

ImageMan Image OLE Control

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Description

The image control provides the ability to load, display, print, process and save images in JPEG, TIFF, BMP, DIB, RLE, PCX, PNG, DXF, Photo CD, WMF, Targa, DCX, GIF, IMG and EPS formats from applications.

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Distributing your Applications

If you are using the Visual Basic Setup Wizard it should be able to automatically find and install the required ImageMan files. Our installation program adds the appropriate entries into the SWDEPEND.INI file used by setup wizard to determine required files.

If you are using another installer or another development language you will need to make sure the appropriate files are copied over to the Windows/System directory on the users system. The ocx controls must also be registered in order that your application can run correctly. Most installers now support registering OCX controls or you can use the regsvr.exe or regsvr32.exe utilities to register the ocx files.

To use the regsvr utilities you must invoke the correct utility with the name of the ocx to be registered, for instance:

```
regsvr imocx.ocx    ( To register the 16 Bit ImageMan OCX )
regsvr32 imtwain3.ocx    ( To register the 32 bit Twain OCX )
```

The following files are required when distributing applications which use the ImageMan controls:

32 Bit Image Control

```
imocx32.ocx  Image Control
imgman31.dll ImageMan Support DLL
im31*.dil    ImageMan Import Filters
im31x*.del   ImageMan Export Filters
mfc40.dll    Microsoft Foundation Class DLL
msvcrt40.dll Microsoft C++ Runtime DLL
```

32 Bit TWAIN Control

```
imtwain3.ocx TWAIN Scanner Control
imgman31.dll ImageMan Support DLL
mfc40.dll    Microsoft Foundation Class DLL
msvcrt40.dll Microsoft C++ Runtime DLL
```

16 Bit Image Control

```
imocx.ocx    Image Control
imgman11.dll ImageMan Support DLL
im11*.dil    ImageMan Import Filters
im11x*.del   ImageMan Export Filters
oc25.dll     OLE Control Support DLL
```

16 Bit TWAIN Control

```
imtwain.ocx  TWAIN Scanner Control
imgman11.dll ImageMan Support DLL
oc25.dll     OLE Control Support DLL
```

You may not distribute the imocx.lic file. This file is only required to use the control at design time.

Image Control Concepts

The ImageMan/VB image control is a very powerful tool for adding image processing support to your application. This section of the help explains how to use the image control to do common tasks.

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Loading Images

The image control supports loading images in a variety of file formats from disk. If you know the name of the image you wish to load you can set the Picture property to a string containing that name. The following code fragment loads an image called sample.tif:

```
ImageMan1.Picture = "C:\SAMPLE.TIF"
```

If you want to display a File Open dialog containing the names of images that can be loaded you can invoke the GetFileName method. The control will display a dialog and show those images that can be loaded. If the user selects a filename and selects the OK button, the image will be loaded. For instance:

```
ImageMan1.GetFileName
```

Getting Image Information

Several Image control properties return information about the current image. The image width and height are returned in the [ImageWidth](#) and [ImageHeight](#) properties. These values are expressed in pixels.

The [ImageXRes](#) and [ImageYRes](#) properties return the image's resolution in dots per inch. Be careful when using these properties though, since some images don't contain resolution information, in which case these properties will return zero.

The [ImageColors](#) property returns the number of colors that the image contains.

Scaling Images

The image control provides several ways to scale the display of the image in the control. The [Magnification](#) property specifies the percentage of the original size that the image should be displayed at. The code below displays the image at 50% of its original size:

```
ImageMan1.Magnification = 50  
ImageMan1.Refresh
```

As shown in the example you must invoke the Refresh method after changing the [Magnification](#) property. The [Magnification](#) property will always maintain the aspect ratio of the image.

The [AutoScale](#) property can be used to scale the image to fit into the image control. Setting [AutoScale](#) to a value of 1 will cause the image to be scaled to fit into the image control while maintaining its proper aspect ratio. A value of 2 will cause the image to be stretched to fit into the control. Setting the [AutoScale](#) property to either of these values will override the [Magnification](#) and ScaleWidth/Height properties. A value of zero will disable the [AutoScale](#) function.

To scale the image without maintaining its aspect ratio the [ScaleWidth](#) and [ScaleHeight](#) properties should be used. The [ScaleWidth](#) property defines how many image pixels are mapped into the width of the control. While the [ScaleHeight](#) property does the same except for the height of the control. For instance, to scale the image so it fits into the control the following code would be needed:

```
ImageMan1.ScaleWidth = ImageMan1.ImageWidth  
ImageMan1.ScaleHeight = ImageMan1.ImageHeight  
ImageMan1.Refresh
```

Using the Clipboard

The image control supports both copying images to the clipboard and pasting images from the clipboard into the control.

Copying an image from the control to the clipboard requires invoking the ImageCopy or ImageCut methods. These methods will copy the image to the clipboard in either CF_DIB or CF_METAFILE formats depending on whether its a raster or vector image. The following code loads an image into the image control then copies it to the clipboard:

```
ImageMan1.Picture = "c:\sample.pcx"  
ImageMan1. ImageCopy
```

To paste an image into the control requires that the Clipboard contains an image in either CF_DIB or CF_METAFILE formats. Invoking the ImagePaste method will paste an image into the Image control. The following code checks for an image of the appropriate type and if it exists, pastes it into the image control.

```
If Clipboard.GetFormat(CF_DIB) or  
Clipboard.GetFormat(CF_METAFILE) Then  
    ImageMan1. ImagePaste  
    ImageMan1.Refresh  
End If
```


Printing Images

The image control provides complete support for high quality printing on any Windows supported printer. The image size, placement and cropping can all be specified using properties in the image control.

Because of the way Visual Basic handles printing, the image control sends its data to the Visual Basic Printer object. By doing this the control can print the image at the resolution of the printer instead of the screen resolution as is the case with the PrintForm method. This also allows your application to use the Printer object methods, Print, Line, etc. to draw on the page.

The Dst properties, DstTop, DstLeft, DstRight and DstBottom, specify the placement of the image on the page. These are specified in TWIPS units which are 1/1440". The origin is located at the upper left corner of the page, with increasing values of Y down the page.

In addition to setting the Dst properties your application must also set the PrnHdc property of the Image control to the value of the Printer.hDC property.

Once these properties have been set, the image can be printed by invoking the PrintImage method.

The following code fragment sets prints an image sized to 1"x1" on the page:

```
Dim ThehDC%

' Print a space to initialize the VB printer mechanism
' This is not required if you send other output to the ' printer
' object before outputting the image.

Printer.Print " "

ThehDC = Printer.hDC

ImageMan1.PrnhDC = ThehDC

' Now set the size & placement of the image
ImageMan1.DstLeft = 1440
ImageMan1.DstTop = 1440

ImageMan1.DstRight = 2880
ImageMan1.DstBottom = 2880

' Send the image to the printer
ImageMan1.PrintImage

' Finish the print job and eject the page
Printer.EndDoc
```

The above code prints the entire image. To print a portion of the image requires that the Src properties, [SrcTop](#), [SrcLeft](#), [SrcRight](#), and [SrcBottom](#) be set to the portion of the image to be printed. These are specified in image coordinates. For instance, to print just the upper left quarter of the image, the properties would be set like this:

```
ImageMan1.SrcLeft = 0  
ImageMan1.SrcTop = 0  
ImageMan1.SrcRight = ImageMan1.ImageWidth / 2  
ImageMan1.SrcBottom = ImageMan1.ImageHeight / 2
```

Multiple images can be printed on a page by loading the control with each image and outputting it before calling the Printer.EndDoc or Printer.NewPage methods.

When printing multiple images it may be desirable to make the image control invisible to prevent the display of each image. This is done by setting the Visible property to False.

Saving Images

The Image control supports saving images in a variety of image formats. Using the [SaveAs](#) method and [Compression](#), [AppendImage](#), [Quality](#), [Overwrite](#) properties you can specify the file type and compression information used when saving an image. You can also specify that a portion of the image be saved by specifying the portion using the Src properties. To display the file save dialog, invoke the [SaveAs](#) method with a parameter of an empty string. This will display a file save dialog preconfigured with the supported image types. The user can then select an image type and enter a filename.

To save a file with a specific name and image type, invoke the [SaveAs](#) method with the path and filename of the output file. The image will be saved in the format specified by the image extension. The sample code below show using both methods to save an image:

```
ImageMan1.Picture = "sample.pcx"  
' Let the user select an export filename  
ImageMan1.SaveAs ""  
  
' Save it as a TIFF image called gates.tif  
ImageMan1.SaveAs "gates.tif"
```

The [Compression](#) property specifies the compression used when saving images in TIFF format.

The [AppendImage](#) property specifies whether an image written to an existing TIFF or DCX file should be appended to the file or should overwrite the file.

The [Quality](#) property specifies the quality factor to be used when saving JPEG images.

Selecting a Portion of an Image

The image control provides the ability to draw a rubber band box when the user clicks and drags the left mouse button. This behavior is enabled by setting the [Select](#) property to True.

