



Configuring System Message Logging

This chapter describes how to configure system message logging on the Cisco MDS 9000 Family switches. It includes the following sections:

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About System Message Logging

The system message logging software saves messages in a log file or directs the messages to other devices. This feature provides you with the following capabilities:

- Provides logging information for monitoring and troubleshooting
- Allows you to select the types of captured logging information.
- Allows you to select the destination of the captured logging information.

By default, the switch logs normal but significant system messages to a log file and sends these messages to the system console. You can specify which system messages should be saved based on the type of facility (see [Table 20-1](#)) and the severity level (see [Table 20-2](#)). Messages are time-stamped to enhance real-time debugging and management.

You can access logged system messages using the CLI or by saving them to a properly configured syslog server. The switch software saves syslog messages in a file that can be configured to save up to 4 MB. You can monitor system messages remotely by accessing the switch through Telnet, SSH, or the console port, or by viewing the logs on a syslog server.



Note

When the switch first initializes, the network is not connected until initialization completes. Therefore, messages are not redirected to a syslog server for a few seconds.

[Table 20-1](#) describes the facilities supported by the system message logs.

Table 20-1 Logging Facilities

Facility Keyword	Description	Standard or Cisco MDS Specific
acl	ACL manager	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
all	All facilities	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
auth	Authorization system	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
authpriv	Authorization (private) system	Standard
bootvar	Bootvar	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
callhome	Call Home	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
cron	Cron or at facility	Standard
daemon	System daemons	Standard
fcc	FCC	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
fcdomain	fcdomain	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
fcns	Name server	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
fcs	FCS	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
flogi	FLOGI	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
fspf	FSPF	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
ftp	File Transfer Protocol	Standard
ipconf	IP configuration	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
ipfc	IPFC	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
kernel	Kernel	Standard

Table 20-1 Logging Facilities (continued)

Facility Keyword	Description	Standard or Cisco MDS Specific
local0 to local7	Locally defined messages	Standard
lpr	Line printer system	Standard
mail	Mail system	Standard
mcast	Multicast	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
module	Switching module	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
news	USENET news	Standard
ntp	NTP	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
platform	Platform manager	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
port	Port	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
port-channel	PortChannel	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
qos	QoS	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
rdl	RDL	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
rib	RIB	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
rscn	RSCN	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
scsi-target	Scsi target daemon	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
security	Security	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
syslog	Internal syslog messages	Standard
sysmgr	System manager	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
tlport	TL port	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
user	User process	Standard
uucp	Unix-to-Unix copy system	Standard
vni	Virtual network interface	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
vrrp	VRRP	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
vsan	VSAN syslog	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
vshd	vshd	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
wwnm	WWN manager	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
xbar	Xbar syslog	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific
zone	Zone server	Cisco MDS 9000 Family specific

Table 20-2 describes the severity levels supported by the system message logs.

Table 20-2 Error Message Severity Levels

Level Keyword	Level	Description	Syslog Definition
emergencies	0	System unusable	LOG_EMERG
alerts	1	Immediate action needed	LOG_ALERT
critical	2	Critical conditions	LOG_CRIT

Table 20-2 Error Message Severity Levels (continued)

Level Keyword	Level	Description	Syslog Definition
errors	3	Error conditions	LOG_ERR
warnings	4	Warning conditions	LOG_WARNING
notifications	5	Normal but significant condition	LOG_NOTICE
informational	6	Informational messages only	LOG_INFO
debugging	7	Debugging messages	LOG_DEBUG

System Log Message Format

System log messages begin with a percent sign (%) and are displayed in the following format (see [Table 20-3](#)):

```
month dd hh:mm:ss switchname-facility-severity-MNEMONIC description
```

