

Configuration Microsoft SQL Server 2014



Installation manual for system providers

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EVOIPneo

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2 Introduction

This document describes the configuration of Microsoft SQL Server 2014 for the EVOIP_{neo} software.



For Microsoft SQL databases, we support the high-availability AlwaysOn Failover Cluster Instances and AlwaysOn Availability Groups. The MS SQL functionality *Dynamic Ports* is not supported for always-on.

Configure the failover operation according to the manual of the manufacturer.



For Microsoft SQL databases, we support connections to cluster instances which can be reached by means of an IP address. Primary and failover database nodes with different IP addresses in high-availability configurations are not supported.

Make sure that the Microsoft SQL Server 2014 has been installed according to the Microsoft manual.

Adjust the following settings in the setup:

1. In the window *Database Engine Configuration* select the option *Mixed Mode*.
2. Click on the button *Add Current User*, to add the current user as SQL Server administrator.
3. Create a password for the SQL Server administrator.

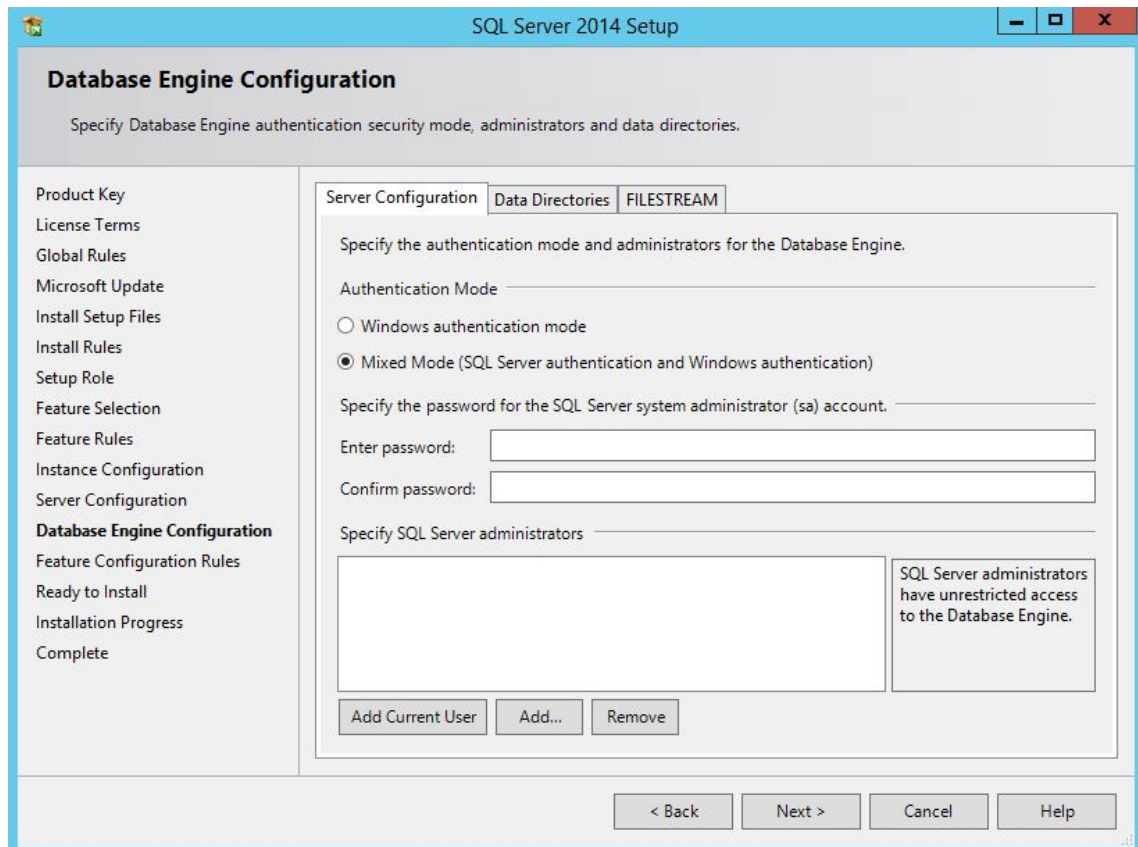


Fig. 1: Select authentication mode

4 Configure Microsoft SQL Server 2014



The external database has to be installed before installing the *neo* software. If you would like to use an external database, you have to open the port which allows the *neo* software to access the database.

The ASC software uses the default port 1433 for MSSQL.

Observe the following order during configuration:

1. Configure SQL Server Manager
2. Install EVOIP*neo* software
3. Configure database properties
4. Configure database backup
5. Configure backup of the transaction protocol
6. Start SQL Server Agent

The individual steps are described in the following sections:

4.1 Configure SQL Server Configuration Manager

1. After the installation of the SQL server, start the SQL Server Configuration Manager.
2. Change to the protocol *MSSQLSERVER* in the menu item *SQL Server Network Configuration*.
3. Activate the protocol *TCP/IP*.

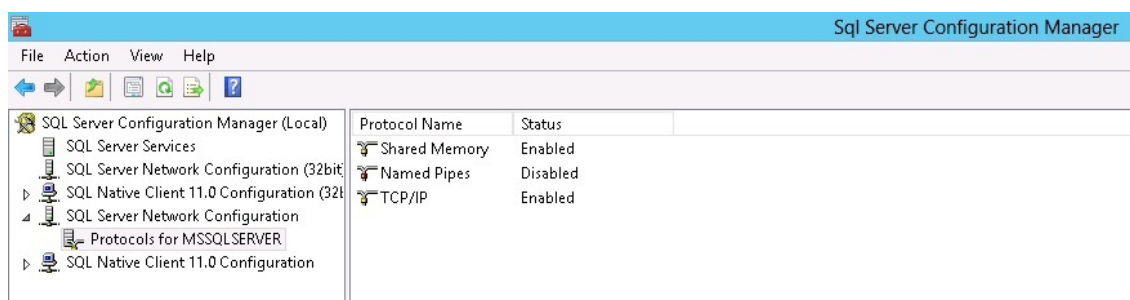


Fig. 2: Configure SQL Server Configuration Manager

If you do not want to use the default instance, a separate port has to be defined for this instance:



SQL Server Configuration Manager > *SQL Server Network Configuration* > *Protocols for...* > *TCP/IP* > *IP Addresses*

Enter this port for every IP address.

After that, restart the instance via the *SQL Server Services*. Open the port in the firewall. Use this port during the setup, too.

4.2 Install ASC software

Install the EVOIP*neo* software. See installation manual *Installation EVOLUTIONneo*, *Installation EVOLUTIONneo eco* or *Installation EVOLUTIONneo XXL*.

4.3 Configure database properties



The database properties may only be defined by an experienced administrator. Setting general autogrowth parameters causes performance problems since the database for the application is not available during the autogrowth.

Check back on the value of the autogrowth after a certain period of productive usage. If required, adjust the value to a changed database size.

Configure asc_rs database:

1. Start *SQL Server 2014 Management Studio* by clicking on *Windows key > All Programs > Microsoft SQL Server 2014*.
2. Select the database in *SQL Server 2014 Management Studio*.

