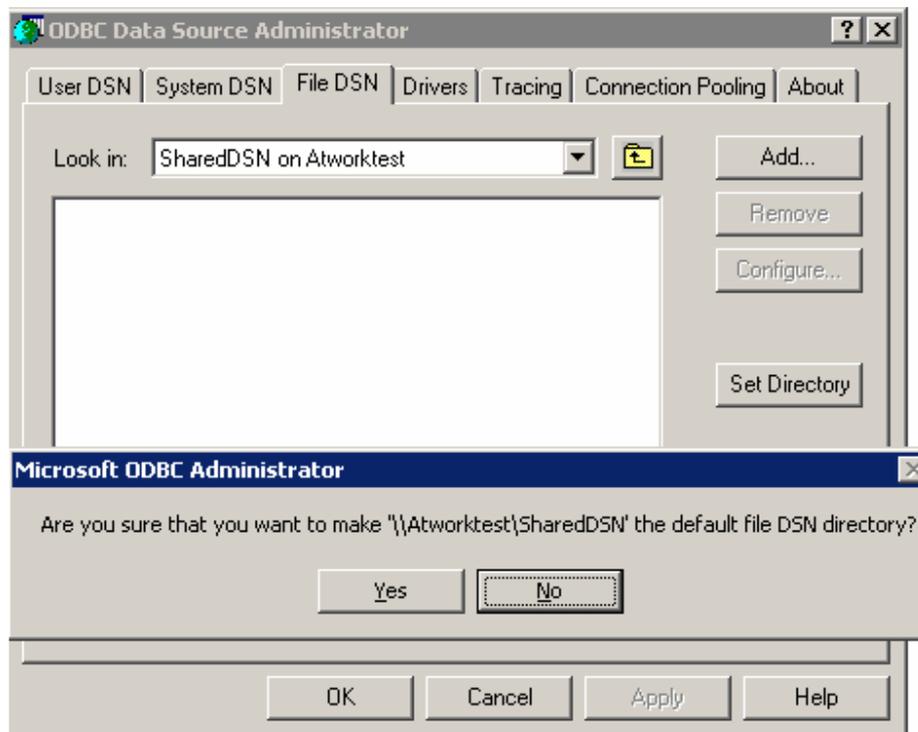


Using ODBC File data source

System and User DSNs are stored in the registry. File DSNs, however, are stored as a file with a .DSN file extension. A common use for a file DSN is to provide a data connection for a local application, such as GeniusConnect , Excel or Access. The advantage of using a file DSN is that you can share it easily with other users by placing it on a network share.

Set Directory

First use the Data Sources applet in the (Control Panel) Administrative Tools, browse to a network location accessible to the users and click the "Set Directory" button.



Add File Datasource

Click "Add..." button and create the data source.

Distributing File DSN directory

Next, other users need to use the same DSN folder path to use the data source. Repeat the "Set Directory" steps for every user, or export (regedit.exe) and distribute the registry settings:

ODBC Info is stored in the following registry keys:

User level:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBC.INI\ODBC File DSN\DefaultDSNDir

Machine level:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBC.INI\ODBC File DSN\DefaultDSNDir

File DSN and GeniusConnect

GeniusConnect supports ODBC File data source's from version 3.0.1.0. The use a File DSN in GeniusConnect is the same as any other ODBC data source. Just select the file DSN in the data source combo box.

