



THE
POWER
TO KNOW.

SAS[®] 9.2 Drivers for ODBC: User's Guide

Second Edition



The correct bibliographic citation for this manual is as follows: SAS Institute Inc. 2010. *SAS® 9.2 Drivers for ODBC: User's Guide, Second Edition*. Cary, NC: SAS Institute Inc.

SAS® 9.2 Drivers for ODBC: User's Guide, Second Edition

Copyright © 2010, SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA

ISBN 978-1-60764-552-8 (electronic book)

All rights reserved. Produced in the United States of America.

For a hardcopy book: No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, or otherwise, without the prior written permission of the publisher, SAS Institute Inc.

For a Web download or e-book: Your use of this publication shall be governed by the terms established by the vendor at the time you acquire this publication.

U.S. Government Restricted Rights Notice: Use, duplication, or disclosure of this software and related documentation by the U.S. government is subject to the Agreement with SAS Institute and the restrictions set forth in FAR 52.227-19 Commercial Computer Software-Restricted Rights (June 1987).

SAS Institute Inc., SAS Campus Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27513.

1st electronic book, April 2010

SAS® Publishing provides a complete selection of books and electronic products to help customers use SAS software to its fullest potential. For more information about our e-books, e-learning products, CDs, and hard-copy books, visit the SAS Publishing Web site at support.sas.com/publishing or call 1-800-727-3228.

SAS® and all other SAS Institute Inc. product or service names are registered trademarks or trademarks of SAS Institute Inc. in the USA and other countries. ® indicates USA registration.

Other brand and product names are registered trademarks or trademarks of their respective companies.

Contents

<i>What's New in SAS 9.2 Drivers for ODBC: User's Guide</i>	v
<i>Recommended Reading</i>	vii
Chapter 1 • SAS ODBC Driver	1
Overview: SAS ODBC Driver	1
What Is ODBC?	2
What Is the SAS ODBC Driver?	2
Types of Data Accessed with the SAS ODBC Driver	3
Understanding SAS	4
What Software Do I Need?	7
Accessibility Features in the SAS ODBC Driver	8
Chapter 2 • Defining Your Data Sources	9
Introduction to Defining Data Sources	9
Accessing the SAS ODBC Driver Dialog Boxes	10
Setting Up a Connection to Local Data	12
Setting Up a Connection to SAS/SHARE Server	15
Setting Up a Connection to SPD Server	18
TCP/IP Services File	20
SQL Options on the General Tab	21
Using the General Tab	22
Using the Servers Tab	23
Using the Libraries Tab	24
Modifying a Data Source Definition	26
Specifying a Different Server for a Defined Data Source	26
Deleting a Data Source Definition	27
Chapter 3 • Using the SAS ODBC Driver	29
Introduction to Using the SAS ODBC Driver	29
Accessing Your Data Sources	29
Understanding Access to Local Data Sources	30
Understanding Access to SAS/SHARE Data Sources	31
Userid/Password Override	31
Using Data Sets That Have One-Level Names	32
Updating Attached Tables	32
Using SQL Statements to Access SAS Data Sources	32
Accessing the SAS Libraries MAPS, SASUSER, and SASHELP	33
Passwords	33
Chapter 4 • Programmer's Reference	35
Introduction to the Programmer's Reference	35
Support for and Implementation of ODBC Functions	36
Support for SQL Grammar	39
Supported Data Types	39
User-Specified SQL Options	43
Security Notes	44
SAS ODBC Driver Error Codes	45
Chapter 5 • Return Codes and Associated Messages	47

SAS ODBC Driver Return Codes	47
S1000 Communications Access Method Errors	47
TCP/IP Winsock Return Codes	48
Glossary	51
Index	53

What's New in SAS 9.2 Drivers for ODBC: User's Guide

Overview

This document has a new title for SAS 9.2. Its title in previous releases was *SAS ODBC Driver: User's Guide and Programmer's Reference*.

In this release, SAS provides the following enhancements to the SAS ODBC Driver:

- three new SQL options that affect the interaction between the SAS ODBC Driver, SAS, and the ODBC application
- the driver prompts for user ID and password when authenticating to SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server
- documentation enhancements for *SAS 9.2 Drivers for ODBC: User's Guide*

The SAS Table Server Driver for ODBC, which enables access to the SAS Table Server, is deprecated in the third maintenance release for SAS 9.2.

New SQL Options

SQL option **Use client code page** tells the driver to use the client's code page information when transcoding multi-byte characters to and from WideChar. The option **Infer type in min/max functions** tells the driver to attempt to determine the format of a column that is used as input to a MIN or MAX function, and to use that format to infer the SQL type of the column.

In the second maintenance release after SAS 9.2, the option **Quote Char is NULL** is available. This option tells the driver to use an empty string for the SQL_IDENTIFIER_QUOTE_CHAR InfoType of the SQLGetInfo method.

Authentication to SPD Server

In the second maintenance release after SAS 9.2, the SAS ODBC Driver has improved authentication to SPD Server. If an authentication attempt fails, the SAS ODBC Driver

provides a real-time prompt for user ID and password credentials. The SAS ODBC Driver permits three authentication attempts.

Documentation Enhancements

- A note has been added about support for Unicode UTF-8 encoding.
- The list of systems on which SAS/ACCESS software is available has been updated.
- Obsolete information about manually converting DDE servers to TCP servers has been removed because the conversion happens automatically.
- Information about how the SAS ODBC Driver supports direct connections to SPD Server has been added. (Connections to SPD SNET are not supported with SAS 9 and later versions of the SAS ODBC Driver.)
- If the client machine has a server form of Microsoft Windows, such as Windows Server 2003, then SAS/SHARE software must be licensed on the client machine. This license requirement applies even if you want to access local data only.
- In the second maintenance release after SAS 9.2, information and examples about creating DATE, TIME, and DATETIME values are added. Information and examples are in Chapter 4, “Programmer's Reference.”
- In the second maintenance release after SAS 9.2, obsolete information about unencrypted passwords is removed. The obsolete information described how the SAS ODBC Driver encrypts passwords in server definitions that were created by SAS ODBC Driver versions older than Release 8.1 of SAS. When the SAS 9.2 Drivers for ODBC are installed, the installation software deletes all SAS server definitions, which removes all password information. When the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box is used to add or modify data sources, passwords are stored in encrypted form.
- In the second maintenance release after SAS 9.2, Chapter 2, “Defining Your Data Sources,” is revised. The chapter provides procedural information for configuring connections to local data, a SAS/SHARE server, and SPD Server.

SAS Table Server Driver for ODBC

In the third maintenance release for SAS 9.2, the SAS Table Server Driver for ODBC is deprecated. As a result, information about the SAS Table Server Driver for ODBC is removed.

Recommended Reading

- *SAS/ACCESS for Relational Databases: Reference*
- *SAS Companion for Windows*
- *SAS Language Reference: Concepts*
- *SAS/SHARE User's Guide*

For a complete list of SAS publications, go to support.sas.com/bookstore. If you have questions about which titles you need, please contact a SAS Publishing Sales Representative at:

SAS Publishing Sales
SAS Campus Drive
Cary, NC 27513
Telephone: 1-800-727-3228
Fax: 1-919-531-9439
E-mail: sasbook@sas.com
Web address: support.sas.com/bookstore

Chapter 1

SAS ODBC Driver

Overview: SAS ODBC Driver	1
What Is ODBC?	2
What Is the SAS ODBC Driver?	2
Types of Data Accessed with the SAS ODBC Driver	3
Understanding SAS	4
SAS Data Sets	4
Unicode UTF-8 Support	5
SAS Libraries	5
SAS Servers	6
SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server	6
SAS Terminology	7
What Software Do I Need?	7
Accessibility Features in the SAS ODBC Driver	8

Overview: SAS ODBC Driver

This document describes the SAS ODBC Driver for SAS 9.1 and SAS 9.2. If you are using the Version 8 driver, see *SAS ODBC Driver User's Guide and Programmer's Reference, Version 8*.

This document is intended for three audiences:

- users who use the SAS ODBC Driver to access data that is stored on their own computers¹
- system administrators who use the SAS ODBC Driver to enable multiple users to access shared data on a remote machine
- application programmers and others who need information about how the SAS ODBC Driver is implemented

This document assumes that you are familiar with your Windows operating environment and that you know how to use a mouse and keyboard to perform common Windows tasks.

¹ For more information about what types of data you can access, see “Types of Data Accessed with the SAS ODBC Driver” on page 3.

What Is ODBC?

ODBC stands for Open Database Connectivity. ODBC is an interface standard that provides a common application programming interface (API) to access databases. Most software that runs in the Windows operating environment follows this standard for data access so that you can access data created by a variety of software applications.

ODBC functionality is provided by three main components:

- the client application
- the ODBC Driver Manager
- the ODBC driver

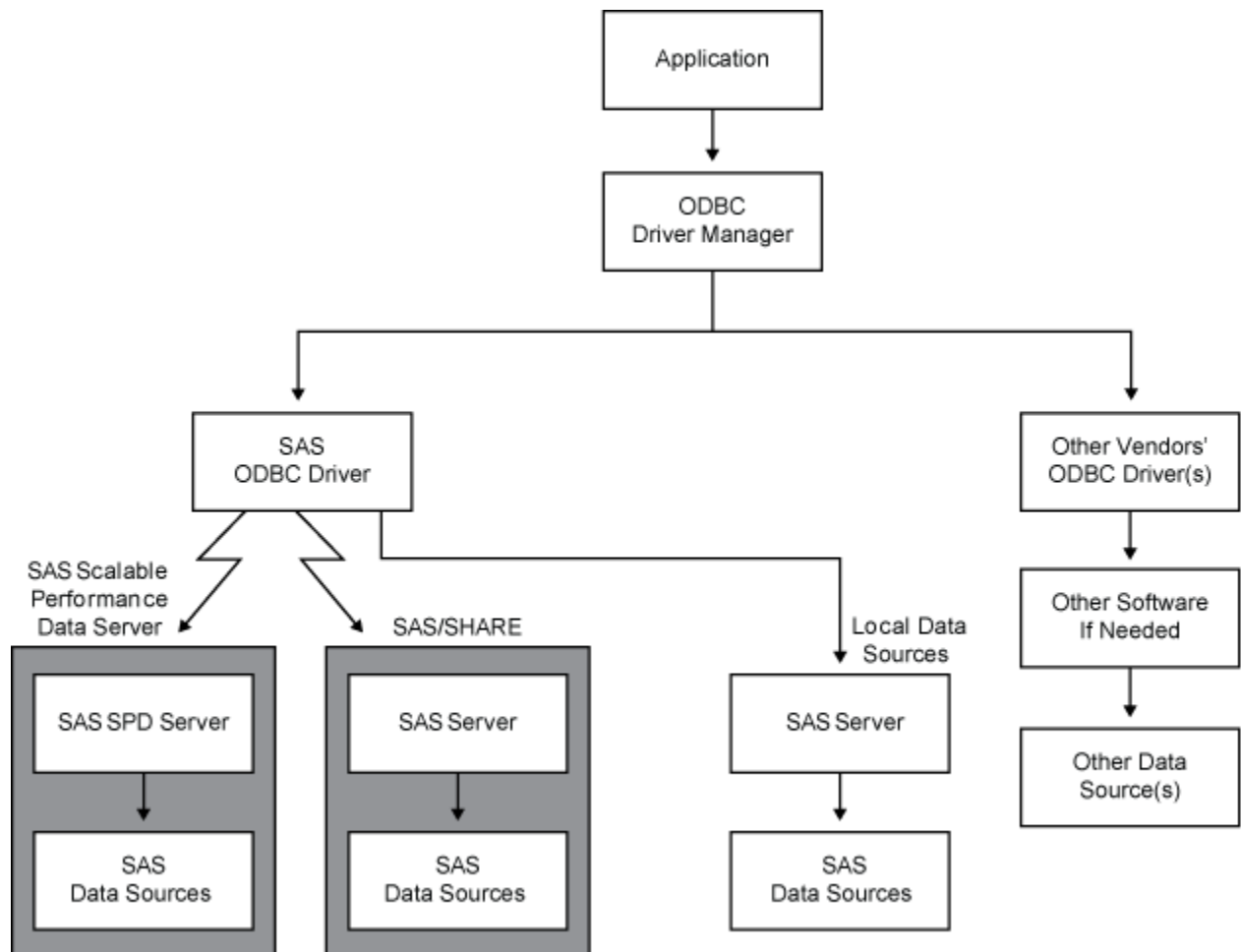
The following figure displays the components of ODBC functionality. The ODBC Driver Manager, which was developed by Microsoft, manages the interaction between a client application and one or more ODBC drivers.

What Is the SAS ODBC Driver?

The SAS ODBC Driver is an implementation of the ODBC interface standard that enables you to access, manipulate, and update SAS data sources from applications that are ODBC compliant. As the following figure shows, the SAS ODBC Driver uses a SAS server to access data from your SAS data sources. The SAS server can be a local and minimized SAS session or a remote SAS/SHARE server. (For more information, see [“SAS Servers” on page 6](#).) If you use other ODBC drivers (such as an ODBC driver for Oracle or SQL Server) to access other data sources, those ODBC drivers might require additional software components.

Note: To access ODBC data sources from SAS (the opposite of what the SAS ODBC Driver enables you to accomplish), you must license SAS/ACCESS Interface to ODBC software. For more information, see *SAS/ACCESS for Relational Databases: Reference*.

Figure 1.1 Components of ODBC Functionality



Types of Data Accessed with the SAS ODBC Driver

In the previous figure and throughout this document, the term SAS data sources is used to describe data sources that you have defined in the SAS ODBC Driver. These can include SAS data sets, flat files, and VSAM files, as well as data from many database management systems (DBMSs) through the use of SAS/ACCESS software. (For more information, see [“SAS Data Sets” on page 4.](#))

If your PC is connected to a TCP/IP network, you can access both local data sources and remote data sources. (For more information about software requirements, see [“What Software Do I Need?” on page 7.](#)) Local data is data that you access through a SAS server on your local machine. The data can be stored either on your computer's hard drive or on a network file system, such as a NetWare Windows NT file server, or a Windows shared folder, that makes the physical location of the data transparent to applications. Remote data is data that you access through a SAS/SHARE server that runs on another (remote) machine.

