XI. Logs

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- A twelve-factor app **never concerns itself** with routing or storage of its output stream; it should not attempt to write to or manage log files.

- Instead, each running process should write its **event stream**, **unbuffered**, to `stdout.`

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- During local development, the developer will view this stream in the foreground of their terminal to observe the app's behavior.

- In staging or production deploys, each process' stream will be captured by the **execution environment**, collated together with all other streams from the app, and routed to one or more final destinations for viewing and long-term archival.