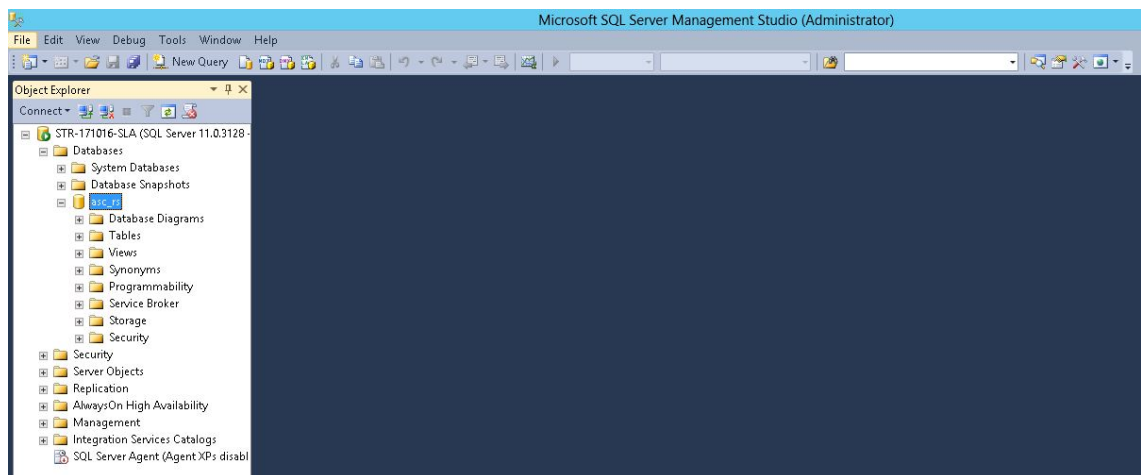


Fig. 3: Select database

3. Right-click on the folder of the *ASC database* and open the context menu.
4. Select the menu item *Properties*.

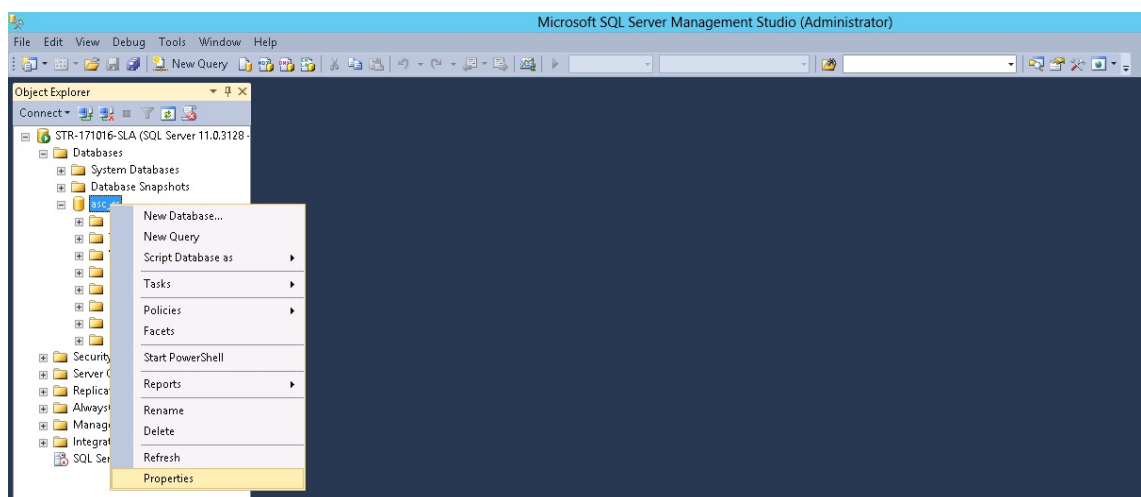


Fig. 4: Select properties of the asc_rs database

5. Click on *Select a page > Files*.
6. Go to the table with the database files and scroll to the right.
7. In the line *asc_rs* in the column *Autogrowth*, click on the button with the three dots.
8. In the following window, set the parameter *File Growth* to 1/8th of the size of the database *In Megabytes*.
9. Select the option *Unlimited* for the maximum file size.

10. Click on the button *OK*.

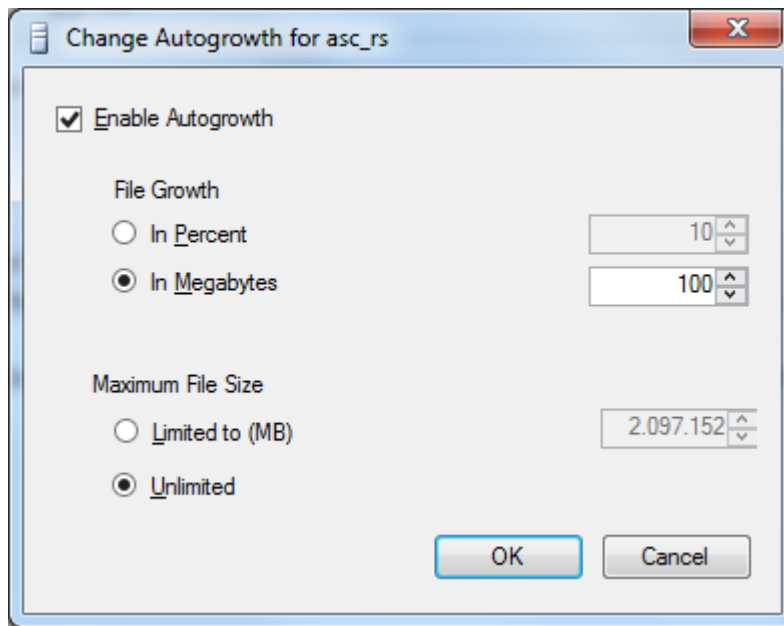


Fig. 5: Change autogrowth for dat file (example)

11. In the line *asc_rs_log*, click on the button with the three dots.

12. In the following window, set the parameter *File Growth* to 1/8th of the size of the database *In Megabytes*.

13. Select the option *Unlimited* for the maximum file size.

14. Click on the button *OK*.

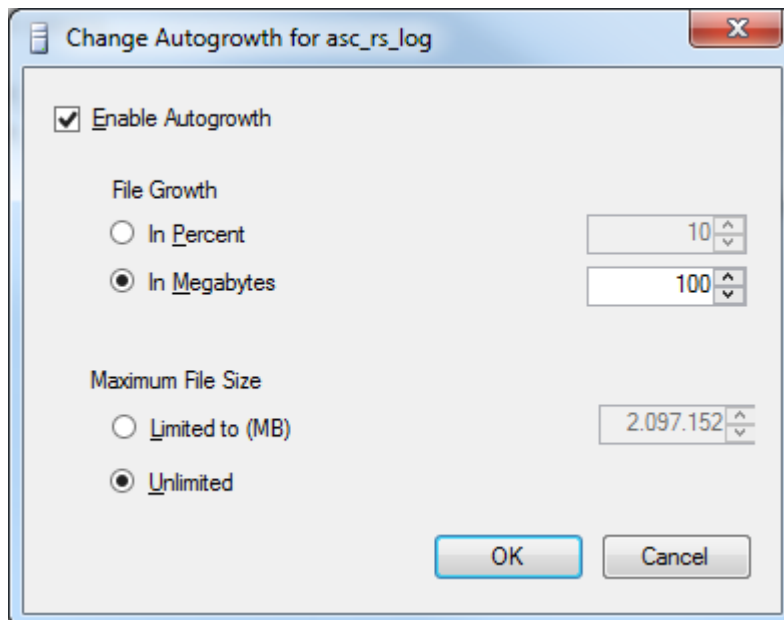


Fig. 6: Change autogrowth for log file (example)