The ability to use the SAS ODBC Driver with SAS/ACCESS software as a gateway to DBMS data is particularly useful in the following situations:

- When the DBMS vendor does not offer an ODBC driver. In this situation, you can use the SAS ODBC Driver with SAS/ACCESS software on the SAS server to connect to the DBMS. SAS/ACCESS software to the DBMS must be licensed.
- You do not have a software license for the necessary software (either an ODBC driver for the DBMS or DBMS network access software) on your client machine.
- You want to merge DBMS data with other data.

Currently, SAS/ACCESS software is available for the following systems:

- ADABAS
- CA-IDMS
- DB2 under UNIX, Windows, and z/OS
- HP Neoview
- IMS
- Informix
- SQL Server
- MySQL
- Netezza
- ODBC
- OLE-DB
- Oracle
- PC Files
- Sybase
- SYSTEM 2000
- Teradata

For more information about the individual SAS/ACCESS interfaces, see *SAS/ACCESS for Relational Databases: Reference*.

Understanding SAS

SAS Data Sets

A SAS data set is a file structured in a format that SAS can access. The physical object contains the following elements:

- data values that are stored in tabular form
- a descriptor portion that defines the types of data to SAS

The physical locations of the data values and the descriptor are not necessarily contiguous.

SAS data sets have two forms: data files and data views. SAS data files are relational tables with columns (or variables) and rows (or observations). The SAS data file structure can have many of the characteristics of a DBMS, including indexing, compression, and password protection.

SAS data views are definitions or descriptions of data that resides elsewhere. SAS data views enable you to use SAS to access many different data sources, including flat files, VSAM files, and DBMS structures, as well as native SAS data files. A data view eliminates the need to know anything about the structure of the data or the software that created it. Data views need very little storage because they contain no data. They access the most current data from their defined sources because they collect the actual data values only when they are called.

You can use data views to define subsets of larger structures, or supersets of data that have been enhanced with calculated values. You can create SAS data views that combine views of dissimilar data sources. For example, you can combine a view of a relational DB2 table with a view of a SAS data file, a view of hierarchical IMS data, or even a view from a PC-based dBASE file.

You create SAS data views in three ways:

- with the DATA step (DATA step views)
- with the SQL procedure (PROC SQL views)
- with SAS/ACCESS software (SAS/ACCESS views)

You can use SAS/ACCESS software to work directly with DBMS tables, such as DB2 and Oracle, as if they were SAS data sets and data views by using the SAS/ACCESS LIBNAME statement. For more information, see *SAS/ACCESS for Relational Databases: Reference*.

These data views have some variation:

DATA step views

describe data from one or more sources, including flat files, VSAM files, and SAS data sets (either data files or other data views). You cannot use a DATA step view to update the view's underlying data because DATA step views only read other files.

For more information about how to create and use DATA step views, see “DATA Step Views,” in *SAS Language Reference: Concepts*.

PROC SQL views

define either a subset or a superset of data from one or more SAS data sets. These data sets can be data files or data views, and can include data sets composed of DBMS data that are created with the SAS/ACCESS LIBNAME statement, and data views that are created with the SQL Pass-Through Facility to access DBMS data. You can also create PROC SQL views of DBMS data by using an embedded LIBNAME statement.

For example, an SQL procedure can combine data from PROC SQL views, DATA step views, and SAS/ACCESS views with data in a SAS data file. You cannot use a PROC SQL view to update the view's underlying files or tables. However, with some restrictions, you can use the UPDATE, DELETE, and INSERT statements in the SQL procedure to update data that is described by SAS/ACCESS views.

For more information about the SQL Pass-Through Facility, see “Overview: SQL Procedure,” in *Base SAS Procedures Guide*.

Unicode UTF-8 Support

The SAS ODBC Driver supports data sets with UTF-8 encoding.

SAS Libraries

SAS data sets are contained in libraries. Each SAS library has two names: a physical name and a logical name (libref). The physical name of the library fully identifies the directory

or operating system data structure that contains the data sets. Therefore, the physical name must conform to the rules for naming files within your operating system.

You use the libref to identify a group of data sets (files or views) within SAS. The libref is a temporary name that you associate with the physical name of the SAS library during each SAS job or session. After the libref is assigned, you can read, create, or update files in the library. A libref is valid only for the current SAS job or session and you can reference it repeatedly within that job or session.

You can use SAS/ACCESS software to associate a SAS libref with a DBMS database, schema, server, or group of tables and views, such as a DB2 database or group of Oracle tables and views. For more information about using SAS/ACCESS software, see *SAS/ACCESS for Relational Databases: Reference*.

For more information about SAS libraries, see “SAS Libraries,” in *SAS Language Reference: Concepts*.

SAS Servers

To access your SAS data sources, the SAS ODBC Driver uses a SAS server. A SAS server is a SAS procedure (either PROC SERVER or PROC ODBCSEVER) that runs in its own SAS session. It accepts input and output requests from other SAS sessions and from the SAS ODBC Driver on behalf of the applications that are ODBC compliant. While the server is running, the SAS session does not accept input from the keyboard.

The type of server that the driver uses depends on whether you are accessing local data or remote data:

local data

The SAS ODBC Driver uses a SAS ODBC server to access your data. If you do not already have a SAS session running on your computer, the driver starts a SAS session and executes PROC ODBCSEVER, which automatically starts the SAS ODBC server when you connect to your local data source. For more information, see “[Understanding Access to Local Data Sources](#)” on page 30. If you have a SAS session running on your computer (but not a SAS ODBC server), then you must either start the SAS ODBC server manually or end the SAS session before you connect to your local data sources.

remote data

The SAS ODBC Driver uses a SAS/SHARE server or a SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server to access remote data. SAS/SHARE software or SPD Server must be licensed on the remote host. The driver requires TCP/IP software that is included with your operating system to communicate with either type of SAS server. For a SAS/SHARE server, your server administrator uses PROC SERVER to start the server on the remote host. For more information, see “[Understanding Access to SAS/SHARE Data Sources](#)” on page 31.

The SAS ODBC Driver can communicate with a SAS/SHARE server or an SPD Server. You can interchange SAS data and SPD Server data by using the LIBNAME statement engine option in either SAS or SPD Server.

SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server

The SPD Server uses the latest parallel processing methods and data server capabilities to efficiently access large volumes of data and to serve large numbers of concurrent users. The SPD Server provides efficient data access for hundreds of users across multiple processors. The SAS ODBC Driver can be configured for a direct connection to an SPD Server. ODBC connections to SPD SNET are not supported with SAS 9 and later versions of the SAS ODBC Driver.

The SPD Server allows access to SAS data for intensive processing (queries and sorts) on the host server machine. It organizes and processes SAS data to take advantage of parallel processors on specific host servers.

You must have the SPD Server licensed on your client machine. Then, you can interchange SAS data and SPD Server data by using the LIBNAME statement engine option either in SAS or on the SPD Server. For more information, see *SAS Scalable Performance Data Server: User's Guide*.

SAS Terminology

Software products often include similar components or constructs that are known by different names. For the ODBC standard and SAS, the following correspondences exist:

ODBC term	SAS Term
owner	library name (libref)
table	data set
qualifier	SAS data does not use a qualifier

Therefore, if your application that is ODBC compliant asks you to specify the owner for a SAS library, you should specify the libref. If the application asks for a table name, you should specify the name of the SAS data set. If a qualifier is requested, you can usually leave the field blank.

What Software Do I Need?

The SAS ODBC Driver is a 32-bit application that runs on 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows XP, Windows 2003, and Windows Vista. If the operating system is a server form of Microsoft Windows such as Windows Server 2003, then SAS/SHARE software must be licensed even if the data source is local data. Other software requirements depend on your hardware configuration and on the data sources that you want to access, as shown in the following table:

Note: The 16-bit version (shipped with Releases 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 of SAS) can be downloaded from the SAS Web site and runs under Windows 3.1, 32s, and Windows for Workgroups.

Table 1.1 Software Requirements

Data Source	Configuration	Requirements
local SAS data only	Stand-alone PC	Base SAS software*
local SAS data and local DBMS data	Stand-alone PC	Base SAS software* SAS/ACCESS interface for each DBMS

Data Source	Configuration	Requirements
remote SAS data	PC on a network	On the client PC, the SAS ODBC Driver is required.** On the remote host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base SAS software • SAS/SHARE software
remote SAS data and remote DBMS data	PC on a network	On the client PC, the SAS ODBC Driver is required.** On the remote host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base SAS software • SAS/SHARE software • SAS/ACCESS interface for each DBMS

* For local data access, Base SAS software includes the SAS ODBC Driver, but you install the driver separately. If the operating system is a server form, such as Windows 2003 Server, then SAS/SHARE software must be licensed for accessing local data.

** For remote data access, install the SAS ODBC Driver on your client PC. The SAS license for the remote host must include SAS/SHARE software.

Accessibility Features in the SAS ODBC Driver

The SAS ODBC Driver includes accessibility and compatibility features that improve usability of the product for users with disabilities. These features are related to accessibility standards for electronic information technology adopted by the U.S. Government under Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. If you have questions or concerns about the accessibility of SAS products, send e-mail to accessibility@sas.com.

Chapter 2

Defining Your Data Sources

Introduction to Defining Data Sources	9
Accessing the SAS ODBC Driver Dialog Boxes	10
Setting Up a Connection to Local Data	12
Setting Up a Connection to SAS/SHARE Server	15
Setting Up a Connection to SPD Server	18
TCP/IP Services File	20
Understanding the TCP/IP Services File	20
Editing the TCP/IP Services File	21
SQL Options on the General Tab	21
Using the General Tab	22
Using the Servers Tab	23
Purpose of the Servers Tab	23
Deleting a Server Definition	23
Modifying a Server Definition	24
Using the Libraries Tab	24
Purpose of the Libraries Tab	24
Defining Libraries at Server Start-Up Time	25
Deleting a Data Library Definition	26
Modifying a Data Library Definition	26
Modifying a Data Source Definition	26
Specifying a Different Server for a Defined Data Source	26
Deleting a Data Source Definition	27

Introduction to Defining Data Sources

After you install the SAS ODBC Driver, you must provide information about the data sources that you want to access. This chapter explains how to use the SAS ODBC Driver dialog boxes to provide the information.

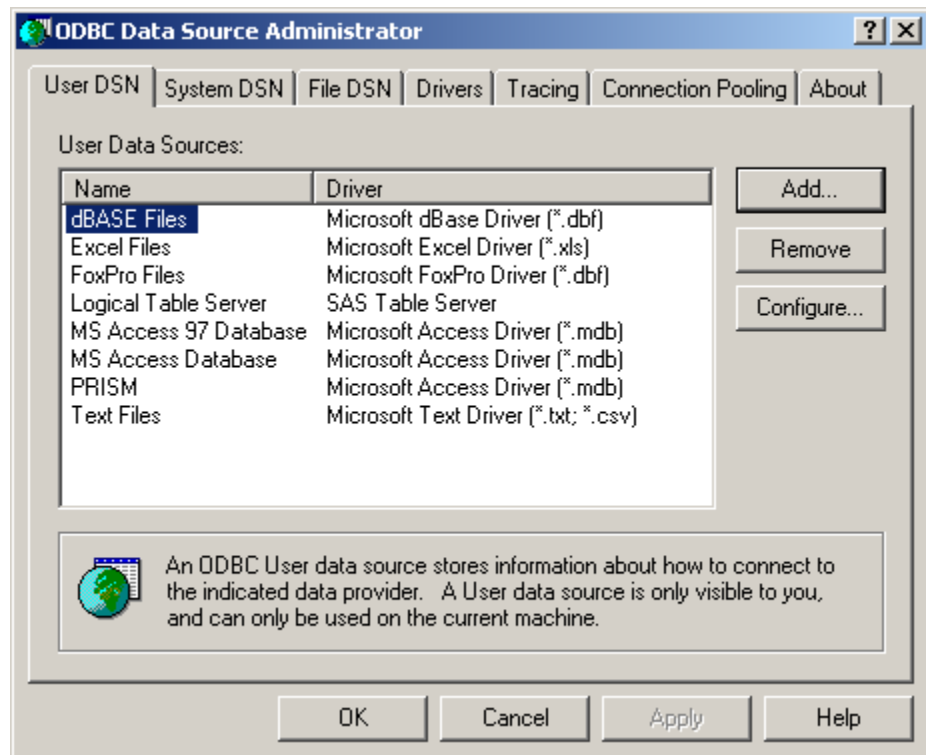
From the SAS ODBC Driver dialog boxes, you can select **Help** at any time to obtain information about the active dialog box.

