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Subject: Re: .sav format

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Mon, 29 Jan 2007 20:49:10 GMT

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On Mon, 29 Jan 2007 12:08:18 -0800, 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.

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a license to use and redistribute this software in source or binary  
form, subject to the following conditions", so they've already given  
us the license (restrictive though it may be).

JD

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