



# LOG4J QUICK REFERENCE CARD

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## PRIORITIES

Level	Description
ALL	Output of all messages
TRACE	Detailed Debugging
DEBUG	Debugging (Method xyz called with param abc ...)
INFO	General information (Program started/ended, connected to host foo, calculation took n seconds)
WARN	Unexpected situation
ERROR	Error (Exception caught)
FATAL	Critical error, program stops
OFF	Logging is deactivated

Usage:  
`log4j.rootLogger=Level, Appender, Appender, ...`  
`log4j.logger.NameOfLogger=Level`

## APPENDERS

Name	Writes to
ConsoleAppender	Standard Output (Console)
FileAppender	File
RollingFileAppender	File, creates a new based on file size
DailyRollingFileAppender	File, creates a new based on time
SyslogAppender	UNIX Syslog
NTEventLogAppender	Windows Event-Log
SMTPAppender	E-Mail
net.SocketAppender	Socket (client mode)
net.SocketHubAppender	Socket (server mode)

Usage:  
`log4j.appenders.Appender=org.apache.log4j.Name`

## LAYOUTS

Name	Description
PatternLayout	Conversion pattern, see top right
SimpleLayout	Level and message
TTCCLayout	= Time, Thread, Category, Context
HTMLLayout	HTML Table
XMLLayout	XML

Usage:  
`log4j.appenders.layout=org.apache.log4j.Name`

## PATTERN LAYOUT

c	category; a.b.c → %c{2} = a.b	m	message
C	fully qualified class name (slow); org.apache.xyz.SomeClass → %C{1} = SomeClass	M	method name (extremely slow)
d	date; %d{HH:mm:ss,SSS}, %d{ABSOLUTE}, %d{DATE}, %d{ISO8601}	n	line separator; \n or \r\n
F	file name (extremely slow)	p	priority
I	/location (extremely slow)	r	milliseconds from layout construction
L	/line number (extremely slow)	t	thread name
%	percent sign	x	nested diagnostic context of thread
		X	mapped diagnostic context of thread; %x{key}

## FORMAT MODIFIER

Modifier	left justify	min. width	max. width	Comment
%20c	false	20	none	Left pad with spaces if content is less than 20 characters long.
%-20c	true	20	none	Right pad with spaces if content is less than 20 characters long.
%.30c	n/a	none	30	Truncated from the beginning if content is longer than 30 characters.
%20.30c	false	20	30	Left pad with spaces if content is shorter than 20 characters.
%-20.30c	true	20	30	Truncate from the beginning if content is longer than 30 characters.
				Right pad with spaces if content is shorter than 20 characters.
				Truncate from the beginning if content is longer than 30 characters.

## EXAMPLE

```
log4j.rootLogger=WARN, stdout, logfile, socket

log4j.appenders.stdout=org.apache.log4j.ConsoleAppender
log4j.appenders.stdout.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout
log4j.appenders.stdout.layout.ConversionPattern=%-5p [%t] %-25.25c %m%n
```

```
log4j.appenders.logfile=org.apache.log4j.RollingFileAppender
log4j.appenders.logfile.File=${java.io.tmpdir}/myapp.log
log4j.appenders.logfile.MaxFileSize=512KB
log4j.appenders.logfile.MaxBackupIndex=3
log4j.appenders.logfile.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout
log4j.appenders.logfile.layout.ConversionPattern=%d %r [%t] %-5p %c %x - %m%n
```

```
log4j.appenders.socket=org.apache.log4j.net.SocketHubAppender
log4j.appenders.socket.port=10005
log4j.appenders.socket.locationInfo=true
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log4j.logger.com.my.app=DEBUG
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