
Subject: `DIALOG_PICKFILE()` changes locale settings
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Hello,

I have a problem with floating point numbers in IDL running under Windows XP (german installation). After starting IDL (Workbench or command line), floating point numbers are interpreted as expected. Once I open a file selection dialog, for some reason the locale settings are changed to german and floating point numbers are no longer displayed and handled properly:

```
IDL> print, !version
{ x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 7.1 Apr 21 2009    32    64}
IDL> print, 7.1
      7.10000
IDL> file=dialog_pickfile()
IDL> print, 7.1
      7,00000
```

I am not sure if this problem concerns IDL, Eclipse or Windows XP. No other application shows this behaviour.

Many thanks in advance,
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