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Subject: VICE snapshot converter needed

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I had created a bunch of vsf snapshots for VICE which I often used. Then VICE got updated and none of my snapshots worked in the new version, so I had to create them all over again. Then VICE got updated again and... well, you've guessed it. For some reason, the vsf format is constantly changing with every new version of VICE and there is no way to use snapshots that were created with older versions.

Why is this? Is it really so hard to ensure backwards compatibility for snapshot files? Seeing as a vsf file is nothing more than a snapshot of the whole memory and some bits of metadata, I cannot believe it is impossible to make older snapshot files run in a newer version of VICE.

In another forum I read that the new version of VICE (3.1 I believe) will now warn the user if he's trying to load an older snapshot file. Well, that's not exactly a very helpful warning message, is it? Why doesn't it simply convert the old format to the new format and let you run it? Or how about writing a vsf-converter so that people can still use the snapshot files they created earlier?

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