

# Database/compiler API Reference Manual

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# Chapter 1

## Main Page

The database/compiler API is an interface to create an image of the database of rules to be loaded into NetL7 HW device. The database of rules consists of one or more groups and each group can consists of one or more rules. The steps to create a loadable binary image of the database are:

```
nlm_database_interface_init
nlm_database_set_param
nlm_database_open
nlm_database_add_group X
nlm_database_add_rule A
nlm_database_add_rule B
nlm_database_add_group Y
nlm_database_add_rule C
nlm_database_add_rule D
nlm_database_compile
nlm_database_close
nlm_database_interface_fini
```

The key function [nlm\\_database\\_compile\(\)](#) performs the actual compilation and returns the pointer to the database image and its size. The API is the same in user and kernel mode. Memory allocation and error/warning reporting are done via user specified callback routines.

### 1.1 INITIALIZATION AND TERMINATION

The control plane defines a model of database initialization and termination via the following functions:

```
err = nlm_database_interface_init (type, database);
err = nlm_database_open (database);
err = nlm_database_close (database);
err = nlm_database_interface_fini (database);
```

such that

```
nlm_status err
nlm_database_type type
struct nlm_database *database
```

The first API that needs to be called by the application is `nlm_database_interface_init`. The API `nlm_database_interface_init` initializes the interfaces of the control plane library.

- The first argument to the API is the type of the database. Type specifies the underlying hardware.
- The second argument is a pointer to the handle of the database. A memory allocation needs to be made for the second parameter of the type "struct nlm\_database" and the pointer needs to be passed to nlm\_database\_interface\_init. This pointer/handle needs to be given as a parameter to all subsequent API calls involving the database.

The API nlm\_database\_open initializes the control plane library. After this API call the control plane library is ready to add groups and rules to the database. The argument to the API is the handle to the database. Note that multiple databases can be opened and each database will have a unique handle.

The API nlm\_database\_close frees and deallocates the rules from the database. The argument to the API is the handle to the database.

The API nlm\_database\_interface\_fini shuts down the interface of the control plane library. This API needs to be called after nlm\_database\_close. The argument to the API is the handle to the database.

## 1.2 STATUS RETURN

The control plane API's return pass/fail status information via a value of the nlm\_status enum type. Most fundamentally, an nlm\_status value gives a boolean error indication: Nonzero/true means that some error has occurred; zero/false means that no error has occurred. The true (error) values are distinguished by the positive values of the type, each of which is an element of the enum.

Each API call returns an nlm\_status value as its function value. This return value needs to be checked by an application calling the API and appropriate action needs to be taken in case of an error indication.

Note that the nlm\_status enum is also shared with the dataplane API's.

## 1.3 ADDING GROUPS

Each database can have one or more rule groups. Each rule group in turn can consist of one or more rules. A group is the smallest unit on which a search can be performed. A stream of bytes or a flow can be searched against a group or in other words can be searched for occurrence of any of the rules present in the group.

```
err = nlm_database_add_group (database, group_id, p_group)
```

such that

```
struct nlm_database *database
uint32_t group_id
struct nlm_rule_group **p_group
```

- The first argument to the API is the handle to the database.
- The second argument is the group ID.
- The third parameter which is an output contains the handle to the added group after the call.

## 1.4 ADDING RULES

As mentioned earlier a group consists of one or more rules. The API `nlm_database_add_rule` can be used to add a rule to a specific group.

```
err = nlm_database_add_rule (database, group, rule_id, regex, p_rule)
```

such that

```
struct nlm_database *database
struct nlm_rule_group *group
uint32_t rule_id
const char *regex
struct nlm_rule **p_rule
```

- The first argument to the API is the handle to the database.
- The second argument is the handle to the group into which the rule needs to be added
- The third argument specifies the rule ID of the rule.
- The fourth argument is a pointer to the actual rule.
- The fifth argument contains handle to the added rule after the call. This is an output parameter.

## 1.5 COMPILING THE DATABASE

Compiling a database means that all the groups in the database and the rules belonging to all the groups are converted to a binary representation suitable for hardware and this binary representation can be later written to a file. Subsequently the dataplane application (which utilizes the underlying API's provided by the dataplane library) will load this file into the hardware and later on searches can be performed in the hardware against this loaded file/database.

The API for compiling is as follows

```
err = nlm_status nlm_database_compile (database, p_database, p_size)
```

such that

```
struct nlm_database *database
const void **p_database
uint32_t *p_size
```

- The first argument - database handle.
- The second argument - after the call `*p_database` points to the compiled image
- The third argument - after the call `*p_size` contains the size of the image

## 1.6 SETTING AND GETTING PARAMETERS FOR A DATABASE

The control plane library provides a number of parameters through which the processing of database can be controlled. For example, the rule format of rules in a particular group may be different from the rule format of rules in other groups. Through the API call of `nlm_database_set_param` the rule format for the database can be set to the desired format before adding the group to the database. Even if a group consists of rules with different formats this API call can be used before adding a particular rule.

The API call `nlm_database_get_param` retrieves the currently set value for the parameter.

```
err = nlm_database_set_param (struct nlm_database *database, nlm_database_param param, ...)
err = nlm_database_get_param (struct nlm_database *database, nlm_database_param param, ...)
```

such that

```
struct nlm_database *database
nlm_database_param is an enum (See below)
```

- The first argument to the API is the handle to the database.
- The second argument is an enum which defines the parameter type.

Important parameters of the database are memory allocation and logger callbacks (if none are specified, the compiler library will use standard malloc/free/printf routines)

- **NLM\_XMALLOC** - will be called during compilation and expected to return new memory. The user should pass a function with a prototype: `void * (*xmalloc) (void *cookie, uint32_t byte_cnt)` The first argument is the cookie specified by **NLM\_CALLBACK\_COOKIE**
- **NLM\_XFREE** - will be called to free the memory allocated by `xmalloc` callback. The user should pass a function with a prototype: `void (*xfree) (void *cookie, void *mem_ptr)`; The first argument is the cookie specified by **NLM\_CALLBACK\_COOKIE**
- **NLM\_IMAGE\_XMALLOC** - similar to **NLM\_XMALLOC**, but will be called only once to allocate memory for final binary image.
- **NLM\_LOGGER** - pointer to the [nlm\\_logger](#) structure that should be defined by the user to intercept all error/warning calls that can happen during compilation of the database. [nlm\\_logger](#) structure is defined as:

```
typedef void (*nlm_callback_type_xprint) (void *cookie, nlm_xprint_type type,
                                           nlm_xprint_module module, const char *str,
                                           unsigned int error_code, void *aux_data);

typedef struct nlm_logger
{
    void *cookie;
    nlm_callback_type_xprint xprint;
    char sprintf_buf[NLM_LOGGER_MAX_SPRINTF_BUF];
} nlm_logger;
```

where 'xprint' is the main callback that may be called during compilation to report errors/warnings.

- The 1st argument is 'cookie' specified in [nlm\\_logger](#).



- The type of the call is specified by the 2nd argument - `nlm_xprint_type` enum.
- The module that caused the callback is 3rd argument - `nlm_xprint_module` enum
- The human readable message and error code comes 4th and 5th.
- Last argument 'aux\_data' can always be casted to 'struct `nlm_logger_rule_data` \*' or in some cases to module specific data structures like 'nlm\_log\_fms\_placer\_rule\_stat'. See header file for details.

## 1.7 CONDITIONS FOR MATCHING A RULE

With each rule a condition may be specified which can be checked when the rule is detected in the traffic. If the condition is met then a match is declared to the application otherwise nothing is reported. The API below provides a way to specify condition(s) with any rule.

```
err = nlm_database_set_rule_action (database, rule, action)
```

such that

```
struct nlm_database *database
struct nlm_rule *rule
nlm_rule_action *action
```

- The first argument to the API is the handle to the database.
- The second argument is the handle to the rule.
- The third argument is the action specified for the rule. For a list of actions see below.

## 1.8 NETL7 2GIFA DEVICE (NLS055/NLS205)

The API `nlm_database_set_rule_action` is NOT supported for "2GIFA" device.

