
Subject: Re: compound widget question
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Here are two possibilities:

1) Use SPAWN to start up an external spreadsheet app. On Windows this might look something like:

```
SPAWN,'start excel "' + filename + '" ,/HIDE
```

(where 'filename' is the value returned from a call to `DIALOG_PICKFILE`), on unix it would look the same but without 'start' in your command argument string, and without the HIDE keyword, and obviously replacing 'excel' with the full path of the spreadsheet app you want to open.

2) If you're on Windows, you could embed an ActiveX control in your widget app. for a standard excel-like spreadsheet. There's an example of this in the examples directory:

```
C:\RS\IDL62\examples\doc\bridges\COM\ActiveXExcel.pro
```

You'd have to manage saving to a file yourself, though.
