
Subject: IDL 5.4 and gifs

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I was visiting someone with IDL 5.4 on Linux today. I mentioned the lack of GIF support, and my friend was surprised. We confirmed that when we tried to open a GIF, we got an error message. However there is an `idl_gif.so` library file, and `WRITE_GIF`, `READ_GIF`, etc still exists as procedures in the standard library.

We tried the simple experiment of replacing the IDL 5.4 `idl_gif.so` library and DLM files with the ones from IDL 5.3.

It worked! We were able at least to read old GIFs into IDL with no problem. I didn't try writing any GIFs however.

Has anybody else tried this and got it to work? For previous purchasers of IDL, this at least is a good sign. :-)

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