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OPENTELEMETRY C++ API

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OVERVIEW

The OpenTelemetry C++ API enables developers to instrument their applications and libraries in order to make them ready to create and emit telemetry data. The OpenTelemetry C++ API exclusively focuses on instrumentation and does not address concerns like exporting, sampling, and aggregating telemetry data. Those concerns are addressed by the OpenTelemetry C++ SDK. This architecture enables developers to instrument applications and libraries with the OpenTelemetry C++ API while being completely agnostic of how telemetry data is exported and processed.

1.1 Library design

The OpenTelemetry C++ API is provided as a header-only library and supports all recent versions of the C++ standard, down to C++11.

A single application might dynamically or statically link to different libraries that were compiled with different compilers, while several of the linked libraries are instrumented with OpenTelemetry. OpenTelemetry C++ supports those scenarios by providing a stable ABI. This is achieved by a careful API design, and most notably by providing ABI stable versions of classes from the standard library. All those classes are provided in the `opentelemetry::nostd` namespace.

GETTING STARTED

2.1 Tracing

When instrumenting libraries and applications, the most simple approach requires three steps.

2.1.1 Obtain a tracer

```
auto provider = opentelemetry::trace::Provider::GetTracerProvider();  
auto tracer = provider->GetTracer("foo_library", "1.0.0");
```

The `TracerProvider` acquired in the first step is a singleton object that is usually provided by the OpenTelemetry C++ SDK. It is used to provide specific implementations for API interfaces. In case no SDK is used, the API provides a default no-op implementation of a `TracerProvider`.

The `Tracer` acquired in the second step is needed to create and start `Spans`.

2.1.2 Start a span

```
auto span = tracer->StartSpan("HandleRequest");
```

This creates a span, sets its name to `"HandleRequest"`, and sets its start time to the current time. Refer to the API documentation for other operations that are available to enrich spans with additional data.

2.1.3 Mark a span as active

```
auto scope = tracer->WithActiveSpan(span);
```

This marks a span as active and returns a `Scope` object bound to the lifetime of the span. When the `Scope` object is destroyed, the related span is ended.

The concept of an active span is important, as any span that is created without explicitly specifying a parent is parented to the currently active span.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

3.1 Class Hierarchy

3.2 File Hierarchy

3.3 Full API

3.3.1 Namespaces

Namespace `opentelemetry`

Namespaces

- *Namespace `opentelemetry::common`*
- *Namespace `opentelemetry::trace`*

Namespace `opentelemetry::common`

Classes

- *Class `KeyValueIterable`*
- *Class `SteadyTimestamp`*
- *Class `SystemTimestamp`*

Typedefs

- *Typedef `opentelemetry::common::AttributeValue`*

Namespace opentelemetry::trace

Namespaces

- *Namespace opentelemetry::trace::propagation*

Classes

- *Struct EndSpanOptions*
- *Struct StartSpanOptions*
- *Class DefaultSpan*
- *Class DefaultTracer*
- *Class NoopSpan*
- *Class NoopTracer*
- *Class NoopTracerProvider*
- *Class NullSpanContext*
- *Class Provider*
- *Class Scope*
- *Class Span*
- *Class SpanContext*
- *Class SpanContextKeyValueIterable*
- *Class SpanId*
- *Class TraceFlags*
- *Class TraceId*
- *Class Tracer*
- *Class TracerProvider*
- *Class TraceState*

Enums

- *Enum CanonicalCode*
- *Enum SpanKind*
- *Enum StatusCode*

Functions

- *Template Function `opentelemetry::trace::to_span_ptr`*

Variables

- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::kSpanKey`*

Namespace `opentelemetry::trace::propagation`

Namespaces

- *Namespace `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail`*

Classes

- *Class `B3Propagator`*
- *Class `B3PropagatorExtractor`*
- *Class `B3PropagatorMultiHeader`*
- *Class `HttpTraceContext`*
- *Class `JaegerPropagator`*

Functions

- *Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::GetSpan`*
- *Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::SetSpan`*

Variables

- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3CombinedHeader`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3SampledHeader`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3SpanIdHeader`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3TraceIdHeader`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kSpanIdHexStrLength`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kSpanIdSize`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceFlagsSize`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceHeader`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceIdHexStrLength`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceIdSize`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceParent`*
- *Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceParentSize`*

- Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceState`
- Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kVersionSize`

Namespace `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail`

Functions

- Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::HexToBinary`
- Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::HexToInt`
- Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::IsValidHex`
- Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::SplitString`

Variables

- Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::kHexDigits`

3.3.2 Classes and Structs

Struct `EndSpanOptions`

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h`

Struct Documentation

struct `opentelemetry::trace::EndSpanOptions`

`StartEndOptions` provides options to set properties of a *Span* when it is ended.

