

Question

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## ERROR #5540: SQLCODE: -99 Message: User UnknownUser is not privileged for the operation

I am working on iris-for-money app: <https://github.com/oliverwilms/iris-for-money>

Account.csp posts a rest call with `SYSTEM` username and the password.

```
xhttp.open("POST", "/restapi/sql/" + query, true, "SYSTEM", "SYS");  
xhttp.send();
```

The error is logged in Riches.REST for this line:

```
Set tSC = tStatement.%Prepare(pQuery)
```

```
ClassMethod PostSQL(pQuery As %String = "", pIndex As %String = -1) As %Status
```

```
{  
  Do ..DebugTEST("Riches.REST - PostSQL")  
  Do ..DebugTEST("pQuery = "pQuery")  
  Set tSC = ..TestQuery(pQuery, pQuery)  
  Do ..DebugTEST("TestQuery = "pQuery")  
  Set tStatement = ##class(%SQL.Statement).%New()  
  Set tSC = tStatement.%Prepare(pQuery)  
  If $$$ISERR(tSC) {  
    Do ..DebugStatus(tSC)  
    Write "%Prepare failed:"  
    Do $System.Status.DisplayError(tSC) // QUIT  
  } Else {  
    #Dim rset As %SQL.StatementResult  
    // Execute the current statement and return the result. The result of the execute is always the return value.  
    // Success/Failure information is reported in the result object as %SQLCODE, %Message, %ROWCOUNT,  
    and/or %ROWID.  
    Set rset = tStatement.%Execute()  
    Do ..DebugTEST("%SQLCODE = "rset.%SQLCODE)  
    Do ..DebugTEST("%Message = "rset.%Message)  
    Do ..DebugTEST("%ROWID = "rset.%ROWID)  
  }  
  Quit tSC  
}
```

Why does the code fail with UnknownUser error when the request has `SYSTEM` username and a password?

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Product version: IRIS 2022.1

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Source

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