

Microsoft SQL Server Open Protocols Readme

Microsoft is implementing four new interoperability principles and corresponding actions across its high-volume business products: (1) ensuring open connections; (2) promoting data portability; (3) enhancing support for industry standards; and (4) fostering more open engagement with customers and the industry, including open source communities.

Read the full Microsoft PressPass article: <http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/press/2008/feb08/02-21ExpandInteroperabilityPR.mspx>

Microsoft SQL Server Open Protocols Introduction

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc678150.aspx>

Microsoft is providing access through open connections to its high-volume products—Windows Vista (including the .NET Framework), Windows Server 2008, SQL Server 2008, the 2007 Microsoft Office system, Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007—so that software developers, business partners, and competitors can better interact with these Microsoft products or invent new solutions for customers.

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Using the Open Specifications:	Ask questions about the Open Specifications

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Windows Protocols: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111123	Discuss technical content and implementation of the Windows protocols described in the Open Specifications.
File Services: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111124	Discuss technical content and implementation of Server Message Block (SMB) protocols described in the Open Specifications.
Using the Office Open Specifications: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=112502	Discuss technical content and implementation of the Office protocols described in the Open Specifications.
Using the Exchange Server Protocols: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=113883	Discuss technical content and implementation of the Exchange Server and Outlook protocols described in the Open Specifications.
Using the SharePoint Products and Technologies Protocols: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=115477	Discuss technical content and implementation of the SharePoint Products and Technologies protocols described in the Open Specifications.
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Using the Microsoft SQL Server protocols: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=115249	Discuss technical content and implementation of the Microsoft SQL Server protocols described in the Open Specifications.
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