Public Members

`common::SteadyTimestamp` **end_steady_time**

Struct `StartSpanOptions`

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h`

Struct Documentation

struct `opentelemetry::trace::StartSpanOptions`

`StartSpanOptions` provides options to set properties of a *Span* at the time of its creation

Public Members

```
common::SystemTimestamp start_system_time
common::SteadyTimestamp start_steady_time
SpanContext parent = SpanContext::GetInvalid()
SpanKind kind = SpanKind::kInternal
```

Class KeyValueIterable

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_common_key_value_iterable.h

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::common::KeyValueIterable
Supports internal iteration over a collection of key-value pairs.

Public Functions

```
virtual ~KeyValueIterable() = default
virtual bool ForEachKeyValue (nostd::function_ref<bool> nostd::string_view,      com-
                               mon::AttributeValue
                               > callback) const noexcept = 0 Iterate over key-value pairs

    Parameters callback – a callback to invoke for each key-value. If the callback returns false,
    the iteration is aborted.

    Returns true if every key-value pair was iterated over

virtual size_t size() const noexcept = 0

    Returns the number of key-value pairs
```

Class SteadyTimestamp

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_common_timestamp.h

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::common::SteadyTimestamp
A timepoint relative to the monotonic clock epoch.
This is used for calculating the duration of an operation.

Public Functions

inline SteadyTimestamp () noexcept

Initializes a monotonic timestamp pointing to the start of the epoch.

template<class **Rep**, class **Period**>

inline explicit SteadyTimestamp (const std::chrono::duration<Rep, Period> &time_since_epoch) noexcept

Initializes a monotonic timestamp from a duration.

Parameters **time_since_epoch** – Time elapsed since the beginning of the epoch.

inline SteadyTimestamp (const std::chrono::steady_clock::time_point &time_point) noexcept

Initializes a monotonic timestamp based on a point in time.

Parameters **time_point** – A point in time.

inline operator std::chrono::steady_clock::time_point () const noexcept

Returns a time point for the time stamp.

Returns A time point corresponding to the time stamp.

inline std::chrono::nanoseconds time_since_epoch () const noexcept

Returns the nanoseconds since the beginning of the epoch.

Returns Elapsed nanoseconds since the beginning of the epoch for this timestamp.

inline bool operator== (const SteadyTimestamp &other) const noexcept

Compare two steady time stamps.

Returns true if the two time stamps are equal.

inline bool operator!= (const SteadyTimestamp &other) const noexcept

Compare two steady time stamps for inequality.

Returns true if the two time stamps are not equal.

Class SystemTimestamp

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_common_timestamp.h

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::common::SystemTimestamp

A timepoint relative to the system clock epoch.

This is used for marking the beginning and end of an operation.

Public Functions

inline SystemTimestamp () noexcept

Initializes a system timestamp pointing to the start of the epoch.

template<class **Rep**, class **Period**>

inline explicit SystemTimestamp (const std::chrono::duration<Rep, Period> &time_since_epoch) noexcept

Initializes a system timestamp from a duration.

Parameters **time_since_epoch** – Time elapsed since the beginning of the epoch.

inline SystemTimestamp (const std::chrono::system_clock::time_point &time_point) noexcept

Initializes a system timestamp based on a point in time.

Parameters **time_point** – A point in time.

inline operator std::chrono::system_clock::time_point () const noexcept

Returns a time point for the time stamp.

Returns A time point corresponding to the time stamp.

inline std::chrono::nanoseconds time_since_epoch () const noexcept

Returns the nanoseconds since the beginning of the epoch.

Returns Elapsed nanoseconds since the beginning of the epoch for this timestamp.

inline bool operator== (const SystemTimestamp &other) const noexcept

Compare two steady time stamps.

Returns true if the two time stamps are equal.

inline bool operator!= (const SystemTimestamp &other) const noexcept

Compare two steady time stamps for inequality.

Returns true if the two time stamps are not equal.

Class DefaultSpan

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_default_span.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public opentelemetry::trace::Span (*Class Span*)

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::DefaultSpan : public opentelemetry::trace::Span

Public Functions

```
inline trace::SpanContext GetContext () const noexcept
inline bool IsRecording () const noexcept
inline void SetAttribute (nostd::string_view, const common::AttributeValue&) noexcept
inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view) noexcept
inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view, common::SystemTimestamp) noexcept
inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view, common::SystemTimestamp, const common::KeyValueIterable&) noexcept
inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view name, const common::KeyValueIterable &attributes) noexcept
inline void SetStatus (StatusCode, nostd::string_view) noexcept
inline void UpdateName (nostd::string_view) noexcept
inline void End (const EndSpanOptions& = {}) noexcept
inline nostd::string_view ToString ()
inline DefaultSpan (SpanContext span_context)
inline DefaultSpan (DefaultSpan &&spn)
inline DefaultSpan (const DefaultSpan &spn)
```

Public Static Functions

```
static inline DefaultSpan GetInvalid ()
```

Class DefaultTracer

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_default_tracer.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public opentelemetry::trace::Tracer (Class Tracer)

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::DefaultTracer : public opentelemetry::trace::Tracer

Public Functions

~DefaultTracer () = default

inline **nostd::unique_ptr< Span >** StartSpan (nostd::string_view name, const common::KeyValues attributes) *Starts a span.*

Optionally sets attributes at *Span* creation from the given key/value pairs.

