
Subject: problem with the widget filesel
Posted by [rlayberry](#) on Tue, 09 Aug 2005 13:18:39 GMT
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Hi Please help...

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thanks in advance

russ

Subject: Re: problem with the widget filesel
Posted by [vijay.kannoju](#) on Wed, 10 Aug 2005 06:48:27 GMT
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Hi Russ,

If u r problem is only select multiple files, then use DIALOG_PICKFILE function with MULTIPLE_FILES keyword set to 1 (/MULTIPLE_FILES), then it allows u to select multiple files and returns an array of string, which is a string array of all file names. Then u can pass this variable to event procedures.

Cheers,
Vijay.K

Subject: Re: problem with the widget filesel
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 10 Aug 2005 19:38:26 GMT
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rlayberry@hotmail.com writes:

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As pointed out in the on-line help, the event structure only contains the first of the multiple selected files in

the VALUE field. If you want *all* of the selected files, you have to use the GET_VALUE keyword to get them:

Widget_Control, event.id, Get_Value=allSelectedFiles

Cheers,

David

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