

Post-Processing Tool Sets for the Agilent Technologies 16700A Series Logic Analysis Systems

Product Overview Solutions for Digital System Debug

Post-processing tools provide rapid insight into your toughest debug problems

When you want to understand what your target is doing and why, you need to view acquisition results in a format that quickly guides you to problem identification.

The tool sets described in the following pages are optional, post-processing software packages for the Agilent Technologies 16700A

Series logic analysis systems. Each tool set provides digital design engineers like you insight into your specific application.

You have unique measurement and analysis needs. Agilent Technologies' combination of powerful triggering and deep trace provides the ability to precisely acquire large quantities of data around a specified sequence of events.

Once the data is acquired, you can rely on the analysis tools to rapidly

consolidate data into displays that provide insight into your system's behavior.

Free Tool Set Evaluation

To see which tool sets best fit your needs, Agilent Technologies offers a free 21-day trial period that lets you evaluate any tool set as your work schedule permits. Once you receive your tool, you obtain a password that temporarily enables the tool. (See page 35 for information on evaluation and tool set passwords.)

| Application | Product Name | Agilent Model Number | Detailed Information | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Debug your real-time code at the source level | Source Correlation | B4620B | Pgs 3-6 | |
| Correlate a logic analyzer trace with the high-level source code | Tool Set | | | |
| that produced it. Set up the logic analyzer trace by simply pointing | | | | |
| and clicking on a line of source code. | | | | |
| Debug your parallel data communications buses | Data Communications | B4640B | Pgs 7-15 | |
| Display logic analyzer trace information at a protocol level. | Tool Set | | | |
| Powerful trigger macros allow triggering on standard or | | | | |
| custom protocol fields. Supports data buses up to 32 bits wide. | | | | |
| Customize your trace for greater insight | Tool Development Kit | B4605B | Pgs 16-22 | |
| Create custom tools using the C programming language. | | | | |
| Custom tools can analyze captured data and present it | | | | |
| in a form that makes sense to you. Analysis systems do not require | | | | |
| the tool development kit to run generated tools. | | | | |
| Optimize your system's performance | System Performance | B4600B | Pgs 23-28 | |
| Profile your system's performance to identify system | Analysis Tool Set | | | |
| bottlenecks and to identify areas needing optimization. | - | | | |
| Solve your serial communication problems | Serial Analysis | B4601B | Pgs 29-34 | |
| Convert serial bit streams to parallel format for easy viewing and | Tool Set | | | |
| analysis. Supports serial data with or without an external clock | | | | |
| reference and protocols that use bit stuffing to maintain clock | | | | |
| synchronization. Works at speeds up to 1 GHz. | | | | |

Table 1. Applications for the Agilent Technologies Post-Processing Tool Sets.

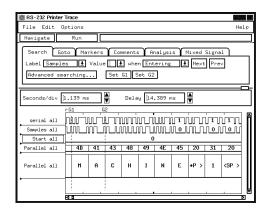


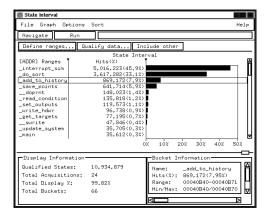
Seamless Integration with Your Development Environment

Remotely access any tool set from a PC or workstation through your web browser or X-window emulation software. You can also use an SVGA monitor to locally control and view measurements at your lab bench.

Access source files or other development environment applications (compiler, debugger) from your 16700A Series system via Telnet, NFS or mapped file systems, and X-Windows client/server protocols.

Save or access files via the standard network capabilities of the 16700A Series mainframes, such as FTP, NFS, or CIFS (Common Internet File System for Windows 95/98/NT based PCs).





Step Source Goto In Listing Browse

if temp_target != MAX_TEMP

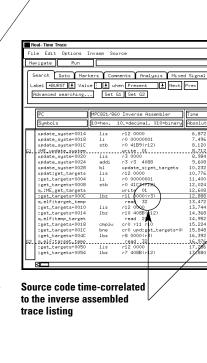
race after this line

* Description: Come up with new temperate
Uses outside_temp and info
* state of heat.air.etc. to
to create the new values.

MX_get_targets = 1;

* Returns: Nothing.

Goto this line in listing after current state



Serial bit stream displayed in a parallel waveform format

Statistical representations

Figure 1: Get the Insight You Need into Your System's Behavior with Agilent Technologies Post-Processing Tool Sets.

The Source Correlation Tool Set

Debug Your Source Code

As an engineer, you are responsible for the flawless execution of your software in its real-time environment. You must ensure that both input and output dataflow processing and system time constraints are tested to design specification. Valid measurements can only be performed on the actual hardware prototype.

Using the Agilent Technologies B4620B source correlation tool set you can obtain answers to many of your questions concerning software code execution, data tracking, and software-hardware integration.

Obtain Answers to the Following Questions:

Software Code Execution

- What happened just before the system crashed?
- What source code was executed at a specific point in time?
- What is the exact time between two user-defined system events?
- What is the execution history leading up to or occurring after an area of interest?

Data Tracking

- you can obtain answers to many of What is the exact history of a variyour questions concerning soft- able's value over time?
 - Which routine(s) corrupted my data?

Compile Relocatable Object Code Link Absolute Object Code Download Edit Source File Debug

Figure 2: Typical Development Cycle.

Software-Hardware Integration

- What is the root cause of a system failure—hardware or software?
- Are timing anomalies found by the hardware engineer the cause of my software problems?
- Am I working on the same problem as the hardware engineer?
- What portion of my source code correlates to the problem the hardware engineer reported?

Product Description

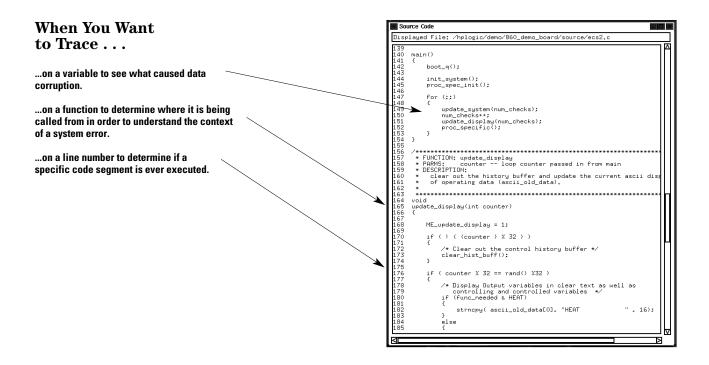
The Agilent Technologies B4620B source correlation tool set correlates a microprocessor execution trace window with a corresponding high-level source code window.

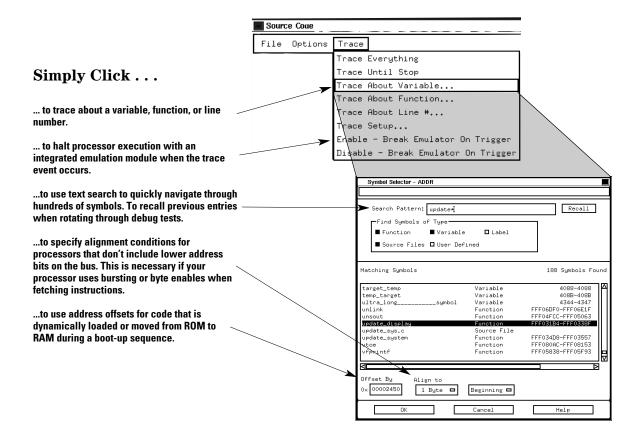
The tool set uses information provided in your compiler's object file to build a database of source files, line numbers and symbol information. The tool set's main advantage is its ability to allow you to observe software execution without halting the system or adding instructions to the code. The tool set can also be used to set up the logic analyzer trace by simply pointing and clicking on a source line.

Once the tool set is enabled on your 16700A Series system, it can support new processors by changing analysis probes and verifying object file compatibility. Multiple-processor systems are also supported.

The source correlation tool set completes your software development environment by providing multiple views of code execution and variable content under severe real-time constraints.

