

Changing the Username & User Folder For a Local Account

1. Open the **Control Panel** via the search bar.
2. Navigate to **User Accounts**
3. If you don't have another account on the machine setup one w/Admin privileges.
4. Next select your profile.
5. Click on **Change your account name**.
6. Enter the new username and click **Change Name**. The updated name will appear on the login and Start screens
7. Log Out
8. Log in to the new, or existing, Admin Account.
9. Using File Explorer rename the old C:\Users\UserName file to C:\Users\NewUserName.
10. Locate the SID (Security Identifier) for your account (the one you renamed) by running wmic useraccount get name,SID in Command Prompt

Name	SID
BEKAdmin	S-1-5-21-1795561562-1798001673-2557115712-500
Bruce	S-1-5-21-1795561562-1798001673-2557115712-1001
DefaultAccount	S-1-5-21-1795561562-1798001673-2557115712-503
Guest	S-1-5-21-1795561562-1798001673-2557115712-501
WDAGUtilityAccount	S-1-5-21-1795561562-1798001673-2557115712-504

11. Press Win + R, type regedit, and hit Enter to open Registry Editor.
12. Navigate to:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList
and expand it.
13. Find the SID key (like the bolded one above), double-click on ProfileImagePath, (in the right pane) and update it with the new folder path (e.g., C:\Users\NewUserName)
14. Restart your computer to apply changes.