

**NAME**

monitor – prepare execution profile

**SYNOPSIS**

**monitor(lowpc, highpc, buffer, bufsize)**  
**int lowpc( ), highpc( ), buffer[ ], bufsize;**

**DESCRIPTION**

*Monitor* is an interface to the *profil*(II) system call. *Lowpc* and *highpc* are the names of two functions; *buffer* is the address of a (user supplied) array of *bufsize* integers. *Monitor* arranges for the system to sample the user's program counter periodically and record the execution histogram in the buffer. The lowest address sampled is that of *lowpc* and the highest is just below *highpc*. For the results to be significant, especially where there are small, heavily used routines, it is suggested that the buffer be no more than a few times smaller than the range of locations sampled.

To profile the entire program, it is sufficient to use

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extern etext;  
...  
monitor(2, &etext, buf, bufsize);
```

*Etext* is a loader-defined symbol which lies just above all the program text.

To stop execution monitoring and write the results on the file *mon.out*, use

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monitor(0);
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Then, when the program exits, *prof*(I) can be used to examine the results.

It is seldom necessary to call this routine directly; the **-p** option of *cc* is simpler if one is satisfied with its default profile range and resolution.

**FILES**

mon.out

**SEE ALSO**

prof(I), profil(II), cc(I)