
Subject: Re: Including ASCII file in .sav ?

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 14:00:42 GMT

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On Mar 12, 8:54 am, wtt <wtripl...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Thanks very much,

> Bill

Well, not sure if this what you want, but you could

1-read the ascii file into a string array/matrix

2-save that string array in a .sav file

3-have you program restore the .sav file and display the string array
the way you want

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

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