Adding Animation to an Existing Sequence

If you have two folders and each folder has a different animation
or video sequence in bitmap frame form, you can superimpose
one on the other. In order for this to have some benefit, the
top set will need to be on a solid background. This solid
background   will be transparent.

Handling Animation and Video Frames

In this program, when you create animation or video frames, you
need to tell the program where to put the frames.

The only exception to this is the automatic mode of the movie wizard.

Simply put, the program needs a folder name and a file prefix. The file
prefix is used to create the numbered file name.

eg: C:\Pstudio\TempFrames\TempSprites\bfly001.bmp

It is suggested that you create two temporary sub folders.

eg: Pstudio\TempFrames and Pstudio\TempFrames\TempSprites.

The advantages to this system are:

• 	The frames and sequences are kept in one location rather that scattered all over, making
the temporary files easier to delete after conversion to AVI.
• 	When you use the Movie Wizard manually, you can easily identify sprites or logo frames,
or additional animation to add to the main sequence.
• 	You can keep a copy of bmp2avi.exe in the folders and covert the frames to AVI merely
by clicking on it with Windows explorer.
• 	When you use the Animation Manager, you can easily mark and preview the sequences.
• 	If you want to copy and paste into a utility to create another movie or animation format,
you can streamline that process using the "Top Down" and "Bottom Up" buttons provided for
this in the Animation Manager.

Converting Video to Bitmap frames

Usually when you use your capture card to transfer video to disk,
you will capture the video as it is played, into an AVI file.

You can the load the AVI into the mediaplayer and dump the frames
to disk.

You can then add animation or credits etc to the frame set using the Movie Wizard.

By keeping your frames organized in two temprary folders you will reduce the disk space requirements, because it will remind you to delete your temporary files after conversion to another format.

Working with video in general, requires lots of free disk space.