

Arduino Syslog Client Library

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Project Definition

We intend to upgrade our ATV relay DB0MHB in a way that it logs every event right on the second over the network to a syslog server. Since we are going to do this with an Arduino system, I understood that there is no such thing as a Syslog client library for Arduino.

If something does not exist, you need to change that.

Please visit my Google Code site:

- <http://code.google.com/p/ardusyslog/>

Advance Tests

Understand the format of a Syslog message

The format of a syslog message is defined in RFC5424. It is depicted as a transformational grammar:

SYSLOG-MSG	= HEADER SP STRUCTURED-DATA [SP MSG]
HEADER	= PRI VERSION SP TIMESTAMP SP HOSTNAME SP APP-NAME SP PROCID SP MSGID
PRI	= "<" PRIVAL ">"
PRIVAL	= 1*3DIGIT ; range 0 .. 191
VERSION	= NONZERO-DIGIT 0*2DIGIT
HOSTNAME	= NILVALUE / 1*255PRINTUSASCII
APP-NAME	= NILVALUE / 1*48PRINTUSASCII
PROCID	= NILVALUE / 1*128PRINTUSASCII
MSGID	= NILVALUE / 1*32PRINTUSASCII
TIMESTAMP	= NILVALUE / FULL-DATE "T" FULL-TIME
FULL-DATE	= DATE-FULLYEAR "-" DATE-MONTH "-" DATE-MDAY
DATE-FULLYEAR	= 4DIGIT
DATE-MONTH	= 2DIGIT ; 01-12
DATE-MDAY	= 2DIGIT ; 01-28, 01-29, 01-30, 01-31 based on

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                                ; month/year
FULL-TIME      = PARTIAL-TIME TIME-OFFSET
PARTIAL-TIME   = TIME-HOUR ":" TIME-MINUTE ":" TIME-SECOND
                [TIME-SECFRAC]
TIME-HOUR      = 2DIGIT ; 00-23
TIME-MINUTE    = 2DIGIT ; 00-59
TIME-SECOND    = 2DIGIT ; 00-59
TIME-SECFRAC   = "." 1*6DIGIT
TIME-OFFSET    = "Z" / TIME-NUMOFFSET
TIME-NUMOFFSET = ("+" / "-") TIME-HOUR ":" TIME-MINUTE
STRUCTURED-DATA = NILVALUE / 1*SD-ELEMENT
SD-ELEMENT     = "[" SD-ID *(SP SD-PARAM) "]"
SD-PARAM       = PARAM-NAME "=" %d34 PARAM-VALUE %d34
SD-ID          = SD-NAME
PARAM-NAME     = SD-NAME
PARAM-VALUE    = UTF-8-STRING ; characters '"', '\', and
                                ; ']' MUST be escaped.
SD-NAME        = 1*32PRINTUSASCII
                ; except '=', SP, ']', %d34 (")
MSG            = MSG-ANY / MSG-UTF8
MSG-ANY        = *OCTET ; not starting with BOM
MSG-UTF8       = BOM UTF-8-STRING
BOM            = %xEF.BB.BF
UTF-8-STRING   = *OCTET ; UTF-8 string as specified
                ; in RFC 3629
OCTET          = %d00-255
SP             = %d32
PRINTUSASCII   = %d33-126
NONZERO-DIGIT  = %d49-57
DIGIT          = %d48 / NONZERO-DIGIT
NILVALUE       = "-"

```

This grammar defines nonstructured as well as structured presentations. So very basically, the Syslog message consists of the following basic form:

```
<PRI> TIMESTAMP TAG MESSAGE
```

The PRI value is an integer number which calculates by the following metric:

```
8 x (facility code) + (severity code)
```

where the individual codes are those:

Facilities:

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0      kernel messages
1      user-level messages
2      mail system
3      system daemons
4      security/authorization messages
5      messages generated internally by syslogd
6      line printer subsystem
7      network news subsystem
8      UUCP subsystem
9      clock daemon
10     security/authorization messages
11     FTP daemon
12     NTP subsystem
13     log audit
14     log alert
15     clock daemon (note 2)
16     local use 0 (local0)
17     local use 1 (local1)
18     local use 2 (local2)
19     local use 3 (local3)
20     local use 4 (local4)
21     local use 5 (local5)
22     local use 6 (local6)
23     local use 7 (local7)

