
Subject: Re: Dialog box for creating a directory
Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2001 14:40:17 GMT
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Roy Edgar Hansen (Roy-Edgar.Hansen@ffi.no) writes:

- > Does such a thing exist?
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- > I want a dialog box such as `dialog_pickfile` or `FSC_fileselect` (from
- > David Fanning)
- > to pop up during my processing for creating a new directory where all
- > the files from
- > processing should be stored. It also would be nice if there was the
- > possibility to show
- > the directory structure... (such as in the above mentioned).

Humm. You must not be using Windows. :-)

I certainly can **create** a new directory or folder from `DIALOG_PICKFILE`. But I suspect that is not exactly what you want to do. You probably want to create it directly from your program. Having a dialog "pop up" pre-supposes you are going to allow some initiative and accept direction from the user. That's often what we **say** we want, while writing programs that specifically disallow it. :-)

- > I know this is not far from a number of the examples at
- > www.dfanning.com,
- > but if someone has done exactly this (or knows how to) already....

If you want to create a directory (as opposed to having the user create a directory), then in IDL 5.4 you can use the `FILE_MKDIR` procedure. On earlier versions of IDL I think you will have to spawn an operating system command to do it.

Cheers,

David

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