

TImageFX Component ver 1.01
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Description

ImageFX is a Delphi component which allows you to specify 1 of 20 special effects when displaying a bitmap file. It inherits all properties from the standard TPaintBox supplied with Delphi and adds 5 more: *AutoSize*, *Busy*, *Effect*, *EffectDelay*, *EffectRate*, adds 2 methods: *LoadFromFile* and *ShowEffect*, and one event: *OnComplete*. After reading about the version 1.01 changes below, see the help for information regarding the events, methods and properties.

Changes in version 1.01

1. The design time selection problem has been fixed. You can now select TImageFX with the mouse just as you expect.
2. A problem displaying bitmaps with width or height greater than 320 pixels has been fixed.
3. An *AutoSize* property has been added. For information, see TImage help for this property.
4. *Drawing* property has been renamed *Busy*.
5. *Show* method has been renamed *ShowEffect* to avoid confusion with TWinControl.Show.
6. An *OnComplete* event has been added so your application can know when an effect is complete.
7. Non-Borland issue components have been removed from the example application code.

This version contains both 16 and 32 bit DCU components for Delphi 1 and 2

The 32 bit version *will not work* with Windows 3.x nor with versions of Delphi prior to 2.0. The 16 bit version will compile in Delphi 1 and the resulting application will run under Win95 as a 16 bit app.

The name of the components are the same for both 16 and 32 bit versions, so you must have separate directories for them. (I have set up a LIB_16 and LIB_32 directory for keeping my Delphi components straight and my lib directory count down.)

Help Installation Instructions

1. Close Delphi (a good reason to install help first).

16 Bit

2. Copy TIMAGEFX.HLP to \DELPHI\BIN
3. Copy TIMAGEFX.KWF to \DELPHI\HELP

32 Bit

2. Copy TIMAGEFX.HLP to \DELPHI 2.0\HELP
3. Copy TIMAGEFX.KWF to \DELPHI 2.0\HELP

4. Run the Help File Installer

Select File | Open

16 Bit

Open \DELPHI\BIN\DELPHI.HDX

32 Bit

Open \DELPHI 2.0\BIN\DELPHI.HDX

Select Keywords | Add Keyword File... or press the + button

Select \DELPHI 2.0\HELP\TIMAGEFX.KWF

[N.B. I had to initially tell the Help Installer where to find all the Delphi 2.0 KWFs.]

5. Select File/Save

You will get an error if DELPHI.HDX is read-only.

Component Installation Instructions

1. Copy the following files to your Component Directory (\DELPHI\LIB or another that you have created):

TIMAGEFX.DCR

TIMAGEFX.DCU

2. Install the component:

Start Delphi

16 Bit

Select Options/Install Components

32 Bit

Select Component/Install

Click Add

Click Browse

Change to your Component Directory

Add the TIMAGEFX.DCU module

Installing Run Time version over Demo version

1. Remove the design only component:

Start Delphi

Select Options/Install

Select TImageFX in the "Installed Units" list

Click Remove

Press OK

Wait while component library is rebuilt

2. Delete TIMAGEFX.DCU from your component library directory.

3. Unzip the run-time TIMAGEFX.DCU to your component directory.

(Check file size/date information below to be sure you are installing the right files.)

4. Follow directions under 2. in Component Installation Instructions above.

5. If you have compiled the example or another program, you must rebuild them with the newly installed component.

Note: Source code is not included with Run Time version.

Example Application

To run the compiled demo application, unzip SKYLINE.BMP, EARTH.BMP and FXDEM101.EXE

to a directory and run FXDEM101.EXE. FXDEM101.DPR is the project for building this example app which uses TImageFX.

Design Only version

If your TImageFX.dcu only shows effects if Delphi is running, you can get the full version from CompuServe's shareware forum (GO SWREG and get registration number 11822 or search for EFFECT) or from:

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TStretchPanel

Beond Technology Corp. also makes TStretchPanel, a Delphi panel component which shrinks and expands its components (and their fonts) when it is resized. Get a demo from CompuServe's Delphi forum or GO SWREG and register #7621 (\$17.00US).