Subject: MPEG file creation Posted by rpina on Wed, 15 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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I am running IDL5.1 under Windows NT 4.0 and am trying to create an MPEG file. I have a set of images which I can load and play using XINTERANIMATE. Everything looks fine. I then push the "Write MPEG" button. Again, everything looks ok with the file being written to disk. However, when I try to play the file back using a QuickTime Movie Player, I get an error saying it cannot open the file. When I try to insert the MPEG file into a Microsoft Powerpoint 97 Slide presentation, I get a message saying Powerpoint found an error that it can't correct. I've also tried creating the MPEG file using the MPEG_OPEN, MPEG_PUT, MPEG_SAVE, and MPEG_CLOSE procedures as described in the IDL5.1 help and I still have no success reading the file back. Has anyone successfully created an MPEG file under IDL5.1 directly or using XINTERANIMATE?

Finally, I've tried creating an MPEG file by EXACTLY running the example given in the IDL5.1 help for XINTERANIMATE (which uses the IDL bundled abnorm.dat data). Again, it seems to create an MPEG file (76 KB) when I press the "Write MPEG" button but I have no luck reading it with the two MPEG reading capable programs mentioned above. Am I missing something?

Thanks.

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