
asammdf Documentation

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asammdf is a fast parser/editor for ASAM (Association for Standardisation of Automation and Measuring Systems) MDF (Measurement Data Format) files.

asammdf supports both MDF version 3 and 4 formats.

asammdf works on Python 2.7, and Python ≥ 3.4

CHAPTER 1

Project goals

The main goals for this library are:

- to be faster than the other Python based mdf libraries
- to have clean and easy to understand code base

- read sorted and unsorted MDF v3 and v4 files
- files are loaded in RAM for fast operations
- handle large files (exceeding the available RAM) using *load_measured_data = False* argument
- extract channel data, master channel and extra channel information as *Signal* objects for unified operations with v3 and v4 files
- time domain operation using the *Signal* class
 - Pandas data frames are good if all the channels have the same time based
 - usually a measurement will have channels from different sources at different rates
 - the *Signal* class facilitates operations with such channels
- remove data group by index or by specifying a channel name inside the target data group
- append new channels
- filter a subset of channels from original mdf file
- convert to different mdf version
- export to Excel, HDF5 and CSV
- add and extract attachments
- mdf 4.10 zipped blocks

Major features not implemented (yet)

- for version 3
 - functionality related to sample reduction block (but the class is defined)
- for version 4
 - handling of bus logging measurements
 - handling of unfinished measurements (mdf 4)
 - mdf 4 channel arrays
 - xml schema for TXBLOCK and MDBLOCK

asammdf uses the following libraries

- numpy : the heart that makes all tick
- numexpr : for algebraic and rational channel conversions
- matplotlib : for Signal plotting
- wheel : for installation in virtual environments

optional dependencies needed for exports

- pandas : for DataFrame export
- h5py : for HDF5 export
- xlswriter : for Excel export

CHAPTER 5

Installation

asammdf is available on

- github: <https://github.com/danielhrisca/asammdf/>
- PyPI: <https://pypi.org/project/asammdf/>

```
pip install asammdf
```


MDF

This class acts as a proxy for the MDF3 and MDF4 classes. All attribute access is delegated to the underlying *_file* attribute (MDF3 or MDF4 object). See MDF3 and MDF4 for available extra methods.

An empty MDF file is created if the *name* argument is not provided. If the *name* argument is provided then the file must exist in the filesystem, otherwise an exception is raised.

class `asammdf.mdf.MDF` (*name=None, load_measured_data=True, version='3.20'*)

Unified access to MDF v3 and v4 files.

Parameters *name* : string

mdf file name, if provided it must be a real file name

load_measured_data : bool

load data option; default *True*

- if *True* the data group binary data block will be loaded in RAM
- if *False* the channel data is read from disk on request

version : string

mdf file version ('3.00', '3.10', '3.20', '3.30', '4.00', '4.10', '4.11'); default '3.20'

Methods

| |
|-----------------------------|
| <code>convert</code> |
| <code>export</code> |
| <code>filter</code> |
| <code>iter_to_pandas</code> |

convert (*to*, *load_measured_data*=*True*)
convert MDF to other versions

Parameters to : str

new mdf version from ('3.00', '3.10', '3.20', '3.30', '4.00', '4.10', '4.11')

load_measured_data : bool

load data option; default *True*

- if *True* the data group binary data block will be loaded in RAM
- if *False* the channel data is stored to a temporary file and read from disk on request

Returns out : MDF

new MDF object

export (*format*, *filename*=*None*)

export MDF to other formats. The *MDF* file name is used is available, else the *filename* argument must be provided.

Parameters format : string

can be one of the following:

- *csv* : CSV export that uses the ";" delimiter. This option will generate a new csv file for each data group (<MDFNAME>_DataGroup_XX.csv).
- *hdf5* : HDF5 file output; each *MDF* data group is mapped to a *HDF5* group with the name 'DataGroup_xx' (where xx is the index)
- *excel* : Excel file output (very slow). This option will generate a new excel file for each data group (<MDFNAME>_DataGroup_XX.xlsx).

filename : string

export file name

filter (*channels*)

return new *MDF* object that contains only the channels listed in *channels* argument

Parameters channels : list

list of channel names to be filtered

Returns mdf : MDF

new MDF file

iter_to_pandas ()

generator that yields channel groups as pandas DataFrames

MDF3 and MDF4 classes

MDF3

asammdf tries to emulate the mdf structure using Python builtin data types.

The *header* attribute is an *OrderedDict* that holds the file metadata.

The *groups* attribute is a dictionary list with the following keys:

- *data_group* : *DataGroup* object

- `channel_group` : ChannelGroup object
- `channels` : list of Channel objects with the same order as found in the mdf file
- `channel_conversions` : list of ChannelConversion objects in 1-to-1 relation with the channel list
- `channel_sources` : list of SourceInformation objects in 1-to-1 relation with the channels list
- `channel_dependencies` : list of ChannelDependency objects in a 1-to-1 relation with the channel list
- `data_block` : DataBlock object
- `texts` : dictionary containing TextBlock objects used throughout the mdf
 - `channels` : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to each channel
 - * `long_name_addr` : channel long name
 - * `comment_addr` : channel comment
 - * `display_name_addr` : channel display name
 - `channel_group` : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to each channel group
 - * `comment_addr` : channel group comment
 - `conversion_tab` : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to VATB and VTABR channel conversions
 - * `text_{n}` : n-th text of the VTABR conversion
- `sorted` : bool flag to indicate if the source file was sorted; it is used when `load_measured_data = False`
- `size` : data block size; used for lazy loading of measured data
- `record_size` : dict of record ID -> record size pairs

The `file_history` attribute is a TextBlock object.

The `channel_db` attribute is a dictionary that holds the (*data group index*, *channel index*) pair for all signals. This is used to speed up the `get_signal_by_name` method.

The `master_db` attribute is a dictionary that holds the *channel index* of the master channel for all data groups. This is used to speed up the `get_signal_by_name` method.

API

class `asammdf.mdf3.MDF3` (*name=None*, *load_measured_data=True*, *version='3.20'*)

If the *name* exist it will be loaded otherwise an empty file will be created that can be later saved to disk

Parameters *name* : string

mdf file name

load_measured_data : bool

load data option; default *True*

- if *True* the data group binary data block will be loaded in RAM
- if *False* the channel data is read from disk on request

version : string

mdf file version ('3.00', '3.10', '3.20' or '3.30'); default '3.20'

Attributes

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| name | (string) mdf file name |
| groups | (list) list of data groups |
| header | (OrderedDict) mdf file header |
| file_history | (TextBlock) file history text block; can be None |
| load_measured_data | (bool) load measured data option |
| version | (str) mdf version |
| channels_db | (dict) used for fast channel access by name; for each name key the value is a list of (group index, channel index) tuples |
| masters_db | (dict) used for fast master channel access; for each group index key the value is the master channel index |

Methods

| |
|--------------------------------|
| <code>add_trigger</code> |
| <code>append</code> |
| <code>close</code> |
| <code>get</code> |
| <code>info</code> |
| <code>iter_get_triggers</code> |
| <code>remove</code> |
| <code>save</code> |

add_trigger (*group, time, pre_time=0, post_time=0, comment=''*)
add trigger to data group

Parameters **group** : int

group index

time : float

trigger time

pre_time : float

trigger pre time; default 0

post_time : float

trigger post time; default 0

comment : str

trigger comment

append (*signals, acquisition_info='Python', common_timebase=False*)

Appends a new data group.

For channel dependencies type Signals, the *samples* attribute must be a numpy.recarray

Parameters **signals** : list

list on *Signal* objects

acquisition_info : str

acquisition information; default 'Python'

common_timebase : bool

flag to hint that the signals have the same timebase

Examples

```
>>> # case 1 conversion type None
>>> s1 = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> s2 = np.array([-1, -2, -3, -4, -5])
>>> s3 = np.array([0.1, 0.04, 0.09, 0.16, 0.25])
>>> t = np.array([0.001, 0.002, 0.003, 0.004, 0.005])
>>> names = ['Positive', 'Negative', 'Float']
>>> units = ['+', '-', '.f']
>>> info = {}
>>> s1 = Signal(samples=s1, timestamps=t, unit='+', name='Positive')
>>> s2 = Signal(samples=s2, timestamps=t, unit='-', name='Negative')
>>> s3 = Signal(samples=s3, timestamps=t, unit='flts', name='Floats')
>>> mdf = MDF3('new.mdf')
>>> mdf.append([s1, s2, s3], 'created by asammdf v1.1.0')
>>> # case 2: VTAB conversions from channels inside another file
>>> mdf1 = MDF3('in.mdf')
>>> ch1 = mdf1.get("Channel1_VTAB")
>>> ch2 = mdf1.get("Channel2_VTABR")
>>> sigs = [ch1, ch2]
>>> mdf2 = MDF3('out.mdf')
>>> mdf2.append(sigs, 'created by asammdf v1.1.0')
```

close()

if the MDF was created with `load_measured_data=False` and new channels have been appended, then this must be called just before the object is not used anymore to clean-up the temporary file

get (*name=None, group=None, index=None, raster=None, samples_only=False*)

Gets channel samples. Channel can be specified in two ways:

- using the first positional argument *name*

–if there are multiple occurrences for this channel then the *group* and *index* arguments can be used to select a specific group.

