

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

The following basic information enables you to connect with and test your DataDirect Connect<sup>®</sup> for ODBC Sybase 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 Sybase Wire Protocol driver and click **Finish** to display the ODBC Sybase 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 Sybase 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.
  - **Network Address:** Type the network address. Specify an IP address as follows: *IP address, port\_number*. For example, you might enter *199.226.224.34, 5000*. If your network supports named servers, you can specify an address as: *servername, port\_number*. For example, you might enter *Sybaseserver, 5000*.
  - **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 is the database defined by the system administrator for each user.

## 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.

## Tuning the Driver for Optimal Performance

To tune the driver for optimal performance, run the DataDirect Connect *for* ODBC Performance Tuning Wizard, which is installed along with the product and is also available from the DataDirect web site ([http://www.datadirect.com/products/odbc/performance\\_tuning\\_wizard/index.ssp](http://www.datadirect.com/products/odbc/performance_tuning_wizard/index.ssp)). The Performance Tuning Wizard leads you step-by-step through a series of questions about your application. Based on your answers, the Wizard provides the optimal settings for performance-related connection attributes.

The Wizard runs as an applet within a browser window. To run the Wizard, one of the following browsers must be installed:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 or higher
- Netscape 4.x or higher
- Firefox 1.0 or higher

To start the Wizard that was installed with the product, launch the following file from your browser, where *installation\_directory* is your DataDirect Connect *for* ODBC installation directory:

*installation\_directory*/wizards/index.html

Security features can cause the browser to block all active content. This prevents the Help system from launching even though the page that contains it loads successfully.

Click the message and select Allow Blocked Content. A security warning message is displayed. Click Yes to allow the Help system to run. Check with your system administrator before disabling any security features.

NOTE: Security features set in your browser can prevent the Help system from launching. A security warning message is displayed. Often, the warning message provides instructions for unblocking the Help system for the current session. To allow the Help system to launch without encountering a security warning message, the security settings in your browser can be modified. Check with your system administrator before disabling any security features.

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