
Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and gifs

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Just got David Fanning's 2d ed and on p. 150 he says
"you must have a letter from the GIF file format patent
holder (Compuserve) granting you permission to create
GIF files . RSI will supply you with the proper license
for GIF file formation upon receipt...."

I've fired off a letter to tech support but have not
heard back yet about details. In the meantime, I
thought I'd ask if anyone out there has tried to get
a license from Compuserve, and how much it would cost?
This is the first time I have heard that there was
ANY provision for allowing individual users to get a
GIF license. Of course, it may be prohibitively expensive,
but perhaps for lowly academic types who are not trying
to make money on it, it would be affordable.

I'll let you know what I found out, but thought that
others might want to know that there may be a way out
of this yet.

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