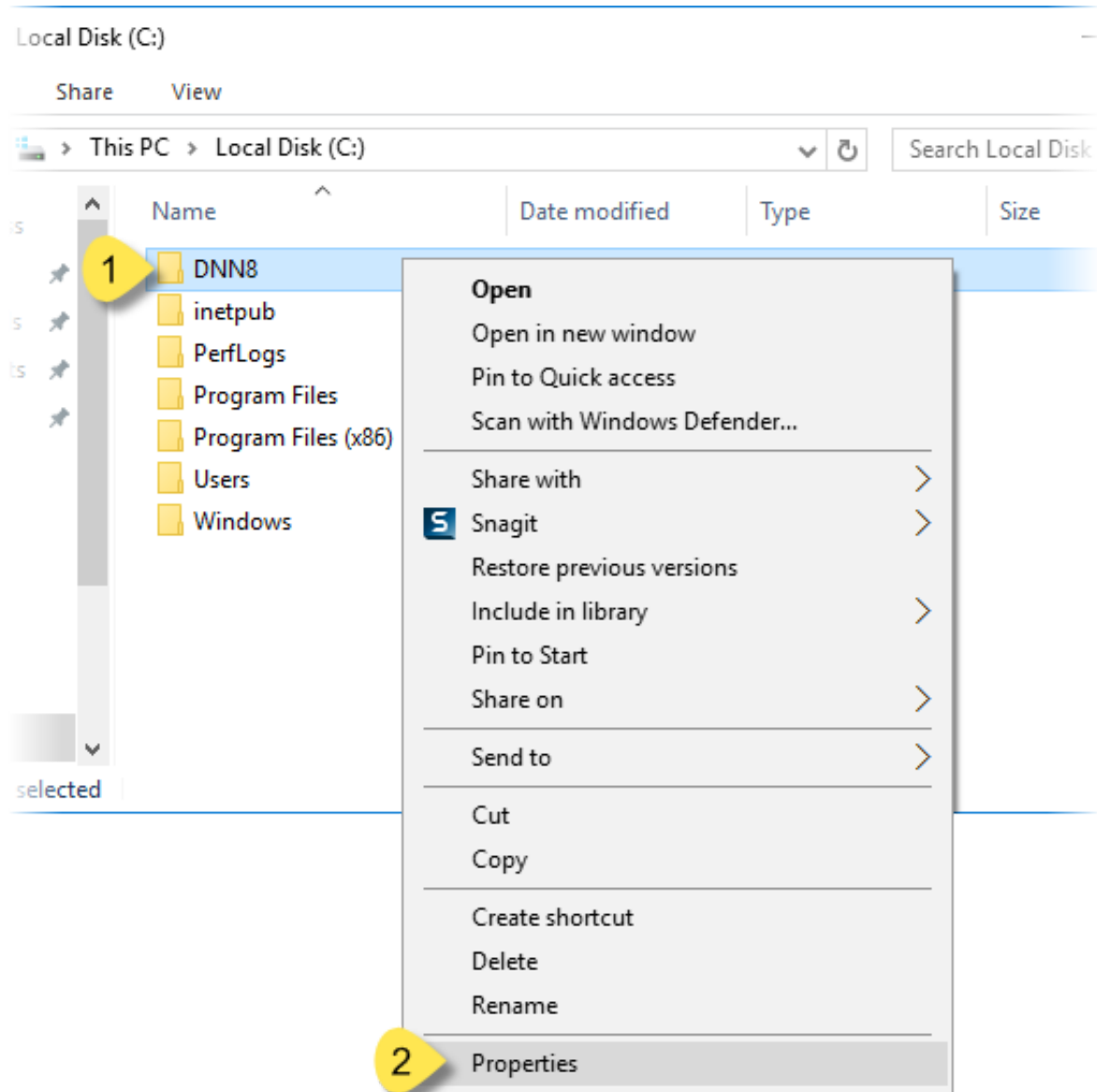# Set Up DNN Folder and the User Account

Steps

1. **Download DNN and extract the files.** The folder where you extract the files becomes the DNN installation folder.

