

Helper ODBC Driver

This document describes how to obtain and install the ODBC Driver for use with Helper, as well as create a Helper ODBC Data Source using the ODBC Driver. The ODBC Driver allows third-party software to access your Helper data. If you need help connecting a piece of third-party software to the Helper ODBC Data Source you create using this document, please consult your third-party software's documentation.

Obtaining and Installing the Driver

You can download the ODBC Driver from Helper's website:

1. Point your browser to <http://support.helper.com/down/upgrade/>
2. Click the **Helper 7.5 ODBC Driver** link.
3. Save the Helper ODBC Driver to your computer.
4. Find the **Helper75ODBC.exe** file that you just downloaded and double-click the icon to begin the installation.
5. Follow the instructions in the installation wizard. We recommend using all of the default options in the setup wizard.

Creating an ODBC Data Source

This section describes how to create an ODBC data source that third-party software products can use to access Helper's data. In Windows, ODBC data sources are created in the ODBC Data Source Administrator. Generally, the ODBC Data Source Administrator can be opened by clicking Start>Settings>Control Panel>Administrative Tools>Data Sources (ODBC). If you have difficulty locating the ODBC Data Source Administrator, please consult Windows help.

1. Under the System DSN tab of the Windows Data Source Administrator, click the "Add" button.
2. The Create New Data Source window appears. In this window, scroll down and highlight "Helper ODBC Driver" and click the "Finish" button.
3. The Helper ODBC Driver Setup Wizard appears.
4. **Data Source Name**

Enter a name (like Helper) for the ODBC Data Source you are creating. Click "Next."

5. **Data Source Location**

If you are using this ODBC Data Source to connect to a local installation Helper (as opposed a networked version) select "Standalone" and click "Next." *Proceed to Step 6.*

If you are using this ODBC Data Source to connect to a networked installation of Helper select "Client-Server" and click "Next." *Proceed to Step 7.*

6. **Select Local Database**

Click the "Select" button and browse to the directory that contains your Helper Data. Most likely this directory will be C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Netsmart\Helper\Data. Click "Next." *Proceed to Step 9.*

7. Select Remote Database

Enter the Host Name and IP Address of your Helper Server. The Host Name is the name of the computer where the Helper Database Server is installed while the IP Address is the IP Address of the computer where the Helper Database Server is installed. You can find this information under the Server Status section of the Helper Server Administration Utility on the computer where your Helper Database Server is installed. Click “Next.”

8. User Name and Password

Select “Helper” from the dropdown box and click “Next.”

9. Record Locking

Leave the default options and click “Next.”

10. Force OS Buffer Flushes

Leave the default options and click “Next.”

11. Temporary Files

Leave the default options and click “Next.”

12. You should now see the name of the Data Source that you entered in Step 4 listed in the System DSN tab of the Windows ODBC Datasource Administrator.