

## Re: web.config question 2.0

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Good point. Agreed.

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"Juan T. Llibre" wrote:

I should have added, Peter, that System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager can only retrieve connection strings from within the current application.

To retrieve configuration settings from a different application, you need : WebConfigurationManager.OpenWebConfiguration.

What you're proposing would remove the application's configuration as an application, which might be troublesome for some application properties, if they're configured in the root application.

See my replies to Mark, in this same thread, for more explanatory concepts...and sample code.

The bottom-line answer is : always use the \*current\* application's web.config to store/retrieve connection strings.

Juan T. Llibre, asp.net MVP

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The problem you may have here is that if the folder containing your

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web.config is marked as an application in IIS, that's the web.config that takes precedence for this folder. If you were to undo the application here, remove the web.config, and ensure that all the required items are in the one in the parent folder, then it may work.

Peter

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"eagle" wrote:

I have a web.config in my application that contains the connection strings to all my datasources. I want to move these connection strings to another web config up the folder hierarchy so that all my apps can use the same connection strings. That is supposed to be how it's done, no? Instead of the web.config being in c:\inetpub\wwwroot\myApp\web.config, I have it in c:\inetpub\wwwroot\web.config. However, I get an "Object reference not set to an instance of an object" error when I do this. This used to work fine in Visual Studio 2003 .net 1.0.

My connection string is fine:

```
<connectionStrings>
<add name="myDB" connectionString="Data
Source=mySvr;Initial
Catalog=myDB;Integrated Security=True "/>
</connectionStrings>
```

And this is how I retrieve in in the web app:

```
_sSQLConn =
System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.ConnectionStrings("myDB").ToString
```

What am I doing wrong?

Thanks for your help.

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