
Subject: Re: MPEG and IDL 5.4

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"Rick Towler" <rtowler@u.washington.edu> wrote in message
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>

> After using the new and improved MPEG features in 5.4 I suggest brewing
your

> own animation. The improvements are much appreciated but the MPEG

> compression scheme isn't really designed for the types of animations
created

> from within IDL.

Hear hear

> Try it, if you are unhappy with the results write a PNG image for each
frame

> and use a program to string them together. I have used videomach on
windows

> (a shareware program) to create .avi files with great success but there
are

> many other programs that can do this.

My favourite delivery format for animations is FLC.

I have written a WWW page with a few notes on the pros & cons of different
animation formats. The page is a bit sketchy but if you want to read it, see

<http://katipo.niwa.cri.nz/~hadfield/gust/software/animation/>

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