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### 1 What's New

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 4.0

- Added a graphical interface for configuring the driver on macOS and Linux
- Added support for the OAuth 2.0 authorization on macOS and Linux
- Improved compatibility with Node.js
- Improved compatibility with Tableau
- Improved compatibility with Vectorworks

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 3.4

- Fixed connection timeout setting before opening connection
- Now tokens and passwords are stored in an encrypted form in the DSN record
- Added metadata cache
- Improved compatibility with FileMaker Server for Linux and macOS

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 3.3

- Added support for macOS ARM (Apple Silicon M1 and M2)
- Improved compatibility with 4D in macOS

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 3.2

- Added support for SQL ATTR MAX ROWS attribute
- Improved compatibility with Visual Basic in Visual Studio
- Improved compatibility with Linked Server in SQL Server
- Improved compatibility with Alteryx

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 3.1

- Added support for macOS 13 Ventura
- Added support for custom ClientId and ClientSecrect in connection string parameters
- Improved compatibility with Tableau Prep Builder

Improved compatibility with Crystal Reports

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 3.0

- macOS is supported
- Linux is supported
- Improved compatibility with Linked Server in MSSMS

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 2.2

- Added support for Windows 11
- Improved compatibility with FICO Mosel
- Improved compatibility with FileMaker
- Improved support for an ODBC installer on Windows 2000

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 2.1

- MSI installer for deploying through GPO is added
- The driver was renamed to ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 2.0

OAuth authorization is supported

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.7

- The ReturnForeignKeys connection option to significantly improve performance is added
- The "associate" and "disassociate" stored procedures are added
- Compatibility with Microsoft Power BI Desktop is improved
- · Compatibility with Microsoft Excel is improved
- Compatibility with Visual Studio is improved

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.6

- Performance of obtaining metadata is improved
- Support for connection pooling is improved

Now ODBC driver activation does not require administrator privileges

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.6

• Possibility to force the ODBC 2.x behavior is added

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.5

Compatibility with Dynamics CRM after August 2018 update is improved

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.4

- Possibility to return String Types as Ansi or Unicode is added
- · Compatibility with MS Access is improved
- Compatibility with Tableau is improved
- Compatibility with Omnis Studio is improved
- Compatibility with Power Pivot is improved
- Compatibility with DBeaver is improved

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.3

- Connection Timeout option is added
- · Query Timeout option is added

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.2

- Compatibility with SAS JMP is improved
- Compatibility with MS Power Query is improved
- OUTER JOIN macros in SQL queries are supported
- DateTime macros in SQL queries are supported
- Scalar function macros in SQL queries are supported

# New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.1

- · Compatibility with MS Visual Studio
- Compatibility with MS FoxPro is improved

- · Compatibility with MapInfo is improved
- Compatibility with Libre Office is improved
- Compatibility with Qlik is improved
- Compatibility with Delphi & C++Builder is improved
- MS Access linked tables support is improved

## New features in ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 1.0

- First release of ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365:
- Windows 32-bit is supported
- Windows 64-bit is supported

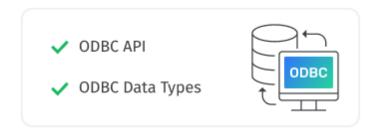
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### 2.1 Overview

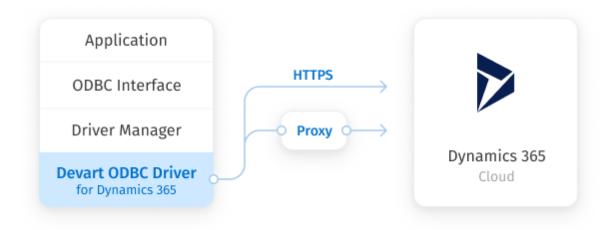
### Overview

Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 is a high-performance connectivity solution with enterprise-level <u>features</u> for accessing Dynamics 365 Customer Engagement (formerly known as Dynamics CRM) from ODBC-compliant reporting, analytics, BI, and ETL tools on Windows, macOS, and Linux. Our ODBC driver fully supports standard ODBC API functions and data types and enables easy and secure access to live Dynamics 365 data from anywhere.



### Connection to Dynamics 365

Our data connector enables various ODBC-aware applications to <u>connect</u> to Dynamics 365 directly via HTTPS. If you have no direct access to Dynamics 365 via HTTPS, you have the option of establishing a connection through a proxy server.



### 2.2 Features



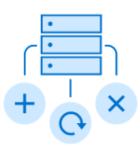
ODBC-aware applications to connect to Dynamics 365 directly via HTTPS. If you have no direct access to Dynamics 365, you have the option of establishing a connection through a proxy server.

# Extended SQL Syntax

Our ODBC driver provides an unrivalled opportunity to work with <a href="Dynamics 365">Dynamics 365</a> objects just as with SQL tables. The extended SQL syntax allows you to use all the SQL benefits in SQL-92 compatible SELECT statements:

- Complex JOINs
- WHERE conditions
- Subqueries
- GROUP statements
- Aggregation functions
- ORDER statements
- and more.

```
Select a.customersizecode,
         a.territorycode,
         a.name,
         a.accountnumber,
         at.isdocument.
        at.businessunitname
    From account a
   Left Join (Select ant.objectid,
                      ant.subject.
                      ant.isdocument,
                      b.name as businessunitname
                 From annotation ant
Left Join (Select * From businessunit) b
                   On ant.owningbusinessunit = b.businessunitid
     On at.objectid = a.accountid
   Where a.exchangerate = 1
    And a.websiteurl Is not Null
Order By a.revenue,
         a.versionnumber,
         a.statecode
```





# **DML** Operations

Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 provides support for DML (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) operations, which allows you to modify data in Dynamics 365 in the same way as in SQL databases.

## **Bulk Updates**

Moreover, with our driver you can perform bulk updates to Dynamics 365 by combining SQL statements into batches, thus simplifying and speeding up large data modification with Dynamics 365.

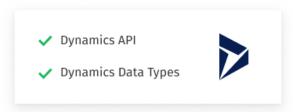
### **ODBC** Conformance

The driver provides full support for common ODBC interface:

- ODBC API Functions support
- ODBC Data Types support

In addition, we provide support for Advanced Connection String parameters. Thus allowing any desktop and web applications to connect to Dynamics 365 from various environments and platforms, that support ODBC.





# Dynamics 365 Compatibility

Our ODBC driver fully supports all data types defined in the Dynamics 365 API.

Moreover, the driver is compatible with the

## Dynamics 365 API itself. Integration Advanced Data Conversion The driver is compatible with 3rd-party data We have implemented advanced Data analysis tools, such as Microsoft Excel, and Conversion mechanisms that provide biintegrates with various IDEs and systems directional mapping between any like Visual Studio, etc. Dynamics 365 and ODBC data types. For a complete list of compatible tools and platforms, see Compatibility. Fully Unicode Driver **Platforms Variety** With our fully Unicode driver, you can Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 can retrieve and work with any data from multibe used with 32-bit and 64-bit applications lingual Dynamics 365 databases correctly, on both x32 and x64 platforms, so there is not depending on whether its charset is no need to additionally configure the driver, Latin, Cyrillic, Hebrew, Chinese, etc., in any applications or environment. environment localization. High Performance Support Every operation with Dynamics 365 Visit our Support page to get instant help becomes significantly faster using such from knowledgeable and experienced capabilities of our driver as Local data

professionals, a quick resolution of your

problems, and nightly builds with hotfixes.

optimization and much more.

caching, connection pooling, query

## 2.3 Compatibility

# **Dynamics 365** Compatibility

Dynamics 365 API	~
Dynamics 365 Data Types	~

# Supported Platforms

- Windows 32-bit and 64-bit (including Windows Terminal Server)
- Compatible with all Windows versions (Windows Vista and higher) that support .NET Framework 4.5.
- macOS 64-bit
- Linux 64-bit

# Compatibility with Third-Party Tools

## **Application Development Tools**

Adobe ColdFusion	✓ ✓
Embarcadero Delphi & C++Builder UniDAC, FireDAC, dbGo (ADO), BDE and dbExpress	
FileMaker	~
Lazarus	~
Microsoft Visual FoxPro	~
Microsoft Visual Studio Server Explorer and ADO.NET ODBC Provider	~
Omnis Studio	~
PHP	~
PowerBASIC	~

Python	~
Database Management	
Aqua Data Studio	~
DBArtisan	~
dbForge Studio	~
dBeaver	~
EMS SQL Management Studio	~
Informatica Cloud	~
RazorSQL	~
SQL Server Data Tools	~
SQL Server Management Studio	~

# BI & Analytics Software

SQL Server Reporting Services

Alteryx	~
DBxtra	~
Dundas BI	~
FICO Xpress Mosel	~
IBM SPSS Statistics	~
MicroStrategy	~
Oracle BI	~
Power BI	~

Qlik Sense	~
QlikView	~
RStudio	~
SAP Crystal Reports	~
SAS JMP	~
Tableau	~
TARGIT	~
TIBCO Spotfire	~

### Office Software Suites

LibreOffice	~
Microsoft Access	~
Microsoft Excel	~
OpenOffice	~
StarOffice	~

## 2.4 Requirements

The following requirements must be met for ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365:

- Only one version of ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 is installed on your system.
- .NET Framework 4.5 or later is installed on your system.

## 2.5 Licensing

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## 2.6 Getting Support

This document lists several ways you can find help with using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 describes the Priority Support program.

# **Support Options**

There are a number of resources for finding help on installing and using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365:

- You can find out more about ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 installation or licensing by consulting Installation and License articles of this manual respectively.
- You can get community assistance and technical support on the Community Forum.
- You can get advanced technical assistance by ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 developers through the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Priority Support program.

## **Subscriptions**

The ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Subscription program is an annual maintenance and support service for ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 users.

Users with a valid ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Subscription get the following benefits:

- Product support through the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Priority Support program
- Access to new versions of ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 when they are released
- Access to all ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 updates and bug fixes
- Notifications about new product versions

# **Priority Support**

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Priority Support is an advanced product support service for getting expedited individual assistance with ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365-related questions from the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 developers themselves. Priority Support is carried out over email and has a two business day response policy. Priority Support is available for users with an active ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Subscription.

To get help through the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Priority Support program, please send an email to <a href="mailto:support@devart.com">support@devart.com</a> describing the problem you are having. Make sure to include the following information in your message:

Your ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Registration number.

- Full ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 edition name and version number. You can find the version number in DLL version information.
- Versions of the Dynamics 365 server and client you are using.
- A detailed problem description.
- If possible, ODBC Administrator Log, scripts for creating and filling in database objects, and the application using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

If you have any questions regarding licensing or subscriptions, please see the FAQ or contact sales@devart.com.

## 3 Using ODBC Driver

- 1. Installation
- 2. Product Activation
- 3. Connecting to Dynamics 365
- 4. Connection String Parameters
- 5. Sandboxed Apps on macOS
- 6. Using with iODBC
- 7. Enabling ODBC Tracing
- 8. Supported Data Types
- 9. Supported ODBC API Functions
- **10.Stored Procedures**

### 3.1 Installation

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 currently supports the following platforms: Windows, macOS, and Linux.

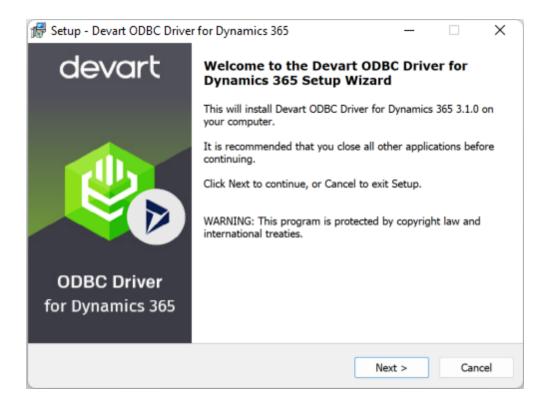
- Windows Regular Installation
- Windows Silent Installation
- macOS

- Linux DEB
- Linux RPM

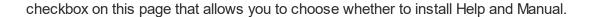
#### 3.1.1 Windows

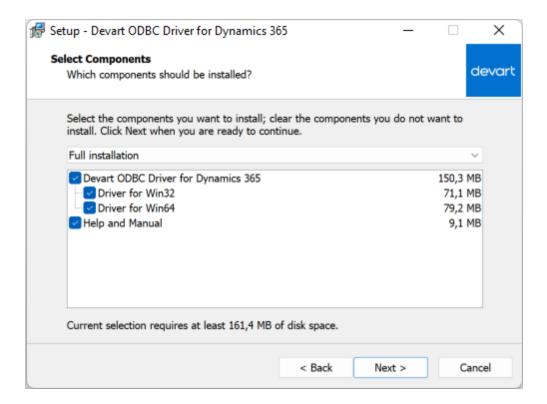
### Installation

- 1. Download and run the installer.
- 2. Follow the instructions in the wizard.



- 3. If you already have the specified installation folder on the PC or another driver version is installed, you will get a warning. Click Yes to overwrite the old files with the current installation, but it is recommended to completely uninstall the previous driver version first, and then install the new one.
- 4. On the **Select Components** page, you can choose whether to install the **64-bit** version of the driver. Clear the checkbox if you do not need a 64-bit installation. There is also a



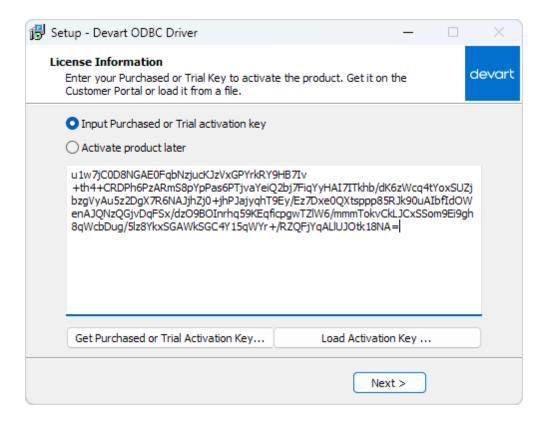


- 5. On the **License Information** page, select when you want to activate the driver:
  - Immediately after installation: Select Input Purchased or Trial activation key and enter your key in the provided box, or click Load Activation Key and select the file containing your key.
  - Any other time: Select Activate product later.

You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

You can find your activation key in the registration email or your Customer Portal account.

To open the Customer Portal, click **Get Purchased or Trial Activation Key**.



- 6. Click **Next** to complete the installation.
- 7. Click **Finish** to exit Setup.
- 8. After the installation is completed, you need to configure the driver.

## See also:

- Installation on macOS
- Install Linux DEB package
- Install Linux RPM package

#### 3.1.2 Silent

### Silent Installation with OEM license on Windows

- 1. Run the Command Prompt as an administrator.
- 2. Use the following command-lines to perform the driver silent/very silent installation:

DevartODBCDynamics.exe /SILENT /ActivationKey=y1c7nmgdu234laszxcvONGurjfhxm9
DevartODBCDynamics.exe /VERYSILENT /ActivationKey=ekhdh765mh09ukr237gfHRtril

**Note**: The installation is performed by entering a license key.

DevartODBCDynamics.exe /SILENT /ActivationFile=d:\lic.key

DevartODBCDynamics.exe /VERYSILENT /ActivationFile=d:\lic.key

**Note**: The installation is performed by specifying the path to a license key file with any name.

When /SILENT is used, the installation progress is displayed, but no user interaction is required during installation.

When /VERYSILENT is used, the installation wizard dialog is hidden and the installation process is performed without user interference.

#### 3.1.3 macOS

## **Prerequisites**

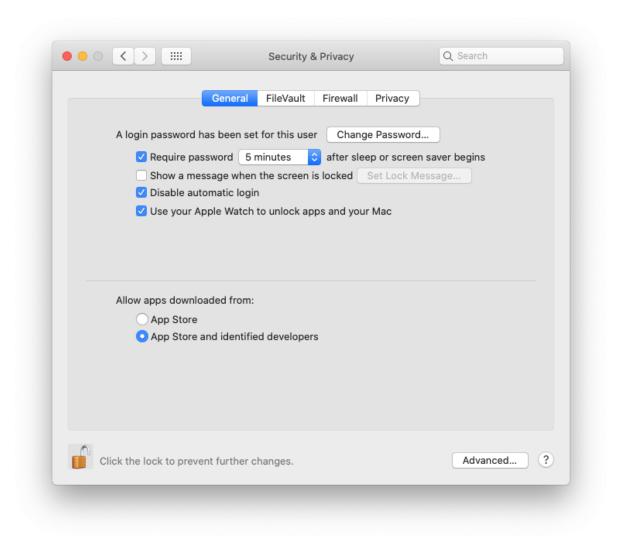
ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 works under the control of an ODBC driver manager. ODBC driver manager is not distributed along with our driver and must be installed separately.

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 is compatible with iODBC driver manager.

In case when using other ODBC driver managers, ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 will be installed, but it will require manual modification of the configuration files of these managers.

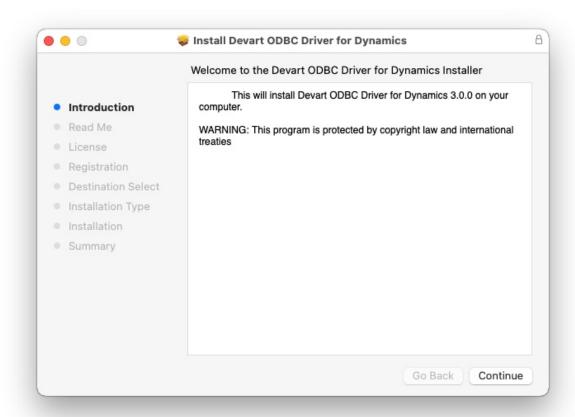
# Installing ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

- 1. Go to Security & Privacy settings in the System Preferences.
- Enable the App Store and identified developers option in the Allows apps downloaded from section.



If the options in **Allow apps downloaded from** section are grayed out, click the lock icon and enter your administrator password to proceed with the installation.

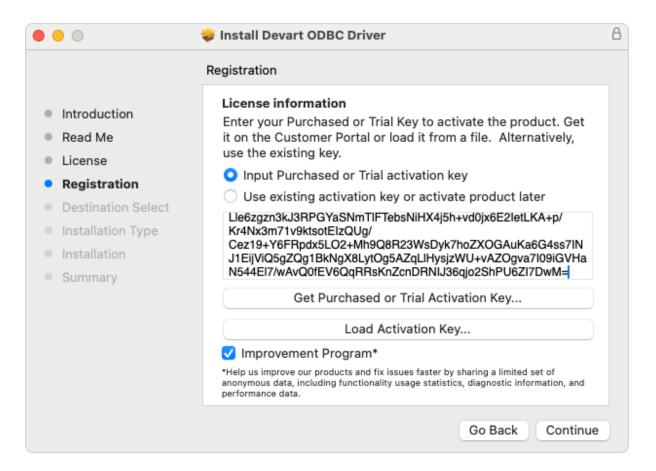
- 3. Download the PKG file from the Devart website.
- 4. Run the downloaded file, click **Allow** to proceed with the installation.



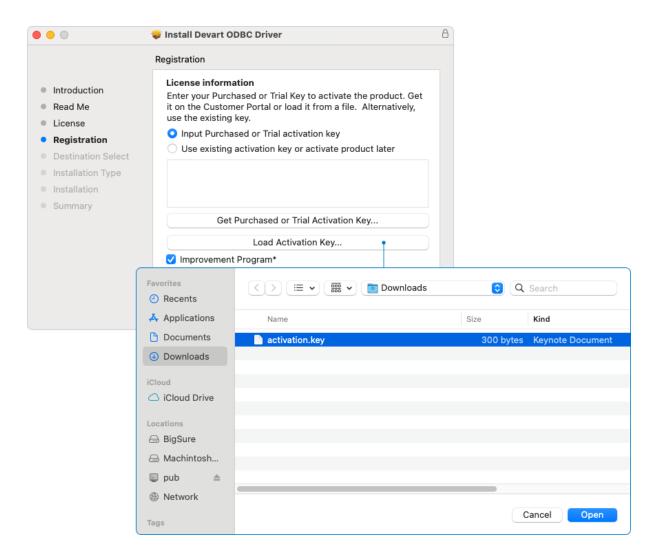
5. After reading the license agreement, click **Agree**.



- 6. On the **Registration** page, specify your activation key using one of the following methods:
  - Enter an activation key:
    - 1. Select Input Purchased or Trial activation key.
    - 2. Enter your activation key.



- · Load an activation key file:
  - 1. Click Load Activation Key.
  - 2. Navigate to the location of the activation file.
  - 3. Click Open.

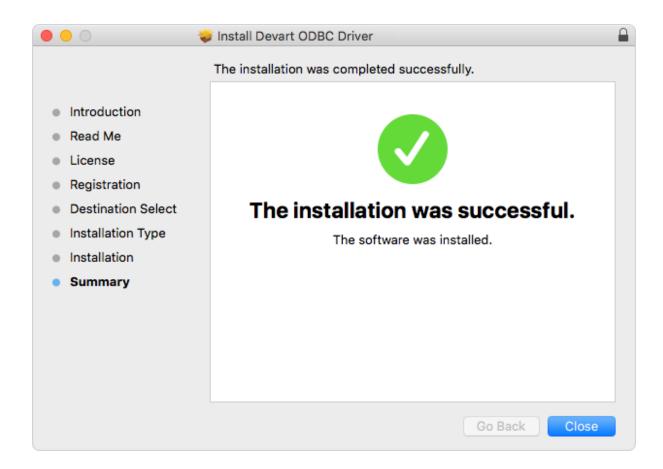


You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

You can find your activation key in the registration email or your Customer Portal account. To open the Customer Portal, click **Get Purchased or Trial Activation Key**.

If you're reinstalling the driver or don't want to activate the driver right now, select **Use** existing activation key or activate product later.

7. To complete the installation click **Continue**, then click **Install**.



To activate the driver, perform the steps described in the Product Activation article.

### See also:

- Installation on Windows
- Install Linux DEB package
- Install Linux RPM package

### 3.1.4 Linux DEB

# **Prerequisites**

### **ODBC** driver manager

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 works under the control of an ODBC driver manager. ODBC driver manager is not distributed along with our driver and must be installed separately.

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 is compatible with <u>unixODBC</u> driver manager. Depending on your Linux distribution, you can install the unixODBC driver manager using one of the following commands:

• For Ubuntu 23 and later versions:

```
sudo apt-get install libodbcinst2 libodbc2 odbcinst unixodbc
```

For other distributions, including Ubuntu 22 and earlier versions:

```
sudo apt-get install odbcinst1debian2 libodbc1 odbcinst unixodbc
```

If you are using other ODBC driver managers, ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 will be installed, but it will require manual modification of the configuration files of these managers.

