

# ODBC (Open DataBase Connectivity)

ODBC (pronounced as separate letters) is short for Open DataBase Connectivity, a standard [database](#) access method developed by the SQL Access group in 1992. The goal of [ODBC](#) is to make it possible to access any [data](#) from any [application](#), regardless of which database management system ([DBMS](#)) is handling the data. [ODBC](#) manages this by inserting a middle layer, called a database driver, between an application and the DBMS. The purpose of this layer is to translate the application's data [queries](#) into commands that the [DBMS](#) understands. For this to work, both the application and the [DBMS](#) must be [ODBC](#)-compliant - that is, the application must be capable of issuing [ODBC](#) commands and the [DBMS](#) must be capable of responding to them. Since version 2.0, the standard supports SAG [SQL](#).

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