op5 Logserver Extension 3.7.1

- Preface

ⓘ Since version 7.0 of op5 Monitor, the log server functionality has been integrated into the main product. Documentation for the built in syslog functionality can be found in the User manual and in the Administrator manual.

Preface

Modern organisations have higher demands to secure their IT environment than just a few years ago – for many reasons:

- They store credit card information
- Because of legislation
- Because of demands on public service organizations
- Securing high quality towards your customers

This makes op5 LogServer Extension an increasingly important part of many organisations' IT systems.
Virtually every modern computer application logs what happens, and you can not know in advance which information will be important or not.
The syslog protocol, an important part of the op5 LogServer architecture, provides a business standard for how to transfer data.
op5 LogServer is unique in it's design and flexibility for storing large volumes of data, and accessing archived data is very easy.
It is our hope that your organisation will benefit from using op5 LogServer on many levels, and that this manual will answer your questionsquickly and to the point. If you have any queries about this manual, please send these to support@op5.com or call +46-31-774 09 24.

LogServer Installation

Basic installation

About

If you have bought an op5 hardware appliance, you should install op5 Appliance System on it.
Installation of op5 Appliance System, any op5 Hardware and basic configuration of the system, such as IP address and SMTP relay server is covered in *op5 Installation and Configuration Customer Guide* where you also find a list of recommended helper utilities for your administrators desktop.

If you have not received *op5 Installation and Configuration Customer Guide*, please notify op5 Support or download it here: http://www.op5.com/manuals/extras/op5_quick_install_guide.pdf

Installing op5 LogServer Extension

op5 LogServer is delivered as tar.gz files to be installed onto op5 Appliance System, CentOS 5 or Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5. See http://www.op5.com/support/ for hardware requirements.
If you install it on op5 Appliance System and have a support agreement, the support includes not only op5 LogServer but also op5 Appliance System and hardware support. If you use another vendor for your operating system or hardware, please contact their support.

Obtaining tar.gz files

Download from our download area at op5.com: http://www.op5.com/get-op5-monitor/download/ using your user name and password.
If you have not received a user name and password, please notify op5 Support.
When you have downloaded the files; copy them onto your op5 server root directory (/root), and then run the following commands.

```
# cd /root
# tar xvzf op5-logserver*.tar.gz
# cd logserver*
# ./install.sh
```

This will install op5 LogServer Extension. Then you can point your web browser to the machine and log on to your newly installed op5 LogServer.

Updating

If you run your op5 LogServer on op5 Appliance System, you can update all installed packages by logging on to your server via SSH and then type:

```
# yum update
```

Or just simply log in to the web interface in op5 Portal with your root password that you find on the address of your op5 LogServer installation: http://logserver-ip/

For alternative ways of updating, such as offline updates or other, please contact op5 Support or look at the op5 Appliance System documentation.
To be able to upgrade you must have a valid license.

If you use Mac OSX or UNIX, you can copy files to your server using scp. If you use Windows, you can use WinSCP.

You can't update from 2.x to 3.x with yum update, but once 3.x is installed you can update your system.

op5 Support can be reached at support@op5.com or at +46-31-7740924

Upgrading

If you are going to upgrade from op5 LogServer 2.x you have to do it in the following steps:

- Upgrade to op5 LogServer 3.0
- Then upgrade to op5 LogServer 3.6

When migrating from op5 LogServer 2.x there will be a migration process during installation/updating.
The following will be migrated by default:

- Users/Passwords
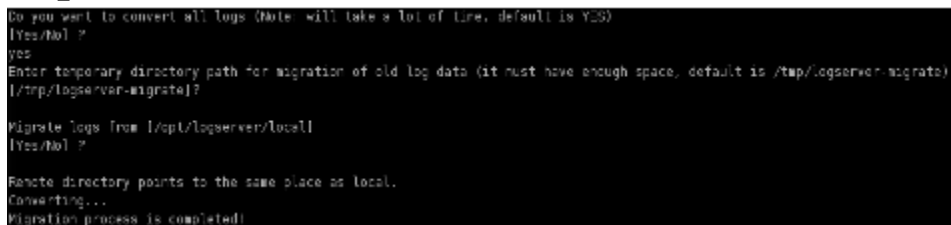- Settings for Archive
- Filters

To Upgrade your system from a 2.x release you follow the steps in obtain the tar.gz file, and follow the on-screen instructions.

During the last step on the upgrade the installation ask if you want to convert your archive to the new format, this will take a lot of time if you have a large archive.
You can always start the convert process after the installation is done by executing:

```
# /opt/logserver/migrate2to3/convert.sh <src_dir> <dest_dir>
```

- <src_dir> - the location of your 2.x logs.

- <dest_dir> - the local or remote archive location.

Keep in mind that remote storage Forever will be converted to 999 months.

Web Interface

About

Most operations you perform on your op5 LogServer is done from
the web interface, including configuration.
The web interface is intuitive, and you will find a clickable question mark near many options, where you can find context–related help.

If you need information about a specific option, you should look at context–related help–popups. If you need information about how to solve a specific task, this manual is the right place to look.
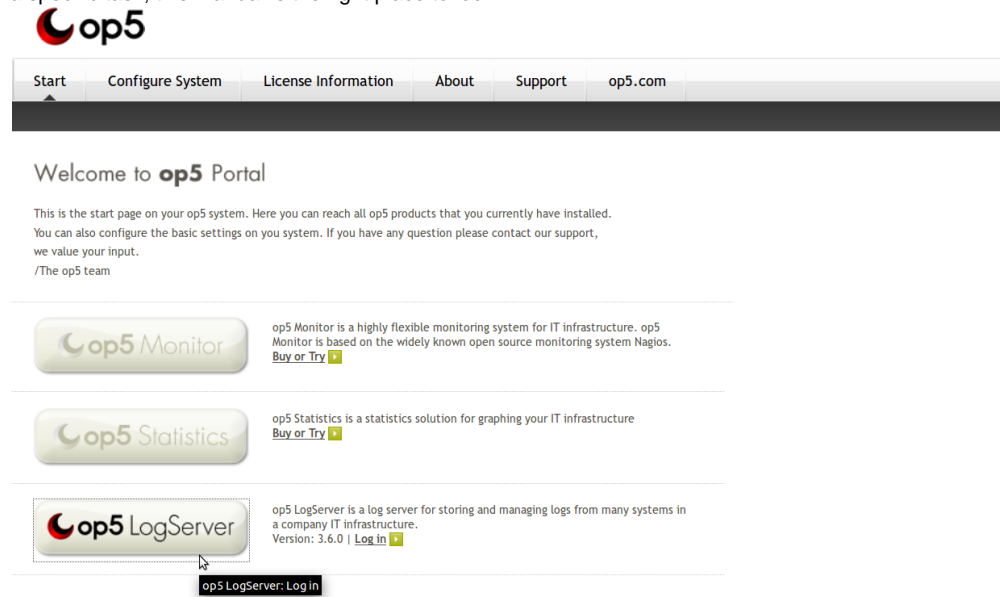
Logging In

Point your web browser to the server you installed op5 LogServer Extension on and click the icon for op5 LogServer. That will take you to the login window.