15. Click on *Select a page > Options*.

16. On the right, select the option *Full* for the *Recovery model*.

17. For *Automatic > Auto Shrink*, select the value *False*.

18. Click on the button *OK*.

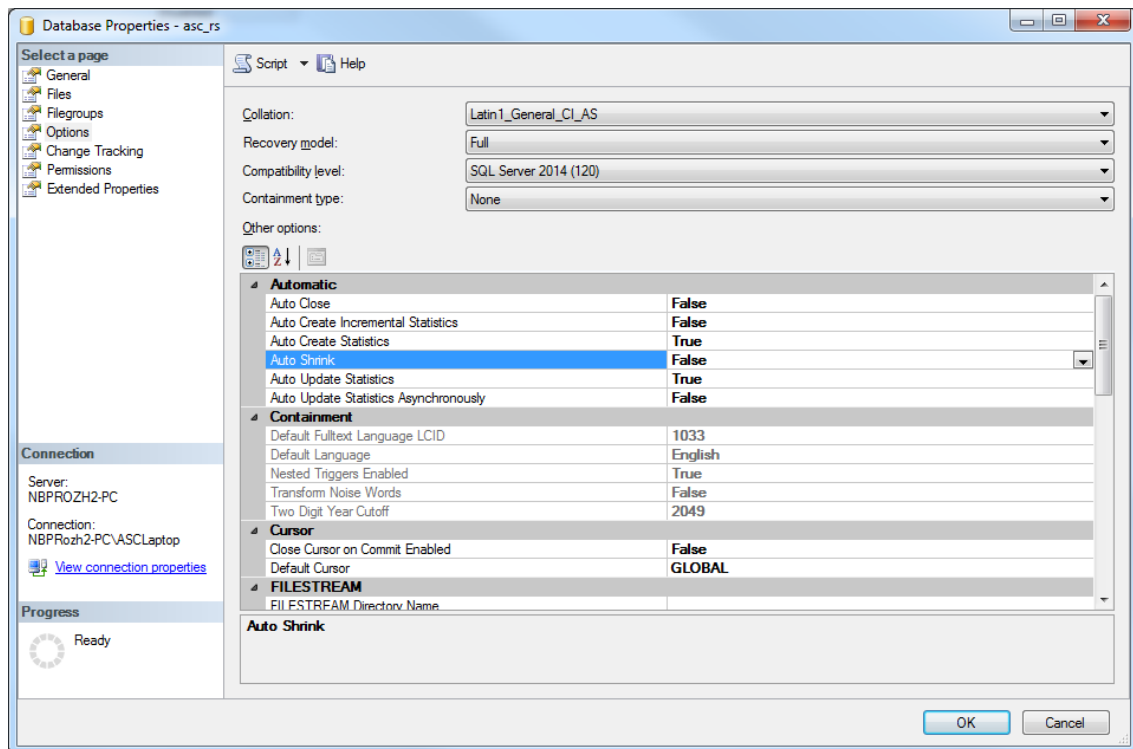


Fig. 7: Adjust recovery type

ATTENTION!

When expecting more than 5 million recordings for a database, the following settings are urgently recommended.

Preconditions:

- Full-text search (FULLTEXTSEARCH) must have been installed in Microsoft SQL.
- *neo* version 6.4 or higher.

Proceeding:

- Stop the service ASC-ServiceMan and the Enterprise Core on all Enterprise Core servers.
- Start Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio and execute the following queries. Make sure that you have all administrative rights to the Microsoft SQL database.

Query 1:

```
CREATE FULLTEXT CATALOG fullTextSearch AS DEFAULT;
```

Query 2:

```
ALTER TABLE asc_rs.recordmetadatarc ADD id UNIQUEIDENTIFIER NOT NULL DEFAULT NEWID();
```

Query 3:

```
ALTER TABLE asc_rs.recordmetadatarc ADD CONSTRAINT pk_recordmetadatarc PRIMARY KEY NONCLUSTERED ( id ASC )WITH (PAD_INDEX = OFF, STATISTICS_NORECOMPUTE = OFF, SORT_IN_TEMPDB = OFF, IGNORE_DUP_KEY = OFF, ONLINE = OFF, ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS = ON, ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS = OFF, FILLFACTOR = 80)
```

Query 4:

```
CREATE FULLTEXT INDEX ON asc_rs.recordmetadatarc (recordingids Language 1031) KEY INDEX pk_recordmetadatarc WITH STOPLIST = SYSTEM;
```

- Add the following entry in the *setup.xml* on all Enterprise Cores:

```
<useMssqlFullTextIndexForInserter>true</useMssqlFullTextIndexForInserter>
```

- Reboot the service ASC-ServiceMan and the Enterprise Core on all Enterprise Core servers.

4.4 Configure database backup



The backup interval has to be calculated individually for every client!



It is recommended to defragment the indices cyclically. For more information see <https://solutioncenter.apexsql.com/how-to-automate-and-schedule-sql-server-index-defragmentation/>.

If many database transactions take place, a daily database backup and a backup of the transaction protocol every 2 hours is recommended.

If few transactions are effected, a weekly database backup and a daily backup of the transaction protocol is recommended.

1. Start the Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Management Studio.
2. Right-click on the folder of the ASC database and open the context menu.
3. Select the menu item *Tasks > Back Up*.

