

# ADO.NET



# ActiveX Data Objects

- ADO.NET has a number of classes that :
  - Retrieve Data
  - Manipulate Data
  - Update Data
- VB,C#, C++, J#



# What is ADO.NET?

**ADO.NET provides a set of classes for working with data. ADO.NET provides:**

- An evolutionary, more flexible successor to ADO
- A system designed for disconnected environments
- A programming model with advanced XML support
- A set of classes, interfaces, structures, and enumerations that manage data access from within the .NET Framework

# ADO vs. ADO.NET



- ADO works great, but:
  - Requires COM and Windows
  - Recordsets don't travel well over the Internet
  - Connected behavior is hard to work with
- Requires more code
  - ADO.NET solves these problems
  - Uses XML under the covers for all data transport
  - No special code needed to marshal across the Internet

# Disconnected?

- ADO.NET offers the capability of working with databases in a disconnected manner.
- An entire database table can be retrieved to a local computer/temp file if it is a network database.
- A connection could also be constant



# Web-Centric Applications

- Download the data and process it at a local level.
- If changes are made, the connection can be remade and the changes posted.
- The database could be LAN or Internet based.



# What is ADO.Net?

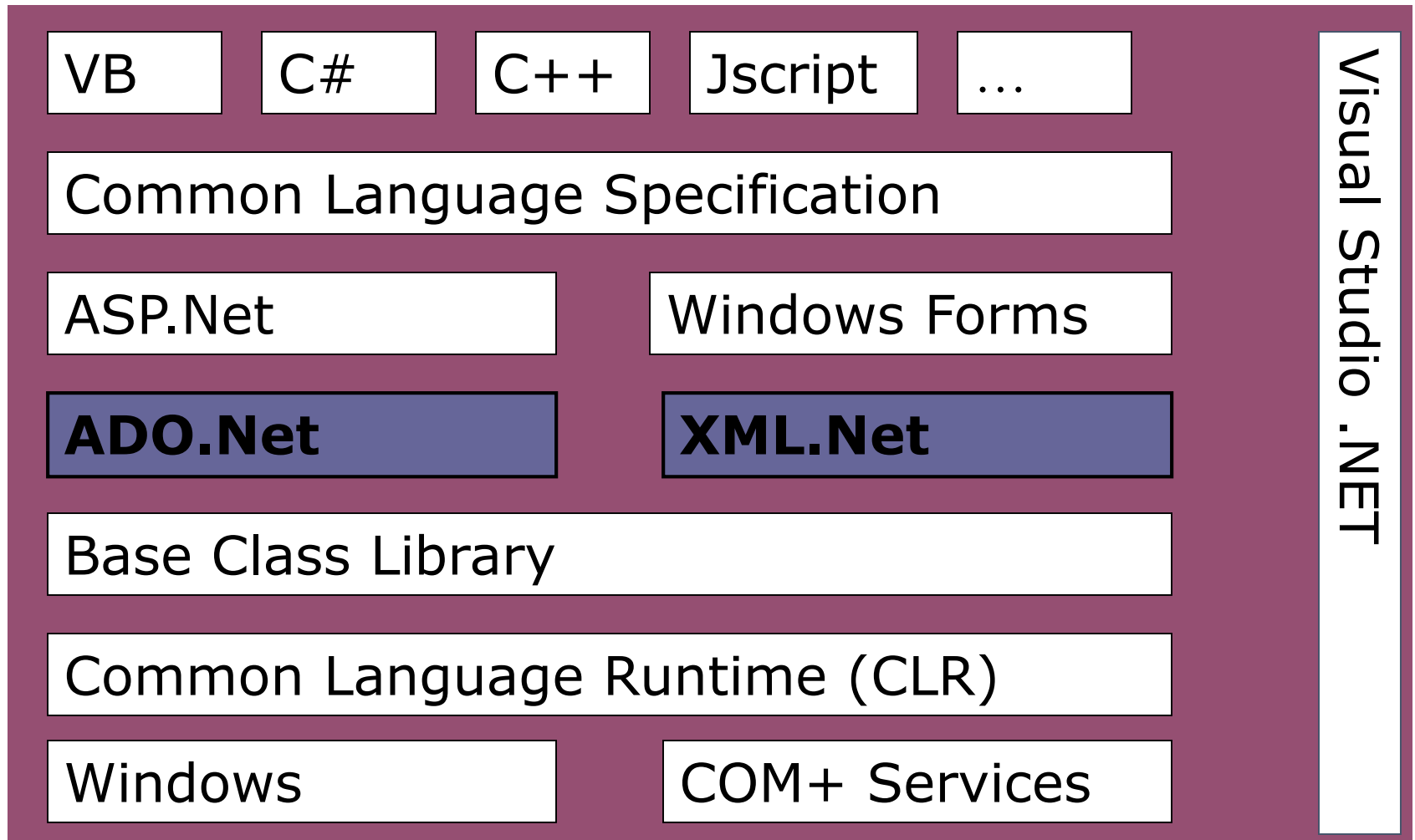
- The data access classes for the .Net framework
- Designed for highly efficient data access
- Support for XML and disconnected record sets

# And the .Net framework?

- A standard cross language interface
- Encapsulation of services, classes and data types
- Uses XML for data representation