To log in, fill out your user name and password and click the login button.
Default user name is "admin", and password is "admin".

Audit tracking

Audit tracking

Since version 3.5 of op5 LogServer we have included audit tracking to make sure an administrator can se what the users have been doing. The following actions is logged:

- Password and settings changes
- Logging in and out
- Creating, editing, deleting and viewing of auto reports
- Adding, editing, deleting and viewing users and groups
- Creating, editing, deleting and viewing of summary reports

- Changing filter permissions
- Importing logs
- Creating, editing and deleting filters
- Making filters global/private and viewing/changing permissions on filters
- Importing/exporting filters
- Exporting result sets to CSV

Everything is logged via syslog so the logs will show up in the GUI.
Two filters are added to make it easy ti either see or hide the audit messages:

Filtername	Description
audit	Shows all audit messages - useful for admins.
all except audit	Shows everyting except for audit messages. This is useful as a base for other filters, so that users don't see audit messages.

LogServer Reports

About

The reports section of op5 LogServer has to main functions:
Auto reports: Does scheduled searches and sends them to a list of user via e-mail, or save them in a folder on your file server.
Summary reports: Gives you top 10 hosts based on hits for each filter you have access to, and create graphs (message per minute) from global/private filters.

Auto Reports

Creating auto reports

If you wish to create an Auto report - for instance you might want a log of failed password login attempts sent to you weekly - you should start by creating the appropriate search filter. See section *Search Filters* for information on how to create filters.

If you have your search filter ready and wish to us it to create a report, click *Reports* in the top menu, and click *Add new report*.
Create the appropriate search filter
Click *Reports* in the top menu
Fill out the parameters - see section Auto report Parameters.

Auto report Parameters

Report name

This is the name of the report you are creating. Choose a name that is descriptive - not only for your own sake, but also for your colleagues.
Sometimes it is a good idea to use your own name as part of the report, for future reference.

Description

Brief decription of your report.

Search filter

Choose your search filter from the menu.

Recipient Type

Choose Email if you want the report to be sent via e-mail.
Choose path if you want the report tot be created on a file server. You need to mount the file share on your op5 LogServer server in order to have a local path. See *Using Remote Storage*.

Email Recipients or File Path

Enter the email addresses that should receive the report (separated with comma ','), or the path in which it should be saved.

Generating Interval

Choose - Every hour, Every 6 hours, Every 12 hours, Daily, Weekly or Monthly - How often the report should be genreated.
Click "Save" when you are done filling out the fields and then your report will be created.

Manage an Auto Report

When you have created your report, it will show up every time you click *Reports* in the page top menu.

Edit

To edit a report

Click on the ⬜ to the right of the auto report, or double click on the row in the list.

Edit the fields you want to change and click on "Save".

Deleting

To delete a report
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Click on the to the right of the report
Click OK on the popup

Send now

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You can force a send of the selected report by clicking the envelope .

Summary reports

The global and private summary reports is used to:

- Print graphs over how many logs matches a filter
- Display statistics over top 10 hosts found with a filter

To be able to add or delete a report your user have to belong to the group 'Filter administrators'.
To veiw a report your user only have to belong to the 'Summary viewers' group.

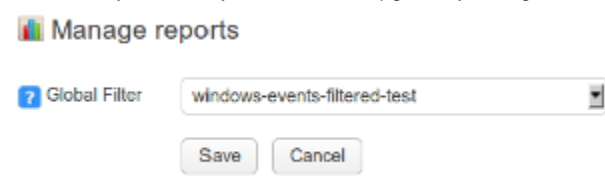## Creating global or private summary report

If you wish to create a global or private summary report – for instance you might want to view the number of hits for a filter matching
incorrect ssh connections – you should start by creating the appropriate search filter.
See section *Search Filters* for information on how to create filters.
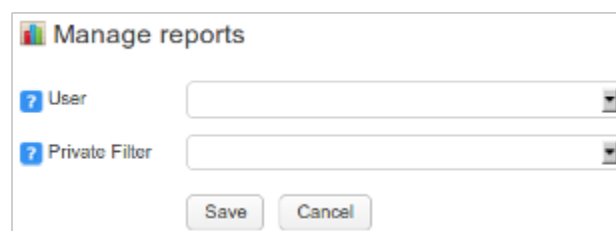If you have your search filter ready and wish to use it to create a
report click *Reports* in the top menu and click *Add new report*.

Summary report - global

When you create global filers, summary reports for the global filter will be created automaticaly.
However, if you delete your contact or upgrade, you might have to create one manually.

Summary report - private

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Choose user that the report should belong to.
Choose what private filter you like to base the report on.
Click on "Save" and your report is created.
When you have added your report it will take maximum 5 minutes until any graps is created.

