
Subject: Re: How to determine the file type selected in a FileSel widget?

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forlano wrote on Fri, 28 April 2006 14:20Hello,

my application now needs to open a database (a text file with .txt or .csv extension) and process it according to its internal format that are two for each extension.

So I've 4 formats but only two extentions. This means that the only extension do not give me the possibility to remove the ambiguity.

For my purpose would be enough if I could simply get from the FileSel widget what type file the user selected. In fact I set:

```
fs.Type( "Files FIDE archive (text)", "*.txt")
.Type( "Files VEG (csv)", "*.csv;")
.Type( "Files FSI Italy (csv)", "*.csv")
.Type( "Files fixed lenght (text)", "*.txt")
.DefaultExt("txt");
```

Is there a way to return the string (or the index) of the .Type() the user select? I couldn't find an appropriate method while it is easy to get the extension:

```
String ext = ToLower( GetFileExt( filename ) ); // GetFileExt is in Core/Path.h
```

Thank you,

Luigi

I got the answer! Now that I found the solution after many experiments and investigation I can say that was quite obvious!

The FileSel dialog stores the above typefile information in a drop list named 'type'. So the index can be got by:

```
typeindex = fs.type.GetIndex();
```

The other element of the pair that arrived in the drop list, i.e. the extension, can be got by

```
ext = AsString(~fs.type());
```

Luigi
