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System logs

The `system` Filebeat module collects and parses logs created by the system logging service of common Unix/Linux based distributions. This module is not available on Windows. [Learn more.](#)

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Getting Started

macOS [DEB](#) RPM

1 Download and install Filebeat

First time using Filebeat? See the [Getting Started Guide](#).

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```
curl -L -O
https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/beats/filebeat/filebeat-7.6.1-
amd64.deb
sudo dpkg -i filebeat-7.6.1-amd64.deb
```

Looking for the 32-bit packages? See the [Download page](#).

2 Edit the configuration

Modify `/etc/filebeat/filebeat.yml` to set the



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```
output.elasticsearch:
  hosts: ["<es_url>"]
  username: "elastic"
  password: "<password>"
setup.kibana:
  host: "<kibana_url>"
```

Where `<password>` is the password of the `elastic` user, `<es_url>` is the URL of Elasticsearch, and `<kibana_url>` is the URL of Kibana.

3 Enable and configure the system module

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```
sudo filebeat modules enable system
```

Modify the settings in the `/etc/filebeat/modules.d/system.yml` file.

4 Start Filebeat


The `setup` command loads the Kibana dashboards. If the dashboards are already set up, omit this command.

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```
sudo filebeat setup
sudo service filebeat start
```




















Module status



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When all steps are complete, you're ready to explore your data.

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