

# KernelShark (quick tutorial)

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# trace-cmd

- binary tool to read Ftrace's buffers
  - Records into a trace.dat file for later reads
  - Reads the trace.dat file
    - Can record on big endian, read in little, and vice versa
  - Reads the raw buffers using splice
  - Will automatically mount debugfs if it is not mounted

# trace-cmd record

- Default, writes to “trace.dat”

```
[root@frodo ~]# trace-cmd record -e sched ls -ltr /usr > /dev/null
disable all
enable sched
offset=2f2000
offset=2f4000
[root@frodo ~]# trace-cmd record -o func.dat -p function ls -ltr /usr > /dev/null
  plugin function
disable all
offset=2f2000
offset=412000
[root@frodo ~]# trace-cmd record -o fgraph.dat -p function_graph ls -ltr /usr \
  > /dev/null
  plugin function_graph
disable all
offset=2f2000
offset=460000
[root@frodo ~]# trace-cmd record -o fgraph-events.dat -e sched -p function_graph \
  ls -ltr /usr > /dev/null
  plugin function_graph
disable all
enable sched
offset=2f2000
offset=461000
```

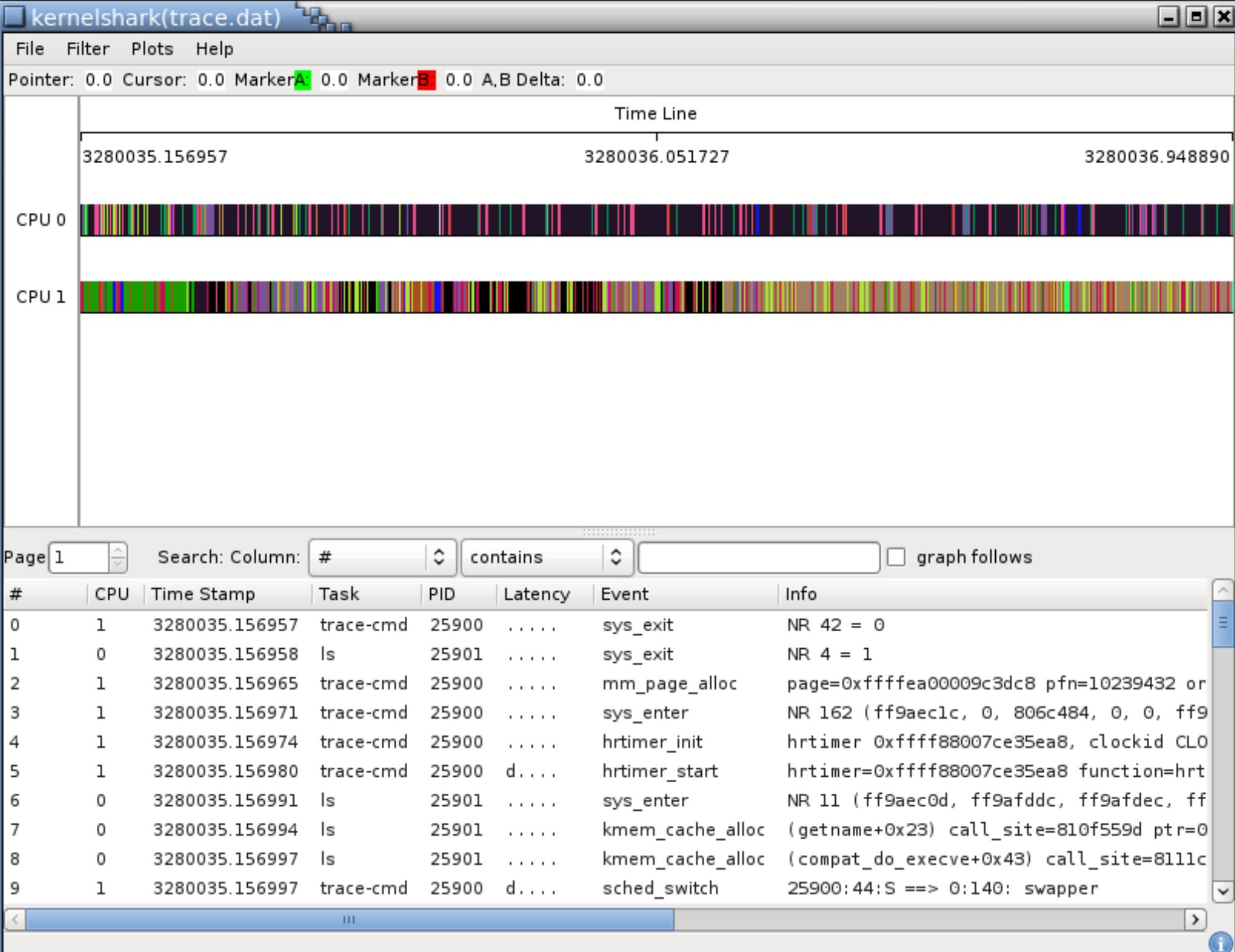
# trace-cmd report

- Default, reads from “trace.dat”

```
[root@frodo ~]# trace-cmd report | head -15
version = 6
cpus=2
    trace-cmd-6157 [000]    83.713584: sched_stat_runtime: task: trace-cmd:61
    trace-cmd-6157 [000]    83.713591: sched_switch: 6157:120:S ==> 0:1
    <idle>-0 [000]    83.713646: sched_stat_wait: task: trace-cmd:61
    <idle>-0 [000]    83.713648: sched_switch: 0:120:R ==> 6158:1
        ls-6158 [001]    83.713934: sched_wakeup: 6158:??:? + 5900:
        ls-6158 [001]    83.713935: sched_stat_runtime: task: trace-cmd:61
        ls-6158 [001]    83.713937: sched_stat_runtime: task: trace-cmd:61
        ls-6158 [001]    83.713938: sched_switch: 6158:120:R ==> 590
migration/1-5900 [001]    83.713941: sched_stat_wait: task: trace-cmd:61
migration/1-5900 [001]    83.713942: sched_migrate_task: task trace-cmd:615
migration/1-5900 [001]    83.713947: sched_switch: 5900:0:S ==> 0:120
        ls-6158 [000]    83.714067: sched_stat_runtime: task: ls:6158 runt
        ls-6158 [000]    83.714636: sched_stat_runtime: task: ls:6158 runt
```

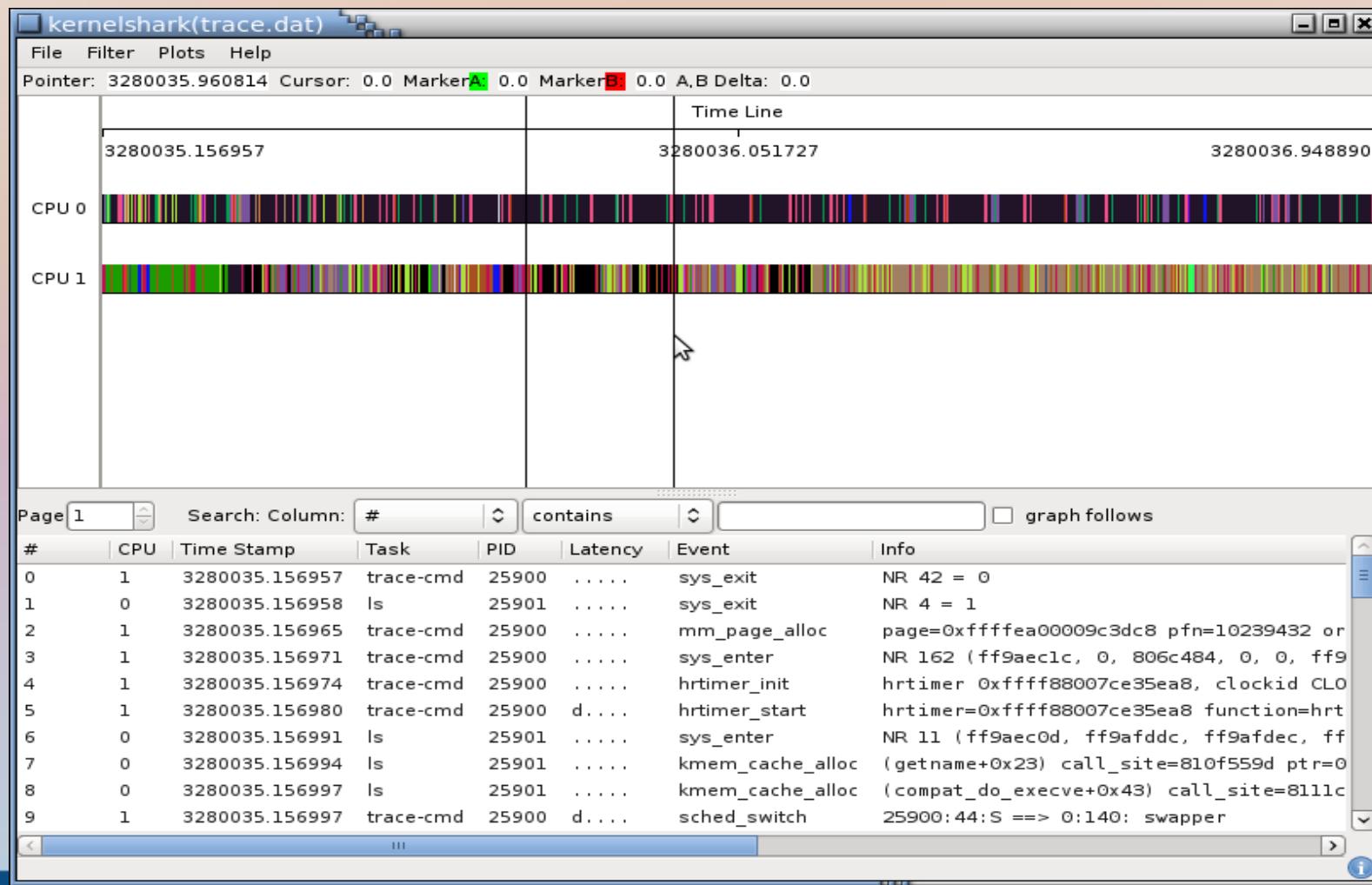
# KernelShark

- A front end reader of the trace-cmd trace.dat file
- Graph view
- List view
- Simple and Advance filtering



# Zooming In

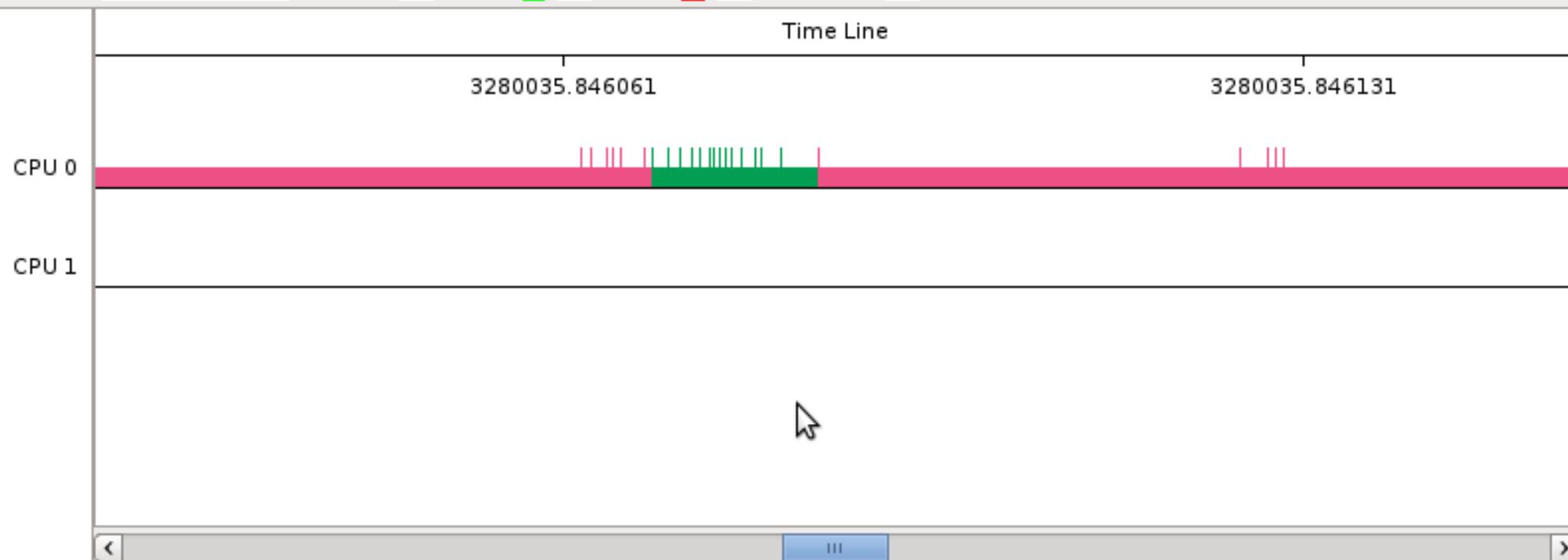
- Left click and drag to the right



kernelshark(trace.dat)