For the API calls `nlm_database_set_param` and `nlm_database_get_param` the following parameter values are not supported: `NLM_DATABASE_SW_MODEL_TYPE` (since there is no builtin sw model of the 2GIFA devices), `NLM_DO_AGGRESSIVE_MML` (since min-match-length feature is currently not implemented on 2GIFA)

In the `NLM_PARSER_PARAM`, the only two fully supported values are `NLM_SYNTAX_PCRE` and `NLM_SYNTAX_NETSCREEN`. The values `NLM_SYNTAX_PCRE_EXTENDED`, `NLM_SYNTAX_PCRE_IGNORE_CASE`, `NLM_SYNTAX_PCRE_NON_GREEDY` all default to `NLM_SYNTAX_PCRE`. Similarly `NLM_SYNTAX_NETSCREEN_NON_GREEDY` defaults to `NLM_SYNTAX_NETSCREEN`. Note: All `NLM_PARSER_PARAM` values are fully supported by "3GIFA"

## 1.9 NETL7 3GIFA DEVICE (NLS2008/NLS2018)

The API `nlm_database_set_rule_action` is fully supported by "3GIFA" device and has the following interpretation:

- `NLM_MIN_MATCH_LENGTH` - if this action is specified, its value should be a decimal integer from 1-65,535 ( $2^{16}-1$ ). The match must meet the minimum match length criteria to be considered

a match. No result will be returned for a match that does not meet the minimum length. For stateful rule groups, this feature works the same for matches contained entirely within a packet and those that span two or more packets - the match length is a function only of the pattern, not the existence (or lack thereof) of a packet boundary anywhere in the match.

- **NLM\_MIN\_OFFSET | NLM\_EXACT\_OFFSET | NLM\_MAX\_OFFSET** - the value should be a decimal integer from 1-65,535 ( $2^{16}-1$ ). A minimum offset criterion is interpreted as greater than or equal to. A maximum offset criterion is interpreted as less than or equal to. An exact offset criterion is interpreted as equal to. In all cases, the specified offset is relative to start of packet for stateless flows and start of flow for stateful flows. No result will be returned for a match that does not meet the specified criteria.
- **NLM\_RESULT\_PRIORITY** - the default priority for the rule is zero. HW allows to set result clamps independently for different priorities. The user can use different result clamps as way to prevent DoS attacks. HW does not sort the results with different priorities, though results for the same flow are guaranteed to come in the same order as packets received.
- **NLM\_NON\_GREEDY** - if this action is specified, the rule will be compiled in non-greedy mode: for a series of overlapping matches return the shortest match and start looking for the match again. That is an equivalent way to make rule no
- **NLM\_MATCH\_ONCE** - if this action is specified, the rule will be compiled in match-once mode: for a series of overlapping matches return the shortest match and never return the matches again for the given rule until the end of the flow (stateful flows) or until the end of the packet (stateless flows), so the rule will report a match only once.
- **NLM\_TRIGGER\_GROUP** - This action takes a valid group-id from 1-1023 ( $2^{10}-1$ ) as its value. A group with the specified group-id must be present in the same database. Upon matching the rule, no output is produced and all rules belonging to the specified group-id are activated. Activated rules will start matching the traffic starting from the next byte.
- **NLM\_MATCH\_AND\_TRIGGER\_GROUP** - This action takes a valid group-id from 1-1023 ( $2^{10}-1$ ) as its value. A group with the specified group-id must be present in the same database. Upon matching the rule, output is produced and all rules belonging to the specified group-id are activated. Activated rules will start matching the traffic starting from the next byte.

## 1.10 AN EXAMPLE APPLICATION DEMONSTRATING USE OF CONTROL PLANE API's

The following code is an application written in the C language that demonstrates the use of the above mentioned control plane API's for the purpose of generating a binary representation/image of all the groups in the database. Note that the code below is an example for understanding the API's and a real application may need to do more than what is done below. For example, it would need to check the return value of the calls :)

```
struct nlm_database *db;
const void *image;
uint32_t size, group_id, rule_id;

db = malloc (nlm_database_sizeof (NLM_DATABASE_HW_FMS));
nlm_database_interface_init (NLM_DATABASE_HW_FMS, db);
```

```
nlm_database_set_param (db, NLM_OPTIMIZATION_LEVEL, 1);
nlm_database_set_param (db, NLM_PARSER_PARAM, NLM_SYNTAX_PCRE);

nlm_database_open (db);

for(;;) // every group
{
    struct nlm_rule_group *grp;
    nlm_database_add_group (db, group_id, &grp);
    for(;;) // every rule
    {
        struct nlm_rule *rule;
        nlm_database_add_rule (db, grp, rule_id, "ab.*cd", &rule);
        nlm_database_set_rule_action (db, rule, NLM_MIN_MATCH_LENGTH, 150);
    }
}

nlm_database_compile (db, &image, &size);

// write image into a file

nlm_database_close (db);
nlm_database_interface_fini (db);
free (db);
```



