

Problem with design time rendering in VS2005

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I have made a server control to display the average rating for content by showing the number of stars. The problem i have is with the design time display in vs 2005. It seems the problem with the design time rendering is due to the calls to the databse helper class. Delete those lines and it display fine in deign time. The code is below
Any ideas on how to make design time work?
Thanks Ashok

```
Dim dbutil As New DBHelper
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```
Protected Overrides Sub Render(ByVal output As System.Web.UI.HtmlTextWriter)
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```
dbutil.ProductID = _productid
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Dim average As Single = dbutil.GetAverage
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If average <> 0 Then
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Select Case CInt(average * 4)
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'load the right star image based on the rating
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End Select
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```
output.Write("Rating: ")
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MyBase.Render(output)
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