–if there are multiple occurrences for this channel and either the *group* or *index* arguments is *None* then a warning is issued

- using the group number (keyword argument *group*) and the channel number (keyword argument *index*). Use *info* method for group and channel numbers

If the *raster* keyword argument is not *None* the output is interpolated accordingly

Parameters *name* : string

name of channel

group : int

0-based group index

index : int

0-based channel index

raster : float

time raster in seconds

samples_only : bool

if *True* return only the channel samples as numpy array; if *False* return a *Signal* object

Returns **res** : (numpy.array | *Signal*)

returns *Signal* if *samples_only*!=*False* (default option), otherwise returns numpy.array

Raises **MdfError** :

- * if the channel name is not found
- * if the group index is out of range
- * if the channel index is out of range

info()

get MDF information as a dict

Examples

```
>>> mdf = MDF3('test.mdf')
>>> mdf.info()
```

iter_get_triggers()

generator that yields triggers

Returns **trigger_info** : dict

trigger information with the following keys:

- comment : trigger comment
- time : trigger time
- pre_time : trigger pre time
- post_time : trigger post time
- index : trigger index
- group : data group index of trigger

remove (*group=None, name=None*)

Remove data group. Use *group* or *name* keyword arguments to identify the group's index. *group* has priority

Parameters **name** : string

name of the channel inside the data group to be removed

group : int

data group index to be removed

Examples

```
>>> mdf = MDF3('test.mdf')
>>> mdf.remove(group=3)
>>> mdf.remove(name='VehicleSpeed')
```

save (*dst*='', *overwrite=False*)

Save MDF to *dst*. If *dst* is not provided the the destination file name is the MDF name. If *overwrite* is *True* then the destination file is overwritten, otherwise the file name is appened with '_xx', were 'xx' is the first conter that produces a new file name (that does not already exist in the filesystem)

Parameters *dst* : str

destination file name, Default ''

overwrite : bool

overwrite flag, default *False*

MDF version 3 blocks

The following classes implement different MDF version3 blocks.

Channel Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.Channel` (***kargs*)

CNBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The Channel object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using any of the following presented keys - when creating a new Channel

The keys have the following meaning:

- id* - Block type identifier, always "CN"
- block_len* - Block size of this block in bytes (entire CNBLOCK)
- next_ch_addr* - Pointer to next channel block (CNBLOCK) of this channel group (NIL allowed)
- conversion_addr* - Pointer to the conversion formula (CCBLOCK) of this signal (NIL allowed)
- source_depend_addr* - Pointer to the source-depending extensions (CEBLOCK) of this signal (NIL allowed)
- ch_depend_addr* - Pointer to the dependency block (CDBLOCK) of this signal (NIL allowed)
- comment_addr* - Pointer to the channel comment (TXBLOCK) of this signal (NIL allowed)
- channel_type* - Channel type
 - 0 = data channel
 - 1 = time channel for all signals of this group (in each channel group, exactly one channel must be defined as time channel) The time stamps recording in a time channel are always relative to the start time of the measurement defined in HDBLOCK.
- short_name* - Short signal name, i.e. the first 31 characters of the ASAM-MCD name of the signal (end of text should be indicated by 0)
- description* - Signal description (end of text should be indicated by 0)
- start_offset* - Start offset in bits to determine the first bit of the signal in the data record. The start offset N is divided into two parts: a "Byte offset" (= N div 8) and a "Bit offset" (= N mod 8). The channel block can define an "additional Byte offset" (see below) which must be added to the Byte offset.
- bit_count* - Number of bits used to encode the value of this signal in a data record

- `data_type` - Signal data type
- `range_flag` - Value range valid flag
- `min_raw_value` - Minimum signal value that occurred for this signal (raw value)
- `max_raw_value` - Maximum signal value that occurred for this signal (raw value)
- `sampling_rate` - Sampling rate for a virtual time channel. Unit [s]
- `long_name_addr` - Pointer to TXBLOCK that contains the ASAM-MCD long signal name
- `display_name_addr` - Pointer to TXBLOCK that contains the signal's display name (NIL allowed)
- `additional_byte_offset` - Additional Byte offset of the signal in the data record (default value: 0).

Parameters `file_stream` : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Examples

```
>>> with open('test.mdf', 'rb') as mdf:
...     ch1 = Channel(file_stream=mdf, address=0xBA52)
>>> ch2 = Channel()
>>> ch1.name
'VehicleSpeed'
>>> ch1['id']
b'CN'
```

Attributes

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| name | (str) full channel name |
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
| dependencies | (list) list of channel dependencies |

Methods

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>clear</code> | |
| <code>copy</code> | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| <code>fromkeys</code> | |
| <code>get</code> | |
| <code>items</code> | |
| <code>keys</code> | |
| <code>pop</code> | |
| <code>popitem</code> | |
| <code>setdefault</code> | |
| <code>update</code> | |
| <code>values</code> | |

ChannelConversion Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.ChannelConversion` (**kargs)

CCBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The ChannelConversion object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using any of the following presented keys - when creating a new ChannelConversion

The first keys are common for all conversion types, and are followed by conversion specific keys. The keys have the following meaning:

- common keys
 - id - Block type identifier, always “CC”
 - block_len - Block size of this block in bytes (entire CCBLOCK)
 - range_flag - Physical value range valid flag:
 - min_phy_value - Minimum physical signal value that occurred for this signal
 - max_phy_value - Maximum physical signal value that occurred for this signal
 - unit - Physical unit (string should be terminated with 0)
 - conversion_type - Conversion type (formula identifier)
 - ref_param_nr - Size information about additional conversion data
- specific keys
 - linear conversion
 - *b - offset
 - *a - factor
 - *CANapeHiddenExtra - sometimes CANape appends extra information; not compliant with MDF specs
 - ASAM formula conversion
 - *formula - equation as string
 - polynomial or rational conversion
 - *P1 .. P6 - factors
 - exponential or logarithmic conversion
 - *P1 .. P7 - factors
 - tabular with or without interpolation (grouped by *n*)
 - *raw_{n} - n-th raw integer value (X axis)
 - *phys_{n} - n-th physical value (Y axis)
 - text table conversion
 - *param_val_{n} - n-th integers value (X axis)
 - *text_{n} - n-th text value (Y axis)
 - text range table conversion
 - *lower_{n} - n-th lower raw value

*upper_{n} - n-th upper raw value

*text_{n} - n-th text value

Parameters `file_stream` : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Examples

```
>>> with open('test.mdf', 'rb') as mdf:
...     cc1 = ChannelConversion(file_stream=mdf, address=0xBA52)
>>> cc2 = ChannelConversion(conversion_type=0)
>>> cc1['b'], cc1['a']
0, 100.0
```

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

ChannelDependency Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.ChannelDependency` (**kargs)

CDBLOCK class derived from *dict*

Currently the ChannelDependency object can only be created using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters when reading from file

The keys have the following meaning:

- id - Block type identifier, always “CD”
- block_len - Block size of this block in bytes (entire CDBLOCK)
- data - Dependency type

- sd_nr - Total number of signals dependencies (m)
- for each dependency there is a group of three keys:
 - dg_{n} - Pointer to the data group block (DGBLOCK) of signal dependency *n*
 - cg_{n} - Pointer to the channel group block (DGBLOCK) of signal dependency *n*
 - ch_{n} - Pointer to the channel block (DGBLOCK) of signal dependency *n*
- there can also be optional keys which describe dimensions for the N-dimensional dependencies:
 - dim_{n} - Optional: size of dimension *n* for N-dimensional dependency

Parameters `file_stream` : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

ChannelExtension Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.ChannelExtension` (**kargs)

CEBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The ChannelExtension object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using any of the following presented keys - when creating a new ChannelExtension

The first keys are common for all conversion types, and are followed by conversion specific keys. The keys have the following meaning:

- common keys
 - id - Block type identifier, always “CE”

–block_len - Block size of this block in bytes (entire CEBLOCK)

–type - Extension type identifier

•specific keys

–for DIM block

*module_nr - Number of module

*module_address - Address

*description - Description

*ECU_identification - Identification of ECU

*reserved0' - reserved

–for Vector CAN block

*CAN_id - Identifier of CAN message

*CAN_ch_index - Index of CAN channel

*message_name - Name of message (string should be terminated by 0)

*sender_name - Name of sender (string should be terminated by 0)

*reserved0 - reserved

Parameters **file_stream** : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

ChannelGroup Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.ChannelGroup` (**kargs)
 CGBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The ChannelGroup object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using any of the following presented keys - when creating a new ChannelGroup

The keys have the following meaning:

- **id** - Block type identifier, always “CG”
- **block_len** - Block size of this block in bytes (entire CGBLOCK)
- **next_cg_addr** - Pointer to next channel group block (CGBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- **first_ch_addr** - Pointer to first channel block (CNBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- **comment_addr** - Pointer to channel group comment text (TXBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- **record_id** - Record ID, i.e. value of the identifier for a record if the DGBLOCK defines a number of record IDs > 0
- **ch_nr** - Number of channels (redundant information)
- **samples_byte_nr** - Size of data record in Bytes (without record ID), i.e. size of plain data for a each recorded sample of this channel group
- **cycles_nr** - Number of records of this type in the data block i.e. number of samples for this channel group
- **sample_reduction_addr** - only since version 3.3. Pointer to first sample reduction block (SRBLOCK) (NIL allowed) Default value: NIL.

