

## Code Review - Results

1. Delete the variable `_initialized`. It is not used into the project.

```
private static bool LogToDatabase;
private bool _initialized;
```

2. Since the variable `LogToDatabase` is a private one, use the camel case terminology.
  - Change `LogToDatabase` to `_logToDatabase`

```
private static bool _logToDatabase;
private bool _initialized;
```

3. The constructor `JobLogger` has too many parameters.

```
public JobLogger(bool logToFile, bool logToConsole, bool logToDatabase, bool
logMessage, bool logWarning, bool logError)
```

I recommend to define Enum types for the log type (file, console and/or database) and the log level (message/info, warning, error).

```
public enum LogLevel
{
    INFO,
    WARNING,
    ERROR
}
```

```
public enum LogType
{
    CONSOLE,
    TEXTFILE,
    DATABASE
}
```

4. Incorrect definition of static method `LogMessage`. You can call the method directly without previously instance creation (all the local variables `_logXXX` have as default value false) and the exception "Invalid Configuration" will be thrown
  - Remove the static clause from the method `LogMessage`

```
public static void LogMessage(string message, bool message, bool warning, bool
error)
```

5. Duplicated parameter "message" in method `LogMessage`. It has two different types: string and bool.
  - Change the second one to be named info.

```
public static void LogMessage(string message, bool message, bool warning, bool
error)
```

6. The code `message.Trim()` could throw an exception if the value is null.

```
message.Trim();
```

Since the message is common for all the log levels, include proper validations inside a base/abstract class.  
Example:

```

public void LogMessage(LogLevel level, string message)
{
    if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(message))
    {
        throw new ArgumentException("Missing log message");
    }
}

```

7. For security and maintenance reasons, you could use environment variables instead of config file. Change the code `System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["XXX"]` to read from an environment variable `Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("XXX", EnvironmentVariableTarget.User)`

```

System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection connection = new
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["ConnectionString"]);

```

```

System.IO.File.ReadAllText(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["LogFileDirectory"] + "LogFile" + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + ".txt");

```

8. For debugging and maintenance purposes, use variable names with a useful meaning.
  - Change "t" to be type and "l" to be logContent.

```

int t;
if (message && !_log
{
    t = 1;
}
if (error && !_log
{
    t = 2;
}
if (warning && !_log
{
    t = 3;
}
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection connection = new
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["ConnectionString"]);
command.ExecuteNonQuery();

string l;

```

9. The method `ReadAllText` works only if the file exists previously.
  - Change the rule `!System.IO.File.Exists` to be `System.IO.File.Exists`

```

string l;
if
(!System.IO.File.Exists(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["LogFileDirectory"] + "LogFile" + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + ".txt"))
{
    ,
}

```

10. The DB handling must be defined within a try-catch-finally block make sure the connection will be always closed. In addition, needs to validate is the connection string is not empty and change the *SqlCommand* to use a Stored Procedure.

```
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection connection = new
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings[
ettings["ConnectionString"]);
connection.Open();
int t;
if (message && _logMessage)
{
    t = 1;
}
if (error && _logError)
{
    t = 2;
}
if (warning && _logWarning)
{
    t = 3;
}
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlCommand command = new
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlCommand("Insert into Log Values('" + message + "', " +
t.ToString() + ")");
command.ExecuteNonQuery();
```

Notice that it is also possible to use any ORM technique (like EntityFramework.NET or Dapper) to handle the database processing.

11. Incorrect use of date format for read/write the log file.

`DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() = 09/12/2019`

When concatenate with the log file name will generate an error

`"C:\Apps\Logger\LogFile09/12/2019.txt"`

```
System.IO.File.ReadAllText(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["
LogFileDirectory"] + "LogFile" + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + ".txt");
}
```

Change to use `DateTime.Now.ToString("MM-dd-yyyy")`. Assign this to a local variable and use it in the read and write processes.

Validate if the *LogFileDirectory* exists before save the log. If not, create it.

- `string logFileFolder = Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("LogFileDirectory", EnvironmentVariableTarget.User)`
- `string filePath = string.Format(@"{0}\LogFile_{1}_{2}.txt", logFileFolder, DateTime.UtcNow.ToString("MM-dd-yyyy"), logLevelName);`

12. When add a log entry in the log file use the format `DateTime.Now.ToString("HH:mm:ss")` instead of `DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString()` and add a carriage return at the end. Using the current format, you won't know at what time of the day was generated the entry.
- Use `string.Format("{0}{1}: {2}\n", l, DateTime.Now.ToString("HH:mm:ss"), message)`
  - In the current code: Unnecessary use of if structures. All the paths have the same result.

```
if (error && _logError)
{
    l = l + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message;
}
if (warning && _logWarning)
{
    l = l + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message;
}
if (message && _logMessage)
{
    l = l + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message;
}
```

13. When add a log entry in the console use the format `DateTime.Now.ToString("MM-dd-yyyy HH:mm:ss")` instead of `DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString()`. Using the current format, you won't know at what date and time of the day was generated the entry.

```
Console.WriteLine(DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message);
```

