

 **BASIS ODBC Driver FAQs**

**Q:** Do I need PRO/5 to run this?

**A:** No, but you will need BB<sup>x</sup> or PRO/5 data files and a BASIS Data Dictionary.

**Q:** Can I access any type of BASIS data source?

**A:** No, your BASIS data must be normalized in a BASIS Data Dictionary. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT!**

**Q:** What if I want to connect a Visual PRO/5 or PRO/5 application to another data source?

**A:** To connect Visual PRO/5 to other data sources such as Oracle, Informix or Sybase, you do not need the BASIS ODBC Driver. You need an ODBC driver that can communicate with your desired data source.

**Q:** How is it sold and where is it loaded?

**A:** One copy of the BASIS ODBC Driver must be licensed and installed for each workstation that will connect with ODBC-compliant data sources.

**Q:** Is a Data Server required?

**A:** No, but if a data server is used, the improvement in access time is substantial. That said, in UNIX, a data server is required unless you use an NFS mount.

**Q:** Can a 16-bit BASIS ODBC Driver access a BASIS data source through Windows 95 and Windows NT?

**A:** Yes, the operating system can be 32-bit, but the application, such as Crystal Reports or Excel, *must* be a 16-bit application.

**Q:** Is the BASIS ODBC Driver Portable?

**A:** No. This is a complex question. For ODBC to work, the underlying technology requires that there be some type of ODBC administrator present on the operating system platform. Windows 3.x, Windows 95, and Windows NT include this by default. Visigenic and Intersolv ship their UNIX and OS/2 ODBC drivers with this administrator because UNIX and OS/2 do not include an administrator by default. This means you need to have a Windows, UNIX, or OS/2 ODBC Driver to run front-end applications native to those operating systems. BASIS currently supplies only a Windows ODBC driver. As a corollary, the BASIS data source can reside on any platform BASIS ports BB<sup>x</sup> and PRO/5 to, but requires that the client be Windows based.