

NAME

gif2png – convert GIFs to PNGs

SYNOPSIS

gif2png [-bdfghinprsvwO] [file[.gif]...]

DESCRIPTION

The gif2png program converts files in the obsolescent and patent-encumbered Graphic Interchange Format (GIF) to Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format, an open W3C standard.

Normally gif2png converts each file named on the command line, leaving the original in place. If a name does not have a .gif extension, the unmodified name will be tried first, followed by the name with .gif appended. For each file named 'foo.gif', a foo.png will be created.

When a multi-image GIF file named foo.gif is converted, gif2png creates multiple PNG files, each containing one frame; their names will be foo.png, foo.p01, foo.p02 etc.

If no source files are specified and stdin is a terminal, gif2png lists a usage summary and version information, then exits.

If no source files are specified, and stdin is a device or pipe, stdin is converted to noname.png. (The program can't be a normal stdin-to-stdout filter because of the possibility that the input GIF might have multiple images).

However, if filter mode is forced (with -f) stdin will be converted to stdout, with gif2png returning an error code if the GIF is multi-image.

The program will preserve the information contained in a GIF file as closely as possible, including GIF comment and application-data extension blocks. All graphics data (pixels, RGB color tables) will be converted without loss of information. Transparency is also preserved. There is one exception; GIF plain-text extensions are skipped.

The program automatically converts interlaced GIFs to interlaced PNGs. It detects images in which all colors are gray (equal R, G, and B values) and converts such images to PNG grayscale. Other images are converted to use the PNG palette type. Duplicate color entries are silently preserved. Unused color-table entries cause an error message.

The action of the program can be modified with the following command-line switches:

-b {#}RRGGBB

Background. Replace transparent pixels with given RGB value, six hexadecimal digits interpreted as two hexits each of red, green, and blue value. The value may optionally be led with a #, HTML-style.

-d Delete source GIF files after successful conversion.

-f Filter mode. Convert GIF on stdin to PNG on stdout, return error if the GIF is multi-image.

-g Write gamma=1/2.2 and sRGB chunks in the PNG.

-h Generate PNG color-frequency histogram chunks into converted color files.

-i Force conversion to interlaced PNG files.

-n Force conversion to non-interlaced PNG files.

-p Display progress of PNG writing.

-r Try to recover data from corrupted GIF files.

-s Do not translate the GIF Software chunk to a PNG annotation.

-t Change behavior of web-probe (-w) mode to accept GIFs with transparency.

-v Verbose mode; show summary line, -vv enables conversion-statistics and debugging messages.

- w** Web-probe switch; list GIFs that do not have multiple images or transparency to stdout. GIFs that fail this filter cause error messages to stderr.
- O** Optimize; remove unused color-table entries. Normally these trigger an error message and disable **-d** (but conversion is completed anyway). Also, use zlib compression level 9 (best compression) instead of the default level.

The recovery algorithm enabled by **-r** is as follows: Unused color table entries will not trigger an error message as they normally do, but will still be preserved unless **-O** is also on, in which case they will be discarded. Missing color tables will be patched with a default that puts black at index 0, white at index 1, and supplies red, green, blue, yellow, purple and cyan as the remaining color values. Missing image pixels will be set to 0. Unrecognized or corrupted extensions will be discarded.

PROBLEMS

Naively converting all your GIFs at one go with gif2png is not likely to give you the results you want. The problem is not with PNG itself or with gif2png, but with the poor-to-nonexistent support for PNG transparency and animation in most browsers.

The web-probe switch is intended to be used with scripts for converting web sites. All PNGs generated from the pathnames it returns will be properly rendered in Netscape Navigator 4.04+, Internet Explorer versions 4.0b1+, and all other current web browsers. Note: in future releases of gif2png, the meaning of this switch may change to reflect the capabilities of prevalent browsers.

PATENT ISSUES

The GIF format is encumbered by a Unisys patent (see http://www.patents.ibm.com/details?pn=US04558302__) for the Lempel-Ziv-Welch compression algorithm. Use of any GIF image generator not licensed by Unisys can make you liable to lawsuit. Unisys apparently refuses to issue licenses for use of LZW in open-source programs, and in 1999 stated that its policy is to require a \$5000 fee from websites that carry GIF images made by unlicensed software -- even nonprofit websites created and displayed with free software. See <http://corp2.unisys.com/LeadStory/lzw-license.html> for details.

The patent probably does not cover LZW decompressors such as the one gif2png uses; legal opinions are divided on this, there has been no court test, and Unisys refuses to commit itself. It is possible that you may be liable if you distribute gif2png in a commercial program, or distribute gif2png on a for-profit basis.

For a history of the GIF patent controversy, see <http://lpf.ai.mit.edu/Patents/Gif/Gif.html>. To avoid legal problems, it would be a good idea to convert all GIFs on your websites and elsewhere to PNGs without delay. See <http://burnallgifs.org/> for discussion.

STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Copies of the GIF89 specification are widely available on the Web; search for "GRAPHICS INTERCHANGE FORMAT". The Graphics Interchange Format(c) is the Copyright property of CompuServe Incorporated. GIF(sm) is a Service Mark property of CompuServe Incorporated.

The PNG home site at <http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/> has very complete information on the PNG standard, PNG libraries, and PNG tools.

SEE ALSO

web2png(1)

AUTHORS

Code by Alexander Lehmann alex@hal.rhein-main.de, 1995. Auto-interlace conversion and tRNS optimization by Greg Roelofs newt@pobox.com, 1999. Man page, **-O**, **-w**, and production packaging by Eric S. Raymond esr@thyrsus.com, 1999.

NAME

`pngmeta` – extract metadata from Portable Network Graphics (PNG) image files

SYNOPSIS

`pngmeta` [`--soif`] [`--html`] [`--xrd`] [`--all`] [`--quiet`] [`--uri URI`] [*filename*]

DESCRIPTION

The *pngmeta* filter outputs the metadata from Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format image files in one of these formats:

1. Simple key: value
2. SOIF format (as used by the Harvest system, version 1.4).
As such it can be used as a Summarizer for the Harvest Essence system. It could also be used by other indexers to extract data for indexing PNG images.
3. HTML page With each element as an element in a descriptive (DL) list
4. XML/RDF With each element as an RDF property on the source URI.

In the absence of options, the program operates as a filter, accepting input from stdin and sending output to stdout. If a single file name is given, it is assumed to correspond to a PNG file, and is processed.

FORMAT OPTIONS

- `--soif` Format output using (Harvest) SOIF format. This is the default if the program is called `PngImage.sum`.
- `--html` Format output in HTML, with each field/value as an element in a descriptive (DL) list.
- `--xrd` Format output in RDF/XML, with each field/value as an element in an `rdf:Description` block inside the outer `rdf:RDF` wrapper element. If an `XMLRDFDATA` field is found, it is assumed to be RDF/XML content and is emitted in a second `rdf:Description` block.

OTHER OPTIONS

- `--all` Output all the information about the image size, depth etc. even if not usually printed.
- `--quiet` Suppress the output of the banner for plain text output. `--uri URI` Set the URI that is used for the SOIF and XML/RDF outputs. By default this will be the filename, or "stdin" if this is the program is used as a filter.
- `--help` Show a usage message
- `--version` Show the program and library versions

FILES

pngmeta executable

SEE ALSO

gif2png(1), *libpng(3)*, *pbm(1)*, *pgm(1)*, *pngcheck(1)*, *pngtopnm(1)*, *pnm(5)*, *pnmgamma(1)*, *pnm-topnm(1)*, *ptot(1)*, *tiff2png(1)*, *zlib(3)*

For information about Harvest and its SOIF format:

<http://harvest.cs.colorado.edu/>

For PNG

<http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/>

For *libpng* library:

<http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/libpng.html>
<http://libpng.sourceforge.net>

For *zlib-zlib* library

<http://www.info-zip.org/pub/infozip/zlib/>
<http://www.mirror.ac.uk/sites/ftp.freeware.com/pub/infozip/zlib/>

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Original UNIX manual page by R. P. C. Rodgers, U.S. National Library of Medicine (rodgers@nlm.nih.gov).

NAME

pngtopnm - convert a Portable Network Graphics file into a portable anymap

SYNOPSIS

pngtopnm [-verbose] [-alpha | -mix] [-background color]
[-gamma value] [-text file] [-time] [*pngfile*]

DESCRIPTION

Reads a Portable Network Graphics as input. Produces a portable anymap as output. The type of the output file depends on the input file - if it's black & white, a *pbm* file is written, else if it's grayscale a *pgm* file, else a *ppm* file.

OPTIONS**-verbose**

Display the format of the input file and the type of the output file. If the chunks are part of the *png-file*, the alpha, transparency and gamma-values will be indicated.

-alpha Output the alpha channel or transparency mask of the image. The result is either a *pbm* file or *pgm* file, depending on whether different levels of transparency appear.

-mix Compose the image with the transparency or alpha mask against a the background. When a background chunk is available that color is taken, else black will do.

-background color

If no background color chunk is present in the *png-file*, or when another color is required this parameter can be used to set the background color of images. This is especially useful for alpha-channel images or those with transparency chunks. The format, to specify the color in, is either (in the case of orange) "1.0,0.5,0.0", where the values are floats between zero and one, or with the syntax "#RGB", "#RRGGBB" or "#RRRRGGGGBBBB" where R, G and B are hexa-decimal numbers.

-gamma value

Converts the image to a new display-gamma value. When a gAMA chunk is present in the *png-file*, the image-gamma value will be used. When not, the image-gamma is considered to be 1.0. Based on the image-gamma and the display-gamma given with this option the colors written to the *pnm-file* will be adjusted.

Because the gamma's of uncompensated monitors are around 2.6, which results in an image-gamma of 0.45, some typical situations are: when the image-gamma is 0.45 (use -verbose to check) and the picture is too light, your system is gamma-corrected, so convert with "-gamma 1.0". When no gAMA chunk is present or the image-gamma is 1.0, use 2.2 to make the picture lighter and 0.45 to make the picture darker.

-text file

Writes the tEXt and zTXt chunks to a file, in a format as described in the *pnmtopng* man-page.

-time Prints the tIME chunk to stderr.

All flags can be abbreviated to their shortest unique prefix.

SEE ALSO

pnmtopng(1), ptot(1), pnmgamma(1), pnm(5)

NOTE

Instead of pngtopnm|pnmtocxx, a specific converter should be used, if available. E.g. *ptot* (PNG to TIFF conversion), etc.

BUGS

There could be an option to read the comment text from pnm comments instead of a separate file.

The program could be much faster, with a bit of code optimizing.

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NAME

pnmtopng - convert a portable anymap into a Portable Network Graphics file

SYNOPSIS

pnmtopng [-verbose] [-downscale] [-interlace] [-alpha file]
 [-transparent color] [-background color] [-gamma value]
 [-hist] [-chroma wx wy rx ry gx gy bx by] [-phys x y unit]
 [-text file] [-ztxt file] [-time [yy]yy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss]
 [-file type] [-compression level] [-force] [*pnmfile*]

DESCRIPTION

Reads a portable pixmap as input. Produces a Portable Network Graphics file as output.

Color values in PNG files are either eight or sixteen bits wide, so *pnmtopng* will automatically scale colors to have a maxval of 255 or 65535. Grayscale files will be produced with bit depths 1, 2, 4, 8 or 16. An extra *pnmdepth* step is not necessary.

OPTIONS**-verbose**

Display the format of the output file.

-downscale

Enables scaling of maxvalues of more than 65535 to 16 bit. Since this means loss of image data, the step is not performed by default.

-interlace

Creates an interlaced PNG file (Adam7).

-alpha file

The alpha channel of pixel (or image) specifies the transparency of a pixel. To create this fourth pixel value a separate *.pbm-* or *.pgm-file* is needed. In this file black (0) stands for fully transparent and white (1) will become opaque. The sizes of both pbm/pgm/ppm-files must be the same. If the information contained in the alpha mask can also be represented as a transparency index, it will be used, since this should result in a smaller image file.

-transparent color

Allows to make *one* particular color fully transparent. The format to specify the color is either (when for example orange) "1.0,0.5,0.0", where the values are fbats between zero and one, or with the syntax "#RGB", "#RRGGBB" or "#RRRRGGGGBBBB" where R, G and B are hexadecimal numbers.

-background color

To create a background color chunk in the *png-file*, which can be used for subsequent alpha-channel or transparent-color conversions. See -transparent for format of color.

-gamma value

Creates an gAMA chunk. By providing the gamma-value of the *pnm-file* the software that later on will display the *png-file* will be able to do the necessary gamma-corrections. A good rule-of-thumb is that when the file is created by a software program (like a CAD-program or a ray-tracer) the value is probably 1.0. When the *pnm-file* looks good on a non-gamma corrected PC display (which has itself a gamma-value of 2.2 - 2.8), a value of 0.45 should be given.

-hist

Use this parameter to create a chunk that specifies the frequency (or histogram) of the colors in the image.

-chroma white point X and Y, red X and Y, green X and Y, and blue X and Y

To specify the white point and rgb values following the CIE-1931 spec.

-phys x y unit

When your image should not be displayed with square but with rectangular pixels this option should be used to create a pHYS chunk. When the unit-value is 0 the x and y only gives the ratio of pixel width and height. When it is 1 the x and y specify the number of pixels per meter.

-text file

Allows to include comments in the text-chunk of the *png-file*. The format of the text-file is as follows: when the first column does not contain a blank or a tab, the first word is considered to

be the keyword. For keywords to contain spaces, enclose them in double-quotes. When the first character on a line is a blank or tab, the rest of the line is a new line of the current comment. Note that the initial spaces are not considered to be part of the comment line.

Here is an example:

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Title      PNG-fi le
Author     your name
Description how to include a text-chunk
           into a PNG fi le
"Creation date" 3-feb-1987
Software   pnmtopng
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-ztxt fi le

The same as -text, but now the text will be compressed.

-time yy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss or -time yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss

This option allows you to specify the (modification)time. The year parameter can be given as a two- or a four-digit value.

-fi lter type

When the types of fi lters must be restricted you can specify here which fi lter you want to use. Allowed values are: 0 (none), 1 (sub), 2 (up), 3 (avg) and 4 (paeth).

-compression level

To explicitly set the compression level of zlib use this parameter. Select a level between 0 for no compression (max speed) and 9 for maximum compression.

-force

When set, -force limits the optimizations of pnmtopng. A png-fi le similar to the pnm-input is as much as possible enforced. For example no paletted fi les will be created and alpha-channel images will not be converted to images with a transparency chunk.

All flags can be abbreviated to their shortest unique prefix.

SEE ALSO

pngtopnm(1), gif2png(1), pnmgamma(1), pnm(5)

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web2png – convert a web tree from using GIFs to using PNGs

SYNOPSIS

web2png [-adnrv] [directory...]

DESCRIPTION

Web2png is a front end for gif2png(1) that automatically converts entire web page hierarchies from using GIFs to using PNGs. It does image conversion and patches IMG SRC references in web pages.

The arguments to web2png must be directories; if none are given, the current directory is assumed.

In each directory, web2png tries to convert every GIF to a PNG. It leaves alone GIFs that have either multiple images or transparency, because these will not display properly in all current browsers. It also does not reconvert GIFs that already have corresponding PNGs (e.g. the same name except for the .gif file extension). The original GIFs are left in place.

Web2png tracks successful conversions. It then looks at each HTML, secure HTML, HTML inclusion, PHP page, JavaScript program or Cascading Style Sheet under the argument directories (extensions html, shtml, each successful converted GIF to point at the PNG. References in relative HREF and BACKGROUND tags are recognized by filename and fixed (any base directory declared by a BASE tag will be prepended to the relative URL). References that are HTTP URLs are matched against the list of convertible GIFs by basename; if there is such a match, the contents of the URL is retrieved and compared to the convertible GIF. If both basename and data match, the HTTP reference is fixed.

If the pages are under RCS version control, they're checked out for modification before being altered; otherwise, a copy of the original of each modified web page is left in the same directory, with the additional extension .bak.

The following options change the behavior of the program:

- a** Convert all GIF files, including those with multiple images and/or transparency.
- d** Delete originals. Removes all GIFs with corresponding PNGs, and all .bak files.
- n** Make no changes. With this option, web2png reports on what needs to be done (and on GIFs that use transparency or have multiple images), but neither converts GIFs nor touches web pages.
- r** Reverse. Restore all HTML/SHTML/PHP pages from the .bak files created by a previous run (or, if the files were under version control, revert them). Remove PNGs with corresponding GIFs.
- t** Convert transparent GIFs (for use with IE 5.0+. Netscape 6.0+, and Mozilla).
- v** Verbose. Utter more trace information about the conversion process.

Web2png can be run on a directory that has already been partly converted by previous runs; it will do the minimum necessary amount of work. The changes it makes will be fully reversible with -r until you run it in -d mode.

Web2png is written in Python. Python 1.5.2 or better must be installed and accessible on your system in order for web2png to run.

NOTE

Sometimes it's possible to convert transparent GIFs without altering the appearance of the page, by knowing from context that they will always place within an area of fixed and solid color. Web2png can't deduce when this will be, so it doesn't try; but it may be useful to apply gif2png with the -b option by hand.

KNOWN PROBLEMS

The algorithm for fi xing HTTP URLs is not foolproof. It could be confused into incorrectly patching an HTTP URL reference to a GIF into an invalid reference to a PNG if the GIF matches a local target GIF by both basename and binary content, but actually lives on another host.

This program does not automatically convert CGIs; you'll have to do that by hand. Other dynamic-content methods (such as server-side inclusions) may also require hand-hacking.

The program cannot tell converted from preexisting PNGs; if you have PNGs with the same stem name as corresponding GIFs but carrying different information, the -r mode will clobber them.

