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Subject: Re: Getting File creation data/time  
Posted by [Phillip & Suzanne](#) on Mon, 22 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT  
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Try this:

```
FileName=Dialog_pickfile(/read)

; Pipeline the output of the dir command to a file

DOSCommand='dir "'+FileName+"' ; Add quotes around the file name
Spawn, DosCommand, Result ; You don't have to send the results to a
file. They get sent back in 'Result'

; Pull out the dat and time fields

Pieces=STRTRIM(STR_Sep(Result, ' '),2)
Pieces=Pieces(Where(Pieces NE ""))

...
```

At this point, you'll have to mess with which pieces to parse, as I don't have a Windows machine to figure them out on. The basic idea is to use the double quotes as part of the command, and to return the result directly from the spawn command. Hope this helps.

Phillip

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Subject: Re: Getting File creation data/time  
Posted by [Armand J. L. Jongen](#) on Tue, 23 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT  
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Phillip & Suzanne David wrote:

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>
> Try this:
>
> FileName=Dialog_pickfile(/read)
>
> ; Pipeline the output of the dir command to a file
>
> DOSCommand='dir "'+FileName+"' ; Add quotes around the file name
```

Briljant! It does the trick..... only:

```
> Spawn, DosCommand, Result ; You don't have to send the results to a
> file. They get sent back in 'Result'
```

doesn't work on a Window\$ machine as also mentioned in the help files:

```
; IDLHELP*****  
Result
```

A named variable in which to place the output from the child process. Each line of output becomes a single array element. If Result is not present, the output from the child shell process goes to the standard output.

Under Windows and the Macintosh OS, Result has no effect.

```
; IDLHELP*****
```

But then I can use the temp-file trick.

Thanks,

Armand

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