# Where does ADO sit?

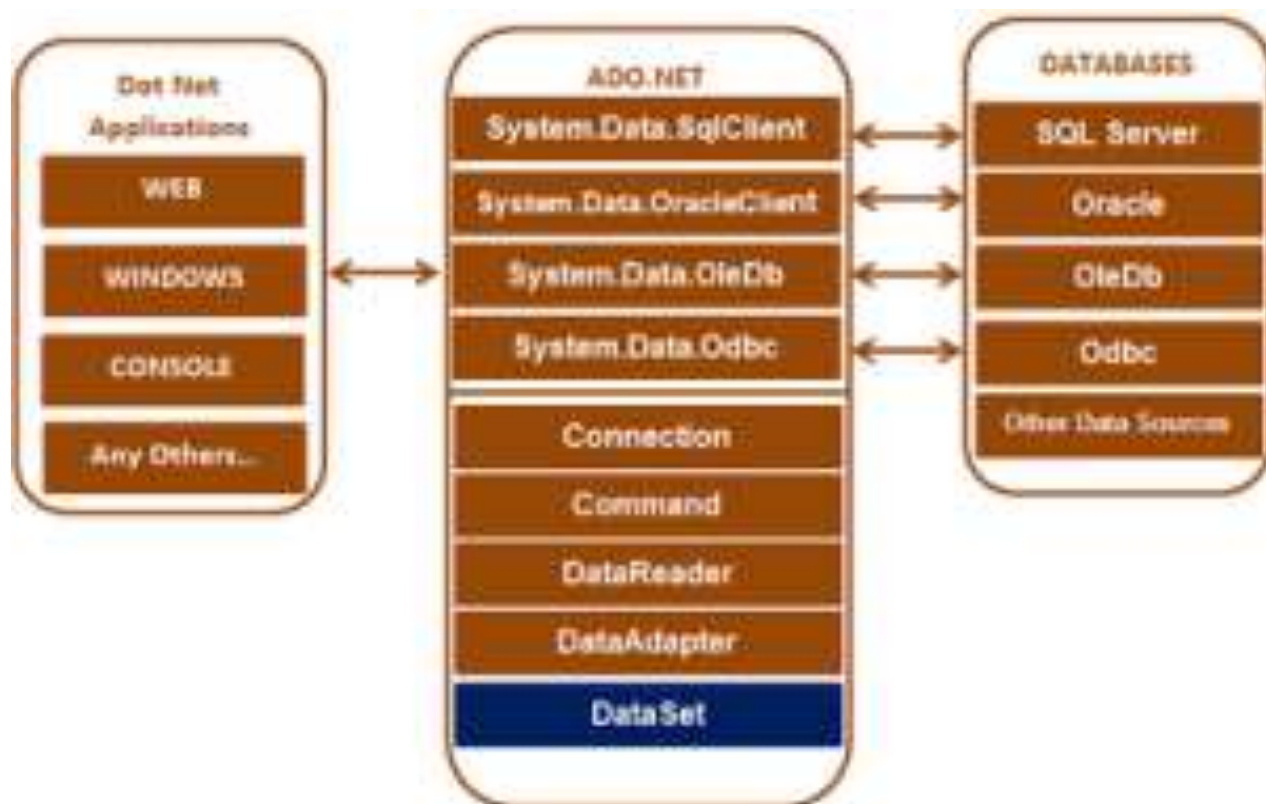


# ADO / ADO.Net Comparisons

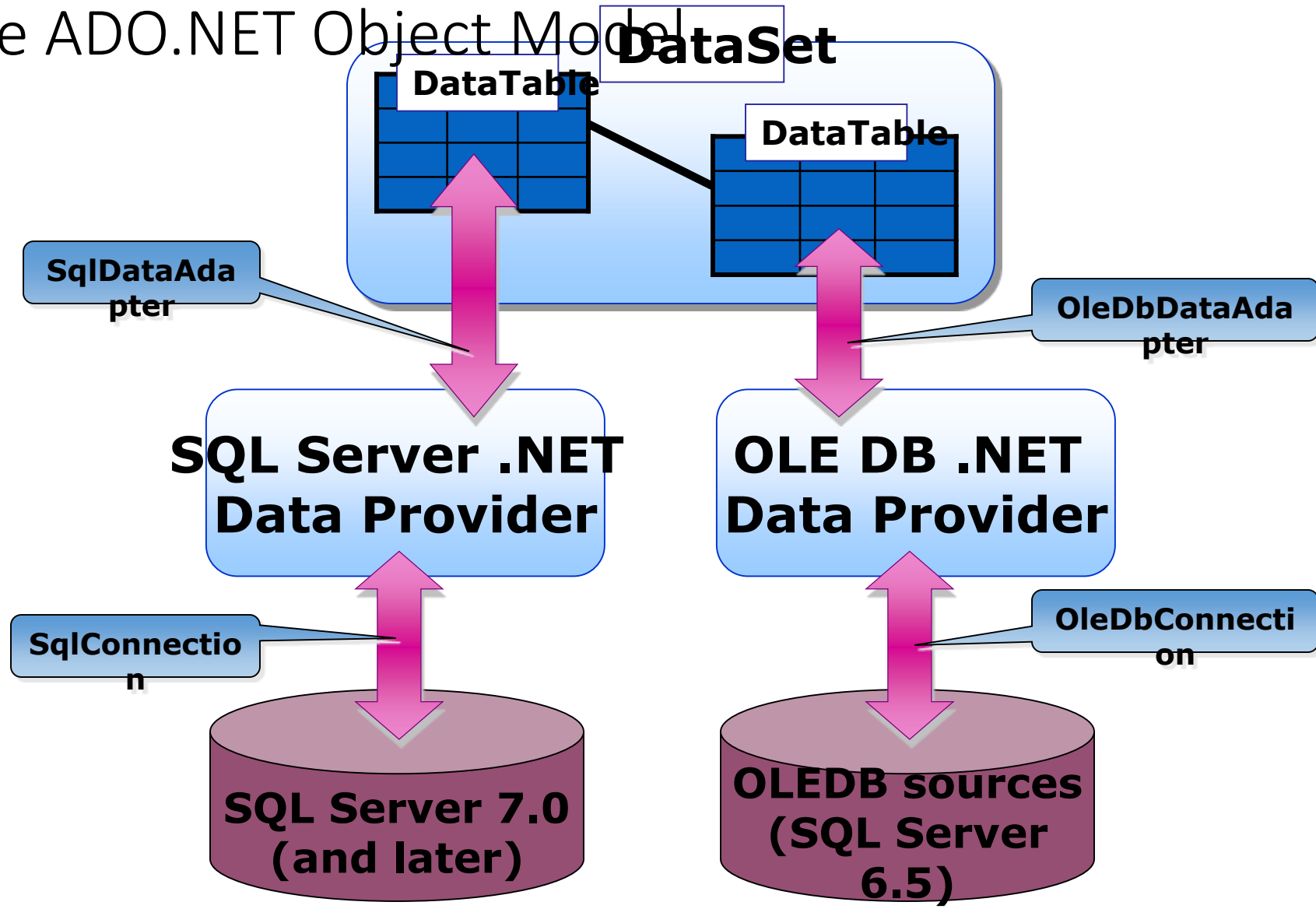
Feature	ADO	ADO.Net
In memory data storage	Recordset object Mimics single table	Dataset object Contains DataTables
Data Reads	Sequential	Sequential or non-sequential
Data Sources	OLE/DB via the Connection object	Managed provider calls the SQL APIs