File Filter Plots Help

Pointer: 3280035.846083 Cursor: 0.0 MarkerA: 0.0 MarkerB: 0.0 A,B Delta: 0.0

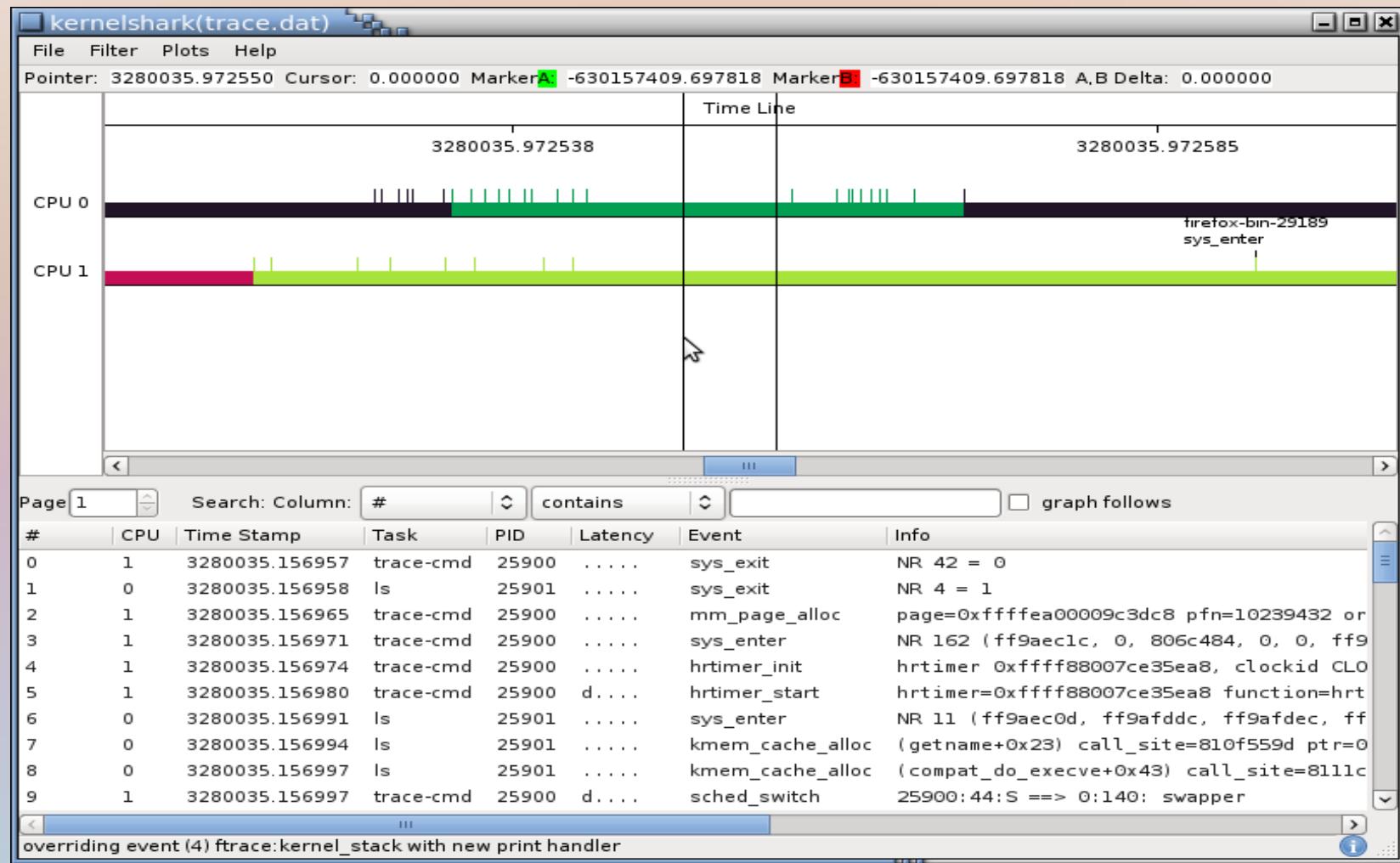


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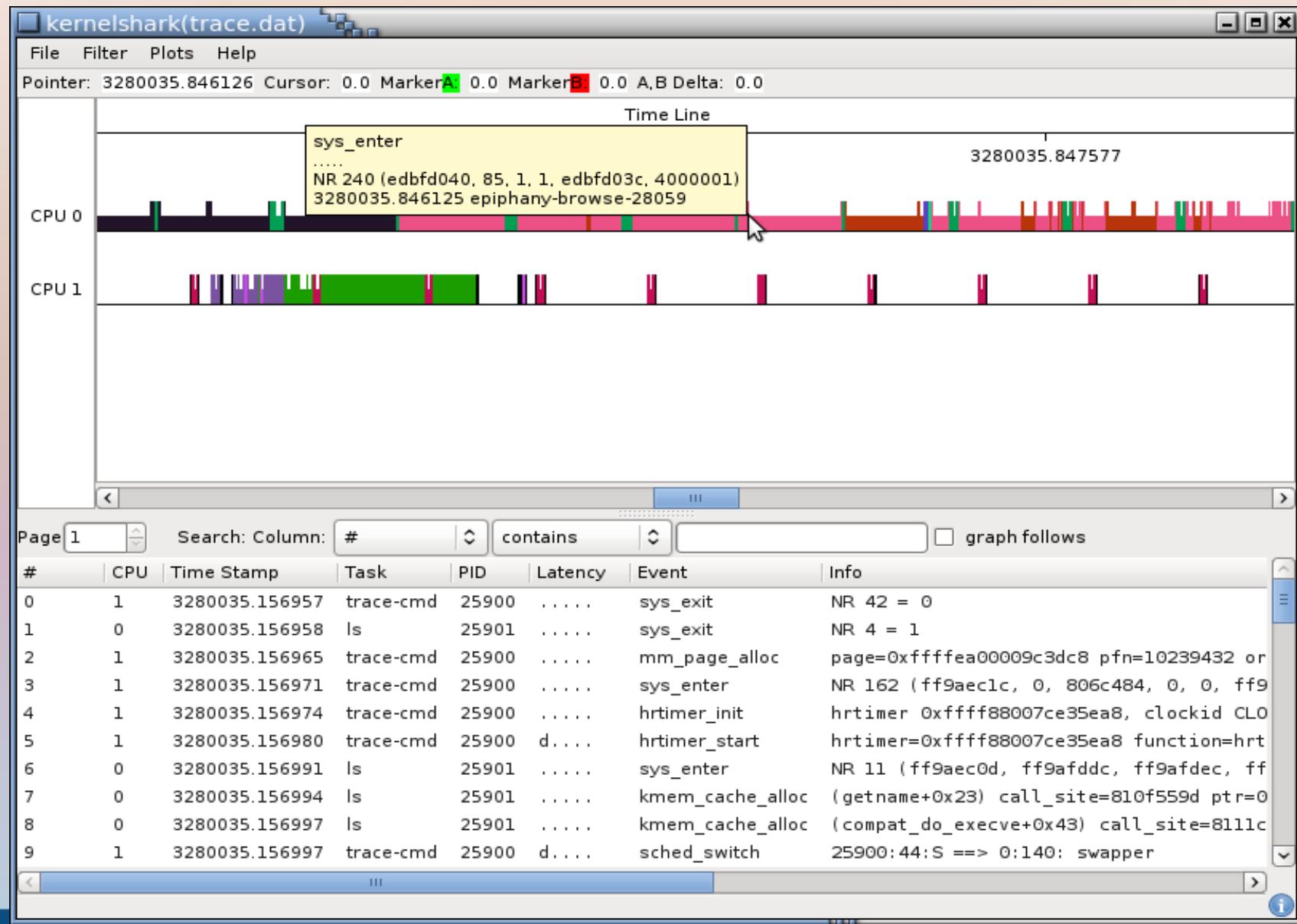
#	CPU	Time Stamp	Task	PID	Latency	Event	Info
0	1	3280035.156957	trace-cmd	25900	.....	sys_exit	NR 42 = 0
1	0	3280035.156958	ls	25901	.....	sys_exit	NR 4 = 1
2	1	3280035.156965	trace-cmd	25900	.....	mm_page_alloc	page=0xfffffea00009c3dc8 pfn=10239432 or
3	1	3280035.156971	trace-cmd	25900	.....	sys_enter	NR 162 (ff9aec1c, 0, 806c484, 0, 0, ff9
4	1	3280035.156974	trace-cmd	25900	.....	hrtimer_init	hrtimer 0xfffff88007ce35ea8, clockid CL0
5	1	3280035.156980	trace-cmd	25900	d....	hrtimer_start	hrtimer=0xfffff88007ce35ea8 function=hrt
6	0	3280035.156991	ls	25901	.....	sys_enter	NR 11 (ff9aec0d, ff9afddc, ff9afdec, ff
7	0	3280035.156994	ls	25901	.....	kmem_cache_alloc	(getname+0x23) call_site=810f559d ptr=0
8	0	3280035.156997	ls	25901	.....	kmem_cache_alloc	(compat_do_execve+0x43) call_site=8111c
9	1	3280035.156997	trace-cmd	25900	d....	sched_switch	25900:44:S ==> 0:140: swapper

