

RI

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Chapter 1

RI

1.1 Overview of RI Pack Lib V2.5

Overview

This library contains commands for the unpacking of ILBM's (IFF pictures) and the grabbing of their palettes (CMAP chunks). Nearly all the commands in this library can be used as either STATEMENTS or FUNCTIONS. Usage is identical in both cases but if used as a function then the command will return:

```
FALSE for failure
TRUE for success
```

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Statement/Function: UnpackIFF

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

```
Syntax: UnpackIFF address.l,bitmap#[,lines,offset]
        suc=UnpackIFF(address.l,bitmap#[,lines,offset])
```

This command is used to unpack an IFF picture file from memory onto a bitmap. Address.l should point to the START of the iff file header in memory (either CHIP or FAST mem can be used), bitmap should be the number of a previously initialised bitmap. The optional lines parameter allows you to specify the number of lines to unpack from the IFF file.

This command checks the size of the bitmap against the size of the IFF before it unpacks the IFF onto it. Checks are made for width, height and depth of the bitmap and the IFF and the following is done:

(size=WIDTH, HEIGHT and DEPTH)

```
BITMAP 'size' < IFF 'size' : unpack aborted
BITMAP 'size' = IFF 'size' : pic is unpacked
BITMAP 'size' > IFF 'size' : pic is unpacked
```

Extra aborts can be caused by:

- not using a previously installed bitmap
- given the optional lines parameter as 0 or less
- not giving ADDRESS.l as a pointer to a valid IFF ILBM header

When using the optional parameters, you should note that if you try to unpack more lines than the IFF has, the unpack routine will automatically stop at the last line of the IFF. It will not reject the UnpackIFF command. Also note that the offset is a byte offset from the start of the bitplanes. You can use the AddValue command to calculate this value.

NOTE: you should save your IFF pictures with the STENCIL OFF because at the moment this routine does not check to see if STENCIL data is present in the IFF file.

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Statement/Function: ILBMPalette

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax: ILBMPalette address.l,palette#
suc=ILBMPalette(address.l,palette#)

This command is used to grab the palette from an IFF picture file held in memory (CHIP or FAST mem). Address.l should be given as the address of either an IFF file in memory or a CMAP chunk in memory. When you use the SAVE PALETTE command from inside an art program (e.g. DPaint) or from inside Blitz2, the program saves out a CMAP chunk which gives details about the palette. The CMAP chunk is also saved with IFF picture files to give the palette of the picture.

This command will look at the address you gave and try and find a CMAP chunk from the address given to address+5120. If it finds a chunk it will grab the palette into the given palette object. If the palette object already contains palette information then this information is deleted. This routine looks in the CMAP chunk and reserves the palette object to have the same number of colour entries.

This command will fail if it doesn't find a CMAP chunk.

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Statement: ILBMGrab

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax: ILBMGrab address.l,bitmap#,palette#

This command lets you grab both the palette and the graphics from an IFF picture file with just one command. It returns a success parameter to say whether or not it succeeded in grabbing the data, so if you need to know if the grabbing was successful you'll have to use the separate commands for

grabbing palettes and graphics.

NOTE: this command essentially just calls both UnpackIFF and ILBMPalette so everything said about these commands is relevant for ILBMGrab.

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Statement/Function: LoadIFF

Modes : Amiga

Syntax: LoadIFF filename\$,bitmap#[,palette#]

 suc=LoadIFF (filename\$,bitmap#[,palette#])

This command is a direct replacement for Blitz2's LoadBitmap. It is a lot faster than Blitz's command since it loads the file into memory and then unpacks it from there. Thus you need to ensure that you have enough free memory to load the IFF into, before trying to use this command.

This command is also more stable than Blitz's since it checks for the existence of the file before trying to load it in.

The optional parameter allows you to load in the palette of the IFF picture. Refer to UnpackIFF and ILBMPalette for more information about unpacking the graphics and grabbing the palettes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: to use this command you must have our FUNC library installed in your copy of Blitz2. Use of this command without this library will probably lead to a bad crash of your Amiga!

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Function: ChunkHeader

Modes : Amiga

Syntax: val.l=ChunkHeader (A\$)

This command was put in by me (Stephen McNamara) before I realised Blitz already had a command that does exactly the same. I've left it in just because I want to. It is useful when looking through IFF files for chunks (e.g. ILBM, CMAP, etc.) as it gives you a longword value to look for in memory to find the chunk. The string should be a four character string (e.g. CMAP), you'll be returned the longword value of the string.

This command does the job of the following bit of Blitz2 code:

```
a$="CMAP"
val.l=Peek.l(&a$)
```

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Function: IFFDepth

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax: d=IFFDepth

Given a pointer to an ILBM IFF file held in memory, this command returns the depth of the picture so that an appropriate bitmap can be allocated to allow viewing of it.

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Function: IFFWidth

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax: w=IFFWidth

Given a pointer to an ILBM IFF file held in memory, this command returns the width (in pixels) of the picture so that an appropriate bitmap can be allocated to allow viewing of it.

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Function: IFFHeight

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax: h=IFFHeight

Given a pointer to an ILBM IFF file held in memory, this command returns the height (in pixels) of the picture so that an appropriate bitmap can be allocated to allow viewing of it.

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Function: IFFViewmode

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax: modeid.l=IFFViewmode

Given a pointer to an ILBM IFF file held in memory, this command returns the view mode of the picture so that an appropriate screen can be opened to display the picture (the viewmode is a required parameter to the Screen command).

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EXAMPLE 1 - Demonstrates loading and displaying an ILBM IFF picture :

```
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Compile It!
```