Parameters **file_stream** : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Examples

```
>>> with open('test.mdf', 'rb') as mdf:
...     cg1 = ChannelGroup(file_stream=mdf, address=0xBA52)
>>> cg2 = ChannelGroup(sample_bytes_nr=32)
>>> hex(cg1.address)
0xBA52
>>> cg1['id']
b'CG'
```

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>clear</code> | |
| <code>copy</code> | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| <code>fromkeys</code> | |
| <code>get</code> | |
| <code>items</code> | |
| <code>keys</code> | |
| <code>pop</code> | |
| <code>popitem</code> | |
| <code>setdefault</code> | |
| <code>update</code> | |
| <code>values</code> | |

DataGroup Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.DataGroup` (**kargs)

DGBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The DataGroup object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using any of the following presented keys - when creating a new DataGroup

The keys have the following meaning:

- id* - Block type identifier, always “DG”
- block_len* - Block size of this block in bytes (entire DGBLOCK)
- next_dg_addr* - Pointer to next data group block (DGBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- first_cg_addr* - Pointer to first channel group block (CGBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- trigger_addr* - Pointer to trigger block (TRBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- data_block_addr* - Pointer to the data block (see separate chapter on data storage)
- cg_nr* - Number of channel groups (redundant information)
- record_id_nr* - Number of record IDs in the data block
- reserved0* - since version 3.2; Reserved

Parameters *file_stream* : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

FileIdentificationBlock Class

class asammdf.mdf3.**FileIdentificationBlock** (**kargs)

IDBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The TriggerBlock object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using the classmethod *from_text*

The keys have the following meaning:

- file_identification* - file identifier
- version_str* - format identifier
- program_identification* - program identifier
- byte_order* - default byte order
- float_format* - default floating-point format
- mdf_version* - version number of MDF format
- code_page* - code page number
- reserved0* - reserved
- reserved1* - reserved
- unfinalized_standard_flags* - Standard Flags for unfinalized MDF
- unfinalized_custom_flags* - Custom Flags for unfinalized MDF

Parameters *file_stream* : file handle

mdf file handle

version : int

mdf version in case of new file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|---|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file; should be 0 always |
|----------------|---|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

HeaderBlock Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.HeaderBlock` (**kargs)

HDBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The TriggerBlock object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* - when reading from file
- using the classmethod *from_text*

The keys have the following meaning:

- id - Block type identifier, always “HD”
- block_len - Block size of this block in bytes (entire HDBLOCK)
- first_dg_addr - Pointer to the first data group block (DGBLOCK)
- comment_addr - Pointer to the measurement file comment text (TXBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- program_addr - Pointer to program block (PRBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- dg_nr - Number of data groups (redundant information)
- date - Date at which the recording was started in “DD:MM:YYYY” format
- time - Time at which the recording was started in “HH:MM:SS” format
- author - author name
- organization - organization
- project - project name
- subject - subject

Since version 3.2 the following extra keys were added:

- abs_time - Time stamp at which recording was started in nanoseconds.
- tz_offset - UTC time offset in hours (= GMT time zone)

- time_quality - Time quality class
- timer_identification - Timer identification (time source),

Parameters **file_stream** : file handle
 mdf file handle

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|--|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file; should be 64 always |
|----------------|--|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

ProgramBlock Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.ProgramBlock` (**kargs)
 PRBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The ProgramBlock object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using any of the following presented keys - when creating a new ProgramBlock

The keys have the following meaning:

- id - Block type identifier, always “PR”
- block_len - Block size of this block in bytes (entire PRBLOCK)
- data - Program-specific data

Parameters **file_stream** : file handle
 mdf file handle
address : int
 block address inside mdf file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

SampleReduction Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.SampleReduction` (**kargs)
SRBLOCK class derived from *dict*

Currently the SampleReduction object can only be created by using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file

The keys have the following meaning:

- id** - Block type identifier, always “SR”
- block_len** - Block size of this block in bytes (entire SRBLOCK)
- next_sr_addr** - Pointer to next sample reduction block (SRBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- data_block_addr** - Pointer to the data block for this sample reduction
- cycles_nr** - Number of reduced samples in the data block.
- time_interval** - Length of time interval [s] used to calculate the reduced samples.

Parameters **file_stream** : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

TextBlock Class

class asammdf.mdf3.**TextBlock** (**kargs)
 TXBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The ProgramBlock object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using the classmethod *from_text*

The keys have the following meaning:

- id - Block type identifier, always “TX”
- block_len - Block size of this block in bytes (entire TXBLOCK)
- text - Text (new line indicated by CR and LF; end of text indicated by 0)

Parameters *file_stream* : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

text : bytes

bytes for creating a new TextBlock

Examples

```
>>> tx1 = TextBlock.from_text('VehicleSpeed')
>>> tx1.text_str
'VehicleSpeed'
>>> tx1['text']
b'VehicleSpeed'
```

Attributes

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
| text_str | (str) text data as unicode string |

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| from_text | |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

TriggerBlock Class

class `asammdf.mdf3.TriggerBlock` (**kargs)
TRBLOCK class derived from *dict*

The TriggerBlock object can be created in two modes:

- using the *file_stream* and *address* keyword parameters - when reading from file
- using the classmethod *from_text*

The keys have the following meaning:

- id* - Block type identifier, always “TX”
- block_len* - Block size of this block in bytes (entire TRBLOCK)
- text_addr* - Pointer to trigger comment text (TXBLOCK) (NIL allowed)
- trigger_events_nr* - Number of trigger events *n* (0 allowed)
- trigger_{n}_time* - Trigger time [s] of trigger event *n*
- trigger_{n}_pretime* - Pre trigger time [s] of trigger event *n*
- trigger_{n}_posttime* - Post trigger time [s] of trigger event *n*

Parameters *file_stream* : file handle

mdf file handle

address : int

block address inside mdf file

Attributes

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| address | (int) block address inside mdf file |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

MDF4

asammdf tries to emulate the mdf structure using Python builtin data types.

The *header* attribute is an OrderedDict that holds the file metadata.

The *groups* attribute is a dictionary list with the following keys:

- data_group : DataGroup object
- channel_group : ChannelGroup object
- channels : list of Channel objects with the same order as found in the mdf file
- channel_conversions : list of ChannelConversion objects in 1-to-1 relation with the channel list
- channel_sources : list of SourceInformation objects in 1-to-1 relation with the channels list
- data_block : DataBlock object
- texts : dictionary containing TextBlock objects used throughout the mdf
 - channels : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to each channel
 - * name_addr : channel name
 - * comment_addr : channel comment
 - channel group : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to each channel group
 - * acq_name_addr : channel group acquisition comment
 - * comment_addr : channel group comment
 - conversion_tab : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to TABX and RTABX channel conversions
 - * text_{n} : n-th text of the VTABR conversion
 - * default_addr : default text
 - conversions : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to channel conversions
 - * name_addr : conversions name
 - * unit_addr : channel unit_addr
 - * comment_addr : conversion comment
 - * formula_addr : formula text; only valid for algebraic conversions
 - sources : list of dictionaries that contain TextBlock objects related to channel sources

- * `name_addr` : source name
- * `path_addr` : source path_addr
- * `comment_addr` : source comment

The `file_history` attribute is a list of (FileHistory, TextBlock) pairs .

The `channel_db` attribute is a dictionary that holds the (*data group index*, *channel index*) pair for all signals. This is used to speed up the `get_signal_by_name` method.

The `master_db` attribute is a dictionary that holds the *channel index* of the master channel for all data groups. This is used to speed up the `get_signal_by_name` method.

