

Instructions for running the Lotto Analysis Program v5

This program will take a text file containing the lottery results and analyse the number of times a particular set of triples or quadruples or quintuples that have occurred in the draws. For instance in the sample Lottery Data File which covers 2008 UK Lotto Draws the triple 2, 23, 40 and 10, 34, 48 and 19, 44, 45 have occurred 10 times – all others have occurred 9 times or less. For the quadruples the numbers 2, 3, 23, 40 and 5, 9, 14, 38 have appeared in 4 draws - all others have occurred 3 times or less. For quintuples, there are about 20 sets of numbers that have appeared twice – if you had picked these numbers and used them since day one, you would have made a profit on the Lotto!

1. Download to your computer (Save not Run) the Lotto Analysis Program
2. Download to your computer (Save not Open) the Lotto Results (Lottery 2008.txt)
3. Note where the file Lottery 2008.txt is stored – probably in your personal download area.
4. Running the Program – it will ask you where your Lottery.txt file is stored using an Open file dialogue box. Go to the location at 3 and click on the file. After the results data has satisfactorily loaded, it will ask you whether you want to do the analysis for triples or quadruples or quintuples – enter 3 or 4 or 5 followed by <Enter>. It will then ask you how many occurrences you wish to see (8 or 9 for triples, 3 for quadruples, 2 for quintuples). It will then present you with the analysis which you have requested. Obviously the lower you make the figure the more results will appear. When the page is full (you will know when this has happened when the flashing cursor is on the same line as the last set of numbers) YOU MUST PRESS THE SHIFT KEY to move to the next list of occurrences.
5. If you enter 0 (zero) this will produce all the triples or quadruples or quintuples that have never appeared – these run into the thousands.
6. You can set up your own Lotto Results file as described below.

Instructions for setting up your own Lotto Results File

We obtain our results from the excellent Mersey World Lottery Site (<http://lottery.merseyworld.com/>) - this site has a multitude of useful and interesting stuff about the Lotto – including some 'on line' analysis.

In order to obtain your Results file, you need to do the following:

1. Go to http://lottery.merseyworld.com/Winning_index.html
2. Assuming that you want to analyse All Draws - change the 'Range' drop down to 'All years'
3. Change the 'Display as' drop down to 'Comma-separated values'
4. Now click on the 'View winning numbers' button
5. This produces a comma-separated text file on screen
6. Now File/ Save as or Save Page – depending on your browser. Enter Lottery followed by the total number of draws as the file name and txt as the file type (eg Lottery 2008.txt). This can be saved to your My Documents or your Desktop.
7. Check that you have a file Lottery nnnn.txt file. If you wish, you can open it with any word processing package – you should see the commas separating the data as on the Mersey World page.
8. This version of the analysis program does not require you to do anything with the text file, provided you have used comma-separated values, the program recognises the data it needs.
9. If you have downloaded the Lottery 2008.txt file from our web site, then rename it as Lotteryoriginal.txt – should you have any problems with your new file you can compare and contrast the two files
10. You should now be able to run the program with your data. Note that the program states how many draws it is analysing (2008 in the case of the Sample Lottery data file (Lotteryoriginal.txt)).

Should you have any problems or if you have ideas for modifications, please contact us at robin@verygoodideas.biz