Subject: Re: .sav format

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Interesting. More poking around at Craig's site, reveals the following license for CMSVLIB:

http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/down/LICENSE.RSI

In particular, note point 5:

- ; 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.

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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