

RE: Help: Unable to open Web service project in a .net solution.

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Hello CharlieBoy,

Welcome to the MSDN newsgroup.

From your description, I understand you have an .NET solution which contains

an ASP.NET webservice project. It works well on some win 2000 machines, however after you move the solution onto a windows 2003 machine, when opening the solution, it report "Unable to read the project file xxx" error against the ASP.NET project, correct?

Since your ASP.NET project has project file, I think you're developing under vs 2003/.net framework 1.1. Based on my experience, such problem is likely caused by some project or solution setting is corrupted or not compatible with the new machine after movement. For general troubleshooting, you can try the following things:

1. Compare the ASP.NET project's project file's content with the one on win2000 machine to see whether the content are identical or have any difference.
2. Since VS 2003 ASP.NET project is hosted in IIS, suggest him open the "project.webinfo" file to check whether the web app url is correct. You can exclude te project from that solution and test it individually.
3. Remove the project from the solution, create a new empty ASP.NET webservice project on the win 2003 server (at the same location in IIS as the original one) , after that copy the items into the new project and add it into the solution.

In addition, I've found some other threads discussing on the similar issue over public newsgroups. Some community members have suggested that we delete the ".suo" file (of the solution) which contains some customization setting of the whole solution before open the solution. You can refer to the following article to see whether it also helps:

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<http://www.velocityreviews.com/forums/t112064-unable-to-read-the-project-file.html>

Please feel free to let me know if the problem remains or there is any other new finding.

Sincerely,

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