#### openssI-1.1 library

For Ubuntu 22.04 LTS and later versions, Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 requires **openssI-1.1** library pre-installed. If you do not have it installed, you need to install it **before** installing ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

You can install the libraries using the commands below.

1. Retrieve the .deb library installation file:

```
wget http://nz2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/o/openssl/libssl1.1_1.1.1f-
1ubuntu2_amd64.deb
```

2. Install the previously fetched file:

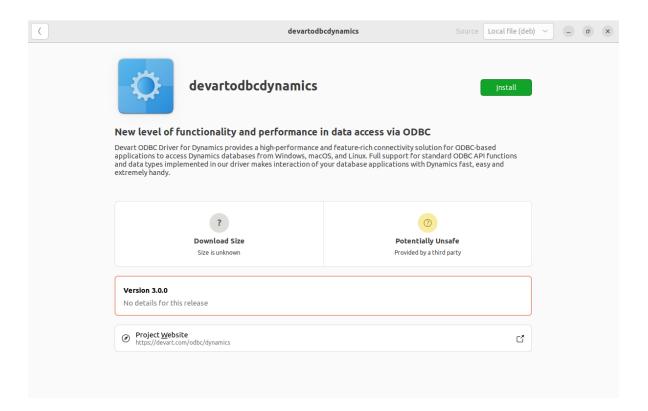
```
sudo dpkg -i libssl1.1_1.1.1f-1ubuntu2_amd64.deb
```

## Installation

Let's consider how to install Devart ODBC Driver on Linux from a DEB package, for example, on Ubuntu. There are two ways to install the driver: manually using the GUI or via the command line.

#### GUI installation

- 1. Download the DEB package of the required bitness from the Devart website.
- Navigate to the folder with the downloaded package ("Downloads" by default) and doubleclick it.
- 3. In the opened dialog, click **Install**.



If the installation is successfully completed, the **Install** button changes to **Remove**.

To activate the driver, perform the steps described in the Product Activation article.

You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

### Command-line installation

1. Download the DEB package from the Devart website.

By default, the required package will be downloaded into the ~/Downloads folder (or the selected one).

- 2. Run the 'Terminal' program.
- 3. Navigate to the folder with the downloaded package (if you downloaded the package to a folder other than ~/Downloads, specify the path to that folder as the cd command parameter):

cd ~/Downloads/

### ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~\$ cd ~/Downloads/

4. To install the devartodbcdynamics\_amd64.deb on a 64-bit system, use the following command:

sudo dpkg -i devartodbcdynamics\_amd64.deb

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~$ cd ~/Downloads/
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ sudo dpkg -i devartodbcdynamics_3.0.0_amd6
4\(24.10.2022\).deb []
```

The driver is installed successfully.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~\ cd ~\Downloads\/
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~\Downloads\\ sudo dpkg -i devartodbcdynamics_3.0.0_amd6
4\(24.10.2022\).deb
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
Selecting previously unselected package devartodbcdynamics.
(Reading database ... 179657 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack devartodbcdynamics_3.0.0_amd64(24.10.2022).deb ...
Unpacking devartodbcdynamics (3.0.0) ...
Setting up devartodbcdynamics (3.0.0) ...
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~\Downloads\\
```

To activate the driver, perform the steps described in the Product Activation article.

You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

### See also:

- Install Linux RPM package
- Installation on Windows
- Installation on macOS

### 3.1.5 Linux RPM

## **Prerequisites**

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 works under the control of an ODBC driver manager. ODBC driver manager is not distributed along with our driver and must be installed separately.

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 is compatible with unixODBC driver manager.

If you are using other ODBC driver managers, ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 will be installed, but it will require manual modification of the configuration files of these managers.

### Installation

Let's consider how to install Devart ODBC Driver on Linux from an RPM package, for example, on CentOS. To install the driver, download the .rpm package and install it via the command line. See the detailed description of these steps below.

- 1. <u>Download</u> the RPM package from the Devart website.
  - By default, the required package will be downloaded to the ~/Downloads folder (or the selected one).
- 2. Run the 'Konsole' program.
- 3. Install the **Ittng-tools** package with the following command:

```
sudo yum install lttng-tools
```

4. Navigate to the folder with the downloaded RPM package (if you downloaded the package to a folder other than ~/Downloads, you need to specify the path to that folder as the cd command parameter):

```
cd ~/Downloads/
```

```
[test@localhost ~]$ cd ~/Downloads/
[test@localhost Downloads]$
```

5. To install the devart-odbc-dynamics.x86\_64.rpm on a 64-bit system, use the following command:

sudo rpm -ivh devart-odbc-dynamics.x86\_64.rpm

[test@localhost Desktop]\$ sudo rpm -ivh devart-odbc-dynamics.x86 64.rpm

The driver is installed successfully.

To activate the driver, perform the steps described in the Product Activation article.

You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

### See also:

- Install Linux DEB package
- Installation on Windows
- Installation on macOS

### 3.2 Remote Installation

One of the key advantages of Group Policy is the ability to deploy software remotely using MSI files. This section explains how to use Group Policy to remotely install the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 on client computers.

The information is organized into the following sections:

- Creating the MST File Using Orca
- Remote Deployment and Activation
- Upgrading Driver Version and License Key

### 3.2.1 Package Transformation

## Creating the MST File Using Orca

To customize the installation of the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365, you first need to edit the Windows Installer Package (MSI) by creating an MST file. This will allow for customized installation of an original Windows Installer (MSI) Package.

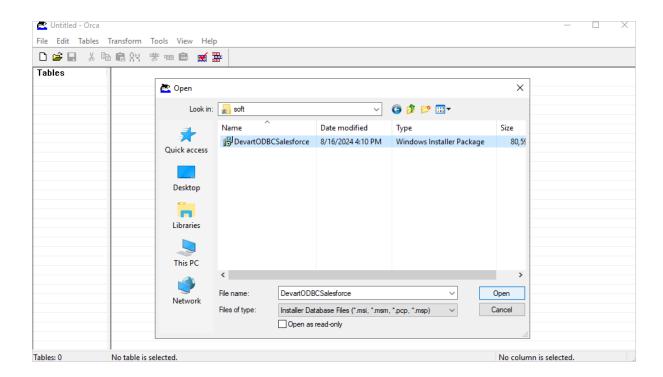
An MST file, or Windows Installer Setup Transform file, contains program configuration

settings. In our case, the MST file for the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 will include the correct license information. This MST file is used together with the original MSI package in the Group Policy software distribution system.

There are many tools available for customizing MSI file settings, so you can choose the one that best suits your needs. In this example, we'll be using **Orca**, which is available as part of the Windows SDK Components for Windows Installer Developers. For more information about Orca, visit the official Microsoft website.

To start the process of MST file generation using the Orca editor, follow the steps below:

 Launch the Orca application, then open the required MSI file by selecting Open in the File menu or click the Open icon on the toolbar below.

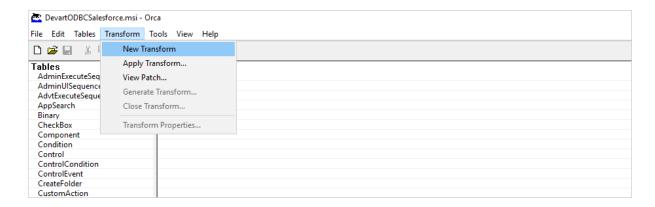


The MSI file for the ODBC Driver for Salesforce is taken as an example to illustrate the Group Policy installation process. Use the same steps described in this section when installing the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

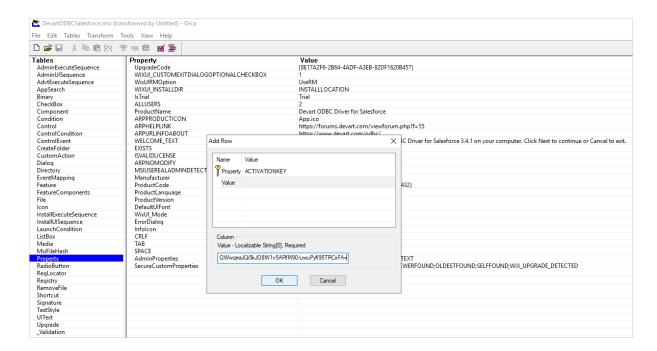
2. As a result, the **Tables** menu on the left side of the main application window will display the

properties of the selected MSI file.

3. Next, navigate Transform -> New Transform.



4. To proceed, select **Property** from the **Tables** menu, then double-click any empty row on the right side of the application window.



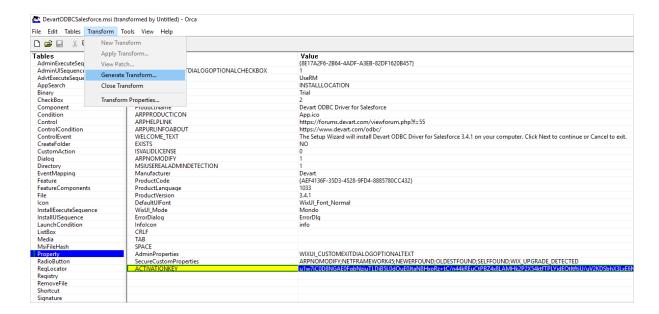
In the **Add Row** dialog that opens, make the following settings and press **OK** to apply the changes:

Property - enter ACTIVATIONKEY with capital letters only.

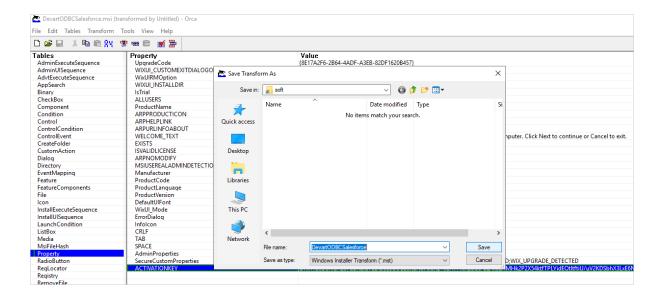
• Value - enter the valid OEM license key for the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

As shown in the following screen, a new property, **ACTIVATIONKEY**, has been added, with the license key displayed in the value column next to it.

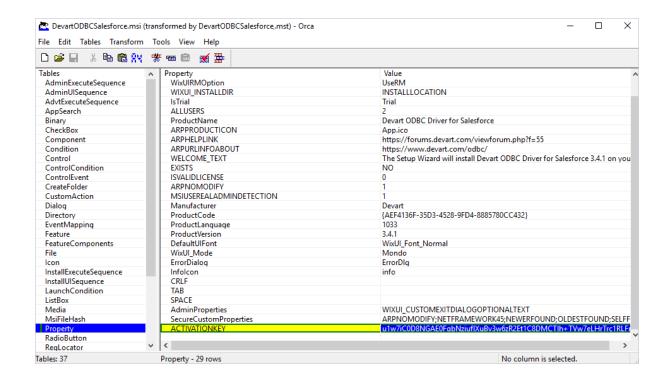
Once the configuration changes have been made, select Transform -> Generate
 Transform.



6. In the Save Transform As dialog that appears, enter a suitable name for the new MST file and click Save to apply your settings.



7. If successful, the encryption message *DevartODBCSalesforce.msi* (transformed by *DevartODBCSalesforce.mst*) - *Orca* will be displayed at the top of the Orca application window.



In case of a positive outcome, the newly created MST file will be located in the folder you

specified, alongside the MSI file.

#### 3.2.2 Deployment and Activation

## Installing and Activating Software Remotely

Group Policy automated-program installation is specifically designed for deploying Windows Installer packages (MSI files). Therefore, when deploying the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 using Group Policy, be sure to use the corresponding MSI file for the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

### Prerequisites: Locating the MSI Installation File

Prior to making configuration settings in the Group Policy, you'll need to create a distribution folder:

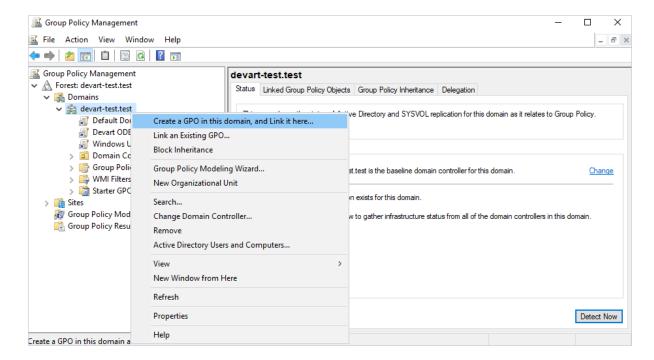
- 1. Create a shared network folder on the publishing server.
- 2. Set the appropriate sharing permissions on this folder to allow read access to the driver installation package for all domain users.
- 3. Download the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 MSI file, and place it in the network folder.

The MSI file for the ODBC Driver for Salesforce is taken as an example to illustrate the Group Policy installation process. Use the same steps described in this section when installing the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

Further in this section, you'll find more detailed information on how to deploy and activate the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 on remote client computers using Group Policy.

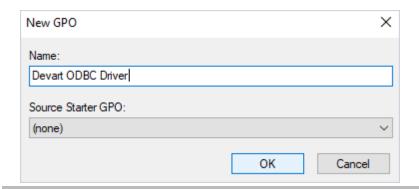
#### Server-Side Actions

- 1. Open the **Group Policy Management** desktop application.
- 2. In the Group Policy Management window, navigate to the desired forest node, then expand the appropriate option under the Domains node. For this example, we'll select devart-test.test. Right-click the Domains node, and from the context menu, select Create a GPO in this domain, and Link it here.



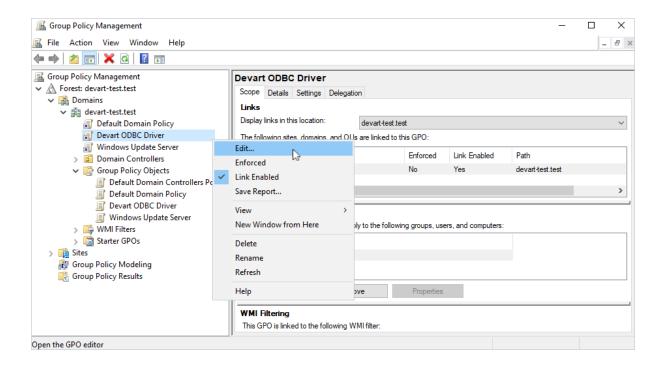
 You can now create a New Group Policy Object. In the New GPO dialog enter a name for the new object and click OK. The new GPO will then appear within the Group Policy Management container.

For example, let's create a GPO named after the ODBC driver name.

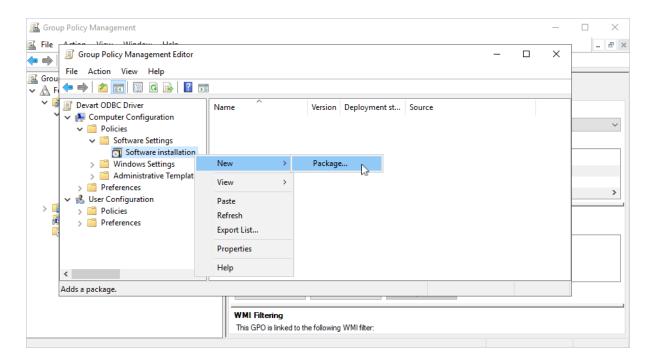


Keep in mind that each ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 Windows installation package corresponds to one Group Policy Object (GPO), which is important for managing future software upgrades. To install multiple drivers using Group Policy, you need to create a separate GPO for each driver you want to deploy.

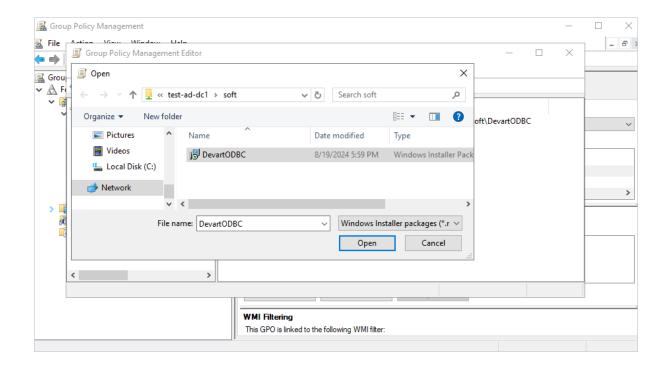
4. Right-click the new object and select **Edit** from the context menu.



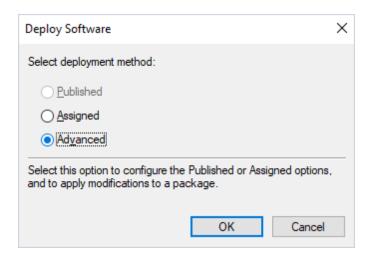
5. In the left pane of the Group Policy Management Editor, navigate to Computer Configuration --> Policies --> Software Settings --> Software installation. Your current deployment package will appear in the right pane. Right-click Software installation, then select New --> Package.



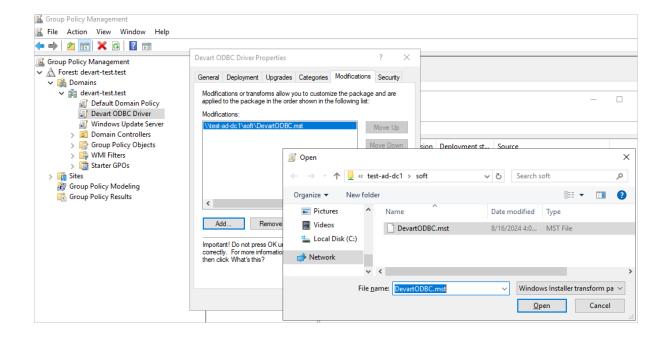
 In the Group Policy Management Editor dialog that opens, select the desired MSI installation file and click Open.



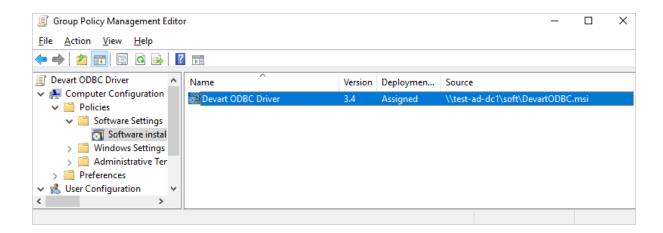
7. In the **Deploy Software** dialog, select **Advanced** to specify the software deployment method. The **Advanced** deployment method allows you to make necessary modifications to the MSI file, such as creating the MST file in Orca.



8. In the **Properties** dialog of the installation package that opens, go to the **Modifications** tab and select **Add**. Browse for the corresponding MST file, select it, and click **Open** to apply the settings.



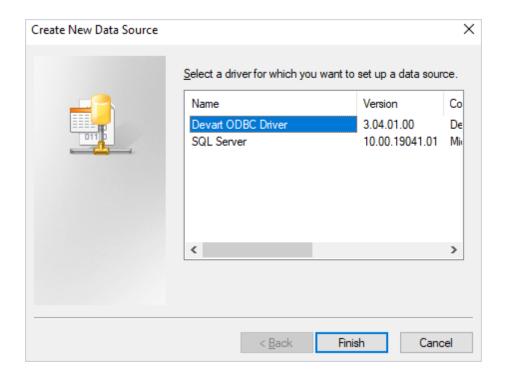
9. If configured correctly, the Group Policy Management Editor window should look as follows:



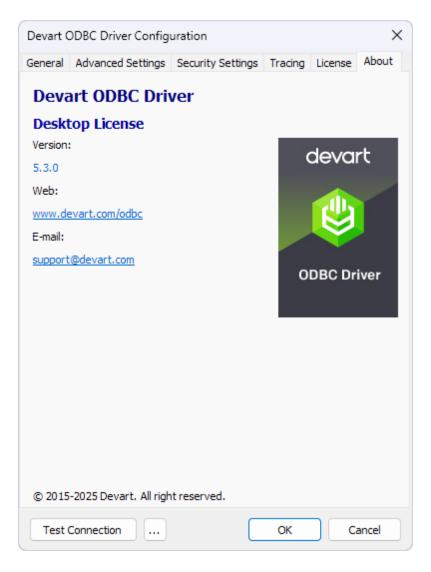
#### Client-Side Actions

For the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 to be successfully installed on remote client machines, all domain users must restart their computers after logging in for the first time.

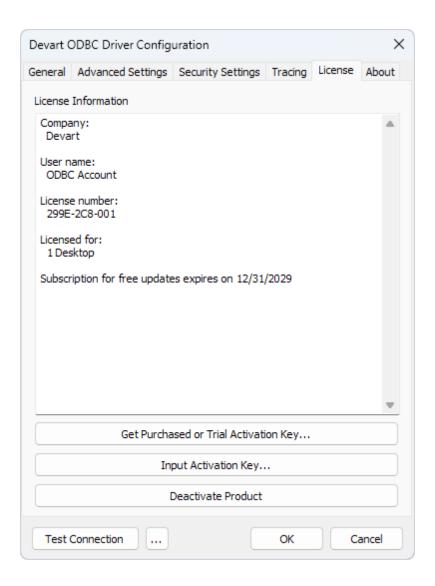
In case of successful deployment, the ODBC driver will be installed on the client's computer. To verify, open the <u>ODBC Data Source Administrator</u> on the client's machine and add the deployed ODBC driver.



All information on the deployed driver is accessible upon clicking the **About** tab.



Similarly, the valid license key will be automatically activated after the successful installation of the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.



#### See Also

- Creating the MST File Using Orca
- Activating on Windows ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365
- License Information ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

## 3.2.3 Software Upgrade

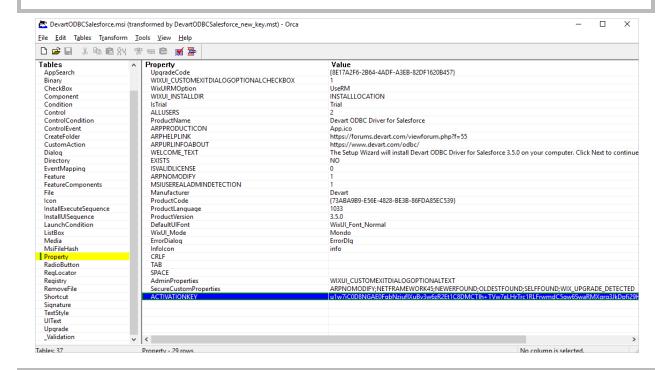
# Automatic Software Update Using Group Policy

If the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 was initially deployed through Group Policy, it can be easily updated to a newer version. Follow the steps below to update both the ODBC Driver for

Dynamics 365 and the license to newer versions on all remote computers in the domain.

