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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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1 Log Name: Application
2 Source: MSSQL$SPEEDYCRAFT
3 Date: 22.07.2012 22:25:48
4 Event ID: 18456
5 Task Category: Logon
6 Level: Information
7 Keywords: Classic,Audit Failure
8 User: N/A
9 Computer: SERVER03.int.e-nor.no
10 Description:
11 Login failed for user 'scuser'. Reason: Failed to open the explicitly spec
12 Event Xml:
13 <Event xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event">
14   <System>
15     <Provider Name="MSSQL$SPEEDYCRAFT" />
16     <EventID Qualifiers="49152">18456</EventID>
17     <Level>0</Level>
18     <Task>4</Task>
19     <Keywords>0x9000000000000000</Keywords>
20     <TimeCreated SystemTime="2012-07-22T20:25:48.000000000Z" />
21     <EventRecordID>55788</EventRecordID>
22     <Channel>Application</Channel>
23     <Computer>SERVER03.int.e-nor.no</Computer>
24     <Security />
25   </System>
26   <EventData>
27     <Data>scuser</Data>
28     <Data> Reason: Failed to open the explicitly specified database.</Data>
29     <Data> [CLIENT: 192.168.1.7]</Data>
30     <Binary>184800000E00000015000000530045005200560045005200300033005C0053
31   </EventData>
32 </Event>
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...or any other way (than manual trace) to figure out what is going on.. :)

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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.



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