

# Image Transparency Not Preserved When Pasting from the Clipboard

## Problem

When you copy an image from Surround SCM's internal image viewer to the clipboard, and then paste it into another application, the transparent background changes to black or white.

## Cause

Transparency is supported by some file formats, such as PNG. The clipboard stores images from Surround SCM in a raw format that does not support alpha channel data. Image transparency is not preserved between copying and pasting.

## Solution

Get a local copy of the image file from Surround SCM and open it in the other application. For example, if an image is inserted into Microsoft Word, transparency is preserved.

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