SEE ALSO

gif2png(1)

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NAME

libpng – Portable Network Graphics (PNG) Reference Library 1.2.2

SYNOPSIS**#include <png.h>****png_uint_32 png_access_version_number** (*void*);**int png_check_sig** (**png_bytep** *sig*, **int** *num*);**void png_chunk_error** (**png_structp** *png_ptr*, **png_const_charp** *error*);**void png_chunk_warning** (**png_structp** *png_ptr*, **png_const_charp** *message*);**void png_convert_from_struct_tm** (**png_timep** *ptime*, **struct tm FAR ****time*);**void png_convert_from_time_t** (**png_timep** *ptime*, **time_t** *ttime*);**png_charp png_convert_to_rfc1123** (**png_structp** *png_ptr*, **png_timep** *ptime*);**png_info** **png_create_info_struct** (**png_structp** *png_ptr*);**png_structp png_create_read_struct** (**png_const_charp** *user_png_ver*, **png_voidp** *error_ptr*,
png_error_ptr *error_fn*, **png_error_ptr** *warn_fn*);**png_structp png_create_read_struct_2**(**png_const_charp** *user_png_ver*, **png_voidp** *error_ptr*,
png_error_ptr *error_fn*, **png_error_ptr** *warn_fn*, **png_voidp** *mem_ptr*, **png_malloc_ptr** *malloc_fn*,
png_free_ptr *free_fn*);**png_structp png_create_write_struct** (**png_const_charp** *user_png_ver*, **png_voidp** *error_ptr*,
png_error_ptr *error_fn*, **png_error_ptr** *warn_fn*);**png_structp png_create_write_struct_2**(**png_const_charp** *user_png_ver*, **png_voidp** *error_ptr*,
png_error_ptr *error_fn*, **png_error_ptr** *warn_fn*, **png_voidp** *mem_ptr*, **png_malloc_ptr** *malloc_fn*,
png_free_ptr *free_fn*);

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int png_debug(int level, png_const_charp message);
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int png_debug1(int level, png_const_charp message, p1);
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```
int png_debug2(int level, png_const_charp message, p1, p2);
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```
void png_destroy_info_struct (png_structp png_ptr, png_infopp info_ptr_ptr);
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void png_destroy_read_struct (png_structpp png_ptr_ptr, png_infopp info_ptr_ptr, png_infopp end_info_ptr_ptr);
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```
void png_destroy_write_struct (png_structpp png_ptr_ptr, png_infopp info_ptr_ptr);
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```
void png_error (png_structp png_ptr, png_const_charp error);
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```
void png_free (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp ptr);
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```
void png_free_chunk_list (png_structp png_ptr);
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```
void png_free_default(png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp ptr);
```

```
void png_free_data (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, int num);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_asm_flags (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_byte png_get_bit_depth (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_bKGD (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_color_16p *background);
```

```
png_byte png_get_channels (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_cHRM (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, double *white_x, double
*white_y, double *red_x, double *red_y, double *green_x, double *green_y, double *blue_x, double
*blue_y);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_cHRM_fixed (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32
*white_x, png_uint_32 *white_y, png_uint_32 *red_x, png_uint_32 *red_y, png_uint_32 *green_x,
png_uint_32 *green_y, png_uint_32 *blue_x, png_uint_32 *blue_y);
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```
png_byte png_get_color_type (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
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```
png_byte png_get_compression_type (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
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png_byte png_get_copyright (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_voidp png_get_error_ptr (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_byte png_get_filter_type (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_gAMA (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, double *file_gamma);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_gAMA_fixed (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32
*int_file_gamma);
```

```
png_byte png_get_header_ver (png_structp png_ptr);
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```
png_byte png_get_header_version (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_hIST (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_16p *hist);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_iCCP (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_charpp name, int
*compression_type, png_charpp profile, png_uint_32 *proflen);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_IHDR (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 *width,
```

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png_uint_32 *height, int *bit_depth, int *color_type, int *interlace_type, int *compression_type, int
*filter_type);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_image_height (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_image_width (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
png_byte png_get_interlace_type (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
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```
png_voidp png_get_io_ptr (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_byte png_get_libpng_ver (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_voidp png_get_mem_ptr(png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_byte png_get_mmx_bitdepth_threshold (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_mmx_flagmask (int flag_select, int *compilerID);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_mmx_rowbytes_threshold (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_oFFs (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 *offset_x,
png_uint_32 *offset_y, int *unit_type);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_pCAL (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_charp *purpose,
png_int_32 *X0, png_int_32 *X1, int *type, int *nparams, png_charp *units, png_charpp
*params);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_pHYs (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 *res_x,
png_uint_32 *res_y, int *unit_type);
```

```
float png_get_pixel_aspect_ratio (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_pixels_per_meter (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);
```

```
png_voidp png_get_progressive_ptr (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_PLTE (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_colorp *palette, int *num_palette);
```

```
png_byte png_get_rgb_to_gray_status (png_structp png_ptr)
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_rowbytes (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);
```

```
png_bytepp png_get_rows (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_sBIT (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_color_8p *sig_bit);
```

```
png_bytep png_get_signature (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_sPLT (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_spalette_p *splt_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_sRGB (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, int *intent);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_text (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_textp *text_ptr, int *num_text);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_tIME (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_timep *mod_time);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_tRNS (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_bytep *trans, int *num_trans, png_color_16p *trans_values);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_get_unknown_chunks (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_unknown_chunkpp unknowns);
```

```
png_voidp png_get_user_chunk_ptr (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_voidp png_get_user_transform_ptr (png_structp png_ptr);

png_uint_32 png_get_valid (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_uint_32 flag);

png_int_32 png_get_x_offset_microns (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

png_int_32 png_get_x_offset_pixels (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

png_uint_32 png_get_x_pixels_per_meter (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

png_int_32 png_get_y_offset_microns (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

png_int_32 png_get_y_offset_pixels (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

png_uint_32 png_get_y_pixels_per_meter (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

png_uint_32 png_get_compression_buffer_size (png_structp png_ptr);

int png_handle_as_unknown (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep chunk_name);

void png_init_io (png_structp png_ptr, FILE *fp);

DEPRECATED: void png_info_init (png_info info_ptr);

DEPRECATED: void png_info_init_2 (png_infopp ptr_ptr, png_size_t png_info_struct_size);

png_voidp png_malloc (png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 size);

png_voidp png_malloc_default(png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 size);
```

voidp png_memcpy (png_voidp *s1*, png_voidp *s2*, png_size_t *size*);

png_voidp png_memcpy_check (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_voidp *s1*, png_voidp *s2*, png_uint_32 *size*);

voidp png_memset (png_voidp *s1*, int *value*, png_size_t *size*);

png_voidp png_memset_check (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_voidp *s1*, int *value*, png_uint_32 *size*);

int png_mmx_support (*void*);

DEPRECATED: void png_permit_empty_plte (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *empty_plte_permitted*);

void png_process_data (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_bytep *buffer*, png_size_t *buffer_size*);

void png_progressive_combine_row (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *old_row*, png_bytep *new_row*);

void png_read_destroy (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_info_ptr *end_info_ptr*);

void png_read_end (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_read_image (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytepp *image*);

DEPRECATED: void png_read_init (png_structp *png_ptr*);

DEPRECATED: void png_read_init_2 (png_structpp *ptr_ptr*, png_const_charp *user_png_ver*, png_size_t *png_struct_size*, png_size_t *png_info_size*);

void png_read_info (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_read_png (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_infop *info_ptr*, int *transforms*, png_voidp *params*);

void png_read_row (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *row*, png_bytep *display_row*);

void png_read_rows (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytepp *row*, png_bytepp *display_row*, png_uint_32 *num_rows*);

void png_read_update_info (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_infop *info_ptr*);

png_set_asm_flags (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_uint_32 *asm_flags*);

void png_set_background (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_color_16p *background_color*, int *background_gamma_code*, int *need_expand*, double *background_gamma*);

void png_set_bgr (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_bKGD (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_infop *info_ptr*, png_color_16p *background*);

void png_set_cHRM (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_infop *info_ptr*, double *white_x*, double *white_y*, double *red_x*, double *red_y*, double *green_x*, double *green_y*, double *blue_x*, double *blue_y*);

void png_set_cHRM_fixed (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_infop *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *white_x*, png_uint_32 *white_y*, png_uint_32 *red_x*, png_uint_32 *red_y*, png_uint_32 *green_x*, png_uint_32 *green_y*, png_uint_32 *blue_x*, png_uint_32 *blue_y*);

void png_set_compression_level (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *level*);

void png_set_compression_mem_level (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *mem_level*);

void png_set_compression_method (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *method*);

void png_set_compression_strategy (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *strategy*);

void png_set_compression_window_bits (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *window_bits*);

void png_set_crc_action (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *crit_action*, int *ancil_action*);

void png_set_dither (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_colorp *palette*, int *num_palette*, int *maximum_colors*, png_uint_16p *histogram*, int *full_dither*);

void png_set_error_fn (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_voidp *error_ptr*, png_error_ptr *error_fn*, png_error_ptr *warning_fn*);

void png_set_expand (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_filter (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_uint_32 *filter*, int *flags*);

void png_set_filter (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *method*, int *filters*);

void png_set_filter_heuristics (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *heuristic_method*, int *num_weights*, png_doublep *filter_weights*, png_doublep *filter_costs*);

void png_set_flush (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *nrows*);

void png_set_gamma (png_structp *png_ptr*, double *screen_gamma*, double *default_file_gamma*);

void png_set_gAMA (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, double *file_gamma*);

void png_set_gAMA_fixed (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *file_gamma*);

void png_set_gray_1_2_4_to_8(png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_gray_to_rgb (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_hIST (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_16p *hist*);

void png_set_iCCP (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_charp *name*, int *compression_type*, png_charp *profile*, png_uint_32 *proflen*);

int png_set_interlace_handling (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_invalid (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, int *mask*);

void png_set_invert_alpha (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_invert_mono (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_IHDR (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *width*, png_uint_32 *height*, int *bit_depth*, int *color_type*, int *interlace_type*, int *compression_type*, int *filter_type*);

void png_set_keep_unknown_chunks (png_structp *png_ptr*, int *keep*, png_bytep *chunk_list*, int *num_chunks*);

void png_set_mem_fn(png_structp *png_ptr*, png_voidp *mem_ptr*, png_malloc_ptr *malloc_fn*, png_free_ptr *free_fn*);

png_set_mmx_thresholds (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_byte *mmx_bitdepth_threshold*, png_uint_32 *mmx_rowbytes_threshold*);

void png_set_oFFs (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *offset_x*, png_uint_32 *offset_y*, int *unit_type*);

void png_set_packing (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_packswap (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_set_palette_to_rgb(png_structp *png_ptr*);

```
void png_set_pCAL (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_charp purpose, png_int_32 X0,
png_int_32 X1, int type, int nparams, png_charp units, png_charpp params);
```

```
void png_set_pHYs (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_uint_32 res_x, png_uint_32
res_y, int unit_type);
```

```
void png_set_progressive_read_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp progressive_ptr, png_progres-
sive_info_ptr info_fn, png_progressive_row_ptr row_fn, png_progressive_end_ptr end_fn);
```

```
void png_set_PLTE (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_colorp palette, int
num_palette);
```

```
void png_set_read_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp io_ptr, png_rw_ptr read_data_fn);
```

```
void png_set_read_status_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_read_status_ptr read_row_fn);
```

```
void png_set_read_user_transform_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_user_transform_ptr
read_user_transform_fn);
```

```
void png_set_rgb_to_gray (png_structp png_ptr, int error_action, double red, double green);
```

```
void png_set_rgb_to_gray_fixed (png_structp png_ptr, int error_action png_fixed_point red,
png_fixed_point green);
```

```
void png_set_rows (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_bytepp row_pointers);
```

```
void png_set_sBIT (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_color_8p sig_bit);
```

```
void png_set_sCAL (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_charp unit, double width, dou-
ble height);
```

```
void png_set_shift (png_structp png_ptr, png_color_8p true_bits);
```

```
void png_set_sig_bytes (png_structp png_ptr, int num_bytes);
```

```
void png_set_sPLT (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr, png_spalette_p splt_ptr, int num_palettes);
```

```
void png_set_sRGB (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr, int intent);
```

```
void png_set_sRGB_gAMA_and_cHRM (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr, int intent);
```

```
void png_set_strip_16 (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_set_strip_alpha (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_set_strip_error_numbers (png_structp png_ptr,  
png_uint_32 strip_mode);
```

```
void png_set_swap (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_set_swap_alpha (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_set_text (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr, png_textp text_ptr, int num_text);
```

```
void png_set_tIME (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr, png_timep mod_time);
```

```
void png_set_tRNS (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr, png_bytep trans, int num_trans,  
png_color_16p trans_values);
```

```
void png_set_tRNS_to_alpha(png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
png_uint_32 png_set_unknown_chunks (png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info_ptr,  
png_unknown_chunkp unknowns, int num, int location);
```

```
void png_set_unknown_chunk_location(png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, int chunk, int location);
```

```
void png_set_read_user_chunk_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp user_chunk_ptr,  
png_user_chunk_ptr read_user_chunk_fn);
```

```
void png_set_user_transform_info (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp user_transform_ptr, int  
user_transform_depth, int user_transform_channels);
```

```
void png_set_write_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp io_ptr, png_rw_ptr write_data_fn,  
png_flush_ptr output_flush_fn);
```

```
void png_set_write_status_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_write_status_ptr write_row_fn);
```

```
void png_set_write_user_transform_fn (png_structp png_ptr, png_user_transform_ptr  
write_user_transform_fn);
```

```
void png_set_compression_buffer_size(png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 size);
```

```
int png_sig_cmp (png_bytep sig, png_size_t start, png_size_t num_to_check);
```

```
void png_start_read_image (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_warning (png_structp png_ptr, png_const_charp message);
```

```
void png_write_chunk (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep chunk_name, png_bytep data, png_size_t  
length);
```

```
void png_write_chunk_data (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep data, png_size_t length);
```

```
void png_write_chunk_end (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_chunk_start (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep chunk_name, png_uint_32 length);
```

```
void png_write_destroy (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_end (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_flush (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_image (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytepp image);
```

```
DEPRECATED: void png_write_init (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
DEPRECATED: void png_write_init_2 (png_structpp ptr_ptr, png_const_charp user_png_ver,  
png_size_t png_struct_size, png_size_t png_info_size);
```

```
void png_write_info (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_info_before_PLTE (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_png (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, int transforms, png_voidp params);
```

```
void png_write_row (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep row);
```

```
void png_write_rows (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytepp row, png_uint_32 num_rows);
```

```
voidpf png_zalloc (voidpf png_ptr, uInt items, uInt size);
```

```
void png_zfree (voidpf png_ptr, voidpf ptr);
```

DESCRIPTION

The *libpng* library supports encoding, decoding, and various manipulations of the Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format image files. It uses the *zlib(3)* compression library. Following is a copy of the *libpng.txt* file that accompanies *libpng*.

LIBPNG.TXT

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I. Introduction

This file describes how to use and modify the PNG reference library (known as libpng) for your own use. There are five sections to this file: introduction, structures, reading, writing, and modification and configuration notes for various special platforms. In addition to this file, example.c is a good starting point for using the library, as it is heavily commented and should include everything most people will need. We assume that libpng is already installed; see the INSTALL file for instructions on how to install libpng.

Libpng was written as a companion to the PNG specification, as a way of reducing the amount of time and effort it takes to support the PNG file format in application programs.

The PNG-1.2 specification is available at <<http://www.libpng.org/pub/png>> and at <<ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/png/documents/>>.

The PNG-1.0 specification is available as RFC 2083 <<ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/png/documents/>> and as a W3C Recommendation <<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC.png.html>>. Some additional chunks are described in the special-purpose public chunks documents at <<ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/png/documents/>>.

Other information about PNG, and the latest version of libpng, can be found at the PNG home page, <<http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/>> and at <<ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/png/>>.

Most users will not have to modify the library significantly; advanced users may want to modify it more. All attempts were made to make it as complete as possible, while keeping the code easy to understand. Currently, this library only supports C. Support for other languages is being considered.

Libpng has been designed to handle multiple sessions at one time, to be easily modifiable, to be portable to the vast majority of machines (ANSI, K&R, 16-, 32-, and 64-bit) available, and to be easy to use. The ultimate goal of libpng is to promote the acceptance of the PNG file format in whatever way possible. While there is still work to be done (see the TODO file), libpng should cover the majority of the needs of its users.

Libpng uses zlib for its compression and decompression of PNG files. Further information about zlib,

and the latest version of zlib, can be found at the zlib home page, <<http://www.info-zip.org/pub/infozip/zlib/>>. The zlib compression utility is a general purpose utility that is useful for more than PNG files, and can be used without libpng. See the documentation delivered with zlib for more details. You can usually find the source files for the zlib utility wherever you find the libpng source files.

Libpng is thread safe, provided the threads are using different instances of the structures. Each thread should have its own png_struct and png_info instances, and thus its own image. Libpng does not protect itself against two threads using the same instance of a structure. Note: thread safety may be defeated by use of some of the MMX assembler code in pnggccrd.c, which is only compiled when the user defines PNG_THREAD_UNSAFE_OK.

II. Structures

There are two main structures that are important to libpng, png_struct and png_info. The first, png_struct, is an internal structure that will not, for the most part, be used by a user except as the first variable passed to every libpng function call.

The png_info structure is designed to provide information about the PNG file. At one time, the fields of png_info were intended to be directly accessible to the user. However, this tended to cause problems with applications using dynamically loaded libraries, and as a result a set of interface functions for png_info (the png_get_*() and png_set_*() functions) was developed. The fields of png_info are still available for older applications, but it is suggested that applications use the new interfaces if at all possible.

Applications that do make direct access to the members of png_struct (except for png_ptr->jmpbuf) must be recompiled whenever the library is updated, and applications that make direct access to the members of png_info must be recompiled if they were compiled or loaded with libpng version 1.0.6, in which the members were in a different order. In version 1.0.7, the members of the png_info structure reverted to the old order, as they were in versions 0.97c through 1.0.5. Starting with version 2.0.0, both structures are going to be hidden, and the contents of the structures will only be accessible through the png_get/png_set functions.

The png.h header file is an invaluable reference for programming with libpng. And while I'm on the topic, make sure you include the libpng header file:

```
#include <png.h>
```

III. Reading

We'll now walk you through the possible functions to call when reading in a PNG file sequentially, briefly explaining the syntax and purpose of each one. See example.c and png.h for more detail. While progressive reading is covered in the next section, you will still need some of the functions discussed in this section to read a PNG file.

Setup

You will want to do the I/O initialization(*) before you get into libpng, so if it doesn't work, you don't have much to undo. Of course, you will also want to insure that you are, in fact, dealing with a PNG file. Libpng provides a simple check to see if a file is a PNG file. To use it, pass in the first 1 to 8 bytes of the file to the function png_sig_cmp(), and it will return 0 if the bytes match the corresponding bytes of the PNG signature, or nonzero otherwise. Of course, the more bytes you pass in, the greater the accuracy of the prediction.

If you are intending to keep the file pointer open for use in libpng, you must ensure you don't read more than 8 bytes from the beginning of the file, and you also have to make a call to png_set_sig_bytes_read() with the number of bytes you read from the beginning. Libpng will then only check the bytes (if any) that your program didn't read.

