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### Working with Text Files

Did you know that you can import a text file into MicroStation?

You can find it under *File>Import>text*. Just select the ASCII file you wish to include in your drawing and MicroStation will use your active text settings and element attributes to place the text in your drawing. Alternatively, you can use the key-in "include" or "include [path:filename]" to select or specify the file.  
Example: include c:\program files\bentley\workspace\system\data\shortcut.txt

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Did you know that you can view a text file in MicroStation?

The key-in "DR=path:\filename" opens a text window and displays the contents of an ASCII file within MicroStation.

Example: dr=c:\program files\bentley\workspace\system\data\shortcut.txt  
will display the contents of the AccuDraw shortcut file.

(you may need to enclose the path:\filename in "quotes" if using filenames that include spaces)

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