

## Re: ODBC microsoft access driver

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I quickly learned access is NOT the DB to use for web applications. My guess here is that you were testing your application and it bombed somewhere in the middle, you tried it again and got this error right? Because when your app bombed the first time it left the connection open and also "locked" the database. You will have to wait several minutes for the lock to be auto cleared by the server.

Here are a few reasons to NOT use access;

1. The locking issues that you are experiencing
2. Its unstable and easy to corrupt
3. Access has limited concurrent connections. If you have too many users accessing it you will get errors.

If you can get mysql (there are free versions available) I would use that. Its way faster than access, you can have many more concurrent connections, and it's VERY stable. You can get a web interface that allows you to do almost everything you could do through access, like view rows, edit rows, delete rows, add columns, etc. I was a die hard MS Access fan for small web sites myself but when those small websites started getting a little more popular I started having major database problems. I also had random problems with locking and tables being corrupt.

Since I've changed everything over to MYSQL, I have had no problems, and my sites performance was immediately boosted. I know there are probably a dozen people that are going to reply back stating otherwise but the facts don't lie, and my experience with both db's proves MYSQL is a much better choice.

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