(*): If you are not using the standard I/O functions, you will need to replace them with custom functions. See the discussion under Customizing libpng.

```
FILE *fp = fopen(file_name, "rb");
if (!fp)
{
    return (ERROR);
}
fread(header, 1, number, fp);
is_png = !png_sig_cmp(header, 0, number);
if (!is_png)
{
    return (NOT_PNG);
}
```

Next, `png_struct` and `png_info` need to be allocated and initialized. In order to ensure that the size of these structures is correct even with a dynamically linked libpng, there are functions to initialize and allocate the structures. We also pass the library version, optional pointers to error handling functions, and a pointer to a data struct for use by the error functions, if necessary (the pointer and functions can be NULL if the default error handlers are to be used). See the section on Changes to Libpng below regarding the old initialization functions. The structure allocation functions quietly return NULL if they fail to create the structure, so your application should check for that.

```
png_structp png_ptr = png_create_read_struct
(PNG_LIBPNG_VER_STRING, (png_voidp)user_error_ptr,
 user_error_fn, user_warning_fn);
if (!png_ptr)
    return (ERROR);

png_infop info_ptr = png_create_info_struct(png_ptr);
if (!info_ptr)
{
    png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr,
        (png_infopp)NULL, (png_infopp)NULL);
    return (ERROR);
}

png_infop end_info = png_create_info_struct(png_ptr);
if (!end_info)
{
    png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr,
        (png_infopp)NULL);
    return (ERROR);
}
```

If you want to use your own memory allocation routines, define `PNG_USER_MEM_SUPPORTED` and use `png_create_read_struct_2()` instead of `png_create_read_struct()`:

```
png_structp png_ptr = png_create_read_struct_2
(PNG_LIBPNG_VER_STRING, (png_voidp)user_error_ptr,
 user_error_fn, user_warning_fn, (png_voidp)
 user_mem_ptr, user_malloc_fn, user_free_fn);
```

The error handling routines passed to `png_create_read_struct()` and the memory alloc/free routines passed to `png_create_struct_2()` are only necessary if you are not using the libpng supplied error handling and memory alloc/free functions.

When libpng encounters an error, it expects to longjmp back to your routine. Therefore, you will need to call setjmp and pass your png_jmpbuf(png_ptr). If you read the file from different routines, you will need to update the jmpbuf field every time you enter a new routine that will call a png_*() function.

See your documentation of setjmp/longjmp for your compiler for more information on setjmp/longjmp. See the discussion on libpng error handling in the Customizing Libpng section below for more information on the libpng error handling. If an error occurs, and libpng longjmp's back to your setjmp, you will want to call png_destroy_read_struct() to free any memory.

```
if (setjmp(png_jmpbuf(png_ptr)))
{
    png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr,
        &end_info);
    fclose(fp);
    return (ERROR);
}
```

If you would rather avoid the complexity of setjmp/longjmp issues, you can compile libpng with PNG_SETJMP_NOT_SUPPORTED, in which case errors will result in a call to PNG_ABORT() which defaults to abort().

Now you need to set up the input code. The default for libpng is to use the C function fread(). If you use this, you will need to pass a valid FILE * in the function png_init_io(). Be sure that the file is opened in binary mode. If you wish to handle reading data in another way, you need not call the png_init_io() function, but you must then implement the libpng I/O methods discussed in the Customizing Libpng section below.

```
png_init_io(png_ptr, fp);
```

If you had previously opened the file and read any of the signature from the beginning in order to see if this was a PNG file, you need to let libpng know that there are some bytes missing from the start of the file.

```
png_set_sig_bytes(png_ptr, number);
```

Setting up callback code

You can set up a callback function to handle any unknown chunks in the input stream. You must supply the function

```
read_chunk_callback(png_ptr ptr,
    png_unknown_chunkp chunk);
{
    /* The unknown chunk structure contains your
    chunk data: */
    png_byte name[5];
    png_byte *data;
    png_size_t size;
    /* Note that libpng has already taken care of
    the CRC handling */

    /* put your code here. Return one of the
    following: */

    return (-n); /* chunk had an error */
    return (0); /* did not recognize */
    return (n); /* success */
}
```

(You can give your function another name that you like instead of "read_chunk_callback")

To inform libpng about your function, use

```
png_set_read_user_chunk_fn(png_ptr, user_chunk_ptr,
    read_chunk_callback);
```

This names not only the callback function, but also a user pointer that you can retrieve with

```
png_get_user_chunk_ptr(png_ptr);
```

At this point, you can set up a callback function that will be called after each row has been read, which you can use to control a progress meter or the like. It's demonstrated in pngtest.c. You must supply a function

```
void read_row_callback(png_ptr ptr, png_uint_32 row,
    int pass);
{
    /* put your code here */
}
```

(You can give it another name that you like instead of "read_row_callback")

To inform libpng about your function, use

```
png_set_read_status_fn(png_ptr, read_row_callback);
```

Unknown-chunk handling

Now you get to set the way the library processes unknown chunks in the input PNG stream. Both known and unknown chunks will be read. Normal behavior is that known chunks will be parsed into information in various info_ptr members; unknown chunks will be discarded. To change this, you can call:

```
png_set_keep_unknown_chunks(png_ptr, info_ptr, keep,
    chunk_list, num_chunks);
keep    - 0: do not keep
         1: keep only if safe-to-copy
         2: keep even if unsafe-to-copy
chunk_list - list of chunks affected (a byte string,
         five bytes per chunk, NULL or ' ' if
         num_chunks is 0)
num_chunks - number of chunks affected; if 0, all
         unknown chunks are affected
```

Unknown chunks declared in this way will be saved as raw data onto a list of png_unknown_chunk structures. If a chunk that is normally known to libpng is named in the list, it will be handled as unknown, according to the "keep" directive. If a chunk is named in successive instances of png_set_keep_unknown_chunks(), the final instance will take precedence.

The high-level read interface

At this point there are two ways to proceed; through the high-level read interface, or through a sequence of low-level read operations. You can use the high-level interface if (a) you are willing to read the entire image into memory, and (b) the input transformations you want to do are limited to the following set:

```
PNG_TRANSFORM_IDENTITY    No transformation
PNG_TRANSFORM_STRIP_16    Strip 16-bit samples to
                           8 bits
```

PNG_TRANSFORM_STRIP_ALPHA Discard the alpha channel
 PNG_TRANSFORM_PACKING Expand 1, 2 and 4-bit
 samples to bytes
 PNG_TRANSFORM_PACKSWAP Change order of packed
 pixels to LSB first
 PNG_TRANSFORM_EXPAND Perform set_expand()
 PNG_TRANSFORM_INVERT_MONO Invert monochrome images
 PNG_TRANSFORM_SHIFT Normalize pixels to the
 sBIT depth
 PNG_TRANSFORM_BGR Flip RGB to BGR, RGBA
 to BGRA
 PNG_TRANSFORM_SWAP_ALPHA Flip RGBA to ARGB or GA
 to AG
 PNG_TRANSFORM_INVERT_ALPHA Change alpha from opacity
 to transparency
 PNG_TRANSFORM_SWAP_ENDIAN Byte-swap 16-bit samples

(This excludes setting a background color, doing gamma transformation, dithering, and setting filler.)
 If this is the case, simply do this:

```
png_read_png(png_ptr, info_ptr, png_transforms, NULL)
```

where `png_transforms` is an integer containing the logical OR of some set of transformation flags. This call is equivalent to `png_read_info()`, followed the set of transformations indicated by the transform mask, then `png_read_image()`, and finally `png_read_end()`.

(The final parameter of this call is not yet used. Someday it might point to transformation parameters required by some future input transform.)

After you have called `png_read_png()`, you can retrieve the image data with

```
row_pointers = png_get_rows(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

where `row_pointers` is an array of pointers to the pixel data for each row:

```
png_bytep row_pointers[height];
```

If you know your image size and pixel size ahead of time, you can allocate `row_pointers` prior to calling `png_read_png()` with

```

row_pointers = png_malloc(png_ptr,
    height*sizeof(png_bytep));
for (int i=0; i<height, i++)
    row_pointers[i]=png_malloc(png_ptr,
        width*pixel_size);
png_set_rows(png_ptr, info_ptr, &row_pointers);
  
```

Alternatively you could allocate your image in one big block and define `row_pointers[i]` to point into the proper places in your block.

If you use `png_set_rows()`, the application is responsible for freeing `row_pointers` (and `row_pointers[i]`, if they were separately allocated).

If you don't allocate `row_pointers` ahead of time, `png_read_png()` will do it, and it'll be freed when you call `png_destroy_*()`.

The low-level read interface

If you are going the low-level route, you are now ready to read all the file information up to the actual image data. You do this with a call to `png_read_info()`.

```
png_read_info(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

This will process all chunks up to but not including the image data.

Querying the info structure

Functions are used to get the information from the `info_ptr` once it has been read. Note that these fields may not be completely filled in until `png_read_end()` has read the chunk data following the image.

```
png_get_IHDR(png_ptr, info_ptr, &width, &height,
             &bit_depth, &color_type, &interlace_type,
             &compression_type, &filter_method);
```

`width` - holds the width of the image
in pixels (up to 2^{31}).

`height` - holds the height of the image
in pixels (up to 2^{31}).

`bit_depth` - holds the bit depth of one of the
image channels. (valid values are
1, 2, 4, 8, 16 and depend also on
the `color_type`. See also
significant bits (sBIT) below).

`color_type` - describes which color/alpha channels
are present.

PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY

(bit depths 1, 2, 4, 8, 16)

PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY_ALPHA

(bit depths 8, 16)

PNG_COLOR_TYPE_PALETTE

(bit depths 1, 2, 4, 8)

PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB

(bit depths 8, 16)

PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB_ALPHA

(bit depths 8, 16)

PNG_COLOR_MASK_PALETTE

PNG_COLOR_MASK_COLOR

PNG_COLOR_MASK_ALPHA

`filter_method` - (must be PNG_FILTER_TYPE_BASE
for PNG 1.0, and can also be
PNG_INTRAPIXEL_DIFFERENCING if
the PNG datastream is embedded in
a MNG-1.0 datastream)

`compression_type` - (must be PNG_COMPRESSION_TYPE_BASE
for PNG 1.0)

`interlace_type` - (PNG_INTERLACE_NONE or
PNG_INTERLACE_ADAM7)

Any or all of `interlace_type`, `compression_type`, of
`filter_method` can be NULL if you are
not interested in their values.

```
channels = png_get_channels(png_ptr, info_ptr);
channels - number of channels of info for the
          color type (valid values are 1 (GRAY,
```

```

        PALETTE), 2 (GRAY_ALPHA), 3 (RGB),
        4 (RGB_ALPHA or RGB + filler byte))
rowbytes = png_get_rowbytes(png_ptr, info_ptr);
rowbytes    - number of bytes needed to hold a row

signature = png_get_signature(png_ptr, info_ptr);
signature    - holds the signature read from the
                file (if any). The data is kept in
                the same offset it would be if the
                whole signature were read (i.e. if an
                application had already read in 4
                bytes of signature before starting
                libpng, the remaining 4 bytes would
                be in signature[4] through signature[7]
                (see png_set_sig_bytes())).

width        = png_get_image_width(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);
height       = png_get_image_height(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);
bit_depth    = png_get_bit_depth(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);
color_type   = png_get_color_type(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);
filter_method = png_get_filter_type(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);
compression_type = png_get_compression_type(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);
interlace_type = png_get_interlace_type(png_ptr,
                info_ptr);

```

These are also important, but their validity depends on whether the chunk has been read. The `png_get_valid(png_ptr, info_ptr, PNG_INFO_<chunk>)` and `png_get_<chunk>(png_ptr, info_ptr, ...)` functions return non-zero if the data has been read, or zero if it is missing. The parameters to the `png_get_<chunk>` are set directly if they are simple data types, or a pointer into the `info_ptr` is returned for any complex types.

```

png_get_PLTE(png_ptr, info_ptr, &palette,
                &num_palette);
palette    - the palette for the file
                (array of png_color)
num_palette - number of entries in the palette

png_get_gAMA(png_ptr, info_ptr, &gamma);
gamma    - the gamma the file is written
                at (PNG_INFO_gAMA)

png_get_sRGB(png_ptr, info_ptr, &srgb_intent);
srgb_intent - the rendering intent (PNG_INFO_sRGB)
                The presence of the sRGB chunk
                means that the pixel data is in the
                sRGB color space. This chunk also
                implies specific values of gAMA and
                cHRM.

png_get_iCCP(png_ptr, info_ptr, &name,
                &compression_type, &profile, &proflen);

```

name - The profile name.
 compression - The compression type; always
 PNG_COMPRESSION_TYPE_BASE for PNG 1.0.
 You may give NULL to this argument to
 ignore it.
 profile - International Color Consortium color
 profile data. May contain NULs.
 proflen - length of profile data in bytes.

png_get_sBIT(png_ptr, info_ptr, &sig_bit);
 sig_bit - the number of significant bits for
 (PNG_INFO_sBIT) each of the gray,
 red, green, and blue channels,
 whichever are appropriate for the
 given color type (png_color_16)

png_get_tRNS(png_ptr, info_ptr, &trans, &num_trans,
 &trans_values);
 trans - array of transparent entries for
 palette (PNG_INFO_tRNS)
 trans_values - graylevel or color sample values of
 the single transparent color for
 non-paletted images (PNG_INFO_tRNS)
 num_trans - number of transparent entries
 (PNG_INFO_tRNS)

png_get_hIST(png_ptr, info_ptr, &hist);
 (PNG_INFO_hIST)
 hist - histogram of palette (array of
 png_uint_16)

png_get_tIME(png_ptr, info_ptr, &mod_time);
 mod_time - time image was last modified
 (PNG_VALID_tIME)

png_get_bKGD(png_ptr, info_ptr, &background);
 background - background color (PNG_VALID_bKGD)
 valid 16-bit red, green and blue
 values, regardless of color_type

num_comments = png_get_text(png_ptr, info_ptr,
 &text_ptr, &num_text);
 num_comments - number of comments
 text_ptr - array of png_text holding image
 comments
 text_ptr[i].compression - type of compression used
 on "text" PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_NONE
 PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_zTXt
 PNG_ITXT_COMPRESSION_NONE
 PNG_ITXT_COMPRESSION_zTXt
 text_ptr[i].key - keyword for comment. Must contain
 1-79 characters.
 text_ptr[i].text - text comments for current
 keyword. Can be empty.
 text_ptr[i].text_length - length of text string,
 after decompression, 0 for iTXt
 text_ptr[i].itxt_length - length of itxt string,
 after decompression, 0 for tEXt/zTXt
 text_ptr[i].lang - language of comment (empty)

string for unknown).

text_ptr[i].lang_key - keyword in UTF-8
(empty string for unknown).

num_text - number of comments (same as
num_comments; you can put NULL here
to avoid the duplication)

Note while png_set_text() will accept text, language,
and translated keywords that can be NULL pointers, the
structure returned by png_get_text will always contain
regular zero-terminated C strings. They might be
empty strings but they will never be NULL pointers.

num_palettes = png_get_sPLT(png_ptr, info_ptr,
&palette_ptr);
palette_ptr - array of palette structures holding
contents of one or more sPLT chunks
read.
num_palettes - number of sPLT chunks read.

png_get_oFFs(png_ptr, info_ptr, &offset_x, &offset_y,
&unit_type);
offset_x - positive offset from the left edge
of the screen
offset_y - positive offset from the top edge
of the screen
unit_type - PNG_OFFSET_PIXEL, PNG_OFFSET_MICROMETER

png_get_pHYs(png_ptr, info_ptr, &res_x, &res_y,
&unit_type);
res_x - pixels/unit physical resolution in
x direction
res_y - pixels/unit physical resolution in
x direction
unit_type - PNG_RESOLUTION_UNKNOWN,
PNG_RESOLUTION_METER

png_get_sCAL(png_ptr, info_ptr, &unit, &width,
&height)
unit - physical scale units (an integer)
width - width of a pixel in physical scale units
height - height of a pixel in physical scale units
(width and height are doubles)

png_get_sCAL_s(png_ptr, info_ptr, &unit, &width,
&height)
unit - physical scale units (an integer)
width - width of a pixel in physical scale units
height - height of a pixel in physical scale units
(width and height are strings like "2.54")

num_unknown_chunks = png_get_unknown_chunks(png_ptr,
info_ptr, &unknowns)
unknowns - array of png_unknown_chunk
structures holding unknown chunks
unknowns[i].name - name of unknown chunk
unknowns[i].data - data of unknown chunk
unknowns[i].size - size of unknown chunk's data
unknowns[i].location - position of chunk in file

The value of "i" corresponds to the order in which the chunks were read from the PNG file or inserted with the `png_set_unknown_chunks()` function.

The data from the pHYs chunk can be retrieved in several convenient forms:

```
res_x = png_get_x_pixels_per_meter(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
res_y = png_get_y_pixels_per_meter(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
res_x_and_y = png_get_pixels_per_meter(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
res_x = png_get_x_pixels_per_inch(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
res_y = png_get_y_pixels_per_inch(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
res_x_and_y = png_get_pixels_per_inch(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
aspect_ratio = png_get_pixel_aspect_ratio(png_ptr,
    info_ptr)
```

(Each of these returns 0 [signifying "unknown"] if the data is not present or if `res_x` is 0; `res_x_and_y` is 0 if `res_x != res_y`)

The data from the oFFs chunk can be retrieved in several convenient forms:

```
x_offset = png_get_x_offset_microns(png_ptr, info_ptr);
y_offset = png_get_y_offset_microns(png_ptr, info_ptr);
x_offset = png_get_x_offset_inches(png_ptr, info_ptr);
y_offset = png_get_y_offset_inches(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

(Each of these returns 0 [signifying "unknown" if both x and y are 0] if the data is not present or if the chunk is present but the unit is the pixel)

For more information, see the `png_info` definition in `png.h` and the PNG specification for chunk contents. Be careful with trusting rowbytes, as some of the transformations could increase the space needed to hold a row (`expand`, `filler`, `gray_to_rgb`, etc.). See `png_read_update_info()`, below.

A quick word about `text_ptr` and `num_text`. PNG stores comments in keyword/text pairs, one pair per chunk, with no limit on the number of text chunks, and a 2^{31} byte limit on their size. While there are suggested keywords, there is no requirement to restrict the use to these strings. It is strongly suggested that keywords and text be sensible to humans (that's the point), so don't use abbreviations. Non-printing symbols are not allowed. See the PNG specification for more details. There is also no requirement to have text after the keyword.

Keywords should be limited to 79 Latin-1 characters without leading or trailing spaces, but non-consecutive spaces are allowed within the keyword. It is possible to have the same keyword any number of times. The `text_ptr` is an array of `png_text` structures, each holding a pointer to a language string, a pointer to a keyword and a pointer to a text string. The text string, language code, and translated keyword may be empty or NULL pointers. The keyword/text pairs are put into the array in the order that they are received. However, some or all of the text chunks may be after the image, so, to make sure you have read all the text chunks, don't mess with these until after you read the stuff after the image. This will be mentioned again below in the discussion that goes with `png_read_end()`.

Input transformations

After you've read the header information, you can set up the library to handle any special transformations of the image data. The various ways to transform the data will be described in the order that they should occur. This is important, as some of these change the color type and/or bit depth of the data, and some others only work on certain color types and bit depths. Even though each transformation checks to see if it has data that it can do something with, you should make sure to only enable a transformation if it will be valid for the data. For example, don't swap red and blue on grayscale data.

The colors used for the background and transparency values should be supplied in the same format/depth as the current image data. They are stored in the same format/depth as the image data in a bKGD or tRNS chunk, so this is what libpng expects for this data. The colors are transformed to keep in sync with the image data when an application calls the `png_read_update_info()` routine (see below).

Data will be decoded into the supplied row buffers packed into bytes unless the library has been told to transform it into another format. For example, 4 bit/pixel paletted or grayscale data will be returned 2 pixels/byte with the leftmost pixel in the high-order bits of the byte, unless `png_set_packing()` is called. 8-bit RGB data will be stored in RGB RGB RGB format unless `png_set_filler()` is called to insert filler bytes, either before or after each RGB triplet. 16-bit RGB data will be returned RRGGBB RRGGBB, with the most significant byte of the color value first, unless `png_set_strip_16()` is called to transform it to regular RGB RGB triplets, or `png_set_filler()` is called to insert filler bytes, either before or after each RRGGBB triplet. Similarly, 8-bit or 16-bit grayscale data can be modified with `png_set_filler()` or `png_set_strip_16()`.

The following code transforms grayscale images of less than 8 to 8 bits, changes paletted images to RGB, and adds a full alpha channel if there is transparency information in a tRNS chunk. This is most useful on grayscale images with bit depths of 2 or 4 or if there is a multiple-image viewing application that wishes to treat all images in the same way.

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_PALETTE)
    png_set_palette_to_rgb(png_ptr);

if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY &&
    bit_depth < 8) png_set_gray_1_2_4_to_8(png_ptr);

if (png_get_valid(png_ptr, info_ptr,
    PNG_INFO_tRNS)) png_set_tRNS_to_alpha(png_ptr);
```

These three functions are actually aliases for `png_set_expand()`, added in libpng version 1.0.4, with the function names expanded to improve code readability. In some future version they may actually do different things.

