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Subject: WINDOWS drag and drop into a draw widget  
Posted by [markb77](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 17:47:01 GMT  
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Also, the FTP server where Peter originally posted his solution on has gone down. Does anyone here have his file, dropfile.zip? I'd like to see what he did...

thanks,

Mark Bates

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Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 01:27:11 GMT  
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On Oct 1, 2:47 am, mark...@gmail.com wrote:

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Hi Mark,

I still have Peter Mason's dropfile code.

I've placed it at <http://www.cool.id.au/IDL/>

Note that I've modified the dropfile\_test.pro routine to actually display image files dragged onto the IDL window, and best of all, it still works under XP SP2 using IDL v6.4!!

So check out the separate dropfile\_test.pro rather than the original in the zip file, which doesn't display the image, but just the filename.

Andrew C.

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Subject: Re: WINDOWS drag and drop into a draw widget  
Posted by [markb77](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2007 17:50:26 GMT  
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Peter, Andrew,

Thanks - that works brilliantly.

Mark

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