# NiFi LogAttribute and LogMessage Processors

# **LogMessage Processor**

We are using following NiFi flow:



Running the ListAzureBlobStorage processor, the FlowFiles have following attributes:

azure.blobname: AMS\_20180619\_c7286697-5b62-4eb7-89bb-45b6f7e9b98f.xml

azure.blobtype: Block

azure.etag: "0x8D62535D21D76FC"

azure.length: 1216673278

azure.primaryUri:

https://sdpamdata.blob.core.windows.net/amdata/SDP/UAT/DATA\_LAKE/LANDING\_ZONE/NLECXUDTG

W01/AMS-LOG/IE/INBOX/AMS\_20180619\_c7286697-5b62-4eb7-89bb-45b6f7e9b98f.xml

azure.secondaryUri: https://sdpamdata-

secondary.blob.core.windows.net/amdata/SDP/UAT/DATA\_LAKE/LANDING\_ZONE/NLECXUDTGW01/AMS-

LOG/IE/INBOX/AMS\_20180619\_c7286697-5b62-4eb7-89bb-45b6f7e9b98f.xml

azure.timestamp: 1538134240000 filename: 1211662732599722

mime.type: application/octet-stream

path: ./

uuid: 8a4b0dba-514b-4743-b974-b845f6db90b1

The LogMessage processor configuration is as follows:

Property	Value
Log Level	warn
Log prefix	SDP-LOG:
Log message	{"dataflow":"IngestAMSLOG","step":"ListAzureBlob","level":"INFO","filename": "\${azure.blobname}","length":\${azure.length},"timestamp":\${azure.timestamp},"flowfile":"\${filename}","uuid:":"\${uuid}"}

Once we start the flow, we can check the messages in NiFi log file ( <nifi-root>/logs/nifi-app.log )

For example, to extract messages, produced by above setup:

```
ssh 10.102.1.6 'grep SDP-LOG: /usr/hdf/current/nifi/logs/nifi-app.log'
```

Example log message looks like this:

```
2018-10-10 16:01:55,075 WARN [Timer-Driven Process Thread-5]
o.a.nifi.processors.standard.LogMessage LogMessage[id=5e91fb3a-0166-1000-0000-
00003ffaa7c8] SDP-LOG:
{"dataflow":"IngestAMSLOG","step":"ListAzureBlob","level":"INFO","filename":
"AMS_20180915_b50effcb-992a-4d83-8cde-
4bc5ab3d1a76.xml","length":1890067336,"timestamp":1538134301000,"flowfile":"12139676870
94216","uuid:":"9f0a393a-17c9-4c32-a562-6810584724b7"}
```

This can be converted to a multi-line JSON, using sed:

```
ssh 10.102.1.6 'grep SDP-LOG: /usr/hdf/current/nifi/logs/nifi-app.log' | sed 's/^.*SDP-
LOG://'
```

The result is:

```
{"dataflow":"IngestAMSLOG", "step":"ListAzureBlob", "level":"INFO", "filename":
"AMS_20180913_ae10812c-a9e2-4c0d-ac30-
eda41dd43dc5.xml", "length": 1128548316, "timestamp": 1538134300000, "flowfile": "12139676869
38618", "uuid:": "79c17056-2e41-4753-9c03-a29ed4b0d98e"}
{"dataflow":"IngestAMSLOG", "step":"ListAzureBlob", "level":"INFO", "filename":
"AMS_20180914_0270a615-a242-417c-af1f-
66537ca0e332.xml", "length":511744506, "timestamp":1538134301000, "flowfile": "121396768698
9917", "uuid:":"69cc4a3b-d75e-4ccf-b772-6104ada490ae"}
{"dataflow":"IngestAMSLOG", "step":"ListAzureBlob", "level":"INFO", "filename":
"AMS_20180913_ef9a0b0d-b63c-404e-b1b0-
2104fc77dldf.xml", "length": 1631001725, "timestamp": 1538134300000, "flowfile": "12139676869
78817", "uuid:":"ee76612c-4e08-4e0e-a648-afaeba0745fc"}
{"dataflow":"IngestAMSLOG", "step":"ListAzureBlob", "level":"INFO", "filename":
"AMS_20180914_6da1f7e8-4196-4c81-b64d-
073af8c627d7.xml", "length":1612215925, "timestamp":1538134301000, "flowfile":"12139676870
13017", "uuid:":"f4d338e3-5d0e-4f9b-8a04-ffc289924ecb"}
```

