Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and gifs Posted by Richard French on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 03:46:03 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Just got David Fanning's 2d ed and on p. 150 he says "you must have a ltter 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.

Dick French