
Subject: Re: write_gif to stdout ?

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 19 Aug 2011 04:28:52 GMT

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On 8/18/11 3:27 pm, George Millward wrote:

> Hi there,

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> I am building an IDL program which will be running offline under UNIX.

> Every time my program is run - it produces a .gif image.

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> Is there any way to get this .gif file to be written to stdout -

> rather than saving it as an actual file ?

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> I notice that LUN = -1 is stdout but WRITE_GIF doesn't specify

> LUN, just a filename.

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> Any ideas ?

If you really want to do this (it's not documented, so it might not work in future versions), try ENCODE_GIF:

```
IDL> encode_gif, -1, bytarr(10, 10) + 5B
```

```
% Loaded DLM: GIF.
```

See the code for write_gif.pro for an example of what is normally written in the header.

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