Subject: Re: RFC 1: Common functions for beginners Posted by condor on Tue, 20 May 2003 16:12:16 GMT

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"Mark Hadfield" <m.hadfield@niwa.co.nz> wrote in message news:<bace>hac8jd\$4vp\$1@newsreader.mailgate.org>...

- > "Big Bird" <condor@biosys.net> wrote in message
- > news:df160b8f.0305191535.214da775@posting.google.com...
- >> I disagree that people need to know "device, decomposed=0" as this
- >> already presumes a certain color model.

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- > Then I take it you won't mind David redirecting all email inquiries on this
- > subject to you?

Heh - go ahead: all email to this account is automatically bounced to president@whitehouse.gov - clearly we need a national color model infrastructure...;)

(Slightly more seriously: the OP was referring to things to teach to people he has sitting in front of him, not random people who send him emails because they can't get some program to work that was written in the early neolithic.)

ObIDL: maybe I understand device, decomposed=0 wrong, but it is really only useful if you have a true-color display (like every cheap PC these days!) and you're trying to use something that was written in the bad old days of 8-bit indexed color, right? (Wrong?)

I've come across these situations a few times; and so far the best choice was every time to go into the code and rewite it to expect a true-color display. I cannot imagine what economic upheavals would have to happen to make people go back to 8-bit pseudo color...