
Subject: Making MPEG movies on Windows

Posted by [Spon](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2009 10:55:31 GMT

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Hi everyone,

I'm trying to make an MPEG / MJ2 (or other portable movie file) of some data, but apparently the IDLgrMPEG object requires an additional licence I don't have. However, looking at the IDLffMJPEG2000 object, it doesn't mention anything about needing extra licences, and seems to let me create files without throwing an error. Unfortunately, I want something I can embed in a presentation, and I'm not sure .mj2 files would be suitable - although perhaps I'm missing something simple that would let me open the resulting file in Windows media player or some such programme.

I've also had a look at the Ronn Kling's AVI2IDL, which looks great, but I suspect I'll have to hope for a DLM that gets on with IDL 7. So far, I've not had any luck trying to write an .avi file with IDL 7.0 by this method.

Otherwise, I guess I'll have to beg or steal some time on a linux box and have a play with Christian Soeller's write_mpeg. Is this my best bet?

Thanks,
Chris

Subject: Re: Making MPEG movies on Windows

Posted by [rtk](#) on Thu, 26 Feb 2009 21:38:23 GMT

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On Feb 25, 3:55 am, Spon <christoph.b...@gmail.com> wrote:

> I'm trying to make an MPEG / MJ2 (or other portable movie file) of
> some data, but apparently the IDLgrMPEG object requires an additional
> licence I don't have.

Try writing your frames to disk and then calling ffmpeg. It is very fast, high quality, free, and makes all major movie formats. Finding a Windows executable is a bit of a pain, but they are out there. This has worked well for me in the past.

Ron
