Introduction

Before you can setup the Cadence® OrCAD® Capture CIS configuration file (.DBC), you must define the open database connectivity (ODBC) data source for your database. Capture CIS interfaces to your part database using a defined ODBC data source name. A data source consists of a database filename and an associated ODBC driver with which to access it. If you are setting up a client-server database, the data source also references the database server. Since the introduction of version 17.2 you need to define the data source name, assign the database file name, and specify the ODBC driver using the 64-bit ODBC Windows control panel.

You must define the data source on each user's system. When you do so, use the same data source name. This allows users to share the same configuration file.

Note: If your workgroup is sharing a configuration file, make sure to write-protect the file.

Creating an ODBC link for Microsoft® Excel® on 64-bit Operating Systems

1. Make sure you have the relevant ODBC drivers to map a 32-Bit Microsoft Office to a 64-Bit datasource. Refer to the app note Capture CIS Data Sources for further information.
2. Go to the Start > Control Panel > Administrative Tools
3. Double click the 'ODBC Data Sources (64-bit)' icon, this will open the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialogue.
4. Click the System DSN tab, this will show you the currently configured System Data Sources and will allow you to Add, Remove and configure your ODBC data sources.
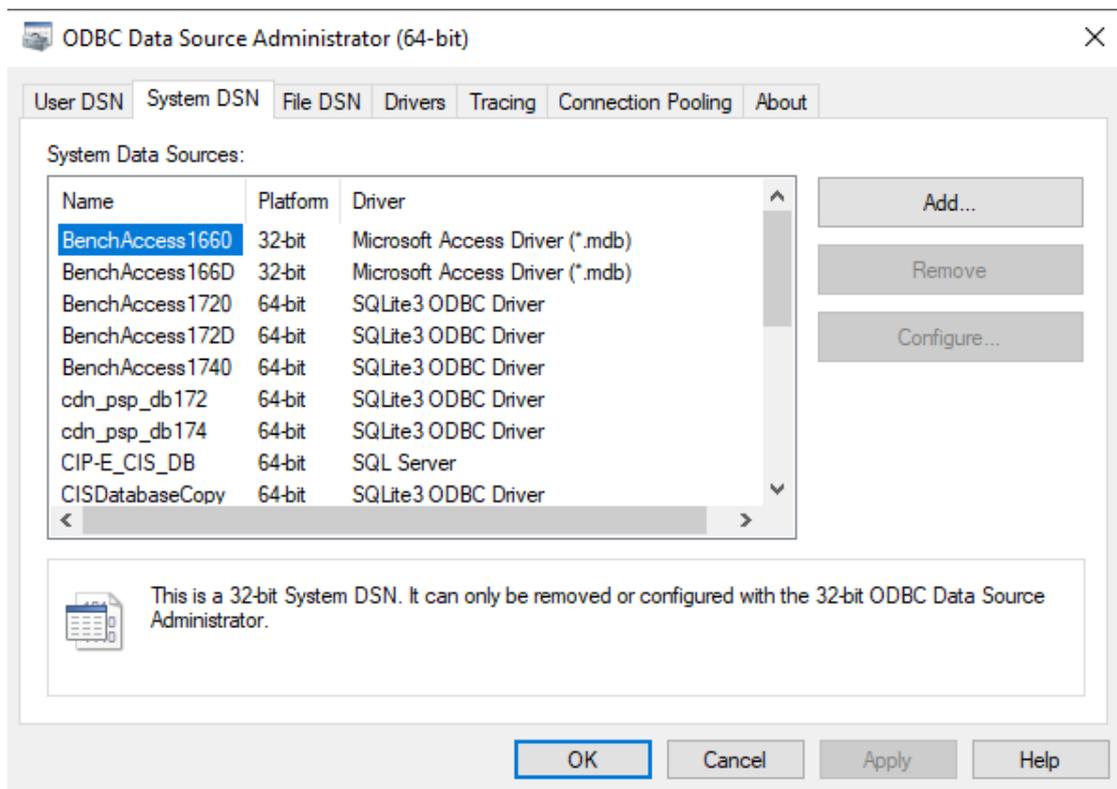
5. To define a new data source, click the 'Add' button.

