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Thread: [VB.NET and XML question](#)

Shadow Reign - July 18, 2018, 2:09 am

I'm not very familiar with XML or VB.NET.

I'm attempting to create an application that can be used to keep track of specific data.

Essentially what I want to do is this

Write this data into a database that can be saved by the application upon closing and viewed again at later dates.

First I was attempting to just use Folders and text files, but the way I wanted it to work was to input the dates/times/ETC as the file name but windows wont allow some of the characters I need)(:;V

Then I got thinking what if I keep the database inside the application itself instead of streamreading and writing data to text files and directories.

And that's why I am here. Is this possible using an XML file?

Vyxn - July 18, 2018, 2:34 am

(Jul 18, 2018 02:09 AM)Shadow Reign Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) First I was attempting to just use Folders and text files, but the way I wanted it to work was to input the dates/times/ETC as the file name but windows wont allow some of the characters I need)(:;V

Replace or remove those invalid character then?

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Yes.

Shadow Reign - July 18, 2018, 2:41 am

If I remove them it makes the file name difficult to understand and I can't find a decent replacement that windows will allow.

But now that I know, I'm going to try it with an XML file.

sh@rp - July 18, 2018, 4:14 am

You can store and retrieve data by using "Xml Serialization". ;)