
Subject: Re: gif license

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2001 16:17:01 GMT

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Steve Smith<steven_smith> (nobody@nowhere.com) writes:

> I am wondering the following: since IDL is an interpretive language, i.e. you
> cannot make standalone programs, then any potential user of code you may give
> out would have an IDL license, and presumably would not have the GIF/LZW
> enabled if they had not contacted Unisys and secured a license. So where is
> the problem? It would seem to me that your code would be useless to anyone
> without this license, am I correct? So I don't see how distributing your code
> is a problem (you are NOT distributing the ability to read/write GIF).

I have a feeling this is **exactly** how the Unisys
lawyers view the issue. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. What was that sarcasm thingy again?

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