NAME
> Dpkg::Interface::Storable − common methods related to object serialization

DESCRIPTION
> Dpkg::Interface::Storable is only meant to be used as parent class for other objects. It provides common methods that are all implemented on top of two basic methods **parse()** and **output()**.

BASE METHODS
> Those methods must be provided by the object that wish to inherit from Dpkg::Interface::Storable so that the methods provided can work.

> `$obj−>`parse($fh[, `$desc`])
> > This methods initialize the object with the data stored in the filehandle. `$desc` is optional and is a textual description of the filehandle used in error messages.

> `$string = $obj−>`output([$fh])
> > This method returns a string representation of the object in `$string` and it writes the same string to `$fh` (if it's defined).

PROVIDED METHODS
> `$obj−>`load($filename, `%opts`)
> > Initialize the object with the data stored in the file. The file can be compressed, it will be decompressed on the fly by using a Dpkg::Compression::FileHandle object. If `$opts`{compression} is false the decompression support will be disabled. If `$filename` is "−", then the standard input is read (no compression is allowed in that case).

> `$obj−>`save($filename, `%opts`)
> > Store the object in the file. If the filename ends with a known compression extension, it will be compressed on the fly by using a Dpkg::Compression::FileHandle object. If `$opts`{compression} is false the compression support will be disabled. If `$filename` is "−", then the standard output is used (data are written uncompressed in that case).

> "$obj"
> > Return a string representation of the object.

CHANGES
> **Version 1.01 (dpkg 1.19.0)**
> > New options: The `$obj−>`**load()** and `$obj−>`**save()** methods support a new compression option.

> **Version 1.00 (dpkg 1.15.6)**
> > Mark the module as public.