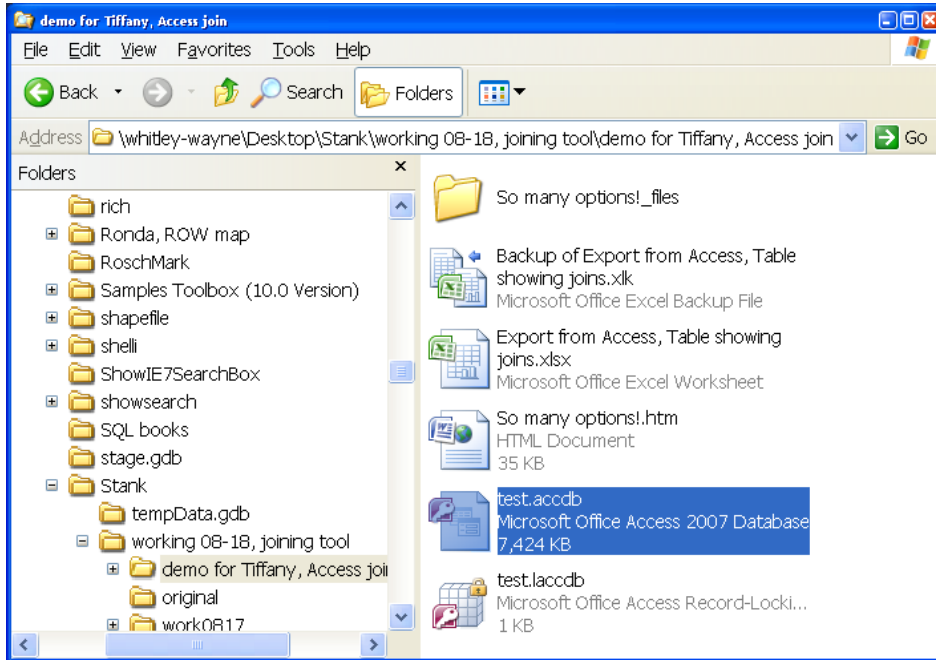


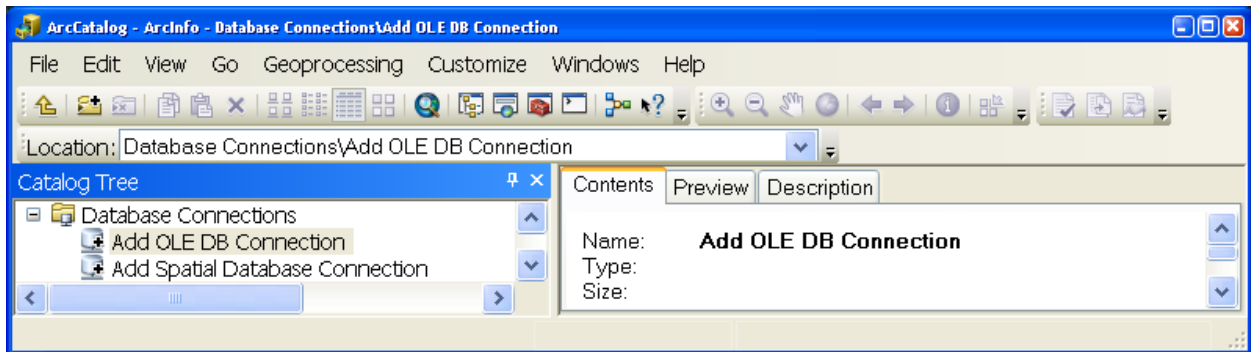
...very simple demo:

I have a 2007 Access database, called 'test.accdb', as viewed from Windows Explorer—



I have ArcGIS 10.0, but no matter, should be more or less the same in ArcGIS 10.1 – only likely difference is the part where you had to add the 'backward compatibility' button to your ArcCatalog interface.