6. Select a Microsoft Excel Driver (*.xlsx). Click Finish.
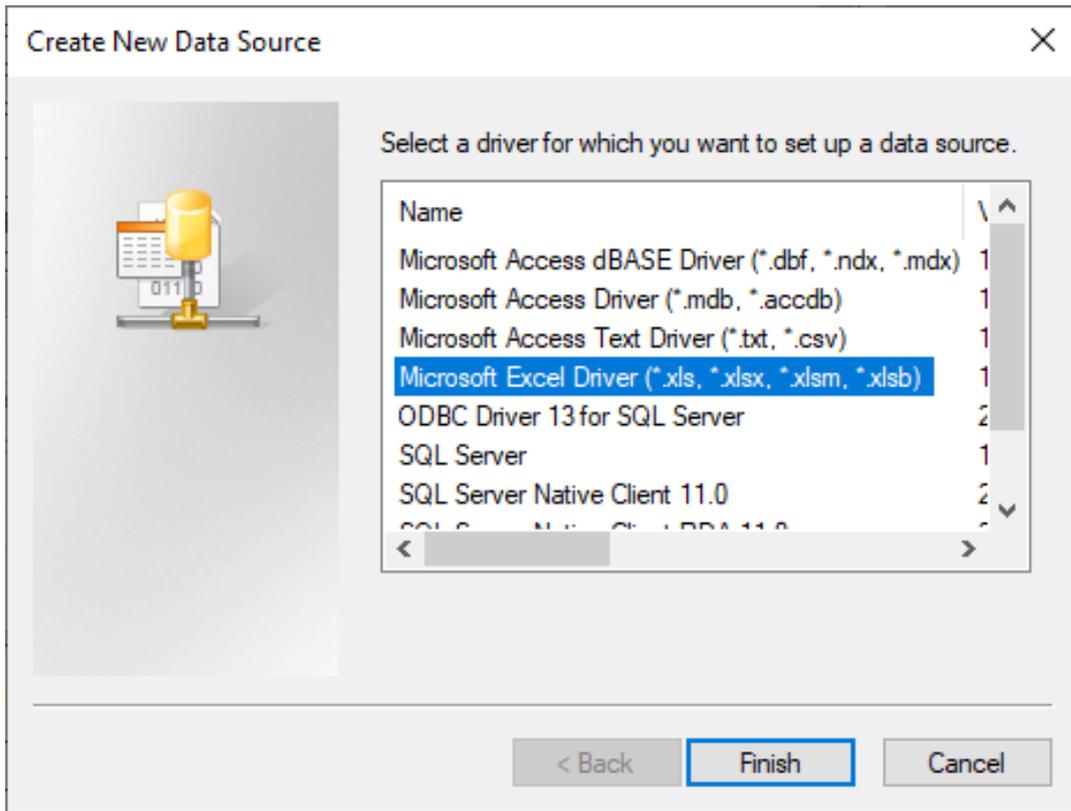
7. Specify a data source name and description then select your excel database using the Select Workbook button. Press the options button and deselect the read only button (IMPORTANT).
