
Subject: Re: TVRD() and WRITE_GIF

Posted by [Ian Dean](#) on Wed, 26 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Yes, I agree with Mark, it would be nice if IDL could grab the whole screen (or top-level widget and all sons/daughters).

It's OK to use a screen grabber, but when using multiple platforms, this is not that easy, especially when the users may not be computer literate, but can manage to select a button marked "Print Screen".

Regards,
Ian

Mark Buckley wrote:

> David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
> news:MPG.12f77018aba984c39899f9@news.frii.com...
>
>> All you are going to be able to get from within IDL is
>> the contents of a graphics or draw widget window. Usually
>> (thank Goodness!) this is what you want in your GIF file.
>>
>> When it is not (for example, when you want to see the
>> whole graphical user interface of a program), you will
>> have to get some kind of screen capture tool.
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> Yup, that was my intention. We already have a grabber that we use
> (xv under Solaris) for some screenshots, I was just thinking that
> it would be nice to be able to do it from a button on the GUI, rather
> than firing up a seperate application.
>
> Ok, thanks for your help!
>
> cheers,
>
> Mark
