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Subject: Re: 16 bit greyscale / grayscale videos  
Posted by [DavidPS](#) on Wed, 20 Jan 2010 15:43:19 GMT  
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On Jan 20, 2:48 pm, 2...@onetel.com wrote:

> I'd like to generate 16-bit greyscale videos to retain the full  
> sensor  
> fidelity and be able to replay them on the standard (free) video  
> players. Is this possible in IDL 6.0?  
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> I'm thinking with medical and infra red imaging, high quality imaging  
> sensors, and processing power 16-bit greyscal video should be doable  
> now without too much difficulty. Does anyone have any suggestions  
> about how to go about generating and displaying 16-bit video.  
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> many thanks,  
> Neil

Hi Neil,

I haven't done much videos with IDL, I'd never been very happy with the results. What I've used is FFMpeg, first I save the frames on jpeg (or other format you like) and then make a video with ffmpeg in your favourite format. Ffmpeg is opensource and offer a big list of formats (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FFmpeg>).

In linux what I do with image-0000.jpg to image-nnnn.jpg is:  
ffmpeg -r 20 -b 15M -i image-%04d.jpg film.mp4

Cheers,

David

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