

# Configuring a Dreamweaver MX Site Using phAkt and Firebird

Recent DMXZone Premium articles on using Firebird have inspired me to try connecting to a Firebird database, using the phAkt PHP\_ADODB server model.

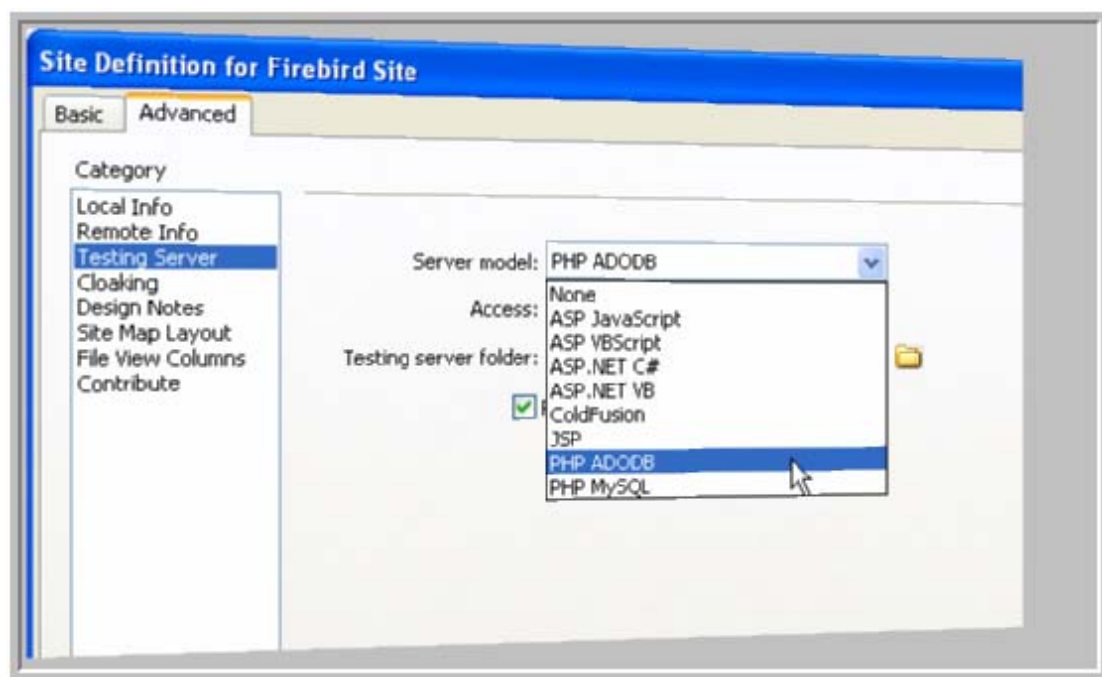
phAkt can be downloaded from:

<http://www.interaktonline.com/products/PHAKt/>

Once the downloaded zip file is unzipped, the actual extension .mxd file can be found and installed in the usual way. It takes longer to install than most other Dreamweaver extensions, because it is a lot bigger.

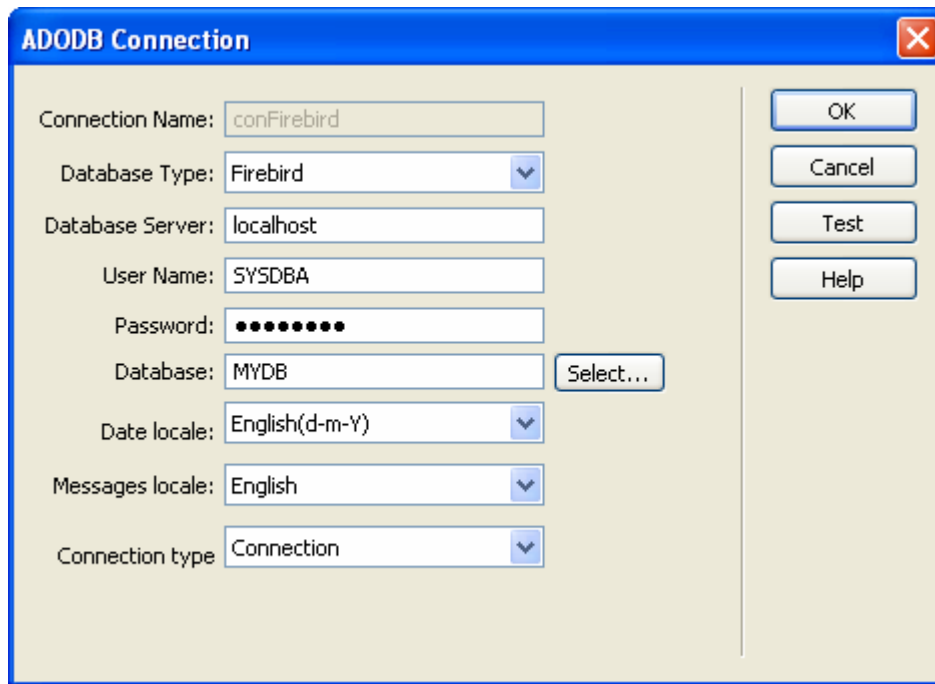
This tutorial assumes that you have installed the phAkt extension to Dreamweaver MX 2004, and that you have successfully installed and configured the Firebird server, and have created a Firebird database file for your site, as shown in the two excellent articles so far published on this site.

Set up the new site in Dreamweaver, choosing the PHP\_ADODB server model.



When you create a new Dynamic Page, choose PHP4, rather than PHP. This inserts a little PHP comment at the top of the document that enables Dreamweaver to recognise the page as using the PHP\_ADODB model.

Set up a database connection in the Databases panel. Click on the + sign.



I have found that the connection is easier to make, if you have defined an alias for your database.

As usual, click test to get the successful connection sign.