Accessing the SAS ODBC Driver Dialog Boxes

To access the SAS ODBC Driver dialog boxes, complete these steps:

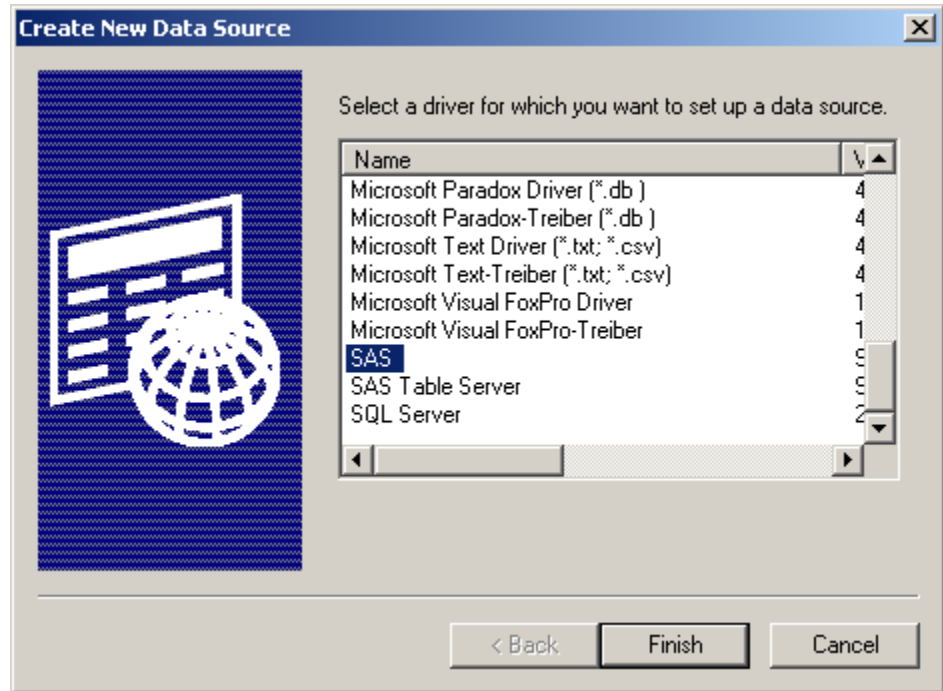
1. Access the Windows Control Panel by selecting **Start** ⇒ **Settings** ⇒ **Control Panel**.
Find the ODBC Data Sources or ODBC Administrator icon. This icon might be located in the Control Panel group, an ODBC group, or in the Administrative Tools group. If you have installed a package of other ODBC drivers, this icon might be in a group that is associated with that package.
2. Double-click the icon. Depending on the version of ODBC Administrator that you have installed, you might see a slight variation in the following dialog box:

Display 2.1 ODBC Data Source Administrator Dialog Box



3. To add a new data source, select either the **User DSN** tab or the **System DSN** tab, and click **Add**. The Create New Data Source dialog box appears.

Display 2.2 Create New Data Source Dialog Box

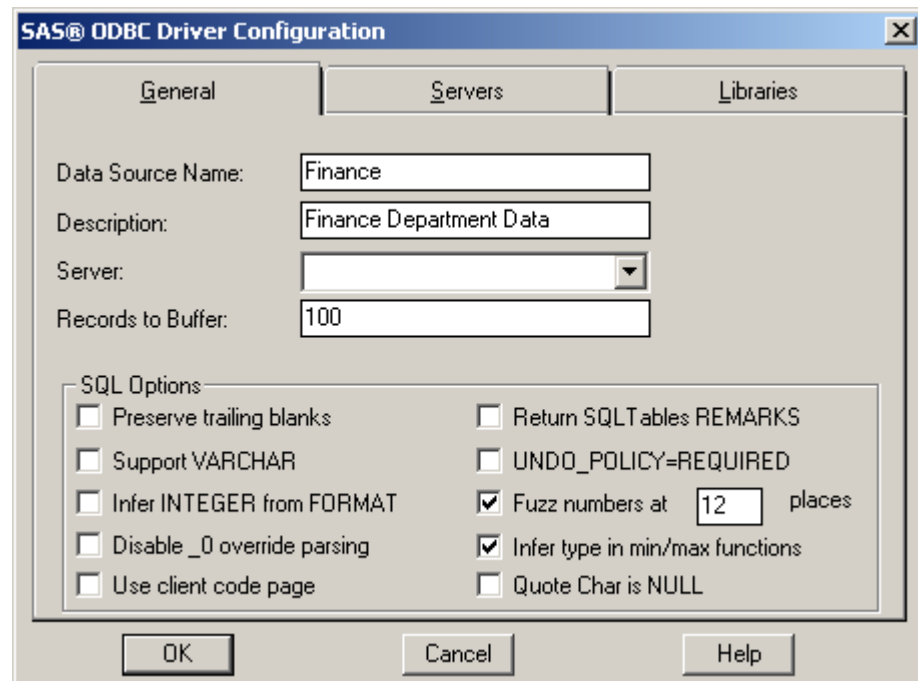


- To select the SAS ODBC Driver, scroll down the list of installed ODBC drivers (if necessary) and select **SAS**. Click **Finish**.

Note: Select **SAS** even if you are going to use a SAS data view to access data that is not SAS. The SAS Table Server option is deprecated.

The SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box appears.

Display 2.3 SAS ODBC Driver Configuration Dialog Box



At the top of this dialog box are three tabs: **General**, **Servers**, and **Libraries**. On each tab, provide information about the data source that you want to access.

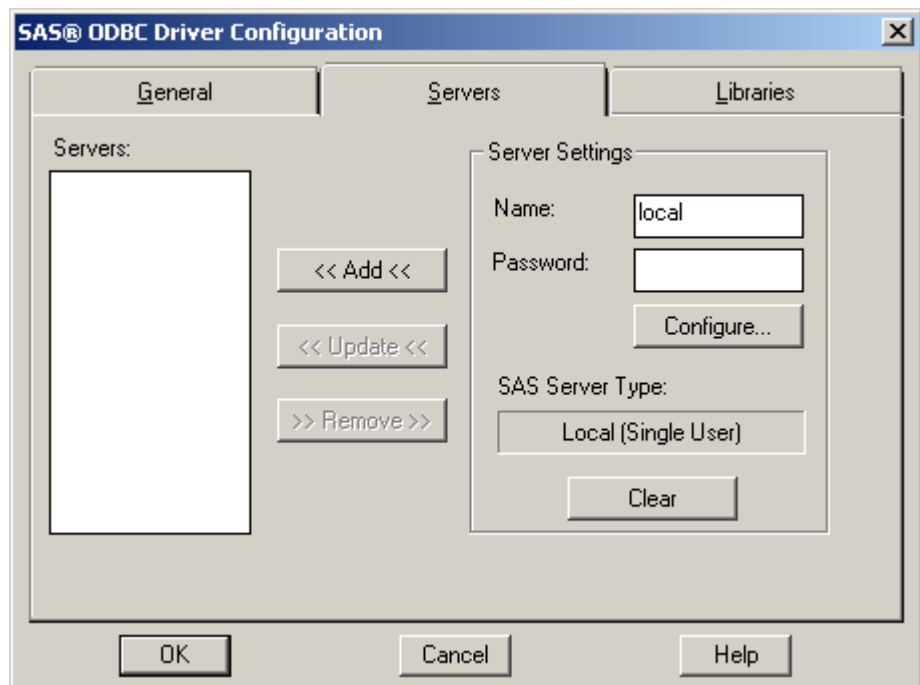
For more information about connecting to data sources, see the following topics:

- “Setting Up a Connection to Local Data” on page 12
- “Setting Up a Connection to SAS/SHARE Server” on page 15
- “Setting Up a Connection to SPD Server” on page 18

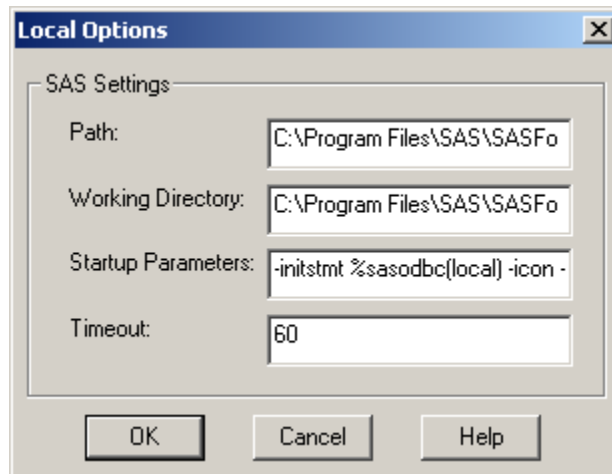
Setting Up a Connection to Local Data

Use the instructions in this section to create a Data Source Name (DSN) for accessing data on the local workstation. When you access local data from an ODBC-compliant application, the SAS ODBC Driver starts a SAS ODBC server, unless a SAS ODBC server is already running. The SAS ODBC Driver then connects to the SAS ODBC server and provides access to the libraries that are associated with the DSN.

1. Access the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box.
2. Click the **Servers** tab. In the **Name** field, enter a name such as `local`. This value identifies the name of the SAS ODBC server process. `Local (Single User)` appears in the **SAS Server Type** field.



3. Click **Configure**. The Local Options dialog box appears.



Each field in the Local Options dialog box contains default values that you can change by typing over them.

Path

specifies the fully qualified pathname for the SAS executable file (SAS.EXE) that you use to start a SAS session. The default path is `C:\Program Files\SAS\SASFoundation\9.2\sas.exe`¹. If this field is left blank, then no attempt is made to start a SAS ODBC server when you connect to your data source.

Working Directory

specifies the fully qualified pathname for the directory that you want to use as the SAS working directory. This directory is usually where your SAS program files and documents are located. The default path is `C:\Program Files\SAS\SASFoundation\9.2`.

Startup Parameters

specifies the parameters that are used to invoke SAS. The default values are initialization statement (`-initstmt`), which executes a SAS macro (`%SASODBC`), which invokes the SAS ODBC server. The `local` value is only an example. It is a SAS macro parameter whose value is taken from the name that you specified in the **Name** field of the **Servers** tab. The `-icon` option specifies that the SAS ODBC server should be invoked as a minimized SAS session because no interaction with the server is required. The `-nosplash` option (not shown) specifies that the SAS session is invoked without displaying the SAS logo and copyright information.

The `%SASODBC` macro is provided with SAS and is found in `!SASROOT\core\sasmacros\sasodbc.sas`². The `sasodbc.sas` file executes PROC ODBCSEV.

The `sasodbc.sas` file can be modified to add SAS options or SAS statements, such as the LIBNAME statements mentioned in “[Defining Libraries at Server Start-Up Time](#)” on page 25. In addition, you can add options to PROC ODBCSEV. The available options are the same as those for PROC SERVER. For more information, see *SAS/SHARE User's Guide*.

An additional option, `LOG=QUERY`, is relevant for servers that are used by the SAS ODBC Driver. This option causes the server to log SQL queries. (By default, the server logs update and output operations, but not queries.) This option is useful

¹ The SAS ODBC Driver queries the registry for the current version of SAS and the value of DefaultRoot. This value is concatenated with `\sas.exe` to create the default path. The default working directory is the value of DefaultRoot.

² !SASROOT is a logical name for the directory in which you install SAS. For more information, see *SAS Companion for Windows*.

when you need to see the queries that the server receives from an ODBC client application.

If your SAS session is installed on a network drive and is shared by multiple users, then you probably do not want individual users to modify the sasodbc.sas file. Instead, a user can make a copy of the file and store it in a personal library. In this case, the user must add the `-sasautos` option either to the **Startup Parameters** field or to the local config.sas file to indicate the pathname for the library, as in the following example: `-sasautos c:\programs\sas`

For more information about SAS system options and SAS statements, see *SAS Companion for Windows*.

Timeout

specifies, in seconds, how long to wait for the SAS ODBC server to start and to register itself. The default is 60 seconds.

4. Click **OK** to return to the **Servers** tab.

Important! Click **Add** to save the server definition.

5. Click the **Libraries** tab. Define a library for each data library that you want to access with this DSN.

Name

enter a name for an existing physical SAS library that you want to access. (If you are familiar with SAS, this field corresponds to the libref in the SAS LIBNAME statement.) The name can be up to eight characters. The first character must be a letter or an underscore. Subsequent characters can be letters, numeric digits, or underscores. Blank spaces and special characters are not allowed. For example, you might use the name `cost` to designate a library of cost accounting data. The SAS library can include SAS data files, SAS data views, or both.

Note: If you use an ODBC application that exports databases using one-level names, then you need to define a library called `user`.

Host File

enter the physical name of the library. This must be a valid pathname for the local workstation. For example, `c:\data\costacct` and `\\acctsrv\customers` are valid pathnames.

Description

provide a description of the library to remind yourself or other users what the library contains. Providing this value is optional.

Engine

enter the name of the SAS engine that is required for writing to and reading from this library. This setting is necessary only if you do not want to use the **V9** engine that is the default for SAS 9.2. For information about other engines that might be available, see the description of the LIBNAME statement in the *SAS Companion for Windows*. Providing this value is optional.

Options

enter options for the library that you are defining, such as `ACCESS=READONLY`.

6. Click **Add** to save your library information. The library name is added to the list of libraries on the left.
7. Click the **General** tab.
8. Provide a name in the **Data Source Name** field. Use the **Server** menu to select the correct server for the DSN. For more information about SQL options, see [“SQL Options on the General Tab” on page 21](#).

9. Create an entry in the services file to associate the server with a TCP/IP network port. The service name must match the server name that was entered on the **Servers** tab:

```
local    6090/tcp # service name for local access to SAS data
```

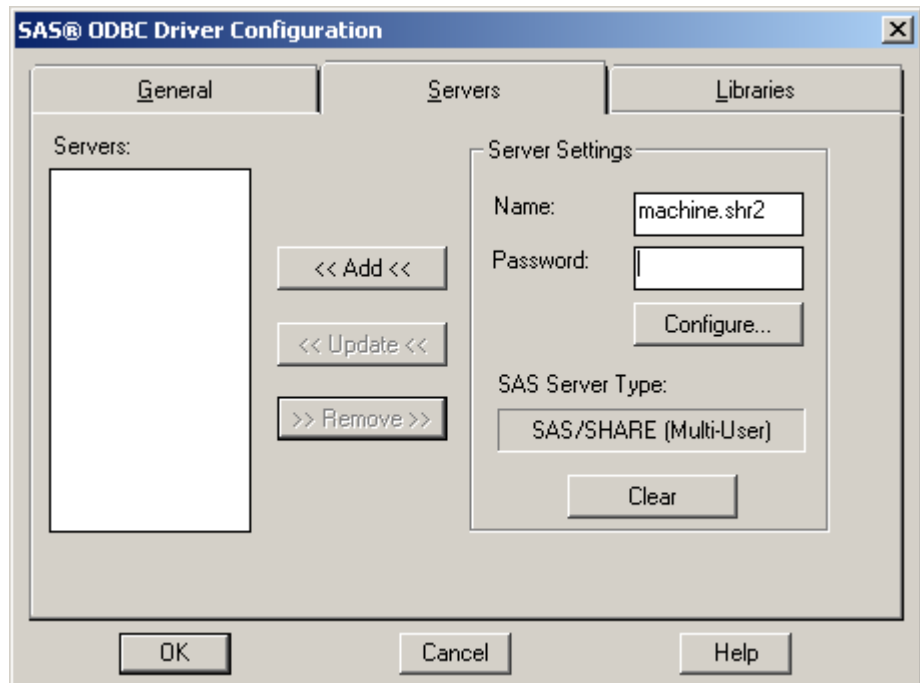
For more information about creating entries, see [“TCP/IP Services File” on page 20](#).