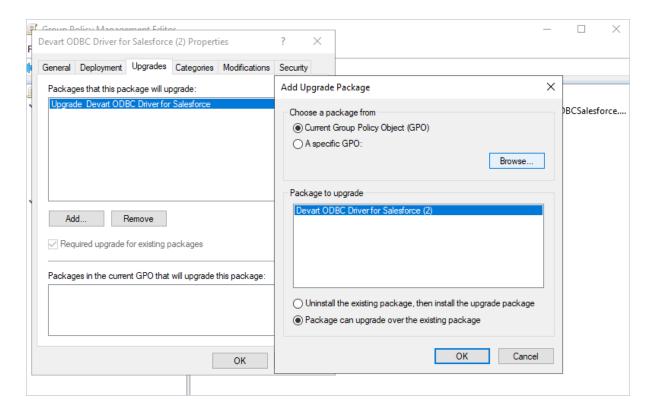
- 1. Download the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 installation MSI file of a newer version and place it in the shared network folder.
- 2. Create a new MST file with a new license key using Orca.

If your license is still valid, there's no need to create a new MST file. Use the current MST file instead.



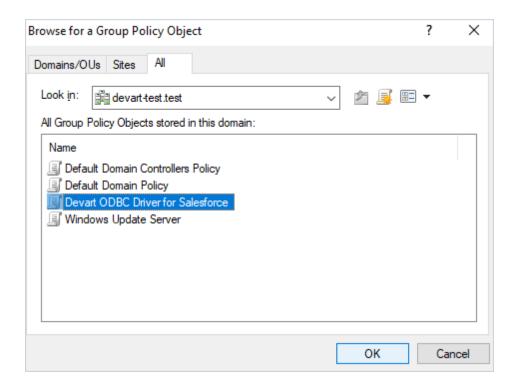
The MSI file for the ODBC Driver for Salesforce is taken as an example to illustrate the Group Policy installation process. Use the same steps described in this section when installing the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

- Follow the same workflow as outlined in <u>Step 4 to Step 7</u> of the <u>ODBC Driver for Dynamics</u>
   365 Remote Deployment and Activation section.
- 4. In the **Properties** dialog that appears after selecting the **Advanced** deployment method, go to the **Upgrades** tab and click **Add**.

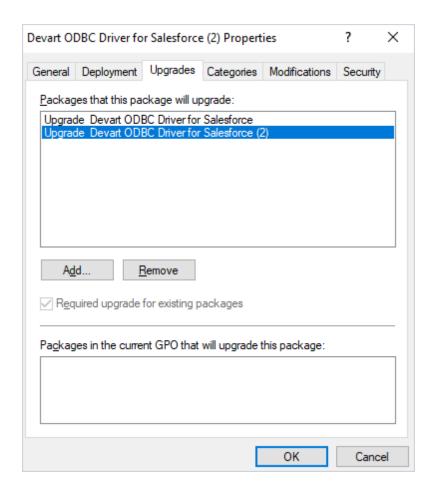


Make sure to select the following check boxes while adding the package:

- Current Group Policy Object
- Package can upgrade over the existing package
- 5. Browse for the corresponding GPO object and click **OK** to apply the settings.

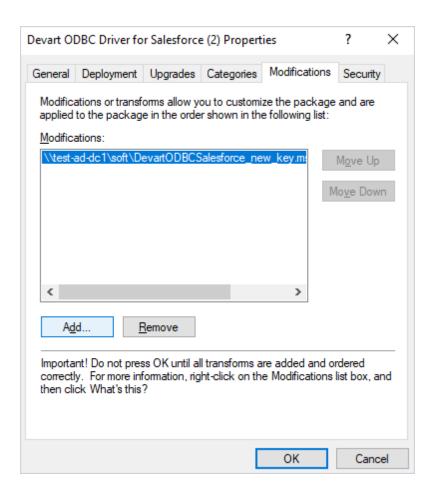


Now the **Upgrades** tab of the **Properties** dialog will list a new package with a newer version.

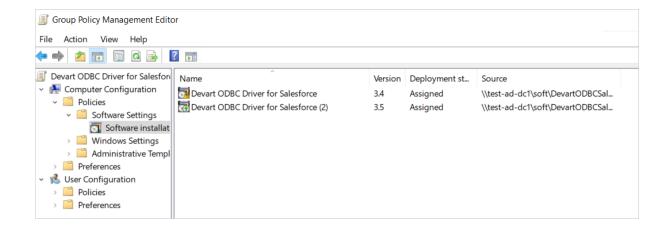


 Go to the **Modifications** tab in the same properties dialog, click **Add** and browse to the MST file.

We have already created a new MST file with a new license key in <a>Step 2</a>.



8. In case of a positive outcome both the old and new versions of the driver package will be displayed in the Group Policy Management Editor.



Once the GPO configuration on the server is complete, the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

will automatically update to the latest version each time a client computer restarts.

#### Client-Side Actions

To update the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 to a newer version on remote client machines, all domain users must restart their computers after their first login.

If successful, both the driver and the license key will be automatically updated to the new version on remote computers. For detailed instructions on how to view the technical details of the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 after upgrading, refer to Client-Side Actions.

#### See Also

- Creating the MST File Using Orca
- Remote Deployment and Activation ODBC Driver for Microsoft Access
- Activating on Windows ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365
- License Information ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

#### 3.3 Product Activation

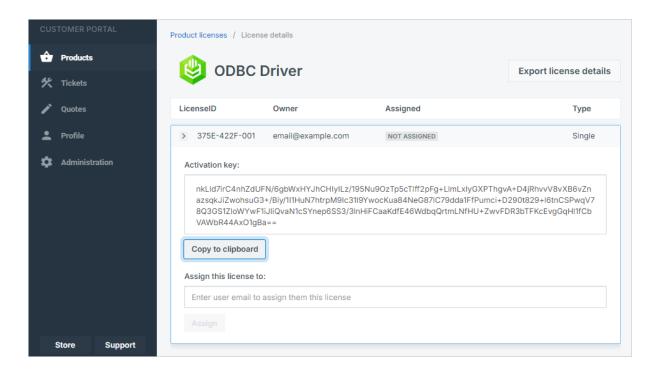
See how to activate Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365:

- Obtaining Activation Key
- Activation on Windows
- Activation on macOS
- Activation on Linux
- Where to see the license information

#### 3.3.1 Obtaining Activation Key

Follow these steps to obtain your product activation key:

- From the Customer Portal:
  - 1. Open the Customer Portal and sign in.
  - **2.** On the **Product licenses** page, select the driver.
  - 3. Click Copy to clipboard to copy the activation key.



#### • From the registration email:

- Locate the registration email you received from Devart after installing the driver. This
  email contains a Purchased or Trial activation key.
- 2. Copy the activation key.

## See also:

- Activation on Windows
- Activation on macOS
- Activation on Linux

#### 3.3.2 Activation on Windows

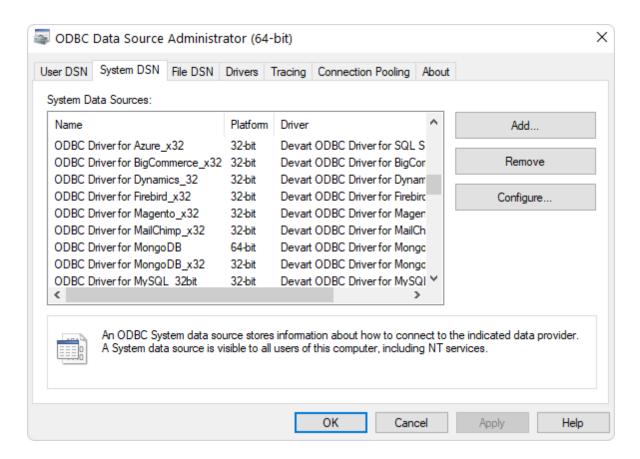
### **Driver Activation After Installation**

To activate your installed driver, perform the following steps.

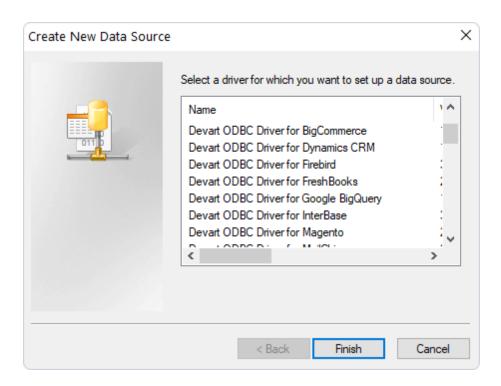
You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

1. Open the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

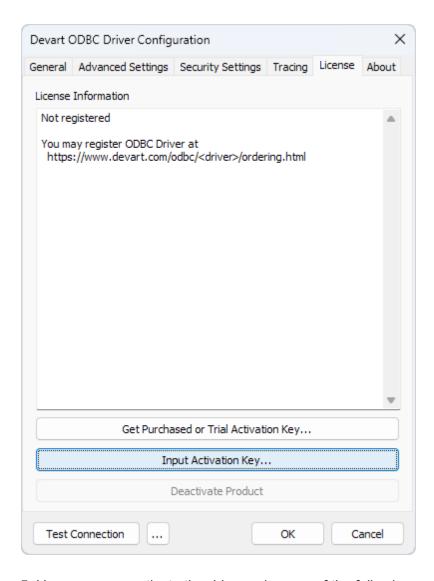
2. On the System DSN tab, click Add.



3. In the Create New Data Source dialog, select the installed driver, then click Finish.



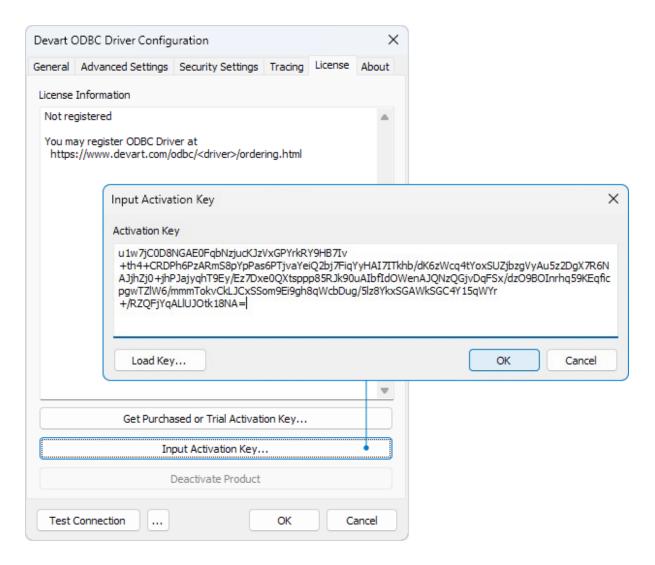
4. In the configuration dialog, navigate to the **License** tab, and click **Input Activation Key**.



- 5. Here, you can activate the driver using one of the following methods:
  - Enter an activation key: Paste your activation key into the corresponding box.
  - Load an activation file: Click Load Key and select the file that contains the activation key.

You can find your activation key in the registration email or your Customer Portal account.

To open the Customer Portal, click **Get Purchased or Trial Activation Key**.



6. Click OK.

#### 3.3.3 Activation on macOS

## **Driver Activation After Installation**

If you didn't activate Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 during installation, you can activate it later using one of two methods:

- Online via a console application (for Perpetual and Subscription licenses).
- Offline with an activation file (only for Perpetual licenses).

You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

### Activate Online via a Console Application

To activate the driver over the internet using a console application, follow these steps (this method works for both Perpetual and Subscription licenses):

- In the console, go to the folder where the driver was installed. The default installation path is /Library/ODBC/Devart/Dynamics.
- 2. Optional: To open the Customer Portal in your browser and locate your activation key, run the following command:

#### ./dynamicsodbcactivator -g

Alternatively, you can find your activation key in the registration email.

- 3. Run the activation command with superuser privilege, providing either the driver activation key or the path of the file with the key:
  - To activate using the activation key:

```
sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -a <activation_key>
```

Replace <activation\_key> with the driver activation key.

To activate using a file:

```
sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -a <file_path>
```

Replace <file\_path> with the full path of the file containing the driver activation key.

When the process is complete, the driver is activated, and the License Summary is displayed in the console.

#### Activate Offline With an Activation File

To activate the driver offline (only for Perpetual licenses), follow these steps:

- Go to the folder where the driver was installed. The default installation path is /Library/ ODBC/Devart/Dynamics.
- 2. In that folder, create a file with the activation.key name.

- 3. Copy the activation key from the registration email or your Customer Portal account and paste it into the created file.
- 4. Save the file.

The driver gets activated.

### See also:

- Activation on Windows
- Activation on Linux

#### 3.3.4 Activation on Linux

### **Driver Activation After Installation**

If you didn't activate Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 during installation, you can activate it later using one of two methods:

- Online via a console application (for Perpetual and Subscription licenses).
- Offline with an activation file (only for Perpetual licenses).

You need to activate the driver even for the trial version.

## Activate Online via a Console Application

To activate the driver over the internet using a console application, follow these steps (this method works for both Perpetual and Subscription licenses):

- 1. In the console, go to the folder where the driver was installed. The default installation path is:
  - For the DEB package: /usr/share/devart/odbcdynamics
  - For the RPM package: /usr/local/devart/odbcdynamics
- 2. Optional: To open the Customer Portal in your browser and locate your activation key, run the following command:

#### ./dynamicsodbcactivator -g

Alternatively, you can find your activation key in the registration email.

- 3. Run the activation command with superuser privilege, providing either the driver activation key or the path of the file with the key:
  - To activate using the activation key:

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sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -a <activation_key>
```

Replace <activation\_key> with the driver activation key.

To activate using a file:

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sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -a <file_path>
```

Replace <file\_path> with the full path of the file containing the driver activation key.

When the process is complete, the driver is activated, and the License Summary is displayed in the console.

#### Activate Offline With an Activation File

To activate the driver offline (only for Perpetual licenses), follow these steps:

- 1. Go to the folder where the driver was installed. The default installation path is:
  - For the DEB package: /usr/share/devart/odbcdynamics
  - For the RPM package: /usr/local/devart/odbcdynamics
- 2. In that folder, create a file with the activation.key name.
- Copy the activation key from the registration email or your Customer Portal account and paste it into the created file.
- 4. Save the file.

The driver gets activated.

### See also:

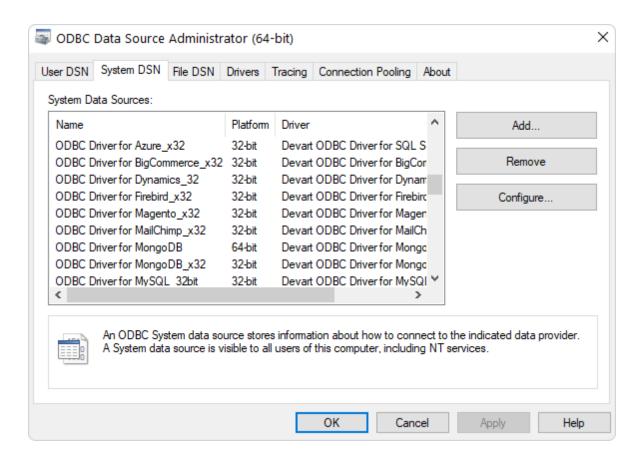
Activation on Windows

Activation on macOS

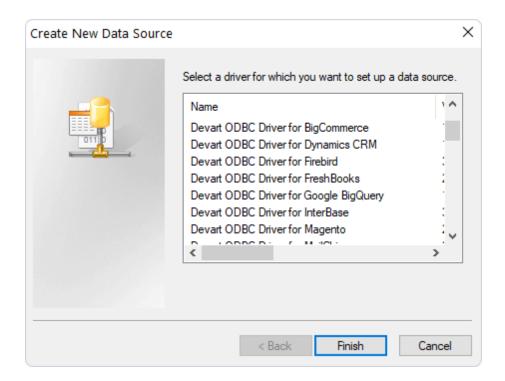
#### 3.3.5 Where to See the License Information?

To see the license information of your installed driver, do the following:

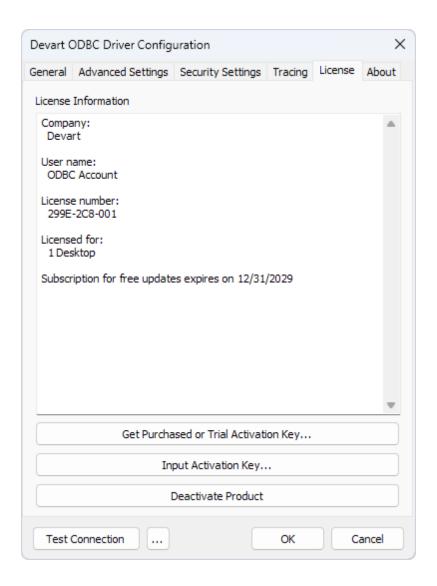
- 1. Open the ODBC Data Source Administrator.
- 2. On the **System DSN** tab, click **Add**.



3. Select the driver, then click **Finish**.



4. In the configuration dialogue, navigate to the **License** tab to view the license details.



# 3.4 Connecting to Dynamics 365

See how to connect to the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365:

- Windows DSN Configuration
- macOS DSN Configuration
- Linux DSN Configuration

#### 3.4.1 Windows

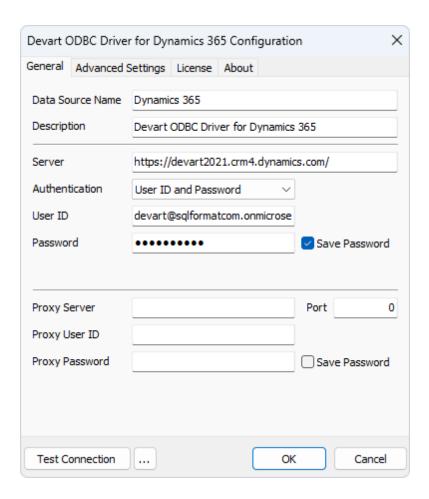
Windows DSN Configuration

After installing the driver, create a DSN for Dynamics 365 in the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

- 1. Open the ODBC Data Source Administrator.
  - Type odbc data sources in the Windows search box and choose the application that matches the bitness of the third-party application (32-bit or 64-bit). You can also open
     ODBC Data Sources from Control Panel > Administrative Tools. Note that before Windows 8, the icon was named Data Sources (ODBC).
  - Alternatively, you can run C:\Windows\SysWOW64\odbcad32.exe to create a 32-bit DSN or C:\Windows\System32\odbcad32.exe to create a 64-bit DSN.
- 2. Select the **User DSN** or **System DSN** tab. Most applications work with both types, yet some applications require a specific type of DSN.
- 3. Click Add. The Create New Data Source dialog will appear.
- Select Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 and click Finish. The driver setup dialog will open.
- 5. Enter the connection information in the appropriate fields.

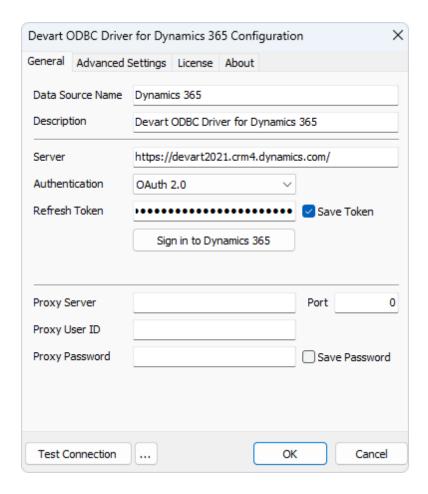
#### **Basic Authentication**

If you choose this authentication type, enter the username and password for your Dynamics 365.



#### **Token-Based Authentication**

If you authenticate with OAuth2, click **Sign In with Dynamics 365**, enter your credentials, and grant the requested permissions to generate a refresh token.



- 6. You can test the connectivity by clicking **Test Connection**.
- 7. Click **OK** to save the DSN.

#### See Also

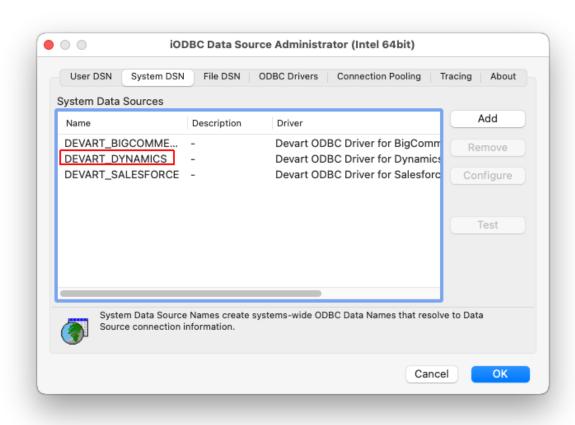
**Connection Options** 

#### 3.4.2 Mac

# macOS DSN Configuration

After the driver is <u>installed</u>, DSN with the name DEVART\_DYNAMICS is created. You can use it to test a <u>connection with DYNAMICS</u> server. For this, perform the following steps:

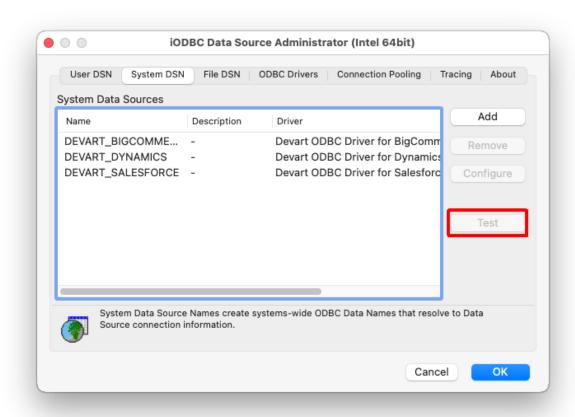
1. Run the iODBC utility of the required bitness. Find the DEVART\_DYNAMICS section and click the Configure button:



2. In the appeared dialog, specify the required connection settings and click OK.



3. Now click the Test button to establish a test connection to your data source.



#### See Also

**Connection Options** 

#### 3.4.3 Linux

# **Linux DSN Configuration**

After the linux (<u>DEB</u> or <u>RPM</u>) driver is installed, a DSN with the name DEVART\_DYNAMICS is created. You can use it to test the <u>connection with the DYNAMICS</u> server. For this, perform the following steps:

1. Open the odbc.ini file located in the /etc folder. Find the DEVART\_DYNAMICS section and specify the required connection settings:

User ID=<your Dynamics 365 user name>
Password=<your Dynamics 365 password>

Server=<your Dynamics 365 server address>

2. Run the UnixODBC Test Command utility and test a connection using the following command:

```
isql -v DEVART_DYNAMICS
```

See Also

**Connection Options** 

## 3.5 Connection String Parameters

# Dynamics 365 ODBC Connection String Parameters

The following table lists the connection string parameters for Dynamics 365.

