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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

This article is a Technical Note discussing Informix hose database location
specifications.


DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

When using the "IN LOCATION" statement with some versions of Informix for
VMS, the database location must contain a directory name enclosed in
brackets [ ].  Using a logical that does not contain brackets will result
in an error.  This restriction does not apply to the 'USE LOCATION'
statement, which allows the use of logicals without brackets.

open database 'daldemo' in location 'msad$system:';          -->  error

open database 'daldemo' in location 'sys$sysroot:[msad]';  -->  OK

use location 'msad$system';
open informix dbms;                                          -->  OK
open database 'daldemo';
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With some versions of Informix for VMS, the Informix DBMS software is only
able to open databases located in the current default directory. For these
versions of Informix, the USE LOCATION method above must be used; the IN
LOCATION method will produce an error message.

The first method is preferable, but if using the USE LOCATION statement,
follow these guidelines to insure that the dbms will use the directory
specified.

• Use the statement only once per session.

- Issue the statement before any "open dbms" or "open database" statement.

Note: Informix support in DAL has been discontinued in release 1.3.6, so this tech note is valid only for releases 1.3.5 and before.

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