
Subject: Re: HOW

Posted by [Mark Chan](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 02:38:09 GMT

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Anyone dare to answer my questions? Email me directly if needed. What is the function of .so file and what is it's intended use?

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"Mark Chan" <chanm@cadvision.com> wrote in message
news:94o6t1\$1v1\$1@news3.cadvision.com...

> I am not a lawyer!

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> 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?

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

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> 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.

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> Thanks,

> Mark Chan

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> "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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