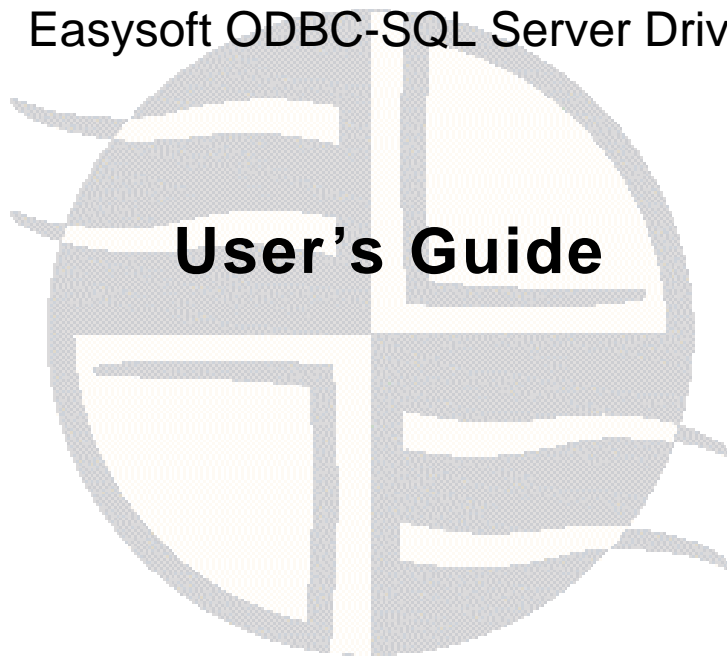


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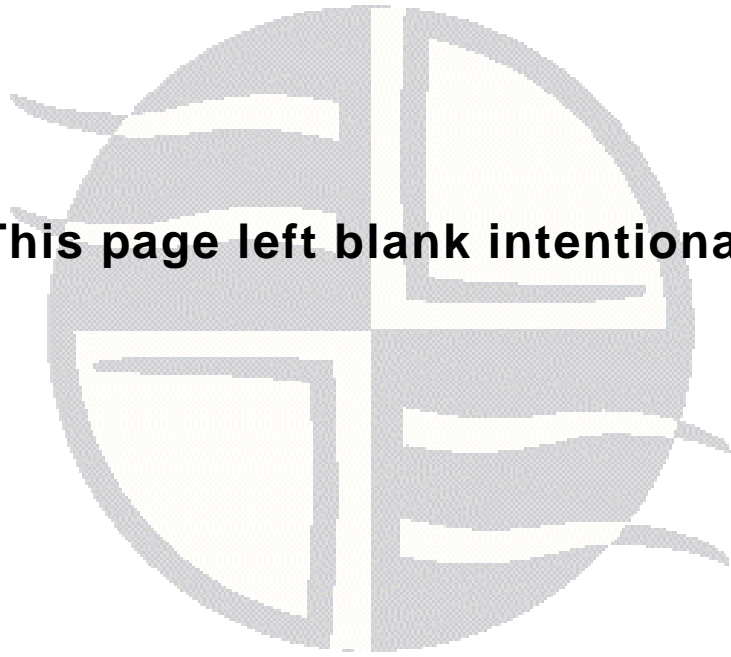
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## About this manual

This manual is intended for use by anyone who wants to install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver, configure it, and then access SQL Server data sources from an ODBC-enabled application.

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### **Intended Audience**

The Unix-based sections require experience of using Unix shell commands. You need to be able to do basic tasks such as editing text files. More complex tasks are described in detail, but it helps to understand how your system handles dynamic linking of shared objects.

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### **Displaying the Manual**

This manual is available in the following formats:

- Portable Document Format (PDF), which can be displayed and printed by using the Adobe Reader, available free from Adobe at <http://www.adobe.com>.
- HTML.



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## Notational Conventions

A *note box* provides additional information that may further your understanding of a particular topic in this manual:

**Note** Note boxes often highlight information that you may need to be aware of when using a particular feature.

A *platform note* provides platform-specific information for a particular procedural step:

**Linux**

On Linux, you must log on as the `root` user to make many important changes.

A *caution box* provides important information that you should check and understand, prior to starting a particular procedure or reading a particular section of this manual:

**Caution!**

Be sure to pay attention to these paragraphs because Caution boxes are important!

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### Typographical Conventions

This manual uses the following typographical conventions:

- User interface components such as icon names, menu names, buttons and selections are displayed in **bold**, for example:

Click **Next** to continue.

- Commands to be typed are displayed in a `monospace` font, for example:

At the command prompt, type `admin`.

- File listings and system names (such as file names, directories and database fields) are displayed in a `monospace` font.

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# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

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## Introducing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is an ODBC 3.51 driver for Microsoft SQL Server. It lets ODBC-enabled applications access SQL Server databases from Linux and Unix platforms.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports:

- SQL Server 7.0
- SQL Server 2000
- SQL Server 2005
- SQL Server 2005 Express Edition

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## Overview

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver connects ODBC-enabled applications on Linux and Unix to SQL Server databases. For example, access SQL Server databases from Apache, ApplixWare, Informatica, OpenOffice.org and StarOffice. In addition, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports the Perl DBI and DBD::ODBC modules, PHP, PEAR DB, the Python mxODBC interface, C and any other ODBC-enabled programming language or interface.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports SQL Server 7.0 through to 2005. The driver's SQL Server 2005 feature support includes database mirroring, encrypted connections using a self-signed SSL certificate, MARS, XML data types, MAX data types and snapshot isolation.

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## Product Status

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is currently available on Unix and Linux platforms. The most up to date list of Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver platforms is available at:

[http://www.easysoft.com/products/data\\_access/odbc-sql-server-driver/index.html](http://www.easysoft.com/products/data_access/odbc-sql-server-driver/index.html)

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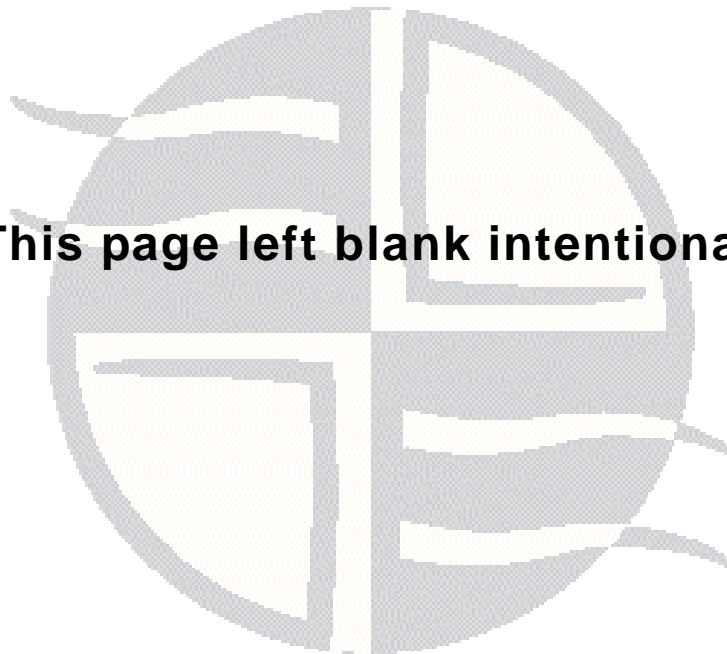
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**Deployment**

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver uses the Tabular Data Stream (TDS) data transfer protocol to communicate with SQL Server. No additional software needs to be installed on the SQL Server machine.

The TCP/IP protocol must be enabled in the SQL Server instance that you want to connect to.

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# CHAPTER 2 INSTALLATION

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## Installing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

This chapter explains how to install, license and remove the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

The installation instructions assume you are, or are able to consult with, a system administrator.

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### Obtaining the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

There are three ways to obtain the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver:

- The Easysoft web site is available 24 hours a day at <http://www.easysoft.com> and lets you download product releases and documentation.

Choose **Download** from the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver section of the web site and then choose the platform release that you require.

If you have not already done so, you will need to register at the web site to download Easysoft software.

- The Easysoft FTP site is available 24 hours a day at <ftp://ftp.easysoft.com> and lets you download free patches, upgrades, documentation and beta releases of Easysoft products, as well as definitive releases.

Change to the `pub/sql_server` subdirectory and then choose the platform release that you require.

- You can order Easysoft software on CD. To do this, **contact us** by email, telephone or post.

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## What to Install

The name of the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution file varies from platform to platform. The file name format is:

- `odbc-sqlserver-x.y.z-platform.tar.gz`

where *x* is the major version number, *y* is the minor version number and *z* is the build index, which is incremented when minor changes are made.

*platform* depends on the operating system distribution you require. File names may have this format:

- `odbc-sqlserver-x.y.z-platform-variation.tar`

where *platform-variation* refers to alternative versions available for a single platform.

### Note

Select the highest release available for your platform within your licensed major version number (installing software with a different major version number requires a new Easysoft license).

Unix file names may also be suffixed with `.gz` for a gzipped archive, `.bz2` for a bzip2ed archive, or `.z` for a compressed archive.

### Note

If you download a Unix file with a Windows browser, the browser may strip the file name extension. For example, if you download a `.gz` file and the browser strips the file name extension, it may not be obvious that the file is gzipped. Use `file filename` to find out the file type of the downloaded file.

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### **Caution!**

As long as you stop all Easysoft software first (or software that uses the Easysoft drivers), it is safe to reinstall or upgrade the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver without uninstalling.

If you do uninstall, you should first back up any configuration data that you still need, as uninstalling some Easysoft products will result in this information being deleted (license details remain in place).

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## Installing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

These instructions show how to install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver on Unix platforms. Please read this section carefully **before** installing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

### BEFORE YOU INSTALL

#### *Requirements*

To install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver on Unix you need:

- The Bourne shell in `/bin/sh`. If your Bourne shell is not located there, you may need to edit the first line of the installation script.
- Various commonly used Unix commands such as:

`grep, awk, test, cut, ps, sed, cat, wc, uname, tr, find, echo, sum, head, tee, id`

If you do not have any of these commands, they can usually be obtained from the [Free Software Foundation](#). As the `tee` command does not work correctly on some systems, the distribution includes a `tee` replacement.

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- Depending on the platform, you will need up to 10 MB of temporary space for the installation files and up to 10 MB of free disk space for the installed programs. If you also install the unixODBC Driver Manager, these numbers increase by approximately 1.5 MB.
- For Easysoft Licensing to work, you must do one of the following:
  - Install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver in `/usr/local/easysoft`.
  - Install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver elsewhere and symbolically link `/usr/local/easysoft` to wherever you chose to install the software.

The installation will do this automatically for you so long as you run the installation as someone with permission to create `/usr/local/easysoft`.

- Install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver elsewhere and set the `EASYSOFT_ROOT` environment variable.

For more information about setting the `EASYSOFT_ROOT` environment variable, see **"Post installation" on page 45**.
- An ODBC Driver Manager. Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distributions include the unixODBC Driver Manager.

- You do not have to be the `root` user to install, but you will need permission to create a directory in the chosen installation path. Also, if you are not the `root` user, it may not be possible for the installation to:
  1. Register the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with `unixODBC`.
  2. Create the example data source in the `SYSTEM` `odbc.ini` file.
  3. Update the dynamic linker entries (some platforms only).

If you are not `root`, these tasks will have to be done manually later.

Easysoft recommend you install all components as the `root` user.

### ***What you can Install***

This distribution contains:

- The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.
- The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support.
- The `unixODBC` Driver Manager.

You will need an ODBC Driver Manager to use the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver from your applications. The distribution therefore contains the **unixODBC Driver Manager**. Most (if not all) Unix applications and interfaces support the `unixODBC` Driver Manager. For example, Perl `DBD::ODBC`, PHP, Python and so on.

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You do not have to install the unixODBC Driver Manager included with this distribution. You can use an existing copy of unixODBC. For example, a version of unixODBC installed by another Easysoft product, a version obtained from your operating system vendor or one that you built yourself. However, as Easysoft ensure that the unixODBC distributed with the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver has been tested with that driver, we recommend you use it.

If you choose to use an existing unixODBC Driver Manager, the installation script will attempt to locate it. The installation script looks for the Driver Manager in the standard places. If you have installed it in a non-standard location, the installation script will prompt you for the location. The installation primarily needs unixODBC's `odbcinst` command to install drivers and data sources.

#### ***Where to Install***

This installation needs a location for the installed files. The default location is `/usr/local`.

At the start of the installation, you will be prompted for an installation path. All files are installed in a subdirectory of your specified path called `easysoft`. For example, if you accept the default location `/usr/local`, the product will be installed in `/usr/local/easysoft` and below.

If you choose a different installation path, the installation script will try to symbolically link `/usr/local/easysoft` to the `easysoft` subdirectory in your chosen location. This allows us to distribute binaries with built in dynamic linker run paths. If you are not `root` or the path `/usr/local/easysoft` already exists and is not a symbolic link, the installation will be unable to create the symbolic link. For information about how to correct this manually, see **["Post Installation Steps for non-root Installations" on page 45.](#)**



Note that you cannot license Easysoft products until either of the following is true:

- `/usr/local/easysoft` exists either as a symbolic link to your chosen installation path or as the installation path itself.
- You have set `EASYSOFT_ROOT` to `installation_path/easysoft`.

### ***Changes Made to Your System***

This installation script installs files in subdirectories of the path requested at the start of the installation, Depending on what is installed, a few changes may be made to your system:

1. If you choose to install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver into unixODBC, unixODBC's `odbcinst` command will be run to add an entry to your `odbcinst.ini` file. You can locate this file with `odbcinst -j`. (`odbcinst` is in `installation_path/easysoft/unixODBC/bin`, if you are using the unixODBC included with this distribution.)

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution includes two drivers, one with SSL Support (`Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL`) and one without SSL support (`Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server`). To access SQL Server over an encrypted connection, you must use the SSL-compatible version of the driver. For more information about the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support, see "[Encrypting Connections to SQL Server](#)" on page **105**.

