
Subject: Re: Regarding READ_BMP - Just starting out, please help
Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 19 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Jimmy Hong (hongj@cs.ucla.edu) writes:

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> I'm just starting out with IDL and have a question about the
> READ_BMP function. I do the following:
>
> TV, READ_BMP('Forest.bmp', r, g, b)
> TVLCT, r, g, b
> END
>
> and get the image, but with no color! I've been tearing my hair out about
> this because I'm doing exactly as the reference guides and online help says
> I should. I've also tried this with 16 color, 256 color, and 24-bit color
> bitmaps... no results. Please help.
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Uh, let me guess. Try this:

```
IDL> Device, Decomposed=0
IDL> image = Read_BMP('Forest.bmp', r, g, b)
IDL> TVLCT, r, g, b
IDL> TV, image
```

Better? :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. You can find a lot of good information about using color
in IDL on my web page.

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[Note: This follow-up was e-mailed to the cited author.]
