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Subject: Re: IDL 6.1 released

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Mon, 09 Aug 2004 19:25:33 GMT

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Mike Chinander wrote:

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

If you have an IDL maintenance agreement in place, I believe RSI will generate a new license file for you which activates LZW compression for GIF and TIFF. We just did this for our IDL 5.5 and 6.0 installations. A permission slip from Unisys is no longer required.

Cheers,

Liam.

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