
Subject: dialog_pickfile

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Using the dialog_pickfile in IDL 5.1 on a UNIX platform I get an annoying behaviour. The long pathname like

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/disks/sprite/disk1/hfrey/idl/image/display/
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is shown in full in the left window even with the possibility to scroll to the left and right. The filename in the right window is only shown with the first 10-15 letters including the complete pathname but without a scrolling opportunity to the right. Therefore I have to guess which of the files might be the correct one because I do not really see the end of the filename. If you have many files in a subdirectory it takes several steps to find the right one.

The source code for this routine does not seem to be in the lib subdirectory. Is there any way around? Why is the path shown together with the filename?

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