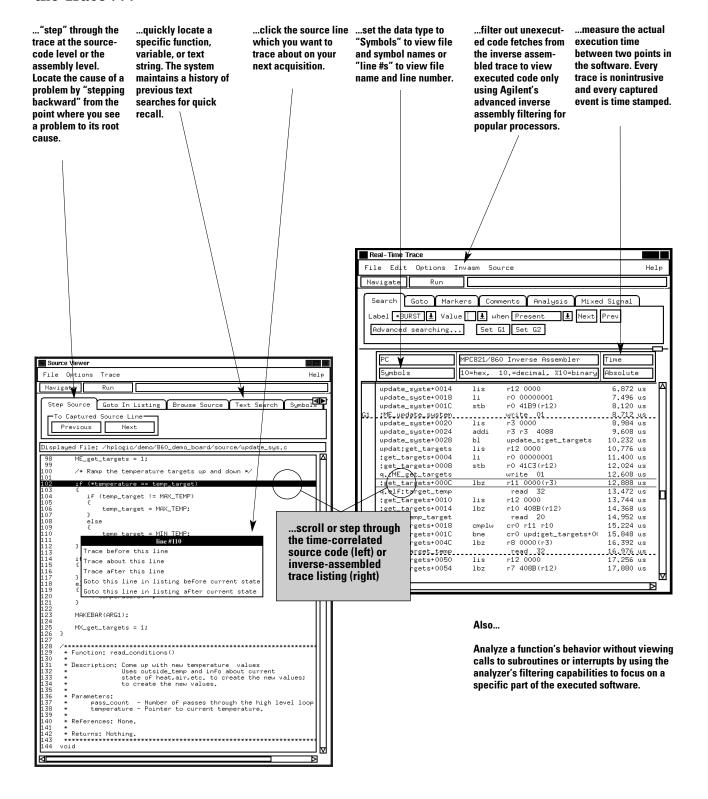
The Source Correlation Tool Set (continued)





The Source Correlation Tool Set (continued)

Once You Acquire the Trace . . .



The Source Correlation Tool Set (continued)

Product Characteristics

Data Sources

All state and timing measurement modules supported by the 16700A Series logic analysis systems (except the 16517A/518A) serve as data sources for the source correlation tool set.

Microprocessor Support

The source correlation tool set supports many of the most popular embedded microprocessors using nonintrusive analysis probes for the 16700A Series systems to provide reliable, fast and convenient connections to your target system.

New microprocessors are constantly being added to the list of supported CPUs. For the most current information about supported microprocessors, please contact your Agilent Technologies sales representative or visit our web site:

http://www.agilent.com/find/logicanalyzer

Object File Format Compatibility

The 16700A Series logic analysis systems quickly and reliably read your specific object file format. Agilent Technologies' experience with different file formats and symbol representations translates into confidence that your source code files are accurately correlated and your system is precisely characterized.

Source correlation and system performance measurements do not require any change in your software generation process. No modification or recompilation of your source code is required.

You can load multiple object files. Address offsets are also supported, enabling system performance measurements and source-code level views of dynamically loaded software execution or code moved from ROM to RAM during a bootup sequence.

High-level language tools that produce the following file formats are supported:

- HP/MRI IEEE695
- ELF/DWARF*
- ELF/Stabs*
- TI COFF
- COFF/Stabs*
- Intel OMF86
- Intel OMF96
- Intel OMF 286
- Intel OMF 386 (which supports Intel80486 and Pentium Language)

*Supports C++ name de-mangling

If your language system does not generate output in one of the listed formats, a generic ASCII file format is also supported.

For the most current information about supported compiler file formats and processor support, please contact your Agilent Technologies sales representative.

Source File Access

The source correlation tool set must be able to access source files to provide source line referencing.

Source files can reside in multiple directories on the hard drive of your workstation, PC, or on the 16700A Series mainframe's internal hard disk. You can access the files via NFS-mounted disks or CIFS mounted disks. To display the source file, the tool set first looks for the source path name in the object file, follows the path to access the source file, and if not found, looks for the source file in alternate user-defined directories.

The 16700A Series logic analysis systems automatically place the following in the directory search path:

- NFS mounted directories
- Directory paths specified in loaded symbol files
- Directory paths specified in loaded source files

Source Correlation Functionality

- Source code and inverse assembled trace listing are time-correlated.
- Ability to alternate between source viewer and browsing of other-source files.
- Trace specification can be set up from the source viewer or file browser.
- For multiple-processor systems, each trace window can be timecorrelated to a source viewer.

Monitor Packet Information on Parallel Data Buses

Your networking hardware uses parallel data buses such as UTOPIA or a proprietary parallel interface to communicate between communications processors, network processors, custom ASICs, or physical interface chip sets. The data communications tool set allows developers to view parallel bus data at a protocol level on the logic analyzer.

With a higher abstraction view of the data combined with the powerful time-correlation features of the logic analyzer, Agilent Technologies equips designers with a new debugging capability to find complex system-level bus interaction problems combined with protocol information from parallel data paths.

Obtain Answers to the Following Questions

- What is the time difference between two or more data paths and/or a microprocessor?
- Did a packet make it through the switch or router?
- Why did a packet take so long to go through the switch or router?
- Where did an illegal packet come from?
- What is the latency on packet information?
- What is corrupting packets?

Product Description

The Agilent Technologies B4640B data communications tool set adds protocol analysis capabilities to the logic analyzer for viewing parallel data buses in a switching or routing system. Each protocol layer is displayed with a different color in the logic analyzer lister display to allow easy viewing of the protocol data. Payload information is included after the header in a raw hex format. Filters are included to allow many different views of the data. Protocol layers can be collapsed or expanded to create a custom view of the data acquired in the logic analyzer. With the filters, you can concentrate on the data of interest for a particular measurement.

The powerful protocol trigger macro allows easy trigger setup by eliminating the need to manually configure the trigger sequencer for complex measurements. All custom-defined protocol fields or layers are supported in the trigger macro.

All packets or cells are timestamped in the logic analyzer for time-correlation measurements with other system buses such as a microprocessor, memory interface, PCI bus, or other UTOPIA bus. All state listing and waveform displays in the logic analyzer are time-correlated with global markers for a complete view of the system. With this tool, it is possible to trigger the logic analyzer with a microprocessor event and see what is happening on a parallel data bus with protocol information.

By monitoring multiple timecorrelated data buses, you can monitor a packet entering one ASIC and see how long it takes for the packet to reach another part of the system. The powerful trigger can also monitor a packet entering one port and trigger if the packet has not reached another port by a designated time.

The data communications tool set supports data buses up to 32 bits wide.

Theory of Operation

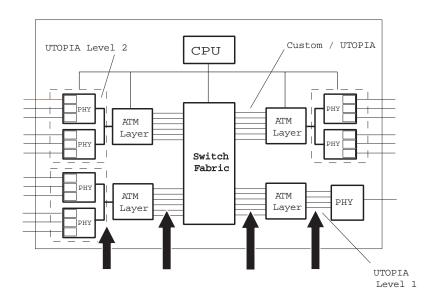


Figure 3: Typical ATM Switch Design.

The logic analyzer probes the parallel data buses in the system, such as the UTOPIA shown above. The logic analyzer needs access to data signals, qualifying signals, start of cell or packet bit, and the synchronous clock for the bus.

With access to the "Start of Cell" or "Start of Packet" bit on the data bus, the logic analyzer starts looking at the beginning of a cell or packet. With the protocol definition set up by the user, the logic analyzer can sequence down into the cell or packet to find the desired protocol fields to trigger on.

Qualifiers such as "Data Valid" allow the logic analyzer to sample

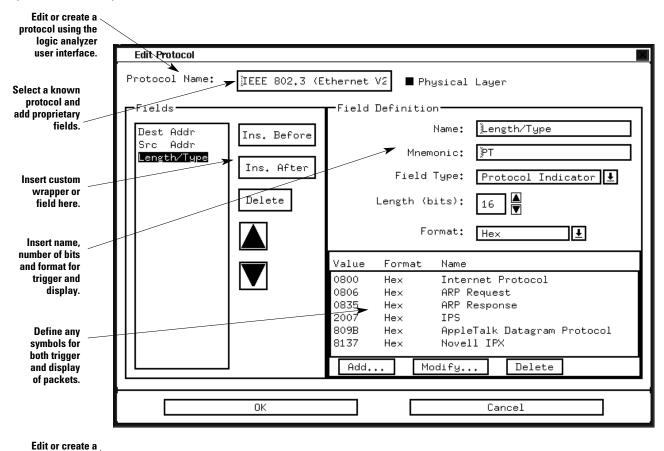
only on events of interest instead of all cycles. The synchronous bus clock samples the data into the logic analyzer.

