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Subject: Re: Map transparent image  
Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2003 15:04:53 GMT  
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I have found that article an hour ago searching the net in desperation. The pixelation stuff looks extremely ugly. However, I like the object graphicsw stuff and now I have an excuse to learn object graphics! I knew sooner or later I would get the opportunity. it is actually not that hard. after a few tries i even got it to work with ION. Thanks for the hint though. I should have never posted without consulting your site first... :-)

Haje

"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:MPG.196b397bada48ac5989696@news.frii.com...

> Haje Korth writes:

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>> I am trying to overlay a grey-shaded mask over an image to indicate  
areas

>> where sample data are less reliable. However, I want the grey shaded  
area to

>> be transparent so that I can still see the underlying data points. I do  
not

>> want to use 'contour' since the results look rather confusing; too many  
>> patches. As far as I can see, the IDL map\_image command does not provide  
>> such settings. Does anyone know, how the mask can be worked into the  
image

>> prior to display? What is the math that one would apply?

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> There is a pixelation technique described in this article  
> that I think would work:

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> [http://www.dfanning.com/color\\_tips/color\\_overlay.html](http://www.dfanning.com/color_tips/color_overlay.html)

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> Create two images: one normal and the other normal with  
> the gray mask opaquely on top. Then pixelate the two.  
> You should end up with an image in which the colors show  
> through the gray, where the gray is present and looks normal  
> otherwise.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> P.S. I haven't tried this, but sometimes you just  
> feel extraordinarily confident something is going to  
> work. :-)

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