

Alias for a database name?

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Hi there,

I'm using SQL Server 2000.

I've created a database that has the name "SworderNet.ProductAnalysis." Various applications connect to this database using this name. Well, it turns out that certain programs like Excel have a problem accessing SQL databases that have a "." in the name. The simplest solution is obviously to just rename the database but it would be a major hassle to try to track down all of the various clients that use this database and change the appropriate config files to reflect the new name. Is there a way to create an "alias" name for this database (similar to a CNAME record in dns)? For example, I'd like to create an alias called "ProductAnalysis"... The original name would still work, but clients that have problems with "." embedded in the database name can just use the alias name instead.

Is it possible?

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Sincerely,
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