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Subject: Re: file directory

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> Harry Kao (yen@dolphin.upenn.edu) writes:

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>> I used widget programming to open files for processing and then save the

>> processed files. The problem is IDL puts me in a default directory every

>> time I want to open or save files. How do I set up IDL so that I can

>> automatically return to the directory from where I performed last I/O?

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> Ditch the Mac. :-)

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> If you \*have\* ditched the Mac, and you are working

> on a PC, someone is having fun with you. (I'd suspect

> your office mate.) Find the General tab on the

> File->Preferences menu and de-select the Change

> Directory on Open checkbox.

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> If you are running on Unix, something is very, very

> weird.

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> Best Regards,

>

> David

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> P.S. Let's just say you could always learn the nuances

> of the CD command and its keywords, if worst comes to worst.

Why not just force Dialog\_PickFile to do what you want?

Something like this:

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;initial directory (optional)
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CurrentPath = 'D:\myfiles'
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```
;open a file
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filename = Dialog_Pickfile(Path=CurrentPath , $
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```
Get_Path=CurrentPath , /Read)
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```
;process the file here
```

```
;save the file
```

```
filename = Dialog_Pickfile(Path=CurrentPath , $
```

```
Get_Path=CurrentPath , /Write)  
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Now every time you open or save a new file, the directory chosen from the last I/O will be used. This should be platform independent as well. At least it has been for me on both Unix and Windows.

-Steve

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