For example:

```
Nov 8 14:07:58 excal-113 %LOG_MODULE-5-MOD_OK: Module 1 is online
Nov 8 14:07:58 excal-113 %LOG_PORT-3-IF_UNSUPPORTED_TRANSCEIVER: Transceiver for interface
fc1/13 is not supported
Nov 8 14:07:59 excal-113 %LOG_PLATFORM-5-PS_OK: Power supply 1 ok
Nov 8 14:07:53 excal-113 %LOG_DAEMON-5-SYSTEM_MSG: readjusting service shell
Nov 8 15:59:38 excal-113 %LOG_KERN-6-SYSTEM_MSG: utaker: setting queue 1 control pid 1392
(owner 1392)
Nov 8 15:21:44 excal-113 %LOG_VSHD-5-VSHD_SYSLOG_CONFIG_I: Configuring console from pts/0
(171.71.58.72)
```

Table 20-3 System Log Message Format Description

Element	Description
month dd	The date and month of the error or event.
hh:mm:ss	The time of the error or event.
switchname	The name of the switch
facility	The facility of the error or event (daemon, kernel, VSHD, or other facility).
severity	Single-digit code from 0 to 7 that indicates the severity of the message.
MNEMONIC	Text string that uniquely describes the error message.
description	Text string containing detailed information about the event being reported

Configuring System Message Logging

System logging messages are sent to the console based on the default (or configured) logging facility and severity values.

Enabling Message Logging

You can disable logging to the console or enable logging to a given Telnet or SSH session.

- When you disable or enable logging to a console session, that state is applied to all future console sessions. If you exit and log in again to a new session, the state is preserved.
- When you enable or disable logging to a Telnet or SSH session, that state is applied only to that session. If you exit and log in again to a new session, the state is not preserved.

To enable or disable the logging state for a Telnet, or SSH session, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# terminal monitor switch(config)#	Enables logging for a Telnet, or SSH session. Note A console session is enabled by default.
Step 2	switch(config)# terminal no monitor switch(config)#	Disables logging for a Telnet, or SSH session. Note A Telnet or SSH session is disabled by default.

Configuring Console Severity Level

When logging is enabled for a console session (default), you can configure the severity levels of messages that appear on the console. The default severity for console logging is 5 (notification).

To configure the severity level for a logging facility, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t switch#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# logging console 2 switch(config)#	Configures console logging at level 2 (critical). Logging messages with a severity level of 2 or above will be displayed on the console.
	switch(config)# logging console switch(config)#	Reverts console logging to the factory set default severity level of 5 (notification). Logging messages with a severity level of 5 or above will be displayed on the console.

Configuring Module Logging

By default, logging is enabled at Level 7 for all modules. You can enable or disable logging for each module at a specified level.

To configure the severity level for a logging facility, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t switch#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# logging module 1 switch(config)#	Configures module logging at Level 1 (alerts).
	switch(config)# logging module switch(config)#	Configures module logging for all modules in the switch.
	switch(config)# no logging console switch(config)#	Reverts console logging to the factory set default severity level of 5 (notification). Logging messages with a severity level of 5 or above will be displayed on the console.

Configuring Facility Severity Level

To configure the severity level for a logging facility, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t switch#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# logging level kernel 4 switch(config)#	Configures Telnet or SSH logging for the kernel facility at level 4 (warning). As a result, logging messages with a severity level of 4 or above will be displayed.

Configuring Log Files

Logging messages may be saved to a log file. You can configure the name of this file and restrict its size as required. The file name can have up to 200 characters and the file size ranges from 4096 bytes to 4194304 bytes.

To send log messages to file, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t switch#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# logging logfile ManagerLogFile 3 size 3000000 switch(config)#	Configures logging information for errors or events above a severity level of 3 (errors) to be logged in a file named ManagerLogFile. By configuring this limit, you are restricting the file size to 3000000 bytes. The maximum upper limit is 4194304 (default).

The configured log file is saved in the /var/log/external directory. You can use the **show logging** and **clear debug-logfile** commands to view and clear this file. It is not accessible using the **dir** command.

Configuring Syslog Servers

To send log messages to a UNIX syslog server, you must configure the syslog daemon on a UNIX server. Log in as root, and perform these steps:

Step 1 Add the following line to the file `/etc/syslog.conf`

```
local7.debug                /var/log/myfile.log
```



Note Be sure to add five tab characters between **local7.debug** and **/var/log/myfile.log**. Refer to entries in the `/etc/syslog.conf` file for further examples.