Attributes will be processed in order, previous attributes with the same key will be overwritten.

inline void ForceFlushWithMicroseconds (uint64_t timeout) **override** **noexcept**

inline void CloseWithMicroseconds (uint64_t timeout) **override** **noexcept**

Class NoopSpan

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_noop.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public opentelemetry::trace::Span (*Class Span*)

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::NoopSpan : public opentelemetry::trace::Span

No-op implementation of *Span*. This class should not be used directly.

Public Functions

inline explicit NoopSpan (const std::shared_ptr<Tracer> &tracer) **noexcept**

inline virtual void SetAttribute (nostd::string_view, const common::AttributeValue&) **noexcept** **override**

inline virtual void AddEvent (nostd::string_view) **noexcept** **override**

inline virtual void AddEvent (nostd::string_view, common::SystemTimestamp) **noexcept** **override**

inline virtual void AddEvent (nostd::string_view, common::SystemTimestamp, const common::KeyValueIterable&) **noexcept** **override**

inline virtual void SetStatus (*Status*Code, nostd::string_view) **noexcept** **override**

inline virtual void UpdateName (nostd::string_view) **noexcept** **override**

inline virtual void End (const EndSpanOptions&) **noexcept** **override**

Mark the end of the *Span*. Only the timing of the first End call for a given *Span* will be recorded, and implementations are free to ignore all further calls.

Parameters **options** – can be used to manually define span properties like the end timestamp

```
inline virtual bool IsRecording () const noexcept override
inline virtual SpanContext GetContext () const noexcept override
```

Class NoopTracer

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_noop.h`

Inheritance Relationships

Base Types

- `public opentelemetry::trace::Tracer` (*Class Tracer*)
- `public std::enable_shared_from_this< NoopTracer >`

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::NoopTracer` : **public** `opentelemetry::trace::Tracer`, **public** `std::enable_shared_from_this<NoopTracer>`
No-op implementation of *Tracer*.

Public Functions

```
inline virtual nostd::shared_ptr<Span> StartSpan (nostd::string_view, const common::KeyValueIterable&, const SpanContextKeyValueIterable&, const StartSpanOptions&) noexcept override
```

Starts a span.

Optionally sets attributes at *Span* creation from the given key/value pairs.

Attributes will be processed in order, previous attributes with the same key will be overwritten.

```
inline virtual void ForceFlushWithMicroseconds (uint64_t) noexcept override
inline virtual void CloseWithMicroseconds (uint64_t) noexcept override
```

Class NoopTracerProvider

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_noop.h`

Public Functions

inline virtual bool ForEachKeyValue (nstd::function_ref<bool> *SpanContext*, **const** opentelemetry::common::*KeyValueIterable*& > **const noexcept override** Iterate over SpanContext/key-value pairs

Parameters **callback** – a callback to invoke for each key-value for each SpanContext. If the callback returns false, the iteration is aborted.

Returns true if every SpanContext/key-value pair was iterated over

inline virtual size_t size () const noexcept override

Returns the number of key-value pairs

Class B3Propagator

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorExtractor

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3Propagator : public opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorExtractor

Public Functions

inline void Inject (opentelemetry::context::propagation::TextMapCarrier &*carrier*, **const** *context::Context* &*context*) **noexcept override**

Class B3PropagatorExtractor

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public TextMapPropagator

Derived Types

- `public opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3Propagator` (*Class B3Propagator*)
- `public opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorMultiHeader` (*Class B3PropagatorMultiHeader*)

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorExtractor` : **public** `TextMapPropagator`
 Subclassed by `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3Propagator`, `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorMultiHeader`

Public Functions

inline `context::Context` **Extract** (**const** `opentelemetry::context::propagation::TextMapCarrier` &`carrier`, `context::Context` &`context`) **noexcept override**

Public Static Functions

static inline `TraceId` **TraceIdFromHex** (`nostd::string_view` `trace_id`)

static inline `SpanId` **SpanIdFromHex** (`nostd::string_view` `span_id`)

static inline `TraceFlags` **TraceFlagsFromHex** (`nostd::string_view` `trace_flags`)

Class B3PropagatorMultiHeader

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h`

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- `public opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorExtractor`

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorMultiHeader` : **public** `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::B3PropagatorExtractor`

Public Functions

```
inline void Inject (opentelemetry::context::propagation::TextMapCarrier &carrier, const con-
                    text::Context &context) noexcept override
```

Class HttpTraceContext

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public TextMapPropagator

Class Documentation

```
class opentelemetry::trace::propagation::HttpTraceContext : public TextMapPropagator
```

Public Functions

```
inline void Inject (opentelemetry::context::propagation::TextMapCarrier &carrier, const con-
                    text::Context &context) noexcept override
inline context::Context Extract (const      opentelemetry::context::propagation::TextMapCarrier
                                &carrier, context::Context &context) noexcept override
```