When [Select](#) is set to True and the user clicks and drags the left mouse button over the image area the control will start drawing a rubber band box. When the user releases the mouse button, the box will be erased from the screen and a [Select](#) event will be fired. The [Select](#) event contains four parameters which are the coordinates of the area the user selected. The coordinates are expressed in image units.

This selection behavior can be used to select an area of the image for most any purpose. The example code below saves the selected portion of the image into a file selected by the user:

```
...
ImageMan1.Select = True
...

Sub ImageMan1_Select (X1, Y1, X2, Y2)
    ' Set the Src properties to specify the portion
    ' of the image to save.
    ImageMan1.SrcLeft = X1
    ImageMan1.SrcTop = Y1
    ImageMan1.SrcRight = X2
    ImageMan1.SrcBottom = Y2

    ' Display the file save dialog
    ImageMan1.SaveAs ""
End Sub
```

Handling Multi Page Images

The image control currently supports two image formats, DCX and TIFF, which can contain multiple images per file. Support for multiple image files is provided by the [Pages](#) and [PageNumber](#) properties.

The [Pages](#) property returns the number of pages in the current image file. For all single image files this will be a value of one.

The [PageNumber](#) property specifies which image in the file should be displayed. It can be set to a number from zero to the value of the [Pages](#) property minus one. When using this property to move through the images in a file it is important to remember to call the Refresh method to display the new page. Also many properties can change based on the attributes of the new image; for instance, the image width or height may have changed. The following example shows the code for a button that displays the next image in a file:

```
' If there's a next page then go to it.
If ImageMan1.PageNumber < ImageMan1.Pages -1 Then
    ImageMan1.PageNumber = ImageMan1.PageNumber + 1
    ImageMan1.Refresh

    ' update the image stats
    lblWidth.Text = Str$(ImageMan.ImageWidth)
    lblHeight.Text = Str$(ImageMan1.ImageHeight)
End If
```

Using the hDIB and hImage Properties

The [hDIB](#) property allows the image control to export and import memory based images.

By querying the [hDIB](#) property you can obtain a handle to a Windows DIB (Device Independent Bitmap) in memory. This can be passed to other applications or controls for processing. Each time the hDIB property is queried, a new copy of the image is generated and its handle returned. When the image is no longer required, the memory should be freed by calling the Windows GlobalFree function with the value returned from the property.

Assigning a DIB handle to the hDIB property will load the image into the control. The image can then be processed like any other image. The hDIB property can be used with other imaging toolkits which can provide an image in DIB format. It is important that any value passed to the hDIB property is a valid handle to a global memory block containing a DIB. If not, the control may generate the dreaded General Protection Fault (GPF).

The [hImage](#) property is used when copying images between ImageMan controls. It cannot be passed to any other control type since it is only understood by the ImageMan image control. The hImage property is very similar to the hDIB property except that the image may be scaled when copying between controls using the hImage property. By specifying the size of the new image using the DstRight and DstBottom properties, the size of the internal image can be changed. The following code saves a 100x100 thumbnail of an image in the control named image1:

```
' Specify the size of the new image  
  
Image1.DstRight = 100           ' New Width  
Image1.DstBottom = 100        ' New height  
Image2.hImage = Image1.hImage ' Create the thumbnail  
Image2.SaveAs "c:\thumb.tif"   ' Save it  
Image2.Picture = ""           ' Destroy the thumbnail
```

This code uses a second image control named, Image2, to contain the thumbnail. This control can be invisible so the process of creating the thumbnail is invisible. If the [DstRight](#) and [DstBottom](#) properties had not been set then the image in the Image2 control would be the same size as the image in the Image1 control.

This same process can be used to scale the internal image maintained for an image control by specifying the new image size in the [DstRight](#) and [DstBottom](#) properties then assigning the hImage property to itself like this:

```
'Scale the image in the control to half size  
  
Image1.Dstright = Image1.ImageWidth / 2  
Image1.DstBottom = Image1.ImageHeight / 2  
  
' Now assign the hImage to scale the image  
Image1.hImage = Image1.hImage
```

As you can see the hImage property is very powerful. It is important that if you assign the [hImage](#) property to a variable that you assign that variable to an image control. If you don't, then the memory occupied by that image may not be freed.

Using the Image Processing Features

The image control supports many image processing features. Support for these features is implemented via methods, making it easy to develop sophisticated applications in very little time.

Rotation of images is accomplished by invoking the [Rotate](#) method with the number of degrees the image should be rotated. Each time the method is invoked, the image will be rotated by the specified number of degrees.

Flipping or mirroring the image is done by invoking the [MirrorVertical](#) or [MirrorHorizontal](#) methods.

An image's brightness is adjusted using the [Brightness](#) method. Setting the brightness parameter to a value between 1 and 255 will brighten the image, while setting it to a value between -1 and -255 will darken the image.

Gamma adjustments to an image are made using the [Gamma](#) method. Allowable values for this property are 1.0 to 5.0.

An image can be converted to an image with fewer colors by using the [DitherMethod](#) property and [ReduceTo](#) method. The [DitherMethod](#) property specifies which dithering algorithm will be used when converting the image. The allowable values are:

0	No Dither
1	Bayer Dither
2	Burkes Dither
3	Floyd Steinberg Dither

The no-dither option results in the fastest image conversion but the poorest image quality. The bayer dither is very fast but generally yields average results. For best image quality use either the Burkes or Floyd Steinberg dithers.

The process of reducing the colors is accomplished by invoking the [ReduceTo](#) method. When calling the method you can specify the number of colors the image is to be reduced to, whether the image should be converted to greyscale and whether an optimized palette should be used.

The following code loads a 24 bit image and reduces it to a 256 image with an optimized palette using the Burkes Dither.

```
ImageMan1.Picture = "24bit.tga"  
ImageMan1.DitherMethod = 2  
ImageMan1.ReduceTo 256, FALSE, TRUE  
  
' Now draw the new image  
ImageMan1.Refresh
```

The [IncreaseTo](#) method is used to increase the color depth of an image. It is invoked with a parameter that indicates the bit depth that the image should be increased to.

Drawing on the Control

The ability of the image control to return a handle to a Windows Device Context (hDC) allows you to alter the actual image in memory. Uses of this would include redlining applications, drawing text on a form in the control, a paint application, and many others.

The [hDC](#) property can be used with the Windows GDI functions to manipulate the image. The property changes with each image so it must be obtained after loading an image. Also certain actions which change the internal image such as rotation and color reduction will cause the [hDC](#) property to change.

The following code draws a line on the image.

```
Declare Function MyMoveTo Alias "MoveTo" Lib "GDI" ( Byval hDC%, ByVal X%, ByVal Y%)
Declare Function MyLineTo Alias "LineTo" Lib "GDI" ( Byval hDC%, ByVal X%, ByVal Y%)

Dim myhDC%

ImageMan1.Picture = "sample.gif"
myhDC = ImageMan1.hDC
MyMoveTo myhDC, 0, 0
MyLineTo myhDC, 100, 100
ImageMan1.Refresh
```

After altering the image using the [hDC](#) property you must call the Refresh method to show the changes on the screen. It is also important not to use the [hDC](#) after the image has been removed from the control, as this may cause Windows to crash.

The current release of the control doesn't support the [hDC](#) property for 24 bit images. This may change in future releases so check the release notes.

Vector image considerations

The ImageMan controls support several vector image formats including Window Metafile, Wordperfect graphics files (WPG), Autocad DXF and Encapsulated Postscript files. Because of the differences between raster and vector images, some of the image processing features of the image control can't be used on vector images. The following functions cannot be performed on vector images:

- Resizing the image when copying between controls using the hImage property. The DstRight and DstBottom properties are ignored.
- Getting a handle to a Window DIB from the hDIB property.
- Getting a Display Context from the hDC property.
- Rotating, mirroring, Color Reducing, Brightness Adjustment, Gamma Adjustment.
- Copying a portion of the image to the clipboard
- Saving the image in a raster image format.

To determine whether an image is vector, you must perform a logical 'And' between the [ImageFlags](#) property and the IMG_VECTOR (1) constant defined in the imageman.txt constants file. If the result is True then the current image is in vector format.

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Obtaining Technical Support

You may obtain technical support for ImageMan via Phone, Fax, Internet Email, CompuServe, our website or our StarMan BBS.

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To join the mailing list, visit our WebSite or send email to: *imageman-request@data-tech.com* with the word subscribe in the message body. You will receive a message confirming you have been added to the list.

Changes from the ImageMan VBX Controls

Changes to Properties

- The ClipboardCommand property has been replaced by the [ImageCopy](#), [ImageCut](#) and [ImagePaste](#) methods.
- The [Invert](#) property has been changed to a method.
- The DoPrint property has been replaced with the [Print](#) method.
- The Mirror property has been replaced with the [MirrorVertical](#) and [MirrorHorizontal](#) methods.
- The [Rotate](#) property has been changed to a method.
- The [SaveAs](#) property has been changed to a method. It also now returns the name of the saved file.
- The [GetFileName](#) property has been changed to a method.
- The [ReduceTo](#) property has been changed to a method.
- The [IncreaseTo](#) property has been changed to a method.
- The [Gamma](#) property has been changed to a method.
- The ErrCode and ErrString properties are not implemented. The controls now generate standard runtime errors.

