

**NAME**

ppmtoilbm - convert a portable pixmap into an ILBM file

**SYNOPSIS**

**ppmtoilbm** [-maxplanes|-mp *N*] [-fixplanes|-fp *N*] [-ham6|-ham8] [-dcbits|-dcplanesrgb] [-normal|-hamif|-hamforce|-24if|-24force] [-dcif|-dcforce|-cmaponly] [-ecs|-aga] [-compress|-nocompress] [-cmethod *type*] [-mapppmfile] [-savemem] [ppmfile]

**DESCRIPTION**

Reads a portable pixmap as input. Produces an ILBM file as output. Supported ILBM types are:

Normal ILBMs with 1-16 planes.

Amiga HAM with 3-16 planes.

24 bit.

Color map (BMHD + CMAP chunk only, nPlanes = 0).

Unofficial direct color.

1-16 planes for each color component.

Chunks written:

BMHD, CMAP, CAMG (only for HAM), BODY (not for colormap files) unofficial DCOL chunk for direct color ILBM

**OPTIONS**

Options marked with (\*) can be prefixed with a "no", e.g. "-nohamif". All options can be abbreviated to their shortest unique prefix.

**-maxplanes | -mp *n***

(default 5, minimum 1, maximum 16) Maximum planes to write in a normal ILBM. If the pixmap does not fit into <n> planes, ppmtoilbm writes a HAM file (if -hamif is used), a 24bit file (if -24if is used) or a direct color file (if -dcif is used) or aborts with an error.

**-fixplanes | -fp *n***

(min 1, max 16) If a normal ILBM is written, it will have exactly <n> planes.

**-hambits | -hamplanes *n***

(default 6, min 3, max 16) Select number of planes for HAM picture. The current Amiga hardware supports 6 and 8 planes, so for now you should only use this values.

**-normal (default)**

Turns off -hamif/-24if/-dcif, -hamforce/-24force/-dcforce and -cmaponly. Also sets compression type to byterun1.

**-hamif (\*)****-24if (\*)****-dcif (\*)**

Write a HAM/24bit/direct color file if the pixmap does not fit into <maxplanes> planes.

**-hamforce (\*)****-24force (\*)****-dcforce (\*)**

Write a HAM/24bit/direct color file.

**-dcbits | -dcplanes *r g b***

(default 5, min 1, max 16). Select number of bits for red, green & blue in a direct color ILBM.

**-ecs (default)**

Shortcut for: -hamplanes 6 -maxplanes 5

**-aga**

**Shortcut for: -hamplanes 8 -maxplanes 8**

**-ham6**

**Shortcut for: -hamplanes 6 -hamforce**

**-ham8** Shortcut for: -hamplanes 8 -hamforce

**-compress (\*) (default)**

**-cmethod none|byterun1**

Compress the BODY chunk. The default compression method is byterun1. Compression requires building the ILBM image in memory; turning compression off allows stream-writing of the image, but the resulting file will usually be 30% to 50% larger. Another alternative is the -savemem option, this will keep memory requirements for compression at a minimum, but is very slow.

**-map ppmfile**

Write a normal ILBM using the colors in <ppmfile> as the colormap. The colormap file also determines the number of planes, a -maxplanes or -fixplanes option is ignored.

**-cmaponly**

Write a colormap file: only BMHD and CMAP chunks, no BODY chunk, nPlanes = 0.

**-savemem**

See the -compress option.

## BUGS

HAM pictures will always get a grayscale colormap; a real color selection algorithm might give better results. On the other hand, this allows row-by-row operation on HAM images, and all HAM images of the same depth (no. of planes) share a common colormap, which is useful for building HAM animations.

## REFERENCES

Amiga ROM Kernel Reference Manual - Devices (3rd Ed.)  
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## SEE ALSO

ppm(5), ilbmto ppm(1)

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