# Zoom Out

- Left click and drag left



# Event Info Tool Tip

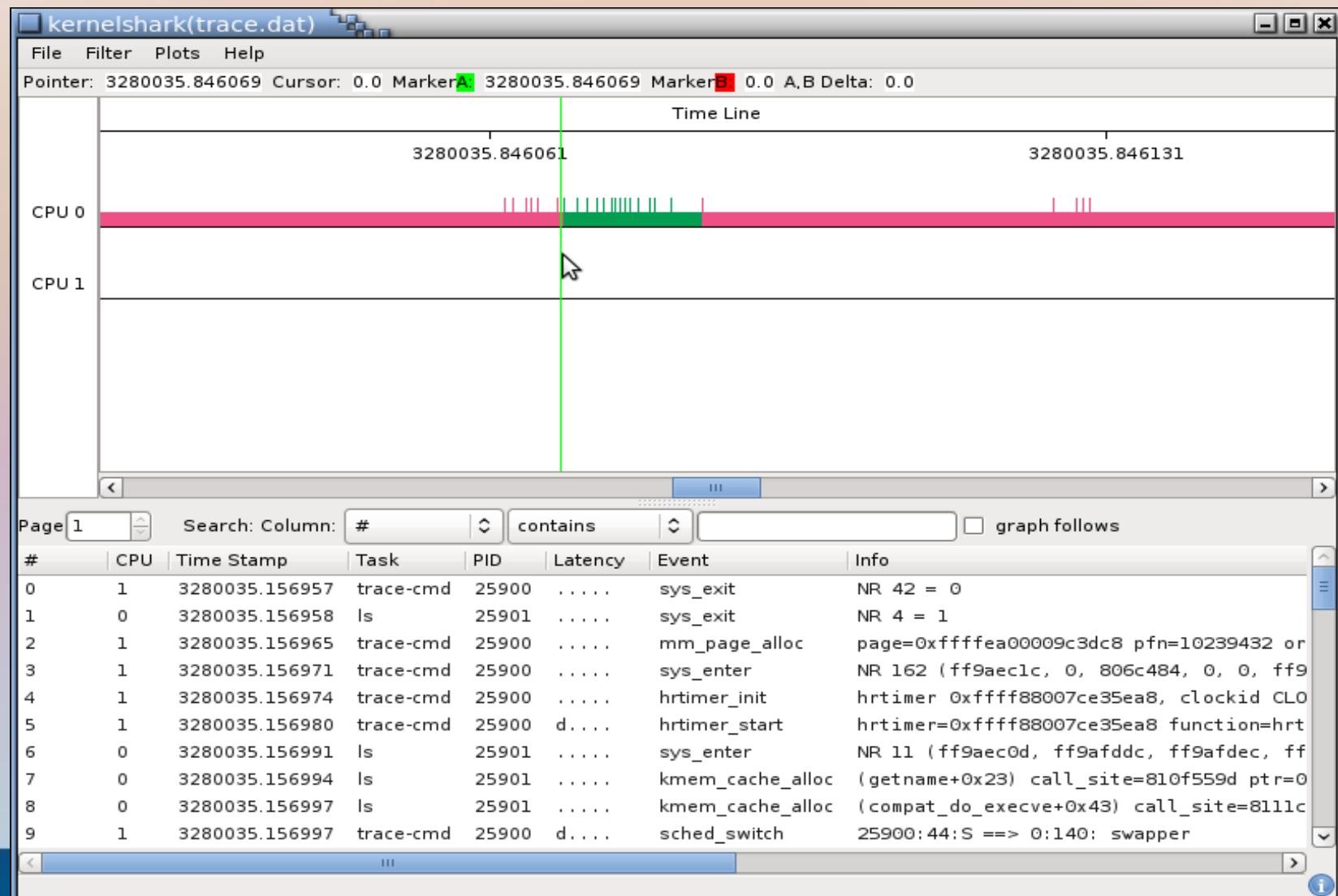


# Graph Markers

- Marker A and B
- Used to calculate the deltas

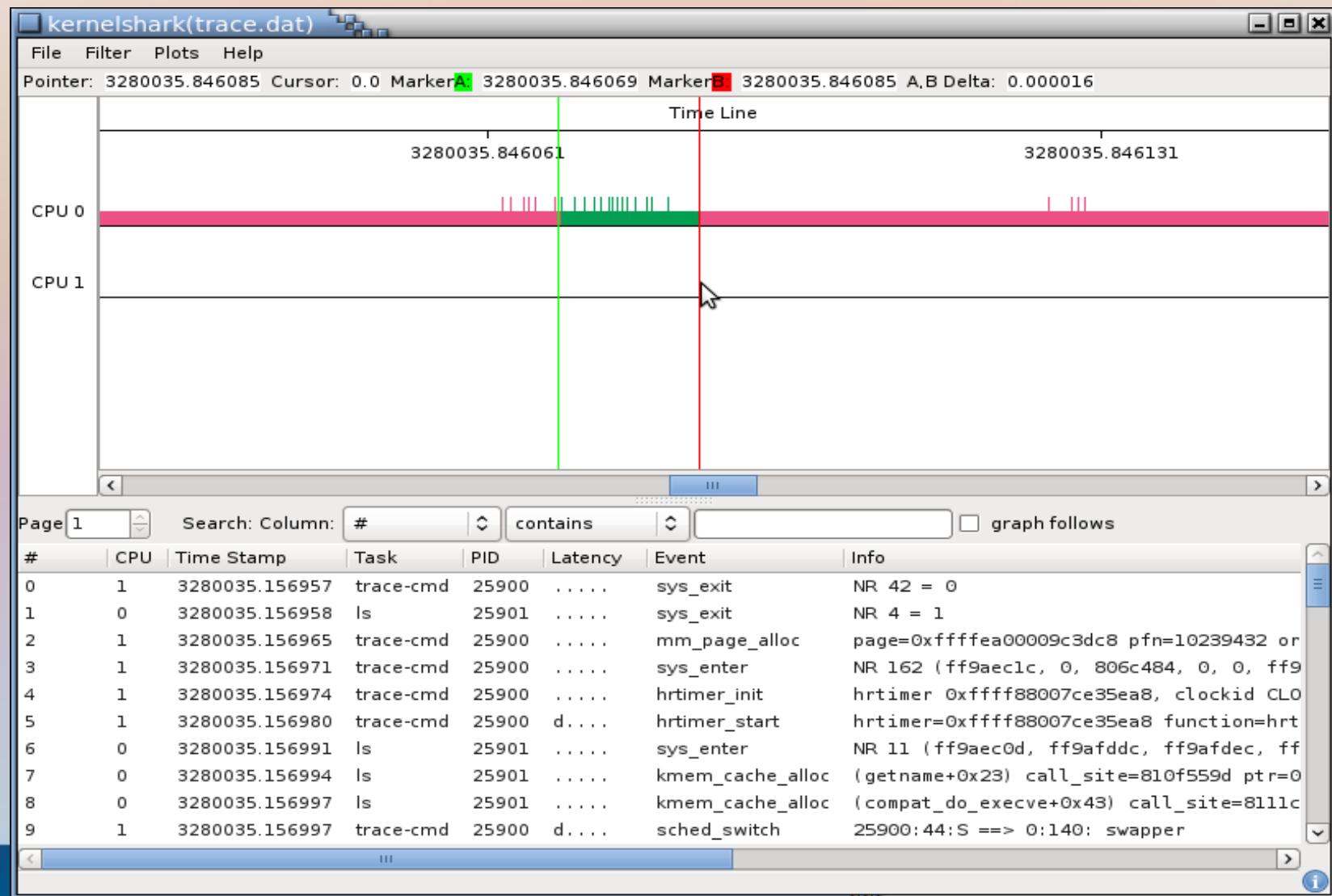
# Marker A

- Left mouse click



# Marker B

- Left mouse click with shift key held

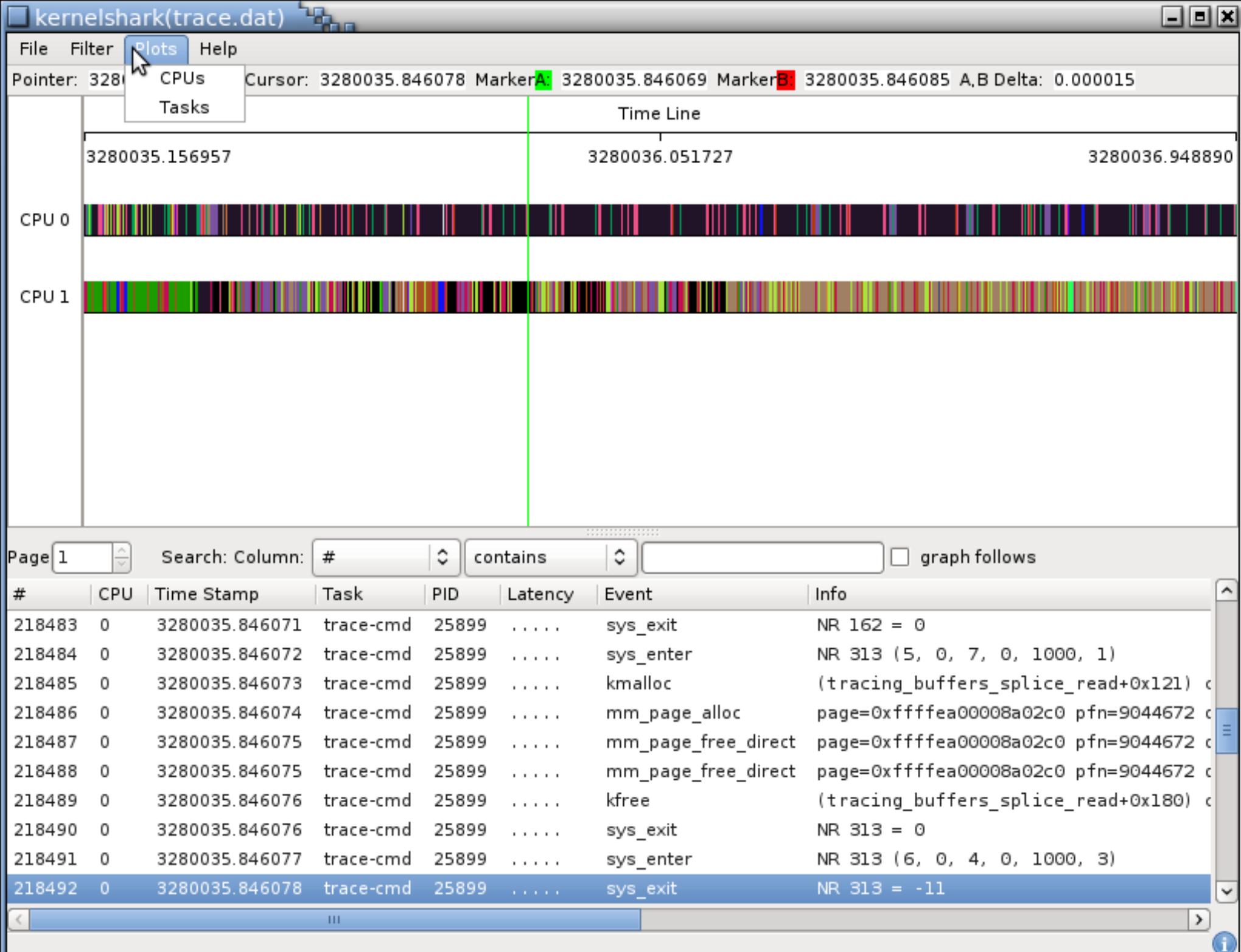


# Graph Cursor

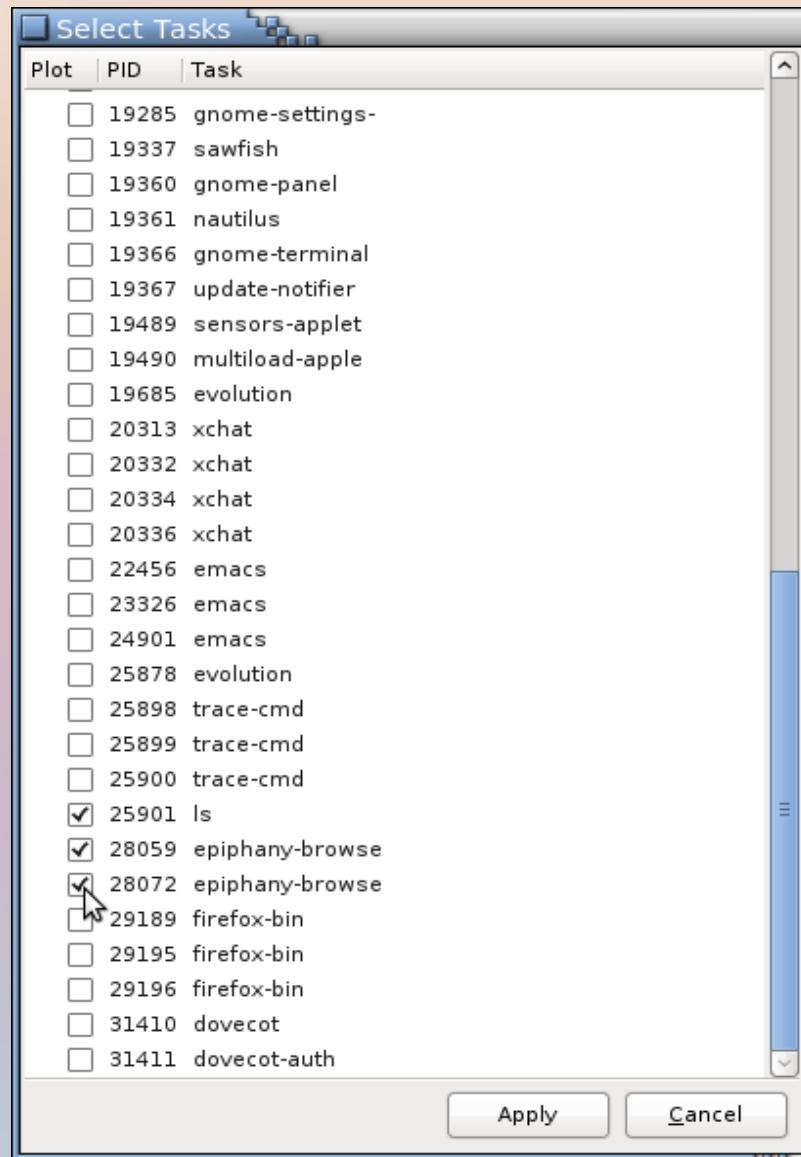
- Double click on graph
- Moves the list view to the closest event to the timestamp on where the cursor is.
- Can be used for marking location on zooming in and out

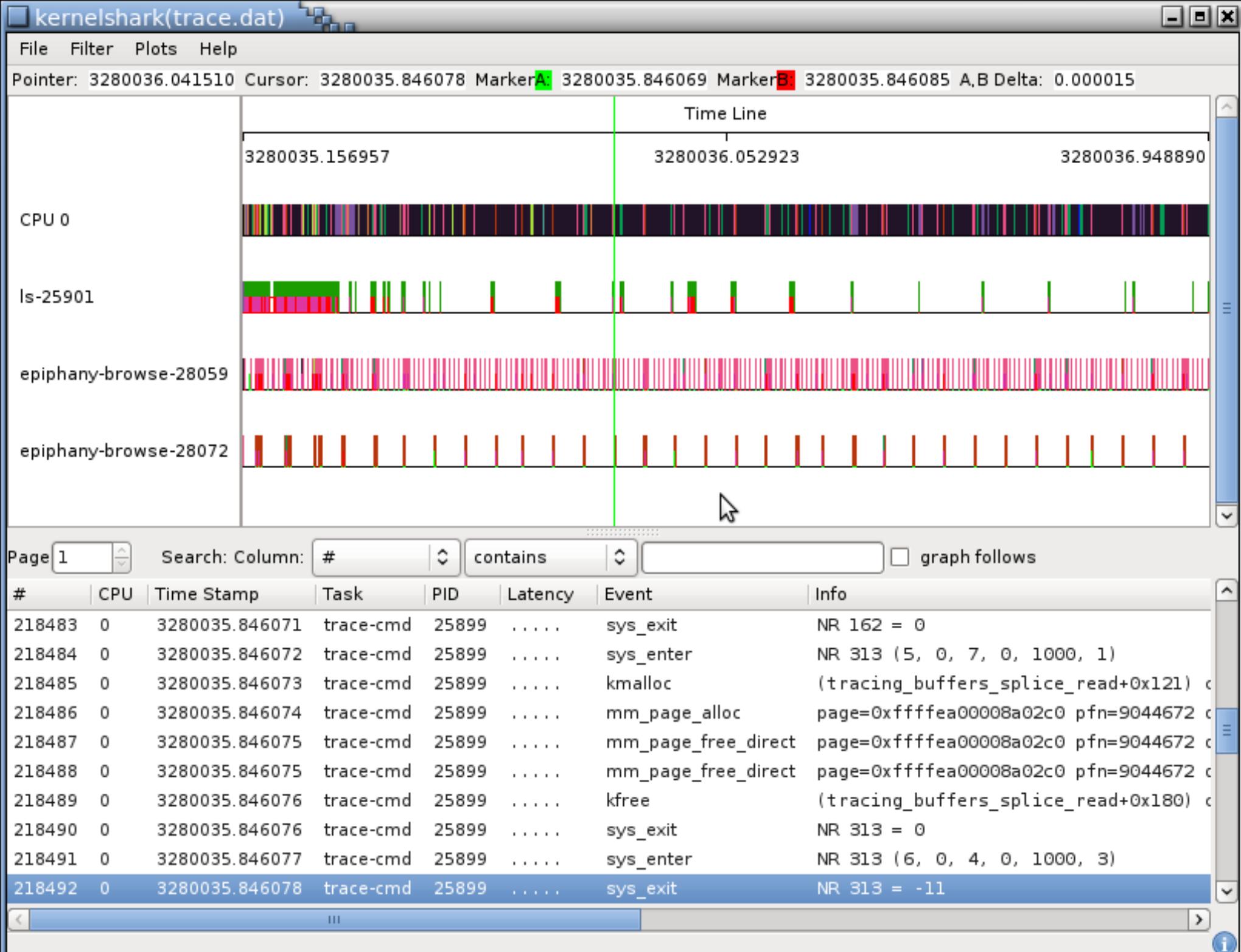
# Graph Plots

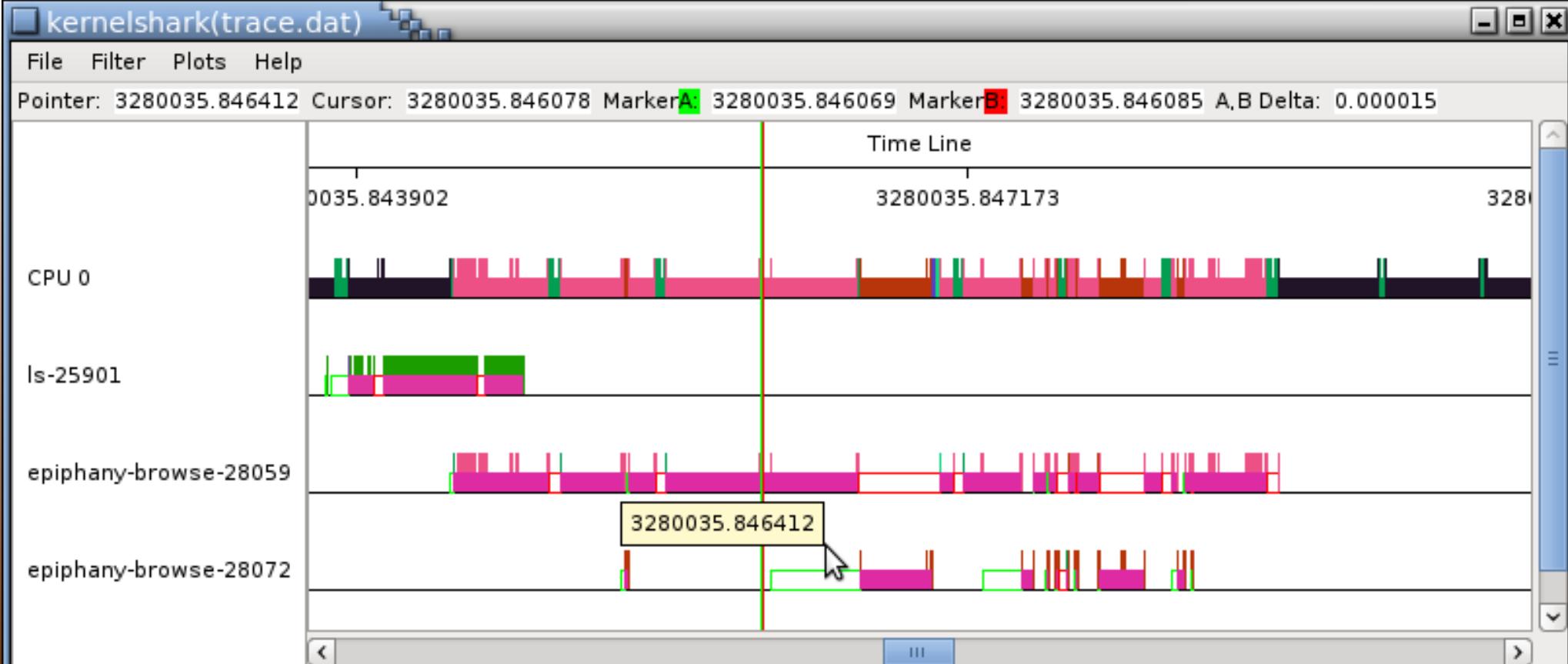
- CPU Plots
  - colors change depending on what task is running
- Task Plots
  - colors change depending on what CPU the task is on
  - shows wake up latency (hollow green box)
  - shows preempt latency (hollow red box)
  - can also be opened by menu option when mouse is over a task in the CPU plot