Paramet er	Description
Authenticat	The authentication type to use when connecting to Dynamics 365. Defaults to OAuth.  OAuth
•	

	The OAuth 2.0 authentication.
	User ID and Password
	The basic user/password authentication.
Server	The URL of the Dynamics 365 server.
User ID	The Dynamics 365 username. Available when the User ID and Password
	authentication type is selected.
Password	The Dynamics 365 password. Available when the User ID and Password
	authentication type is selected.
Refresh	The Dynamics 365 OAuth 2.0 token. Available when the OAuth 2.0
Token	authentication type is selected.
Client Id	Custom Client ld for the Dynamics 365 OAuth 2.0.
Client	Custom Client Secret for the Dynamics 365 OAuth 2.0.
Secret	,
Proxy Settings	
Proxy	The proxy hostname or IP address.
Server	
Proxy Port	The port number used to connect to a proxy server.
Proxy User	The proxy username.
Proxy	The proxy password.
Password	
Advances Settings	
AllowNullSt	
ringsInMeta	Some parameters don't accept null values when retrieving metadata. If a
data	third-party tool passes a null value to such a parameter, the driver returns
EmptyString	an error. By default, these options are enabled for compatibility with such
sAsNullInMe	third-party tools.
tadata	

	This is a configurable parameter, which allows caching and storing
	metadata in a temporary database. The parameter settings specify the frequency of resetting cached metadata ranging from 1 hourto 1 month. False
	The metadata caching is disabled.
	Hour
Cache	Cached metadata is reset one time per hour.
Metadata	Day
	Cached metadata is reset once a day (i.e. every 24 hours).
	Month
	Cached metadata is reset once per month.
	True
	Metadata caching won't reset until the driver is unloaded.
Connection	The time (in seconds) to wait for a connection to open before terminating
Timeout	an attempt. The default value is 60.
ODBC	Sets the behavior corresponding to the ODBC specification version expected by a third-party tool. The behavior of the ODBC driver can be changed by calling the SQLSetEnvAttr function to set the SQL_ATTR_ODBC_VERSION environment attribute. Some third-party tools expect the driver to exhibit ODBC 2.x behavior, but forget to call SQLSetEnvAttr with the needed version, or pass an incorrect value. In this case, the behavior can be explicitly set in the connection string.
Behavior	The default value. ODBC behavior is determined by a third-party tool.
	2
	ODBC 2.x behavior is explicitly set.
	3
	ODBC 3.x behavior is explicitly set.
QueryTimeou	The time to wait for a query execution result before terminating and
t	generating an error.
RegionalNum	Enables the use of local regional settings when converting numbers to
berSettings	strings.
RegionalDat	Enables the use of local regional settings when converting dates and

eTimeSettin	times to strings.
gs	
	Use the parameter to specify whether the driver must return foreign keys.
	Retrieving metadata about foreign key constraints is a time-consuming
ReturnForei	operation; many third-party tools request foreign key metadata even whey
gnKeys	they do not actually need this information. Note that enabling the option
	may degrade performance of data access operations. The default value is
	False.
	Sets the string value types returned by the driver as Default, ANSI, or Unicode.  Default
	The driver defines the string types.
	Ansi
	All string types are returned as SQL_CHAR, SQL_VARCHAR, and
String Types	SQL_LONGVARCHAR.
Турсз	Unicode
	All string types are returned as SQL_WCHAR, SQL_WVARCHAR, and
	SQL_WLONGVARCHAR.
	Note: Set the parameter to Ansi or Unicode if your third-party tool supports
	only ANSI or Unicode strings.
	Specifies whether all the datetime values retrieved from the data source
LITC D	are returned as UTC values or converted to local time and whether the
UTC Dates	date values specified on the application side (e.g., in SQL statements) are
	considered UTC or local. The default value is false.

## Sample Dynamics 365 ODBC Connection String

DRIVER={Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365};Server=https://
dynamicsaccount.crm.dynamics.com/;User
ID=dynamicsuser@dynamicsaccount.onmicrosoft.com;Password=\*\*\*\*\*

#### 3.6 Sandboxed Apps on macOS

## Sandboxed Apps on macOS

Sandboxed applications don't have permission to access iODBC Driver Manager on macOS. This is caused by the System Integrity Protection (SIP) technology on macOS which protects your files and folders from potentially malicious software by locking the application. When accessing a data source from an application like Excel through the ODBC driver for Dynamics 365, you may get an error message saying that the driver is unable to create a file.

Note: All third-party applications distributed through the Mac App Store are sandboxed.

## Disabling System Integration Protection (SIP) on macOS

To resolve the issue, you should turn off SIP on your computer:

- Restart your computer in Recovery mode (hold down Command + R until you see the Apple logo).
- 2. Select Utilities > Terminal.
- 3. In the Terminal window, enter csrutil disable.

```
Terminal — -bash — 80×24

[-bash-3.2# csrutil disable
Successfully disabled System Integrity Protection. Please restart the machine for the changes to take effect.
-bash-3.2# reboot
```

- 4. Restart your computer.
- 5. Enter csrutil status to check the status of SIP.

```
test — paserver — -bash — 80×24

tests-imac-2:~ test$ csrutil status

System Integrity Protection status: disabled.

tests-imac-2:~ test$
```

Enable SIP after you finish working with an ODBC data source. To turn on SIP, enter csrutilenable and restart your computer.

#### 3.7 Using with iODBC

## Using the Driver with iODBC

Among known issues with iODBC driver manager is incorrect handling of the following ODBC data types:

- SQL WCHAR
- SQL WVARCHAR
- SQL WLONGVARCHAR

For this reason, we recommend using the following data types instead:

- SQL CHAR
- SQL VARCHAR
- SQL LONGVARCHAR

If you have to work with the SQL\_WCHAR, SQL\_WVARCHAR, and SQL\_WLONGVARCHAR data types, we recommend that you use the unixODBC driver manager rather than iODBC.

#### 3.8 Enabling ODBC Tracing

### Creating an ODBC Trace Log on Windows

When you start or stop tracing in the 64-bit ODBC Administrator, the tracing is also enabled or disabled in the 32-bit ODBC Administrator, and vice versa.

If the ODBC client application you need to trace runs under Local System account or any other user login than your own, select Machine-Wide tracing for all user identities. For example, this option may be necessary for SSMS.

To generate a trace file using ODBC Source Administrator on Windows, follow the steps below.

- Type odbc Data Sources in the Windows 10 search box (in earlier versions of Windows, open Control Panel > Administrative Tools) and choose the application of the needed bitness.
- 2. Select the Tracing tab.

- 3. If necessary, change the default Log File Path. Make sure that the path is writable by the application, then click Apply.
- 4. Click Start Tracing Now.
- 5. Restart all application processes.
- 6. Click Test Connection in the DSN settings to make sure the driver is able to connect.
- 7. Reproduce the issue.
- 8. Click Stop Tracing Now on the Tracing tab.
- 9. Send us the obtained log file (for example, devart.log).

## Creating an ODBC Trace Log on macOS

To enable the trace option on macOS, use the Tracing tab within ODBC Administrator.

- 1. Open the ODBC Administrator.
- 2. Select the Tracing tab.
- 3. If necessary, change the default Log file path.
- 4. Select All the time in the When to trace option.

## Creating an ODBC Trace Log on Linux

To trace the ODBC calls on Linux, set the Trace and TraceFile keyword/value pairs in the [ODBC] section of the /etc/odbcinst.ini file, for example:

```
[ODBC]
Trace=Yes
TraceFile=/home/test/devart.log
```

Make sure to disable logging after obtaining a log file since it affects the read/write speed.

### 3.9 Usage Statistics

## **Usage Statistics**

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 can collect anonymous usage statistics. This data helps us improve product quality, resolve issues faster, and better understand how our products are used.

The collected data is anonymous and does not include personal information. The amount of

transmitted data is minimal and is used only for diagnostic and product improvement purposes.

#### Collected Data

The driver collects the following data:

- Product name and version.
- Name of the process (application) using the driver.
- License information: license type, license number, and license status.
- Operating system name and version, number of processor cores.
- An anonymous user identifier.

The user identifier is an internal ID generated only for statistical purposes. It is not the operating system user name and cannot be used to identify the actual user.

An anonymous hardware identifier.

The hardware identifier is an internal ID generated only for statistical purposes. It does not contain any data that can identify specific hardware.

- Database server name and version.
- Names of connection parameters used to connect to the database server.

Only parameter names are collected. We do not collect parameter values such as database name, user name, or password.

• Connection result: success, or a numeric error code if the connection fails.

Only the numeric error codes are collected. We do not collect full error messages, which might contain sensitive data (for example, database or user names).

#### **Default Settings**

Usage statistics is enabled by default when you install the driver.

To disable usage statistics, follow the instructions for your operating system:

Enable or Disable Usage Statistics on Windows

- Enable or Disable Usage Statistics on macOS
- Enable or Disable Usage Statistics on Linux

#### 3.9.1 Enable or Disable on Windows

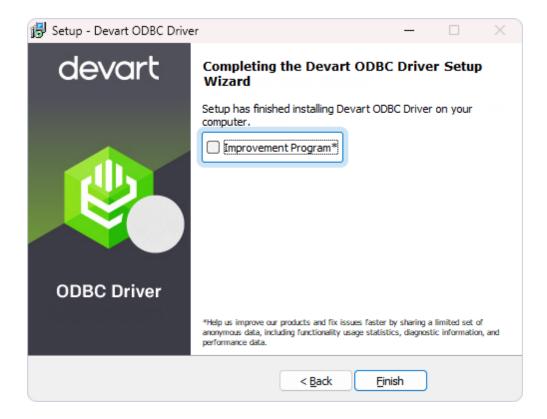
### Enable or Disable Usage Statistics on Windows

Usage statistics is enabled by default when you install the driver. You can disable it in one of the following ways:

- **During installation**: In the installation wizard or from the command line.
- After installation: By editing the Windows Registry.

#### Disable Usage Statistics in the Installation Wizard

To disable usage statistics in the installation wizard, clear the **Improvement Program** checkbox on the last page of the wizard. The checkbox is selected by default.



Disable Usage Statistics From the Command Line

When you install the driver from the command line, you can disable usage statistics by adding the /NOUSAGESTATISTICS parameter to the command.

#### Silent and Very Silent Mode

To disable statistics during silent or very silent installation with the EXE installer, run one of the following commands:

DevartODBCDynamics.exe /NOUSAGESTATISTICS /SILENT
DevartODBCDynamics.exe /NOUSAGESTATISTICS /VERYSILENT

#### **Quiet Mode**

To disable statistics during quiet installation with the MSI installer, run the following command as an administrator:

msiexec /i DevartODBCDynamics.msi /q NOUSAGESTATISTICS=true

#### Change Usage Statistics Settings in the Windows Registry

To enable or disable usage statistics for an installed driver, edit the Windows Registry as follows:

- 1. Open the Registry Editor. To do this, press **Win+R**, type regedit in the **Run** dialog, and press **Enter**.
- 2. Depending on your driver version, navigate to one of the following keys:
  - 64-bit driver: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBCINST.INI\Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365
  - 32-bit driver: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\ODBC\ODBCINST.INI\Devart ODBC
    Driver for Dynamics 365
- 3. Set the value of the UsageStatistics parameter to False to disable statistics, or True to enable statistics.

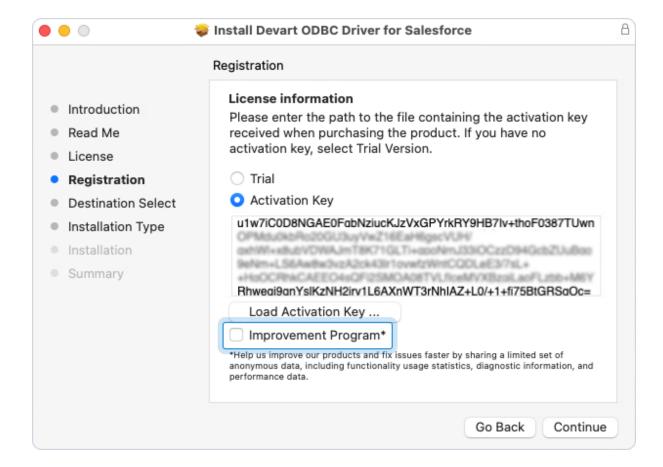
#### 3.9.2 Enable or Disable on macOS

## Enable or Disable Usage Statistics on macOS

Usage statistics is enabled by default when you install the driver. You can disable it in the installation wizard or later using a console application.

#### Disable Usage Statistics in the Installation Wizard

To disable usage statistics in the installation wizard, on the **Registration** page, clear the **Improvement Program** checkbox.



#### Enable or Disable Usage Statistics in a Console Application

To enable or disable usage statistics using a console application:

- 1. In the console, go to the folder where the driver was installed. The default installation path for the driver is /Library/ODBC/Devart/Dynamics.
- 2. Run the activation command with superuser privileges using the -u option. Set the value to false to disable usage statistics or true to enable it.
  - To disable usage statistics: sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -u false
  - To enable usage statistics: sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -u true

#### 3.9.3 Enable or Disable on Linux

## Enable or Disable Usage Statistics on Linux

Usage statistics is enabled by default when you install the driver. The graphical installer doesn't provide an option to disable usage statistics. You can disable statistics during package installation or after installation using a console application.

#### Disable Usage Statistics During Package Installation

To disable usage statistics when installing a DEB or RPM package, set the NOUSAGESTATISTICS environment variable to true.

#### **DEB Package**

To disable usage statistics when installing a DEB package, run the following command:

sudo NOUSAGESTATISTICS=true dpkg -i devartodbcdynamics.deb **RPM Package** 

To disable usage statistics when installing an RPM package, run the following command:

sudo NOUSAGESTATISTICS=true rpm -ivh devartodbcdynamics.rpm

#### Enable or Disable Usage Statistics After Installation

To enable or disable usage statistics for an installed driver, use a console application.

- 1. In the console, go to the folder where the driver was installed. The default installation path is:
  - DEB package: /usr/share/devart/odbcdynamics
  - RPM package: /usr/local/devart/odbcdynamics
- 2. Run the activation command with superuser privileges using the -u option. Set the value to false to disable usage statistics or true to enable it.
  - To disable usage statistics:

sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -u false -i /etc

To enable usage statistics:

sudo ./dynamicsodbcactivator -u true -i /etc

#### 3.10 Supported Data Types

## Data Type Mapping

The Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 supports all Dynamics 365 data types.

The following table describes how the Dynamics 365 data types are mapped to the ODBC data types.

Dynamics Data Types	ODBC Data Types
BINARY	SQL_VARBINARY
	SQL_VARCHAR
STRING	SQL_LONGVARCHAR
	SQL_WVARCHAR
	SQL_WLONGVARCHAR
BOOLEAN	SQL_BIT
INT	SQL_INTEGER
LONG	SQL_BIGINT
DOUBLE	SQL_FLOAT
DOODLE	SQL_DOUBLE
DECIMAL	SQL_DECIMAL
TIME	SQL_TYPE_TIME
DATE	SQL_TYPE_DATE
DATETIME	SQL_TYPE_TIMESTAMP
GUID	SQL_GUID

### 3.11 Supported ODBC API Functions

## Supported ODBC Functions

The SQLGetInfo function returns information about the driver and data source. To find out

whether a specific function is supported in the driver, call SQLGetFunctions.

For more information about the ODBC interface, see the ODBC Programmer's Reference.

ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 supports all deprecated functions for backward compatibility.

The following table lists the currently supported ODBC functions.

Support	Standard	Purpose
		Obtains an
		environment,
~	ISO 92	connection,
		statement, or
		descriptor handle.
		Connects to a
		specific driver by
~	ISO 92	data source name,
		user ID, and
		password.
		Connects to a
		specific driver by
		connection string or
	ODBC	requests that the
~		Driver Manager and
		driver display
		connection dialog
		boxes for the user.
		Obtains an
~	Deprecated	environment handle
		allocated from driver.
_	Depressed	Obtains a
~	Deprecated	connection handle
	Support	ISO 92  ISO 92  ODBC

# ODBC API Calls for Obtaining Information about a Driver and Data Source

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLDataSources	~	ISO 92	Returns the list of available data sources, handled by the Driver Manager
SQLDrivers	~	ODBC	Returns the list of installed drivers and their attributes, handles by Driver Manager
SQLGetInfo	~	ISO 92	Returns information about a specific driver and data source.
SQLGetFunctions	~	ISO 92	Returns the functions supported by the driver.
SQLGetTypeInfo	~	ISO 92	Returns information about supported data types.

# ODBC API Calls for Setting and Retrieving Driver Attributes

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLSetConnectAttr	~	ISO 92	Sets a connection attribute.

			Returns the value of
SQLGetConnectAttr	<b>✓</b>	ISO 92	a connection
			attribute.
SQLSetConnectOpti	•	Deprecated	Sets a connection
on	~	Бергесакей	option
SQLGetConnectOpti	•	Deprecated	Returns the value of
on	~	Doprodatou	a connection option
SQLSetEnvAttr		ISO 92	Sets an environment
	•	130 92	attribute.
	~	ISO 92	Returns the value of
SQLGetEnvAttr			an environment
			attribute.
SQLSetStmtAttr	~	ISO 92	Sets a statement
			attribute.
SQLGetStmtAttr	~	ISO 92	Returns the value of
			a statement attribute.
SQLSetStmtOption		Deprecated	Sets a statement
	~	2 50.00000	option
SQLGetStmtOption	~	Deprecated	Returns the value of
2 Q 2 COLO LI IL OPHON			a statement option

## ODBC API Calls for Preparing SQL Requests

<b>Function Name</b>	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLAllocStmt	<b>~</b>	Deprecated	Allocates a
OQLANOCOUNT		Depredated	statement handle
			Prepares an SQL
SQLPrepare	<b>~</b>	ISO 92	statement for later
			execution.

SQLBindParameter	~	ODBC	Assigns storage for a parameter in an SQL statement.
SQLGetCursorNam e	~	ISO 92	Returns the cursor name associated with a statement handle.
SQLSetCursorNam e	~	ISO 92	Specifies a cursor name.
SQLSetScrollOption s	~	ODBC	Sets options that control cursor behavior.

## ODBC API Calls for Submitting Requests

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLExecute	~	ISO 92	Executes a prepared statement.
SQLExecDirect	~	ISO 92	Executes a statement
SQLNativeSql	~	ODBC	Returns the text of an SQL statement as translated by the driver.
SQLDescribeParam	~	ODBC	Returns the description for a specific parameter in a statement.
SQLNumParams	~	ISO 92	Returns the number of parameters in a

			statement.
	~	ISO 92	Used in conjunction
			with SQLPutData to
SQLParamData			supply parameter
SQLI alallibata			data at execution
			time. (Useful for long
			data values.)
	~	ISO 92	Sends part or all of a
SQLPutData			data value for a
			parameter. (Useful
			for long data values.)

# ODBC API Calls for Retrieving Results and Information about Results

<b>Function Name</b>	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLRowCount	~	ISO 92	Returns the number of rows affected by an insert, update, or delete request.
SQLNumResultCols	~	ISO 92	Returns the number of columns in the result set.
SQLDescribeCol	~	ISO 92	Describes a column in the result set.
SQLColAttribute	~	ISO 92	Describes attributes of a column in the result set.
SQLColAttributes	~	Deprecated	Describes attributes of a column in the

			result set.
SQLFetch	Ol Fetch ISO 92	ISO 92	Returns multiple
OGEI OIGH	~	100 02	result rows.
SQLFetchScroll		ISO 92	Returns scrollable
CQLI CIONOGON	~	100 02	result rows.
SQLExtendedFetch		Deprecated	Returns scrollable
OQEEXICING OF CICIT	~	Deprecated	result rows.
			Positions a cursor
			within a fetched
	~		block of data and
SQLSetPos		ODBC	enables an
SQLSEIFUS		ODBC	application to refresh
			data in the rowset or
			to update or delete
			data in the result set.
			Performs bulk
			insertions and bulk
SQLBulkOperations		ODBC	bookmark
	•		operations, including
			update, delete, and
			fetch by bookmark.

# ODBC API Calls for Retrieving Error or Diagnostic Information

<b>Function Name</b>	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLError	~	Deprecated	Returns additional error or status information
SQLGetDiagField	~	ISO 92	Returns additional

			diagnostic
			information (a single
			field of the
			diagnostic data
			structure).
			Returns additional
SQLGetDiagRec	~	ISO 92	diagnostic
			information (multiple
			fields of the
			diagnostic data
			structure).

# ODBC API Calls for Obtaining Information About Database Objects (Catalog Functions)

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLColumnPrivileg es	~	ODBC	Returns a list of columns and associated privileges for one or more tables.
SQLColumns	~	X/Open	Returns the list of column names in specified tables.
SQLForeignKeys	~	ODBC	Returns a list of column names that make up foreign keys, if they exist for a specified table.
SQLPrimaryKeys	~	ODBC	Returns the list of

			column names that
			make up the primary
			key for a table.
			Returns the list of
			input and output
SQLProcedureColu			parameters, as well
mns	<b>✓</b>	ODBC	as the columns that
111115			constitute the result
			set for the specified
			procedures.
			Returns the list of
SQLProcedures		ODBC	procedure names
oger rocedures	~	ODBC	stored in a specific
			data source.
			Returns information
			about the optimal set
			of columns that
			uniquely identifies a
			row in a specified
SQLSpecialColumn		X/Open	table, or the columns
s	•	, a open	that are
			automatically
			updated when any
			value in the row is
			updated by a
			transaction.
SQLStatistics	~		Returns statistics
		ISO 92	about a single table
			and the list of

			indexes associated with the table.
SQLTablePrivileges	~	ODBC	Returns a list of tables and the privileges associated with each table.
SQLTables	~	X/Open	Returns the list of table names stored in a specific data source.