The `odbcinst.ini` entry for the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will look similar to this:

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```
[Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server]
```

```
Driver          = /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/lib/libessqlsrv.so
Setup          = /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/lib/libessqlsrvS.so
Threading      = 0
FileUsage      = 1
DontDLClose    = 1
UsageCount     = 1
```

The `odbcinst.ini` entry for the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support will look similar to this:

```
[Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL]
```

```
Driver          = /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/lib/libessqlsrv_ssl.so
Setup          = /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/lib/libessqlsrvS.so
Threading      = 0
FileUsage      = 1
DontDLClose    = 1
UsageCount     = 1
```

For information about removing these entries, see **["Uninstalling the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver" on page 50.](#)**

2. The installation script installs example data sources into unixODBC. The data sources will be added to your `SYSTEM odbc.ini` file. You can locate your `SYSTEM odbc.ini` file by using `odbcinst -j`. The data source for the standard driver will look similar to this:

```
[SQLSERVER_SAMPLE]
```

```
Driver           = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server
Description      = Easysoft SQL Server ODBC driver
Server           = server.domain.com
Port             = 1422
Database         = northwind
User             = sa
Password         = password
Mars_Connection = No
Logging          = 0
LogFile          =
QuotedId         = Yes
AnsiNPW         = Yes
Language         =
Version7         = No
```

The data source for the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support will look similar to this:

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[SQLSERVER\_SAMPLE\_SSL]

Driver	= Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL
Description	= Easysoft SQL Server ODBC driver
Server	= server.domain.com
Port	= 1433
Database	= northwind
User	= sa
Password	= password
Mars_Connection	= No
Logging	= 0
LogFile	=
QuotedId	= Yes
AnsiNPW	= Yes
Language	=
Version7	= No
Encrypt	= Yes
TrustServerCertificate	= No
PrivateKeyFile	=
CertificateFile	=
Entropy	=

For information about removing these data sources, see **"Uninstalling the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver" on page 50.**

### 3. Dynamic Linker.

On operating systems where the dynamic linker has a file listing locations for shared objects (Linux), the installation script will attempt to add paths under the path you provided at the start of the installation to the end of this list. On Linux, this is usually the file `/etc/ld.so.conf`.

#### ***Reinstalling or Installing When You Already Have Other Easysoft Products Installed***

Each Easysoft distribution contains common files shared between Easysoft products. These shared objects are placed in `installation_path/easysoft/lib`. When you run the installation script, the dates and versions of these files will be compared with the same files in the distribution. The files are only updated if the files being installed are newer or have a later version number.

You should ensure that nothing on your system is using Easysoft software before starting an installation. This is because on some platforms, files in use cannot be replaced. If a file cannot be updated, you will see a warning during the installation. All warnings are written to a file called `warnings` in the directory you unpacked the distribution into.

If the installer detects you are upgrading a product, the installer will suggest you delete the product directory to avoid having problems with files in use. An alternative is to rename the specified directory.

If you are upgrading, you will need a new license from Easysoft to use the new driver.

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### ***Gathering Information Required During the Installation***

During the installation, you will be prompted for various pieces of information. Before installing, you need to find out whether you have unixODBC already installed and where it is installed. The installation script searches standard places like `/usr` and `/usr/local`.

However, if you installed the Driver Manager in a non-standard place and you do not install the included unixODBC, you will need to know the location.

If you want to use the installation to test the connection to your SQL Server machine and interactively create an ODBC data source, you will need:

- The host name of the SQL Server machine.
- The name of an instance to connect to or the port that the instance is listening on.
- A valid SQL Server login name and password that can be used to connect to the database you want to access.

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### ***Unpacking the Distribution***

The distribution for Unix platforms is a tar file. There are multiple copies of the same distribution with different levels of compression. You unpack the distribution in one of the following ways.

If the distribution file has been gzipped (`.gz`), use:

```
gunzip odbc-sqlserver-x.y.z-platform.tar.gz
```

If the distribution file has been bziped (`.bz2`), use:

```
bunzip2 odbc-sqlserver-x.y.z-platform.tar.bz2
```

If the distribution file has been compressed, (.z), use:

```
uncompress odbcsql-server-x.y.z-platform.tar.Z
```

You may have a distribution file which is not compressed at all (.tar). To extract the installation files from the tar file, use:

```
tar -xvf odbcsqlserver-x.y.z-platform.tar
```

This will create a directory with the same name as the tar file (without the .tar postfix) containing further archives, checksum files, an installation script and various other installation files.

Change directory into the directory created by unpacking the tar file.

### ***License to Use***

The End-User License Agreement is contained in the file `license.txt`. Be sure to understand the terms of the agreement before continuing, as you will be required to accept the license terms at the start of the installation.

### ***Answering Questions During the Installation***

Throughout the installation, you will be asked to answer some questions. In each case, the default choice will be displayed in square brackets and you need only press Enter to accept the default. If there are alternative responses, these will be shown in round brackets; to choose one of these, type the response and press Enter.

For example:

```
Do you want to continue? (y/n) [n]:
```

The possible answers to this question are `y` or `n`. The default answer when you type nothing and press Enter is `n`.

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### ***Running the Installer***

Before you run the installer, make sure you have read "**Installation**" **on page 30**. If you are considering running the installation as a non `root` user, we suggest you review this carefully as you will have to get a `root` user to manually complete some parts of the installation afterwards. Easysoft recommend installing as the `root` user. (If you are concerned about the changes that will be made to your system, see "**Changes Made to Your System**" **on page 25**.)

To start the installation, run:

```
./install
```

You will need to:

- Confirm your acceptance of the license agreement by typing "yes" or "no".

For more information about the license agreement, see "**License to Use**" **on page 31**.

- Supply the location where the software is to be installed. Easysoft recommend accepting the default installation path.

For more information, see "**Where to Install**" **on page 24**.

<b>Note</b> If you are upgrading, you will need a new license from Easysoft.
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### ***Locating or Installing unixODBC***

Easysoft strongly recommend you use the unixODBC Driver Manager because:

- The installation script is designed to work with unixODBC and can automatically add Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver and data sources during the installation.
- Most ODBC-enabled applications and interfaces support unixODBC. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver and any data sources that you add during the installation will be automatically available to your applications and interfaces therefore.
- The unixODBC project is currently led by Easysoft developer Nick Gorham. This means that there is a great deal of experience at Easysoft of unixODBC in general and of supporting the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver running under unixODBC. It also means that if you find a problem in unixODBC, it is much easier for us to facilitate a fix.

The installation starts by searching for unixODBC. There are two possible outcomes here:

1. If the installation script finds unixODBC, the following message will be output:

```
Found unixODBC under /unixODBC_path  
and it is version n.n.n
```

2. If the installation script cannot find unixODBC in the standard places, you will be asked whether you have it installed.

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If unixODBC is installed, you need to provide the unixODBC installation path. Usually, the path required is the directory above where `odbcinst` is installed. For example, if `odbcinst` is in `/opt/unixODBC/bin/odbcinst`, the required path is `/opt/unixODBC`.

If unixODBC is not installed, you should install the unixODBC included with this distribution.

If you already have unixODBC installed, you do not have to install the unixODBC included with the distribution, but you might consider doing so if your version is older than the one included.

The unixODBC in the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution is not built with the default options in unixODBC's configure line.

Option	Description
<code>--prefix=/etc</code>	This means the default SYSTEM <code>odbc.ini</code> file where SYSTEM data sources are located will be <code>/etc/odbc.ini</code> .
<code>--enable-drivers=no</code>	This means other ODBC drivers that come with unixODBC are not installed.
<code>--enable-iconv=no</code>	This means unixODBC will not look for a <code>libiconv</code> . Warnings about not finding an <code>iconv</code> library were confusing our customers.

Option	Description
--enable-stats=no	Disables unixODBC statistics, which use system semaphores to keep track of used handles. Many systems do not have sufficient semaphore resources to keep track of used handles. In addition, the statistics are only available in the GUI ODBC Administrator.
--enable-readline=no	This disables readline support in <code>isql</code> . We disabled this because it ties <code>isql</code> to the version of <code>libreadline</code> on the system we build on. We build on as old a version of the operating system as we can for forward compatibility. Many newer Linux systems no longer include the older readline libraries and so enabling readline support makes <code>isql</code> unusable on these systems.
--prefix=/usr/local/easysoft/unixODBC	This installs unixODBC into <code>/usr/local/easysoft/unixODBC</code> .

**Figure 1: Easysoft unixODBC configure line options.**

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#### ***Installing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver***

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation script:

- Installs the driver.
- Registers the driver with the unixODBC Driver Manager.

If the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is already registered with unixODBC, a warning will be displayed that lists the drivers unixODBC knows about. If you are installing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver into a different directory than it was installed before, you will need to edit your `odbcinst.ini` file after the installation and correct the Driver and Setup paths. unixODBC's `odbcinst` will not update these paths if a driver is already registered.

- Creates an example Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data source.

If unixODBC is installed and you registered the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with unixODBC, an example data source will be added to your `odbc.ini` file.

If a data source called "SQLSERVER\_SAMPLE" or "SQLSERVER\_SAMPLE\_SSL" already exists, the existing data source will be displayed and you have the option to replace it.

#### ***Licensing***

The `installation_path/easysoft/license/licshell` program lets you obtain or list licenses.

Licenses are stored in the `installation_path/easysoft/license/licenses` file. After obtaining a license, you should make a backup copy of this file.

The installation script asks you if you want to request an Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver license:

```
Would you like to request a Easysoft ODBC-SQL  
Server Driver license now (y/n) [y]:
```

You do not need to obtain a license during the installation, you can run `licshell` after the installation to obtain or view licenses.

If you answer yes, the installation runs the `licshell` script. The process of obtaining a license is best described in the [Licensing Guide](#).

To obtain a license automatically, you will need to be connected to the Internet and allow outgoing connections to `license.easysoft.com` on port 8884. If you are not connected to the Internet or do not allow outgoing connections on port 8884, the License Client can create a license request file that you can mail or fax to Easysoft. You can also supply the details to us by telephone.

Start the License Client. The following menu is displayed:

```
[0] exit  
[1] view existing license  
[n] obtain a license for the desired product.
```

To obtain a license, select one of the options from [2] onwards for the product you are installing. The License Client will then run a program that generates a key that is used to identify the product and operating system (we need this key to license you).

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After you have chosen the product to license (Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver), you need to supply:

- Your full name.
- Your company name.
- An email contact address. This **must** be the email address that you used when you registered on the Easysoft web site.
- Your telephone number (you need to specify this if you telephone us to request a license).
- Your fax number (you need to specify this if you fax the license request to us).
- A reference number. When applying for a trial license, just press Enter when prompted for a reference number. This field is used to enter a reference number that we will supply you for full (paid) licenses.

You will then be asked to specify how you want to obtain the license. The choices are:

```
[1] Automatically by contacting the Easysoft  
License Daemon
```

This requires a connection to the Internet and the ability to support an outgoing TCP/IP connection to `license.easysoft.com` on port 8884.

```
[2] Write information to file so you can fax,  
telephone it
```

The license request is output to `license_request.txt`.

```
[3] Cancel this operation
```

If you choose to obtain the license automatically, the License Client will start a TCP/IP connection to `license.easysoft.com` on port 8884 and send the details you supplied and your machine number. No other data is sent. The data sent is transmitted as plain text, so if you want to avoid the possibility of this information being intercepted by someone else on the Internet, you should choose [2] and telephone or fax the request to us. The License daemon will return the license key, print it to the screen and make it available to the installation script in the file `licenses.out`.

If you choose option [2], the license request is written to the file `license_request.txt`. You should then exit the License Client by choosing option [0] and complete the installation. After you have mailed, faxed or telephoned the license request to us, we will return a license key. Add this to the end of the file `installation_path/easysoft/license/licenses`.

If any warnings or errors are output during this process, please mail the output to [support@easysoft.com](mailto:support@easysoft.com) and we will correct the problem.

### ***Testing the Connection to SQL Server***

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation lets you test the connection to SQL Server, save the connection settings in an ODBC data source and retrieve some SQL Server data. Although the installation default is to do this test, you do not have to.

The installation guides you through the connection process step by step, using `tdshelper` (a diagnostic program supplied with the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver) to test the SQL Server connection and check that you can access SQL Server with your login name and password. If at any time you want to stop the test, type `q` at any prompt.

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If you decide to skip this part of the installation, you can use `tdshelper` after the installation completes to check your SQL Server connection settings. The installation script installs `tdshelper` in the `installation_path/easysoft/sqlserver/bin` directory. For more information about running `tdshelper`, see ["Testing the Connection to SQL Server with `tdshelper`" on page 80](#).

The installation uses `tdshelper` to search for SQL Server instances that are listening on your network. The results of a successful search will look similar to this:

```
Using /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/bin/tdshelper -i -c 1
```

```
=====
ServerName MYSQLSERVER2000HOST          Port 1433 (Default)
ServerName MYSQLEXPRESSHOST\SQLEXPRESS  Port 2777
ServerName MYSQLSERVER2005HOST\MYINSTANCEI  Port 1510
ServerName MYSQLSERVER2005HOST\MYINSTANCEII Port 1511
=====
```



If you do not see the SQL Server instance that you want to connect to in the list or the list is empty, the SQL Server Browser or SQL Server 2000 listener service may not be running. `tdshelper` uses the SQL Server Browser or listener to find out the available SQL Server instances. If the browser or listener is not running, the installation will be unable to use `tdshelper` to help you interactively connect to SQL Server and create a data source. Type `q` to exit and then manually create a data source after the installation completes. The installation creates a sample data source that you can use as a starting point when setting up your own Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data sources. For more information about creating data sources, see **"Setting Up Data Sources" on page 55**.

The example output shows that:

- The default SQL Server instance on a machine named `MYSQLSERVER2000HOST` is listening on the default SQL Server TCP port 1433.
- The default named SQL Server Express instance on a machine named `MYSQLEXPRESSHOST` is listening on port 2777.
- There are two named instances running on `MYSQLSERVER2005HOST`. The instances are listening on ports 1510 and 1511 respectively.

If the SQL Server instance that you want to connect to is listed in the results, type `y` to continue interactively creating your SQL Server data source.

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If you chose to continue, type the name (or IP address) of the machine where your SQL Server instance is running when prompted. To connect to a named instance, use the format *machinename\instancename*. To connect to a SQL Server Express instance, use the format *machinename\SQLEXPRESS*. To connect to a SQL Server instance that is not listening on the default port (1433), use the format *machinename:port*.

Based on the example output shown earlier, you would type:

- `MYSQLSERVERHOST` to connect to the default instance on this machine.
- `MYSQLEXPRESSHOST\SQLEXPRESS` to connect to the SQL Server Express instance.
- `MYSQLSERVER2005HOST:1510` to connect to the first named instance on this machine and `MYSQLSERVER2005HOST:1511` to connect to the second.

Type your SQL Server login name when prompted. If you usually connect to SQL Server through your Windows account, type your Windows user name. Use the format *domain\username*, where *domain* is the name of the Windows domain to which *username* belongs.

Otherwise, type a valid SQL Server user name.

Type the password for your user name when prompted.

If `tdshelper` can successfully connect to the SQL Server instance, a list of databases that you can access is displayed.

When setting up your SQL Server login, your database administrator will have associated a database with your login. This is the default database for the connection. The default database is listed first in the `tdshelper` output. If you want to connect to a different database, type the name of another databases in the list. Otherwise, press RETURN to connect to the default database.

If you want to change the language of SQL Server system messages, type one of the listed languages when prompted. Otherwise, press RETURN to accept the default language (again, this is listed first in the `tdshelper` output).

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation has now gathered enough information to connect to SQL Server. The installation lets you save this connection information in an ODBC data source. You can use this data source to connect to SQL Server now and when the installation completes. The data source is written to your system `odbc.ini` file.

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Finally, the installation prompts you whether to retrieve version information from the SQL Server database. The installation uses unixODBC's `isql` and your new data source to do this. Note that if you chose not to license the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver earlier in the installation, skip this step. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver needs to be licensed before it can be used to connect to a data source. When the installation has finished, you can use `isql` to test the data source after you have licensed the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

## POST INSTALLATION

### ***Supplied Documents and Examples***

The last part of the installation runs a post install script that lists the resources available to you.

- The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver documentation is installed in  
`installation_path/easysoft/sqlserver/doc:`
  - The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver manual in PDF format.
  - The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver EULA.

`installation_path/easysoft/sqlserver/doc/CHANGES.txt` lists all the changes in each version of the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

There are also many resources at the [Easysoft web site](#).

### ***Post Installation Steps for non-root Installations***

If you installed the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver as a non-root user (not recommended), there may be some additional steps you will need to do manually:

1. If you attempt to install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver under the unixODBC Driver Manager and you do not have write permission to unixODBC's `odbcinst.ini` file, the driver cannot be added.

You can manually install the driver under unixODBC by adding an entry to the `odbcinst.ini` file. Run `odbcinst -j` to find out the location of the `DRIVERS` file then append the lines from the `drv_template` file to the `odbcinst.ini` file. (`drv_template` is in the directory where the distribution was untarred to).

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To manually install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support, append the lines from `drv_template_ssl` file to the `odbcinst.ini` file.

2. No example data sources can be added into unixODBC if you do not have write permission to the `SYSTEM odbc.ini` file. Run `odbcinst -j` to find out the location of the `SYSTEM DATA SOURCES` file then add your data sources to this file.
3. On systems where the dynamic linker has a configuration file defining the locations where it looks for shared objects (Linux), you will need to add:

```
installation_path/easysoft/lib
installation_path/easysoft/unixODBC/lib
```

The latter entry is only required if you installed the unixODBC included with this distribution. Sometimes, after changing the dynamic linker configuration file, you need to run a program to update the dynamic linker cache. (For example, `/sbin/ldconfig` on Linux.)

4. If you did not install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver in the default location, you need to do one of the following:
  - Link `/usr/local/easysoft` to the `easysoft` directory in your chosen installation path.

For example, if you installed in `/home/user`, the installation will create `/home/user/easysoft` and you need to symbolically link `/usr/local/easysoft` to `/home/user/easysoft`:

```
ln -s /home/user/easysoft /usr/local/easysoft
```

- Set and export the `EASYSOFT_ROOT` environment variable to `installation_path/easysoft`.

5. If your system does not have a dynamic linker configuration file, you need to add the paths listed in step 3 to whatever environment path the dynamic linker uses to locate shared objects. You may want to amend this in a system file run whenever someone logs in such as `/etc/profile`.

The environment variable depends on the dynamic linker. Refer to your `ld` or `ld.so` man page. It is usually:

`LD_LIBRARY_PATH`, `LIBPATH`, `LD_RUN_PATH` or `SHLIB_PATH`.

### **SETTING DYNAMIC LINKER SEARCH PATHS**

Your applications will be linked against an ODBC Driver Manager, which will load the ODBC Driver you require. The dynamic linker needs to know where to find the ODBC Driver Manager shared object. The ODBC Driver Manager will load the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver, which is dependent on further common Easysoft shared objects; the dynamic linker needs to locate these too.

On operating systems where the dynamic linker has a file specifying locations for shared objects (Linux, for example), the installation will attempt to add paths under the path you provided at the start of the installation to the end of this list; no further action should be required. For more information, see ["Dynamic Linker." on page 29](#).

On other Unix platforms, there are two methods of telling the dynamic linker where to look for shared objects:

1. You add the search paths to an environment variable and export it. This method always works and overrides the second method, described below.

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2. At build time, a run path is inserted into the executable or shared objects. On most System V systems, Easysoft distribute Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver shared objects with an embedded run path. The dynamic linker uses the run path to locate Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver shared object dependencies.

For the first method, the environment variable you need to set depends on the platform (refer to the platform documentation for `ld(1)`, `dlopen` or `ld.so(8)`).

Environment Variable	Platform
LD_LIBRARY_PATH	System V based operating systems and Solaris.
LIBPATH	AIX
SHLIB_PATH	HP-UX
LD_RUN_PATH	Many platforms use this in addition to those listed above.

**Figure 2: Dynamic linker search path environment variables.**

To use the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver, you need to add:

```
installationdir/easysoft/sqlserver:installationdir  
/easysoft/lib
```

where *installationdir* is the directory in which you chose to install the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver. If you accepted the default location, this is `/usr/local`.



An example of setting the environment path in the Bourne shell on Solaris is:

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver:/usr/local/easysoft/lib
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

**Note** The exact command you need to set and export an environment variable depends on your shell.

If you installed the unixODBC Driver Manager included in the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution, you also need to add *installationdir/easysoft/unixODBC/lib* to the dynamic linker search path.

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### Uninstalling the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

There is no automated way to remove the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver in this release. However, removal is quite simple. To do this, follow these instructions.

#### To uninstall the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

1. Change directory to `installation_path/easysoft` and delete the `sqlserver` directory. `installation_path` is the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation directory, by default `/usr/local`.
2. If you had to add this path to the dynamic linker search paths (for example, `/etc/ld.so.conf` on Linux), remove it. You may have to run a linker command such as `/sbin/ldconfig` to get the dynamic linker to reread its configuration file. Usually, this step can only be done by the `root` user.
3. If you were using unixODBC, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver entry needs to be removed from the `odbcinst.ini` file. To check whether the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is configured under unixODBC, use `odbcinst -q -d`. If the command output contains `[Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver]` and `[Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver SSL]`, uninstall the drivers from unixODBC by using:

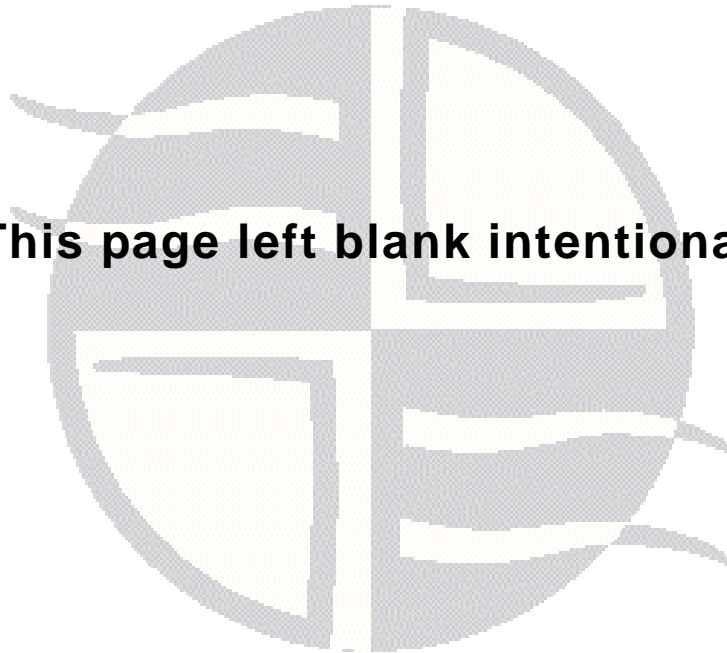
```
odbcinst -u -d -n 'Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server'
```

```
odbcinst -u -d -n 'Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL'
```

If a reduced usage count message is displayed, repeat this command until `odbcinst` reports that the drivers have been removed.

4. If you created any Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data sources under unixODBC, you may want to delete these. To do this, first use `odbcinst -j` to locate USER and SYSTEM `odbc.ini` files. Then check those files for data sources that have the driver attribute set to Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server.
5. Remove `sqlserver_install.info` from the `/usr/local/easysoft` directory.

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## Configuring the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is installed on the computer where your applications are running. ODBC applications access ODBC drivers through the ODBC Driver Manager and a data source. The data source tells the Driver Manager which ODBC driver to load, which SQL Server instance to connect to and how to connect to it. This chapter describes how to create data sources, use DSN-less connections and configure the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

Before setting up a data source, you must have successfully installed the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

For Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation instructions, see ["Installation" on page 17](#).

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### **Configuring the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver**

This section describes how to configure the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver to connect to a SQL Server database by using a data source or a DSN-less connection string. The section assumes you are, or are able to consult with, a database administrator.

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## Setting Up Data Sources

There are two ways to set up a data source to your SQL Server data:

- Create a SYSTEM data source, which is available to anyone who logs on to this Unix machine.

– OR –

- Create a USER data source, which is only available to the user who is currently logged on to this Unix machine.

By default, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation creates a SYSTEM data source named [SQLSERVER\_SAMPLE]. If you are using the unixODBC included in the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution, the SYSTEM `odbc.ini` file is in `/etc`.

If you built unixODBC yourself, or installed it from some other source, SYSTEM data sources are stored in the path specified with the configure option `--sysconfdir=directory`. If `sysconfdir` was not specified when unixODBC was configured and built, it defaults to `/usr/local/etc`.

If you accepted the default choices when installing the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver, USER data sources must be created and edited in `$HOME/.odbc.ini`.

### Note

To display the directory where unixODBC stores SYSTEM and USER data sources, type `odbcinst -j`.

By default, you must be logged in as `root` to edit a SYSTEM data source defined in `/etc/odbc.ini`.

You can either edit the sample data source or create new data sources.

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Each section of the `odbc.ini` file starts with a data source name in square brackets [ ] followed by a number of *attribute=value* pairs.

**Note** Attribute names in `odbc.ini` are not case sensitive.

The `Driver` attribute identifies the ODBC driver in the `odbcinst.ini` file to use for a data source. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution includes two drivers:

- One with SSL support that should be used if you need to access SQL Server 2000 or 2005 over an encrypted connection.
- One without SSL support that should be used for SQL Server 2000 and 2005 when encryption is not required and for SQL Server 7.0.

When the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is installed into unixODBC, entries for the standard driver (`Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server`) and the driver with SSL support (`Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL`) are placed in `odbcinst.ini`.

For Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data sources, you need to include a `Driver = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server` entry.

For Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support data sources, you need to include a `Driver = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL` entry. For more information about configuring Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support data sources, see **["Encrypting Connections to SQL Server" on page 105](#)**.



To configure a SQL Server data source, in your `odbc.ini` file, you need to specify:

- The host name or IP address of the machine where the SQL Server instance is running. To connect to a named instance you also need to specify the instance name. (`Server`)
- A valid SQL Server login name (`User`) and password (`Password`).

For example:

```
[SQL Server]
Driver      = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server
# To connect to the default instance, omit \my_instance_name.
Server     = my_sqlserver_hostname\my_instance_name
User       = my_domain\my_domain_user
Password   = my_password
```

If the SQL Server Browser or listener service is not in use at your site and you want to connect to an instance that is not listening on the default TCP port (1433), you also need to specify the port: For example, to connect to a SQL Server instance that is listening on port 1500, add this entry:

```
Port              = 1500
```

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### ATTRIBUTE FIELDS

The following attributes may be set in the `odbc.ini` file:

Attribute	Description
<code>Driver = value</code>	The name of the ODBC driver to use with this data source. To connect to a SQL Server 2000 or 2005 instance over an encrypted connection, set this attribute value to <code>Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL</code> . Otherwise, set this attribute value to <code>Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server</code> .
<code>Description = value</code>	A single line of descriptive text that may be retrieved by some applications to describe the data source.
<code>Server = value</code>	The SQL Server instance that you want to connect to. To connect to the default SQL Server instance, type: <i>machinename</i> where <i>machinename</i> is the name or IP address of the host where SQL Server is running. Note that if you are connecting to a SQL Server 2005 instance that is listening on an IPv6 address, set the <code>IPv6</code> attribute to 1. To connect to a named instance, type: <i>machinename\instancename</i> where <i>instancename</i> is the SQL Server instance. To connect to the default SQL Server Express named instance, type: <i>machinename\sqlexpress</i>

Attribute	Description
	<p><b>Connection Failover</b></p> <p>If your SQL Server database is available on more than one SQL Server machine, you can define a primary server for the database and additional fallback database servers. By default, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will try to connect to the first server that you specify. If that server is unavailable the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will try to connect to the next server in the list and so on. Use the format:</p> <pre>Server = primaryserver[:port] [, fallbackserver[:port]...]</pre> <p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>primaryserver</i> is the name or IP address of the primary SQL Server machine on which your database is available.</li> <li>• <i>port</i> is the TCP port on which the instance is listening. If omitted, the driver will try to connect to the instance that is listening on port 1433.</li> <li>• <i>fallbackserver</i> is the name or IP address of an alternative SQL Server machine on which your database is available.</li> </ul> <p>For example:</p> <pre>Server = sqlsrvhostA,sqlsrvhostB,sqlsrvhostC:1583</pre> <p>Connection attempts continue until either a connection is successfully made or all the servers in the list have been tried once.</p> <p>Note that your SQL Server login (as specified by <code>User</code> and <code>Password</code>) needs to be valid on each SQL Server machine in the list. The SQL Server login must have permission to access the database on each SQL Server machine.</p> <p>If you want to balance the load between database servers, configure the driver to randomly choose the database server it connects to. To do this, set the <code>ClientLB</code> attribute to 1.</p>

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Attribute	Description
Port = <i>num</i>	<p>The TCP port that SQL Server is listening on.</p> <p>If you are connecting to a default instance that is listening on port 1433, the <code>Port</code> setting can be omitted.</p> <p>If the SQL Server Browser or the SQL Server 2000 listener service is running, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will automatically detect the port number and the <code>Port</code> setting can be omitted.</p> <p>By default, named instances of SQL Server use dynamic ports, which means that an available port is assigned when the instance starts. If a SQL Server instance is listening on a dynamically allocated port number, you must omit the <code>Port</code> setting and let the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver use the browser or listener to detect the port number.</p> <p>If the SQL Server Browser or listener is not running at your site, your database administrator will have configured each SQL Server instance to listen on a specific TCP port. You need to specify this port with the <code>Port</code> setting.</p> <p>If your database administrator has hidden the SQL Server instance from the SQL Server Browser or listener, you need to specify the port number of the hidden instance.</p> <p>If your database administrator has configured the SQL Server instance to listen on multiple ports, use the <code>Port</code> setting to specify the appropriate port number from the available alternatives.</p>

Attribute	Description
User = <i>value</i>	<p>The SQL Server login name to use when connecting to SQL Server.</p> <p>If the SQL Server instance uses Windows Authentication (also known as trusted connections), the Windows user name to use to authenticate the connection. Use this format: <i>domain\username</i></p> <p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>domain</i> is the name of the Windows domain that the SQL Server machine is in or one that the SQL Server machine trusts.</li><li>• <i>username</i> is the user name of a user who belongs to this domain.</li></ul> <p>If the SQL Server instance permits SQL Server Authentication, you can also specify a SQL Server user name.</p> <p>To specify the login name in the connection string, use <code>UID</code> rather than <code>User</code>. For more information about specifying Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver attributes in the connection string, see <b>"DSN-less Connections" on page 90</b>.</p>
Password = <i>value</i>	<p>The password for the login name specified by <code>User</code>.</p> <p>To specify the login password in the connection string, use <code>PWD</code> rather than <code>Password</code>.</p>

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Attribute	Description
Database = <i>value</i>	<p>The default database to use for the connection.</p> <p>If you omit this attribute, the connection uses the default database defined for the login in SQL Server. The default database for users who do not have their own SQL Server login depends on the local group on the SQL Server machine that they belong to. The default database for members of the local Administrators group is the one defined for the BUILTIN\Administrators login. The default database for members of the local Users group is the one defined for the BUILTIN\Users login (SQL Server 2005 Express Edition only).</p> <p>If the database does not exist or the login does not have permission to access the database, the connection will fail.</p> <p>Note that using the default database for the login ID is more efficient than specifying a default database in the ODBC data source.</p>

Attribute	Description
QuotedId = 0   1	<p>When ON (set to 1), QUOTED_IDENTIFIERS is set to ON for the connection. SQL Server will then follow the SQL-92 rules regarding the use of quotation marks in SQL Statements. Double quotes can only be used for identifiers, such as column and table names. Character strings must be enclosed in single quotes:</p> <pre>SELECT CompanyName FROM "Customer and Suppliers by City" WHERE City = 'New York'</pre> <p>If a single quotation mark is part of the literal string, it can be represented by two single quotation marks.</p> <p>When OFF, QUOTED_IDENTIFIERS is set to OFF for the connection. SQL Server then follows the legacy Transact-SQL rules regarding the use of quotation marks. Identifiers cannot be quoted and must follow all Transact-SQL rules for identifiers. Literals can be delimited by either single or double quotation marks.</p> <p>For more information about the QUOTED_IDENTIFIERS option, see the SQL Server Transact-SQL documentation.</p> <p>By default, QuotedId is ON.</p>

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Attribute	Description
AnsiNPW = 0   1	<p>When ON (set to 1), the ANSI_NULLS, ANSI_WARNINGS, and ANSI_PADDING options are set to ON for the connection.</p> <p>When ANSI_NULLS is ON, SQL Server enforces ANSI rules for handling NULL comparisons. The ANSI syntax IS NULL or IS NOT NULL must be used for all NULL comparisons. For example:</p> <pre>SELECT * FROM MyTable WHERE MyColumn IS NULL</pre> <p>The Transact-SQL syntax = NULL and &lt;&gt; NULL are not supported.</p> <p>When ANSI_NULLS is OFF, the Equals (=) and Not Equal To (&lt;&gt;) comparison operators must be used to make comparisons with NULL and nonnull values in a table.</p> <p>When ANSI_WARNINGS is ON, SQL Server generates warning messages for conditions that violate ANSI rules but do not violate the rules of Transact-SQL. For example, SQL Server will generate error and warning messages for divide-by-zero errors, string too large for database column errors and when NULL values are encountered when using aggregate functions. When SET ANSI_WARNINGS is OFF, these errors and warnings are not raised.</p> <p>When ANSI_PADDING is ON, trailing blanks on varchar values and trailing zeroes on varbinary values are not automatically trimmed.</p> <p>For more information about the ANSI_NULLS, ANSI_WARNINGS, and ANSI_PADDING options, see the SQL Server Transact-SQL documentation.</p> <p>By default, AnsiNPW is ON.</p>



Attribute	Description
<i>Language = value</i>	<p>The national language to use for SQL Server system messages. Use this format:</p> <pre>Lananguage = language</pre> <p>where <i>language</i> is one the language aliases contained in the <code>sys.syslanguages</code> table.</p> <p>For example:</p> <pre>Lananguage = French</pre> <p>If no language is specified, the connection uses the default language specified for the login on the server.</p>
<i>Appname = value</i>	<p>The name SQL Server uses to identify the application that connects using this data source. For example, the following entry identifies an application as <code>isql</code>:</p> <pre>Appname = isql</pre> <p>The default value is <code>ODBC</code>.</p> <p>SQL Server stores the application name in the <code>master.dbo.sysprocesses</code> column <code>program_name</code>. The name is returned by the <code>APP_NAME</code> function.</p>

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Attribute	Description
MARS_Connection = 0   1	<p>When ON (set to 1), multiple active result sets (MARS) are enabled on the connection if the server is SQL Server 2005. MARS allows applications to have more than one pending request per connection, and in particular, to have more than one active default result set per connection. Applications can execute other statements (for example, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and stored procedure calls) while result sets are open. For example, an application might retrieve unprocessed items from an Orders table and then, while looping through the active result set, use an UPDATE statement to mark each order as processed.</p> <p>For non-MARS connections (MARS_Connection turned OFF) and earlier versions of SQL Server, applications cannot maintain multiple active statements on a connection. Applications that attempt to do this fail with the error "connection is busy with results of another hstmt". The application has to process or cancel all result sets from one batch before it can execute any other batch on that connection. Note that server-side cursors can be used to work around this limitation. There is a performance penalty associated with server-side cursors however.</p> <p>For more information about MARS, see the Microsoft article <a href="#">Multiple Active Result Sets (MARS) in SQL Server 2005</a>. By default, MARS_Connection is OFF.</p>
Wsid = <i>value</i>	<p>The workstation ID. The default value is the host name of the machine where the ODBC application is running. SQL Server stores the workstation ID in the master.dbo.sysprocesses column hostname. The ID is returned by sp_who and the HOST_NAME function.</p>

Attribute	Description
Version7 = 0   1	<p>Set to <code>Version7</code> to 1 if you are connecting to a SQL Server 7.0 database.</p> <p>When initiating the connection, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver tries to discover the version of the SQL Server instance. Setting <code>Version7</code> to 1 reduces the number of steps in the discovery process for SQL Server 7.0 databases. This results in a slightly quicker connection time.</p> <p>By default, <code>Version7</code> is OFF (set to 0).</p>
VarMaxAsLong = 0   1	<p>When OFF (set to 0), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver returns a <code>varchar(max)</code> column as a <code>SQL_VARCHAR</code> with a zero length, which means the maximum size is unlimited. Some applications may interpret this to mean that the column size is zero bytes rather than unlimited and allocate a buffer that is too small for the column data. To work around this, try setting <code>VarMaxAsLong</code> to 1. When ON (set to 1), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver returns a <code>varchar(max)</code> column as a <code>SQL_LONGVARCHAR</code>.</p> <p>By default, <code>VarMaxAsLong</code> is OFF.</p>

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Attribute	Description
ClientLB = 0   1	<p>Whether the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver tries to balance the load between the servers specified by the <code>Server</code> setting. The <code>ClientLB</code> setting only has an effect if you specify a primary server and additional fallback servers with <code>Server</code>.</p> <p>When <code>ClientLB</code> is ON (set to 1), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver randomly selects a server to connect to. If the server is unavailable, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver then moves sequentially through the list of other servers.</p> <p>When <code>ClientLB</code> OFF (set to 0, the default), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver tries to connect to the servers in the order that they are defined in. (Primary server first and then each additional fallback server.)</p> <p><b>Example</b></p> <p>You specify a primary server (<code>sqlsrvhostA</code>) and two fallback servers (<code>sqlsrvhostB</code> and <code>sqlsrvhostC</code>):</p> <pre>Server = sqlsrvhostA,sqlsrvhostB,sqlsrvhostC:1583</pre> <p>When <code>ClientLB</code> is ON, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will randomly choose a server to connect to. If, for example, the driver tries to connect to <code>sqlsrvhostB</code> first, it will then try to connect to <code>sqlsrvhostC</code> (if <code>sqlsrvhostB</code> is unavailable) and <code>sqlsrvhostA</code> (if <code>sqlsrvhostC</code> is unavailable).</p> <p>When <code>ClientLB</code> is OFF, the Easysoft driver will try to connect to <code>sqlsrvhostA</code> and then <code>sqlsrvhostB</code> (if <code>sqlsrvhostA</code> is unavailable) and finally <code>sqlsrvhostC</code> (if <code>sqlsrvhostB</code> is unavailable).</p>
Failover_Partner = <i>value</i>	<p>Use <code>Failover_Partner</code> to specify the current mirror database server. If the <b>initial</b> connection to the principal database server fails, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will attempt a connection to the server specified by <code>Failover_Partner</code>.</p> <p>For more information about database mirroring, see "<a href="#">Database Mirroring</a>" on page 123.</p>

Attribute	Description
DisguiseWide = 0   1	<p>When ON (set to 1), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver describes NVARCHAR and NCHAR data types as VARCHAR and CHAR. This is a workaround for applications such as Oracle's HSODBC that do not recognise NVARCHAR and NCHAR types and therefore fail to return data from tables containing these column types.</p> <p>By default, DisguiseWide is OFF (set to 0).</p>
DisguiseLong = 0   1	<p>When ON (set to 1), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver describes IMAGE and TEXT data types as VARBINARY and VCHAR. This is a workaround for applications such as Oracle's HSODBC that cannot handle IMAGE and TEXT types and therefore fail to return data from tables containing these column types.</p> <p>By default, DisguiseLong is OFF (set to 0).</p>
Trusted_Connection = 0   1	<p>Whether the user specified with User belongs to the domain specified by Trusted_Domain. If you specify a Domain with Trusted_Domain therefore, you need to set Trusted_Connection to 1.</p>
Trusted_Domain = value	<p>The Windows domain that the user specified with User belongs to. The domain must either be the same as the one that the SQL Server machine is in or one that the SQL Server machine trusts.</p> <p>If you specify a Domain with Trusted_Domain, set Trusted_Connection to 1 and omit the domain from User.</p> <p>For example:</p> <pre># Windows authentication User = mywindowsuser Password = mypassword Trusted_Connection = 1 Trusted_Domain = mydomain</pre>

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Attribute	Description
IPv6 = 0   1	<p>Set <code>IPV6</code> to 1 when connecting to a SQL Server 2005 instance that is listening on an IPv6 address.</p> <p>By default, IPv6 is OFF (set to 0), which means that the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver assumes that the target SQL Server instance is listening on an IPv4 address.</p> <p>For more information about IPv6, see "<a href="#">Connecting to SQL Server 2005 by Using IPv6</a>" on page 134.</p>
ConnectionTimeout = <i>num</i>	<p>The number of milliseconds to wait for any request on the connection to complete before returning to the application. After the initial connection to the SQL Server machine has been established, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will wait <i>num</i> milliseconds each time it needs a response from SQL Server. If no response is received from SQL Server before the timeout expires, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver returns the error <code>Timeout expired</code>.</p> <p>The default value 0 means that no connection timeout is applied by the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.</p> <p>A timeout set by calling <code>SQLSetConnectAttr</code> with the <code>SQL_ATTR_CONNECTION_TIMEOUT</code> connection attribute will override <code>ConnectionTimeout</code>.</p>

Attribute	Description
LogonTimeout = <i>num</i>	<p>The number of milliseconds to wait for a TCP connection to the SQL Server machine to be established before returning to the application. When you define a timeout, the initial connection phase lasts for <i>num</i> milliseconds. If the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is unable to connect to the target SQL Server machine before the timeout expires, it returns the message <code>Connection timeout expired</code>. Note that if you specify a named instance in the <code>Server</code> attribute value, the driver returns a different timeout message: <code>Failed to get datagram from socket</code>.</p> <p>The default value 0 means that no initial connection timeout is applied by the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.</p> <p>The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver classes the connection phase as obtaining the IP address of the SQL Server machine and connecting to it. This means that if you specify the <code>Server</code> attribute value as a machine name rather than an IP address, your system resolver library will be used (possibly examining <code>/etc/hosts</code> or doing a DNS query). On some operating systems, <code>gethostbyname()</code>, the call used to resolve a machine name into an IP address, cannot be interrupted and the connection timeout will not work. If this is a problem for you, either specify the SQL Server machine as an IP address or tell your resolver library to consult <code>/etc/hosts</code> before DNS and place an entry in <code>/etc/hosts</code>.</p> <p>A timeout set by calling <code>SQLSetConnectAttr</code> with the <code>SQL_ATTR_LOGIN_TIMEOUT</code> connection attribute will override <code>LogonTimeout</code>.</p>

**Figure 3: Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data source settings.**

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#### ENVIRONMENT

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver must be able to find the following shared objects, which are installed during the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation:

- `libodbcinst.so`

By default, this is located in

`/usr/local/easysoft/unixODBC/lib.`

- `libeslicshr.so`

By default, this is located in `/usr/local/easysoft/lib.`

- `libessupp.so`

By default, this is located in `/usr/local/easysoft/lib.`

- `libestdscrypt.so`

By default, this is located in `/usr/local/easysoft/lib.`

For more information about `libestdscrypt.so`, see

**"Windows Authentication" on page 103.**

You may need to set and export `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`, `SHLIB_PATH` or `LIBPATH` (depending on your operating system and run-time linker) to include the directories where `libodbcinst.so`, `libeslicshr.so` and `libessupp.so` are located.

**Note** The shared object file extension (`.so`) may vary depending on the operating system (`.so`, `.a` or `.sl`).



## **ESTABLISHING A TEST CONNECTION**

The `isql` query tool lets you test your Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data sources.

### **To test the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver connection**

1. Change directory into `/usr/local/easysoft/unixODBC/bin`.
2. Type `./isql -v data_source`, where `data_source` is the name of the target data source.

If you are unable to connect, see ["Troubleshooting Database Connection Problems" on page 74](#) for help on solving some common connection problems.

3. At the prompt, type an SQL query. For example:

```
SQL> select * from mytable;
```

– OR –

Type `help` to return a list of tables:

```
SQL> help
```

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### TROUBLESHOOTING DATABASE CONNECTION PROBLEMS

This section lists some common connection problems and their solutions.

- **Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Failed to find host address 'myhost\myinstance'**
- **Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Connection refused'**
- **Client unable to establish connection: Server not configured for TCP connection**
- **Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Failed to get datagram from socket'**
- **Login failed for user ". The user is not associated with a trusted connection**
- **Login failed for user 'myuser'.**

***Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Failed to find host address 'myhost\myinstance''***

Check the Server attribute in your data source specifies a valid machine name or IP address. Check that the machine name can be looked up by using DNS or is present in `/etc/hosts`. Check that you are on the same network as the target host by pinging the machine:

```
ping myhost
```

If `ping` times out or fails, then either the DNS lookup is not working properly or there is some other networking or routing issue that needs to be resolved. Contact your network administrator.

***Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Connection refused'***

Check that the SQL Server instance that you are trying to connect to is running.

If the SQL Server Browser or listener service is running, you can use `tdshelper` to display a list of all the running SQL Server instances on your network. On the machine where the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is installed:

```
cd /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/bin  
./tdshelper -i
```

On the SQL Server machine, "SQL Server <instance>" will be listed in output of the `net start` command, if the SQL Server instance is running.

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If SQL Server is listening on a fixed TCP port, check that you can use telnet to connect to the port that you have specified in the data source:

```
telnet hostname port
```

where *hostname* is the host name or IP address of the machine where SQL Server is running and *port* is the port number that you have specified with the `Port` attribute. If the SQL Server instance is listening on this port, you will see output similar to:

```
Connected to myserver
```

```
Escape character is '^]'
```

To exit from telnet, type CTRL-] and then `quit`.

If you do not see this output or a "Connection refused" error displays, SQL Server is not listening on the specified port. Contact your database administrator for the correct SQL Server port.

If you are using the correct port but are unable to connect with telnet, the SQL Server instance may not allow remote TCP/IP connections. See "**Client unable to establish connection: Server not configured for TCP connection**" on page 76.

### ***Client unable to establish connection: Server not configured for TCP connection***

The TCP/IP protocol must be enabled in the instance that you are trying to connect to.

In the SQL Server Configuration Manager, in the list of network protocols for the instance, the status for TCP/IP must be set to "Enabled".

By default, SQL Server 2005 does not allow remote connections, which means that the default setting for TCP/IP is "Disabled".

***Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Failed to get datagram from socket'***

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver uses the SQL Server Browser or the SQL Server 2000 listener service to find out what TCP port SQL Server is listening on. If the SQL Server Browser or listener service is not running and active, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will be unable to open a connection for this purpose and the "Failed to get datagram from socket" error displays.

On the machine where the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is installed, if you run `/usr/local/easysoft/tdshelper -i` and see no SQL Server instances listed in the output, the browser or listener may not be running.

On the SQL Server machine, "SQL Server Browser" will be listed in output of the `net start` command, if the SQL Server Browser is running. If `net start` shows that the SQL Server Browser service is running, the service may not be active. In the SQL Server Configuration Manager, the Active option must be set to "Yes" in the Advanced SQL Server Browser property tab. (The SQL Server Browser service must be restarted before any change to this setting takes effect.)

If you are connecting to SQL Server through a firewall, the firewall needs to allow connections through:

- The SQL Browser UDP port, 1434.
- The TCP port that the SQL Server instance is listening on.

If UDP port 1434 is not open, the firewall will block the connection when the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver attempts to discover the SQL Server port and the 'Failed to get datagram from socket' will display.

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Because the SQL Server Browser or listener accepts unauthenticated UDP requests, it may have been turned off as a security measure, and your database administrator will have configured each SQL Server instance to listen on a specific TCP port. You need to specify this port number with the `Port` setting. For example, if SQL Server is listening on port 1500, add this line to the data source in `odbc.ini`:

```
Port = 1500
```

The "Failed to get datagram from socket" error also displays if you try to connect to a hidden SQL Server instance. You need to specify the port that the hidden instance is listening even though the SQL Server Browser or listener may be running.

#### ***Login failed for user ". The user is not associated with a trusted connection***

Check that the `User` and `Password` attributes for the data source in the `odbc.ini` specify a valid Windows user name and password.

This error also displays if you try to connect to SQL Server with a SQL Server user name and password but SQL Server's authentication mode is set to Windows Authentication only. To connect by using a SQL Server account, the security mode for the SQL Server instance must be changed to mixed (both SQL Server and Windows authentication are enabled).

To enable mixed mode, your database administrator must set the SQL Server security property **Server Authentication to SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode**. Note that Microsoft recommend that Windows authentication is used to connect to SQL Server whenever possible.

***Login failed for user 'myuser'.***

Check that the `User` and `Password` attributes for the data source in the `odbc.ini` specify a valid SQL Server user name and password.

This error also displays if you try to connect to SQL Server with a valid Windows user name and password but no corresponding SQL Server login exists. For example, SQL Server Setup creates a login named `BUILTIN\Administrators` that allows members of the local Administrators Windows group to access SQL Server. As a security measure, the database administrator may delete this login and members of this group will then need individual SQL Server login accounts to access SQL Server.

Ask your database administrator to create a SQL Server login for you that uses Windows authentication to validate your connection details.

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### TESTING THE CONNECTION TO SQL SERVER WITH TDSHELPER

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution includes the diagnostic program `tdshelper`. `tdshelper` lets you:

- Search for SQL Server instances on your network.
- Test the connection to an instance.
- Check that you can access an instance with your SQL Server login.
- List the databases that are available to your login.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver installation script installs `tdshelper` in `/usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/bin`.

To use `tdshelper`, you may need to tell the dynamic linker where to find the shared objects that `tdshelper` depends on. The shared objects are in `/usr/local/easysoft/lib`.



To do this, set and export the appropriate environment variable for your linker and platform.

Variable	Platform
SHLIB_PATH	Some versions of HP-UX. For example: SHLIB_PATH=\$SHLIB_PATH:/usr/local/easysoft/lib export SHLIB_PATH
LD_LIBRARY_PATH	Linux, Solaris, some versions of HP-UX. For example: LD_LIBRARY_PATH=\$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/local/easysoft/lib export LD_LIBRARY_PATH
LIBPATH	AIX. For example: LIBPATH=\$LIBPATH:/usr/local/easysoft/lib export LIBPATH

**Figure 4: Setting your environment for tdshelper.**

#### **TDSHELPER COMMAND LINE OPTIONS**

tdshelper has the following command line:

```
tdshelper [options]
```

The options are:

```
-a --auth password
```

The password for the SQL Server login name specified with the `-u` option.

```
-c --count number
```

The number of probe packets to send when searching for SQL Server instances. The default is 5.

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`-d --dblist`

List the databases that are available to the login name specified by `-u` in the SQL Server instance specified by `-s`. The default database for the login is shown first in the command output.

`-l --langlist`

List the languages that SQL Server system messages are available in. To retrieve the languages, you also need to specify a SQL Server instance (`-s`) and login (`-u -a`). The default language for the login is shown first in the command output.

`-n --port port`

The TCP port that the SQL Server instance specified with the `-s` option is listening on.

If you omit the port and are connecting to a named instance, `tdshelper` will use the SQL Server Browser or listener to detect the port. If you omit the port and are connecting to the default instance, `tdshelper` will try to connect to port 1433.

`-p --probe`

Search for SQL Server instances on the network. For each instance found, the command's output displays:

- The IP address of the machine the instance is running on.
- The port the instance is listening on.
- The host name of the machine the instance is running on.
- The instance name. The name used to identify the default SQL Server instance is `MSSQLSERVER`.
- The SQL Server version number.

`-i --instance`

Search for SQL Server instances on the network. The output is more concise than that produced by the `-p` option. The output lists each instance found using the format *machinename\instancename*. Default instances are listed as *machinename*.

**Notes**

For `tdshelper` to be able to list available instances (`-p` or `-i`), the SQL Server Browser or the SQL Server 2000 listener service must be running.

IPv6 multicast is not supported for instance discovery. `tdshelper` will therefore not find SQL Server 2005 instances that are only listening on an IPv6 address.

`-s --server instance`

The SQL Server instance to connect to. To test the connection to the default SQL Server instance, replace *instance* with the host name or IP address of the machine where the instance is running. To test the connection to a named instance, replace *instance* with *machinename\instance*, where:

- *machinename* is the host name or IP address of the SQL Server machine.
- *instancename* is the name of the instance that you want to connect to.

If the SQL Server Browser or listener service is not running and the instance is not listening on the default port 1433, specify the port with `-p`.

To test database authentication, you also need to specify a valid SQL Server login name and password for the instance with `-u` and `-a`.

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`-u --user login`

A valid SQL Server login name for the instance specified with `-s`. If you usually connect to SQL Server through your Windows account, type your Windows user name. Use the format *domain\username*, where *domain* is the name of the Windows domain to which *username* belongs. Otherwise, specify a valid SQL Server user name. Use `-a` to specify the password.

**Note** You may have to enclose the SQL Server instance name, login name and password with single quotes. Do this to protect any backslashes, spaces or other special characters these settings contain. For example:

```
./tdshelper -s 'mymachine\myinstance' -v
```

`-f --dblist database`

The database to connect to. Use `-s` to specify the instance that is serving the database. Use `-u` and `-a` to specify a valid SQL Server login and password for the database.

`-v --verbose`

Display extra status and diagnostic information. Use this option with `-s` to diagnose connection problems.

`-6 --ipv6`

Specify this option if you are connecting to a SQL Server instance that is listening on an IPv6 address. For example, `./tdshelper -6 -s 'ABCD:EF12::3456\SQLEXPRESS' -v`

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To connect to a SQL Server instance, you need this information:

- The host name of the machine where the instance is running.
- The instance name if it is not the default instance.
- A SQL Server login name and password for the instance.

`tdshelper` lets you confirm that your connection settings are valid before you use the information in an Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data source. If the SQL Server Browser or listener is running, you can also use `tdshelper` to verify that the SQL Server instance is running and visible from the machine where the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is installed.

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1. `cd /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/bin`
2. If the SQL Server Browser or listener is running, check that your SQL Server instance is running by typing the following command. Otherwise, skip this step.

```
./tdshelper -i -c 1
```

If the instance is running, it will be listed in the `tdshelper` output. In the following example output, the default SQL Server instance is running on the machine `MYSQLSERVER2000HOST`; the default named SQL Server Express instance is running on the machine `MYSQLEXPRESSHOST`; a named SQL Server instance is running on the machine `MYSQLSERVER2005HOST`:

```
ServerName MYSQLSERVER2000HOST          Port 1433 (Default)
ServerName MYSQLEXPRESSHOST\SQLEXPRESS  Port 2777
ServerName MYSQLSERVER2005HOST\MYINSTANCEI  Port 1510
```

The output also shows the TCP port that each instance is listening on.

3. Do one of the following:

- To test the connection to a default SQL Server instance, type:

```
./tdshelper -s machinename -n port -v
```

Replace *machinename* with the host name of the SQL Server machine. Replace *port* with the TCP port on which the instance is listening. For example, `tdshelper -s MYSQLSERVER2000HOST -n 1433 -v`.

- To test the connection to a named SQL Server instance, type:

```
./tdshelper -s 'machinename\instance' -n port -v
```

Replace *machinename* with the host name of the SQL Server machine and *instance* with the instance name. Replace *port* with the TCP port on which the instance is listening. For example, `tdshelper -s 'MYSQLSERVER2005HOST\MYINSTANCE1' -n 1510 -v`.

If `tdshelper` can connect to SQL Server, you will see output similar to this:

```
tdshelper: connecting to MYSQLSERVER2000HOST on  
port 1433
```

```
tdshelper: succesfully opened connection
```

When configuring an Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data source to connect to this instance, use the value you specified with the `-s` option for the `Server` attribute value.

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If `tdshelper` is unable to connect and displays a "Connection refused" error, the SQL Server instance may not be running, be listening on the port you specified or allow remote TCP/IP connections. For more information, see "[Client unable to establish connection: OS Error: 'Connection refused'" on page 75](#) and "[Client unable to establish connection: Server not configured for TCP connection" on page 76](#).

4. To check that you can access the instance with your SQL Server login name and password, use the `-u` and `-a` options.

If you usually connect to SQL Server through your Windows account, specify your Windows user name with `-u`. Use the format `domain\username`, where `domain` is the name of the Windows domain to which `username` belongs. Otherwise, specify a valid SQL Server user name.

Specify the password for your user name with `-a`.

For example:

```
./tdshelper -s 'MYSQLSERVER2005HOST\MYINSTANCE1' -u  
'mydomain\mywindowsuser' -a mywindowspassword -v
```

– OR –

```
/tdshelper -s MYSQLSERVER2000HOST -u  
mysqlserveruser -a mysqlserverpassword -v
```

If `tdshelper` can successfully access the SQL Server instance with your user name and password, the output will contain the following line:

```
tdshelper: succesfully logged into server with  
diagnostic records
```



When configuring an Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data source to connect to this instance, the `User` and `Password` attribute values should be the same as the values you specified with the `-u` and `-a` options.

If `tdshelper` is unable to connect and displays a "Login failed for user ''". The user is not associated with a trusted SQL Server connection." error, check that you specified a valid Windows user name and password. If `tdshelper` fails with an "Login failed for user 'myuser'." error, check that you specified a valid SQL Server user name and password.

For information about other situations in which these errors display, see **"Login failed for user ". The user is not associated with a trusted connection" on page 78** and **"Login failed for user 'myuser'." on page 79**.

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#### DSN-less Connections

In addition to using a data source, you can also connect to a database by using a DSN-less connection string of the form:

```
SQLDriverConnect(... "DRIVER={Easysoft ODBC-SQL  
Server};  
  
Server=server;UID=user;PWD=password;  
  
Port=port;"...)
```

where *server* is the SQL Server instance that you want to connect to, *user* and *password* are a valid SQL Server login and password and *port* is the TCP port that SQL Server is listening on. You need to use the `Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server DRIVER` keyword to identify the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

Other Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver attribute settings, as described in "[Setting Up Data Sources](#)" on page 55, can be added to the connection string using the same `PARAMETER=value;` format. For example, the following connection string changes the default database with the `Database` attribute:

```
"DRIVER={Easysoft ODBC-SQL  
Server};Server=myhost\\SQLEXPRESS;UID=mydomain\\myuser;PWD=myspassword;Port=1500  
;Database=Sales;"
```

# APPENDIX A TECHNICAL REFERENCE

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## Technical Reference for the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver

This section contains extra information relating to the deployment of the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

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### **ODBC Conformance**

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver complies with the ODBC 3.51 specification.

- The driver conforms to all Core Level requirements.
- The driver conforms to 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109 of the Level 1 requirements.
- The driver conforms to 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210 and 211 of the Level 2 requirements.

### **ODBC API SUPPORT**

All ODBC 3.51 calls are supported.

### **CURSOR SUPPORT**

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports FORWARD\_ONLY, KEYSET\_DRIVEN, DYNAMIC and STATIC cursors.

**SUPPORTED DATA TYPES**

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports the following SQL Server data types:

- bigint
- binary
- bit
- char
- datetime
- decimal
- float
- image
- int
- money
- numeric
- real
- smalldatetime
- smallint
- smallmoney
- sql\_variant
- text
- timestamp
- tinyint
- uniqueidentifier

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- `varbinary`
- `varbinary(max)`
- `varchar`
- `varchar(max)`
- `xml`

**Note** `varchar(max)`, `nvarchar(max)`, `varbinary(max)` and `xml` are SQL Server 2005 data types.

### ***The SQLGetTypeInfo Function***

SQL Server treats identity as an attribute, whereas ODBC treats it as a data type. To resolve this mismatch, `SQLGetTypeInfo` returns the data types: `int identity`, `smallint identity`, `tinyint identity`, `decimal() identity`, and `numeric() identity`. The `SQLGetTypeInfo` result set column `AUTO_UNIQUE_VALUE` reports the value `TRUE` for these data types.

For `varchar`, `nvarchar` and `varbinary` data types, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver continues to report 8000, 4000 and 8000 for the `COLUMN_SIZE` value, even though it is actually unlimited. This is to ensure backward compatibility.

For the `xml` data type, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver reports `SQL_SS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED` for `COLUMN_SIZE` to denote unlimited size.

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## Unicode Support

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is a Unicode driver that supports the Unicode version (with suffix "W") of the ODBC calls it implements. Using a Unicode driver with a Unicode application removes the need for the driver manager to map Unicode functions and data types to ANSI. This results in better performance and removes the restrictions inherent in the Unicode to ANSI mappings.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports the following SQL Server Unicode data types:

- `nchar`
- `ntext`
- `nvarchar`
- `nvarchar(max)`

**Note** `nvarchar(max)` is a SQL Server 2005 data type.

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## The xml Data Type

SQL Server 2005 provides an `xml` data type for storing XML documents in table columns or Transact-SQL variables.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports the SQL Server 2005 `xml` data type and its associated methods: `query()`, `value()`, `exist()`, `modify()` and `nodes()`.

The `query()` method lets you use an XML Query (XQuery) definition to search XML data stored in columns and variables of the `xml` type. The XQuery language is a World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) standard for retrieving or defining a set of XML nodes that meet a set of criteria.

In the following example, an XQuery is specified against the `Instructions` column in the `ProductModel` table. The `Instructions` column data type is `xml` and therefore exposes the `query()` method. The `ProductModel` table is contained in the SQL Server sample database `AdventureWorks`.

```
SELECT Instructions.query('declare namespace
AWMI="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2004/07/adventure-
works/ProductModelManuInstructions";
    /AWMI:root/AWMI:Location[@LocationID=10]
') as Result
FROM Production.ProductModel
WHERE ProductModelID=7
```



The XQuery includes a namespace declaration, declare namespace ADMI=..., and a query expression, /ADM:root/ADM:Location[@LocationID=10]. The namespace declaration identifies the XML namespace associated with elements in the Instructions column. The query expression retrieves only those records for which the LocationID attribute value is 10:

```
<ADM:Location
xmlns:ADM="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2004/07/adventu
re-works/ProductModelManuInstructions"
LaborHours="2.5"...LocationID="10">
...

```

This second example uses the query() method to construct an XML element named <Product>. The <Product> element has a ProductModelID attribute, in which the ProductModelID attribute value is retrieved from the database.

```
SELECT CatalogDescription.query(' declare namespace
PD="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2004/07/adventure-
works/ProductModelDescription"; <Product ProductModelID="{
/PD:ProductDescription[1]/@ProductModelID }" /> ') as Result
FROM Production.ProductModel
```

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The `exist()` method lets you filter XML data. For example, add the following `WHERE` clause to the previous query to find only records that contain a `<Warranty>` element.

