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Subject: Re: Restore IDL code from .sav file?

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 29 Dec 2003 20:24:58 GMT

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"Haje Korth" <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> writes:

> Jonathan,  
> hey that story sounds familiar, happened to me too once. Unfortunately there  
> is probably nothing you can do about it at this point. Craig Markwardt had  
> routines that do exactly what you want (and what I needed) included in his  
> cmsvlib for a few days. But then a herd of people including RSI started  
> beating on him for publishing proprietary information, so he withdrew the  
> routine prodis, which caused all this hassle. [ ... ]

After Kodak threatened a potential lawsuit, and implied a threat to my job, I did indeed withdraw the core translator for IDL save files with code.

I believed, and I still believe, that there are legitimate uses for a save file translator, and it is not illegal. We as users are not required to protect RSI's flawed business models. I developed the translator code because I myself accidentally deleted some source code, and needed to recover it from a save file. Obviously other people have the same problem. I have been recommending that people with this same need contact RSI and explain their dilemma. And further, I recommend against using save files for code.

Craig

> ... His documentation gives you an overview and you will find, why RSI  
> was upset about that particular version of cmsvlib, even though he does not  
> elaborate on the particular info.

P.S. By the way, the on-line documentation is for data only, no code.

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