## **LogAttribute Processor**

Using similar setup, but replacing LogMessage with LogAttribute processor, we can observe following result:

```
Key: 'fileSize'
       Value: '0'
FlowFile Attribute Map Content
Key: 'azure.blobname'
       Value: 'AMS_20180618_1b98541e-5447-4804-9c41-5b358817fb92.xml'
Key: 'azure.blobtype'
       Value: 'Block'
Key: 'azure.etag'
       Value: '"0x8D62535D1C184C0"'
Key: 'azure.length'
       Value: '90676882'
Key: 'azure.primaryUri'
       value:
'https://sdpamdata.blob.core.windows.net/amdata/SDP/UAT/DATA_LAKE/LANDING_ZONE/NLECXUDT
GW01/AMS-LOG/IE/INBOX/AMS_20180618_1b98541e-5447-4804-9c4
1-5b358817fb92.xml'
Key: 'azure.secondaryUri'
       Value: 'https://sdpamdata-
secondary.blob.core.windows.net/amdata/SDP/UAT/DATA_LAKE/LANDING_ZONE/NLECXUDTGW01/AMS-
LOG/IE/INBOX/AMS_20180618_1b98541e-544
7-4804-9c41-5b358817fb92.xml'
Key: 'azure.timestamp'
       Value: '1538134240000'
Key: 'filename'
       Value: '1207169337826096'
Key: 'mime.type'
       Value: 'application/octet-stream'
Key: 'path'
       Value: './'
Key: 'uuid'
       value: 'cde52417-b973-44c2-9b29-e3b8d7cf8d6f'
-----ListAzureBlobStorageIE: ------
```

#### Processor settings are as follows:

Property	Value
Log Level	info
Log Payload	false
Attributes to Log	
Attributes to Log by Regular Expression	.*
Attributes to Ignore	
Attributes to Ignore by Regular Expression	
Log prefix	ListAzureBlobStorageIE:
Character Set	UTF-8

# **Log Configuration**

The default NiFi settings

### **General Notes**

WARN and ERROR Messages are also available in the Bulletin board.

#### Some Fun

```
ssh 10.102.1.6
grep ListAzureBlobStorageIE /usr/hdf/current/nifi/logs/nifi-app.log

ssh 10.102.1.6 'grep ListAzureBlobStorageIE /usr/hdf/current/nifi/logs/nifi-app.log'

ssh 10.102.1.6 'grep ListAzureBlobStorageIE /usr/hdf/current/nifi/logs/nifi-app.log'

nifi-app_2018-10-10_14.0.log.gz

cat nifi-app_2018-10-10_14.0.log.gz | gzip -d | grep ListAzureBlobStorageIE
```

## How to Find the Message in Log File?

NiFi very often does log rotation. Here is how to browse archived log file, using Tess

```
cat nifi-app_2018-10-10_14.0.log.gz | gzip -d | less
```

When less is loaded:

/ListAzureBlobStorageIE

## Resources

- https://community.hortonworks.com/articles/106931/nifi-debugging-tutorial.html
- <a href="https://community.hortonworks.com/questions/63071/in-apache-ni-fi-how-can-i-log-all-the-flowfile-att.">https://community.hortonworks.com/questions/63071/in-apache-ni-fi-how-can-i-log-all-the-flowfile-att.</a>
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# **Appendix: Example LogMessage Output**

```
2018-10-10 14:20:14,843 INFO [Timer-Driven Process Thread-8]
o.a.nifi.processors.standard.LogMessage LogMessage[id=3f55432d-db4d-1f19-0000-0000236127d3] Start:I am here
```

