
Subject: Re: IDL Save Files: A Journey into Craig's World

Posted by [p.sommer](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 2004 02:26:32 GMT

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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message news:<ony8paml3e.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>...

> Michael Wallace <mwallace.removethis@swri.edu.invalid> writes:

>> No. But I was curious if there were any differences. I'm working on a
>> project where one of my requirements is to support IDL save files (much
>> to my chagrin) as an output. However, I have no control over what
>> version of IDL folks are using. I will always be using the latest
>> version of IDL, but who knows what kind of incompatibilities may arise
>> since the format of save files could change at any time. RSI has been
>> known to change things without warning before...

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> If you control the writing of output files, then I might suggest that
> you use my (mid- or low-level) library routines to make IDL save
> files. Since the library is a totally independent implementation of
> save-file functionality, you don't have to worry about it changing
> with new versions of IDL. Unfortunately it does not do compressed
> files, or files with objects inside, if either of those are important
> to you.

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> Craig

For what it's worth, 6.1 will support a sav file query -- new routines to handle this. I've seen alpha versions of the functionality and it looks promising going forward.
