

PMDIB 1.0: A new D.I.B. Manager

PMDIB 1.0 is one of the first image processing software for developers under OS/2 Presentation Manager that supports DIB's: Device Independent Bitmaps created under PM or Windows 3.

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INTRODUCTION TO DIB's

The introduction of Device Independent Bitmaps (DIB) was one of the most significant enhancements to the *Microsoft Windows 3* Graphics Device Interface. Now they are also supported under *OS/2 Presentation Manager* by the use of different programming levels. One of them is by using PMDIB 1.0.

A DIB is defined with a color table that is not dependent to the color capabilities of the output device, normally the screen. In contrast, a device-specific bitmap, uses only the available colors on the display device. What PMDIB 1.0 offers here, is the opportunity to add bitmap graphics (monochrome or color) to your applications. You can easily display DIB file format bitmaps and forget about the color limitations of your output device. Of course, the same bitmap will be displayed more accurately under a 8514/A than on an VGA adapter, but that is work for PMDIB 1.0.

With PMDIB 1.0, you can display up to 4 DIB formats: Monochrome, 16-color, 256-color, or full 24-bit RGB bitmaps. The advantage here is that if you have a 256-color DIB that you want to display under an VGA adapter, PMDIB 1.0 will notify Presentation Manager upon this, making the bitmap be displayed using 16 colors with the most accurate color degradation.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

PMDIB 1.0 allows you to display bitmaps in a PM window without the need to call a single PM API.. PMDIB 1.0 window is created with a single API call that allows you to create, refresh, destroy, reposition, as well as modify bitmap display options with subsequent API calls.

You can use PMDIB for your applications as if you controlled the graphic window dynamically, at the time you most prefer, and with the visual effects that you most desire.

PMDIB uses a verb code and additional data parameters to display a graphic window with a bitmap in it

The supported actions for PMDIB are :

PMDIB 1.0 can extract the bitmap information from two sources:

a single file from your floppy or hard disk using the form `d:\path\filename.ext`

a full network path (UNC) using the form
`\\computer\resource\subdir\filename.ext`

PMDIB 1.0 is a callable DLL routine that is compatible from any OS/2 high or low-level language, and it is supported under OS/2 1.x and OS/2 2.0.

PMDIB API Invocation - C Syntax:

**USHORT PMDIBDLL (PSZ pszBitmapSource, USHORT usVerb, PRECTL
prclRectangle) ;**

PSZ pszBitmapSource - (input)

This parameter takes two forms, depending on the verb code. When you use *DIB_CREATE* or *DIB_REFRESH_NEW_BMP*, this parameter specifies the path for a DIB filename. It can be used under two syntax rules:

Or you can also use UNC (Universal Network Convention) path to locate a remote file. This uses the form:

When the verb is *DIB_CREATE_BYPTR* or *DIB_REFRESH_NEW_BMP_BYPTR*, this parameter points to a buffer where the hole bitmap is coded, including its header information (wether OS/2 or Windows 3 version). The maximum lenght for this buffer is 64K.

USHORT usVerb - (input)

A verb can be one of the following:

DIB_CREATE_BMP

Use this verb as the first call to *PMDIBDLL()*. A new window will be created, and the bitmap graphic file specified in *pszBitmapSource* will be drawn in the window. Its initial window

placement will be in the lower-left corner of the Presentation Manager desktop and its dimensions adjusted to the bitmap file, unless you have passed a PRECTL as the third parameter, in which case the window will be adjusted to those coordinates and dimensions specified under PRECTL using universal coordinates.

DIB_REFRESH

This verb does not use any other parameter. It will redraw its window contents.

DIB_INVERSE

Inverts the Bitmap colors. This option is available on monochrome and color bitmaps.

DIB_ACTIVATE

Use this verb to activate PMDIB window, and refresh its graphical contents. Normally it is used when there are other windows behind PMDIB that break the graphic bitmap. This message implies that a graphic redraw be performed.

DIB_REFRESH_NEW_BITMAP

Use this verb to specify a new bitmap file to show inside the window. The new bitmap will be replaced in the window, but its dimensions will be kept like before, unless you pass a PRECTL as the third parameter, in which case the window will be adjusted to those coordinates and dimensions specified under PRECTL using universal coordinates.

DIB_WND_BITMAP_STRETCH

The window dimensions will be stretched to those the bitmap specifies.