# ADO / ADO.Net Comparisons

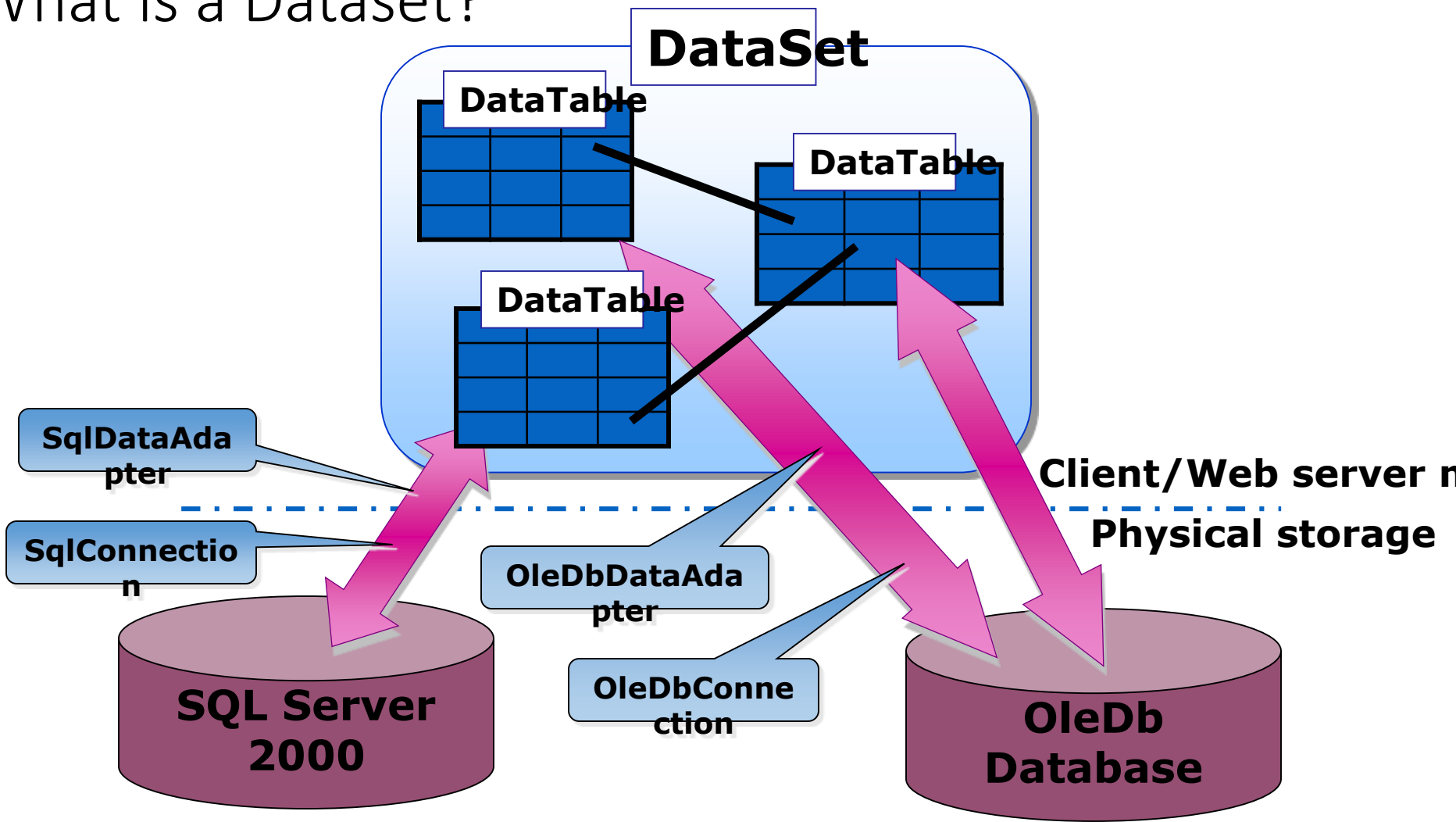
Feature	ADO	ADO.Net
Disconnected data	Limited support, suitable for R/O	Strong support, with updating
Passing datasets	COM marshalling	DataSet support for XML passing
Scalability	Limited	Disconnected access provides scalability