Manage a global or private summary report

When you have created your report, it will show up every time you click *Reports* in the page top menu and then *Global* or *Private* su
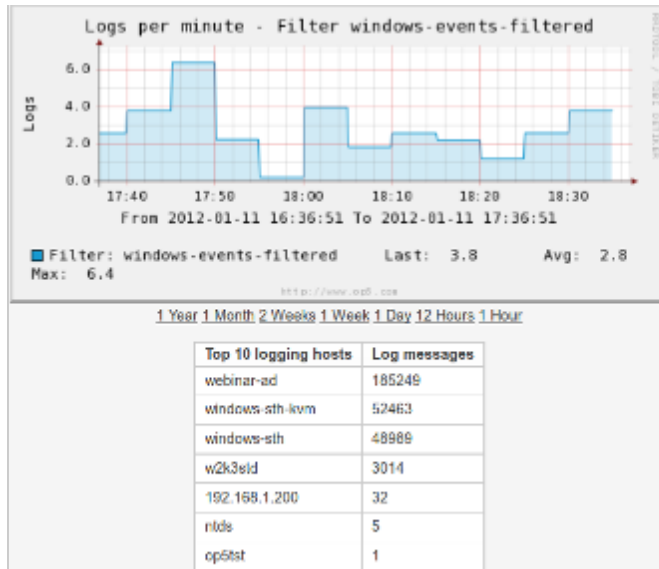
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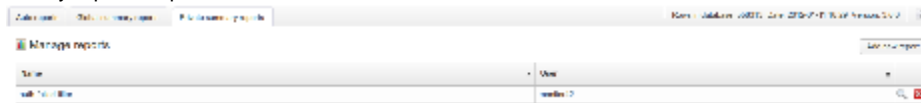
Deleting

To delete a report

Click on the ✖ to the right of the report
Click OK on the popup

Viewing

To view a report click on the 🔍 to the right of the report.
You will see a view like this:

The view is divided in two parts:

- A graph displaying number of filter matches
- A top 10 logging hosts table with number of matches per host.

You can "zoom" in on the grap by selecting what timeframe you want to look at by pressing the links under the graph image.

Search

Search

To search for a message, simply type your search phrase in the search form box and press enter. You will then do a search in the full-text search index table in the database.

Both the result table and the timebar are updated when each hour of data are searched through in the database. If you want to stop the search just click on "Stop" just below the search text field.
A Full-text search searches in all fields of the database for words you type in.

Example: search of "connect" instead of msg="connect" will be searched in all text fields, taking more resources from the server.
If you want to define a more advanced search query you can use the op5 LogServer query language.

Query Language

In op5 LogServer we have created a own Query Language to be able to do more complex searches. The usage is described below.

Column	Query	Descriptor
Severity	sev|severity	(=)
Facility	fac|facility	(=)
Event ID	event|event_id|eventid	(=)
Src IP	ip|src_ip|source_ip|sourceip	(=) (:) (~)
Ident	ident	(=) (:) (~)
Host	host	(=) (:) (~)
PID	pid	(=)
Message	msg|message	(=) (:) (~)

Information about descriptors:
= means 'contains'
: means 'starts with'
~ means 'matches regular expression'
For more info about PostgreSQL Regular Expression see the PostgreSQL Manual

Examples:

msg="connection"

will search for any message including the string "connection"

```
sev=(warn info) -(statistics daemon) -msg:Log -ident=sshd
```

Logs that have severity "warn" or "info", and do not contain words "statistics" or "daemon" in any field, and where field "msg" does not begin with "Log", and that were not generated by "sshd"

```
host "192.168.1.(97|158)" -msg "^(root) CMD"
```

Match host 192.168.1.97 or 158 and messages not starting with '(root) CMD'

```
msg~"UserName:\x09([[:alnum:]$_-])*[^$] "
```

Match msg that contains "UserName:<tab>username"and user name does not end with $
Available fields: sev, fac, event, ip, ident, host, pid, msg
Severities: emerg(ency), alert, crit(ical), err(or), warn(ing), notice, info, debug
and user-name does not end with $
Facilities: kernel, user, mail, daemon, auth, syslog, lpr, news, uucp, cron, authpriv, ftp, ntp, logaudit, logalert, clock2, local0 to local7, mark

Query Builder

We have also created a Query builder function to make it easy for users to build their custom filters.
The Query Builder is bidirectional since op5 LogServer 3.3, meaning that it will expand your filter's criteria to the correct boxes when selecting a filter. You can only get "OR" function in Query Builder
Enclose your text with "quotes"
Example: "User Name" "monitoruser"

Press the located under the Search area to get a drop-down with options.

To select more than one Severity or Facility, press and hold the Ctrl-key and click to select additional items.
Enter the criteria you want to include in the search:

Enter the criteria you want to exclude from the search.

Regular expressions are not allowed in Query Builder

Search Filters

Search Criteria

When you create a search filter, you have several criteria to choose from. Some of these apply only to Windows and some only to UNIX.

Severity

Most UNIX daemons log their messages with more than one severity – depending on the message your database server might send a *notice* message or a *critical* message – or any of the other available messages.

Facility

This is the category of data. For instance: Your mail server daemons may log only using the mail facility and you will find most log on failures in the auth facility. This field is part of the syslog specification.

Host

The name of the logging host.

Source IP

Displays' the IP-address of the logging host.

Ident

This is normally the name of the logging application.

PID

This is a unique Process ID for the application sending the logs.

Event ID

This is only used by Windows hosts - it is the Event ID field from Windows Event Log

Message

This is the actual log message. This is the field that is the least well defined. You may want to use this to exclude any messages that clutter your search results.

Full text

Use these fields to specify search criteria that should be applied to all fields.

Save your search query

The basic concept for using op5 LogServer is a *search filter*. Similar to any database search

- Fill out a number of criteria in the **Search** area or use the Query Builder.
- Decide if you want to make the filter **Global** (for everyone) or **Local** (for yourself).
- Type a name for the filter in the **Save this search** area.
- Click **Save.**

The saved filter will be based on the one selected in "Search among".

Search using a saved filter

To be able to extend your search you can us an existing filter (saved search query):

- Select the filter you want to search within.
- Enter your search criteria. You can use a simple full text search, the query language, or the query builder.
- Press **Search** *now*.

