

RE: application failed to initialize – Visual Studio 2005 with or with

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Hi Rob,

Yes, I see your concern over this issue. Actually, I have seen more than 1 customers complaining the lack of information from OS loader.

I have contacted the development team internal for feedback this issue, and below is comment based on the discussion:

What version of OS do you have this problem? The error message we see in the explorer error dialog is the standard error message for Win32 error SXS_CANT_GEN_ACTCTX. Explorer does not understand this error, so it shows a generic error message. OS loader will log the failure details to the system event log with source SideBySide. However, the details is still not enough under WinXP. In Windows Vista, our development team has awared of this requirement and added more details to make the troubleshooting easier. Our developer Junfeng Zhang has written a blog entry for this issue:

"Diagnosing SideBySide failures"

<http://blogs.msdn.com/junfeng/archive/2006/04/14/576314.aspx>

To troubleshoot loader problem under WinXP, I would recommend Process Monitor from the link below:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/utilities/processmonitor.msp>

You may take care of the file system records with "File Not Found" result.

If you are not familiar with using Process Monitor for troubleshooting, I highly recommend Mark Russinovich's online tech talk below:

"Advanced Windows Troubleshooting with Sysinternals Process Monitor"

<http://www.microsoft.com/emea/itsshowtime/sessionh.aspx?videoid=346>

Hope this helps.

Best regards,

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