## **ODBC API Calls for Performing Transactions**

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLTransact		Dannastad	Commits or rolls
	~	Deprecated	back a transaction
SQLEndTran		150 03	Commits or rolls
	~	ISO 92	back a transaction.

## ODBC API Calls for Terminating a Statement

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLFreeStmt	~	ISO 92	Ends statement processing, discards pending results, and, optionally, frees all resources associated with the statement handle.
SQLCloseCursor	~	ISO 92	Closes a cursor that

			has been opened on
			a statement handle.
COL Carragi		ISO 92	Cancels an SQL
SQLCancel	~		statement.

## ODBC API Calls for Terminating a Connection

Function Name	Support	Standard	Purpose
SQLDisconnect		ISO 92	Closes the
0 422 10001 111001	•		connection.
			Releases an
			environment,
SQLFreeHandle	~	ISO 92	connection,
			statement, or
			descriptor handle.
SQLFreeConnect		Deprecated	Releases connection
OQLI IEECOIIIECI	~	Bepredated	handle.
SQLFreeEnv	Deprecated	Releases an	
OQLI ICCLIIV	~	Deprecated	environment handle.

#### 3.12 Stored Procedures

## Updating Dynamics 365 Data with Stored Procedures

Some Dynamics 365 tables don't allow the user to update their data directly with the UPDATE statement. In this case, the update is performed by calling a stored procedure. Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 offers two stored procedures — AssociateRequest and DisassociateRequest — to update data in tables. The stored procedures take a list of parameters as described below.

The AssociateRequest stored procedure executes an associate request.

Input Paramet	Description
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er	
entityName1	The name of the target table to add associations to.
entityId1	The ID of the target table to add associations to.
relationshi	The name of the relationship to be used for the association.
р	·
entityName2	The name of the entity to relate to the target table.
entityId2	The ID of the entity to relate to the target table.

The DisassociateRequest stored procedure executes a disassociate request.

Input Paramet er	Description
entityName1	The name of the target table to remove associations from.
entityId1	The ID of the target table to remove associations from.
relationshi p	The name of the relationship to be used for the disassociation.
entityName2	The name of the entity to disassociate from the target table.
entityId2	The ID of the entity to disassociate from the target table.

#### Example

call Associate('mai\_mfilesquote', '8229F5C2-FBFC-EA11-B9B1-005056974312', 'm

## 4 Using in Third-Party Tools

This section discusses how to use ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 with ODBC-compliant tools.

- DBeaver
- DBxtra
- Informatica PowerCenter
- Microsoft Access
- Microsoft Excel

- Microsoft Visual Studio
- OpenOffice and LibreOffice
- Oracle Database Link
- PHP
- Power BI
- Python
- QlikView
- SQL Server Management Studio
- SSIS
- Tableau

#### 4.1 Using in DBeaver

This section describes how to connect DBeaver to Dynamics 365 using Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

- Connect DBeaver Community to Dynamics 365 through ODBC
- Connect DBeaver Enterprise to Dynamics 365 through ODBC

#### 4.1.1 Connect DBeaver Community to Dynamics 365 through ODBC

DBeaver Community and DBeaver Enterprise let users connect to Dynamics 365 via ODBC, enabling SQL-based querying, reporting, and data management.

If you need basic ODBC connectivity to Dynamics 365 and are comfortable with manual configuration using a generic ODBC Connection, choose DBeaver Community—a free, open-source database management tool.

If you require a simplified connection setup with built-in ODBC support, enhanced security, and performance features, you may try DBeaver Enterprise. For more information on connecting to Dynamics 365 data from DBeaver Enterprise, see <a href="Connect DBeaver">Connect DBeaver</a> Enterprise to Dynamics 365 through ODBC.

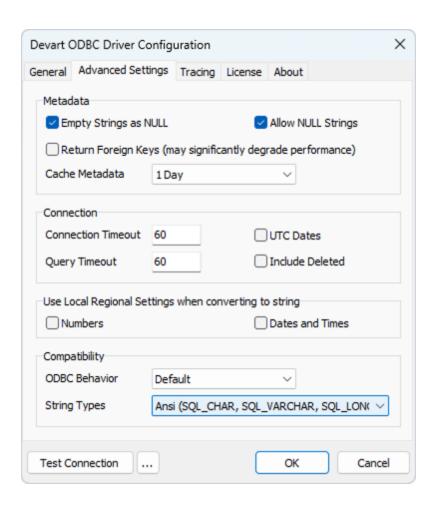
## Initial configuration

- 1. Download jdbc-odbc-bridge-jre7.jar and x64/Jdbc0dbc.dll from Github.
- 2. Download the Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Service Pack 1 Redistributable Package from the Microsoft website.

The built-in legacy ODBC driver was removed in DBeaver Community Edition 23.1. If you're using an earlier version of DBeaver Community, skip steps 1 and 2.

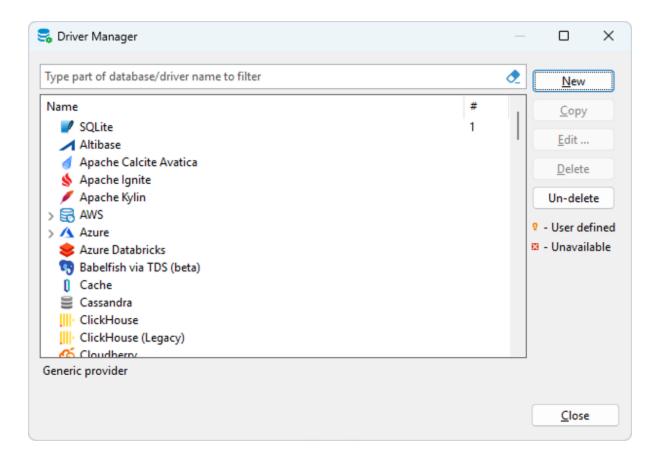
- 3. Configure an ODBC data source. For more information, see Windows DSN Configuration.
- 4. On the **Advanced Settings** tab of the DSN configuration window, select **Ansi** from the **String Types**.

This option is required for the proper display of the SQL\_WVARCAHAR data type in DBeaver. It also ensures that all string types will be returned as SQL\_CHAR, SQL\_VARCHAR, and SQL\_LONGVARCHAR.

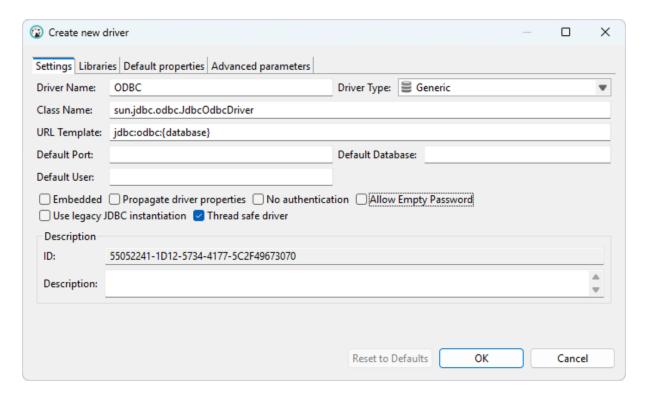


## Connect to Dynamics 365

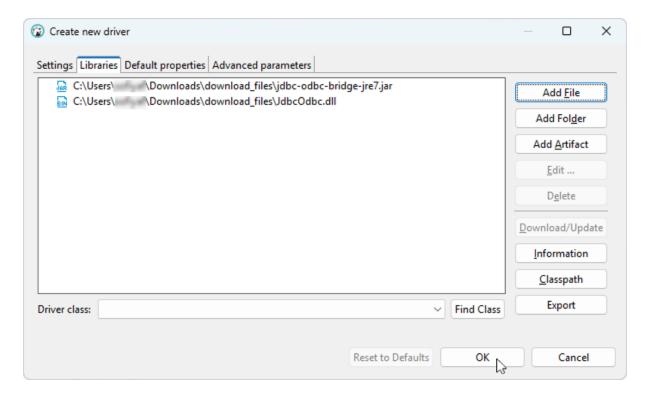
- 1. In DBeaver, select **Database > Driver Manager**.
- 2. Click New.



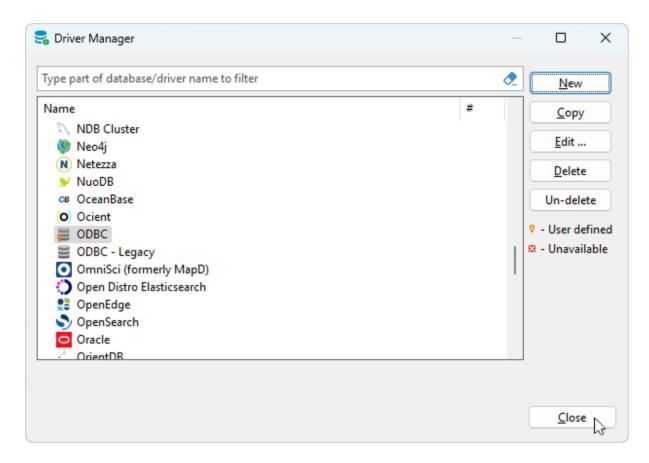
- 3. Configure the following properties for a new driver:
- In the **Driver Name** field, enter *ODBC*.
- In the Class Name field, enter sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver
- In the **URL Template** field, select *jdbc:odbc:{database}*.



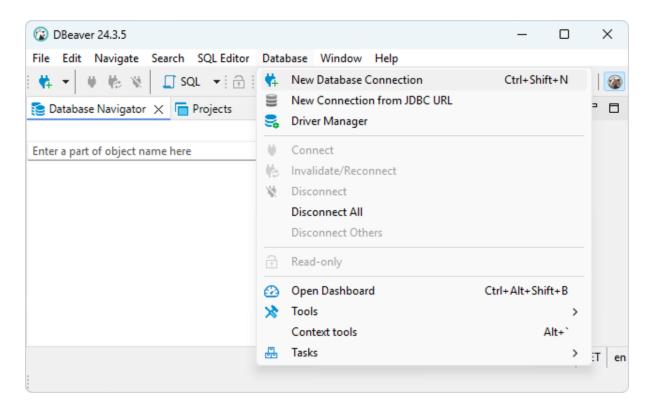
- 4. On the Libraries tab, click Add File.
- 5. Select the jdbc-odbc-bridge-jre7.jar, then click **OK**. After that, select JdbcOdbc.dll, then click **OK**.



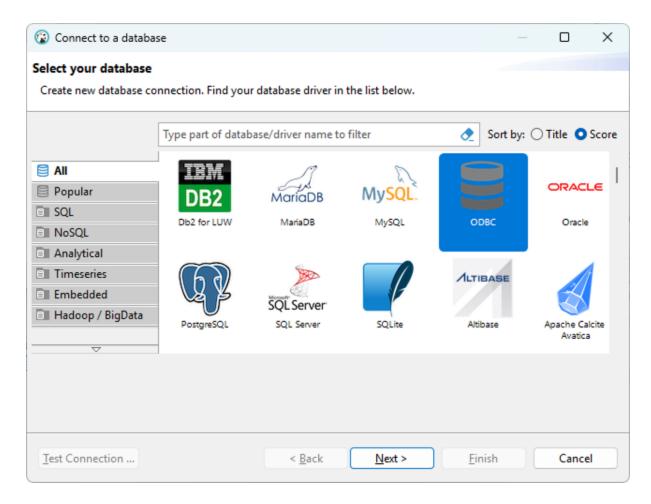
6. Once a new ODBC driver appears on the list, click Close.



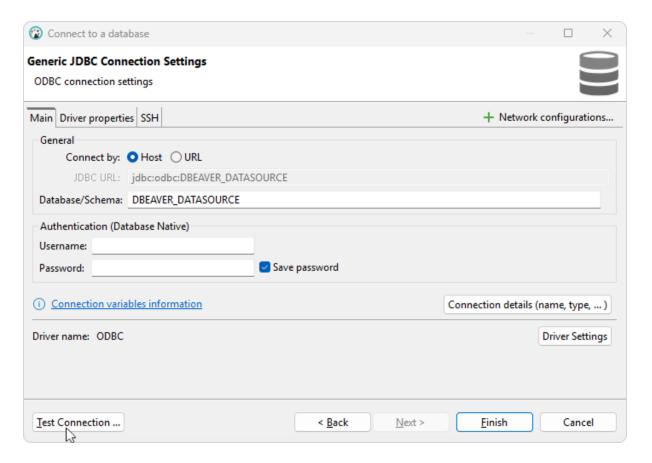
7. Select Database > New Database Connection.



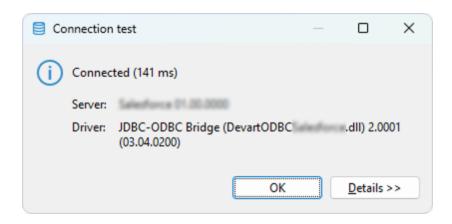
8. Select the **ODBC** driver, then click **Next**.



9. In the **Database/Schema** field, specify the name of your DSN.



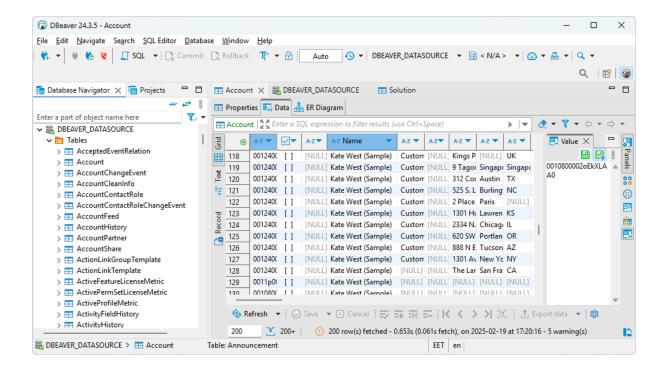
10. Optional: Select **Test Connection** to verify the connection settings.



#### 11. Click Finish.

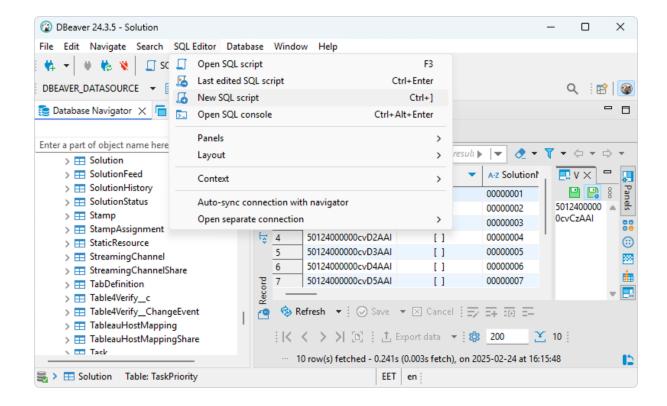
The database appears on the left pane.

12. To view the data stored in a table, expand the database structure and click the needed table.

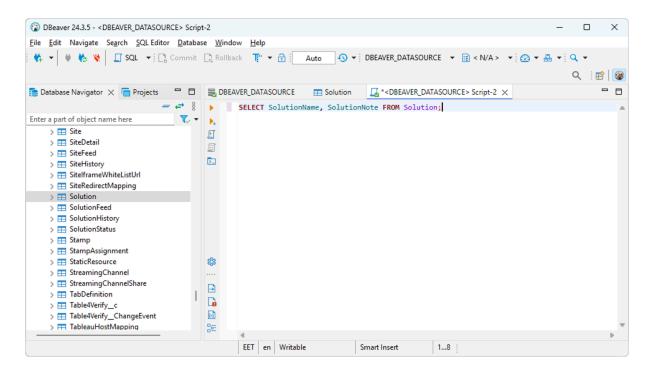


#### Query Dynamics 365 data

1. Select SQL Editor > New SQL script.

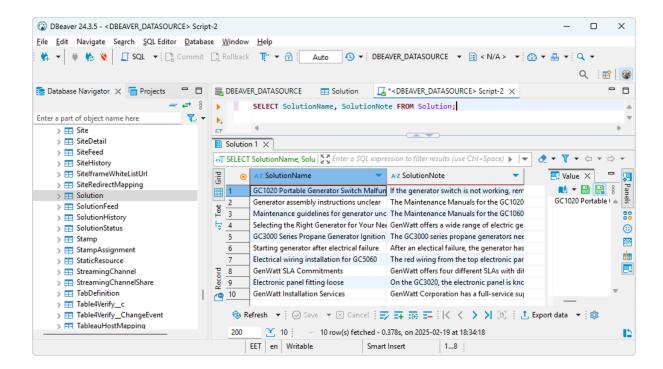


#### 2. Enter your query.



#### Select SQL Editor > Execute SQL query.

The query results are displayed in the main window.



#### 4.1.2 Connect DBeaver Enterprise to Dynamics 365 through ODBC

DBeaver Enterprise and DBeaver Community let users connect to Dynamics 365 via ODBC, enabling SQL-based querying, reporting, and data management.

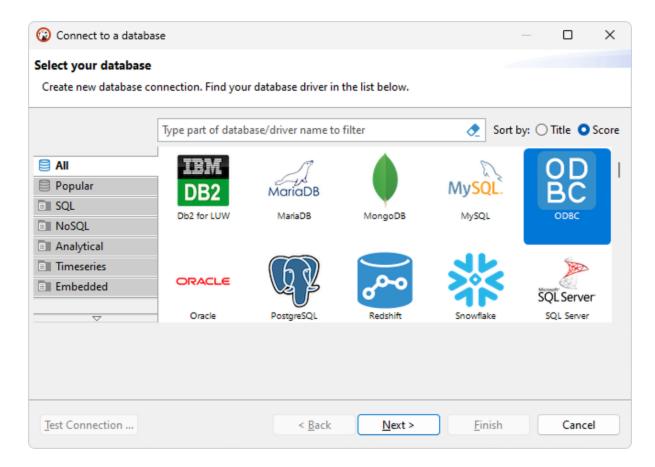
If you require a simplified connection setup with built-in ODBC support, enhanced security, and performance features, you may try DBeaver Enterprise.

If you need basic ODBC connectivity to Dynamics 365 and are comfortable with manual configuration using a generic ODBC connection, choose DBeaver Community—a free, open-source database management tool. For more information on connecting to Dynamics 365 data from DBeaver Community, see <a href="Connect DBeaver Community">Connect DBeaver Community to Dynamics 365 through ODBC.</a>

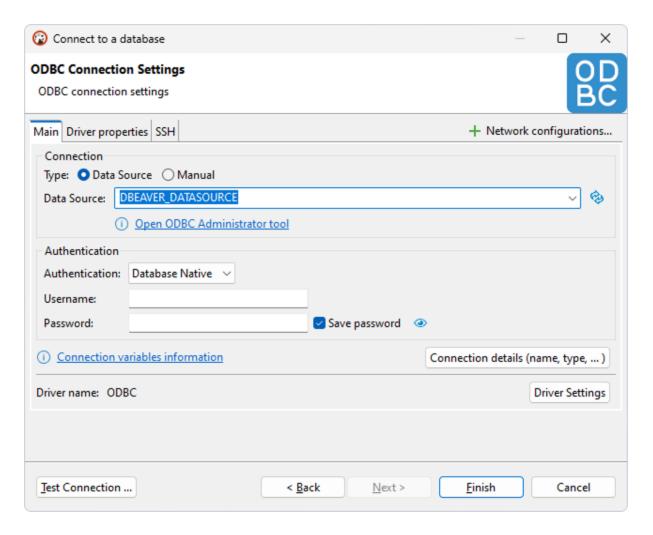
## Connect to Dynamics 365

To connect to the Dynamics 365 database from DBeaver Enterprise:

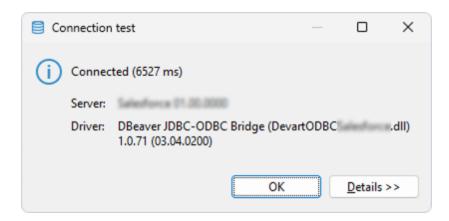
- 1. Select **Database > New Database Connection**.
- 2. Select the **ODBC** driver and click **Next**.



3. In the **Database Source** field, specify the name of your DSN.



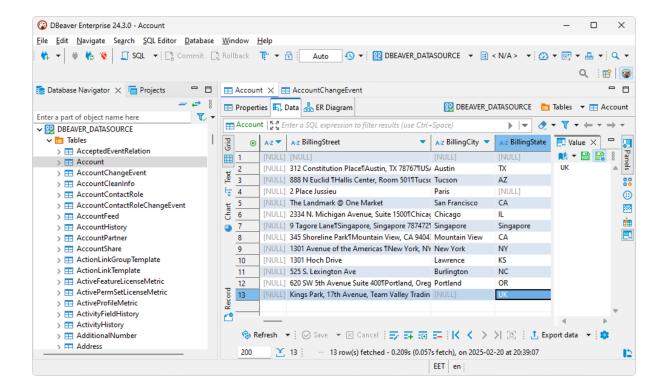
4. Optional: Select **Test Connection** to verify the connection settings.



5. Click Finish.

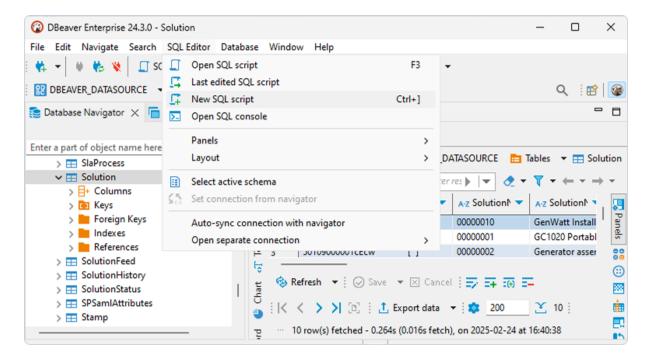
The database appears on the left pane.

