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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 17:03:46 GMT

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-Rick

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Posted by [Karl Schultz](#) on Fri, 21 Apr 2006 19:34:32 GMT

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You might have a look at [d_objworld2.pro](#), which has an anti-alias feature in the Options menu. The source code ships with IDL. I don't know if it will work for your situation, but may be worth a look.

Karl

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Posted by [greg michael](#) on Mon, 24 Apr 2006 11:48:50 GMT

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Hi Karl - that looks like a possibility - the trick seems to be to render the scene more than once, shifting each time by a fraction of a pixel, and then averaging. I don't know how that works out for speed (they use 8 renderings by default, but the routine appears to offer more economical variants), but I'll give it a try.

Rick's hardware option would be faster, I'm sure, but as far as I know, that can't be done through ION script - you're compelled to use the `idlgrbuffer`.

many thanks,
Greg
