

Error: Object reference not set to an instance of an object. (Microsoft.SqlServer.Smo)

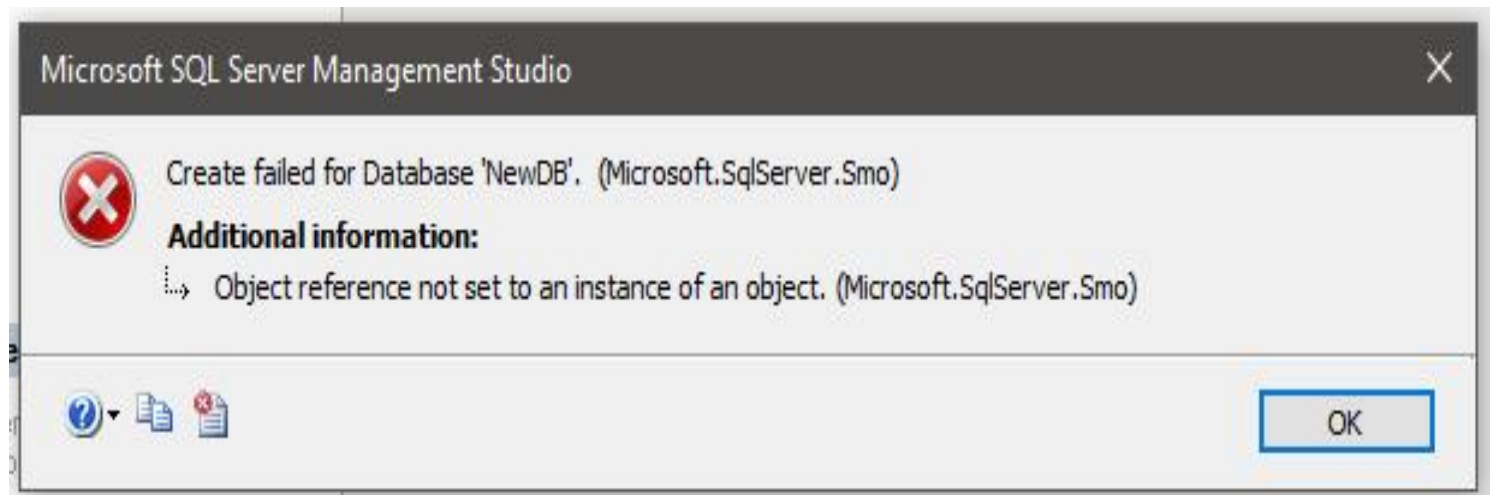
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Issue

You might bump into a case where the customer is unable to create a database for MI from the GUI in SSMS 17.9.1 getting the below error when attempting to create a new Managed Database:

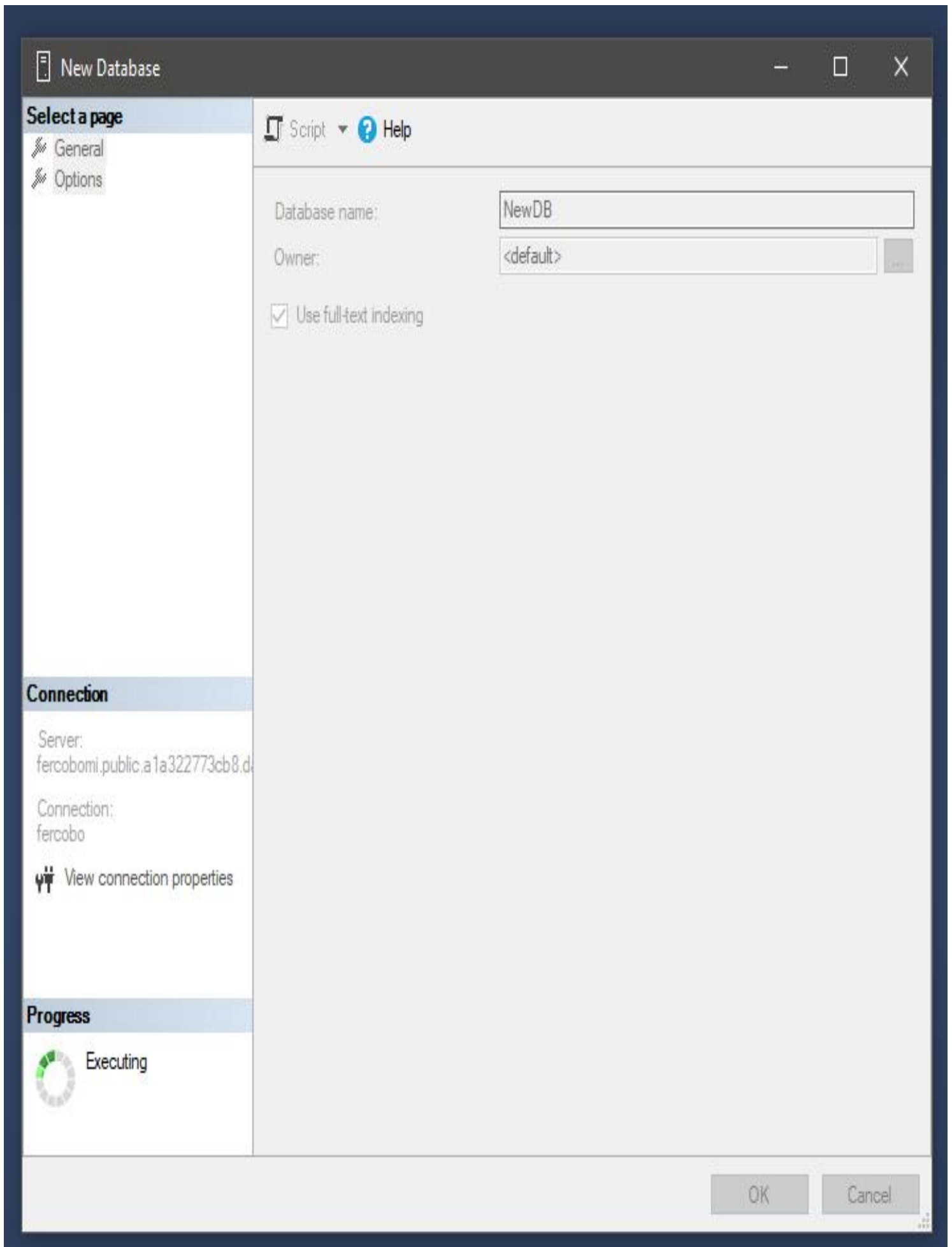


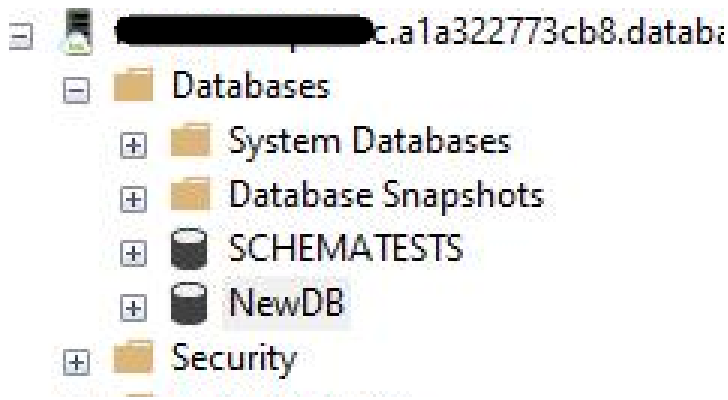
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Mitigation

Upgrade SSMS to the version 18.X.

From here, we can see that the database was successfully created using the GUI.





Use T-SQL to create a database

```
CREATE DATABASE X;
```

Use sqlcmd

```
sqlcmd -U USER -P password
```

```
CREATE DATABASE X  
GO;
```

Or

```
sqlcmd -i "path/to/script.sql";
```

Classification

Root cause tree:

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