
Subject: Re: Converting 24 bit images to 8 bit images with a specific colour table
Posted by [philaldis](#) on Fri, 07 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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On Thu, 06 May 1999 12:13:18 -0500, Liam Gumley
<Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> wrote:

> Phil Aldis wrote:

>> If I have a 24bit image and I want to convert it to an 8bit image

>> which uses a particular table, so find nearest values.

>> This is of particular use, when you're writing multiple gifs from 24

>> bit images, because color_quan, will obviously not work, because the

>> colour table has to be global.

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> If you want to create a GIF which contains 2 sub images derived from 24

> bit true color images, you need to split the color table. Here's an

> example:

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Okay well, I should have made myself more clear. I'm currently working on an object graphics environment , which uses direct graphics to display. Whe you put a load of objects together, you put them into a view object, which is like the IDLgrview object, and this can be displayed in the window object, or sent to the postscript object. However, I thought some gif, bmp etc. output objects would be kinda cool.

So you'd pass the gif object a view and it would display it in a pixmap, tvrd() the image and write it to gif. The problem is that the only way I can be really sure of getting the right values back from a tvrd() is to set true colour on, and get back a true colour image. So then I want to pass this image back through the colour tables that they have specfiied (which by default would be the current ones), and find the closest match.

I hope I've now explained myself a bit better, and if you look at teh code I put in with my initial post, I think it's amde a bit clearer what I mean.

Cheers,
Phil