Public Static Functions

```
static inline TraceId TraceIdFromHex (nstd::string_view trace_id)
static inline SpanId SpanIdFromHex (nstd::string_view span_id)
static inline TraceFlags TraceFlagsFromHex (nstd::string_view trace_flags)
```

Class JaegerPropagator

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_jaeger.h

Inheritance Relationships

Base Type

- public TextMapPropagator

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::JaegerPropagator` : **public** `TextMapPropagator`

Public Functions

inline void Inject (*context::propagation::TextMapCarrier* &*carrier*, **const** *context::Context* &*context*) **noexcept override**

inline *context::Context* **Extract** (**const** *context::propagation::TextMapCarrier* &*carrier*, *context::Context* &*context*) **noexcept override**

Class Provider

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_provider.h`

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::Provider`

Stores the singleton global *TracerProvider*.

Public Static Functions

static inline `nostd::shared_ptr<TracerProvider>` **GetTracerProvider** () **noexcept**
Returns the singleton *TracerProvider*.

By default, a no-op *TracerProvider* is returned. This will never return a nullptr *TracerProvider*.

static inline void **SetTracerProvider** (`nostd::shared_ptr<TracerProvider>` *tp*) **noexcept**
Changes the singleton *TracerProvider*.

Class Scope

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_scope.h`

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::Scope`

Controls how long a span is active.

On creation of the *Scope* object, the given span is set to the currently active span. On destruction, the given span is ended and the previously active span will be the currently active span again.

Public Functions

inline Scope (**const** `nostd::shared_ptr` &*span*) **noexcept**
Initialize a new scope.

Parameters *span* – the given span will be set as the currently active span.

Class Span

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h`

Inheritance Relationships

Derived Types

- `public opentelemetry::trace::DefaultSpan` (*Class DefaultSpan*)
- `public opentelemetry::trace::NoopSpan` (*Class NoopSpan*)

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::Span`

A *Span* represents a single operation within a Trace.

Subclassed by *opentelemetry::trace::DefaultSpan*, *opentelemetry::trace::NoopSpan*

Public Functions

Span () = default

virtual ~Span () = default

Span (**const** *Span*&) = delete

Span (*Span*&&) = delete

Span &**operator=** (**const** *Span*&) = delete

Span &**operator=** (*Span*&&) = delete

virtual void SetAttribute (`nostd::string_view` *key*, **const** `common::AttributeValue` &*value*)
noexcept = 0

virtual void AddEvent (`nostd::string_view` *name*) **noexcept** = 0

virtual void AddEvent (`nostd::string_view` *name*, `common::SystemTimestamp` *timestamp*)
noexcept = 0

virtual void AddEvent (`nostd::string_view` *name*, `common::SystemTimestamp` *timestamp*, **const**
`common::KeyValueIterable` &*attributes*) **noexcept** = 0

inline virtual void AddEvent (`nostd::string_view` *name*, **const** `common::KeyValueIterable` &*at-*
tributes) **noexcept**

`template<class T, nostd::enable_if_t<common::detail::is_key_value_iterable<T>::value>* = nullptr>`

inline void AddEvent (`nostd::string_view` *name*, `common::SystemTimestamp` *timestamp*, **const** *T*
&*attributes*) **noexcept**

`template<class T, nostd::enable_if_t<common::detail::is_key_value_iterable<T>::value>* = nullptr>`


```

inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view name, const T &attributes) noexcept

inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view name, common::SystemTimestamp timestamp,
    std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view, common::AttributeValue>>
    attributes) noexcept

inline void AddEvent (nostd::string_view name, std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view,
    common::AttributeValue>> attributes) noexcept

virtual void SetStatus (StatusCode code, nostd::string_view description = "") noexcept = 0

virtual void UpdateName (nostd::string_view name) noexcept = 0

virtual void End (const EndSpanOptions &options = {}) noexcept = 0
    Mark the end of the Span. Only the timing of the first End call for a given Span will be recorded, and
    implementations are free to ignore all further calls.

    Parameters options – can be used to manually define span properties like the end timestamp

virtual trace::SpanContext GetContext () const noexcept = 0

virtual bool IsRecording () const noexcept = 0

```

Class SpanContext

- Defined in file `include/opentelemetry_trace_span_context.h`

Class Documentation

```
class opentelemetry::trace::SpanContext
```

Public Functions

```

inline SpanContext (bool sampled_flag, bool is_remote)

inline SpanContext (TraceId trace_id, SpanId span_id, TraceFlags trace_flags, bool is_remote,
    nostd::shared_ptr<TraceState> trace_state = TraceState::GetDefault())
    noexcept

SpanContext (const SpanContext &ctx) = default

inline bool IsValid () const noexcept

inline const trace_api::TraceFlags &trace_flags () const noexcept

inline const trace_api::TraceId &trace_id () const noexcept

inline const trace_api::SpanId &span_id () const noexcept

inline const nostd::shared_ptr<trace_api::TraceState> trace_state () const noexcept

inline bool operator== (const SpanContext &that) const noexcept

SpanContext &operator= (const SpanContext &ctx) = default

inline bool IsRemote () const noexcept

inline bool IsSampled () const noexcept

```

Public Static Functions

static inline *SpanContext* **GetInvalid()**

Class SpanContextKeyValueIterable

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_span_context_kv_iterable.h

Inheritance Relationships

Derived Type

- **public** `opentelemetry::trace::NullSpanContext` (*Class NullSpanContext*)

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::SpanContextKeyValueIterable`

Supports internal iteration over a collection of SpanContext/key-value pairs.

Subclassed by *opentelemetry::trace::NullSpanContext*

Public Functions

virtual `~SpanContextKeyValueIterable()` = default

virtual **bool** **ForEachKeyValue** (nostd::function_ref<bool> *SpanContext*, **const** `opentelemetry::common::KeyValueIterable&`
> *callback* **const noexcept** = 0 Iterate over SpanContext/key-value pairs

Parameters **callback** – a callback to invoke for each key-value for each SpanContext. If the callback returns false, the iteration is aborted.

Returns true if every SpanContext/key-value pair was iterated over

virtual `size_t` **size()** **const noexcept** = 0

Returns the number of key-value pairs

Class SpanId

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_span_id.h

Class Documentation

class `opentelemetry::trace::SpanId`

Public Functions

```

inline SpanId() noexcept
inline explicit SpanId(nostd::span<const uint8_t, kSize> id) noexcept
inline void ToLowerBase16(nostd::span<char, 2 * kSize> buffer) const noexcept
inline nostd::span<const uint8_t, kSize> Id() const noexcept
inline bool operator==(const SpanId &that) const noexcept
inline bool operator!=(const SpanId &that) const noexcept
inline bool IsValid() const noexcept
inline void CopyBytesTo(nostd::span<uint8_t, kSize> dest) const noexcept

```

Public Static Attributes

```
static constexpr int kSize = 8
```

Class TraceFlags

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_trace_flags.h

Class Documentation

```
class opentelemetry::trace::TraceFlags
```

Public Functions

```

inline TraceFlags() noexcept
inline explicit TraceFlags(uint8_t flags) noexcept
inline bool IsSampled() const noexcept
inline void ToLowerBase16(nostd::span<char, 2> buffer) const noexcept
inline uint8_t flags() const noexcept
inline bool operator==(const TraceFlags &that) const noexcept
inline bool operator!=(const TraceFlags &that) const noexcept
inline void CopyBytesTo(nostd::span<uint8_t, 1> dest) const noexcept

```

Public Static Attributes

```
static constexpr uint8_t kIsSampled = 1
```

Class TraceId

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_trace_id.h

Class Documentation

```
class opentelemetry::trace::TraceId
```

Public Functions

```
inline TraceId() noexcept
inline explicit TraceId(nostd::span<const uint8_t, kSize> id) noexcept
inline void ToLowerBase16(nostd::span<char, 2 * kSize> buffer) const noexcept
inline nostd::span<const uint8_t, kSize> Id() const noexcept
inline bool operator==(const TraceId &that) const noexcept
inline bool operator!=(const TraceId &that) const noexcept
inline bool IsValid() const noexcept
inline void CopyBytesTo(nostd::span<uint8_t, kSize> dest) const noexcept
```

Public Static Attributes

```
static constexpr int kSize = 16
```

Class Tracer

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_tracer.h

Inheritance Relationships

Derived Types

- public opentelemetry::trace::DefaultTracer (*Class DefaultTracer*)
- public opentelemetry::trace::NoopTracer (*Class NoopTracer*)

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::Tracer

Handles span creation and in-process context propagation.

This class provides methods for manipulating the context, creating spans, and controlling spans' lifecycles.

Subclassed by *opentelemetry::trace::DefaultTracer*, *opentelemetry::trace::NoopTracer*

Public Functions

virtual ~Tracer() = default

virtual nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, const common::KeyValueIterable &attributes, const *SpanContext*KeyValueIterable &links, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept** = 0

Starts a span.

Optionally sets attributes at *Span* creation from the given key/value pairs.

Attributes will be processed in order, previous attributes with the same key will be overwritten.

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

template<class T, nostd::enable_if_t<common::detail::is_key_value_iterable<T>::value>* = nullptr>

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, const T &attributes, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, const common::KeyValueIterable &attributes, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

template<class T, class U, nostd::enable_if_t<common::detail::is_key_value_iterable<T>::value>* = nullptr, nostd::enable_if_t<

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, const T &attributes, const U &links, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view, common::AttributeValue>> attributes, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

template<class T, nostd::enable_if_t<common::detail::is_key_value_iterable<T>::value>* = nullptr>

