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Subject: Re: Convert string to image matrix (like xyouts)  
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Tue, 09 May 2017 11:52:42 GMT  
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Le mardi 9 mai 2017 11:41:12 UTC+2, hein...@googlemail.com a écrit :  
> Am Montag, 8. Mai 2017 21:42:51 UTC+2 schrieb fawltyl...@gmail.com:  
>> On Monday, May 8, 2017 at 8:31:20 PM UTC+2, hein...@googlemail.com wrote:  
>>> Is there a method to generate an image from a string, i.e. a binary image that contains the  
string as printed text?  
>>>  
>>> I'm currently generating a movie from several image frames (using IDLffVideoWrite), and  
would like to put additional information into the frames as text (such as dates).  
>>  
>> You can use xyouts with the Z device and read back the image with tvrd().  
>>  
>> regards,  
>> Lajos  
>  
> Ok, thanks.  
>  
> In case anyone wants to know, this is the solution:  
>  
> result\_arr = MAKE\_ARRAY(image\_size[0], image\_size[1], /BYTE, VALUE=0)  
> old\_device = !D.Name  
> SET\_PLOT, 'Z', /COPY  
> DEVICE, SET\_RESOLUTION=image\_size  
> ERASE  
> TV, result\_arr  
> xyouts, location[0], location[1], input\_text, CHARSIZE=font\_size, CHARTHICK=font\_size/2  
> result\_arr=TVRD()  
> SET\_PLOT, old\_device, /COPY  
> return, result\_arr

With Graphics functions, you could simply do:

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> im = IMAGE(bytarr(image_size))  
> t = TEXT(TARGET=im, ...)  
> im.GETDATA, result_arr
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alx.

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