
Subject: Re: More Questions on 24 bit color
Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 10 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Kevin Ivory (Kevin.Ivory@linmpi.mpg.de) writes:

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> David Fanning wrote:
>>  snapshot = TVRD(True=1)
>>  image2D = Color_Quan(snapshot, 1, r, g, b)
>>  Write_Gif, 'neat.gif', image2D, r, g, b
>
> I've never really got tvrd() to work on Linux XFree86 with 24 bpp.
> I figured it was the same bug that doesn't let me grab a window
> correctly with xv or gimp. That why I was quite happy to see David
> post a few lines that should work. Alas, I get some kind of an error:
>
> IDL>  snapshot = TVRD(True=1)
> IDL> help,snapshot
> SNAPSHOT      BYTE      = Array[3, 651, 921]
> IDL>  image2D = Color_Quan(snapshot, 1, r, g, b)
> % COLOR_QUAN: Value of number of colors is out of allowed range.
> % Execution halted at: $MAIN$
>
> The message doesn't help me much. Any ideas?
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Oh, sorry, Kevin. I think I am using the IDL 5.2 Color_Quan, which has been fixed. Earlier versions did not work on 24-bit machines! While you are waiting for the official new version you can make yours work by setting the Colors keyword to 256.

```
image2D = Color_Quan(snapshot, 1, r, g, b, Colors=256)
```

Cheers,

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