
Subject: File Listings

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Bon Jour,

RSI Tech support can not solve this, can you? My OS is UNIX (Sun Solaris 2.5), but I want my GUI to be portable to the PC.

---- Problem Summary ----

I don't know how to get directory listings under Win32.

---- Here's what I am trying to do ----

My GUI contains two sub-base widgets similar to the PICKFILE widget. (In fact, I stole some code from PICKFILE to do it.) Each sub-base has:

1. A text widget to type in a file filter (eg *.tif);
2. A list widget for subdirectories (to navigate directories);
3. A list widget for file names (to select a file); and,
4. A text widget (to type in a path/file name).

This allows the user to select files from two independent directories at the same time. In UNIX, I am spawning an 'ls' command to get the subdirectories and file names. This works fine in UNIX.

---- Problem Detail ----

My user wants to run the same application on IDL for Windows. For Windows and Mac OS, PICKFILE calls an undocumented C routine called OS_PICKFILE which interfaces with the "common" windows dialog for Win32 or Mac OS. I don't want to use this since the user will have to open it and close it for each file selected, and there is no way to show two independent OS_PICKFILE widgets inside the same window.

---- Question ----

Does anyone know how to get a simple directory listing (in text format) under windows? (Like "dir" in good old DOS.)

---- Possible Answer ----

Might I have to use an external C (or whatever) routine to get the file list? I would REALLY like to stay in IDL for portability reasons.

Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Gracias,

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