Subject: Re: NO MORE GIF READ OR WRITE IN IDL 5.4
Posted by Theo Brauers on Sun, 22 Oct 2000 07:00:00 GMT

Med Bennett wrote:

>
> 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, so I honestly don't see how Compuserve/Unisys ever hopes to enforce or
> make any money off of the GIF/LZW patent. Kind of silly to me that they
> even bother - why don't they just give it to the public domain, where it is
> pretty much in practice anyway?

Because they want to keep some law firms in business. There are a number
of prominent lawsuits in .de where companies sue people when they use a
name w/o the copyright (i.e. when you call your own program anyname-explorer).

Best Theo