
Configuration for Professional Client Access

In a network environment, in order for the clients to access the data over the network, you will need to set up a network share to the data file.

CREATING A NETWORK SHARE

Note



There may be slight differences in the procedure for sharing data, depending on your operating system and security settings. These steps provide an overview of common configuration options, but do not cover all possible variables.

For comprehensive help with configuring a share in Windows XP, refer to the article <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/304040>.

For help in Windows 2000, refer to the article <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/301195>.

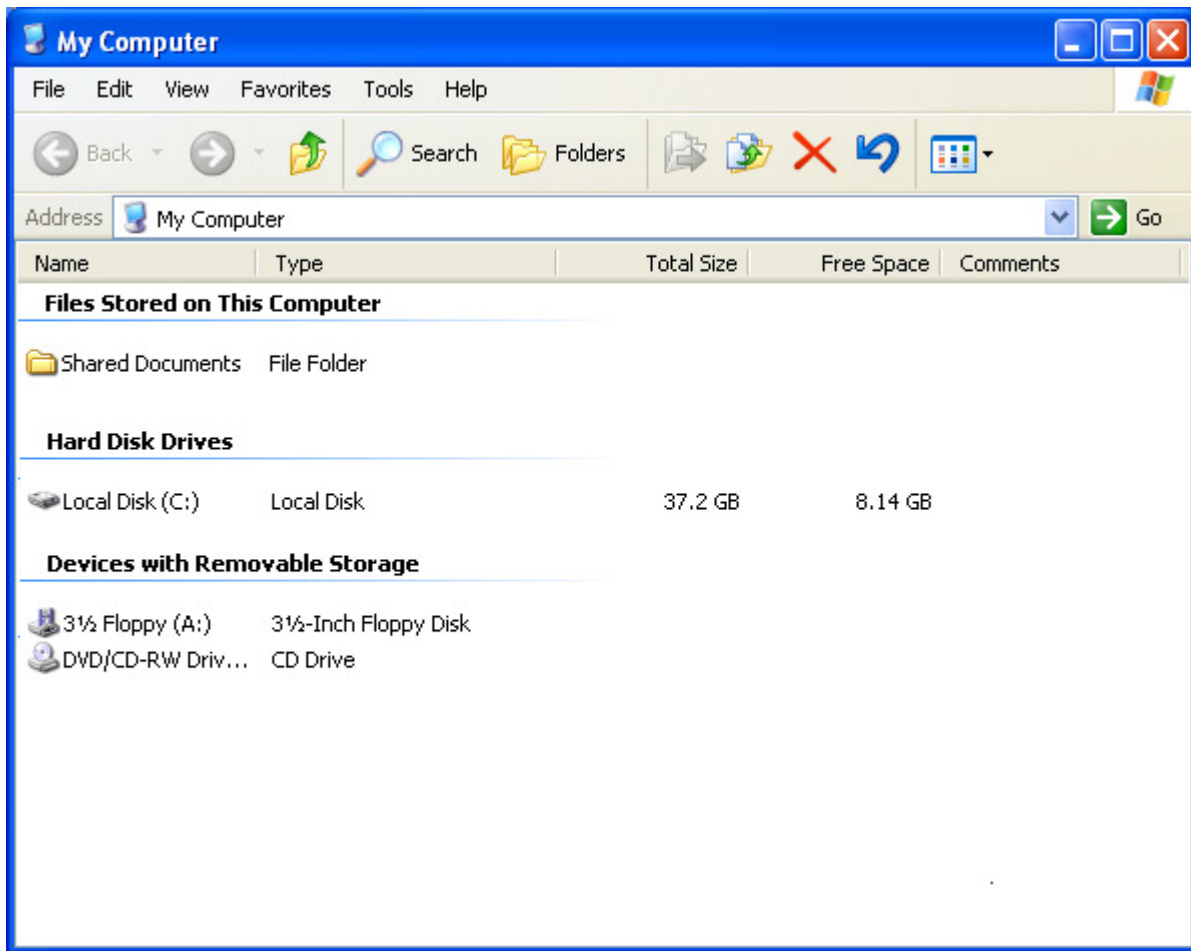
For help in Windows Vista, refer to the article http://www.microsoft.com/technet/network/evaluate/vista_fp.msp.

For help in Windows 7, refer to the article <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows7/Share-files-with-someone>.

