
Subject: Re: Question about using database like access or dbase?

Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Thu, 02 Aug 2001 05:34:52 GMT

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Hi,

"Randall Skelton" <rshkelto@atm.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

- > Assuming you had an ODBC compliant database, you could then use
- > the \$\$IDL DataMiner\$\$ and use it to access your data directly from IDL.
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- > http://www.rsinc.com/idl/idl_dataminer.cfm
- >
- > With all that being said, I don't think that either Excel or Access are
- > capable of running as an ODBC server.

Randall wrote a lot of good advice, but I'll just correct this point. It's been a while since I actually used it, but certainly Excel and Access *are* able to act as an ODBC servers. They work quite well with DataMiner, if this is the way you want to go. You just set up the ODBC Data Sources to point to the .xls or .mdb file, and DataMiner works as advertised.

I found Chapter 2 in the [datamine.pdf](#) to be a very helpful tutorial.

Cheers,

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-Dick

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