# List of Tasks to plot



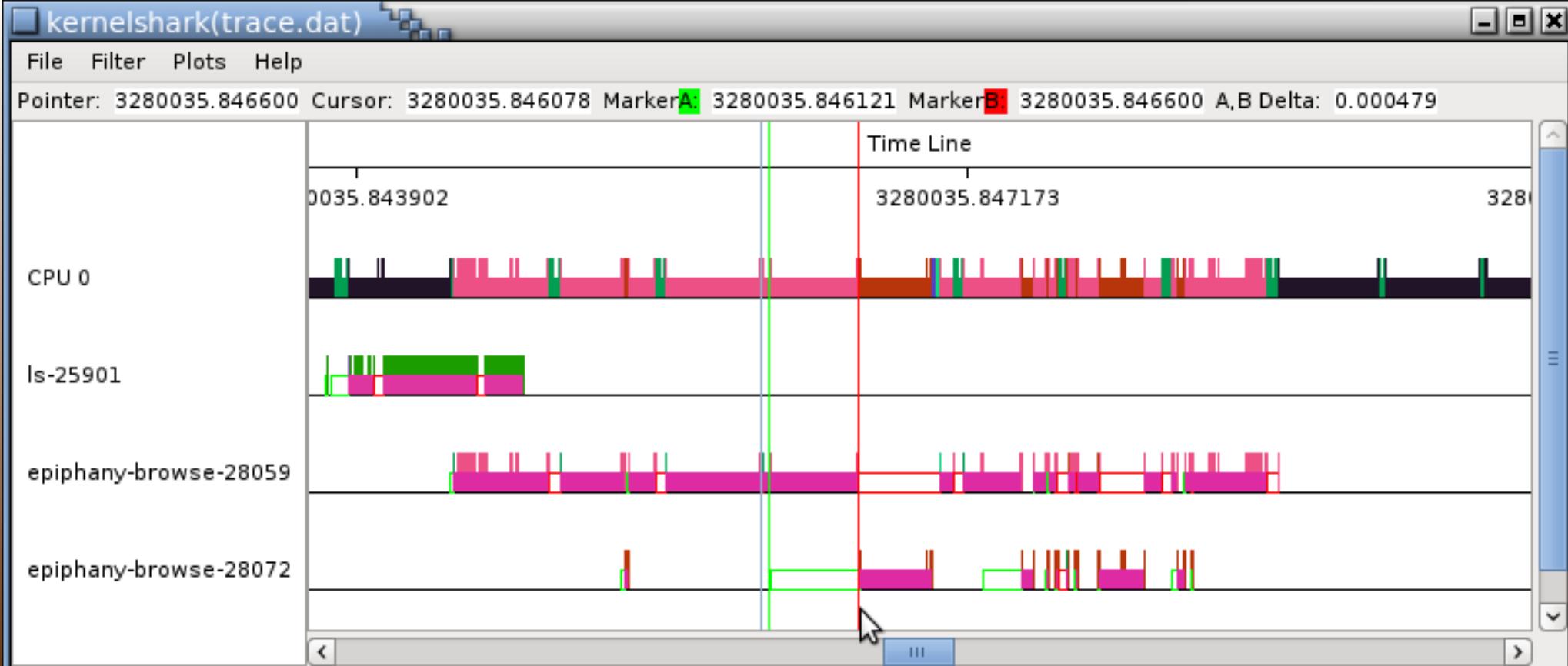




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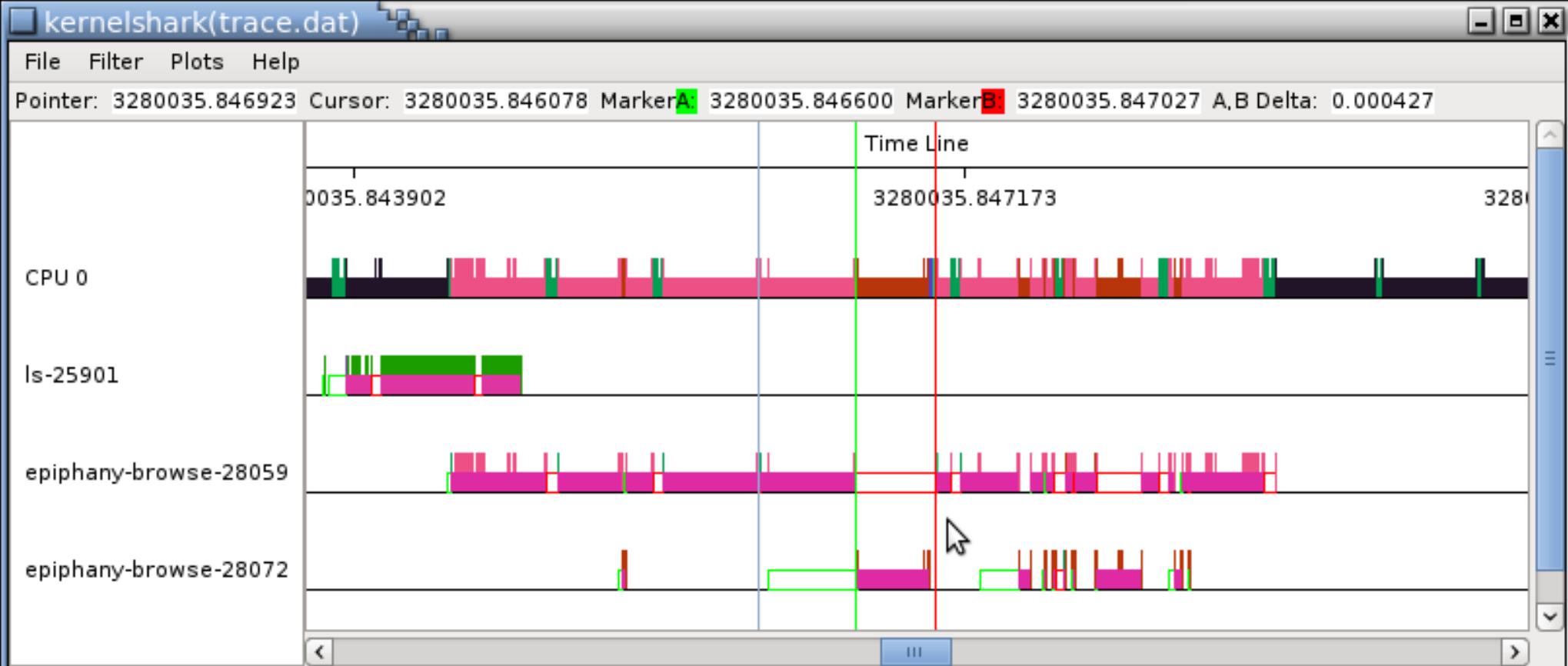
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#	CPU	Time Stamp	Task	PID	Latency	Event	Info
218483	0	3280035.846071	trace-cmd	25899	.....	sys_exit	NR 162 = 0
218484	0	3280035.846072	trace-cmd	25899	.....	sys_enter	NR 313 (5, 0, 7, 0, 1000, 1)
218485	0	3280035.846073	trace-cmd	25899	.....	kmalloc	(tracing_buffers_splice_read+0x121) c
218486	0	3280035.846074	trace-cmd	25899	.....	mm_page_alloc	page=0xfffffea00008a02c0 pfn=9044672 c
218487	0	3280035.846075	trace-cmd	25899	.....	mm_page_free_direct	page=0xfffffea00008a02c0 pfn=9044672 c
218488	0	3280035.846075	trace-cmd	25899	.....	mm_page_free_direct	page=0xfffffea00008a02c0 pfn=9044672 c
218489	0	3280035.846076	trace-cmd	25899	.....	kfree	(tracing_buffers_splice_read+0x180) c
218490	0	3280035.846076	trace-cmd	25899	.....	sys_exit	NR 313 = 0
218491	0	3280035.846077	trace-cmd	25899	.....	sys_enter	NR 313 (6, 0, 4, 0, 1000, 3)
218492	0	3280035.846078	trace-cmd	25899	.....	sys_exit	NR 313 = -11



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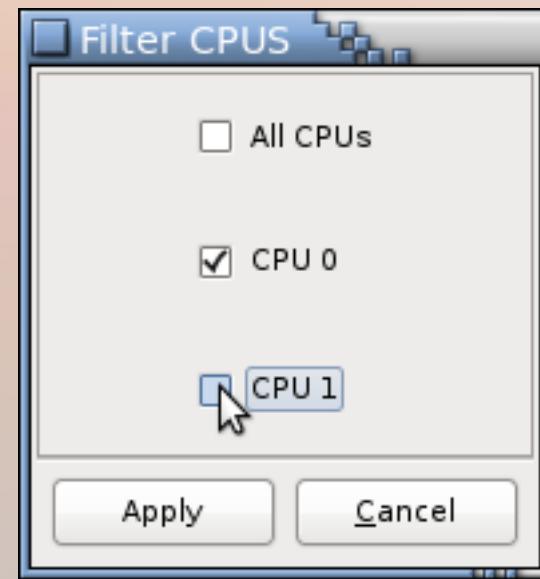
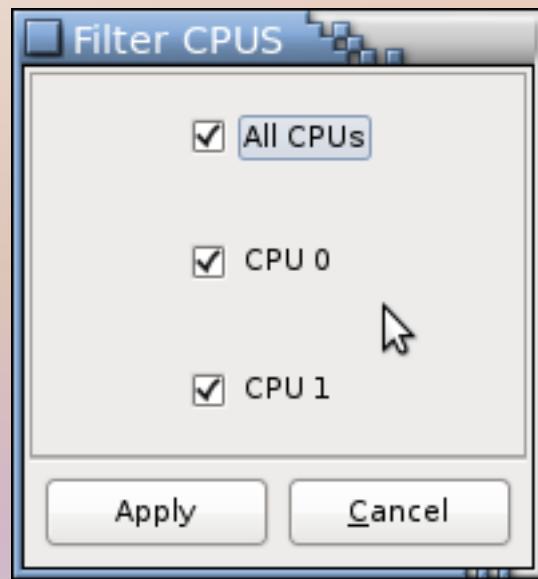
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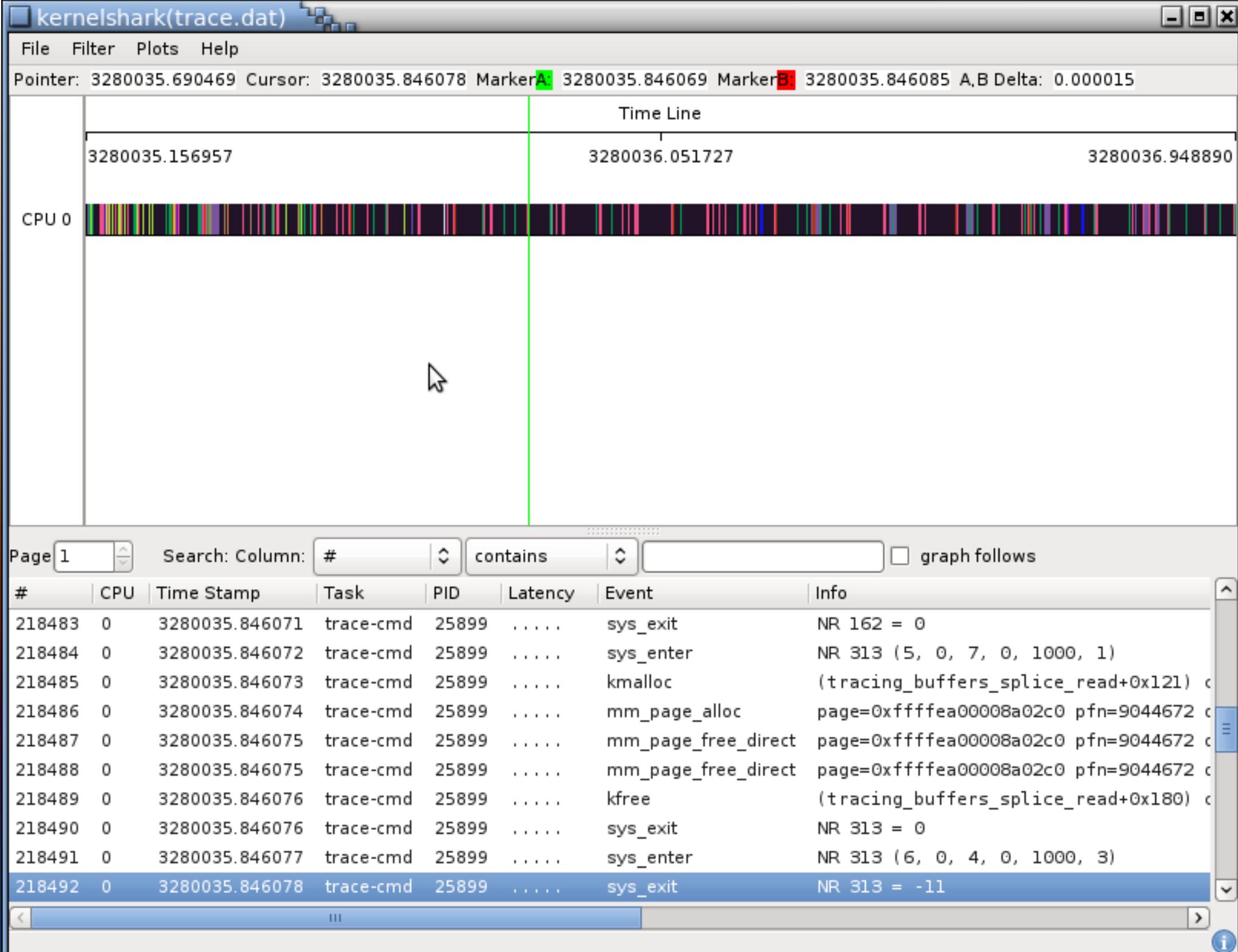


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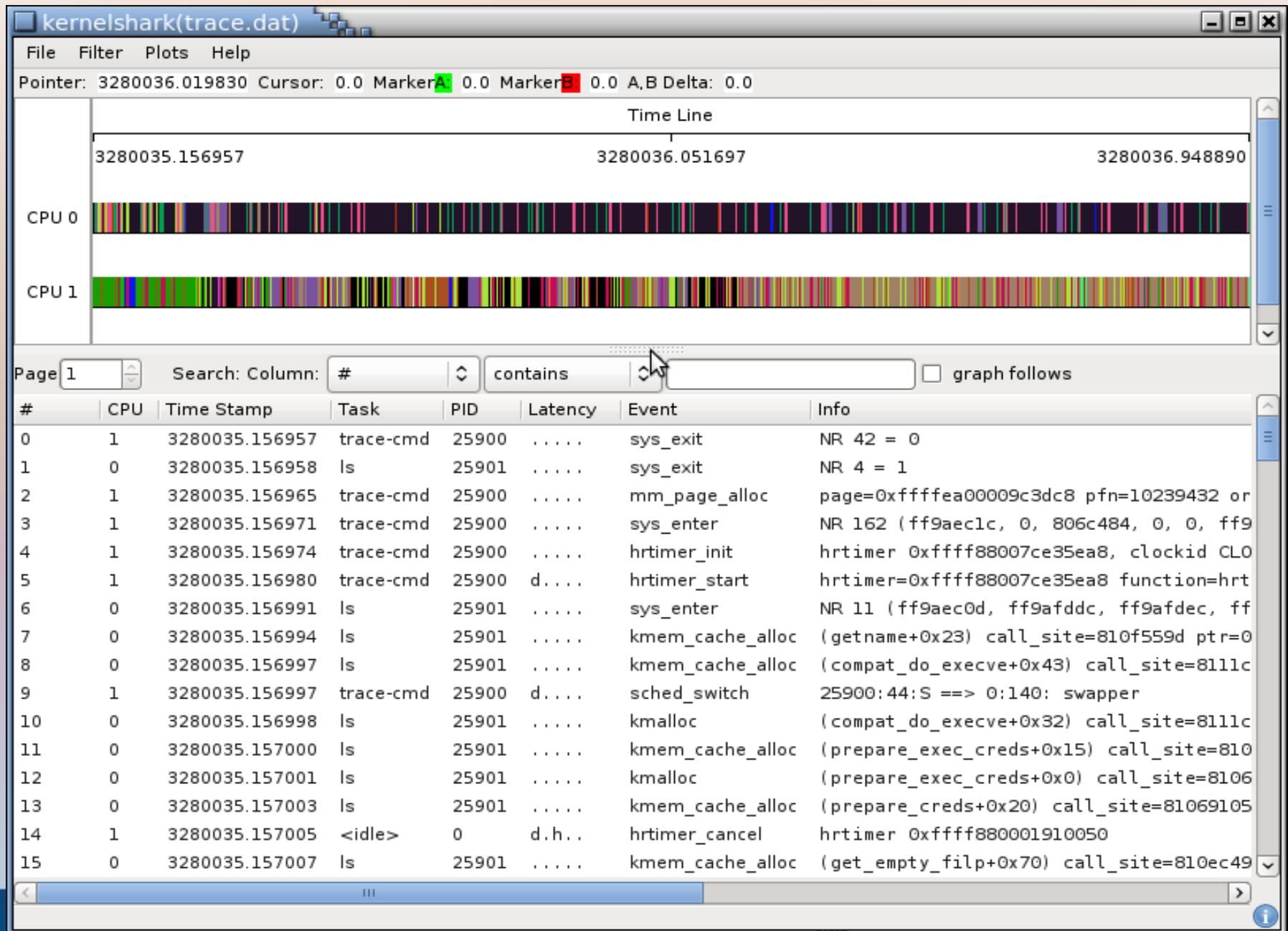
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# CPU Plots





