

Grant MSSQL instance service access to new data folder

1. Using Windows Explorer, navigate to the file system location where the database files are stored. Right-click the file system folder, and then click Properties.
2. On the Security tab, click Edit, and then Add.
3. In the Select Users, Computer, Service Account, or Groups dialog box, click Locations, at the top of the location list, select your computer name, and then click OK.
4. In the Enter the object names to select box. For the Database Engine per service SID name, use **NT SERVICE\MSSQLSERVER** for a default instance, or **NT SERVICE\MSSQL\$InstanceName** for a named instance.
5. Click Check Names to validate the entry. (If the validation fails, it might advise you that the name was not found. When you click OK, a Multiple Names Found dialog box appears. Now select the per-service SID name, either **MSSQLSERVER** or **NT SERVICE\MSSQL\$InstanceName**, and then click OK. Click OK again to return to the Permissions dialog box.)
6. In the Group or user names box, select the per-service SID name, and then in the Permissions for <name> box, select the Allow check box for Full control.
7. Click Apply, and then click OK twice to exit.

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