

# How to use content of file for xml input?

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Hi Everyone,

actually i'm starting to work with OpenXML on SQL Server 2k. At the examples i found everywhere a variable was defined and filled hardcoded. Something like this:

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DECLARE @idoc int
DECLARE @doc varchar(1000)

SET @doc = 'This is the content of my file'
EXEC sp_xml_preparedocument @idoc OUTPUT, @doc
```

But i don't have any hardcoded text. I have a lot of xml files, which liked to be prepared. They size vary from 1 MB to 100 MB and i don't know how to pass them into the stored procedure.

So can anyone tell me, how a external xml file can be prepared to use it with sp\_xml\_preparedocument?? What functions are needed to read the content of a given file and access it for a stored procedure??

Best regards,  
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