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# SYSLOG NOTES
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# SYSLOG STARTUP OPTIONS
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**-r flag** used to accept messages from remote machines

**-h flag** allows syslog to send messages to a remote machine

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kill -HUP `bin/cat /var/run/syslog.pid`
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# SYSLOG.CONF FILE
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Syntax: selector <TAB> action
selector = facility.level
action = where to log
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**Facilities (Programs):**

- kern
- user (default)
- mail
- daemon
- auth
- lpr
- news
- uucp
- cron
- mark
- local0-7
- syslog
- authpriv
- ftp
- \* (all or any) & none

**Levels (Severity):**

- emerg
- alert
- crit
- err
- warning
- notice
- info
- debug

- \* (all or any) & none

**Actions:**

- filename
- @hostname
- @ipaddress
- user1
- \*
- - symbol in front of file means synchronization & buffering

**Examples:**

```
# Enable remote logging
*.* @192.168.0.3
*.* @server4.bandwidthco.com
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# enable this, if you want that root is informed
*.alert root
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```
# all email-messages in one file
mail.* /var/log/mail
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# email in separate files
mail.info /var/log/mail.info
mail.warn /var/log/mail.warn
mail.err /var/log/mail.err
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# Warnings in one file
*.=warn;*.=err /var/log/warn
*.crit /var/log/warn
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# save the rest in one file
*.*;mail.none;news.none /var/log/messages
*.* /var/log/allmessages
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#####
# LOGGER COMMAND
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Syntax: logger -p facility.level -t tag message | file filename
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-p option = facility and severity level  
-t option = identifying tag in message  
-l option = include process ID in message

**Example:**

```
logger -l -p local1.err -t FFT "Job Failed - scratch disk full"
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Facilities	Facility Codes†	Priorities (in increasing order)	Priority Codes†	Actions
auth	4	none	n/a	/some/file <i>(log to specified file)</i>
auth-priv	10	debug	7	-/some/file <i>(log to specified file but don't sync after)</i>
cron	9	info	6	/some/pipe <i>(log to specified pipe)</i>
daemon	3	notice	5	/dev/some/tty_or_console
kern	0	warning	4	<i>(log to specified console)</i>
lpr	6	err	3	@remote.hostname.or.IP
mail	2	crit	2	<i>(log to specified remote host)</i>
mark	n/a	alert	1	username1, username2, etc.
news	7	emerg	0	<i>(log to all user's screens)</i>
syslog	5	* ("any priority")	n/a	
user	1	<b>Usage of "!" and "=" As Prefixes With Priorities</b>		
uucp	8	*.notice (no prefix)	=	"any event with priority of 'notice' or higher"
local(0-7)	16-23	*.!notice	=	"no event with priority of 'notice' or higher"
* ("any facility")	n/a	*.=notice	=	"only events with priority 'notice'"
		*.!notice	=	"no events with priority of 'notice'"

†Numeric codes should *not* be used in *syslog.conf* on Linux systems. They are provided here strictly as a reference. Should you need to configure a non-Linux syslog daemon which uses numeric codes only, e.g.: Cisco IOS, to send syslog messages to your log server.