
Subject: Re: how to make a mask from a picture and how to put...

Posted by [Thomas Nehls](#) on Thu, 04 Mar 2004 16:57:29 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

```
> tom writes:
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>
>> I want to make a mask from an image containing only some regions of that
>> picture. I already have a black and white image containing these regions.
>> How can I make a mask of it?
>> in order to merge it with or to lay it over an RGB-Image to see only the
>> selected regions from that RGB-Image?
>> thank you very much!
>
>
> Here is an article that describes how to make as mask.
> If your RGB image is 2D, just apply it as described.
> If your RGB image is 24-bit, apply the mask to all three
> 2D image planes.
>
> http://www.dfanning.com/ip\_tips/xroi.html
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
```

thank you that is interesting, but:

I especially want to avoid drawing by hand! I already have my black and white image `bw` (1,400,400) which results by some calculations from the original image `"org"`(3,400,400).

Now I want to multiply these two images in that way, that everywhere where my `"bw"` is black (or white, whatever) should be black in the resulting image `"res"`. the following loop did not work...

```
for x=400, Y=400
  for X = 1:400
    for Y =1:400
      res(Z=0:3,X,Y) = bw(X,Y) * org(Z=0:3,X,Y)
    end
  end
end
```

Do you understand what I want to do?

what does the following line from your example
(http://www.dfanning.com/ip_tips/xroi.html) do?

```
IDL> maskedImage = image * (1 - (mask GT 0))
```

I tried it, but it is not working ...
Thank you!