DIB_BITMAP_WND_STRETCH_ON

The bitmap will be stretched to the window dimensions.

DIB_BITMAP_WND_STRETCH_OFF

The bitmap will NOT be stretched to the window dimensions. It will be shown using its default dimensions.

DIB_MINIMIZE

The PMDIBDLL Window will be minimized, and its icon will be showed on PM icon list.

DIB_MAXIMIZE

PMDIBDLL window will get the hole PM screen, putting itself in maximized mode.

DIB_RESTORE

The window is restored to its remembered position coordinates when it is in minimized or maximized state.

DIB_EMPTY_WND

This will clear PMDIBDLL window, making it empty. The bitmap will be destroyed, so to redisplay the last bitmap, or whatever other you want, you must call verb *DIB_REFRESH_NEW_BITMAP* or *DIB_REFRESH_NEW_BITMAP_BYPTR*.

DIB_DESTROY_WND

PMDIBDLL Window will be destroyed and will disappear from PM window and task manager. To make it come out again, you must call verb *DIB_CREATE_BMP* or *DIB_CREATE_BMP_BYPTR*.

DIB_HIDE_WND

PMDIBDLL window will be made invisible, but not destroyed. Use *DIB_SHOW_WND* to show it again.

DIB_SHOW_WND

Will show PMDIBDLL window when it has been hide using verb *DIB_HIDE_WND*.

DIB_POSITION_RECTL

Pass with this verb, the (RECTL *) structure to specify the new window placement, in absolute coordinates (those that PM Screen uses).

DIB_REPOSITION_INITIAL

Window will be placed in the PM screen lower-left corner, and its dimensions will be adjusted to the bitmap dimensions, unless you have passed a PRECTL as the third parameter to *DIB_CREATE_BMP*, in which case the window will be adjusted to those coordinates and dimensions specified under PRECTL using universal coordinates.

DIB_ENABLE_POPUPMENU

Mouse second button pops up image control menu.

DIB_DISABLE_POPUPMENU

Mouse second button does nothing. popup menu does not exist.

DIB_LOCK_UPDATE

This verb prevents a window from updating. While the window is locked, no drawing will take place on the screen. Use *DIB_UNLOCK_UPDATE* to repaint the window image contents.

DIB_UNLOCK_UPDATE

The window locking that was previously issued using *DIB_LOCK_UPDATE* verb, is now unlocked, thus allowing itself to repaint its invalidated window areas.

DIB_CREATE_BMP_BYPTR (***pszBitmapSource* points to DIB buffer**)

Use this verb as the first call to *PMDIBDLL*(). A new window will be created, and the bitmap graphic buffer pointed to by the paramter *pszBitmapSource* will be drawn in the window. Its initial window placement will be in the lower-left corner of the Presentation Manager desktop and its dimensions adjusted to the bitmap file, unless you have passed a PRECTL as the third parameter, in which case the window will be adjusted to those coordinates and dimensions specified under PRECTL using universal coordinates.

DIB_REFRESH_NEW_BMP_BYPTR (***pszBitmapSource* points to DIB buffer**)

Use this verb to specify a new bitmap to show inside the window. The new bitmap will be replaced in the window, but its dimensions will be kept like before, unless you pass a PRECTL as

the third parameter, in which case the window will be adjusted to those coordinates and dimensions specified under PRECTL using universal coordinates.

PRECTL prclRectangle - (input)

This is a pointer to a RECTL structure. You will use this parameter with the following verb calls only:

Any other verb ignores this parameter, you should supply a NULL pointer, explicitly.

The structure of a RECTL data type is defined as follows.

USHORT rc - (return)

PMDIBDLL Return code list:

- DIBERR_BMP_NOTFOUND
- DIBERR_BMP_ERROR_READING
- DIBERR_BMP_BAD_SIGNATURE
- DIBERR_BMP_CORRUPTED
- DIBERR_BMP_ERROR_READ_COLORS
- DIBERR_BMP_LARGER_64K
- DIBERR_PMDIBDLL_EXISTS
- DIBERR_RESOURCES_NOTFOUND
- DIBERR_PMDIBDLL_NOEXISTS
- DIBERR_THREAD_ERROR
- DIBERR_RECTL_ERROR
- DIBERR_RECTL_ERROR
- DIBERR_VERB_UNKNOWN
- DIBERR_OK

