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I'll add to this document as points arise.

DSNs

I have and will be including zipped sample sites in the resource library area.

When you unzip these look in the connections folder. You will find a file like "siteconn.asp" or similar.

In this file you will see code like:

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Dim MM_autoconn_STRING
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MM_autoconn_STRING = "dsn=SomeDSN;"
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'MM_autoconn_STRING = "Driver={Microsoft Access Driver  
(* .mdb)};DBQ=" & Server.MapPath("/sitename/somefolder/somedata.mdb")"
```

The last two lines are alternate ways of referring to a database. One will be commented out by an apostrophe.

If you wish to connect to the database using a DSN, you will need to create one using the indicated name. Other user guides in this area tell you how to do this.

The last line in the example above is a DSN-less connection string for use where a permanent DSN entry is not possible.

To use this you would need to

- Move the apostrophe to in front of the regular DSN line
- Edit the path to suit the location of your database. Note that the MapPath method will convert this to an absolute path at run time.