# **Appendix: Example LogAttribute Output**

```
2018-10-10 14:08:30,475 INFO [Timer-Driven Process Thread-3]
o.a.n.processors.standard.LogAttribute LogAttribute[id=5e4b6395-0166-1000-ffff-
ffffe89f8994] loggi
ng for flow file StandardFlowFileRecord[uuid=cde52417-b973-44c2-9b29-
e3b8d7cf8d6f,claim=,offset=0,name=1207169337826096,size=0]
-----ListAzureBlobStorageIE: ------
Standard FlowFile Attributes
Key: 'entryDate'
       Value: 'Wed Oct 10 14:08:29 UTC 2018'
Key: 'lineageStartDate'
       Value: 'Wed Oct 10 14:08:29 UTC 2018'
Key: 'fileSize'
       Value: '0'
FlowFile Attribute Map Content
Key: 'azure.blobname'
       value: 'AMS_20180618_1b98541e-5447-4804-9c41-5b358817fb92.xml'
Key: 'azure.blobtype'
       Value: 'Block'
Key: 'azure.etag'
       Value: '"0x8D62535D1C184C0"'
Key: 'azure.length'
       Value: '90676882'
Key: 'azure.primaryUri'
       value:
'https://sdpamdata.blob.core.windows.net/amdata/SDP/UAT/DATA_LAKE/LANDING_ZONE/NLECXUDT
GW01/AMS-LOG/IE/INBOX/AMS_20180618_1b98541e-5447-4804-9c4
1-5b358817fb92.xml'
Key: 'azure.secondaryUri'
       Value: 'https://sdpamdata-
secondary.blob.core.windows.net/amdata/SDP/UAT/DATA_LAKE/LANDING_ZONE/NLECXUDTGW01/AMS-
LOG/IE/INBOX/AMS_20180618_1b98541e-544
7-4804-9c41-5b358817fb92.xml'
Key: 'azure.timestamp'
       Value: '1538134240000'
Key: 'filename'
       Value: '1207169337826096'
Key: 'mime.type'
       Value: 'application/octet-stream'
Key: 'path'
       Value: './'
Key: 'uuid'
       value: 'cde52417-b973-44c2-9b29-e3b8d7cf8d6f'
-----ListAzureBlobStorageIE: ------
```

# **Appendix. Logging configuration**

Here is the observed content logback.xml content.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!--
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 distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS,
 WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied.
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 limitations under the License.
<configuration scan="true" scanPeriod="30 seconds">
    <contextListener class="ch.qos.logback.classic.jul.LevelChangePropagator">
        <resetJUL>true</resetJUL>
    </contextListener>
    <appender name="APP_FILE" class="ch.qos.logback.core.rolling.RollingFileAppender">
        <file>${org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.config.log.dir}/nifi-app.log</file>
        <rollingPolicy</pre>
class="ch.qos.logback.core.rolling.SizeAndTimeBasedRollingPolicy">
              For daily rollover, use 'app_%d.log'.
              For hourly rollover, use 'app_%d{yyyy-MM-dd_HH}.log'.
             To GZIP rolled files, replace '.log' with '.log.gz'.
             To ZIP rolled files, replace '.log' with '.log.zip'.
            <fileNamePattern>${org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.config.log.dir}/nifi-
app_%d{yyyy-MM-dd_HH}.%i.log.gz</fileNamePattern>
            <maxFileSize>100MB</maxFileSize>
            <!-- keep 30 log files worth of history -->
            <maxHistory>30</maxHistory>
        </rollingPolicy>
        <immediateFlush>true</immediateFlush>
        <encoder class="ch.qos.logback.classic.encoder.PatternLayoutEncoder">
            <pattern>%date %level [%thread] %logger{40} %msg%n</pattern>
        </encoder>
    </appender>
    <appender name="USER_FILE" class="ch.qos.logback.core.rolling.RollingFileAppender">
        <file>${org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.config.log.dir}/nifi-user.log</file>
        <rollingPolicy class="ch.qos.logback.core.rolling.TimeBasedRollingPolicy">
```

