Subject: Re: filename check
Posted by Martin Schultz on Tue, 24 Oct 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Stuart Colley wrote:

>
> Can anyone suggest a way to check that a file exists before attempting to
> read from it, since the error messages obtained from trying to read from a
> non-existing file, don't make it clear that file doesn't exist.
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> cheers,
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No, but the error message you get when you try to open the file with
OPENR will tell you this. You may want to try out my open_file
procedure which adds a couple of additional features such as seemless
integration of the dialog_pickfile routine if you specify a name with
wildcards (or no name at all). And this does error checking...

You can find open_file.pro at
 http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/html/libmartin_ schultz.html

Cheers,
Martin

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