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Subject: Re: PNGs with alpha channel?

Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Tue, 04 Feb 2003 00:01:28 GMT

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"Paul Woodford" wrote in message

> David Fanning wrote:

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>> What do you mean by "do not see" it? It doesn't have a fourth

>> dimension, or you can't get the alpha channel to do anything?

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> It doesn't have a fourth dimension.

It may not. Depending on how the image was created you may have to create the 4,n,m image yourself using the data from the TRANSPARENT keyword . The PNG spec allows for full alpha support and a sort of 1-bit support where specific pixels are considered transparent.

FWIW, I read 4 channel .png files regularly going back to at least 5.3 with a simple:

```
image = READ_PNG('myimage.png')
```

-Rick

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