```
For daily rollover, use 'user_%d.log'.
              For hourly rollover, use 'user_%d{yyyy-MM-dd_HH}.log'.
              To GZIP rolled files, replace '.log' with '.log.gz'.
              To ZIP rolled files, replace '.log' with '.log.zip'.
            <fileNamePattern>${org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.config.log.dir}/nifi-
user_%d.log.gz</fileNamePattern>
            <!-- keep 30 log files worth of history -->
            <maxHistory>30</maxHistory>
        </rollingPolicy>
        <encoder class="ch.gos.logback.classic.encoder.PatternLayoutEncoder">
            <pattern>%date %level [%thread] %logger{40} %msg%n</pattern>
        </encoder>
    </appender>
    <appender name="BOOTSTRAP_FILE"</pre>
class="ch.qos.logback.core.rolling.RollingFileAppender">
        <file>${org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.config.log.dir}/nifi-bootstrap.log</file>
        <rollingPolicy class="ch.qos.logback.core.rolling.TimeBasedRollingPolicy">
            <!--
              For daily rollover, use 'user_%d.log'.
              For hourly rollover, use 'user_%d{yyyy-MM-dd_HH}.log'.
              To GZIP rolled files, replace '.log' with '.log.gz'.
              To ZIP rolled files, replace '.log' with '.log.zip'.
            <fileNamePattern>${org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.config.log.dir}/nifi-
bootstrap_%d.log.gz</fileNamePattern>
            <!-- keep 5 log files worth of history -->
            <maxHistory>5</maxHistory>
        </rollingPolicy>
        <encoder class="ch.qos.logback.classic.encoder.PatternLayoutEncoder">
            <pattern>%date %level [%thread] %logger{40} %msg%n</pattern>
        </encoder>
    </appender>
    <appender name="CONSOLE" class="ch.qos.logback.core.ConsoleAppender">
        <encoder class="ch.qos.logback.classic.encoder.PatternLayoutEncoder">
            <pattern>%date %level [%thread] %logger{40} %msg%n</pattern>
        </encoder>
    </appender>
    <!-- valid logging levels: TRACE, DEBUG, INFO, WARN, ERROR -->
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi" level="INFO"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.processors" level="WARN"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.processors.standard.LogAttribute" level="INFO"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.processors.standard.LogMessage" level="INFO"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.controller.repository.StandardProcessSession"</pre>
level="WARN" />
    <logger name="org.apache.zookeeper.ClientCnxn" level="ERROR" />
```

```
<logger name="org.apache.zookeeper.server.NIOServerCnxn" level="ERROR" />
    <logger name="org.apache.zookeeper.server.NIOServerCnxnFactory" level="ERROR" />
    <logger name="org.apache.zookeeper.server.quorum" level="ERROR" />
    <logger name="org.apache.zookeeper.Zookeeper" level="ERROR" />
    <logger name="org.apache.zookeeper.server.PrepRequestProcessor" level="ERROR" />
   <logger name="org.apache.calcite.runtime.CalciteException" level="OFF" />
    <logger name="org.apache.curator.framework.recipes.leader.LeaderSelector"</pre>
level="OFF" />
    <logger name="org.apache.curator.ConnectionState" level="OFF" />
    <!-- Logger for managing logging statements for nifi clusters. -->
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.cluster" level="INFO"/>
    <!-- Logger for logging HTTP requests received by the web server. -->
   <logger name="org.apache.nifi.server.JettyServer" level="INFO"/>
   <!-- Logger for managing logging statements for jetty -->
    <logger name="org.eclipse.jetty" level="INFO"/>
   <!-- Suppress non-error messages due to excessive logging by class or library -->
   <logger name="org.springframework" level="ERROR"/>
    <!-- Suppress non-error messages due to known warning about redundant path
annotation (NIFI-574) -->
   <logger name="org.glassfish.jersey.internal.Errors" level="ERROR"/>
    <!--
       Logger for capturing user events. We do not want to propagate these
       log events to the root logger. These messages are only sent to the
       user-log appender.
   <logger name="org.apache.nifi.web.security" level="INFO" additivity="false">
        <appender-ref ref="USER_FILE"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.web.api.config" level="INFO" additivity="false">
        <appender-ref ref="USER_FILE"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.authorization" level="INFO" additivity="false">
        <appender-ref ref="USER_FILE"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.cluster.authorization" level="INFO"</pre>
additivity="false">
        <appender-ref ref="USER_FILE"/>
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.web.filter.RequestLogger" level="INFO"</pre>
additivity="false">
       <appender-ref ref="USER_FILE"/>
```

```
Logger for capturing Bootstrap logs and NiFi's standard error and standard out.
    -->
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.bootstrap" level="INFO" additivity="false">
        <appender-ref ref="BOOTSTRAP_FILE" />
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.bootstrap.Command" level="INFO" additivity="false">
       <appender-ref ref="CONSOLE" />
        <appender-ref ref="BOOTSTRAP_FILE" />
    <!-- Everything written to NiFi's Standard Out will be logged with the logger
org.apache.nifi.StdOut at INFO level -->
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.StdOut" level="INFO" additivity="false">
       <appender-ref ref="BOOTSTRAP_FILE" />
    </logger>
    <!-- Everything written to NiFi's Standard Error will be logged with the logger
org.apache.nifi.StdErr at ERROR level -->
    <logger name="org.apache.nifi.StdErr" level="ERROR" additivity="false">
        <appender-ref ref="BOOTSTRAP_FILE" />
    <root level="INFO">
        <appender-ref ref="APP_FILE"/>
    </root>
</configuration>
```