
Subject: Re: A problem with pickfile?

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In article <31B4DEBE.2781@raptor.lpl.arizona.edu>,

Tim Patterson <tim@raptor.lpl.arizona.edu> wrote:

> Sorry to be generating my own thread here...

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> Well, I managed to track down my problem, and it appears to be an

> inconsistency in the way pickfile works and I can't see this mentioned

> in the FAQ...

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> If I call up pickfile as

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> file = PICKFILE(GET_PATH = path)

>

> it creates a pickfile widget and I can select a file.

> The variable path is always returned correctly, but the

> variable file can vary dependent upon how I use the

> pickfile widget.

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> If I click on an already existing file, the path+file names

> are copied into the selection widget and returned on pressing

> OK. So I end up with

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> file = /usr/tim/file.dat

> and path = /usr/tim/

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> However, if I type a filename into the Selection widget

> to create a new file and press OK, I get:

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> file = newfile.dat

> and path = /usr/tim/

>

> Surely this inconsistency in pickfile is a bug of sorts.

> After all, there is no need to copy the path into the selection

> widget when it is available at the top of the pickfile widget

> already. The documentation says pickfile returns a file name

> and doesn't say it returns a complete path.

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> I guess I'm going to have to add some OS-dependent code into

> my routines each time I call pickfile just to make sure

> that there is no path already attached to the filename unless

> somebody can tell me a clever hack around this...

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> Tim

How about checking for '/' in the filename string. If you get

a -1 then you have only a filename w/o path. If not -1 then
pickfile has returned path+filename.

ratty

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