New Functionality

- Support for Kodak Photo CD Images (Read Only)
- 16 & 32 Bit Image and Scanner OLE Controls
- Support for CompuServe PNG images
- Support for AutoCad DXF files (Read Only)
- Single Degree rotation
- Scale to Grey (Anti-aliasing) via [ScaleMethod](#) property
- 2-3x Faster JPEG decompression
- [DisplayColors](#) property returns the number of colors supported by Video Driver.
- [ScaleImage](#) method can be used to easily scale images and for creating thumbnails.
- [MouseIcon](#) and [MousePointer](#) properties have been added to allow custom cursors to be display when the mouse pointer is over the control.
- The [StatusEnabled](#) property has been added to allow the Status event to be disabled therefore speeding up the loading and saving of images.
- The [Repaint](#) method has been added to allow the developer to force a repaint of the image control.

Supported Image Formats

BMP

DIB

RLE

PCX

DCX*

JPEG

Photo CD

PNG

DXF

IMG

GIF

TIF*

WPG

TGA

WMF

EPS

* These formats are support multiple pages.

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AppendImage Property

Description

When saving an image to a TIFF or DCX file, this controls whether the image is appended to an existing file or the file is overwritten.

Usage

ImageControl.**AppendImage**[= setting%]

Remarks

The AppendImage property settings are:

Setting	Description
True	Append image when saving to TIFF or DCX file formats
False	Do not append. Will overwrite file based on value of Overwrite property.

Data Type

Boolean

AutoScale Property

Description

Determines whether the control will be redrawn automatically when a new image is loaded.

Usage

ImageControl.**AutoScale**[= setting%]

Remarks

The AutoScale property settings are:

Setting	Description
0	Do not scale the image to fit into the control.
1	Scale the image to fit into the control and maintain the aspect ratio.
2	Stretch the image to fit into the control.

Note

Setting this property to a value of 1 or 2 will override the Magnification and ScaleWidth/ScaleHeight properties.

Data Type

Integer(Enumerated)

AutoDraw Property

[Example](#)

Description

Determines whether the control will be redrawn automatically when a new image is loaded.

Usage

ImageControl.**AutoDraw**[= Bool%]

Remarks

The AutoDraw property settings are:

Setting	Description
True	The control will be redrawn when a new image is loaded.
False	The control must be redrawn by calling the Refresh method after loading an image.

Note

Setting this property to **False** allows you to adjust the Magnification or Scale properties before the image is displayed. When set to **True** the image will be drawn and scaled to fit the control.

Data Type

Integer(Boolean)

AutoDraw Property Example

Close

Copy

Print

' Load an image and use default scaling

```
ImageMan1.AutoDraw = True  
ImageMan1.Picture = "c:\sample.tif"
```

' Load an image and set the Magnification to 50%

```
ImageMan1.AutoDraw = False  
ImageMan1.Picture = "c:\sample.tif"      ' Image Loaded but not displayed  
ImageMan1.Magnification = 50  
ImageMan1.Refresh                        ' Draw the Image
```

Blue Property

[Example](#)

Description

Sets the blue value for a color entry in the image's palette.

Usage

ImageControl.**Blue**(Index%)[= Setting%]

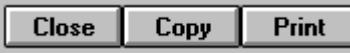
Remarks

Use this property along with the Red and Green properties to change the colors in a 1, 16 or 256 color image. After changing these properties you must call the Refresh method to redraw the image with the new colors. The Index% value must be between 0 and the value of the PaletteEntries property. The allowable values for the property are 0 to 255.

Data Type

Integer Array

Red, Green, Blue Properties Example



' Darken an image by subtracting a value from each palette entry

```
Dim Idx%
```

```
If ImageMan1.ImageColors <= 256 Then      ' There's No Palette on 24 bit Images
    For Idx = 0 to ImageMan1.PaletteEntries - 1
        ImageMan1.Red(Idx) = ImageMan1.Red(Idx) - 10
        ImageMan1.Green(Idx) = ImageMan1.Green(Idx) - 10
        ImageMan1.Blue(Idx) = ImageMan1.Blue(Idx) - 10
    Next Idx
End If
```

Brightness Method

Description

Adjusts the brightness for an image.

Usage

ImageControl.**Brightness** Setting%

Remarks

Setting Brightness to a value of 0 will display the image with the default brightness. Set this property to a number between 0 and -255 to lighten the image or set it to a number between 1 and 255 to darken it.

Data Type

Integer

Click Event

Description

Occurs when the user presses and then releases a mouse button over a control.

Syntax

```
Sub ctlname_Click( Index as Integer )
```

Remarks

The argument Index uniquely identifies a control in a control array.

Note

The Click procedure is only generated for left mouse button activity. Use the MouseDown and MouseUp events to handle other mouse buttons.

Compression Property

Description

Determines what compression method will be used when saving an image using the SaveAs method.

Usage

ImageControl.**Compression**[= setting%]

Remarks

The Compression property settings are:

Setting	Description
0	No Compression.
1 Corp.)	LZW - Used in TIFF and GIF formats (Requires license from Unisys
2	Huffman - Used in TIFF
3	Packbits - Used in TIFF
4	Fax Group 3 - Used in TIFF
5	Fax Group 4 - Used in TIFF

Note

Some formats like GIF and PCX always store the images in compressed format so this property will be ignored.

If a compression method is selected using this property and the requested image format does not support that method then the format's default compression method will be used.

Data Type

Integer(Enumerated)

DbClick Event

Description

Occurs when the user presses and releases a mouse button, then presses it again over a control.

Syntax

Sub ctlName_DbClick(Index as Integer)

Remarks

The argument Index uniquely identifies a control in a control array.

Note

The DbClick procedure is only generated for left mouse button activity. Use the MouseDown and MouseUp events to handle other mouse buttons.

DisplayColors Property

Description

Returns the number of colors supported by the current video driver mode.

Usage

ImageControl.**DisplayColors**

Remarks

This property can be used in conjunction with the ReduceColors property to properly display images which contain more colors that the video driver is capable of displaying.

Data Type

Single

DitherMethod Property

Description

Sets or Returns the dither method which is used when reducing the number of colors in the image,

Usage

ImageControl.**DitherMethod** = 0 | 1 | 2 | 3

Remarks

The DitherMethod property settings are:

Setting	Description
NONE(0)	No Dithering - map to nearest color.
BAYER (1)	Selects the Bayer dither.
BURKES(2)	Selects the Burkes dither.
STEINBERG(3)	Selects the Floyd/Steinberg dither.

Note

This property selects which dither method is used when using the ReduceTo property to change the color format of an image.

Data Type

Integer(Enumerated)

DstLeft, DstTop Properties

[Example](#)

Description

Sets the coordinates of the upper left hand corner of the bounding rectangle used when printing an image.

Usage

ImageControl.**DstLeft** = left!

ImageControl.**DstTop** = top!

Remarks

The bounding rectangle defines the area on the page where the image will appear. These units are expressed in TWIPS.

Data Type

Single

Note

These values must be set before invoking the Print method to print the image.

EmbedLength Property

[Example](#)

Description

Specifies the length of an embedded image.

Usage

ImageControl.**EmbedLength** [= length]

Remarks

This property is used in conjunction with the EmbeddOffset property to load images which are embedded in other files.

Data Type

Single

Note

This property should be set prior to setting the Picture property to load the embedded image.

EmbedOffset Property

[Example](#)

Description

Specifies the offset in bytes of an embedded image in a file.

Usage

ImageControl.**EmbedOffset** [= offset]

Remarks

This property is used in conjunction with the [EmbedLength](#) property to load images which are embedded in other files.

Data Type

Single

Note

This property should be set prior to setting the Picture property to load the embedded image.

Loading embedded Files Sample code

Close

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' Load an image that is embedded in the file sample.dat
' The image starts at byte offset 1024 and is 25000 bytes in length

```
ImageMan1.EmbedOffset = 1024  
ImageMan1.EmbedLength = 25000  
ImageMan1.Picture = "sample.dat"      ' Load the image
```

PrintImage Method

[Example](#)

Description

Causes the image to be printed.

Usage

ImageControl.**PrintImage**

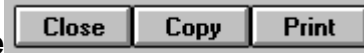
Remarks

Invoking this method causes the image to be printed in the bounding box specified by DstLeft, DstTop, DstRight, and DstBottom. . Before invoking this method you must set the PrnHdc, DstLeft, DstTop, DstRight and DstBottom properties. To print only a portion of the image you must also set the SrcLeft, SrcTop, SrcRight, and SrcBottom properties.

Note

The image will be printed at the resolution of the printer not that of the screen.

