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Subject: Re: include file?

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This topic has been explained very well with lots of good ideas (I've saved J.D. Smith's message for future reference). I ran into a different type of problem when I wanted to change some default program parameters of a run-time application, such as the number and size of some display windows, default directory locations, etc. I wanted to give the user the .sav program file as well as a 'defaults' file that the user could change as desired. The problem is that a run-time application can not compile anything, so I just put all the defaults in an ascii file and had the application program open and parse the values. My defaults file is of the form:

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parameter1:value1
parameter2:value2
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and I just search for the parameter string and then read in the value for that parameter. If it's not found, I load some default value.

I think this is an easy way to change the parameters, and probably the best way to do it for a run-time application, especially for values that you might want to change frequently.

-Steve Hartmann

Stu wrote:

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> Hi,
> I have several different routines that all set up the same or slightly
> different constants etc at the beginning,
> is it possible to have all the constants in one file, and have all my
> functions/procedures reference this file
> when they start? It would make for easier maintainence this way. How
> would it be done? I can't see a
> normal function or procedure doing the job as you would have to ask for
> each constant explicitly, which is a
> bit of a pain.
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> cheers,
> Stu
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