
Subject: MIP from BMP Images

Posted by [M R](#) on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 16:10:27 GMT

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I am fairly new to IDL and trying to learn.

I have a series of 255 bitmap images in a folder. I have to create a

rotating MIP from these images. Each image is of the size 2216 X 1254.

I cannot use read_bmp (as mentioned in IDL Help 8.1 as each line

should be evenly divisible by 4). I am trying to create a 3D array of

the size (3000 X 3000 X 500) in case the image size and number of

images change for each data set. How should I go about addressing this

issue of loading images into IDL? I will be using FOR loop to build

the MIP. I haven't yet thought about rotating the MIP. Any help,

suggestions, advice is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2011 15:41:05 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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By the way, you don't say how big your display window is, but I doubt it is 2216 by 1254 pixels in size. So, when you use this TV command, you are probably only going to see a small fraction of your image anyway.

You might be better off downloading the Coyote Library and using the `cglImage` command:

```
cglImage, image, /KEEP_ASPECT
```

That will at least show you the entire image in your graphics window.

You can find the Coyote Library here:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/code_tips/installcoyote.php

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Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images

Posted by [M R](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2011 17:35:42 GMT

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I have tried the above. The screen does not contain a sliver of the image but the upper left quadrant of the screen is white while the remaining 3 quadrants are black. I see a partial axis in the white quadrant.

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The images contain intensity information. First because different kinds of tissues are seen clearly. Secondly (My feeling), each image of the size 24 bit in its color.

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Yes, I do have an IDL console window where I cross check each variable

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As you have suggested, I think I will try to display just one image without the loop and see if it is being displayed entirely or not.

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images

Posted by [M R](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2011 18:25:55 GMT

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Using the above mentioned imagefile.....steps, I can see a pop up window which does not contain a sliver of the image but the upper left hand corner is white with the remaining three quadrants black.

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I do an IDL console window where I am cross checking the variables and the values being loaded.

The images do contain intensity information. First, I can differentiate between the different tissues. Second, each image is 24 bit size.

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I will try with one image first and then see if I can output the same.

Thank you!

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2011 19:13:40 GMT

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M R writes:

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I don't deny you can differentiate different tissues visually. But, the "intensity" you are looking at is being brought to you via color information in the true-color image. There is no physical "intensity" information in your image to perform a "sum" on. Therefore, I believe it will be impossible to create a MIP image with this data. There is just nothing physical there to do a "maximum" on!

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Posted by [Konstantinos](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2011 21:23:05 GMT

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Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images
Posted by [M R](#) on Wed, 13 Jul 2011 15:34:37 GMT
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Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images

Posted by [M R](#) on Wed, 13 Jul 2011 15:57:31 GMT

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Posted by [M](#) on Wed, 13 Jul 2011 17:03:35 GMT

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Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images

Posted by [penteado](#) on Wed, 13 Jul 2011 17:47:10 GMT

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On Jul 13, 2:03 pm, M <manishared...@gmail.com> wrote:

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I do not know what you mean there. David was saying that a problem is that these images seem to be RGB, thus probably their values are not intensities, but colors derived from a single channel image (the intensities) mapped through a colortable.

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That is simple. The array arm would be too big to fit in memory. If you have RGB images with 2216x1254x3 bytes, each is just short of 8MB, so probably a few hundred of those would be enough to fill your available memory.

Subject: Re: MIP from BMP Images
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Wed, 13 Jul 2011 19:14:40 GMT
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-Dick

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Posted by [M R](#) on Thu, 14 Jul 2011 14:06:59 GMT
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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Thu, 14 Jul 2011 14:32:46 GMT
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Ken Bowman

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Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 14 Jul 2011 20:54:48 GMT
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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Fri, 15 Jul 2011 17:28:59 GMT
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