

Configure inputs

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TIP [Filebeat modules](#) provide the fastest getting started experience for common log formats. See [Quick start: installation and configuration](#) to learn how to get started.

To configure Filebeat manually (instead of using [modules](#)), you specify a list of inputs in the `filebeat.inputs` section of the `filebeat.yml`. Inputs specify how Filebeat locates and processes input data.

The list is a [YAML](#) array, so each input begins with a dash (-). You can specify multiple inputs, and you can specify the same input type more than once. For example:

```
filebeat.inputs:
- type: log
  paths:
    - /var/log/system.log
    - /var/log/wifi.log
- type: log
  paths:
    - "/var/log/apache2/*"
  fields:
    apache: true
  fields_under_root: true
```

For the most basic configuration, define a single input with a single path. For example:

```
filebeat.inputs:
- type: log
  enabled: true
  paths:
    - /var/log/*.log
```

The input in this example harvests all files in the path `/var/log/*.log`, which means that Filebeat will harvest all files in the directory `/var/log/` that end with `.log`. All patterns supported by [Go Glob](#) are also supported here.

To fetch all files from a predefined level of subdirectories, use this pattern: `/var/log/*/*.log`. This fetches all `.log` files from the subfolders of `/var/log`. It does not fetch log files from the `/var/log` folder itself. Currently it is not possible to recursively fetch all files in all subdirectories of a directory.

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