

SQL2000 SP4 and 64bit server with JetDriver...

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I have a LinkedServer in SQLServer that uses MS-Jet Driver to connect and query Foxpro (Windows) tables via ADO components in Delphi. Everything has worked fine for the last two years. Until now.

We just purchased a new 64bit server running Windows (2003 RC? – Zeon 64bit processor), but still running SQLServer2000 with SP4 patch applied (support for 64bit hardware). After installing the MSJet-Driver, the Jet driver doesn't appear in the ODBC manager list of drivers to allow configuring a Datasource. I have seen some references by MS stating that the Jet driver is being "dropped" from all new releases of software and OS's. It's also not included in the most recent release of the MDAC.

The question: How else can I build a LinkedServer to connect and query those FoxPro files without the availability of the Jet Drivers? Or, is there a way to "force" that jet driver to work on 64bit hardware running 32bit SQLServer-2000?

Any suggestions appreciated, as the application in question is mission critical and in use by numerous organ transplantation services. No JetDriver, no transplant! (just kidding...)

I hope this makes sense...

thanks,
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