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Subject: Re: .sav format

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2007 17:40:51 GMT

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On Jan 30, 6:21 am, "Haje Korth" <haje.ko...@nospam.jhuapl.edu> wrote:

- > Here is what I don't understand. In the first part of the notice that is
- > embedded in the sav files says that ANY reverse engineering is prohibited.
- > It does not distinguish between data and code elements. Thus it is my
- > understanding that nobody will ever be legally allowed to develop any
- > routine that messes with the sav file since it would automatically mean that
- > you would have to apply some sort of reverse engineering magic. The second
- > part of the notice says that I need a license for any non-RSI software that
- > reads/writes sav files. Doesn't that mean that anyone applying for such
- > license automatically incriminates himself/herself???

I don't understand that either. Maybe apply for the license before doing the work? (I'm not a lawyer either.)

- > I am a scientist not a lawyer (if I where a lawyer I probably would not use
- > IDL as my tool of the trade) and I don't really understand this legal mumbo
- > jumbo (nor will I ever intend to understand it). Therefore I stay away from
- > using sav files and use any of the other numerous file formats that are
- > cross platform, cross program compatible.

Yes, I seldom save anything in .sav file formats. IDLdoc has the ability to examine a .sav file and produce a small report of the contents, but uses IDL 6.1's IDL\_Savefile class to do so.

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