
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:

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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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