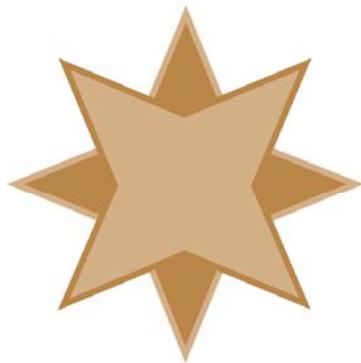


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Many users of Pervasive.SQL have access to their data from Btrieve-level applications which access the data natively using low-level (and very high-performance) function calls. However, getting access to this data from other applications, such as Microsoft Access, Crystal Reports, or UPS WorldShip, requires that you configure an ODBC data source for the database engine.

There are actually several ways to do this task, depending on the software version you are using. Using the Pervasive Control Center is probably the quickest way to do it, but the screens look different for each engine version.

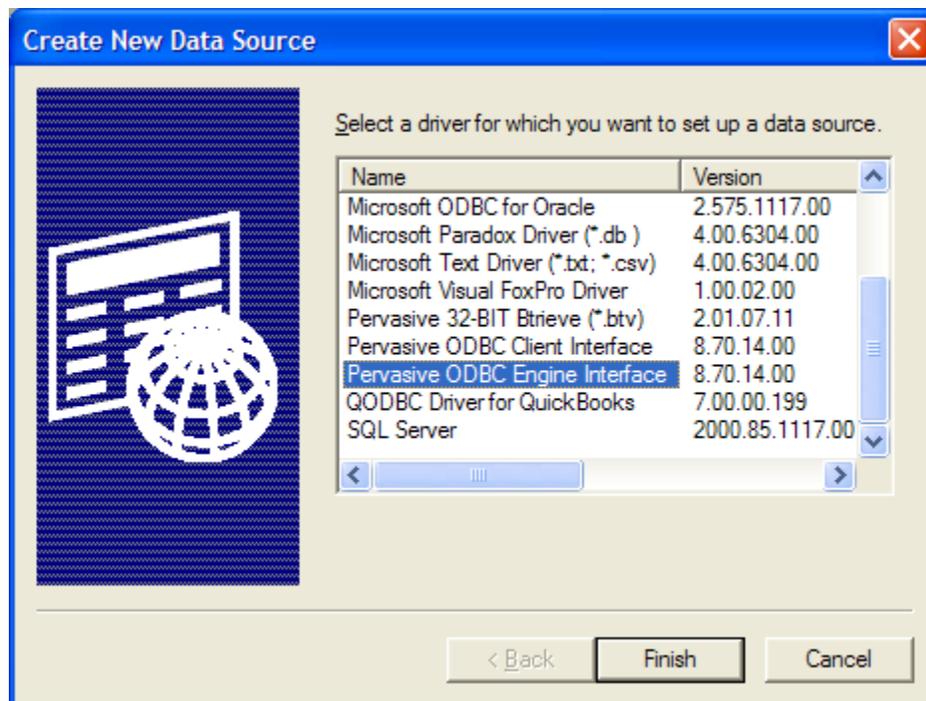
Instead, since all database versions since Pervasive.SQL 2000i share a similar interface only at the native ODBC level, we will go through this interface to create the database.

### **Create the Engine DSN on the Server**

Start by logging into the database server at the console itself. (This process cannot be done from a Remote Desktop or Terminal Services connection due to security restrictions typically in place.)

Start the **ODBC Administrator** from the Windows **Control Panel**.

Under the **System DSN** tab, click **Add** to create a new DSN.

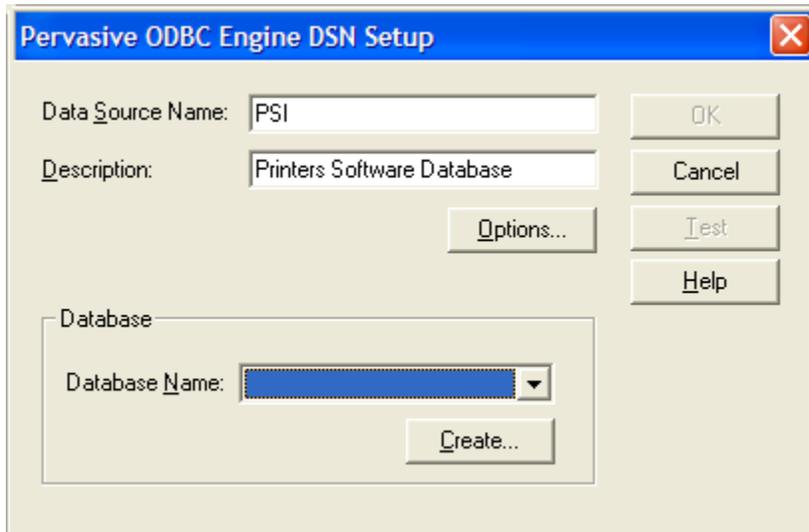


From the resulting *Create New Data Source* dialog box, select the **Pervasive ODBC Engine Interface** option and click **Finish**.

