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EventID: 18456 - "Failed to open the explicitly specified database"

SQL Server Express 2008 R2 SP1

We're in the process of moving some applications from one server to another. We have a 3rd party program thats acting up. Its unable to connect to the sql server and gives the 18456 eventid in the event log.

We do not have Profiler and want to know if you guys have any ideas on how to manually do a trace to identify exactly whats going on.

Entire event:

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Log Name:      Application
Source:        MSSQL$SPEEDYCRAFT
Date:          22.07.2012 22:25:48
Event ID:      18456
Task Category: Logon
Level:         Information
Keywords:      Classic,Audit Failure
User:          N/A
Computer:      SERVER03.int.e-nor.no
Description:
Login failed for user 'scuser'. Reason: Failed to open the explicitly specified database
Event Xml:
<Event xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event">
  <System>
    <Provider Name="MSSQL$SPEEDYCRAFT" />
    <EventID Qualifiers="49152">18456</EventID>
    <Level>0</Level>
    <Task>4</Task>
    <Keywords>0x9000000000000000</Keywords>
    <TimeCreated SystemTime="2012-07-22T20:25:48.000000000Z" />
    <EventRecordID>55788</EventRecordID>
    <Channel>Application</Channel>
    <Computer>SERVER03.int.e-nor.no</Computer>
    <Security />
  </System>
  <EventData>
    <Data>scuser</Data>
    <Data> Reason: Failed to open the explicitly specified database.</Data>
    <Data> [CLIENT: 192.168.1.7]</Data>
    <Binary>184800000E00000015000000530045005200560045005200300033005C005300500045004500
  </EventData>
</Event>
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...or any other way (than manual trace) to figure out what is going on.. :)

✓ SOLUTION



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It turned out to be a error in a xml-file that the 3rd party app uses to connect to the database(s). So the app did infact try to connect to databases that did not exist. Thanks for help.