

Re: Excel can't find FileMaker Pro Files

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Doug

I was digging around in my old emails and someone from actual technologies sent me the following, which I recall was v helpful:

"Thank you for contacting us. Our drivers let you use FileMaker (or Excel) as a front end to other databases via ODBC. We don't offer a product for using FMP as a data source, mainly because FileMaker Inc makes their own driver available for free.

Even though the FileMaker ODBC driver isn't our product, we do have a set of instructions we give to people who ask us about it:

1. Download the "FileMaker 7 ODBC/JDBC update (Mac)" from the FileMaker website:

<http://www.filemaker.com/odbc>

2. FMP 7 only (FMP 8 already has this installed): Follow the instructions in the included document "FM xDBC Update Read Me (English).pdf". To summarize, you'll copy the xDBC.fmpplugin file and the xDBC Support folder (located in the "xDBC Plug-in" folder) into the following folder:

/Applications/FileMaker Pro 7/Extensions/

3. Copy the SequeLink.bundle file (located in the "ODBC Client Driver" folder) to the following folder: /Library/ODBC

4. Then you'll use the ODBC Administrator to add the driver. Press the Drivers tab, then press the Add button. Specify "SequeLink" for the driver name, and the following path for the Driver file name (you'll need to manually enter the path to the driver, since the ODBC Administrator won't allow you to browse inside a bundle):

/Library/ODBC/SequeLink.bundle/Contents/MacOS/ivslk18.dylib

5. Using the ODBC Administrator, you'll need to manually enter the

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DSN parameter values, since the driver doesn't include a DSN setup assistant. Press the User DSN tab and then press the Add button, and enter the following Keyword / Value pairs:

Host (IP address of the server – example: 192.168.0.100)

Port 2399

ServerDataSource (name of FMP database without the extension – example: Inventory)

LoginID (optional)

Password (optional)

6. You will need to enable ODBC sharing within FileMaker:

- a. Start FileMaker and open the database you specified for "ServerDataSource" in step 4
- b. Select the menu FileMaker Pro -> Sharing -> ODBC/JDBC...
- c. On the FileMaker ODBC/JDBC Settings dialog, turn the ODBC/JDBC Sharing ON
- d. Select your database from the "Currently open files" list
- e. Select "All Users" in the "ODBC/JDBC access to file" area
- f. Press OK
- g. Restart FileMaker

7. You will also need the iODBC frameworks. These are available from www.iodbc.org, or, since you've installed the Actual Technologies ODBC drivers, then you already have them.

8. You should then be able to query your FMP database from Excel by selecting Data->Get External Data->New Database Query "

This is the best advice anyone sent me. I remember I had problems with getting the odbc administrator to connect to the FM database and it was a combination of login & passwd requirements (needed to be defined in the DSN) and detail related to User vs System DSN definition. I could only get it to work if teh DSN was defined under 'System'

Good luck

James

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