
Subject: Re: NO MORE GIF READ OR WRITE IN IDL 5.4
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2000 21:03:27 GMT
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"Med Bennett" <mbennett@indra.com> wrote in message
news:39F27A32.9A34E095@indra.com...
> PNG's work fine, they're just not widely recognized yet. There are a
> bazillion viewers and utilities that translate from GIF <> PNG <>
everything
> else

And the one I recommend is ImageMagick

<http://www.imagemagick.org/>

The only thing that GIF has, and PNG doesn't, is support for animation.
However there are alternatives. There's PNG's cousin MNG

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

though it's still a bit immature and there's FLC, which doesn't have its own
WWW site but there's some good info at

<http://crusty.er.usgs.gov/flc.html>

I think RSI's decision to remove GIF support from RSI was the correct one in
the circumstances.

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