

NAME

Test::Harness::Straps - detailed analysis of test results

SYNOPSIS

```
use Test::Harness::Straps;

my $strap = Test::Harness::Straps->new;

# Various ways to interpret a test
my %results = $strap->analyze($name, \@test_output);
my %results = $strap->analyze_fh($name, $test_filehandle);
my %results = $strap->analyze_file($test_file);

# UNIMPLEMENTED
my %total = $strap->total_results;

# Altering the behavior of the strap UNIMPLEMENTED
my $verbose_output = $strap->dump_verbose();
$strap->dump_verbose_fh($output_filehandle);
```

DESCRIPTION

THIS IS ALPHA SOFTWARE in that the interface is subject to change in incompatible ways. It is otherwise stable.

Test::Harness is limited to printing out its results. This makes analysis of the test results difficult for anything but a human. To make it easier for programs to work with test results, we provide Test::Harness::Straps. Instead of printing the results, straps provide them as raw data. You can also configure how the tests are to be run.

The interface is currently incomplete. *Please* contact the author if you'd like a feature added or something change or just have comments.

CONSTRUCTION

new()

```
my $strap = Test::Harness::Straps->new;
```

Initialize a new strap.

\$strap->_init

```
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```

Initialize the internal state of a strap to make it ready for parsing.

ANALYSIS

\$strap->analyze(\$name, \@output_lines)

```
my %results = $strap->analyze($name, \@test_output);
```

Analyzes the output of a single test, assigning it the given \$name for use in the total report. Returns the %results of the test. See *Results*.

@test_output should be the raw output from the test, including newlines.

\$strap->analyze_fh(\$name, \$test_filehandle)

```
my %results = $strap->analyze_fh($name, $test_filehandle);
```

Like `analyze`, but it reads from the given filehandle.

\$strap->analyze_file(\$test_file)

```
my %results = $strap->analyze_file($test_file);
```

Like `analyze`, but it runs the given `$test_file` and parses its results. It will also use that name for the total report.

\$strap->_command_line(\$file)

Returns the full command line that will be run to test *\$file*.

\$strap->_command()

Returns the command that runs the test. Combine this with `_switches()` to build a command line.

Typically this is `$^X`, but you can set `$ENV{HARNESS_PERL}` to use a different Perl than what you're running the harness under. This might be to run a threaded Perl, for example.

You can also overload this method if you've built your own strap subclass, such as a PHP interpreter for a PHP-based strap.

\$strap->_switches(\$file)

Formats and returns the switches necessary to run the test.

\$strap->_cleaned_switches(@switches_from_user)

Returns only defined, non-blank, trimmed switches from the parms passed.

\$strap->_INC2PERL5LIB

```
local $ENV{PERL5LIB} = $self->_INC2PERL5LIB;
```

Takes the current value of `@INC` and turns it into something suitable for putting onto `PERL5LIB`.

\$strap->_filtered_INC()

```
my @filtered_inc = $self->_filtered_INC;
```

Shortens `@INC` by removing redundant and unnecessary entries. Necessary for OSes with limited command line lengths, like VMS.

\$strap->_restore_PERL5LIB()

```
$self->_restore_PERL5LIB;
```

This restores the original value of the `PERL5LIB` environment variable. Necessary on VMS, otherwise a no-op.

Parsing

Methods for identifying what sort of line you're looking at.

_is_diagnostic

```
my $is_diagnostic = $strap->_is_diagnostic($line, \%comment);
```

Checks if the given line is a comment. If so, it will place it into `$comment` (sans #).

_is_header

```
my $is_header = $strap->_is_header($line);
```

Checks if the given line is a header (1..M) line. If so, it places how many tests there will be in `$strap->{max}`, a list of which tests are todo in `$strap->{todo}` and if the whole test was skipped `$strap->{skip_all}` contains the reason.

_is_bail_out

```
my $is_bail_out = $strap->_is_bail_out($line, \$reason);
```

Checks if the line is a "Bail out!". Places the reason for bailing (if any) in `$reason`.

_reset_file_state

```
$strap->_reset_file_state;
```

Resets things like `$strap->{max}`, `$strap->{skip_all}`, etc. so it's ready to parse the next file.

Results

The `%results` returned from `analyze()` contain the following information:

passing	true if the whole test is considered a pass (or skipped), false if its a failure
exit	the exit code of the test run, if from a file
wait	the wait code of the test run, if from a file
max	total tests which should have been run
seen	total tests actually seen
skip_all	if the whole test was skipped, this will contain the reason.
ok	number of tests which passed (including todo and skips)
todo	number of todo tests seen
bonus	number of todo tests which unexpectedly passed
skip	number of tests skipped

So a successful test should have `max == seen == ok`.

There is one final item, the details.

details	an array ref reporting the result of each test looks like this:
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```
$results{details}[$test_num - 1] =
    { ok           => is the test considered ok?
      actual_ok    => did it literally say 'ok'?
      name         => name of the test (if any)
      diagnostics => test diagnostics (if any)
      type         => 'skip' or 'todo' (if any)
```

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        reason      => reason for the above (if any)
    };
```

Element 0 of the details is test #1. I tried it with element 1 being #1 and 0 being empty, this is less awkward.

EXAMPLES

See *examples/mini_harness.plx* for an example of use.

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SEE ALSO

Test::Harness