
Subject: Re: Top 10 IDL Requests

Posted by [Joseph B. Gurman](#) on Mon, 17 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <MPG.13db815b76724572989b5b@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Hi Folks,
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> [snip]
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> So, here is the deal. If you feel inclined to
> submit a couple of ideas to this newsgroup, I
> will collect them and submit them personally
> to the VP. I'll even follow up and make sure
> he has, uh, read them. :-)

Dave -

Thanks so much for the "RFC." If I had my druthers, I would ask for:

1. support for interlaced GIFs via a keyword to WRITE_GIF (how hard can this be?), and
2. support for QuickTime video at least as an output option (e.g. WRITE_QT), even if this means paying an additional license fee for various CODECs.

The programming support functions people have been listing as their druthers, and expanded object programming really mean very little to those of us who produce lots of Web content. I suspect this is a much bigger area nowadays than object programming, and would in fact be thrilled to see a rebundled product:

3. with NO object interfaces, since it's scientists who are doing a lot of the programming, and I can't see why we're paying for features we never use (however gnarly).

Please send flames and explanations of why the gnarliness is useful to /dev/null.

Best,

Joe Gurman

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> Please restrict yourself to a paragraph or so
> about why you think your suggestion is a good

- > idea. Suggestions can either be fixes to something
- > currently in IDL, or requests for future capabilities.
- > Items that make it to the top of the list
- > will be written with some wit, intelligence,
- > and humor. Items at the bottom of the list
- > will be written with a lot of whining. I reserve
- > the right to edit submissions if I think it is
- > unintelligible to the average computer dolt.

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