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Subject: accessing variables with their string names  
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Hello. I'm trying to create a graphical user interface to do analysis and plotting of research data. My widget contains a list widget where I display the names of the data the user has read in.

The problem is: I wanted the user to be able to read in a dat file of saved variables. I don't know what the names of the variables will necessarily be. I figured out a way to get the STRING names of the restored variables into an array. But, I still need a way to access the data that the variables contain for plots, etc. Is there any way to access the variables' data if all you have is a string array of the variables' names? I'd appreciate any help.

Thanks,  
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