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Subject: Re: SAVE compress and Gzip  
Posted by [jeanh](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 16:50:42 GMT  
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On 21/06/2010 12:24 PM, Xavi Lloret wrote:

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> On 18 jun, 16:23, jeanh
> <jghasb...@DELETETHIS.environmentalmodelers.ANDTHIS.com> wrote:
>> On 18/06/2010 7:33 AM, Xavi Lloret wrote:
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>>> Hi,
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>>> I'm trying to compress save files already done.
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>>> If I compress the sav files in the unix terminal with Gzip, then IDL
>>> "RESTORE" command does not recognize them:
>>> IDL> save, a, filename='test.sav'
>>> IDL> exit
>>> $ gzip test.sav
>>> $ idl
>>> IDL> restore, 'test.sav.gz'
>>> % RESTORE: Not a valid save file: test.sav.gz
>>
>>> This trick worked for binary files and OPEN command.
>>
>>> Any ideas how can I manage to compress lots of save files already
>>> done, creating save files which can be directly opened from inside
>>> IDL?
>>
>>> Thanks in advance,
>>> Xavi
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>> have you tried
>> save, a, filename='test.sav', /compress
>>
>> Jean
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> Maybe I did not explain well the problem...
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> The savs are already done and I would like to compress them
> individually, in a manner that the programs that open them will not
> notice.
> To use the keyword /compress is what I should have done and I
> didn't ;)
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> Xavi

ah ok,  
what about writing a small program that search for all .sav files, then,  
in a loop, call a procedure that open the sav files and do a save, /all  
/compress with the same (?) filename. (the extra procedure is to make  
sure that only the variables of the current sav files are in scope and  
saved)

Jean

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