Protocol Support

The B4640B includes both ATM and Ethernet standard protocol setup files. These files can be edited to support custom fields or "wrapper" layers in a protocol.

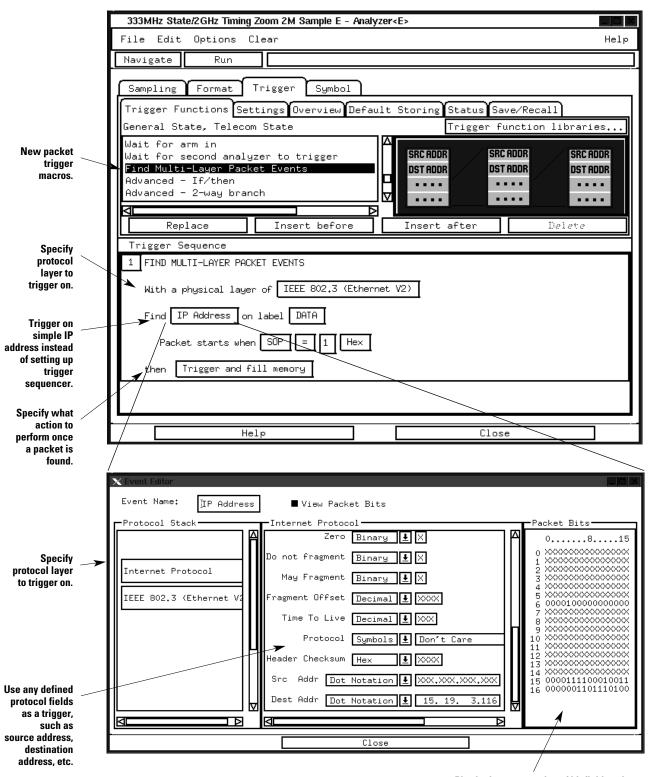
Custom additions or changes can be easily entered through the logic analyzer user interface or a text file, as shown on page 9. These custom protocol definitions are used in both the trigger definition and packet display.

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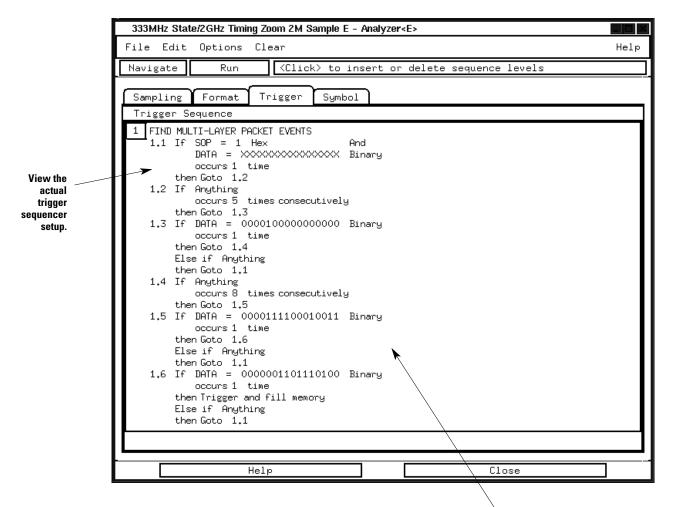


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protocol using a
           text file.
     Start with
      standard
      protocol
                              IEEE 802.3/Ethernet Version II Packet Definition
 definition and
   add custom
                            Protocol
    fields with
       text file.
                              Name "IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet V2)"
                              PhysicalLayer 1
Insert protocol
                              Header
   layer name.
                                 DA "Dest Addr" 48 HardwareAddress Data
SA "Src Addr" 48 HardwareAddress Data
PT "Length/Type" 16 Hex ProtocolIndicator
         Define
                                     "Internet Protocol"
                                                                              #h0800
protocol fields,
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                                     'ARP Request"
number of bits.
                                     "ARP Response" #h0835
"AppleTalk Datagram Protocol"
    and format
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     for trigger
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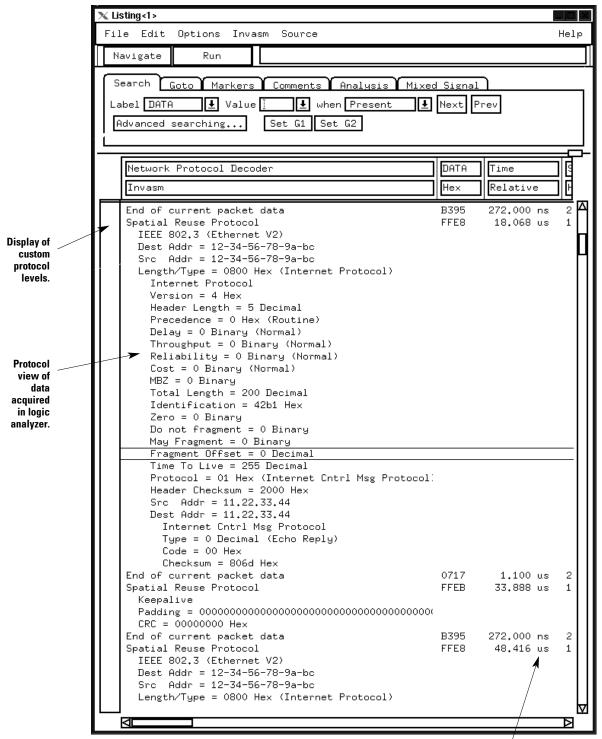
Trigger Interface



Physical representation of bit fields to be triggered on. This window is automatically updated when fields are edited.

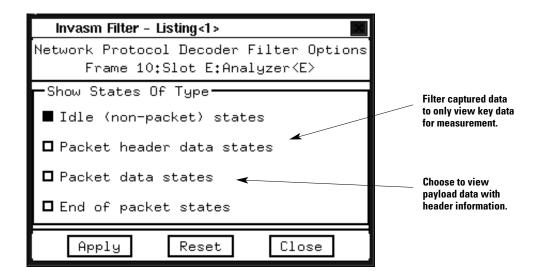


Up to 16 trigger sequences are available for a measurement.

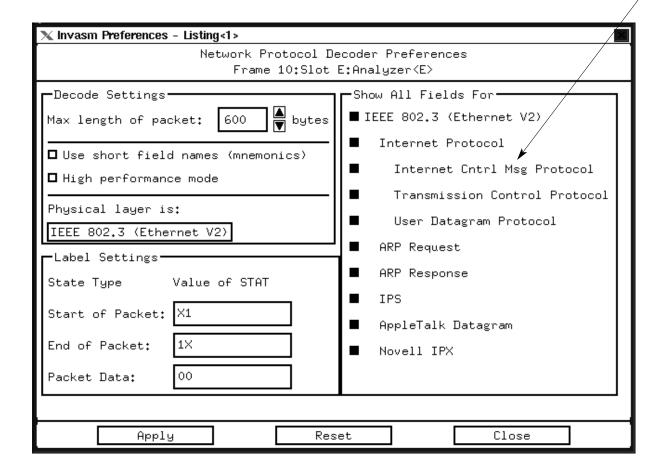


Time tags for system level correlation of other data buses, memory interfaces, microprocessors, etc.