The search will now use the criteria in the *Filter* and the criteria you typed in the *Search* field.
Since the filters are organized in a hierarchical data model (a tree-like structure) you can create multiple filters in multiple levels based on the same parent filter. Filters created from filters will become dependent on the filter out of which they were created.
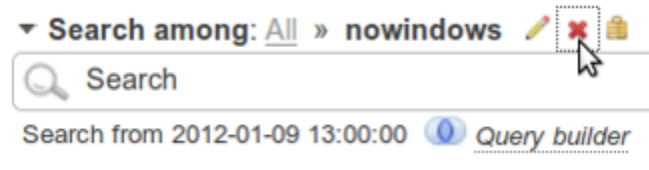
Manage Filters

The user management in op5 LogServer supports making filters Global or Private (My filters) and assigning special permissions to the filters.
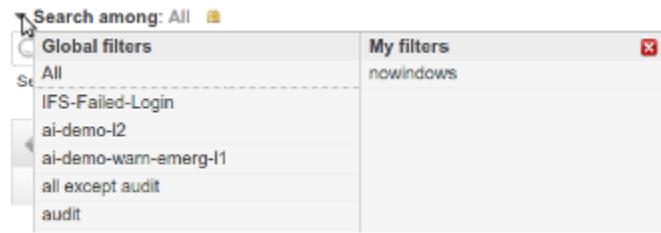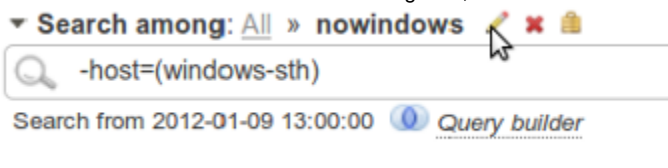
Delete filter

To delete a filter, select it from the dropdown menu and press the button.

If you want to remove a filter that has other filters based on it you must first delete the "sub filters". Otherwise the "sub filters" are left unusable.

Edit filter

To view/edit the search criteria of an existing filter, select it from the filter dropdown menu and press the edit icon

You can now edit the search criteria directly in the search box or by using the Query builder.
A user can't edit Global filters unless they are member of the 'Filter administrators' group.

Global/Private filters

If you are member of 'Filter administrators' group you can view how your filter looks like and also change/assign permission to filters.
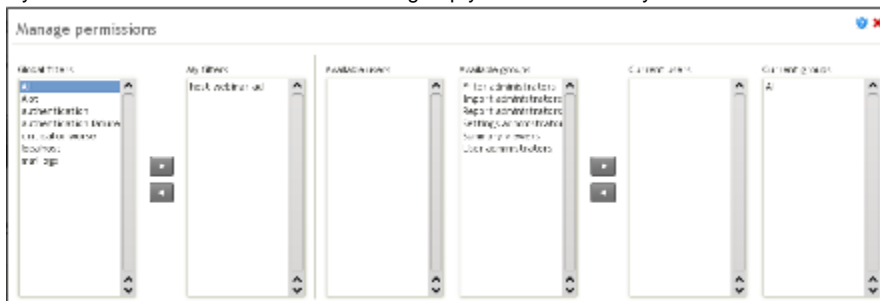
Global filter

To make a filter *Global* you mark it under **My filters** and press the button.

Available Users/Groups: Users/Groups you can grant permission to use the selected filter.
Current Users/Groups: Users/Groups that have permission to use the selected filter

Making a filter global will also make all its parent filters global too.

When you create/manage a filter, you need to decide which users should be able to use it. Default is none.
If you want the filter to be visible for all users, us the 'All' group.

To make a filter *My filters* (private) you mark it under *Global* and press the

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Since it's a private filter no permissions can be applied.
Making a filter private will make all its child filters private as well.
Private filters are private, filter administrators can't view your private filters.
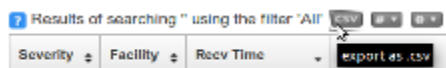
Auto Refresh

By clicking on the **Down arrow** on the **Search now** button will allow you to set a refresh period of the page. You can set it between 30 and 300 seconds.
The Auto refresh works like the UNIX program tail, showing the *last x messages*,
To cancel a refresh setting, click on **cancel.**
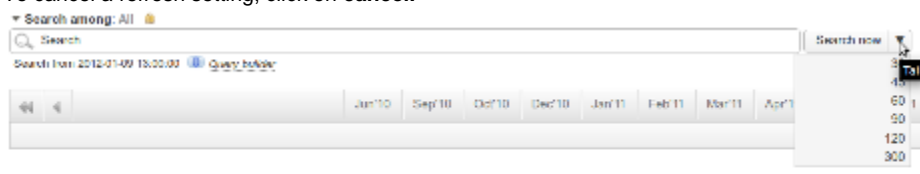
CSV export

You can export the retrieved data in CSV format by clicking on .
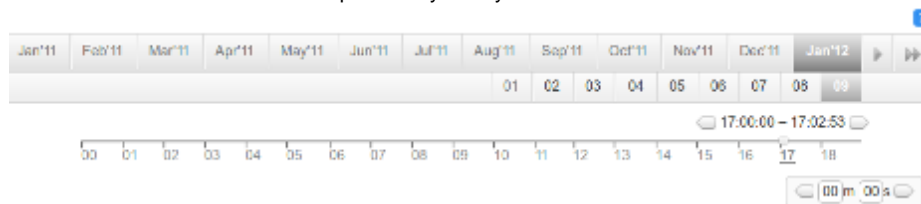The format is a / (pipe) separated list.
Depending of the user setting, see modify view settings

Timeline Browsing

You can move back and forth in time by using the timeline. If you go back in time and lack the data in the database you can easily import it, see *Import archived data*

To be able to browse/search on a specific day/hour you have to select it on the timeline.

- Select the **month**
- Select the **date**
- Select the **hour** you wish to display from

The GUI will now display the *X messages*, matching the search criteria within the given time. To change the number or messages displayed, see modify view settings
Messages are by default searched from the time you selected until the last message in database.

If you select 2012-01-09 hour 17, you will be able to search on all messages between 17:00 and the last message imported into the database.

No-day-limit or unlimited search mod is deprecated, this is now the normal behavior.

Move in time

To move in time you click the small arrows, they will move in time and display the *X previoius/following messages* matching the time in the timeline.
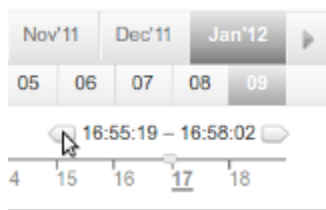
Import archived data

Data is kept in the database only for a limited amount of time, so that archived data does not occupy uncompressed disk space and slow down your searches.
However, the archived data is not discarded until after a much longer time. It is merely compressed and archived for possible future access.
When you have started an import it will continue in the background so you can continue to browse your messages.
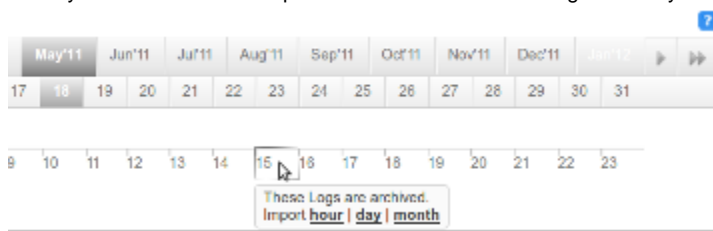
To change the time data is stored in database, see: Database Storage.