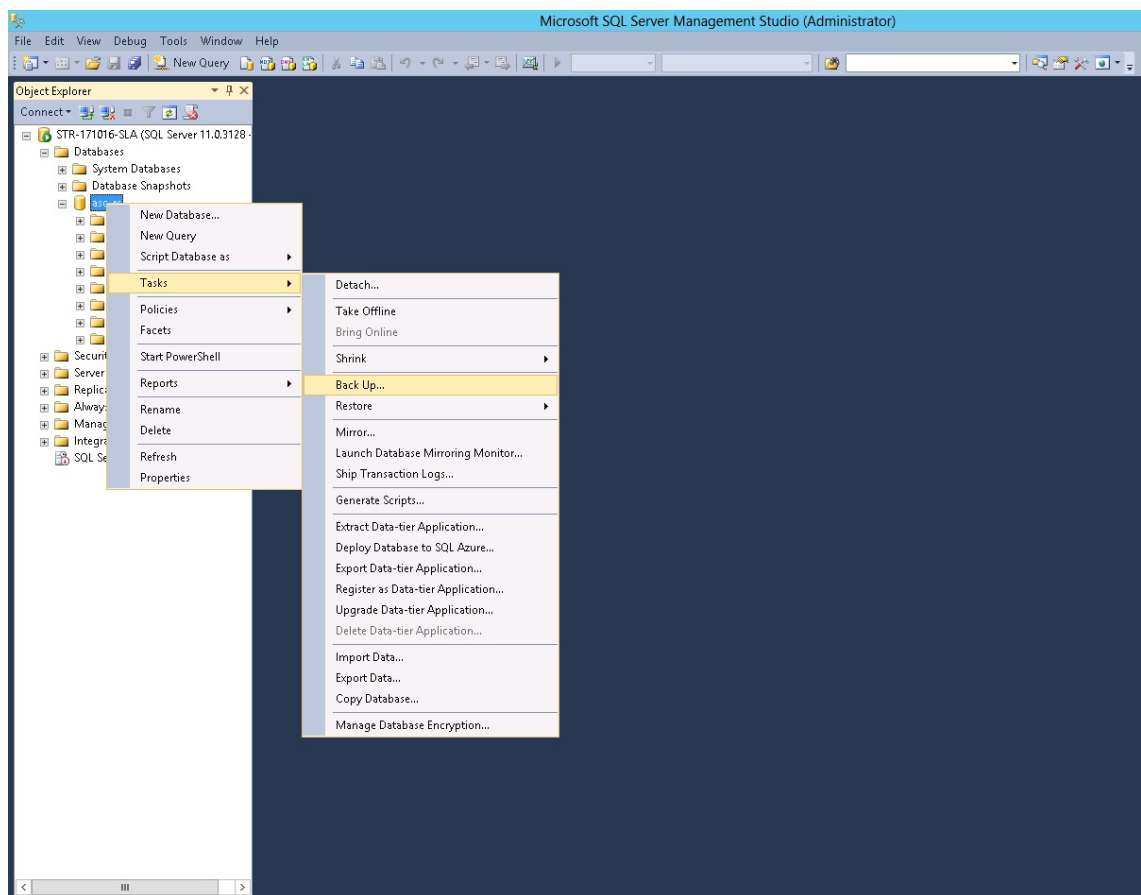


Fig. 8: Tasks > Select backup

4. In the following window, under *Source > Backup type*, select the option *Full*.

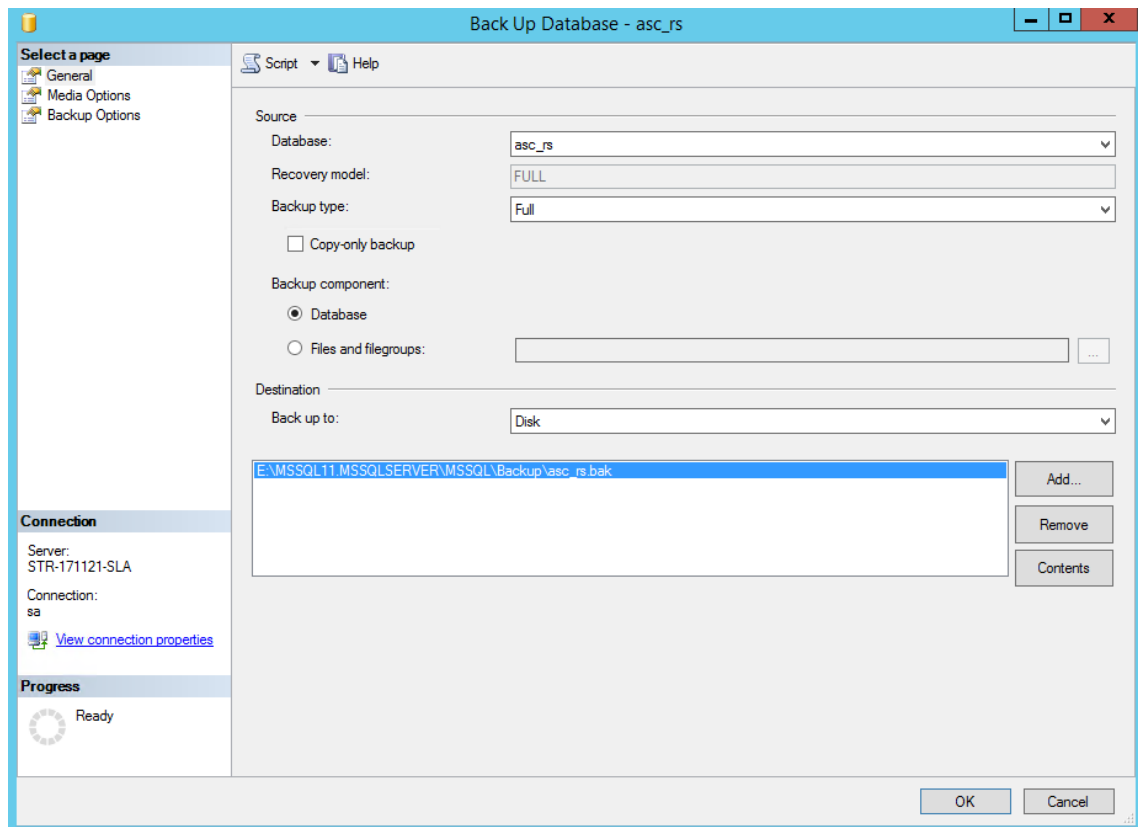


Fig. 9: Select backup type

5. Under *Destination*, click on the button *Add* to add an existing destination folder or create a new one. Here, you define the name of the backup file, too.

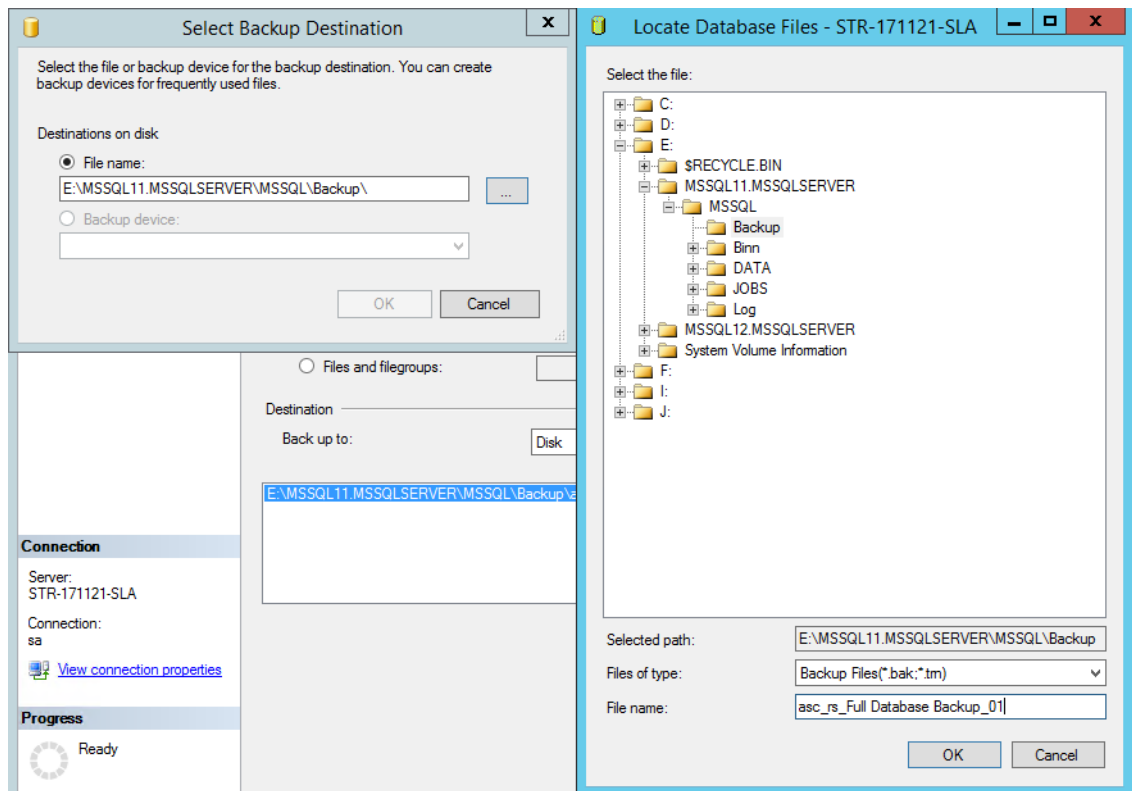


Fig. 10: Define name and destination directory of the backup file

6. Click on *Select a page > Media Options*.

7. To attach the backup to a backup set which already exists on the backup computer, go to *Overwrite media > Back up to the existing media set* and activate the option *Append to the existing backup set*.
To overwrite all backup sets which already exist on the backup computer, go to *Overwrite media > Back up to the existing media set* and activate the option *Overwrite all existing backup sets*.