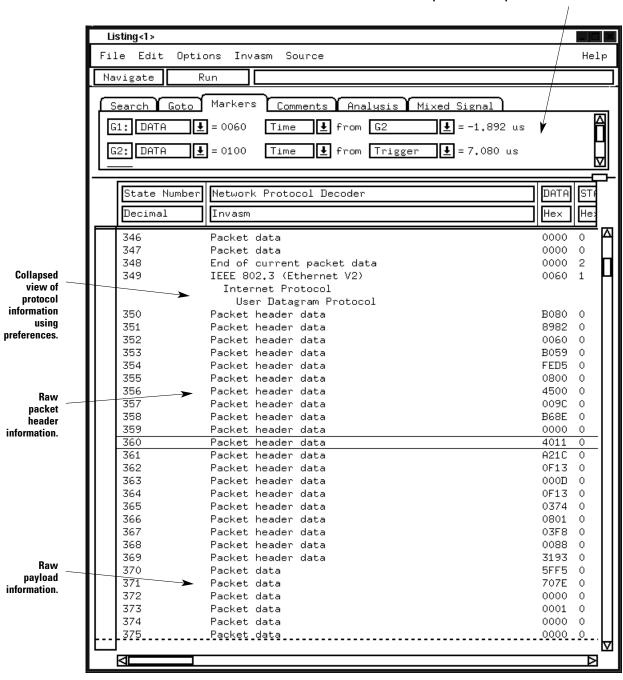
Protocol Filters and Viewing Preferences



Select which protocol layers and fields to view in trace.



Global markers measure time intervals between packets on separate parallel interfaces or timing between the data path and a microprocessor.



Product Characteristics

Requires a 16700/702A Series logic analysis system with operating system version A.01.50.00 or later.

Logic Analysis Modules Supported:

Agilent Technologies 16715A, 16716A, 16717A, 16718A, and 16719A

Protocols Supported:

Ethernet and ATM*

* These are example files shipped with the product. These standard files can be edited to include any custom protocol layers or fields. Custom protocols are supported by entering the protocol setup information via the logic analyzer interface or a text file.

Maximum Parallel Bus Width: 32

Customize Your Measurements

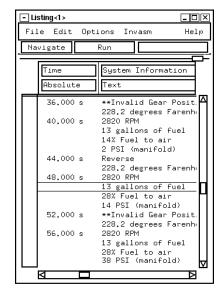
A logic analysis system is used to obtain critical information about your system. At times the information you need can be buried in the raw data of your measurement. This might be due to one of several reasons:

- The use of a protocol, encoded data, or proprietary bus
- Events that happen only under certain conditions
- The need to analyze system performance
- The need to analyze data across a large number of repetitive measurements

The ability to interpret and display this information is vital to your project.

Answering Your Visualization Needs

The following trace shows a small part of what can be done with custom tools.



In this example, raw digital data containing engine and transmission information has been interpreted and displayed in the "System Information" column. This text makes it much easier to understand what is going on in the system.

The tool development kit allows you to generate custom tools that can:

- Add textual information and color highlighting to your traces
- Interpret protocols, encoded data, or proprietary buses
- Apply algorithms to both scope and analyzer traces
- Read or write ASCII or binary files, in virtually any format, on the analyzer, your workstation, or PC
- Provide time-correlation to other measurements
- Stop the analyzer during a repetitive run

Product Description

The Agilent Technologies B4605B tool development kit provides a complete environment for creating custom tools. This includes:

- Fast, compiled and optimized C code
- Push button compiling, no make files
- A rich library of functions that speeds development
- Extensive examples of code
- The creation of installable tools
- One year of technical support for the B4605B

Custom tools process data right on the analyzer. This way the powerful search and filtering capabilities of the analyzer can be used. Time-correlation with other traces, using the global markers, is also available.

Data is processed quickly by the custom tools, because they consist of compiled, optimized C code. As you develop code for a tool, programming errors can require you to restart the analyzer session.

While a C language programming background helps, specific knowledge of C is not required. This is due to the use of a tutorial, examples in the manual and a rich library of functions that let you easily access analyzer data and the tool's interface.

The custom tools can be used on any 16700A Series analysis system. This allows you to purchase just one or two copies of the development kit and develop custom tools to support a large number of analyzers.

With Custom Tools You Can:

Enhance How Data is Displayed

- Color-code specific states of your trace.
- Display some of your trace data in engineering units.
- Convert the raw trace of a proprietary bus to a transaction-level trace of that bus.

Manipulate Data

- Unravel interleaved data into two or more columns of data.
- Combine the traces of two different analyzers into one trace, with each column being combined or separately displayed as prescribed by you.
- Modify your scope trace using an algorithm developed by you, such as an analog filter, beat frequency, or DSP algorithm.

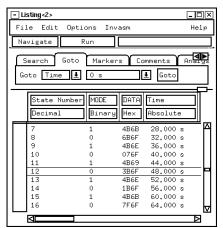
Read or Write External Files

- Accumulate information from repetitive traces taken by the analyzer in a file on your PC or UNIX workstation.
- Write specific types of states or trace data that have been analyzed to an Excel consumable ASCII file on your PC or UNIX workstation.
- Use information read from a file on your PC or UNIX workstation to modify the display of an analyzer trace.

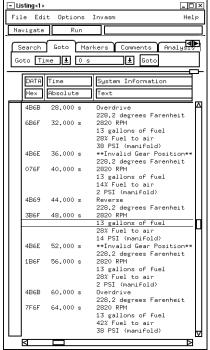
Custom Tool Examples, Added Text in Trace

This example shows how a custom tool can convert data to text to present information in a form that is much easier to understand than the raw data.

The original trace comes from a control unit in an automobile. Embedded in the data is information about the engine and transmission. When MODE = 0, DATA represents engine information, including RPM, fuel level, fuel to air ratio, and manifold pressure. When MODE = 1, DATA represents transmission information, including gear position and temperature.

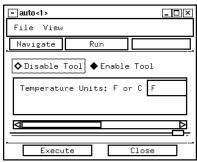


Original Trace



Output of Custom Tool

This custom tool allows the user to specify Fahrenheit or Centigrade for the engine temperature data.



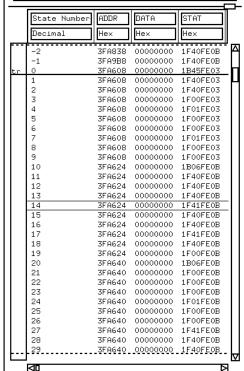
Parameter Interface of Custom Tool

Custom Tool Examples, Microprocessor Code Reconstruction

The original trace (below) came from the bus of a MPC 555 processor. As you can see, no data was placed on the bus at the time of the trace. This is because cache memory was turned on. Normally, it would not be possible to inverse assemble this trace.

The output of the custom tool in this example is shown below. Notice that there is now data in the DATA column. The custom tool was able to reconstruct the code flow after the trace was taken. This is because the MPC 555 processor supports branch trace messages.

The code was reconstructed by using the branch trace messages and information in the SRecord file created when the code was compiled. The tool took the address of the appropriate states in the trace data and found the corresponding code (data) in the SRecord file. This created a trace that the MPC 555 inverse assembler could operate on properly.



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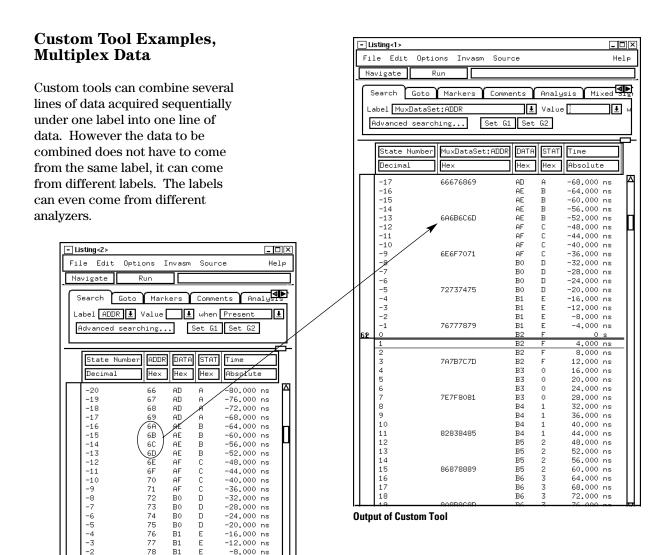
1PC555 Inverse Assembly ADDR DATA Hex Hex He: 3FA838 00000000 1F40FE0B 3FA9B8 wait 00000000 1F40FE0B 000004 00000000 1940FF03 data 00000000 3FA608 wait 1F40FF03 3FA608 00000000 1F40FF03 wait 00000000 3FA608 wait 1F00FF03 3FA608 r10 r30 0002 73CA0002 1D00FF03 andi. 3FA608 00000000 1F00FF03 3E8608 wait 00000000 1E00FE03 3FA60C cr0 r10 0000 280A0000 1D00FF03 cmplwi 3FA608 wait 00000000 1F00FF03 3FA608 00000000 1F00FF03 cr0 003FA624 3FA610 beq 41820014 1900FF0B 1F40FF0B 3FA624 00000000 wait 00000000 3FA624 wait 1F40FF0B 3FA624 wait 00000000 1F40FF0B r9 r30 0004 73090004 3FA624 andi. 1D40FF0B 3FA624 00000000 wait 1F40FF0B 3FA624 00000000 wait 3EA628 cmplwi cr0 r9 0000 28090000 1D40FF0B 3FA624 00000000 1F40FF0B wait 3FA624 00000000 1F00FF0B wait 3E8620 cr0 003FA640 41820014 1900FF0B 3EA640 ωait. 00000000 1F00FF0B 00000000 1F00FF0B 3FA640 wait 3FA640 wait 00000000 1F00FF0B 3FA640 r8 r30 0008 73080008 1D00FF0B ndi. 1F00FF0B 3FA640 wait 00000000 3FA640 00000000 1F00FF0B wait cr0 r8 0000 3FA644 28080000 1D40FF0B 3EA640 wait 00000000 1F40FF0B 00000000 1F40FF0B 3FA640 wait cr0_003FA65C 41820014 1940FF0B 3FA648_beg____