Setting Up a Connection to SAS/SHARE Server

The SAS ODBC Driver uses a TCP/IP network connection to communicate with a SAS/SHARE server. Use the instructions in this section to create a DSN for accessing data on a SAS/SHARE server.

1. Access the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box.
2. Click the **Servers** tab. In the **Name** field, enter a two-part name such as **machine.shr2**. **SAS/SHARE (Multi-User)** appears in the **SAS Server Type** field.

The SAS ODBC Driver interprets the first part of the name—**machine**—as the host name of the SAS/SHARE server, and the second part—**shr2**—as the service name.



3. If the SAS/SHARE server is password protected, then enter the password in the **Password** field. The password should be the same password that was specified for the **UAPW=** option in PROC SERVER.
4. Click **Configure**. The SAS/SHARE Options dialog box appears.

Display 2.4 SAS/SHARE Options Dialog Box

Provide the requested information:

Server Address

is automatically filled with the alias for the TCP/IP network machine name that you specified in the **Name** field of the **Servers** tab. In a complex networking environment, you might need to provide a fully qualified domain name address for the server (for example, **machine.example.com**).

User Name

is your user ID on the system where the server is running. This field is required if the server is running in secured mode. Otherwise, it is ignored.

User Password

is your password on the system where the server is running. If you provide a **User Name** without a **User Password**, then you are prompted for a password at connection time. The SAS ODBC Driver encrypts the password before storing the encrypted value in the Windows registry.

Connect Options

Leave this field blank for a connection to a SAS/SHARE server.

Userid/Password Override

requests that the UID keyword and PWD keyword be used in the ODBC client application. The driver passes the value of the PWD keyword as the user login password, and the value of the UID keyword as the user ID. For more information about using this option, see [“Userid/Password Override” on page 31](#).

5. Click **OK** to return to the **Servers** tab.
Important! Click **Add** to save the server definition.
6. Click the **Libraries** tab.
7. Define a library for each data library that you want to access with this DSN. In addition to the libraries that you define, you have access to any libraries that are predefined on the SAS/SHARE server and that you have permission to access. Contact your SAS/SHARE administrator for information about libraries that are predefined on the SAS/SHARE server.

Name

enter a name for an existing physical SAS library that you want to access. (If you are familiar with SAS, this field corresponds to the **libref** in the SAS **LIBNAME** statement.) The name can be up to eight characters. The first character must be a

letter or an underscore. Subsequent characters can be letters, numeric digits, or underscores. Blank spaces and special characters are not allowed. For example, you might use the name `cost` to designate a library of cost accounting data. The SAS library can include SAS data files, SAS data views, or both.

For more information, see [“Defining Libraries at Server Start-Up Time”](#) on page 25.

Note: If you use an ODBC application that exports databases using one-level names, then you need to define a library called `user`.

Host File

enter the physical name of the library. This must be a valid pathname for the machine that is hosting the SAS/SHARE server. For example, `e:\data` and `\\acctsrv\customers` are valid pathnames.

Description

provide a description of the library to remind yourself or other users what the library contains. Providing this value is optional.

Engine

enter the name of the SAS engine that is required for writing to and reading from this library. This setting is necessary only if you do not want to use the `V9` engine that is the default for SAS 9.2. For information about other engines that might be available, see the description of the LIBNAME statement in the *SAS Companion for Windows*. Providing this value is optional.

Options

enter options for the library that you are defining, such as `ACCESS=READONLY`.

8. Click **Add** to save your library information. The library name is added to the list of libraries on the left.
9. Click the **General** tab.
10. Provide a name in the **Data Source Name** field. Use the **Server** menu to select the correct server for the DSN. For more information about SQL options, see [“SQL Options on the General Tab”](#) on page 21.
11. Create an entry in the services file to associate the service name of the SAS/SHARE server with a TCP/IP network port:

```
shr2    5010/tcp  # service name for SAS/SHARE server
```

Some SAS/SHARE administrators start the server with syntax that specifies a network port rather than syntax that specifies a service name. The syntax is similar to the following example, where a SAS/SHARE server is started on network port 8551:

```
%let tcpsec=_secure_;
proc server server=__8551 authenticate=req;
run;
```

This syntax removes the requirement of editing the TCP/IP services file on the machine that is hosting the SAS/SHARE server. However, on the client machine, using the SAS ODBC Driver in this environment requires special syntax for the server name on the **Servers** tab. You must specify the two-part name, such as `machine.__8551`. On the client machine, create an entry in the TCP/IP services file that is similar to the following:

```
__8551    8551/tcp  # SAS/SHARE server on port 8551
```

Contact your SAS/SHARE administrator for the network port to use. For more information about creating entries, see [“TCP/IP Services File”](#) on page 20.

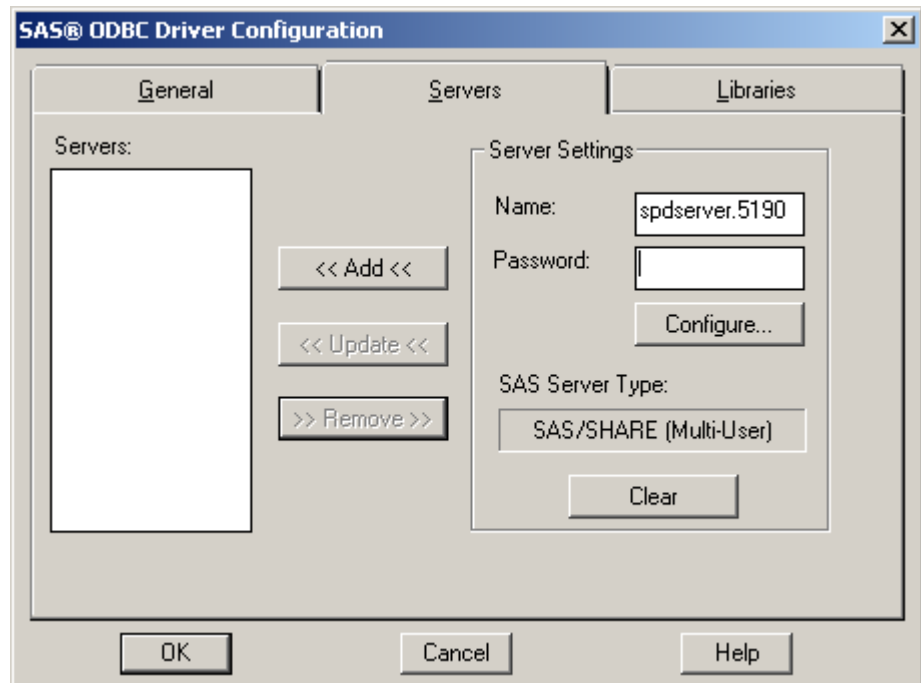
Setting Up a Connection to SPD Server

The SAS ODBC Driver uses a TCP/IP network connection and a SPD Server library—spds.dll—to communicate with the SPD Server. Contact your SPD Server administrator to get the spds.dll file from the `lib` directory in the SPD Server distribution. Then, place the spds.dll file in `C:\Program Files\SAS\SharedFiles\General`.

Use the instructions in this section to create a Data Source Name (DSN) for accessing data on an SPD Server.

1. Access the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box.
2. Click the **Servers** tab. In the Name field, provide a two-part name such as `spdserv.5190`. `SAS/SHARE (Multi-User)` appears in the **SAS Server Type** field even though this is a connection to an SPD Server.

The first part of the name is the host name of the SPD Server. The second part of the name is the port number of the SPD Server Name Server.



3. Do not enter a value in the **Password** field. This field is not used for connections to SPD Server.
4. Click **Configure**. The SAS/SHARE Options dialog box appears.

Provide the requested information:

Server Address

is automatically filled with the alias for the TCP/IP network machine name.

User Name

is your user ID for the SPD Server.

User Password

is your password on the SPD Server. If you provide a **User Name** without a **User Password**, then you are prompted for a password at connection time. The SAS ODBC Driver encrypts the password before storing the encrypted value in the Windows registry.

Connect Options

provide the DBQ, HOST, and SERV parameters for the SPD Server. For example, **DBQ='acct' HOST='spdserver.example.com' SERV='5190'**.

DBQ is the SPD Server LIBNAME domain.

HOST is the name of the machine that is hosting the SPD Server.

SERV is the port number of the SPD Server Name Server.

Userid/Password Override

requests that the UID keyword and PWD keyword be used in the ODBC client application. The driver passes the value of the PWD keyword as the user login password, and the value of the UID keyword as the user ID. For more information about using this option, see [“Userid/Password Override” on page 31](#).

5. Click **OK** to return to the **Servers** tab.

Important! Click **Add** to save the server definition.

6. Click the **Libraries** tab. Define a library for each data library that you want to access with this DSN.

Note: Add a library for the DBQ= domain that you provided in the connect options. This library is called the primary LIBNAME domain. Also, add additional libraries that you want to access. These libraries are called secondary LIBNAME domains.

Name

enter the name of a LIBNAME domain that is defined on the SPD Server

Host File

enter the name of the LIBNAME domain again. This field is not used for a connection to SPD Server because the storage for the data is controlled by the SPD Server.

Description

provide a description of the library to remind yourself or other users what the library contains. Providing this value is optional.

Engine

enter `spdseng`.

Options

use the DBQ= option to identify the LIBNAME domain. For example, `DBQ= 'acct'`. Enclose the LIBNAME domain in single quotation marks.

7. Click **Add** to save your library information. The library name is added to the list of libraries on the left.
8. Click the **General** tab.
9. Provide a name in the **Data Source Name** field. Use the **Server** menu to select the correct server for the DSN. For more information about SQL options, see [“SQL Options on the General Tab” on page 21](#).

TCP/IP Services File

Understanding the TCP/IP Services File

The TCP/IP services file contains information about the names of the available services on the machine, and the port number, protocol, and any aliases corresponding to each service. For the SAS ODBC Driver, each entry in this file associates a SAS server (service name) with the port number and protocol used by that service. The location of the services file varies on different platforms. To configure the SAS ODBC Driver correctly, you must locate the services file for your platform. Common locations for the services file are the following:

Windows

`C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS\ETC\SERVICES`

UNIX

`/etc/services`

Entries in the services file have the following general form:

`<official service name> <port number/protocol name> <aliases> # <comments>`

Note: For a connection to a SAS/SHARE server, you must update the services file on both the server and client machines if the two-part name uses a service name, such as `machine.shr2`. If the SAS/SHARE administrator starts the SAS/SHARE server with the `SERVER=__port-number` syntax, then only the client machine requires an entry in the services file.

Editing the TCP/IP Services File

To configure your services file for use with the SAS ODBC Driver, you must add an entry to the services file for each SAS server (either local or remote) that you have configured using the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

The port number that you use should be an unused port number in this services file (for larger networks, contact your network administrator to obtain an available port number). The port number must be greater than 1024, because any port number equal to or less than 1024 is reserved. The protocol must always be TCP. The server name must be from one to eight characters long. The first character must be a letter or an underscore. Subsequent characters can be letters, numeric digits, underscores, the dollar (\$) sign, or the at (@) sign.

For example, if in the ODBC Data Source Administrator you configured a local data source named `local` and a remote SAS/SHARE server named `machine.shr2`, you would add entries to the services file similar to the following entries (substituting the appropriate port numbers):

```
local    6000/tcp    # service name for local access to SAS data
shr2     5010/tcp    # service name for SAS/SHARE server
```

Note: In the case of `shr2`, the administrator of the remote system named `machine` should have already edited the services file on the remote system to include the same `shr2` entry and should have started the SAS/SHARE server.

SQL Options on the General Tab

SQL options affect the interactions among the SAS ODBC Driver, SAS, and applications that are ODBC compliant. The default settings for the SQL options are those that most ODBC-compliant applications expect and work best with. However, you can override the default settings by selecting any of the SQL options that are listed. Select the check box to enable the SQL option.

Preserve trailing blanks

preserves trailing blanks at the end of character fields. The default is that trailing blanks are removed so that each field ends in a null value.

Support VARCHAR

causes character fields that are longer than 80 characters to be reported as variable-length fields, and causes the trailing blanks to be removed. For more information, see [“Support VARCHAR Option” on page 43](#).

Infer INTEGER from FORMAT

causes SAS numeric data types (typically reported as SQL_DOUBLE) to be reported as SQL_INTEGER. For more information, see [“Infer INTEGER from FORMAT Option” on page 43](#).

Disable _0 override parsing

prevents the SAS ODBC Driver from removing the `_0` string from SQL queries. For more information, see [“Disable _0 override parsing Option” on page 43](#).

Use client code page

tells the driver to use the client's code page information when transcoding multi-byte characters to and from WideChar. If this option is not selected, the server's code page information is used.

Return SQLTables REMARKS

causes the SAS ODBC Driver to read and return the SAS data set label for each data set in the library you are accessing. (SQLTables is the name of an ODBC function that can be used for this purpose.) For SAS data sets, this task can have a negative impact on performance, because each data set must be opened to read and return the label. Therefore, you should not select this option unless there is information in the label that you need.

