
Subject: Re: Map transparent image

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2003 19:51:54 GMT

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Michael A. Miller writes:

> One method that you might like is alpha blending. If you have
> two images with two different colors (from two color maps say),
> calculate a new color map like
>
> $RGB = \text{BYTE}(\alpha * \text{FLOAT}(\text{baseRGB}) + (1.0 - \alpha) * \text{FLOAT}(\text{overlayRGB}))$
>
> where the *RGB are RGB 3-tuples. You can do this by hand, so to
> speak, in your own code if you are using direct graphics, or you
> can use the alpha blending that is built into object graphics.

Oh, yes, that looks nice. Here is a little example
if you happen to have some of my programs hanging around
and a 24-bit display.

```
Window
LoadCT, 5
TVImage, LoadData(7)
a = TVRead()
LoadCT, 0
TVImage, (LoadData(5) GT 40) * 255B
b = TVRead()
alpha = 0.5
rgb = BYTE( alpha * FLOAT(a) + (1.0 - alpha) * FLOAT(b) )
TVImage, rgb
```

Very slick!

Cheers,

David

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