This approach is extremely useful when you need to read the data from an Excel file fast and store the data in a DataTable for further usage. using System.Data; using System.Data.OleDb; String sConnectionString = "Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0;" + "Data Source=" + [Your Excel File Name Here] + ";" + "Extended Properties=Excel 8.0;"; OleDbConnection objConn = new OleDbConnection(sConnectionString); objConn.Open(); OleDbCommand objCmdSelect = new OleDbCommand("SELECT \* FROM [Sheet1\$]", objConn); OleDbDataAdapter objAdapter1 = new OleDbDataAdapter(); objAdapter1.SelectCommand = objCmdSelect; DataSet objDataset1 = new DataSet(); objAdapter1.Fill(objDataset1); objConn.Close();