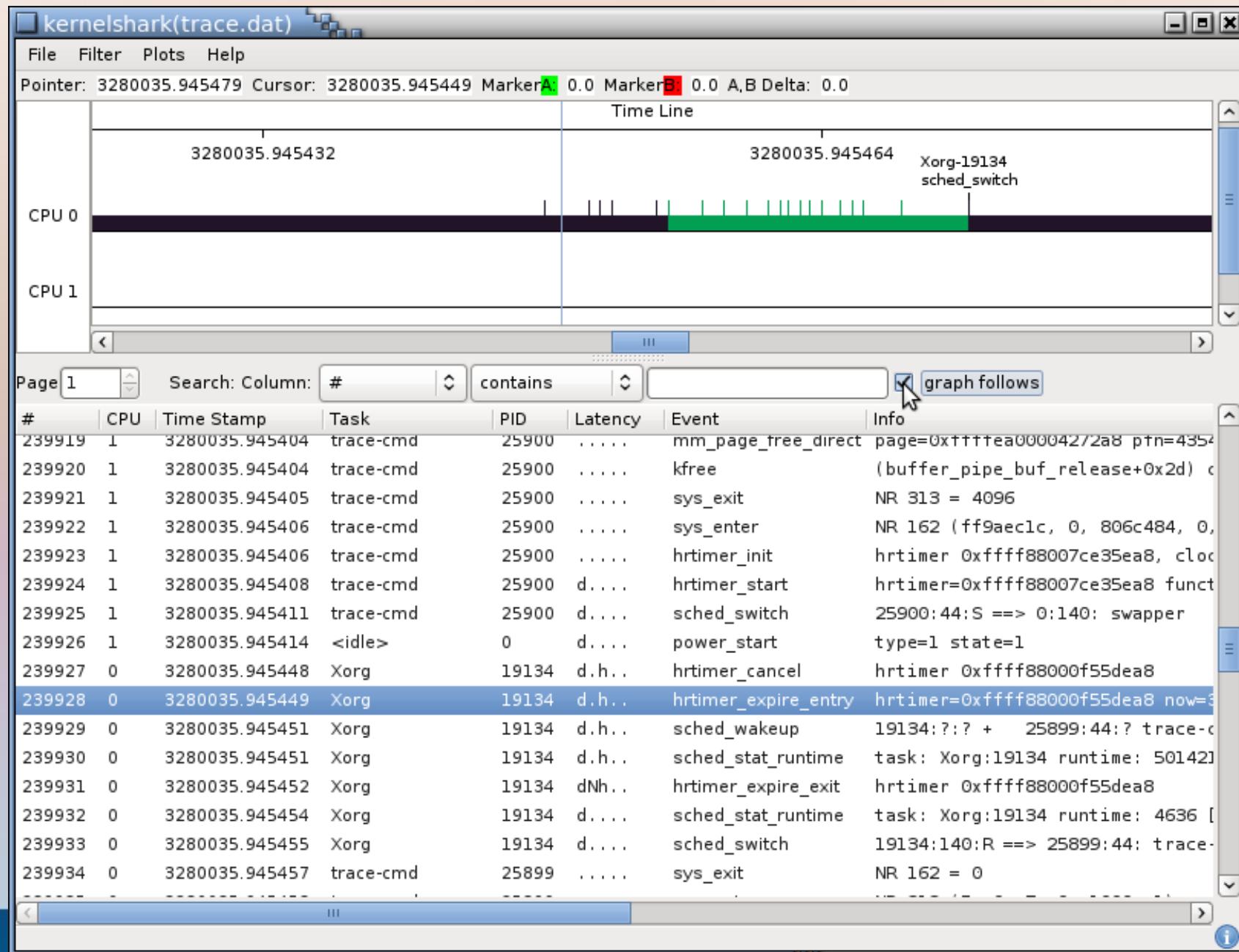
# List view



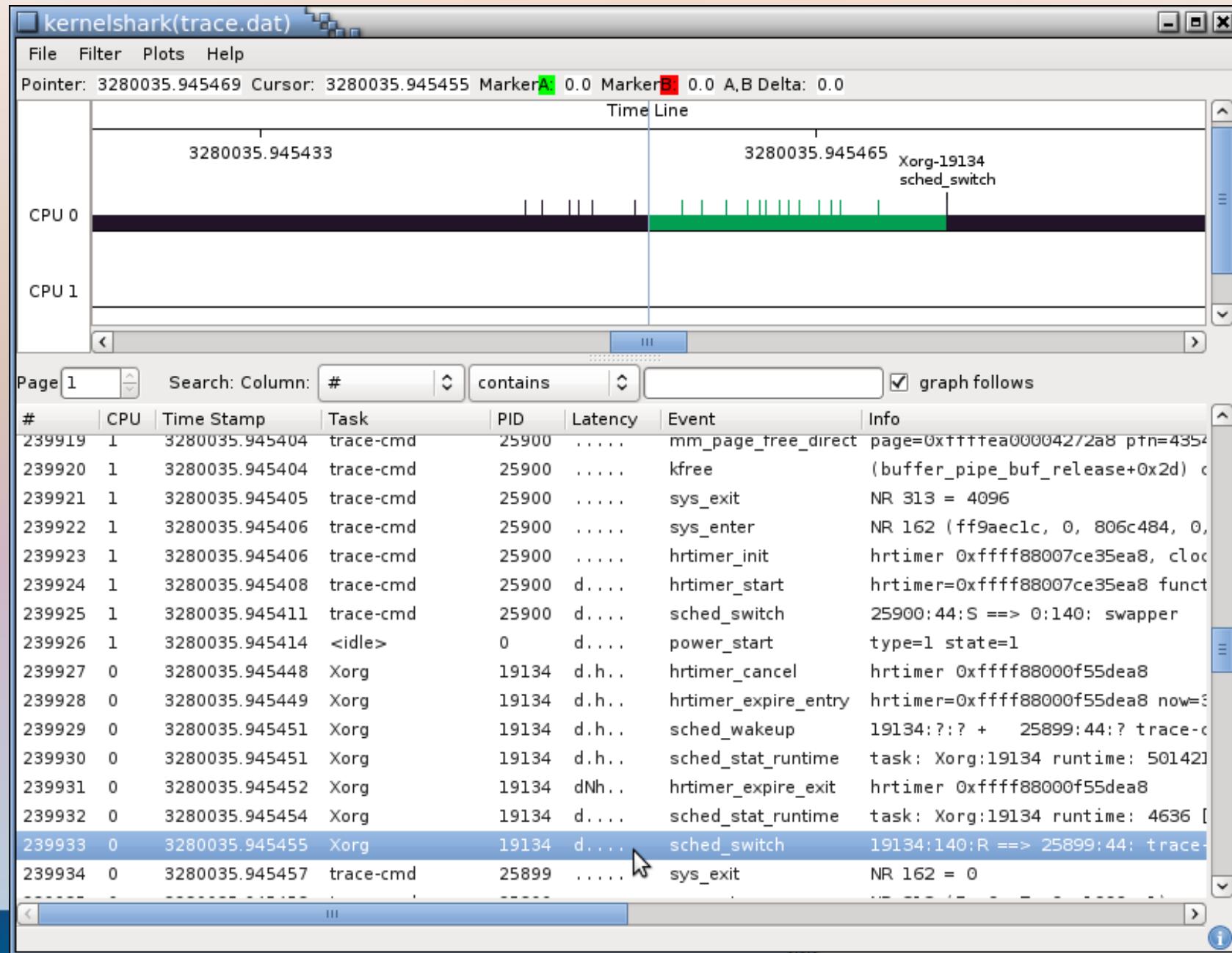
# Search the List

- Search by column
  - Contains
  - Full match
  - Does not have

# Graph follows toggle

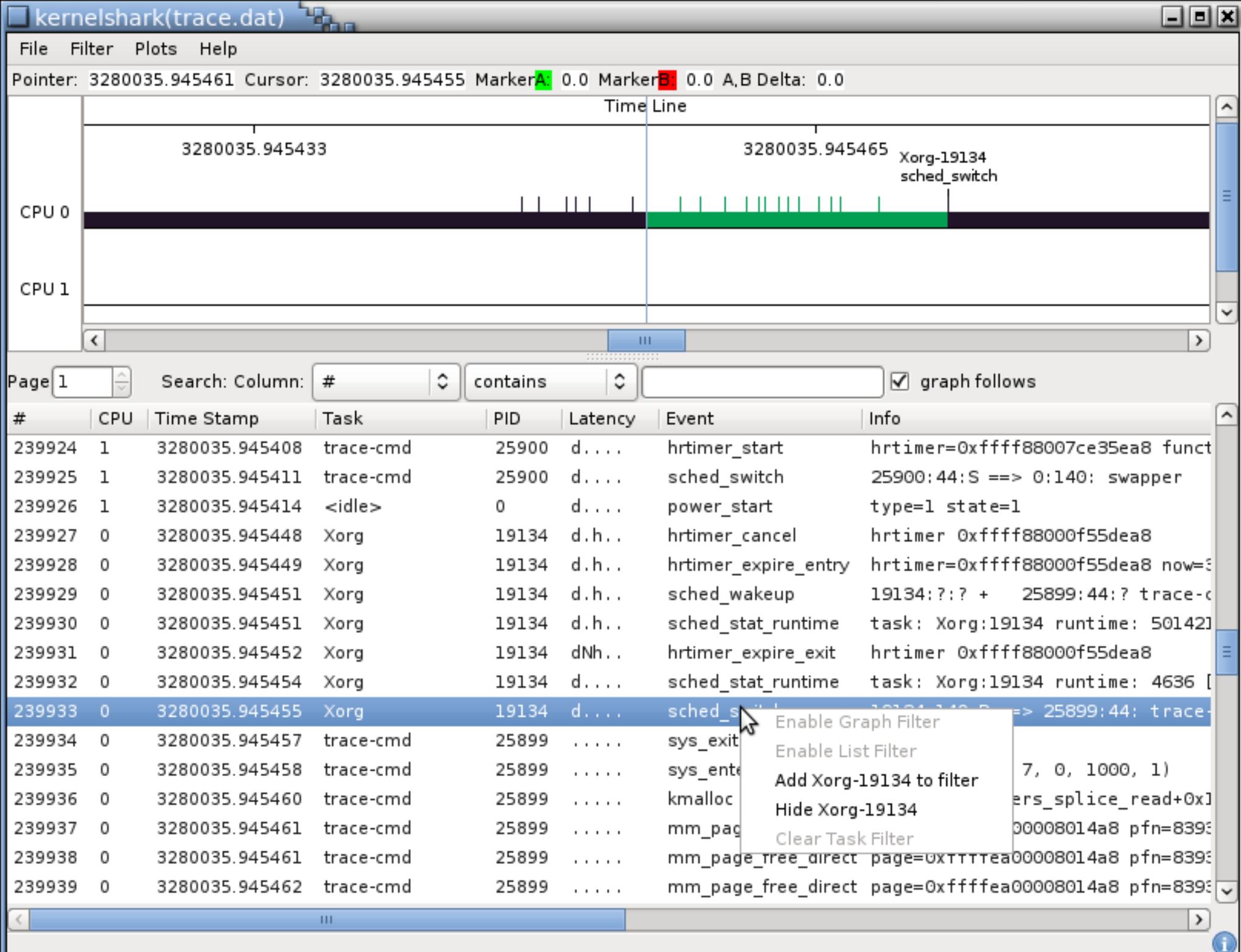


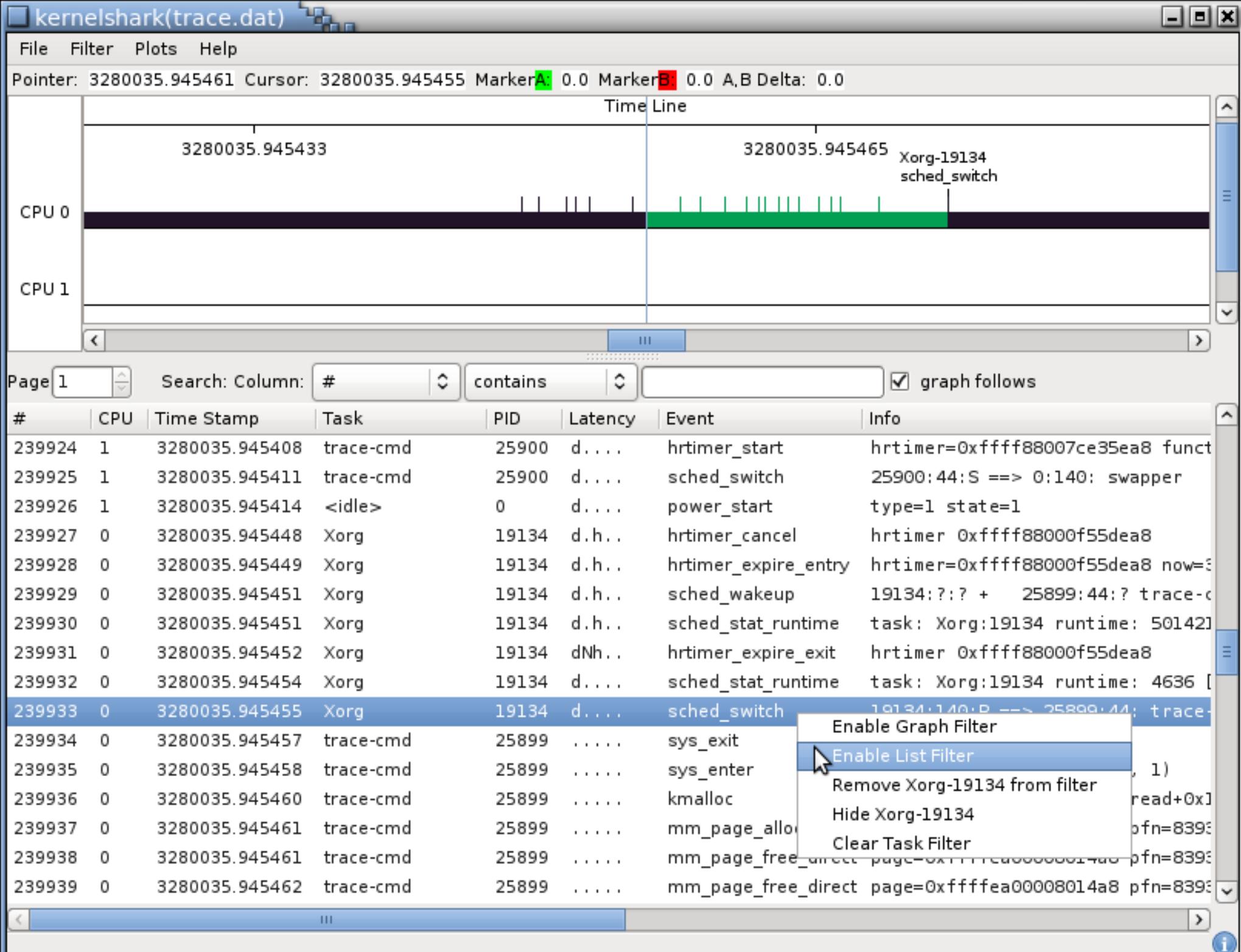
# Graph follows toggle



# Filtering

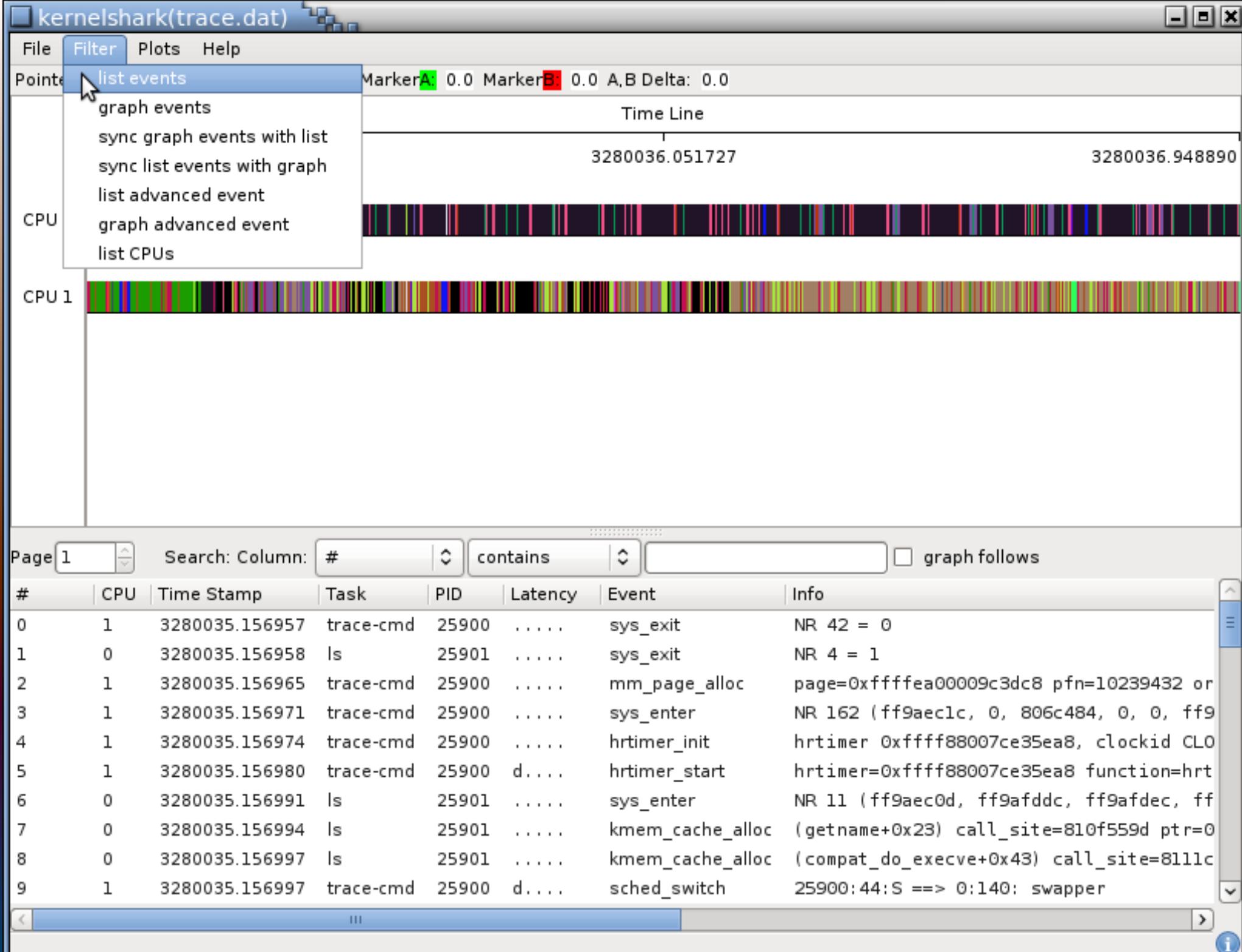
- Filter out tasks
- Filter in tasks
- Filter events
- Filter events based on content