# The ADO.NET Object Model

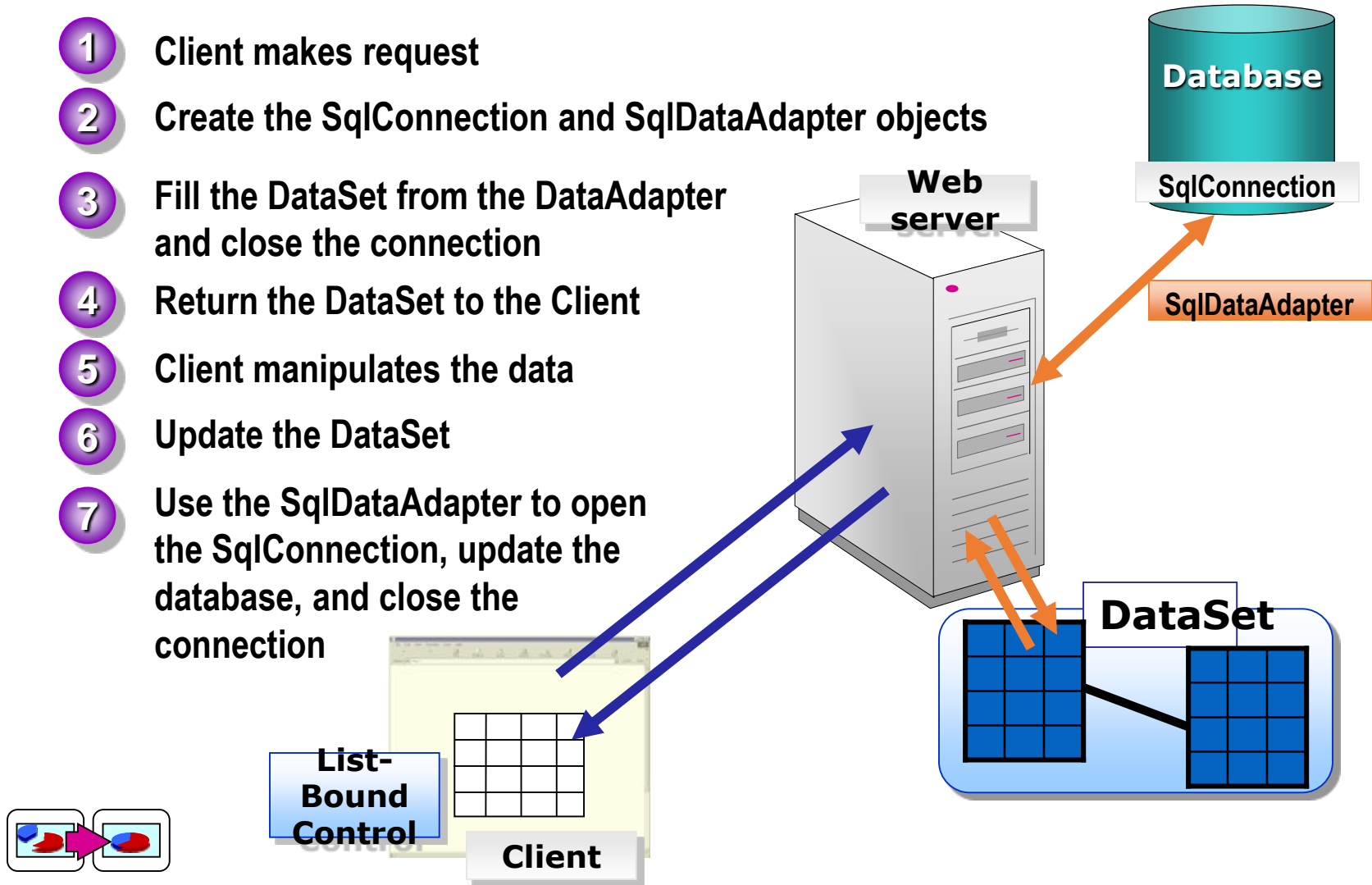


# What is a Dataset?



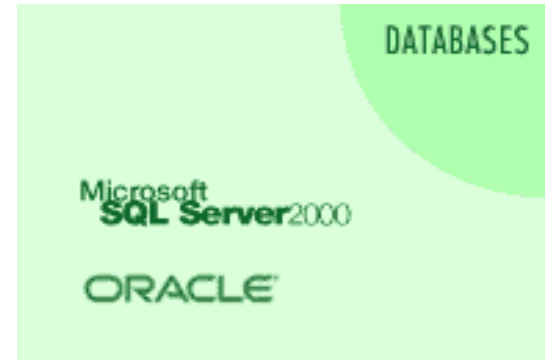
# Accessing Data with ADO.NET

- 1 Client makes request
- 2 Create the SqlConnection and SqlDataAdapter objects
- 3 Fill the DataSet from the DataAdapter and close the connection
- 4 Return the DataSet to the Client
- 5 Client manipulates the data
- 6 Update the DataSet
- 7 Use the SqlDataAdapter to open the SqlConnection, update the database, and close the connection



# Data Providers

- MS SQL Server 7.0+
- Oracle
- OLE DB (old SQL & Access- Jet 4.0)
- Open Database Connectivity (ODBC)- earlier Visual Studio, Access Driver, ODBC for Oracle



\* Version 1.0 does not include ODBC



## 4 Core Classes of ADO.NET

- Connection-Connect to database
- Command-SQL statement to retrieve data
- DataReader-Sequential access to the data source
- DataAdapter-Populate a dataset & Update the database

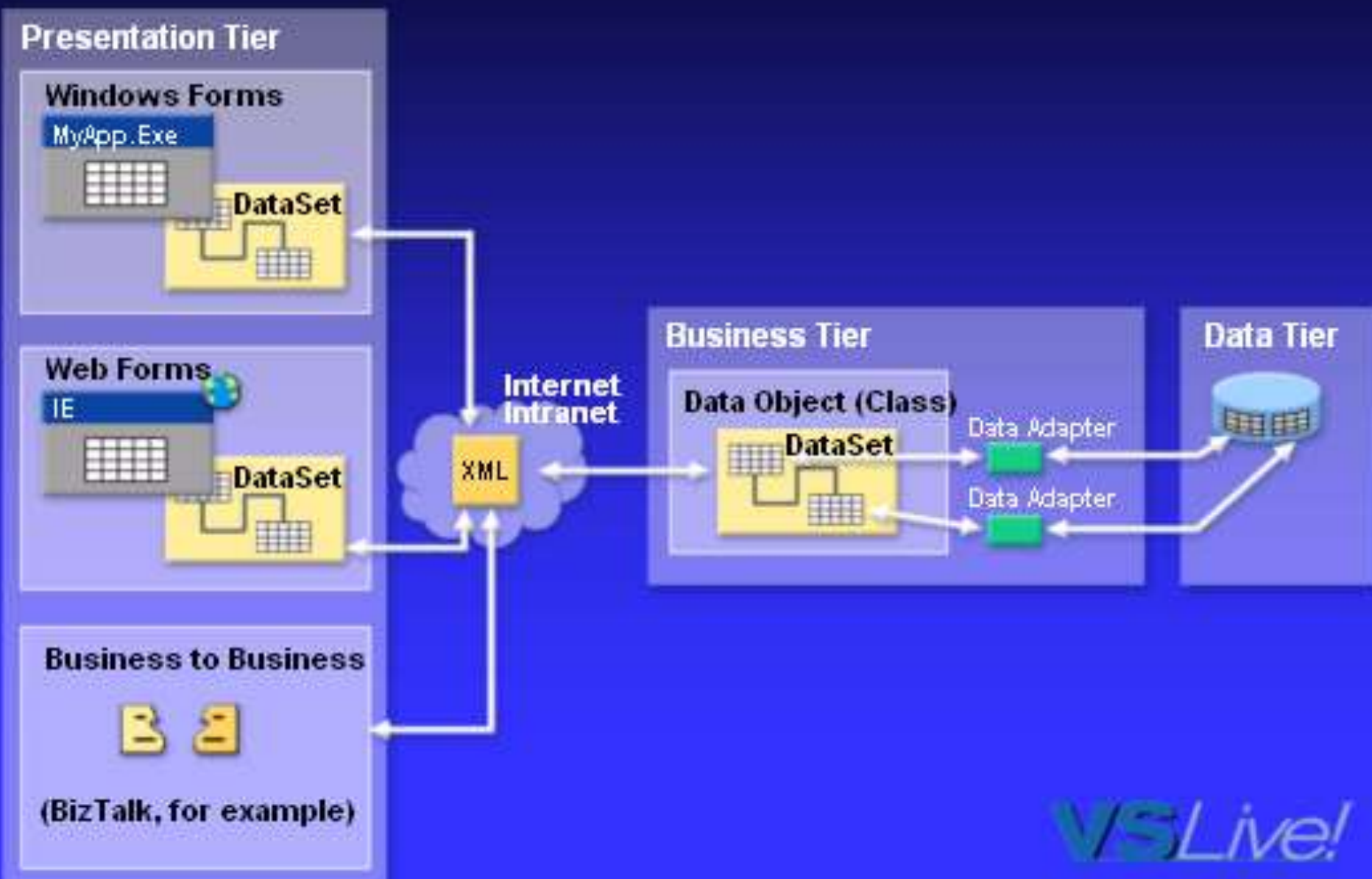


## Other Terms



- Fill : The OleDbDataAdapter method *Fill* retrieves information from the database associated with OleDbConnection and places this information in the DataSet.
- DataGrid: A *DataGrid* is the area which will be filled with data from the database. The DataGrid method SetDataBinding binds a DataGrid to a data source.

