
Subject: Re: JPEG image help - Easy for people who understand IDL?!

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Rebecca C writes:

> Also, my major is environmental science, "Society and Policy" track. *Not* the scientific/lab work track. I've taken two ArcGIS-related classes, and can operate that software alright to make maps and some tables. That's about as technical as I've ever had to get - IDL is quite the wrong fit for me!

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> I'm headed out of the computer lab now, but I will be back on Tuesday. I would love to revisit this if I don't figure it out by then, so if you post your 3-line supermethod (or should I call it pure magic) I would definitely be grateful.

OK, here is my solution, then. When you get questioned about whether this is your own work or not, just say "I went to sleep the other night, and the answer came to me in a dream. It was like I was channeling Kekulé's structure of benzene!"

If you don't know who Kekulé is, you better bone up on that whole snake chasing its tail business:

<http://www.ch.ic.ac.uk/rzepa/mim/environmental/html/benzene.htm>

Here it is:

```
cgImage, Filename='sky.jpg', /Window, WMULTI=[0,1,2]
cgImage, Filename='ocean.jpg', /AddCmd
cgControl, Output='combined_sky_ocean.jpg'
```

Good luck with this. You will owe me a beer when I run into you at the big AGU meeting in San Francisco next year!

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Seppure ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
