
Subject: Re: Animations: A can or worms?

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2004 14:48:21 GMT

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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

"Andrew Cool" <andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au> wrote in message news:c6d70400.0402181521.1ea43648@posting.google.com...

> Michael Wallace <mwallace.removethismunge@swri.edu.invalid> wrote in message news:<1035c1ks11nt3c3@corp.supernews.com>...

>> It would be nice to see RSI add some support for MNG. Just as PNG is
>> replacing GIF, MNG should be replacing animated GIFs. For simple
>> animations, MNG would be viable especially now that web browsers are
>> starting to support it. However, this is all a pipe dream since IDL
>> doesn't support the format. Oh, well.

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>> mw

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> Michael,

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> The LZW algorithm patent has expired in many countries, and it's a
> fairly simple process to get permission from UNISYS to use LZW in
> non-commercial work, whereupon RSI will activate GIF in your IDL licence.

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> Ask, and ye might receive...

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> Andrew Cool

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