

SQL error 14080 - The remote server XXX does not exist, or has not been designated as a valid Publisher

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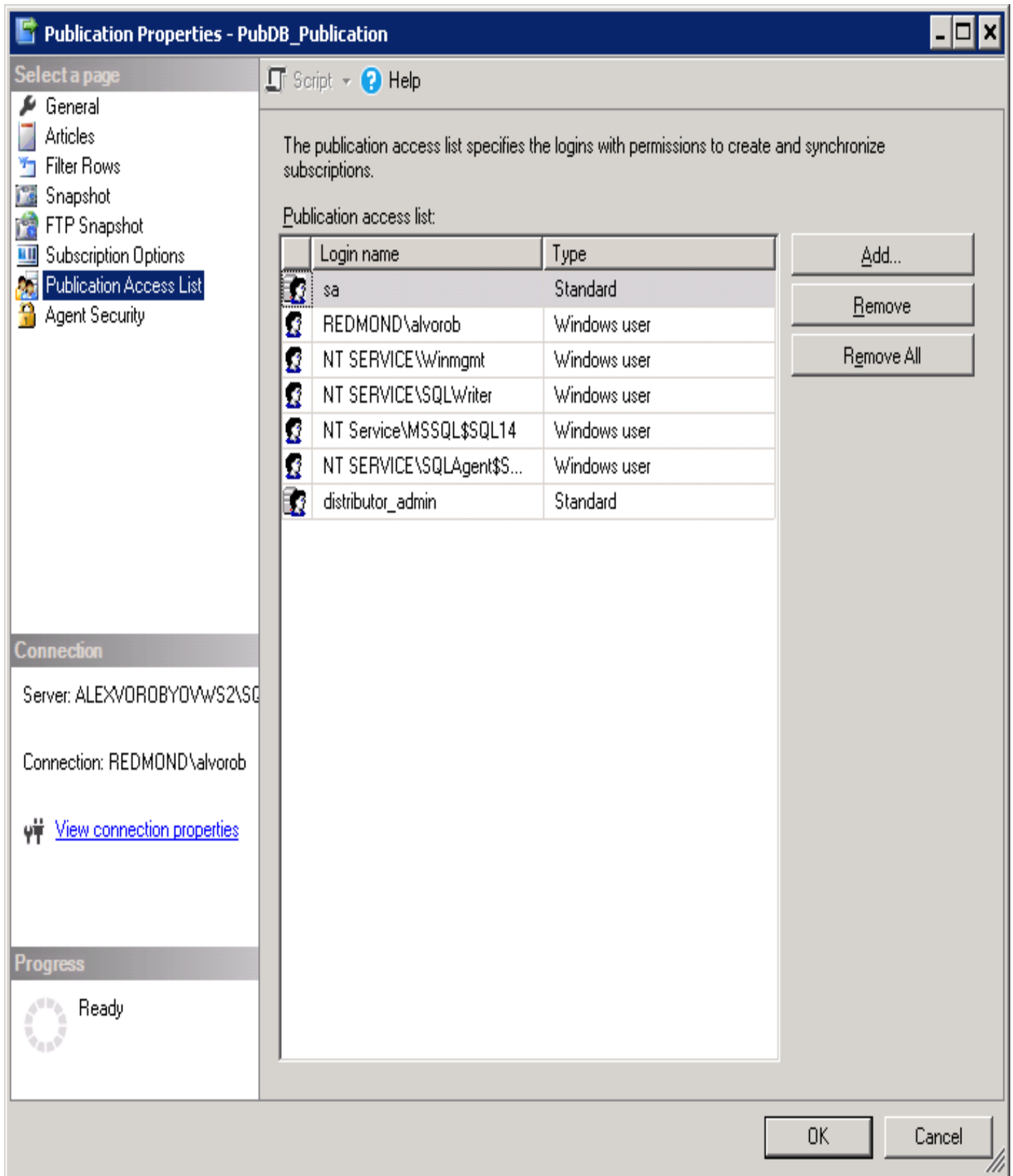
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SQL error 14080 - The remote server XXX does not exist, or has not been designated as a valid Publisher, or you may not have permission to see available Publishers.

This error might be faced if SQL user, configured to connect agent to a server, does not have enough permissions. The easiest fix for that is to grant sysadmin role to such user, or add user to Publication Access List under Publication Properties:

Server -> Replication -> Local Publications -> Publication -> (right click) -> Properties:



Following query can be used to populate configured user names, for appropriate agents and servers in replication topology:

```
select publisher_login, job_login as distribution_login, * from distribution.dbo.MSlogreader_agents
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```
select publisher_login, job_login as distribution_login, * from distribution.dbo.MSsnapshot_agents
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```
select subscriber_login, job_login as distribution_login, * from distribution.dbo.MSdistribution_agents
```

Also see following articles for more details:

- [Replication Agent Security Model](#)
- [Security and Protection \(Replication\)](#)
- [Secure the Distributor](#)
- [Secure the Publisher](#)
- [Secure the Subscriber](#)
- [Manage Logins in the Publication Access List](#)
- [sp_grant_publication_access \(Transact-SQL\)](#)
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