
Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and gifs
Posted by [thompson](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2001 22:44:49 GMT
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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> writes:

- > I was visiting someone with IDL 5.4 on Linux today. I mentioned the
- > lack of GIF support, and my friend was surprised. We confirmed that
- > when we tried to open a GIF, we got an error message. However there
- > is an idl_gif.so library file, and WRITE_GIF, READ_GIF, etc still
- > exists as procedures in the standard library.

- > We tried the simple experiment of replacing the IDL 5.4 idl_gif.so
- > library and DLM files with the ones from IDL 5.3.

- > It worked! We were able at least to read old GIFs into IDL with no
- > problem. I didn't try writing any GIFs however.

- > Has anybody else tried this and got it to work? For previous
- > purchasers of IDL, this at least is a good sign. :-)

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Bill Thompson

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2001 23:44:40 GMT
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Craig

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Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and gifs: IDL windows "test"
Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Fri, 09 Feb 2001 00:21:29 GMT
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Inspired by Craigs ingenious test on linux, I thought I should test it out on windows.

I replaced the idl-windows library files idl_gif.dll and idl_gif.dlm, which can be found in IDL54/bin/bin.x86/, with the versions from IDL53. The test was successful in enabling the reading and writing of old gif files. Of course I replaced the originals afterwards.....

Martin

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"Craig Markwardt" <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message news:onvgrb9kev.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu...

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