

Re: Connecting to FoxPro data

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Hi Julian,

Since you want to "mix" the Fox tables with the SQL tables it sounds like what you need is a linked server.

Here's some of what I've posted:

http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.fox.vfp.queries-sql/browse_thread/thread/bc3286cf3cf25b64/3300fe

Note that when you select data from a VFP linked server you need the three dots:

```
Select SQLTable.* From SQLServerTable As SQLTable
Inner Join FoxLinkedServer...Customers As Customers
On SQLTable.ID = Customers.CustomerID
```

Also, the data source string in the example is for a FoxPro DBC or "database container." For free tables you just point to the directory where they are located:

```
@datasrc=N"C:\Temp\"
```

Offhand I don't know how you would make the linked server read-only – perhaps by making a view of the data and letting the users have read-only access to the view. A SQL Pass-through query is always read-only but if you want users to use something like MS Access for querying and reports then an SPT query wouldn't work.

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I was given this one. Right now I am familiar with how to do this in Access, but SQL Server is what I need to use.

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What does one have to do to connect SQL Server (right now 2000, but soon 2005) to a FoxPro free-table directory?

I would like to have this be a READ-ONLY data source as I do not want to allow this data/indexes to be updated or modified in any way.

And, can these tables be mixed in with the SQL data tables in the same SQL database? If not, how can a table in another database (this FoxPro database) be referenced in T-SQL?

I'm willing to read, you can give links.

Thank you,
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