Output of Custom Tool

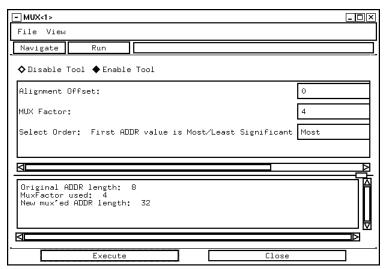
By entering information here, users can direct the tool to the correct SRecord file and control how much of the data the tool is to operate on. They can also indicate if the AT2 pin of the MPC 555 processor is in use.

| Parameters - Tool Development Kit<1> | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| SREC Path | /hplogic/configs/danf/ecs.srec | | |
| Start State | 0 | | |
| End State | 1000 | | |
| AT2 Pin Working (yes/no) | no | | |
| ОК | Apply Cancel | | |

Parameter Window of Custom Tool



Original Trace

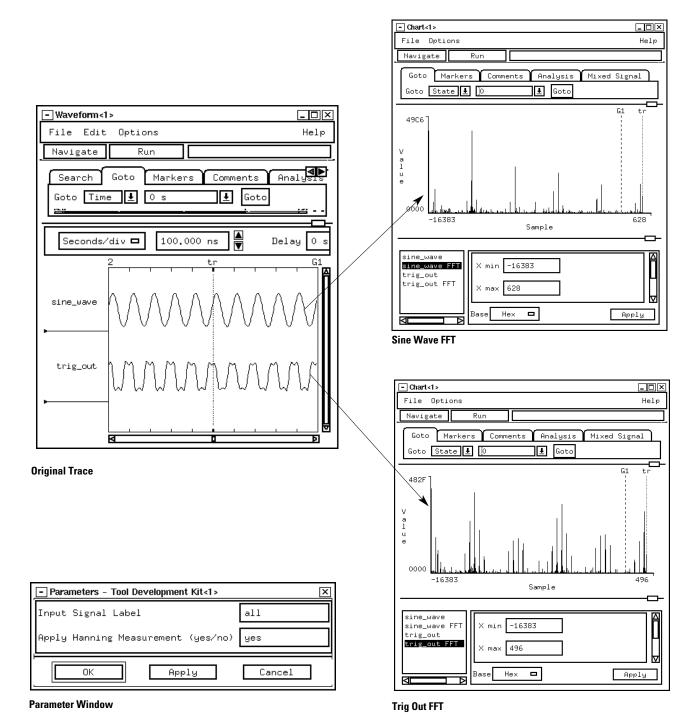


At left are the parameter window and message display created by the custom tool in this example. Parameters allow the user to control different aspects of what the tool does to the acquired trace. The user can change the parameters and hit the execute button to change the output of the tool. The output dialog to the left displays information generated by the tool.

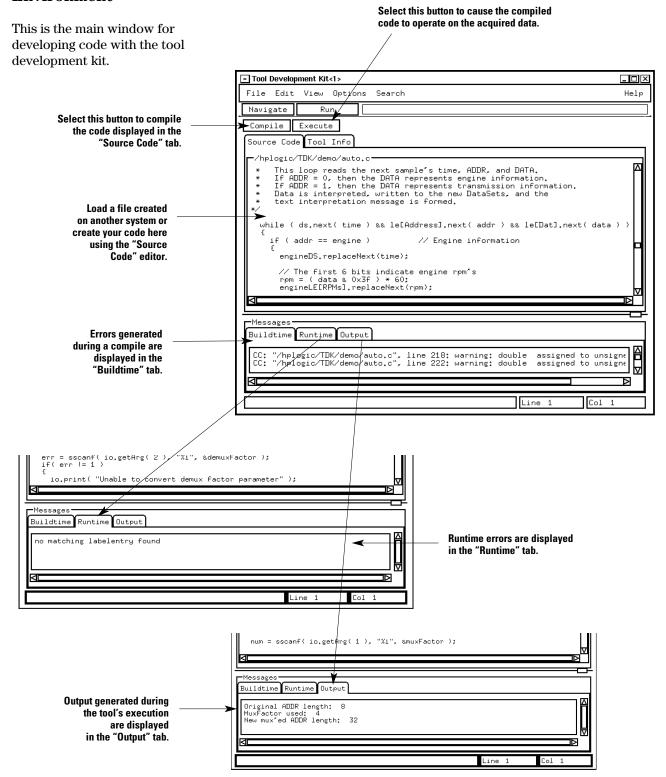
Parameter and Output Window

Custom Tool Examples, FFT Algorithm

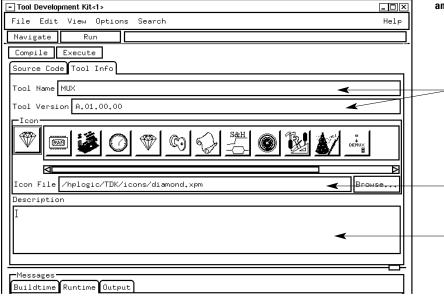
In this example the output of a scope module is modified by a custom tool using a FFT algorithm. The tool's output is then displayed using the chart display. This is an example of how custom tools can be used with something other than state traces. While the chart does not have label vs label, you can get an idea of the characteristics of the signal acquired by the scope.



Custom Tool Development Environment



Custom Tool Development Environment (continued)



This window provides the information and icon necessary to create an installable tool. Once your code has been created and is working properly, you can create an installable tool for use on other 16700A Series analysis systems.

Name the tool and manage versions of it here.

Select the icon for the tool here. New icons can be created and added to the toolbar if you like.

Add your tool descriptions here. This description will be visible at install times, so users will know what they are getting.

Product Characteristics

Analyzer Compatibility

Custom tools will run on any 16700A Series analyzer running version A.01.40.00 or greater. In some rare instances, changes in the operating system can require that your tools be recompiled in order to run on that version of the operating system.

Analysis Modules

The tool development kit supports the following Agilent Technologies measurement modules:

- 16715A, 16716A, 16717A
- 16710A, 16711A, 16712A
- 16557D
- 16556A/D, 16555A/D
- 16554A
- 16550A
- 16534A, 16533A
- 16517A, 16518A

C Compiler

The libraries provided with the C compiler allow you to perform standard operations such as creating ASCII or binary files, reading from these files, writing or appending to these files, and IEEE 754 floating point operations.

Provided Functions

Agilent Technologies also provides a rich library of functions that allow you to copy data sets, create new data sets with new labels, and to reorganize the acquired data under these new labels or to include data or text derived from the acquired data.

The functions allow:

- Stopping a repetitive run
- Filtering of the data
- Randomly accessing the data
- Searching the data
- Displaying the data in one of eight colors
- Accessing the trigger point
- Accessing the acquired time or state of the data
- Outputting text strings to the tool's display window
- Outputting errors to the runtime window

By using two of the provided functions, a simple user interface can easily be created that consists of label strings and input fields. This allows the input of parameters during the tool's execution.

