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Subject: Re: Displaying a list of filenames

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 03 Jan 2012 15:11:41 GMT

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Percy Pugwash writes:

- > I would like to display a list of filenames in an widget application.
- > I have so far been unable to find a satisfactory way of doing this,
- > since I would like the user to be able to:
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- > 1) Select one or several of the filenames in the list
- > 2) View the whole filepath, right-aligned so that the name at the end
- > is clear
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- > I can't seem to right-align a list widget, and a text widget won't let
- > me select an item in the list in a straightforward way. I think I can
- > make it work with a table widget, but that seems to have irritating
- > and unnecessary scroll bars.
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- > Does anyone have a solution?

My solution, after years of frustration trying to do just this, was to retreat to a smarter version of Dialog\_Pickfile, which can remember the directory (and file, if I want) that I previously selected. It's made my life easier and I no longer wake up in terror at night thinking about table widgets. :-)

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/idldoc/cg/cgpickfile.html>

Cheers,

David

P.S. Set the MULTIPLE keyword if you want to select multiple files.

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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