

# My ODBC client application would not work with the CIS ODBC driver until I set the the **COMPOSITE\_DSN\_XML** variable

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## Introduction

This document describes why Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) client application doesn't work with Cisco Information Server (CIS) ODBC driver until **COMPOSITE\_DSN\_XML** variable is set.

As CIS comes with an ODBC driver. If you are using an ODBC client (e.g. WinSQL), your client can use the driver to connect to a CIS server and subsequently access published resources.

## Why would ODBC client application doesn't work with the CIS ODBC driver until **COMPOSITE\_DSN\_XML** variable is set?

The CIS ODBC driver has a dependency on the **compositeNN.xml** file (NN is the version number). This file is located under the **\$COMPOSITE\_HOME** directory by default. The ODBC driver relies on the **COMPOSITE\_DSN\_XML** variable to find the file.