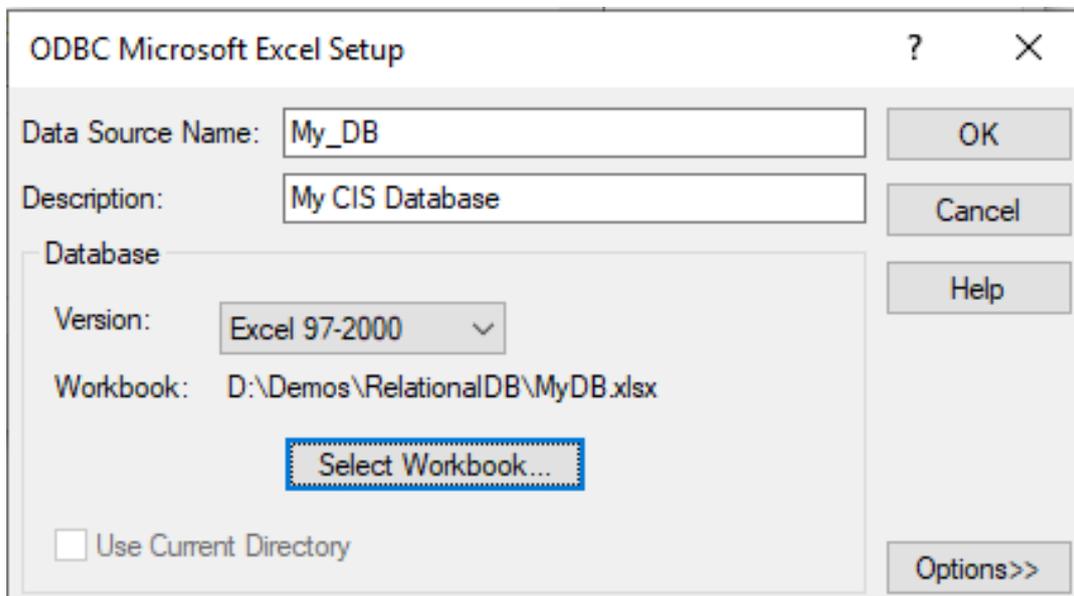
8. Click 'OK' to close the 'ODBC Microsoft Excel' dialogue box.
9. The configured database is now in the system DSN list.
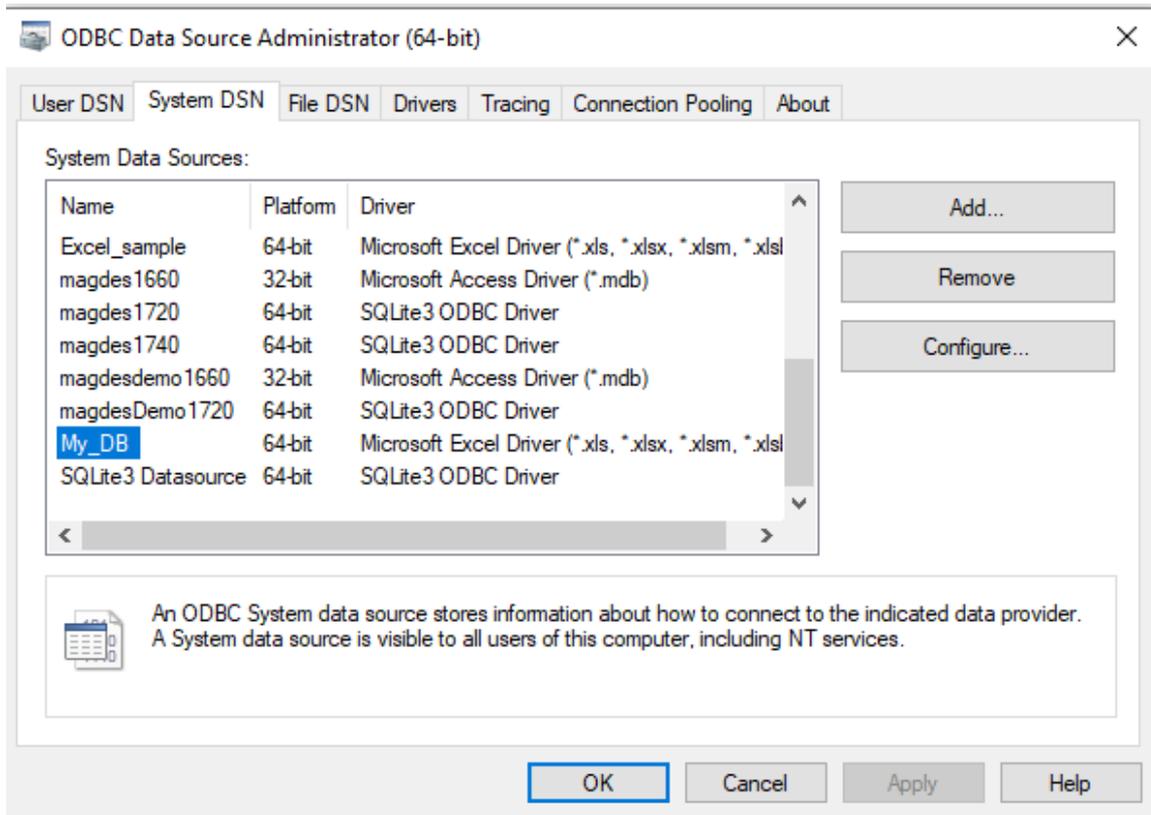
You can now go to Capture CIS and create your DBC file using the data source name specified above.