

## change a named instance to default instance

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| Somehow, on my XP box, when I installed SQL Server 2000, I have only a  
| named  
| instance running (and no default instance).  
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| So, I have these ASP.NET applications that have "web.config" files that  
| are  
| trying to connect to "localhost".  
| My apps don't work until I change the connection string to  
| "computername\instancename".. even though there is only one SQL Server  
| running on my local machine.  
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| Is there anyway I can make my named instance behave like the default?  
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| Thanks,  
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Hello Brian,

*>From your post, my understanding on this issue is: You'd like to know how to change a named instance to the default instance. If I'm off base, please feel free to let me know.*

I truly understand this inconvenience this has brought you. However, there is no documented, supported way to change a named instance of SQL Server 2000 to the default instance. Indeed, a re-installation is the usual approach.

You could however, if it is feasible, just go to the client computer, and use the Client Network Configuration program on that machine to create the alias name and map that to your named instance of SQL Server 2000.

The following article is for your reference:

INF: How to Connect to an SQL Server 2000 Named Instance with the Previous Version's Client Tools (265808)

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:EN-US:265808>

The following steps are for your reference:

Configure an Ali