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Subject: Re: TVRD() and WRITE\_GIF

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Mark Buckley ([mark.buckley@rl.ac.uk](mailto:mark.buckley@rl.ac.uk)) writes:

> Hopefully this won't turn out to be a dozy question.

Are there dozy questions!? Well, if there are, I suppose  
I specialize in answering them. They are my favorite kind. :-)

> Anyway, what I'd like to do is grab a window image, so that I can write it  
> out as a GIF.

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. On my  
PC I like HyperSnap, which is a \$25 program that you  
can find out more about here:

<http://www.hyperionics.com/>

There are many shareware or free tools that do a similar  
job. I like HyperShap because you can include pull-down  
menus and the cursor in captured images. This makes it  
nice for illustrating how widget programs work in HTML  
documentation.

Cheers,

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