Adopting Waves

To adopt a wave file, select the wave in the Data Browser, right-click, and choose Adopt Wave. The Adopt Wave item is enabled only if the wave is shared. You can select multiple waves and adopt them in one step.

You can also adopt waves using File→Adopt All. See **Adopt All** below.

When you adopt a wave, Igor disconnects it from its original standalone file. The original file remains intact, but it is no longer referenced by the current experiment. The adoption is not final until you save the experiment.

If the current experiment is stored in packed form then, when you adopt a wave, it is saved in the packed experiment file. For an unpacked experiment, it is saved in the disk folder corresponding the waves data folder in the experiment folder.

Adopting Notebook and Procedure Files

To adopt a notebook or procedure file, choose Adopt Notebook or Adopt Procedure from the File menu. This item will be available only if the active window is a notebook or procedure file that is stored separate from the current experiment and the current experiment has been saved to disk.
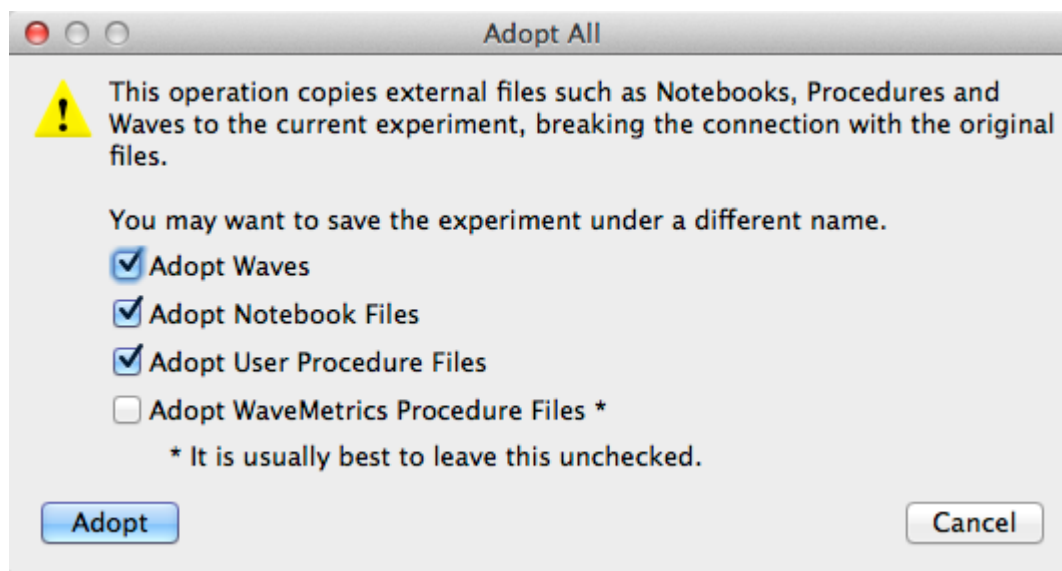
If the current experiment is stored in packed form then, when you adopt a file, Igor does a save-as to a temporary file. When you subsequently save the experiment, the contents of the temporary file are stored in the packed experiment file. Thus, the adoption is not finalized until you save the experiment.

If the current experiment is stored in unpacked form then, when you adopt a file, Igor does a save-as to the experiment's home folder. When you subsequently save the experiment, Igor updates the experiment's recreation procedures to open the new file in the home folder instead of the original file. Note that if you adopt a file in an unpacked experiment and then you do not save the experiment, the new file will still exist in the home folder but the experiment's recreation procedures will still refer to the original file. Thus, you should save the experiment after adopting a file.

To "unadopt" a procedure or notebook file, choose Save Procedure File As or Save Notebook As from the File menu.

Adopt All

You can adopt all referenced notebooks, procedure files and waves by pressing Shift and choosing File→Adopt All. This is useful when you want to create a self-contained packed experiment to send to someone else.

After clicking Adopt, choose File→Save Experiment As to save the packed experiment.