# Error: network path not found

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Error Information

- **Error Message:** Network path not found

- **Explanation:** This error message means that the server is not found.

- **Troubleshooting Steps:**
  - Create an UDL ⧉ file and try to connect to the server name.database.windows.net ⧉ in order to verify if there is an issue with the connectivity.
  - Took a netmon trace:
    - Start: **netsh trace start capture=yes tracefile=%temp%%computername%_nettrace.etl maxsize=400 filemode=circular overwrite=yes report=no**
    - Try to reproduce the issue.
    - Stop: **Netsh trace stop**
  - Using **Microsoft Message Analyzer or Microsoft NetMon monitor** try to find out the following text: "NbtNs:Query Request for servername <0x00> Workstation Service"
    - In this support case I have found that our **customer in the connection string has in the datasource** parameter a wrong server name.

Publicly Accessible References

- https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/connect/oledb/help-topics/data-link-pages?view=sql-server-ver16 ⧉

Internally Accessible References

- https://supportability.visualstudio.com/AzureSQLDB/_wiki/wikis/AzureSQLDB.wiki/812776/Connectivity-Universal-Data-Link-OLE-DB-Driver-Connection-Test

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