

## VBA Text Files

We can also read Excel File and write the contents of the cell into a Text File. This way, VBA allows users to work with text files. We can work with test files using two methods

- **File System Object**
- **using Write Command**

## Using File System Object *FSO*

As the name suggests, FSO Objects help the developers to work with drives, folders and files. In this section, we will discuss how to use FSO.

Object Type	Description
Drive	Drive is an Object. Contains methods and properties that allow you to gather information about a drive attached to the system
Drives	Drives is a Collection. It Provides a list of the drives attached to the system, either physically or logically.
File	File is an Object. It Contains methods and properties that allow developers to create, delete or move a file.
Files	Files is a Collection. It Provides a list of all files contained within a folder.
Folder	Folder is an Object. It Provides methods and properties that allow developers to create, delete or move folders.
Folders	Folders is a Collection. It Provides a list of all the folders within a Folder.
TextStream	TextStream is an Object. It enables developers to read and write text files.

## Drive

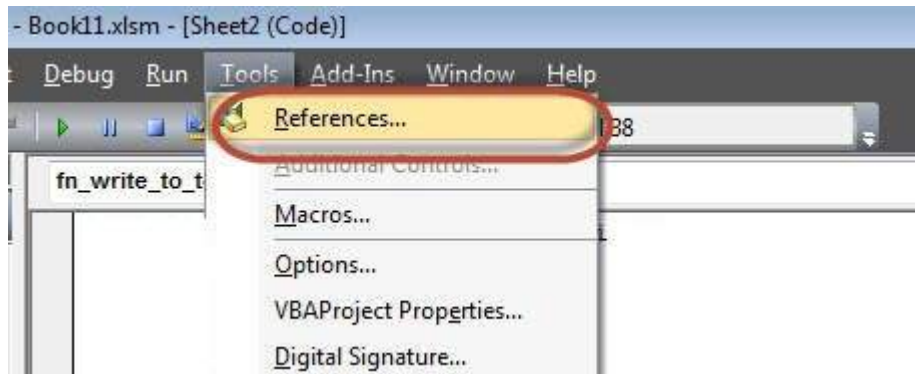
**Drive** is an object, which provides access to the properties of a particular disk drive or network share. The Following properties are supported by **Drive** object:

- AvailableSpace
- DriveLetter
- DriveType
- FileSystem
- FreeSpace
- IsReady
- Path
- RootFolder
- SerialNumber
- ShareName

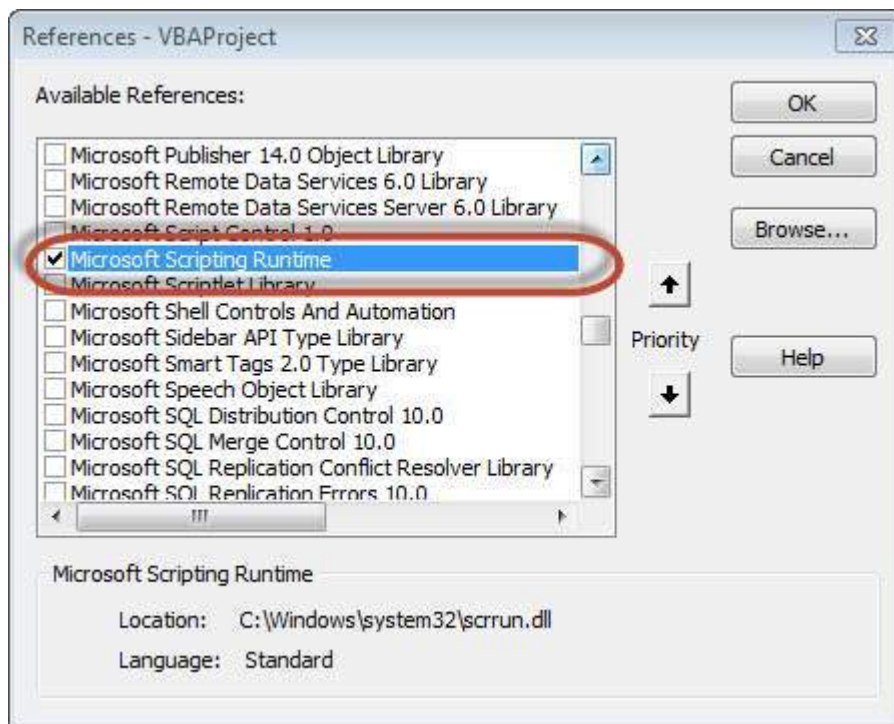
- TotalSize
- VolumeName

## Example

**Step 1 :** Before proceeding to scripting using FSO, we should enable Microsoft Scripting Runtime. To do the same, Navigate to "Tools" >> "References" as shown below :



**Step 2 :** Add "Microsoft Scripting RunTime" and Click OK.



**Step 3 :** Add Data that you would like to write it to a Text File and add a Command Button.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	State	Prevalence	95% Confidence Interval						
2	Alabama	33	(31.5, 34.4)						
3	Alaska	25.7	(23.9, 27.5)						
4	Arizona	26	(24.3, 27.8)						
5	Arkansas	34.5	(32.7, 36.4)						
6	California	25	(23.9, 26.0)						
7	Colorado	20.5	(19.5, 21.4)						
8	Connecticut	25.6	(24.3, 26.9)						
9	Delaware	26.9	(25.2, 28.6)						
10	District of Columbia	21.9	(19.8, 24.0)						
11									
12									

Write to Text File

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**Step 4 :** Now it is time to Script.

