Subject: Re: animated gif's with IDL Posted by Roger A. Moncrief on Tue, 24 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Martin Schultz wrote:
> Hi.
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    I am trying to create a little gif animation using IDL (for those who
  don't know it: a powerful data analysis package). IDL has a WRITE GIF
  routine and it allows storage of multiple gif images in one file. So far
> so good. Only, if I want to watch my animation with a web browser
> (Netscape), it runs through exactly once, then stops. Can anyone tell me
> how to change a gif file so that it loops ad infinitum (or even better:
> does anyone have an IDL routine that does this)?
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> Thanks.
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Martin.

I don't know anything about your IDL software but there are over 60 .gif animation applications available. I would be very surprised any of them lacked a check box for looping the animation. Many people thing Ulead has one of the better if not the best .gif animation application around. You can download a fully functional demo at http://www.ulead.com. I seem to recall it works for either a certain number of uses or a certain time period. Its called Ulead GIF Animator 2.0. Load the gif animations from your IDL software into it, check the looping infinite check box, run the optimization wizard and save it. It will loop then. You can also control the animation speed by setting the image delay for each image. Hope this helps. Good luck.

Roger A. Moncrief http://www.indrev.com

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