

Simple logging of ZF2 exceptions

I recently had a problem with a ZF2 based website where users were reporting seeing the error page displayed, but I couldn't reproduce in testing. To find this problem I decided to log every exception to a file so I could then go back and work out what was happening. In a standard ZF2 application, the easiest way to do this is to add a listener to the 'dispatch.error' event and log using ZendLog.

To do this, I started with the Application's Module class and added an event listener:

```
public function onBootstrap($e)
{
    $eventManager = $e->getApplication()->getEventManager();
    $eventManager->attach('dispatch.error', function($event){
        $exception = $event->getResult()->exception;
        if ($exception) {
            $sm = $event->getApplication()->getServiceManager();
            $service = $sm->get('ApplicationServiceErrorHandler');
            $service->logException($exception);
        }
    });
}
```

This code attaches an anonymous function to the 'dispatch.error' event which retrieves the exception from the event's result and passes it to the logException() method in an ErrorHandler class. We retrieve ErrorHandler from the service manager which allows us to inject an instance of ZendLog into it:

```
public function getServiceConfig()
{
    return array(
        'factories' => array(
            'ApplicationServiceErrorHandler' => function($sm) {
                $logger = $sm->get('ZendLog');
                $service = new ErrorHandlerService($logger);
                return $service;
            },
            'ZendLog' => function ($sm) {
                $filename = 'log_' . date('F') . '.txt';
                $log = new Logger();
                $writer = new LogWriterStream('./data/logs/' .
                    $filename);
            }
        )
    );
}
```

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        $log->addWriter($writer);

        return $log;
    },
),
);
}

```

There's obviously a few use statements at the top of the file for this to work:

```

use ApplicationServiceErrorHandling as ErrorHandlingService;
use ZendLogLogger;
use ZendLogWriterStream as LogWriterStream;

```

The logging itself is done within the ErrorHandling class:

```

namespace ApplicationService;

class ErrorHandling
{
    protected $logger;

    function __construct($logger)
    {
        $this->logger = $logger;
    }

    function logException(Exception $e)
    {
        $trace = $e->getTraceAsString();
        $i = 1;
        do {
            $messages[] = $i++ . ": " . $e->getMessage();
        } while ($e = $e->getPrevious());

        $log = "Exception:n" . implode("n", $messages);
        $log .= "nTrace:n" . $trace;

        $this->logger->err($log);
    }
}

```

The `logException` method simply creates a string containing the exception's message along with any previous exception messages and the trace. We then call the Log's `err` method to store the log and can peruse at our leisure.

Update: I have updated the `logException` method to use a `do..while()` loop as it's neater and doesn't cause a an out-of-memory error that the previous code did. That is, it's a good idea to reuse the same variable when calling `getPrevious()`!