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Private Sub fn_write_to_text_Click()
    Dim FilePath As String
    Dim CellData As String
    Dim LastCol As Long
    Dim LastRow As Long

    Dim fso As FileSystemObject
    Set fso = New FileSystemObject
    Dim stream As TextStream

    LastCol = ActiveSheet.UsedRange.Columns.Count
    LastRow = ActiveSheet.UsedRange.Rows.Count

    ' Create a TextStream.
    Set stream = fso.OpenTextFile("D:\Try\Support.log", ForWriting, True)

    CellData = ""

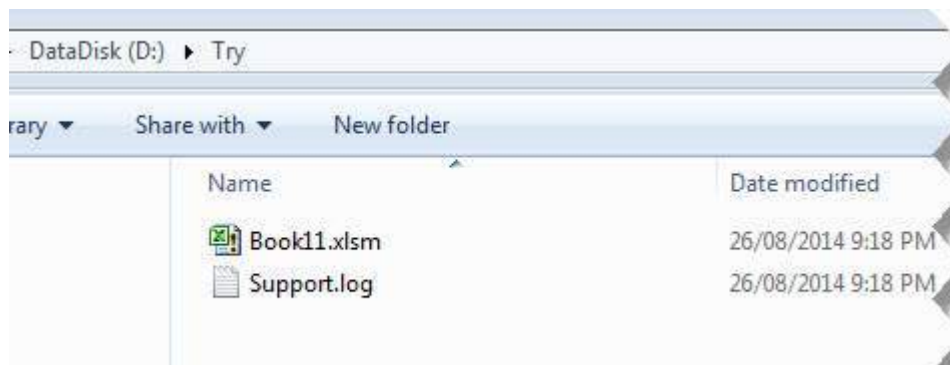
    For i = 1 To LastRow
        For j = 1 To LastCol
            CellData = Trim(ActiveCell(i, j).Value)
            stream.WriteLine "The Value at location (" & i & "," & j & ")" & CellData
        Next j
    Next i

    stream.Close
    MsgBox ("Job Done")
End Sub

```

## Output

When executing the script, ensure that you place the cursor in the first cell of the worksheet. The Support.log file is created as shown below under "D:\Try".



The Contents of the file is also shown below :

1	The Value at location (1,1)State
2	The Value at location (1,2)Prevalence
3	The Value at location (1,3)95% Confidence Interval
4	The Value at location (2,1)Alabama
5	The Value at location (2,2)33
6	The Value at location (2,3) (31.5, 34.4)
7	The Value at location (3,1)Alaska
8	The Value at location (3,2)25.7
9	The Value at location (3,3) (23.9, 27.5)
10	The Value at location (4,1)Arizona
11	The Value at location (4,2)26
12	The Value at location (4,3) (24.3, 27.8)
13	The Value at location (5,1)Arkansas

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14 The Value at location (5,2) 34.5
15 The Value at location (5,3) (32.7, 36.4)
16 The Value at location (6,1) California
17 The Value at location (6,2) 25
18 The Value at location (6,3) (23.9, 26.0)
19 The Value at location (7,1) Colorado
20 The Value at location (7,2) 20.5
21 The Value at location (7,3) (19.5, 21.4)
22 The Value at location (8,1) Connecticut
23 The Value at location (8,2) 25.6
24 The Value at location (8,3) (24.3, 26.9)
25 The Value at location (9,1) Delaware
26 The Value at location (9,2) 26.9
27 The Value at location (9,3) (25.2, 28.6)
28 The Value at location (10,1) District of Columbia
29 The Value at location (10,2) 21.9
30 The Value at location (10,3) (19.8, 24.0)
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## Using Write Command

unlike FSO, we need NOT add any references, however we will NOT be able to work Drives, Files and Folders. We will be able to just add the stream to text file.

## Example

```

Private Sub fn_write_to_text_Click()
    Dim FilePath As String
    Dim CellData As String
    Dim LastCol As Long
    Dim LastRow As Long

    LastCol = ActiveSheet.UsedRange.Columns.Count
    LastRow = ActiveSheet.UsedRange.Rows.Count

    FilePath = "D:\Try\write.txt"
    Open FilePath For Output As #2

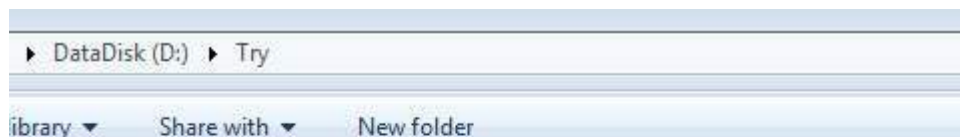
    CellData = ""
    For i = 1 To LastRow
        For j = 1 To LastCol
            CellData = "The Value at location (" & i & "," & j & ")" & Trim(ActiveCell(i, j).Value)
            Write #2, CellData
        Next j
    Next i

    Close #2
    MsgBox ("Job Done")
End Sub



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## Output

Upon executing the script, the "write.txt" file is created in the location "D:\Try" as shown below.





	Name	Date modified
	 Book11.xlsm	26/08/2014 10:22 ...
	 write.txt	26/08/2014 10:22 ...

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