In article <10h5b6li1j61efe@corp.supernews.com>,
RSI Information <info@rsinc.com> wrote:
> RSI is pleased to announce the release of IDL 6.1.
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> This new version will be available for download from the RSI Web site after
> maintenance updates have completed shipping over the next couple of weeks.
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> Some of the new features in IDL 6.1 include:
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> * Support for the JPEG 2000 compression format, enabling more efficient
> storage and handling of large images.

Has GIF reading and writing as well as LZW compression for TIFF files been
restored since the Unisys patents have expired? I didn't see any mention
of it after a quick look at the What's New in 6.1 pdf but was under the
impression that this functionality would be added in 6.1 according to:

http://www.rsinc.com/services/techtip.asp?ttid=3543

While I don't plan to use these file formats for creating new files, I
have received TIFF image files w/ LZW compression from collaborators and
it would be nice to be able to read them directly into IDL w/o having to
convert them with another program first.

Thanks,

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