
Subject: Re: HOW

Posted by [Mark Chan](#) on Thu, 25 Jan 2001 03:15:53 GMT

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I am not a lawyer!

Could someone please explain to me what 'replacing the IDL 5.4 IDL_gif.so library and DLM files with the ones from IDL 5.3' means?

I have never done anything like this before. Will like to learn this more.

I have 5.4 and am using 5.3 because of this gif problem. For the time being I don't need to use this trick but don't mind knowing more.

Thanks,
Mark Chan

"Craig Markwardt" <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message news:ony9w79q8j.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu...

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