API

class `asammdf.mdf4.MDF4` (*name=None, load_measured_data=True, version='4.00'*)

If the *name* exist it will be loaded otherwise an empty file will be created that can be later saved to disk

Parameters *name* : string

mdf file name

load_measured_data : bool

load data option; default *True*

- if *True* the data group binary data block will be loaded in RAM
- if *False* the channel data is read from disk on request

version : string

mdf file version ('4.00', '4.10', '4.11'); default '4.00'

Attributes

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| name | (string) mdf file name |
| groups | (list) list of data groups |
| header | (HeaderBlock) mdf file header |
| file_history | (list) list of (FileHistory, TextBlock) pairs |
| comment | (TextBlock) mdf file comment |
| identification | (FileIdentificationBlock) mdf file start block |
| load_measured_data | (bool) load measured data option |
| version | (str) mdf version |
| channels_db | (dict) used for fast channel access by name; for each name key the value is a list of (group index, channel index) tuples |
| masters_db | (dict) used for fast master channel access; for each group index key the value is the master channel index |

Methods

`append`

`attach`

`close`

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| extract_attachment |
| get |
| info |
| remove |
| save |

append (*signals*, *source_info*='Python', *common_timebase*=False)

Appends a new data group.

Parameters *signals* : list

list on *Signal* objects

acquisition_info : str

acquisition information; default 'Python'

common_timebase : bool

flag to hint that the signals have the same timebase

Examples

```
>>> # case 1 conversion type None
>>> s1 = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> s2 = np.array([-1, -2, -3, -4, -5])
>>> s3 = np.array([0.1, 0.04, 0.09, 0.16, 0.25])
>>> t = np.array([0.001, 0.002, 0.003, 0.004, 0.005])
>>> names = ['Positive', 'Negative', 'Float']
>>> units = ['+', '-', '.f']
>>> info = {}
>>> s1 = Signal(samples=s1, timestamps=t, unit='+', name='Positive')
>>> s2 = Signal(samples=s2, timestamps=t, unit='-', name='Negative')
>>> s3 = Signal(samples=s3, timestamps=t, unit='flts', name='Floats')
>>> mdf = MDF4('new.mf4')
>>> mdf.append([s1, s2, s3], 'created by asammdf v1.1.0')
>>> # case 2: VTAB conversions from channels inside another file
>>> mdf1 = MDF4('in.mf4')
>>> ch1 = mdf1.get("Channel1_VTAB")
>>> ch2 = mdf1.get("Channel2_VTABR")
>>> sigs = [ch1, ch2]
>>> mdf2 = MDF4('out.mf4')
>>> mdf2.append(sigs, 'created by asammdf v1.1.0')
```

attach (*data*, *file_name*=None, *comment*=None, *compression*=True, *mime*='application/octet-stream')

attach embedded attachment as application/octet-stream

Parameters *data* : bytes

data to be attached

file_name : str

string file name

comment : str

attachment comment

compression : bool

use compression for embedded attachment data

mime : str

mime type string

close ()

if the MDF was created with `load_measured_data=False` and new channels have been appended, then this must be called just before the object is not used anymore to clean-up the temporary file

extract_attachment (*index*)

extract attachemnt *index* data. If it is an embedded attachment, then this method creates the new file according to the attachemnt file name information

Parameters **index** : int

attachment index

Returns **data** : bytes | str

attachment data

get (*name=None, group=None, index=None, raster=None, samples_only=False*)

Gets channel samples. Channel can be specified in two ways:

- using the first positional argument *name*

- if there are multiple occurances for this channel then the *group* and *index* arguments can be used to select a specific group.

- if there are multiple occurances for this channel and either the *group* or *index* arguments is *None* then a warning is issued

- using the group number (keyword argument *group*) and the channel number (keyword argument *index*). Use *info* method for group and channel numbers

If the *raster* keyword argument is not *None* the output is interpolated accordingly

Parameters **name** : string

name of channel

group : int

0-based group index

index : int

0-based channel index

raster : float

time raster in seconds

samples_only : bool

if *True* return only the channel samples as numpy array; if *False* return a *Signal* object

Returns **res** : (numpy.array | *Signal*)

returns *Signal* if *samples_only*!=*False* (default option), otherwise returns numpy.array

Raises **MdfError** :

- * if the channel name is not found

- * if the group index is out of range

*** if the channel index is out of range**

info()
get MDF information as a dict

Examples

```
>>> mdf = MDF4('test.mdf')
>>> mdf.info()
```

remove (*group=None, name=None*)

Remove data group. Use *group* or *name* keyword arguments to identify the group's index. *group* has priority

Parameters **name** : string

name of the channel inside the data group to be removed

group : int

data group index to be removed

Examples

```
>>> mdf = MDF4('test.mdf')
>>> mdf.remove(group=3)
>>> mdf.remove(name='VehicleSpeed')
```

save (*dst='', overwrite=False*)

Save MDF to *dst*. If *dst* is not provided the the destination file name is the MDF name. If *overwrite* is *True* then the destination file is overwritten, otherwise the file name is appened with *'_xx'*, were *'xx'* is the first conter that produces a new file name (that does not already exist in the filesystem)

Parameters **dst** : str

destination file name, Default ''

overwrite : bool

overwrite flag, default *False*

MDF version 4 blocks

The following classes implement different MDF version3 blocks.

AttachmentBlock Class

class `asammdf.mdf4.AttachmentBlock` (***kargs*)
ATBLOCK class

When adding new attachments only embedded attachemnts are allowed, with keyword argument *data* of type bytes

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| extract | |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

Channel Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.Channel(**kargs)
    CNBLOCK class
```

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

ChannelConversion Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.ChannelConversion(**kargs)
    CCBLOCK class
```

Methods

| | |
|----------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |

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| keys |
| pop |
| popitem |
| setdefault |
| update |
| values |

ChannelGroup Class

class asammdf.mdf4.**ChannelGroup**(**kargs)
CGBLOCK class

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

DataGroup Class

class asammdf.mdf4.**DataGroup**(**kargs)
DGBLOCK class

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

DataList Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.DataList (**kargs)
    DLBLOCK class
```

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

DataBlock Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.DataBlock (**kargs)
    DTBLOCK class
```

Parameters **address** : int

DTBLOCK address inside the file

file_stream : int

file handle

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

FileIdentificationBlock Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.FileIdentificationBlock (**kargs)
    IDBLOCK class
```

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

HeaderBlock Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.HeaderBlock(**kargs)
    HDBLOCK class
```

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

SourceInformation Class

```
class asammdf.mdf4.SourceInformation(**kargs)
    SIBLOCK class
```

Methods

| | |
|----------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |

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| pop |
| popitem |
| setdefault |
| update |
| values |

FileHistory Class

class asammdf.mdf4.**FileHistory**(**kargs)
FHBLOCK class

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

TextBlock Class

class asammdf.mdf4.**TextBlock**(**kargs)
common TXBLOCK and MDBLOCK class

Methods

| | |
|------------|--|
| clear | |
| copy | Generic (shallow and deep) copying operations. |
| from_text | |
| fromkeys | |
| get | |
| items | |
| keys | |
| pop | |
| popitem | |
| setdefault | |
| update | |
| values | |

classmethod `from_text` (*text*, *meta=False*)

Create a TextBlock from a str or bytes

Parameters `text` : str | bytes

input text

meta : bool

enable meta text block

Examples

```
>>> t = TextBlock.from_text(b'speed')
>>> t['id']
b'##TX'
>>> t.text_str
speed
>>> t = TextBlock.from_text('mass', meta=True)
>>> t['id']
b'##MD'
```

Notes about *load_measured_data* argument

By default when the *MDF* object is created the raw channel data is loaded into RAM. This will give you the best performance from *asammdf*.

However if you reach the physical memory limit *asammdf* gives you the option use the *load_measured_data* flag. In this case the raw channel data is not read.

MDF defaults

Advantages

- best performance

Disadvantages

- higher RAM usage, there is the chance the file will exceed available RAM

Use case

- when data fits inside the system RAM

MDF with *load_measured_data*

Advantages

- lowest RAM usage
- can handle files that do not fit in the available physical memory

Disadvantages

- slow performance for getting channel data

Use case

- when *default* data exceeds available RAM

Note: See benchmarks for the effects of using the flag

Signal

class `asammdf.signal.Signal` (*samples=None, timestamps=None, unit='', name='', conversion=None, comment=''*)

The `Signal` represents a signal described by its samples and timestamps. It can do arithmetic operations against other `Signal` or numeric type. The operations are computed in respect to the timestamps (time correct). The integer signals are not interpolated, instead the last value relative to the current timestamp is used. *samples*, *timestamps* and *name* are mandatory arguments.

