

# VSTS Crashes when using the Compare Schema tool in SQL Server proj

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Hi all,

I am experimenting with the new SQL Server 2005 database project type in VSTS. It all looks pretty good so far, but when I try to compare databases schemas, VSTS crashes. Here is the repro:

- \* Create an empty solution.
- \* Add a new SQL Server 2005 database project. (Name irrelevant, but TestDatabase will suffice.)
- \* Confirm that this creates a real database in my SQL Server, called TestDatabase\_DB\_{GUID}.
- \* Switch to Schema View in the Solution Explorer.
- \* Add a new table (by right-clicking), called tblTest.

Now, let s say that I want to compare the schema to an existing database, so:

- \* Select the TestDatabase (top) node in the Schema View.
- \* Click the Compare Schema button.
- \* This opens a window in the main pane with a link labelled Connect to Databases . Click this link.

After a delay, I get an error message saying Microsoft Visual Studio has encountered a problem and needs to close. The dialog box has the option to send an error report to Microsoft.

I ve seen screenshots online from users that are able to use this feature, so it must work somehow. I d be most grateful for any suggestions. By the way, I ve already applied VSTS 2008 SP1.

Thanks,

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