Installation requirements

X86 machines with office 2007 or 2010

64bit machines office 2010 64 bit

**NOTE: i have found hundreds of threads on this error, yet they all seem to suggest using the 'Microsoft access database engine'. however for whatever reason (even though its made for 64-bit office) this did not work on my machine so i was forced to find an alternate method.**

**this resolution works with:**

* **64-bit Windows 7**
* **64-bit MS Office**
* **Please reply to this thread if it worked for you so i can make this a full "compatibility list"**

trying to connect to an Access database in visual studio but keep getting this error?

try installing this first: <http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?id=13255>

however if, like me, that doesn’t work for you, try the following method:

NOTE: this DOES work for office 2010 even though it is for 2007 office, don’t ask me why it just does :)

1. download and install this: <http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/confirmation.aspx?id=23734>

2. in VS click add data source, follow the wizard and enjoy! :)

P.S thanks to everyone that helped me at my original thread: <http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/csharpgeneral/thread/ebb05600-055a-44c4-8cd3-d33a79878b23>