# ADO .NET Architecture



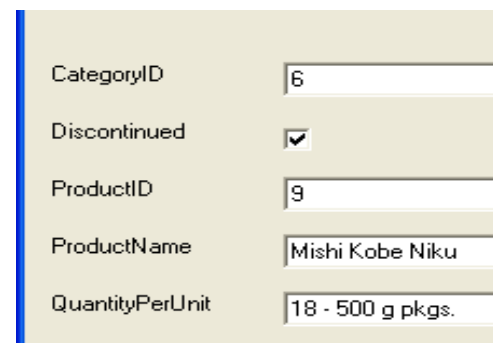
# Choices?

- Using ADO.NET we can either display information in a:
  - DataGrid
  - Individual Controls



A screenshot of a DataGrid control. It has a blue header bar and a scrollable area. The data is organized into two columns: 'ProductName' and 'ProductID'. The first row is selected, with 'Ikura' in the ProductName column and '10' in the ProductID column. Other rows include 'Konbu', 'Carnarvon Ti', 'Nord-Ost Mat', and 'Inlagd Sill'.

	ProductName	ProductID
▶	Ikura	10
	Konbu	13
	Carnarvon Ti	18
	Nord-Ost Mat	30
	Inlagd Sill	36



A screenshot of a form using individual controls. It has a light beige background and a blue vertical bar on the left. The form contains five fields: 'CategoryID' with a text box containing '6', 'Discontinued' with a checked checkbox, 'ProductID' with a text box containing '9', 'ProductName' with a text box containing 'Mishi Kobe Niku', and 'QuantityPerUnit' with a text box containing '18 - 500 g pkgs.'.

CategoryID	6
Discontinued	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ProductID	9
ProductName	Mishi Kobe Niku
QuantityPerUnit	18 - 500 g pkgs.

# Let's Connect to a Database



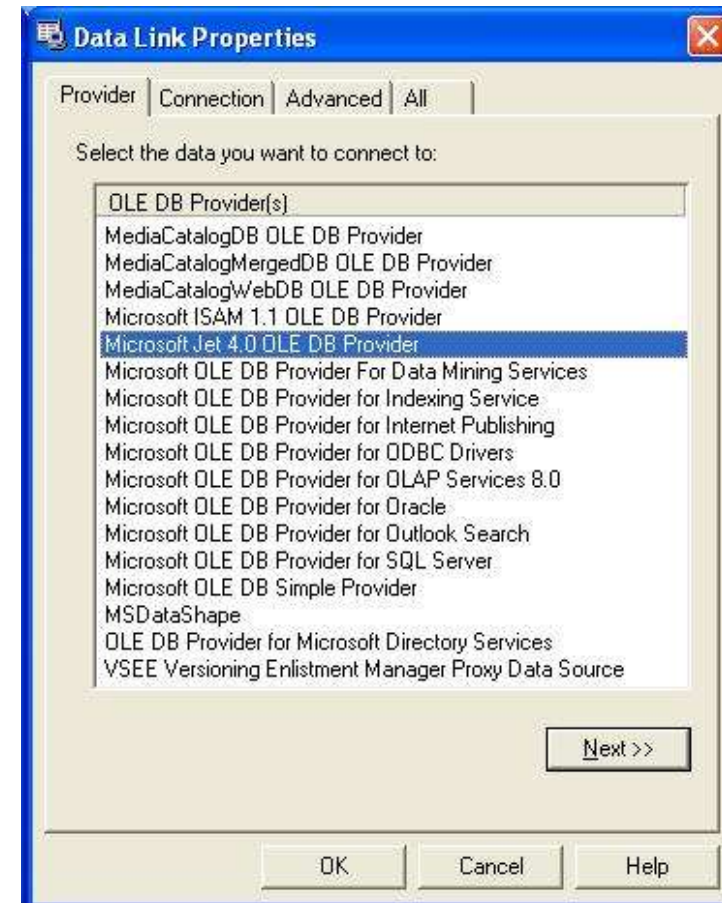


## Adding a Connection

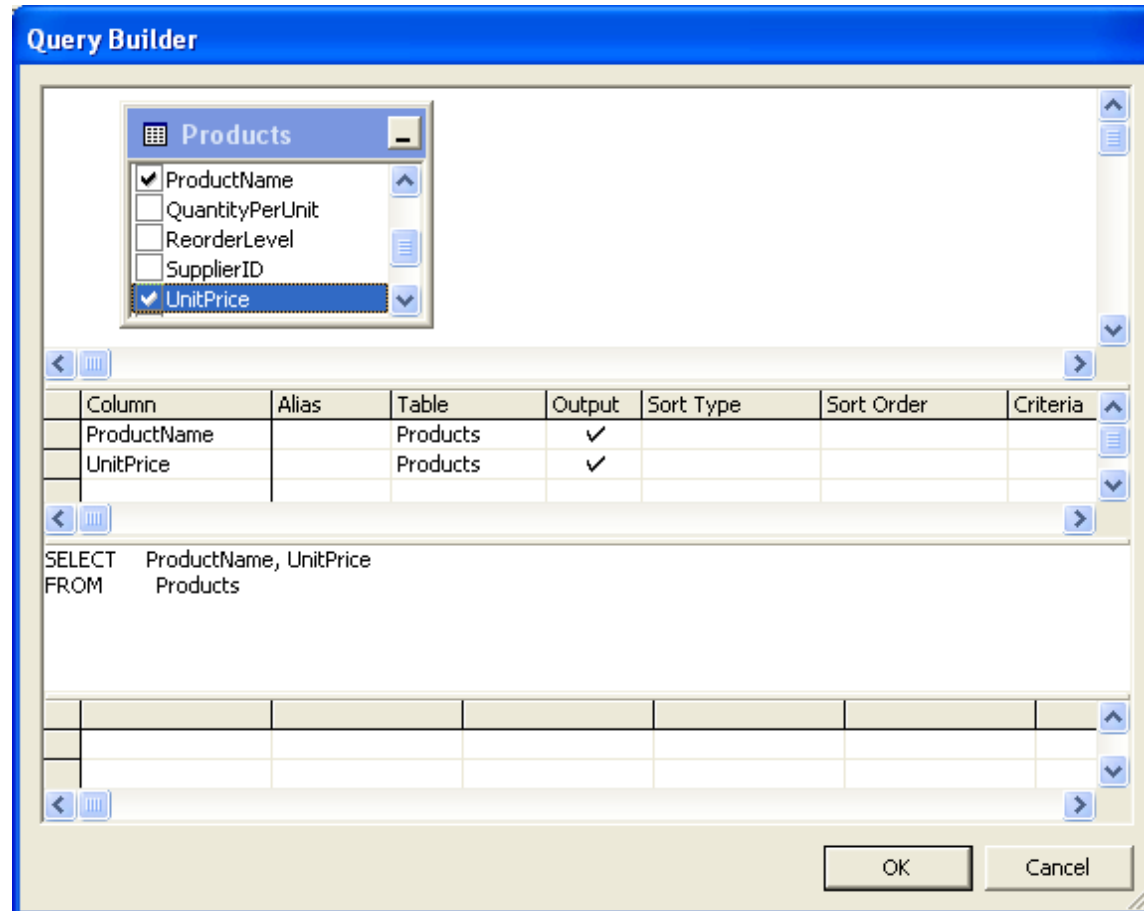
The *ADD CONNECTION* option is built into ADO.NET to create a database connection in the *DATA LINK PROPERTIES* window. The *DATA ADAPTER CONFIGURATION WIZARD* is used to set up an OleDbDataAdapter which generates queries to the connected database.

