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(57)ABSTRACT

A method of converting 10-bit pixel data (e.g. 10:10:10:2 data) into 8-bit pixel data involves converting the 10-bit values to 7-bits or 8-bits and generating error values for each of the converted values. Two of the 8-bit output channels comprise a combination of a converted 7-bit value and one of the bits from the fourth input channel. A third 8-bit output channel comprises the converted 8-bit value and the fourth 8-bit output channel comprises the error values. In various examples, the bits of the error values may be interleaved when they are packed into the fourth output channel.

