
Subject: Re: .sav format

Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2007 15:36:15 GMT

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mgalloy@gmail.com wrote:

> Interesting. More poking around at Craig's site, reveals the following
> license for CMSVLIB:
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> <http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/down/LICENSE.RSI>
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> In particular, note point 5:
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> ; 5. Allowed use of this software is limited to reading and writing
> ; IDL variable related portions of IDL Save files. It may not be
> ; used as a basis for reverse engineering, or otherwise
> ; accessing any other portions of an IDL save file, including but
> ; not limited to, those portions that encode executable IDL
> programs.
> ; Such use is in violation of the IDL EULA, and will be prosecuted
> ; to the fullest extent possible by Research Systems, Inc. It is
> ; permissible to read such sections of an IDL save file for the
> ; sole purpose of transferring it without examination or
> interpretation
> ; to another save file.
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> So it appears you would need a similar license from ITTVIS for
> examining data .sav files (i.e. directly examining, there is an
> IDL_Savefile class in IDL 6.1 that can do a lot of this for data .sav
> files anyway) and it is strictly forbidden to examine code .sav files.

Do we also need a license for doing science? After all we are trying
to reverse-engineer the universe... let's hope the copyright expired
100 years after Galileo's death ;-)

Ciao,
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