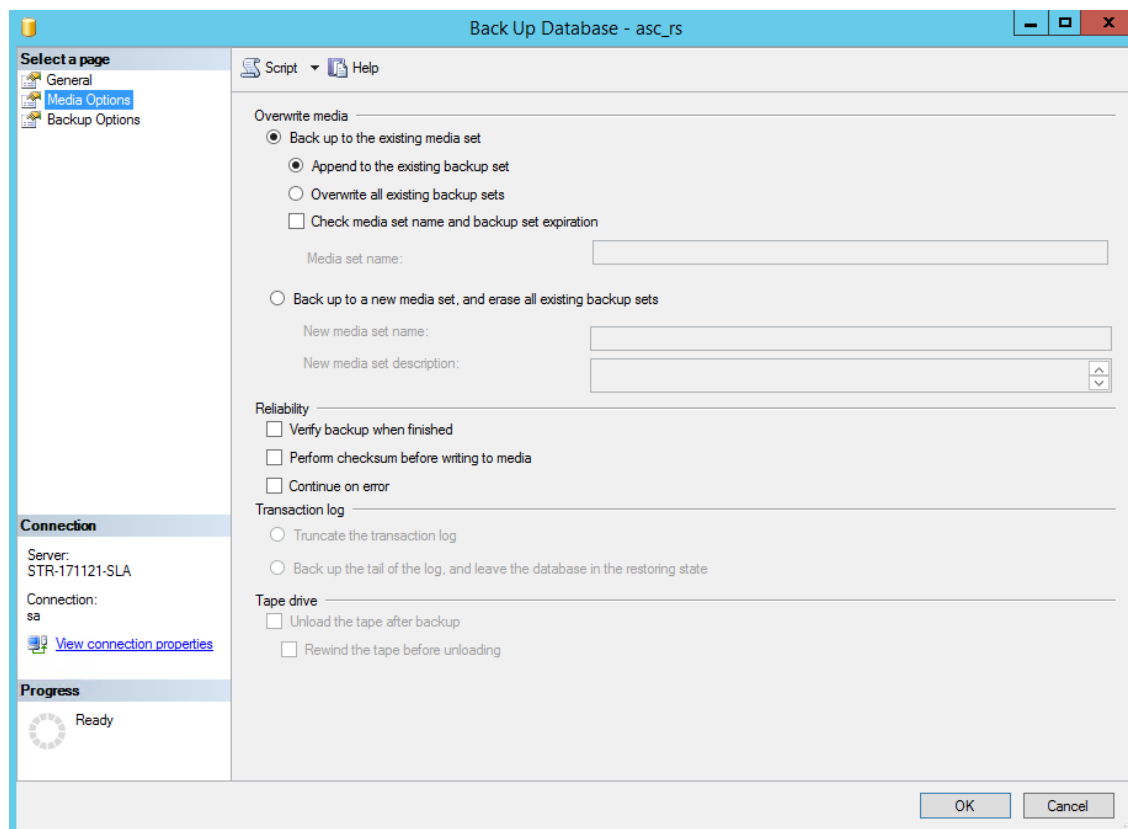


Fig. 11: Overwrite media

8. Click on *Select a page > Backup Options*.
9. In the field under *Backup set > Name*, enter a name for the backup set. In the field *Description*, you can optionally enter a description of the backup set.

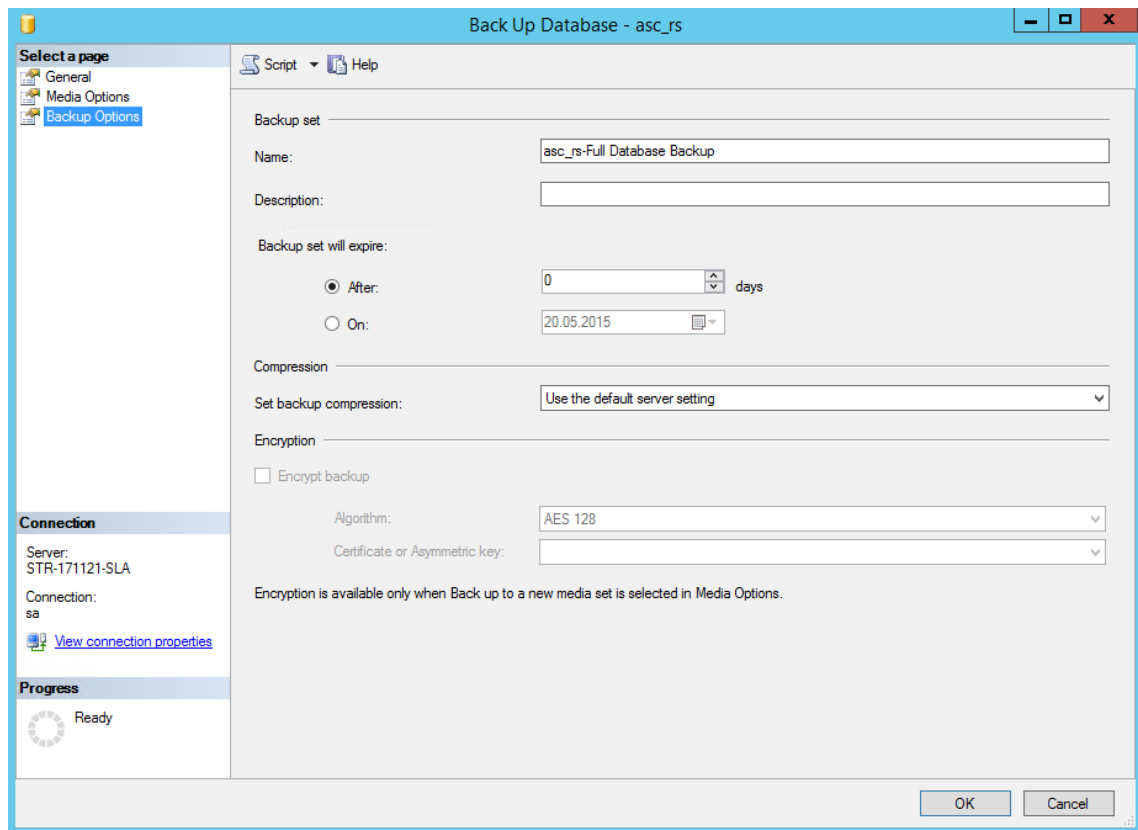


Fig. 12: Define name and description of the backup set

10. Click on *Select a page > General*.
11. Expand the menu *Script* by clicking on the arrow next to it.
12. Select the menu item *Script Action to Job*.

