

# Error in SQL Server Management Studio when trying to attach a database: Cannot show requested dialog

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## Symptom

Error in SQL Server Management Studio when trying to attach a database:

Cannot show requested dialog. Additional information: Parameter name: nColIndex Actual value was -1.  
(Microsoft.SqlServer.GridControl)

## Resolution

Error is caused by the user logged into SQL having the default database detached improperly. To solve this issue, log into SQL with another user and attach the database.

## Applies To

SQL Server 2005  
SQL Server 2005 Express  
SQL Server 2008  
SQL Server 2008 Express

## Additional Information

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