

ODBC Administrator

The ODBC Administrator is used to create and manage data sources. Each data source is identified by a unique name. Data sources which have been previously defined are in the upper list (along with their associated driver). The lower list contains the names of ODBC drivers.

Creating a new data source

New data sources are created by selecting an ODBC driver from the lower list and choosing the Add New Name button after which additional dialogs will be displayed prompting you for the necessary details. Since each driver normally requires different details to define a data source, the dialogs and questions asked will depend on the driver you select.

Managing existing data sources

Existing data sources (those in the upper list) may be configured or removed by selecting the data source and choosing either Configure or Remove. As when a data source is created, what dialogs are displayed and what questions are asked depends on the driver which owns the data source.

An ODBC Data Source is a specific combination of a DBMS (SQL database management system), a remote host operating system, and a network.

An ODBC Driver is a Windows dynamic link library for accessing a specific type of DBMS (e.g., Microsoft SQL/Server, Oracle).