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You can load data into matlab using the "load" command. The data should be arranged just as you would want to appear in the matrix; for example, loading a file which contained:

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1.1   2.2   3.4
 2.2   3.3   2.3
```

would result in a two row, three column matrix.

The file should end in the extension ".dat". To load the file into a variable in matlab, you'd type something of the following form (substituting the path for your data) at the matlab prompt:

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load filename.dat
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The data from the file will be loaded into the variable "filename".