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Posted by [koldo](#) on Thu, 15 Jul 2010 09:07:59 GMT

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 19 Jul 2010 08:03:44 GMT

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:08:53 GMT

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Mirek  
Hello Mirek
```

You have do it all. Adding this in Start function it works:

```
unsigned xdpi = 300;  
unsigned ydpi = 300;  
unsigned xres = unsigned(xdpi / 0.0254 + 0.5);  
unsigned yres = unsigned(ydpi / 0.0254 + 0.5);  
  
png_set_pHYs(png_ptr, info_ptr, xres, yres, PNG_RESOLUTION_METER);
```

The question is how to set xdpi and ydpi in U++ code.

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 07:50:33 GMT  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 13 Aug 2010 09:13:05 GMT  
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Hello Mirek

Now xdpi and ydpi do not exist internally. It would be necessary to define how to get/set them, prior to adding the code.

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Subject: Re: How to set the dpi (dots per inch) of an image

Posted by [koldo](#) on Sun, 22 Aug 2010 21:51:37 GMT

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Hello Mirek

I mean now there are no methods to set or get the vertical or horizontal dpi of an image.

Can I propose new functions for PNG only or to be used for all Raster types?

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:17:18 GMT

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koldo wrote on Sun, 22 August 2010 17:51Hello Mirek

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But there are are!

Raster::GetInfo returns Info, which in turn has "dots" member, which is physical size of image (in dots).

Combine with "GetSize" and you get dpi information.

The other way is RasterEncoder::SetDots. (Again, combined with SetSize, you have dpi info).

The only issue is that plugins might be lacking the support of this information.

Well, now thinking, perhaps we could add Raster::GetDpi a RasterEncoder::SetDpi methods, but that would only be very oneliners/helpers. Plus, SetDpi would need Create to be called first. Hm, perhaps there should be alternate Create with dpi info.

Anyway, these would really be just helpers. The basic info and interface is already there!

Mirek

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Subject: Re: How to set the dpi (dots per inch) of an image

Posted by [koldo](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2010 09:41:40 GMT

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2010 11:42:32 GMT

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No problem .

Do you let me include a GetDPI() and SetDPI functions applicable to Raster, ImageBuffer and Image (in this case, only GetDPI) ?

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Subject: Re: How to set the dpi (dots per inch) of an image

Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 14 Sep 2010 07:51:47 GMT

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Hello Mirek

It is done. Here a sample code using GetDPI() and SetDPI():

```
include <Core/Core.h>
#include <plugin/png/png.h>

using namespace Upp;

CONSOLE_APP_MAIN
{
    Image img = StreamRaster::LoadFileAny(AppendFileName(GetDesktopFolder(), "demo.png"));
    if (!img)
        puts("No image");
    else {
        ImageBuffer image(img);

        Size dpi = image.GetDPI();
        puts(Format("Image DPI are %d/%d", dpi.cx, dpi.cy));
        image.SetDPI(Size(600, 600));
    }
}
```

```
puts("New DPI values will be 600/600");

PNGEncoder png;
png.SaveFile(AppendFileName(GetDesktopFolder(), "demo2.png"), image);
puts("Done");
}
getchar();
}
```

The DPI is only effectively set in "PNG" format files.

I will include the changed files today. They are a few.

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Hello Mirek

Here I enclose you the changed files and changes list:

In Draw  
Image.cpp and Image.h  
Added  
void ImageBuffer::SetDPI(Size dpi)  
Size ImageBuffer::GetDPI()  
Size Image::GetDPI()

RasterEncoder.cpp and Raster.h  
Added in RasterEncoder  
void SetDPI(Size sz);  
Size GetDPI();

Modified in RasterEncoder  
virtual void Start(Size sz, Size dots) = 0;  
void Create(Size sz, Size dots);  
void Create(int cx, int cy, Size dots)  
void Create(Size sz, Size dots, const RGBA \*palette);  
void Create(int cx, int cy, Size dots, const RGBA \*palette);  
void Create(Size sz, Size dots, Raster& pal\_raster);  
void Create(int cx, int cy, Size dots, Raster& pal\_raster);  
virtual void Start(Size sz, Size dots);

In plugin/png  
pngupp.cpp and png.h  
Added  
static void SetDotSize(Size pixel\_size, Size dots\_size, png\_uint\_32 &x\_ppm, png\_uint\_32

&y\_ppm, int unit\_type)

Modified

bool PNGRaster::Create()

class PNGEncoder::Data

void PNGEncoder::Data::Start(Stream& stream, Size size\_, Size dots\_, int bpp, ImageKind kind\_,

bool interlace\_, const RGBA \*imgpal)

void PNGEncoder::Start(Size sz, Size dots)

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Wed, 15 Sep 2010 11:38:42 GMT

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Hello Mirek

Now there is dpi support for all main image formats. Here it is a demo to test file write and read.

The demo output is:

Image DPI are 0/0

New DPI values will be 1200/1200

Saved .png image DPI are 1200/1200

Saved .jpg image DPI are 1200/1200

Saved .tif image DPI are 1200/1200

Saved .bmp image DPI are 1200/1200

Saved .gif image DPI are 72/72

Done

(GIF is only 72x72)

The demo code is:

```
#include <Core/Core.h>
```

```
#include <plugin/png/png.h>
```

```
#include <plugin/jpg/jpg.h>
```

```
#include <plugin/tif/tif.h>
```

```
#include <plugin/bmp/bmp.h>
```

```
#include <plugin/gif/gif.h>
```

```
using namespace Upp;
```

```
void PrintDPI(String fileName, String format) {
```

```
    Image img = StreamRaster::LoadFileAny(fileName + format);
```

```
    Size dpi = img.GetDPI();
```

```
    puts(Format("Saved " + format + " image DPI are %d/%d", dpi.cx, dpi.cy));
```

```

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    image.SetDPI(Size(1200, 1200));
    puts("New DPI values will be 1200/1200");

    img = image;
    String fileName = AppendFileName(GetDesktopFolder(), "demo2");

    PNGEncoder png;
    png.SaveFile(fileName + ".png", img);
    PrintDPI(fileName, ".png");

    JPEGEncoder jpeg;
    jpeg.SaveFile(fileName + ".jpg", img);
    PrintDPI(fileName, ".jpg");

    TIFEncoder tiff;
    tiff.SaveFile(fileName + ".tif", img);
    PrintDPI(fileName, ".tif");

    BMPEncoder bmp;
    bmp.SaveFile(fileName + ".bmp", img);
    PrintDPI(fileName, ".bmp");

    GIFEncoder gif;
    gif.SaveFile(fileName + ".gif", img);
    PrintDPI(fileName, ".gif");

    puts("Done");
}
getchar();
}

```

In few hours I will include additional changed files.

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Wed, 15 Sep 2010 13:02:41 GMT

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Hello Mirek

In addition to the previous changes, these files have also been changed.

In plugin/bmp

bmpwrite.cpp and bmp.h

```
void PNGEncoder::Start(Size sz, Size dots)
```

In plugin/gif

gifupp.cpp and gif.h

```
class GifEncode::Data
```

```
bool GIFRaster::Data::Create()
```

```
void GifEncode::Data::Start(Size sz, Size dots, bool ignore_alpha, String comment, const RGBA *palette);
```

```
void GIFEncoder::Start(Size sz, Size dots)
```

In plugin/jpg

jpgupp.cpp and jpg.h

```
class JPGEncoder::Data
```

```
void JPGEncoder::Data::Start(Stream& stream, Size size, Size dots, int quality);
```

```
void JPGEncoder::Start(Size sz, Size dots)
```

In plugin/tif

tifupp.cpp and tif.h

```
class TIFEncoder::Data
```

```
void TIFEncoder::Data::Start(Size size, Size dots, int bpp, const RGBA *palette);
```

```
void TIFEncoder::Start(Size sz, Size dots)
```

It is enclosed a file with all changes.

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Well, this is a great job, but I really dislike the idea of adding 'dots' parameter to RasterEncoder methods.

First, doing so we would break all existing code. Second, I believe that the interface already has means how to handle with this - it is not necessary to change the interface here. Setting dpi is no different from setting palette or hotspot IMO...

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Done!. I will post it today.

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Much better now, thank you, committed.

(I guess the reduced number of submitted files is a good indication of the validity of my complaint

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Subject: Re: How to set the dpi (dots per inch) of an image  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2010 20:29:56 GMT  
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Thank you Mirek

I guess the reduced number of submitted files is a good indication of the validity of my complaint

In fact in the last version I knew better how these functions work than in the first one.

The DPI handling code was many times there, it has been a matter of making it visible.

There are many undiscovered gems inside original code. I have discovered more that I will post soon.

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