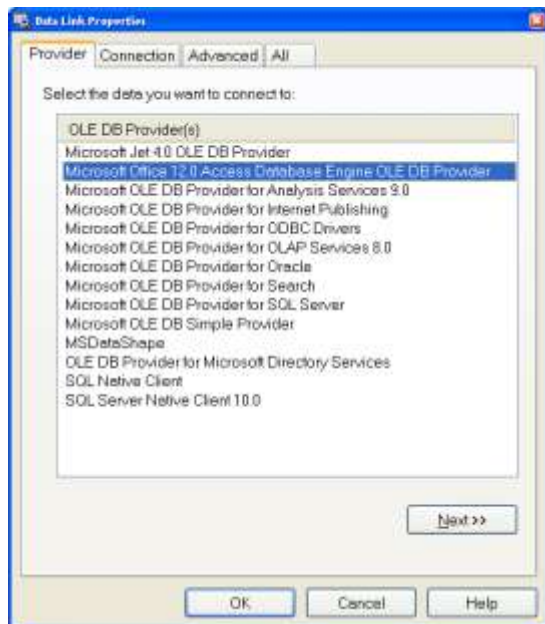
Mine is standard at the Database Connections, Add OLE DB Connection as shown:



So from my ArcCatalog, I'll click the 'Add OLE DB Connection' as shown (you, at 10.1, will use the button you added as instructed earlier).

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I will use the similar 'Microsoft Office 12.0 Access Database Engine OLE DB Provider':



Then, click 'Next >>' or simply go to the next tab 'Connection', where I have entered the pathname to my Access database – mine happens to be in this test case:

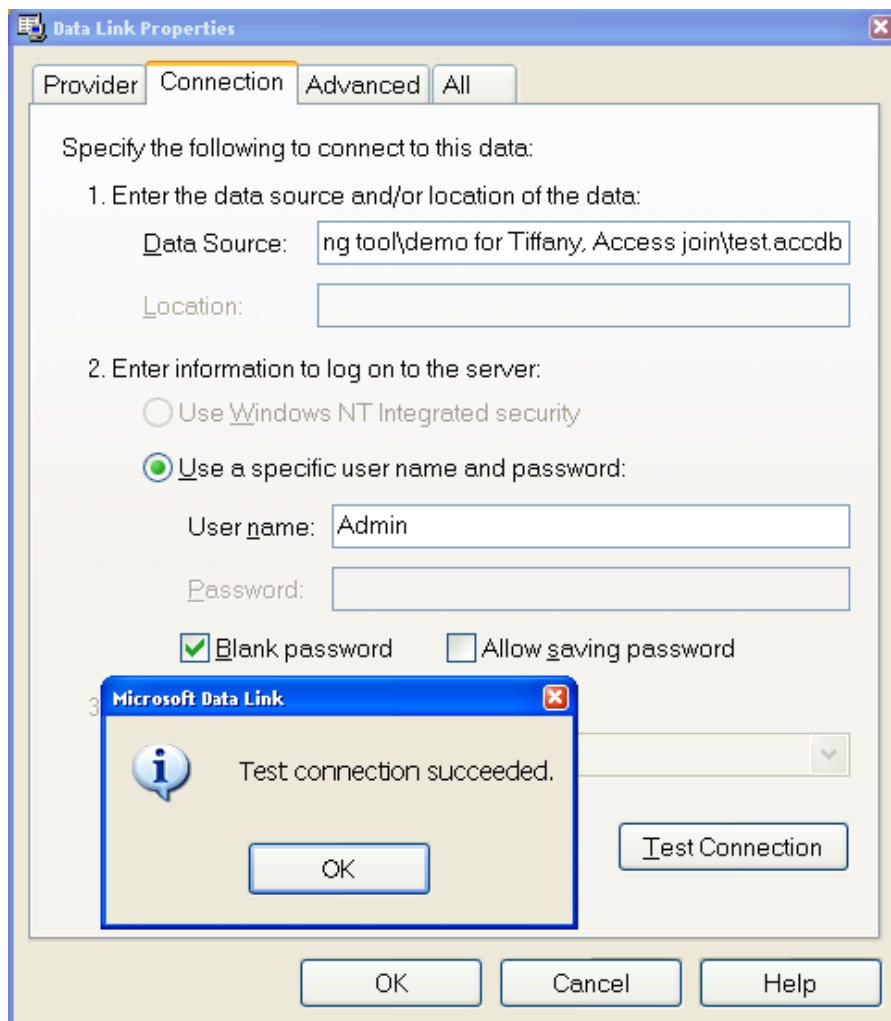
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Note that since no security was set up on my database (yours may be different, depending on who authored the db and how security was set up). Mine's a simple case where all I needed to provide was the Data Source pathname as shown in the last picture...

