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Subject: Re: Requested change to "SAVE" procedure  
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Tue, 22 Jan 2013 16:10:06 GMT  
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On 22/01/13 16:50, lefsky@gmail.com wrote:

> Sometimes I type save and (for a variety of reasons) overwrite an  
> old idslave file that I didn't want to overwrite. What I'd like to  
> see [...]

I would suggest that instead of adding interactivity where previously there was none, idl rename the old file (e.g. to idlsave-001.dat, -002.dat etc.) before writing the new.

This will placate the users who do a little type-ahead on their command lines and expect their commands to be obeyed without question. It will anger the users whose disks are filled up with unwanted savefile backups.

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