UNDO_POLICY=REQUIRED

implements the UNDO_POLICY option of the SAS SQL procedure with a setting of REQUIRED. With this setting enabled, INSERT or UPDATE statements that fail are undone. However, this option is only for statements that affect multiple records. This option has no effect for an SQL statement that affects a single record. When UNDO_POLICY=REQUIRED, the associated statement handle (**hstmt**) of an UPDATE or INSERT statement must be the only active **hstmt** against the table. If another user or an **hstmt** within the same user's application has an active SELECT statement, then the UPDATE or INSERT statement fails.

Fuzz Numbers at N Places

specifies the degree of precision to use when comparing numbers. For more information, see “Fuzz Numbers at N Places Option” on page 44. By default, this option is selected. You can change the default value of 12 by typing over it.

Infer type in min/max functions

tells the driver to attempt to determine the format of the column used as input to a MIN or MAX function, and to use that format to infer the SQL type of the column.

Quote Char is NULL

tells the SAS ODBC Driver to use an empty string for the SQLGetInfo(SQL_IDENTIFIER_QUOTE_CHAR) method when this option is enabled. When this option is not enabled, the driver returns a blank space. This option should be enabled only when directed by SAS Technical Support or the application vendor.

Using the General Tab

When you first access the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box, the **General** page is in the foreground. Use the General page for the following reasons:

- provide the Data Source Name that you use in your ODBC application
- provide a description of the data in the data source
- select a server from the **Server** field to associate the Data Source Name with a server
- configure the number of records to buffer
- set SQL options

Data Source Name

provide a name for the data source that you want to access. The name must begin with a letter, and it cannot contain commas, semicolons, or any of the following special characters: [] { } () ? * = ! @. For example, if you are defining SAS data that is stored on a machine named **CICERO**, you might call your data source **SAS_CICERO**. If you or other users are concerned only with the type of data (or with the type of application that uses that data), and not with where the data is stored, then you might have data sources with names like **Finance** or **Payroll**.

Description

provide a description of the data source. Providing a description is optional.

Server

a menu from which you can select a defined server. The first time you set up a data source, the menu is empty. Define one or more servers, and then come back to the **General** page to make a selection. You must specify a server for every data source.

Records to Buffer

provide the number of rows to request from the SAS/SHARE server in a single transmission. The default value is 100 and the maximum value is 32,000.

The size of the server's transmission buffer limits the actual number of rows returned. Usually you do not change the default value. However, specifying a larger value might improve performance when you retrieve a very large result set.

Using the Servers Tab

Purpose of the Servers Tab

The Servers tab of the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box is used for adding, deleting, and modifying server definitions. The SAS ODBC Driver can communicate with a SAS ODBC server for local data access, or with a SAS/SHARE server and an SPD Server for remote data access. This tab has the following fields:

Name

identifies the SAS server name of the data source. This value can be a one-part name, such as `local`, or a two-part name, such as `machine.shr2`. Use a one-part name when you want to access local data or a two-part name when you want to access remote data.

Password

identifies the password that the SAS ODBC Driver sends to a password-protected SAS/SHARE server.

Configure

opens the Local Options dialog box or the SAS/SHARE Options dialog box.

SAS Server Type

identifies whether the server is local or remote. For a server with a one-part name, this field says **Local (Single User)**. For a server with a two-part name, this field says **SAS/SHARE (Multi-User)**.

Clear

click this button to clear all of the fields in the **Server Settings** area.

Deleting a Server Definition

To delete a defined server, complete these steps:

1. Select the server name from the **Servers** list on the **Servers** page.
2. Click **Remove**.

CAUTION:

If you delete a server, then any data sources that use the server are no longer accessible until you redefine the server.

Modifying a Server Definition

To change the information for a defined server, complete these steps:

1. Select the server name from the **Servers** list on the **Servers** page.
2. To make changes, click **Configure** in the Local Options or SAS/SHARE Options dialog box.

The **Name** field is disabled to indicate that you cannot change the name of the server. The reason is that you might have defined data sources that use that server. If you change the server name, then you can no longer access those data sources.

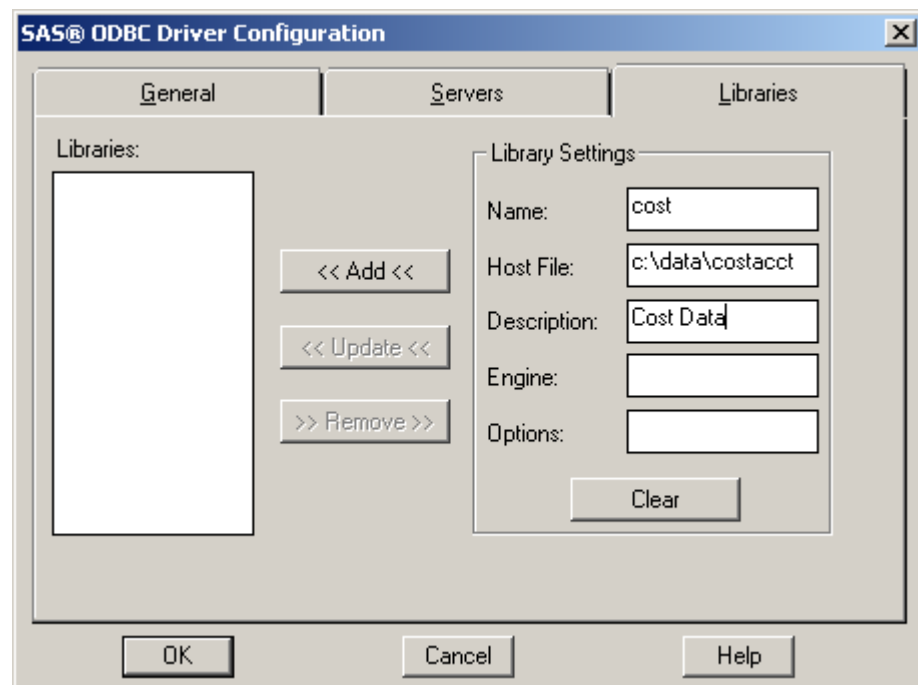
3. Click **Update** to save your changes.

For instructions on how to specify a different server for a data source that you have already defined, see “[Specifying a Different Server for a Defined Data Source](#)” on page 26.

Using the Libraries Tab

Purpose of the Libraries Tab

Each DSN is associated with a server, and a server can access multiple data libraries. Therefore, you provide information about each data library that you want to access from a server.



This tab has the following fields:

Libraries

provides a list of libraries that are associated with a DSN.

Name

identifies the name for an existing physical SAS library that you want to access. (If you are familiar with SAS, this field corresponds to the libref in the SAS LIBNAME statement.) The name can be up to eight characters. The first character must be a letter or an underscore. Subsequent characters can be letters, numeric digits, or underscores. Blank spaces and special characters are not allowed. For example, you might use the name `cost` to designate a library of cost accounting data.

Host file

identifies the pathname of the library. For example, `c:\data\costacct`, `d:\data`, or `\\acctsrv\customers`. If you connect to a SAS/SHARE server, then identify the pathname of the library on the machine that is hosting the SAS/SHARE server.

Description

identifies a description of the library. Providing this value is optional.

Engine

identifies the name of the SAS engine that is required for writing to and reading from this library. This setting is necessary only if you do not want to use the `v9` engine, which is the default for SAS 9.2. For information about other engines that might be available, see the description of the LIBNAME statement in the *SAS Companion for Windows*. Providing this value is optional.

Options

identifies options for the library that you are defining, such as `ACCESS=READONLY`.

Defining Libraries at Server Start-Up Time

Server administrators might prefer to define SAS libraries at server start-up time, rather than defining them through the SAS ODBC Driver dialog boxes. Defining libraries at server start-up time can make opening the data source faster. It enables you to avoid hardcoding the physical names of your libraries in your SAS ODBC data source definitions.

In “[SAS Servers](#)” on page 6, the SAS ODBC Driver uses a SAS/SHARE server (invoked by PROC SERVER) to access remote data. It uses a SAS ODBC server (invoked by PROC ODBCSEVER) to access local data. To define a data library at server start-up time, you precede the PROC SERVER or PROC ODBCSEVER statement with a SAS LIBNAME statement. For example, you could define a library of cost accounting data to a SAS/SHARE server as follows:

```
libname cost 'c:\data\costacct';
proc server id=acctserv authenticate=optional;
run;
```

Note: Depending on whether the server is running in secured mode, the `authenticate=optional` option might not be needed.

To define this library to a SAS ODBC server, you would add only the previous LIBNAME statement to the `!SASROOT\core\sasmacro\sasodbc.sas` file.

When a user requests access to a SAS ODBC data source from an ODBC client application, the server automatically makes the library available, along with any libraries that were defined on the Libraries tab.

For more information about the LIBNAME statement, see the SAS Companion for the operating system under which your data library is stored.

Deleting a Data Library Definition

To delete a defined data library, complete these steps:

1. Select the library name from the **Libraries** on the **Libraries** page.
2. Click **Remove**.

Modifying a Data Library Definition

To change the information for a defined library, complete these steps:

1. Select the library name from the **Libraries** list on the **Libraries** page.
2. Make changes to the **Host File**, **Description**, **Engine**, and **Options** fields.
3. Click **Update** to save your changes.

Modifying a Data Source Definition

To change the information for a defined data source, complete these steps:

1. Select the data source name from the User DSN or System DSN tab in the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box.
2. Click **Configure**. The SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box appears.
3. Use the General, Servers, and Libraries tabs in this dialog box to access the information. Use these tabs to modify server definitions, data library definitions, or SQL options.
4. Click **OK** to save your changes.

Specifying a Different Server for a Defined Data Source

Suppose a data source named **Payroll** has been moved from a server named **CICERO** to a server named **DAVINCI**. In this case, you need to change the server that you specified for the **Payroll** data source by completing these steps:

1. Select the **Payroll** data source from the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box.
2. Click **Configure**. The SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box appears, with **CICERO** listed in the **Server** field.
3. Use the **Servers** tab to define the **DAVINCI** server if it is not already defined.
4. From the **General** page, if **DAVINCI** is not in the **Server** field, select the menu next to that field, and then select **DAVINCI** from the list.
5. Click **OK** to save your changes.

Note: The server name specified must be defined in the TCP/IP services file. For more information, see [“TCP/IP Services File”](#) on page 20.

Deleting a Data Source Definition

To delete a defined data source, complete these steps:

1. Select the name of the data source from the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box.
2. Click **Remove**.

Chapter 3

Using the SAS ODBC Driver

Introduction to Using the SAS ODBC Driver	29
Accessing Your Data Sources	29
Understanding Access to Local Data Sources	30
Starting a SAS ODBC Server	30
Stopping a SAS ODBC Server	31
Understanding Access to SAS/SHARE Data Sources	31
Userid/Password Override	31
Using Data Sets That Have One-Level Names	32
Updating Attached Tables	32
Using SQL Statements to Access SAS Data Sources	32
Accessing the SAS Libraries MAPS, SASUSER, and SASHELP	33
Passwords	33

Introduction to Using the SAS ODBC Driver

This chapter provides an overview of how to use the SAS ODBC Driver to access your SAS data sources. It provides information about the SAS servers and the communications access methods that are used by the driver.

Accessing Your Data Sources

The details of how you access your SAS data sources depend on which ODBC-compliant application you are using (for example, Microsoft Access or Excel), and on whether you are accessing local or remote data. To access your data source, complete these steps:

1. Install the SAS ODBC Driver. (See the installation instructions for the driver.) The installation program provides the SAS ODBC Driver for the ODBC Data Source Administrator to use.
2. Double-click the ODBC Data Sources or ODBC Administrator icon in the Control Panel window to access the ODBC dialog box and the SAS ODBC Data Source Definition dialog box.

3. Use both of these dialog boxes to provide the SAS ODBC Driver with the necessary information about your SAS data sources. (For more information, see [Chapter 2, “Defining Your Data Sources,”](#) on page 9.) SAS data sources can include SAS data sets, DATA step views, PROC SQL views, or SAS/ACCESS views, all of which contain definitions of data that is stored elsewhere from the physical data itself. (For more information, see “[Types of Data Accessed with the SAS ODBC Driver](#)” on page 3 and “[SAS Data Sets](#)” on page 4.)
4. For information about how to access or import data from other sources, see the documentation for your Windows application. From the list of available data sources, select the name of your SAS data source.
5. Select or enter the name of the SAS library.
6. Select or enter the name of the SAS data file or view.

For information about configuring file data source names (DSN) for applications that use file DSNs only (such as Microsoft Excel 97), see the online Help that is available when you configure data sources in the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

Understanding Access to Local Data Sources

Starting a SAS ODBC Server

If there isn't a SAS ODBC server running on your PC when you access a SAS data source from your ODBC application, then the SAS ODBC Driver starts a SAS ODBC server. The driver uses the information that you provided in the Local Options dialog box to automatically start one for you.

To access local data sources, the SAS ODBC Driver uses TCP/IP to communicate with a SAS ODBC server. You must edit your TCP/IP services file to define your servers before starting the SAS ODBC server. It is not necessary for the server to be running when you define your data sources. However, the server must be running on your PC for you to access your SAS data sources. For information about editing the TCP/IP services file, see “[TCP/IP Services File](#)” on page 20. For more information about SAS servers, see “[SAS Servers](#)” on page 6.

If you already have a SAS session running on your PC, then you can start the SAS ODBC server in that session by submitting the following statements:

```
options comamid=tcp;
proc odbserv id=servername authenticate=optional;
run;
```

The value for server name must be the same server name you specified on the **Servers** page when you defined your local data source, as explained in “[Setting Up a Connection to Local Data](#)” on page 12.

Alternatively, you can terminate your SAS session so that the SAS ODBC Driver can start a SAS ODBC server for you in a new SAS session.

Note: When the SAS ODBC server is running in a SAS session, the SAS session does not accept user input from the keyboard.

If the SAS session cannot be started before the timeout value that you specified in the Local Options dialog box is reached, a timeout error is returned to your ODBC client application. An error message is returned to the client if the SAS session was started, but PROC ODBSERV could not execute.

