

# Error Solving Guide

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## Common Error Types and Solutions

### 1. GIF Capture Errors

#### Error: `frameDelay` is not defined

**Location:** `server_side/services/dashboardCreationService.js` **Error Message:**

```
[DEBUG] Error capturing Grafana GIF: Error [ReferenceError]: frameDelay is not defined
```

**Cause:** Environment variables for GIF capture settings are missing or not properly loaded. **Solution:**

1. Check `.env` file has these variables:

```
GIF_CAPTURE_DIR=captureGrafanaGIF
CAPTURE_WIDTH=1920
CAPTURE_HEIGHT=1080
CAPTURE_FRAMES=10
CAPTURE_FRAME_DELAY=500
CAPTURE_TIMEOUT=120000
```

2. Verify `process.env` values are being read in `captureGrafanaGIF` function
3. Add error handling for missing environment variables

#### Error: GIF File Not Found

**Location:** `server_side/services/slackService.js` **Error Message:** `ENOENT: no such file or directory` **Solution:**

1. Check multiple path formats:

```
const possiblePaths = [
  dashboard.local_snapshot_url,
  path.join(__dirname, '..', 'captureGrafanaGIF',
    path.basename(dashboard.local_snapshot_url)),
  path.join(process.cwd(), 'captureGrafanaGIF',
    path.basename(dashboard.local_snapshot_url)),
  path.join('captureGrafanaGIF', path.basename(dashboard.local_snapshot_url))
];
```

2. Ensure GIF directory exists and has proper permissions

3. Check file path normalization for Windows systems

## 2. Database Connection Errors

### Error: Connection Refused

**Location:** `server_side/config/dbConfig.js` **Error Message:** `ECONNREFUSED` **Solution:**

1. Check database host and port in `.env`:

```
MASTER_DB_HOST=172.16.16.26
MASTER_DB_PORT=5432
MASTER_DB_USER=postgres
MASTER_DB_PASS=root
```

2. Verify PostgreSQL is running
3. Check firewall settings
4. Verify connection pool settings:

```
DB_POOL_MAX=20
DB_POOL_TIMEOUT=5000
DB_POOL_IDLE_TIMEOUT=30000
```

### Error: Database Pool Exhaustion

**Location:** `server_side/config/dbConfig.js` **Error Message:** `timeout exceeded when trying to connect` **Solution:**

1. Implement pool refresh mechanism:

```
const refreshInterval = parseInt(process.env.DB_POOL_REFRESH_INTERVAL ||
DEFAULT_CONFIG.refresh_interval);
setInterval(refreshPool, refreshInterval);
```

2. Add proper error handling for pool events
3. Implement connection validation

## 3. Grafana API Errors

### Error: Authentication Failed

**Location:** `server_side/services/grafanaService.js` **Solution:**

1. Verify Grafana credentials in `.env`:

```
GRAFANA_BASE_URL=http://172.16.16.26:3000  
GRAFANA_USER=slack  
GRAFANA_PASSWORD=Welcom@123
```

2. Check if Grafana service is accessible
3. Verify API key permissions
4. Implement retry mechanism for transient failures

### Error: Dashboard Creation Failed

**Location:** `server_side/services/dashboardCreationService.js` **Solution:**

1. Check dashboard template validity
2. Verify datasource UIDs are correct
3. Ensure proper permissions in Grafana
4. Add error logging for debugging

## 4. Slack Integration Errors

### Error: Invalid Token

**Location:** `server_side/services/slackService.js` **Solution:**

1. Check user's Slack credentials in database:

```
SELECT * FROM credentials  
WHERE key_name IN ('SLACK_BOT_TOKEN', 'SLACK_CHANNEL_ID');
```

