How to find errors with replication agent jobs

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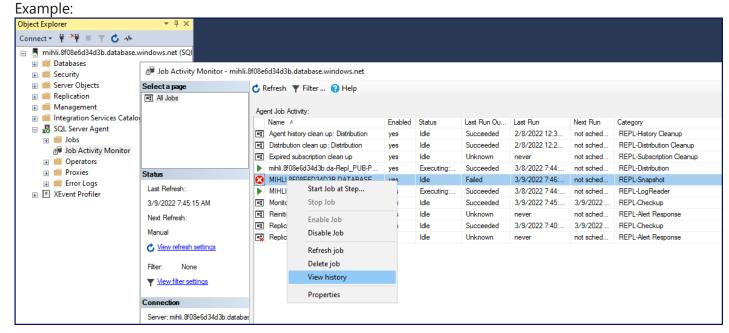
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This article shows you how you can identify and retrieve the errors reported by a failed replication agent job. Note that this is for the SQL Server Agent job itself, not the replication agent that is started and run by this job.

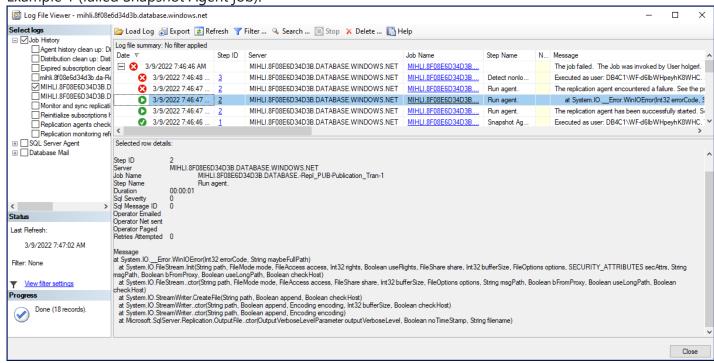
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- 1. In SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS), connect to the Managed Instance at which the agent is running (usually the Distributor MI).
- 2. Expand the SQL Server Agent node.
- 3. Open the Job Activity Monitor and identify the replication agent job for which you want to see the error details. Failed jobs are usually marked with a red "X", or might still be running and in retry status.
- 4. Right-click on the failing job and select Job History. This will open the Log File Viewer for the job and will show you the history of the recent start attempts.

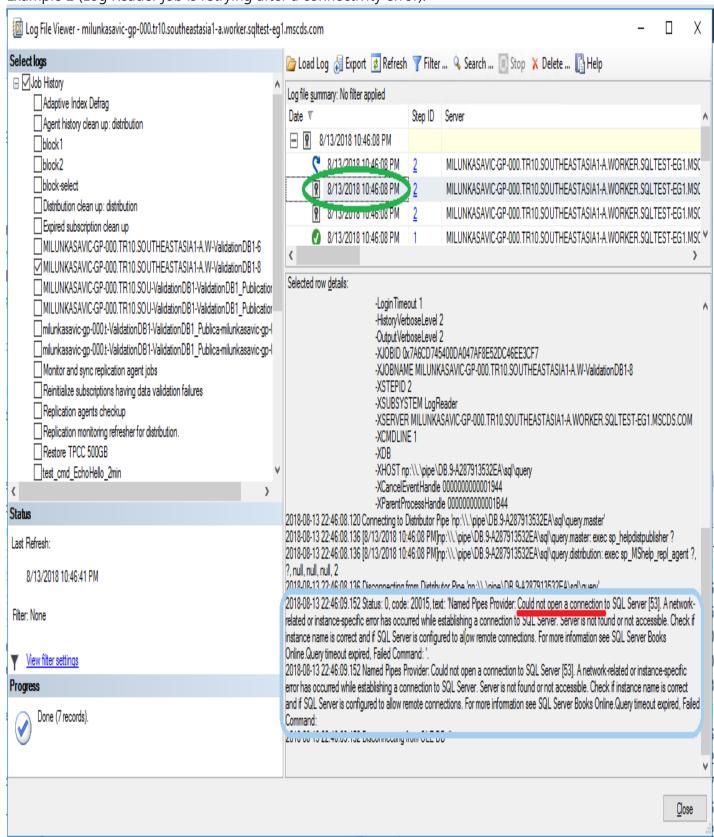


5. To see the error details, click on the last green entry below the entries that have the red "X". The entry with the red "X" or with the retry message does not give any details, only states "I have failed" or "I am retrying".

Example 1 (failed Snapshot Agent job):



Example 2 (Log Reader job is retrying after a connectivity error):



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