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Subject: Re: Including ASCII file in .sav ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 14:03:27 GMT

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wtt writes:

> I have a text file that I would like to have displayed when the user  
> selects a certain menu item. Is there something special that I need to  
> do in order to reference this text file? It is included in the  
> project. I looked at the OPENR description, and it seems to want to  
> open files from the filesystem.

Typically, you include the text file with the save file  
in the distribution of the software, then refer to it by  
relating it to the location of the save file. PROGRAMROOTDIR  
is useful for this purpose:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/programrootdir.pro>

In other words, suppose your save file is stored in  
a directory named "coyote", and the data files are  
stored in a sub-directory of coyoyte, named "data".  
Then, the program would refer to the "data" directory  
like this:

```
file = Filepath(Root_Dir=ProgramRootDir(), Subdir='data', $  
               'mydatafile.txt')
```

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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