
Subject: IDL 8.1 Video Write

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Hi,

I tested the new video write feature in IDL 8.1 yesterday. This functionality is one I had long been waiting for. Due to the poor quality of MPEG2 for scientific graphics, I was using Ronn Kling's AVI DLM in the past. This DLM worked great but was limited to Windows OS. Now we finally have a cross platform solution. It was nice to see how easy it was to use the video write feature with the new graphics system. I am very pleased with the results.

I have one question for someone with more experience in the codec business. I understand that the default codec used is mpeg4. Is this or is this not different from H.264? I would like to ensure that my movies are in H.264 format. So if these formats are not the same, how do I go about installing and using this codec. I installed ffdshow, which includes an H.264 codec, but using the `getcodecs()` method I was not able to easily locate it. So if someone has already figured this out, I would like to learn from you.

Thanks,
Haje