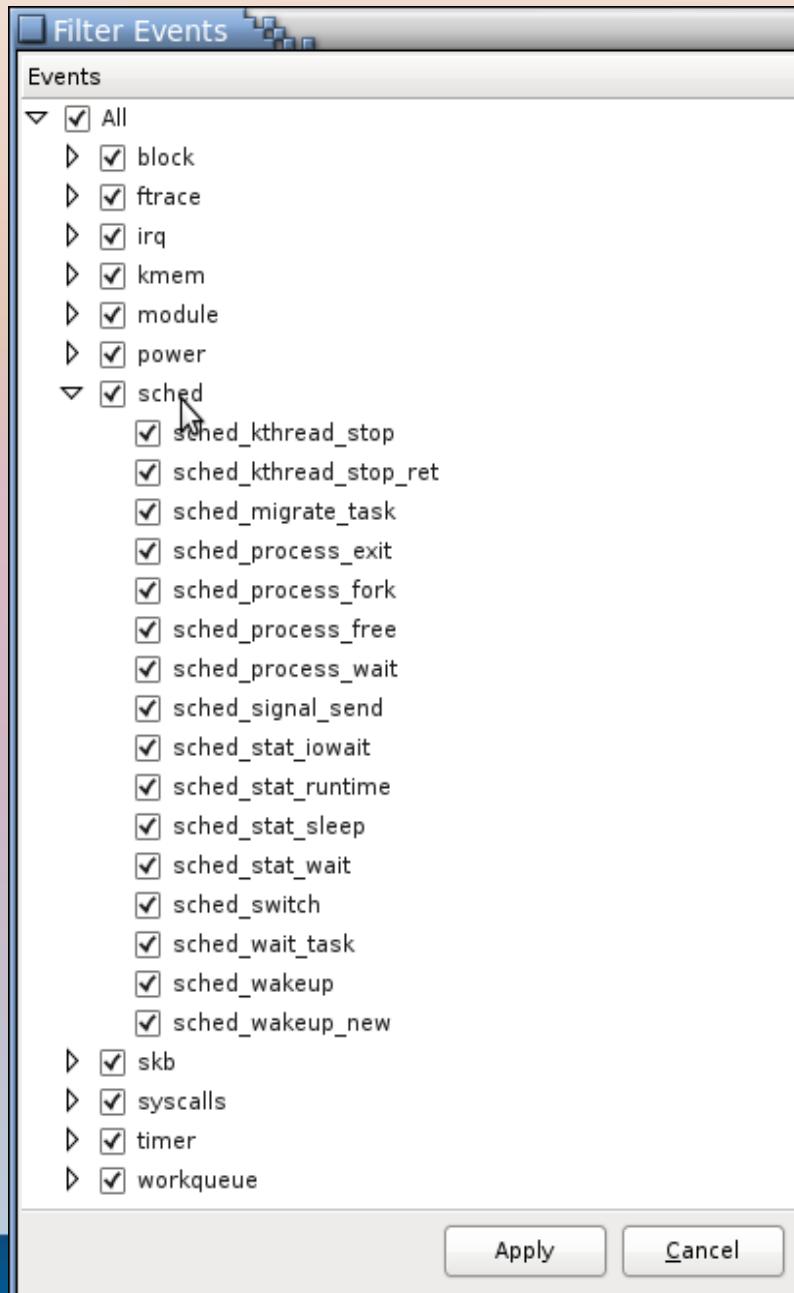


# Scheduling events

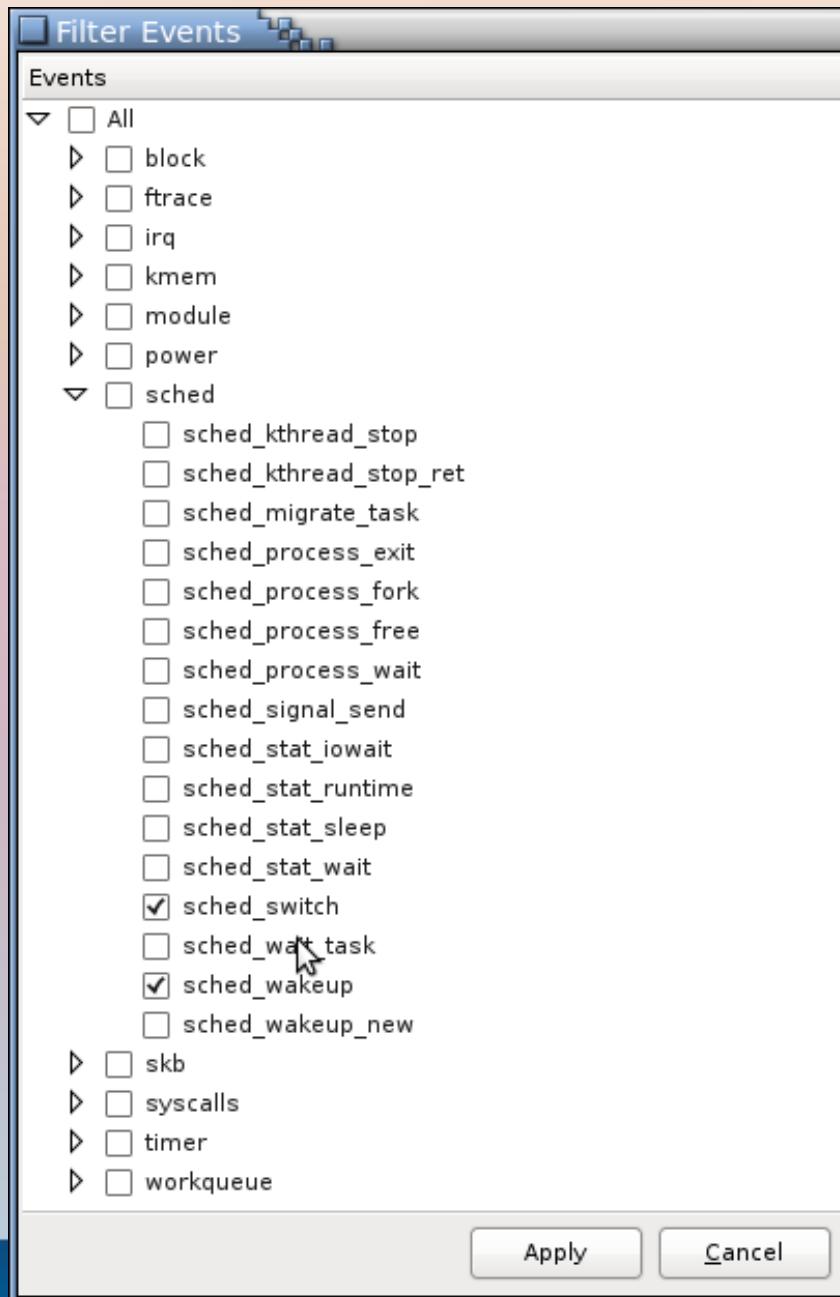
- sched\_switch
- sched\_wakeup
- sched\_wakeup\_new
- If a task in either side is to be displayed, then the event will be displayed

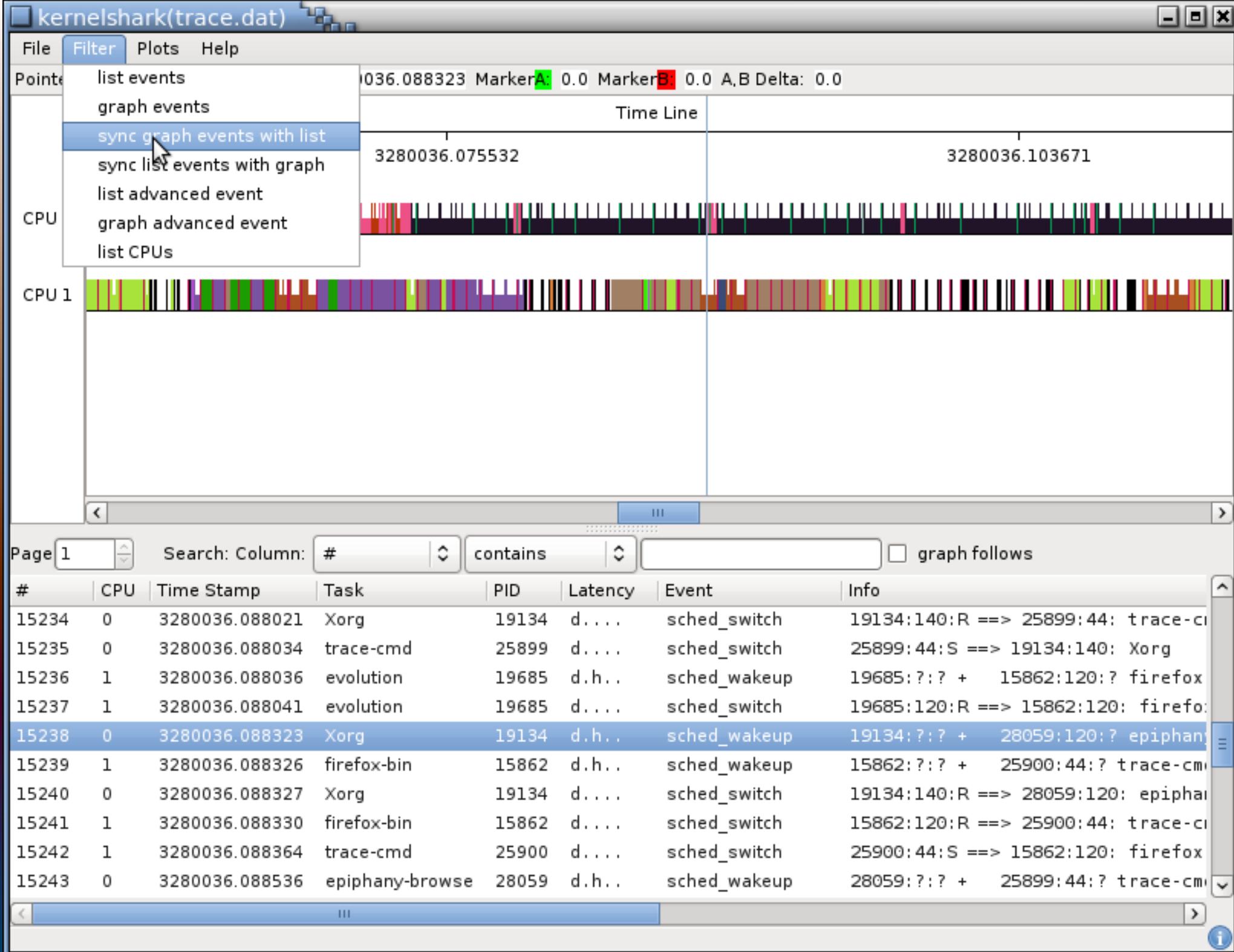


# Event Filters

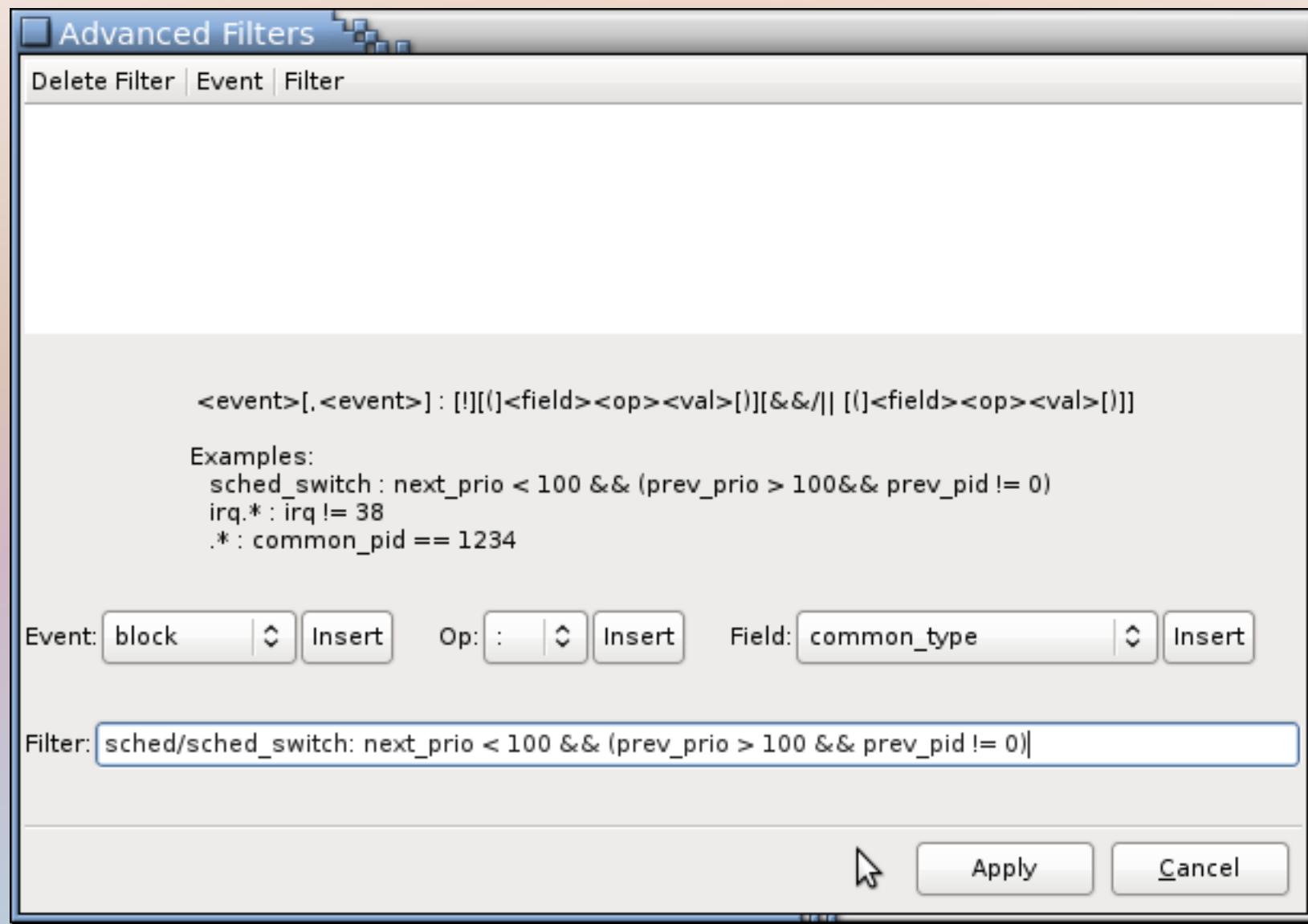


# Event Filters





# Advanced Event Filtering



# Advanced Filtering Language

```
FILTER := EVENTS | EVENTS '::' EXPRESSION
EVENTS := EVENTS ',' EVENTS | SYSTEM '/' EVENT | SYSTEM | EVENT
SYSTEM := any system name
EVENT := any event name
EXPRESSION := EXPRESSION BOOL EXPRESSION | '(' EXPRESSION ')' | OPERATION
BOOL := '&&' | '||'
OPERATION := '!' EXPRESSION | LVALUE CMP RVALUE | LVALUE STRCMP STRVALUE
CMP := '>' | '<' | '==' | '>=' | '<=' | '!='
STRCMP := '==' | '!=| ' =~ | '!~'
RVALUE := integer | FIELD
STRVALUE := string (double quoted value) | FIELD
LVALUE := FIELD | EXPR
EXPR := FIELD OP RVALUE | '(' EXPR ')' | EXPR OP EXPR
FIELD := a field name of an event
OP := '+' | '-' | '*' | '/' | '<<' | '>>' | '&' | '!'
```

