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Subject: Re: gif license

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2001 01:51:58 GMT

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Dennis Boccippio <djboccip@hotmail.com> writes:

- > Thanks for the info, Michael. Haven't heard back from Unisys yet
- > ourselves but was wondering whether the other shoe would drop or not
- > (sounds like it will). I'm assuming your questionnaire responses were
- > of the 'we have no interest in turning a profit off of LZW in IDL'
- > variety?
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- > Has anybody successfully gotten a freebie Unisys agreement?
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- > - Dennis Boccippio, NASA/MSFC SD-60

One should also be aware that the original patent held by Unisys,

US4558302: High speed data compression and decompression  
apparatus and method

is due to expire in June of 2003. Before one spends a serious amount  
of money on the license, one should also look at the time frame.

Craig

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