PMDIB API Invocation - COBOL Syntax:

As to be able to support the verb codes as constant strings in your program instead of USHORT values, you should include in your Cobol main program, the file *PMDIB.CPY* at the beginning of your source, like this:

```
COPY "PMDIB.CPY".
```

Parameter variables under Cobol should be defined as follows:

```
01 PARAMETERS.
   05 RECTANGLE-POINTER      PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 0.
   05 USVERB                  PIC 9(4) COMP-5.
   05 IMAGE-POINTER          USAGE IS POINTER.
```

Parameters to DLL under cobol are coded last to first, so the API call to PMDIB 1.0 should be coded like this:

```
CALL "PMDIBDLL" USING    BY VALUE RECTANGLE-POINTER,
                        BY VALUE USVERB,
                        BY REFERENCE IMAGE-POINTER.
```

In this example, the verb *DIB-CREATE-BMP-BYPTR* is used. Before this call, you should move the Bitmap information into this buffer, an then pass the address to the first item of this buffer to *PMDIBDLL()*.

Note that the RC value will be placed in RETURN-CODE internal Cobol variable. You should test the return code using the formula below:

```
IF RETURN-CODE NOT EQUAL DIBERR-OK
*   Process error here
ELSE
*   API call has been successfull
ENDIF.
```

The values in Cobol for the PMDIB action verb codes are listed below. This is *PMDIB.CPY* file, actually, the one you include with a *COPY* Cobol statement in your source.

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*
* PMDIBDLL COPY FILE FOR COBOL
*
* This include file contains the necessary verb codes
* and error codes for calling PMDIBDLL,
*
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*
* Below follows the PMDIBDLL verbs definition
*
01 DEFINE.
*
05 DIB-CREATE-BMP          PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5000.
05 DIB-REFRESH             PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5010.
05 DIB-INVERSE             PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5020.
05 DIB-ACTIVATE            PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5030.
05 DIB-REFRESH-NEW-BMP     PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5040.
05 DIB-WND-BMP-STRETCH     PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5050.
05 DIB-BMP-WND-STRETCH-ON  PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5060.
05 DIB-BMP-WND-STRETCH-OFF PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5070.
05 DIB-MINIMIZE            PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5080.
05 DIB-MAXIMIZE            PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5090.
05 DIB-RESTORE             PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5100.
05 DIB-EMPTY-WND           PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5110.
05 DIB-DESTROY-WND         PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5120.
05 DIB-HIDE-WND            PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5130.
05 DIB-SHOW-WND            PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5140.
05 DIB-POSITION-RECTL     PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5150.
05 DIB-REPOSITION-INITIAL PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5160.
05 DIB-ENABLE-POPUPMENU    PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5170.
05 DIB-DISABLE-POPUPMENU   PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5180.
05 DIB-LOCK-UPDATE         PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5190.
05 DIB-UNLOCK-UPDATE       PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5200.
05 DIB-CREATE-BMP-BYPTR   PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5210.
05 DIB-REFRESH-NEW-BMP-BYPTR PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 5220.
*
* Below follows the PMDIBDLL return code error constants
*
01 DEFINE.
*
05 DIBERR-BMP-NOTFOUND     PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6010.
05 DIBERR-BMP-ERROR-READING PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6020.
05 DIBERR-BMP-BAD-SIGNATURE PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6030.
05 DIBERR-BMP-CORRUPTED    PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6040.
05 DIBERR-BMP-ERROR-READ-COLORS PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6050.
05 DIBERR-BMP-LARGER-64K   PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6060.
05 DIBERR-PMDIBDLL-EXISTS  PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6070.
05 DIBERR-RESOURCES-NOTFOUND PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6080.
05 DIBERR-PMDIBDLL-NOEXISTS PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6090.
05 DIBERR-THREAD-ERROR     PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6100.
05 DIBERR-RECTL-ERROR      PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6110.
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05 DIBERR-VERB-UNKNOWN PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 6120.

05 DIBERR-OK PIC 9(9) COMP-5 VALUE 8000.

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Our list prices for PMDIB 1.0 are the following:

	<i>Final Distributors</i>
A copy of PMDIB 1.0, for single use	\$110, 65£
\$90, 49£	
A copy of PMDIB 1.0, unlimited development license	
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