Parameters **samples** : `numpy.array` | `list` | `tuple`

signal samples

timestamps : `numpy.array` | `list` | `tuple`

signal timestamps

unit : `str`

signal unit

name : `str`

signal name

conversion : `dict`

dict describing the channel conversion , default *None*

comment : `str`

signal comment, default ''

Methods

`astype`

`cut`

`interp`

`plot`

astype (*np_type*)

returns new *Signal* with samples of dtype *np_type*

cut (*start, stop*)

Cuts the signal according to the *start* and *stop* values, by using the insertion indexes in the signal's *time* axis.

Parameters **start** : `float`

start timestamp for cutting

stop : `float`

stop timestamp for cutting

Returns `outsig` : `Signal`

new *Signal* cut from the original

Examples

```
>>> new_sig = old_sig.cut(1.0, 10.5)
>>> new_sig.timestamps[0], new_sig.timestamps[-1]
0.98, 10.48
```

interp (*new_timestamps*)

returns a new *Signal* interpolated using the *new_timestamps*

plot ()

plot *Signal* samples

Examples

Working with MDF

```
from asammdf import MDF, Signal
import numpy as np

# create 3 Signal objects

timestamps = np.array([0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5], dtype=np.float32)

# uint8
s_uint8 = Signal(samples=np.array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4], dtype=np.uint8),
                  timestamps=timestamps,
                  name='Uint8_Signal',
                  unit='u1')

# int32
s_int32 = Signal(samples=np.array([-20, -10, 0, 10, 20], dtype=np.int32),
                  timestamps=timestamps,
                  name='Int32_Signal',
                  unit='i4')

# float64
s_float64 = Signal(samples=np.array([-20, -10, 0, 10, 20], dtype=np.int32),
                   timestamps=timestamps,
                   name='Float64_Signal',
                   unit='f8')

# create empty MDF version 4.00 file
mdf4 = MDF(version='4.00')

# append the 3 signals to the new file
signals = [s_uint8, s_int32, s_float64]
mdf4.append(signals, 'Created by Python')

# save new file
mdf4.save('my_new_file.mf4')
```

```
# convert new file to mdf version 3.10 with compression of raw channel data
mdf3 = mdf4.convert(to='3.10', compression=True)
print(mdf3.version)
# prints >>> 3.10

# get the float signal
sig = mdf3.get('Float64_Signal')
print(sig)
# prints >>> Signal { name="Float64_Signal":          s=[-20 -10  0  10  20] t=[ 0.1  0.2
↪      0.2          0.30000001  0.40000001  0.5          ] unit="f8"
↪ conversion=None }
```

Working with Signal

```
from asammdf import Signal
import numpy as np

# create 3 Signal objects with different time stamps

# uint8 with 100ms time raster
timestamps = np.array([0.1 * t for t in range(5)], dtype=np.float32)
s_uint8 = Signal(samples=np.array([t for t in range(5)], dtype=np.uint8),
                  timestamps=timestamps,
                  name='Uint8_Signal',
                  unit='u1')

# int32 with 50ms time raster
timestamps = np.array([0.05 * t for t in range(10)], dtype=np.float32)
s_int32 = Signal(samples=np.array(list(range(-500, 500, 100)), dtype=np.int32),
                  timestamps=timestamps,
                  name='Int32_Signal',
                  unit='i4')

# float64 with 300ms time raster
timestamps = np.array([0.3 * t for t in range(3)], dtype=np.float32)
s_float64 = Signal(samples=np.array(list(range(2000, -1000, -1000)), dtype=np.int32),
                    timestamps=timestamps,
                    name='Float64_Signal',
                    unit='f8')

prod = s_float64 * s_uint8
prod.name = 'Uint8_Signal * Float64_Signal'
prod.unit = '*'
prod.plot()

pow2 = s_uint8 ** 2
pow2.name = 'Uint8_Signal ^ 2'
pow2.unit = 'u1^2'
pow2.plot()

allsum = s_uint8 + s_int32 + s_float64
allsum.name = 'Uint8_Signal + Int32_Signal + Float64_Signal'
allsum.unit = '+'
allsum.plot()
```

```
# inplace operations
pow2 *= -1
pow2.name = '- Uint8_Signal ^ 2'
pow2.plot()
```


asammdf relies heavily on *dict* objects. Starting with Python 3.6 the *dict* objects are more compact and ordered (implementation detail); *asammdf* uses takes advantage of those changes so for best performance it is advised to use Python ≥ 3.6 .

Intro

The benchmarks were done using two test files (for mdf version 3 and 4) of around 170MB. The files contain 183 data groups and a total of 36424 channels.

asammdf 2.5.0 was compared against *mdfreader 0.2.5* (latest versions from PyPI). *mdfreader* seems to be the most used Python package to handle MDF files, and it also supports both version 3 and 4 of the standard.

The three benchmark categories are file open, file save and extracting the data for all channels inside the file(36424 calls). For each category two aspect were noted: elapsed time and peak RAM usage.

Dependencies

You will need the following packages to be able to run the benchmark script

- psutil
- mdfreader

x64 Python results

The test environment used for 64 bit tests had:

- 3.6.2 (v3.6.2:5fd33b5, Jul 8 2017, 04:57:36) [MSC v.1900 64 bit (AMD64)]
- Windows-10-10.0.14393-SP0

- Intel64 Family 6 Model 94 Stepping 3, GenuineIntel
- 16GB installed RAM

Notations used in the results:

- nodata = asammdf MDF object created with load_measured_data=False (raw channel data not loaded into RAM)

Files used for benchmark:

- 183 groups
- 36424 channels

Raw data

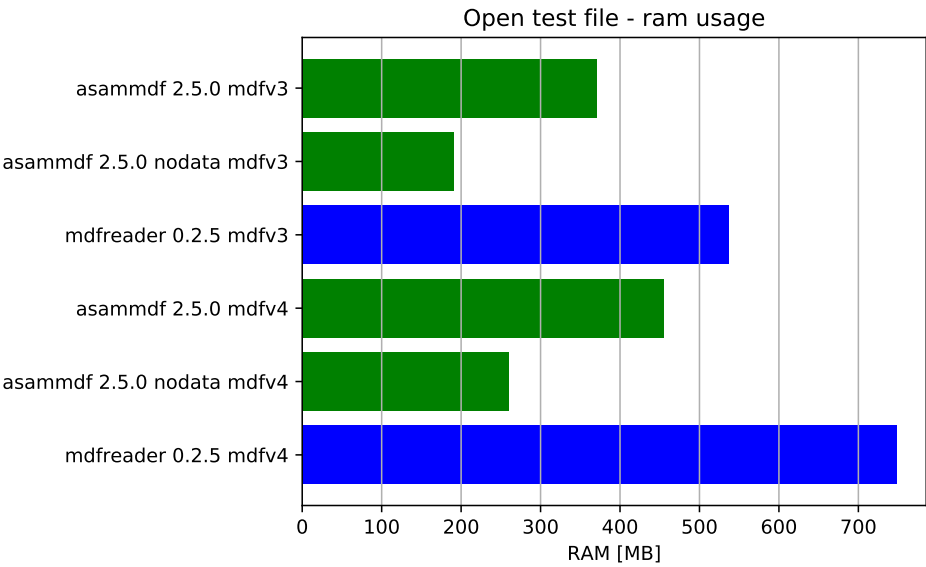
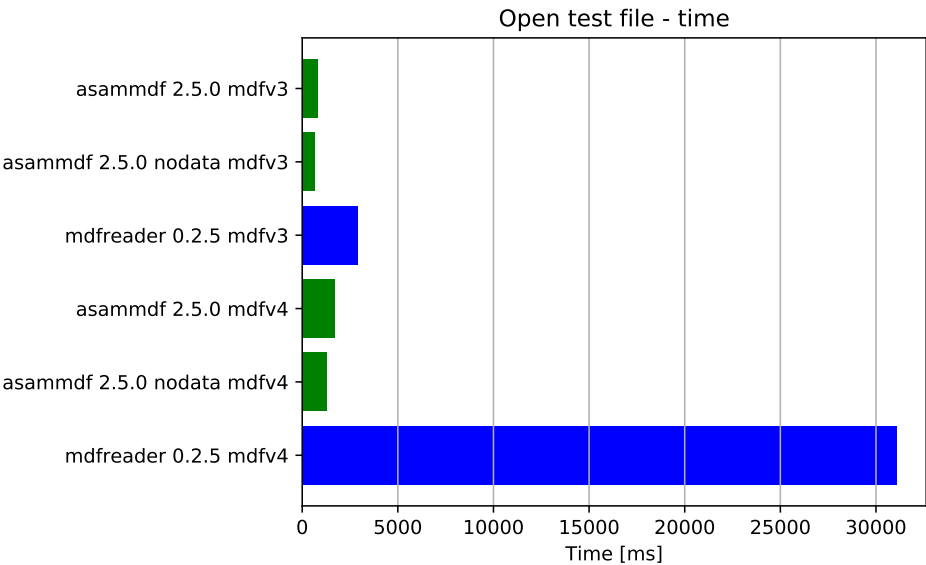
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| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv3 | 653 | 191 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv3 | 2909 | 537 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv4 | 1694 | 455 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv4 | 1297 | 260 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv4 | 31074 | 748 |

