

Collecting Critical Application Information via Logs

Module Objectives

In this module, you will learn how to:

- Create log messages in your Applications
 - Two methods for viewing log messages
 - Downloading log messages using REST
 - Viewing messages through the Reactor Dashboard
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Logging

- The Reactor supports logging through standard **SLF4J (Simple Logging Facade for Java)** APIs
- API described at <http://www.slf4j.org/manual.html>

In a Flowlet you can write:

```
private static Logger LOG = LoggerFactory.getLogger(WordCounter.class);

// ...
@ProcessInput
public void process(String line) {
    LOG.info(this.getContext().getName() + ": Received line " + line);

    // ... processing
    LOG.info(this.getContext().getName() + ": Emitting count " + wordCount);
    output.emit(wordCount);
}
```

Viewing Log Messages

Log messages emitted by Application code can be viewed in two different ways

1. Using the Continuity Reactor **HTTP REST interface**

- The REST interface details the available contexts that can be called to retrieve log messages
- Available for *Flows*, *MapReduce* jobs or *Procedures*

2. Using The Continuity Reactor **Dashboard**

- All log messages of an Application can be viewed in the Continuity Reactor Dashboard by clicking the *Logs* button in the Flow, MapReduce or Procedure screens
 - This launches the Log Explorer for the Flow, MapReduce job or Procedure
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Downloading Logs using REST

Logs that are emitted by any of the *Flows*, *MapReduce* jobs or *Procedures* running in the Continuity Reactor can be downloaded using REST

Send an HTTP GET request:

```
GET <base-url>/apps/<app-id>/<element-type>/<element-id>/logs?start=<ts>&stop=<ts>
```

Parameter

<app-id>

Description

Name of the Application being called

Parameter

<element-type>

Description

One of flows, mapreduce, Or procedures

Parameter

<element-id>

Description

Name of the element (*Flow*, *MapReduce*, or *Procedure*) being called

Parameter

<ts>

Description

Start and *stop* time, given as seconds since the start of the Epoch

Example of Downloading Logs using REST

Return the logs for all the events from the Flow *CountTokensFlow* of the *CountTokens* Application, beginning Thu, 24 Oct 2013 01:00:00 GMT and ending Thu, 24 Oct 2013 01:05:00 GMT (five minutes later)

```
GET <base-url>/apps/CountTokens/flows/CountTokensFlow/  
logs?start=1382576400&stop=1382576700
```

Example Log Output

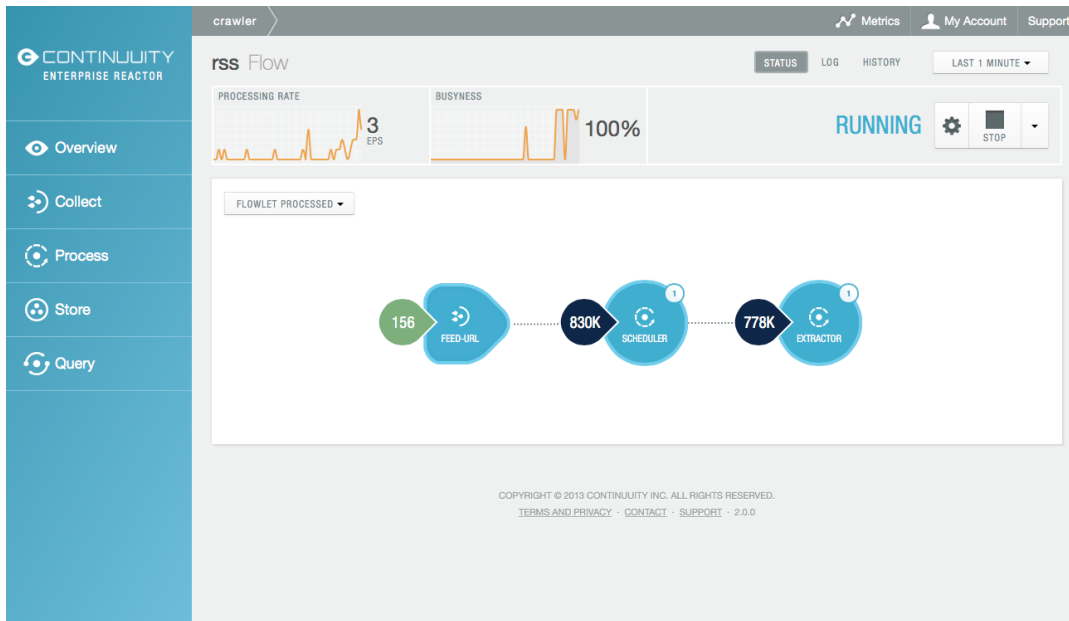
A line of the log may look like this:

```
2013-10-23 18:03:09,793 - INFO [FlowletProcessDriver-source-0-  
executor:c.c.e.c.StreamSource@-1] - source: Emitting line: this is an & character
```

- The context of the log line shows the name of the Flowlet (*source*), its instance number (0) as well as the original line in the Application code
 - The output is formatted as HTML-embeddable text
 - Characters that have a special meaning in HTML will be escaped
 - The character & is escaped as &; turn off escaping by adding the parameter &escape=false to the request URL
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Launching The Dashboard's *Log Explorer*

To launch, visit the element (*Flow, Procedure, MapReduce*) of interest:



Use the *Log* button in the upper right to launch the *Log Explorer*

Using The Dashboard's *Log Explorer*

The *Log Explorer* pane shows a sample from the logs, with filters for a standard set of filters: *Info*, *Warn*, *Error*, *Debug*, and *Other*:

The screenshot shows the Continuity Enterprise Reactor dashboard. On the left is a blue sidebar with navigation links: Overview, Collect, Process, Store, and Query. The main area is titled 'crawler' and 'rss Flow'. It features a filter bar with tabs for ALL(63), INFO(57), WARN(6), ERROR(0), DEBUG(0), and OTHER(0). Below the filter bar is a log viewer showing a list of log entries. Each entry includes a timestamp, a log level (INFO), a component name, and a message. The log entries are as follows:

Timestamp	Log Level	Component	Message
2014-01-30 00:49:36,466	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 20 items in feed http://www.readwriteweb.com/rss.xml
2014-01-30 00:49:36,613	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 25 items in feed http://www.engadget.com/rss.xml
2014-01-30 00:49:36,766	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 18 items in feed http://news.yahoo.com/rss/
2014-01-30 00:49:36,847	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 1 items in feed http://feeds.feedburner.com/GamasutraNews/
2014-01-30 00:49:37,734	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 10 items in feed http://ohmyveggies.com/feed/
2014-01-30 00:49:37,916	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 10 items in feed http://feeds.feedburner.com/smittenkitchen
2014-01-30 00:49:38,259	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 21 items in feed http://feeds.gawker.com/gizmodo/full
2014-01-30 00:49:39,331	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 30 items in feed http://bleacherreport.com/articles/feed
2014-01-30 00:49:39,666	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 13 items in feed http://feeds.gawker.com/deadspin/full
2014-01-30 00:49:39,948	INFO	[FlowletProcessDriver-extractor-0-executor:c.c.c.f.Extractor@156]	- Got 9 items in feed http://sports.yahoo.com/top/rss.xml

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Module Summary

You should now be able to:

- Create log messages in your Applications
 - Download log messages using REST
 - View messages using the Reactor Dashboard
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Module Completed