

## ☰ Documentation

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# vlImage Operations

Apply image manipulation operations to vlImage buffers.

## Overview

A vlImage function name includes the data type of the buffer it operates on. For example, [vlImageConvolve\\_Planar8\(](#)`_ : : : : : : : : : :`) works with 8-bit planar buffers, and [vlImageConvolve\\_ARGBFFFF\(](#)`_ : : : : : : : : : :`) works with 32-bits-per-channel, four-channel interleaved buffers.

## Topics

### Applying color transforms to images

#### ☰ Transforming with lookup tables

Use lookup tables to apply color transformations to images.

#### ☰ Transforming with polynomials

Use polynomials to apply color transformations to images.

#### ☰ Transforming with matrix multiplication

Use matrix multiplication to apply color transformations to images.

#### ☰ Transforming with a gamma function

Use gamma functions to apply color transformations to images.

#### ☰ Applying a flood fill to an image

Fill connected components of an image with a new color.

## Applying geometric transforms to image buffers

### Resampling in vImage

Learn how vImage resamples image data during geometric operations.

### Applying affine transformations to images

Translate, rotate, and scale images.

### Applying projective transformations to images

Warp images in three dimensions.

### Image reflection

Reflect images horizontally and vertically.

### Image shearing

Shear images horizontally and vertically.

### Image rotation

Rotate images by arbitrary angles or by multiples of 90 degrees.

### Image scaling

Scale interlaced and planar images.

### Getting the Buffer Size

Calculate the size of the temporary buffer needed by a high-level geometry functions.

## Applying morphological operations to images

### Morphology

Dilate and erode images.

## Calculating and modifying an image's histogram

### Histogram

Calculate or manipulate an image's histogram.

## Clipping data

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Clip the pixel values of an image.

## Compositing images using alpha information

### ☰ Alpha compositing

Composite images together.

## Converting image buffers between formats

### ☰ Conversion

Convert an image to a different format.

## Convolving images

### ☰ Convolution

Apply a convolution kernel to an image.

## Extracting channels

### ☰ Extracting channels

Extract one channel from a four-channel interleaved buffer.

## Filling buffers

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Fill a buffer with a specified color.

## Filtering data prior to decompressing

### ☰ Decompression Filtering

Filter data prior to decompression.

## Flattening data

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Perform an alpha composite of a four-channel image over a solid background color.

## Overwriting channels

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Overwrite the channels of a buffer.

## Permuting channels

### ☰ Permuting Channels

Reorder the channels in an image.

## Swapping bytes

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Byte-swap a buffer.

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## See Also

### vImage Operations

#### {} Adjusting saturation and applying tone mapping

Convert an RGB image to discrete luminance and chrominance channels, and apply color and contrast treatments.

#### {} Blurring an image

Filter an image by convolving it with custom and high-speed kernels.

#### {} Adding a bokeh effect to images

Simulate a bokeh effect by applying dilation.

#### {} Converting color images to grayscale

Convert an RGB image to grayscale using matrix multiplication.

#### 📄 Building a basic image conversion workflow

Learn the fundamentals of the convert-any-to-any function by converting a CMYK image to an RGB image.

{ } Specifying histograms with vImage

Calculate the histogram of one image, and apply it to a second image.

📄 Enhancing image contrast with histogram manipulation

Enhance and adjust the contrast of an image with histogram equalization and contrast stretching.

{ } Reducing artifacts with custom resampling filters

Implement custom linear interpolation to prevent the ringing effects associated with scaling an image with the default Lanczos algorithm.

{ } Finding the sharpest image in a sequence of captured images

Share image data between vDSP and vImage to compute the sharpest image from a bracketed photo sequence.