- 1 On the computer where Professional Edition is installed, double click on the My Computer icon on your desktop:



2 The My Computer screen will open:



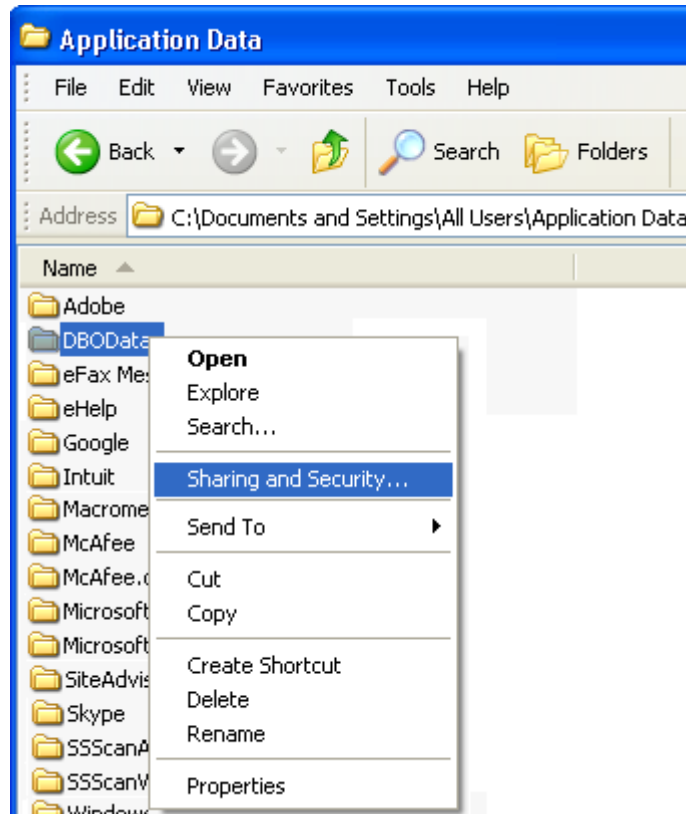
3 Navigate to the Database Oasis data path. For operating systems prior to Windows Vista, the data is located in the path `C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\DBOData`. In Windows Vista and Windows 7, the data is located in the path `C:\ProgramData\DBOData\`.

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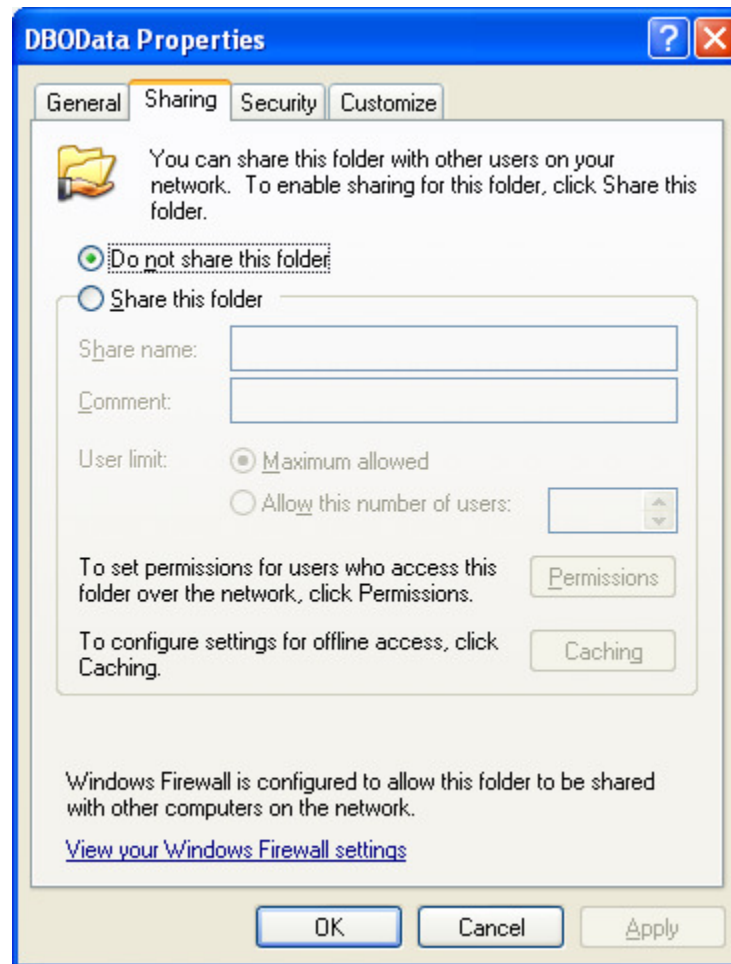


If you do not see the `\DBOData` folder, it is usually because it is hidden in Windows. To unhide the folder, right click on your Windows Start button and select [Explore](#) from the menu to open Windows File Explorer. Select [Folder Options](#) from the [Tools](#) menu, then select the [View](#) tab. Make sure that the [Show hidden files and folders](#) option is selected.

