Unable to cast object of type 'System.DBNull' to type 'System.Byte[]' when record



Im trying to read and download BLOB from MYSQL. Even though the record exist but still I keep on getting this error . Following is my code:

```
this.Time = String.Format("{0:HH:mm:ss}", DropDownList1.SelectedValue);
    String query = "Select * from event where time='" + this.Time + "'";
    MySqlConnection conn = new MySqlConnection(connection);
    MySqlCommand cmd = new MySqlCommand(query, conn);
    String time = String.Format("{0:t}", DateTime.Today);
    conn.Open();
    MySqlDataReader r = cmd.ExecuteReader();
    while (r.Read())
    {
        TextBox1.Text = r["name"].ToString();
        TextBox2.Text = r["Proposedby"].ToString();
        bytes = (byte[])r["proposalDoc"];
        TextBox5.Text = Calendar1.SelectedDate.ToString("d");
        TextBox6.Text = r["time"].ToString();
        TextBox7.Text = r["Society"].ToString();
        TextBox8.Text = r["venue"].ToString();
    }
}
```

kindly tell how I can eliminate this error.

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c# mysql asp.net webforms ado.net
```





Are you sure it is not null? Add a if(DBNull.Value != r["proposalDoc"]) before it - juergen d Jan 15 '15 at 8:52 🖋

1 Answer

It might be that the record exists but the error tells you that the proposalDoc is db null. So the soultion would be to check if it is db null like this:

```
if(!Convert.IsDBNull(r["proposalDoc"]))
{
   bytes = (byte[])r["proposalDoc"];
}
```

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Thanks it worked! - puffles Jan 15 '15 at 9:37

now it is giving null exception in this statement context.Response.BinaryWrite(bytes); - puffles Jan 15 '15

at 10:03

Check why your context object is null, this is causing the issue. File a separate question for this, it is not related to same issue – Mrinal Kamboj Jan 15 '15 at 10:43

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