6. To view the data stored in a table, expand the database structure and click the needed table.

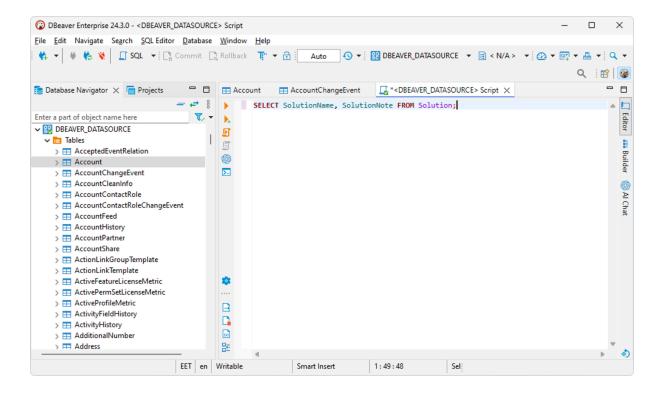


# Query Dynamics 365 data

1. Select SQL Editor > New SQL script.

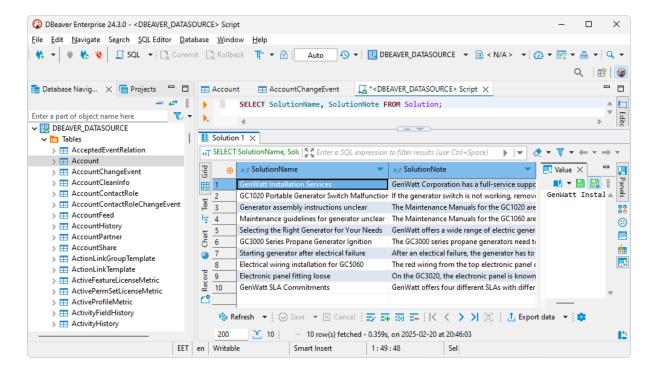


#### 2. Enter your query.



#### Select SQL Editor > Execute SQL query.

The query results are displayed in the main window.

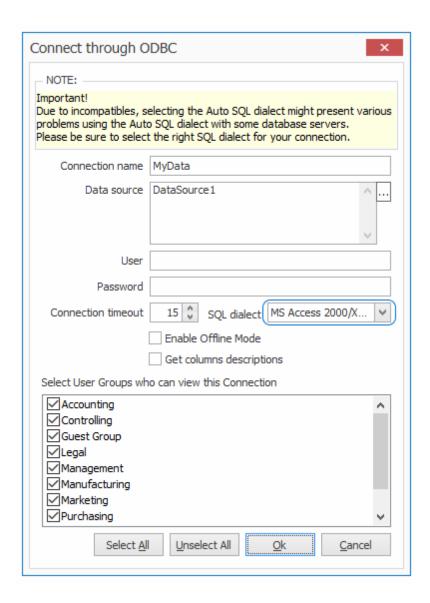


### 4.2 Using in DBxtra

# Troubleshooting Dynamics 365 ODBC Connection in DBxtra

This page explains how to troubleshoot your ODBC connection to Dynamics 365 in DBxtra.

Due to incompatibilities between DBxtra and Dynamics 365, leaving the sqL dialect property to its default might present various issues. To resolve compatibility issues, set the property to MS Access 2000/XP/2003 or ANSI SQL/2003 for DBxtra version 11.0.1 or newer, and to ANSI SQL/2003 for versions prior to 11.0.1.



### 4.3 Using in Informatica PowerCenter

You can access Dynamics 365 data from Informatica PowerCenter on Windows and Linux.

- Connect Informatica PowerCenter to Dynamics 365 on Windows
- Connect Informatica PowerCenter to Dynamics 365 on Linux

#### 4.3.1 Connect to Informatica PowerCenter on Windows

You can connect Informatica PowerCenter to Dynamics 365 through an ODBC driver on Windows to unify and manage data across these systems.

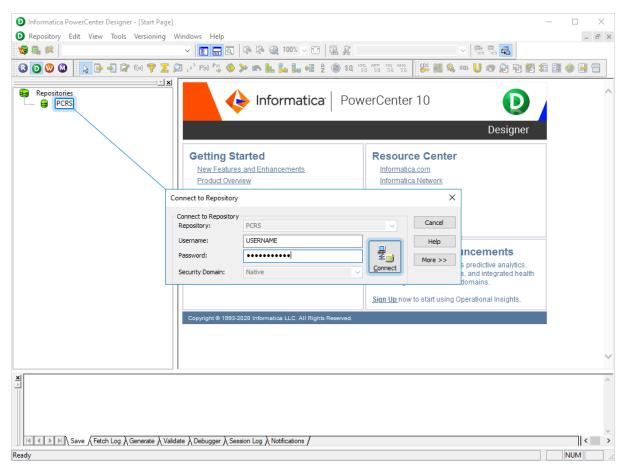
# **Prerequisites**

- Configure the Informatica services.
- Install the PowerCenter Client tools.
- Create a repository folder in PowerCenter Repository Manager.
- Install Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365. For instructions, see Installation.
- Configure a data source name (DSN). For instructions, see Windows DSN Configuration.

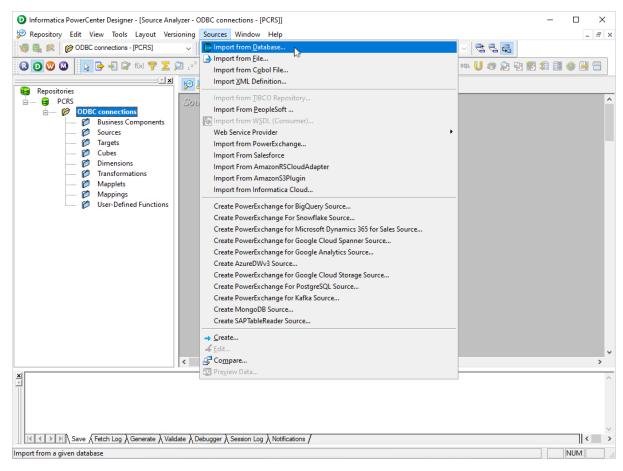
# Add a data source in Informatica PowerCenter

Before you proceed, make sure PowerCenter Designer isn't running.

- 1. Open the C:\Informatica\10.4.1\clients\PowerCenterClient\client\bin\powrmart.ini file in a text editor.
- 2. In the [ODBCDLL] section, add Dynamics 365=EXTODBC.DLL, then save the changes.
- 3. Open PowerCenter Designer.
- 4. Double-click the repository name (in this example, **PCRS**), enter your Informatica credentials, then click **Connect**.

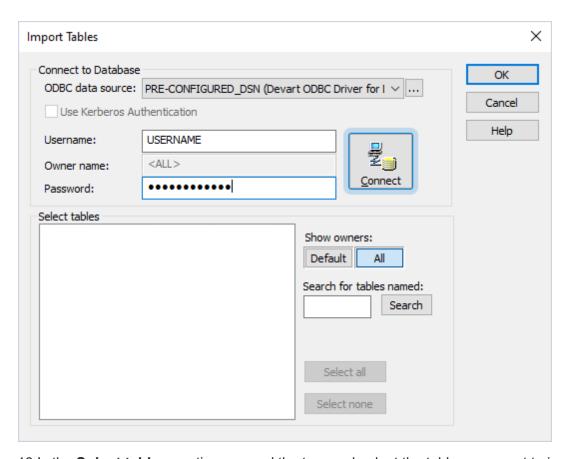


Double-click the repository folder (in this example, ODBC connections), then select
 Sources > Import from Database.

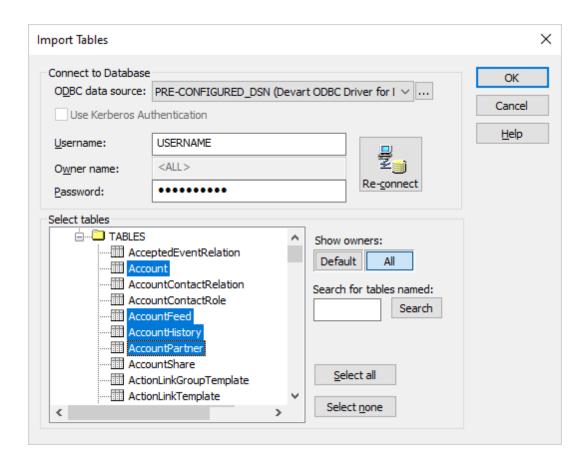


The Import Tables dialog opens.

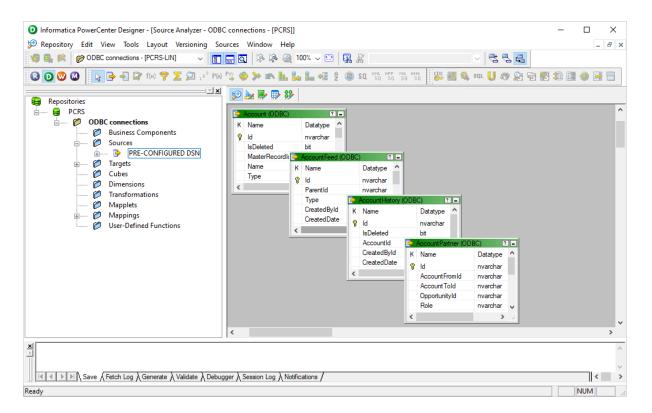
- 6. From the **ODBC data source** menu, select the needed DSN.
- 7. In the **Username** and **Password** fields, enter your Dynamics 365 credentials.
- 8. Under **Show owners**, select **All**.
- 9. Click Connect.



- 10.In the **Select tables** section, expand the tree and select the tables you want to import.
- 11.Click OK.



The table schemas appear in the Source Analyzer, and the data source is added to the **Sources** subfolder of the repository folder. You can now create mappings and work with Dynamics 365 data in Informatica PowerCenter.



#### 4.3.2 Connect to Informatica PowerCenter on Linux

You can set up and verify a connection between Informatica PowerCenter and Dynamics 365 through an ODBC driver on Linux.

## **Prerequisites**

- Configure the Informatica services.
- Install Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365. For instructions, see Installation.
- Configure a data source name (DSN). For instructions, see Linux DSN Configuration.

## Connect to Dynamics 365

1. Navigate to the directory where the ssgodbc.linux64 utility is located.

cd /opt/informatica/tools/debugtools/ssgodbc/linux64

2. Run the ssgodbc.linux64 utility to verify the connection to Dynamics 365.

./ssgodbc.linux64 -d <your\_dsn> -v

3. Run a SQL query to retrieve data.

#### SELECT Id, Name FROM ;

### 4.4 Using in Microsoft Access

# Connecting Microsoft Access to Dynamics 365 Using an ODBC Driver

This article explains how to connect Microsoft Access to Dynamics 365 through the standard ODBC interface. Microsoft Access is a dababase management system that combines the relational database engine with a graphical user interface. Access can be used as a substitution for spreadsheet applications like Excel to organize, store, and retrieve large amounts of related data that can be difficult to manage in spreadsheets.

In Microsoft Access, you can connect to your Dynamics 365 data either by importing it or creating a table that links to the data. Devart ODBC drivers support all modern versions of Access. It is assumed that you have already installed and configured a DSN for ODBC driver for Dynamics 365. For the purpose of this article, we tested an ODBC connection to Dynamics 365 through our ODBC drivers in Microsoft Access 2003, Microsoft Access 2007, Microsoft Access 2010, Microsoft Access 2013, Microsoft Access 2016, Microsoft Access 2019. The following steps describe how to use Microsoft Access 2019 to import or link to your data in Dynamics 365.

# Importing Dynamics 365 Data Into Microsoft Access Through an ODBC Connection

- 1. Open your Microsoft Access database.
- 2. Select the **External Data** tab in the ribbon.

- 3. Expand the **New Data Source** drop-down and select **From Other Sources**, then select **ODBC Dababase**.
- 4. In the **Get External Data ODBC Database** dialog box, select **Import the source data**into a new table in the curent database, and click **OK**.
- 5. In the **Select Data Source** dialog box, select the **Machine Data Source** tab.
- 6. Select the DSN that you have configured for Dynamics 365 and click **OK**.
- 7. In the **Import Objects** dialog box, select the tables that you want to import, and click **OK**.
- 8. If the database objects have been successfully imported, you should the see the corresponding message in the dialog box. If you want to save the import steps to quickly repeat the process without using the wizard at a later time, select the **Save import steps** checkbox. Click **Close**.
- 9. The imported tables should appear in the **Tables** navigation pane on the left.
- 10. Double-click on the needed table to display its contents.

# Linking to Dynamics 365 Data in Microsoft Access Through an ODBC Connection

- 1. Open your Microsoft Access database.
- 2. Select the **External Data** tab in the ribbon.
- 3. Expand the **New Data Source** drop-down and select **From Other Sources**, then select **ODBC Dababase**.
- 4. In the **Get External Data ODBC Database** dialog box, select **Link to the data source** by creating a linked table.
- 5. In the **Select Data Source** dialog box, select the **Machine Data Source** tab.
- 6. Select the DSN that you have configured for Dynamics 365 and click **OK**.
- 7. In the **Link Tables** dialog box, select the table or tables that you want to link to, and click **OK**.
- 8. The **Select Unique Record Identifier** dialog box will prompt you to choose a field or fields that uniquely identify each record in the table. To avoid inconsistencies, it is recommended to select the primary key in the Dynamics 365 table as the unique record identifier. You are linking multiple tables, you will be prompted to select unique record identifiers for each of

the selected tables.

- 9. The linked tables should appear in the **Tables** navigation pane on the left.
- 10. Double-click on the needed table to display its contents.

### 4.5 Using in Microsoft Excel

# Connecting to Dynamics 365 from Microsoft Excel using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

You can use Microsoft Excel to access data from a Dynamics 365 database using ODBC connector. With ODBC Driver, you can import the data directly into an Excel Spreadsheet and present it as a table. Make sure that you use matching Excel and ODBC Driver, e.g. if you have installed a 64-bit ODBC Driver, you will need to use the 64-bit version of Excel.

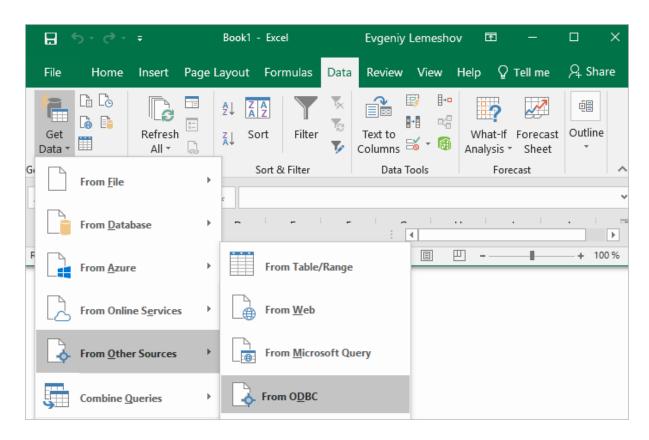
When working with Microsoft Excel, there are different ways of retrieving data from various data sources using our ODBC drivers.

- Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with Get & Transform (Power Query)
- Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with Data Connection Wizard (Legacy Wizard)
- Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with the Query Wizard
- Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with Microsoft Query
- Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with PowerPivot

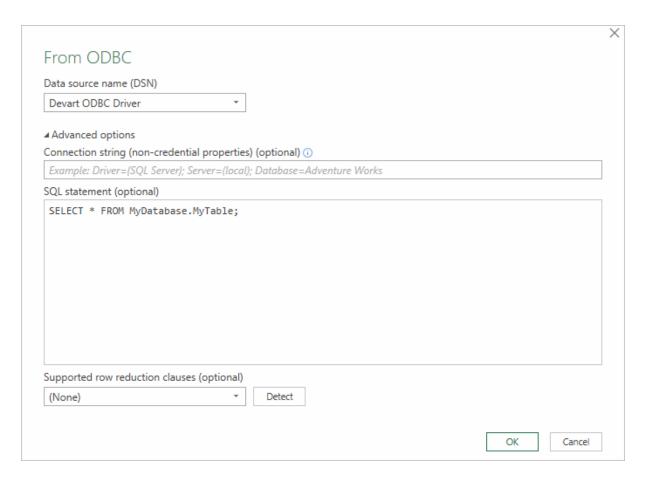
# Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with Get & Transform (Power Query)

You can use Get & Transform (Power Query) to connect to Dynamics 365 from Excel with ODBC. This method assumes that you've installed an ODBC driver for Dynamics 365.

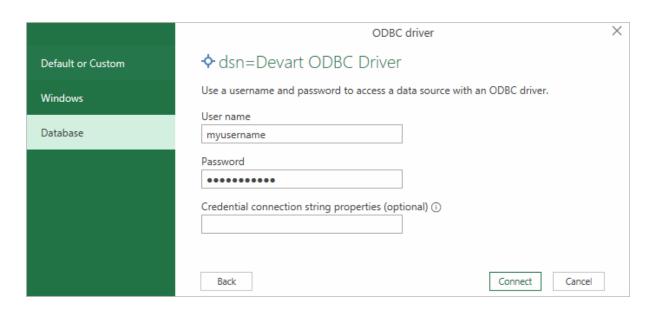
 Click the Data in Excel, then expand the Get Data drop-down list. Click From Other Sources > From ODBC.



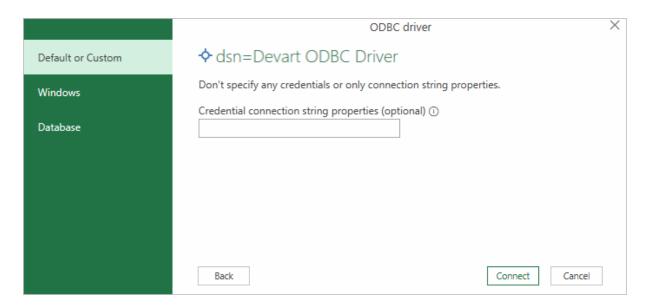
2. In the **From ODBC** dialog, choose your data source name (DSN). If you haven't configured your ODBC driver yet, you can expand the **Advanced Options** dialog box and enter the connection string for your data source (without credentials, which are defined in the credentials dialog box in the next step). Additionally, you can enter an SQL statement that will be executed right after establishing a connection to the data source. Click **OK**.



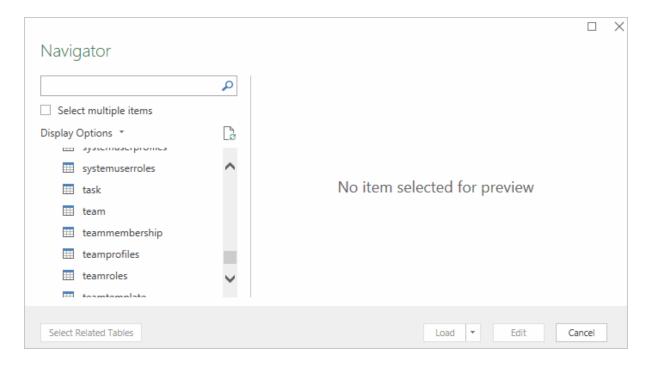
3. If you're using a database username or password, select **Database** and enter your credentials in the dialox bog, then click **Connect**.



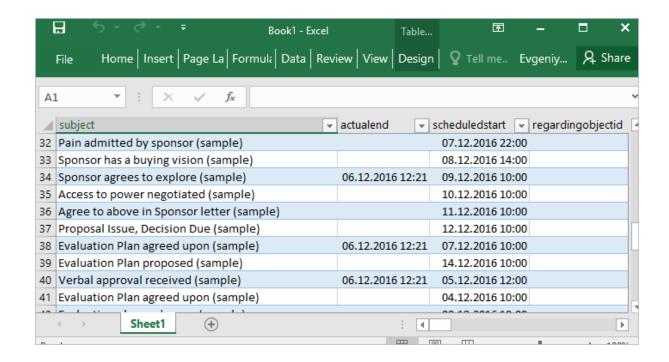
If your database is not password-protected or you've already specified your credentials in the ODBC data source settings, select **Default or Custom** and press **Connect** 



4. In the window that appears, select the table you want to retrieve data from, and click **Load**.



The data from the table will be a displayed in an Excel spreadsheet where you can further work with it.



# Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with Data Connection Wizard (Legacy Wizard)

You can use this option to connect to OLE DB or ODBC external data source that has already been defined.

- In Excel, go to the Data tab. Click From Other Sources, and then click From Data Connection Wizard.
- In the opened dialog, select ODBC DSN and click Next to continue.
- Now select a data source you want to connect to, and click Next.
- 4. To connect to the table containing the required data, select its name and click **Next** to enter and save information about your new file or click **Finish**.
- 5. In the **Import data** dialog, you can select the way your data will be viewed in Excel and the place where to put it in the worksheet, and click **OK**.
- 6. The required data is now displayed in the existing Excel worksheet.

# Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with the Query Wizard

You can use this option to create a simple query for retrieving data from Dynamics 365 to Excel via ODBC driver.

- 1. Open Excel, in the main menu, click the **Data** tab.
- 2. Click the From Other Sources dropdown menu, and then click From Microsoft Query.
- 3. In the appeared dialog, you can choose the data source you want to connect to.
- 4. After a successful connection, you can select the data you want to be displayed in Excel and click **Next**.
- 5. The next two steps allow filtering and sorting the data. Click **Next** to skip these procedures.
- 6. If you plan to further use the query, you can save it by clicking the **Save** button on the right.
- 7. Select **Return Data To Microsoft Excel** and click **Finish**.
- 8. In the **Import data** dialog, you can select the way your data will be viewed in Excel and the place where to put it in the worksheet, and click **OK**.
- 9. The required data is successfully imported to Excel.

# Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with Microsoft Query

You can use this option to create a more complex query for retrieving Dynamics 365 data to Excel via ODBC driver.

- 1. Start Excel, click the **Data** tab.
- In the appeared ribbon, click From Other Sources, and then click From Microsoft Query.
- 3. In the next dialog, choose the data source you want to connect to (e.g., using data source name Devart ODBC Dynamics 365). Uncheck Use the Query Wizard to Create/Edit Queries and click OK.
- 4. Now you can select the tables you want to add to your query. When you finish, just click the **Add** button.
- 5. In the graphical editor, you can filter rows or columns of data, sort data, join multiple tables, create a parameter query, etc.

# Connecting Excel to Dynamics 365 with PowerPivot

You can use PowerPivot - an Excel add-in to perform data analysis and create complex data models. To load the required data, do the following:

- 1. In Excel, click the **PowerPivot** tab, then click **Manage** to go to the PowerPivot window.
- 2. In the opened window, click From Other Sources.
- 3. When the Table Import Wizard opens, select Others (OLEDB/ODBC) and click Next.
- 4. In the **Specify a Connection String** window, click the **Build** button.
- 5. In the **Data Link Properties** dialog, specify the data source you want to connect (e.g., using data source name Devart ODBC Dynamics 365), and then click **Next**.
- 6. Now you should choose how to import the data (either select a table from the list or write a query to specify the data to be imported).
- When the Import operation succeeded, click the Close button. The retrieved data is inserted in the active worksheet.

