
Subject: Re: LZW in IDL

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 18:15:59 GMT

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Don't bother with the waiver, just wait. :-)

Cheers,
Haje

"Jonathan Joseph" <jj21@cornell.edu> wrote in message
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> While checking in on the whole LZW issue recently, I read the following
> on an RSI website (<http://www.rsinc.com/services/techtip.asp?ttid=3543>)
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> "The LZW compression patent held by Unisys, which is the basis for their
> claims surrounding the GIF file format, expired in the U.S. on June 20,
>
> and expire in Canada on July 7, 2004."
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> With the last of these patents expiring this summer, can we look forward
> to using LZW encoding again in the next release of IDL, or is that a
> pipe-dream? I don't have much desire to create GIF images, but I do
> create TIFFs, and in recent images I have found that using the packbits
> compression actually creates larger files than when I use no compression.
>
> -Jonathan
