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Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Fri, 24 May 2013 20:21:52 GMT
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Posted by [Meg](#) on Fri, 24 May 2013 20:25:16 GMT
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Posted by [kelle](#) on Thu, 06 Mar 2014 23:01:28 GMT
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yep, just needed to have white as the last color. It was just a coincidence that I had modified the color table to have red as color 255...thus mimicking the Device, Decomposed = 0 problem. sneaky, sneaky.

I wonder, does that also mean that for good color table modification practice, one should also always keep black as color 0?

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I think it means you should just use Coyote Graphics and never have to worry about these kinds of things again. :-)

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