# Chapter 2

## Data Structure Index

### 2.1 Data Structures

Here are the data structures with brief descriptions:

<a href="#">nlm_log_fms_placer_rule_stat</a> (Auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback from placer ) . . . . .	13
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# Chapter 3

## File Index

### 3.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:

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## Chapter 4

# Data Structure Documentation

### 4.1 nlm\_log\_fms\_placer\_rule\_stat Struct Reference

Auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback from placer.

```
#include <nlm_logger.h>
```

#### Data Fields

- struct [nlm\\_logger\\_rule\\_data](#) `id`  
*rule and group id of the rule that triggered callback*
- unsigned [num\\_cams](#)  
*# cams in this rule element*
- unsigned [num\\_hubs](#)  
*# hubs " " " "*
- unsigned [num\\_ctrs](#)  
*# ctrs " " " "*
- unsigned [num\\_sccs](#)  
*# SCCs " " " "*
- uint32\_t [invalid\\_graph](#): 1  
*invalid abstract graph*
- uint32\_t [too\\_big](#): 1  
*resources required exceed those of target device*
- uint32\_t [retries](#)  
*number of placement retries*
- void \* [handle](#)  
*compiler-internal handle*

### 4.1.1 Detailed Description

Auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback from placer.

This auxiliary data is supplied for error codes:

```
NLM_LOG_FMS_PLACER_RULE_NOT_PLACED      NLM_LOG_FMS_PLACER_RULE_TRACE
NLM_LOG_FMS_PLACER_INPUT_GRAPH_INVALID  NLM_LOG_FMS_PLACER_INPUT_-
GRAPH_TOO_BIG
```

Note that these logs report the status of exactly one compilation rule element, as opposed to an entire user rule in the sense of [nlm\\_database\\_add\\_rule\(\)](#). In a compiled database, a single user rule may be decomposed into a collection of rule elements. Each of these rule elements either does or does not place independently of all the other rule elements of the user rule.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [nlm\\_logger.h](#)

## 4.2 nlm\_logger Struct Reference

main logger structure.

```
#include <nlm_logger.h>
```

### Data Fields

- void \* [cookie](#)  
*cookie - 1st argument to xprint callback*
- [nlm\\_callback\\_type\\_xprint](#) xprint  
*main callback routine*
- char [sprintf\\_buf](#) [NLM\_LOGGER\_MAX\_SPRINTF\_BUF]  
*internal buffer used to construct a string*

### 4.2.1 Detailed Description

main logger structure.

[nlm\\_logger](#) structure is used to setup an 'xprint' callback routine that may be called during compilation process to report error/warning/debug messages to the user

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [nlm\\_logger.h](#)

## 4.3 nlm\_logger\_rule\_data Struct Reference

Generic auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback.

```
#include <nlm_logger.h>
```

### 4.3.1 Detailed Description

Generic auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback.

the last 'aux\_data' pointer of the 'xprint' callback can always be casted to 'struct [nlm\\_logger\\_rule\\_data](#) \*' to retrieve rule and group id of the rule that triggered callback. In some cases 'aux\_data' can be casted to 'nlm\_log\_fms\_placer\_rule\_\*'. See below

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [nlm\\_logger.h](#)

# Chapter 5

## File Documentation

### 5.1 nlm\_common\_api.h File Reference

header file for shared structures in Dataplane/packet API and Controlplane/database API

```
#include "nlm_stdint.h"
#include "nlm_error_tbl.def"
```

#### Typedefs

- typedef unsigned long long [nlm\\_phys\\_addr](#)  
*defines physical address for data plane library*

#### Enumerations

- enum [nlm\\_status](#)  
*status and error codes returned by all API functions*

#### Functions

- const char \* [nlm\\_get\\_status\\_string](#) ([nlm\\_status](#) status)  
*function to convert status code to string*

#### 5.1.1 Detailed Description

header file for shared structures in Dataplane/packet API and Controlplane/database API

## 5.1.2 Function Documentation

### 5.1.2.1 `const char* nlm_get_status_string (nlm_status status)`

function to convert status code to string

**Parameters:**

← *status* code to be converted

**Returns:**

string that describes the code

## 5.2 nlm\_database\_api.h File Reference

header file for Controlplane/database API

```
#include "nlm_common_api.h"
#include "nlm_logger.h"
```

