

## Re: Browsing for Publication error message

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Hi Jude,

It is sort of difficult for me to visualize exactly what is going on with the description you gave previously (or any kind of description that you can possibly provide over the newsgroup) but I would guess that the subscriber SQL Server Agent service account was somehow added to the publication access list of the publication on the DMZ. If this is the case then you will likely see the kind of error message that you saw when browsing the publication properties through the UI (which also enumerates entries in the publication access list). To find out, select from the MSpublication\_access table in the distribution database and see if the account for your Subscriber's SQL Server Agent service account shows up. If so, manually removing the row will likely resolve the issue for you.

–Raymond

"JLS" <[jlshoop@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jlshoop@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:%23dfKH4c%23FHA.1148@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...>

Raymond,

Thank you for this answer, I am going to check to make sure I have my alternate snapshot folder set as you suggest.

If I may impose, when browsing for the publication on the DMZ to setup an anonymous pull subscription, why would I receive an error message about the domain account on the Subscriber that runs the SQL Server Agent service?

Why is it referring to this account at all?

Certainly both servers Sql Server agent accounts do not have to be the same, especially when one of the servers is out on the net & not even on the domain?

Any light you can shed on this will be greatly appreciated.

Thanx!!!!

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Jude

"Raymond Mak [MSFT]" <[rmak@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:rmak@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:uw5NrKc%23FHA.912@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...>

Hi Jude,

While using nosync subscription is a perfectly valid option, the problem that you experienced seems to be the kind that is relatively straightforward to resolve. If I understand the situation correctly, you have manually copied the snapshot files to a different location on the subscriber and attempted to apply the snapshot from the new location via the use of the alternate snapshot folder property of the pull subscription. One non-intuitive quirk that typically catches people off-guard is to set the alternate snapshot location directly to where the snapshot files are rather than to where the unc or ftp folder is. That is, you need to have the <unc|ftp>\<Publisher>\_\<PublisherDB>\_\<Publication>\<timestamp>\<snapshot files>

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folder structure underneath your alternate snapshot folder. So, if you manually copy the snapshot files around, you would need to recreate the same folder structure that I mention previously in your target location and then point the alternate snapshot folder to the "root" of that sub-structure. I would be interested to know if your scenario has more twists than what I expected.

-Raymond

"JLS" <judes@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:%23i5x8JV%23FHA.4092@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...](mailto:news:%23i5x8JV%23FHA.4092@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...)  
[At this point I'll try anything!!!!!!!!!!](#)

[What do you mean? Where do I try a nosync?](#)

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JUDE

"Hilary Cotter" <hilary.cotter@xxxxxxxx>  
wrote in message  
[news:OXtGtM79FHA.3804@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...](mailto:news:OXtGtM79FHA.3804@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...)  
can you try a nosync?

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Hilary Cotter  
Looking for a SQL Server replication book?  
<http://www.nwsu.com/0974973602.html>

Looking for a FAQ on Indexing  
Services/SQL FTS  
<http://www.indexserverfaq.com>

"JLS" <jlshoop@xxxxxxxx> wrote in  
message  
[news:ebk7Zx49FHA.1996@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...](mailto:news:ebk7Zx49FHA.1996@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...)  
I tried yet another approach....

I pulled the initial snapshot folder off the  
publisher & put it on the  
subscriber. In the subscription properties, I  
told it to look in this  
folder on the subscriber, but I get an error  
message that the process could  
not read the file.

I'm just trying everything & I think I'm  
down to my problem has to do with  
the initial snapshot. PLEASE shove me in  
the right direction.....

"JLS" <jlshoop@xxxxxxxx> wrote in  
message  
[news:OvacGx39FHA.2616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...](mailto:news:OvacGx39FHA.2616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx...)  
I have setup everything from my domain

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to the dmz following the document  
from Replication Answers.com "Replication  
Across Non-Trusted Domains or  
Using the Internet"

When setting up the anonymous pull  
subscription, browsing for the DMZ  
publication, I see the DMZ server  
(Publisher) but when I click the (+) to  
view publications I am receiving the error  
message;

"Could not obtain information about  
Windows NT group / user 'DOMAIN  
NAME/SQLAdministrator' "

This is the account that runs my Sql Server  
Agent of the sql server in the  
domain (The Subscriber)

I don't want to use this account, the DMZ  
server is a part of the  
domain!!!! I have setup a sql account on  
both the domain sql server & the  
dmz sql server.

What am I missing? Where would it be  
retrieving this account?

I feel like I am so close. I was actually  
able to create a subscription  
by using Hilary's book & scripts from QA  
(But couldn't get the Agent to  
start – Start/Stop Agent were grayed out)

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JLS