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Subject: Re: widget: open directory

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Ralf Schaa wrote:

> i'm a newbie in idl and i have the following problem: (the first of a  
> lot...)  
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> in a widget, i like to have a pulldown-menu, which opens the workdirectory  
> and let me browse in the filesystem and let me select a file to do 'things'  
> with...(on unix)  
>  
> any suggestions?

Create a button with the label 'Browse...'

When the user clicks on the button, execute the following command:

```
result = dialog_pickfile()
```

If the returned value is not the null string (""), then a valid filename was selected. See the online help for the keywords supported by `dialog_pickfile`.

There is also a file selector compound widget (`cw_filesel`) that you could use, but I prefer `dialog_pickfile`.

Cheers,

Liam.

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