
Subject: Image scale as 0 - 4096 instead of 0 - 255
Posted by [idlfreak](#) on Fri, 22 Mar 2002 20:18:38 GMT
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Hi,

I can view the images in a window using IDLgrWindow command in object graphics or tvscl command in direct graphics. I have couple of simple questions on this.

1. The images obtained are in the scale of 0 - 255. I'd like to view these images on a 0 - 4096 scale. Can anybody tell me how to do that.
2. When i'm drawing these images in object graphics. I can draw images in only one window at a time. That is, even though i perform several modifications to the image like erosion or dilation only one stage can be seen. In other words i can't get many windows. I want to draw all the stages of image in seperate windows like what we can do in direct graphics using tvscl command and the location of a window. please suggest me a method to do this.

Thank you for ur time and any help is welcome.

Cheers,
Akhila.

Subject: Re: Image scale as 0 - 4096 instead of 0 - 255
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 26 Mar 2002 17:43:53 GMT
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Akhila (idlfreak@yahoo.com) writes:

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Actually, your example will overdraw the second image in the same window as the first, so I'm not exactly sure what you are asking about. Could you clarify exactly what you want?

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Image scale as 0 - 4096 instead of 0 - 255

Posted by [idlfreak](#) on Tue, 26 Mar 2002 22:38:26 GMT

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I can display two images in two different windows in direct graphics like this:

```
window, 1, XSIZE = imSize[1], YSIZE = imSize[2]
tvsc1, congrd(image, imSize[1], imSize[2])
```

```
window, 2, XSIZE = imSize[1], YSIZE = imSize[2]
tvsc1, congrd(image1, imSize[1], imSize[2])
```

I want to display the two images this way in two windows but in object graphics. I tried to do the following in object graphics, but didn't help.

```
oImage = Obj_New('IDLgrImage', image, ORDER = 2)
oWindow = Obj_New('IDLgrWindow')
oView = Obj_New('IDLgrView', VIEWPLANE_RECT = [0,0,512,512], COLOR =
[0,0,0], PROJECTION = 2)
oModel = Obj_New('IDLgrModel')
oModel -> Add, oImage
oView -> Add, oModel
oWindow -> Draw, oView
```

and again for image1.

```
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but it doesn't work. I hope i'm clear this time.

I'm sorry to bother you, but i have another question to ask you. I saw that you have once discussed about displaying the image for Medical imaging purposes using 4096 as a greyscale instead of 255. Is that possible and how can you do that?

Thank you for your time.

Regerds,

Akhila

David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:<MPG.170a61484298476d98984e@news.frii.com>...

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Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Wed, 27 Mar 2002 00:45:15 GMT

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news:b1ad7b05.0203261438.19606cd0@posting.google.com...

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```

Hmmm. I think it's a redrawing problem. If I run your code on my system (IDL 5.5, Windows 2000, hardware renderer) I get two object graphics windows, one on top of the other. The image is visible in the second window (ie. the one initially visible), but when I expose the first window it's black. Then when I expose the first window it's black also. And they both stay black thereafter, because the IDLgrWindow objects don't retain their contents and they're not being redrawn on exposure.

A simple fix is to set the RETAIN property of the IDLgrWindows to something other than 0. (Possible values are 1 & 2. On Windows they give identical results. On Unix it depends on X backing store and other complicated stuff--try them both.)

The basic problem is that Object Graphics provides quite a nice toolkit for scientific visualisation, but it's all very low-level. Plain IDLgrWindow objects are not really very useful. You need an object-graphics window embedded in a widget application with event-handling code to take care of redrawing. You could display each of your IDLgrImage objects with XOBJVIEW. Or you roam through David Fanning's WWW site looking for something suitable. My IDL library has a general-purpose OG window object (MGH_Window) that could be just what you need. It's at

<http://katipo.niwa.cri.nz/~hadfield/gust/software/idl/>

As I've explained recently on this group, my library is not as user-friendly as some others. But you're welcome to try it out and I'd love to hear how you get on.

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Subject: Re: Image scale as 0 - 4096 instead of 0 - 255
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Mar 2002 01:35:13 GMT
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Akhila (idlfreak@yahoo.com) writes:

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I think Mark solved this one for you. You can have as many object windows as you like. Set the RETAIN keyword so they do their own backing store and redraw properly.

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I didn't say 4096 shades of gray. I said that often medical images are 12 or 16 bit rather than 8 and radiologists don't want to throw *any* data away. So they prefer to define a "window" into their 16-bit data and choose which range of the data is displayed in the 256 shades of gray available on a computer.

The program ContrastZoom on my web page demonstrates one way this windowing can be done (among other things).

Cheers,

David

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