To look into very old data:

- Select the date you want to import
- Choose hour/day/month to import
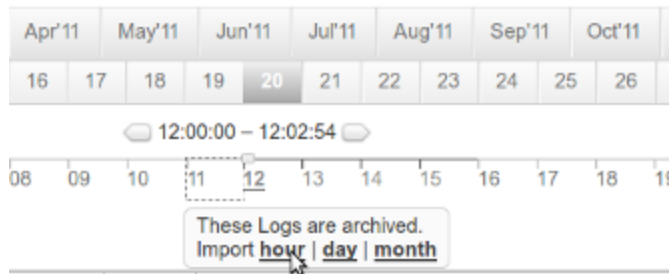
The import process will start to import the logs that correspond to your selection. A status message in the upper left corner of the GUI will display the status of the import:

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A red hour number in the timeline indicates that the data is being imported
A black hour number in the timeline indicate that the import is done. The date will become gray indicating that you have logs on that date.
The import can take alot of time depending of the amount of logs in your archive

Search Result

Modify view settings

You can change display settings, these settings will be reseted when logging out.

Number of rows returned

Click on ![button]
Select the number of rows you want to be displayed

EventID

In the search result there is a column called EventID. If the log row contains a MS Windows Event, the eventid is displayed as a link directly to www.eventids.net. If you click on the link you will be sent to the page for the eventid in the log row.

Columns to display

To hide/unhide columns on the page.

Click on ![button]
Check/Uncheck the field(s) you want to hide/unhide

Settings

About

op5 LogServer stores the logged data in three different locations:

- A local database for normal web access of latest data
- Compressed archive for longer term storage on local filesystem
- Compressed archive on remote file server for storage up to many years, only limited by the amount of disk space available

We recommend that you use op5 Monitor to check the available disk space on all disks used to store log data, so that you receive an alert if disk space is insufficient.
The picture below shows how the settings page looks like. Each option will be described in the next sections.

Change settings

Rotate database after   188   hours

Local storage path   /opt/logserver/local

Keep archive in local storage   90   days

Remote storage path

Keep archive in remote storage   12   months

Enable fulltext index   ☑

The monitor host   sandbox.op5.com

Use Monitor 5   ☐

Host information page   /ninja/index.php/status/service?[host]

[Save] [Cancel]

Import filters   [_____] [Browse...]

[Import]

Export filters

Available filters
error_or_worse
postfix_war_err
IPS-Failed-Login
ssh_login
all except audit
mailproblem
consol1
consol-error
orschknorsch
windows-events-filtered
consol2
consol-error-2
emerg-warn
audit
mail

Selected filters

[Export]

Storage Settings

Database Storage

How long you wish to keep data in the database - the *Rotate database After* setting - depends on how much data you log. Most organisations are happy with the default setting of 5 days, but if you log very much data you may need to store it for a shorter amount of time, regarding performance and disk space used.
Old values will be converted if you upgrade.

Local Storage

The *Local Storage Path* is a setting you normally do not need to touch, unless you wish to save it on another storage unit.

The *Keep archave in local storage* setting with its default of 5 days regulates for how long the data will be stored in the local filesystem on the op5 LogServer machine. After this period of time, data will be stored only on the remote file server - still accessible but the access will be slower.

The issue is disk space; you would normally want to save data for as long as possible, without filling up the local hard disk. Keep in mind that since the amount of logged data per day often increases over time, you need a lot of free disk space for the future.

Old values will be converted if you upgrade.

Remote storage

You should mount a remote file server in the file system on your LogServer machine. You can read more about this in Using Remote Storage.
When you have done so, set the *Remote Storage Path* to the mount point - you can use */opt/logserver/remote* or any other path you choose.

If you wish to impose a time limit on the remote storage with the setting **Keep Archive in Remote Storage**.

During upgrade **Forever** will be converted to 999 months which is the maximum limit.

Enable fulltext index

In some environments full text indexing of log messages is not really a good thing.

For example if you have a lot of log messages from a firewall that contains a lot of "non-words", binary data dumps and such.
Log messages like that can hog your CPU and affect the responsiveness of the op5 LogServer system.

If you turn off the full text index, queries using full text syntax will still work but a bit slower.

The monitor host

Here you can define the hostname of your op5 monitor server that will be used in the links in the host field in the search result.

Use Monitor 5/6

Check this check box to have the links in the host field in the search result pointing to the new Ninja Gui instead of the old 4.x version.

Host information page

If you like to have an custom URL, instead of the standard URL to Monitor for the link in the host field in the search result, you can define it here.
You still need to define the hostname in the text field The monitor host.
This can be any URL and to have the hostname added to the URL just use a [host] like in this example:
/index.php?host=[host]

Import filter

You can import already exported filters here. Just click on Browse to choose the file. Then click on Import to import the filters.
Every imported filter will be set as global with default permissions.

Export filters

Choose the filters you like to export and "move" them over from *Available filters* to *Selected filters.* Click on Export to save the XML file containing the filters. You can then import them via the Importfilters section in Settings.
When exporting a filter that depends on an other filter both of them will be exported to make sure dependencies are untouched.
Both global and private filters can be exported and no permission settings will be included

Users and Groups

To access *Users and Groups*, you have to be logged on as a user with admin privileges. If you have *user administrator* privileges, you will

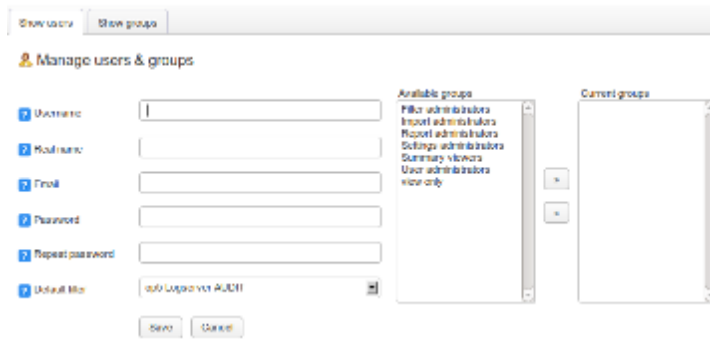see a link called *Users and Groups* in the main menu at the top.
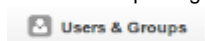
User Management