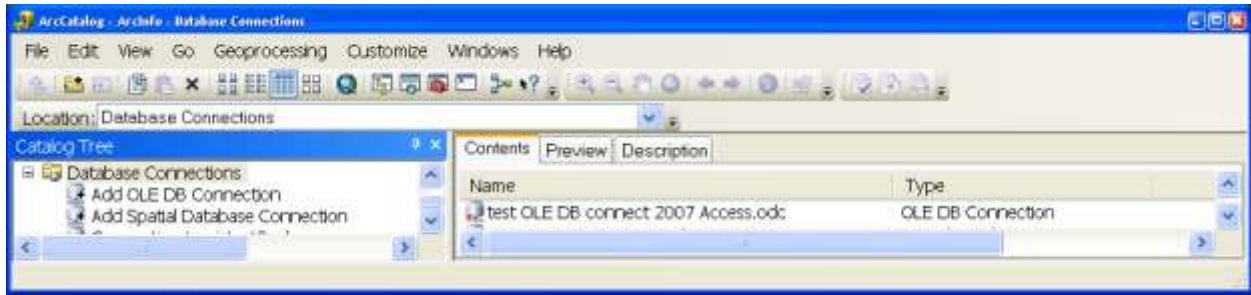
To test whether connection works with only this, try the Test Connection button, and mine works fine – no additional connection parameters are required:



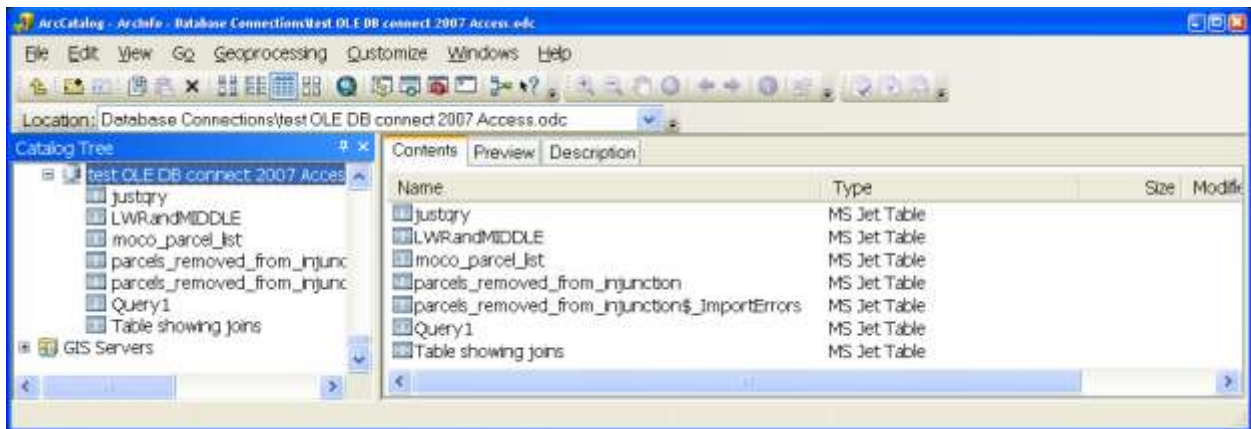
Hit OK twice (once to dismiss the Microsoft Data Link msg window and again on the properties window...

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...which in turn, results in the connection as viewed from ArcCatalog (you can rename it as you wish):



I don't care what this test connection is called – just want to make sure if I double-click on it that it opens – it opens just fine with a number of test tables I made some time ago (that I now forgot what purpose they serve, does not matter – this is for testing purposes only):



...and if I preview one of the tables (below), it is a similar view as what you may already have experienced with viewing Excel tables in ArcCatalog or ArcMap – these table 'views' can now be added to ArcMap, etc., via the connection you just set up – simply use the pathname including the connection in the path...

