
Subject: Re: Opening a desktop folder from within IDL

Posted by [Michi](#) on Fri, 09 Jan 2009 08:58:52 GMT

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Wouldn't it be easier to use something like this:

```
output_dir = dialog_pickfile(title='title', /directory)
```

Hth,

M.

On Jan 3, 1:41 am, "M. Katz" <MKatz...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From within IDL (without using a DLL) is it possible to open up a
> given folder on the desktop?

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> I know that on Mac OSX, you can do this

> spawn, 'open /Users/'

> spawn, 'open ' + complete_path

>

> What would the equivalent Windows and Linux commands be?

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> I am interested in doing this so I can give users a GUI button that

> quickly opens a "target" directory where output files are written.

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> Thanks, M.
