

## contra-tracer

A minimal implementation of Tracer `m a` is sufficient to start tracing observables in any code. Simply create a trace and add transformers to process the observables.

### Create a tracer

In this example, the terminal transformer outputs a text representation to the console:

```
let logTrace = showTracing stdoutTracer
```

```
showTracing
  :: (Show a)
  => Tracer m String
  -> Tracer m a
```

```
stdoutTracer
  :: (MonadIO m)
  => Tracer m String
```

### Usage of the tracer argument in a function

For example:

```
handleBlockHeader logTrace = do
  ...
  curBlockHeader :: Header <- ...
  traceWith logTrace curBlockHeader
  ...
```

## Hierarchy of traces

The derived Trace `m a` type accepts `LogObject` for further processing and routing depending on the context name.

A hierarchy of traces can be created by entering a local namespace with:

```
trace' <- appendName "deeper" trace
```

Observables on the new trace are annotated with the extended name.

## Privacy annotation

The logged observables can be annotated with either `Confidential` or `Public`. This will be taken into account when dispatching to the `katip` backend and its output scribes which are itself annotated to only process observables of a certain kind.

## Trace with severity annotation

This code:

```
trace <- setupTrace (Left "config.yaml")
                        "test"
logInfo trace "Info"
logError trace "Error"
```

leads to outputs:

```
[iohk.test:Info:ThreadId 104] [2019-03-27
07:30:32.37 UTC] "Info"
[iohk.test:Error:ThreadId 104] [2019-03-27
07:30:32.37 UTC] "Error"
```

## Configuration

The configuration is loaded on startup from a YAML file.

```
bTrace <- setupTrace (Left "config.yaml")
                        "base"
```

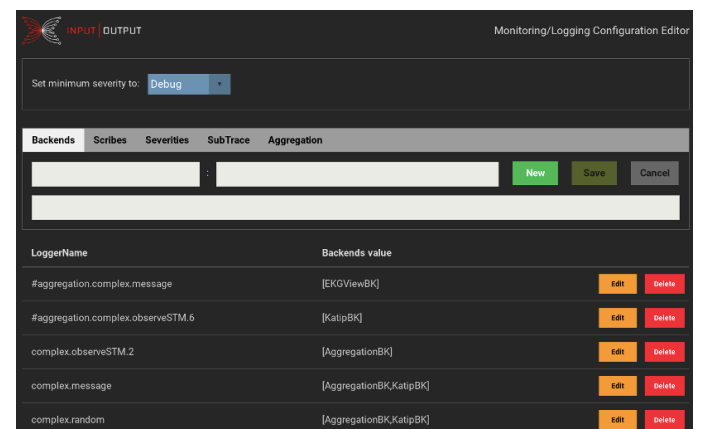
The returned trace in the namespace "base" will route all messages to the Switchboard which dispatches the messages to the backends according to configuration. The `katip` backend handles output to the console or log files, and also includes the log rotator.

The configuration contains mappings from the named context `LoggerName` to values changing the trace's behaviour.

Run:

```
cabal new-run example-complex
```

and access the editor on <http://localhost:13789>.



Changes are effective immediately, because the changed configuration will be queried on arrival of every traced message.