Time Tests

I compiled two binaries: outr and out representing the process and thread implementations, respectively.

I also created two two text files, 100k.txt and 50.txt which are text files containing 100,000 and 50 randomly generated characters, respectively.

To record the amount of time elapsed, I am using the UNIX time utility provided on OSX.

Test 1

time ./outR 100k.txt 1 takes a total of 0.013s to complete
time ./outT 100k.txt 1 takes a total of 0.007s to complete

Test 2

time ./outR 100k.txt 50 takes a total of 0.040s to complete time ./outT 100k.txt 50 takes a total of 0.012s to complete

Test 3

time ./outR 100k.txt 500 takes a total of 0.288s to complete time ./outT 100k.txt 500 takes a total of 0.102s to complete

Test 4

time ./outR 50.txt 1 takes a total of 0.009s to complete time ./outT 50.txt 1 takes a total of 0.013s to complete

Test 5

time ./outR 50.txt 25 takes a total of 0.038s to complete
time ./outT 50.txt 25 takes a total of 0.027s to complete

Test 6

time ./outR 50.txt 50 takes a total of 0.075s to complete time ./outT 50.txt 50 takes a total of 0.025s to complete

Conclusion

After running these tests it appears that using threads is - on average - faster than using worker processes when compressing files.