

# Login Error when accessing MSDE from C# Win Application

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Hello,

I am experiencing a login problem when trying to access a named MSDE instance via a C# windows app via ASO.Net. My computer configuration is Win XP Pro running SQL server Developer Edition locally. I am able to access this MSDE instance via ODBC DSN Connections, SQL Enterprise Manager and SQL Query Analyzer. However when my code reaches the following lines I get the following error;

```
----- CODE -----  
SqlConnection oSqlConn = new SqlConnection("server=" +  
Environment.MachineName +  
"\\MSDE;database=TestDb;uid=TestUser;PWD=TestPwd;");  
oSqlConn.Open();  
----- END CODE -----
```

```
----- ERROR -----  
Cannot open database requested in login 'TestDb'. Login fails.  
Login failed for user 'TestUser'.  
----- END ERROR -----
```

I did add the user to the MSDE Db via Enterprise manager and granted him db\_accessAdmin rights. I believe that I installed the MSDE instance properly. The installation parameters that I used when installing this MSDE instance are as follows;

```
SAPWD="sqPwd"  
SECURITYMODE=SQL  
INSTANCENAME="MSDE"  
DISABLENETWORKPROTOCOLS=0
```

Any help in solving this issue would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
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