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Subject: Re: RGB image to 8 bit ??

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Liam Gumley (Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu) writes:

> That said, I also think a 24-bit capable version of XInteranimate would  
> be useful.

You know, as soon as I sent that post yesterday I started worrying that I may have gotten it wrong. I remember wanting to display 24-bit images in XInteranimate, and I remember looking at the code, and I remember that whatever I did was very simple, but I couldn't quite remember what I actually did. So I went back this morning and looked at the code. And it turns out I did \*nothing\*!

That's right. XInterAnimate is \*already\* 24-bit image compliant. [Sorry, RSI. :-)]

Actually, it is the fact that XInterAnimate uses the Device Copy technique of transferring each image frame from its pixmaps to the display window that makes it so. This technique doesn't care \*what\* is in the window, it just transfers the "bits", if you like.

So, you use XInterAnimate with 24-bit images, all you have to do is load them properly:

```
XInterAnimate, /ShowLoad, Set=[512, 512, 15]
For J=0, 14 DO BEGIN
    TV, image24[j], True=1
    XInterAnimate, Frame=j, Window=!D.Window
EndFor
XInterAnimate
```

It is true that you can't use the IMAGE keyword, and that is a shame, but this may be the preferred solution anyway, since you don't have to do any COLOR\_QUANing at all to use it.

Cheers,

David

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