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Error in Access when opening a database on a network file share

In late December security updates rolled out to some Office users caused the error "Could not use 'path to database.accdb'; file already in use." or "Could not lock file." to suddenly start appearing. You should only see this issue if linking a front end Access database to a back end Access database. See the link/button below for further details and updates. The issue has been fixed for most cases, but you may have to manually apply updates to get it if you are still experiencing an issue.

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President's Remarks

Happy New Year!

As the owner of a small business I am starting out my year doing a fair amount of planning and a bit of reorganizing and reprioritizing! I am also taking some quiet time to do a bit of reading/learning. In the computer science field there is usually a lot to keep updated on.

If you have been thinking about reorganizing the way your business runs, perhaps we can help by providing custom software to automate manual or error prone tasks, reduce duplicate entry of data, or provide you with a better picture of your data to make better decisions! Give us a call or send us an email, we would be happy to assist!

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Enhancing the Benefits of Microsoft Access in the Cloud with the Power Platform

Learn more about the new Access Connector for Dataverse and Power Platform which is currently in Public Beta in this [blog post](#) by Michael Aldridge, the Principal Program Manager in charge of Microsoft Access and the Microsoft 365 Developer Program. This connector has had a lot of effort put into it particularly during this past year. It is scheduled for General Availability in March 2022. I am excited about the way this will more easily enable us to develop hybrid applications which keep using Microsoft Access for the general business desk/laptop users, and then use Power Apps for mobile users sharing data seamlessly.

Microsoft Roadmap for Access Updated

The [Microsoft Roadmap](#) for Access has been updated to reflect planned new features for 2022. I am excited to report that a fix for the Inconsistent Database Error is slated for May 2022! I know it is way past time, but trust me that there has been considerable effort put into identifying the causes of this issue. Other items on this year's list are the New Microsoft Graph Data Connector, New (Modern) Web Browser Control (to support Chromium Edge), Enabling Large Address Aware (LAA) for 32-bit Access, and SQL Monaco Editor. Sounds like an exciting year!

New Year, new Access Lunchtime webinar topics

Take a look at the [AccessUserGroups.org Event Calendar](#) to view the upcoming sessions. To kick off the year we plan to highlight a "Demo of the Access Connector for Dataverse and Power Platform", then "Combo Boxes and List Boxes"