Printing an Image



```
' Print an Image at actual size centered on the page
' Declare the SetMapMode Windows API function

' The actual print code
Dim nPageXMid%, nPageYMid%
Dim ImgWidth%, ImgHeight%

' Calculate the center of the page
nPageXMid = Printer.ScaleWidth / 2
nPageYMid = (Printer.ScaleHeight / 2)

' Calculate the Image size in TWIPS
ImgWidth = ImageMan1.ImageWidth * 1440 / Res
ImgHeight = ImageMan1.ImageHeight * 1440 / Res

' Tell the control where to print the size
ImageMan1.DstLeft = nPageXMid - ImgWidth / 2
ImageMan1.DstTop = nPageYMid - ImgHeight / 2
ImageMan1.DstRight = nPageXMid + ImgWidth / 2
ImageMan1.DstBottom = nPageYMid + ImgHeight / 2

' Initialize the VB printing mechanism by printing this empty string
Printer.Print ""

ImageMan1.PrnHdc = Printer.hDC

' Set the Hourglass Cursor, this may take a few seconds
MousePointer = 11

ImageMan1.PrintImage

Printer.EndDoc

' Restore the Cursor
MousePointer = 0
```

DstRight, DstBottom Property

[Example](#)

Description

Sets the coordinates of the bottom right hand corner of the bounding rectangle used when printing an image.

Usage

ImageControl.**DstRight** = right!

ImageControl.**DstBottom** = bottom!

Remarks

The bounding rectangle defines the area on the page where the image will appear. These units are expressed in TWIPS.

Data Type

Single

Note

These values must be set before invoking the Print method to print the image.

Ext Property

Description

Specifies the three letter extension of the image format which ImageMan should use when opening images with non-standard extensions.

Usage

ImageControl.**Ext**[= ext\$]

Remarks

ImageMan will auto-detect the image format even if the extension is non-standard. Setting this property to the appropriate extension will make image loading faster in those cases where the extension is non-standard.

Data Type

String

ExtensionCount Property

[Example](#)

Description

Returns the number of image extensions supported by the control. This property is read-only.

Usage

ImageControl.**ExtensionCount**

Remarks

Use this property with the Extensions property to see a list of the supported image extensions.

Data Type

Integer

Extensions Property

[Example](#)

Description

Returns all support image extensions for a control.

Usage

ImageControl.**Extensions**(index%)

Remarks

This property works in conjunction with the ExtensionCount property which returns the number of supported extensions for the object.

This list is built when the ImageMan is loaded. Because of ImageMan's object-oriented architecture the number of supported formats will vary based on which DIL files are installed.

Data Type

String Array (Read Only)

ExtensionCount, Extension Properties Example

Close

Copy

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```
' Add the list of the supported extensions to a listbox  
Dim I%
```

```
For I = 0 to ImageMan1.ExtensionCount - 1  
    List1.AddItem ImageMan1.Extension(I)  
Next I
```


Gamma Method

Description

When set to a value causes the image to be corrected by the specified gamma value.

Usage

ImageControl.**Gamma** GammaVal

Remarks

The allowable range for Gamma values is 1.0 to 5.0. After invoking this method be sure to do a Refresh on the control to display the altered image.

GetFileName Method

[Example](#)

Description

When invoked cause the control to display it's File Open dialog.

Usage

ImageControl.**GetFileName**

Remarks

Invoke this method to display the control's file open dialog. The dialog is the Windows 3.1 common file open dialog and is configured to list all image formats which the control can display.

The return value is **TRUE** if the user selected an image otherwise if the user cancelled the dialog the return value is **FALSE**.

Using the GetFileName method

Close

Copy

Print

```
If ImageMan1.GetFileName Then
    ' User loaded an image so lets process it
    ImageMan1.Invert
    Imageman1.Refresh
Else
    ' User cancelled the File Open dialog
Endif
```

Green Property

[Example](#)

Description

Sets the green value for a color entry in the image's palette.

Usage

ImageControl.**Green**(Index%)[= Setting%]

Remarks

Use this property along with the Red and Blue properties to change the colors in a 256 color image. After changing these properties you must call the Refresh method to redraw the image with the new colors. The Index% value must be between 0 and the value of the PaletteEntries property. The allowable values for the property are 0 to 255.

Data Type

Integer Array

hDC Property

[Example](#)

Description

Returns a Windows Device Context for drawing into the image in the control.

Usage

ImageControl.**hDC**

Remarks

This property must be obtained for each image and allows you to use the Windows API functions to draw into the image. The changes made by using the hDC property change the internal bitmap maintained by the control. The altered image can be printed, saved or copied to the clipboard.

This property is read-only and available only at runtime.

Data Type

Integer

Using the hDC Property

Close

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Dim ImghDC

'Declare some functions from the Windows GDI API

Declare Sub MyMoveTo Alias "LineTo" Lib "GDI" (ByVal hDC%, ByVal X%, ByVal Y%)

Declare Sub MyLineTo Alias "MoveTo" Lib "GDI" (ByVal hDC%, ByVal X%, ByVal Y%)

' Draw an X through the image

ImghDC = ImageMan1.hDC

' These calls will draw a X over the image

MyMoveTo ImghDC, 0, 0

MyLineTo ImghDC, ImageMan1.ImageWidth, ImageMan1.ImageHeight

MyMoveTo ImghDC, ImageMan1.ImageWidth, 0

MyLineTo ImghDC, 0, ImageMan1.ImageHeight

' Update the image on screen

ImageMan1.Refresh

' Save the updated image

ImageMan1.SaveAs "c:\altered.bmp"

hWnd Property

Description

Returns the handle of the control's Windows.

Usage

ImageControl.**hWnd**[= hWnd%]

Data Type

Integer

hDIB Property

Description

Returns or Sets the handle of a Windows global memory block containing the image in DIB format.

Usage

ImageControl.**hDIB**[= hDib%]

Remarks

The application must free the handle when it is done by calling the Windows API function, `GlobalFree`, with the value of the memory block returned from the hDIB property. Each time this property is queried the control will allocate a new memory block containing the image in DIB format.

Data Type

Integer

hImage Property

[Example](#)

Description

Returns or Sets the internal ImageMan/VB handle for an image.

Usage

ImageControl.**hImage** [= hImage%]

Remarks

This property is used to copy images between ImageMan/VB controls. By using the DstRight and DstBottom properties the image can be scaled as it is copied into the new control. By default the image is copied at the same size.

The portion of the image that is copied can also be specified by using the SrcLeft, SrcTop, SrcRight and SrcBottom properties. By default, these properties are set to the entire image.

Data Type

Integer

Using the hImage Property



' Make a 100x100 Thumbnail of the Image in ImageMan1 in ImageMan2

```
ImageMan1.DstRight = 100
```

```
ImageMan1.DstBottom = 100
```

```
ImageMan2.hImage = ImageMan1.hImage
```

' Resize the image in the control to half its original size