14. The process is not checking what type of logging (database, file, console) should be applied. The variables `_logFile`, `_logToConsole`, `LogToDatabase` are initialized but not use properly.
- In the current code, add conditional logic properly based on the log type, e.g.  
`if (_logToDatabase) { /*yellow block here */ }`  
`if (_logToFile) { /*ice blue block here */ }`
  - I recommend to have distinct loggers classes to manage them properly.

```

        System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection connection = new
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["ConnectionString"]);
        connection.Open();
        int t;
        if (message && _logMessage)
        {
            t = 1;
        }
        if (error && _logError)
        {
            t = 2;
        }
        if (warning && _logWarning)
        {
            t = 3;
        }
        System.Data.SqlClient.SqlCommand command = new
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlCommand("Insert into Log Values('" + message + "', " +
t.ToString() + ")");
        command.ExecuteNonQuery();

```

```

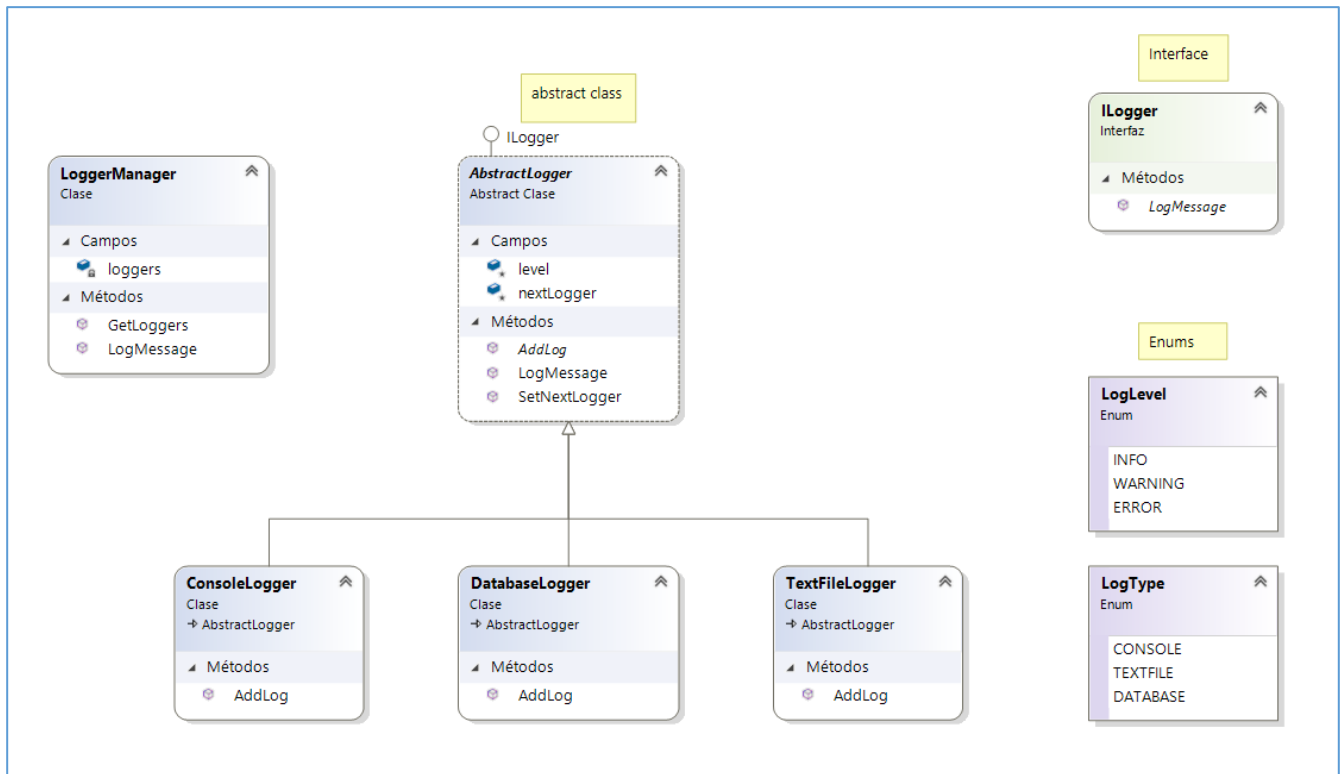
        string l;
        if
(!System.IO.File.Exists(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["Log
FileDirectory"] + "LogFile" + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + ".txt"))
        {
            l =
System.IO.File.ReadAllText(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["
LogFileDirectory"] + "LogFile" + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + ".txt");
        }
        if (error && _logError)
        {
            l = l + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message;
        }
        if (warning && _logWarning)
        {
            l = l + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message;
        }
        if (message && _logMessage)
        {
            l = l + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + message;
        }

        System.IO.File.WriteAllText(System.Configuration.ConfigurationManager.AppSettings[
"LogFileDirectory"] + "LogFile" + DateTime.Now.ToShortDateString() + ".txt", l);

```

15. I recommend to use distinct log files (for messages/info, warning and error) in order to quickly review the errors and warnings for debugging and/or fixing purposes
16. I recommend to use the pattern *Chain of Responsibility* to implement different handlers to manage the logging to file, console and database.

## Class Diagram for my implementation



Link for the source code: <https://github.com/marvasten/Logger>