

# SYSVOLUMES and SYSTABLES Files

In order to keep track of available volumes and files, OpenInsight maintains two system "files" -- [SYSVOLUMES](#) and [SYSTABLES](#). As their names imply, these files contain information about currently available volumes and tables (files), respectively.

In fact, these files are simply system variables ([@VOLUMES](#) for data in SYSVOLUMES and [@TABLES](#) for data in SYSTABLES). However, to provide standard access to the information in these variables, they are accessible via the BFS **RTP50** (memory resident files) as normal OpenInsight files. Because they are not true files, they cannot be updated by users.

Information in the [SYSVOLUMES](#) and [SYSTABLES](#) files is maintained by processes such as [Attach\\_Table](#), [Create\\_Table](#), [Delete\\_Table](#), and others. For example, the [Attach\\_Table](#) process builds a [SYSVOLUMES](#) file entry for the volume being attached, and creates a series of [SYSTABLES](#) entries, one for each file being attached.