trsfile Documentation

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Riscure Inspector uses the .trs file format to save and read traces from disk. To better assist reading and writing trace set files from third parties, Riscure published this Python library.

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CHAPTER 1

Quick start

This library supports reading and writing of .trs files, but it does not (yet) support modifying existing .trs files. Both the TrcFile and the Trace class emulate all the functionality of a list, so slice to your heart's content!

1.1 Installation

This library is available on PyPi for Python 3 and up. Just add trsfile to your requirements.txt or install it via the command line:

```
pip install trsfile
```

1.2 Reading .trs files

```
import trsfile

with trsfile.open('trace-set.trs', 'r') as traces:
    # Show all headers
    for header, value in trs_file.get_headers().items():
        print(header, '=', value)
    print()

# Iterate over the first 25 traces
    for i, trace in enumerate(trs_file[0:25]):
        print('Trace {0:d} contains {1:d} samples'.format(i, len(trace)))
        print(' - minimum value in trace: {0:f}'.format(min(trace)))
        print(' - maximum value in trace: {0:f}'.format(max(trace)))
```

1.3 Creating .trs files

```
import random, os, trsfile
from trsfile import trs_open, Trace, SampleCoding, TracePadding, Header
with trs_open(
        'trace-set.trs',
                                          # File name of the trace set
        'w',
                                         # Mode: r, w, x, a (default to x)
        # Zero or more options can be passed (supported options depend on the storage,
→engine)
       engine = 'TrsEngine',
                                         # Optional: how the trace set is stored
→ (defaults to TrsEngine)
       headers = {
                                         # Optional: headers (see Header class)
           Header.LABEL_X: 'Testing X',
           Header.LABEL_Y: 'Testing Y',
           Header.DESCRIPTION: 'Testing trace creation',
        },
       padding_mode = TracePadding.AUTO, # Optional: padding mode (defaults to_
→ TracePadding.AUTO)
       live_update = True
                                         # Optional: updates the TRS file for live_
→preview (small performance hit)
                                             0 (False): Disabled (default)
                                            1 (True) : TRS file updated after every
→trace
                                                      : TRS file is updated after N
\rightarrowtraces
   ) as trs_file:
    # Extend the trace file with 100 traces with each 1000 samples
   trs_file.extend([
        Trace(
            SampleCoding.FLOAT,
            [random.uniform(-255, 255) for _ in range(0, 1000)],
            data = os.urandom(16)
       for _ in range(0, 100)]
   )
    # Replace 5 traces (the slice [0:10:2]) with random length traces.
    # Because we are creating using the TracePadding.PAD mode, all traces
    # will be clipped or padded on the first trace length
   trs_file[0:10:2] = [
        Trace(
            SampleCoding.FLOAT,
           [random.uniform(0, 255) for _ in range(0, random.randrange(1000))],
           data = os.urandom(16),
           title = 'Clipped trace'
        for _ in range(0, 5)
    1
    # Adding one Trace
    trs_file.append(
        Trace(
            SampleCoding.FLOAT,
            [random.uniform(-255, 255) for _ in range(0, 1000)],
            data = os.urandom(16)
        )
```

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```
# We cannot delete traces with the TrsEngine, other engines do support this_
feature
#del trs_file[40:50]

# We can only change headers with a value that has the same length as the_
previous value
# with the TrsEngine, other engines can support dynamically adding, deleting or_
changing
# headers.
#trs_file.update_header(Header.LABEL_X, 'Time')
#trs_file.update_header(Header.LABEL_Y, 'Voltage')
#trs_file.update_header(Header.DESCRIPTION, 'Traces created for some purpose!')

print('Total length of new trace set: {0:d}'.format(len(trs_file)))
```

1.4 Converting TraceSet from one type to another

```
import random, os, trsfile
with \
   trsfile.open(
       'trace-set',
                                     # Previously create trace set
       'r',
                                    # Read only mode
       engine='FileEngine'
                                    # Using the FileEngine
   ) as traces, \
                                    # Note: TrsEngine is the default
   trsfile.open(
        'trace-set.trs',
                                     # Name of the new trace set
       'w',
                                     # Write mode
       headers=traces.get_headers() # Copy the headers
   ) as new_traces:
   new_traces.extend(traces)
                                     # Extend the new trace set with the
                                      # traces from the old trace set
```

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Documentation

The full documentation is available in the docs folder with a readable version on Read the Docs.

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Testing

The library supports Python unittest module and the tests can be executed with the following command:

python -m unittest

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Architecture overview

This diagram gives a quick overview on a conceptual level how different concepts are related.

The API documentation

If you are looking for information on a specific function, class, or method, this part of the documentation is for you.

6.1 The API documentation

This part of the documentation covers all the interfaces of trsfile.

6.1.1 Overview

This section gives an overview of the main classes and their descriptions.

