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Subject: Creating an image as a sum of images  
Posted by [FSD](#) on Thu, 03 Feb 2005 19:33:55 GMT  
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Thanks  
FSD

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Subject: Re: Creating an image as a sum of images  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 03 Feb 2005 20:59:38 GMT  
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FSD writes:

> Hey, thanks for the input. It sorta works but how do I read in eight  
> files and write them back out again with the window? I have several  
> thousand files and I need to run it seemslessly in the background.

Well, clearly you are going to have to do it in a loop. :-)

You can gather all the files in a directory with File\_Search, figure out how many there are (keyword to File\_Search), and loop through them 8 at a time.

I would display them differently though. I would display 8 files like this:

```
!P.Multi=[0,4,2]
LoadCT, 0, /Silent
Device, Decomposed=0
Erase, Color=255
FOR j=0,7 DO BEGIN
    ; read the image file and get the image on this line
    TVImage, image
ENDFOR
!P.Multi = 0
```

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

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Subject: Re: Creating an image as a sum of images  
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Thu, 03 Feb 2005 22:45:14 GMT  
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In article <fhu40117oo2oat2gg4oi0tvm1bml66r2m1@4ax.com>,  
FSD <frank@digennaro-dot-com> wrote:

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Something like this, I think, ...

```
file = ['png1', 'png2', ...]
```

```
image = BYTARR(3, 4*128, 2*128)
FOR j = 1, 0, -1 DO BEGIN
  FOR i = 0, 3 DO BEGIN
    ifile = i + j*4
    png = READ_PNG(file[ifile])
    image[* , i*128, j*128] = png
  ENDFOR
ENDFOR
```

Add whitespace as needed ...

Cheers, Ken

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Subject: Re: Creating an image as a sum of images  
Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Thu, 03 Feb 2005 22:48:31 GMT  
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"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:MPG.1c6c3ea4c718278989901@news.frii.com...

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-bob

"Lets just say" [TM] I really should update some of those older routines ;)

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 03 Feb 2005 23:03:25 GMT  
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Uh, time marches on... :-)

Cheers,

David

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