### Typedefs

- typedef void (\* [nlm\\_callback\\_type\\_xmalloc](#) )(void \*cookie, uint32\_t byte\_cnt)  
*function prototype for callback accessed by `nlm_database_set_param (db, NLM_XMALLOC, malloc_callback);` and `nlm_database_set_param (db, NLM_IMAGE_XMALLOC, image_malloc_callback);`*
- typedef void (\* [nlm\\_callback\\_type\\_xfree](#) )(void \*cookie, void \*mem\_ptr)  
*proto for NLM\_XFREE*

### Enumerations

- enum [nlm\\_database\\_type](#) {  
[NLM\\_INVALID\\_DATABASE\\_TYPE](#) = [NLM\\_FIRST\\_DATABASE\\_TYPE](#), [NLM\\_DATABASE\\_HW\\_MARS1](#), [NLM\\_DATABASE\\_HW\\_MARS2](#), [NLM\\_DATABASE\\_HW\\_FMS](#),  
[NLM\\_DATABASE\\_HW\\_MARS3](#) }  
*type of the database*
- enum [nlm\\_parser\\_param](#)  
*parser flags*
- enum [nlm\\_mapper\\_param](#) { ,  
[NLM\\_DO\\_AGGRESSIVE\\_MML](#), [NLM\\_DO\\_AGGRESSIVE\\_MATCH\\_ONCE](#), [NLM\\_RULE\\_SYMBOL\\_LIMIT](#), [NLM\\_REMOVE\\_REDUNDANCY](#),  
[NLM\\_STITCH\\_RULES](#), [NLM\\_USE\\_COUNTER](#) }  
*mapper flags*
- enum [nlm\\_database\\_param](#) {  
[NLM\\_INVALID\\_DATABASE\\_PARAM](#) = [NLM\\_FIRST\\_DATABASE\\_PARAM](#), [NLM\\_OPTIMIZATION\\_LEVEL](#), [NLM\\_VERBOSITY\\_LEVEL](#), [NLM\\_PARSER\\_PARAM](#),  
[NLM\\_MAPPER\\_PARAM](#), [NLM\\_DEBUG\\_FLAGS](#), [NLM\\_CALLBACK\\_COOKIE](#), [NLM\\_IMAGE\\_XMALLOC](#),  
[NLM\\_XMALLOC](#), [NLM\\_XFREE](#), [NLM\\_LOGGER](#), [NLM\\_DATABASE\\_SW\\_MODEL\\_TYPE](#),  
[NLM\\_DATABASE\\_STAT](#) }  
*configuration parameters that can be set and get by corresponding functions*
- enum [nlm\\_rule\\_action](#) {  
[NLM\\_INVALID\\_RULE\\_ACTION](#) = [NLM\\_FIRST\\_RULE\\_ACTION](#), [NLM\\_MIN\\_MATCH\\_LENGTH](#), [NLM\\_MIN\\_OFFSET](#), [NLM\\_EXACT\\_OFFSET](#),  
[NLM\\_MAX\\_OFFSET](#), [NLM\\_RESULT\\_PRIORITY](#), [NLM\\_NON\\_GREEDY](#), [NLM\\_MATCH\\_ONCE](#),

NLM\_TRIGGER\_GROUP, NLM\_MATCH\_AND\_TRIGGER\_GROUP }

*rule actions to be set*

## Functions

- `uint32_t nlm_database_sizeof (nlm_database_type type)`  
*returns size of nlm\_database (database handle structure)*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_interface_init (nlm_database_type type, struct nlm_database *database)`  
*init interfaces of the database compiler*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_interface_fini (struct nlm_database *database)`  
*shutdown interfaces of the database compiler*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_get_param (struct nlm_database *database, nlm_database_param param,...)`  
*Get specified database parameter.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_set_param (struct nlm_database *database, nlm_database_param param,...)`  
*Set specified database parameter.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_open (struct nlm_database *database)`  
*Open and initialize database compiler.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_close (struct nlm_database *database)`  
*Close and free database of rules.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_add_group (struct nlm_database *database, uint32_t group_id, struct nlm_rule_group **p_group)`  
*Create and add rule group to the database.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_add_rule (struct nlm_database *database, struct nlm_rule_group *group, uint32_t rule_id, const char *regex, struct nlm_rule **p_rule)`  
*Create and add rule to the rule group.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_set_rule_action (struct nlm_database *database, struct nlm_rule *rule, nlm_rule_action action,...)`  
*Set rule action.*
- `nlm_status nlm_database_compile (struct nlm_database *database, const void **p_database, uint32_t *p_size)`  
*Compile the whole database.*

### 5.2.1 Detailed Description

header file for Controlplane/database API



## 5.2.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

### 5.2.2.1 enum nlm\_database\_type

type of the database

**Enumerator:**

*NLM\_INVALID\_DATABASE\_TYPE* marker for invalid database type

*NLM\_DATABASE\_HW\_MARS1* NLS055.

