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# **Windows Server – Could not start DHCP Client Services**

**Description:**

One day you discover that **DHCP** client services on some of your server cannot be started. It gives you “*access is denied*” error message. The **DHCP** client services already use network service account to logon. You suspect that one of the recent windows patch that causes the issue.

**Resolution:**

The **Network Service** requires permissions to open the ‘**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Dhcp\Parameters**’ registry keys for the DHCP Client service to start. Some updates can remove the **Network** **Service** permissions to these registry keys.

Please check and re-add them if necessary.

1) Open Regedit.   
2) Navigate to ‘**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Dhcp**' and click on **Parameters**.   
3) Click on Edit menu then go to **Permissions**.   
4) In the **'Permissions for Parameters'** window, click on **Add**.   
5) In the **'Select Users, Computers and Groups'** window, type in "**Network Service**" (*without the quotes*) and click **'Check Names'**. You may need to change the Location to "**System**".   
6) Click **OK**.   
7) In the **'Permissions for Parameters'** window, highlight the **Network Service** group and give it Full Control and Read permission by selecting the check boxes.

Finally click **OK.**

Try starting the **DHCP** client service again.