```
where CatalogDescription.exist(' declare namespace
PD="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2004/07/adventure-
works/ProductModelDescription"; declare namespace
wm="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2004/07/adventure-
works/ProductModelWarrAndMain";
/PD:ProductDescription/PD:Features/wm:Warranty ') = 1
```

**Note** When querying or updating `xml` columns or variables with the `xml` data type methods, the data source attributes `AnsiNPW` and `QuotedId` must be set to 1 (the default value for these settings). Otherwise, queries and modifications will fail for `xml` data types.

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## Using Large-Value Data Types

Microsoft SQL Server 2005 provides the `max` specifier, which expands the storage capabilities of the `varchar`, `nvarchar`, and `varbinary` data types to allow storage of values as large as 2 gigabytes (GB). `varchar(max)`, `nvarchar(max)`, and `varbinary(max)` are collectively called large-value data types.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver exposes the `varchar(max)`, `varbinary(max)` and `nvarchar(max)` types as `SQL_VARCHAR`, `SQL_VARBINARY`, and `SQL_WVARCHAR` in ODBC API functions that accept or return ODBC SQL data types.

When reporting the maximum size of a column, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will report either:

- The defined maximum size, which for example, is 2000 for a `varchar(2000)` column.

– OR –

- The value `SQL_SS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED(0)` for `varchar(max)`, `varbinary(max)` and `nvarchar(max)` columns.

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### Snapshot Isolation

SQL Server 2005 provides a new transaction isolation level: snapshot. A snapshot transaction does not block updates executed by another transaction and can continue to read (but not update) the version of the data that existed when it started. Snapshot isolation is also called row versioning because SQL Server keeps "versions" of rows that are being changed: the original version and the version being changed.

Snapshot isolation is enabled for a database when the `ALLOW_SNAPSHOT_ISOLATION` database option is set to ON. For example, to enable snapshot isolation for the pubs sample database:

```
ALTER DATABASE pubs SET ALLOW_SNAPSHOT_ISOLATION ON
```

By default, this database option is set to OFF.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports snapshot isolation through the `SQLSetConnectAttr` and `SQLGetInfo` ODBC API functions.

For snapshot transactions, ODBC applications need to call `SQLSetConnectAttr` and set the `SQL_COPT_SS_TXN_ISOLATION` attribute to `SQL_TXN_SS_SNAPSHOT`. `SQL_TXN_SS_SNAPSHOT` indicates that the transaction will take place under the snapshot isolation level. For example:

```
SQLSetConnectAttr(dbc, SQL_COPT_SS_TXN_ISOLATION, (SQLPOINTER *)SQL_TXN_SS_SNAPSHOT, 0);
```

The `SQLGetInfo` function supports the `SQL_TXN_SS_SNAPSHOT` value, which has been added to the `SQL_TXN_ISOLATION_OPTION` info type.

The `SQL_COPT_SS_TXN_ISOLATION` and `SQL_TXN_SS_SNAPSHOT` attributes are Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver Driver-specific ODBC extensions. To use these attributes, ODBC applications need to include the `sqlncli.h` header file. `sqlncli.h` is installed in `/usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/include`.

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### SQL Server Authentication Modes

Users are granted access to SQL Server instances through a SQL Server login. SQL Server provides two ways to authenticate SQL Server logins: Windows Authentication (also known as trusted connections) and SQL Server Authentication.

Windows Authentication allows users to connect to SQL Server by using their Windows user account. SQL Server uses the Windows security system to validate these trusted connections.

SQL Server authentication uses passwords stored in SQL Server to validate the connection.

Windows Authentication is Microsoft's recommended SQL Server authentication mode because it provides the following advantages:

- User names and passwords are encrypted.
- Security is easier to manage (a single Windows security model instead of a separate SQL Server security model).
- Login security improves through password expiration, minimum password lengths, and account lockout policies.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports both Windows Authentication and SQL Server Authentication. You specify the SQL Server login name and password with the `User` and `Password` data source attributes or the `UID` and `PWD` connection string attributes.

## WINDOWS AUTHENTICATION

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver asks SQL Server to use Windows Authentication to validate the connection if:

- The `User` attribute value contains a backslash (used to separate a user name from a domain), for example, `mydomain\myuser`.

– OR –

- The `Trusted_Connection` attribute is ON (set to 1).

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver passes the domain name, the user name and password to SQL Server in an encrypted form. This process involves both the Data Encryption Standard (DES) encryption method and the MD4 hashing algorithm. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver uses open source code for both these methods. The code is distributed under the terms of the GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL). To read the license, see `/usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/crypt/COPYING`.

To comply with the terms of the LGPL, the encryption functions are not included in the main Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver library. Instead, they are provided in the shared library file `/usr/local/easysoft/lib/libstdscrypt.so`. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution includes the source files for this library. The source files are installed in `/usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/crypt`. The supplied Makefile will build the library on your Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver platform.



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If the `User` attribute value does not contain a backslash, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver asks SQL Server to use SQL Server Authentication to validate the connection. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver sends the password to SQL Server in an encrypted form, although the encryption is less strong than that used for trusted connections. The SQL Server user name is sent in plain text.



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## **Encrypting Connections to SQL Server**

SQL Server 2000 and SQL Server 2005 can use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) to encrypt data transmitted across a network between an instance of SQL Server and a client application.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support lets Linux and Unix applications access SQL Server 2000 and 2005 over an encrypted connection. The SSL version of driver is included in the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver distribution and should be used instead of the standard Easysoft SQL Server driver whenever an SSL connection is required.

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### **In this section**

- **Accessing SQL Server over an Encrypted Connection**
- **Configuring and Testing SSL Encryption**
- **Encrypting the Login Packet**
- **Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support Attribute Fields**

### ACCESSING SQL SERVER OVER AN ENCRYPTED CONNECTION

Read this topic if you need to connect to a SQL Server instance over an encrypted connection. Database administrators should refer first to **"Configuring and Testing SSL Encryption" on page 109** for information about setting up SSL encryption on the client and SQL Server machine.

Before following the steps in this topic, contact your database administrator for the following information:

- Is encryption enabled in the SQL Server instance (either the `Force protocol encryption` option or `ForceEncryption` option enabled)?
- Is the SQL Server instance using a self-generated SSL certificate (only applicable to SQL Server 2005)?
- If neither of the preceding points are true, where on the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support machine is the root certificate authority (CA) certificate installed?

### To access SQL Server over an encrypted connection

1. In `/etc/odbc.ini`, find the `SQLSERVER_SAMPLE_SSL` data source.
2. Edit the data source to connect to your SQL Server instance. For example:

```
[SQLSERVER_SAMPLE_SSL]
Driver                = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL
Description           = Easysoft SQL Server ODBC driver
Server                = MYSQLSERVERMACHINE\MYINSTANCE
Port                  =
Database              =
User                  = MYDOMAIN\myuser
Password              = mypassword
.
.
.
```

For more information about configuring ODBC data sources, see ["Setting Up Data Sources" on page 55](#).

3. If SSL encryption is enabled on the SQL Server instance, set the `Encrypt` attribute to `No`, and then skip to step 5. Otherwise, skip this step.

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4. Do one of the following:
  - If the SQL Server instance is using a self-generated SSL certificate, set the `TrustServerCertificate` attribute to Yes.
  - If the SQL Server instance is **not** using a self-generated certificate, edit the `CertificateFile` attribute value. Specify the file that contains the public key certificate of the root CA that signed the SQL Server SSL certificate. For example,

```
CertificateFile = /usr/share/ssl/certs/ca-bundle.crt.
```

5. Use `isql` to test the data source. For example:

```
cd /usr/local/easysoft/unixODBC/bin.
```

```
./isql -v SQLSERVER_SAMPLE_SSL
```

## **CONFIGURING AND TESTING SSL ENCRYPTION**

Refer to this section if you are a database administrator who needs to configure and test the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support. The section shows you how to configure the driver to request an encrypted connection and verify that data is encrypted.

The section also contains information about setting up SSL encryption on the SQL Server machine. This information is intended to supplement rather than replace the Microsoft SQL Server documentation.

### ***Installing an SSL Certificate***

Before you can access SQL Server 2000 over an encrypted connection, an SSL certificate needs to be installed on the SQL Server machine. SQL Server 2005 can use an SSL certificate from a trusted CA if available or generate a self-signed certificate.

#### **Note**

Even though SQL 2005 can make encryption available without an installed SSL certificate, Microsoft recommend using a certificate signed by a trusted authority whenever possible. SSL connections that are encrypted with a self-signed certificate protect against packet sniffing but do not protect against man-in-the-middle attacks. In a man-in-the-middle attack, attackers route packets through their servers, which sniff the contents as they pass through.

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If an SSL certificate has not yet been installed on the SQL Server machine, obtain a certificate from a certificate vendor that meets the following requirements:

- SSL certificate requirements for SQL Server 2000:  
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/318605>
- SSL certificate requirements for SQL Server 2005:  
[http://blogs.msdn.com/sql\\_protocols/archive/2005/12/30/508311.aspx](http://blogs.msdn.com/sql_protocols/archive/2005/12/30/508311.aspx)

Refer to the following Microsoft documentation for installation information:

- Installing an SSL certificate on an SQL Server 2000 machine:  
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/316898>
- Installing an SSL certificate on an SQL Server 2005 machine:  
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms189067.aspx>

### ***Testing That SSL is Available on the SQL Server Machine***

The following steps show how to check that SQL Server can successfully load the SSL certificate or generate its own certificate.

**To check that SSL encryption is available on the SQL Server**

1. Do one of the following:
  - For SQL Server 2000, in the SQL Server Network Utility, make sure that the `Force protocol encryption` option is checked.
  - For SQL Server 2005, in SQL Server Configuration Manager, double-click SQL Server 2005 Network to expand the Protocols list. Right-click Protocols for the instance that you want to connect to and click Properties. Make sure that `ForceEncryption` is set to Yes.
2. Restart the instance.
3. Check the SQL Server error log (`Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL.n\MSSQL\LOG\ERRORLOG`, by default) to verify that SQL Server did not report any errors when it started.

You can verify that SQL Server 2005 has successfully generated a self-signed SSL certificate by checking the SQL Server error log for a line containing:

```
A self-generated certificate was  
successfully loaded for encryption.
```

**Note** If SQL Server is unable to generate a self-signed certificate, you will be unable to connect to the instance over an encrypted connection. Note that when testing SSL with SQL Server Express, we had to change the account used by the SQL Server instance from `Network Service` to `Local System` before the instance could generate a certificate.

### ***Installing the Root CA Certificate***

If encryption is enabled on the SQL Server machine, the client machine does not have to trust the CA that signed the SSL certificate used by the instance, and you can skip this section.

If you request encryption from the client machine **rather than** the SQL Server machine, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support must be able to verify the ownership of the certificate used by the SQL Server instance. (Unless the SQL Server 2005 instance is using a self-generated certificate, in which case you should use `TrustServerCertificate` attribute to bypass the verification process.) If the server certificate was signed by a public or private CA for which the client machine does not have the public key certificate, you must install the public key certificate of the CA that signed the server certificate. If the client machine already has the public key certificate of the CA that signed the server certificate, this step is not necessary.

### **To install the root CA certificate on the client machine**

1. On the SQL Server machine, in the Windows Run dialog box, type:  
`mmc`
2. In Microsoft Management Console, on the File Menu, click Add/Remove Snap-in, and then click Add.
3. In the Add Standalone Snap-In dialog box, double-click Certificates. Click Computer account when prompted and then click Next. Click Finish.
4. Click Close and then OK to close the Add/Remove Snap-in dialog boxes.



5. In the Certificates Snap-in, locate the certificate for the CA that signed the SQL Server certificate. For example, if the CA certificate is in the Trusted Root Certificate Authorities store, double-click Trusted Root Certificate Authorities and click Certificates. In the right pane of the console window, right-click the CA certificate, point to All Tasks, and then click Export.
6. Complete the Certificate Export wizard.  
When prompted to choose the export format, make sure that you choose **Base-64 encoded X.509**.
7. Use FTP to copy the exported CA certificate to the client machine from which you want to access SQL Server.

### ***Configuring the Client to Request an Encrypted Connection***

SSL encryption can be enabled either on the SQL Server machine or the client machine. If you do not want to enable encryption globally on the SQL Server machine, you can enable encryption on a per-client basis.

### **To configure the client to request an encrypted connection**

1. Do one of the following:
  - For SQL Server 2000, in the SQL Server Network Utility, make sure that the `Force protocol encryption` option is clear.
  - For SQL Server 2005, in SQL Server Configuration Manager, double-click SQL Server 2005 Network to expand the Protocols list. Right-click Protocols for the instance that you want to connect to and click Properties. Make sure that `ForceEncryption` is set to `No`.
2. On the machine where the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support is installed, create an ODBC data source to connect to the SQL Server instance.

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In your data source, the `Driver` attribute must be set to `Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL`.

Set the `Encrypt` and `TrustServerCertificate` attributes to `No`. For example:

```
[SQLSERVER_SSL_CONNECTION]
```

```
Driver          = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server SSL
```

```
Server          = MYSQLSERVERMACHINE\MYINSTANCE
```

```
User           = MYDOMAIN\myuser
```

```
Password       = mypassword
```

```
Encrypt        = No
```

```
TrustServerCertificate= No
```

3. Use an application such as Microsoft Network Monitor, Snort or Ethereal to capture network traffic between this machine and the SQL Server machine.

Using Network Monitor or a network sniffer tool lets you verify that you have successfully made an encrypted connection to the SQL Server machine. When testing the Easysoft driver, we used Network Monitor on the SQL Server machine and Snort on the client machine to capture network traffic.

For information about using Network Monitor, see the Microsoft Knowledge Base article How to capture network traffic with Network Monitor ( <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/148942/EN-US/>).

4. Use `isql` to connect to the data source and retrieve some data. For example:

```
$ cd /usr/local/easysoft/unixodbc/bin
```

```
$ ./isql -v SQLSERVER_SSL_CONNECTION
```

```
SQL> select * from HumanResources.EmployeePayHistory where EmployeeID = 1
```

5. In your network sniffer, verify that the data returned by the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support is not encrypted.

This fragment of example output shows unencrypted data captured on the client machine by running `snort -vde`:

```
8.E.m.p.l.o.y.e
```

```
e.I.D.....=.R
```

```
a.t.e.C.h.a.n.g
```

```
e.D.a.t.e.....
```

```
<.R.a.t.e.....
```

```
0.P.a.y.F.r.e.q
```

```
u.e.n.c.y.....
```

```
=.M.o.d.i.f.i.e
```

```
d.D.a.t.e.....
```

6. Press RETURN to exit `isql`.
7. In your data source, set the `Encrypt` attribute to Yes.

8. Do one of the following:

- To connect to a SQL Server 2000 instance or SQL Server 2005 instance on a machine where an SSL certificate has been provisioned, use the `CertificateFile` attribute to specify the path to the CA certificate file. The certificate file must contain the public key certificate of the CA that signed the SQL Server certificate. The public key certificate must be in base-64 PEM format.

If the CA's public key was already installed on this machine, specify the path to the CA store that contains the public key. For example, `CertificateFile =`

`/usr/share/ssl/certs/ca-bundle.crt`. If you exported the CA certificate on the SQL Server machine and copied it to this machine, specify the path to the certificate file. For example, `CertificateFile = /usr/share/ssl/CA/MyCA.cer`. For more information, see **"Installing the Root CA Certificate" on page 112**.

- To connect to a SQL Server 2005 instance that is using a self-signed certificate, set the `TrustServerCertificate` attributes to `Yes`.
9. Use `isql` to connect to the data source and retrieve the same data as you did in step 4.

10. In your network sniffer, verify that the data returned by the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support is now encrypted.

This example output shows encrypted SQL Server data captured in Snort.

