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Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2001 17:41:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: dialog_pickfile

Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2001 19:17:00 GMT

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Pavel A. Romashkin (pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov) writes:

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Must be. I've never noticed it not working anywhere else,
even VMS. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: dialog_pickfile

Posted by [thierry\[1\]](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2001 22:29:23 GMT

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In article <3ACB5CAB.C984FA8E@noaa.gov>, "Pavel A. Romashkin"

<pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov> wrote:

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Hi Pavel,

It is indeed a Mac thing that the file keyword is ignored in `dialog_pickfile` when `/write` is not specified. This is because the standard Mac open dialog does not have an actual field for type ahead searching like the other platforms (and Mac OS X for that matter).

If you want to limit the display to only that file use the filter keyword:

```
temp = dialog_pickfile(filter='first_guess.txt')
```

this will set the value of the filter to `first_guess.txt` and will hide all other files.
