Subject: Re: reading in binary data
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In article <MPG.1249d49594627d649898f4@news.frii.com>,
 davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:
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> P.S. Do I remember reading somewhere that IDL 5.3 has
> implemented some kind of file compression scheme into
> its SAVE files? Can't put my hands on it now, but it
> sure sticks in my head somehow.
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Just for the record: from my own efforts on creating IDL application
install floppies, my .SAV files achieve roughly a 7-to-1 reduction in
size when zipped. In fact, reading the characters in a .SAV file will
reveal that a vast majority of the bytes are null!

-Bill B.

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"They don't think it be like it is, but it do."

Oscar Gamble, NY Yankees

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