

How to Use VamtoG

The *VamtoG* program ("Vam file to G") is a program for converting selected series from an Interdyme Vam file into a G databank. This program is convenient since the databank is written directly, with no intermediate add file necessary. The program is driven by the file *vamtog.cfg*, a sample of which is listed in the box below.

Each line of this file supplies a necessary item of information to the *VamtoG* program, which can be found after the semicolon.

Sample VAMTOG.CFG File

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Name of Vam File; dyme
Root name of destination G bank; trade\trade
Starting Date for data transfer; 1965
Ending Date for data transfer; 2010
Base Year of G databank; 55
First month covered; 1
Maximum number of observations;200
Data requests ('mac' for macros); out
    exp imp pex pim
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On the first line, supply the name of the Vam file, with or without the extension. The second item is the rootname of the G bank to be created. The extension *.bnk* is appended to the data file name, and *.ind* to the index file name.

The next two lines show the starting and ending dates for data transfers. You may transfer data for only a part of the G workspace range, if you wish. If you ask for data before the G bank or Vam file initial year, the program will complain.

The next three items, base year, first month, maximum observations, are the same items normally specified in the *G.CFG* file.

After the last semicolon follows a free-format listing of names of vectors to be copied to the G bank.