```
trsfile.open (path, mode='r', **options)
```

Reads, modifies or creates a TraceSet with a specific storage engine (defaults to TrsEngine).

Parameters

- path (str) path to the file or directory
- mode (str) mode how to open the file or directory (same as the default Python open)
- **options** (dict(str, any)) zero or more options that are passed down to the TraceSet and the storage engine. Available options can be found in the different storage engines. The storage engine can be selected with engine = 'TrsEngine' (default value).

Returns instance of a new or initialized TraceSet

```
Return type TraceSet
```

```
trsfile.trs_open (path, mode='r', **options)
```

Reads, modifies or creates a TraceSet with a specific storage engine (defaults to TrsEngine).

Parameters

• path (str) – path to the file or directory

- mode (str) mode how to open the file or directory (same as the default Python open)
- **options** (*dict* (*str*, *any*)) zero or more options that are passed down to the TraceSet and the storage engine. Available options can be found in the different storage engines. The storage engine can be selected with engine = 'TrsEngine' (default value).

Returns instance of a new or initialized TraceSet

Return type *TraceSet*

class trsfile.trace.Trace(sample_coding, samples, data=b", title='trace', headers={})

The Trace class behaves like a list object were each item in the list is a sample of the trace.

When a *Trace* is initialized the samples are (optionally) converted to a numpy.array depending on the current type of the samples and the provided sample_coding.

class trsfile.trace_set.TraceSet (path, mode='r', **options)

The TraceSet class behaves like a list object were each item in the list is a Trace.

Storing the *TraceSet* requires knowledge on the format which is resolved through the usage of storage engines (Engine).

class trsfile.engine.trs.TrsEngine(path, mode='x', **options)

This engine supports .trs files from Riscure as specified in the "Trace set coding" document in Inspector.

This engine supports the following options:

Option	Description	
headers	Dictionary containing zero or more headers, see trsfile.common.Header	
live_updat	e Performs live update of the TRS file every N traces. True for updating after every trace and False	
	for never.	
padding_mode and to use. The supported values are: trsfile.common.TracePadding.NONE		
	and trsfile.common.TracePadding.AUTO (default)	

class trsfile.engine.file.FileEngine(path, mode='x', **options)

This engine tries to save traces to disk in the most versatile and simple manner available. No known tools support this file format and serve only as an intermediate step to later convert it to a supported format.

This is can be useful when the trace length (number of samples) varies as this is often not supported in trace files.

After acquisition, the file can be converted to the proper format with the correct padding mode.

This engine supports the following options:

Option	Description
headers	Dictionary containing zero or more headers, see trsfile.common.Header

class trsfile.common.Header

All headers that are currently supported in the .trs file format as defined in the inspector manual (2018). The storage engine shall try to always store all headers regardless if they are used or not. However, some file formats will have no way of storing arbitrary headers. As such, optional headers can be dropped.

Some headers can be used by $trsfile.trace_set.TraceSet$ or trsfile.trace.Trace to augment their functionality. An example of this is the $trsfile.trace.Trace.get_key()$ method.

class trsfile.common.SampleCoding

Defines the encoding of all the samples in the trace. Bit 4 specifies if it is a float (1) or an integer (0), bits 0 to 3 specifies the length of the value. Finally, bits 5-7 are currently reserved and set to 000.

This class is just a simple lookup table.

class trsfile.common.TracePadding

Defines the padding mode of the samples in each trace. This can be helpful when not all traces will be the same length. This can be set in trsfile.open(), trsfile.trs_open()

Mode	Description
NONE	No padding will be used and an exception will be thrown when traces are not of the same length.
PAD	All traces will be padded with zeroes to the maximum trace length.
TRUN-	All traces will be truncated to the minimum trace length.
CATE	
AUTO	Traces will be clipped or padded in the best possible way the storage engine supports. This could
	mean data is lost which because retroactive padding is not supported.

6.1.2 Common

class trsfile.common.Header

Bases: enum. Enum

All headers that are currently supported in the .trs file format as defined in the inspector manual (2018). The storage engine shall try to always store all headers regardless if they are used or not. However, some file formats will have no way of storing arbitrary headers. As such, optional headers can be dropped.

Some headers can be used by trsfile.trace_set.TraceSet or trsfile.trace.Trace to augment their functionality. An example of this is the trsfile.trace.Trace.get_key() method.

