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Mirek Hello Mirek

I imagine you say the frame rate (time between frames per every frame) or the aspect ratio .

Meanwhile please think about visualization interface.

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?
Posted by koldo on Wed, 16 Jun 2010 12:15:21 GMT

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Hello Mirek

Here I enclose you the files changed.

Just for testing (do not consider it a serious player ) I have used the next simple code. It shows 100 frames repeating them if the gif have less frames. Delay is considered but aspect is not.

```
FileIn in(fileName);
One<StreamRaster> raster = StreamRaster::OpenAny(in);
int ind = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 100; ++i) {
    raster->SeekPage(ind);
    image = raster->GetImage();

Refresh();
Ctrl::ProcessEvents();
int delay = raster->GetPageDelay(ind);
if (delay <= 0)
    Sleep(100);
```

```
else
    Sleep(delay*10);

if (ind < raster->GetPageCount()-1)
    ind++;
    else
    ind = 0;
}

I have added two new virtual functions:
virtual int GetPageAspect(int n);
virtual int GetPageDelay(int n);
```

In GIF format it is defined a delay per frame, but an aspect ratio for all frame set, so a GetAspect(void) version would be valid.

## File Attachments

1) GifFiles.7z, downloaded 260 times

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by mirek on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 08:22:32 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Hello Mirek

Before doing the encoder I would prefer to prepare the player class. I think it has higher priority.

Anyway do you want to include a Reference example for multipage decoding?. This example (as code updated before) would serve for .GIF and for :TIFF files too.

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by mirek on Sun, 20 Jun 2010 21:22:02 GMT

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Quoting Koldo's PM:

#### Quote:

- Our Gif support does not work well for all samples I have tested from here (http://www.animatedgif.net/).

I have tested bad files with previous U++ GIF support and the problems also appear, so they are not caused by last changes.

Do you know what was the source of our original GIF code to try to get an update or try to now where the problem comes?

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by rylek on Sun, 20 Jun 2010 21:26:49 GMT

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Hi Koldo!

Mirek asked me to have a look at the malfunctioning GIF's. Can you please send me links to some GIF's from the web page you mentioned which don't work?

**Thanks** 

**Tomas** 

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by dolik.rce on Sun, 20 Jun 2010 22:24:02 GMT

Hi,

I just tested the reference player with this image, which is one of the nonworking ones. I came to conclusion that the troubles come from the fact that it is optimized. (Some of the subimages have smaller size).

If I changed the layer sizes in gimp and resaved, it works almost fine, it only changes the disposal method. That could be probably fixed too.

The changed file is attached for reference...

Honza

### File Attachments

1) plasma ball full layers.gif, downloaded 269 times

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by koldo on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 07:16:40 GMT

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Hello Tomas

Some days ago I hacked your code to decode animated GIFs.

It works well for some files but there are problems with other.

I checked some of the failed files with old code and the problem appeared.

Honza (dolik.rce) has detected one source of the failure. The Gif he includes has different image size per page (subimage). I think he has got the problem as it happens the same with other failed files:

- the images seems scrambled
- however, the images colors look right
- there is at least one image right

It seems to indicate that the colors are decoded right, but some of the pages begin and end are taken wrong.

I have tried to implement this change in subimage size but results do not improve.

Could you do/fix the code or give me some info about the inner details of GIF format you used to do your code?

# Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by dolik.rce on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 07:38:37 GMT

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Agree. Working on that now.

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by koldo on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 09:35:45 GMT

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Problem found and solved! Now failed Gifs are opened well

The problem came from animated GIFs have different bitmaps with different sizes and locations, so lets say subimage 3 is the mix of 0, 1, 2 and 3 overlapped in their locations!!

This is an extreme sample of it

Thank you Honza.

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1) AG00052 .GIF, downloaded 1131 times

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by koldo on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 14:13:36 GMT

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You did the 95% of the job.

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by koldo on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 22:24:39 GMT

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Hello Mirek

Included new code for Raster and plugin/Gif.

Virtual funcions added are:

- Rect GetPageRect(int n). Gets the subimage Rect
- int GetPageDisposal(int n). Gets the way the subimage has to be handled by the renderer

Reference/RasterMultiPage example has been uploaded covering these changes.

#### File Attachments

1) Gif.7z, downloaded 244 times

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by mirek on Thu, 24 Jun 2010 18:52:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by koldo on Thu, 24 Jun 2010 21:27:47 GMT

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Posted by mirek on Sat, 26 Jun 2010 16:02:23 GMT

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#### Posted by koldo on Sun, 11 Jul 2010 04:44:41 GMT

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Mirek

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I had left this waiting this post to be solved http://www.ultimatepp.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&goto=280 35&

In fact it is not directly related

Now plugin/Gif supports animated gifs... but do not play them.

I will post it in few time.

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by koldo on Tue, 24 Aug 2010 09:49:38 GMT

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Hello kirkt

The class and demo are ready to be uploaded today.

This is an screenshot of the demo in Windows, Linux and Layout Designer.

The new class is called AnimatedClip. Is it better RasterPlayer?

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1) dib.JPG, downloaded 754 times

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by mirek on Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:11:00 GMT

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Sweet!

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody?

Posted by Mindtraveller on Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:19:26 GMT

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Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by mirek on Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:20:28 GMT

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Mindtraveller wrote on Wed, 08 September 2010 03:19How to get this class? I haven't found it in U++ sources.

Adding it rigth now...

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Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by mirek on Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:23:19 GMT

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Just thinking: Does it really need to be multithreaded?

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Posted by koldo on Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:46:41 GMT

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Quote: Koldo, is there any example I could put in examples?

Yes, here: "upp\reference\AnimatedClip".

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Dago 1F of 10 Concreted from III. Forum

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Hello

It is done. Now RasterPlayer default is single threaded.

If compiled with GUI MT it is possible to use SetMT(bool) function to set MT or ST.

"Reference/AnimatedClip" demo is uploaded including both modes.

I am really surprised. Both in Linux and Windows, the ST version goes as smooth as the MT version. Perhaps until now I have used MT sometimes it was not necessary. I am reconsidering my point of view about using timers more frequently.

In few days I will upload the doc.

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Posted by Mindtraveller on Thu, 09 Sep 2010 07:09:20 GMT

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Posted by Mindtraveller on Sat, 11 Sep 2010 17:57:09 GMT

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Mirek: Could you include

Image GetRect(const Image& orig, const Rect &r)

(or something equivalent) in Draw?

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1) load.gif, downloaded 829 times

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Hello Mindtraveller

Finally I have included a more clean solution.

As .gif raster handles well transparent color, now it is included Alpha() in RasterPlayer drawing, so from now transparent colors are transparent .

Thank you for your feedback.

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by Mindtraveller on Mon, 13 Sep 2010 07:41:10 GMT

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Excellent! Thanks!

Subject: Re: Animated GIF support, anybody? Posted by ratah on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 09:41:37 GMT

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Hi everybody,

I can't find RasterPlayer package, i created a program using this package and i recently re-install upp. So my program does not compile.