
Subject: Re: NO MORE GIF READ OR WRITE IN IDL 5.4
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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?

"Mark C." wrote:

- > Any suggestions on:
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 - > 1) Alternatives if one wants to create GIF files here after?
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 - > 2) Has any one use other formats in IDL which will yield equal or better
 - > quality results to that of GIF?
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 - > Thanks,
 - > Mark
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