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Subject: Re: what is an efficient lossless compression way to store a gray-scale image

Posted by [Jonathan Boswell](#) on Tue, 26 Aug 2003 17:23:01 GMT

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Julia wrote:

> seems that there is no way to store gray-scale images in IDL  
> efficiently...

I believe GIF is lossless if you have fewer than 256 "colors". What version of IDL do you have? There are licensing issues pertaining to the LZW compression used by the GIF standard, and recent versions of IDL will not run WRITE\_GIF w/o additional expense.

- JB

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