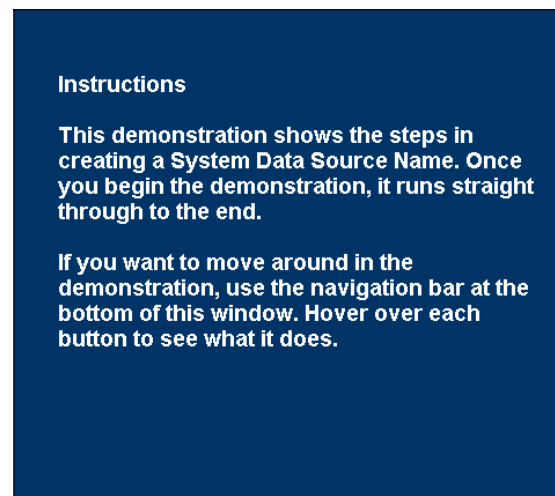


Create a System Data Source Name: a demonstration.

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Instructions: This demonstration shows the steps in creating a System Data Source Name. Once you begin the demonstration, it runs straight through to the end. If you want to move around in the demonstration, use the navigation bar at the bottom of this window. Hover over each button to see what it does.

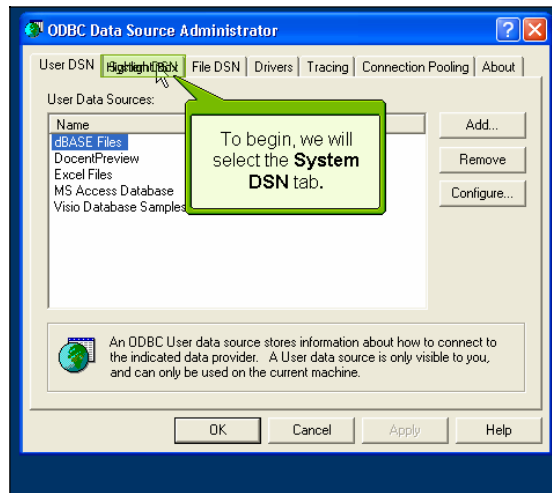
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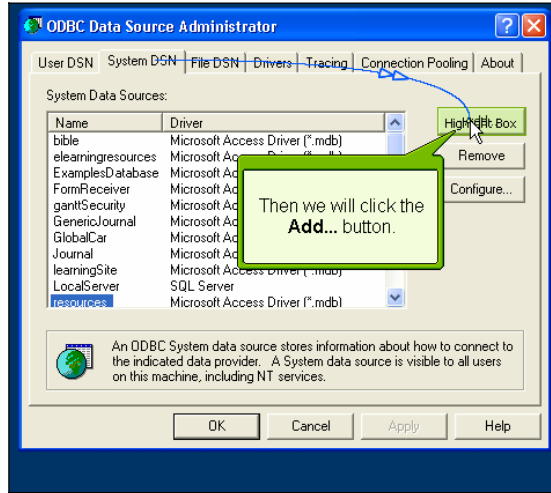
This database is located in the **c:\inetpub\wwwroot** directory.

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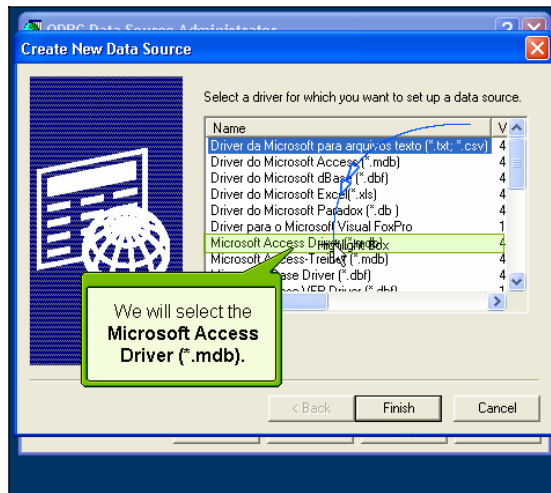
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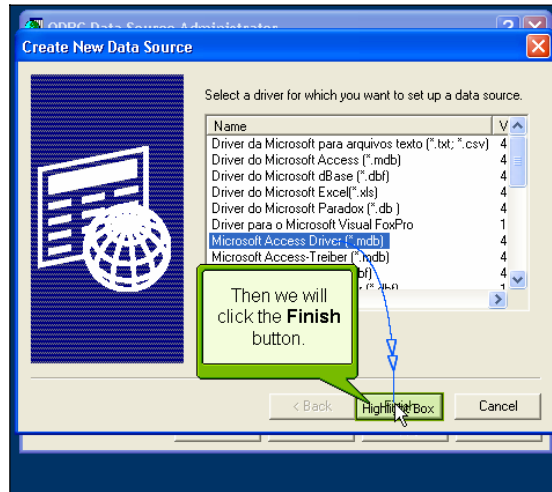
To begin, we will select the System DSN tab.



