

## NAME

syslog.h – definitions for system error logging

## SYNOPSIS

[XSI]  #include <syslog.h> 

## DESCRIPTION

The <syslog.h> header shall define the following symbolic constants, zero or more of which may be OR'ed together to form the *logopt* option of [openlog\(\)](#):

LOG\_PID  
Log the process ID with each message.  
LOG\_CONS  
Log to the system console on error.  
LOG\_NDELAY  
Connect to syslog daemon immediately.  
LOG\_ODELAY  
Delay open until [syslog\(\)](#) is called.  
LOG\_NOWAIT  
Do not wait for child processes.

The <syslog.h> header shall define the following symbolic constants for use as the *facility* argument to [openlog\(\)](#):

LOG\_KERN  
Reserved for message generated by the system.  
LOG\_USER  
Message generated by a process.  
LOG\_MAIL  
Reserved for message generated by mail system.  
LOG\_NEWS  
Reserved for message generated by news system.  
LOG\_UUCP  
Reserved for message generated by UUCP system.  
LOG\_DAEMON  
Reserved for message generated by system daemon.  
LOG\_AUTH  
Reserved for message generated by authorization daemon.  
LOG\_CRON  
Reserved for message generated by clock daemon.  
LOG\_LPR  
Reserved for message generated by printer system.  
LOG\_LOCAL0  
Reserved for local use.  
LOG\_LOCAL1  
Reserved for local use.  
LOG\_LOCAL2  
Reserved for local use.  
LOG\_LOCAL3  
Reserved for local use.  
LOG\_LOCAL4  
Reserved for local use.  
LOG\_LOCAL5

Reserved for local use.  
 LOG\_LOCAL6  
 Reserved for local use.  
 LOG\_LOCAL7  
 Reserved for local use.

The <syslog.h> header shall define the following macros for constructing the *maskpri* argument to [setlogmask\(\)](#). The following macros expand to an expression of type **int** when the argument *pri* is an expression of type **int**:

LOG\_MASK(*pri*)  
 A mask for priority *pri*.

The <syslog.h> header shall define the following symbolic constants for use as the *priority* argument of [syslog\(\)](#):

LOG\_EMERG  
 A panic condition was reported to all processes.  
 LOG\_ALERT  
 A condition that should be corrected immediately.  
 LOG\_CRIT  
 A critical condition.  
 LOG\_ERR  
 An error message.  
 LOG\_WARNING  
 A warning message.  
 LOG\_NOTICE  
 A condition requiring special handling.  
 LOG\_INFO  
 A general information message.  
 LOG\_DEBUG  
 A message useful for debugging programs.

The following shall be declared as functions and may also be defined as macros. Function prototypes shall be provided.

```
void closelog(void);
void openlog(const char *, int, int);
int setlogmask(int);
void syslog(int, const char *, ...);
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*The following sections are informative.*

## APPLICATION USAGE

None.

## RATIONALE

None.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

## SEE ALSO

XSH [closelog](#)

## CHANGE HISTORY

First released in Issue 4, Version 2.

## Issue 5

Moved from X/Open UNIX to BASE.

## Issue 7

This reference page is clarified with respect to macros and symbolic constants.

*End of informative text.*

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