

# Intermittent Referencing Bug in ASP.NET 2.0 / VS 2005

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Hi guys!

I keep getting the following error reported by VS 2005 in my ASP.NET 2.0 web project:

"The type or namespace name 'MainPages\_XXX' could not be found (are you missing a using directive or an assembly reference?)"

The line of C# code (in the "code-behind" file) that error refers to looks something like this:

```
if (Page.PreviousPage == null || !(Page.PreviousPage is MainPages_XXX))
{
//Some code....
}
```

For instance, the error might occur in a page called Page1.aspx (with code behind file Page1.aspx.cs). In this page, I might refer to another page, say Page2.aspx (code behind Page2.aspx.cs) in order to check that the previous page was the correct type. In this particular project, I've used folders to break up the structure of my ASP.NET pages. The pages that are "erroring" are all in a folder called MainPages, hence the "MainPages\_" prefix, which VS 2005 has added itself. In the cases where I get errors, both pages are in the same folder!

Closing and re-opening VS 2005 fixes the problem, but clearly, for a large solution, that is not a viable way to get around this!

Has anyone else seen this problem? Is there a work around or a hot fix? Is it a bad idea to refer to the type of the previous page (using "is") in order to check how you got to the page you're on?

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks in advance,

Steve.

