

Thanks for the info!

One short question: What should I do with the config db? Should I copy that one as well or should I create a new one?

I've tried a similiar approach to the one suggested but I got stuck on the restoring process with a security error. Even though I used a domain admin account at that time.

Best regards,

Lars Siden

"Dave W" <[dave.wollerman@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:dave.wollerman@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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Here is the process that i have used with success...

1. in central admin, go to the SPS section and click on "Remove Portal Site"
2. select portal site to delete and choose to NOT delete the databases

note: this should only remove the portal from the configuration database your data is safe in the content (site,prof,and serv) databases. also you don't have to do these steps if moving to another server farm, you can just copy them over.

3. Detach databases from sql and copy all database (MDF) and log files (LDF) over to the new sql server. you should be copying them to the virtual node, not the acutal clustered nodes)
4. attach the databases to the new sql server.

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5. Go into the SPS central admin and click on "Create Portal Site" and select restore portal site.
6. Enter in the database names in the specified locations and enter in the correct sql server (remember if you are using a custom instance you will need to specify sqlservername\instance)
7. select the virtual server you will be using to restore the portal to
8. click ok.

it should go through all the restore processes and as long as you have the virtual server setup like the one on the old server (web.config safe controls and custom assemblies) it should go through without a problem. Also make sure you are on the same domain or at least on a domain that trusts the old domain.

hope this helps. If it doesn't what is the error and where does it get stuck. a little more detail and we could help better.

Dave