

YCrCb_datatype

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Chapter 1

YCrCb_datatype

1.1 main

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Requirements

68020

Kickstart 3.x

picture.datatype 43.x

Minimum 2 megs ram

TBCPlus © 1993 GVP.

1.2 Disclaimer

Disclaimer

ycbcr.datatype and its associated files are supposed to enable TBCPlus format images to be loaded using the V43 picture.datatype. Even though every effort has been made to make ycbcr.datatype as stable and functional as possible, I cannot rule out the possibility that ycbcr.datatype may have bugs that have side effects (possibly harmful) on your system. I hereby reject any liability or responsibility for these or any other consequences from the use of ycbcr.datatype whatsoever. This includes, but

is not limited to, damage to your equipment, to your data, personal injuries, financial loss or any other kinds of side effects.

ycbcr.datatype is provided as-is. This means I do not guarantee that ycbcr.datatype is fit for any specific purpose and I do not guarantee any bug fixes, updates or help during error recovery.

1.3 Distribution

Distribution

Distribution

The ycbcr.datatype should be distributed at no charge to the end user. It may be included on CDs such as Fish and Aminet. The ycbcr.datatype executable and documentation is shareware, however payment is not required for its use.

For ANY commercial application using the ycbcr.datatype, contact the [author](#) for further information concerning distribution.

1.4 Installation

Installation

Copy

Classes/Datatypes/ycbcr.datatype to SYS:Classes/Datatypes

Devs/Datatypes/P422 to Devs:Datatypes

Devs/Datatypes/P422.info to Devs:Datatypes

1.5 What it loads

The ycbcr.datatype loads files saved by the GVP TBCPlus timebase corrector (in the [YCrCb format](#)) into any V43 picture.datatype aware application.

Only full frame colour image grabs have been tested on loading.

1.6 YCbCr Format

YCrCb File Format

The TBCPlus' native file format is YCbCr. This is an adaptation of the digital video sampling standard CCIR-601 (now known as ITU-R BT601). This is a digital television transmission color space (YIQ and YUV are the analogue form for NTSC and PAL). It separates luminance from chrominance (lightness from color) and is useful in compression and image processing

applications. The format is device dependent, like RGB, but it is calibrated (ie The colour white is determined by a standards committee). Y is the Luminance component, Cr and Cb the chrominance components R-Y and B-Y respectively.

Note that CCIR-601 is a sampling standard, not a recording standard.

CCIR-601 specifies the sampling mechanism to be used for both NTSC (525 line) and PAL (625 line) video signals. The sampling structure defined is known as 4:2:2.

CCIR-601 calls for 8 to 10 bits to be devoted to each sampled signal.

Component 4:2:2 is a three part specification, directed at Y, R-Y and B-Y.

The level of brightness in the signal is called Y. This grey scale information is referred to as luminance (Y). The colour information is split into two signals, R-Y and B-Y, which make up the chroma part of the signal, and are referred to as the the colour difference signals. 4:2:2 sampling means that the colour information is sampled half as often as the luminance. Each colour pair as not one but two luma samples.

(Some parts taken from comp.graphics FAQ, other parts from Digital Video 96 - VideoCamera March 1996)

1.7 Compiler

Compiler

The ycbcr.datatype was written and compiled using CED V3.5 and SAS/C 6.55 on an Amiga 4000/060. Cyberguard was used to detect/correct programming errors.

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1.9 History

History

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