# Fields not in Events

- Field not in an event evaluates the local condition to false but not the entire condition

```
sched : prev_pid != 0  
sched : !(prev_pid == 0)
```

evaluates to:

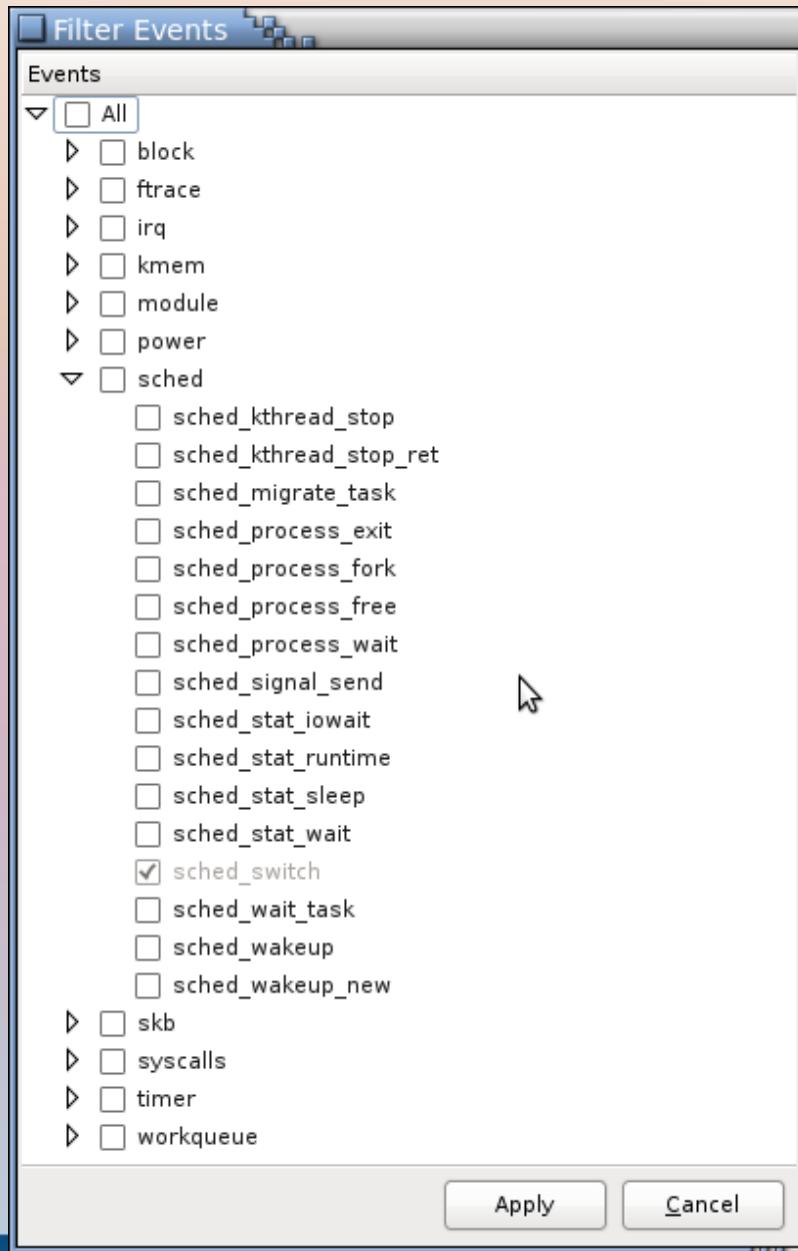
```
sched : FALSE  
sched : !(FALSE)
```

# Comparing Strings

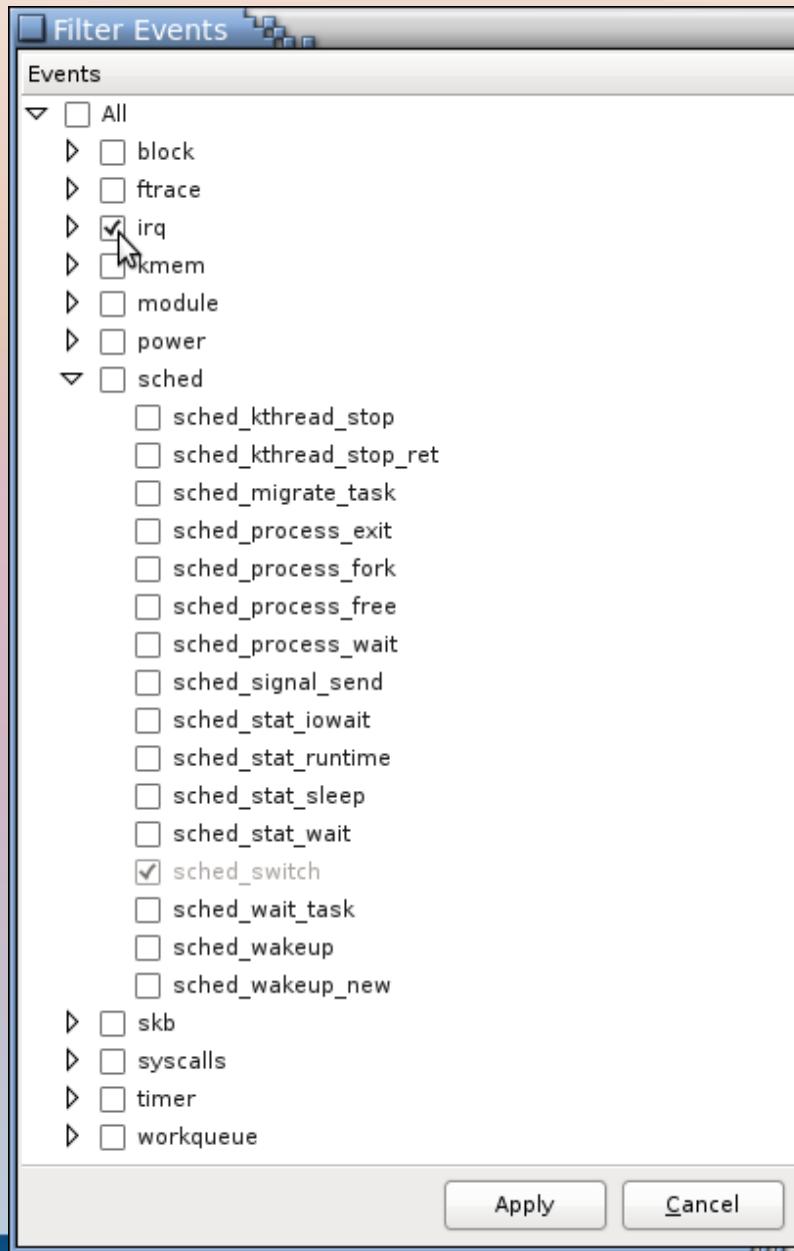
- Strings can compare with regular expressions
  - `regex(7)`
  - Use `=~` or `!~`

```
sched_switch : next_comm =~ "^\w{23}$"
```