The switch sends messages according to the specified facility types and severity levels. The **local7** keyword specifies the UNIX logging facility used. The messages from the switch are generated by user processes. The **debug** keyword specifies the severity level of the condition being logged. You can set UNIX systems to receive all messages from the switch.

Step 2 Create the log file by entering these commands at the UNIX shell prompt:

```
$ touch /var/log/myfile.log
$ chmod 666 /var/log/myfile.log
```

Step 3 Make sure the syslog daemon reads the new changes by entering this command:

```
$ kill -HUP -cat /etc/syslog.pid-
```

To configure syslog servers, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t switch#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# logging server 172.22.00.00 switch(config)#	Configures the switch to forward log messages according to the specified facility types and severity levels to remote multiple servers specified by its hostname or IP address (172.22.00.00). Note You can configure a maximum of three syslog servers.
	switch(config)# logging server 172.22.00.00 facility local 1 switch(config)#	Configures the switch to forward log messages according to the specified facility level (1) for the server IP address (172.22.00.00). The default facility level is 7.
	switch(config)# no logging server 172.11.00.00 switch(config)#	Removes the specified server (172.11.00.00) and reverts to factory default. Note You can configure a maximum of three syslog servers.

Displaying System Message Logging Information

Use the **show logging** command to display the current system message logging configuration. See Examples 20-1 to 20-8.

Example 20-1 Displays Current System Message Logging

```
switch# show logging

Logging console:          enabled (Severity: notifications)
Logging monitor:         enabled (Severity: information)
Logging linecard:        enabled (Severity: debugging)
Logging server:          enabled
{172.22.0.0}
    server severity:      debugging
    server facility:      local7
{172.22.0.0}
    server severity:      debugging
    server facility:      local7
Logging logfile:         enabled
    Name - external/sampleLogFile: Severity - notifications Size - 3000000
```

Facility	Default Severity	Current Session Severity
-----	-----	-----
kern	6	4
user	3	3
mail	3	3
daemon	7	7
auth	0	0
syslog	3	3
lpr	3	3
news	3	3
uucp	3	3
cron	3	3
authpriv	3	3
ftp	3	3
local0	3	3
local1	3	3
local2	3	3
local3	3	3
local4	3	3
local5	3	3
local6	3	3
local7	3	3
fspf	3	3
fcdomain	2	2
module	5	5
zone	2	2
vni	2	2
ipconf	2	2
ipfc	2	2
xbar	3	3
fcns	2	2
fcs	2	2
acl	2	2
tlport	2	2
port	5	5
port_channel	5	5
fcmpls	0	0
wwn	3	3
fcc	2	2
qos	3	3


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vrrp_cfg          2          2
fcfwd             0          0
ntp               2          2
platform         5          5
vrrp_eng         2          2
callhome         2          2
mcast            2          2
rscn             2          2
securityd        2          2
vhbad            2          2
rib              2          2
vshd             5          5

0(emergencies)    1(alerts)      2(critical)
3(errors)         4(warnings)    5(notifications)
6(information)   7(debugging)

```

```

Nov 8 16:48:04 excal-113 %LOG_VSHD-5-VSHD_SYSLOG_CONFIG_I: Configuring console
from pts/1 (171.71.58.56)
Nov 8 17:44:09 excal-113 %LOG_VSHD-5-VSHD_SYSLOG_CONFIG_I: Configuring console
from pts/0 (171.71.58.72)

```

Example 20-2 Displays Console Logging Status

```

switch# show logging console
Logging console:                enabled (Severity: notifications)

```

Example 20-3 Displays Logging Facility