The System Performance **Analysis Tool Set**

Optimize System Performance

Getting your target system up and running is clearly the first priority for successful product development. But a working system isn't enough. It has to meet consistent performance requirements over a range of operating conditions and over a specific time period. Using the system performance analysis tool set, you can obtain answers to many of your questions concerning performance and responsiveness, software execution coverage, debug and system parameter analysis, etc.

Obtain Answers to the **Following Questions:**

Performance and Responsiveness

- What functions monopolize micro- What bus states occur most often? processor bandwidth?
- What functions are never executed?
- What is the relative workload of each processor in a multipleprocessor system?
- What is the minimum, maximum, and average execution time of a function (including calls)?
- How many interrupts does the system receive per consecutive time slice?
- What is the response time of my system to an external event?

Software Execution Coverage

- Do my test suites provide thorough coverage of my application?
- Is this function or variable accessed by the application?

Debug and System Parameter Analysis

- Does this pointer address the right memory buffer?
- How does the system react when it receives too many simultaneous interrupts?
- Is the stack size adequate?
- Is the cache size adequate?

Analog, Timing, and Bus Measurements

- What is the setup/hold time of this signal or group of signals?
- Is the distribution of voltages of this analog signal acceptable?
- Is this signal spending too much time in the switching region?
- What is the bus loading?
- How does the bus affect overall system performance?
- How much time is spent in bus arbitration?
- What is the histogram of bus transfer times?

Processor/Cache Measurements

- Which microprocessor bus states occur most often?
- Which peripherals are used most
- What is the profile of load sharing in a multiple-processor system?
- How does the cache size affect system performance?

Product Description

The Agilent Technologies B4600B system performance analysis (SPA) tool set profiles your entire system at all levels of abstraction—from signals to high-level source code. It clearly identifies the components that affect the behavior of your system. In addition to performance analysis, it can be used at any time to test and document many other characteristics, such as memory coverage and response time.

The SPA tool set generates statistical representations of the captured data. It shows the amount and percent of time spent in each of the targeted functions or data locations. Data is conveniently displayed in histograms and bar charts, reducing the time you spend analyzing results and identifying system bottlenecks.

Multiple SPA Windows

SPA provides several different display types, which can be viewed simultaneously:

- 1. State overview tool: an overview of bus/memory activity
- 2. State interval tool: a histogram of event activity
- 3. Time interval tool: a histogram of event times
- 4. Time overview tool: an overview of occurrence rates over time.

Each display includes filtering capabilities that allow you to remove portions of a trace that are not applicable to the analysis (such as initialization routines) so that you can concentrate on specific events.

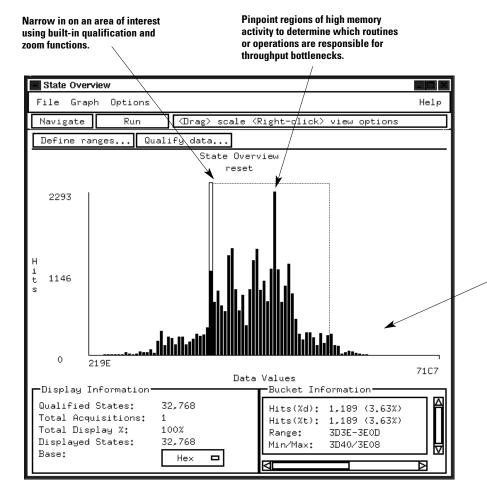
Identify which Events Occur Most Frequently

State Overview Tool

Use this tool as the first step of the analysis or optimization process to identify which events occur most frequently during a measurement. The tool interprets the captured data and displays the number of hits for each possible bus state.

Isolate defects, such as invalid pointers, when used in combination with the 16700A Series filtering tool.

When used on an oscilloscope trace, the tool displays a distribution of voltages for the signal. The shape of the distribution can tell you whether a digital signal is spending too much time in the switching region, or you can evaluate the linearity of the output of a digital-to-analog converter.



Measure memory coverage or stack usage by observing whether memory locations are accessed. You can also detect which peripherals are most frequently used.

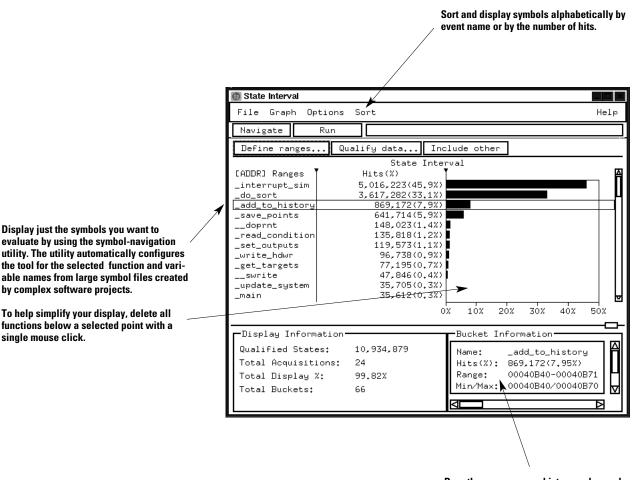
Determine which Functions Use the Most CPU Cycles

State Interval Tool

Help prioritize functions that are candidates for duration measurements using the time interval tool. The histogram display shows the percentage of time the system is spending in each procedure, function, or event (states). Events are defined as patterns or ranges associated with any set of data (labels, symbols).

Use this tool to show which functions are using the most CPU cycles. It can also show the share of the workload that each processor in a multiple-processor system carries or determine if the system is balanced. Bus measurements, such as headroom analysis, can be made by examining the ratio of active to idle status states.

Computer systems take advantage of cache memory to improve performance. The analysis of cache hits and misses can be made by defining the states corresponding to hits and misses.



Pass the mouse over a histogram bar and bucket information gives you detailed information for each event.

Determine a Specific Routine's Execution Times

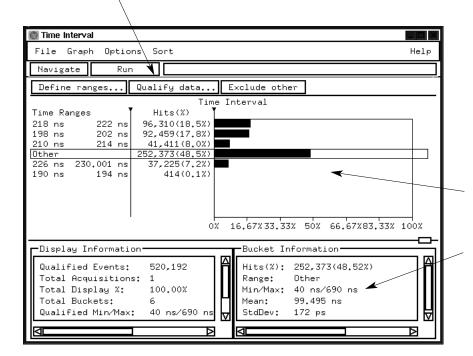
Time Interval Tool

Examine execution times and verify signal timing specifications using the time interval tool. Results from the tool help you determine the best and worst

execution scenarios so you can decide if optimization is needed.

The time interval tool uses a histogram to display a distribution of the execution time of a specific function or of the time between two user-defined events. Use the tool to measure setup and hold times, the jitter between two edges, or the variation between two bus states.

Because time interval measurements often depend upon hardware-software interaction, the event definition can be a combination of symbolics and hardware events. Data qualification can be used to define the specific hardware context in which the analysis will be made.



Data is displayed in histograms, which can be exported to your host computer either as histograms or as tabular formatted text files.

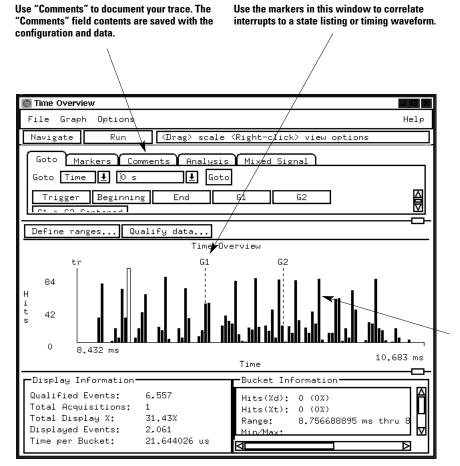
Statistics such as maximum time, minimum time, standard deviation and mean help you document system behavior. Use "accumulate mode" to analyze the behavior of your system over a long period of time.

View the Frequency of Events Over Time

Time Overview Tool

Use the time overview tool to show the variation in the frequency of events as you vary test conditions. The tool measures the occurrence rate of any event, including interrupts, over time.

