Subject: Re: Are .SAV files platform independent?
Posted by mallors on Wed, 28 Oct 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <MPG.10a1162b20f6aa939896e4@news.frii.com>,
 davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:
> Note: A copy of this article was e-mailed to the original poster.
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> Craig Hamilton (cah@medeng.wfubmc.edu) writes:
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>> Can I generate .SAV files on a Sun platform and then execute them
>> on an SGI with a run-time license?
>
> Absolutely. With the possible exception of VMS (where
> you can set the XDR keyword) all save files are stored
> in XDR format, which makes them transportable across
> machine architectures.
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I've always found this interesting - IDL is very much
like the ubiquitous Java language:

    IDL source code   -> java source code (.java file)
    IDL save file   -> java byte code (.class file)
    IDL compiler/interpreter -> the "java virtual machine"

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