

file is no longer valid. In this case Igor notices that the file has disappeared and gives you options for dealing with it.

The following sections explain how Igor deals with these issues in more detail.

## A Plain Text File Has Been Modified Externally

Once per second Igor checks every procedure and plain text notebook window to see if its file has been modified externally. If so then it either automatically reloads the file into memory or notifies you about the external modification and allows you to reload the file at your leisure. The factory default behavior is to automatically reload externally modified files and to check for modified files only when Igor is the active application.

You can control Igor's behavior using the Miscellaneous Settings Dialog. Choose Misc→Miscellaneous Settings, click Text Editing in the lefthand pane, and click the External Editor tab.

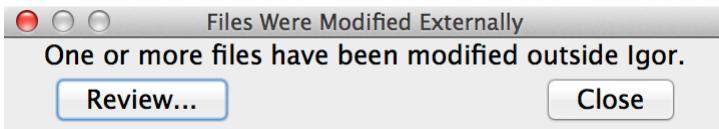
If you select Ask Before Reloading, two things happen when the file is modified externally:

- Igor displays a **Reload** button in the status area at the bottom of the document window:



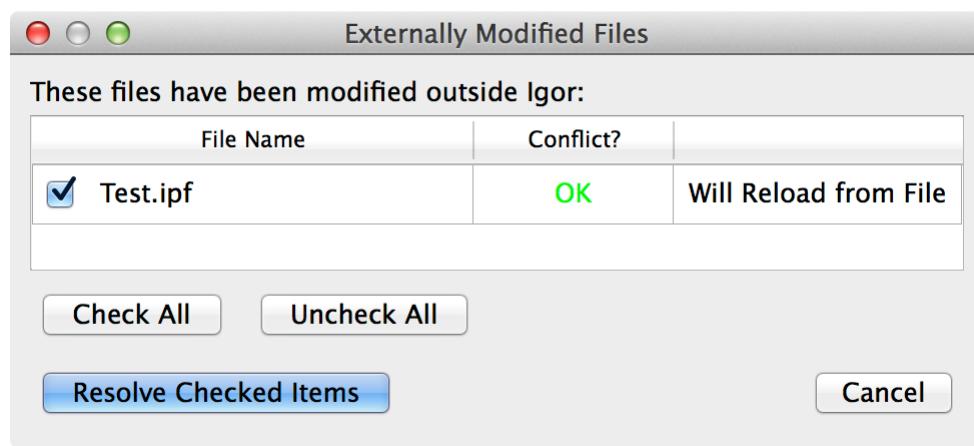
The Reload button will be visible only if the window is visible.

- Igor displays a small floating notification window:



Clicking the **Reload** button causes Igor to reload the file's text.

Clicking the **Review** button in the notification window displays a dialog in which you can review all the files that are currently modified externally:



Click **Resolve Checked Items** to reload the file into memory.

## A Plain Text File Has Been Modified Externally and In Igor

When a file has been modified both in an external editor and by editing in an Igor window, we say it is "in conflict". Igor never automatically reloads a file that is in conflict.

When a file is in conflict, Igor displays a **Resolve Conflict** button in the status area in the Igor document window. Clicking that button brings up a dialog giving four choices to deal with the conflict: