



## W6: Application Logging

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## Log4J



- Log4j.properties on classpath
- Get Log4j from MavenRepository

```
<dependency>  
  <groupId>log4j</groupId>  
  <artifactId>log4j</artifactId>  
  <version>1.2.17</version>  
</dependency>
```



## Log4J.properties



```
# Root logger option
log4j.rootLogger=DEBUG, stdout, file
# Redirect log messages to console
log4j.appender.stdout=org.apache.log4j.ConsoleAppender
log4j.appender.stdout.Target=System.out
log4j.appender.stdout.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout
log4j.appender.stdout.layout.ConversionPattern=%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss}
%-5p %c{1}:%L - %m%n # Redirect log messages to a log file, support file
rolling. log4j.appender.file=org.apache.log4j.RollingFileAppender
log4j.appender.file.File=C:\\log4j-application.log
log4j.appender.file.MaxFileSize=5MB log4j.appender.file.MaxBackupIndex=10
log4j.appender.file.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout
log4j.appender.file.layout.ConversionPattern=%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss}
%-5p %c{1}:%L - %m%n
```



Let break it down :

%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} = Date and time format, refer to [SimpleDateFormat](#) JavaDoc.

%-5p = The logging priority, like DEBUG or ERROR. The -5 is optional, for the pretty print format.

%c{1} = The logging name we set via getLogger(), refer to [log4j PatternLayout guide](#).

%L = The line number from where the logging request.

%m%n = The message to log and line break.

### Note

For standalone Java app, make sure the log4j.properties file is under the project/classes directory

For Java web applications, make sure the log4j.properties file is under the WEB-INF/classes directory

## Log message examples

...

2014-07-02 20:52:39 DEBUG className:200 - This is debug message

2014-07-02 20:52:39 DEBUG className:201 - This is debug message2



## How to log a Message?

- Declare logger:

```
final static Logger logger = Logger.getLogger(classname.class);
```

- Write code:

```
//logs a debug message
if(logger.isDebugEnabled()) {
    logger.debug("This is debug");
}
//logs an error message with parameter
logger.error("This is error : " + parameter);

//logs an exception thrown from somewhere
logger.error("This is error", exception);
```



## Logger Priority

log4j.rootLogger=DEBUG, stdout

#...

### Output:

```
2014-07-02 20:52:39 DEBUG HelloExample:19 - This is debug : PXL
2014-07-02 20:52:39 INFO HelloExample:23 - This is info : PXL
2014-07-02 20:52:39 WARN HelloExample:26 - This is warn : PXL
2014-07-02 20:52:39 ERROR HelloExample:27 - This is error : PXL
2014-07-02 20:52:39 FATAL HelloExample:28 - This is fatal : PXL
```



```
import org.apache.log4j.Logger;
```

```
public class HelloExample {
```

```
    final static Logger logger = Logger.getLogger(HelloExample.class);
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        HelloExample obj = new HelloExample();
        obj.runMe("PXL");
```

```
    }
```

```
    private void runMe(String parameter){
```

```
        if(logger.isDebugEnabled()){
```

## Logger Priority

log4j.rootLogger=ERROR, stdout

#...

### **Output:**

2014-07-02 20:52:39 ERROR HelloExample:27 - This is error : PXL

2014-07-02 20:52:39 FATAL HelloExample:28 - This is fatal : PXL



## Logger Priority

If priority is defined in log4j.properties, only the same or above priority message will be logged.

```
package org.apache.log4j;

public class Priority {
    public final static int OFF_INT = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    public final static int FATAL_INT = 50000;
    public final static int ERROR_INT = 40000;
    public final static int WARN_INT = 30000;
    public final static int INFO_INT = 20000;
    public final static int DEBUG_INT = 10000;
    //public final static int FINE_INT = DEBUG_INT;
    public final static int ALL_INT = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
```





## How to log an Exception

```
try{  
    obj.divide();  
} catch(ArithmeticException ex) {  
    logger.error("Sorry, something wrong!", ex);  
}
```

### Output:

```
2014-07-02 21:03:10 ERROR HelloExample2:16 - Sorry, something  
wrong! java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero at  
com.mkyong.HelloExample2.divide(HelloExample2.java:24) at  
com.mkyong.HelloExample2.main(HelloExample2.java:14)
```



## Output to Console

- **log4j.properties:**

```
# Root logger option log4j.rootLogger=INFO, stdout
# Direct log messages to stdout
log4j.appender.stdout=org.apache.log4j.ConsoleAppender
log4j.appender.stdout.Target=System.out
log4j.appender.stdout.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout
log4j.appender.stdout.layout.ConversionPattern=%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} %-5p %c{1}:%L - %m%n
```



## Output to File

- **log4j.properties:**

# Root logger option

log4j.rootLogger=INFO, file

# Direct log messages to a log file

log4j.appender.file=org.apache.log4j.RollingFileAppender

#Redirect to Tomcat logs folder

#log4j.appender.file.File=\${catalina.home}/logs/logging.log

log4j.appender.file.File=C:\\logging.log

log4j.appender.file.MaxFileSize=10MB

log4j.appender.file.MaxBackupIndex=10

log4j.appender.file.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout

log4j.appender.file.layout.ConversionPattern=%d{yyyy-MM-dd

HH:mm:ss} %-5p %c{1}:%L - %m%n



## Colored formatting

- Zoek op internet hoe je kleuren kan gebruiken voor je logging patroon in Log4J.



## More info

- Manual:  
<http://logging.apache.org/log4j/1.2/manual.html>
- Pattern layout:  
<http://logging.apache.org/log4j/1.2/apidocs/org/apache/log4j/PatternLayout.html>