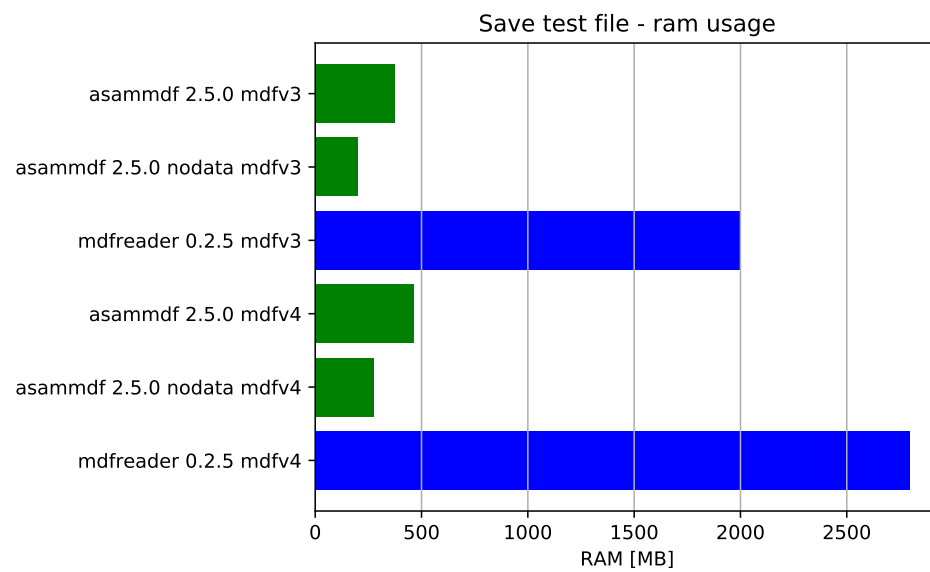
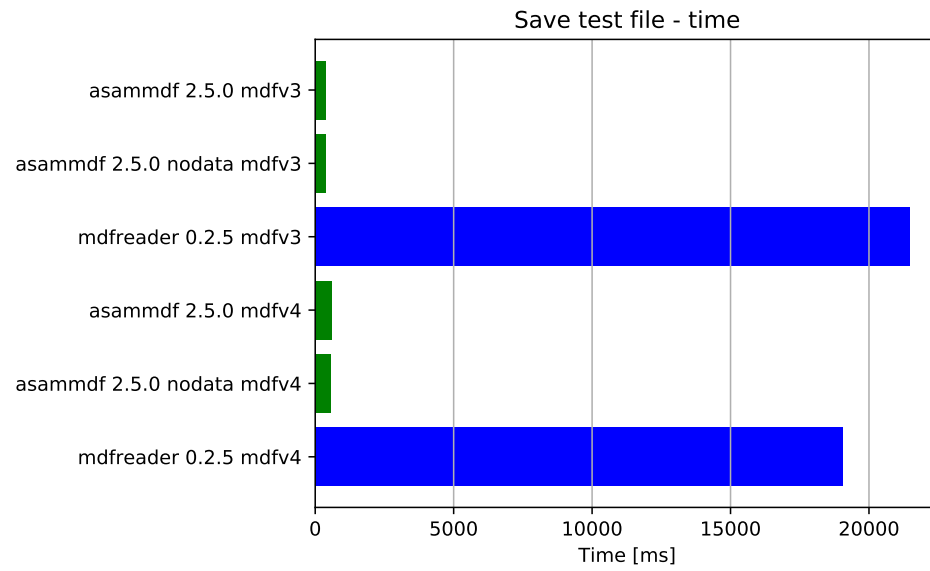
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| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv3 | 383 | 198 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv3 | 21464 | 1997 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv4 | 586 | 465 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv4 | 550 | 275 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv4 | 19036 | 2795 |

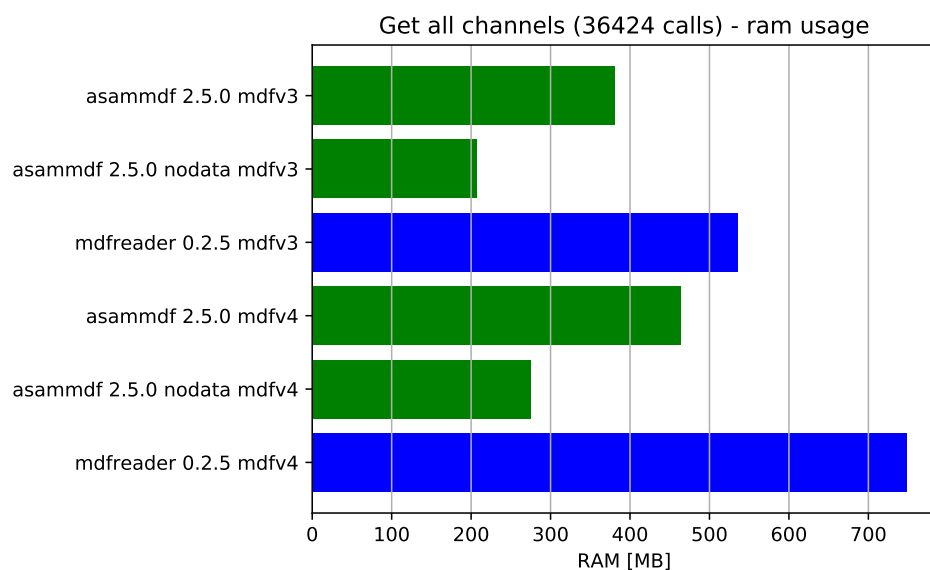
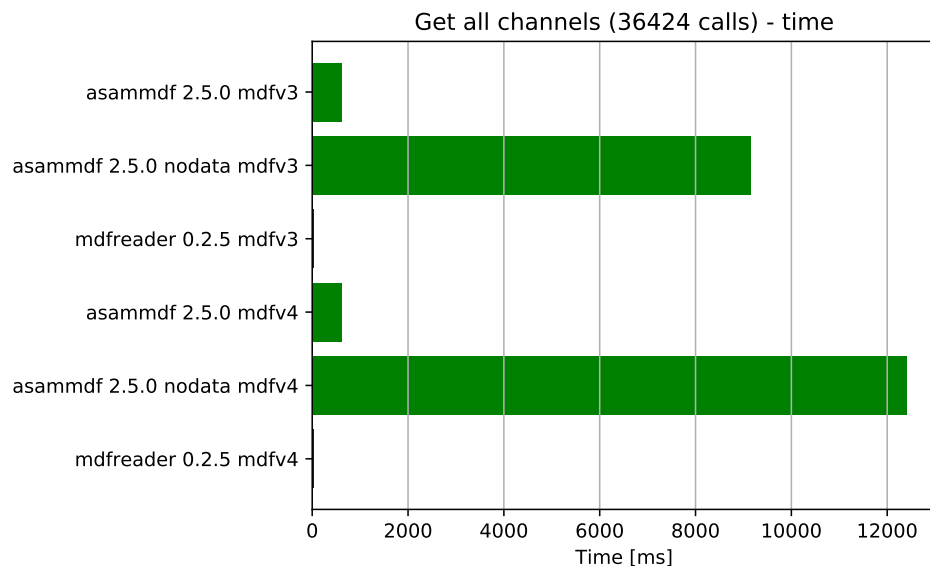
| Get all channels (36424 calls) | Time [ms] | RAM [MB] |
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| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv3 | 9161 | 207 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv3 | 28 | 536 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv4 | 606 | 464 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv4 | 12403 | 275 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv4 | 40 | 748 |

