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Subject: Re: Two little questions:

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 02 Dec 2003 14:12:00 GMT

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Nuno Oliveira writes:

> 1.. Sometimes I use the function PICKFILE. Don't ask where did I get it,  
> but I did. The fact is this function doesn't appear on my quick reference.  
> Two issues on my question: what parameters to this function (as I want to  
> insert a limitation on the files to open and maybe other things) and how in  
> IDL is going to get this function?

Well, I confess I use PICKFILE, too. :-)

But only from the IDL command line when I am in a hurry. When it counts, I use `DIALOG_PICKFILE`, and so should you. `PICKFILE` is no longer supported by RSI.

But to do what you want to do, I think you are going to have to write your own file opening tool. I've thought about it myself, but it just seems like too much work. My `SELECTIMAGE` routine is about as close as I ever got, but I still go back to `DIALOG_PICKFILE` to browse.

> 2.. His there a way to display text (in the case a index number) on window  
> draw type, made with direct graphics?

XYOUTS.

Cheers,

David

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