PNG can have files with 16 bits per channel. If you only can handle 8 bits per channel, this will strip the pixels down to 8 bit.

```
if (bit_depth == 16)
    png_set_strip_16(png_ptr);
```

If, for some reason, you don't need the alpha channel on an image, and you want to remove it rather than combining it with the background (but the image author certainly had in mind that you *would* combine it with the background, so that's what you should probably do):

```
if (color_type & PNG_COLOR_MASK_ALPHA)
    png_set_strip_alpha(png_ptr);
```

In PNG files, the alpha channel in an image is the level of opacity. If you need the alpha channel in an image to be the level of transparency instead of opacity, you can invert the alpha channel (or the tRNS chunk data) after it's read, so that 0 is fully opaque and 255 (in 8-bit or paletted images) or 65535 (in 16-bit images) is fully transparent, with

```
png_set_invert_alpha(png_ptr);
```

PNG files pack pixels of bit depths 1, 2, and 4 into bytes as small as they can, resulting in, for example, 8 pixels per byte for 1 bit files. This code expands to 1 pixel per byte without changing the values of the pixels:

```
if (bit_depth < 8)
    png_set_packing(png_ptr);
```

PNG files have possible bit depths of 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16. All pixels stored in a PNG image have been "scaled" or "shifted" up to the next higher possible bit depth (e.g. from 5 bits/sample in the range [0,31] to 8 bits/sample in the range [0, 255]). However, it is also possible to convert the PNG pixel data back to the original bit depth of the image. This call reduces the pixels back down to the original bit depth:

```
png_color_8p sig_bit;

if (png_get_sBIT(png_ptr, info_ptr, &sig_bit))
    png_set_shift(png_ptr, sig_bit);
```

PNG files store 3-color pixels in red, green, blue order. This code changes the storage of the pixels to blue, green, red:

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB ||
    color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB_ALPHA)
    png_set_bgr(png_ptr);
```

PNG files store RGB pixels packed into 3 or 6 bytes. This code expands them into 4 or 8 bytes for windowing systems that need them in this format:

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB)
    png_set_filler(png_ptr, filler, PNG_FILLER_BEFORE);
```

where "filler" is the 8 or 16-bit number to fill with, and the location is either PNG_FILLER_BEFORE or PNG_FILLER_AFTER, depending upon whether you want the filler before the RGB or after. This transformation does not affect images that already have full alpha channels. To add an opaque alpha channel, use filler=0xff or 0xffff and PNG_FILLER_AFTER which will generate RGBA pixels.

If you are reading an image with an alpha channel, and you need the data as ARGB instead of the normal PNG format RGBA:

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB_ALPHA)
    png_set_swap_alpha(png_ptr);
```

For some uses, you may want a grayscale image to be represented as RGB. This code will do that conversion:

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY ||
    color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY_ALPHA)
    png_set_gray_to_rgb(png_ptr);
```

Conversely, you can convert an RGB or RGBA image to grayscale or grayscale with alpha.

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB ||
    color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB_ALPHA)
    png_set_rgb_to_gray_fixed(png_ptr, error_action,
        int red_weight, int green_weight);
```

```
error_action = 1: silently do the conversion
error_action = 2: issue a warning if the original
```

```

        image has any pixel where
        red != green or red != blue
error_action = 3: issue an error and abort the
        conversion if the original
        image has any pixel where
        red != green or red != blue

red_weight:    weight of red component times 100000
green_weight:  weight of green component times 100000
        If either weight is negative, default
        weights (21268, 71514) are used.

```

If you have set `error_action = 1` or `2`, you can later check whether the image really was gray, after processing the image rows, with the `png_get_rgb_to_gray_status(png_ptr)` function. It will return a `png_byte` that is zero if the image was gray or 1 if there were any non-gray pixels. `bKGD` and `sBIT` data will be silently converted to grayscale, using the green channel data, regardless of the `error_action` setting.

With `red_weight+green_weight<=100000`, the normalized graylevel is computed:

```

int rw = red_weight * 65536;
int gw = green_weight * 65536;
int bw = 65536 - (rw + gw);
gray = (rw*red + gw*green + bw*blue)/65536;

```

The default values approximate those recommended in the Charles Poynton's Color FAQ, <<http://www.inforamp.net/~poynton/>> Copyright (c) 1998-01-04 Charles Poynton poynton@inforamp.net

$$Y = 0.212671 * R + 0.715160 * G + 0.072169 * B$$

Libpng approximates this with

$$Y = 0.21268 * R + 0.7151 * G + 0.07217 * B$$

which can be expressed with integers as

$$Y = (6969 * R + 23434 * G + 2365 * B) / 32768$$

The calculation is done in a linear colorspace, if the image gamma is known.

If you have a grayscale and you are using `png_set_expand_depth()`, `png_set_expand()`, or `png_set_gray_to_rgb` to change to truecolor or to a higher bit-depth, you must either supply the background color as a gray value at the original file bit-depth (`need_expand = 1`) or else supply the background color as an RGB triplet at the final, expanded bit depth (`need_expand = 0`). Similarly, if you are reading a paletted image, you must either supply the background color as a palette index (`need_expand = 1`) or as an RGB triplet that may or may not be in the palette (`need_expand = 0`).

```

png_color_16 my_background;
png_color_16p image_background;

if (png_get_bKGD(png_ptr, info_ptr, &image_background))
    png_set_background(png_ptr, image_background,
        PNG_BACKGROUND_GAMMA_FILE, 1, 1.0);
else
    png_set_background(png_ptr, &my_background,
        PNG_BACKGROUND_GAMMA_SCREEN, 0, 1.0);

```

The `png_set_background()` function tells libpng to composite images with alpha or simple transparency

against the supplied background color. If the PNG file contains a bKGD chunk (PNG_INFO_bKGD valid), you may use this color, or supply another color more suitable for the current display (e.g., the background color from a web page). You need to tell libpng whether the color is in the gamma space of the display (PNG_BACKGROUND_GAMMA_SCREEN for colors you supply), the file (PNG_BACKGROUND_GAMMA_FILE for colors from the bKGD chunk), or one that is neither of these gammas (PNG_BACKGROUND_GAMMA_UNIQUE - I don't know why anyone would use this, but it's here).

To properly display PNG images on any kind of system, the application needs to know what the display gamma is. Ideally, the user will know this, and the application will allow them to set it. One method of allowing the user to set the display gamma separately for each system is to check for a SCREEN_GAMMA or DISPLAY_GAMMA environment variable, which will hopefully be correctly set.

Note that display_gamma is the overall gamma correction required to produce pleasing results, which depends on the lighting conditions in the surrounding environment. In a dim or brightly lit room, no compensation other than the physical gamma exponent of the monitor is needed, while in a dark room a slightly smaller exponent is better.

```
double gamma, screen_gamma;

if (/* We have a user-defined screen
    gamma value */)
{
    screen_gamma = user-defined-screen_gamma;
}
/* One way that applications can share the same
   screen gamma value */
else if ((gamma_str = getenv("SCREEN_GAMMA"))
        != NULL)
{
    screen_gamma = (double)atof(gamma_str);
}
/* If we don't have another value */
else
{
    screen_gamma = 2.2; /* A good guess for a
        PC monitor in a bright office or a dim room */
    screen_gamma = 2.0; /* A good guess for a
        PC monitor in a dark room */
    screen_gamma = 1.7 or 1.0; /* A good
        guess for Mac systems */
}
```

The png_set_gamma() function handles gamma transformations of the data. Pass both the file gamma and the current screen_gamma. If the file does not have a gamma value, you can pass one anyway if you have an idea what it is (usually 0.45455 is a good guess for GIF images on PCs). Note that file gammas are inverted from screen gammas. See the discussions on gamma in the PNG specification for an excellent description of what gamma is, and why all applications should support it. It is strongly recommended that PNG viewers support gamma correction.

```
if (png_get_gAMA(png_ptr, info_ptr, &gamma))
    png_set_gamma(png_ptr, screen_gamma, gamma);
else
    png_set_gamma(png_ptr, screen_gamma, 0.45455);
```

If you need to reduce an RGB file to a paletted file, or if a paletted file has more entries than will fit on your screen, png_set_dither() will do that. Note that this is a simple match dither that merely finds the closest color available. This should work fairly well with optimized palettes, and fairly badly with

linear color cubes. If you pass a palette that is larger than `maximum_colors`, the file will reduce the number of colors in the palette so it will fit into `maximum_colors`. If there is a histogram, it will use it to make more intelligent choices when reducing the palette. If there is no histogram, it may not do as good a job.

```
if (color_type & PNG_COLOR_MASK_COLOR)
{
    if (png_get_valid(png_ptr, info_ptr,
        PNG_INFO_PLTE))
    {
        png_uint_16p histogram;

        png_get_hIST(png_ptr, info_ptr,
            &histogram);
        png_set_dither(png_ptr, palette, num_palette,
            max_screen_colors, histogram, 1);
    }
    else
    {
        png_color std_color_cube[MAX_SCREEN_COLORS] =
            { ... colors ... };

        png_set_dither(png_ptr, std_color_cube,
            MAX_SCREEN_COLORS, MAX_SCREEN_COLORS,
            NULL, 0);
    }
}
```

PNG files describe monochrome as black being zero and white being one. The following code will reverse this (make black be one and white be zero):

```
if (bit_depth == 1 && color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY)
    png_set_invert_mono(png_ptr);
```

This function can also be used to invert grayscale and gray-alpha images:

```
if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY ||
    color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY_ALPHA)
    png_set_invert_mono(png_ptr);
```

PNG files store 16 bit pixels in network byte order (big-endian, ie. most significant bits first). This code changes the storage to the other way (little-endian, i.e. least significant bits first, the way PCs store them):

```
if (bit_depth == 16)
    png_set_swap(png_ptr);
```

If you are using packed-pixel images (1, 2, or 4 bits/pixel), and you need to change the order the pixels are packed into bytes, you can use:

```
if (bit_depth < 8)
    png_set_packswap(png_ptr);
```

Finally, you can write your own transformation function if none of the existing ones meets your needs. This is done by setting a callback with

```
png_set_read_user_transform_fn(png_ptr,
    read_transform_fn);
```

You must supply the function

```
void read_transform_fn(png_ptr ptr, row_info_ptr
    row_info, png_bytep data)
```

See pngtest.c for a working example. Your function will be called after all of the other transformations have been processed.

You can also set up a pointer to a user structure for use by your callback function, and you can inform libpng that your transform function will change the number of channels or bit depth with the function

```
png_set_user_transform_info(png_ptr, user_ptr,
    user_depth, user_channels);
```

The user's application, not libpng, is responsible for allocating and freeing any memory required for the user structure.

You can retrieve the pointer via the function png_get_user_transform_ptr(). For example:

```
voidp read_user_transform_ptr =
    png_get_user_transform_ptr(png_ptr);
```

The last thing to handle is interlacing; this is covered in detail below, but you must call the function here if you want libpng to handle expansion of the interlaced image.

```
number_of_passes = png_set_interlace_handling(png_ptr);
```

After setting the transformations, libpng can update your png_info structure to reflect any transformations you've requested with this call. This is most useful to update the info structure's rowbytes field so you can use it to allocate your image memory. This function will also update your palette with the correct screen_gamma and background if these have been given with the calls above.

```
png_read_update_info(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

After you call png_read_update_info(), you can allocate any memory you need to hold the image. The row data is simply raw byte data for all forms of images. As the actual allocation varies among applications, no example will be given. If you are allocating one large chunk, you will need to build an array of pointers to each row, as it will be needed for some of the functions below.

Reading image data

After you've allocated memory, you can read the image data. The simplest way to do this is in one function call. If you are allocating enough memory to hold the whole image, you can just call png_read_image() and libpng will read in all the image data and put it in the memory area supplied. You will need to pass in an array of pointers to each row.

This function automatically handles interlacing, so you don't need to call png_set_interlace_handling() or call this function multiple times, or any of that other stuff necessary with png_read_rows().

```
png_read_image(png_ptr, row_pointers);
```

where row_pointers is:

```
png_bytep row_pointers[height];
```

You can point to void or char or whatever you use for pixels.

If you don't want to read in the whole image at once, you can use png_read_rows() instead. If there is no interlacing (check interlace_type == PNG_INTERLACE_NONE), this is simple:


```
png_read_rows(png_ptr, row_pointers, NULL,
              number_of_rows);
```

where `row_pointers` is the same as in the `png_read_image()` call.

If you are doing this just one row at a time, you can do this with a single `row_pointer` instead of an array of `row_pointers`:

```
png_bytep row_pointer = row;
png_read_row(png_ptr, row_pointer, NULL);
```

If the file is interlaced (`interlace_type != 0` in the IHDR chunk), things get somewhat harder. The only current (PNG Specification version 1.2) interlacing type for PNG is (`interlace_type == PNG_INTERLACE_ADAM7`) is a somewhat complicated 2D interlace scheme, known as Adam7, that breaks down an image into seven smaller images of varying size, based on an 8x8 grid.

libpng can fill out those images or it can give them to you "as is". If you want them filled out, there are two ways to do that. The one mentioned in the PNG specification is to expand each pixel to cover those pixels that have not been read yet (the "rectangle" method). This results in a blocky image for the first pass, which gradually smooths out as more pixels are read. The other method is the "sparkle" method, where pixels are drawn only in their final locations, with the rest of the image remaining whatever colors they were initialized to before the start of the read. The first method usually looks better, but tends to be slower, as there are more pixels to put in the rows.

If you don't want libpng to handle the interlacing details, just call `png_read_rows()` seven times to read in all seven images. Each of the images is a valid image by itself, or they can all be combined on an 8x8 grid to form a single image (although if you intend to combine them you would be far better off using the libpng interlace handling).

The first pass will return an image 1/8 as wide as the entire image (every 8th column starting in column 0) and 1/8 as high as the original (every 8th row starting in row 0), the second will be 1/8 as wide (starting in column 4) and 1/8 as high (also starting in row 0). The third pass will be 1/4 as wide (every 4th pixel starting in column 0) and 1/8 as high (every 8th row starting in row 4), and the fourth pass will be 1/4 as wide and 1/4 as high (every 4th column starting in column 2, and every 4th row starting in row 0). The fifth pass will return an image 1/2 as wide, and 1/4 as high (starting at column 0 and row 2), while the sixth pass will be 1/2 as wide and 1/2 as high as the original (starting in column 1 and row 0). The seventh and final pass will be as wide as the original, and 1/2 as high, containing all of the odd numbered scanlines. Phew!

If you want libpng to expand the images, call this before calling `png_start_read_image()` or `png_read_update_info()`:

```
if (interlace_type == PNG_INTERLACE_ADAM7)
    number_of_passes
        = png_set_interlace_handling(png_ptr);
```

This will return the number of passes needed. Currently, this is seven, but may change if another interlace type is added. This function can be called even if the file is not interlaced, where it will return one pass.

If you are not going to display the image after each pass, but are going to wait until the entire image is read in, use the sparkle effect. This effect is faster and the end result of either method is exactly the same. If you are planning on displaying the image after each pass, the "rectangle" effect is generally considered the better looking one.

If you only want the "sparkle" effect, just call `png_read_rows()` as normal, with the third parameter `NULL`. Make sure you make pass over the image `number_of_passes` times, and you don't change the data in the rows between calls. You can change the locations of the data, just not the data. Each pass only writes the pixels appropriate for that pass, and assumes the data from previous passes is still valid.

```
png_read_rows(png_ptr, row_pointers, NULL,
              number_of_rows);
```

If you only want the first effect (the rectangles), do the same as before except pass the row buffer in the third parameter, and leave the second parameter NULL.

```
png_read_rows(png_ptr, NULL, row_pointers,
              number_of_rows);
```

Finishing a sequential read

After you are finished reading the image through either the high- or low-level interfaces, you can finish reading the file. If you are interested in comments or time, which may be stored either before or after the image data, you should pass the separate `png_info` struct if you want to keep the comments from before and after the image separate. If you are not interested, you can pass NULL.

```
png_read_end(png_ptr, end_info);
```

When you are done, you can free all memory allocated by libpng like this:

```
png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr,
                      &end_info);
```

It is also possible to individually free the `info_ptr` members that point to libpng-allocated storage with the following function:

```
png_free_data(png_ptr, info_ptr, mask, seq)
mask - identifies data to be freed, a mask
      containing the logical OR of one or
      more of
      PNG_FREE_PLTE, PNG_FREE_TRNS,
      PNG_FREE_HIST, PNG_FREE_ICCP,
      PNG_FREE_PCAL, PNG_FREE_ROWS,
      PNG_FREE_SCAL, PNG_FREE_SPLT,
      PNG_FREE_TEXT, PNG_FREE_UNKN,
      or simply PNG_FREE_ALL
seq - sequence number of item to be freed
      (-1 for all items)
```

This function may be safely called when the relevant storage has already been freed, or has not yet been allocated, or was allocated by the user and not by libpng, and will in those cases do nothing. The "seq" parameter is ignored if only one item of the selected data type, such as PLTE, is allowed. If "seq" is not -1, and multiple items are allowed for the data type identified in the mask, such as text or sPLT, only the n'th item in the structure is freed, where n is "seq".

