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. Configuration keys recognised in driver sections by unixODBC itself 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

The section named **[ODBC]** configures global options. Keys recognised in the **[ODBC]** section include:

Trace

Enable ODBC driver trace output, which is written to the path specified by **TraceFile**.

Note that some drivers have their own separate trace control options. Unlike the **Trace** option these are usually specified at the DSN level.

Values recognised as enabled are any case variation of "1", "y", "yes" or "on".

TraceFile

Path or path-pattern to write the ODBC trace file to. Has no effect unless **Trace** is enabled. Default **/tmp/sql.log**.

WARNING: setting **TraceFile to a path writeable by multiple users may not work correctly as only the first user will be able to create and open the file.**

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
```

Note that driver paths may vary, and some drivers require **Driver64** and **Setup64** entries too.

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

unixODBC(7), **odbcinst**(1), **odbc.ini**(5)

"The *unixODBC* **Administrator Manual (HTML)**"

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