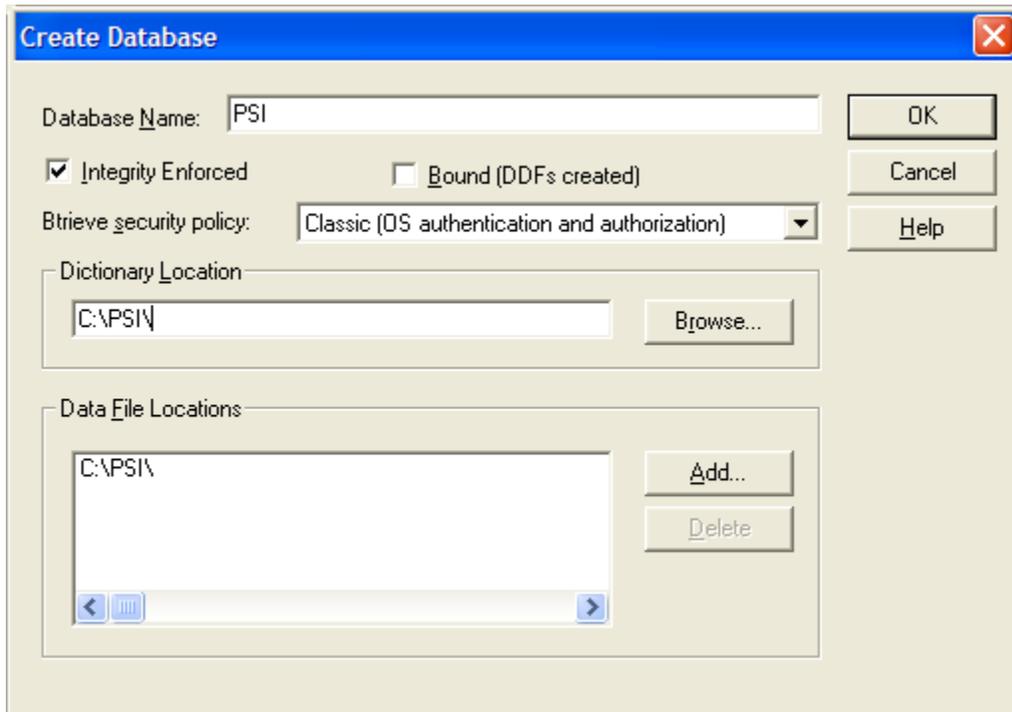
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In the *Pervasive ODBC Engine DSN Setup* dialog box, enter the name of your new DSN as you want it known on the server, and optionally give it a more detailed name, as shown below.



At this point, the Named Database must be created, so click on the **Create...** button. This will take you to the *Create Database* dialog box.



On this screen, you must first enter the database name. This name must be unique on the server, but it can (and probably should) be the same as the Engine DSN name, entered in the previous step.

For most databases, the default settings of **Integrity Enforced** (On), **Bound** (Off) and **Btrieve Security** (Classic) are just fine. If you think you may need to change these, see your product manuals for more information.

In the **Dictionary Location** field, enter the pathname to your DDF files. (The directory should contain at least FILE.DDF, FIELD.DDF, and INDEX.DDF.) If you do not have DDF's, contact your vendor or review our white paper on creating DDF's.

If your data files are NOT in the same directory as the DDF's, add the database directory paths to the **Data File Locations** box.

