

Re: Windows 2003 services don't have access to mapped drives

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You probably are not going to like this, but the best thing you could, and should, do is to rewrite the app to use UNC access.
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/180362/EN-US/>

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I am working on a W2K3 server and I have an older application that requires a network drive mapping. I have created a Domain Admin account and set the service to run as this account. The application, then tries to access the "L:\" drive but is unable to access it. The funny thing is that if I use the UNC path, it works just fine.

Unfortunately, I can not use the UNC path without recoding this application which I really dont want to do.

Also, if I run the application using the LocalService Account logged into the server as the Domain Admin account, and start the application (by Start->Run->Programs, etc...) the application can see the L:\ drive and the UNC. Obviously, I cant run this application like this (what happens if the user account logs off the server?)

I should also mention, all of these options worked in 2000 but not 2003.

Where can I adjust the security to allow a domain account to access a mapped drive as a service?