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Subject: Re: IDLv5.4

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Reading all these responses one might think that most of the people who post here are quite unhappy with IDL. I noticed that any new version is able to read and write ascii just fine. For sophisticated data exchange, there are designated, specified formats, like CDF etc that can be read by our own code or IDL built-in ones. IDL's .sav files in my understanding are a proprietary format, and I am glad they are platform-independent within the same IDL version - which I think the purpose of .sav format is. Maybe we should not expect too much. Try reading MSWord 2000 formatted file with MSWord 2 for Windows.

Cheers,  
Pavel

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