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Data Access Language: Problem Opening Rdb Databases

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TOPIC -----

A customer had a problem with DAL that prevents Rdb/VMS databases from being opened in certain cases. When they issue the OPEN DATABASE command

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OPEN RDB DATABASE 'mydisk:[mydir.mysubdir]my_database'
```

the database can't be opened.

DISCUSSION -----

You always need to use the IN LOCATION or USE LOCATION statement to open databases that are not in the default directory. Although you might have been able to open databases by specifying the full path name with the database name in version 1.0, later versions (which support opening multiple databases simultaneously in Rdb) do not accept a full path name here.

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