

Palette

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Chapter 1

Palette

1.1 Palette V1.10

Palette V1.10 General Information:

- * Blitz Basic II library number : #139
- * Library size when linked to executable: 1192 bytes
- * Number of commands : 17
- * Ressources automatically freed at end : Yes

NInitPalette() must be put before any other Palette functions or you will enjoy BIG crashes.

NOTE: All the RGB value are between 0 and 255 colours to support AGA and GFX cards display, so ROM 3.0+ is needed. Note it will work on any Amiga with Rom 3.0+ (Amiga 500 - Old Chip Set too).

Commands summary:

NASyncFade
Statement

NASyncFadeStatus
Function (Byte)

NBlue
Function (Word)

NCreatePalette
Command (Long)

NDisplayPalette
Statement

NFreePalette
Statement

NFade
Statement

```
NFadeOut
Statement

NGetPicturePalette
Function (Long)

NGetScreenPalette
Function (Long)

NGreen
Function (Word)

NInitPalette
Function (Boolean)

NNbColour
Function (Long)

NPalRrgb
Statement

NRed
Function (Word)

NRgb
Statement

NUsePalette
Statement
```

1.2 nasyncfade

SYNTAX

```
NASyncFade(#Palette1, #Palette2, Step, NbLoop, ScreenID)
```

STATEMENT

Same as NFade() routine, but don't halt the program. The fade is executed in the background.

You can use NASyncStatus() to know if the background fade is finished or not.

1.3 nasyncfadestatus

SYNTAX

```
Result.b = NASyncFadeStatus
```

STATEMENT

Return '-1' if the Fade is always running or '0' if the fade has finished.

Example:

```
Repeat                ; Typical loop to wait the end
  NVWait              ; of the background fade.
Until NASyncStatus = 0 ;
```

1.4 nfade

SYNTAX

```
NFade(#Palette1, #Palette2, Step, NbLoop, ScreenID)
```

STATEMENT

Do a nice fade between the two palettes. The palettes must have the same number of colours or it could crash. Step allow to control the speed of the Fade (1 is the fastest, >1 numbers will slowdown the fade speed). NbLoop allow to tell how many loop the Fade must do before exit. By default the Fade execute ALWAYS 255 loop. So you can adjust it manually (ie: with a Step of 2, you should use a NbLoop of 255/2 += 127)

This function is optimized for speed, and give very good result on any Amigas (020 recommended tough), with high coloured screens (8 depths..).

1.5 nfreepalette

SYNTAX

```
NFreePalette(#Palette)
```

STATEMENT

Free the memory allocated by the given #Palette.

1.6 ninitpalette

SYNTAX

```
result.l = NInitPalette(#NumPaletteMax)
```

FUNCTION

Init all the Palette environnement for later use. You must put this functions on top of your source code if you want to use the NPalette commands.

#NumPaletteMax : Maximum number of Palette to handle.

1.7 nred

SYNTAX

```
Red.w = NRed(ColourIndex)
```

FUNCTION

Return the Red value of the color found in the current palette.
Returned value is always between 0 and 255.

1.8 ngreen

SYNTAX

```
Green.w = NGreen(ColourIndex)
```

FUNCTION

Return the Green value of the color found in the current palette.
Returned value is always between 0 and 255.

1.9 nblue

SYNTAX

```
Blue.w = NBlue(ColourIndex)
```

FUNCTION

Return the Blue value of the color found in the current palette.
Returned value is always between 0 and 255.

1.10 ncreatepalette

SYNTAX

```
res.l = NCreatePalette(#Palette, NbColour)
```

COMMAND

Try to create a new palette with given argument. The size in memory took by a palette object can be calculated like that:

```
Size (in bytes) = NbColours * 12 + 12
```

The created palette is ready to use and filled with colour 0.

1.11 nrgb

SYNTAX

```
NRgb(ScreenID, ColourIndex, R, G, B)
```

STATEMENT

Change directly the RGB value of a colour in the given Screen.

1.12 nnbcolour

SYNTAX

```
Result.l = NNbColour
```

STATEMENT

Return the number of colour of currently used palette.

1.13 npalrgb

SYNTAX

```
NPalRgb(ColourIndex, R, G, B)
```

STATEMENT

Change the RGB value of a colour in the current palette.

1.14 ngetscreenpalette

SYNTAX

```
res.l = NGetScreenPalette(#Palette, ScreenID)
```

COMMAND

Try to create a new palette and fill it with screen colour information.
If res = 0 the palette has failed to be created.

1.15 ngetpicturepalette

SYNTAX

```
res.l = NGetPicturePalette(#Palette, PictureID)
```

COMMAND

Try to create a new palette and fill it with picture colour information.
If res = 0 the palette has failed to be created.

PictureID is a pointer to an IFF/ILBM file in memory.

1.16 ndisplaypalette

SYNTAX

```
DisplayPalette(#Palette, ScreenID)
```

STATEMENT

Display the given #Palette on the screen.

1.17 nusepalette

SYNTAX

NUsePalette(#Palette)

STATEMENT

Change the used Palette to given #Palette.

1.18 nfadeout

SYNTAX

NFadeOut(#Palette, Step, NbLoop, ScreenID)

STATEMENT

It will display a very nice fade out from the given palette. The palette WILL be modified (at the end of the fading, the palette will be all black). The fadeout speed can be controled with the 'Step' parameter.

If Step = 1 then the fading will be smooth and take 1 vwait before fadeout the next frame

If Step = 2 fading will be 2 time faster than Step 1 ...

NbLoop is used to fade partially a screen:

If NbLoop = 255, the whole screen will be black at end, because with 255 loops, the fadeout is complete

If NbLoop = 50, after 50 loop the FadeOut will stop. Test it to understand better :)

This routine is optimized for speed and give excellent results even on small Amiga. And more, it's fully system friendly (no hardware bang...) so works on GFX card too ! It's better to use this routine than the NFade() to do standard Fade Out..