

How to save 32 bit bitmaps in 24 bit bmp format

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procedure SaveToFileBMP(const aBmp: TBitmap; aFileName: String);
var
  i, n, m, w: Integer;
  f: File;
  bmfh: BITMAPFILEHEADER;
  bmih: BITMAPINFOHEADER;
  p, pl: Pointer;
  pSrc: PIntArray;
begin
  if ExtractFileExt(aFileName) = '' then
    aFileName := aFileName + '.bmp';
  if GetDeviceCaps(aBmp.Canvas.Handle, BITSPIXEL) <> 32 then
    begin
      aBmp.SaveToFile(aFileName);
      Exit;
    end;
  with bmfh do
    begin
      bfType := Ord('M') shl 8 or Ord('B');
      bfSize := sizeof(bmfh) + sizeof(bmih) + aBmp.Width * aBmp.Height * 3;
      bfReserved1 := 0;
      bfReserved2 := 0;
      bfOffBits := sizeof(bmfh) + sizeof(bmih);
    end;
  with bmih do
    begin
      biSize := SizeOf(bmih);
      biWidth := aBmp.Width;
      biHeight := aBmp.Height;
      biPlanes := 1;
      biBitCount := 24;
      biCompression := BI_RGB;
      biSizeImage := 0;
      biXPelsPerMeter := 1; {don't care}
      biYPelsPerMeter := 1; {don't care}
      biClrUsed := 0;
      biClrImportant := 0;
    end;
  n := aBmp.Width;
  m := n * 3;
  if m mod 4 <> 0 then
    Inc(m, 4 - (m mod 4));
  GetMem(p, m);
  w := aBmp.Width;
  BmpToArray(aBmp, Pointer(pSrc));
  AssignFile(f, aFileName);
  Rewrite(f, 1);
  BlockWrite(f, bmfh, SizeOf(bmfh));
  BlockWrite(f, bmih, SizeOf(bmih));
  for i := aBmp.Height - 1 downto 0 do
    {saving from bottom scanline to top because we set positive height value
     biHeight := aBmp.Height}
    begin
      {let Delphi calculate necessary address of current scanline}
      pl := @pSrc[w * i];
      asm
        {we must preserve all registers we use except EAX, EDX, ECX}
        push esi
        push edi
        {ECX = count of colors in a scanline}
        mov ecx, n
        {ESI = address of source (32 bit) scanline. Format of color 'ARGB'}
        mov esi, pl
        {EDI = address of destination (24 bit) scanline. Format of color 'RGB'}
        mov edi, p
      @L1:
        lodsd {EAX = source color 'ARGB'}
        stosw {sending AX register with 'GB' part}
        shr eax, 16 {AX = 'AR'}
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    stosb {sending AL register with 'R' part}
    loop @L1 {decrement counter (ECX) and jump @1 if not zero}
    pop edi {restoring "spoiled" registers}
    pop esi
end;
{while we sent n colors, to file we write m colors, thus doing padding
values of additional bytes do not matter}
BlockWrite(f, p^, m);
end;
CloseFile(f);
FreeMem(p);
FreeMem(pSrc);
end;
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