
Subject: Re: Creating a GIF file from a graphics window in IDL
Posted by [Michael Asten](#) on Wed, 21 Jun 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Liam Gumley wrote:

> <ykadh1@uic.edu> wrote in message news:394EA050.1C70A2DB@uic.edu...
>> I was wondering if anyone knows how to write a GIF or JPEG file in IDL
>> using the image that appears in a window. Otherwise, it would also be
>> helpful if there was a way to create an array from the window's
>> contents. Thank you.
>
> Try SAVEIMAGE:
> <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~gumley/imagetools.html>

Or (with less sophistication) use the native idl commands
`write_gif,filename.gif,tvrd()`
`write_jpeg,filename.jpg,tvrd()`

I regularly use these from the idl command line (or within a program) to grab an image and then insert the resulting "picture file" into a WORD report or powerpoint presentation.

Regards,
Michael Asten
