
Subject: IDL PickFile Bug?

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I have an application which lets a user select a file to open using the PickFile.pro routine bundled with the IDL software. In case you haven't seen it, PickFile is a widget-based file selection function, used in the following manner:

```
filename = PickFile()
```

The problem is that if at any time in my IDL session I've opened up the help widget (by typing '?' at the IDL prompt), the above line crashes IDL and returns me to my system prompt. It makes no difference if I exit the help widget first or leave it open. Also, the crash usually occurs after PickFile opens and I click on the first selection.

Does anyone have any idea what's going on? I'm running IDL 4.0 on SGI Irix.

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"When you are a Bear of Very Little Brain, and you Think of Things, you find sometimes that a Thing which seemed very Thingish inside you is quite different when it gets out into the open and has other people looking at it."
- A.A. Milne, "The House At Pooh Corner"
