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Subject: Re: centering dialog\_pickfile, printersetup, etc...  
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 22:59:39 GMT  
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On Jul 11, 5:10 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> cgoet...@igpp.ucla.edu writes:  
>> Is there a way to center the dialog\_pickfile or dialog\_printersetup  
>> widgets in my window? There don't seem to be any keywords in these  
>> routines to do this.  
>  
> Add your name to the long list of people who want this.  
> This tops my list for \*most\* annoying feature of widgets!  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
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> --  
> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming ([www.dfanning.com](http://www.dfanning.com))  
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Interesting! The first time I invoke x=Dialog\_Pickfile() from the command line, it appears in the top left corner of the screen. (XP, IDL v6.4)

The second time, and subsequent times, I invoke x=Dialog\_Pickfile(), it appears centered on the screen!!

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?

Andrew

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