```
ImageMan1.DstRight = ImageMan1.ImageWidth / 2
```

```
ImageMan1.DstBottom = ImageMan1.ImageHeight / 2
```

```
ImageMan1.hImage = ImageMan1.hImage
```

ImageColors Property

Description

Returns the number of colors in the image.

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageColors**

Data Type

Single (Read Only)

Note

This is the number of colors in the image not the number of colors the display driver supports.

ImageFlags Property

Description

Returns a set of flags which describe the current image.

Usage

ImageControl.ImageFlags

Remarks

Currently only the IMG_VECTOR (1) flag is supported. If this bit is set then the image is a vector image and certain operations cannot be performed on it. Currently the following operations cannot be performed on vector images:

- Color Reduction
- Rotation
- Palette Access
- Gamma & Brightness adjustment
- Getting an hDIB for the image

Data Type

Integer (Read Only)

ImageHeight Property

Description

Returns the height of the image in image units. .

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageHeight**

Data Type

Single (Read Only)

ImageWidth Property

Description

Returns the width of the image in image units. This is a read-only property.

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageWidth**

Data Type

Single

ImageXRes Property

Description

Returns the horizontal resolution of the image in dots per inch.

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageXRes**

Remarks

Some images may not contain resolution information therefore this property may be set to zero. Make sure to check for this condition before using this value. This value should be the same as the ImageYRes property in almost all images.

Data Type

Single (Read Only)

ImageCopy Method

Description

Copies the current image to the Windows clipboard.

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageCopy**

ImageCut Method

Description

Copies the current image to the Windows clipboard and clears the image from the control

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageCut**

ImagePaste Method

Description

Copies an image from the Windows Clipboard into the Image control.

Usage

ImageControl.**ImagePaste**

ImageYRes Property

Description

Returns the vertical resolution of the image in dots per inch.

Usage

ImageControl.**ImageYRes**

Remarks

Some images may not contain resolution information therefore this property may be set to zero. Make sure to check for this condition before using this value. This value should be the same as the ImageXRes property in almost all images.

Data Type

Single (Read Only)

IncreaseTo Method

Description

Causes the color depth of an image to be increased to the specified bit depth.

Usage

ImageControl.**IncreaseTo** *BitDepth*

Note

To decrease the number of colors in an image use the ReduceTo method.

Invert Method

Description

Invoking this method causes the colors in the image to be inverted.

Usage

ImageControl.**Invert**

Magnification Property

[Example](#)

Description

Sets or Returns the percentage the image should be scaled by when being displayed.

Usage

ImageControl.**Magnification**[= Percent%]

Remarks

The property should be set to the percentage scaling desired, i.e. to scale the image by 50% set this property to 50. This property should be used when the image is to be scaled by the same percentage on both axes. If each axis needs a different scale percentage then the *ScaleWidth* and *ScaleHeight* properties should be used to scale the image.

When the *ScaleWidth* or *ScaleHeight* properties have been set manually then this property's value will be invalid.

This property does not scale the image only its screen representation. Use the *hImage* and *Dst* properties to scale the actual Image.

Data Type

Integer

Using the Magnification Property



' Display the image at 50% of actual size
ImageMan1.Magnification = 50

' Do the refresh to redraw the Image
ImageMan1.Refresh

MirrorHorizontal Method

Description

Invoking this method causes the image to be mirrored horizontally.

Usage

ImageControl.**MirrorHorizontal**

MirrorVertical Method

Description

Invoking this method causes the image to be mirrored vertically.

Usage

ImageControl.**MirrorVertical**

MouseDown Event

Description

Occurs when the user presses a mouse button.

Syntax

Sub ctlName_ **MouseDown**([Index as Integer,] Button as Integer, Shift as Integer, X as Single, Y as Single)

Remarks

MouseDown uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
Index	Uniquely identifies a control in a control array.
Button	Identifies which button was pressed. The Button argument is a bit field with bits corresponding to the left button (bit 0), right button (bit 1), and the middle button (bit 2) - values 1,2,4, respectively. Only one bit will be set, indicating which button caused the event.
Shift	The state of the Shift and Ctrl keys when the button was pressed. The Shift argument is a bit field with bits corresponding to the SHIFT key(bit 0), and the CTRL Key(bit 1) - values 1,2 respectively. One or both of the bits can be set indicating that one or both of the keys was pressed.X,Y. The current location of the mouse pointer. X and Y are always expressed in terms of the coordinate system set by the ScaleHeight, ScaleWidth, ScaleLeft and ScaleTop properties of the object.

Note

If the Select property is set to TRUE(-1) then no events will be generated for the left mouse button.

Mouselcon Property

Description

Sets a custom mouse icon to be used.

Usage

ImageControl.**Mouselcon** = Picture

ImageControl.**Mouselcon** = LoadPicture(Pathname\$)

Remarks

This properties specifies the cursor to be used when the mouse pointer is over the image control. It may be set to the Picture property if the Image or Picture controls or used with the LoadPicture method to load a cursor or icon.

Data Type

Picture

MouseMove Event

Description

Occurs when the user moves the mouse.

Syntax

Sub ctlName_ **MouseMove**([Index as Integer,] Button as Integer, Shift as Integer, X as Single, Y as Single)

Remarks

MouseMove uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
Index	Uniquely identifies a control in a control array.
Button	The state of the mouse buttons, in which a bit is set if the button is down. The Button argument is a bit field with bits corresponding to the left button (bit 0), right button (bit 1), and the middle button (bit 2) - values 1,2,4, respectively. All or some or none of these bits can be set.
Shift	The state of the Shift and Ctrl keys. The Shift argument is a bit field with bits corresponding to the SHIFT key(bit 0), and the CTRL Key(bit 1) - values 1,2 respectively. One or both of the bits can be set indicating that one or both of the keys was pressed
.X,Y	The current location of the mouse pointer. X and Y are always expressed in terms of the coordinate system set by the ScaleHeight, ScaleWidth, ScaleLeft and ScaleTop properties of the object.

Note

If the Zoom property is set to TRUE(-1) then no events will be generated for the left mouse button.

MousePointer Property

Description

Returns or sets a value indicating the type of mouse pointer displayed when the mouse is over the control.

Usage

ImageMan1.**MousePointer** [= value]

Remarks

The settings for value are:

Setting	Description
0	(Default) Shape determined by the object.
1	Arrow.
2	Cross (cross-hair pointer).
3	I-Beam.
4	Icon (small square within a square).
5	Size (four-pointed arrow pointing north, south, east, and west).
6	Size NE SW (double arrow pointing northeast and southwest).
7	Size N S (double arrow pointing north and south).
8	Size NW SE (double arrow pointing northwest and southeast).
9	Size W E (double arrow pointing west and east).
10	Up Arrow.
11	Hourglass (wait).
12	No Drop.
99	Custom icon specified by the MouseIcon property.

You can use this property when you want to indicate changes in functionality as the mouse pointer passes over the control. The Hourglass setting (11) is useful for indicating that the user should wait for a process or operation to finish.

MouseUp Event

Description

Occurs when the user releases a mouse button

Syntax

Sub ctlname_ **MouseUp**([Index as Integer,] Button as Integer, Shift as Integer, X as Single, Y as Single)

Remarks

MouseDown uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
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Index	Uniquely identifies a control in a control array.
Button	Identifies which button was released. The Button argument is a bit field with bits corresponding to the left button(bit 0), right button (bit 1), and the middle button (bit 2) - values 1,2,4, respectively. Only one bit will be set, indicating which button caused the event.
Shift	The state of the Shift and Ctrl keys when the button was released. The Shift argument is a bit field with bits corresponding to the SHIFT key(bit 0), and the CTRL Key(bit 1) - values 1,2 respectively. One or both of the bits can be set indicating that one or both of the keys was pressed.
X,Y	The current location of the mouse pointer. X and Y are always expressed in terms of the coordinate system set by the ScaleHeight, ScaleWidth, ScaleLeft and ScaleTop properties of the object.

Note

If the Zoom property is set to TRUE(-1) then no events will be generated for the left mouse button.

Overwrite Property

Description

Specifies what occurs when writing a file and a file with the same name already exists.

Usage

ImageControl.Overwrite[= setting%]

Remarks

The Overwrite property settings are:

Setting	Description
0	Do not overwrite - image will not be saved.
1	Overwrite the existing file.
2	Display a messagebox to allow the user to cancel the save.

Note

If saving to a TIFF or DCX file with the [AppendImage](#) property set to **TRUE** this property will be ignored.

Data Type

Integer(Enumerated)

Pages Property

Description

Returns the number of images in the current file.

Usage

ImageControl.Pages

Remarks

Currently only TIFF and DCX image formats support multiple images.

Data Type

Integer (Read Only)

PageNumber Property

Description

Sets or Returns the number of the image in the current file.

Usage

ImageControl.**PageNumber** [= num%]

Remarks

The allowable values for this property are zero to Control.Pages - 1.

Data Type

Integer

PaletteEntries Property

Description

Returns the number of entries in an image's palette.

Usage

ImageControl.**PaletteEntries**

Remarks

Use this property with the Red, Green and Blue properties to get or set the colors for an image. This property will return zero for a 24 bit image.

Data Type

Integer (Read Only)

Picture Property

Description

Specifies the name of the image file to be displayed in the control.

Usage

ImageControl.**Picture**[= filename\$]

Remarks

This property specifies the filename of the image to be displayed. If this property is set to a new value which is not an existing file, an error will occur. To clear a picture from the screen set this property to an empty string.

Data Type

String

PrnHdc Property

[Example](#)

Description

Specifies the printer device context used for printing images.

Usage

```
ImageControl.PrnHdc = Printer.hdc
```

Remarks

This property must be set to the value of the Printer display context before printing an image. To do this set PrnHdc equal to Printer.hdc.

Data Type

Integer

Note

Failure to set this property before printing an image can result in Unrecoverable Application errors.

Quality Property

Description

Specifies the quality factor used when saving JPEG images.

Usage

ImageControl.**Quality**[= setting%]

Note

The range of legal values for this property are 0 (best compression - worst quality) to 99 (worst compression - best quality).

Data Type

Integer

Red Property

[Example](#)

Description

Sets the red value for a color entry in the image's palette.

Usage

ImageControl.**Red**(Index%)[= Setting%]

Remarks

Use this property along with the Green and Blue properties to change the colors in a 256 color image. After changing these properties you must call the Refresh method to redraw the image with the new colors. The Index% value must be between 0 and the value of the [PaletteEntries](#) property. The allowable values for the property are 0 to 255.

Data Type

Integer Array

ReduceTo Method

[Example](#)

Description

Invoking this method causes the image to be converted to an image of the specified color format.

Usage

ImageControl.**ReduceTo** *nColors, bGreyScale, bOptimizedPalette*

Note

If the *bGreyScale* parameter is true the the image will be converted to a greyscale image. If *bGreyScale* is FALSE and the *nColors* parameter is set to a value of 16 or 256 then the *bOptimizedPalette* parameter will be used to determine the type of palette to be created.

Using the ReduceTo Method

Close

Copy

Print

' Convert an image to a 256 color image with an optimized palette

```
ImageMan1.ReduceTo 256, FALSE, TRUE
```

'Convert an Image to 16 color Greyscale

' In this case the bOptimizedPalette parameter is ignored since its is not applicable