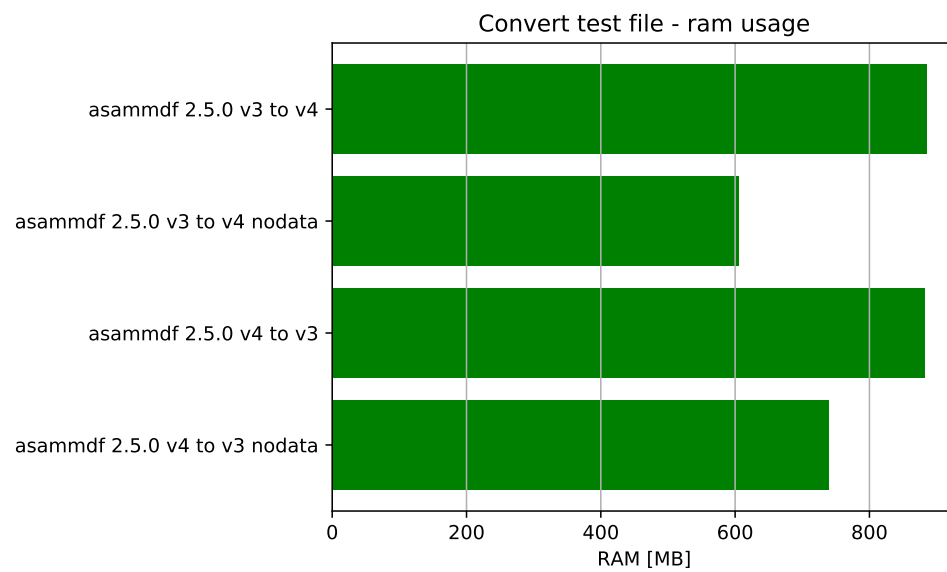
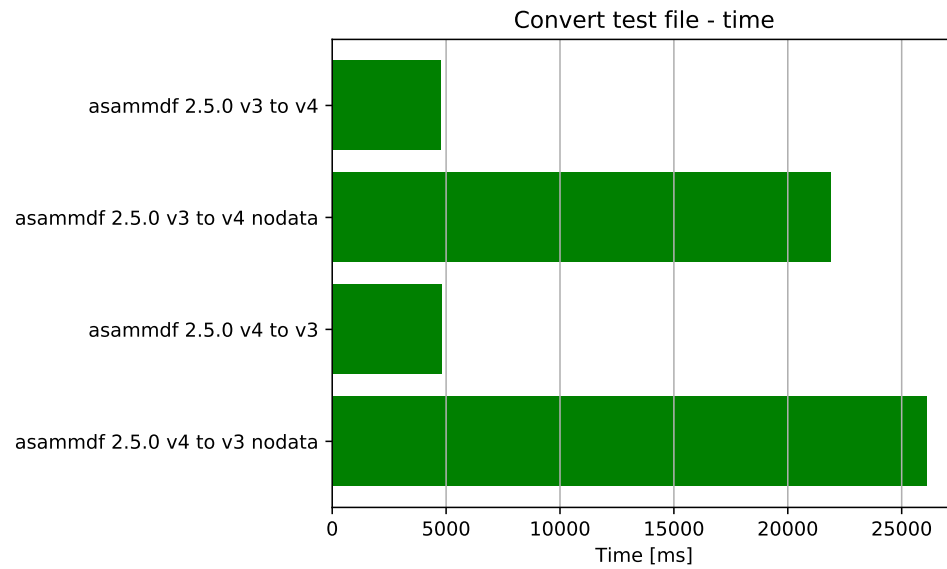
| Convert file | Time [ms] | RAM [MB] |
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| asammdf 2.5.0 v3 to v4 | 4773 | 885 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 v3 to v4 nodata | 21903 | 605 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 v4 to v3 | 4823 | 882 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 v4 to v3 nodata | 26090 | 740 |

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The test environment used for 32 bit tests had:

- 3.6.1 (v3.6.1:69c0db5, Mar 21 2017, 17:54:52) [MSC v.1900 32 bit (Intel)]
- Windows-10-10.0.14393-SP0
- Intel64 Family 6 Model 94 Stepping 3, GenuineIntel
- 16GB installed RAM

Notations used in the results:

- nodata = asammdf MDF object created with load_measured_data=False (raw channel data not loaded into RAM)

Files used for benchmark:

- 183 groups
- 36424 channels

Raw data

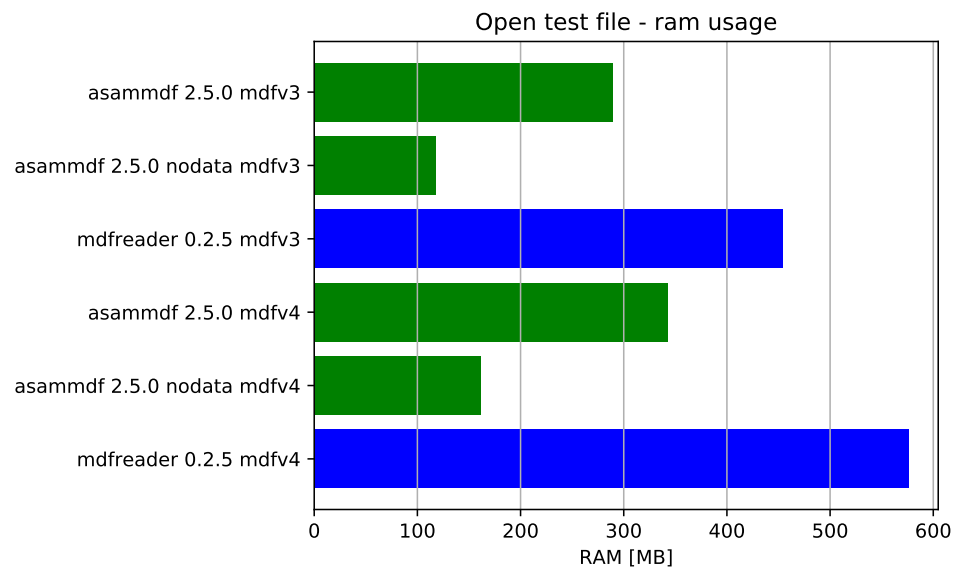
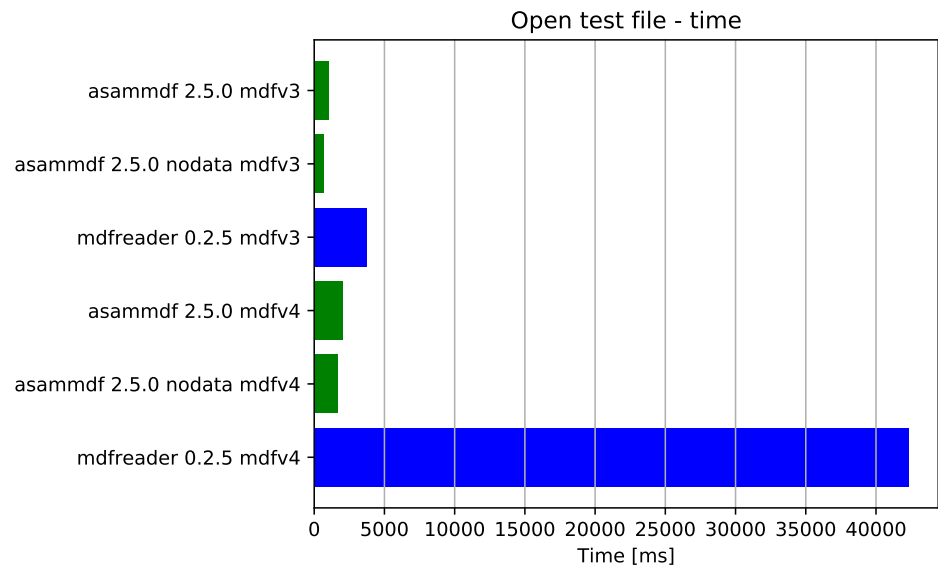
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| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv3 | 1009 | 289 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv3 | 663 | 118 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv3 | 3705 | 454 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv4 | 2031 | 343 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv4 | 1690 | 161 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv4 | 42315 | 576 |

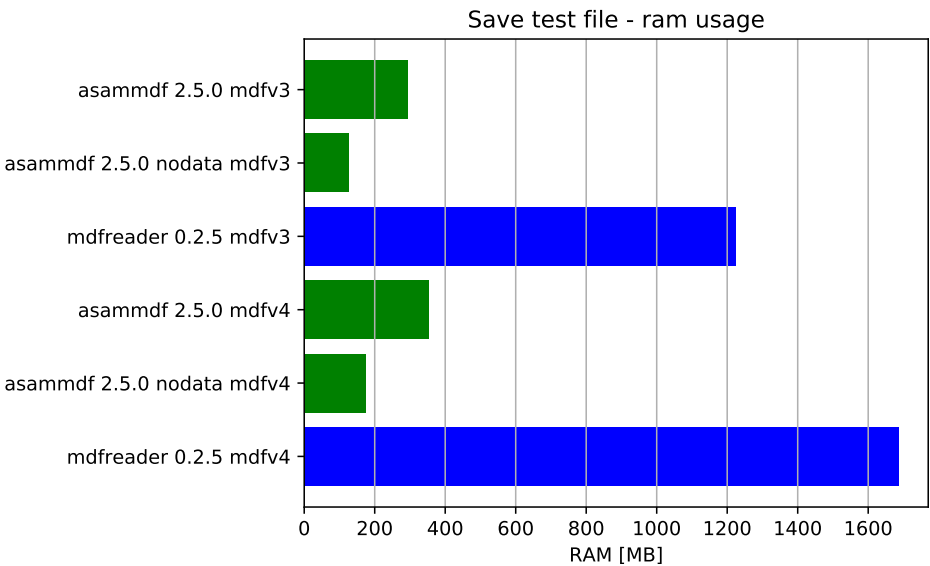
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| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv3 | 462 | 126 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv3 | 19759 | 1224 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv4 | 691 | 354 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv4 | 712 | 174 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv4 | 17415 | 1686 |

