

# Quick Start: DataDirect Connect<sup>®</sup> for ODBC SQL Server Wire Protocol Driver on Windows

The following basic information enables you to connect with and test your DataDirect Connect<sup>®</sup> for ODBC SQL Server Wire Protocol 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

- 1 Start the ODBC Administrator to display a list of data sources.
- 2 Click **Add** to display a list of installed drivers. Select the SQL Server Wire Protocol driver and click **Finish** to display the ODBC SQL Server Wire Protocol 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 SQL Server 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.
  - **Server Name:** Type the name of a server on your network. It must be an advanced entry in the SQL Client Configuration utility or the network name of a server running SQL Server.

You can enter "(local)" when the driver is on the same computer as the SQL Server database. You can connect to a local copy of SQL Server, even when it is a non-networked version. Server 2000 supports multiple instances of SQL Server running on the same computer.

To specify a named instance of SQL Server, use the format: server\_name\instance\_name. If only a server name is specified with no instance name, the driver connects to the server and uses the default named instance on the server.

- **Database Name:** Type the name of the database to which you want to connect by default. If you do not specify a value, the default database defined by SQL Server is used.

## 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.

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 will display an appropriate error message.

- 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.