   Developers and Designers: For module or theme development, you don't need the source files.
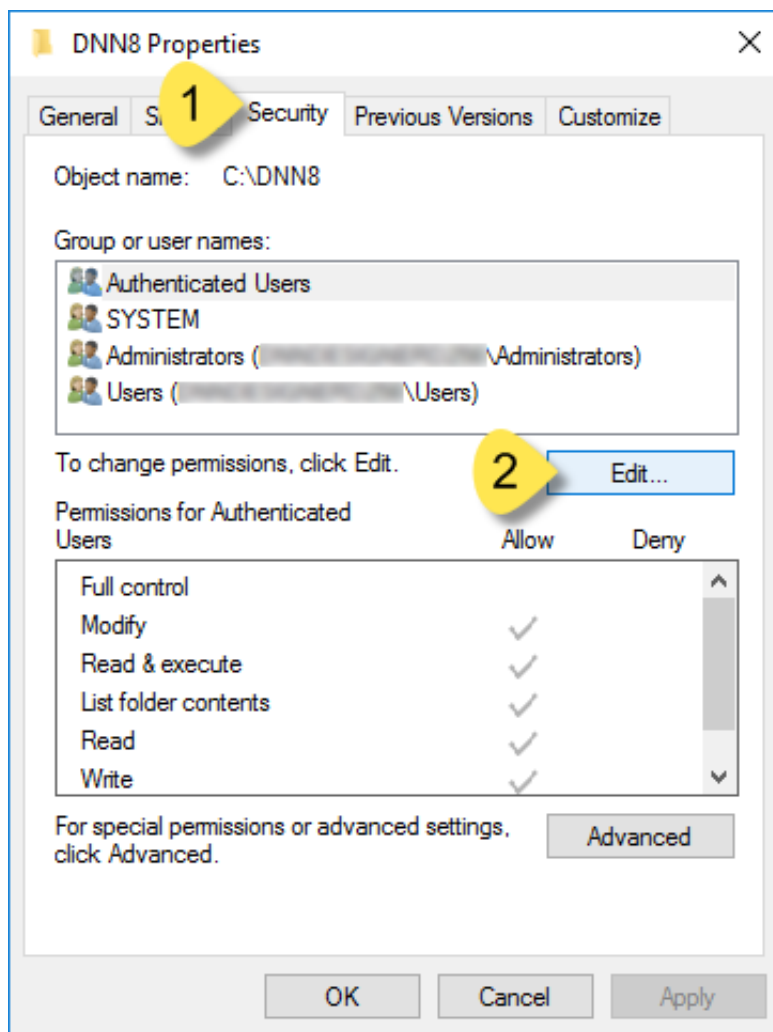
2. Determine the user account used to run your website. The account name differs, depending on your IIS and Windows version: Same as Windows 7. Same as Windows 7.

If your OS is	and your IIS version is	then the account name is
Windows 2000 Windows XP	IIS 5 IIS 5.1	localmachine\ASPNET
Windows 2003 Windows Vista Windows Server 2008	IIS 6 IIS 7	localmachine\Network Service
Windows 7 Windows Server 2008 R2	IIS 7.5	the **NETWORK SERVICE** account, or the **IIS AppPool\AppPoolName**, which is the name of the automatically generated app.
Windows 8 Windows Server 2012	IIS 8	
Windows 10	IIS 10	

3. **Give Full or Modify permissions for the DNN installation folder to the user account that will run your website.**
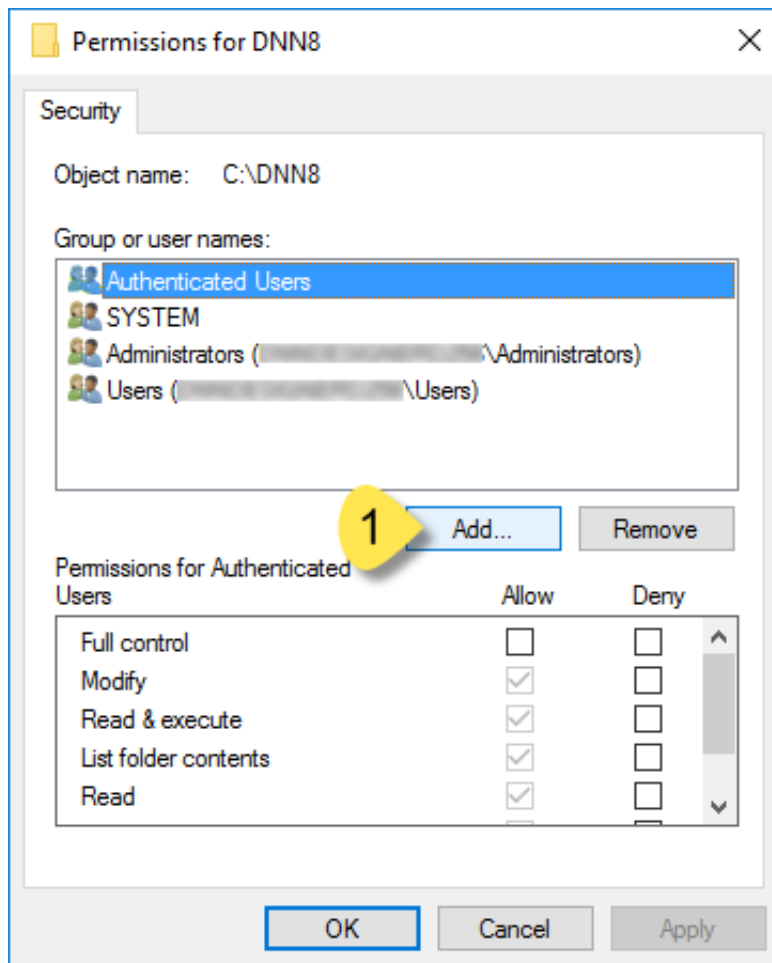   a. In Windows Explorer, right-click on the DNN installation folder, and choose **Properties**.

