

Quick Start: DataDirect Connect[®] for ODBC Informix Driver on Windows

The following basic information enables you to connect with and test your driver immediately after installation. For installation instructions for DataDirect Connect for ODBC, please see the [DataDirect Connect and Connect XE for ODBC Installation Guide](#).

Connecting to a Database

IMPORTANT: You must have all components of the Informix client software installed and connecting properly; otherwise, the driver will not operate correctly.

- 1 Start the ODBC Administrator to display a list of user data sources.
- 2 Click **Add** to display a list of installed drivers. Select the Informix driver from the list and click **Finish** to display the driver Setup dialog box.
- 3 On the General tab, provide the following information; then, click **Apply**.
 - **Data Source Name:** Type a string that identifies this data source configuration in the system information, such as "Accounting."
 - **Description:** Type an optional long description of a data source name, such as "My Accounting Database."
 - **Database Name:** Type the name of the database to which you want to connect by default.
- 4 On the Connection tab, provide the following information; then, click **Apply**.
 - **Host Name:** Type the name of the machine on which the Informix server resides.
 - **Service Name:** Type the name of the service as it appears on the host machine.
 - **Server Name:** Type the name of the Informix server as it appears in the sqlhosts file.

Testing the Connection

- 1 At the bottom of the Driver Setup dialog box, click **Test Connect** to attempt to connect to the data source using the connection properties that you specified. A logon dialog box appears. Note that the information you enter in the logon dialog box during a test connect is not saved. Click **OK**.

If the driver can connect, it releases the connection and displays a `connection established` message. If the driver cannot connect because of an improper environment or incorrect connection value, it displays an appropriate error message. Click **OK**.

- 2 Click **OK** or **Cancel** at the bottom of the Driver Setup dialog box. If you click **OK**, the values you have specified become the defaults when you connect to the data source.

Setting Connection Options for Optimal Performance

For optimal performance, set the option on the appropriate tab of the Driver Setup dialog box as follows; then, click **Apply**.

If your application does not use threads	De-select Application Using Threads on the Advanced tab.
If your application does not issue SQLCancel	Set Cancel Detect Interval on the Advanced tab to 0 (None)

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