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## Excel: Accessing Sybase Without DAL (4/93)

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TOPIC -----

Does the Data Access Macro, which comes with Microsoft Excel 4.0, only support databases accessible by DAL servers?

Is code available -- macros, add-ins, drivers -- which provide data access using the Sybase DB-Lib/Open Client driver? This should be an available option, since Microsoft's relational server product on Lan Manager is SQL Server from Sybase.

Is there support for data access via the Data Access Manager and thereby the Database extension for Open Client from ClearAccess?

DISCUSSION -----

We checked with Microsoft and they only support the DAL Servers with their Data Access Macro.

They claim their macro is not DAM (Data Access Manager) compliant, and therefore would not support any of the other servers.

It is possible to use ClearAccess to actually access a far broader range of servers and platforms, and then paste the information into an Excel spreadsheet.

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