

## Re: Profiler Bug viewing trace flat file?

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I'm collecting from 30 servers and they're all the same. Its not a major problem as all the trace files get loaded into SQL through fn\_trace\_gettable and there we get the TextData. I do open the odd one up through profiler though and this is where I notice the problem.

I guess you are correct in that fn\_trace\_gettable may derive the Textdata from the binary data.

Here is my code. Try and you will see:

```
-- Create a Queue
declare @rc int
declare @TraceID int
declare @maxfilesize bigint
set @maxfilesize = 5

exec @rc = sp_trace_create @TraceID output, 0, N'c:\mytrace', @maxfilesize,
NULL
if (@rc != 0) goto error

-- Set the events
declare @on bit
set @on = 1
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 15, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 16, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 1, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 9, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 17, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 10, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 18, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 11, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 12, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 13, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 6, @on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 14, @on

-- Set the Filters
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declare @intfilter int
declare @bigintfilter bigint

exec sp_trace_setfilter @TraceID, 10, 1, 6, N'myfilter'
exec sp_trace_setfilter @TraceID, 10, 0, 7, N'SQL Server Profiler –
7412f6af–1549–44c6–bc15–4d0e9dbc9d61'
-- Set the trace status to start
exec sp_trace_setstatus @TraceID, 1

-- display trace id for future references
select TraceID=@TraceID
goto finish

error:
select ErrorCode=@rc

finish:
go

-- stop the trace
declare @trace_id INT
select @trace_id = 0

select @trace_id = traceid
from fn_trace_getinfo (NULL)
where value = 'c:\mytrace.trc'

IF @trace_id <> 0
BEGIN
EXEC master..sp_trace_setstatus @traceid = @trace_id ,@status = 0
EXEC master..sp_trace_setstatus @traceid = @trace_id ,@status = 2
END

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-- cranfield, DBA
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"Andrew J. Kelly" wrote:

That function will return all the columns regardless of if they were in the original trace or not. Most will simply be null though. It may be that the function is getting the data from the Binary column to display in the textdata but this sounds really weird since you say that Textdata is in the trace definition. Are you on the latest service pack? Have you tried creating a new trace definition and file from scratch to see if it is just this one file?

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"Cranfield" <alan\_cranfield@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi Kalen

No, the TextData column is not in the properties in Profiler.

When I select from the file using fn\_trace\_gettable, TextData is the first column returned and has the data I require.

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"Kalen Delaney" wrote:

Can you look in the trace properties once you open it in Profiler to see if text data is there?

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HTH  
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"Cranfield" <alan\_cranfield@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hello

I have recorded a Profiler trace to a flat file using the sp\_trace procs.

When I query the flat file using the fn\_trace\_gettable i can see the TextData field but when I open the flat file through the Profiler GUI I dont see the TextData field.

These are the events I'm logging:

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@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 1,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 9,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 17,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 2,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 10,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 18,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 11,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 12,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 13,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 6,
@on
exec sp_trace_setevent @TraceID, 10, 14,
@on
```

is this a BUG or is there a way to see the  
Textdata field through  
Profiler?

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