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Subject: Re: Substituting multiple strings into a program  
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So you want to read a "control" file containing a list of filenames (or portions of filenames), and then loop over that filename list reading and displaying the data in each file?

On 08/08/12 15:50, MightyMrFish wrote:

- > I believe the topic may be a bit confusing, so I'll try to describe what I wish to do here. You'll have to forgive me
- > if I don't use the correct terminology as I'm not exactly skilled in any sort of programming.
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- > What I want to do is get individual strings of text from a file and place them into a program, run that program, and
- > then repeat the program with the next string of text in the file. For example, say I have a file titled "DogNames"
- > that has a list of names of dogs (Rex, Cherry, Sniffles, Captain Kevin the V, etc.). I have a set of text documents
- > with data corresponding to each name. The text documents are titled according to which dog the data is from (data on
- > Rex is titled Rex, data from Cherry is titled Cherry, etc.) The data is columns of information. I have a program
- > already that calls for the user to input the name of a file to draw data from and what name to give the graph it
- > spits out.
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- > I'd like to be able to have the program read a list of names and, since they directly correspond to file names, be
- > able to sub in each name into the program I already wrote and spit out a graph with the same name. I can do the
- > latter (naming the graphs), but the former is what I'm unsure about. I know what I want to do (read name1, insert
- > into program, produce graph, read name2, insert into program, etc...), but don't know what commands to use or even
- > the appropriate syntax.
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- > Any advice/help would be greatly appreciated.