*NLM\_DATABASE\_HW\_MARS2* NLS205.

*NLM\_DATABASE\_HW\_FMS* NLS2008.

*NLM\_DATABASE\_HW\_MARS3* NLS2018.

### 5.2.2.2 enum nlm\_mapper\_param

mapper flags

**Enumerator:**

*NLM\_DO\_AGGRESSIVE\_MML* should mml graphs be constructed even for unsafe rules(e.g. rules with overlapping prefix & suffix)

*NLM\_DO\_AGGRESSIVE\_MATCH\_ONCE* compile certain rules in match once mode instead of all-matches to improve HW capacity

*NLM\_RULE\_SYMBOL\_LIMIT* don't compile rules with symbol count larger than this limit, (default 0 == compile rules of all sizes)

*NLM\_REMOVE\_REDUNDANCY* remove the prefix and suffix redundant quantifiers based on this value.  
(default 3 == remove both)

*NLM\_STITCH\_RULES* enable/disable stitcher based on this value.  
(default 1 == enabled )

*NLM\_USE\_COUNTER* enable/disable counter usage based on this value.  
(default 1 == enabled )

### 5.2.2.3 enum nlm\_database\_param

configuration parameters that can be set and get by corresponding functions

**Enumerator:**

*NLM\_INVALID\_DATABASE\_PARAM* marker for invalid parameter

*NLM\_OPTIMIZATION\_LEVEL* optimization level: 0 - no optimization

*NLM\_VERBOSITY\_LEVEL* verbosity level: 0 - no extra messages

*NLM\_PARSER\_PARAM* parser flags (one of nlm\_parser\_param)

*NLM\_MAPPER\_PARAM* mapper flags

*NLM\_DEBUG\_FLAGS* bitmap to control dumping of internal structures

*NLM\_CALLBACK\_COOKIE* 'void \*cookie' to be sent to xmalloc, xfree, xdump callbacks

**NLM\_IMAGE\_XMALLOC** void \* (\*xmalloc) (void \*cookie, uint32\_t byte\_cnt); callback

**NLM\_XMALLOC** void \* (\*xmalloc) (void \*cookie, uint32\_t byte\_cnt); callback

**NLM\_XFREE** void (\*xfree) (void \*cookie, void \*mem\_ptr); callback

**NLM\_LOGGER** pointer to the [nlm\\_logger](#)

**NLM\_DATABASE\_SW\_MODEL\_TYPE** sub-type of software model

**NLM\_DATABASE\_STAT** probe function to inquire the status of a compiled database.

It is valid to call the function after any non-fatal return from [nlm\\_database\\_compile\(\)](#) but before the [nlm\\_database\\_close\(\)](#)

#### 5.2.2.4 enum nlm\_rule\_action

rule actions to be set

##### Enumerator:

**NLM\_INVALID\_RULE\_ACTION** marker for invalid action

**NLM\_MIN\_MATCH\_LENGTH** match must meet the minimum match length criterion to be considered a match

**NLM\_MIN\_OFFSET** offset for the end of the match must meet the specified offset criterion

**NLM\_EXACT\_OFFSET** offset for the end of the match must meet the specified offset criterion

**NLM\_MAX\_OFFSET** offset for the end of the match must meet the specified offset criterion

**NLM\_RESULT\_PRIORITY** specifies priority of the rule to be clamped differently by dataplane

**NLM\_NON\_GREEDY** cause rule to match nongreedy (weak nongreedy)

**NLM\_MATCH\_ONCE** cause rule to match just once (strong nongreedy) (only first match reported)

**NLM\_TRIGGER\_GROUP** cause rule to activate the linked group without output

**NLM\_MATCH\_AND\_TRIGGER\_GROUP** cause rule to activate the linked group with output

### 5.2.3 Function Documentation

#### 5.2.3.1 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_interface\_init (nlm\_database\_type type, struct nlm\_database \* database)

init interfaces of the database compiler

##### Parameters:

← *type* of database to be initialized

← *database* pointer to database handle

##### Returns:

status

**5.2.3.2 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_interface\_fini (struct nlm\_database \* *database*)**

shutdown interfaces of the database compiler

**Parameters:**

← *database* pointer to database handle

**Returns:**

status

**5.2.3.3 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_get\_param (struct nlm\_database \* *database*, nlm\_database\_param *param*, ...)**

Get specified database parameter.

