How to use « folder_drawer.py »

Creation of the tree structure

First of all, you have to launch the program from a CLI (CMD under Windows, Shell under Unix) by typing this line: python folder_drawer.py "absolute_path_root".

When the mapping is done, a message will appear: Mapping complete

Display of the tree structure

A file will be generated in an XML format (structured) with a .graphml extension.

Open the file starting with "map_date--time.graphml", as below:

map_2020-10-06--165400.graphml

You can read it with the free open source software "yEd Graph Editor", available at this address: https://www.yworks.com/downloads

Changing the tree viewer

Go to Layout > Hierarchical, tab General : Orientation => Top to Bottom ; tab Labeling : check the box "Consider Node Labels". Press OK.

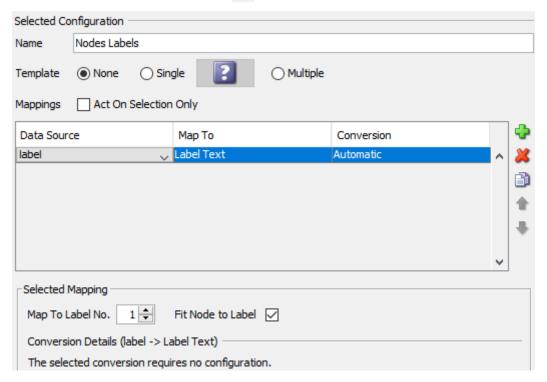
/!\WARNING: after exporting the graph from the script, an edge is not in the right direction, it is always the one that represents the relationship between the root folder and the first child. To reverse this relationship, select the edge and right click, then click on "Properties". Next, reverse the "Source Arrow" and "Target Arrow" shapes then click OK.

Finally, redo the previous manipulation, to display the graph properly again.

How to display node labels

Create a configuration by clicking on Edit > Properties Mapper...

Add a new configuration by pressing 💠 and set up the configuration as shown in the picture below :

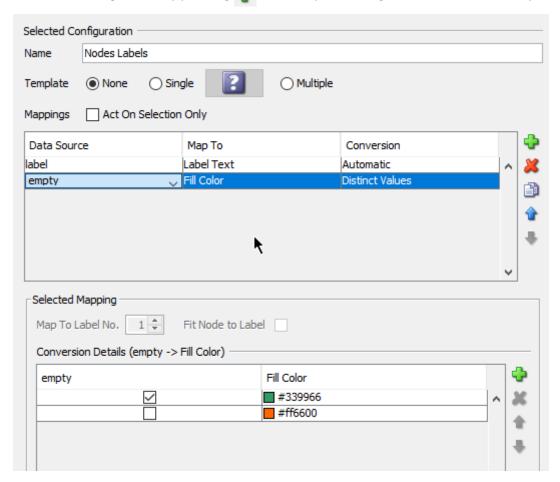


Press OK.

How to display empty nodes

Create a configuration by clicking on Edit > Properties Mapper...

Add a new configuration by pressing 👆 and set up the configuration as shown in the picture below :



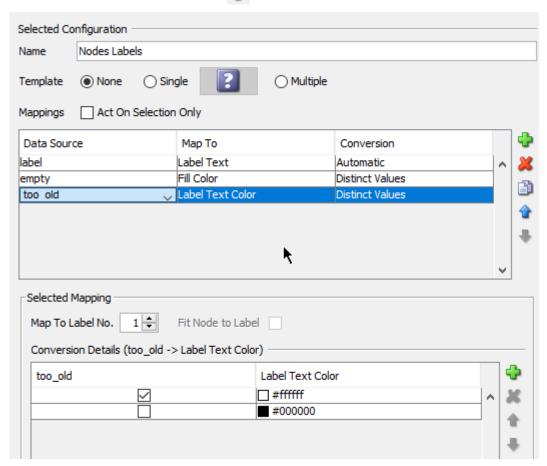
Add some filling colors by clicking on the bottom and check the first box, while assigning a filling color for the empty folders. You could assign a filling color to others too.

Press OK.

How to display nodes which have not been accessed since 1 year

Create a configuration by clicking on Edit > Properties Mapper...

Add a new configuration by pressing 🜓 and set up the configuration as shown in the picture below :



Add some text labelling colors by clicking on the bottom • and check the first box, while assigning a text labelling color to older folders. You could assign a text labelling color to others too.

Press OK.