

NAME

`vpmsave`, `vpmsnap`, `vpmtrace`, `vpmfmt` — save and print VPM event traces

SYNOPSIS

`vpmsave mask device`

`vpmsnap mask`

`vpmtrace mask`

`vpmfmt`

DESCRIPTION

Vpmsave opens the minor device of the trace driver specified by *device*, enables the channels specified by *mask* (octal), and then reads event records and writes them to its standard output (unformatted) until killed.

Vpmtrace opens `/dev/trace` (assumed to be minor device 0 of the trace driver) and enables the channels specified by *mask* (octal). It then reads event records and prints them until killed.

Vpmsnap opens `/dev/snap` (assumed to be minor device 1 of the trace driver) and enables the channels specified by *mask* (octal). It then reads time-stamped event records and prints them until killed.

Vpmfmt reads its standard input, which it assumes was generated by *vpmsave*, and prints it formatted to its standard output.

Note that

```
vpmsave mask device | vpmfmt
```

is equivalent to

```
vpmtrace mask
```

where *device* is the name of minor device 0 of the trace driver. If *device* is the name of minor device 1 of the trace driver, it is almost equivalent to

```
vpmsnap mask
```

the only difference being that the times are not normalized to zero.

Vpmsave and *vpmfmt* are provided because fewer event records are lost when they are used as follows:

```
vpmsave mask device > t &
```

```
vpmfmt < t
```

SEE ALSO

`vpmc(1C)`, `kmc(4)`, `trace(4)`, `vpm(4)`.