

# Impersonation

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I am a little confused about the difference between two ways of implementing impersonation.

Some sources say that if one needs to run application under a specific account, he should use this

```
<identity impersonate="true" username="username" password="password" />
```

Others state that the impersonate attribute should be set to false and username and password then have to be provided as in:

```
<identity impersonate="false" username="username" password="password" />
```

What's the difference?