Add user

To add a new user click on [Add new user]

- Fill in Username
- Real Name
- Email
- Password
- Repeat Password
- Select the group(s) you want the user to belong to
- Select the default filter to be used for the user

And press **Save**

Edit User

To edit a user, click on
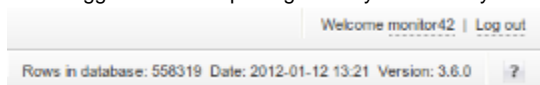
Delete User
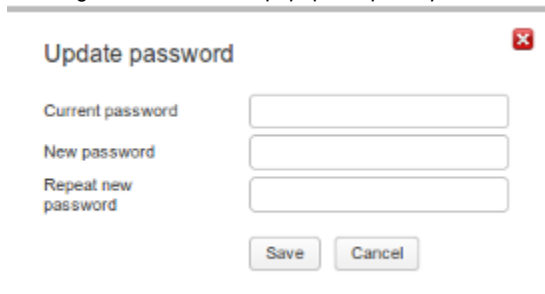
To delete a user, click on and answer "OK" on the popup.

Changing password as user

When logged in to the op5 LogServer you will see your username and a logout button in the top right corner.

Pressing the username will popup a "*Update password"* dialogue.

Enter your old password
Type in your new password
Verify your new password by re-typing it

Group Management

As default all new created user can see all log messages. To have it the opposite way you should remove the group *all* from the filter *all*. The you create groups for different level of users and set the permissions on the filters for the groups you created.

Default Groups

op5 LogServer comes with a couple of default groups that can't be deleted:

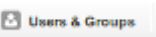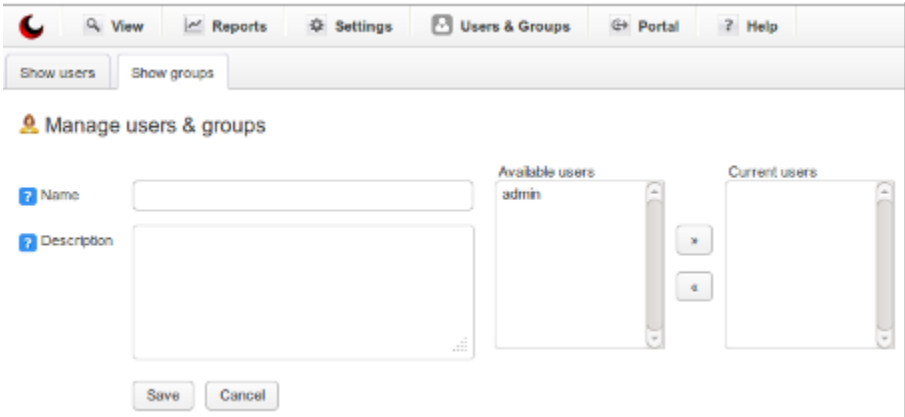| Group	Description
Filter Administrators	Create/Manage Global filters, Create/Manage Summary reports
Import Administrators	Import old logs from archive into DB
Report Administrators	Create/Manage Auto reports, No access to Summary reports
Settings Administrators	Access/Change Settings
User Administrators	Create/Manage Users/Groups
Summary Viewers	View Summary reports

Add Group

To add a new group click on [Users & Groups] in the top menu

Then on the tab [Show groups]
And press
[Add new group]
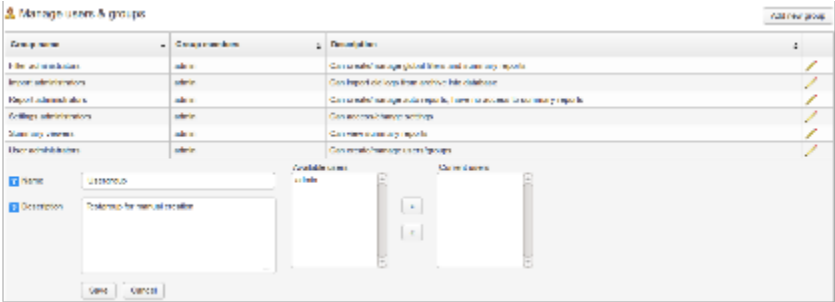
Fill in name
Description
Select and move the users you will assign/remove to this group
And press **Save**
[Save]

Edit group

To edit a group, click on [ ] or double click on the row for the group.

To delete a group, click on [X] and answer "**OK**" on the popup.

View

View
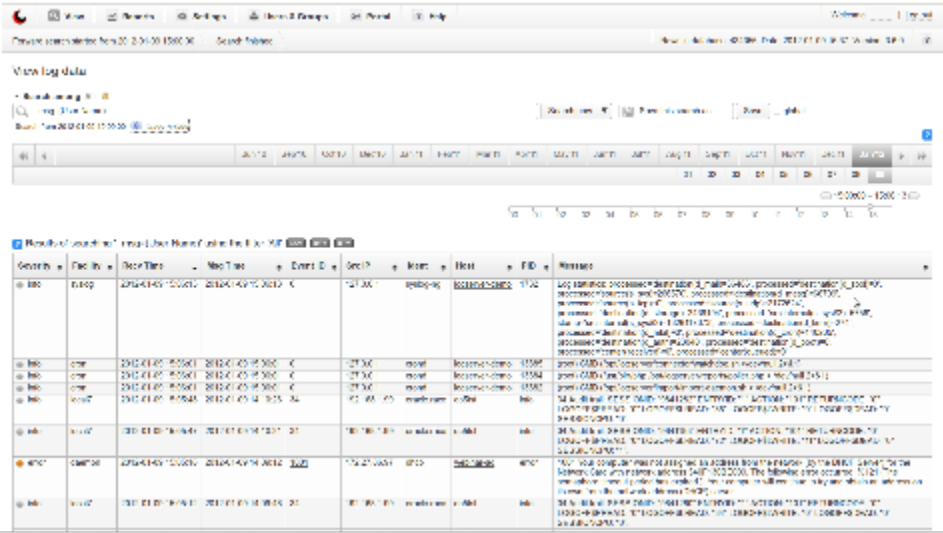
This is the first page you get to when you log in. The page is divided into 3 sections.

