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Subject: Re: [Q] Reading obsolete IDL saved files  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Mon, 30 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT  
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Iarla Kilbane-Dawe (i001@justwright.com) writes:

> Is it possible to read old format IDL files in IDL 5?

I seriously doubt it.

> We used to use  
> PV-WAVE and earlier IDL versions. In IDL 4 there was a command  
> WAVE3\_RESTORE which read old files, but this seems to have dissappeared in  
> IDL 5.

IDL 4 could read Wave 3 files because RSI had just sold IDL to Precision Visuals and they knew *\*exactly\** what the format of the SAVE file was. By this time I'm sure they don't have a clue what the format of a SAVE file is.

> Does anybody have any suggestions as to how I might read my files please?

I think your only hope is to use those old versions of the software to open the files and save the data as something everybody can read. Sorry.

Cheers,

David

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