
Subject: Re: .sav format

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"Haje Korth" <haje.korth@nospam.jhuapl.edu> writes:

- > Sure the idl code can be recovered, just like you can disassemble any
- > executable file. You won't recover the variables names but you can see the
- > logic of the code. The question is more whether its worth the effort. I
- > would be curious in seeing how it's done but asking myself whether I would
- > waste my time on it, the answer is absolutely NO. What's the sense? Even the
- > ENVI routines are in the end just implementations of publicly available
- > algorithms.

It can be done. I did it. I had a legit reason at the time, which was to recover some routines whose source I had lost... but then it became a challenge in its own right. The format was not particularly difficult to decipher: it was almost a direct translation of IDL structure into a byte-code format, with special records that described variables, commons, etc. However, since then, I am led to believe that RSI has encrypted save-files with code (although I haven't checked).

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