- Search
- Timeline Browsing
- Search Result

When you click on View you will see the 75 last received messages as default.
This can be changed as displayed in section: Modify view settings.

LogServer Workflow

About

This chapter describes how op5 LogServer is designed and how it transports received log data internally

Workflow

Workflow of op5 LogServer:
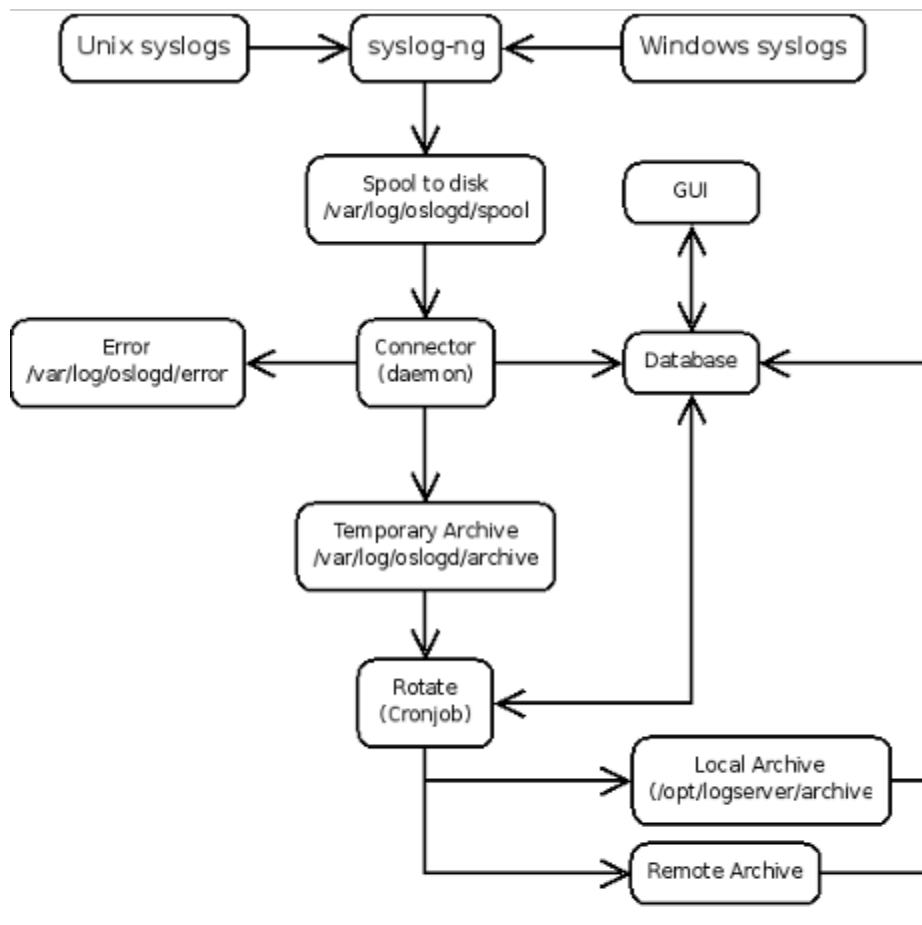
Connector

It's a Daemon (op5-logserver-loader)
Runs two times/minute
Read logs from spool directory (/var/log/oslogd/spool)
If they contain illegal char, move to Error (/var/log/oslogd/error) and stop.
Move logs to temporary archive (/var/log/oslogd/archive) and
Insert logs into database

Rotate

It's a cronjob
Runs every hour at xx.30 and put logs from the temporary archive to local and remote archives
Runs every hour, checks database and local archive for old logs and rotate (configured in settings menu)
Runs every day, checks remote archive for old logs and rotate (configured in settings menu)

Configuring LogServer Clients

Introduction

This chapter covers basic configuration of clients that can be configured to send logs to op5 LogServer.

Other Equipment

Other Equipment

Many devices - from broadband firewalls for the home to office printers - can send their logs to a syslog server.
Look at the manual for your respective devices for information on how to configure it to send logs to op5 LogServer.

UNIX Machines

About

A UNIX machine has built-in support for syslog and hence you do not need to install any extra software.

syslogd

On most systems, you will find a config file callet */etc/syslog.conf* - this is where you enter the host name or IP address of your op5 LogServer host.
If your op5 LogServer host is on IP address 172.16.32.64, and you want to forward all facilities to it, append the following to /etc/syslog.conf and restart your syslog daemon:
. @172.16.32.64
Some systems do not understand **.** - if this is the case you have to enter all facilities separatly.

auth.*	@172.16.32.64
authpriv.*	@172.16.32.64
cron.*	@172.16.32.64
daemon.*	@172.16.32.64
ftp.*	@172.16.32.64
kern.*	@172.16.32.64
lpr.*	@172.16.32.64
mail.*	@172.16.32.64
mark.*	@172.16.32.64
news.*	@172.16.32.64
security.*	@172.16.32.64
syslog.*	@172.16.32.64
user.*	@172.16.32.64
uucp.*	@172.16.32.64
local0.*	@172.16.32.64
local1.*	@172.16.32.64
local2.*	@172.16.32.64
local3.*	@172.16.32.64

local4.*	@172.16.32.64
local5.*	@172.16.32.64
local6.*	@172.16.32.64
local7.*	@172.16.32.64

Note that on some systems, notably Solaris, the blank between the facility and the reciving host has to be made up of tabs, not spaces.
For details on how to configure syslog.conf, please refer to the manual:
man syslog.conf

syslog-ng

More and more clients uses syslog-ng for sending syslog messages to a loghost.
If you use syslog-ng you can benefit from the stability to use tcp connection instead of the standard udp.
Sample /etc/syslog-ng/syslog-ng.conf to setup logging to loghost:

```
all known message sources
source s_all {
message generated by Syslog-NG
internal();
standard Linux log source (this is the default place for the syslog()
function to send logs to)
unix-stream("/dev/log");
messages from the kernel
file("/proc/kmsg" log_prefix("kernel: "));
};
destination d_loghost {
tcp("172.16.32.64" port(514));
};
send everything to loghost
log {
source(s_all);
destination(d_loghost);
};
```

Sending Text Files to LogServer

Some applications do not send their logs to syslog, but store them in a file on disk.
Most applications can be configured to use syslog, and changing the configuration of those applications should be your first hand choice.
Another option is using tail and logger to read the log file, and sen appended lines to syslog. This command will read /var/log/myapp.log and send it to syslog as facility *daemon* and severity *info*.

```
# tail -f /var/log/myapp.log | logger -p daemon.info
```

You can use a command like the one above for your application, and make sure it is executed in reboot - on many systems this can be done by placing the command in */etc/rc.local*.