The default behavior is only to free data that was allocated internally by libpng. This can be changed, so that libpng will not free the data, or so that it will free data that was allocated by the user with `png_malloc()` or `png_zalloc()` and passed in via a `png_set_*`() function, with

```
png_data_freer(png_ptr, info_ptr, freer, mask)
mask - which data elements are affected
      same choices as in png_free_data()
freer - one of
      PNG_DESTROY_WILL_FREE_DATA
      PNG_SET_WILL_FREE_DATA
      PNG_USER_WILL_FREE_DATA
```

This function only affects data that has already been allocated. You can call this function after reading the PNG data but before calling any `png_set_*`() functions, to control whether the user or the

png_set_*() function is responsible for freeing any existing data that might be present, and again after the png_set_*() functions to control whether the user or png_destroy_*() is supposed to free the data. When the user assumes responsibility for libpng-allocated data, the application must use png_free() to free it, and when the user transfers responsibility to libpng for data that the user has allocated, the user must have used png_malloc() or png_zalloc() to allocate it.

If you allocated your row_pointers in a single block, as suggested above in the description of the high level read interface, you must not transfer responsibility for freeing it to the png_set_rows or png_read_destroy function, because they would also try to free the individual row_pointers[i].

If you allocated text_ptr.text, text_ptr.lang, and text_ptr.translated_keyword separately, do not transfer responsibility for freeing text_ptr to libpng, because when libpng fills a png_text structure it combines these members with the key member, and png_free_data() will free only text_ptr.key. Similarly, if you transfer responsibility for freeing text_ptr from libpng to your application, your application must not separately free those members.

The png_free_data() function will turn off the "valid" flag for anything it frees. If you need to turn the flag off for a chunk that was freed by your application instead of by libpng, you can use

```
png_set_invalid(png_ptr, info_ptr, mask);
mask - identifies the chunks to be made invalid,
      containing the logical OR of one or
      more of
      PNG_INFO_gAMA, PNG_INFO_sBIT,
      PNG_INFO_cHRM, PNG_INFO_PLTE,
      PNG_INFO_tRNS, PNG_INFO_bKGD,
      PNG_INFO_hIST, PNG_INFO_pHYs,
      PNG_INFO_oFFs, PNG_INFO_tIME,
      PNG_INFO_pCAL, PNG_INFO_sRGB,
      PNG_INFO_iCCP, PNG_INFO_sPLT,
      PNG_INFO_sCAL, PNG_INFO_IDAT
```

For a more compact example of reading a PNG image, see the file example.c.

Reading PNG files progressively

The progressive reader is slightly different than the non-progressive reader. Instead of calling png_read_info(), png_read_rows(), and png_read_end(), you make one call to png_process_data(), which calls callbacks when it has the info, a row, or the end of the image. You set up these callbacks with png_set_progressive_read_fn(). You don't have to worry about the input/output functions of libpng, as you are giving the library the data directly in png_process_data(). I will assume that you have read the section on reading PNG files above, so I will only highlight the differences (although I will show all of the code).

```
png_structp png_ptr; png_infop info_ptr;

/* An example code fragment of how you would
   initialize the progressive reader in your
   application. */
int
initialize_png_reader()
{
    png_ptr = png_create_read_struct
        (PNG_LIBPNG_VER_STRING, (png_voidp)user_error_ptr,
         user_error_fn, user_warning_fn);
    if (!png_ptr)
        return (ERROR);
    info_ptr = png_create_info_struct(png_ptr);
    if (!info_ptr)
```

```

{
    png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr, (png_infopp)NULL,
        (png_infopp)NULL);
    return (ERROR);
}

if (setjmp(png_jmpbuf(png_ptr)))
{
    png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr,
        (png_infopp)NULL);
    return (ERROR);
}

/* This one's new. You can provide functions
to be called when the header info is valid,
when each row is completed, and when the image
is finished. If you aren't using all functions,
you can specify NULL parameters. Even when all
three functions are NULL, you need to call
png_set_progressive_read_fn(). You can use
any struct as the user_ptr (cast to a void pointer
for the function call), and retrieve the pointer
from inside the callbacks using the function

    png_get_progressive_ptr(png_ptr);

which will return a void pointer, which you have
to cast appropriately.
*/
png_set_progressive_read_fn(png_ptr, (void *)user_ptr,
    info_callback, row_callback, end_callback);

return 0;
}

/* A code fragment that you call as you receive blocks
of data */
int
process_data(png_bytep buffer, png_uint_32 length)
{
    if (setjmp(png_jmpbuf(png_ptr)))
    {
        png_destroy_read_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr,
            (png_infopp)NULL);
        return (ERROR);
    }

    /* This one's new also. Simply give it a chunk
of data from the file stream (in order, of
course). On machines with segmented memory
models machines, don't give it any more than
64K. The library seems to run fine with sizes
of 4K. Although you can give it much less if
necessary (I assume you can give it chunks of
1 byte, I haven't tried less than 256 bytes
yet). When this function returns, you may
want to display any rows that were generated
in the row callback if you don't already do
so there.

```

```

    */
    png_process_data(png_ptr, info_ptr, buffer, length);
    return 0;
}

/* This function is called (as set by
   png_set_progressive_read_fn() above) when enough data
   has been supplied so all of the header has been
   read.
*/
void
info_callback(png_structp png_ptr, png_info_ptr info)
{
    /* Do any setup here, including setting any of
       the transformations mentioned in the Reading
       PNG files section. For now, you must call
       either png_start_read_image() or
       png_read_update_info() after all the
       transformations are set (even if you don't set
       any). You may start getting rows before
       png_process_data() returns, so this is your
       last chance to prepare for that.
    */
}

/* This function is called when each row of image
   data is complete */
void
row_callback(png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep new_row,
             png_uint_32 row_num, int pass)
{
    /* If the image is interlaced, and you turned
       on the interlace handler, this function will
       be called for every row in every pass. Some
       of these rows will not be changed from the
       previous pass. When the row is not changed,
       the new_row variable will be NULL. The rows
       and passes are called in order, so you don't
       really need the row_num and pass, but I'm
       supplying them because it may make your life
       easier.

       For the non-NULL rows of interlaced images,
       you must call png_progressive_combine_row()
       passing in the row and the old row. You can
       call this function for NULL rows (it will just
       return) and for non-interlaced images (it just
       does the memcpy for you) if it will make the
       code easier. Thus, you can just do this for
       all cases:
    */

    png_progressive_combine_row(png_ptr, old_row,
                               new_row);

    /* where old_row is what was displayed for
       previously for the row. Note that the first
       pass (pass == 0, really) will completely cover
       the old row, so the rows do not have to be

```

```

        initialized. After the first pass (and only
        for interlaced images), you will have to pass
        the current row, and the function will combine
        the old row and the new row.
    */
}

void
end_callback(png_structp png_ptr, png_info info)
{
    /* This function is called after the whole image
       has been read, including any chunks after the
       image (up to and including the IEND). You
       will usually have the same info chunk as you
       had in the header, although some data may have
       been added to the comments and time fields.

       Most people won't do much here, perhaps setting
       a flag that marks the image as finished.
    */
}

```

IV. Writing

Much of this is very similar to reading. However, everything of importance is repeated here, so you won't have to constantly look back up in the reading section to understand writing.

Setup

You will want to do the I/O initialization before you get into libpng, so if it doesn't work, you don't have anything to undo. If you are not using the standard I/O functions, you will need to replace them with custom writing functions. See the discussion under Customizing libpng.

```

FILE *fp = fopen(file_name, "wb");
if (!fp)
{
    return (ERROR);
}

```

Next, `png_struct` and `png_info` need to be allocated and initialized. As these can be both relatively large, you may not want to store these on the stack, unless you have stack space to spare. Of course, you will want to check if they return NULL. If you are also reading, you won't want to name your read structure and your write structure both "png_ptr"; you can call them anything you like, such as "read_ptr" and "write_ptr". Look at `pngtest.c`, for example.

```

png_structp png_ptr = png_create_write_struct
    (PNG_LIBPNG_VER_STRING, (png_voidp)user_error_ptr,
     user_error_fn, user_warning_fn);
if (!png_ptr)
    return (ERROR);

png_info info_ptr = png_create_info_struct(png_ptr);
if (!info_ptr)
{
    png_destroy_write_struct(&png_ptr,
        (png_info_ptr)NULL);
    return (ERROR);
}

```

If you want to use your own memory allocation routines, define `PNG_USER_MEM_SUPPORTED` and use `png_create_write_struct_2()` instead of `png_create_write_struct()`:

```
png_structp png_ptr = png_create_write_struct_2
(PNG_LIBPNG_VER_STRING, (png_voidp)user_error_ptr,
 user_error_fn, user_warning_fn, (png_voidp)
 user_mem_ptr, user_malloc_fn, user_free_fn);
```

After you have these structures, you will need to set up the error handling. When libpng encounters an error, it expects to `longjmp()` back to your routine. Therefore, you will need to call `setjmp()` and pass the `png_jmpbuf(png_ptr)`. If you write the file from different routines, you will need to update the `png_jmpbuf(png_ptr)` every time you enter a new routine that will call a `png_*` function. See your documentation of `setjmp/longjmp` for your compiler for more information on `setjmp/longjmp`. See the discussion on libpng error handling in the Customizing Libpng section below for more information on the libpng error handling.

```
if (setjmp(png_jmpbuf(png_ptr)))
{
    png_destroy_write_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr);
    fclose(fp);
    return (ERROR);
}
...
return;
```

If you would rather avoid the complexity of `setjmp/longjmp` issues, you can compile libpng with `PNG_SETJMP_NOT_SUPPORTED`, in which case errors will result in a call to `PNG_ABORT()` which defaults to `abort()`.

Now you need to set up the output code. The default for libpng is to use the C function `fwrite()`. If you use this, you will need to pass a valid `FILE *` in the function `png_init_io()`. Be sure that the file is opened in binary mode. Again, if you wish to handle writing data in another way, see the discussion on libpng I/O handling in the Customizing Libpng section below.

```
png_init_io(png_ptr, fp);
```

Write callbacks

At this point, you can set up a callback function that will be called after each row has been written, which you can use to control a progress meter or the like. It's demonstrated in `pngtest.c`. You must supply a function

```
void write_row_callback(png_ptr, png_uint_32 row,
    int pass);
{
    /* put your code here */
}
```

(You can give it another name that you like instead of "write_row_callback")

To inform libpng about your function, use

```
png_set_write_status_fn(png_ptr, write_row_callback);
```

You now have the option of modifying how the compression library will run. The following functions are mainly for testing, but may be useful in some cases, like if you need to write PNG files extremely fast and are willing to give up some compression, or if you want to get the maximum possible compression at the expense of slower writing. If you have no special needs in this area, let the library do what it wants by not calling this function at all, as it has been tuned to deliver a good speed/compression

ratio. The second parameter to `png_set_filter()` is the filter method, for which the only valid values are 0 (as of the July 1999 PNG specification, version 1.2) or 64 (if you are writing a PNG datastream that is to be embedded in a MNG datastream). The third parameter is a flag that indicates which filter type(s) are to be tested for each scanline. See the PNG specification for details on the specific filter types.

```
/* turn on or off filtering, and/or choose
   specific filters. You can use either a single
   PNG_FILTER_VALUE_NAME or the logical OR of one
   or more PNG_FILTER_NAME masks. */
png_set_filter(png_ptr, 0,
    PNG_FILTER_NONE | PNG_FILTER_VALUE_NONE |
    PNG_FILTER_SUB | PNG_FILTER_VALUE_SUB |
    PNG_FILTER_UP | PNG_FILTER_VALUE_UP |
    PNG_FILTER_AVE | PNG_FILTER_VALUE_AVE |
    PNG_FILTER_PAETH | PNG_FILTER_VALUE_PAETH |
    PNG_ALL_FILTERS);
```

If an application wants to start and stop using particular filters during compression, it should start out with all of the filters (to ensure that the previous row of pixels will be stored in case it's needed later), and then add and remove them after the start of compression.

If you are writing a PNG datastream that is to be embedded in a MNG datastream, the second parameter can be either 0 or 64.

The `png_set_compression_*` functions interface to the zlib compression library, and should mostly be ignored unless you really know what you are doing. The only generally useful call is `png_set_compression_level()` which changes how much time zlib spends on trying to compress the image data. See the Compression Library (`zlib.h` and `algorithm.txt`, distributed with zlib) for details on the compression levels.

```
/* set the zlib compression level */
png_set_compression_level(png_ptr,
    Z_BEST_COMPRESSION);

/* set other zlib parameters */
png_set_compression_mem_level(png_ptr, 8);
png_set_compression_strategy(png_ptr,
    Z_DEFAULT_STRATEGY);
png_set_compression_window_bits(png_ptr, 15);
png_set_compression_method(png_ptr, 8);
png_set_compression_buffer_size(png_ptr, 8192)
```

```
extern PNG_EXPORT(void,png_set_zbuf_size)
```

Setting the contents of info for output

You now need to fill in the `png_info` structure with all the data you wish to write before the actual image. Note that the only thing you are allowed to write after the image is the text chunks and the time chunk (as of PNG Specification 1.2, anyway). See `png_write_end()` and the latest PNG specification for more information on that. If you wish to write them before the image, fill them in now, and flag that data as being valid. If you want to wait until after the data, don't fill them until `png_write_end()`. For all the fields in `png_info` and their data types, see `png.h`. For explanations of what the fields contain, see the PNG specification.

Some of the more important parts of the `png_info` are:

```
png_set_IHDR(png_ptr, info_ptr, width, height,
    bit_depth, color_type, interlace_type,
```


compression_type, filter_method)
width - holds the width of the image
in pixels (up to 2^{31}).
height - holds the height of the image
in pixels (up to 2^{31}).
bit_depth - holds the bit depth of one of the
image channels.
(valid values are 1, 2, 4, 8, 16
and depend also on the
color_type. See also significant
bits (sBIT) below).
color_type - describes which color/alpha
channels are present.
PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY
(bit depths 1, 2, 4, 8, 16)
PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY_ALPHA
(bit depths 8, 16)
PNG_COLOR_TYPE_PALETTE
(bit depths 1, 2, 4, 8)
PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB
(bit depths 8, 16)
PNG_COLOR_TYPE_RGB_ALPHA
(bit depths 8, 16)

PNG_COLOR_MASK_PALETTE
PNG_COLOR_MASK_COLOR
PNG_COLOR_MASK_ALPHA

interlace_type - PNG_INTERLACE_NONE or
PNG_INTERLACE_ADAM7
compression_type - (must be
PNG_COMPRESSION_TYPE_DEFAULT)
filter_method - (must be PNG_FILTER_TYPE_DEFAULT
or, if you are writing a PNG to
be embedded in a MNG datastream,
can also be
PNG_INTRAPIXEL_DIFFERENCING)

png_set_PLTE(png_ptr, info_ptr, palette,
num_palette);
palette - the palette for the file
(array of png_color)
num_palette - number of entries in the palette

png_set_gAMA(png_ptr, info_ptr, gamma);
gamma - the gamma the image was created
at (PNG_INFO_gAMA)

png_set_sRGB(png_ptr, info_ptr, srgb_intent);
srgb_intent - the rendering intent
(PNG_INFO_sRGB) The presence of
the sRGB chunk means that the pixel
data is in the sRGB color space.
This chunk also implies specific
values of gAMA and cHRM. Rendering
intent is the CSS-1 property that
has been defined by the International
Color Consortium
(<http://www.color.org>).

It can be one of
 PNG_sRGB_INTENT_SATURATION,
 PNG_sRGB_INTENT_PERCEPTUAL,
 PNG_sRGB_INTENT_ABSOLUTE, or
 PNG_sRGB_INTENT_RELATIVE.

png_set_sRGB_gAMA_and_cHRM(png_ptr, info_ptr,
 srgb_intent);

srgb_intent - the rendering intent
 (PNG_INFO_sRGB) The presence of the
 sRGB chunk means that the pixel
 data is in the sRGB color space.
 This function also causes gAMA and
 cHRM chunks with the specific values
 that are consistent with sRGB to be
 written.

png_set_iCCP(png_ptr, info_ptr, name, compression_type,
 profile, proflen);

name - The profile name.
 compression - The compression type; always
 PNG_COMPRESSION_TYPE_BASE for PNG 1.0.
 You may give NULL to this argument to
 ignore it.
 profile - International Color Consortium color
 profile data. May contain NULs.
 proflen - length of profile data in bytes.

png_set_sBIT(png_ptr, info_ptr, sig_bit);
 sig_bit - the number of significant bits for
 (PNG_INFO_sBIT) each of the gray, red,
 green, and blue channels, whichever are
 appropriate for the given color type
 (png_color_16)

png_set_tRNS(png_ptr, info_ptr, trans, num_trans,
 trans_values);

trans - array of transparent entries for
 palette (PNG_INFO_tRNS)
 trans_values - graylevel or color sample values of
 the single transparent color for
 non-paletted images (PNG_INFO_tRNS)
 num_trans - number of transparent entries
 (PNG_INFO_tRNS)

png_set_hIST(png_ptr, info_ptr, hist);
 (PNG_INFO_hIST)

hist - histogram of palette (array of
 png_uint_16)

png_set_tIME(png_ptr, info_ptr, mod_time);
 mod_time - time image was last modified
 (PNG_VALID_tIME)

png_set_bKGD(png_ptr, info_ptr, background);
 background - background color (PNG_VALID_bKGD)

png_set_text(png_ptr, info_ptr, text_ptr, num_text);

text_ptr - array of png_text holding image
 comments
 text_ptr[i].compression - type of compression used
 on "text" PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_NONE
 PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_zTXt
 PNG_ITXT_COMPRESSION_NONE
 PNG_ITXT_COMPRESSION_zTXt
 text_ptr[i].key - keyword for comment. Must contain
 1-79 characters.
 text_ptr[i].text - text comments for current
 keyword. Can be NULL or empty.
 text_ptr[i].text_length - length of text string,
 after decompression, 0 for iTXt
 text_ptr[i].itxt_length - length of itxt string,
 after decompression, 0 for tEXt/zTXt
 text_ptr[i].lang - language of comment (NULL or
 empty for unknown).
 text_ptr[i].translated_keyword - keyword in UTF-8 (NULL
 or empty for unknown).
 num_text - number of comments

png_set_sPLT(png_ptr, info_ptr, &palette_ptr,
 num_spalettes);
 palette_ptr - array of png_sPLT_struct structures
 to be added to the list of palettes
 in the info structure.
 num_spalettes - number of palette structures to be
 added.

png_set_oFFs(png_ptr, info_ptr, offset_x, offset_y,
 unit_type);
 offset_x - positive offset from the left
 edge of the screen
 offset_y - positive offset from the top
 edge of the screen
 unit_type - PNG_OFFSET_PIXEL, PNG_OFFSET_MICROMETER

png_set_pHYs(png_ptr, info_ptr, res_x, res_y,
 unit_type);
 res_x - pixels/unit physical resolution
 in x direction
 res_y - pixels/unit physical resolution
 in y direction
 unit_type - PNG_RESOLUTION_UNKNOWN,
 PNG_RESOLUTION_METER

png_set_sCAL(png_ptr, info_ptr, unit, width, height)
 unit - physical scale units (an integer)
 width - width of a pixel in physical scale units
 height - height of a pixel in physical scale units
 (width and height are doubles)

png_set_sCAL_s(png_ptr, info_ptr, unit, width, height)
 unit - physical scale units (an integer)
 width - width of a pixel in physical scale units
 height - height of a pixel in physical scale units
 (width and height are strings like "2.54")

png_set_unknown_chunks(png_ptr, info_ptr, &unknowns,

```

    num_unknowns)
unknowns      - array of png_unknown_chunk
                structures holding unknown chunks
unknowns[i].name - name of unknown chunk
unknowns[i].data - data of unknown chunk
unknowns[i].size - size of unknown chunk's data
unknowns[i].location - position to write chunk in fi le
                    0: do not write chunk
                    PNG_HAVE_IHDR: before PLTE
                    PNG_HAVE_PLTE: before IDAT
                    PNG_AFTER_IDAT: after IDAT

```

The "location" member is set automatically according to what part of the output fi le has already been written. You can change its value after calling `png_set_unknown_chunks()` as demonstrated in `pngtest.c`. Within each of the "locations", the chunks are sequenced according to their position in the structure (that is, the value of "i", which is the order in which the chunk was either read from the input fi le or defi ned with `png_set_unknown_chunks`).

