
Subject: Re: centering dialog_pickfile, printersetup, etc...

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On Jul 14, 7:15 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Andrew Cool writes:

>> Interesting! The first time I invoke x=3DDialog_Pickfile() from the

>> command line, it appears in the top left

>> corner of the screen. (XP, IDL v6.4)

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>> The second time, and subsequent times, I invoke x=3DDialog_Pickfile(),

>> it appears centered on the screen!!

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>> Dialog_Pickfile must contain some internal smarts to do with centering

>> itself. Perhaps there is an undocumented

>> keyword to force centering on the first call?

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> But, clearly, someone (or something) is doing the centering.

> Why can't they expose that mechanism so we can put the damn

> thing where we want it?

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

I got around the problem by calling Dialog_Pickfile through an empty parent widget. I can get it close enough to the screen center that it isn't too bad. I just wish the size could be specified -- I get real tired of resizing the dialog when folders contain long filenames...

Ed
