
Subject: Re: A problem with pickfile?

Posted by [Tim Patterson](#) on Tue, 04 Jun 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Sorry to be generating my own thread here...

Well, I managed to track down my problem, and it appears to be an inconsistency in the way pickfile works and I can't see this mentioned in the FAQ...

If I call up pickfile as

```
file = PICKFILE(GET_PATH = path)
```

it creates a pickfile widget and I can select a file.

The variable path is always returned correctly, but the variable file can vary dependent upon how I use the pickfile widget.

If I click on an already existing file, the path+file names are copied into the selection widget and returned on pressing OK. So I end up with

```
file = /usr/tim/file.dat  
and path = /usr/tim/
```

However, if I type a filename into the Selection widget to create a new file and press OK, I get:

```
file = newfile.dat  
and path = /usr/tim/
```

Surely this inconsistency in pickfile is a bug of sorts. After all, there is no need to copy the path into the selection widget when it is available at the top of the pickfile widget already. The documentation says pickfile returns a file name and doesn't say it returns a complete path.

I guess I'm going to have to add some OS-dependent code into my routines each time I call pickfile just to make sure that there is no path already attached to the filename unless somebody can tell me a clever hack around this...

Tim

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Just as an addition, the pickfile documentation says that

```
file=pickfile()
```

should return the file name in the variable "file"
but doesn't make clear anywhere if this should be just the
name of the file or the complete path to the file.
Which is the correct behaviour for this widget?

Thanks again

Tim
