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Subject: Re: HELP!

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Gideon Z Romm wrote:

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> Hi. I am working in a neuroscience lab, and we just got a beautiful new  
> computer and installed IDL. My boss wants me to program a movie, given a  
> raster plot of neuron firings versus time, and a .tif graphic file of the  
> ganglia, using IDL. My first question is: can this be done? And my  
> second question is: Given that I have never used IDL before in my life  
> and have only just seen it today, what is the best way of accomodating  
> myself quickly to a software package as rich and powerful as IDL. How  
> the hell do I learn enough to make a movie, as quickly and easily as IDL  
> proposes it can make it?  
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> Thanks to anyone who can help.  
>  
> Gadi

Hi Gadi,

The quickets way is to copy what's already been done. Start up IDL and at the prompt, enter animate and press return. If that looks like what you need, then you'll need to read your image data in from files and convert them into an array of images to use in the animate widget. There are routines like READ\_TIFF that will help with this.

Good luck

Tim

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