A quick word about text and `num_text`. `text` is an array of `png_text` structures. `num_text` is the number of valid structures in the array. Each `png_text` structure holds a language code, a keyword, a text value, and a compression type.

The compression types have the same valid numbers as the compression types of the image data. Currently, the only valid number is zero. However, you can store text either compressed or uncompressed, unlike images, which always have to be compressed. So if you don't want the text compressed, set the compression type to `PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_NONE`. Because `tEXt` and `zTXt` chunks don't have a language fi eld, if you specify `PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_NONE` or `PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_zTXt` any language code or translated keyword will not be written out.

Until text gets around 1000 bytes, it is not worth compressing it. After the text has been written out to the fi le, the compression type is set to `PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_NONE_WR` or `PNG_TEXT_COMPRESSION_zTXt_WR`, so that it isn't written out again at the end (in case you are calling `png_write_end()` with the same struct).

The keywords that are given in the PNG Specifi cation are:

Title	Short (one line) title or caption for image
Author	Name of image's creator
Description	Description of image (possibly long)
Copyright	Copyright notice
Creation Time	Time of original image creation (usually RFC 1123 format, see below)
Software	Software used to create the image
Disclaimer	Legal disclaimer
Warning	Warning of nature of content
Source	Device used to create the image
Comment	Miscellaneous comment; conversion from other image format

The keyword-text pairs work like this. Keywords should be short simple descriptions of what the comment is about. Some typical keywords are found in the PNG specifi cation, as is some recommendations on keywords. You can repeat keywords in a fi le. You can even write some text before the image and some after. For example, you may want to put a description of the image before the image, but leave the disclaimer until after, so viewers working over modem connections don't have to wait for the disclaimer to go over the modem before they start seeing the image. Finally, keywords should be full words, not abbreviations. Keywords and text are in the ISO 8859-1 (Latin-1) character set (a superset of regular ASCII) and can not contain NUL characters, and should not contain control or other unprintable characters. To make the comments widely readable, stick with basic ASCII, and avoid machine

specific character set extensions like the IBM-PC character set. The keyword must be present, but you can leave off the text string on non-compressed pairs. Compressed pairs must have a text string, as only the text string is compressed anyway, so the compression would be meaningless.

PNG supports modification time via the `png_time` structure. Two conversion routines are provided, `png_convert_from_time_t()` for `time_t` and `png_convert_from_struct_tm()` for `struct tm`. The `time_t` routine uses `gmtime()`. You don't have to use either of these, but if you wish to fill in the `png_time` structure directly, you should provide the time in universal time (GMT) if possible instead of your local time. Note that the year number is the full year (e.g. 1998, rather than 98 - PNG is year 2000 compliant!), and that months start with 1.

If you want to store the time of the original image creation, you should use a plain tEXt chunk with the "Creation Time" keyword. This is necessary because the "creation time" of a PNG image is somewhat vague, depending on whether you mean the PNG file, the time the image was created in a non-PNG format, a still photo from which the image was scanned, or possibly the subject matter itself. In order to facilitate machine-readable dates, it is recommended that the "Creation Time" tEXt chunk use RFC 1123 format dates (e.g. "22 May 1997 18:07:10 GMT"), although this isn't a requirement. Unlike the tIME chunk, the "Creation Time" tEXt chunk is not expected to be automatically changed by the software. To facilitate the use of RFC 1123 dates, a function `png_convert_to_rfc1123(png_timp)` is provided to convert from PNG time to an RFC 1123 format string.

Writing unknown chunks

You can use the `png_set_unknown_chunks` function to queue up chunks for writing. You give it a chunk name, raw data, and a size; that's all there is to it. The chunks will be written by the next following `png_write_info_before_PLTE`, `png_write_info`, or `png_write_end` function. Any chunks previously read into the info structure's unknown-chunk list will also be written out in a sequence that satisfies the PNG specification's ordering rules.

The high-level write interface

At this point there are two ways to proceed; through the high-level write interface, or through a sequence of low-level write operations. You can use the high-level interface if your image data is present in the info structure. All defined output transformations are permitted, enabled by the following masks.

<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_IDENTITY</code>	No transformation
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_PACKING</code>	Pack 1, 2 and 4-bit samples
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_PACKSWAP</code>	Change order of packed pixels to LSB first
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_INVERT_MONO</code>	Invert monochrome images
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_SHIFT</code>	Normalize pixels to the sBIT depth
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_BGR</code>	Flip RGB to BGR, RGBA to BGRA
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_SWAP_ALPHA</code>	Flip RGBA to ARGB or GA to AG
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_INVERT_ALPHA</code>	Change alpha from opacity to transparency
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_SWAP_ENDIAN</code>	Byte-swap 16-bit samples
<code>PNG_TRANSFORM_STRIP_FILLER</code>	Strip out filler bytes.

If you have valid image data in the info structure (you can use `png_set_rows()` to put image data in the info structure), simply do this:

```
png_write_png(png_ptr, info_ptr, png_transforms, NULL)
```

where `png_transforms` is an integer containing the logical OR of some set of transformation flags. This call is equivalent to `png_write_info()`, followed the set of transformations indicated by the transform mask, then `png_write_image()`, and finally `png_write_end()`.

(The final parameter of this call is not yet used. Someday it might point to transformation parameters required by some future output transform.)

The low-level write interface

If you are going the low-level route instead, you are now ready to write all the file information up to the actual image data. You do this with a call to `png_write_info()`.

```
png_write_info(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

Note that there is one transformation you may need to do before `png_write_info()`. In PNG files, the alpha channel in an image is the level of opacity. If your data is supplied as a level of transparency, you can invert the alpha channel before you write it, so that 0 is fully transparent and 255 (in 8-bit or paletted images) or 65535 (in 16-bit images) is fully opaque, with

```
png_set_invert_alpha(png_ptr);
```

This must appear before `png_write_info()` instead of later with the other transformations because in the case of paletted images the tRNS chunk data has to be inverted before the tRNS chunk is written. If your image is not a paletted image, the tRNS data (which in such cases represents a single color to be rendered as transparent) won't need to be changed, and you can safely do this transformation after your `png_write_info()` call.

If you need to write a private chunk that you want to appear before the PLTE chunk when PLTE is present, you can write the PNG info in two steps, and insert code to write your own chunk between them:

```
png_write_info_before_PLTE(png_ptr, info_ptr);
png_set_unknown_chunks(png_ptr, info_ptr, ...);
png_write_info(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

After you've written the file information, you can set up the library to handle any special transformations of the image data. The various ways to transform the data will be described in the order that they should occur. This is important, as some of these change the color type and/or bit depth of the data, and some others only work on certain color types and bit depths. Even though each transformation checks to see if it has data that it can do something with, you should make sure to only enable a transformation if it will be valid for the data. For example, don't swap red and blue on grayscale data.

PNG files store RGB pixels packed into 3 or 6 bytes. This code tells the library to strip input data that has 4 or 8 bytes per pixel down to 3 or 6 bytes (or strip 2 or 4-byte grayscale+filler data to 1 or 2 bytes per pixel).

```
png_set_filler(png_ptr, 0, PNG_FILLER_BEFORE);
```

where the 0 is unused, and the location is either `PNG_FILLER_BEFORE` or `PNG_FILLER_AFTER`, depending upon whether the filler byte in the pixel is stored XRGB or RGBX.

PNG files pack pixels of bit depths 1, 2, and 4 into bytes as small as they can, resulting in, for example, 8 pixels per byte for 1 bit files. If the data is supplied at 1 pixel per byte, use this code, which will correctly pack the pixels into a single byte:

```
png_set_packing(png_ptr);
```

PNG files reduce possible bit depths to 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16. If your data is of another bit depth, you can write an sBIT chunk into the file so that decoders can recover the original data if desired.

```
/* Set the true bit depth of the image data */
if (color_type & PNG_COLOR_MASK_COLOR)
{
    sig_bit.red = true_bit_depth;
```

```

        sig_bit.green = true_bit_depth;
        sig_bit.blue = true_bit_depth;
    }
    else
    {
        sig_bit.gray = true_bit_depth;
    }
    if (color_type & PNG_COLOR_MASK_ALPHA)
    {
        sig_bit.alpha = true_bit_depth;
    }

    png_set_sBIT(png_ptr, info_ptr, &sig_bit);

```

If the data is stored in the row buffer in a bit depth other than one supported by PNG (e.g. 3 bit data in the range 0-7 for a 4-bit PNG), this will scale the values to appear to be the correct bit depth as is required by PNG.

```

    png_set_shift(png_ptr, &sig_bit);

```

PNG files store 16 bit pixels in network byte order (big-endian, ie. most significant bits first). This code would be used if they are supplied the other way (little-endian, i.e. least significant bits first, the way PCs store them):

```

    if (bit_depth > 8)
        png_set_swap(png_ptr);

```

If you are using packed-pixel images (1, 2, or 4 bits/pixel), and you need to change the order the pixels are packed into bytes, you can use:

```

    if (bit_depth < 8)
        png_set_packswap(png_ptr);

```

PNG files store 3 color pixels in red, green, blue order. This code would be used if they are supplied as blue, green, red:

```

    png_set_bgr(png_ptr);

```

PNG files describe monochrome as black being zero and white being one. This code would be used if the pixels are supplied with this reversed (black being one and white being zero):

```

    png_set_invert_mono(png_ptr);

```

Finally, you can write your own transformation function if none of the existing ones meets your needs. This is done by setting a callback with

```

    png_set_write_user_transform_fn(png_ptr,
        write_transform_fn);

```

You must supply the function

```

void write_transform_fn(png_ptr ptr, row_info_ptr
    row_info, png_bytep data)

```

See pngtest.c for a working example. Your function will be called before any of the other transformations are processed.

You can also set up a pointer to a user structure for use by your callback function.

```
png_set_user_transform_info(png_ptr, user_ptr, 0, 0);
```

The `user_channels` and `user_depth` parameters of this function are ignored when writing; you can set them to zero as shown.

You can retrieve the pointer via the function `png_get_user_transform_ptr()`. For example:

```
voidp write_user_transform_ptr =
    png_get_user_transform_ptr(png_ptr);
```

It is possible to have libpng flush any pending output, either manually, or automatically after a certain number of lines have been written. To flush the output stream a single time call:

```
png_write_flush(png_ptr);
```

and to have libpng flush the output stream periodically after a certain number of scanlines have been written, call:

```
png_set_flush(png_ptr, nrows);
```

Note that the distance between rows is from the last time `png_write_flush()` was called, or the first row of the image if it has never been called. So if you write 50 lines, and then `png_set_flush 25`, it will flush the output on the next scanline, and every 25 lines thereafter, unless `png_write_flush()` is called before 25 more lines have been written. If `nrows` is too small (less than about 10 lines for a 640 pixel wide RGB image) the image compression may decrease noticeably (although this may be acceptable for real-time applications). Infrequent flushing will only degrade the compression performance by a few percent over images that do not use flushing.

Writing the image data

That's it for the transformations. Now you can write the image data. The simplest way to do this is in one function call. If you have the whole image in memory, you can just call `png_write_image()` and libpng will write the image. You will need to pass in an array of pointers to each row. This function automatically handles interlacing, so you don't need to call `png_set_interlace_handling()` or call this function multiple times, or any of that other stuff necessary with `png_write_rows()`.

```
png_write_image(png_ptr, row_pointers);
```

where `row_pointers` is:

```
png_byte *row_pointers[height];
```

You can point to void or char or whatever you use for pixels.

If you don't want to write the whole image at once, you can use `png_write_rows()` instead. If the file is not interlaced, this is simple:

```
png_write_rows(png_ptr, row_pointers,
    number_of_rows);
```

`row_pointers` is the same as in the `png_write_image()` call.

If you are just writing one row at a time, you can do this with a single `row_pointer` instead of an array of `row_pointers`:

```
png_bytep row_pointer = row;
```

```
png_write_row(png_ptr, row_pointer);
```


When the file is interlaced, things can get a good deal more complicated. The only currently (as of the PNG Specification version 1.2, dated July 1999) defined interlacing scheme for PNG files is the "Adam7" interlace scheme, that breaks down an image into seven smaller images of varying size. libpng will build these images for you, or you can do them yourself. If you want to build them yourself, see the PNG specification for details of which pixels to write when.

If you don't want libpng to handle the interlacing details, just use `png_set_interlace_handling()` and call `png_write_rows()` the correct number of times to write all seven sub-images.

If you want libpng to build the sub-images, call this before you start writing any rows:

```
number_of_passes =
    png_set_interlace_handling(png_ptr);
```

This will return the number of passes needed. Currently, this is seven, but may change if another interlace type is added.

Then write the complete image `number_of_passes` times.

```
png_write_rows(png_ptr, row_pointers,
    number_of_rows);
```

As some of these rows are not used, and thus return immediately, you may want to read about interlacing in the PNG specification, and only update the rows that are actually used.

Finishing a sequential write

After you are finished writing the image, you should finish writing the file. If you are interested in writing comments or time, you should pass an appropriately filled `png_info` pointer. If you are not interested, you can pass `NULL`.

```
png_write_end(png_ptr, info_ptr);
```

When you are done, you can free all memory used by libpng like this:

```
png_destroy_write_struct(&png_ptr, &info_ptr);
```

It is also possible to individually free the `info_ptr` members that point to libpng-allocated storage with the following function:

```
png_free_data(png_ptr, info_ptr, mask, seq)
mask - identifies data to be freed, a mask
      containing the logical OR of one or
      more of
          PNG_FREE_PLTE, PNG_FREE_TRNS,
          PNG_FREE_HIST, PNG_FREE_ICCP,
          PNG_FREE_PCAL, PNG_FREE_ROWS,
          PNG_FREE_SCAL, PNG_FREE_SPLT,
          PNG_FREE_TEXT, PNG_FREE_UNKN,
      or simply PNG_FREE_ALL
seq - sequence number of item to be freed
      (-1 for all items)
```

This function may be safely called when the relevant storage has already been freed, or has not yet been allocated, or was allocated by the user and not by libpng, and will in those cases do nothing. The "seq" parameter is ignored if only one item of the selected data type, such as PLTE, is allowed. If "seq" is not -1, and multiple items are allowed for the data type identified in the mask, such as text or sPLT, only the n'th item in the structure is freed, where n is "seq".

If you allocated data such as a palette that you passed in to libpng with `png_set_*`, you must not free it until just before the call to `png_destroy_write_struct()`.

The default behavior is only to free data that was allocated internally by libpng. This can be changed, so that libpng will not free the data, or so that it will free data that was allocated by the user with `png_malloc()` or `png_zalloc()` and passed in via a `png_set_*` function, with

```
png_data_freer(png_ptr, info_ptr, freer, mask)
mask - which data elements are affected
      same choices as in png_free_data()
freer - one of
        PNG_DESTROY_WILL_FREE_DATA
        PNG_SET_WILL_FREE_DATA
        PNG_USER_WILL_FREE_DATA
```

For example, to transfer responsibility for some data from a read structure to a write structure, you could use

```
png_data_freer(read_ptr, read_info_ptr,
               PNG_USER_WILL_FREE_DATA,
               PNG_FREE_PLTE|PNG_FREE_tRNS|PNG_FREE_hIST)
png_data_freer(write_ptr, write_info_ptr,
               PNG_DESTROY_WILL_FREE_DATA,
               PNG_FREE_PLTE|PNG_FREE_tRNS|PNG_FREE_hIST)
```

thereby briefly reassigning responsibility for freeing to the user but immediately afterwards reassigning it once more to the `write_destroy` function. Having done this, it would then be safe to destroy the read structure and continue to use the PLTE, tRNS, and hIST data in the write structure.

This function only affects data that has already been allocated. You can call this function before calling after the `png_set_*` functions to control whether the user or `png_destroy_*` is supposed to free the data. When the user assumes responsibility for libpng-allocated data, the application must use `png_free()` to free it, and when the user transfers responsibility to libpng for data that the user has allocated, the user must have used `png_malloc()` or `png_zalloc()` to allocate it.

If you allocated `text_ptr.text`, `text_ptr.lang`, and `text_ptr.translated_keyword` separately, do not transfer responsibility for freeing `text_ptr` to libpng, because when libpng fills a `png_text` structure it combines these members with the `key` member, and `png_free_data()` will free only `text_ptr.key`. Similarly, if you transfer responsibility for freeing `text_ptr` from libpng to your application, your application must not separately free those members. For a more compact example of writing a PNG image, see the file `example.c`.

V. Modifying/Customizing libpng:

There are three issues here. The first is changing how libpng does standard things like memory allocation, input/output, and error handling. The second deals with more complicated things like adding new chunks, adding new transformations, and generally changing how libpng works. Both of those are compile-time issues; that is, they are generally determined at the time the code is written, and there is rarely a need to provide the user with a means of changing them. The third is a run-time issue: choosing between and/or tuning one or more alternate versions of computationally intensive routines; specifically, optimized assembly-language (and therefore compiler- and platform-dependent) versions.

Memory allocation, input/output, and error handling

All of the memory allocation, input/output, and error handling in libpng goes through callbacks that are user-settable. The default routines are in `pngmem.c`, `pngrio.c`, `pngwio.c`, and `pngerror.c`, respectively. To change these functions, call the appropriate `png_set_*_fn()` function.

Memory allocation is done through the functions `png_malloc()`, `png_zalloc()`, and `png_free()`. These

currently just call the standard C functions. If your pointers can't access more than 64K at a time, you will want to set `MAXSEG_64K` in `zlib.h`. Since it is unlikely that the method of handling memory allocation on a platform will change between applications, these functions must be modified in the library at compile time. If you prefer to use a different method of allocating and freeing data, you can use

```
png_set_mem_fn(png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp mem_ptr,
               png_malloc_ptr malloc_fn, png_free_ptr free_fn)
```

This function also provides a void pointer that can be retrieved via

```
mem_ptr=png_get_mem_ptr(png_ptr);
```

Your replacement memory functions must have prototypes as follows:

```
png_voidp malloc_fn(png_structp png_ptr,
                    png_size_t size);
void free_fn(png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp ptr);
```

Your `malloc_fn()` can return `NULL` in case of failure. The `png_malloc()` function will call `png_error()` if it receives a `NULL` from the system memory allocator or from your replacement `malloc_fn()`.

