
Subject: Re: dialog_pickfile

Posted by [thierry\[1\]](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2001 22:29:23 GMT

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In article <3ACB5CAB.C984FA8E@noaa.gov>, "Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov> wrote:

> Is it a Mac thing that the FILE keyword is ignored in DIALOG_PICKFILE?
>
> temp = dialog_pickfile(file='first_guess.txt')
>
> results in "all files" mask and no initial selection. Of course,
> "first_guess.txt" exists in the directory of interest.
>
> Pavel

Hi Pavel,

It is indeed a Mac thing that the file keyword is ignored in dialog_pickfile when /write is not specified. This is because the standard Mac open dialog does not have an actual field for type ahead searching like the other platforms (and Mac OS X for that matter).

If you want to limit the display to only that file use the filter keyword:

```
temp = dialog_pickfile(filter='first_guess.txt')
```

this will set the value of the filter to first_guess.txt and will hide all other files.
