
Subject: Re: widget: open directory
Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2001 17:39:18 GMT
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Hi,

You should try the DIALOG_PICKFILE() fucntion.

Ben

Ralf Schaa wrote:

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Subject: Re: widget: open directory
Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2001 17:40:32 GMT
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Create a button with the label 'Browse...'

When the user clicks on the button, execute the following command:

```
result = dialog_pickfile()
```

If the returned value is not the null string ("), then a valid filename was selected. See the online help for the keywords supported by `dialog_pickfile`.

There is also a file selector compound widget (`cw_filesel`) that you could use, but I prefer `dialog_pickfile`.

Cheers,

Liam.

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