

Can't create a subscription for SQL Server 2005 Mobile

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I have been trying for almost 2 days now to create a subscription to a SQL Server 2005 database but I haven't had any success. After reading all of the documentation and installing everything, the problem seems to have something to do with permissions. Here is what works:

- * Created the a merge publication and checked to see that the Replication Monitor shows that it works.
- * Checked the directory where the snapshot files are located and they exist.
- * Can access the snapshot files from a browser, so I know security is setup
- * Tried setting the account for IIS 6.0 on the virtual directory to my Windows account which has full admin permissions. Even tried anonymous.
- * Set the permission on all of the files and directories where the snapshot files are stored.
- * Added my Windows account to the PAL in the publication.
- * Added my Windows account to the SQL Server login accounts

I then created an empty SQL Server 2005 mobile database locally on my PC. Then I accessed it in SQL Server Management Studio.

Finally, I selected the New Subscription Wizard on the node of my mobile database and tried using all kinds of login accounts.

Where it hangs is when I get to the last screen where it attempts to create the subscription. After hanging several seconds on the part that says "Synchronizing Data", it comes back with an error message that either tells me that the SQL Server does not exist and/or the user account does not exist. If I try screwing around with the various types of login accounts, it can sometimes come back and say the IIS account is not in SQL Server. There are a lot of accounts to setup everywhere – publicacions, distributor, IIS, the database. Man, this is getting to be one ugly headache. Can someone please give me some solid steps on how to create a subscription.

Much appreciated,

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