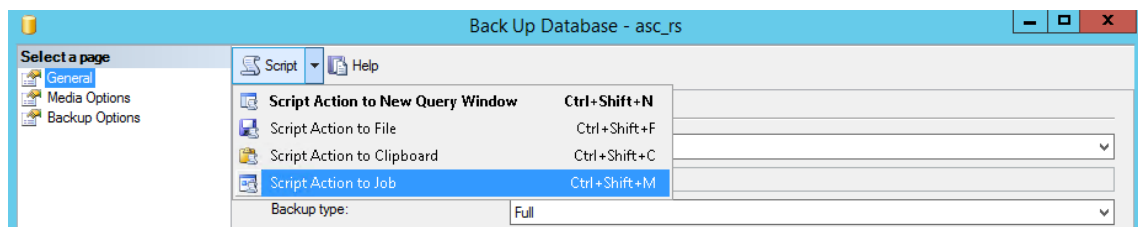


Fig. 13: Select Script Action to Job

13. Enter a job name in the following window in the field *Name*.

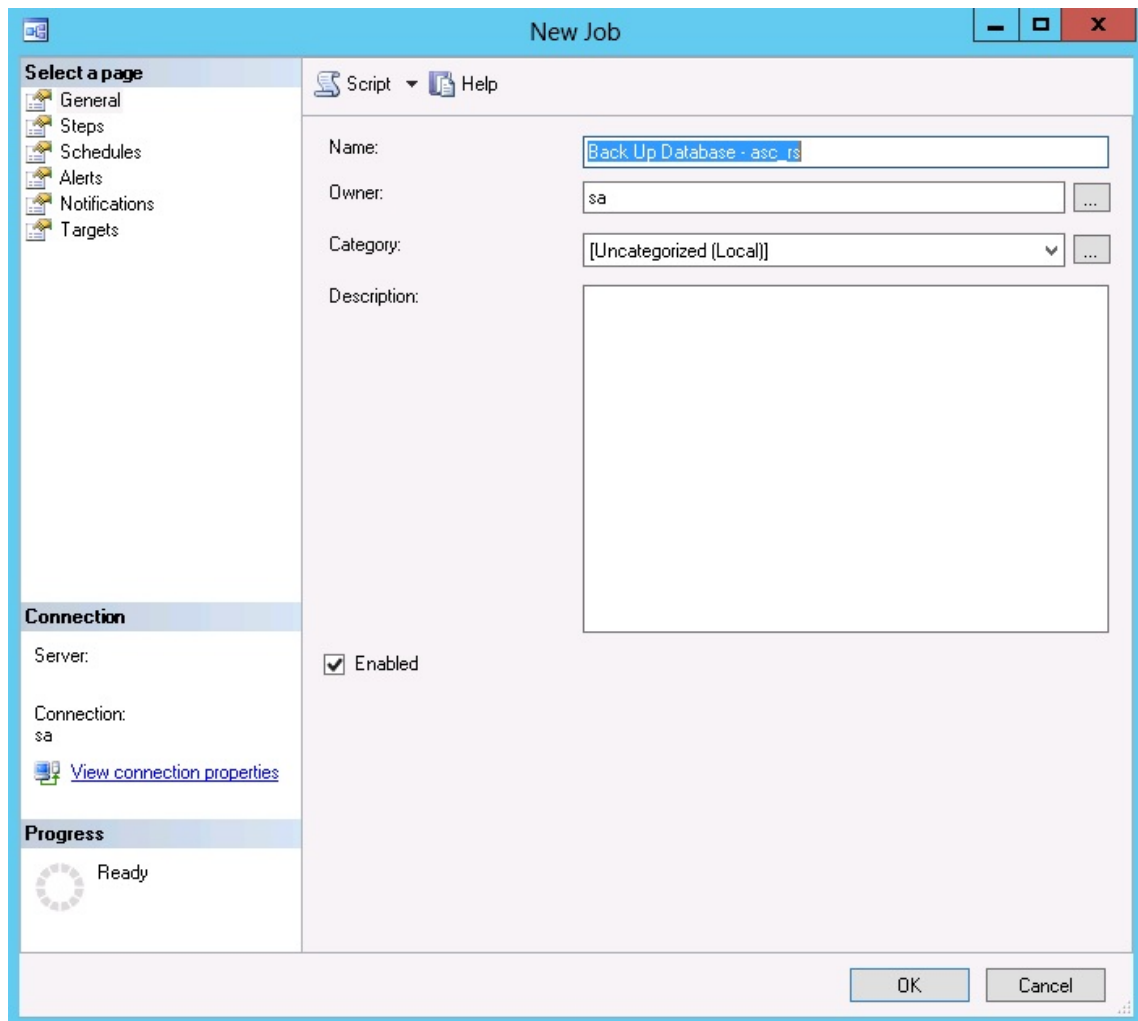


Fig. 14: Define job name

14. Click on *Select a page* > *Schedules*.
15. Click on the button *New* to create a new date.

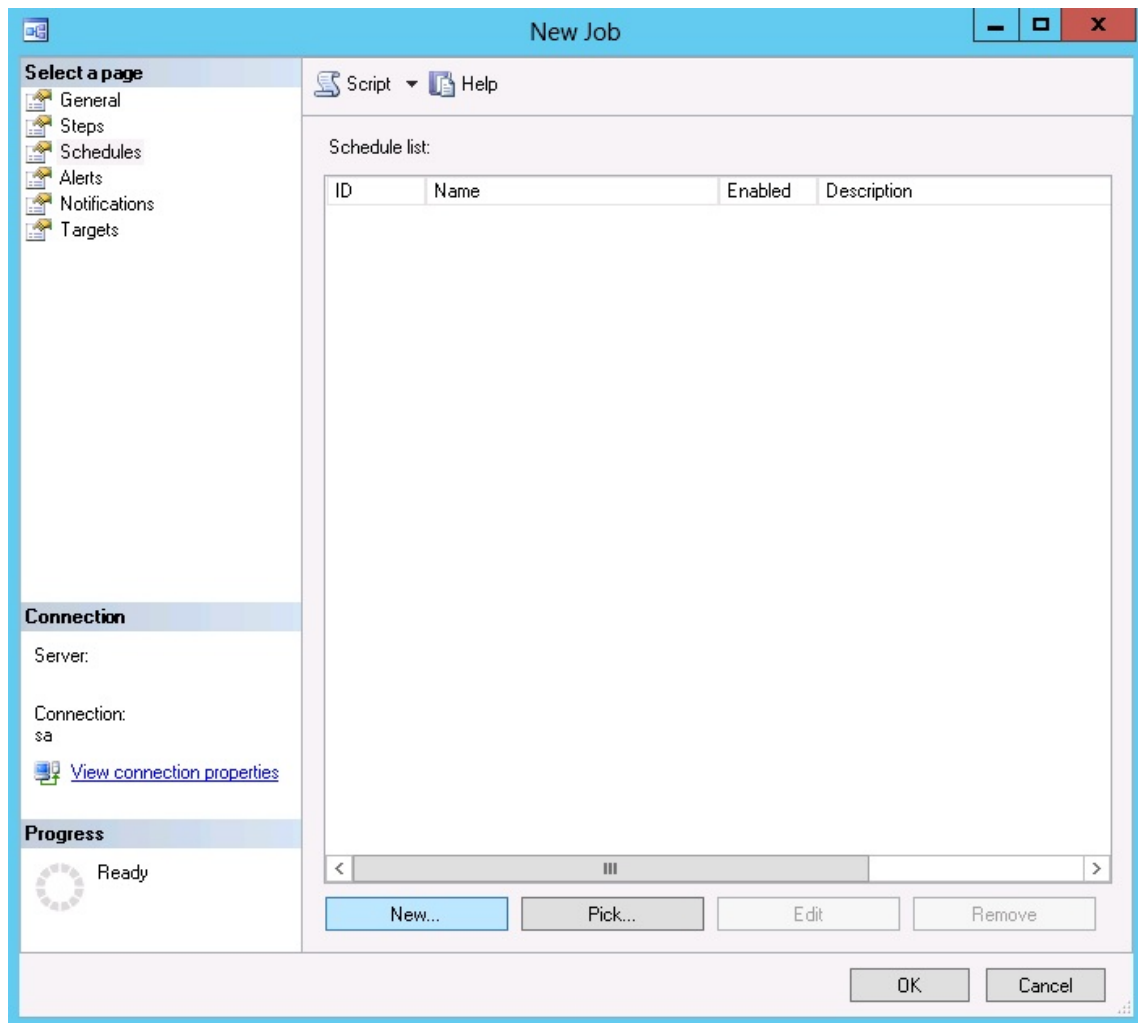


Fig. 15: Create new date

In the following window, you can configure when the backup procedure is supposed to be repeated.

