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Subject: Re: MPEG under IDL  
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Emilio Hernandez <[emilio@formentor.uib.es](mailto:emilio@formentor.uib.es)> writes:

> Hi all,  
> Do you know is there any standard routine to build (and to read) mpeg  
> movies from sequences of IDL images?

Although I've never tried it, it is supposed to be possible to do with a combination of the PBMPlus package plus a program called mpeg\_encode. The steps are supposedly as follows:

1. Write out the frames of your movie one by one as GIF files.
2. Use giftppm from the PBMPlus utilities to convert the GIF files to PPM format.
3. Use mpeg\_encode to convert the PPM files to an MPEG movie.

You should be able to find PBMPlus and mpeg\_encode at various ftp sites.

Good luck,

Bill Thompson

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