

Re: trying to copy the autonumber from one table to the next

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Hi,

Actually you can say just `SELECT @@IDENTITY`.

To prove this just run the line in query analyser. Running it on it's own you get an unnamed column with the value NULL.

The problem with the original post is more likely that the original poster is not running the `INSERT` and the `@@IDENTITY` select in the same command. Therefore `@@IDENTITY` will be null, if you ran it within the command as the `INSERT` you would get a number back.

Bye,

Pete

"Brian Brown" <BrianBrown@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:92CBD23D-076A-4A09-BDD8-BA786B68DA02@microsoft.com...

> Sparks,

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> *You cannot call just `SELECT @@IDENTITY`. Sql has no way of knowing what*

> *record you want to look for. Would it be possible for you to write a*

> *stored*

> *proc and send it your parameters? Then you could use a return statement*

> *in*

> *the stored proc to return the ID of the inserted record and then grab it*

> *using `ExecuteScalar()`. This is a lot more efficient and reliable all the*

> *way*

> *around.*

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> *Good Luck!*

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