2. Verify bot token permissions
3. Ensure channel ID is correct
4. Implement token refresh if needed

### Error: File Upload Failed

**Location:** `server_side/services/slackService.js` **Solution:**

1. Check file size limits
2. Verify file permissions
3. Implement multi-step upload process:

```
// Step 1: Get upload URL  
const step1 = await  
  axios.post("https://slack.com/api/files.getUploadURLExternal...");  
  
// Step 2: Upload file  
const form = new FormData();  
form.append("file", fs.createReadStream(normalizedPath));
```

```
// Step 3: Complete upload
await axios.post("https://slack.com/api/files.completeUploadExternal"...);
```

## 5. Frontend Errors

### Error: API Connection Failed

**Location:** `frontend/src/api/axiosClient.js` **Solution:**

1. Check API URL in frontend `.env`:

```
REACT_APP_API_URL=http://localhost:8050
REACT_APP_API_TIMEOUT=30000
```

2. Verify CORS settings in backend
3. Implement retry logic:

```
const axiosClient = axios.create({
  baseURL: process.env.REACT_APP_API_URL,
  timeout: parseInt(process.env.REACT_APP_API_TIMEOUT)
});
```

### Error: State Management Issues

**Location:** `frontend/src/pages/CredentialsPage.jsx` **Solution:**

1. Implement proper state updates
2. Add error boundaries
3. Use proper React hooks
4. Add loading states

## 6. Environment Variable Issues

### Error: Missing Environment Variables

**Location:** Various files **Solution:**

1. Create comprehensive `.env.example`:

```
# Server Configuration
PORT=8050
HOST=0.0.0.0

# Database Configuration
MASTER_DB_HOST=localhost
```

```
MASTER_DB_PORT=5432

# Grafana Configuration
GRAFANA_BASE_URL=http://localhost:3000

# GIF Configuration
CAPTURE_FRAME_DELAY=500
CAPTURE_FRAMES=10
```

2. Implement environment validation
3. Add default values where appropriate

## Debugging Tips

### Backend Debugging

1. Enable debug logging:

```
LOG_LEVEL=debug
```

2. Check application logs:

```
tail -f logs/app.log
```

3. Monitor database connections:

```
SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity;
```

### Frontend Debugging

1. Enable React Developer Tools
2. Use browser console logging
3. Implement error boundaries:

```
class ErrorBoundary extends React.Component {
  componentDidCatch(error, errorInfo) {
    console.error('Error:', error);
    // Log to service
  }
}
```

### Network Debugging

1. Use browser Network tab
2. Monitor API responses
3. Check CORS headers

## Quick Solutions for Common Issues

### 1. Server Won't Start

```
# Check logs
pm2 logs
# Restart server
pm2 restart all
```

### 2. Database Issues

```
# Check PostgreSQL status
systemctl status postgresql
# Restart PostgreSQL
systemctl restart postgresql
```

### 3. GIF Capture Issues

```
# Clear GIF directory
rm -rf captureGrafanaGIF/*
# Check directory permissions
chmod 755 captureGrafanaGIF
```

### 4. Frontend Build Issues

```
# Clear node modules
rm -rf node_modules
npm install
# Clear cache
npm cache clean --force
```

## File Locations for Common Issues

### Backend Issues

- Database Configuration: `server_side/config/dbConfig.js`
- Grafana Integration: `server_side/services/grafanaService.js`
- Slack Integration: `server_side/services/slackService.js`
- GIF Capture: `server_side/services/dashboardCreationService.js`

## Frontend Issues

- API Client: `frontend/src/api/axiosClient.js`
- Credential Management: `frontend/src/pages/CredentialsPage.jsx`
- User Management: `frontend/src/pages/ManageUserPage.jsx`
- Layout Issues: `frontend/src/components/Layout.jsx`

## Monitoring and Maintenance

### Regular Checks

1. Database connection pool health
2. GIF directory size and cleanup
3. API response times
4. Frontend performance metrics

### Preventive Measures

1. Implement proper logging
2. Set up monitoring alerts
3. Regular database maintenance
4. Automated testing