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> string strSubject = Convert.ToString(dtrEmail["subject"]);
> string strContent = Convert.ToString(dtrEmail["content"]);
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Are you checking for NULL values before attempting to convert them to strings? A NULL cannot be converted to a string. Example:

```
string strSubject;
int ordinal;
ordinal = dtrEmail.GetOrdinal("subject");
if (!dtrEmail.IsDBNull(ordinal)
    strSubject = dtrEmail.GetString(ordinal);
else
    strSubject = "";
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HTH,
Kevin Spencer
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Neither a follower nor a lender be.
"Andy Sutorius" <andy@sutorius.com> wrote in message
news:GCoTd.1391$ha.23643@twister.southeast.rr.com...
> Hi,
>
> I am getting the error "Invalid attempt to read when no data is present"
> when I run the following code. I have checked the sql and it is returning
> data. What am I missing?
>
> string sqlGetEmail = "SELECT content, subject FROM tblContent WHERE id =
> " + Convert.ToInt16(ddlChooseEmail.SelectedValue.ToString());
> SqlCommand cmdGetEmail = new SqlCommand(sqlGetEmail, strConnString);
> SqlDataReader dtrEmail = cmdGetEmail.ExecuteReader();
>
> string strSubject = Convert.ToString(dtrEmail["subject"]);
> string strContent = Convert.ToString(dtrEmail["content"]);
>
> dtrEmail.Close();
>
>
> Thanks,
>
> Andy
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