

NAME

`trv` – Trace visualizer for FORK program trace files

SYNOPSIS

`trv` [*options ...*] [*input_file ...*] [*output_file ...*]

DESCRIPTION

`trv` reads tracing information from the *input file*, and writes a trace graphic in **.fig** –format to the *output file*.

If *input file* is omitted, `trv` assumes **trace.trv** to be the input file, if *output file* is omitted, its filename is supposed to be **trace.fig**. If the input filename is given as ***.trv**, the output filename is ***.fig**. Though it is recommended to use files with suffix **.trv** as trace files and files with **.fig** -suffixes as output, this convention is not mandatory.

-x *x_size*

scales vertical size of the output graphic in per one. Default value is 1.0.

-r *ratio*

scales horizontal size of output graphic relative to *x_size*. *ratio* is computed after *x_size*. Default value is 1.5 (approx. DIN A4).

-w *bar_width*

determines width of trace bars (in pixels). Default is 240.

-c *config_file*

specifies an additional *CONFIGURATION* file which determines the appearance of the graphic, overriding the settings in **trace.h**. For further information on *CONFIGURATION* read below.

-n *nostats option*: suppresses output of statistics on shloads, shstores, mpadds, mpmax's, mpands and mpors. Useful if text lines reach above page boundaries.

CONFIGURATIONS

Using *configurations*, you can define additional event types. Also is it possible to assign a certain *color* or *pattern* to an *event type*. You can assign color and width to the *MPI message arrows* and you can specify a certain *color range* to redefine the private color map. To do so, you have to create a *config file* and place it in your current working directory. Following is a description of the config file syntax.

NOTE: Any settings given in the config file override the according setting in the **trace.h** file. It is possible to add settings to the default configuration. However, changing the settings in the **trace.h** file is not recommendable.

CONFIGURATION SYNTAX

format TRACE_EVENT:

TRACE_EVENT(<traceEventNr>,<traceEventNameString>, <pen_color>, <fill_color>, <y_size>, <y_offset>, <fill_pattern>)

traceEventNr:

Enumerative identifier value for events. Can range from 0 to 31. Values from 0 to 11 are used by the standard configuration in **trace.h**.

NOTE:

The last event **MUST BE** a dummy event of the following form: TRACE_EVENT(x, TRACE_MAX_EVENT, ...) where **x** is the least unused event number (e.g. if you specify 12 events with event numbers ranging from 0 to 11, the last event must be specified like: TRACE_EVENT(12,TRACE_MAX_EVENT, ...)

traceEventNameString:

You can give identifier names to each event. Identifier names must be necessarily distinct from each other. By convention, they are written in capital letters, using undercores "_" as blanks.

pen_color: Border color value assigned to each event. Ranges from 0 to 31 (regular color palette of XFIG). **-1 as parameter says that**

Values: 0: black 1: blue 2: green 3: cyan 4: red 5: magenta 6: yellow

Just to name a few ones. For further information, consult the xfig manual.

fill_color: Fill color value assigned to each event. Similar to pen_color.

y_size: the width of the trace bars associated with the event. Default is 1.0

y_offset: offset, by which the trace bar is shifted down. Default is 0.0

pattern: specifies a pattern for the event. The pattern is drawn in the pen color. The value for no fill is 0

format TRACE_ARROW:

TRACE_ARROW(<inner_width>,<inner_color>, <outer_width>, <outer_color>)

inner_width:

width of inner arrow (in pixels)

inner_color:

color value of inner arrow

outer_width:

width of outer arrow (in pixels)

outer_color:

color value of outer arrow

format COLOR_RANGE:

COLOR_RANGE(<red_min>, <red_max>, <green_min>, <green_max>, <blue_min>, <blue_max>, <skew_power>)

The custom color table in xfig is filled with color values from 0 to 192. Each color consists of a red, a green and a blue fraction. With *COLOR_RANGE* you can assign the left value to 0 and the right value to 192; values in between are interpolated. With the skew parameter one can adjust the order of the interpolation (e.g. 2.0 for square, 3.0 for cubic) . Default is linear interpolation, which means 1.0 for the skew parameter.

red_min: start value for red color fraction

red_max: start value for red color fraction

green_min: start value for green color fraction

green_max:
start value for green color fraction

blue_min: start value for blue color fraction

blue_max: start value for blue color fraction

CONFIG FILE EXAMPLE:

(taken from **trace.h**)

```
TRACE_EVENT(0, TRACE_END, -1, -1, 1.0, 0.0, 20)
TRACE_EVENT(1, TRACE_SPLIT, 5, 5, 1.0, 0.0, 20)
TRACE_EVENT(2, TRACE_GROUP, -1, -1, 1.0, 0.0, 20)

/* ... */

TRACE_EVENT(10,TRACE_ENTER_RECV, -1, -1, 0.5, 0.5, 20)
TRACE_EVENT(11,TRACE_EXIT_RECV, -1, -1, 2.0, -1.0, 20)
TRACE_EVENT(12,TRACE_MAX_EVENT, -1, -1, 0.0, 0.0, 20)

/* These were the event definitions ... */

TRACE_ARROW(1, 4, 2, 7)

/* ... and this is the arrow definition: *
 * inner width 1, inner color red      *
 * outer width 2, outer color white   */

COLOR_RANGE(20, 20, 0, 100, 192, 100, 3.0)

/* Here the color range definition */
```

Let's have a look at the exemplaric event definition:

```
TRACE_EVENT(10, TRACE_ENTER_RECV, -1, -1, 0.5, 0.5, 20)
```

traceEventNr is 8, *traceEventNameString* is `TRACE_ENTER_RECV`, *pen_color* shall be adopted by the preceding event, *fill_color* either. *y_size* is 0.5, *y_offset* is 0.0 This means, that the event bar is only half wide than normal, and because the offset is 0.0, it starts at 50 % of the width of the preceding event. The result is a "lower half". The *y_size* and *y_offset* values remain for every following event until they are reset. According to this,

```
TRACE_EVENT(9, TRACE_EXIT_RECV, -1, -1, 2.0, -1.0, 20)
```

has for *y_size* 2.0 (double bar width) and for *y_offset* -1.0 (start the last "large" event bar top), so that after `TRACE_EXIT_RECV` the mode before the last `TRACE_ENTER_SEND` is restored.

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