```
.E..{i.2.8.G.q..
.n..{X.... 4..O.
&....Lt..Z.wrH.8
.W..{.....,
...1s_..).\k.6.
..4U..4..D...5.U
&...I.....+..w.
l.W...&}x.....
....%......7...J
..C$....,j..52.~.
.w. Q.qE.Q....]4
.\.Y?...|R.VOr.S
.....K.W.. 2.#.T
.G..+..F.....T..
@" ..+-.....
```

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### ENCRYPTING THE LOGIN PACKET

When connecting to SQL Server, the Easysoft driver passes a user name and password to the SQL Server instance. For Windows user names, a domain name is also sent. These authentication details are stored inside a login packet that is transmitted between the Easysoft driver and SQL Server.

SQL Server 2005 will use SSL to encrypt the login packet, if you connect with the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support. Unless either the client or the server instance requests encryption, the connection is not encrypted beyond the login packet.

#### **Note**

For Windows logins, SQL Server transmits the domain and user name in plain text in the response to the login packet. If you do not want this information sent in plain text, you need to enable encryption either on the SQL Server or Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support machine.

**EASYSOFT ODBC-SQL SERVER DRIVER WITH SSL SUPPORT ATTRIBUTE FIELDS**

The following attributes may be set in the `odbc.ini` file:

Attribute	Description
Encrypt = Yes   No	<p>Whether the client requests an encrypted connection to SQL Server.</p> <p>If you do not want to enable SSL encryption globally on the server, you can enable SSL encryption on a per client basis. To do this, set <code>Encrypt</code> to <code>Yes</code>.</p> <p>Do not enable SSL encryption on both the server and client, use one or the other.</p>

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Attribute	Description
TrustServerCertificate = Yes   No	<p>Enables the client to request encryption even when an SSL certificate has not been installed on the SQL Server 2005 machine.</p> <p>If SQL Server 2005 cannot load a valid SSL certificate at startup time, it will generate a self-signed certificate to make encryption available. When the client requests encryption by setting <code>Encrypt</code> to Yes, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support tries to validate the server certificate to verify the identity of the server machine. This is impossible to do with a self-signed certificate since it has not been signed by a trusted root authority. Setting <code>TrustServerCertificate</code> to Yes overrides the server validation.</p> <p>If the SQL Server 2005 <code>ForceEncryption</code> option is enabled, the <code>TrustServerCertificate</code> value is ignored. When encryption is enabled on the SQL Server machine, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support bypasses the validation of the server certificate.</p> <p>Note that SQL Server 2000 cannot generate a self-signed certificate. SSL encryption is only available if the SQL Server 2000 instance is running on a computer that has a certificate assigned from a public certification authority.</p> <p>By default, <code>TrustServerCertificate</code> is ON (set to Yes).</p>



Attribute	Description
CertificateFile = <i>filename</i>	<p>The file that contains the public key certificate of the CA that signed the SQL Server certificate. The CA certificate file must be in base-64 PEM format.</p> <p>If the CA certificate is not installed on your client machine, you need to export the certificate on the SQL Server machine and install it on the client. For more information, see <b>"Installing the Root CA Certificate" on page 112</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>To load a CA certificate from the root CA certificate store supplied with the OpenSSL distribution, use:</p> <pre>CertificateFile = /usr/share/ssl/certs/ca-bundle.crt</pre> <p>To load a private CA certificate named MyCA.cer that you copied to /usr/share/ssl/CA, use:</p> <pre>CertificateFile = /usr/share/ssl/CA/MyCA.cer</pre>

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Attribute	Description
Entropy = <i>filename</i>	<p>The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support needs a source of unpredictable data to work correctly. Many open source operating systems provide a "randomness device" (<code>/dev/urandom</code> or <code>/dev/random</code>) that serves this purpose. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support tries to use <code>/dev/urandom</code> by default and will also try to use <code>/dev/random</code> if <code>/dev/urandom</code> is not available.</p> <p>If the driver is unable to find a suitable randomness device, it will return the error "SSL connection failed in syscall (errno=2, there may be no source of entropy on this system, consult OpenSSL documentation)".</p> <p>On systems without <code>/dev/urandom</code> or <code>/dev/random</code>, the EGD entropy gathering daemon can be used as an alternative source of random data. It provides a socket interface through which entropy (randomness) can be gathered. Use the <code>Entropy</code> attribute to specify the path to the EGD socket. For example, if you create the socket in <code>/etc</code> when you start the EGD daemon (<code>egd.pl /etc/entropy</code>), use :</p> <pre>Entropy = /etc/entropy</pre>

Figure 5: Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver with SSL Support data source settings.

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## **Database Mirroring**

Database mirroring is a SQL Server 2005 feature that increases data availability by creating a standby copy of a database. In database mirroring, all updates to a database (the principal database) are automatically copied to a standby database (the mirror database). If the principal database server fails, the mirror database server takes over the role of principal server and brings its copy of the database online as the principal database.

For example, Partner\_A and Partner\_B are two partner servers, with the principal database initially on Partner\_A as principal server, and the mirror database residing on Partner\_B as the mirror server. If Partner\_A goes offline, the database on Partner\_B can fail over to become the current principal database. When Partner\_A rejoins the mirroring session, it becomes the mirror server and its database becomes the mirror database.

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### **In this section**

- **Making the Initial Connection to a Database Mirroring Session**
- **Data Source Attributes for a Mirrored Database**
- **Connection Retry Algorithm**
- **The Impact of a Stale Failover Partner Name**

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### **MAKING THE INITIAL CONNECTION TO A DATABASE MIRRORING SESSION**

To establish the initial connection to a mirrored database, a data source needs to supply the current principal server instance (known as the *initial partner*). Optionally, the data source can also supply the current mirror server instance (known as the *failover partner*). This setting is used to connect to the mirror server if the initial connection to the principal server fails. The data source must also supply the database name. The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will not attempt to failover to the partner database if this is not done.

In the following example data source, the principal server instance for the AdventureWorks database is 123.34.45.56:4724. The database is mirrored on 123.34.45.57:4724.

```
[SQL Server 2005 Database Mirroring]
Driver      = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server
# The current principal server instance.
Server      = 123.34.45.56:4724
# The current mirror server instance. If the initial attempt to
# connect the principal server fails, try to connect to this server.
Failover_Partner    = 123.34.45.57:4724
# You must specify the database to be mirrored.
Database      = AdventureWorks
# This login must have permission to access the database on both
# the principal and mirror database server.
User          = my_domain\my_username
Password      = my_password
```

For more information about setting up a data source for a mirrored database, see "[Data Source Attributes for a Mirrored Database](#)" on page 126.

When attempting to connect, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver begins by using the initial partner name. If the specified server instance is available and is the current principal server instance, the connection attempt usually succeeds.

If the connection attempt to the initial partner fails, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver tries the failover partner name, if specified. If the failover partner name is not specified, the original connection attempt continues until the network connection times out or an error is returned (just as for a non-mirrored database).

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If the `Failover_Partner` attribute correctly identifies the current principal server, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver normally succeeds in opening the initial connection.

### Note

A database mirroring session does not protect against server-access problems that are specific to client machines, such as when a client machine is having a problems communicating with the network. A connection attempt to a mirrored database can also fail for a variety of reasons that are unrelated to the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver; for example, a connection attempt can fail because of a network error.

### DATA SOURCE ATTRIBUTES FOR A MIRRORED DATABASE

This section discusses the ODBC data source attributes that are relevant for connecting to a mirrored database. For information about all Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver data source attributes, see "[Attribute Fields](#)" on page 58.

Attribute	Notes
Server	<p>Use the <i>Server</i> attribute to specify the current principal database server. You can use the following format for the attribute value: <i>machinename[\instancename]</i>. For example:</p> <pre>Server=partner_A_host</pre> <p>– OR –</p> <pre>Server=partner_A_host\instance_2</pre> <p>Note that when you specify a machine name, a DNS lookup is necessary to obtain the IP address of the server. In addition, if you specify an instance that is not listening on the default TCP port (1433), a SQL Server Browser query is also required. These lookups and queries can be bypassed by specifying the IP address and port number of the initial partner. This is recommended to minimise the possibility of external delays while connecting to that partner. To specify the IP address and port, the <i>Server</i> attribute takes the following form:</p> <pre>Server=<i>ip_address:port</i> (IPv4 format) or Server=<i>ip_address*port</i> (IPv6 format). If you specify an IPv6 address, you also need to set the <i>IPv6</i> attribute to 1. For example:</pre> <pre># IPv4 address Server=123.34.45.56:4724</pre> <p>– OR –</p> <pre># IPv6 address (SQL Server 2005 only) Server=2001:4898:23:1002:20f:1fff:feff:b3a3*7022 IPv6 = 1</pre>

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Attribute	Notes
Database	<p>The data source must specify the name of the mirrored database. To do this, use the <code>Database</code> attribute. This is necessary to enable failover attempts by the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.</p>
Failover_Partner	<p>Use the <code>Failover_Partner</code> setting to specify the current mirror database server. If the <b>initial</b> connection to the principal database server fails, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will attempt a connection to the failover partner specified by <code>Failover_Partner</code>. If the specified server is not acting as a failover partner, the connection is refused by the server. If you omit the <code>Failover_Partner</code> setting and the initial partner specified by <code>Server</code> is unavailable, the connection attempt will fail.</p> <p>The <code>Failover_Partner</code> attribute value takes the form <code>machinename[\instancename]</code>. For example: <code>Server=partner_B_host\instance_2</code></p> <p>Alternatively, the IP address and port number of the failover partner can be supplied. If the connection attempt to the initial partner fails, the attempt to connect to the failover partner will be then be freed from relying on DNS and SQL Server Browser queries.</p> <p>To find out the current failover partner for a mirrored database, use <code>tdshelper</code>. For information about how to do this, see <a href="#">"The Impact of a Stale Failover Partner Name" on page 130</a>.</p>
User	<p>The login that you specify with the <code>User</code> attribute must have permission to access the database on the principal <b>and</b> mirror database server. Otherwise, you will be unable to access the database if the principal role switches and the former mirror server offers its database as the principal database.</p>

Figure 6: Data source attributes for a mirrored database



### CONNECTION RETRY ALGORITHM

When you specify a failover partner with the `Failover_Partner` attribute, connection attempts are regulated by a connection retry algorithm that is specific to database mirroring. The connection retry algorithm determines the maximum time (the retry time) allotted for opening a connection in a given connection attempt.

If a connection attempt fails or the retry time expires before it succeeds, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver tries the other partner. If a connection is not opened by this point, the Easysoft driver alternately tries the initial and failover partner names, until a connection is opened or the login period times out. The default SQL Server login timeout period is 15 seconds.

The retry time is a percentage of the login period. The retry time for a connection attempt is larger in each successive round. In the first round, the retry time for each of the two attempts is 8 percent of the total login period. In each successive round, the retry algorithm increases the maximum retry time by the same amount. For example, the retry times for the first six connection attempts is as follows:

8%, 8%, 16%, 16%, 24%, 24%

The retry time is calculated by using the following formula:

$$\text{RetryTime} = \text{PreviousRetryTime} + ( 0.08 * \text{LoginTimeout} )$$

Where *PreviousRetryTime* is initially 0. For example:

Round	Retry Per Attempt
1	$0 + (0.08 * 15000) = 1200 \text{ msec}$
2	$1200 + (0.08 * 15000) = 2400 \text{ msec}$
3	$2400 + (0.08 * 15000) = 3600 \text{ msec}$

### THE IMPACT OF A STALE FAILOVER PARTNER NAME

The database administrator can change the failover partner at any time. Therefore, a failover partner name specified in a data source might be out of date, or stale. For example, consider a failover partner named `Partner_B` that is replaced by another server instance, `Partner_C`. If the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supplies `Partner_B` as the failover partner name, that name is stale. When the failover partner name is stale, the connection attempt will fail if the initial partner specified in the data source is unavailable.

To find out the current failover partner for a mirrored database, use `tdshelper`:

```
tdshelper -s initial_partner -p port -u username -a password -f  
database -v
```

where:

- *initial\_partner* is the IP address or machine name of the principal instance for the database specified with `-f`.
- *port* is the TCP port that the principal instance is listening on. If the instance is listening on the default port, 1433, omit `-p port`.
- *username* and *password* are the user name and password for a SQL Server login that can access the mirrored database.
- *database* is the mirrored database.

If the principal server instance reports the name of the failover partner, `tdshelper` displays the partner instance name in the last line of its output. For example:

```
cd /usr/local/easysoft/sqlserver/bin
./tdshelper -s my_initial_partner -u myuser -a mypassword -f my_mirroredb -v
tdshelper: connecting to my_initial_partner
tdshelper: successfully opened connection
tdshelper: successfully logged into server with diagnostic records
tdshelper: diag record 01000:[Easysoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL
Server]Changed language setting to us_english.
tdshelper: diag record 01000:[Easysoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL
Server]Changed database context to 'my_mirroredb'.
Connection: connected to my_initial_partner as myuser with mypassword,
database='my_mirroredb', partner='my_failover_partner'
```

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### Connection Failover

Connection failover maintains data availability by allowing an application to connect to a backup SQL Server machine if the primary server is unavailable.

To configure connection failover, specify a primary server and additional fallback servers in your ODBC data source. Do this with the `Server` attribute. For example:

```
[SQL Server High Availability]
Driver           = Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server
Server          = sqlsrvhostA,sqlsrvhostB,sqlsrvhostC:1583
# This user name and password must be valid for all servers in the list.
User            = my_domain\my_user
Password        = my_password
ClientLB        = 0
```

By default, the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will try to connect to the first server that you specify. If that server is unavailable (for example, because of a hardware or operating system failure), the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver will try to connect to next server in the list. Connection attempts continue until a connection is successfully made or until all the database servers in the list have been tried once.

To balance the load between database servers, set the `ClientLB` attribute to 1. When `ClientLB` is enabled, the server that the driver initially connects to is chosen at random.

Note that your SQL Server login (as specified by `User` and `Password`) needs to be valid on each SQL Server machine in the list. If the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is unable to connect because SQL Server rejects the login information, the driver displays an error and does not try to connect to the next server in the list.

For more information about the `Server` and `ClientLB` attributes, see "[Attribute Fields](#)" on page 58.

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### CONNECTING TO SQL SERVER 2005 BY USING IPV6

Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) is a revised version of the Internet Protocol (IP) designed primarily to address growth on the Internet. It is sometimes referred to as Internet Protocol Next Generation (IPng). The current version of IP, IP version 4 (IPv4), has proven to be robust but is over 20 years old and was not designed to support such widespread use as it does today.

The features of IPv6 include:

- 128-bit IP addresses to solve the problem of the available IP address pool being depleted.
- Extensibility to account for future growth and evolution of Internet technologies and standards.
- A simplified header format to reduce network overhead and improve performance.
- Better protection against address and port scanning attacks.
- Built-in support for Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) to prevent IPv6 traffic from being viewed or modified in transit.

Currently, SQL Server 2005 supports IPv6 on Windows XP (Service Pack 2), Windows 2003 and Windows Vista.

On Windows XP and 2003, IPv6 is a separate component. Windows Vista provides an integrated IPv4 and IPv6 implementation known as the Next Generation TCP/IP stack, which is installed and enabled by default.

IPv4 and IPv6 coexist in all Windows IP implementations. Windows Vista will also run in IPv6-only mode, which means the Vista machine will only handle IPv6 traffic and is only assigned IPv6 addresses.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports both IPv4 and IPv6. It can therefore be used to connect to:

- All supported SQL Server versions by using IPv4.
- SQL Server 2005 by using IPv6.

### **CONFIGURING YOUR CLIENT MACHINE FOR IPV6**

IPv6 needs to be enabled on the client machine. The procedure for this depends on the client platform. For more information, consult the IPv6 documentation for your system. For Linux systems, consult the <http://www.tldp.org/HOWTO/Linux+IPv6-HOWTO/>.

### **CONFIGURING YOUR ODBC DATA SOURCE FOR IPV6**

To connect to a SQL Server instance that is listening on an IPv6 address, set the `IPv6` data source attribute to 1. If your DNS server or hosts file is set up to resolve IPv6 addresses, in the `Server` attribute value, specify the IPv6-enabled machine's host name. Otherwise, specify its IPv6 address. For example:

```
Server=myipv6machine\myinstance
```

```
IPv6 = 1
```

– OR –

```
Server=ABCD:EF12:0:0:0:0:0:3456\myinstance
```

```
IPv6 = 1
```

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The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver supports normal and compressed IPv6 addresses. Compressed format is a short form that replaces consecutive leading zeros with two colons (::). For example, the IPv6 address shown in the previous example could be replaced with `ABCD:EF12::3456`.

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver also supports the IPv4-mapped IPv6 address format, which is an IPv6 address that holds an embedded IPv4 address. For example, `::FFFF:192.168.19.46`.



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## **Threading**

The Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver is thread safe in accordance with the ODBC 3.51 specification and can safely be used behind threaded applications.

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### Tracing

The ODBC calls an application makes can be traced:

- Within the Driver Manager by an application.
- From within the Driver Manager.
- From within the Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver.

#### **WITHIN THE DRIVER MANAGER BY AN APPLICATION**

An application can turn tracing on in the Driver Manager by using the ODBC API `SQLSetConnectAttr (... ,SQL_ATTR_TRACE,...)`.

The trace file name may also be specified with the `SQLSetConnectAttr` attribute `SQL_ATTR_TRACEFILE`.

#### **FROM WITHIN THE DRIVER MANAGER**

For the unixODBC Driver Manager, add two attributes to the [ODBC] section (create one if none exists) in `odbcinst.ini`.

