

PatternFinder is a tool that finds non-overlapping or overlapping patterns in any input sequence.

### Pattern Finder Input Parameters:

USAGE:

PatternDetective.exe [

-help

/?

-f [filename]

-min [minimum pattern length]

-max [maximum pattern length]

-c

-threads [number of threads]

-mem [memory limit in MB]

-ram

-hd

-i [minimum times a pattern has to occur in order to keep track of it]

-v [verbosity level]

-n

-o

-his [hd files]

-lr [low range pattern search]

-hr [high range pattern search]

Options:

-help Displays this help page

/? Displays this help page

-f [string] Sets file name to be processed

-min [unsigned long] Sets the minimum pattern length to be searched

-max [unsigned long] Sets the maximum pattern length to be searched

-c Finds the best threading scheme for computer

-threads [unsigned int] Sets thread count to be used

-mem [unsigned long] Sets the maximum RAM memory that can be used in MB

-ram Forces program to use only RAM

-hd Forces program to use Hard Disk based on -mem

-i [unsigned long] Minimum occurrences to consider a pattern (Default occurrences will be 2)

-v [unsigned long] Verbosity level, turn logging and pattern generation on or off with 1 or 0

-n Non overlapping pattern search

-o Overlapping pattern search, this is set by default

-his HD processing file history keeps or removes files level by level with a 1 or a 0

-lr Search for patterns that begin with the value lr to 255 if hr isn't set, otherwise lr to hr range

-hr Search for patterns that begin with the value hr to 0 if lr isn't set, otherwise lr to hr range

## How to build PatternFinder:

### PREREQS:

cmake version 2.5 or higher  
c++11 compatible compiler  
python 2.7 to run parallel serial jobs  
Visual Studio 2012 or 2015 for building with Windows  
download repo using https address <https://github.com/octopusprime314/PatternDetective.git>  
or use git and ssh using address `git@github.com:octopusprime314/PatternDetective.git`

### BUILD INSTRUCTIONS:

!!!!!!!!!!!!ALWAYS BUILD IN RELEASE UNLESS DEBUGGING CODE!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### Linux:

```
create a build folder at root directory
cd into build
cmake -D CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release -G "Unix Makefiles" ..
cmake --build .
```

#### Windows:

```
create a build folder at root directory
cd into build
cmake -G "Visual Studio 11 2012 Win64" .. OR  cmake -G "visual Studio 14 2015 Win64" ..
cmake --build . --config Release
```

## How to run PatternFinder as a standalone executable:

### LOCATION OF FILES TO BE PROCESSED:

Place your file to be processed in the Database/Data folder

### EXAMPLE USES OF PATTERNFINDER:

- 1) `./PatternFinder -f Database -v 1 -threads 4 -ram`  
Pattern searches all files recursively in directory using DRAM with 4 threads
  
- 2) `./PatternFinder -f TaleOfTwoCities.txt -v 1 -c -ram`  
Finds the most optimal thread usage for processing a file
  
- 3) `./PatternFinder -f TaleOfTwoCities.txt -v 1`  
Processes file using memory prediction per level for HD or DRAM processing
  
- 4) `./PatternFinder -f TaleOfTwoCities.txt -v 1 -mem 1000`  
Processes file using memory prediction per level for HD or DRAM processing with a memory constraint of 1 GB
  
- 5) `./PatternFinder -f TaleOfTwoCities.txt -min 5 -max 100`  
Finds patterns of length 5 to 100 and then terminates processing
  
- 6) `./PatternFinder -f Boosh.avi -n`  
Processes file using non overlapping processing
  
- 7) `./PatternFinder -f TaleOfTwoCities.txt -v 1 -hd`  
Processes file using the hard disk only.
  
- 8) `./PatternFinder -f Boosh.avi -o 10`  
Processes patterns that occur at least 10 times or more. Default is 2.

## How to run PatternFinder Python Scripts:

### PYTHON RUN EXAMPLES:

1) `python splitFileForProcessing.py [file path] [number of chunks]`

Use `splitFileForProcessing.py` Python script to split files into chunks and run multiple instances of `PatternFinder` on those chunks

Ex. `python splitFileForProcessing.py ~/Github/PatternDetective/Database/Data/TaleOfTwoCities.txt 4`

equally splits up `TaleOfTwoCities.txt` into 4 files and 4 instances of `PatternFinder` get dispatched each processing one of the split up files.

2) `python segmentRootProcessing.py [file path] [number of jobs] [threads per job]`

Use `segmentRootProcessing.py` Python script splits up `PatternFinder` jobs to search for patterns starting with a certain value

Ex. `python segmentedRootProcessing.py ../Database/Data/Boosh.avi 4 4`

Dispatches 4 processes equipped with 4 threads each. Each `PatternFinder` will only look for patterns starting with the byte representation of 0-63, 64-127, 128-191, 192-255.

### **PatternFinder Input Files:**

PatternFinder accepts any type of input file because it processes at the byte level.

### **PatternFinder Output Files:**

Eight outputs are available. One is a general logger using ascii text format and the remaining seven are Comma Separated Variable files used for post processing in MATLAB.

- 1) **Logger file:** records general information including the most common patterns, number of time a pattern occurs and the pattern's coverage at every level until the last pattern is found. Simple text file.
- 2) **Collective Pattern Data file:** records each level's most common pattern and number of times the pattern occurs in CSV format.
- 3) **File Processing Time:** records each file's processing time in CSV format. Used for processing large data sets with many files.
- 4) **File Coverage:** records the most common pattern's coverage of the file in CSV format.
- 5) **File Size Processing Time file:** records each file's processing time and corresponding size in CSV format. Used primarily to isolate files in a large dataset that contain large patterns.
- 6) **Thread Throughput:** records the processing throughput improvement while incrementing the number of processing threads in CSV format. Typically used with -c option which tests threads in multiples of 2 starting at 1 until the number of cores on the machine has been met.
- 7) **Thread Speed:** records the processing time taken while incrementing the number of processing threads in CSV format. Typically used with -c option which tests threads in multiples of 2 starting at 1 until the number of cores on the machine has been met.

### **Logger file OUTPUT:**

Level 1 count is 42 with most common pattern being: "0" occurred 3735172 and coverage was 0.00509581%

Level 2 count is 10752 with most common pattern being: "00" occurred 257717 and coverage was 0.000703194%

Level 3 count is 2752331 with most common pattern being: "00d" occurred 241001 and coverage was 0.000986376%

Level 4 count is 12705452 with most common pattern being: "00dc" occurred 240914 and coverage was 0.00131469%

Level 5 count is 677035 with most common pattern being: "00dc " occurred 120019 and coverage was 0.000818695%

**PatternFinder post processing scripts using the seven available CSV outputs with MATLAB:**

- 1) DRAM versus HD Processing Speeds->DRAMtoHDProcessingLiminationSpeeds.m
- 2) DRAM versus HD Performance->DRAMVsHardDiskPerformance.m
- 3) Most Common Pattern versus Coverage->MostCommonPatternLengthVsCoveragePercentage.m
- 4) Overlapping versus Non Overlapping Comparison->Overlapping\_NonOverlappingComparison.m
- 5) Overlapping versus Non Overlapping File Speeds->OverlappingVsNonOverlappingFileSpeeds.m
- 6) Process Time versus File Size->ProcessTimeVsFileSize.m