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Posted by [David Grier](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 08:06:54 GMT
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Any thoughts?

TTFN,

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Subject: Re: IDL 8.0: How to update IMAGE data?
Posted by [penteado](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 15:03:16 GMT
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On Jul 30, 5:06 am, David Grier <david.gr...@nyu.edu> wrote:

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Subject: Re: IDL 8.0: How to update IMAGE data?
Posted by [David Grier](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 15:35:51 GMT
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On 7/30/10 11:03 AM, Paulo Penteado wrote:
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Many thanks,

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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:36:55 GMT
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Yes, it appears a lot of useful stuff is not in there. One trick to get information on properties (not helpful here, though since putData is a method): you can PRINT a graphics object and it will show its properties.

Mike

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