# Connecting to the Database

- Dragging an OleDbDataAdapter from the Toolbox to the form displays the Data Adapter Configuration Wizard.
- Clicking Next on the welcome screen displays the Choose Your Data Connection window.
- Clicking the New Connection button pops up the Data Link Properties form. Click the Provider tab, choose Microsoft Jet 4.0 OLE DB Provider



# SQL Commands: Creating a Query



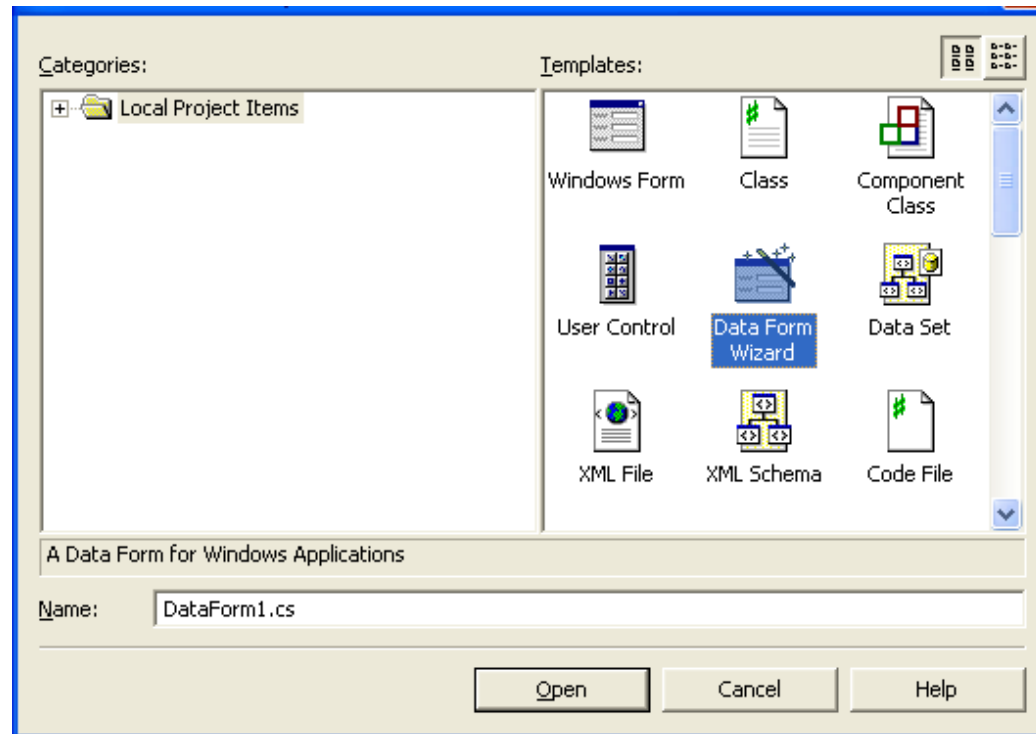


Time to try it!

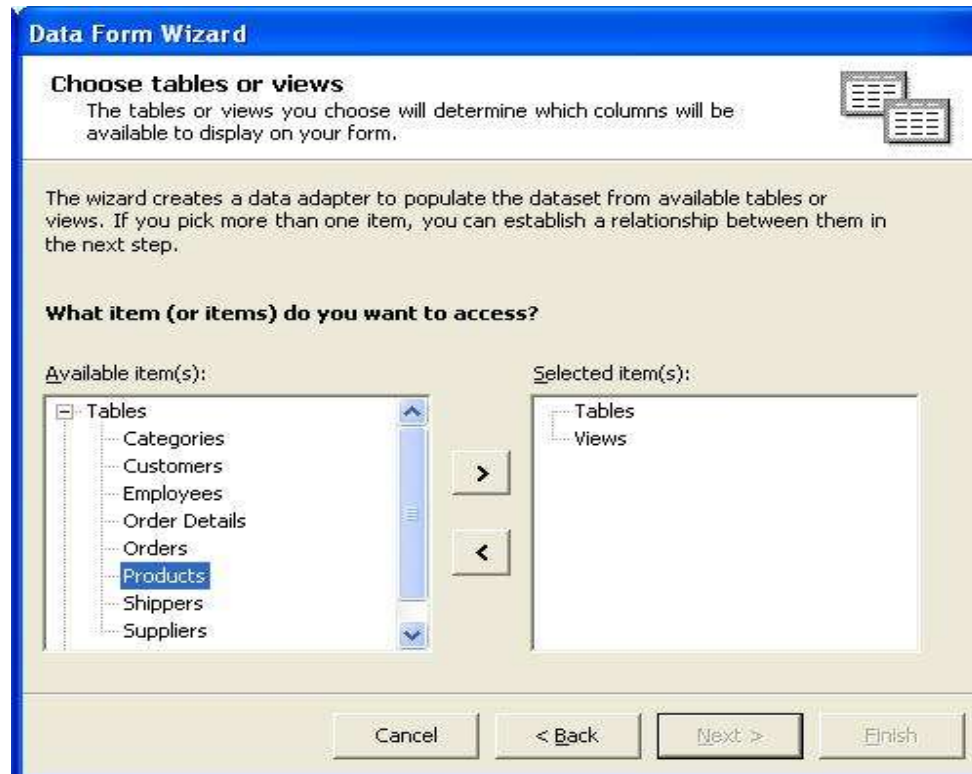


**Northwind Database**

# Using a Data Form Wizard



# Choosing Tables



**Data Form Wizard**

**Choose tables or views**

The tables or views you choose will determine which columns will be available to display on your form.

The wizard creates a data adapter to populate the dataset from available tables or views. If you pick more than one item, you can establish a relationship between them in the next step.

