
Subject: Re: Extended dilaog_pickfile

Posted by [Juggernaut](#) on Tue, 23 Jun 2009 12:16:30 GMT

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On Jun 23, 3:41 am, "Ian Dean" <ian.d.d...@baesystems.com> wrote:

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> Hi ,
> Thanks for your post. I've tried something similar, but I end up with a
> number of identically named files in numerous directories and date is the
> only way of deciding which one to choose.
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> >---Dir1
> |   |
> |   >---Testfile
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> >---Dir2
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> |   >---Testfile
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> >---Dirn
> |   |
> |   >---Testfile
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> "Ian Dean" <ian.d.d...@baesystems.com> wrote in message
>
> news:4a3f397a$1_1@glkas0286.greenlnk.net...
>
>> Hi,
>> Is there a better method of file selection than dialog_pickfile?
>> Because I have a number of similar named files (some even have the same
>> name in multiple directories) and an idea of creation date would be VERY
>> helpful. A sort on date and/or filename would also be a nice to have. i.e.
>> I'm looking for something like windows explorer (on windoze obviously) or
>> file manager (under X-windows).
>> Unfortunately because of the X-windows, I'm limited to version 5.4.
>
>> Any help would be most welcome.
>
>> Regards,
>> Ian
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If you find these "similar" files and run `file_info(filename)` on these, you could check the `ATIME`, `CTIME`, `MTIME` structure elements that are returned by `file_info` for the most recent or whatever time you're looking for. These keywords are not useful for FAT16,32... file systems apparently. Could be worth looking into.

