Subject: Re: Using .sav files outside of IDL
Posted by Vince Hradil on Tue, 29 May 2007 21:01:44 GMT
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On May 29, 2:00 pm, skcl...@gmail.com wrote:
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I don't do Matlab, but isn't there a "struct". Can you just define
one and read in the data? Or maybe use xml and parse it in matlab...
Just off the top of my head.

Subject: Re: Using .sav files outside of IDL
Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Tue, 29 May 2007 21:19:49 GMT
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I use netCDF for transporting data (or my own home-grown "binary" format). For your case I would consider netCDF since both IDL and matlab have netCDF APIs so all you have to write is the IDL wrapper code that writes your IDL structure to netCDF, and matlab code that reads the netCDF file into a matlab structure.

Alternatively, you could see if IDL save files written in XDR format are readable in matlab.

cheers,

paulv

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Paul van Delst Ride lots.
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Subject: Re: Using .sav files outside of IDL
Posted by Rick Towler on Wed, 30 May 2007 00:48:41 GMT
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You'll most likely have to give up on having the structure definition stored in this file. (I think) the best you will be able to do is stuff the data into a file in a known order then read it out and construct your structure on the other side. I recommend XDR because it is so simple (although I haven't created XDR files in IDL and read them in MATLAB so who knows what could crop up). There isn't built in support for MATLAB but libraries are available. Here's one:

http://crppwww.epfl.ch/~moret/matlab/local.html

and there are others. Java based XDR libraries would be trivial to use too.

As someone mentioned, XML is an option is your structures aren't too "heavy". There are a number of XML parsers on the MATLAB central file exchange that will read an XML file into a structure but you would still need to write a function in IDL that would write the XML file to their specific formats. Probably easier to go the XDR route.

-Rick

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