**What item (or items) do you want to access?**

Available item(s):

- Tables
  - Categories
  - Customers
  - Employees
  - Order Details
  - Orders
  - Products
  - Shippers
  - Suppliers

Selected item(s):

- Tables
- Views

Buttons: Cancel, < Back, Next >, Finish

# Fill the Form

**DataForm1**

Load Update  
Cancel All

CategoryID	6	ReorderLevel	0
Discontinued	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SupplierID	4
ProductID	9	UnitPrice	97
ProductName	Mishi Kobe Niku	UnitsInStock	29
QuantityPerUnit	18 - 500 g pkgs.	UnitsOnOrder	0

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Add Delete

# Using Namespaces

- Use the Imports or using statement to import namespaces

```
Imports System.Data  
Imports System.Data.SqlClient
```

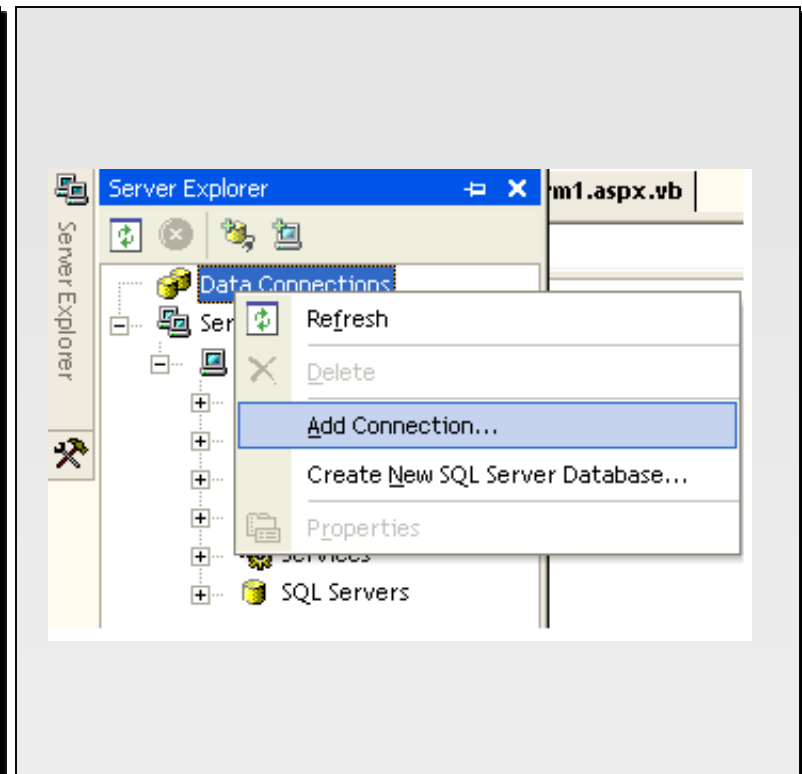
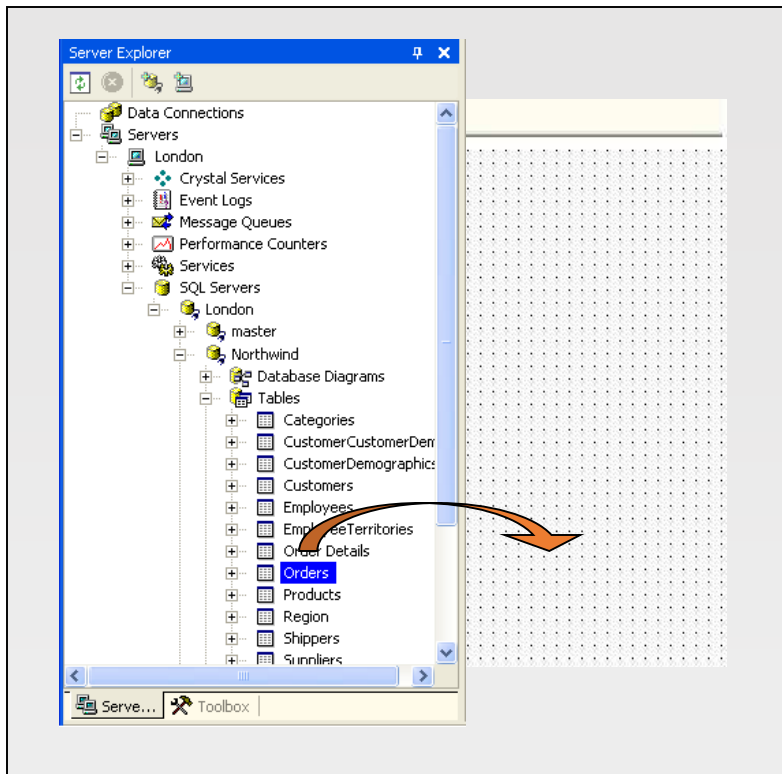
```
using System.Data;  
using System.Data.SqlClient;
```

- Namespaces used with ADO.NET include:
  - **System.Data**
  - **System.Data.SqlClient**
  - **System.Data.OleDb**