### 4.6 Using in Microsoft Visual Studio

# Importing Dynamics 365 Data into Visual Studio Through an ODBC Connection

A Visual Studio is a powerful tool containing features that allow editing, debugging, and compilating the code and creating applications that can be connected to any databases product and services on a local machine and network, and any type of cloud (private, public, or hybrid). To connect Visual Studio to a data source such as Dynamics 365, you can use an appropriate ODBC driver.

This guide describes how to connect to Dynamics 365 and retrieve data importing them to Visual Studio with an ODBC driver. It is assumed that you have already installed and configured a DSN for ODBC driver for Dynamics 365.

- 1. Run Visual Studio Desktop and click **Tool** and select **Connect to Database**.
- In the Add connection dialog box, select the Microsoft ODBC Data Source as a data source.
- 3. In the **Data source specification** point expand the **Data Source Name (DSN)** drop-down list and select the previously configured DSN for Dynamics 365. Alternatively, you can connect to the database by entering the DSN in a **Use connection string** field. To check whether your connection is successful, click **Test connection**. Click **OK**.
- 4. If your data source is password-protected, Visual Studio will prompt you for user

- credentials. Type your **Username** and **Password** in the respective fields and click **OK**.
- 5. In the Server Explorer you can see the database structure. Choose **Tables**, right-click the table you want to view the data of and select **Retrieve Data**. You can also preview the contents of the database objects by clicking on them.

### 4.7 Using in OpenOffice and LibreOffice

# Connecting to Dynamics 365 from OpenOffice and LibreOffice using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

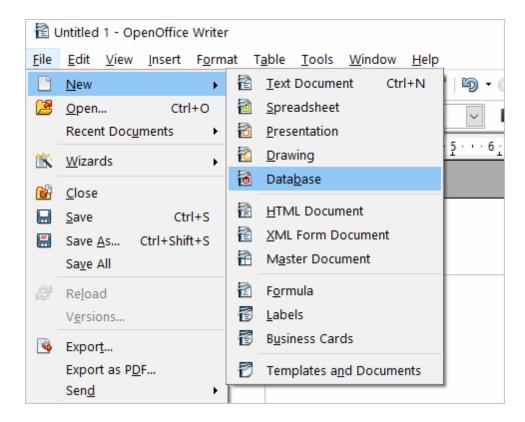
The article describes how to use Apache OpenOffice and LibreOffice to access ODBC data sources using the respective driver. You can access Dynamics 365 data from Open Office Base or LibreOffice Base — desktop database management systems. Note that the Windows version of OpenOffice is 32-bit, and you may get the error "The specified DSN contains an architecture mismatch between the Driver and Application" when trying to access a data source through a 64-bit ODBC Driver. To get rid of the error message, set up the 32-bit version of the driver.

To connect to an ODBC data source from OpenOffice or LibreOffice using our <u>driver for</u> Dynamics 365, perform the steps below:

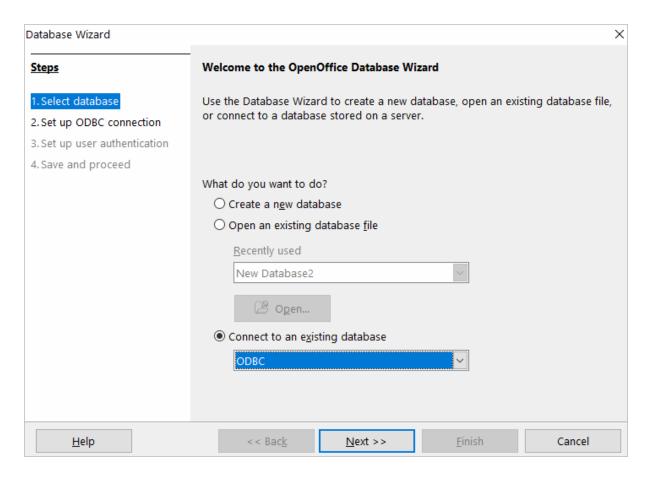
1. Start OpenOffice or LibreOffice, click **Database** to open the **Database Wizard**.



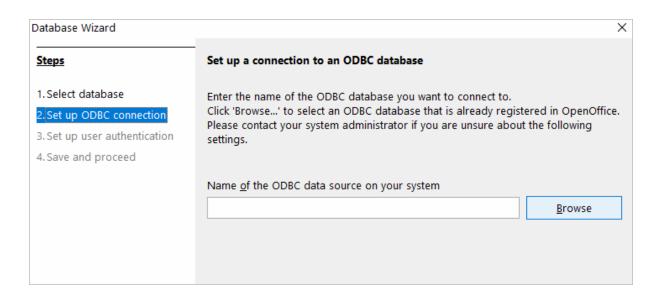
Alternatively, you can launch the **Database Wizard** from OpenOffice or LibreOffice Calc, Writer or any other tool by choosing **File > New > Database**.

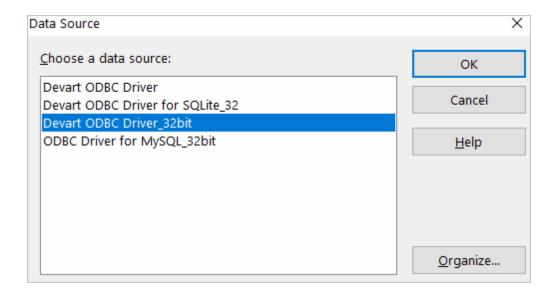


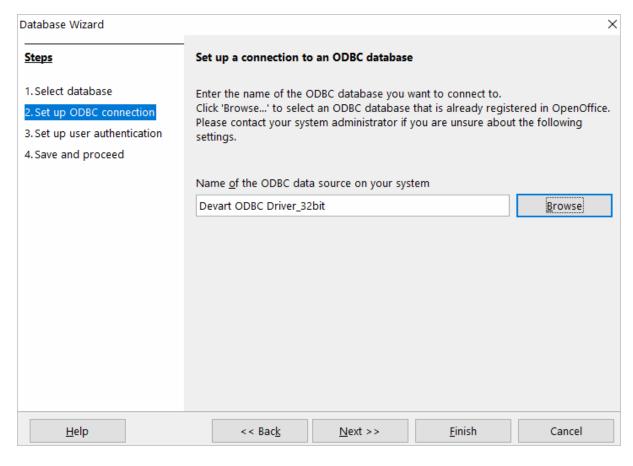
2. In the **Database Wizard dialog box**, click **Connect to an existing database**, select **ODBC** from the drop-down list, and click **Next**.



3. Specify the name of the data source you want to connect to. You can either type the name of your data source into the field, e.g. ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365, or you can click Browse, double-click the data source you need, and then click Next.

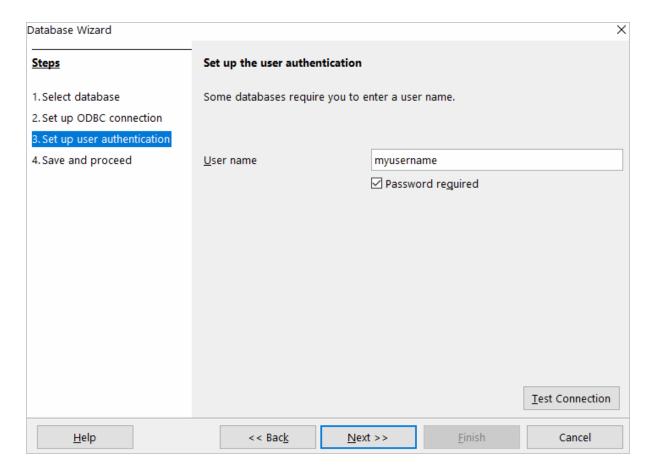




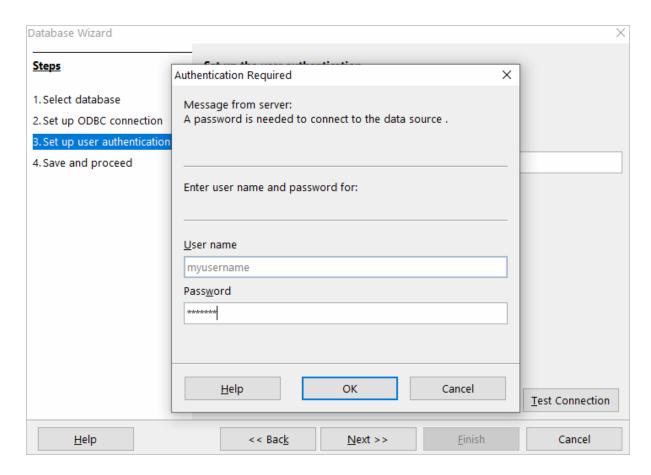


4. If your database requires a user name, type it into the **User name** field. If you are connecting to a password protected database, check the **Password required** field.
Alternatively, you can specify these parameters in the data source settings of your ODBC

Driver for Dynamics 365 and leave these fields empty in **Database Wizard**.

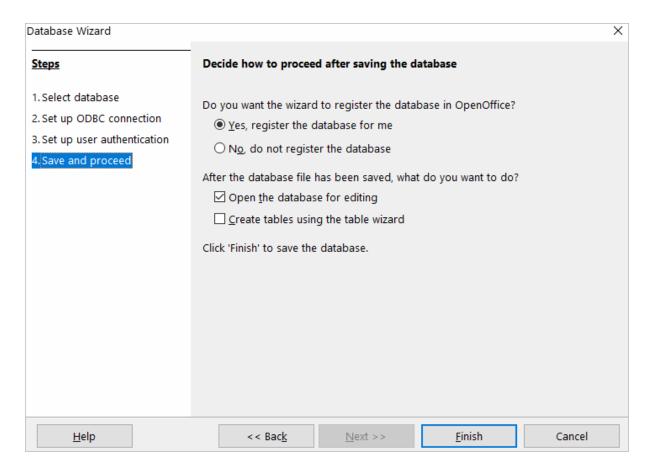


To test the connection to your data source, click **Test Connection**, input your credentials and click **OK**.

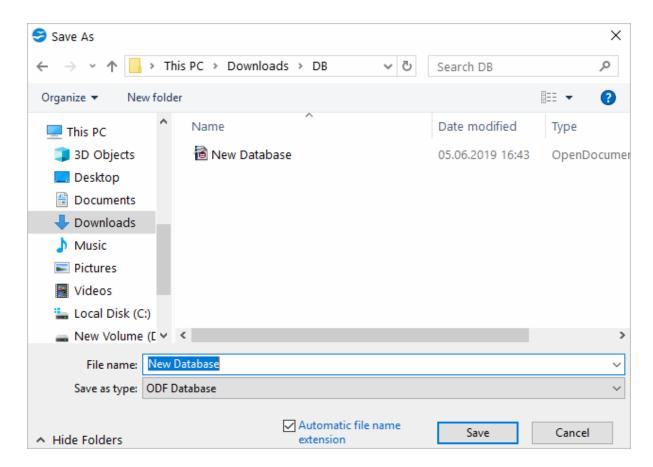


If you have entered valid credentials, you will see a success message. Click **Next** to proceed to the final step.

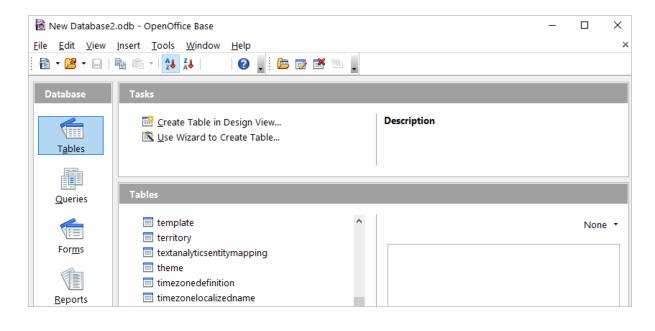
5. You can keep the default selection in this dialog box and click **Finish**.

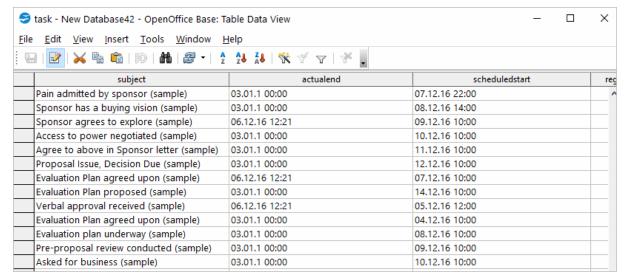


You will be prompted to give a name to your new database and select the directory where you want to store it.

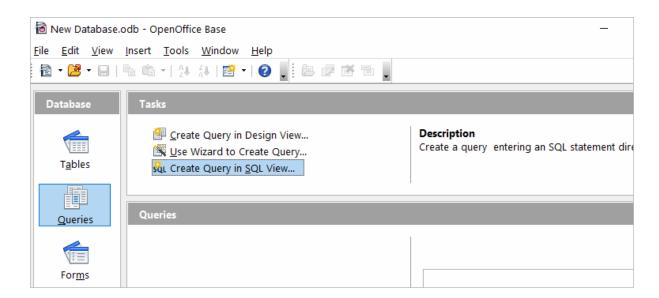


6. When the database opens, you will see the list of tables from your data source diplayed in OpenOffice or LibreOffice Base workspace. To view the data from a specific table, double-click the table name.

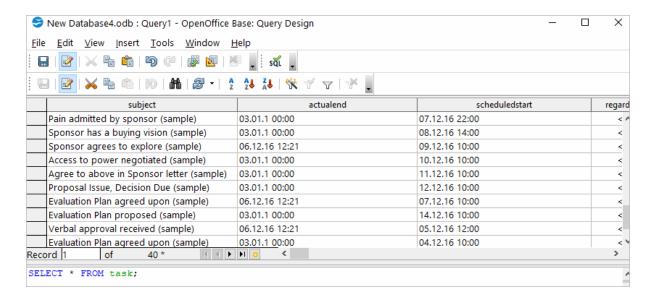




7. To create an SQL query, click **Queries** in the **Database** pane, then click **Create Query in SQL View...** 



Enter your query in the query text box and click **Run Query (F5)**. The date will be fetched from the database and displayed in Open Office or LibreOffice, respectively.



### 4.8 Using in Oracle DBLink

# Configuring Oracle Database Gateway for ODBC

This article explains how to configure Oracle Database Gateway for ODBC. If your data is stored in a non-Oracle database system or cloud application, and you need to access it from an Oracle Database server, you can create a database link to an Oracle Database Gateway

for ODBC. The gateway works with an ODBC driver to access non-Oracle systems or other, remote Oracle servers. Any ODBC-compatible data source can be accessed using the gateway and the appropriate ODBC driver. The driver must be installed on the same machine as the gateway. The non-Oracle system can run on the same machine as the Oracle server or on a different machine. The gateway can be installed on the machine running the non-Oracle system, the machine running the Oracle database or on a third machine as a standalone.

### Configure the Initialization File

After installing the gateway and the ODBC driver for Dynamics 365, create an initialization file for your Oracle Database Gateway for ODBC. The sample file initdg4odbc.ora is stored in the ORACLE\_HOME\hs\admin directory. To create an initialization file for the gateway, copy the sample initialization file and rename it. The name must be prefixed with init — for example, initDynamics 365.ora. You need a separate initialization file for each ODBC data source. After creating the file, set the HS\_FDS\_CONNECT\_INFO parameter to the system DSN that you created earlier, for example:

```
HS_FDS_CONNECT_INFO=Dynamics 365
```

### Configure Oracle Net Listener

After configuring the gateway, you need to configure Oracle Net Listener to communicate with the Oracle database. Information about the gateway must be added to the <code>listener.ora</code> configuration file which is located in the <code>ORACLE\_HOME\NETWORK\ADMIN\</code> directory. The following example is the address on which the Oracle Net Listener listens (HOST is the address of the machine on which the gateway is installed):

Add an entry to the <code>listener.ora</code> file to start the gateway in response to connection requests. The SID of the gateway (<code>SID\_NAME</code>) must be the same in <code>listener.ora</code> and <code>tnsnames.ora</code>. <code>ORACLE\_HOME</code> is the Oracle home directory where the gateway resides. To apply the new settings, stop and restart the Oracle Net Listener service.

```
SID_LIST_LISTENER=
(SID_LIST=
(SID_DESC=
```

```
(SID_NAME=Dynamics 365)
(ORACLE_HOME=D:\ORACLE_HOME)
(PROGRAM=dg4odbc)
)
```

### Configure Oracle for Gateway Access

Add a connect descriptor for the gateway to the tnsnames.ora file, which is located in ORACLE\_HOME\NETWORK\ADMIN directory. The SID must match the value specified in the listener.ora file.

#### Create Database Links

To access an ODBC data source, you must create a database link using a database tool like SQL Plus or dbForge Studio for Oracle: connect to your database server and execute the CREATE DATABASE LINK Statement, as follows:

CREATE DATABASE LINK dblink CONNECT TO "username" IDENTIFIED BY "password" dblink is the complete database link name. tns\_name\_entry is the Oracle Net connect descriptor specified in the tnsnames.ora file.

When you create the database link in <u>dbForge Studio for Oracle</u>, you can see your newly created link in Database Links on the left panel. After creating the database link, you can run a query against the ODBC data source using the following syntax:

```
SELECT * FROM table_name@"dblink_name"
```

#### See also

Configuring Oracle Database Gateway for ODBC

# 4.9 Using in PHP

# Connecting to Dynamics 365 from PHP using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

PHP is one of the most popular programming languages for website development. ODBC drivers are connectors that make PHP development database agnostic — your software written in PHP will function with any vendor's database management system. You can use functions like odbc\_exec() to prepare and execute SQL statements against any databases like MySQL, SQLite, PostgreSQL, etc.

PHP-based projects usually require a data storage, whether a traditional database or a cloud-based database. You can establish a connection to them using ODBC interface. With our ODBC drivers, you can access various data sources and retrieve tables and fields from a database.

Below is a sample PHP script for accessing Dynamics 365 via ODBC. The script connects to Dynamics 365 database and fetches all records from a table:

#### Step 1: Connect to ODBC data source

The *odbc\_connect()* function is used to connect to an ODBC data source. Note that the function takes three mandatory parameters: the data source name, username and password. If your database is not password-protected or doesn't require a username, leave these parameters empty. In the following example, a connection is established using the *odbc\_connect()* function in PHP.

```
<?php
    $user = "myusername";
    $password = "mypassword";
    $ODBCConnection = odbc_connect("DRIVER={Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics"})</pre>
```

#### Step 2: Execute an SQL statement

If connection is successful, the *odbc\_exec()* function is used to execute a SELECT statement against the *dept* table in the *autotest* database.

```
$SQLQuery = "SELECT * FROM autotest.dept";
$RecordSet = odbc_exec($ODBCConnection, $SQLQuery);
```

#### Step 3: Print the result set

The odbc\_fetch\_row() function is used to return records from the result set. While odbc\_fetch\_row() returns rows, the odbc\_result\_set() function prints a set of result in HTML table. After all rows from the result set have been printed, the odbc\_close() function closes the connection.

```
$result = odbc_result_all($RecordSet, "border=1");
odbc_close($ODBCConnection);
```

?>

You can modify this script by specifying general settings for each Devart ODBC driver to use any of them with your PHP projects.

### 4.10 Using in Power BI

# Importing Dynamics 365 Data into Power BI Through an ODBC Connection

Power BI is a popular business intelligence solution that is comprised of services, apps, and connectors that allow you to pull raw data from various sources and create meaningful reports. To connect Power BI to a data source such as Dynamics 365, you can use a corresponding ODBC driver.

This tutorial explores how to connect to Dynamics 365 and import data into Power BI Desktop using an ODBC driver. It is assumed that you have already installed and configured a DSN for ODBC driver for Dynamics 365.

- 1. Run Power BI Desktop and click **Get Data**.
- Select the Other category in the Get Data dialog box, then select ODBC. Click Connect to confirm the choice.
- 3. In the **From ODBC** dialog box, expand the **Data Source Name (DSN)** drop-down list and select the previously configured DSN for Dynamics 365
- 4. If you would like to enter a SQL statement to narrow down the returned results, click the Advanced options arrow, which expands the dialog box, and type or paste your SQL statement.
- Click **OK**. If your data source is password-protected, Power BI will prompt you for user credentials. Type your **Username** and **Password** in the respective fields and click.
- 6. Now you should see the data structures in your data source. You can preview the contents of the database objects by clicking on them.
- 7. To load the Dynamics 365 data into Power BI for analysis, select the needed table and click **Load**.

### 4.11 Using in Python

# Installing the ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

One of the most convenient methods to connect to an external database or access cloud data from Python is via ODBC. Devart has developed a range of ODBC Drivers for Python to work with databases and cloud services.

If you don't have Python installed on your machine, go to the Python official website, download the appropriate installer and run it. You will also need to install the **pyodbc** module — the easiest way to do that is by using the *pip install pyodbc* command in the Python interactive mode. Next, you need to <u>download the ODBC Driver</u> for Dynamics 365. To use the ODBC driver as a translation layer between the application and the database, you need to configure it by following the installation instructions.

# Connecting to Dynamics 365 from Python using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

Here's an example to show you how to connect to Dynamics 365 via Devart ODBC Driver in Python. First we import the pyodbc module, then create a connection to the database, insert a new row and read the contents of the EMP table while printing each row to the Python interactive console. To execute the script, you can type the code directly in the interactive console or add the code to a file with the .py extension and run the file from the command prompt.

#### Step 1: Connect

```
import pyodbc
cnxn = pyodbc.connect('DRIVER={Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365};Server=m
```

### Step 2: Insert a row

Here's a simple example of how to execute an *insert* statement to test the connection to the database. The script inserts a new record to the EMP table.

```
cursor = cnxn.cursor()
cursor.execute("INSERT INTO EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR) VALUES (535, 'Scott
```

#### Step 3: Execute query

The cursor.execute() function retrieves rows from the select query on a dataset. The

*cursor.fetchone()* function iterates over the result set returned by *cursor.execute()* while the *print()* function prints out all records from the table to the console.

```
cursor = cnxn.cursor()
cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM EMP")
row = cursor.fetchone()
while row:
  print (row)
  row = cursor.fetchone()
cursor.close()
cnxn.close()
```

### 4.12 Using in QlikView

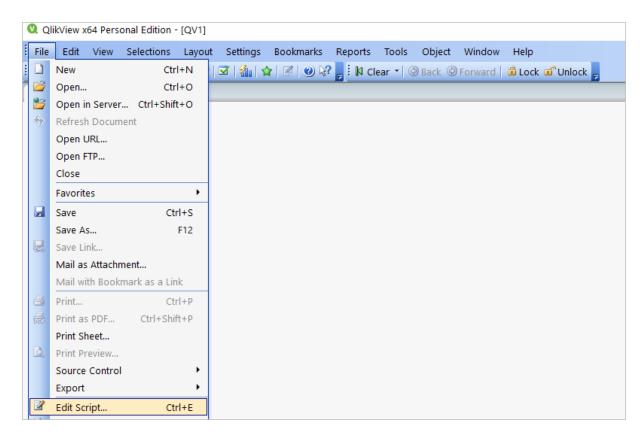
# Connecting to Dynamics 365 from QlikView using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

This tutorial describes how to connect and configure QlikView to retrieve data from Dynamics 365 for further analysis. QlikView is a data visualization tool that connects and pulls data from different popular databases like MySQL, MongoDB, Oracle, SQL Server, Postgres, etc. to present it in a single view. The business intelligence platform identifies relationships in your data and discovers patterns and opportunities to support your decision making.

