

ADO.NET in VS2003 Connection String for dBASE

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I'm using VB.NET in Visual Studio 2003. I want to get an ADO.NET connection to some dBASE V files and cannot find the magic syntax for some reason.

I've tried this

```
Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0;
Initial Catalog=C:\Visual Studio Projects\DE-Trans
Teammate\DeTransTm8\bin\Source_Files;
Data Source=070105DL.dbf;
Extended Properties=dBASE IV
```

as well as this (switching the initial catalog and data source values):

```
Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0;
Initial Catalog=070105DL.dbf;

Data Source=C:\Visual Studio Projects\DE-Trans
Teammate\DeTransTm8\bin\Source_Files;

Extended Properties=dBASE IV
```

Neither one of those is working.

The path is known to be good and the file exists there.

But when I try to use the connection object in code like this:

```
Dim cn As New OleDbConnection(fnGetDbfConnectionString())
```

```
cn.Open()
```

it blows up on the .Open call. (The fnGetDbfConnectionString function returns the text offered above.)

I've also tried Extended Properties= dBASE 5.0, to no avail (even though it looks successful in the Connect property in MSysObjects when I link to the same table from MS Access2003 on this same machine).

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I'm out of ideas. Any of you have any?

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