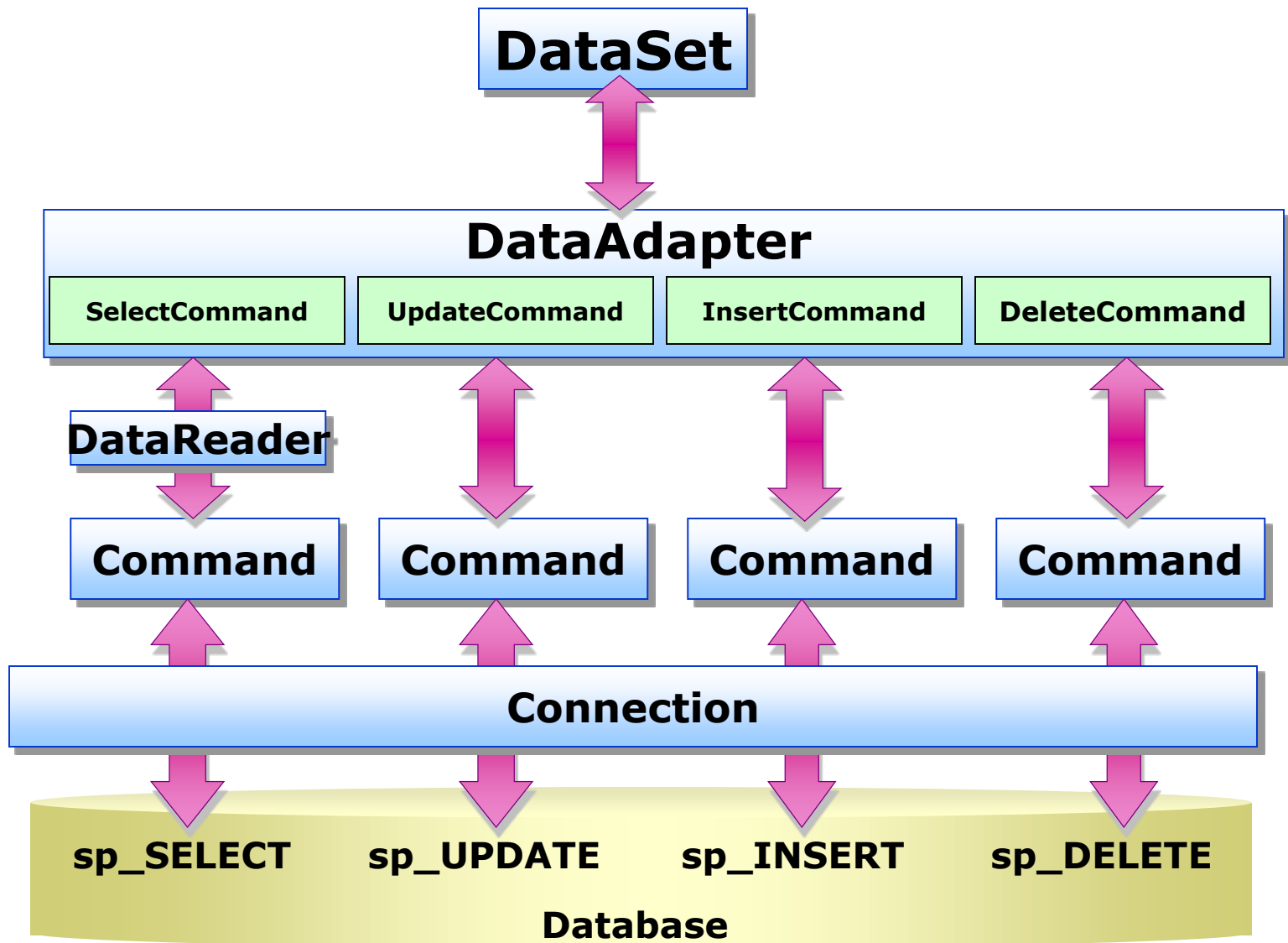
# Using Server Explorer to Generate a Connection

- Create a new data connection by dragging a Table from Server Explorer

- **Create a new data connection using the Data Links dialog box**



# The DataAdapter Object Model



# Creating a DataAdapter

- **Store the query in a DataAdapter**

```
Dim da As New SqlDataAdapter _  
    ("select * from Authors", conn)
```

```
SqlDataAdapter da = new SqlDataAdapter  
    ("select * from Authors",conn);
```

- **The DataAdapter constructor sets the SelectCommand property**

```
da.SelectCommand.CommandText  
da.SelectCommand.Connection
```

```
da.SelectCommand.CommandText;  
da.SelectCommand.Connection;
```

- **Set the InsertCommand, UpdateCommand, and DeleteCommand properties if needed**



# Demonstration: Connecting to a Database



- Expand Server Explorer to a table in a SQL Server database
- Drag and Drop Data Access

# Generating a DataSet

- You can generate a DataSet...
  - ...through the UI...
    - Creates a **DataSet** that allows you to access data as an object
  - ...or through code...
- and then fill...

```
Dim ds As New DataSet()
```

```
DataSet ds = new DataSet();
```

```
DataAdapter1.Fill(ds)  
DataAdapter2.Fill(ds)
```

```
DataAdapter1.Fill(ds);  
DataAdapter2.Fill(ds);
```

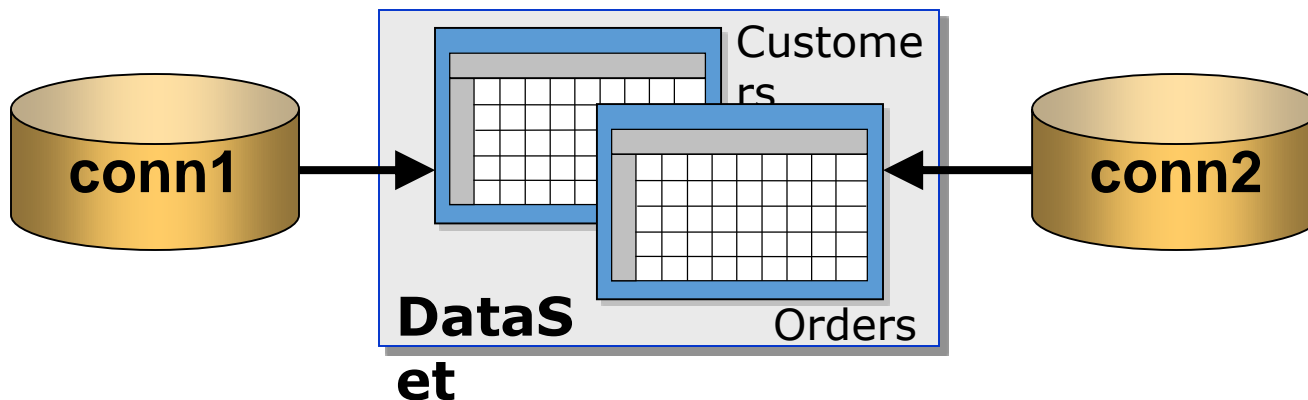
# Storing Multiple Tables

- **Add the first table**

```
daCustomers = New SqlDataAdapter _  
    ("select * from Customers", conn1)  
daCustomers.Fill(ds, "Customers")
```

- **Add the subsequent table(s)**

```
daOrders = New SqlDataAdapter _  
    ("select * from Orders", conn2)  
daOrders.Fill(ds, "Orders")
```



# Demonstration: Generating a DataSet



- Create a typed DataSet from a DataAdapter
- Add a second DataTable from a different DataAdapter
- Show the schema of DataSet

# What are List-Bound Controls?

- **Controls that connect to a data source and display the data**
- **List-bound controls include the following:**
  - **DropDownList**
  - **ListBox**
  - **CheckBoxList**
  - **RadioButtonList**
  - **DataGrid**
  - **DataList**
  - **Repeater**

# Displaying DataSet Data in List-Bound Controls

Property	Description
<b>DataSource</b>	■ The <b>DataSet</b> containing the data
<b>DataMember</b>	■ The <b>DataTable</b> in the <b>DataSet</b>
<b>DataTextField</b>	■ The field in the <b>DataTable</b> that is displayed
<b>DataValueField</b>	■ The field in the <b>DataTable</b> that becomes the value of the selected item in the list

- Fill the **DataSet**, then call the **DataBind** method

```
DataAdapter1.Fill(ds)  
lstEmployees.DataBind()
```

```
DataAdapter1.Fill(ds);  
lstEmployees.DataBind();
```