
Subject: Re: MPEG4 in IDL

Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 17:47:08 GMT

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"Haje Korth" wrote...

> I was wondering if anyone has written MPEG4 videos in IDL yet. If so,
please
> let me know how to get/compile the necessary libraries. Thanks for
helping.

Yes and no. Are people encoding their IDL animations using MPEG4, yes. Is
this being done in IDL, no.

There have been a few hints here and there that people were thinking about
writing a platform independent <insert codec here>.dln but I think that
these projects all stall when the authors learn the amount of work involved.
For most it is hard to justify the investment in time when you can simply
write the frames in IDL and use another application to encode them into the
movie file of choice.

The only .dln I know of which allows you to create MPEG4 videos in IDL is
Ronn Kling's aviIDL package. This windows only dln is essentially a wrapper
for the video for windows interface which allows you to use the codecs
installed on your machine to encode frames from within IDL. You still will
need to come up with the codec yourself. The dln can be found here:
<http://www.kilvarock.com/freesoftware/dlms/avi.htm>

-Rick
