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Subject: Re: Reading 256x256x16bit images  
Posted by [peter](#) on Wed, 19 Jun 1996 07:00:00 GMT  
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Jason Young (jyoung@olie.wvnet.edu) wrote:

: This sounds like something I tried to do about a month ago. Except  
: mine were 512x512x12bit CT scan images. Of course the relative intensities  
: could have been 0 to 4095 so the code looked like this:

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:      a=intarr(512,512)
:      a=ishft(a,-4)
:      tvscl, a
```

: This could create an image, but for some reason there was a lot of  
: noise around where the bone should have been. I have tried many different  
: scaling procedures that haven't helped. I also noticed that the data is  
: chopped because the upper value is 4080. This would probably be the cause  
: of the upper end noise since dense bone should be above 4080. I had to do  
: the shift because of IDL being 16 bit.

Scaling by bit-shifting shouldn't make any difference, since tvscl does  
the scaling anyway. How big are the files? Is each 12-bit pixel stored  
in a 16-bit word on disk? Or are two 12-bit pixels stored in 3 8-bit  
bytes? If the latter, you'll have to do some fancy bit-twiddling to  
correctly load the image.

Finally, are you sure you don't need to byteswap the data?

Peter

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