```
ACQUISITION_COUPLING_OF_SCOPE = 86
ACQUISITION_DEVICE_ID = 89
ACQUISITION FREQUENCY FILTER = 91
ACQUISITION INPUT IMPEDANCE = 88
ACQUISITION_OFFSET_OF_SCOPE = 87
ACQUISITION_RANGE_FILTER = 92
ACQUISITION RANGE OF SCOPE = 85
ACQUISITION_TYPE_FILTER = 90
DESCRIPTION = 71
EXTERNAL_CLOCK_BASE = 103
EXTERNAL_CLOCK_FREQUENCY = 102
EXTERNAL_CLOCK_MULTIPLIER = 98
EXTERNAL_CLOCK_PHASE_SHIFT = 99
EXTERNAL CLOCK RESAMPLER ENABLED = 101
EXTERNAL CLOCK RESAMPLER MASK = 100
EXTERNAL_CLOCK_THRESHOLD = 97
EXTERNAL_CLOCK_USED = 96
GO LAST TRACE = 106
INPUT_LENGTH = 110
```

```
INPUT_OFFSET = 107
KEY_LENGTH = 112
KEY_OFFSET = 109
LABEL_X = 73
LABEL Y = 74
LENGTH DATA = 68
LOGARITHMIC_SCALE = 78
NUMBER_SAMPLES = 66
NUMBER TRACES = 65
NUMBER_VIEW = 104
OFFSET_X = 72
OUTPUT_LENGTH = 111
OUTPUT OFFSET = 108
SAMPLE CODING = 67
SCALE X = 75
SCALE Y = 76
TITLE\_SPACE = 69
TRACE_BLOCK = 95
TRACE_OFFSET = 77
TRACE OVERLAP = 105
TRACE_TITLE = 70
```

class trsfile.common.SampleCoding

Bases: enum. Enum

Defines the encoding of all the samples in the trace. Bit 4 specifies if it is a float (1) or an integer (0), bits 0 to 3 specifies the length of the value. Finally, bits 5-7 are currently reserved and set to 000.

This class is just a simple lookup table.

```
BYTE = 1
    FLOAT = 20
    INT = 4
    SHORT = 2
class trsfile.common.TracePadding
```

Bases: enum. Enum

Defines the padding mode of the samples in each trace. This can be helpful when not all traces will be the same length. This can be set in trsfile.open(), trsfile.trs_open()

Mode	Description
NONE	No padding will be used and an exception will be thrown when traces are not of the same length.
PAD	All traces will be padded with zeroes to the maximum trace length.
TRUN-	All traces will be truncated to the minimum trace length.
CATE	
AUTO	Traces will be clipped or padded in the best possible way the storage engine supports. This could
	mean data is lost which because retroactive padding is not supported.

```
AUTO = 3
NONE = 0
PAD = 1
TRUNCATE = 2
```

6.1.3 Trace

```
class trsfile.trace.Trace(sample_coding, samples, data=b", title='trace', headers={})
    Bases: object
```

The Trace class behaves like a list object were each item in the list is a sample of the trace.

When a *Trace* is initialized the samples are (optionally) converted to a numpy.array depending on the current type of the samples and the provided sample_coding.

```
get_input()
get_key()
get_output()
```

6.1.4 TraceSet

The TraceSet class behaves like a list object were each item in the list is a Trace.

Storing the *TraceSet* requires knowledge on the format which is resolved through the usage of storage engines (Engine).

```
append (trace)
close()
extend (traces)
get_header (header)
get_headers()
insert (index, trace)
is_closed()
reverse()
update_header (header, value)
update_headers (headers)
```

6.1.5 Storage Engines

The TraceSet behaves like a list (it is a list of Traces). Each Trace also behaves like a list (it is a list of samples). This is all on a conceptual level and the storage engine specifies how this conceptual model is translated to a specific file format. This behavior also makes it easy to convert from any (supported) file format to another one.

- TrsEngine
- FileEngine
- Engine

TrsEngine

