

## Chapter II-9 — Importing and Exporting Data

In this case, since we requested no suffix number, all of the generated wave names are Data and LoadWave displays a dialog in which you can enter unique names.

```
// nameOptions=4 means always include a sequential suffix number
/NAME={" :filename:", "", 4}           // Bit 2 set
```

LoadWave generates wave names Data0, Data1, and Data2. If any of these waves exist and you include the /O (overwrite) flag, they are overwritten. If they exist and you omit /O, LoadWave displays a dialog in which you can enter unique names.

```
// nameOptions=20 means always include a unique suffix number
/NAME={" :filename:", "", 20}          // 20 = 4 | 16 (bits 2 and 4 set)
```

LoadWave generates wave names like Data0, Data1, and Data2 where the suffix numbers are chosen to make the names unique. If you execute the same command on the same file a second time, LoadWave generates wave names Data3, Data4, and Data5.

### Loading Multiple Waves Using the File Name and the Normal Name

In this section, we assume that we are loading a file named "Data.txt" and that we are loading three waves from the file. We further assume that the file contains the column names ColumnA, ColumnB, and ColumnC and that we include the /W flag to load the column names from the file.

```
// nameOptions=1 means include the normal name
/W /NAME={" :filename:_", "", 1}
```

This generates wave names Data\_ColumnA, Data\_ColumnB, and Data\_ColumnC. If any of these waves exist and you include the /O (overwrite) flag, they are overwritten. If they exist and you omit /O, LoadWave displays a dialog in which you can enter unique names.

```
// nameOptions=21 means always include the normal name and a unique suffix number
/W /NAME={" :filename:_", "", 21}       // 21 = 1 | 4 | 16 (bits 0, 2 and 4 set)
```

LoadWave generates wave names Data\_ColumnA0, Data\_ColumnB0, and Data\_ColumnC0 where the suffix numbers are chosen to make the wave names unique. If you execute the same command on the same file a second time, LoadWave generates wave names Data\_ColumnA1, Data\_ColumnB1, and Data\_ColumnC1.

This technique could also be used with the /B flag instead of the /W flag to create wave names combining the file name and additional names explicitly specified by /B. See **Setting Wave Names When Loading Data Files** on page II-176 for a functional example.

## Other LoadWave Features

This section discusses other issues that apply to loading text data files.

### Loading Custom Date Formats

This section applies to loading delimited text (/J), fixed field text (/F) and general text (/G) files.