Stopping a SAS ODBC Server

When you are finished using your ODBC client application to access your local data sources, the SAS ODBC server continues to execute in case you want to access additional SAS data sources. To terminate the SAS ODBC server, do either of the following:

- Open the Windows Task Manager. Under the **Applications** tab, select **SAS** from the list of tasks, and then click **End Task**. Alternatively, under the **Processes** tab, select **SAS.EXE** in the Image Name column, and then click **End Process**.
- Bring the SAS session into focus (make it the active window), and then press CTRL+BREAK. The Task Manager appears. Select **ODBCSERV** from the list of tasks, and then click **OK**. Click **OK** again to halt the procedure.

Understanding Access to SAS/SHARE Data Sources

To access remote data sources, the SAS ODBC Driver uses a SAS/SHARE server. For complete information about SAS/SHARE, see *SAS/SHARE User's Guide*. It is not necessary for the server to be running when you define your data sources. However, the server must be running on your remote host in order for you to access your data sources.

Because a SAS/SHARE server is used by multiple users, it is usually invoked on the remote host at system start-up time. Therefore, users usually do not need to locally invoke the server.

The SAS/SHARE administrator must complete these steps:

1. Define a service name and network port in the TCP/IP services file for the SAS/SHARE server. (For more information, see [“TCP/IP Services File” on page 20.](#))
2. Create a SAS program that uses the SERVER Procedure. See the following example:

```
options comamid=tcp;
proc server id=servername authenticate=optional;
run;
```

Invoke this SAS program to run in the background using host-specific command syntax. For more information, see *Communications Access Methods for SAS/CONNECT and SAS/SHARE*.

Userid/Password Override

The **Userid/Password Override** option is in the SAS/SHARE Options dialog box of the **Servers** page. This option enables you to use the UID keyword and PWD keyword in the ODBC client application so that the SAS ODBC Driver passes the value of the UID keyword as the user ID, and the PWD keyword as the user login password to the SAS/SHARE server or SPD Server. The values for UID and PWD in the ODBC client application override the values that are stored in the DSN definition. Do not enable this option if the SAS/SHARE server is password protected (UAPW= option in PROC SERVER). The SAS ODBC Driver cannot pass UID, PWD, and the SAS/SHARE server access password credentials to the SAS/SHARE server at the same time.

If the SAS ODBC Driver fails to authenticate with the SAS/SHARE server or the SPD Server, the driver provides a prompt for the user ID and password credentials (up to three times). If the user ID and password credentials are successfully authenticated, then the **Userid/Password Override** check box is selected. After a successful log on, the SAS ODBC Driver returns the credentials if the application calls the `SQLDriverConnect()` method.

Using Data Sets That Have One-Level Names

If you use an ODBC application such as Microsoft Access that exports databases using one-level names, you should use the ODBC Data Source Administrator to define a User library. SAS usually places any data set that has a one-level name in the Work library, which is deleted at the end of the SAS session. But, if a User library has been defined, SAS places all one-level named data sets in the User library, which is saved at the end of the SAS session. In a multi-user environment, multiple client connections to a SAS server can each have its own User library defined.

Updating Attached Tables

Some Microsoft products that are based on the Jet database engine (such as Microsoft Access) have certain requirements to be able to update database tables. This might be true of other ODBC applications as well. These requirements might make it necessary for you to specify two SQL options when you define your data sources.

- The attached table must have a unique primary key that is not a floating-point value. You can use the data source SQL option **Infer INTEGER from FORMAT** to indicate that SAS numeric data types without fractional parts (for example, `FORMAT(n,0)`, where n is less than 12) are actually integer values that can be used to index the table.
- All of the values in a row might be used to uniquely select the row for updating. This can be a problem in rows that contain floating-point fields (SAS numerics). Insignificant differences in values can be caused by differences in floating-point representation on different machines or by conversion between character and binary formats. By specifying the data source SQL option **Fuzz Numbers at 12 places**, you can cause WHERE clauses to select values that are acceptably close, rather than requiring exact comparisons.

These options are specified on the **General** tab. For more information about these SQL options, see [“User-Specified SQL Options” on page 43](#).

Using SQL Statements to Access SAS Data Sources

All applications that are ODBC compliant use SQL to access and manipulate data. However, most of these applications transform your actions into SQL statements so that you do not need to know anything about SQL.

For more information, see “The SQL Procedure” in *Base SAS Procedures Guide*. The elements of SQL grammar that are supported by the SAS ODBC Driver are the same elements described in that document.

Accessing the SAS Libraries MAPS, SASUSER, and SASHELP

By default, every SAS session (including SAS server sessions) provides access to the SAS libraries Maps, Sasuser, and Sashelp. These libraries contain sample data sets and other files that are generally not of interest to ODBC users. Therefore, the SAS ODBC Driver does not report the contents of these libraries when it invokes a SAS ODBC server. (From a programming standpoint, when `SQLTables`, `SQLStatistics`, or `SQLColumns` is called, the result set that is returned does not include rows for the SAS libraries Maps, Sasuser, or Sashelp.) If you want information from these libraries, you can do either of the following tasks:

- Use a `LIBNAME` statement to define the SAS library to the SAS ODBC server.
- Use the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box to define the SAS library to your ODBC applications.

In both cases, you must use a different name (that is, not Maps, Sasuser, or Sashelp) as your libref or library name.

Passwords

The SAS ODBC Driver provides a text field to store a user password on the SAS/SHARE Options dialog box when you define a connection to a SAS/SHARE server or an SPD Server. If you provide a password, then the SAS ODBC Driver encrypts the password and stores the encrypted value in the Windows registry.

If you do not provide a password, when you use the DSN in an application, the Enter User Name and Password dialog box prompts for credentials. If you do not want to store encrypted passwords, the SAS ODBC Driver can accept credentials from the application. For more information, see [“Userid/Password Override” on page 31](#).

Chapter 4

Programmer's Reference

Introduction to the Programmer's Reference	35
Support for and Implementation of ODBC Functions	36
Core Functions	36
ODBC Cursors and the SQLExtendedFetch Function	37
Catalog Functions	38
ODBC Scalar Functions	38
Support for SQL Grammar	39
Supported Data Types	39
SAS Data Types	39
ODBC SQL Data Types	39
Data Types Reported on Queries	40
Retrieving Native SAS Format Information	41
Using Data Types in CREATE TABLE Statements	41
Comparing Date, Time, and Datetime Values	42
User-Specified SQL Options	43
Infer INTEGER from FORMAT Option	43
Support VARCHAR Option	43
Disable _0 override parsing Option	43
Fuzz Numbers at N Places Option	44
Security Notes	44
SAS ODBC Driver Error Codes	45

Introduction to the Programmer's Reference

This chapter is intended for application programmers and others who need information about how the SAS ODBC Driver is implemented. It provides information about the driver's support for ODBC functions, SQL grammar, and SQL data types.

The Microsoft ODBC specification defines three levels of conformance for ODBC functions: Core, Level 1, and Level 2. The SAS ODBC Driver is ODBC 3.5 compliant and supports the Core level. The ODBC 2.0 Level 1 functionality is included in the ODBC 3.5 Core level.

For complete information about the ODBC standard, see *ODBC Programmer's Reference* at <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms714177.aspx>.

Support for and Implementation of ODBC Functions

Core Functions

Table 4.1 Core Functions

Function Name	Purpose	SAS ODBC Driver Implementation
SQLBindParameter	Assigns storage for a parameter in an SQL statement.	SQL_DATA_AT_EXEC is not supported because SAS does not support large data fields.
SQLCancel	Cancels an SQL statement.	This function is used only in asynchronous mode, which SAS does not support. The SAS interprocess communication library does not provide a way to interrupt a transaction in process. SQLCancel does not cause an active statement to terminate immediately, and it does not halt an operation that is already in process. This function always returns SQL_SUCCESS.
SQLColAttributes	Describes the attributes of a column in the result set.	A common reason for applications to call this function is to determine whether a column of data is a dollar amount. With SAS data sets or views, this information is inferred from the format. For more information about SAS formats, see “Supported Data Types” on page 39 .
SQLGetCursorName	Returns the cursor name that is associated with a statement.	SAS does not support cursors, so this function returns SQL_ERROR with SQLSTATE set to IM001 (“Driver does not support this function”).
SQLPrepare	Prepares an SQL statement for execution.	This function does not check syntax; syntax is checked later in the SQLExecute function by the server.
SQLSetCursorName	Specifies a cursor name.	SAS does not support cursors, so this function returns SQL_ERROR with SQLSTATE set to IM001 (“Driver does not support this function”).
SQLTransact	Commits or rolls back a transaction.	Always returns SQL_SUCCESS for SQL_COMMIT. Returns an error for SQL_ROLLBACK because SAS does not support transactions.
SQLColumns	Returns the list of column names in specified tables.	SAS uses a specially formatted query to query the virtual table DICTIONARY.COLUMNS.
SQLDriverConnect	Connects to a specific driver by connection string or requests that the ODBC driver manager and the driver display connection dialog boxes for the user.	SAS uses the same dialog boxes that are used in configuration. If input was adequate, SAS continues with the connection, rather than saving the parameters. However, in many cases, input is not required. The connection to the host is made at this time.

Function Name	Purpose	SAS ODBC Driver Implementation
SQLGetData	Returns data for a single unbound column in the current row. The application must call SQLFetch or SQLExtendedFetch before calling SQLGetData.	This function enables you to use multiple calls to retrieve data from character variables. Some applications need this functionality to access long character variables. The extension SQL_GD_BLOCK (see SQL_GETDATA_EXTENSIONS under SQLGetInfo) is not supported. This means that you must call SQLExtendedFetch with a rowset size of 1.
SQLParamData	Returns the storage value that is assigned to a parameter at execution time.	This function is used for large data fields, which SAS does not support. The function returns SQL_ERROR with SQLSTATE set to IM001 (“Driver does not support this function”).
SQLPutData	Sends part or all of a data value for a parameter.	This function is used for large data fields, which SAS does not support. The function returns SQL_ERROR with SQLSTATE set to IM001 (“Driver does not support this function”).
SQLSpecialColumns	Retrieves information about the optimal set of columns that uniquely identifies a row in a specified table, or about the columns that are automatically updated when any value in the row is updated by a transaction.	The SAS ODBC Driver issues a query to the DICTIONARY.INDEXES view to obtain this information.
SQLStatistics	Retrieves statistics about a single table and the list of indexes that are associated with the table.	The SAS ODBC Driver issues a query to the DICTIONARY.INDEXES view to obtain this information.
SQLTables	Returns the list of table names stored in a specific data source.	The SAS ODBC Driver issues a query to the DICTIONARY.TABLES and DICTIONARY.MEMBERS views to obtain this information.

ODBC Cursors and the SQLExtendedFetch Function

The SAS ODBC Driver supports the SQLExtendedFetch function to retrieve multiple rows of result data in a single operation. However, SAS does not support real cursor functionality, so the driver cannot truly support cursors.

The implementation of SQLExtendedFetch uses a forward-only cursor to support the syntax of the function. Rows in the result data cannot be skipped, so the parameter IROW (which is the number of the row to begin fetching) is ignored. You cannot retrieve an arbitrary subset of the result data. However, because a single operation can fetch multiple rows, there is less overhead compared to when you use multiple calls to the SQLFetch function.

Note: To support the SQLExtendedFetch function, the SQLSetStmtOption function allows you to set the rowset size and to select row-wise or column-wise binding.

For more information about the `SQLExtendedFetch` function, see *ODBC Programmer's Reference* at <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms714177.aspx>.

Catalog Functions

You might want to remove certain SAS libraries from the results of the functions such as `SQLColumns`, `SQLStatistics`, `SQLSpecialColumns`, and `SQLTables`. Many client applications (for example, Microsoft Access) use these functions to retrieve a list of available tables. Currently, the results from the functions filter out the `Maps`, `Sashelp`, and `Sasuser` libraries. The filtering is done primarily so unwanted tables do not appear in lists that are based on results from these functions. The filtering can improve the performance of these functions.

You can replace this filter by adding the `LibWhere` key to a data source entry in the system registry. The `LibWhere` key includes a logical expression to conditionally specify which results to retrieve from the SAS server. The current filter uses the following logical expression:

```
tbl.libname NE 'MAPS' AND tbl.libname NE 'SASUSER' AND
tbl.libname NE 'SASADMIN' AND tbl.libname NE 'SASHELP'
```

The `tbl` name is important if you need to construct your own filter in these functions.

CAUTION:

When you use the registry editor, you can damage the Windows environment if your changes are invalid or if you accidentally delete information. Do not create a filter unless it is absolutely necessary. Editing the registry can damage registered programs and make them unusable.

If many libraries are defined on a server, but only specific libraries are needed, you can edit the registry to specify which libraries to access. For information about how to edit the registry, see the discussion of catalog functions in the online Help of the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box.

ODBC Scalar Functions

The SAS ODBC Driver supports the following ODBC scalar functions:

String Functions:

`ASCII`, `CHAR`, `CONCAT`, `LCASE`, `LEFT`, `LTRIM`, `REPEAT`, `REPLACE`, `RTRIM`, `SOUNDEX`, `SPACE`, `SUBSTRING`, `UCASE`

Numeric Functions:

`ABS`, `ACOS`, `ASIN`, `ATAN`, `CEILING`, `COS`, `EXP`, `FLOOR`, `LOG`, `LOG10`, `MOD`, `POWER`, `RAND`, `ROUND`, `SIGN`, `SQRT`, `TAN`

Time, Date, and Interval Functions:

`CURDATE`, `CURTIME`, `DAYNAME`, `DAYOFMONTH`, `DAYOFWEEK`, `DAYOFYEAR`, `HOUR`, `MINUTE`, `MONTH`, `MONTHNAME`, `NOW`, `QUARTER`, `SECOND`, `YEAR`

The ODBC `RAND` scalar function is translated to a SAS function. For more information about the usage and parameters of ODBC scalar functions, see *ODBC Programmer's Reference* at <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms714177.aspx>.