- 4 Right click on the \DBOData folder and select [Sharing and Security](#) or [Share](#) (depending on your version of Windows) from the right-click menu:



- 5 The **Sharing** tab of the Properties screen for the \DBOData folder will open:



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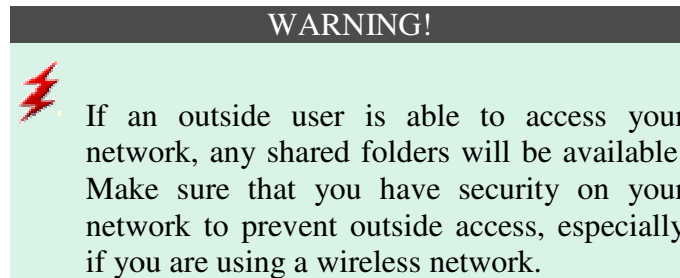
Depending on your version of Windows, you may need to press the **Advanced Sharing** button on the Properties screen to access the sharing options.

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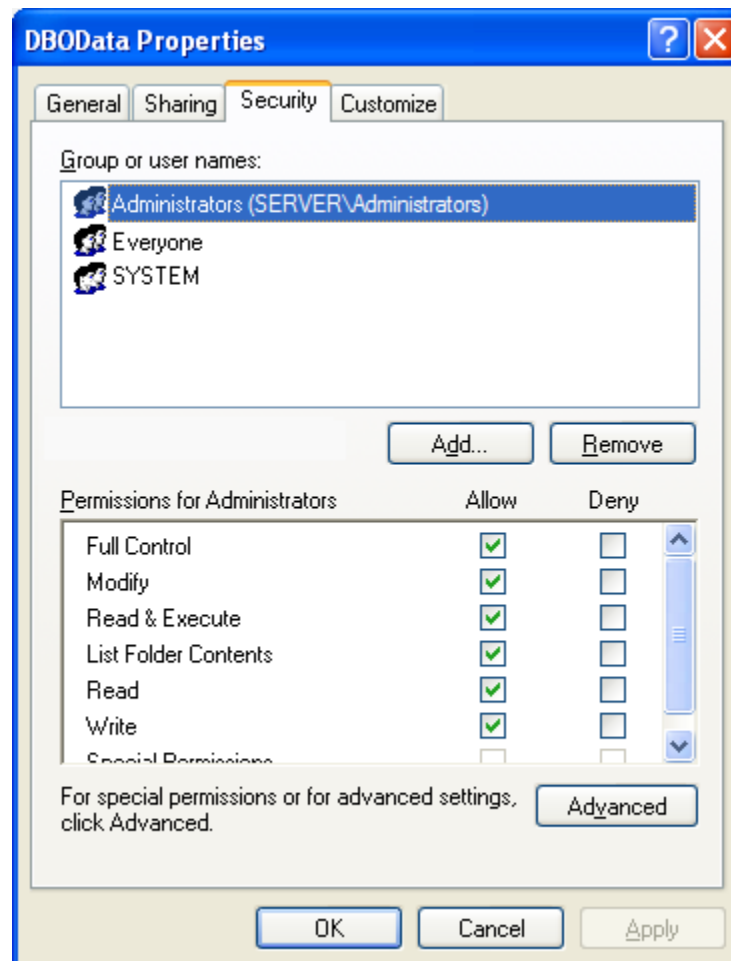


If you have never created a network share, this screen will have a link to a wizard where you can set up file sharing. Follow the on-screen instructions in the wizard, if desired.


- 6 Select the [Share this folder](#) check box or radio button (depending on your version of Windows). This option will make the \DBOData folder accessible to clients on the network.



- 7 Select the [Security](#) tab:




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Depending on your version of Windows, you may need to click [Edit](#) to open a separate Permissions screen to change these settings.