```
ImageMan1.ReduceTo 16, TRUE, FALSE
```


Repaint Method

Description

Invoking this method causes the image to be redrawn on the screen.

Usage

ImageControl.**Repaint**

Note

This method is the same as the Refresh method but is supported in environments other than Visual Basic.

Rotate Method

[Example](#)

Description

Invoking this method causes the image to be rotated to the specified angle.

Usage

nDegreesRotated = *ImageControl*.**Rotate** *nAngl*, *rgbColor*

Remarks

The *rgbColor* parameter specifies the color of the background when an image is rotated to a non ninety degree multiple.

This method returns the total number of degrees the image has been rotated.

Note

Each time the method is invoked, the specified transformation will take place.

Using the Rotate Method



' Rotate an image by 45 degrees and specify a Red background

```
ImageMan1.Rotate 45, RGB(255,0,0)
```

' Query the Image Width & Height again since the rotation changed them

```
ImgWidth = ImageMan1.ImageWidth
```

```
ImgHeight = ImageMan1.ImageHeight
```

SaveAs Method

[Example](#)

Description

Saves the current image or the specified portion into a file of the specified name and type.

Usage

*FileName\$ = ImageControl.**SaveAs** filename\$*

Remarks

Invoking this method will cause the file to be written. If an empty string is specified, a File Save dialog will be displayed so the user can select a file type and name.

If a filename is specified, the name must contain a supported image extension since the extension is used to determine which format the image is saved in.

To save only a portion of an image use the SrcTop, SrcLeft, SrcRight and SrcBottom properties to specify the portion.

The return value is the name of the saved file or an empty string if the user selected cancel in the dialog.

SaveOptions Property

[Example](#)

Description

Specifies the options to be used when saving an image using the SaveAs method.

Usage

ImageControl.**SaveOptions** = *options*\$

Remarks

The following options can be specified using the SaveOptions property:

TIFF_ROWSPERSTRIP

Specifies the number of image rows per TIFF strip in the resulting image. Most applications will not need to manipulate this parameter.

TIFF_FILLORDER **1 | 2**

Specifies the Fill Order to be used when writing Group 3 or Group 4 compressed data. The default is 1.

Data Type

String

Saving Images using the SaveAs and SaveOptions Properties



```
' Save the current image and let the user select the name
' Use compression if supported by the saving image format
ImageMan1.SaveOptions = "COMPRESS = ON"

' Save the Image, displaying a SaveAs dialog
ImageMan1.SaveAs = ""

' Save the image to a file called page1.tif using Group3 FAX compression

' Use chr$(13) to delimit the two option settings
ImageMan1.SaveOptions = "COMPRESS = ON"+CHR$(13)+"TIFF_COMPRESS = GROUP3"

ImageMan1.SaveAs = "c:\page1.tif"
```

ScaleHeight, ScaleWidth Properties

Description

Sets or returns the range of the vertical (ScaleHeight) and horizontal (ScaleWidth) axis for a control's internal coordinate system. The coordinate system is used for scaling and displaying the image in the control.

Usage

ImageControl.**ScaleHeight**[= scale!]

ImageControl.**ScaleWidth**[=scale!]

Remarks

By default, these properties are set to the width and height of an image in ScaleMode 0. If the ScaleWidth and/or ScaleHeight properties are set to less than the ImageWidth and/or ImageHeight properties then only a portion of the image will be displayed in the control. The ScaleLeft and ScaleTop properties can be used to scroll the image so another portion is displayed.

Note

All mouse, scroll, and zoom events generated by the control will have coordinates that are relative to the scaling mode in effect.

Data Type

Single

ScaleLeft, ScaleTop Property

Description

Sets or returns the horizontal (ScaleLeft) and vertical (ScaleTop) coordinates that describe the left and top corners of the control's internal area.

Usage

ImageControl.**ScaleLeft**[= scale!]

ImageControl.**ScaleTop**[=scale!]

Remarks

By default, these properties are set to 0. Modifying these properties will affect which portion of the image is displayed in the control. Changing these coordinates will cause the image to be scrolled in the control. These coordinates are automatically updated when the control has the scrollbar property enabled and scrollbars are displayed.

Data Type

Single

ScaleImage Method

[Example](#)

Description

Scales the current raster image.

Usage

ImageControl.**ScaleImage** *nWidth, nHeight*

Remarks

Invoking this method cause the current image to be scaled to the specified width and height. This method is only valid for raster images.

Using the ScaleImage Method

Close

Copy

Print

' Load a big image and save a 100x100 thumbnail of it to another file
ImageMan1.Picture = "big.tif"

' Create the Thumbnail
ImageMan1.ScaleImage 100, 100

' Now save it
ImageMan1.SaveAs "thumb.tif"

ScaleMethod Property

Description

Specifies the method ImageMan/VB will use when scaling images.

Usage

ImageControl.**ScaleMethod**[= setting%]

Remarks

The ScaleMethod property settings are:

Setting	Description
0	Delete bits when scaling.
1	AND bits
2	OR bits
3	Use AntiAliasing when scaling

Data Type

Integer(Enumerated)

Scroll Event

Description

Occurs when the user scrolls the image using the built-in scrollbars.

Syntax

Sub ctlname_ **Scroll**([Index as Integer,] ScaleLeft as Single, ScaleTop as Single)

Remarks

Scroll uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
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Index	Uniquely identifies a control in a control array.
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ScaleLeft	The new value of the ScaleLeft property.
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ScaleTop	The new value ScaleTop property.
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Scrollbars Property

Description

Determines whether scrollbars will be displayed when only a portion of the image is displayed in the control.

Usage

ImageControl.**Scrollbars**[= Bool%]

Remarks

The Scrollbars property settings are:

Setting	Description
TRUE	Enables the scrollbars when the image is scaled so that it is larger than the control. The user can scroll the image by manipulating the scrollbars. When the user scrolls the image your application will receive a Scroll event.
FALSE	Disables scrollbars.

Data Type

Integer(Boolean)

SrcLeft, SrcTop Properties

Description

Specifies the coordinates of the upper left hand corner of the image which should appear in the bounding rectangle when printing an image.

Usage

ImageControl.SrcLeft[= left!]

ImageControl.SrcTop[= top!]

Remarks

These properties define what portion of the image is scaled to fit in the bounding rectangle defined by the Dst family of properties. By default, the SrcLeft and SrcTop properties are set to 0. SrcLeft must be set to a value between 0 and ImageWidth-1, while SrcTop must be set to a value between 0 and ImageHeight-1.

Data Type

Single

Note

If you want to change these values, you must change them before invoking the Print method to print the image.

SrcRight, SrcBottom Property

Description

Specifies the coordinates of the lower right hand corner of the image which should appear in the bounding rectangle when printing an image.

Usage

ImageControl.**SrcRight**[= right!]

ImageControl.**SrcBottom**[= bottom!Remarks]

These properties define what portion of the image is scaled to fit in the bounding rectangle defined by the Dst family of properties. By default, the SrcRight and SrcBottom properties are set to ImageWidth-1 and ImageHeight-1, respectively. SrcRight must be set to a value between 0 and ImageWidth-1, while SrcBottom must be set to a value between 0 and ImageHeight-1.

Data Type

Single

Note

If you want to change these values, you must change them before setting invoking the Print method to print the image.

Select Event

[Example](#)

Description

Occurs when the user selects a portion of the image by clicking and dragging and the [Select](#) property is set to TRUE.

Syntax

Sub ctlName_ **Select**([Index as Integer,] X1 as Single, Y1 as Single , X2 as Single, Y2 as Single)

Remarks

Select uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
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Index	Uniquely identifies a control in a control array.
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X1,Y1	The coordinates of the upper left corner of the users selection. X1 and Y1 are always expressed in terms of the coordinate system set by the ScaleHeight, ScaleWidth, ScaleLeft and ScaleTop properties of the object.
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X2,Y2	The coordinates of the bottom right corner of the users selection. X1 and Y1 are always expressed in terms of the coordinate system set by the ScaleHeight, ScaleWidth, ScaleLeft and ScaleTop properties of the object.
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Status Event

Description

Occurs when loading or saving an image and the StatusEnabled property is TRUE.

Syntax

Sub ctlname_ **Status**([Index as Integer,] Percent As Integer)

Remarks

Status uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
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Index	Uniquely identifies a control in a control array.
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Percentage	Specifies the percentage of completion of the operation.
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StatusEnabled Property

Description

Specifies whether [Status](#) events will be fired when loading and saving images.

Usage

ImageControl.**StatusEnabled**[= **TRUE** | **FALSE**]

Disabling Status events will speed up the loading and saving process.

Data Type

Boolean

UseDDB Property

Description

Determines whether the control will display an image using a Device Dependent Bitmap (DDB) or as a Device Independent Bitmap (DIB).

Usage

ImageControl.**UseDDB**[= Bool%]

Remarks

The default setting for this property is TRUE which enables the use of DDBs.

Using DDBs will speed screen redraw speed while consuming more memory. On machines with small memory configurations setting this property to FALSE will conserve memory.

Data Type

Integer(Boolean)

Select Property

[Example](#)

Description

Determines whether the control will display a rubber box when the user clicks and drags using the left mouse button. When the user releases the button a Select event will be generated.

Usage

ImageControl.**Select**[= Bool%]

Remarks

The Select property settings are:

Setting	Description
TRUE	The control will display a rubber box when the user clicks and drags the cursor with the left mouse button.
FALSE	All left mouse button activity will generate MouseDown, MouseMove and MouseUp events.

Data Type

Integer(Boolean)

Using the Select Event & Property



' Enabled the user to select an area of the image and copy the selected
' portion onto the clipboard. The Select property must be set to True.

