
Subject: Re: movie into powerpoint

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mankoff@lasp.colorado.edu wrote:

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> Hi,

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> Can anyone direct me to the most effecient way to get a movie into
> powerpoint? Which movie formats are easiest to write a sequence of images
> into and the import into powerpoint, or translate into an importable
> format?

I was working on this just now actually. Mark has some excellent info:

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

I chose the FLiC format, which is smaller and much nicer than MPEG, etc, for scientific "cartoon" type movies (animated graphs, etc.) -- none of the flicker and blotchiness I associated with MPEGs of the same type. Powerpoint cannot play FLiC's internally without buying some plug-in for WMP, I guess. I ended up using the free PowerFlic player and just linking to it. To generate the flics, I write ppm's, and then spawn ppm2fli from the unix command line. Make sure to use the -g option to set the size of the movie, unless you've written 640x480 frames (the default size).

Good luck,

JD