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, const T &attributes, std::initializer_list<std::pair<*SpanContext*, std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view, common::AttributeValue>>>> links, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

template<class T, nostd::enable_if_t<common::detail::is_key_value_iterable<T>::value>* = nullptr>

inline nostd::shared_ptr<*Span*> **StartSpan** (nostd::string_view name, std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view, common::AttributeValue>> attributes, const T &links, const *StartSpanOptions* &options = {}) **noexcept**

```
inline nostd::shared_ptr<Span> StartSpan (nostd::string_view          name,
                                         std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view,
                                         common::AttributeValue>>> attributes,
                                         std::initializer_list<std::pair<SpanContext,
                                         std::initializer_list<std::pair<nostd::string_view, com-
                                         mon::AttributeValue>>>> links, const StartSpanOp-
                                         tions &options = { }) noexcept
```

```
template<class Rep, class Period>
```

```
inline void ForceFlush (std::chrono::duration<Rep, Period> timeout) noexcept
    Force any buffered spans to flush.
```

Parameters `timeout` – to complete the flush

```
virtual void ForceFlushWithMicroseconds (uint64_t timeout) noexcept = 0
```

```
template<class Rep, class Period>
```

```
inline void Close (std::chrono::duration<Rep, Period> timeout) noexcept
    ForceFlush any buffered spans and stop reporting spans.
```

Parameters `timeout` – to complete the flush

```
virtual void CloseWithMicroseconds (uint64_t timeout) noexcept = 0
```

Public Static Functions

```
static inline nostd::unique_ptr<Scope> WithActiveSpan (nostd::shared_ptr<Span> &span)
                                                    noexcept
```

Set the active span. The span will remain active until the returned *Scope* object is destroyed.

Parameters `span` – the span that should be set as the new active span.

Returns a *Scope* that controls how long the span will be active.

```
static inline nostd::shared_ptr<Span> GetCurrentSpan () noexcept
```

Get the currently active span.

Returns the currently active span, or an invalid default span if no span is active.

Class TracerProvider

- Defined in file `include_opentelemetry_trace_tracer_provider.h`

Inheritance Relationships

Derived Type

- `public opentelemetry::trace::NoopTracerProvider (Class NoopTracerProvider)`

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::TracerProvider

Creates new *Tracer* instances.

Subclassed by *opentelemetry::trace::NoopTracerProvider*

Public Functions

virtual ~TracerProvider () = default

virtual nostd::shared_ptr<Tracer> GetTracer (nostd::string_view *library_name*,
nostd::string_view *library_version* = "") = 0

Gets or creates a named tracer instance.

Optionally a version can be passed to create a named and versioned tracer instance.

Class TraceState

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_trace_state.h

Class Documentation

class opentelemetry::trace::TraceState

TraceState carries tracing-system specific context in a list of key-value pairs. *TraceState* allows different vendors to propagate additional information and inter-operate with their legacy id formats.

For more information, see the W3C Trace Context specification: <https://www.w3.org/TR/trace-context>

Public Functions

inline std::string ToHeader ()

Creates a w3c tracestate header from *TraceState* object

inline bool Get (nostd::string_view *key*, std::string &*value*) **const noexcept**

Returns *value* associated with *key* passed as argument Returns empty string if *key* is invalid or not found

inline nostd::shared_ptr<TraceState> Set (const nostd::string_view &*key*, const
nostd::string_view &*value*)

Returns shared_ptr of new *TraceState* object with following mutations applied to the existing instance:
Update Key value: The updated value must be moved to beginning of List Add : The new key-value pair SHOULD be added to beginning of List

If the provided key-value pair is invalid, or results in transtate that violates the tracecontext specification, empty *TraceState* instance will be returned.

If the existing object has maximum list members, it's copy is returned.

inline nostd::shared_ptr<TraceState> Delete (const nostd::string_view &*key*)

Returns shared_ptr to a new *TraceState* object after removing the attribute with given *key* (if present)

Returns empty *TraceState* object if *key* is invalid

Returns copy of original *TraceState* object if *key* is not present (??)

inline bool Empty () **const noexcept**

```
inline bool GetAllEntries (nostd::function_ref<bool> nostd::string_view, nostd::string_view
    > callback) const noexcept
```

Public Static Functions

```
static inline nostd::shared_ptr<TraceState> GetDefault ()
```

```
static inline nostd::shared_ptr<TraceState> FromHeader (nostd::string_view header)
```

Returns shared_ptr to a newly created *TraceState* parsed from the header provided.

Parameters header – Encoding of the tracestate header defined by the W3C Trace Context specification <https://www.w3.org/TR/trace-context/>

Returns *TraceState* A new *TraceState* instance or DEFAULT

```
static inline bool IsValidKey (nostd::string_view key)
```

Returns whether key is a valid key. See <https://www.w3.org/TR/trace-context/#key> Identifiers MUST begin with a lowercase letter or a digit, and can only contain lowercase letters (a-z), digits (0-9), underscores (_), dashes (-), asterisks (*), and forward slashes (/). For multi-tenant vendor scenarios, an at sign (@) can be used to prefix the vendor name.

```
static inline bool IsValidValue (nostd::string_view value)
```

Returns whether value is a valid value. See <https://www.w3.org/TR/trace-context/#value> The value is an opaque string containing up to 256 printable ASCII (RFC0020) characters ((i.e., the range 0x20 to 0x7E) except comma , and equal =)

