
Subject: 5.2 looks nice

Posted by [Struan Gray](#) on Tue, 24 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Either I've missed an announcement or I've stumbled on 5.2 before I was supposed to. Either way, the non-beta version is on RSI's FTP site (<ftp.rsinc.com>) and includes a lot of stuff not mentioned in the press releases I have seen thus far, especially on the object graphics side. High points include a more object-like model rotator which nicely encapsulates a trackball; the ability to share one object between several models so you can have two views of the same thing; and all sorts of goodies on the file-format front such as compressed TIFF support.

Recommended - I even suprised myself by going to the trouble of pfaffing about in 7-min mode to try out a new object graphics feature.

Struan

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Posted by [Axel Schweiger](#) on Fri, 04 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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And it DOESN't run on SOLARIS 2.5.X. Got to upgrade, Argh!!

David Fanning wrote:

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> Struan Gray (struan.gray@sljus.lu.se) writes:
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>> Either I've missed an announcement or I've stumbled on 5.2 before
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> I just received my copy in the mail yesterday. One new feature
> that I wasn't aware of previously is the QUERY_* routines
> to query TIFF, JPEG, PNG, etc files about their size,
> data types, etc. etc. without having to actually read
> the data. Very nice.
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> And there is even a GET_DECOMPOSED keyword for the
> DEVICE command that can tell you whether you are using
> decomposed color or not. Heaven... :-)
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
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#-----The secret of the polar bear is that he wears long
underwear-----
