
Subject: Re: Animations: A can or worms?

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"Haje Korth" <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> wrote in message

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> Andrew,
> I looked into this license issue once before when they were still trying to
> make money of the patent. They ticked me off so bad, that I never bothered
> dealing with UNISYS again. I heard from RSI a while ago that they are
> checking with the lawyers on how to make GIF available again to customers in
> countries, where the patent has expired. I am still waiting to hear more.
> Maybe IDL 6.1 will be the answer???
>
> Haje
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Hi Haje,

Yep, when the patent was still in force in Oz, they wanted something
like USD\$1000, so we said Buggar Off!

But now, it's free in Oz and some other places, or at least for the
cost of 2 faxes... ;-)

And although PNG has replaced and in some ways surpassed GIF as
Michael Wallace said, some folk still find a use for the old ways too.

Cheers,

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