```

switch# show logging level
Facility           Default Severity      Current Session Severity
-----
kern                6                      4
user                3                      3
mail                3                      3
daemon             7                      7
auth                0                      0
syslog             3                      3
lpr                 3                      3
news                3                      3
uucp                3                      3
cron                3                      3
authpriv            3                      3
ftp                 3                      3
local0              3                      3
local1              3                      3
local2              3                      3
local3              3                      3
local4              3                      3
local5              3                      3
local6              3                      3
local7              3                      3
fspf                3                      3
fcdomain            2                      2
module              5                      5
zone                2                      2
vni                 2                      2
ipconf              2                      2
ipfc                2                      2
xbar                3                      3
fcns                2                      2
fcs                 2                      2

```

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```

acl                2                2
tlport            2                2
port              5                5
port_channel      5                5
fcmpls           0                0
wwn               3                3
fcc               2                2
qos               3                3
vrrp_cfg         2                2
fcfwd            0                0
ntp              2                2
platform         5                5
vrrp_eng         2                2
callhome         2                2
mcast            2                2
rscn             2                2
securityd        2                2
vhbad            2                2
rib              2                2
vshd             5                5

0 (emergencies)   1 (alerts)       2 (critical)
3 (errors)        4 (warnings)     5 (notifications)
6 (information)   7 (debugging)

```

Example 20-4 Displays Logging Information

```

switch# show logging info
Logging console:          enabled (Severity: notifications)
Logging monitor:         enabled (Severity: information)
Logging linecard:        enabled (Severity: debugging)
Logging server:          enabled
{172.22.95.167}
    server severity:     debugging
    server facility:     local7
{172.22.92.58}
    server severity:     debugging
    server facility:     local7
Logging logfile:         enabled
    Name - external/sampleLogFile: Severity - notifications Size - 3000000

```

Facility	Default Severity	Current Session Severity
kern	6	4
user	3	3
mail	3	3
daemon	7	7
auth	0	0
syslog	3	3
lpr	3	3
news	3	3
uucp	3	3
cron	3	3
authpriv	3	3
ftp	3	3
local0	3	3
local1	3	3
local2	3	3
local3	3	3
local4	3	3
local5	3	3
local6	3	3
local7	3	3

fspf	3	3
fcdomain	2	2
module	5	5
zone	2	2
vni	2	2
ipconf	2	2
ipfc	2	2
xbar	3	3
fcns	2	2
fcs	2	2
acl	2	2
tlport	2	2
port	5	5
port_channel	5	5
fcmpls	0	0
wwn	3	3
fcc	2	2
qos	3	3
vrrp_cfg	2	2
fcfwd	0	0
ntp	2	2
platform	5	5
vrrp_eng	2	2
callhome	2	2
mcast	2	2
rscn	2	2
securityd	2	2
vhbad	2	2
rib	2	2
vshd	5	5
0 (emergencies)	1 (alerts)	2 (critical)
3 (errors)	4 (warnings)	5 (notifications)
6 (information)	7 (debugging)	

Example 20-5 Displays Last Few Lines of a Log File

```
switch# show logging last 2
Nov 8 16:48:04 excal-113 %LOG_VSHD-5-VSHD_SYSLOG_CONFIG_I: Configuring console from pts/1
(171.71.58.56)
Nov 8 17:44:09 excal-113 %LOG_VSHD-5-VSHD_SYSLOG_CONFIG_I: Configuring console from pts/0
(171.71.58.72)
```

**Note**

Use the `show logging filename` command to display the entire log file.

Example 20-6 Displays Switching Module Logging Status

```
switch# show logging module
Logging linecard: enabled (Severity: debugging)
```

Example 20-7 Displays Monitor Logging Status

```
switch# show logging monitor
Logging monitor: enabled (Severity: information)
```

**Note**

Use the `show logging nvram` command to view the last 100 log messages in NVRAM

Example 20-8 Displays Server Information

```

switch# show logging server
Logging server:                enabled
{172.22.95.167}
    server severity:          debugging
    server facility:          local7
{172.22.92.58}
    server severity:          debugging
    server facility:          local7

```

Default Settings

Table 20-4 lists the default settings for system message logging.

Table 20-4 Default System Message Log Setting

Parameters	Default
System message logging to the console	Enabled.
System message logging to Telnet sessions	Disabled.
Logging file size	4194304.
Log file name	200 characters.
Logging server	Disabled.
Syslog server IP address	Non configured.
No. of servers	3 servers.
Server facility	Local 7.