Input/Output in libpng is done through `png_read()` and `png_write()`, which currently just call `fread()` and `fwrite()`. The `FILE *` is stored in `png_struct` and is initialized via `png_init_io()`. If you wish to change the method of I/O, the library supplies callbacks that you can set through the function `png_set_read_fn()` and `png_set_write_fn()` at run time, instead of calling the `png_init_io()` function. These functions also provide a void pointer that can be retrieved via the function `png_get_io_ptr()`. For example:

```
png_set_read_fn(png_structp read_ptr,
                voidp read_io_ptr, png_rw_ptr read_data_fn)

png_set_write_fn(png_structp write_ptr,
                 voidp write_io_ptr, png_rw_ptr write_data_fn,
                 png_flush_ptr output_flush_fn);

voidp read_io_ptr = png_get_io_ptr(read_ptr);
voidp write_io_ptr = png_get_io_ptr(write_ptr);
```

The replacement I/O functions must have prototypes as follows:

```
void user_read_data(png_structp png_ptr,
                   png_bytep data, png_uint_32 length);
void user_write_data(png_structp png_ptr,
                    png_bytep data, png_uint_32 length);
void user_flush_data(png_structp png_ptr);
```

Supplying `NULL` for the read, write, or flush functions sets them back to using the default C stream functions. It is an error to read from a write stream, and vice versa.

Error handling in libpng is done through `png_error()` and `png_warning()`. Errors handled through `png_error()` are fatal, meaning that `png_error()` should never return to its caller. Currently, this is handled via `setjmp()` and `longjmp()` (unless you have compiled libpng with `PNG_SETJMP_NOT_SUPPORTED`, in which case it is handled via `PNG_ABORT()`), but you could change this to do things like `exit()` if you should wish.

On non-fatal errors, `png_warning()` is called to print a warning message, and then control returns to the calling code. By default `png_error()` and `png_warning()` print a message on `stderr` via `fprintf()` unless the library is compiled with `PNG_NO_CONSOLE_IO` defined (because you don't want the messages) or `PNG_NO_STDIO` defined (because `fprintf()` isn't available). If you wish to change the behavior of

the error functions, you will need to set up your own message callbacks. These functions are normally supplied at the time that the `png_struct` is created. It is also possible to redirect errors and warnings to your own replacement functions after `png_create_*_struct()` has been called by calling:

```
png_set_error_fn(png_structp png_ptr,
    png_voidp error_ptr, png_error_ptr error_fn,
    png_error_ptr warning_fn);

png_voidp error_ptr = png_get_error_ptr(png_ptr);
```

If `NULL` is supplied for either `error_fn` or `warning_fn`, then the libpng default function will be used, calling `fprintf()` and/or `longjmp()` if a problem is encountered. The replacement error functions should have parameters as follows:

```
void user_error_fn(png_structp png_ptr,
    png_const_charp error_msg);
void user_warning_fn(png_structp png_ptr,
    png_const_charp warning_msg);
```

The motivation behind using `setjmp()` and `longjmp()` is the C++ throw and catch exception handling methods. This makes the code much easier to write, as there is no need to check every return code of every function call. However, there are some uncertainties about the status of local variables after a `longjmp`, so the user may want to be careful about doing anything after `setjmp` returns non-zero besides returning itself. Consult your compiler documentation for more details. For an alternative approach, you may wish to use the "cexcept" facility (see <http://cexcept.sourceforge.net>).

Custom chunks

If you need to read or write custom chunks, you may need to get deeper into the libpng code. The library now has mechanisms for storing and writing chunks of unknown type; you can even declare callbacks for custom chunks. However, this may not be good enough if the library code itself needs to know about interactions between your chunk and existing 'intrinsic' chunks.

If you need to write a new intrinsic chunk, first read the PNG specification. Acquire a first level of understanding of how it works. Pay particular attention to the sections that describe chunk names, and look at how other chunks were designed, so you can do things similarly. Second, check out the sections of libpng that read and write chunks. Try to find a chunk that is similar to yours and use it as a template. More details can be found in the comments inside the code. It is best to handle unknown chunks in a generic method, via callback functions, instead of by modifying libpng functions.

If you wish to write your own transformation for the data, look through the part of the code that does the transformations, and check out some of the simpler ones to get an idea of how they work. Try to find a similar transformation to the one you want to add and copy off of it. More details can be found in the comments inside the code itself.

Configuring for 16 bit platforms

You will want to look into `zconf.h` to tell zlib (and thus libpng) that it cannot allocate more than 64K at a time. Even if you can, the memory won't be accessible. So limit zlib and libpng to 64K by defining `MAXSEG_64K`.

Configuring for DOS

For DOS users who only have access to the lower 640K, you will have to limit zlib's memory usage via a `png_set_compression_mem_level()` call. See `zlib.h` or `zconf.h` in the zlib library for more information.

Configuring for Medium Model

Libpng's support for medium model has been tested on most of the popular compilers. Make sure `MAXSEG_64K` gets defined, `USE_FAR_KEYWORD` gets defined, and `FAR` gets defined to `far` in

pngconf.h, and you should be all set. Everything in the library (except for zlib's structure) is expecting far data. You must use the typedefs with the p or pp on the end for pointers (or at least look at them and be careful). Make note that the rows of data are defined as png_bytepp, which is an unsigned char far * far *.

Configuring for gui/windowing platforms:

You will need to write new error and warning functions that use the GUI interface, as described previously, and set them to be the error and warning functions at the time that png_create_struct() is called, in order to have them available during the structure initialization. They can be changed later via png_set_error_fn(). On some compilers, you may also have to change the memory allocators (png_malloc, etc.).

Configuring for compiler xxx:

All includes for libpng are in pngconf.h. If you need to add/change/delete an include, this is the place to do it. The includes that are not needed outside libpng are protected by the PNG_INTERNAL definition, which is only defined for those routines inside libpng itself. The files in libpng proper only include png.h, which includes pngconf.h.

Configuring zlib:

There are special functions to configure the compression. Perhaps the most useful one changes the compression level, which currently uses input compression values in the range 0 - 9. The library normally uses the default compression level (Z_DEFAULT_COMPRESSION = 6). Tests have shown that for a large majority of images, compression values in the range 3-6 compress nearly as well as higher levels, and do so much faster. For online applications it may be desirable to have maximum speed (Z_BEST_SPEED = 1). With versions of zlib after v0.99, you can also specify no compression (Z_NO_COMPRESSION = 0), but this would create files larger than just storing the raw bitmap. You can specify the compression level by calling:

```
png_set_compression_level(png_ptr, level);
```

Another useful one is to reduce the memory level used by the library. The memory level defaults to 8, but it can be lowered if you are short on memory (running DOS, for example, where you only have 640K). Note that the memory level does have an effect on compression; among other things, lower levels will result in sections of incompressible data being emitted in smaller stored blocks, with a correspondingly larger relative overhead of up to 15% in the worst case.

```
png_set_compression_mem_level(png_ptr, level);
```

The other functions are for configuring zlib. They are not recommended for normal use and may result in writing an invalid PNG file. See zlib.h for more information on what these mean.

```
png_set_compression_strategy(png_ptr,
    strategy);
png_set_compression_window_bits(png_ptr,
    window_bits);
png_set_compression_method(png_ptr, method);
png_set_compression_buffer_size(png_ptr, size);
```

Controlling row filtering

If you want to control whether libpng uses filtering or not, which filters are used, and how it goes about picking row filters, you can call one of these functions. The selection and configuration of row filters can have a significant impact on the size and encoding speed and a somewhat lesser impact on the decoding speed of an image. Filtering is enabled by default for RGB and grayscale images (with and without alpha), but not for paletted images nor for any images with bit depths less than 8 bits/pixel.

The 'method' parameter sets the main filtering method, which is currently only '0' in the PNG 1.2 specification. The 'filters' parameter sets which filter(s), if any, should be used for each scanline.

Possible values are PNG_ALL_FILTERS and PNG_NO_FILTERS to turn filtering on and off, respectively.

Individual filter types are PNG_FILTER_NONE, PNG_FILTER_SUB, PNG_FILTER_UP, PNG_FILTER_AVG, PNG_FILTER_PAETH, which can be bitwise ORed together with '|' to specify one or more filters to use. These filters are described in more detail in the PNG specification. If you intend to change the filter type during the course of writing the image, you should start with flags set for all of the filters you intend to use so that libpng can initialize its internal structures appropriately for all of the filter types. (Note that this means the first row must always be adaptively filtered, because libpng currently does not allocate the filter buffers until png_write_row() is called for the first time.)

```
filters = PNG_FILTER_NONE | PNG_FILTER_SUB
          PNG_FILTER_UP | PNG_FILTER_AVE |
          PNG_FILTER_PAETH | PNG_ALL_FILTERS;
```

```
png_set_filter(png_ptr, PNG_FILTER_TYPE_BASE,
              filters);
```

The second parameter can also be PNG_INTRAPIXEL_DIFFERENCING if you are writing a PNG to be embedded in a MNG datastream. This parameter must be the same as the value of filter_method used in png_set_IHDR().

It is also possible to influence how libpng chooses from among the available filters. This is done in one or both of two ways - by telling it how important it is to keep the same filter for successive rows, and by telling it the relative computational costs of the filters.

```
double weights[3] = {1.5, 1.3, 1.1},
costs[PNG_FILTER_VALUE_LAST] =
    {1.0, 1.3, 1.3, 1.5, 1.7};
```

```
png_set_filter_heuristics(png_ptr,
                        PNG_FILTER_HEURISTIC_WEIGHTED, 3,
                        weights, costs);
```

The weights are multiplying factors that indicate to libpng that the row filter should be the same for successive rows unless another row filter is that many times better than the previous filter. In the above example, if the previous 3 filters were SUB, SUB, NONE, the SUB filter could have a "sum of absolute differences" 1.5 x 1.3 times higher than other filters and still be chosen, while the NONE filter could have a sum 1.1 times higher than other filters and still be chosen. Unspecified weights are taken to be 1.0, and the specified weights should probably be declining like those above in order to emphasize recent filters over older filters.

The filter costs specify for each filter type a relative decoding cost to be considered when selecting row filters. This means that filters with higher costs are less likely to be chosen over filters with lower costs, unless their "sum of absolute differences" is that much smaller. The costs do not necessarily reflect the exact computational speeds of the various filters, since this would unduly influence the final image size.

Note that the numbers above were invented purely for this example and are given only to help explain the function usage. Little testing has been done to find optimum values for either the costs or the weights.

Removing unwanted object code

There are a bunch of #define's in pngconf.h that control what parts of libpng are compiled. All the defines end in _SUPPORTED. If you are never going to use a capability, you can change the #define to #undef before recompiling libpng and save yourself code and data space, or you can turn off individual capabilities with defines that begin with PNG_NO_.

You can also turn all of the transforms and ancillary chunk capabilities off en masse with compiler directives that define `PNG_NO_READ[or WRITE]_TRANSFORMS`, or `PNG_NO_READ[or WRITE]_ANCILLARY_CHUNKS`, or all four, along with directives to turn on any of the capabilities that you do want. The `PNG_NO_READ[or WRITE]_TRANSFORMS` directives disable the extra transformations but still leave the library fully capable of reading and writing PNG files with all known public chunks. Use of the `PNG_NO_READ[or WRITE]_ANCILLARY_CHUNKS` directive produces a library that is incapable of reading or writing ancillary chunks. If you are not using the progressive reading capability, you can turn that off with `PNG_NO_PROGRESSIVE_READ` (don't confuse this with the `INTERLACING` capability, which you'll still have).

All the reading and writing specific code are in separate files, so the linker should only grab the files it needs. However, if you want to make sure, or if you are building a stand alone library, all the reading files start with `png_r` and all the writing files start with `png_w`. The files that don't match either (like `png.c`, `pngtrans.c`, etc.) are used for both reading and writing, and always need to be included. The progressive reader is in `pngpread.c`.

If you are creating or distributing a dynamically linked library (a `.so` or `DLL` file), you should not remove or disable any parts of the library, as this will cause applications linked with different versions of the library to fail if they call functions not available in your library. The size of the library itself should not be an issue, because only those sections that are actually used will be loaded into memory.

Requesting debug printout

The macro definition `PNG_DEBUG` can be used to request debugging printout. Set it to an integer value in the range 0 to 3. Higher numbers result in increasing amounts of debugging information. The information is printed to the "stderr" file, unless another file name is specified in the `PNG_DEBUG_FILE` macro definition.

When `PNG_DEBUG > 0`, the following functions (macros) become available:

```
png_debug(level, message)
png_debug1(level, message, p1)
png_debug2(level, message, p1, p2)
```

in which "level" is compared to `PNG_DEBUG` to decide whether to print the message, "message" is the formatted string to be printed, and `p1` and `p2` are parameters that are to be embedded in the string according to printf-style formatting directives. For example,

```
png_debug1(2, "foo=%d0, foo);
```

is expanded to

```
if(PNG_DEBUG > 2)
    fprintf(PNG_DEBUG_FILE, "foo=%d0, foo);
```

When `PNG_DEBUG` is defined but is zero, the macros aren't defined, but you can still use `PNG_DEBUG` to control your own debugging:

```
#ifdef PNG_DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, ...
#endif
```

When `PNG_DEBUG = 1`, the macros are defined, but only `png_debug` statements having `level = 0` will be printed. There aren't any such statements in this version of `libpng`, but if you insert some they will be printed.

VI. Runtime optimization

A new feature in `libpng 1.2.0` is the ability to dynamically switch between standard and optimized versions of some routines. Currently these are limited to three computationally intensive tasks when

reading PNG files: decoding row filters, expanding interlacing, and combining interlaced or transparent row data with previous row data. Currently the optimized versions are available only for x86 (Intel, AMD, etc.) platforms with MMX support, though this may change in future versions. (For example, the non-MMX assembler optimizations for zlib might become similarly runtime-selectable in future releases, in which case libpng could be extended to support them. Alternatively, the compile-time choice of floating-point versus integer routines for gamma correction might become runtime-selectable.)

Because such optimizations tend to be very platform- and compiler-dependent, both in how they are written and in how they perform, the new runtime code in libpng has been written to allow programs to query, enable, and disable either specific optimizations or all such optimizations. For example, to enable all possible optimizations (bearing in mind that some "optimizations" may actually run more slowly in rare cases):

```
#if defined(PNG_LIBPNG_VER) && (PNG_LIBPNG_VER >= 10200)
    png_uint_32 mask, flags;

    flags = png_get_asm_flags(png_ptr);
    mask = png_get_asm_flagmask(PNG_SELECT_READ | PNG_SELECT_WRITE);
    png_set_asm_flags(png_ptr, flags | mask);
#endif
```

To enable only optimizations relevant to reading PNGs, use PNG_SELECT_READ by itself when calling png_get_asm_flagmask(); similarly for optimizing only writing. To disable all optimizations:

```
#if defined(PNG_LIBPNG_VER) && (PNG_LIBPNG_VER >= 10200)
    flags = png_get_asm_flags(png_ptr);
    mask = png_get_asm_flagmask(PNG_SELECT_READ | PNG_SELECT_WRITE);
    png_set_asm_flags(png_ptr, flags & ~mask);
#endif
```

To enable or disable only MMX-related features, use png_get_mmx_flagmask() in place of png_get_asm_flagmask(). The mmx version takes one additional parameter:

```
#if defined(PNG_LIBPNG_VER) && (PNG_LIBPNG_VER >= 10200)
    int selection = PNG_SELECT_READ | PNG_SELECT_WRITE;
    int compilerID;

    mask = png_get_mmx_flagmask(selection, &compilerID);
#endif
```

On return, compilerID will indicate which version of the MMX assembler optimizations was compiled. Currently two flavors exist: Microsoft Visual C++ (compilerID == 1) and GNU C (a.k.a. gcc/gas, compilerID == 2). On non-x86 platforms or on systems compiled without MMX optimizations, a value of -1 is used.

Note that both png_get_asm_flagmask() and png_get_mmx_flagmask() return all valid, settable optimization bits for the version of the library that's currently in use. In the case of shared (dynamically linked) libraries, this may include optimizations that did not exist at the time the code was written and compiled. It is also possible, of course, to enable only known, specific optimizations; for example:

```
#if defined(PNG_LIBPNG_VER) && (PNG_LIBPNG_VER >= 10200)
    flags =
        PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_COMBINE_ROW |
        PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_INTERLACE | PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_SUB
        | PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_UP |
        PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_AVG | PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_PAETH;
    png_set_asm_flags(png_ptr, flags);
#endif
```


This method would enable only the MMX read-optimizations available at the time of libpng 1.2.0's release, regardless of whether a later version of the DLL were actually being used. (Also note that these functions did not exist in versions older than 1.2.0, so any attempt to run a dynamically linked app on such an older version would fail.)

To determine whether the processor supports MMX instructions at all, use the `png_mmx_support()` function:

```
#if defined(PNG_LIBPNG_VER) && (PNG_LIBPNG_VER >= 10200)
    mmxsupport = png_mmx_support();
#endif
```

It returns -1 if MMX support is not compiled into libpng, 0 if MMX code is compiled but MMX is not supported by the processor, or 1 if MMX support is fully available. Note that `png_mmx_support()`, `png_get_mmx_flagmask()`, and `png_get_asm_flagmask()` all may be called without allocating and initializing any PNG structures (for example, as part of a usage screen or "about" box).

The following code can be used to prevent an application from using the `thread_unsafe` features, even if libpng was built with `PNG_THREAD_UNSAFE_OK` defined:

```
#if defined(PNG_USE_PNGGCCRD) && defined(PNG_ASSEMBLER_CODE_SUPPORTED) &&
defined(PNG_THREAD_UNSAFE_OK)
/* Disable thread-unsafe features of pnggccrd */
if (png_access_version() >= 10200)
{
    png_uint_32 mmx_disable_mask = 0;
    png_uint_32 asm_flags;

    mmx_disable_mask |= ( PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_COMBINE_ROW
PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_SUB
PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_AVG
PNG_ASM_FLAG_MMX_READ_FILTER_PAETH );
    asm_flags = png_get_asm_flags(png_ptr);
    png_set_asm_flags(png_ptr, asm_flags & ~mmx_disable_mask);
} #endif
```

For more extensive examples of runtime querying, enabling and disabling of optimized features, see `contrib/gregbook/readpng2.c` in the libpng source-code distribution.