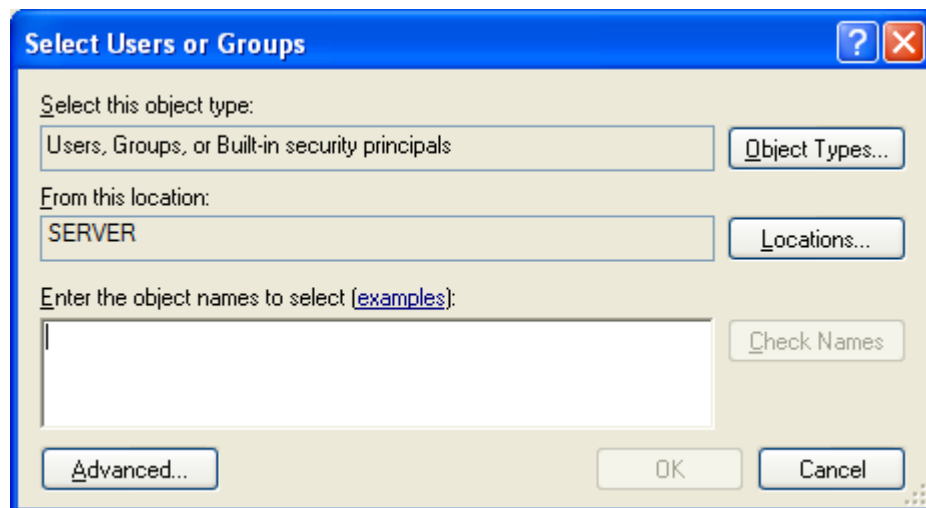
- 8 Verify that there is a group named Everyone in the [Group or user names](#) list. If there is, skip to step 12.

WARNING!



Selecting the Everyone group gives anyone who is able to access your network access to the folder. Configuring the Everyone group is the easiest way to ensure clients will be able to access the software when there is not a security scheme in place. If you have group security in place, it is recommended that you select groups and/or users that reflect your security configuration rather than using Everyone.

- 9 If there is no Everyone group, click [Add](#). The Select Users or Groups screen will open:



- 10 In the [Enter the object names to select](#) box, type *Everyone*.
- 11 Click [OK](#) to save the group and return to the [Security](#) tab.

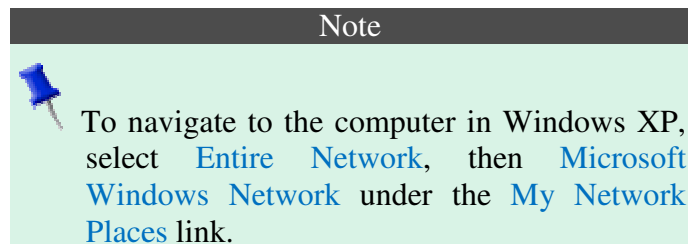
- 12 Highlight the Everyone group in the [Group or User Names](#) list and select the [Full Control](#) check box in the [Permissions for Administrators](#) box.
- 13 Click [OK](#) to save the changes and close the Properties screen.

Testing the Folder Share

Once you've configured your share, it is recommended that you test it outside of Database Oasis by trying to access that folder in Windows Explorer from the client computer.

TO TEST THE PERMISSIONS:

- 1 On the client computer, right click on the Windows Taskbar's Start button and select [Explore](#) from the menu.
- 2 In the [Folders](#) list, select [Network](#) or [My Network Places](#) (depending on your version of Windows).
- 3 Navigate to your server computer and make sure you can see the Database Oasis data folder in the list.



- 4 Click on the Database Oasis data folder and make sure you can open it.
- 5 With the folder selected, right click in the files section on the right and select [New](#), [Text Document](#) from the menu and verify it allows you to create a text file in the folder. (You may delete the text file if desired.)

If you are unable to access the folder and create a new file in the folder, clients will not be able to access the Database Oasis data. In this case, check the following:

- On the server computer, verify in Windows that the Guest account is turned on. (Refer to Microsoft Windows help for instructions on turning on the Guest account in your version of Windows.)

- Verify that the folder share has been correctly configured using the above instructions.

Note



If you are able to access an existing folder share that is working, compare setting with the new share to determine the differences.

- Depending on the version of Windows and internal security settings, Windows may not allow you to grant full access to the default data path. In this case, you may need to move the \DBOData folder directly under the C:\ drive.