16. Under *Name*, enter a name for the schedule.
17. Confirm all windows by clicking on the button *OK*.

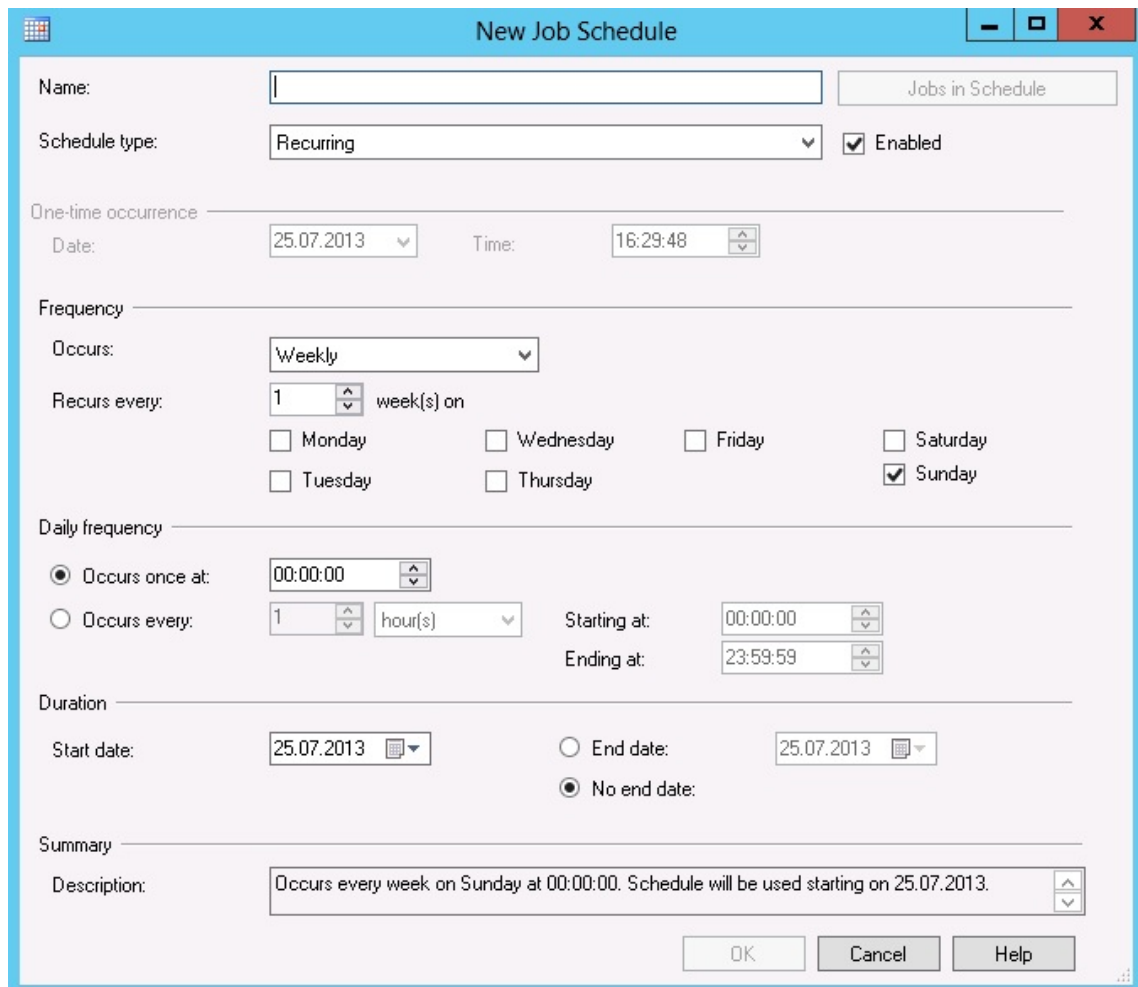


Fig. 16: Enter name of the schedule



It is possible to create several schedules for one single process. That way the process can be carried out on every first Monday of the month as well as on very 10th day of the month.



If the process does not start according to the schedule, read [chapter "Start SQL Server Agent", p. 17](#) in this installation manual.

4.5 Configure backup of the transaction protocol

Repeat all steps described in [chapter "Configure database backup", p. 11](#). The only difference is in the selection of the backup type. Under *Source > Backup type*, select the option *Transaction Log* (see [Fig. 12, p. 14](#)).

4.6 Start SQL Server Agent

1. Open the window *Services* via *Start > Administrative Tools > Services*.
2. Double-click on the service *SQL Server Agent (MSSQLSERVER)*.

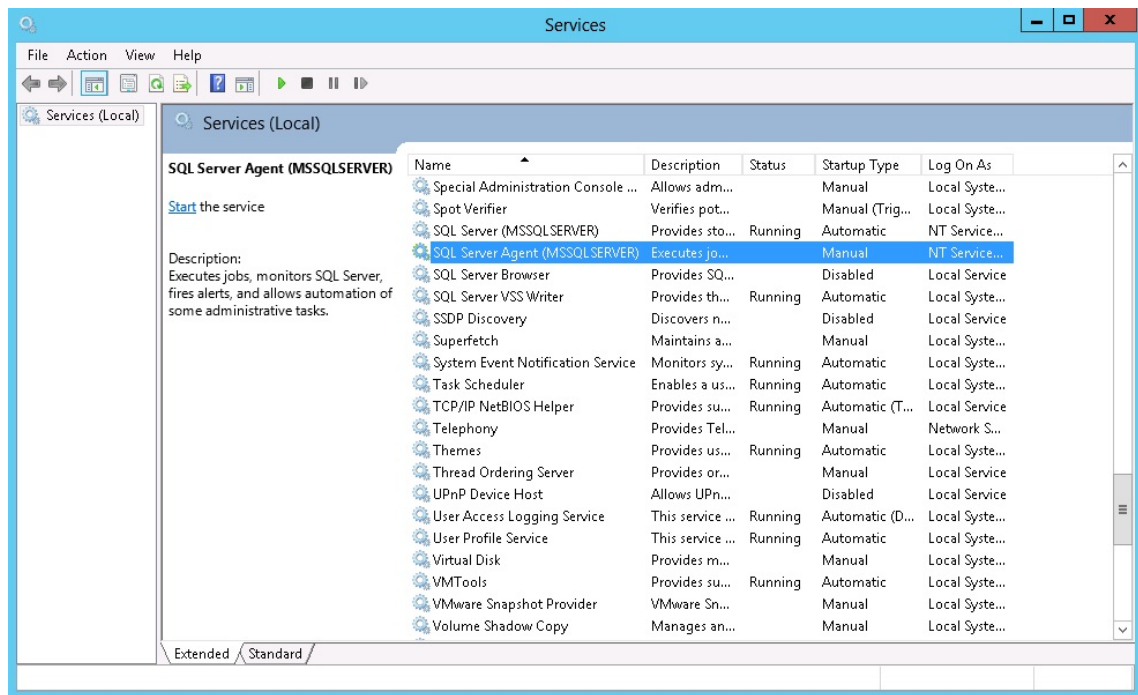


Fig. 17: Edit service "SQL Server Agent"

3. In the tab *General* > *Startup type*, select the option *Automatic*.
 4. Click on the button *Start* to start the service.
 5. Click on the button *OK*.
- ⇒ The service is now started automatically every time the system is booted.

