
Subject: Re: convert read_bpm(file, R, G, B) to N x M x 3 array?

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Mike writes:

> If I read a color bitmap file like this:
>
> bmp = READ_BMP(filename, R, G, B)
>
> bmp is an N x M array with values that are indices of the
> RGB arrays. For example, if bmp[5,10] = 3, the color
> triple for that pixel is R[3], G[3], B[3]. To convert this to
> an N x M x 3 for widget_button values, I've used a brute
> force method:
>
> bmp = read_bmp(filename, R, G, B)
> s = size(bmp, /structure)
> Nx = s.dimensions[0]
> Ny = s.dimensions[1]
> Nc = n_elements(R)
> bmpR = bytarr(Nx, Ny)
> bmpG = bytarr(Nx, Ny)
> bmpB = bytarr(Nx, Ny)
> for c = 0, Nc-1 do begin
> i = where(bmp eq c, count)
> if count gt 0 then begin
> bmpR[i] = R[c]
> bmpG[i] = G[c]
> bmpB[i] = B[c]
> endif
> endfor
> result = [[[bmpR]], [[bmpG]], [[bmpB]]]
>
> It seems like there aught to be a more IDLy way do
> this, but my juggling skills are failing me. Can
> anyone suggest something that takes fewer lines of
> code and is more consistent with The IDL Way?

It seems to me something like this should work:

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bmp = read_bmp(filename, R, G, B)
bmp24 = [[r[bmp]], [g[bmp]], [b[bmp]]]
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Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
