

SELECTFILE\$

SELECTFILE\$ opens the Windows file dialogue and returns the file selected

Syntax

SELECTFILE\$(DialogueTitle\$, Dir\$, Filter\$)

Arguments

- DialogueTitle\$ contains a string with the title or "Caption" of the file dialogue
- Dir\$ contains the first path where to look for files, e.g.: "\\Ma013srv\Data" or "C:\Program Files\Quaestor\Data". "NullString" can be provided if the file should be selected in the current Report directory (see Directory structure)
- Filter\$ contains the file filter set for the dialogue, e.g.:

"Telitab Files (*.qdb)|*.qdb|External Process Output Files (*.epo)|*.epo" or "MMS data Files (*.mms)|*.mms"

Remarks

1. If the dialogue is closed by "Cancel", "NullString" is returned by SELECTFILE\$
2. The file dialogue can also be invoked to assign a value to a string variable using the following meta command (attribute) in the data slot of the parameter:

```
@FILEDIALOGUE
DialogueTitle$
Dir$
Filter$
```

Examples

Selection from a list of different types

```
SELECTFILE$("Open the relevant TeLiTab file or program output...", "C:\Data\", "Telitab Files (*.qdb)|*.qdb|External Process Output Files (*.epo)|*.epo|All Files (*.*)|*.*")
```

returns a file dialogue with the filters:

- Telitab Files (*.qdb)
- External Process Output Files (*.epo)
- All Files (*.*)

Selection from groups of file types

```
SELECTFILE$("Open the relevant picture...", "C:\Data\", "Image Files(*.BMP;*.JPG;*.GIF)|*.BMP;*.JPG;*.GIF|All files (*.*)|*.*")
```

returns a file dialogue with the filters:

- Image Files(*.BMP;*.JPG;*.GIF)
- All Files (*.*)

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