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Subject: Re: file selection widget and returning filters  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Feb 2005 15:40:26 GMT  
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Rob writes:

> I'm hoping that the answer is not to "roll your own" but (and here  
> comes a big run-on sentence)....does anyone know of a file selection  
> utility much like `DIALOG_PICKFILE` that allows the program user to  
> specify a filter and then, if the user changes the filter, \*remember\*  
> the new one (so that subsequent file selections start with the new  
> filter)? `FSC_FILESELECT` offers the flexibility of obtaining this info  
> from an object reference but it doesn't list the files that match the  
> filter like `DIALOG_PICKFILE`. Nor does `CW_FILESEL` seem to allow the  
> user to change the filter at runtime.

I was thinking about this just the other day. When you get it built,  
I'm sure others will be interested in it. :-)

> P.S. By the way I can't even get `CW_FILESEL` to limit the number of  
> files displayed by by setting the `FILTER` keyword to a string array  
> other than "All Files" but that's another story...another posting...

`CW_FILESEL` is, uh, an "interesting" widget. But not what  
I want, either. :-(

Cheers,

David

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