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Changing DOORS database ID

Technote (FAQ)

Question

Is it possible for you to change the database ID in IBM Rational DOORS?

Cause

You have set up an environment with a copy of your DOORS database and want to update the database identifier to distinguish it from your original data.

Answer

You should not change the DOORS database ID. Modifying this value is not supported.

The product is setup where it is not intended that database ID (db ID) be changed.

Certain functionality is known to rely on the db ID being consistent.

For example:

- Requirements Interchange Format (RIF)
- Data archive and restore
- External links to DOORS

Other possible areas of functionality that could be effected (where the dbID is used) is internal links which could be affected when performing archive and restore.

Since the operation of changing the database ID is not supported, the resulting expected behavior remains undefined. It is impractical to accurately identify a complete list of potential issues; however anywhere that the ID has been previously used will break if the value is altered. That includes anything from URLs for the database, to views with filters on specific modules, and even Access Control Lists (ACL) using Rational Directory Server (RDS).

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