```
Trace = Yes
```

```
TraceFile = /path/filename
```

For example:

```
[ODBC]
```

```
Trace = Yes
```

```
TraceFile = /tmp/sql.log
```

Ensure that the user who is running the application to be traced has write permission to the log file (and to the directory containing it), or no tracing information will be produced.

**FROM WITHIN THE EASYSOFT ODBC-SQL SERVER DRIVER**

Driver manager trace files show all the ODBC calls applications make, their arguments and return values. Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver driver tracing is specific to the Easysoft driver and is of most use when making a support call.

To enable Easysoft ODBC-SQL Server Driver logging, add a `LOGFILE` and a `LOGGING` attribute to the relevant DSN section of the `odbc.ini` file.

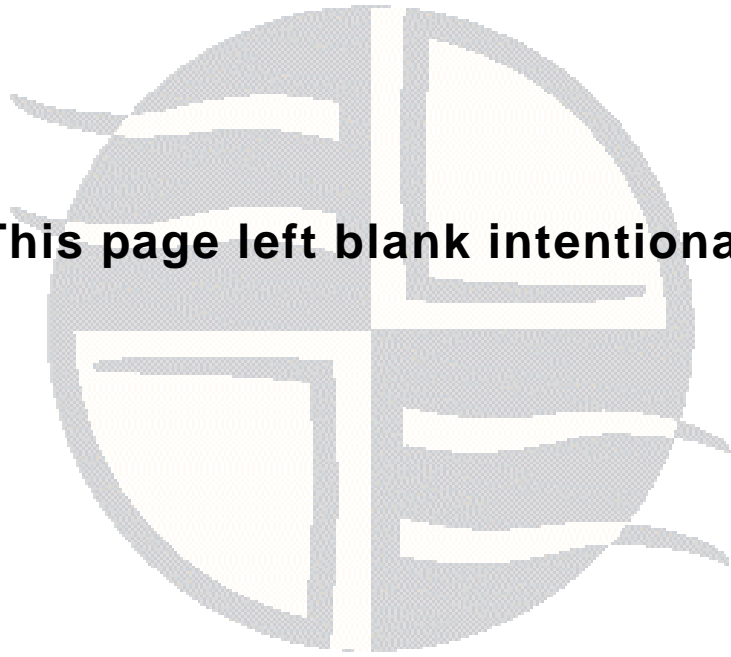
For example:

```
[SQLSERVER_SAMPLE]
. . . .
LOGFILE = /tmp/driver.log
LOGGING = Yes
```

The `LOGFILE` value is the path and file name of the log file. The value shown in the example specifies a log file named `/tmp/driver.log`. The `LOGGING` value specifies the actions to log. The value shown in the example specifies that all actions should be logged.

Ensure that the user who is running the application to be traced has write permission to the log file (and to the directory containing it).

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# APPENDIX B GLOSSARY

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## Terms and definitions

### **Application Programmer Interface (API)**

A published set of function calls and constants allowing different programmers to utilize a ready-written library of subroutines.

### **Authorization code**

You must have an authorization code for the Easysoft product you wish to license in order to obtain a purchased license. When you purchase a product your authorization code is emailed to you. You do not need an authorization code to obtain a trial license.

### **Batch**

A set of SQL statements submitted together and run as a group. A script is often a series of batches submitted one after the other.

### **Column**

In an SQL table, the area in each row that stores the data value for some attribute of the object modeled by the table. For example, the Employee table in the AdventureWorks sample database models the employees of the Adventure Works Cycles company. The Title column in each row of the Employee table stores the job title of the employee represented by that row, the same way a Job Title field in a window or form would contain a job title.

### **Commit**

An operation that saves all changes to databases, cubes, or dimensions made since the start of a transaction. A commit guarantees that all of the transaction's modifications are made a permanent part of the database, cube or dimension. A commit also frees resources, such as locks, used by the transaction.

### **Cursor**

An entity that maps over a result set and establishes a position on a single row within the result set. After the cursor is positioned on a row, operations can be performed on that row, or on a block of rows starting at that position. The most common operation is to fetch (retrieve) the current row or block of rows.

### **Data Encryption Standard (DES)**

A specification for encryption of computer data developed by IBM. DES uses a 56-bit key.

### **Data Definition Language**

The subset of SQL statements that define all attributes and properties of a database and its objects. DDL statements typically start with CREATE, ALTER, or DROP.

### **Data Manipulation Language**

The subset of SQL statements that is used to retrieve and manipulate data. DML statements typically start with SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE.

### **Data source**

A database or other data repository coupled with an ODBC Driver, which has been given a Data Source Name (see "**DSN**" on page **145**) to identify it to the ODBC Driver Manager.

**Data type**

An attribute that specifies what type of information can be stored in a column, parameter, or variable.

**Database mirroring**

The process of immediately reproducing every update to a read/write database (the principal database) onto a read-only mirror of that database (the mirror database) that resides on a separate instance of the Database Engine (the mirror server).

**Database mirroring partners**

Two server instances that act as role-switching partners for a mirrored database.

**Default database**

The database the user is connected to immediately after logging in to SQL Server.

**Default instance**

The instance of SQL Server that uses the same name as the computer name on which it is installed.

**Default language**

The language that SQL Server uses for errors and messages if a user does not specify a language. Each SQL Server login has a default language.

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### **Default result set**

The default mode that SQL Server uses to return a result set back to a client. Rows are sent to the client in the order in which they are placed in the result set, and the application must process the rows in this order. After running an SQL statement on a connection, the application cannot do anything on the connection except retrieve the rows in the result set until all the rows have been retrieved. The only other action that an application can perform before the end of the result set is to cancel the remainder of the result set. This is the fastest method to get rows from SQL Server to the client.

### **Distributed query**

A single query that accesses data from multiple data sources.

### **Distributed transaction**

A transaction that spans multiple data sources. In a distributed transaction, all data modifications in all accessed data sources are either committed or terminated.

### **DBMS**

Database Management System -- software that handles access to a database.

### **Driver**

See "[ODBC driver](#)" on page 148.

### **Driver Manager**

Software whose main function is to load ODBC drivers. ODBC applications connect to the Driver Manager and request a data source name (DSN). The Driver Manager loads the driver specified in the DSN's configuration file. On Windows, the ODBC Data Source Administrator is used to set up the Driver Manager.



**DSN**

Data Source Name. A name associated with an ODBC data source. Driver Managers, such as unixODBC or the Microsoft Windows Driver Manager, use the Data Source Name to cross-reference configuration information and load the required driver.

**DSN-less connection**

A type of data connection that is created based on information in a data source name (DSN), but is stored as part of a project or application. DSN-less connections are especially useful for Web applications because they let you move the application from one server to another without re-creating the DSN on the new server.

**Failover**

In a database mirroring session, the process in which ownership of the principal role is switched from the principal server to the mirror server.

**Field**

A placeholder for a single datum in a record, for example you can have a Surname field in a Contact Details record. Fields are sometimes referred to as cells.

**Host**

A computer visible on the network.

**Identity column**

A column in a table that has been assigned the identity property. The identity property generates unique numbers.

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### **Index**

In a relational database, a database object that provides fast access to data in the rows of a table, based on key values. Indexes can also enforce uniqueness on the rows in a table. SQL Server supports clustered and nonclustered indexes. The primary key of a table is automatically indexed. In full-text search, a full-text index stores information about significant words and their location within a given column.

### **Instance**

A copy of SQL Server running on a computer. A computer can run multiple instances of SQL Server 2005. A computer can run only one instance of SQL Server version 7.0 or earlier, although in some cases it can also be running multiple instances of SQL Server 2000.

### **Integer**

A data type category that includes the `bigint`, `int`, `smallint`, and `tinyint` data types.

### **Isolation level**

The property of a transaction that controls the degree to which data is isolated for use by one process, and is guarded against interference from other processes. Setting the isolation level defines the default locking behaviour for all `SELECT` statements in your SQL Server session.

### **License key**

A string that is provided by Easysoft for use in the licensing process.

**Master database**

The system database that records all the system-level information for an instance of SQL Server. This includes instance-wide metadata such as login accounts, endpoints, linked servers, and system configuration settings. Also, master is the database that records the existence of all other databases and the location of those database files and records the initialization information for SQL Server.

**MD4**

A hashing algorithm that creates a 128-bit hash value used to verify data integrity. A hashing algorithm is a mathematical procedure for randomising information to make it more secure in transmission. The more bits in a hash, the greater the security of the encryption process.

**Mirror server**

In a database mirroring configuration, the server instance on which the mirror database resides.

**Multiple instances**

Multiple copies of SQL Server running on the same computer. There can be one default instance, which can be any version of SQL Server. There can be multiple named instances of SQL Server 2000 and SQL Server 2005.

**Named instance**

An installation of SQL Server that is given a name to differentiate it from other named instances and from the default instance on the same computer. A named instance is identified by the computer name and instance name.

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### **NULL**

An entry that has no explicitly assigned value. `NULL` is not equivalent to zero or blank. A value of `NULL` is not considered to be greater than, less than, or equivalent to any other value, including another value of `NULL`.

### **ODBC**

Open Database Connectivity -- a programming interface that enables applications to access data in database management systems that use Structured Query Language (SQL) as a data access standard.

### **ODBC driver**

Software that accesses a proprietary data source, providing a standardized view of the data to ODBC.

### **Principal server**

In database mirroring, the partner whose database is currently the principal database.

### **Record**

A group of related fields (columns) of information treated as a unit. A record is more commonly called a row in a relational database.

### **Result set**

The set of rows returned from a `SELECT` statement. The format of the rows in the result set is defined by the column-list of the `SELECT` statement.

**Row**

In an SQL table, a single occurrence of the object modeled by the table. For example, in the AdventureWorks sample database, the Employee table models the employees of the Adventure Works Cycles company. Each row in the table records all the information about a specific employee such as an employee identification number, job title, and the date that employee was hired.

**Server cursor**

A cursor implemented on the server. The cursor itself is built at the server, and only the rows fetched by an application are sent to the client.

**Server name**

A name that uniquely identifies a server computer on a network. SQL Server applications can connect to a default instance of SQL Server by specifying only the server name. SQL Server applications must specify both the server name and instance name when connecting to a named instance on a server.

**Structured Query Language (SQL)**

A language used to insert, retrieve, modify, and delete data in a relational database, designed specifically for database queries. SQL also contains statements for defining and administering the objects in a database. SQL is the language supported by most relational databases, and is the subject of standards published by the International Standards Organization (ISO) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). SQL Server 2005 uses a version of the SQL language called Transact-SQL.

### **SQL-92**

The version of the SQL standard published in 1992. The international standard is ISO/IEC 9075:1992 Database Language SQL. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) also published a corresponding standard (Data Language SQL X3.135-1192), so SQL-92 is sometimes referred to as ANSI SQL in the United States.

### **Stored procedure**

A precompiled collection of Transact-SQL statements that are stored under a name and processed as a unit. SQL Server supplies stored procedures for managing SQL Server and displaying information about databases and users. SQL Server-supplied stored procedures are called system stored procedures.

### **System databases**

A set of five databases present in all instances of SQL Server that are used to store system information. The msdb database is used by SQL Server Agent to record information on jobs, alerts, and backup histories. The model database is used as a template for creating all user databases. The tempdb database stores transient objects that only exist for the length of a single statement or connection, such as worktables and temporary tables or stored procedures. The master database stores all instance-level metadata, and records the location of all other databases. The Resource database contains all the system objects that are included with SQL Server, such as system stored procedures and system tables.

**Table**

A data set in a relational database, composed of rows and columns.

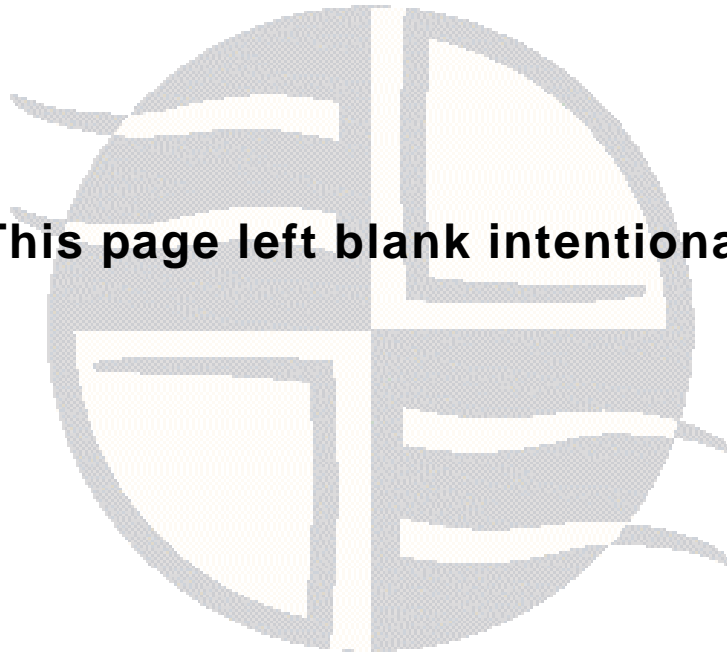
**Tabular Data Stream (TDS)**

The SQL Server internal client/server data transfer protocol. TDS allows client and server products to communicate regardless of operating-system platform, server release, or network transport.

**Transaction**

A group of database operations combined into a logical unit of work that is either wholly committed or rolled back. A transaction is atomic, consistent, isolated, and durable.

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