VII. MNG support

The MNG specification (available at <http://www.libpng.org/pub/mng>) allows certain extensions to PNG for PNG images that are embedded in MNG datastreams. Libpng can support some of these extensions. To enable them, use the `png_permit_mng_features()` function:

```
feature_set = png_permit_mng_features(png_ptr, mask)
mask is a png_uint_32 containing the logical OR of the
features you want to enable. These include
    PNG_FLAG_MNG_EMPTY_PLTE
    PNG_FLAG_MNG_FILTER_64
    PNG_ALL_MNG_FEATURES
feature_set is a png_uint_32 that is the logical AND of
your mask with the set of MNG features that is
supported by the version of libpng that you are using.
```

It is an error to use this function when reading or writing a standalone PNG file with the PNG 8-byte signature. The PNG datastream must be wrapped in a MNG datastream. As a minimum, it must have the MNG 8-byte signature and the MHDR and MEND chunks. Libpng does not provide support for

these or any other MNG chunks; your application must provide its own support for them. You may wish to consider using libmng (available at <http://www.libmng.com>) instead.

VIII. Changes to Libpng from version 0.88

It should be noted that versions of libpng later than 0.96 are not distributed by the original libpng author, Guy Schalnat, nor by Andreas Dilger, who had taken over from Guy during 1996 and 1997, and distributed versions 0.89 through 0.96, but rather by another member of the original PNG Group, Glenn Randers-Pehrson. Guy and Andreas are still alive and well, but they have moved on to other things.

The old libpng functions `png_read_init()`, `png_write_init()`, `png_info_init()`, `png_read_destroy()`, and `png_write_destroy()` have been moved to `PNG_INTERNAL` in version 0.95 to discourage their use. These functions will be removed from libpng version 2.0.0.

The preferred method of creating and initializing the libpng structures is via the `png_create_read_struct()`, `png_create_write_struct()`, and `png_create_info_struct()` because they isolate the size of the structures from the application, allow version error checking, and also allow the use of custom error handling routines during the initialization, which the old functions do not. The functions `png_read_destroy()` and `png_write_destroy()` do not actually free the memory that libpng allocated for these structs, but just reset the data structures, so they can be used instead of `png_destroy_read_struct()` and `png_destroy_write_struct()` if you feel there is too much system overhead allocating and freeing the `png_struct` for each image read.

Setting the error callbacks via `png_set_message_fn()` before `png_read_init()` as was suggested in libpng-0.88 is no longer supported because this caused applications that do not use custom error functions to fail if the `png_ptr` was not initialized to zero. It is still possible to set the error callbacks AFTER `png_read_init()`, or to change them with `png_set_error_fn()`, which is essentially the same function, but with a new name to force compilation errors with applications that try to use the old method.

Starting with version 1.0.7, you can find out which version of the library you are using at run-time:

```
png_uint_32 libpng_vn = png_access_version_number();
```

The number `libpng_vn` is constructed from the major version, minor version with leading zero, and release number with leading zero, (e.g., `libpng_vn` for version 1.0.7 is 10007).

You can also check which version of `png.h` you used when compiling your application:

```
png_uint_32 application_vn = PNG_LIBPNG_VER;
```

IX. Y2K Compliance in libpng

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Since the PNG Development group is an ad-hoc body, we can't make an official declaration.

This is your unofficial assurance that libpng from version 0.71 and upward through 1.2.2 are Y2K compliant. It is my belief that earlier versions were also Y2K compliant.

Libpng only has three year fields. One is a 2-byte unsigned integer that will hold years up to 65535. The other two hold the date in text format, and will hold years up to 9999.

The integer is

"`png_uint_16 year`" in `png_time_struct`.

The strings are

"`png_charp time_buffer`" in `png_struct` and

"`near_time_buffer`", which is a local character string in `png.c`.

There are seven time-related functions:

```

png_convert_to_rfc_1123() in png.c
  (formerly png_convert_to_rfc_1152() in error)
png_convert_from_struct_tm() in pngwrite.c, called
  in pngwrite.c
png_convert_from_time_t() in pngwrite.c
png_get_tIME() in pngget.c
png_handle_tIME() in pngutil.c, called in pngread.c
png_set_tIME() in pngset.c
png_write_tIME() in pngutil.c, called in pngwrite.c

```

All appear to handle dates properly in a Y2K environment. The `png_convert_from_time_t()` function calls `gmtime()` to convert from system clock time, which returns (year - 1900), which we properly convert to the full 4-digit year. There is a possibility that applications using libpng are not passing 4-digit years into the `png_convert_to_rfc_1123()` function, or that they are incorrectly passing only a 2-digit year instead of "year - 1900" into the `png_convert_from_struct_tm()` function, but this is not under our control. The libpng documentation has always stated that it works with 4-digit years, and the APIs have been documented as such.

The tIME chunk itself is also Y2K compliant. It uses a 2-byte unsigned integer to hold the year, and can hold years as large as 65535.

zlib, upon which libpng depends, is also Y2K compliant. It contains no date-related code.

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NOTE

Note about libpng version numbers:

Due to various miscommunications, unforeseen code incompatibilities and occasional factors outside the authors' control, version numbering on the library has not always been consistent and straightforward. The following table summarizes matters since version 0.89c, which was the first widely used release:

source version	png.h string	png.h int	shared-lib version
0.89c ("beta 3")	0.89	89	1.0.89
0.90 ("beta 4")	0.90	90	0.90
0.95 ("beta 5")	0.95	95	0.95
0.96 ("beta 6")	0.96	96	0.96
0.97b ("beta 7")	1.00.97	97	1.0.1
0.97c	0.97	97	2.0.97
0.98	0.98	98	2.0.98
0.99	0.99	98	2.0.99
0.99a-m	0.99	99	2.0.99
1.00	1.00	100	2.1.0
1.0.0	1.0.0	100	2.1.0
1.0.0 (from here on, the	100	2.1.0	
1.0.1 png.h string is	10001	2.1.0	
1.0.1a-e identical to the	10002	from here on, the	
1.0.2 source version)	10002	shared library is 2.V	
1.0.2a-b	10003	where V is the source	
1.0.1	10001	code version except as	

1.0.1a-e	10002	2.1.0.1a-e	noted.
1.0.2	10002	2.1.0.2	
1.0.2a-b	10003	2.1.0.2a-b	
1.0.3	10003	2.1.0.3	
1.0.3a-d	10004	2.1.0.3a-d	
1.0.4	10004	2.1.0.4	
1.0.4a-f	10005	2.1.0.4a-f	
1.0.5 (+ 2 patches)	10005	2.1.0.5	
1.0.5a-d	10006	2.1.0.5a-d	
1.0.5e-r	10100	2.1.0.5e-r	
1.0.5s-v	10006	2.1.0.5s-v	
1.0.6 (+ 3 patches)	10006	2.1.0.6	
1.0.6d-g	10007	2.1.0.6d-g	
1.0.6h	10007	10.6h	
1.0.6i	10007	10.6i	
1.0.6j	10007	2.1.0.6j	
1.0.7beta11-14	DLLNUM	10007	2.1.0.7beta11-14
1.0.7beta15-18	1	10007	2.1.0.7beta15-18
1.0.7rc1-2	1	10007	2.1.0.7rc1-2
1.0.7	1	10007	2.1.0.7
1.0.8beta1-4	1	10008	2.1.0.8beta1-4
1.0.8rc1	1	10008	2.1.0.8rc1
1.0.8	1	10008	2.1.0.8
1.0.9beta1-6	1	10009	2.1.0.9beta1-6
1.0.9rc1	1	10009	2.1.0.9rc1
1.0.9beta7-10	1	10009	2.1.0.9beta7-10
1.0.9rc2	1	10009	2.1.0.9rc2
1.0.9	1	10009	2.1.0.9
1.0.10beta1	1	10010	2.1.0.10beta1
1.0.10rc1	1	10010	2.1.0.10rc1
1.0.10	1	10010	2.1.0.10
1.0.11beta1-3	1	10011	2.1.0.11beta1-3
1.0.11rc1	1	10011	2.1.0.11rc1
1.0.11	1	10011	2.1.0.11
1.0.12beta1-2	2	10012	2.1.0.12beta1-2
1.0.12rc1	2	10012	2.1.0.12rc1
1.0.12	2	10012	2.1.0.12
1.1.0a-f	-	10100	2.1.1.0a-f abandoned
1.2.0beta1-2	2	10200	2.1.2.0beta1-2
1.2.0beta3-5	3	10200	3.1.2.0beta3-5
1.2.0rc1	3	10200	3.1.2.0rc1
1.2.0	3	10200	3.1.2.0
1.2.1beta-4	3	10201	3.1.2.1beta1-4
1.2.1rc1-2	3	10201	3.1.2.1rc1-2
1.2.1	3	10201	3.1.2.1
1.2.2beta1-6	12	10202	12.so.0.1.2.2beta1-6
1.0.13beta1	10	10013	10.so.0.1.0.13beta1
1.0.13rc1	10	10013	10.so.0.1.0.13rc1
1.2.2rc1	12	10202	12.so.0.1.2.2rc1
1.0.13	10	10013	10.so.0.1.0.13
1.2.2	12	10202	12.so.0.1.2.2

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SEE ALSO

libpngpf(3), png(5)

libpng:

<ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/png> <http://www.libpng.org/pub/png>

zlib:

(generally) at the same location as *libpng* or at

<ftp://ftp.uu.net/pub/archiving/zip/zlib>

<ftp://ftp.info-zip.org/pub/infozip/zlib>

PNG specification: *RFC2083*

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<ftp://ds.internic.net/rfc/rfc2083.txt>

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```
printf("%s",png_get_copyright(NULL));
```

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NAME

libpng – Portable Network Graphics (PNG) Reference Library 1.2.2 (private functions)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <png.h>
```

```
void png_build_gamma_table (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_build_grayscale_palette (int bit_depth, png_colorp palette);
```

```
void png_calculate_crc (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep ptr, png_size_t length);
```

```
void png_check_chunk_name (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep chunk_name);
```

```
png_size_t png_check_keyword (png_structp png_ptr, png_charp key, png_charpp new_key);
```

```
void png_combine_row (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep row, int mask);
```

```
void png_correct_palette (png_structp png_ptr, png_colorp palette, int num_palette);
```

```
int png_crc_error (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
int png_crc_finish (png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 skip);
```

```
void png_crc_read (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep buf, png_size_t length);
```

```
png_voidp png_create_struct (int type);
```

```
png_voidp png_create_struct_2 (int type, png_malloc_ptr malloc_fn, png_voidp mem_ptr);
```

```
png_charp png_decompress_chunk (png_structp png_ptr, int comp_type, png_charp chunkdata,  
png_size_t chunklength, png_size_t prefix_length, png_size_t *data_length);
```



```
void png_destroy_struct (png_voidp struct_ptr);
```

```
void png_destroy_struct_2 (png_voidp struct_ptr, png_free_ptr free_fn, png_voidp mem_ptr);
```

```
void png_do_background (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_color_16p trans_values,  
png_color_16p background, png_color_16p background_1, png_bytep gamma_table, png_bytep  
gamma_from_1, png_bytep gamma_to_1, png_uint_16pp gamma_16, png_uint_16pp  
gamma_16_from_1, png_uint_16pp gamma_16_to_1, int gamma_shift);
```

```
void png_do_bgr (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row);
```

```
void png_do_chop (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row);
```

```
void png_do_dither (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_bytep palette_lookup,  
png_bytep dither_lookup);
```

```
void png_do_expand (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_color_16p trans_value);
```

```
void png_do_expand_palette (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_colorp palette,  
png_bytep trans, int num_trans);
```

```
void png_do_gamma (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_bytep gamma_table,  
png_uint_16pp gamma_16_table, int gamma_shift);
```

```
void png_do_gray_to_rgb (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row);
```

```
void png_do_invert (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row);
```

```
void png_do_pack (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_uint_32 bit_depth);
```

```
void png_do_packswap (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row);
```

```
void png_do_read_filler (png_row_infop row_info, png_bytep row, png_uint_32 filler,
```

png_uint_32 *flags*);

void png_do_read_interlace (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*, int *pass*, png_uint_32 *transformations*);

void png_do_read_invert_alpha (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_read_swap_alpha (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_read_transformations (png_structp *png_ptr*);

int png_do_rgb_to_gray (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_shift (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*, png_color_8p *bit_depth*);

void png_do_strip_filler (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*, png_uint_32 *flags*);

void png_do_swap (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_unpack (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_unshift (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*, png_color_8p *sig_bits*);

void png_do_write_interlace (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*, int *pass*);

void png_do_write_invert_alpha (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_write_swap_alpha (png_row_infop *row_info*, png_bytep *row*);

void png_do_write_transformations (png_structp *png_ptr*);

```
void *png_far_to_near (png_structp png_ptr, png_voidp ptr, int check);

void png_flush (png_structp png_ptr);

png_int_32 png_get_int_32 (png_bytep buf);

png_uint_16 png_get_uint_16 (png_bytep buf);

png_uint_32 png_get_uint_32 (png_bytep buf);

void png_handle_bKGD (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_cHRM (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_gAMA (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_hIST (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_IEND (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_IHDR (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_iCCP (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_iTXt (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_oFFs (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_handle_pCAL (png_structp png_ptr, png_infop info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);
```

void png_handle_pHYs (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_PLTE (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_sBIT (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_sCAL (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_sPLT (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_sRGB (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_tEXt (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_tIME (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_tRNS (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_unknown (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_handle_zTXt (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*, png_uint_32 *length*);

void png_info_destroy (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_init_mmx_flags (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_init_read_transformations (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_process_IDAT_data (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *buffer*, png_size_t *buffer_length*);

```
void png_process_some_data (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

void png_push_check_crc (png_structp png_ptr);

void png_push_crc_finish (png_structp png_ptr);

void png_push_crc_skip (png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_push_fill_buffer (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep buffer, png_size_t length);

void png_push_handle_tEXt (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_push_handle_unknown (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_push_handle_zTXt (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr, png_uint_32 length);

void png_push_have_end (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

void png_push_have_info (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

void png_push_have_row (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep row);

void png_push_process_row (png_structp png_ptr);

void png_push_read_chunk (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

void png_push_read_end (png_structp png_ptr, png_info info_ptr);

void png_push_read_IDAT (png_structp png_ptr);
```

void png_push_read_sig (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_push_read_tEXt (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_push_read_zTXt (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_push_restore_buffer (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *buffer*, png_size_t *buffer_length*);

void png_push_save_buffer (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_read_data (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *data*, png_size_t *length*);

void png_read_filter_row (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_row_info_ptr *row_info*, png_bytep *row*,
png_bytep *prev_row*, int *filter*);

void png_read_finish_row (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_read_push_finish_row (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_read_start_row (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_read_transform_info (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_info_ptr *info_ptr*);

void png_reset_crc (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_save_int_32 (png_bytep *buf*, png_int_32 *i*);

void png_save_uint_16 (png_bytep *buf*, unsigned int *i*);

void png_save_uint_32 (png_bytep *buf*, png_uint_32 *i*);

void png_write_bKGD (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_color_16p *values*, int *color_type*);

void png_write_cHRM (png_structp *png_ptr*, double *white_x*, double *white_y*, double *red_x*, double *red_y*, double *green_x*, double *green_y*, double *blue_x*, double *blue_y*);

void png_write_cHRM_fixed (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_uint_32 *white_x*, png_uint_32 *white_y*, png_uint_32 *red_x*, png_uint_32 *red_y*, png_uint_32 *green_x*, png_uint_32 *green_y*, png_uint_32 *blue_x*, png_uint_32 *blue_y*);

void png_write_data (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *data*, png_size_t *length*);

void png_write_filtered_row (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *filtered_row*);

void png_write_fix_id_filter (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_row_info row_info);

void png_write_finish_row (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_write_gAMA (png_structp *png_ptr*, double *file_gamma*);

void png_write_gAMA_fixed (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_uint_32 *int_file_gamma*);

void png_write_hIST (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_uint_16p *hist*, int *num_hist*);

void png_write_iCCP (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_charp *name*, int *compression_type*, png_charp *profile*, int *proflen*);

void png_write_IDAT (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_bytep *data*, png_size_t *length*);

void png_write_IEND (png_structp *png_ptr*);

void png_write_IHDR (png_structp *png_ptr*, png_uint_32 *width*, png_uint_32 *height*, int *bit_depth*, int *color_type*, int *compression_type*, int *filter_type*, int *interlace_type*);

```
void png_write_iTXt (png_structp png_ptr, int compression, png_charp key, png_charp lang,  
png_charp translated_key, png_charp text);
```

```
void png_write_oFFs (png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 x_offset, png_uint_32 y_offset, int  
unit_type);
```

```
void png_write_pCAL (png_structp png_ptr, png_charp purpose, png_int_32 X0, png_int_32 X1,  
int type, int nparams, png_charp units, png_charpp params);
```

```
void png_write_pHYs (png_structp png_ptr, png_uint_32 x_pixels_per_unit, png_uint_32 y_pixels_per_unit, int unit_type);
```

```
void png_write_PLTE (png_structp png_ptr, png_colorp palette, png_uint_32 num_pal);
```

```
void png_write_sBIT (png_structp png_ptr, png_color_8p sbit, int color_type);
```

```
void png_write_sCAL (png_structp png_ptr, png_charp unit, double width, double height);
```

```
void png_write_sCAL_s (png_structp png_ptr, png_charp unit, png_charp width, png_charp  
height);
```

```
void png_write_sig (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_sRGB (png_structp png_ptr, int intent);
```

```
void png_write_sPLT (png_structp png_ptr, png_spalette_p palette);
```

```
void png_write_start_row (png_structp png_ptr);
```

```
void png_write_tEXt (png_structp png_ptr, png_charp key, png_charp text, png_size_t text_len);
```

```
void png_write_tIME (png_structp png_ptr, png_timep mod_time);
```



```
void png_write_tRNS (png_structp png_ptr, png_bytep trans, png_color_16p values, int number,  
int color_type);
```

```
void png_write_zTXt (png_structp png_ptr, png_charp key, png_charp text, png_size_t text_len,  
int compression);
```

DESCRIPTION

The functions listed above are used privately by libpng and are not recommended for use by applications. They are not "exported" to applications using shared libraries. They are listed alphabetically here as an aid to libpng maintainers. See png.h for more information on these functions.

SEE ALSO

libpng(3), png(5)

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png – Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format

DESCRIPTION

PNG (Portable Network Graphics) is an extensible file format for the lossless, portable, well-compressed storage of raster images. PNG provides a patent-free replacement for GIF and can also replace many common uses of TIFF. Indexed-color, grayscale, and truecolor images are supported, plus an optional alpha channel. Sample depths range from 1 to 16 bits.

PNG is designed to work well in online viewing applications, such as the World Wide Web, so it is fully streamable with a progressive display option. PNG is robust, providing both full file integrity checking and fast, simple detection of common transmission errors. Also, PNG can store gamma and chromaticity data for improved color matching on heterogeneous platforms.

SEE ALSO

libpng(3), *zlib(3)*, *deflate(5)*, and *zlib(5)*

PNG 1.2 specification, July 1999:

<http://www.libpng.org/pub/png>
or <ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/png/documents>

PNG 1.0 specification, October 1996:

RFC 2083
<ftp://ds.internic.net/rfc/rfc2083.txt>
or (as a W3C Recommendation) at
<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-png.html>

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