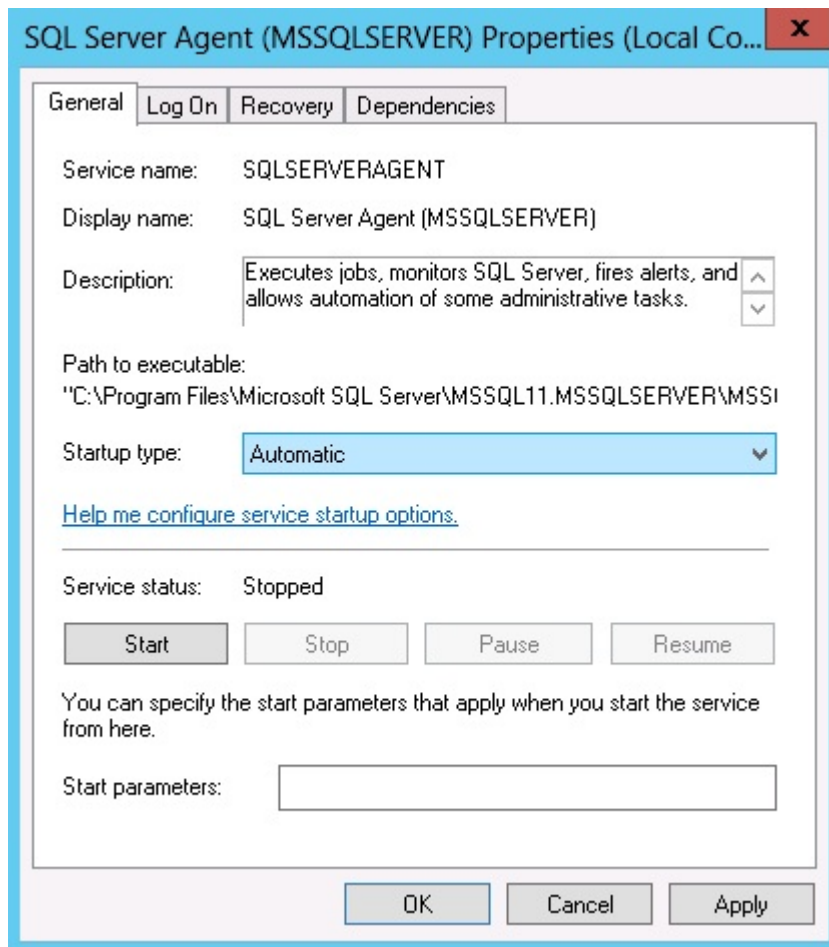


Fig. 18: Change properties of services

4.7 Connection to an AlwaysOn availability group

If a Microsoft SQL Cluster is supposed to be distributed across several locations, the following manual configuration is required:

1. Stop the service *ASC Application Server* on the *neo* application server.
2. On the *neo* application server, open the configuration file *domain.xml* in an editor.

Example before:

```
<jdbc-connection-pool max-pool-size="60" fail-all-connections="true" validate-atmost-once-period-in-seconds="60" datasource-classname="com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerConnectionPoolDataSource" name="ASCSuitePool-Standby" validation-table-name="asc_rs.db_connection_control" is-connection-validation-required="true" transaction-isolation-level="read-uncommitted" res-type="javax.sql.ConnectionPoolDataSource">
  <property name="user" value="sa"></property>
  <property name="url" value="jdbc:sqlserver://#DNS-availability-group-listener#:1433;datasource=asc_rs">
</property>
  <property name="password" value="${ALIAS=db_password_alias}">
</property>
  <property name="selectMethod" value="cursor"></property>
</jdbc-connection-pool>
```

Example after:

```
<jdbc-connection-pool max-pool-size="60" fail-all-connections="true" vali-
date-atmost-once-period-in-seconds="60" datasource-classname="com.micro-
soft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerConnectionPoolDataSource" name="ASCSuitePool-
Standby" validation-table-name="asc_rs.db_connection_control" is-connection-
validation-required="true" transaction-isolation-level="read-uncommitted"
res-type="javax.sql.ConnectionPoolDataSource">
<property name="user" value="sa"></property>
<property name="url" value="jdbc:sqlserver://#DNS-availability-group-lis-
tener#:1433;databasename=asc_rs;multiSubnetFailover=true">
</property>
<property name="password" value="${ALIAS=db_password_alias}">
</property>
<property name="selectMethod" value="cursor"></property>
</jdbc-connection-pool>
```

3. Start the service *ASC Application Server* on the neo application server.

⇒ You can access both nodes in different networks.

⇒ In case of an error, you can switch actively.

- Adjust the default settings during the installation of the SQL Server 2014: **SQL Server 2014 Setup > Database Engine Configuration > Authentication Mode > Mixed Mode:** Activate and enter password.
- Start SQL Server Configuration Manager: **SQL Server network configuration > MSSQLSERVER > TCP/IP:** Activate.
- Start SQL Server 2014 Management Studio: **Start > All programs > Microsoft SQL Server 2014 > SQL Server Management Studio:** asc_rs-database > right-click > **Properties > Select a page:** Files > **asc_rs_dat:** [...] for Autogrowth and rs_log: [...] for Autogrowth
 - File growth: 1/8th of the size of the database in Megabytes
 - Maximum file size: Unrestricted file growth
- Select database properties: **Start > All programs > Microsoft SQL Server 2014 > SQL Server Management Studio:** asc_rs-database > right-click > **Properties > Options:** Select a page > **Automatic > Auto shrink:** False.
- The database backup cannot be configured before the EVOIP_{neo} software has been installed.
- Configure database backup: **Start > All programs > Microsoft SQL Server 2014 > SQL Server Management Studio > Databases > asc_rs > Tasks > Back up > Backup type:** Full > **Backup set:** Name of the backup set > **Destination:** Add (a target directory) > **Options:** Select a page
 - Append backup to already existing backup sets on backup computer: **Append to the existing backup set:** Activate
 - Overwrite all existing backup sets on the backup computer: **Overwrite all existing backup sets:** Activate
- Script settings: **General:** Select a page > **Script > Script Action to Job:** enter name > **Schedules > New:** enter date.

Option: SQL Server Agent

- Start agent: **SQL Server Management > SQL Server Agent > Start.**

6 FAQ

Which MS SQL databases are supported?

Information about released versions and those supported by the recording system can be found in the *Release Announcement* and in the installation manual *Installation requirements*.

Which database size is recommended?

To calculate the database size, use the data volume calculator *Postgres_Callpool_Sizing*. Add an additional 20 % of data volume.



The file *Postgres_Callpool_Sizing* can be found on the Manual CD in the folder *1_Sizing calculator*.

Which authentication mode is used?

For *neo* systems, SQL Server Authentication (Mixed Mode) is required.

Which server collations are supported?

The collation *Latin1_General_CI_AS* is required.

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