```

Severities:

0	Emergency: system is unusable
1	Alert: action must be taken immediately
2	Critical: critical conditions
3	Error: error conditions
4	Warning: warning conditions
5	Notice: normal but significant condition
6	Informational: informational messages
7	Debug: debug-level messages

The **TIMESTAMP** may be the **NILVALUE** if there is no time available.

Enable my local Syslog daemon to receive log messages over the network

Running a NATTY Ubuntu, I noticed that modern Ubuntu distros use Rainer Gerhards' **rsyslog** implementation.

It has a section in the config file `/etc/rsyslog.conf` which just needs to be uncommented:

```
# provides UDP syslog reception
$ModLoad imudp
$UDPServerRun 514
```

Upon restarting the rsyslog service with the command **service rsyslog restart** you can check with **netstat -tulpen** if the service is listening on UDP port 514.

Trace the logger command

The **logger** command is a nice little commandline tool that permits local services and scripts to log to the system's syslog. It is not able to send messages over the network, but uses `/dev/log` instead. Since there are no network packages we can capture, we need to use **strace** to capture everything the logger is doing:

```
markus@note:~$ strace logger -p local0.warn -t test huhuasder345345sdfsdhfsdfee
execve("/usr/bin/logger", ["logger", "-p", "local0.warn", "-t", "test", "huhuasder345345sdfsdhfsdfee"], [/* 41 vars */]) = 0
brk(0) = 0x10f3000
access("/etc/ld.so.nohwcap", F_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
mmap(NULL, 8192, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7f22b36b5000
access("/etc/ld.so.preload", R_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/etc/ld.so.cache", O_RDONLY) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=152165, ...}) = 0
mmap(NULL, 152165, PROT_READ, MAP_PRIVATE, 3, 0) = 0x7f22b368f000
close(3) = 0
access("/etc/ld.so.nohwcap", F_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6", O_RDONLY) = 3
read(3, "\177ELF2\1\1\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\3\0\0\1\0\0\20\360\1\0\0\0\0"... , 832) = 832
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0755, st_size=1638120, ...}) = 0
mmap(NULL, 3749080, PROT_READ|PROT_EXEC, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_DENYWRITE, 3, 0) = 0x7f22b3103000
mprotect(0x7f22b328d000, 2093056, PROT_NONE) = 0
mmap(0x7f22b348c000, 20480, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_DENYWRITE, 3, 0x189000) = 0x7f22b348c000
mmap(0x7f22b3491000, 21720, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7f22b3491000
close(3) = 0
mmap(NULL, 4096, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7f22b368e000
mmap(NULL, 8192, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7f22b368c000
arch_prctl(ARCH_SET_FS, 0x7f22b368c720) = 0
mprotect(0x7f22b348c000, 16384, PROT_READ) = 0
mprotect(0x601000, 4096, PROT_READ) = 0
mprotect(0x7f22b36b7000, 4096, PROT_READ) = 0
munmap(0x7f22b368f000, 152165) = 0
brk(0) = 0x10f3000
brk(0x1114000) = 0x1114000
open("/usr/lib/locale/locale-archive", O_RDONLY) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=8310192, ...}) = 0
mmap(NULL, 8310192, PROT_READ, MAP_PRIVATE, 3, 0) = 0x7f22b2916000
close(3) = 0
```

Note the last four lines: The tool opens the `/dev/log` device and the following string is being sent to it:

Manually Sending a Syslog Message

and it just comes out in the `/var/log/syslog` file as expected:

So we have the proof that a syslog client just needs to work accordingly.

Implementation and Tests

Von „[http://www.dl8rds.de/index.php?title=Arduino Syslog Client Library&oldid=1848](http://www.dl8rds.de/index.php?title=Arduino_Syslog_Client_Library&oldid=1848)“

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