```
Sub ImageMan1_Select (X1 As Single, Y1 As Single, X2 As Single, Y2 As Single)
```

```
    ' Set the Src properties to the portion the user selected
```

```
    ImageMan1.SrcLeft = X1
```

```
    ImageMan1.SrcTop = Y1
```

```
    ImageMan1.SrcRight = X2
```

```
    ImageMan1.SrcBottom = Y2
```

```
    ' Copy the selected portion to the clipboard
```

```
    ImageMan1.ImageCopy
```

```
End Sub
```

hPalette Property

Description

Returns a handle to a Windows Palette Object containing the palette for the image.

Usage

ImageControl.hPalette

Data Type

Integer (Read Only)

VBPicture Property

[Example](#)

Description

Sets or Returns the handle to an image in a format compatible with the Visual Basic PictureBox 'Picture' property.

Usage

ImageControl.**VBPicture**[= Picture]

Remarks

This property allows images to be moved between the ImageMan image control and the Visual Basic PictureBox and image controls.

Data Type

Integer

Using VBPicture Property



' Load an image into an ImageMan Control and then copy it to a picturebox

```
ImageMan1.Picture = "sample.tif"  
Picture1.Picture = ImageMan1.VBPicture
```

' Copy an image from a Picture Control to the ImageMan image Control

```
Picture1.Picture = LoadPicture("sample.bmp")  
ImageMan1.VBPicture = Picture1.Picture  
ImageMan1.Refresh
```


TIFF (Tag Image File Format)

ImageMan/VB supports single and multi page TIFF 5.0 files including the following compression schemes:

- No Compression
- Packbits
- LZW*
- Modified CCITT
- CCITT Group 3 1d & 2d
- CCITT Group 4

Supported color formats include:

- Monochrome
- 16 Color
- 256 Color
- 24 Bit Color

* Requires license from [Unisys Corp.](#)

PCX

Supported color formats include:

- Monochrome
- 16 Color
- 256 Color
- 24 Bit Color

Windows Bitmap

ImageMan/VB supports the following color formats:

- Monochrome
- 16 Color
- 256 Color
- 24 Bit Color

OS/2 formatted Bitmap files are also supported.

4 & 8 Bit RLE compressed bitmaps are also supported.

GIF

ImageMan supports all non-interlaced GIF files with up to 256 colors.

This format requires a license from [Unisys Corp.](#)

WMF (Windows Metafile)

ImageMan/VB supports all placeable Metafiles.

Targa

ImageMan/VB supports all version 1 and version 2 targa files with or without compression in the following color formats:

- 8 bit Greyscale
- 8 Bit Color
- 15/16/24/32 Bit color

EPS

ImageMan/VB supports all encapsulated Postscript files.

IMG (Gem Image Format)

ImageMan/VB supports compressed, monochrome IMG files.

JPG (JPEG Image Format)

ImageMan/VB supports JFIF standard JPEG files.

WPG (WordPerfect Graphics Format)

ImageMan/VB supports both raster and vector version 1.0 WPG files.

Version 2.0 files are not currently supported.

For Information on licensing the LZW compression code Contact:

Mark T Starr
Unisys Corporation
PO Box 500
Blue Bell, PA 19424-0001

Voice: 215-986-4411
Fax: 215-986-5721

You must obtain a license from Unisys before we can unlock the TIFF (w/LZW) and GIF readers and writers.

Can't Allocate Bitmap (Error 32003)

This error is fired by the control when attempting to use the VBPicture property and the picture is a bitmap. This should only occur under low memory situations.

Can't Get DDB Error (Error 32002)

This error is fired by the control when attempting to use the VBPicture property and the picture is a bitmap. This should only occur under low memory situations.

Can't Get WMF Handle(Error 32001)

This error is fired by the control when attempting to use the VBPicture property and the picture is a metafile. This should only occur under low memory situations.

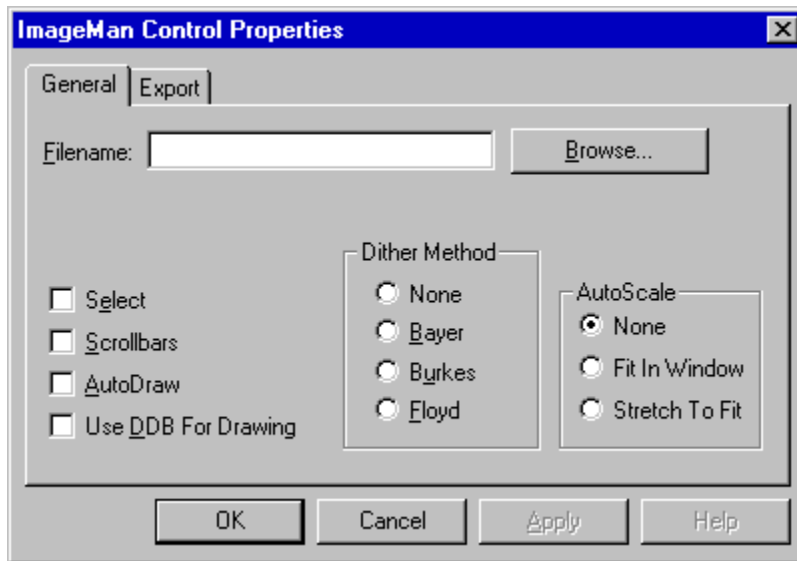
Output File Already Exists (Error 33210)

This error is fired when the control attempts to write an image to a file that already exists and the [Overwrite](#) property is set to a value of zero (Dont Overwrite).

No Image Loaded (Error 32000)

Certain properties require an image to be loaded into the control before the property can be used.

General Property Page



The dialog box is titled "ImageMan Control Properties" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It features two tabs: "General" (selected) and "Export".

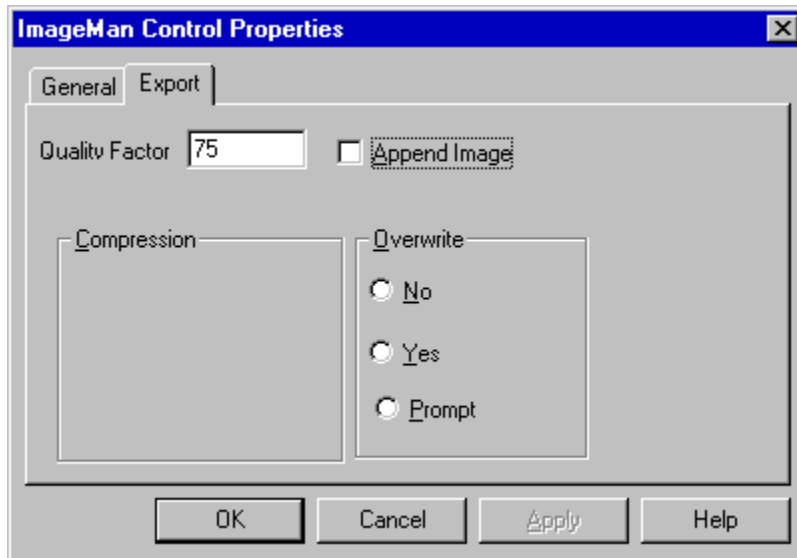
Under the "General" tab, there is a "Filename:" label followed by an empty text input field and a "Browse..." button to its right.

Below the filename field, there are three groups of options:

- A list of four checkboxes:
 - Select
 - Scrollbars
 - AutoDraw
 - Use DDB For Drawing
- A "Dither Method" group with three radio buttons:
 - None
 - Bayer
 - Burkes
 - Floyd
- An "AutoScale" group with three radio buttons:
 - None
 - Fit In Window
 - Stretch To Fit

At the bottom of the dialog, there are four buttons: "OK", "Cancel", "Apply", and "Help".

Export Property Page



ImageMan TWAIN OLE Control

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Description

The Twain control provides the ability to acquire images from any TWAIN compatible scanners, frame grabbers and digital cameras.

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Scanner Control Concepts

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Scanning

Scanning is initiated by invoking the [Scan](#) method. The *bShowUI* parameter of the method specifies whether the TWAIN source should display its user interface dialog. Most scanners will honor this request although some inexpensive models do not. In this case there is no way to disable the dialog.

When a page has been successfully scanned, the [Scan](#) event will be fired. The hDIB parameter in the event contains a handle to the scanned image. When using the scanner control in conjunction with an ImageMan image control, this handle should be assigned to the ImageMan [hDIB](#) property. After doing this the image can be saved using the control if desired. The hDIB handle must be assigned to either an ImageMan control or to some other control or code. If not the image data and the memory it occupies will be lost. If you are passing the hDIB to a non ImageMan control then that code will; have to free the memory allocated for that image when it is done using it. This can be done using the GlobalFree Windows API function.

The [Resolution](#), [Brightness](#), [Contrast](#), [MaxPages](#), [PixelFormat](#) and [UseADF](#) properties can be set prior to invoking the Scan method to modify the scan parameters.

Selecting a Scanner

Since some users may have more than one TWAIN device, the [SelectScanner](#) method can be invoked to display the TWAIN dialog to allow the user to select a scanner.

If TWAIN is not installed on the users system, the Select Method method will fire an error # 32000.

Custom Twain Control Properties

<u>AppName</u>	<u>Brightness</u>
<u>Contrast</u>	<u>Device</u>
<u>MaxPages</u>	<u>PixelFormat</u>
<u>Resolution</u>	<u>ScanLeft</u>
<u>ScanTop</u>	<u>ScanRight</u>
<u>ScanBottom</u>	<u>Sources</u>
<u>SourceCount</u>	<u>UseADF</u>

Custom Twain Control Methods

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Custom Twain Control Events

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AppName Property

[Example](#)

Description

Specifies a string containing the name of the application.

Usage

TwainControl.**AppName**[= ApplicationName]

Remarks

Use this property to specify the name of the application which is scanning. Certain scanners will display this name in a dialog box when scanning.

Data Type

String

Brightness Property

Description

Specifies or returns the brightness to be used when scanning.

Usage

TwainControl.**Brightness**[= brightness%]

Remarks

The Brightness property can be set to a value of -1000 to 1000. A setting of zero will use the device's default brightness setting.

Data Type

Integer

Contrast Property

Description

Specifies or returns the contrast to be used when scanning.

Usage

TwainControl.**Contrast**[= contrast%]

Remarks

The Contrast property can be set to a value of -1000 to 1000. A setting of zero will use the device's default contrast setting.

Data Type

Integer

Device Property

Description

Specifies the name of the TWAIN device to be used when scanning.

Usage

TwainControl.**Device**[= DeviceName\$]

Remarks

Setting this property is optional. By default the control will scan using the default twain device as set by the `SelectScanner` method.

To specify a scanner other than the default, set this property to the name of the TWAIN device to be used. A list of available device names can be found using the `Sources` and `SourceCount` properties.

Setting this property to an invalid name will generate an 'Invalid Property Value' runtime error.

Data Type

String

MaxPages Property

Description

Specifies the maximum number of pages to be scanned after invoking the Scan method.

Usage

TwainControl.**MaxPages**[= Pages%]

Remarks

This property is primarily of use with scanners that are equipped with Automatic Document Feeders (ADF) since it allows the application to specify how many pages should be scanned after invoking the Scan method. If specifying a value greater than one then the UseADF property should also be set to **TRUE**.

Data Type

Integer

PixelFormat Property

Description

Specifies the color format of the image data to be scanned.

Usage

TwainControl.PixelType[= ColorType%]

Remarks

The PixelType property settings are:

Setting	Description
-1	Specifies the device's default color format.
0	Black & White (1 Bit)
1	GreyScale (8 Bit)
2	RGB Color (24 Bit)
3	Palette Color (8 Bit)

Data Type

Integer (Enumerated)

Resolution Property

Description

Specifies the resolution in DPI to be used when scanning

Usage

TwainControl.**Resolution**[= dpi%]

Remarks

If the scanner doesn't support the specified resolution then it will select the closest resolution it can support.

Data Type

Integer

ScanLeft, ScanTop Properties

Description

Specifies the left and top coordinates of the scan area to acquire.

Usage

TwainControl.**ScanLeft**[= leftEdge]

TwainControl.**ScanTop**[= topEdge]

Remarks

These properties along with the [ScanRight](#) and [ScanBottom](#) properties define a bounding rectangle which defines the area of the image to be acquired when scanning. These values are expressed in inches.

Data Type

float

ScanRight, ScanBottom Properties

Description

Specifies the right and bottom coordinates of the scan area to acquire.

Usage

TwainControl.**ScanRight**[= rightEdge]

TwainControl.**ScanBottom**[= bottomEdge]

Remarks

These properties along with the [ScanLeft](#) and [ScanTop](#) properties define a bounding rectangle which defines the area of the image to be acquired when scanning. These values are expressed in inches.

Data Type

float

SourceCount Property

[Example](#)

Description

Returns the number of TWAIN devices found on the system.

Usage

TwainControl.**SourceCount**

Remarks

If this property has a value of zero then no TWAIN devices are installed and therefore no scanning can take place.

Data Type

Integer

Sources Property

[Example](#)

Description

Returns the names of the TWAIN devices found on the system

Usage

TwainControl.**Sources**(Index%)

Remarks

This array contains the names of all the installed TWAIN devices. The array contains [SourceCount](#) number of entries.

Data Type

String

Using the Sources and SourceCount properties

Close

Copy

Print

