
Subject: Re: 16 bit greyscale / grayscale videos
Posted by [DavidPS](#) on Wed, 20 Jan 2010 15:43:19 GMT
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On Jan 20, 2:48 pm, 2...@onetel.com wrote:

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Cheers,

David

Subject: Re: 16 bit greyscale / grayscale videos
Posted by [mankoff](#) on Wed, 20 Jan 2010 16:34:42 GMT
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I don't think JPEG will hold 16 bit color. PNG will, and then use some
3rd party software to animate the sequence of PNGs.

Subject: Re: 16 bit greyscale / grayscale videos
Posted by [2d](#) on Thu, 21 Jan 2010 08:25:52 GMT
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Yes, PNG and TIFF both support 16-bit greyscale storage. However, as I
understand with TIFF you can create a single file containing multiple
images, which is more convenient, for passing to animation software,
whilst PNG only stores one image per file, so that less convenient. Is
there any way to store multiple PNG images in a single PNG file?

Question then remains is what animation software and movie media will
retain the 16-bit greyscale fidelity? Most of these do RGB of 8 bit
for each colour, so that won't retain the full 16-bit greyscale
fidelity.

Thank you, Neil

Subject: Re: 16 bit greyscale / grayscale videos
Posted by [DavidPS](#) on Fri, 22 Jan 2010 11:44:40 GMT
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On Jan 21, 8:25 am, 2...@onetel.com wrote:

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I looked around and found that ffmpeg retain 16-bit greyscale fidelity, this date from 2006

<http://lists.mplayerhq.hu/pipermail/ffmpeg-devel/2006-October/017237.html>
Cheers,

David

Subject: Re: 16 bit greyscale / grayscale videos
Posted by [MC](#) on Tue, 02 Feb 2010 10:00:03 GMT
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Not only that, it is unlikely that one can tell the difference between 16bit and 8bit greyscale visually -even if Mach banding effects are present...

Cheers