Public Static Attributes

```
static constexpr int kKeyMaxSize = 256
```

```
static constexpr int kValueMaxSize = 256
```

```
static constexpr int kMaxKeyValuePairs = 32
```

```
static constexpr auto kKeyValueSeparator = '='
```

```
static constexpr auto kMembersSeparator = ','
```

3.3.3 Enums

Enum CanonicalCode

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_canonical_code.h

Enum Documentation

```
enum opentelemetry::trace::CanonicalCode
```

Values:

enumerator OK

The operation completed successfully.

enumerator CANCELLED

The operation was cancelled (typically by the caller).

enumerator UNKNOWN

Unknown error. An example of where this error may be returned is if a Status value received from another address space belongs to an error-space that is not known in this address space. Also errors raised by APIs that do not return enough error information may be converted to this error.

enumerator INVALID_ARGUMENT

Client specified an invalid argument. Note that this differs from FAILED_PRECONDITION. INVALID_ARGUMENT indicates arguments that are problematic regardless of the state of the system (e.g., a malformed file name).

enumerator DEADLINE_EXCEEDED

Deadline expired before operation could complete. For operations that change the state of the system, this error may be returned even if the operation has completed successfully. For example, a successful response from a server could have been delayed long enough for the deadline to expire.

enumerator NOT_FOUND

Some requested entity (e.g., file or directory) was not found.

enumerator ALREADY_EXISTS

Some entity that we attempted to create (e.g., file or directory) already exists.

enumerator PERMISSION_DENIED

The caller does not have permission to execute the specified operation. PERMISSION_DENIED must not be used for rejections caused by exhausting some resource (use RESOURCE_EXHAUSTED instead for those errors). PERMISSION_DENIED must not be used if the caller cannot be identified (use UNAUTHENTICATED instead for those errors).

enumerator RESOURCE_EXHAUSTED

Some resource has been exhausted, perhaps a per-user quota, or perhaps the entire file system is out of space.

enumerator FAILED_PRECONDITION

Operation was rejected because the system is not in a state required for the operation's execution. For example, directory to be deleted may be non-empty, an rmdir operation is applied to a non-directory, etc.

A litmus test that may help a service implementor in deciding between FAILED_PRECONDITION, ABORTED, and UNAVAILABLE: (a) Use UNAVAILABLE if the client can retry just the failing call. (b) Use ABORTED if the client should retry at a higher-level (e.g., restarting a read-modify-write sequence). (c) Use FAILED_PRECONDITION if the client should not retry until the system state has been explicitly fixed. E.g., if an "rmdir" fails because the directory is non-empty, FAILED_PRECONDITION should be returned since the client should not retry unless they have first fixed up the directory by deleting files from it.

enumerator ABORTED

The operation was aborted, typically due to a concurrency issue like sequencer check failures, transaction aborts, etc.

See litmus test above for deciding between FAILED_PRECONDITION, ABORTED, and UNAVAILABLE.

enumerator OUT_OF_RANGE

Operation was attempted past the valid range. E.g., seeking or reading past end of file.

Unlike INVALID_ARGUMENT, this error indicates a problem that may be fixed if the system state changes. For example, a 32-bit file system will generate INVALID_ARGUMENT if asked to read at an offset that is not in the range $[0, 2^{32}-1]$, but it will generate OUT_OF_RANGE if asked to read from an offset past the current file size.

There is a fair bit of overlap between FAILED_PRECONDITION and OUT_OF_RANGE. We recommend using OUT_OF_RANGE (the more specific error) when it applies so that callers who are iterating through

a space can easily look for an OUT_OF_RANGE error to detect when they are done.

enumerator UNIMPLEMENTED

Operation is not implemented or not supported/enabled in this service.

enumerator INTERNAL

Internal errors. Means some invariants expected by underlying system has been broken. If you see one of these errors, something is very broken.

enumerator UNAVAILABLE

The service is currently unavailable. This is a most likely a transient condition and may be corrected by retrying with a backoff.

See litmus test above for deciding between FAILED_PRECONDITION, ABORTED, and UNAVAILABLE.

enumerator DATA_LOSS

Unrecoverable data loss or corruption.

enumerator UNAUTHENTICATED

The request does not have valid authentication credentials for the operation.

Enum SpanKind

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h

Enum Documentation

enum opentelemetry::trace::SpanKind

Values:

enumerator kInternal

enumerator kServer

enumerator kClient

enumerator kProducer

enumerator kConsumer

Enum StatusCode

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h

Enum Documentation

enum opentelemetry::trace::StatusCode

Values:

enumerator kUnset

enumerator kOk

enumerator kError

3.3.4 Functions

Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::HexToBinary`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_hex.h`

Function Documentation

```
inline bool opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::HexToBinary (nostd::string_view
                                                                    hex,   uint8_t
                                                                    *buffer,
                                                                    size_t
                                                                    buffer_size)
```

Converts a hexadecimal to binary format if the hex string will fit the buffer. Smaller hex strings are left padded with zeroes.

Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::HexToInt`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_hex.h`

Function Documentation

```
inline int8_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::HexToInt (char c)
```

Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::IsValidHex`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_hex.h`

Function Documentation

```
inline bool opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::IsValidHex (nostd::string_view
                                                                    s)
```

Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::SplitString`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_string.h`

Function Documentation

```
inline size_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::SplitString (nostd::string_view
                                                                    s,      char
                                                                    separator,
                                                                    nostd::string_view
                                                                    *results,
                                                                    size_t
                                                                    count)
```

Splits a string by separator, up to given buffer count words. Returns the amount of words the input was split into.

Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::GetSpan`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_context.h`

Function Documentation

```
inline nostd::shared_ptr<trace::Span> opentelemetry::trace::propagation::GetSpan (const  
context::Context  
&context)
```

Function `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::SetSpan`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_context.h`

Function Documentation

```
inline context::Context opentelemetry::trace::propagation::SetSpan (context::Context  
&context,  
nostd::shared_ptr<trace::Span>  
span)
```

Template Function `opentelemetry::trace::to_span_ptr`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h`

Function Documentation

```
template<class SpanType, class TracerType>  
nostd::shared_ptr<trace::Span> opentelemetry::trace::to_span_ptr (TracerType *objPtr,  
nostd::string_view  
name, const  
trace::StartSpanOptions  
&options)
```

3.3.5 Variables

Variable `opentelemetry::trace::kSpanKey`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_span.h`

Variable Documentation

constexpr char opentelemetry::trace::kSpanKey[] = "active_span"

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::kHexDigits

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_detail_hex.h

Variable Documentation

constexpr int8_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::detail::kHexDigits[256] = {-1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1,

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3CombinedHeader

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h

Variable Documentation

static const nstd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3CombinedHeader = "b3"

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3SampledHeader

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h

Variable Documentation

static const nstd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3SampledHeader = "X-B3-Sampled"

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3SpanIdHeader

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h

Variable Documentation

static const nstd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3SpanIdHeader = "X-B3-SpanId"

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3TraceIdHeader

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h

Variable Documentation

static const `nostd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kB3TraceIdHeader` = "X-B3-TraceId"

Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kSpanIdHexStrLength`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h`

Variable Documentation

static const `int opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kSpanIdHexStrLength` = 16

Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kSpanIdSize`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h`

Variable Documentation

static const `size_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kSpanIdSize` = 16

Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceFlagsSize`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h`

Variable Documentation

static const `size_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceFlagsSize` = 2

Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceHeader`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_jaeger.h`

Variable Documentation

static const `nostd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceHeader` = "uber-trace-id"

Variable `opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceIdHexStrLength`

- Defined in `file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_b3_propagator.h`

Variable Documentation

static const int opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceIdHexStrLength = 32

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceIdSize

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h

Variable Documentation

static const size_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceIdSize = 32

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceParent

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h

Variable Documentation

static const nstd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceParent = "traceparent"

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceParentSize

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h

Variable Documentation

static const size_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceParentSize = 55

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceState

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h

Variable Documentation

static const nstd::string_view opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kTraceState = "tracestate"

Variable opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kVersionSize

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_propagation_http_trace_context.h

Variable Documentation

static const `size_t opentelemetry::trace::propagation::kVersionSize = 2`

3.3.6 Defines

Define HAVE_WORKING_REGEX

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_trace_trace_state.h

Define Documentation

HAVE_WORKING_REGEX

3.3.7 Typedefs

Typedef opentelemetry::common::AttributeValue

- Defined in file_include_opentelemetry_common_attribute_value.h

Typedef Documentation

using `opentelemetry::common::AttributeValue` = `nstd::variant<bool, int32_t, int64_t, uint32_t, double, nstd::string`

OpenTelemetry signals can be enriched by adding attributes. The `AttributeValue` type is defined as a variant of all attribute value types the OpenTelemetry C++ API supports.

The following attribute value types are supported by the OpenTelemetry specification:

- Primitive types: string, boolean, double precision floating point (IEEE 754-1985) or signed 64 bit integer.
- Homogenous arrays of primitive type values.

Warning:

The OpenTelemetry C++ API currently supports several attribute value types that are not covered by the OpenTelemetry specification:

- `uint64_t`
- `nstd::span<const uint64_t>`
- `nstd::span<uint8_t>`

Those types are reserved for future use and currently should not be used. There are no guarantees around how those values are handled by exporters.

GETTING HELP

- Refer to opentelemetry.io for general information about OpenTelemetry.
- Refer to the [OpenTelemetry C++ GitHub repository](#) for further information and resources related to OpenTelemetry C++.
- For questions related to OpenTelemetry C++ that are not covered by the existing documentation, please ask away in [GitHub discussions](#).
- Feel free to join the [CNCF OpenTelemetry C++ Slack channel](#). If you are new, you can create a CNCF Slack account [here](#).
- For bugs and feature requests, write a [GitHub issue](#).

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