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Subject: Re: Masking using user defined ROIs  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 29 Oct 2002 15:53:25 GMT  
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John Dickson (j.dickson@rhc.ucl.ac.uk) writes:

- > I have a 2D medical image which has several cold lesions. I want to
- > draw around each of these cold lesions and mask everything inside the
- > ROIs to be zero.
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- > As a self-taught IDL bod with limited experience, any example code
- > which will help me achieve my aim would be greatly appreciated.

There are any number of ways to do this. Here is one way, using XROI to create your ROIs. You can draw your ROIs in several ways with this tool (for example, select the pencil tool for drawing freehand ROIs). When you are finished drawing, click the Quit button. The image mask will be calculated, and the masked image will be returned to you.

IDL> TV, ExampleROIMask(image)

Cheers,

David

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*****  
,  
FUNCTION ExampleROIMask, image
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IF N_Elements(image) EQ 0 THEN BEGIN
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    ; Get an image, if needed.
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    filename = Filepath(Subdir=['examples','data'], 'mr_knee.dcm')  
    image = Read_DICOM(filename)
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ENDIF
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    ; Draw ROI's on image. (Use the freehand PENCIL tool, for example.)
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XROI, image, Regions\_Out=rois, /Block

; Create an image mask from the ROIs you just created.

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dim = Size(image, /Dimensions)
mask = BytArr(dim[0], dim[1]) + 1B
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; Cycle through the ROIs.

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FOR j=0, N_Elements(rois)-1 DO BEGIN
  thisROI = rois[j]
  IF Obj_Valid(thisROI) THEN BEGIN
    thisROI -> GetProperty, Data=polygon
    indices = PolyFillV(polygon[0,*], polygon[1,*], dim[0], dim[1])
    IF indices[0] NE -1 THEN mask[indices] = 0
    Obj_Destroy, thisROI
  ENDIF
ENDFOR
```

; Apply the mask to the image and return it.

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RETURN, image * mask
END
.*****
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