

## Re: Access and database connection

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chris wrote:

> I get the following error when I try to run my web page in  
> asp.net.  
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> The Microsoft Jet database engine cannot open the  
> file 'c:\inetpub\wwwroot\test\test.mdb'. It is already  
> opened exclusively by another user, or you need permission  
> to view its data.  
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> I have gone to the User Accounts and changed all users to  
> group Administrators, but still does not work. I am using  
> visual studio.net, and I seem to remember changing  
> permissions on a file and it seemed to work after that but  
> can not remember what or where that file is located. If  
> anyone can help me with this error I would be most  
> appreciative.  
>  
> chris

This problem can have 2 causes (as indicated by the message):

- 1) opened by another user. This can be caused by your own application opening the database and not closing it. Make sure to add the line `myConnection.Close()` after opening a connection. Also use exception handling, so that the this line also executes in the case of an error.
- 2) you need permission. Try changing the security settings on the database file `test.mdb`, by giving the ASPNET account at least read access.

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Jos