

## Re: What encoding for archival movies???

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On Thu, 24 Jun 2004 21:42:49 +0200, Tim wrote:

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> "Charles Sullivan" <[cwsulliv@triad.rr.com](mailto:cwsulliv@triad.rr.com)> wrote  
>> On Wed, 23 Jun 2004 12:08:34 +0200, Tim wrote:  
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>>> "Charles Sullivan" <[cwsulliv@triad.rr.com](mailto:cwsulliv@triad.rr.com)> wrote  
>>>> I have some 60-year-old home movies which I had converted  
>>> Cool. What kind, not by any chance the Pamela kind? sorry... dont read  
> this  
>>> line.  
>>>  
>>> I don't know about "the Pamela kind", but there is nudity  
>>> involved on one of the later clips – namely me writhing sensually  
>>> on a blanket at age 6 weeks. :-)  
>  
> Lol, that was good laugh.  
>  
>>>> It occurs to me that I really ought to convert (or re-digitize) them  
>>>> The original movies were filmed on 8 mm, so the quality isn't  
>>>> all that great to begin with. So if it doesn't get noticeably  
>>>> worse on vcd, that may be one way to go.  
>  
>>>> The total playing time of everything is only about 30 minutes,  
>>>> so encoding with two or three different formats is not out of  
>>>> the question. Hopefully at least one would survive.  
>  
> Aha, I thought it was a whole lot of movies, 30min could definitely be spent  
> some time with different formats. And I am sure there is some kind of free  
> evaluation program or so that can encode 30 min? I don't know one from the  
> top of my head though.  
>  
>>>> Thanks for your response Tim, it's greatly appreciated.  
>>>> Well, I have asked 15 questions or so in this ng in during the last couple  
>>>> of weeks so I think I should start doing some responding :)  
>>>> The question is why you are asking your question here? Your question is  
>>>> interesting and of interest to many people so if you asked it in a group  
>>>> that are even remotely related to filming, video, history or preserving

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- > *other old stuff I think you would get a lot more responses. This group is for*
- > *issues regarding the Linux operating system*
- >
- > *Good luck.*
- >
- > *Tim*

There were lots of rolls of film, but each roll is only good for a few minutes of filming.

I agree the issue is somewhat OT, but I asked here because Linux folks generally have more knowledge about what's proprietary versus what's open source (and which therefore won't necessarily die if the company goes under or abandons the encoding scheme as unprofitable to support). And you of course responded appropriately.

I know when I initially digitized these movies under Win 98, I stupidly assumed the .avi files were a "raw" format that anything could play back.

Thanks again.

Regards,  
Charles Sullivan