Define the event and time period in which events are counted. Also define the width of the time buckets and number of time buckets based on the frequency of events you expect.



Elusive system crashes are often caused by too many interrupts occurring over a short period of time. If the software cannot handle all simultaneous service requests, the system can exhibit random defects while leaving no clues as to their cause. In this situation, you need a tool that can measure and display interrupt loading.

Embedded systems manage the flow of data to and from physical sensors. Problems can occur if the system does not frequently acquire data from the sensor. By defining an event that corresponds to the sensor's address space, you will get an image of the flow of data between the sensor and the processor.

Product Characteristics

Data Sources

All measurement modules supported by the 16700A Series logic analysis systems serve without modification as data sources for the B4600B. The particular measurement module used determines time resolution and accuracy. Sample rate, channel count, memory depth and triggering are controlled by the user independent of the SPA tool set.

Processor Support

The SPA tool set supports any analysis probe listed in the configuration guide entitled *Processor* and Bus Support for Agilent Technologies Logic Analyzers (pub no. 5966-4365E). Nonintrusive analysis probes provide reliable, fast, and convenient connections to your target system.

Object File Format Compatibility

The object file formats are identical for the system performance analysis and the source correlation tool sets. See the information provided for the source correlation tool set on page 6.

Off-Line Analysis and Post-Processing

All measurements can be saved using the file out tool. Data can be recalled at any time for later analysis using any SPA or other tool. Performance measurements can be exported to your host computer as histograms or as tabular-formatted text files.

| SPA Tools | State Interval Display | Time Interval Display | Time Overview Display | State Overview Display | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Maximum Number of Events | No theoretical limit Up to 10,000 events tested with a standard configuration | | Number of events limited by the size of the window (e.g. pixels on the screen) | | |
| Supplemental Information | Number of hits | Minimum time Maximum time Average time Standard deviation | Number of hits Time bucket width | Number of hits State bucket width | |
| Display Modes | Sort by number of Sort by time Autoscale zoom hits Sort alphabetically Sort alphabetically by event name by event name | | | | |
| Accumulate Mode | No theoretical limit to the number of acquisitions in accumulate mode. Any modification of the display will cause the display to revert back to the last data acquisition. | | | | |

Table 2. Performance Measurement Characteristics.

The Serial Analysis **Tool Set**

Solve Serial Communication Problems

Your system uses serial buses to communicate between ICs and to transfer data to and from peripher- • Is the communication al devices. Sifting through thousands of serial bits by looking at long vertical columns of captured 1's and 0's can be very tedious, time-consuming, and error-prone.

Obtain Answers to the Following Questions:

- Is my software sending the correct message?
- hardware acting as expected?
- When multiple messages are involved, what order is data being transmitted?
- How does the serial bus activity correlate to the system processor? • Time-correlate real-time serial
- What is causing the data corruption in my system?

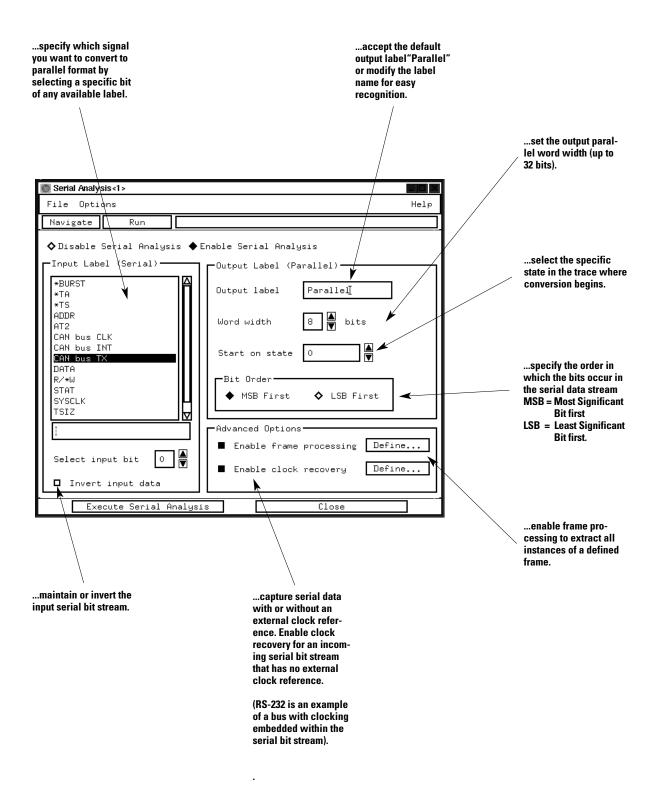
Product Description

The Agilent Technologies B4601B serial analysis tool set is a generalpurpose tool that allows easy viewing and analysis of serial data.

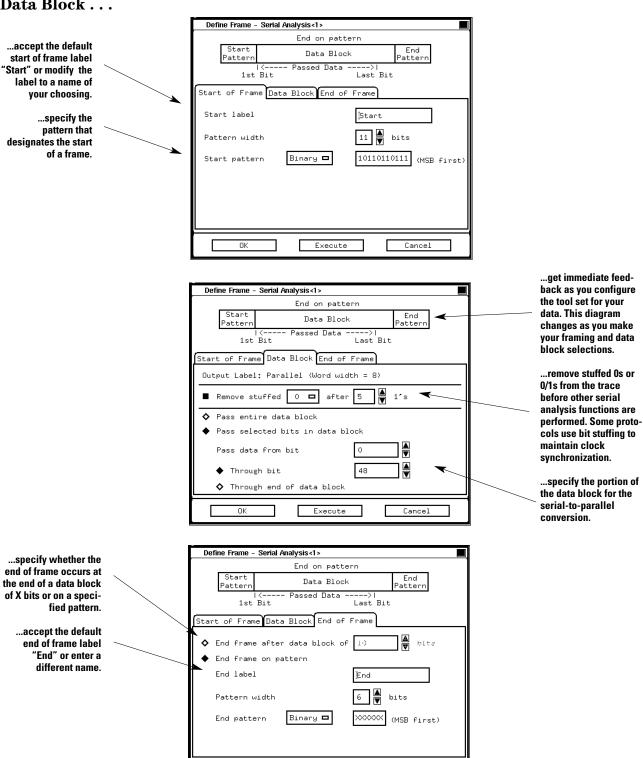
The tool set enables you to:

- Convert acquired serial bit streams into readable parallel word formats
- traces to system activity
- Remove stuffed bits from the data
- Process frame and data portions separately
- Process serial data from a signal with or without an external clock reference
- Capture and analyze high-speed (1 GHz) serial buses

When You Want to Analyze Serial Bit Streams . . .



To Separate Frame Information from the Data Block . . .

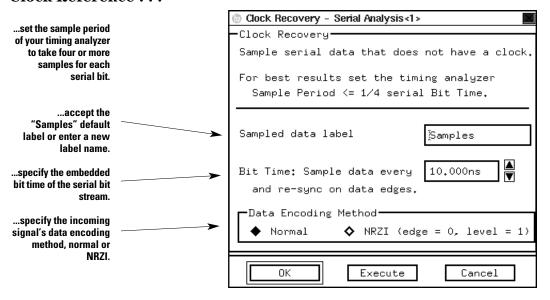


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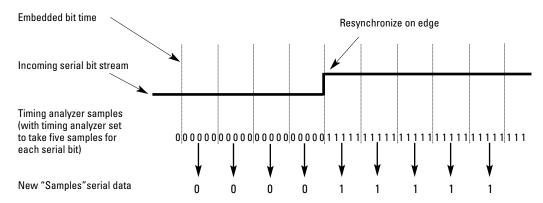
To Acquire a Serial Bit Stream without an External Clock Reference . . .