```
class trsfile.engine.trs.TrsEngine (path, mode='x', **options)
    Bases: trsfile.engine.engine.Engine
```

This engine supports .trs files from Riscure as specified in the "Trace set coding" document in Inspector.

This engine supports the following options:

Option	Description	
headers	Dictionary containing zero or more headers, see trsfile.common.Header	
live_updat	e Performs live update of the TRS file every N traces. True for updating after every trace and False	
	for never.	
padding_n	padding_mode to use. The supported values are: trsfile.common.TracePadding.NONE	
	and trsfile.common.TracePadding.AUTO (default)	

close()

Closes the open file handle if it is opened

```
get_traces (index)
```

Retrieves zero or more traces from the trace set

Parameters index (slice, int) - the slice or index that specifies which traces to get

Returns a list of zero or more traces from the trace set

Return type *Trace*, list[*Trace*]

is closed()

Returns if the file backing the trace set is closed

Returns True if the file is closed, otherwise False

Return type boolean

length()

Returns the total number of traces

Returns total number of traces

Return type int

set_traces (index, traces)

Inserts zero or more traces into the trace set

Parameters

- index (slice, int) the slice or index that specifies were to insert traces
- traces (Trace, list[Trace]) zero or more traces to insert into the trace set

Returns None

update_headers (headers)

Updates zero or more headers

Parameters headers (dict (Header, any)) - dictionary of header, value pairs to update

Returns a list of the headers that changed

Return type list[*Header*]

FileEngine

```
class trsfile.engine.file.FileEngine (path, mode='x', **options)
    Bases: trsfile.engine.engine.Engine
```

This engine tries to save traces to disk in the most versatile and simple manner available. No known tools support this file format and serve only as an intermediate step to later convert it to a supported format.

This is can be useful when the trace length (number of samples) varies as this is often not supported in trace files.

After acquisition, the file can be converted to the proper format with the correct padding mode.

This engine supports the following options:

Option	Description
headers	Dictionary containing zero or more headers, see trsfile.common.Header

INFO_FILE = 'traceset.pickle'

close()

Closes the file backing the trace set. It also could perform the final writes to synchronize the file with the trace set.

Returns None

del_traces (index)

Deletes zero or more traces from the trace set

Parameters index (slice, int) – the slice or index that specifies which traces to delete

Returns None

get_traces (index)

Retrieves zero or more traces from the trace set

Parameters index (slice, int) – the slice or index that specifies which traces to get

Returns a list of zero or more traces from the trace set

Return type *Trace*, list[*Trace*]

is_closed()

Returns if the file backing the trace set is closed

Returns True if the file is closed, otherwise False

Return type boolean

length()

Returns the total number of traces

Returns total number of traces

Return type int

set_traces (index, traces)

Inserts zero or more traces into the trace set

Parameters

- index (slice, int) the slice or index that specifies were to insert traces
- traces (Trace, list[Trace]) zero or more traces to insert into the trace set

Returns None

update_headers (headers)

Updates zero or more headers

Parameters headers (dict (Header, any)) - dictionary of header, value pairs to update

Returns a list of the headers that changed

Return type list[*Header*]

Engine

```
class trsfile.engine.engine.Engine(path, mode='x', **options)
    Bases: object
```

close()

Closes the file backing the trace set. It also could perform the final writes to synchronize the file with the trace set.

Returns None

del_traces (index)

Deletes zero or more traces from the trace set

Parameters index (slice, int) – the slice or index that specifies which traces to delete

Returns None

get_traces (index)

Retrieves zero or more traces from the trace set

Parameters index (slice, int) – the slice or index that specifies which traces to get

Returns a list of zero or more traces from the trace set

Return type *Trace*, list[*Trace*]

is closed()

Returns if the file backing the trace set is closed

Returns True if the file is closed, otherwise False

Return type boolean

is_read_only()

Returns if the trace set is read-only

Returns True if the file is read-only, otherwise False

Return type boolean

length()

Returns the total number of traces

Returns total number of traces

Return type int

```
read_only = False
```

```
set_traces (index, traces)
```

Inserts zero or more traces into the trace set

Parameters

- index (slice, int) the slice or index that specifies were to insert traces
- traces (Trace, list[Trace]) zero or more traces to insert into the trace set

Returns None

update_header (header, value)

Updates one specific header

Parameters

- header (Header) header to update
- value (any) value of the header to update

Returns a list of the headers that changed

Return type list[*Header*]

update_headers (headers)

Updates zero or more headers

Parameters headers (dict (Header, any)) - dictionary of header, value pairs to update

Returns a list of the headers that changed

Return type list[*Header*]

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