Windows Machines

Windows Machines

To make a Windows computer send their logs to LogServer you have to download the Windows Syslog Agent from http://www.op5.com/support and install it.
Windows Syslog Agent sends the Windows Event Log content to the IP address of your op5 LogServer, and can optionally send plain text log files too – for applications that keep their own logs.

You can find the manual for Windows Syslog Agent here: http://www.op5.com/manuals/extras/op5_SyslogAgent_3.3.5_manual.pdf

op5 LogServer Technology

About

This chapter covers the underlying technology that op5 LogServer uses to save data, and brief information of the syslog protocol.

op5 Logserver Components

Syslog-ng

Syslog-ng is the component that receives and stores syslog data.
If you want to know more about syslog-ng, havve a look at: http://www.balabit.com/network-security/syslog-ng/

PostgreSQL

In op5 LogServer all data is stored in a PostgreSQL database for a limited amount of time, for easy access from the web interface and rotated to disk after a configurable amount of time.

Apache Web Server with PHP

The web interface is written in PHP and served by an Apache web server.

op5 LogServer Storage

About

op5 LogServer has three storage facilities. Data is written to all three of these upon being received - however it is deleted according to separate settings.

The PostgreSQL database

All messages ar initially stored in the PostgreSQL database. This is used as the default source of information for the web interface.
The data in the PostgreSQL database is deleted after a configured amount of time. See chapter Database Storage for more information.

Local Storage

Data is also compressed with bzip and saved to disk, for future reference as archived data. When you restore archived data it is fetched from the local storage if possible, otherwise it is fetched from the remote storage.
The data in the local storage is deleted after a configured amount of time. See chapter Local Storage for more information.

Remote Storage

The remote storage has the same information as the local storage, but it is meant for saving data over a longer period of time.
Normally this is located on a file server, where it is also should be backed up.
The data on the remote storage is deleted after a configured amount of time - see chapter Remote storage for more information.

The Syslog Protocol and implementations

About

Syslog was originally written by Eric Allman as a part of his application sendmail but turned out to be so useful that it was turned into a project of it's own in the 1980:s.
Syslog is not only a protocol, but it also refers to various syslog implementations such as the local syslog daemon that takes care of local logging on any UNIX compatible computer.
In 2001, RFC 3164 was published as an effort to unify syslog implementations.

Usage

On UNIX, most applications send their logs to the syslog process running on the same machine. This process then either stores the messages locally - in /var/log - or sends them to a syslog server for central storage.
All logging machines send their log data using TCP/IP to port 514 n the reciving logserver. Typically syslog uses UDP, but modern implementations such as op5 LogServer also support TCP. Most log servers simply store this data in text files, and retrieving historical data is a manual procedure and often impossible - unlike op5 LogServer where you have an easy-to-use grapichal interface with easy import from archives.
sendmail was the de-facto standard email server for two decades.

RFC for syslog available at http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3164

Using remote storage

Introduction

op5 LogServer and it's underlying operating system op5 Appliance System gives you a variety of options to attach external storage.
This chapter will cover two of the possibilities for remote storage: Windows fileserver and NFS.

Using Remote Storage

When you use remote storage, you have to create a folder and use it as a mount point by defining it in the file /etc/fstab:

```
LABEL=/ / ext3 data=writeback,noatime 1 1
LABEL=/boot /boot ext3 data=writeback,noatime 1 2
devpts /dev/pts devpts gid=5,mode=620 0 0
tmpfs /dev/shm tmpfs defaults 0 0
proc /proc proc defaults 0 0
sysfs /sys sysfs defaults 0 0
tmpfs /tmp tmpfs nodev,nosuid,noatime 0 0
LABEL=SWAP-sda5 swap swap defaults 0 0
```

Normally, everthing in /etc/fstab is mounted on system startup. If you want to mount everything after editing, you can issue the command:

```
# mount -a
```

and if you want to check what is currently mounted you can issue the command:

```
# df
```

and mount using the commands *mount* and *umount*.

Mounting a Windows Fileserver

Add a line to /etc/fstab where the first column, the device, is the Windows path for the share you want to mount, using forward slashes instead of backslashes.
The second column should be a path that exists where you want to mount it. If you would like to mount it on */var/remotearchive* you can create the folder by issuing the command:

```
mkdir -p /var/remotearchive
```

The third column should say cifs and the fourth, fifth and sixth should be defaults, 0 and 0 respectively.

```
//192.168.0.3/logs /opt/logserver/remote cifs defaults 0 0
```

Mounting an NFS share

If you have a UNIX environment, it is quite common to have NFS shares published from the file server using /etc/exports and then mounted on one or several client systems.

This chapter only describes NFS since it is the most common file server system, but if you are using a more advanced file server system – such as AFS or Coda – you can mount these just as on any other Linux system.

Add a line to /etc/fstab where the first column is the NFS server followed by a : and the path on the file server.

Let the second column be an existing path where you want the NFS share to be mounted – for this example /var/remotearchive

Let the third column be nodev,nosuid and the forth and fifth columns both be 0.

```
//192.168.0.3/exports/logs /opt/logserver/remote nfs nodev,nosuid 0 0
```

Advanced DataBase Management

Advanced DataBase Management

The original postgresql.conf file is tuned to run on low RAM machines (<3Gb RAM)
If you have a server with more than 3GB of RAM you should change the postgresql configuration to a file with larger memory settings.

Stop PostgreSQL Service
replace */var/lib/pgsql/data/postgresql.conf*
with */opt/logserver/db/config/postgresql.conf*
Start PostgreSQL Service

For further information, please refer to the PostgreSQL manual: http://www.postgresql.org/docs/8.3/static/index.html