
Subject: Filtering File Names with Dialog_Pickfile
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Hi,

our archive has a large folder that holds all our data folders (this is a requirement of our data acquisition software). These folders tend to have names that start with a researcher's initials, e.g. 'RB1006_17.Xz0'.

Is there any clever way to get Dialog_Pickfile to display only certain folders as defined by a regexp? Unfortunately very little can be gleaned from the extension, which the acquisition software allocates by some mystic method, and cannot be changed unless I never want that software to recognise the data folder ever again (I DON'T want to do this...)

I've been playing around with the FILE and FILTER keywords, but they only seem to control file extensions, and are unable to filter by searching the file name.

What I'm looking for is something like this:

```
CD, ArchiveDir  
Dir = Dialog_Pickfile(/Read, /Must_Exist, /Dir, Filter = 'RB*.*')
```

That would show only those sub-folders within ArchiveDir that have 'RB' in their name. But it doesn't work. Neither with nor without /Directory set.

I'd rather not have to write my own pickfile widget if there's a clever way of using the inbuilt one :-)

Thanks,
Chris
