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Subject: Paint problems when using transparency  
Posted by [Didier](#) on Thu, 19 Dec 2013 22:57:51 GMT  
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Hi all,

I have a problem that is driving me nuts

I am trying to make my GraphCtrl package as fast as possible and to do so I am trying to take advantage of the fast drawing of images when directly draw with native Draw instance passed to Ctrls.

The speed difference is very high (80 times faster) and everything works fine until:  
transparency comes in  
SUBPIXEL is used

So I made a test case hoping that someone could help me.  
The test case basically does the following for each Ctrl

- create a BufferPainter
- fill the buffer painter with transparent background (in case you want to see behind the Ctrl)
- Paint a white rectagle on upper half of the Ctrl
- Paint an image containg green circle : half opaque, and half transparent (partially transparent)
- draw a red line accross the Ctrl
- draw the resulting image on the Ctrl area

There are 4 different flavors (testCtrl\_1,2,3,4) and 4 different Painter modes used (antialiased, ...)  
The defaults encountered are the following:

- Transparent green becomes violet when overlapping the white rectangle
- red line is not drawn properly when overlapping transparent area AND in SUBPIXEL mode

I know that a Premultiply() will probably correct the violet issue, but I can't find where to put it.  
For the other problem ... I have no Idea what is going wrong

The result is in the following image

The code of the test case is joined

Hopping to get some help

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- 1) [painting\\_bug.png](#), downloaded 721 times
  - 2) [Test\\_painting.zip](#), downloaded 509 times
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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 23 Dec 2013 10:55:15 GMT

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I am yet working on subpixel issue, but the reason for violet is both apparent and weird: The problem is in .iml itself. If you edit .iml, you will see that it displays it violet over white too. Apparently, there is something wrong with that color. If you replace that with 'proper green with alpha', violet issue disappears.

In order to track the issue (which quite likely is in IconDes), may I ask how you have created that Image?

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Mon, 23 Dec 2013 13:24:52 GMT

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Hi Mirek,

To make the image I created it completely with IML designer:

- \* new empty image
- \* draw a green opaque circle
- \* select half of the circle and apply alpha operator on it

I created another image using the same process ... and didn't get the same result and violet color still appears

I am working on Linux (Fedora 19), it seems that I don't get the same behaviour in the IML designer than you : I don't get the violet color in IML when background is white (see joined images).

1 - ORIGINAL IMAGE:

Strangely, the transparent part looks green in drawing while it appears to be yellow or orange in the color selection part

2 - SECOND IMAGE re-created from scratch

The application result, when using the new image is the following:

- \* Violet color is still visible and green+white => grey ???
- \* Another thing I noticed is that when there is a White background in the layout, the result isn't the same : maybe a painter only issue ?

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- 1) [painting\\_bug2.png](#), downloaded 780 times
  - 2) [painting\\_bug3.png](#), downloaded 773 times
  - 3) [painting\\_bug\\_b.png](#), downloaded 769 times
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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 23 Dec 2013 13:47:07 GMT

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Subpixel issue: subpixel is kind of problem when the canvas is not opaque. It is quite evident from the basis of subpixel rendering: each subpixel has got its individual alpha - but this alpha is impossible to store anywhere, as we only have single alpha value for 3 subpixels... Anyway, Painter resorted to not quite correct fallback there, so I have fixed it to at least look ok (but the result is normal rendering, not subpixel).

Well, everything works for me now with color problems.. but I have to admit to perform some fixes in Painter (fixed some rounding error issue).

I am posting my version of testcase. Please, sync svn and check my testcase, then perhaps zip and send yours if you still experience problems.

Mirek

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- 1) [Test\\_painting.7z](#), downloaded 255 times
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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 23 Dec 2013 16:09:44 GMT

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..aah, now thinking about it, I have also removed one Premultiply from your testcase (there should be none). Perhaps that might have fixed the color issue...

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Mon, 23 Dec 2013 22:30:10 GMT

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Hi Mirek,

SUBPIXEL issue is now corrected.  
Thanks for the correction

I extracted you're version of the test case, and here is what I get:  
==>The Violet/grey part is still there.