Support for SQL Grammar

The Microsoft ODBC specification defines three levels of support for SQL grammar: Minimum, Core, and Extended. The SAS ODBC Driver supports all Minimum-level and some Core-level SQL statements and statement elements. For more information about supported grammar, see *Base SAS Procedures Guide*.

Currently, the SAS ODBC Driver does not support the following SQL syntax:

```
SELECT FOR UPDATE OF
```

Records are locked during data manipulation operations, but cannot be explicitly locked before a data manipulation operation.

Supported Data Types

SAS Data Types

Internally, SAS supports two data types for storing data:

CHAR

fixed-length character data, 32,767-character maximum

NUM

double-precision floating-point number

Note: If the data field is longer than 254 characters, the SAS ODBC Driver processes it as the ODBC data type SQL_VARCHAR.

By using SAS format information, the SAS ODBC Driver is able to represent other ODBC data types, both when responding to queries, and in CREATE TABLE statements. (A SAS format is a string that describes how data should be printed. SAS associates format information with each column in a table.)

The following sections explain conventions for data type representation that the SAS ODBC Driver follows.

For information about user-specified SQL options that can affect data type representations, see [“User-Specified SQL Options” on page 43](#). For more information about SAS formats, see *SAS Language Reference: Dictionary*.

ODBC SQL Data Types

The SAS ODBC Driver supports the ODBC SQL data types listed in the following table. Internally, SAS supports a numeric and character data type using informats and formats to modify the data representation. The SAS ODBC Driver uses the informat and format to determine the corresponding ODBC data type.

Table 4.2 SAS ODBC Drivers and Corresponding Data Types

SQL Data Type	SAS ODBC Driver Implementation
SQL_CHAR	Supports text fields up to 200 characters long.
SQL_VARCHAR	Interpreted for text columns of length 80 or greater when the Support VARCHAR option is selected in the SQL Options section of the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box; the maximum length of an SQL_VARCHAR field is 32,767 characters, and is available when the version of the SAS server is Version 7 or later; for Version 6 SAS servers, the SQL_VARCHAR field is limited to 200 characters
SQL_DOUBLE	1.E-308 to 1.E308
SQL_FLOAT	1.E-308 to 1.E308
SQL_INTEGER	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
SQL_DATE	Valid dates range from 1582 A.D. to 9999 A.D.
SQL_TIME	ODBC supports time values within the range of a 24-hour day (00:00:00 to 23:59:59)
SQL_TIMESTAMP	Valid dates range from 1582 A.D. to 9999 A.D. with a 24-hour day (00:00:00 to 23:59:59) time portion

Data Types Reported on Queries

When the SQLDescribeCol and SQLColAttributes functions are called against active queries, the SAS ODBC Driver reports data types as follows:

- When the SQLDescribeCol function is called, the SAS ODBC Driver reports CHAR data types as SQL_CHAR. NUM data types are generally reported as SQL_DOUBLE.

However, SAS stores dates and times as numbers, and the SAS ODBC Driver uses SAS format information to infer the following SQL data types from NUM data types:¹

Table 4.3 SAS and SQL Data Types

SAS Data Type	SQL Data Type
NUM FORMAT=DATE n .	SQL_DATE
NUM FORMAT=TIME n .	SQL_TIME
NUM FORMAT=DATETIME n .	SQL_TIMESTAMP

¹ For a complete list of date and time formats that the SAS ODBC Driver supports, see the table of formats listed by categories in *SAS Language Reference: Dictionary*.

In each of the previous FORMAT= strings, *n* is a number that selects the printable representation by specifying a width for printing. The value of *n* is not relevant to the driver.

- When the SQLColAttributes function is called, if a NUM column has a format of DOLLAR*n*., the SAS ODBC Driver identifies the column as financial data (having a column attribute of SQL_COLUMN_MONEY).

Retrieving Native SAS Format Information

You can find the SAS format for a column by using the SQLColumns function. The SAS ODBC Driver returns the additional column, FORMAT. The nineteenth column in the SQLColumns function result set contains a string with the format information for a SAS column of data.

Using Data Types in CREATE TABLE Statements

In CREATE TABLE requests, the SAS ODBC Driver interprets certain data-type specifications by creating NUM variables and associating SAS formats with them, as shown in the following table:

Table 4.4 CREATE TABLE Data Types and SAS Data Types

CREATE TABLE Data Type Name	ODBC Data Type	SAS Data Type
char(<i>w</i>)	SQL_CHAR	CHAR(<i>w</i>)
num(<i>w</i> , <i>d</i>)	SQL_DOUBLE	NUM
num(<i>w</i> , <i>d</i>)	SQL_FLOAT	NUM
integer	SQL_INTEGER	NUM FORMAT=11.0
date9x	SQL_DATE	NUM FORMAT=DATE9X.
datetime19x	SQL_TIMESTAMP	NUM FORMAT=DATETIME19X.
time8x	SQL_TIME	NUM FORMAT=TIME8X.

The data type names listed in the first column are the values that are returned by SQLColAttributes (with the parameter SQL_COLUMN_TYPE_NAME) and by SQLGetTypeInfo. For all CREATE TABLE statements, the SAS ODBC Driver translates these data type names into the SAS data types shown in the third column. Do not try to use the ODBC data types directly in SAS.

As an alternative to using num(*w*, *d*) for creating SQL_FLOAT and SQL_DOUBLE columns, you can specify FORMAT= in a CREATE TABLE statement. In this case, the SAS ODBC Driver passes the information to SAS unmodified. A column within a table (or data set) can be created based on any exact specification that is required for its use within SAS. For example, in the following CREATE TABLE statement, variable B's data type and format are passed directly to SAS:

```
CREATE TABLE SASUSER.TABLE1 (
  A INTEGER,
  B NUM FORMAT=9.5,
  C CHAR(40)
);
```

The following code shows how to create a table with the time-related data types:

```
CREATE TABLE library.TIME_EXAMPLES (
  DATETIME_COL DATETIME19X,
  DATE_COL      DATE9X,
  TIME_COL      TIME8X
);
```

To insert date-related values, use SQL syntax similar to the following code:

```
INSERT INTO TABLE library.TIME_EXAMPLES (
  {ts'1960-01-01 00:00:00'},
  {d'1960-01-01'},
  {t'00:00:00'}
);
```

If you are more familiar with SAS date formats, then you can insert date-related values as shown in the following code:

```
INSERT INTO TABLE library.TIME_EXAMPLES (
  '01jan1960:00:00:00.000000000'dt,
  '01jan1960'd,
  '00:00:00't
);
```

Comparing Date, Time, and Datetime Values

When you compare date, time, and datetime values in SAS data sets from an ODBC application, you must consider the following:

- A SAS time value is the number of seconds since the current day began. That is, 0 is 00:00:00 or 12:00:00 a.m., and 86399 is 11:59:59 p.m.
Note: ODBC does not support negative time values or values greater than one day's worth of seconds. The SAS ODBC Driver returns an error for time values that are less than 0 or greater than 86399 (the last second of the day).
- A SAS date value is the number of days since January 1, 1960. That is, 0 is 01jan1960, and -1 is 31dec1959.
- A SAS datetime value is the number of seconds since midnight on January 1, 1960. That is, 0 is 01jan1960:00:00:00, and -1 is 31dec1959:11:59:59.

Both ODBC and SAS date, time, and datetime literals are supported by the SAS ODBC Driver.

CAUTION:

You can compare equivalent literals against SAS date, time, or datetime values only because they each have a different unit of measure.

For example, you cannot compare a SAS data set value that has been defined with a datetime format against a date literal using either of the following:

```
select * where hiredate = {d'1995-01-02'}
```

```
select * where hiredate = '02jan1995'd
```

Instead, use a datetime literal, such as either of the following:

```
select * where hiredate = {ts'1995-01-02 00:00:00'}
```

```
select * where hiredate = '02jan1995:00:00:00'dt
```

User-Specified SQL Options

Infer INTEGER from FORMAT Option

This option affects how other default conversions of data types or data values can be made. Even when no format string is specified for SAS data, SAS assigns a default width and number of decimal places to the data. If the SQL option **Infer INTEGER from FORMAT** is selected, then the SAS ODBC Driver reports SAS columns of NUM(*n*,0) data type as SQL_INTEGER, where *n* is less than 12. This can be important because some software products do not use indexes on floating-point columns. If those columns actually contain only integer values, then using this SQL option enables these products to read the index and allow updates. For more information, see [“Updating Attached Tables” on page 32](#).

Support VARCHAR Option

This option affects how other default conversions of data types or data values can be made. Enabling this option causes the SAS ODBC Driver to report the data type CHAR(*n*) as SQL_VARCHAR, where *n* is greater than 80. Because SAS is fixed width, CHAR fields are often specified at the maximum value. For example, for a list of messages, the text width might be specified as 200 characters, even though the average width of a message is much less. Reporting the data type as SQL_VARCHAR enables some software products to use less memory.

Disable _0 override parsing Option

Sometimes, the _0 string occurs at the end of names in SQL queries constructed by certain applications. Enabling this SQL option prevents a SAS error by specifying that the SAS ODBC Driver keeps the _0 string at the end of a table name. For example, the string _0 is added to table aliases in SQL queries that Microsoft Query constructs so that the table name mytable becomes mytable_0. This table name is nine characters in length, which Version 6 of the SAS System cannot handle because table names are limited to eight characters.

To prevent a SAS error, the SAS ODBC Driver removes the _0 string in the eighth or greater position of a table name. However, if SAS variable names contain the _0 string at the eighth or greater position, a query might not execute properly. A variable name such as aaaaaa_0 does not cause a SAS error, but variable names such as aaaaaa_0 and aaaaaaa_0 do cause SAS errors. The SQL option **Disable _0 override parsing** prevents the SAS ODBC Driver from removing the _0 string.

Note: You can use this option if the data on your SAS server has been created with Version 7 or later of the SAS ODBC server, and if you are running Version 7 or later of the SAS ODBC server. This is because Version 7 can handle table names and variable names up to 32 characters in length. If your SAS server is Version 6, or if you use Version 7 or later of the SAS ODBC server to access data in Version 6 format, parsing

errors might occur depending on the length of your table names, or whether the `_0` string exists in a variable name.

Fuzz Numbers at N Places Option

This SQL option addresses a problem that occurs during the conversion of floating-point numbers. Floating-point numbers are stored in different binary representations on different computer hardware. Even when data is transferred between different applications on the same type of hardware, the precision of floating-point numbers might be affected slightly because of the conversion between ASCII and binary representations.

This effect is usually so slight that it is insignificant when a number is used in calculations. For example, the numbers 65.8 and 65.7999999999 are almost identical for mathematical purposes. The difference between them might be the result of conversion between representations, rather than any purposeful change in value.

However, such a slight difference in value can keep a number from comparing correctly. For example, many ODBC applications include a WHERE clause that lists every column in a record at its current value whenever the application issues an UPDATE statement. This is done to ensure that the record has not changed since the last time it was read. Sometimes, a comparison might fail because of the problem with floating-point conversion.

To solve this problem, SAS fuzzes numbers (standardizes the degree of precision to use, overriding the hardware-specific representations). Instead of using exact comparisons, SAS checks to make sure that the numbers are acceptably close.

By default, the degree of precision is 12 decimal places. Given a number **N**, if **N1** were to be checked for equality with **N**, then the SAS ODBC Driver would use the SQL BETWEEN function to determine the following:

```
N1 > (N - (ABS(N * 10**(-12)))) AND N1 < (N + (ABS(N * 10**(-12))))
```

If **N=0**, the SAS ODBC Driver checks for the following:

```
BETWEEN -(10**(-12)) AND (10**(-12))
```

Security Notes

To specify a secure SAS/SHARE server, submit code similar to the following code on your Windows system:

```
/* Start a remote secured SAS/SHARE server that requires user login */
/* name and password specified by the client. */
/* ADOMAIN is the domain that authenticates username and password */
%let tcpsec=_secure_; /* Require user logon id/password */
options authserver=adomain;
proc server id=shr1 authenticate=req;
run;
```

For this code to work on Windows 2000 or Windows NT you must assign **Act as part of the operating system** to the user account that is running the SAS/SHARE server. This privilege is not needed for later versions of Windows such as Windows XP and Windows Server 2003. You must assign **Log as a batch job rights** to the user account that wants to connect to the SAS/SHARE server.

For example, suppose your Windows system is named TRISTAN, and the user account adomain\stephmc wants to connect to the SAS/SHARE server. Also, suppose the user

logged in to TRISTAN (and running the SAS/SHARE server) is the user account `adomain\joshua`. On the system named TRISTAN, you must assign user rights. To do this, use the group policy.

Complete the following steps:

1. Select **Start** ⇒ **Run**, type `gpedit.msc`, and then click **OK**.
2. Select **Windows Settings** under **Computer Configuration**. Select **Security Settings** ⇒ **Local Policies** ⇒ **User Rights Assignment**.
3. Right-click **Act as part of the operating system**, and then select **Properties**. Click **Add User or Group**, type `adomain\joshua`, and then click **OK**.
4. Right-click **Log on as a batch job**, and then select **Properties**. Select **Add User or Group**, type `adomain\stephmc`, and then click **OK**.

After the system TRISTAN is shut down and restarted (rebooting is usually required), you submit the preceding code on TRISTAN.

To log on to the remote Windows system, the user account `adomain\stephmc` specifies the user name `adomain\stephmc` in the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box and the password in the SAS/SHARE Options dialog box. The user specifies an address such as `tristan.mynet.com`. This action enables the user account `adomain\stephmc` to connect to the secure SAS/SHARE server.

For more information, see *SAS/SHARE User's Guide*.

SAS ODBC Driver Error Codes

For information about the SQLSTATE values (return codes) and associated messages that can be returned from the `SQLERROR` function, see *ODBC Programmer's Reference* at <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms714177.aspx>.

For information about messages that might be returned by your communications software, see [Chapter 5, "Return Codes and Associated Messages,"](#) on page 47.