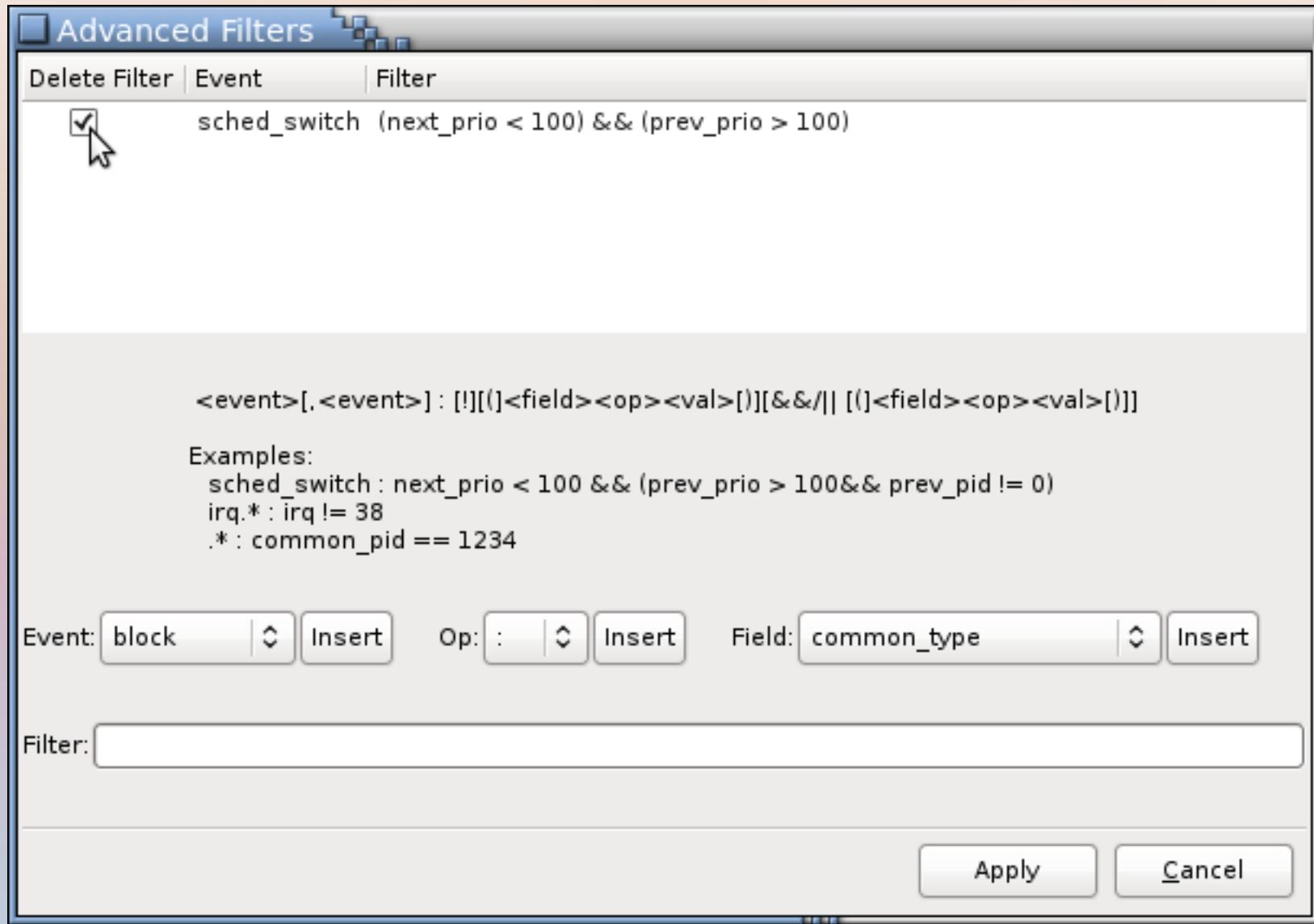
# Event Filters with Advanced



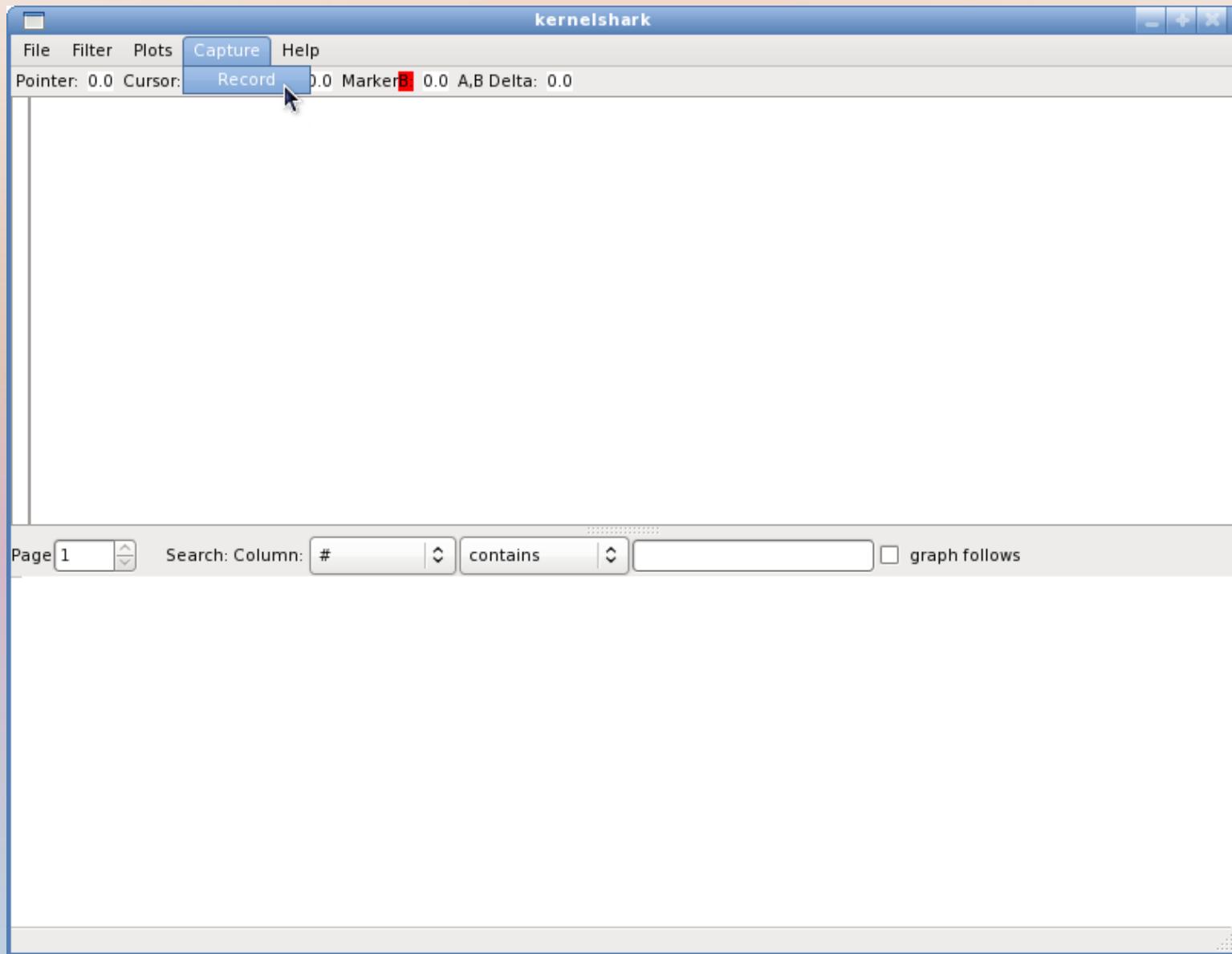
# Adding Events after Advance



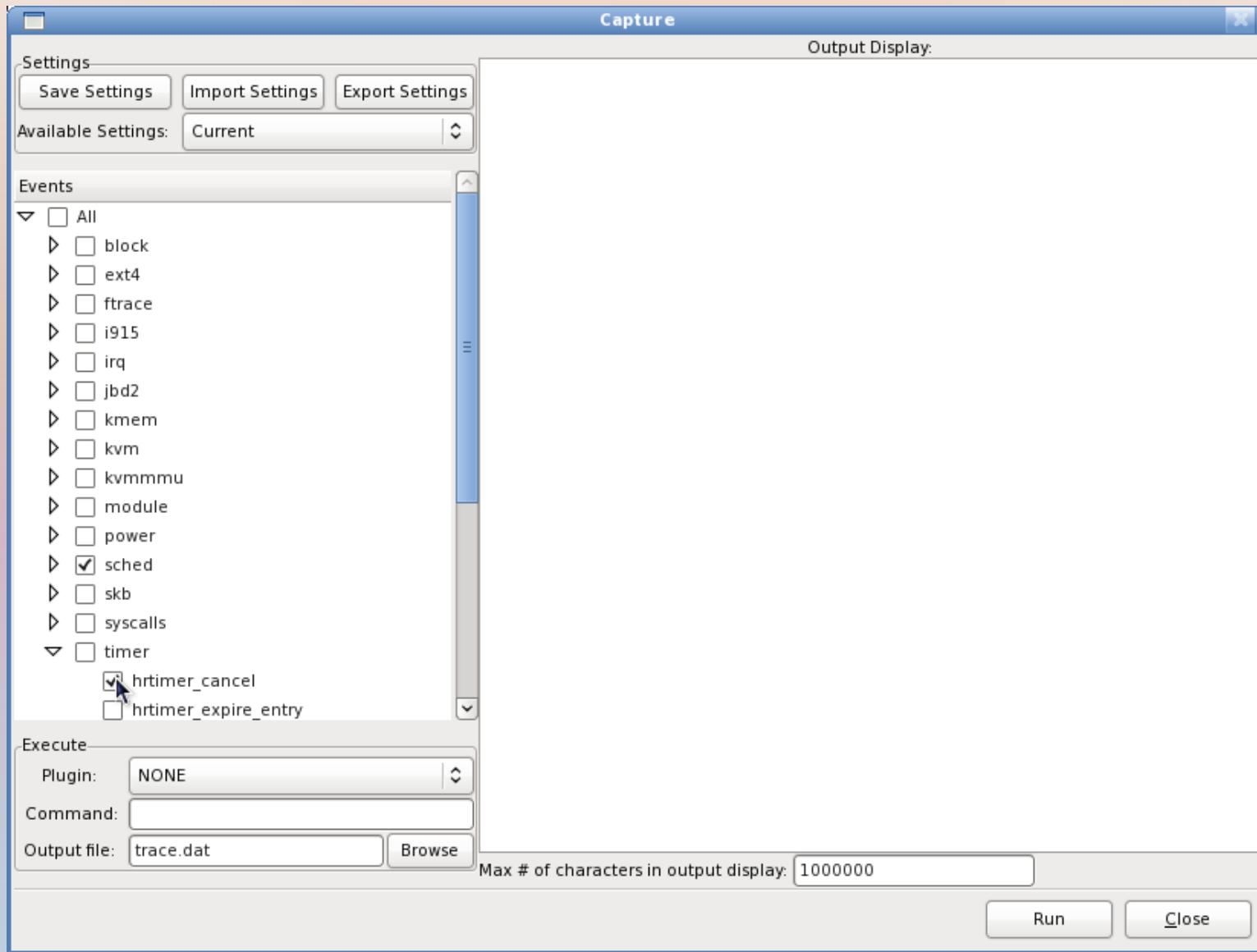
# Deleting Advanced Filters



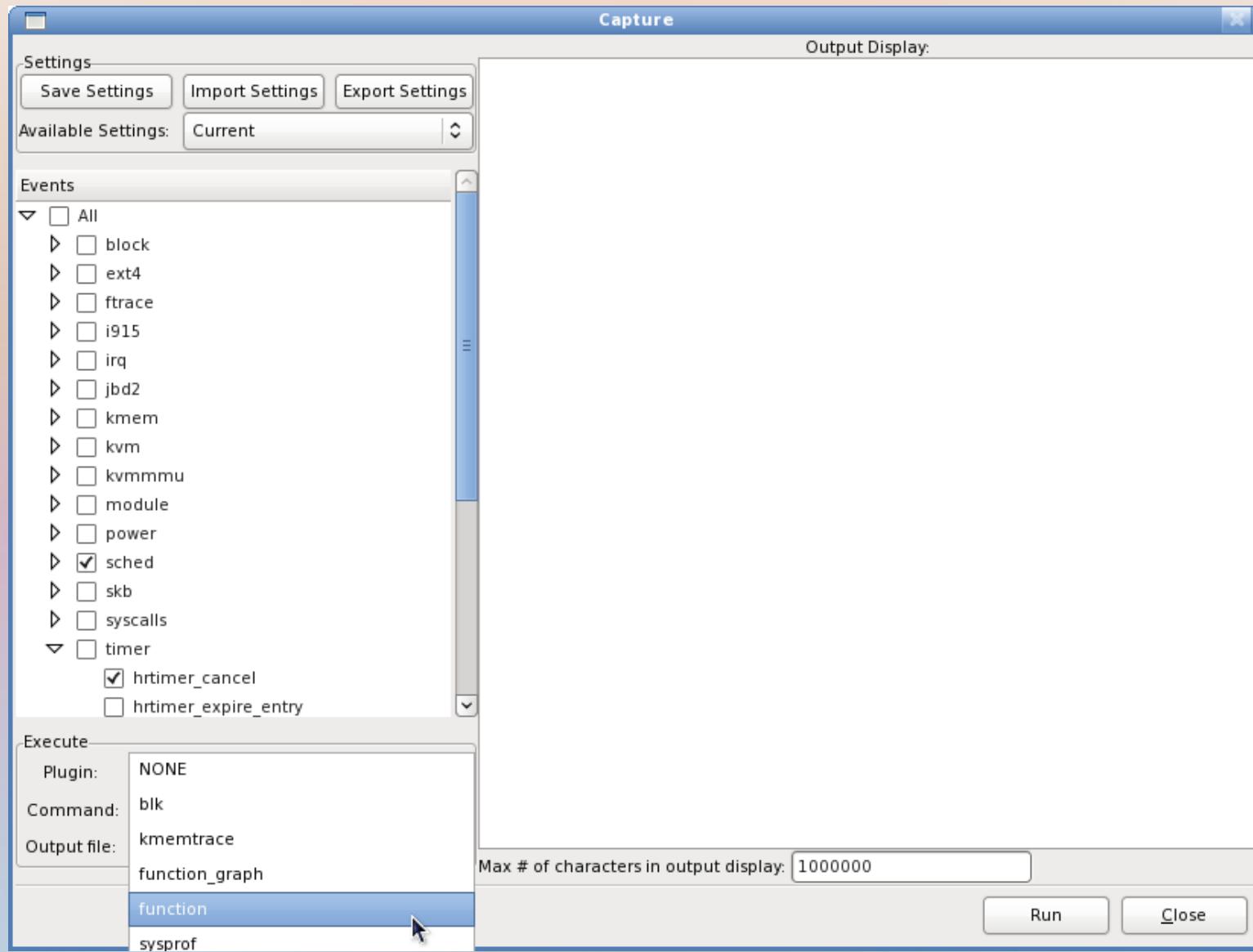
# Recording



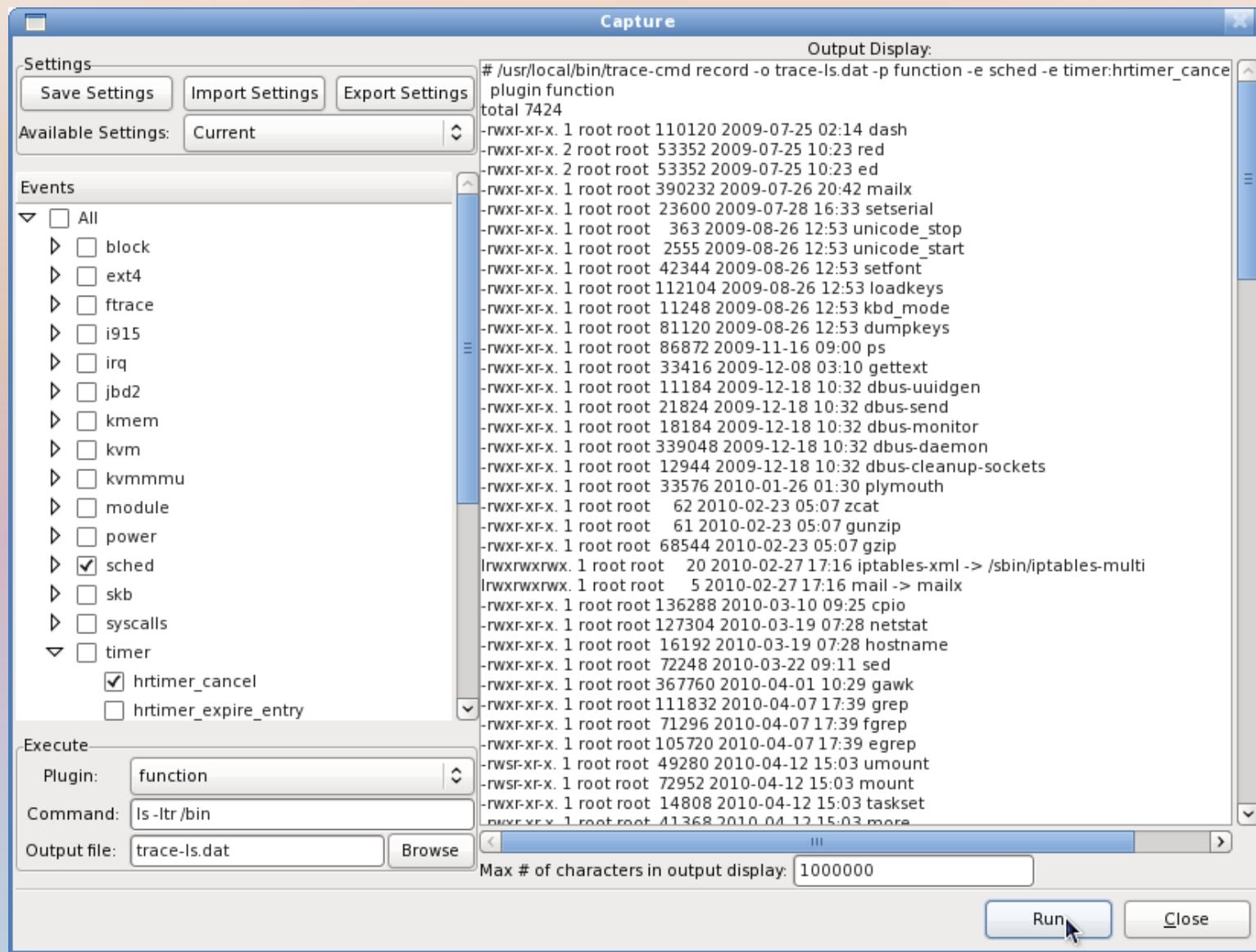
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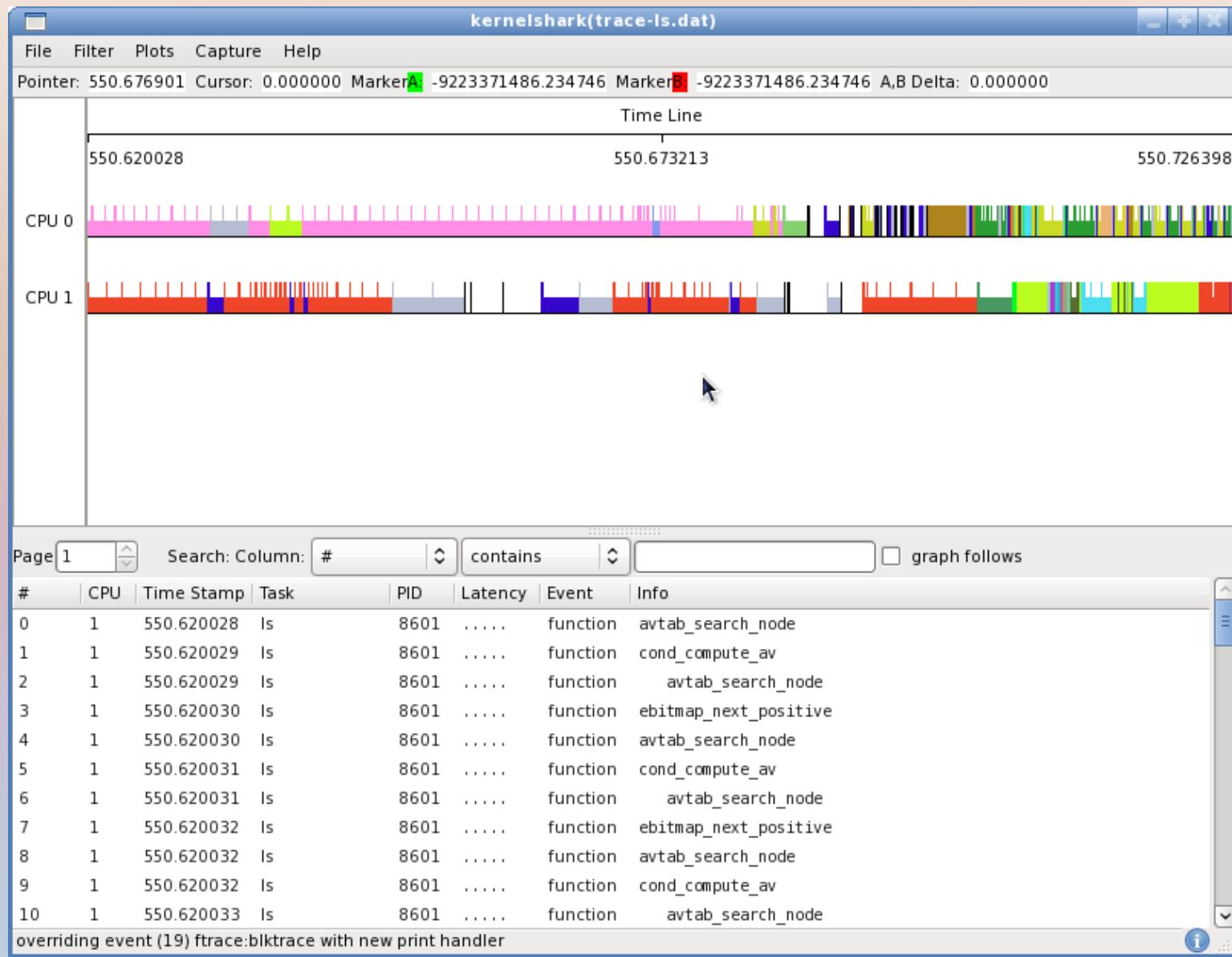
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# Kernel Shark

Demo!

# Questions?

