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DAL/VTAM: Can't DESCRIBE Group ID or PUBLIC Tables (8/94)

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TOPIC -----

I'm running DAL 1.3.5 VTAM against a DB2 database. On a DESCRIBE databases command (which is generated when users load tables in client tools like GQL and Dataprism), I can only see tables that have been specifically granted to me on my user ID. I can't see tables that are in the Group ID or PUBLIC, even when I open the database with the "as User" clause using the DAL Tester application.

This causes the client tools to deny access to tables I'm really authorized to see. I can issue queries from the DAL Tester, so I know DAL is letting me access them, just not describe them.

Is this inability for the DESCRIBE command to see all tables authorized a limit of DAL 1.3.5? Or is there a problem in host configuration with DAL server, DB2, or ACF2?

DISCUSSION -----

This isn't a limit in DAL. This is normally caused by the specific view or site-level view not being created at the same time that the DB2 catalogs deny read access to "Public." This normally results in the "-551" error from DB2.

The Database Administrator must create the correct view(s). Sample definitions for view creation are included in Appendix B of the Installation Guide.

If the DBA has created the view(s) and the problem persists, please send us the statement(s) used to create the view.

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