**Parameters:**

← *database* pointer to database handle

← *param* database parameter

**Returns:**

status

**5.2.3.4 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_set\_param (struct nlm\_database \* *database*, nlm\_database\_param *param*, ...)**

Set specified database parameter.

**Parameters:**

← *database* pointer to database handle

← *param* database parameter

**Returns:**

status

**5.2.3.5 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_open (struct nlm\_database \* *database*)**

Open and initialize database compiler.

**Parameters:**

← *database* pointer to database handle

**Returns:**

status

### 5.2.3.6 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_close (struct nlm\_database \* *database*)

Close and free database of rules.

#### Parameters:

← *database* pointer

#### Returns:

status

### 5.2.3.7 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_add\_group (struct nlm\_database \* *database*, uint32\_t *group\_id*, struct nlm\_rule\_group \*\* *p\_group*)

Create and add rule group to the *database*.

#### Parameters:

← *database* pointer

← *group\_id* id of the rule group

→ *p\_group* rule group handle

#### Returns:

status

### 5.2.3.8 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_add\_rule (struct nlm\_database \* *database*, struct nlm\_rule\_group \* *group*, uint32\_t *rule\_id*, const char \* *regex*, struct nlm\_rule \*\* *p\_rule*)

Create and add *rule* to the rule *group*.

#### Parameters:

← *database* pointer

← *group* rule group handle

← *rule\_id* id of the rule

← *regex* rule to be parsed and compiled

→ *p\_rule* rule handle

#### Returns:

status

### 5.2.3.9 nlm\_status nlm\_database\_set\_rule\_action (struct nlm\_database \* *database*, struct nlm\_rule \* *rule*, nlm\_rule\_action *action*, ...)

Set rule action.

**Parameters:**

- ← *database* pointer
- ← *rule* handle
- ← *action* rule action type

**Returns:**

status

**5.2.3.10** `nlm_status nlm_database_compile (struct nlm_database * database, const void **  
p_database, uint32_t * p_size)`

Compile the whole database.

**Parameters:**

- ← *database* pointer
- *p\_database* pointer to the compiled image
- *p\_size* compiled image size

**Returns:**

status

## 5.3 nlm\_logger.h File Reference

header file for logger of compiler/database API

```
#include "nlm_stdint.h"
```

### Data Structures

- struct [nlm\\_logger](#)  
*main logger structure.*
- struct [nlm\\_logger\\_rule\\_data](#)  
*Generic auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback.*
- struct [nlm\\_log\\_fms\\_placer\\_rule\\_stat](#)  
*Auxiliary data for 'xprint' callback from placer.*

### Typedefs

- typedef void(\* [nlm\\_callback\\_type\\_xprint](#))(void \*cookie, [nlm\\_xprint\\_type](#) type, [nlm\\_xprint\\_module](#) module, const char \*str, unsigned int error\_code, void \*aux\_data)  
*proto of 'xprint' callback*

### Enumerations

- enum [nlm\\_xprint\\_type](#)  
*type of the message reported by 'xprint' callback*
- enum [nlm\\_xprint\\_module](#)  
*module that called 'xprint' callback*

### Functions

- void [default\\_xprint](#) (void \*cookie, [nlm\\_xprint\\_type](#) type, [nlm\\_xprint\\_module](#) module, const char \*str, unsigned int error\_code, void \*aux\_data)  
*default 'xprint' callback*
- void [nop\\_xprint](#) (void \*cookie, [nlm\\_xprint\\_type](#) type, [nlm\\_xprint\\_module](#) module, const char \*str, unsigned int error\_code, void \*aux\_data)  
*nop callback that ignores all arguments*

## Variables

- [nlm\\_logger default\\_logger](#)  
*logger that prints messages to stdout*
- [nlm\\_logger nop\\_logger](#)  
*logger that suppresses all messages*

### 5.3.1 Detailed Description

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