Posted by Haje Korth on Mon, 29 Jan 2007 19:04:07 GMT
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Mike,
now that you opened the can of worms... I am aware of Craig's description
fo how variables are stored in the sav files. However, if I remember right,
the following notice was incorporated into the sav files after Craig's great
discoveries:

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Thus touching the sav files in any other way than using save/restore has
turned into a big grey area (the can of worms). IMHO, it is easier to avoid
the format if at all possible than to deal with possible legal actions.

Cheers,
Haje

"Michael Galloy" <mgalloy@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:kemdnaWXU5DBISPYnZ2dnUVZ_syunZ2d@comcast.com...
> ChristopherFlorio@gmail.com wrote:
>> Does anybody know of documentation for the format of .sav files?
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> It depends on which type of .sav file you're thinking about. For data .sav
> files, check out the bottom of Craig's page:
>
>   http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/cmsave.html
>
> For code .sav files, it is proprietary.
>
> Mike

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