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Subject: Re: centering dialog\_pickfile, printersetup, etc...

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On Jul 15, 10:55 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> edward.s.mei...@aero.org writes:

>> 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...

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> How does that work? It doesn't seem to do anything at all for me.

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> base = Widget\_Base()

> filename = Dialog\_Pickfile(DIALOG\_PARENT=base)

> CENTER\_TLB, base

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> Cheers,

>

> David

> --

> David Fanning, Ph.D.

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

First, call CENTERTLB, base instead of CENTER\_TLB, base

Then, you have to center and realize the parent base before calling  
DIALOG\_PICKFILE:

```
base = Widget_Base()
CENTERTLB, base
WIDGET_CONTROL, base, /REALIZE
filename = Dialog_Pickfile(DIALOG_PARENT=base)
```

I tried various permutations of the widget calls, and that is the only  
one that sort-of worked. I'll let one of the other Masters try and  
explain why...

Ed

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