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Subject: Re: ION: video?

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sandrokan wrote:

- > Dear all,
- > I got an ION script that pushes an image from my server to the remote user
- > with a call to TV.
- > Is it possible to substitute, inside this script, this TV calling with some
- > call to a routine that shows a video (animated gif, mpg or other)?
- > Of course I can save the video somewhere and then pass just the
- > file.address, but I'm wondering if is it possible somehow else.

It depends on what you mean by "shows a video".

Check out the ION\_OBJECT tag (added in 1.6?) that lets you insert varied content into a page (including .avi or .mpg files).

Also, ION\_IMAGE should work with animated .gifs (but you'll need to generate the animated gifs outside of IDL using maybe imagemagik).

Before the ION\_OBJECT tag, I would simply save ION generated animations and VRML files with a unique name to a /tmp directory, embed the player in the output page and pass the url to the player. I would also spawn an "at" job to clean the file after a set period of time. Works great.

-Rick

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