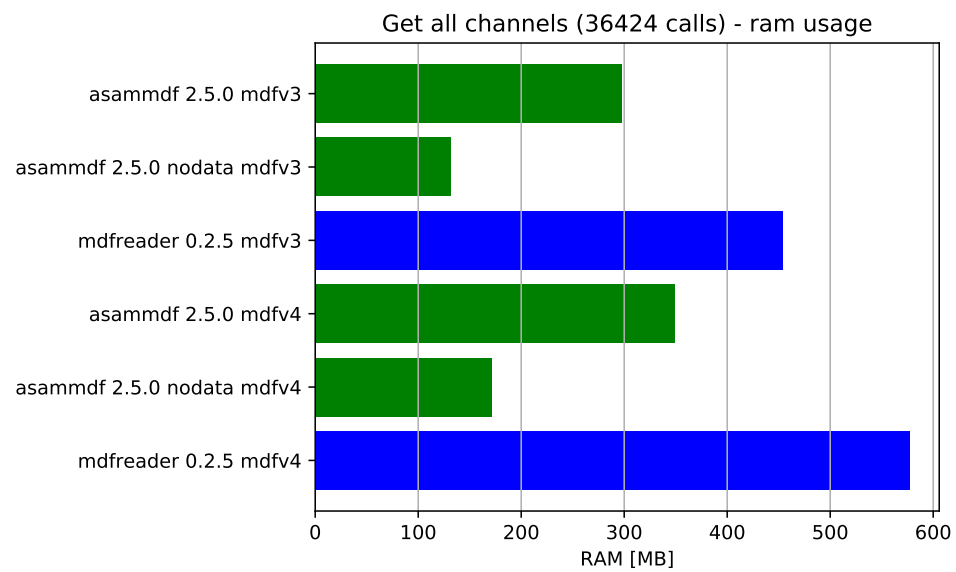
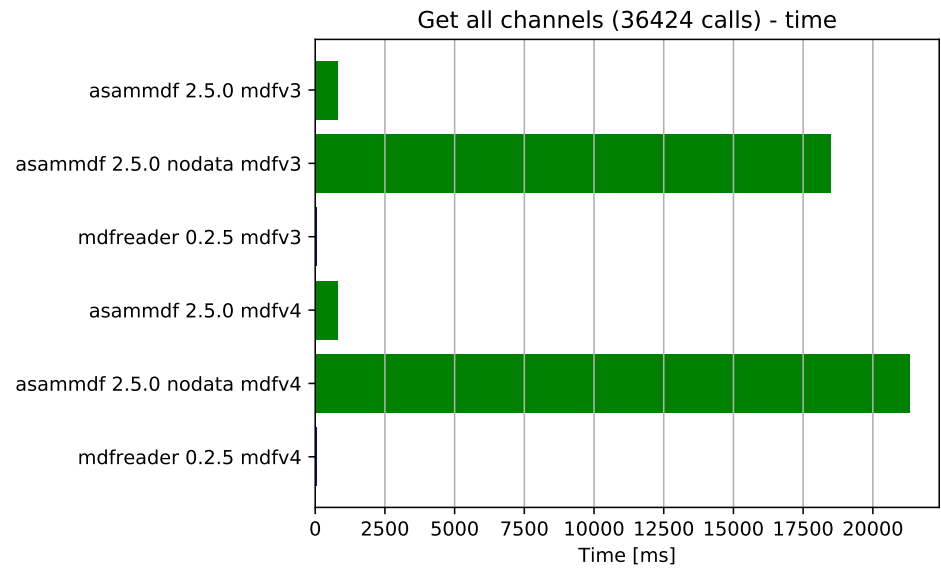
| Get all channels (36424 calls) | Time [ms] | RAM [MB] |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv3 | 807 | 298 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv3 | 18500 | 132 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv3 | 36 | 454 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 mdfv4 | 804 | 349 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 nodata mdfv4 | 21315 | 171 |
| mdfreader 0.2.5 mdfv4 | 49 | 577 |

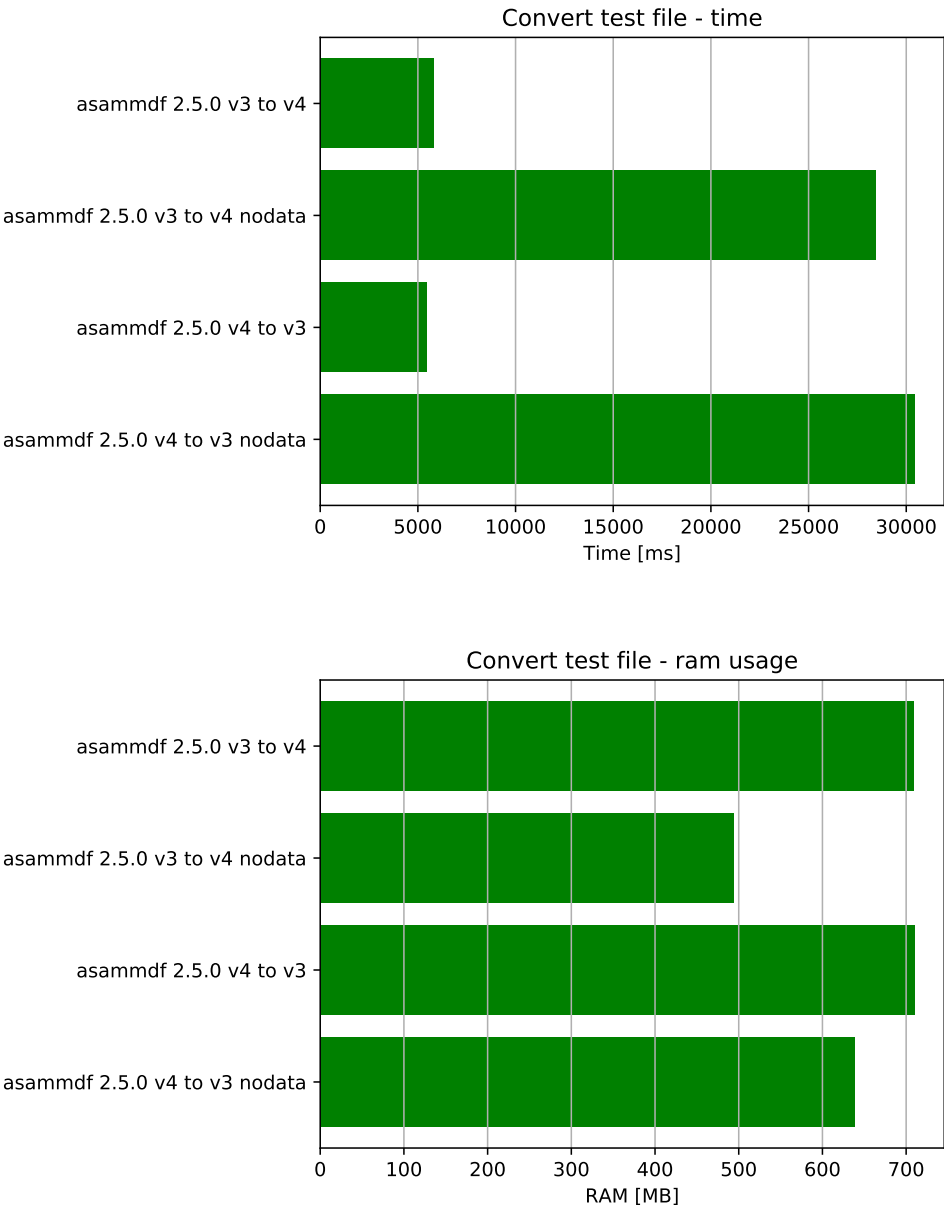
| Convert file | Time [ms] | RAM [MB] |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| asammdf 2.5.0 v3 to v4 | 5834 | 709 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 v3 to v4 nodata | 28427 | 494 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 v4 to v3 | 5474 | 710 |
| asammdf 2.5.0 v4 to v3 nodata | 30423 | 638 |

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