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Subject: Opening a desktop folder from within IDL  
Posted by [M. Katz](#) on Sat, 03 Jan 2009 00:41:37 GMT  
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Posted by [Michi](#) on Fri, 09 Jan 2009 08:58:52 GMT  
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Wouldn't it be easier to use something like this:  
output\_dir = dialog\_pickfile(title='title', /directory)

Hth,

M.

On Jan 3, 1:41 am, "M. Katz" <MKatz...@yahoo.com> wrote:

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