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1) [mirek1.png](#), downloaded 726 times

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 24 Dec 2013 08:42:18 GMT

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Now that is really weird. I have tested in Win32 and Linux and both look OK now.

Do you have latest svn sources?

You can also try to add

```
void Paint2(Draw& dw, ImageBuffer& ib) {
    RGBA bckgColor; bckgColor.r = 0; bckgColor.g = 0; bckgColor.b = 0; bckgColor.a = 0;
    Upp::Fill( ib.Begin(), bckgColor, ib.GetLength() );
    //Premultiply(ib);
    BufferPainter bp(ib, _drawMode);
    bp.Clear(RGBAZero());
    // bp.Clear(White());
    bp.DrawRect(Rect(Point(0,0), Point( GetSize().cx, GetSize().cy/2)), White());
    // bp.DrawLine(Point(0,GetSize().cy*3/4), Point(GetSize().cx,GetSize().cy*3/4), 4, White() );
    ChPaint(bp, GetSize(), _ctrlBckgndStyle );
    bp.DrawLine( Point(0,0), Point( GetSize().cx, GetSize().cy), 1 , Red() );

    for(const RGBA *s = ~ib; s != ib.End(); ++s) {
        ASSERT(s->r <= s->a && s->g <= s->a && s->b <= s->a);
    }
}
```

... that is basically a test that ensures that ib is correctly premultiplied...

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Tue, 24 Dec 2013 11:12:06 GMT

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Hi Mirek,

Yes the test was done with the latest svn sources but I have local modifications concerning MT that were encountered with ARM ( sMutexLock() issue ) : nothing concerning drawing( I verified ).

I have a recent ide ( 01/12/2013 built from tar.gz sources, sorry I don't have the svn version number anymore ) but I just rebuilt it from last SVN sources :  
==> you're version of the code now works fine but my version still fails

My version gives the following log:

```
*s =RGBA(0, 255, 0, 239)
***** ASSERT FAILED: Assertion failed in
/home/didier/MyApps/Test_painting/Test_painting.h, line 53
s->r <= s->a && s->g <= s->a && s->b <= s->a
```

After creating a new img with iml designer (just the same way that the previous ones were made)  
... my version also works  
==> My conclusion is that there was a bug in my previous thelde making bad iml files

Maybe it would be a good thing to have a checking process for iml files in order to detect bad files : if I stumbled on the problem maybe there are other bad iml files laying around and that just haven't been detected as bad yet (as long as there is no underlying transparency everything seems fine )

I joined my code in order for you to see the contents of the bad iml files

```
* testImg and testImg2 are BAD
* testImg3 and testImg4 are OK
```

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 2020 09:56:52 GMT

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This might need retesting after recent SIMD alpha-blend changes....

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 2020 15:08:04 GMT

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Hello Mirek,

I will check this evening

But I still encounter problems with IML images that get corrupted and I have no idea how and when they corrupt ?

I regularly rebuild Theide

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 2020 17:48:35 GMT

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Hello Mirek,

I just checked, not with the test case, but with the code the test case was made for and everything works fine  
No glitches

I will also try to reboot the test case

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 2020 21:31:22 GMT

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I rebooted the test, and there seems to be a problem with subpixel  
The red lines appear when the backgnd is white

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1) [AlphaBlendTest.png](#), downloaded 379 times

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 2020 21:34:51 GMT

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Here is the code I used

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Jun 2020 08:19:52 GMT

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Hi,

I think the issue was with invalid .iml (that must have been pretty old) - some values of green were not premultiplied...

I am attaching "fixed" test. Can you check please?

Mirek

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1) [Test\\_painting.zip](#), downloaded 115 times

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Jun 2020 08:31:54 GMT

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Didier wrote on Fri, 05 June 2020 17:08Hello Mirek,

I will check this evening

But I still encounter problems with IML images that get corrupted and I have no idea how and when they corrupt ?

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I think it is because of old transition to premultiplied alpha... (but that is like 10 years ago)

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Subject: Re: Paint problems when using transparency

Posted by [Didier](#) on Sat, 06 Jun 2020 19:12:07 GMT

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Just checked,

Everything is ok now : it was the IML file that was corrupted

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