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Subject: Selecting odd/even numbered files

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I have been writing an IDL routine to plot some of our data in a certain way. The measuring program saves the data using a given prefix, adding a number starting from 001 until the user stops the measurement (eq xxxxx001.ext to xxxxx323.ext). The measuring program can do different kinds of measurements, but it will save the datafiles all in one directory. But for the data-plotting, I sometimes only want to select the odd or even numbers (for a start, the most ideal case would be to give a starting value and an increment). I have been using `dialog_pickfile()` for the fileselection, which is not suited for the task on hand. I was wondering if somebody has written a routine which does something like I want (selecting only even numbered or only odd numbered files) or can give me some ideas, because I am completely stumped on even how to get started.

Thanks in advance

Irene

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