
Subject: GIF/TIFF-LZW in 5.5 (sorta) (was: Insight...)
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2001 04:51:30 GMT
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"Mark Hadfield" <m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz> wrote in message
news:004a01c15296\$a433db0\$d938a8c0@Hadfield...
> From: "Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov>
>> Guillaume Dargaud wrote:
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>>> We have IDL on our SGI system, and a user asked me for Insight [...]
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> It was withdrawn from version 5.4 as part of the LZW compression panic.
> Quoting this verion's "What's New":
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> uses LZW compression for saving compressed project files and therefore can
> no longer be included with IDL."

Ah, but now in IDL 5.5 What's New:
<http://www.rsinc.com/idl/whatsnew.cfm>

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IDL 5.5 GIF/TIFF LZW Policy

RSI is pleased to announce the availability of GIF/TIFF LZW support in IDL 5.5. In order to enable this support, IDL users must sign and fax a copy of the "Proof of Unisys Licensing" release form to RSI. This form states that the IDL user has a license from Unisys Corporation for use of their patented technology.

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... and from <http://www.rsinc.com/idl/UnisysLicense.pdf> ...

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WARNING!

Use of IDL software for providing GIF/TIFF LZW capability for any purpose is not authorized unless user first enters into a license agreement with Unisys under U.S. Patent No. 4,558,302 and foreign counterparts.

For information concerning licensing, please contact:
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[...]

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More info on LZW license from Unisys is at:
<http://www.unisys.com/unisys/lzw/>

Seems like a lot of hoops, has anyone actually written to Unisys for such a license? Do they charge for it?

Cheers,

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-Dick

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