```
Dim I%
```

```
For I = 0 to Twain1.SourceCount - 1
```

```
    lstSources.AddItem Twain1.Source(I)  
    ' Add the source name to the listbox  
    named lstSources
```

```
Next I
```

UseADF Property

Description

Specifies whether paper should be fed from the scanner's Automatic Document Feeder (ADF).

Usage

TwainControl.**UseADF**[= TRUE | FALSE]

Remarks

Data Type

Boolean

Scan Method

Description

Initiates a scan.

Usage

TwainControl.Scan **bShowUI**

Remarks

The *bShowUI* parameter specifies if the scanner should show its user interface when scanning. Some scanners ignore this flag and will always show their user interface.

The Scan Event will be fired for each page acquired from the device.

This method doesn't return a value.

SelectScanner Method

Description

Displays the TWAIN device selection dialog.

Usage

TwainControl.**SelectSources**

Remarks

This dialog allows the user to select the default TWAIN device. This dialog is provided by the TWAIN DLL so if twain is not installed then no action will occur when invoking this method.

This method doesn't return a value.

Scan Event

[Example](#)

Description

Occurs when the TWAIN device has acquired an image and when the device is closed.

Syntax

SubctlName_**Scan**([Index as Integer,] EventType as Integer, Status As Integer, hDIB as Integer)

Remarks

Scan uses these arguments:

Argument	Description
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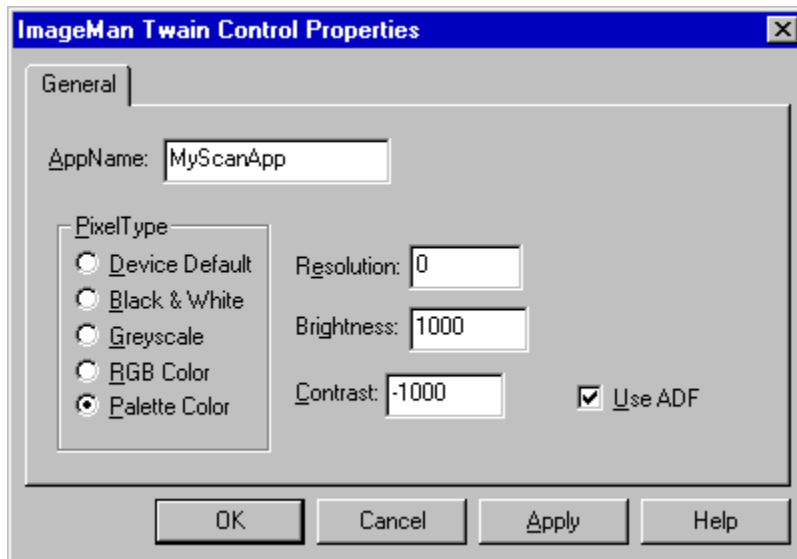
EventType	Set to a value of 1 upon successful scanning of a page, set to a value of 2 when the TWAIN device has closed.
Status	Specifies if scanning completed successfully. A non zero value indicates a TWAIN error occurred.
hDIB	If the EventType is equal to 1 and Status is equal to 0 then this parameter contains the handle to a DIB for the acquired image. This handle would generally be assigned to the ImageMan Image Control's hDIB property. It is the responsibility of the application to free the memory associated with this handle (this is done automatically by the image control).

Using the Scan Event

```
Twain1_Scan( EventType As Integer, Status As Integer, hDIB as Integer )
```

```
    ' If the scan was successful then transfer the image to an imageman image control  
    if EventType = 1 and Status = 0 Then  
        ImageMan1.hDIB = hDIB  
    ElseIf EventType = 2 Then  
        ' The scanning device has closed up and gone away  
    Endif  
End Sub
```

TWAIN Control Property Page



The image shows a dialog box titled "ImageMan Twain Control Properties" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog has a "General" tab selected. Inside the dialog, there is a text field for "AppName" containing "MyScanApp". Below this is a "PixelType" section with five radio button options: "Device Default", "Black & White", "Greyscale", "RGB Color", and "Palette Color". The "Palette Color" option is selected. To the right of these options are three text input fields: "Resolution" with the value "0", "Brightness" with the value "1000", and "Contrast" with the value "-1000". There is also a checked checkbox labeled "Use ADF". At the bottom of the dialog are four buttons: "OK", "Cancel", "Apply", and "Help".

ImageMan Twain Control Properties

General

AppName: MyScanApp

PixelType

Device Default

Black & White

Greyscale

RGB Color

Palette Color

Resolution: 0

Brightness: 1000

Contrast: -1000

Use ADF

OK Cancel Apply Help