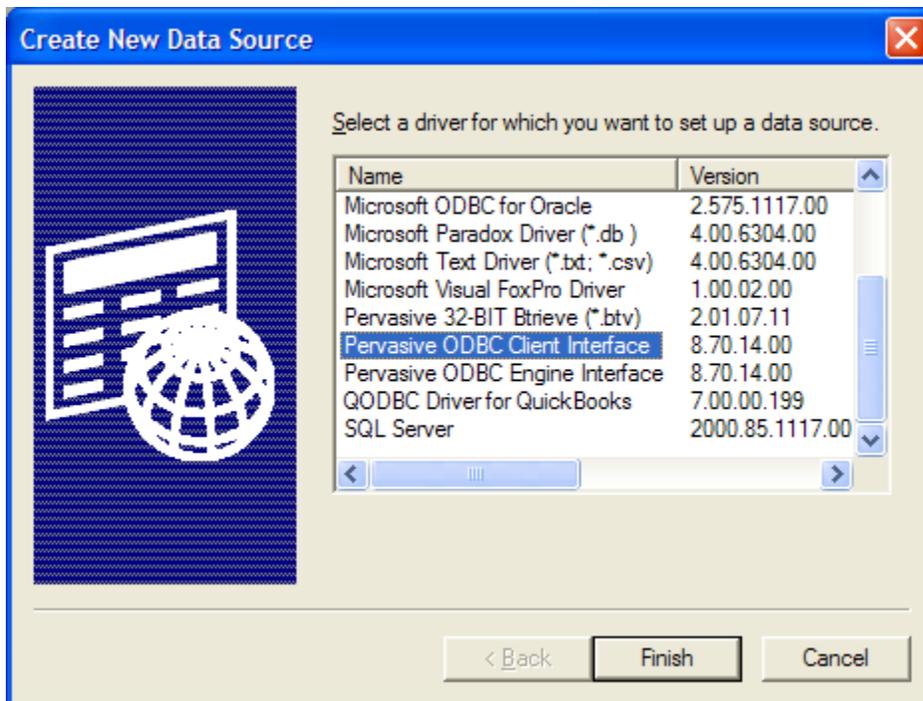
Click **OK** to save out of this screen and return to the previous one. Click **OK** one more time to complete the Engine DSN. You are now done with the engine DSN, and you can log off of the server.

### **Create the Client DSN on the Workstations**

Next, we need to create the Client DSN's on the workstations. Log into a workstation.

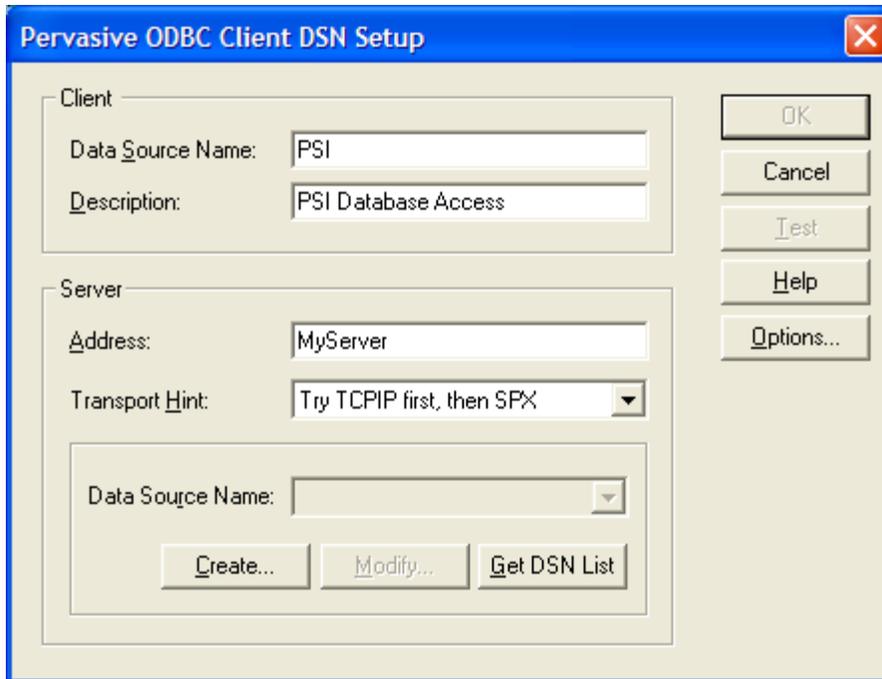
Start the **ODBC Administrator** from the Windows **Control Panel**.

Under the **System DSN** tab, click **Add** to create a new DSN.



From the resulting *Create New Data Source* dialog box, select the **Pervasive ODBC Client Interface** option and click **Finish**.

In the *Pervasive ODBC Client DSN Setup* dialog box, enter the name of your new DSN as you want it known on the workstation, and optionally give it a more detailed name, as shown below.



Next, enter the name of the server into the **Address** box in the middle of the screen. If you know that you are using a single network protocol (usually TCP), then change the **Transport Hint** to **Try TCP Only**.

Click on the **Get DSN List** button, and a list of server-side DSN's will be loaded into the drop box. Open the drop box and select the Engine DSN that you just created on the server in the first part of this process.

After selecting the DSN and reviewing the rest of the data, click **OK** to close this dialog box. You're now done with the client DSN!

### ***Test the DSN***

Finally, you may wish to test your DSN. Start your ODBC application, point it to the newly created data source, and verify that it works correctly.

Note that if your server name changes, you may need to alter the server name field on each workstation with a Client DSN installed on it. However, if you simply move data from one directory to another on the server, you must only change the Engine DSN (on the server) to the new path, and you'll be all set!

If you still can't get it to work, contact Goldstar Software and let us help!