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QuickTime: Writing a Compressor/Decompressor

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TOPIC -----

Does the QuickTime architecture (specifically PICTCompressor) support/import/export TIFF or TARGA images? I need to work with these files in addition to PICT file format, and would like to see the current compression ratios under QuickTime.

Could a TIFF or TARGA Compressor be written using the QuickTime Toolbox, or is it PICT specific?

DISCUSSION -----

One of the benefits of QuickTime is that it was designed to be a very open-ended developer technology. So when you ask if QuickTime is PICT specific, the answer is a strong NO. However, any given compressor/decompressor (CoDec) component will usually be specific to a specific data format such as PICT, TIFF, TARGA, and so on. You could write a TIFF or TARGA CoDec, provided you have the expertise to do so.

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