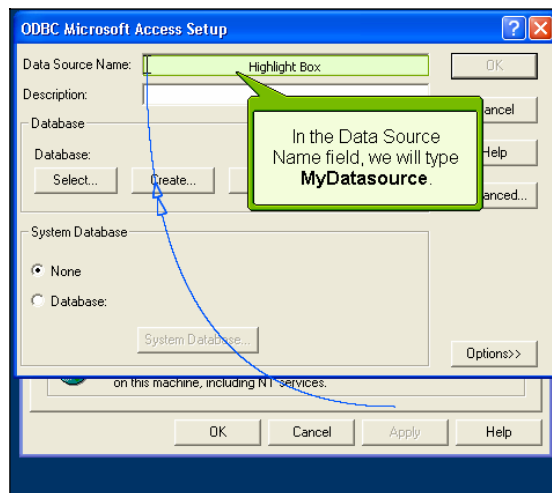
Then we will click the Add... button.



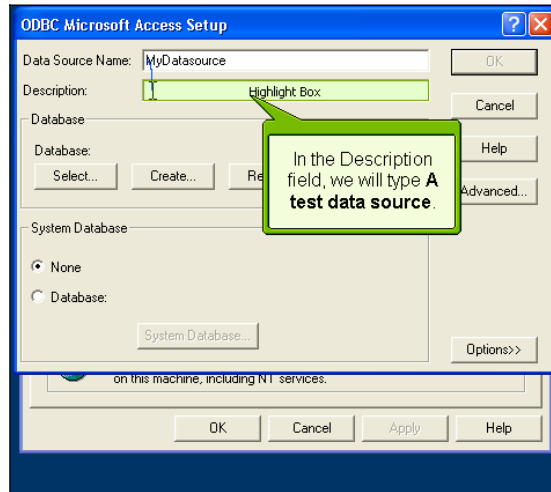
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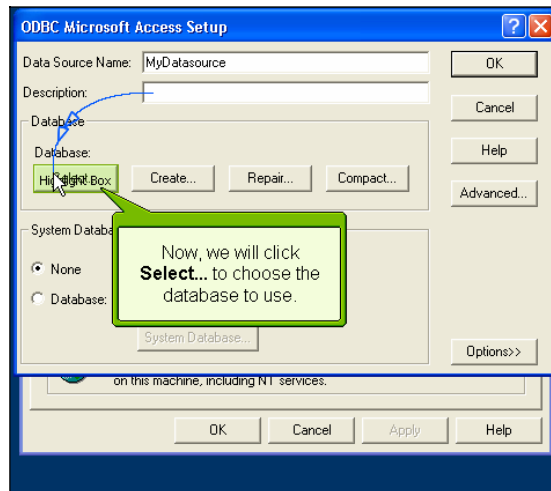
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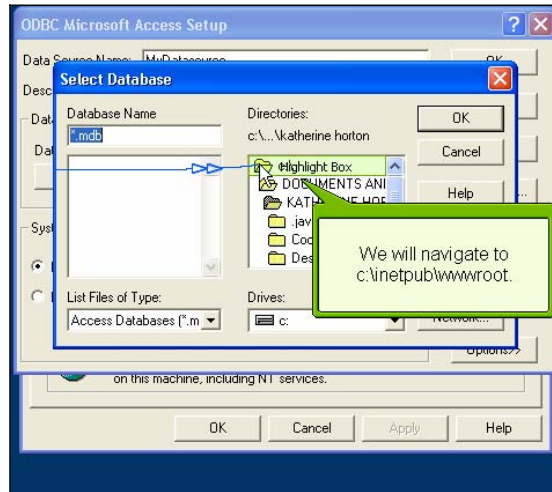
In the Data Source Name field, we will type MyDatasource.



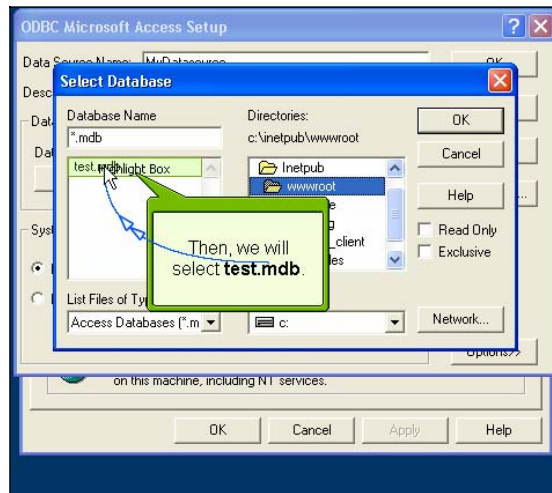
In the Description field, we will type A test data source.