Local Disk (C:)

Share   View

This PC > Local Disk (C:)

Name	Date modified	Type	Size

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PerfLogs

Program Files

Program Files (x86)

Users

Windows

selected

Open
Open in new window
Pin to Quick access
Scan with Windows Defender...

Share with   >
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Pin to Start
Share on   >

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2 Properties

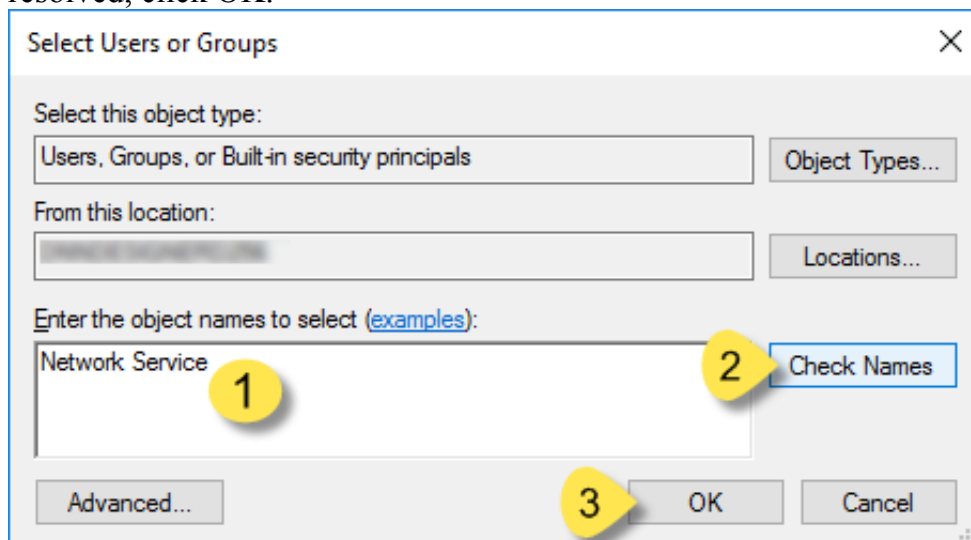b. Go to the **Security** tab and click **Edit...**.

Note: If you are using Windows XP, go to **Tools** > **Options** and uncheck **Use Simple File Sharing**.
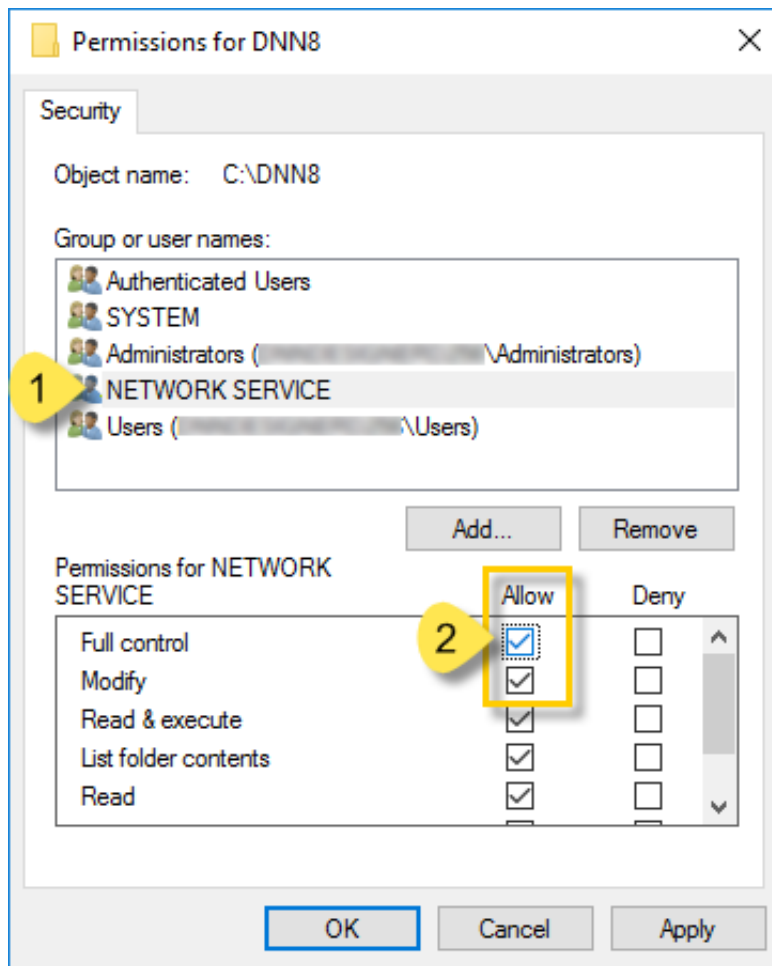
c. Click **Add...**.

d. In **Select Users or Groups**, enter the user name, then click **Check Names**. After the name is resolved, click OK.

e. Highlight the newly added user name and check **Full Control** and **Modify** under **Allow**.

Sources

- [Setting up Your Module Development Environment](#), based on [Setting up your DotNetNuke Module Development Environment](#) by Chris Hammond.
- [Installing DNN](#) by [Clinton Patterson](#)