

Access vs. MySQL

- Access

- Single user program for individual use—data cannot be accessed concurrently
- Data can be stolen by anybody with access to the computer the database file is stored on
- Tied to Microsoft Windows

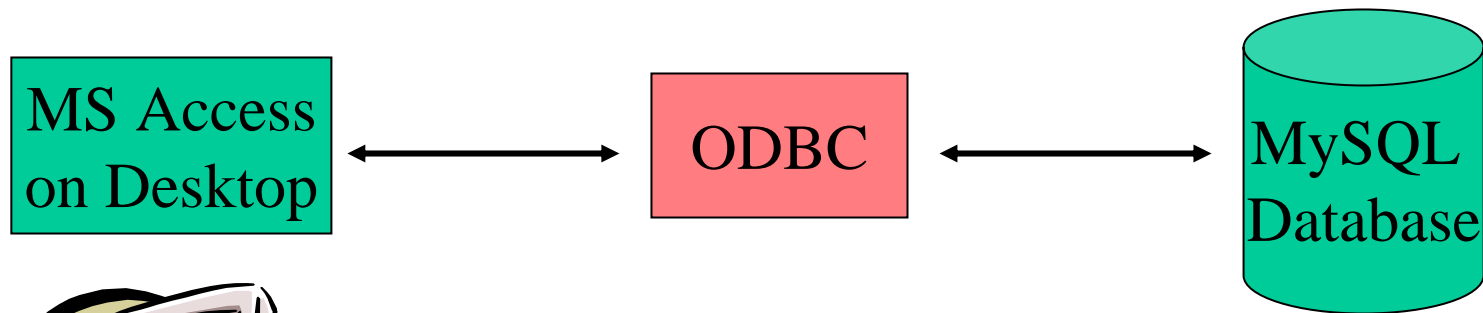
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- Access is a multiple user program—works well in a networked environment where multiple people control data
- Data can only be accessed by authorized people
- Cross-platform

Use Access if

- You want your data to be easily portable
- You only need single user access at a time
- The reporting features of Access are more important to you than the database features of MySQL

Use Access as a front end to MySQL



ODBC = Open Database
Connectivity