Chapter 5

Return Codes and Associated Messages

SAS ODBC Driver Return Codes	47
S1000 Communications Access Method Errors	47
TCP/IP Winsock Return Codes	48

SAS ODBC Driver Return Codes

For information about SQLSTATE values (return codes) and associated messages that can be returned for the `SQLERROR` function, see *ODBC Programmer's Reference* at <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms714177.aspx>. The associated messages might be generated by the SAS ODBC Driver, the SAS server, or by your communications access method. The ODBC driver manager passes return codes and messages to client applications.

S1000 Communications Access Method Errors

The S1000 (SAS API error) return code is often accompanied by error messages that are returned by your communications access method. The following tables list some of the messages and explain them.

In addition to these error messages, information can sometimes be found in a trace file. A trace file is created in the working directory of the ODBC client application if it fails to connect to a SAS server. The trace file has a name in the form `WQExxxxx.TRC`, where `xxxxx` is the process ID of the ODBC client application at the time of failure.

Table 5.1 S1000 Communications Access Method Errors

Message Text	Explanation
Memory failure	Not enough memory is available.
Network failure	An unspecified network failure occurred.
No server found	The remote server was not found.

Message Text	Explanation
Remote closed connection	The SAS server disconnected.
Remote refused connection	The remote system disallowed a connection. Check the remote services file.
Start SAS failure—please check your SAS server parameters	The ShellExecute statement failed when starting SAS. Check to see whether the SAS paths are specified properly.
TCP method Winsock API <function-name> failed with WSAGetLastError <rc>	A TCP/IP Winsock return code (rc) was returned. The return codes are listed in Table 5.2 on page 48 .
Timeout waiting for the SAS server—check the startup options	A SAS server did not register itself as a server within the specified time period.
Unable to locate remote host	TCP/IP could not find the remote host name.
Unable to locate service	TCP/IP could not find the server name in the services file.
Userid.password security failure	User ID and password verification failed on the remote machine.
You must connect to SAS/SHARE on a remote machine	You must select SAS/SHARE in the SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box Servers page to connect to a remote machine.

TCP/IP Winsock Return Codes

Table 5.2 TCP/IP Winsock Return Codes

Return Code	Return-Code Mnemonic	Description
10004	WSAEINTR	The (blocking) call was canceled via WSACancelBlockingCall.
10013	WSAEACCES	The requested address is a broadcast address, but the appropriate flag was not set.
10014	WSAEFAULT	The function argument is incorrect.
10022	WSAEINVAL	Invalid argument or function sequence, or the socket has not been bound with bind.
10024	WSAEMFILE	No more file descriptors are available.
10035	WSAEWOULDBLOCK	The socket is marked as non-blocking and the operation would block.
10036	WSAEINPROGRESS	A blocking Windows sockets call is in progress.

Return Code	Return-Code Mnemonic	Description
10037	WSAEALREADY	The asynchronous routine being canceled has already completed.
10038	WSAENOTSOCK	The description is not a socket.
10039	WSAEDESTADDRREQ	A destination address is required.
10040	WSAEMSGSIZE	The datagram was too large to fit into the specified buffer and was truncated.
10041	WSAEPROTOTYPE	The specified protocol is the wrong type for this socket.
10042	WSAENOPROTOOPT	The option is unknown or unsupported.
10043	WSAEPROTONOSUPPORT	The specified protocol is not supported.
10044	WSASOCKTNOSUPPORT	The specified socket type is not supported in this address family.
10045	WSAEOPNOTSUPP	The referenced socket is not the proper type.
10046	WSAEPFNOSUPPORT	The protocol family is not supported.
10047	WSAEAFNOSUPPORT	The specified address family is not supported.
10048	WSAEADDRINUSE	The specified address is already in use.
10049	WSAEADDRNOTAVAIL	The specified address is not available from the local machine.
10050	WSAENETDOWN	The Windows sockets implementation has detected that the network subsystem has failed.
10051	WSAENETUNREACH	The network cannot be reached from this host at this time.
10052	WSAENETRESET	The connection must be reset because the Windows sockets implementation dropped it.
10053	WSAECONNABORTED	The virtual circuit was terminated due to timeout or another failure.
10054	WSAECONNRESET	The virtual circuit was reset by the remote side.
10055	WSAENOBUFS	No buffer space is available.
10056	WSAEISCONN	The socket is already connected.
10057	WSAENOTCONN	The socket is not connected.
10058	WSAESHUTDOWN	The socket has been shut down.
10059	WSAETOOMANYREFS	Too many references: cannot splice.

Return Code	Return-Code Mnemonic	Description
10060	WSAETIMEDOUT	Attempt to connect timed out without establishing a connection.
10061	WSAECONNREFUSED	The attempt to connect was forcefully rejected.
10062	WSAELOOP	Too many levels of symbolic links.
10063	WSAENAMETOOLONG	The filename is too long.
10064	WSAEHOSTDOWN	The host is down.
10065	WSAEHOSTUNREACH	No route to host.
10066	WSAENOTEMPTY	The directory is not empty.
10067	WSAEPROCLIM	Too many processes.
10068	WSAEUSERS	Too many users.
10069	WSAEQUOT	The disk quota was exceeded.
10070	WSAESTALE	Stale NFS file handle.
10071	WSAEREMOTE	Too many levels of remote in path.
10091	WSAESYSNOTREADY	The underlying network subsystem is not ready for network communication.
10092	WSASVERNOTSUPPORTED	The version of Windows sockets API support requested is not provided by this particular Windows sockets implementation.
10093	WSANOTINITIALISED	A successful WSASStartup must occur before using this API.
11001	WSAHOST_NOT_FOUND	Authoritative Answer Host not found.
11002	WSATRY_AGAIN	Non-Authoritative Answer Host not found, or SERVERFAIL.
11003	WSANO_RECOVERY	Non-recoverable errors, FORMERR, REFUSED, NOTIMP.
11004	WSANO_DATA	Valid name, no data record of requested type.

Glossary

access descriptor

a SAS/ACCESS file that describes data that is managed by SAS, by a database management system, or by a PC-based software application such as Microsoft Excel, Lotus 1-2-3, or dBASE. After creating an access descriptor, you can use it as the basis for creating one or more view descriptors. See also SAS/ACCESS view and view descriptor.

access method

the communications protocol that the SAS ODBC driver uses to exchange data with a SAS server. The driver currently supports the use of TCP/IP and Network DDE for remote data exchange, and DDE for local data exchange.

API

See application programming interface.

application programming interface

a set of software functions that facilitate communication between applications and other kinds of programs or services. Short form: API.

data source name

a name that is associated with a data source definition. The data source definition specifies how to locate and access a data source, including any authentication (such as a user name and password) that a user must supply in order to access the data. Short form: DSN.

database management system

a software application that enables you to create and manipulate data that is stored in the form of databases. Short form: DBMS.

DBMS

See database management system.

DDE

See Dynamic Data Exchange.

DSN

See data source name.

Dynamic Data Exchange

a standard mechanism in the PC environment for sharing data among applications. Short form: DDE.

file DSN

a data source name that is stored completely within a file (unlike a user DSN or a system DSN, which are stored in the Windows registry).

ODBC

See Open Database Connectivity.

ODBC driver

a loadable library module that provides a standardized interface for accessing, manipulating, and updating data that is created and maintained by a particular vendor's data management software. For example, the SAS ODBC Driver enables you to access, manipulate, and update SAS data sources from any application that conforms to the ODBC standard. See also Open Database Connectivity.

Open Database Connectivity

an interface standard that provides a common application programming interface (API) for accessing data. Many software products that run in the Windows operating environment adhere to this standard so that you can access data that was created using other software products. Short form: ODBC.

SAS data view

a type of SAS data set that retrieves data values from other files. A SAS data view contains only descriptor information such as the data types and lengths of the variables (columns) plus other information that is required for retrieving data values from other SAS data sets or from files that are stored in other software vendors' file formats. SAS data views can be created by the SAS DATA step and by the SAS SQL procedure.

SAS/ACCESS view

a type of file that retrieves data values from files that are stored in other software vendors' file formats. You use the ACCESS procedure of SAS/ACCESS software to create SAS/ACCESS views. See also view descriptor.

SPD Server

a SAS Scalable Performance Data Server. An SPD Server restructures data in order to enable multiple threads, running in parallel, to read and write massive amounts of data efficiently.

system DSN

a data source name that can be accessed by any user of the system on which the data source is stored. System DSNs are stored in the Windows registry.

user DSN

a data source name that can be accessed only by the user who created it. User DSNs are stored in the Windows registry.

view descriptor

a file created by SAS/ACCESS software that defines part or all of the database management system (DBMS) data or PC file data that is described by an access descriptor. The access descriptor describes the data in a single DBMS table, DBMS view, or PC file. See also access descriptor.

Index

Special Characters

`_0` override parsing 21, 43
`%SASODBC` macro 13

A

accessibility 8
 attached tables
 updating 32

C

catalog functions 38
 CHAR data type 39
 character field length 21
 client code page information 21
 code page information 21
 columns
 format of 22
 connection options 16, 19
 core functions 36
 Create New Data Source dialog box 10
 CREATE TABLE statements
 data types in 41
 cursors 37

D

data files 4
 data libraries 24
 defining at server startup time 25
 data library definitions 24
 defining at server startup time 25
 deleting 26
 modifying 26
 naming 19, 25
 SQL options 21
 data set labels 22
 data sets 4
 one-level names 32
 UTF-8 encoding 5

data source definitions 9
 accessing dialog boxes 10
 changing the server 26
 defining data libraries 24
 deleting 27
 modifying 26
 setting up data sources 22
 data sources 3
 accessing 29
 accessing local sources 30
 accessing remote sources 31
 accessing with SQL statements 32
 defining 9
 setting up 22
 DATA step views 5
 data types 39
 date values 42
 datetime values 42
 in CREATE TABLE statements 41
 reported on queries 40
 retrieving native SAS format information
 41
 SQL 39
 time values 42
 data views 4
 date values 42
 datetime values 42
 dialog boxes
 accessing 10
 Disable `_0` override parsing option 43

E

encoding 5
 encrypting passwords 33
 error codes 45

F

failed SQL updates or inserts 22
 formats

- retrieving native SAS format information 41
 - functions
 - See ODBC functions
 - fuzz numbers 22
 - Fuzz Numbers at N Places option 44
- I**
- Infer INTEGER from FORMAT option 43
- L**
- labels
 - data set labels 22
 - libraries 5
 - Maps 33
 - returning data set labels 22
 - Sashelp 33
 - Sasuser 33
 - library names 5
 - librefs 5
 - local data 3
 - accessing 30
 - SAS servers and 6
 - Local Options dialog box 12
 - LOG=QUERY option 13
- M**
- Maps library 33
 - MAX function 22
 - MIN function 22
- N**
- names
 - data library definitions 19, 25
 - one-level data set names 32
 - NUM data type 39
 - numeric data types
 - reported as SQL_INTEGER 21
 - numeric precision 22
- O**
- ODBC 2
 - components 2
 - ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box 10
 - ODBC driver 1
 - accessibility features 8
 - functionality 2
 - SAS/ACCESS and 3
 - software requirements 7
 - ODBC functions 35
 - catalog functions 38
 - core functions 36
 - cursors and SQLExtendedFetch function 37
 - scalar functions 38
 - ODBC server
 - starting 30
 - terminating 31
 - ODBC standard 35
 - one-level data set names 32
 - Open Database Connectivity
 - See ODBC
- P**
- passwords 15, 16, 19
 - encrypting 33
 - overriding 16, 19, 31
 - precision 22
 - PROC SQL views 5
- Q**
- queries
 - data types reported on 40
 - logging 13
 - removing _0 string 21
- R**
- remote data 3
 - accessing 31
 - SAS servers and 6
 - server definition and 15, 18
 - return codes 47
 - S1000 communications access method errors 47
 - TCP/IP Winsock 48
- S**
- S1000 communications access method errors 47
 - SAS
 - startup parameters 13
 - terminology 7
 - SAS executable file 13
 - SAS ODBC Driver
 - See ODBC driver
 - SAS ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box 22
 - Libraries tab 24
 - SAS servers 6
 - local data and 6
 - remote data and 6

- SAS/ACCESS
 - ODBC driver and 3
 - SAS/SHARE Options dialog box 15, 18
 - SAS/SHARE servers 6
 - accessing remote data sources 31
 - Sashelp library 33
 - sasodbc.sas file 13
 - Sasuser library 33
 - Scalable Performance Data (SPD) server 6
 - scalar functions 38
 - Section 508 8
 - security 44
 - server definitions
 - connection options 16, 19
 - deleting 23
 - logging SQL queries 13
 - modifying 24
 - passwords 16, 19
 - path for SAS executable file 13
 - remote data 15, 18
 - server address 16, 19
 - startup parameters 13
 - timeout limit 14
 - user ID 16, 19
 - working directory 13
 - servers
 - address of 16, 19
 - changing, for a defined data source 26
 - defining libraries at server startup time 25
 - software requirements 7
 - SPD Server 6
 - SQL
 - data types 39
 - failed inserts or updates 22
 - SQL_INTEGER 21
 - SQL grammar 39
 - SQL options 21
 - SQL statements
 - accessing data sources with 32
 - SQLExtendedFetch function
 - cursors and 37
 - Support VARCHAR option 43
- T**
- tables
 - updating attached tables 32
 - TCP/IP 30
 - TCP/IP services file 20
 - editing 21
 - TCP/IP Winsock
 - return codes 48
 - terminology 7
 - time values 42
 - timeout limit 14
 - trailing blanks
 - character field length and 21
 - preserving 21
 - transcoding
 - using client's code page information 21
- U**
- undo policy 22
 - user ID 16, 19
 - overriding 16, 19, 31
 - Userid/Password Override option 31
 - UTF-8 encoding 5
- V**
- VARCHAR option 43
- W**
- working directory 13

Your Turn

We welcome your feedback.

- If you have comments about this book, please send them to yourturn@sas.com. Include the full title and page numbers (if applicable).
- If you have comments about the software, please send them to suggest@sas.com.

