
Subject: Re: OPENing a file with variable name?

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>> Hi. I am trying to open a file whose name is a variable using OPEN. The
>> code looks like this
>> OPENR,1,filename
>> where filename is a string. I checked...it is definitely a string. Could
>> someone please tell me how to open a file using a variable for the file name?

I had the same problem, so here is a portion of the code I wrote to
get around it:

```
fname = pickfile (Path=!dir)
```

```
;Make sure they picked a filename
```

```
fname2 = string(fname, /print) ;Some vars aren't string constants
```

```
if strlen (fname2) gt 1 then begin
```

```
    ;Open the file and read the data
```

```
    openr, lun, fname2 , /Get_lun
```

```
endif
```