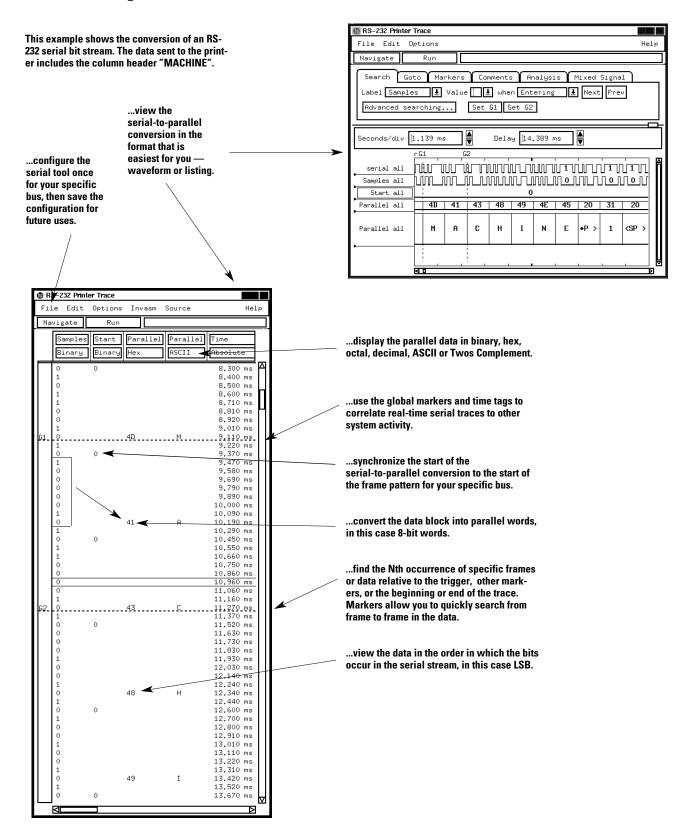
Clock Recovery Algorithm

- 1. For analysis purposes the data is captured in conventional timing mode using the internal timing analyzer clock as the clock reference. Set the sample period of the timing analyzer to take four or more samples for each serial bit.
- The timing analyzer data is sampled in the middle of each bit according to the serial bit rate defined in the clock recovery window.
- 3. Data edges (transitions from 0 to 1 or 1 to 0 in the timing analyzer trace) are used to resynchronize the sampling.

How Clock Recovery Works



Once the Serial Bit Stream is Acquired . . .



Product Characteristics

Data Sources

All state and timing measurement modules supported by the 16700A Series logic analysis systems serve without modification as data sources for the B4601B serial analysis tool set. The particular measurement module used determines time resolution and accuracy. Sample rate, channel count, memory depth and triggering are

controlled by the user independent of the serial analysis tool.

Because every trace is nonintrusive, and every event captured in the trace is time-stamped, you can correlate activity from your serial bus with other events in the target system.

The Agilent Technologies 16522A pattern generator module can be used to generate your own serial test data.

Maximum Parallel Word Width 32 bits

Parallel Data Display Types Binary, Octal, Hex, Decimal, ASCII, Twos Complement

Off-Line Analysis and Post-Processing

All measurements can be saved using the file out tool. Data can be recalled at any time for later analysis using any analysis or display tool. Serial measurement data can be exported to your host computer as ASCII files.

| | | 16600A Series | 16517A/ 16518A | 16550A | 16554A | 16555A/D | 16556A/D |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Maximum serial | Clocked Data ^[1] | 64 Kbits | 64 Kbits | 8 Kbits | 512 Kbits | 1 Mbit/2 Mbits | 1 Mbit/2 Mbits |
| trace depth | Unclocked Data ^[2] | 32 Kbits | 16-32 Kbits | 2 Kbits | 256 Kbits | 1 Mbit | 1 Mbit |
| Maximum serial bus | Clocked Data ^[3] | 100 Mbits/s | 1 Gbit /s | 100 Mbits/s | 70 Mbits/s | 110 Mbits/s | 100 Mbits/s |
| frequency | Unclocked Data ^[4] | 62.5 Mbits/s | 1 Gbit /s | 125 Mbits/s | 62.5 Mbits/s | 125 Mbits/s | 100 Mbits/s |
| Minimum serial bus | Clocked Data | No limit | 20 Mbits/s | No limit | No limit | No limit | No limit |
| frequency | Unclocked Data ^[5] | 500 bits/s | 765 bits/s | 6 bits/s | 500 bits/s | 1.25 Kbits/s | 1.25 Kbits/s |
| | | 16557D | 16710A/711A/7 | 12A | 16715A | 16716A | 16717A |
| Maximum serial | Clocked Data ^[1] | 2 Mbits | 8 Kbits/32 Kbits | s/128 Kbits | 2 Mbits | 512 Kbits | 2 Mbits |
| trace depth | Unclocked Data ^[2] | 1 Mbit | 4 Kbits/16 Kbits | s/64 Kbits | 1 Mbit | 256 Kbits | 1 Mbit |
| Maximum serial bus | Clocked Data ^[3] | 135 Mbits/s | 100 Mbits/s | | 167 Mbits/s | 167 Mbits/s | 333 Mbits/s |
| frequency | Unclocked Data ^[4] | 125 Mbits/s | 125 Mbits/s | | 167 Mbits/s | 167 Mbits/s | 167 Mbits/s |
| Minimum serial bus | Clocked Data | No limit | No limit | | No limit | No limit | No limit |
| frequency | Unclocked Data ^[5] | 5 Kbits/s | 5 Kbits/s | | 50 bits/s | 50 bits/s | 50 bits/s |

Information in Table 3 calculated according to notes [1] to [5]:

- [1] =Maximum State Memory Depth
- [2] =Maximum Timing Memory Depth/4
- [3] =Maximum State Frequency
- [4] =Maximum Timing Frequency/4
- [5]=1/(Maximum sample period x 20)

Table 3. Serial Measurement Characteristics.

Tool Set Licensing Information

License Policy

The 16700A Series logic analysis systems' tool set software is licensed for single-unit use only. Licenses are valid for the life of the tool set. Software updates do not affect the license.

Nodelock Mode

Tool set licenses are shipped or first installed as nodelocked applications. Nodelocked means that use of the tool set license is only allowed on the single node (16700A Series analyzer) on which it is installed. Tool sets ordered with a 16700A Series mainframe will be installed with a permanent password and are ready to run. For tool sets purchased as upgrades to existing 16700A Series mainframes, you must contact the Password Center via e-mail, fax or phone to obtain a password. Select 'Obtain passwords...' in the License Management dialog for contact information. Password turn-around time is generally the next business day.

Temporary Demo License

A single temporary license is available for any tool set type not previously licensed on a node. The temporary password for any node on any tool set is "demo". The temporary license is valid for 21 calendar days from first entry of the password in the License Management window of the 16700A Series logic analysis system.

License Management

Licenses are managed from 'Licensing...' under System Admin. Licenses are reserved at the start of a measurement session. They remain in use until the measurement session is terminated.

Password Backup

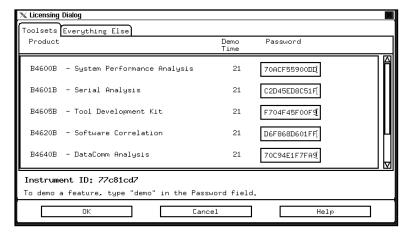
Passwords can be backed up to a floppy disk or network file. Should the passwords on your 16700A Series logic analysis system hard drive become corrupted, the tool set passwords can be reinstated by copying your backed up password file to: /hplogic/licensing/license.dat

For More Information Refer to the Following Publication:

HP 16700A Series Logic Analysis System Mainframes, HP publication number 5966-3107E

Warranty

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For a free, one-time, 21-day trial of any tool set, simply type "demo" in the password field for the product you want to evaluate.

Agilent Model Number and Description

| B4600B | System Performance Analysis (SPA) Tool Set |
|--------|--|
| B4601B | Serial Analysis Tool Set |
| B4605B | Tool Development Kit |
| B4620B | Source Correlation Tool Set |
| B4640B | Data Communications Tool Set |

Option For All Tool Sets

Do not install tool set (instructs factory to ship tool set separately from any 16700A Series system on the order)

System Configuration Requirements

- A 16700A Series logic analysis system
- Desired tool set(s)
- Supported and compatible measurement hardware. (See product characteristics for each tool set.)

Ordering and Shipment

When a tool set is ordered with a 16700A Series mainframe, the tool set is shipped installed and ready to run (unless option 0D4 is ordered). Tool set proof-of-receipt is provided by the entitlement certificate.

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