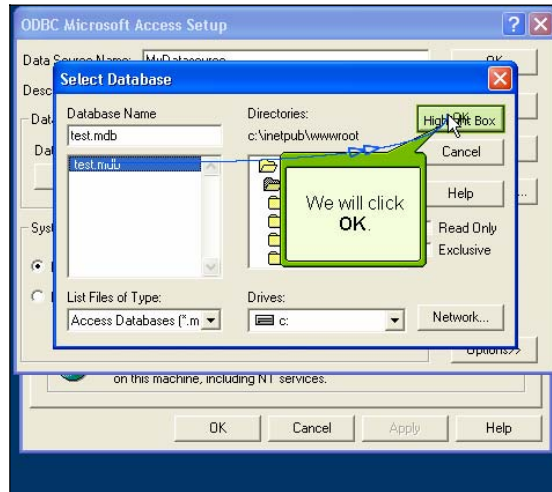
Now, we will click Select... to choose the database to use.



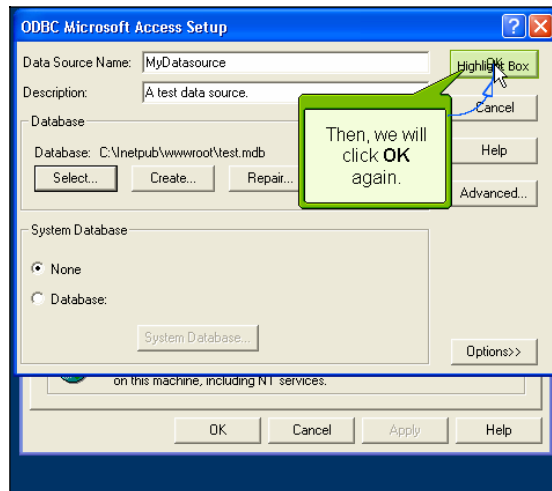
We will navigate to c:\inetpub\wwwroot.



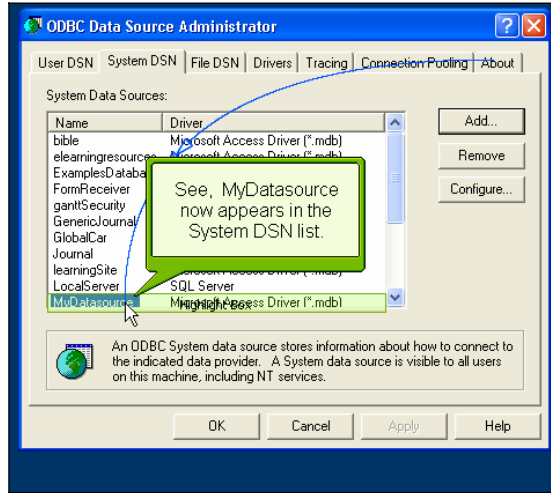
Then, we will select test.mdb.



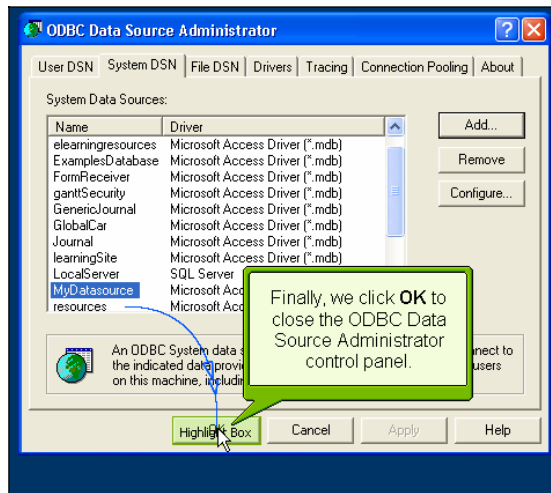
We will click OK.



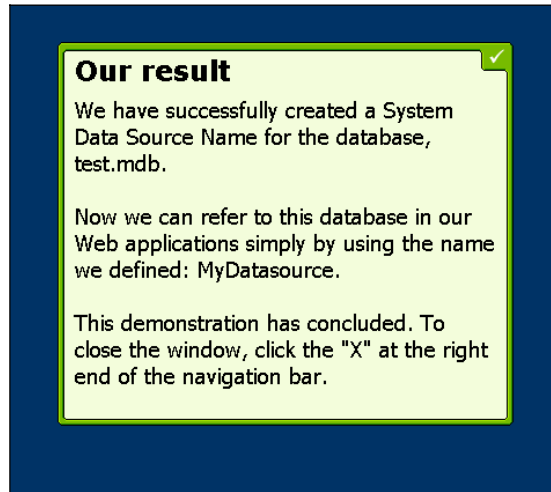
Then, we will click OK again.



See, MyDatasource now appears in the System DSN list.



Finally, we click OK to close the ODBC Data Source Administrator control panel.



Our result: We have successfully created a System Data Source Name for the database, test.mdb. Now we can refer to this database in our Web applications simply by using the name we defined: MyDatasource. This demonstration has concluded. To close the window, click the "X" at the right end of the navigation bar.