
Subject: Naming the file as open through `dialogue_pickfile`

Posted by [mj999fine](#) on Tue, 23 Feb 2016 05:33:33 GMT

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Is it possible in IDL 8.4 Win PC ?

Subject: Re: Naming the file as open through `dialogue_pickfile`

Posted by [Burch](#) on Tue, 23 Feb 2016 14:27:50 GMT

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On Monday, February 22, 2016 at 11:33:35 PM UTC-6, mj99...@gmail.com wrote:

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Since the output of `dialog_pickfile()` is a string you can use `strmid()` to remove the path. For example,

```
IDL> print, file
C:\LWP\A1.txt
IDL> print, strmid(file, 7)
A1.txt
IDL> print, 'M' + strmid(file, 7)
MA1.txt
```

Further info on strmid() and other useful routines:

<http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/STRMID.html>

<http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/routines-87.html>

-Jeff

Subject: Re: Naming the file as open through dialogue_pickfile

Posted by on Tue, 23 Feb 2016 15:23:05 GMT

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Den tisdag 23 februari 2016 kl. 15:27:56 UTC+1 skrev Jeff B:

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Or file_basename().