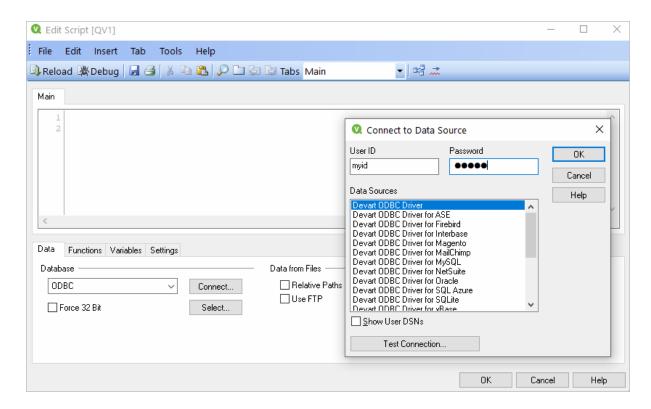
QlikView supports the ODBC connectivity interface for communication with external data sources. An ODBC data source must be configured for the database you want to access. You can create an ODBC connection using a DSN during the ODBC driver installation or later.

To connect to an ODBC data source from QlikView using our driver for Dynamics 365, perform the steps below:

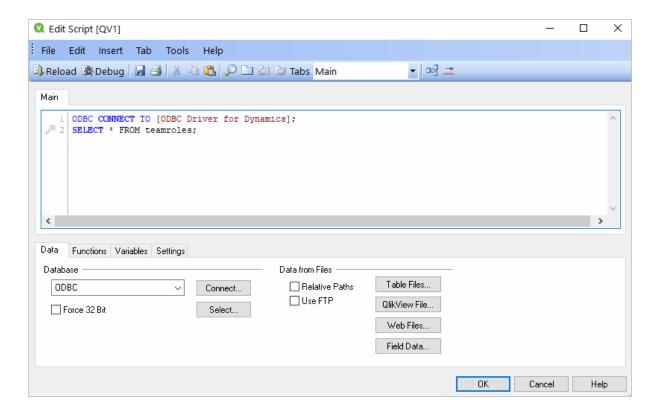
 Open the QlikView client application and click File > New. Close the Getting Started wizard and open File > Edit Script (CTRL+E).

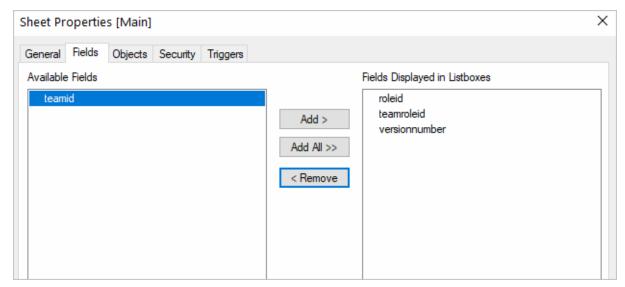


2. In the Data tab, choose ODBC from the Database drop-down and click Connect. Select the Data Source you created earlier, type in the User ID and Password if your database is password-protected. You can test the connection by choosing Test Connection. The Connection Test succeeded message should appear. Click OK to connect to your data source.



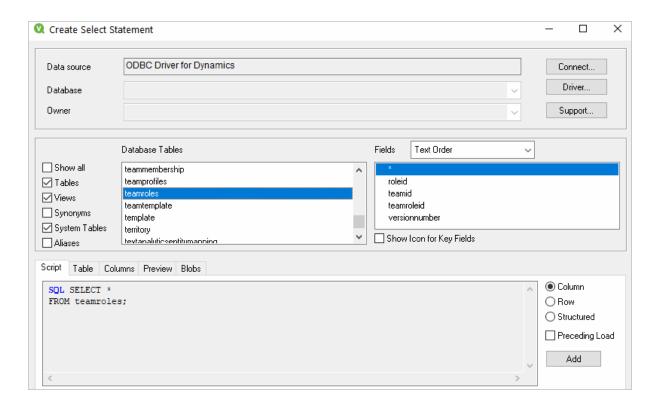
3. To retrieve the data from your data source, you can enter an SQL query and press **F5**. You will be suggested to choose fields to be displayed.



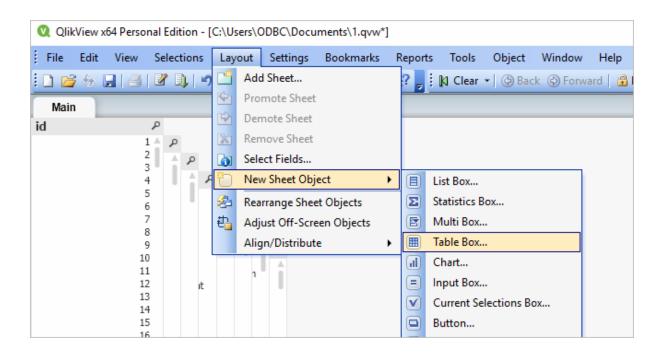


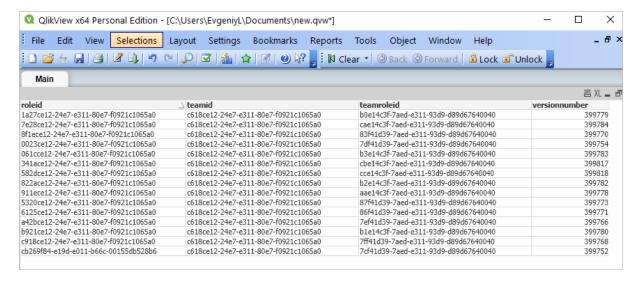
4. Alternatively, you can click **Select**, and QlikView will show you the database structure window where you can compose a SELECT statement for the data to be fetched. You can choose a different database from the database drop-down list. Select the necessary tables and fields. You can retrieve date from multiple tables and fields by selecting them and

clicking **Add**. When you are ready with your SELECT statement, click **OK**. You will get back to the main script editor with your SQL statement. Press **F5** to execute the script and select the fields to be displayed in QlikView.



5. Once the data has been fetched, you can choose a table layout to present the data in a table. Choose Layout > New Sheet Object > Table Box. Select the fields to be added to the tablebox and click OK.





## 4.13 Using in SQL Server Management Studio

This section describes how to establish and troubleshoot a connection to Dynamics 365 from SQL Server Management Studio using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365.

- Creating a Linked Server
- Troubleshooting in SSMS

#### 4.13.1 Creating a Linked Server

## Requirements

In order to avoid incorrect integration with MS SSMS, the working environment must meet the following conditions:

- The data source must be a configured system DSN. Refer to the <u>Driver Configuration</u> article to learn how to configure a System DSN.
- The driver, studio, and SQL Server must be of the same bitness. For example, if you are using 64-bit SQL Server Management Studio on 64-bit Windows platform, then configure the 64-bit version of the driver using ODBC Administrator launched from %windir% \system32\odbcad32.exe. Otherwise, configure the driver using the 32-bit version of ODBC Administrator launch it from %windir%\SysWOW64\odbcad32.exe.
- ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 and SQL Server must be installed on the same computer.
- .NET Framework 4.5 must be installed on the computer.

# Connecting to Dynamics 365 from SQL Server Management Studio using ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365

You can use the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio to connect your Dynamics 365 data to an SQL Server instance. Linked Server is a tool of MS SQL Server that allows to execute distributed queries to refer tables stored on non-SQL Server datbase in a single query. With linked servers, you can execute commands against different data sources such as Dynamics 365 and merge them with your SQL Server database. You can create a linked server with one of these methods: by using the options in the Object Explorer or by executing stored procedures.

Below are major advantages of using SQL Server Linked Servers to connect to Dynamics 365:

- 1. The ability to connect other database instances on the same or remote server.
- The ability to run distributed queries on heterogeneous data sources across the organization.

3. The ability to work with diverse data sources in the same way.

# How to configure a SQL Server Linked Server to connect to Dynamics 365

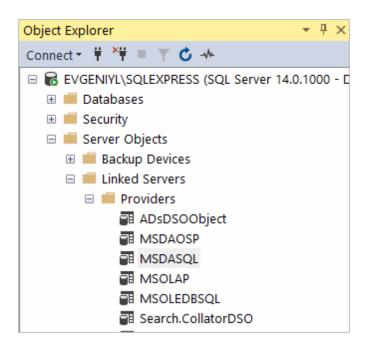
You can follow the steps to create a linked server for Dynamics 365 in SQL Server Management Studio by using Object Explorer:

- 1. Start your Management Studio and choose your SQL Server instance.
- 2. In the **Object Explorer pane**, expand the **Server Objects**, right-click on **Linked Servers** and then click on **New Linked Server**.
- 3. Configure your linked server in the dialog box:
  - Give a name for your server in the Linked server field.
  - Under Server type, select Other data source .
  - Choose Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers in the Provider drop-down list.
  - In the Data source field, enter the name of your DSN, e.g. Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365. Alternatively, you can input the ODBC Driver connection string in the Provider field.

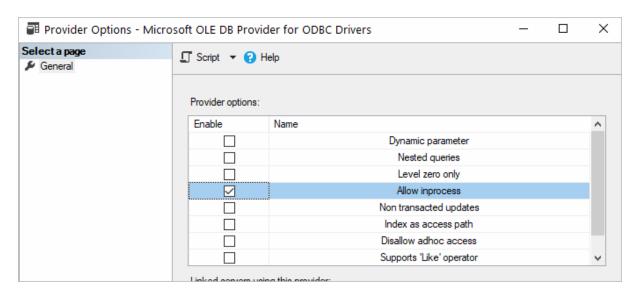
The linked server will appear under the Linked Servers in the Object Explorer Pane. You can now issue distributed queries and access Dynamics 365 databases through SQL Server.

# Retrieving Data From Dynamics 365

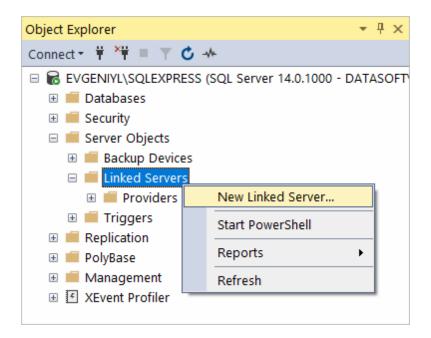
Ensure the **Allow inprocess option** of MSDASQL OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers is enabled. For this, find the **MSDASQL** provider in the list of Linked Servers and double-click on it



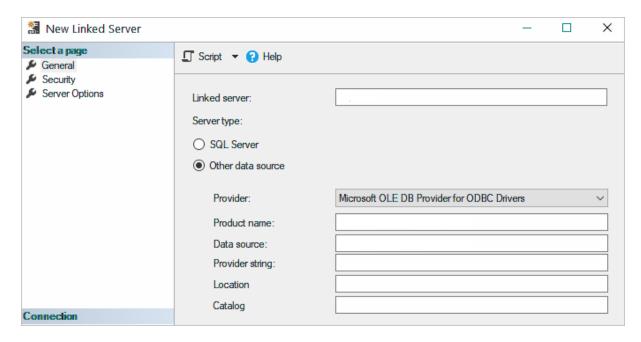
In the appeared **Provider Options** window, enable the **Allow inprocess** checkbox:



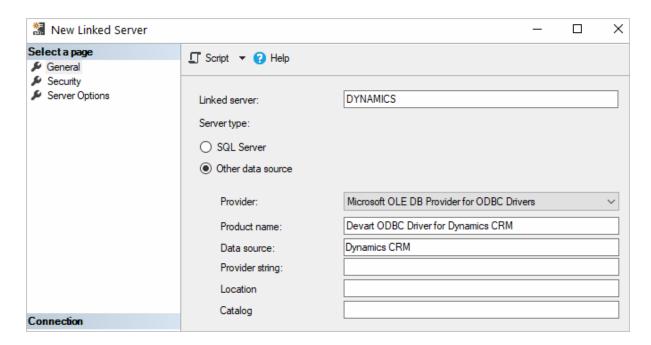
Create a new Linked Server



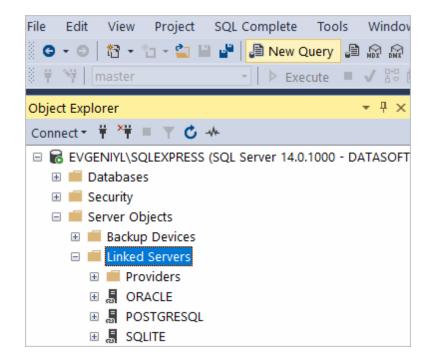
Make sure to select Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers:



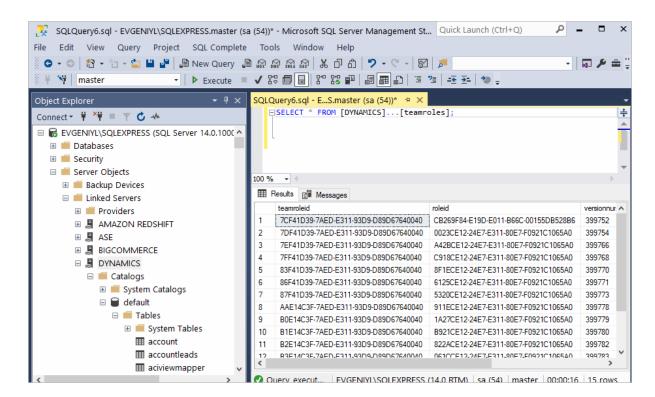
Now you need to input the Linked Server name, e.g. DYNAMICS. In the Product Name and Data Source fields you need to indicate the System DSN that you've previously created - more info on System DSN setup can be found here.



The Dynamics 365 tables are already available to be fetched. To query the linked server, click **New Query** in the toolbar:



Enter your SQL query in the editor window and click **Execute** to run the query:



As a result, you can see the contents of the selected table retrieved directly from the Dynamics 365 account you are connected to.

#### See also

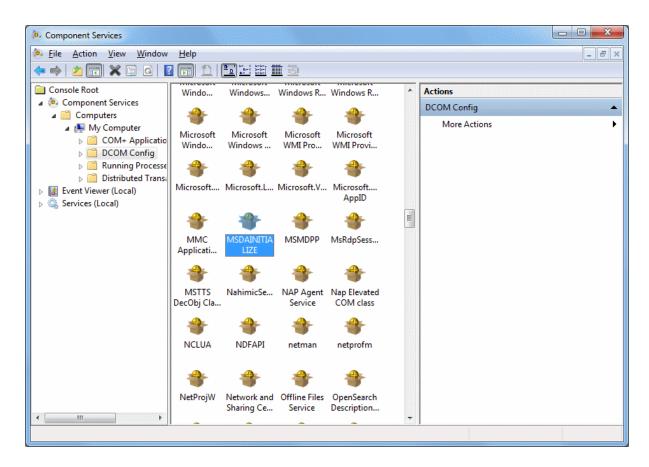
Troubleshooting SSMS

#### 4.13.2 Troubleshooting in SSMS

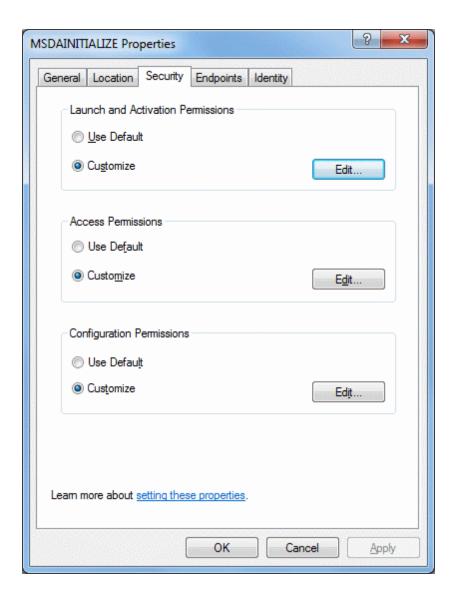
When creating a linked server in SSMS, most errors happen due to security issues with DCOM class MSDAINITIALIZE. We need to alter the DCOM Class MSDAINITIALIZE security settings to make it work.

Following are the steps:

- 1. Open Component Services (Start>Run>DCOMCNFG)
- 2. Expand Component Services>Computers>My Computer>DCOM Config
- 3. From the list of DCOM components on the right side, select MSDAINITIALIZE and go to its properties:



4. Go to the Security Tab, Choose 'Customize' and click on the 'Edit' Button:

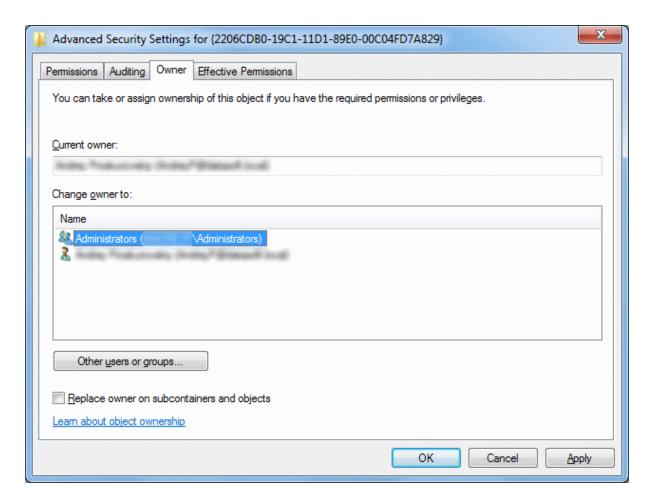


- 5. Add the Domain User who is accessing the linked server and 'Allow' all the permissions available (Local Launch, Remote Launch, Local Activation, Remote Activation). If you are connecting to SQL server using SQL account, you need to provide this permission to the account under which the SQL service is running.
- 6. Do this for all the 3 sections in the above screenshot.

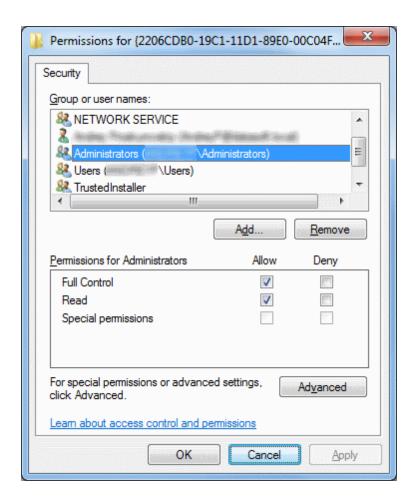
To edit the Security settings, we followed the below steps:

- 1. Start > Run > Regedit
- 2. Find the Key: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\ApplD\{2206CDB0-19C1-11D1-89E0-00C04FD7A829}

3. Right Click>Permissions>Advanced>Owner Tab:



- 4. Change the owner to Administrators.
- 5. Now, grant 'Full Control' to Administrators:



After this you should be able to edit MSDAINITIALIZE security settings.

### See also

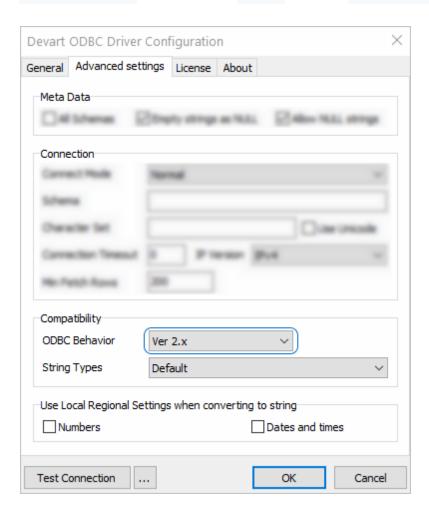
Error message when you try to create an instance of an OLE DB provider in SQL Server:
 "Cannot create an instance of OLE DB provider"

## 4.14 Using in SSIS

SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS) is a component of SQL Server that is designed to perform various data migration tasks. When using Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 as a translation layer between the data source and SSIS, the driver and SSIS communicate via Microsoft ODBC version 3.x.

Note that when you extract data from an ODBC data source using the SQLExecDirect function,

an issue may occur: SSIS expects the ODBC 2.x behavior, while the ODBC driver continues to fetch data from a data source via ODBC version 3.x. To prevent any issues when using SQLExecDirect, you should force the ODBC 2.x behavior in the DSN settings: open the Advanced Settings tab and select Ver 2.x from the ODBC Behavior dropdown.



### 4.15 Using in Tableau

# Importing Dynamics 365 Data Into Tableau Through an ODBC Connection

This article explains to establish and ODBC connection to Dynamics 365 from Tableau Desktop. Tableau is a data visualization tool that allows you to pull in raw data, perform analysis on it, and create meaningful reports to get actionable insights. With Tableau Desktop and our suite of <a href="ODBC drivers">ODBC drivers</a>, you can connect to various relational and non-relational databases, both cloud and on-premise.

- 1. Run Tableau Desktop.
- 2. On the start page, select **More...** in the **Connect** pane.
- 3. Choose Other Databases (ODBC).
- 4. Expand the **DSN** drop-down list and select the DSN that you have created and configured for Dynamics 365. Alternatively, if you have not created a DSN, you can choose the **Driver** option and select Devart ODBC Driver for Dynamics 365 from the drop-down.
- 5. Click Connect.
- 6. After a successful connection, click **Sign in**.
- 7. Select the needed database and schema in Dynamics 365.
- 8. You should see the list of all tables you have access to in the connected data source.
- 9. Drag-and-drop the table name to the area where it says **Drag tables here** to retrieve the data, or click **New Custom SQL** to write a query that will select only specific data from the table.
- 10. Hit **Update Now** to retrieve and display the data.