NAME
/etc/odbcinst.ini - An unixODBC drivers configuration

DESCRIPTION
/etc/odbcinst.ini is a text configuration file for unixODBC drivers. It can be edited by hand, but the recommended way to update this file is to use the **odbcinst**(1) utility.

FILE FORMAT
The general .ini file format is:

> [*SectionName1*]
> *key1 = value1*
> *key2 = value2*
> **...**
>
> [*SectionName2*]
> *key1 = value1*
> *key2 = value2*
> **...**

Each ODBC driver has its own section and can be referred to by the name of its section. Recognized configuration keys are:

Description
A text string briefly describing the driver.

Driver   A filesystem path to the actual driver library.

Setup   A filesystem path to the driver setup library.

FileUsage
odbcinst(1) entry, if you edit the configuration file by hand, you have to supply it yourself.

TEMPLATE FILES
The recommended way to manage the drivers is using the **odbcinst**(1) utility. You can install the drivers by supplying it with template file, which has the same format as this file.

EXAMPLES
An example of the actual PostgreSQL driver:

> [PostgreSQL]
> Description = PostgreSQL driver for GNU/Linux
> Driver   = /usr/lib/psqlodbcw.so
> Setup   = /usr/lib/libodbcpsqlS.so
> FileUsage   = 1

By specifying the driver like that, you can then reference it in the **odbc.ini**(5) as follows:

> Driver = PostgreSQL

The recommended way to add that driver is by creating a template file containing:

```
[PostgreSQL]
Description = PostgreSQL driver for GNU/Linux
Driver     = /usr/lib/psqlodbcw.so
Setup      = /usr/lib/libodbcpsqlS.so
```

and call the **odbcinst**(1):

 # odbcinst -i -d -f *template.ini*

SEE ALSO
odbcinst(1), **odbc.ini**(5)

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