

# logmanager library

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# Chapter 1

## Main Page

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Global [LMGR\\_IGNORE\\_ENOSPC](#) Should be able to send an alarm via an external system on ENOSPC ignored errors.





# Chapter 3

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# Chapter 5

## Data Structure Documentation

### 5.1 LOGMANAGER Struct Reference

The structure identifying a log manager.

```
#include <logmanager.h>
```

#### Data Fields

- [int dummy](#)

#### 5.1.1 Detailed Description

The structure identifying a log manager. This is an opaque structure whose elements are not directly accessible from the calling program

#### Examples:

- [example.c](#).

#### 5.1.2 Field Documentation

##### 5.1.2.1 int LOGMANAGER::dummy

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

- [logmanager.h](#)

### 5.2 LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS Struct Reference

Log manager configuration provided at creation time as an argument to [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

```
#include <logmanager.h>
```

## Data Fields

- unsigned int `api_version`  
*Must be set to LOGMANAGER\_API\_VERSION.*
- char \* `base_path`  
*The base path.*
- unsigned int `flags`  
*An OR-ed combination of LMGR\_\* flags.*
- struct {
  - char \* `type`  
*Compression type : 'gz' or 'bz2'.*
  - char \* `level`  
*Compression level as a string.*} `compress`
- apr\_off\_t `file_maxsize`  
*Max log file individual size.*
- apr\_off\_t `global_maxsize`  
*Global size limit (sum).*
- unsigned int `keep_count`  
*Maximum number of log files to keep.*
- apr\_fileperms\_t `create_mode`  
*File creation mode.*
- char \* `debug_file`  
*Path to debug file.*
- int `debug_level`  
*Debug level ( $\geq 0$ ).*
- char \* `rotate_cmd`  
*Command to run on each rotation.*
- `TIMESTAMP` `rotate_delay`  
*Max delay between rotations (in seconds).*
- `TIMESTAMP` `purge_delay`  
*Max log file age (in seconds).*
- char \* `log_path`  
*If set, overrides base path to compute log file paths.*

## 5.2.1 Detailed Description

Log manager configuration provided at creation time as an argument to [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

### Examples:

[example.c](#).

## 5.2.2 Field Documentation

### 5.2.2.1 unsigned int LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::api\_version

Must be set to LOGMANAGER\_API\_VERSION.

### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 5.2.2.2 char\* LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::base\_path

The base path.

This is the prefix used to compute link, status, and pid file paths. If log path not set, also used to compute log file paths

### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 5.2.2.3 unsigned int LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::flags

An OR-ed combination of LMGR\_\* flags.

### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 5.2.2.4 char\* LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::type

Compression type : 'gz' or 'bz2'.

### 5.2.2.5 char\* LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::level

Compression level as a string.

Possible values depend on the compression type

**5.2.2.6 struct { ... } LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::compress****5.2.2.7 apr\_off\_t LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::file\_maxsize**

Max log file individual size.

When returning from [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#), the value can be modified if it does not fit internal constraints.  
Default = 0 = no limit

**Examples:**

[example.c](#).

**5.2.2.8 apr\_off\_t LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::global\_maxsize**

Global size limit (sum).

Default = 0 = no limit

**Examples:**

[example.c](#).

**5.2.2.9 unsigned int LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::keep\_count**

Maximum number of log files to keep.

Default = 0 = no limit

**5.2.2.10 apr\_fileperms\_t LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::create\_mode**

File creation mode.

**Note**

mode is a unix-style permission expressed as an hexadecimal number (example: 0x644). Default = 0  
=> 0x644

**5.2.2.11 char\* LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::debug\_file**

Path to debug file.

Default = NULL = no debug file

**5.2.2.12 int LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::debug\_level**

Debug level ( $\geq 0$ ).

Default = 0 = no debug output

**5.2.2.13 char\* LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::rotate\_cmd**

Command to run on each rotation.



**5.2.2.14** **TIMESTAMP LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::rotate\_delay**

Max delay between rotations (in seconds).

Default = 0 = not set

**5.2.2.15** **TIMESTAMP LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::purge\_delay**

Max log file age (in seconds).

Default = 0 = not set

**5.2.2.16** **char\* LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS::log\_path**

If set, overrides base path to compute log file paths.

Default (NULL) => use base path

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

- [logmanager.h](#)



# Chapter 6

## File Documentation

### 6.1 logmanager.h File Reference

```
#include <apr.h>
#include <apr_file_io.h>
#include <apr_time.h>
```

#### Data Structures

- struct [LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#)  
*Log manager configuration provided at creation time as an argument to `new_logmanager()`.*
- struct [LOGMANAGER](#)  
*The structure identifying a log manager.*

#### Defines

- #define [NOW \(TIMESTAMP\)](#)0  
*Use the system current time.*
- #define [LMGR\\_ACTIVE\\_LINK](#) 0x01  
*`LOGMANAGER_OPTIONS` flag - Maintain a link to the active log file.*
- #define [LMGR\\_BACKUP\\_LINKS](#) 0x02  
*`LOGMANAGER_OPTIONS` flag - Maintain links to backup logs.*
- #define [LMGR\\_HARD\\_LINKS](#) 0x04  
*`LOGMANAGER_OPTIONS` flag - Create hard links instead of symbolic links.*
- #define [LMGR\\_IGNORE\\_EOL](#) 0x08  
*`LOGMANAGER_OPTIONS` flag - Don't rotate on eol only.*
- #define [LMGR\\_IGNORE\\_ENOSPC](#) 0x10

*LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS* flag - ignore 'no more space' (ENOSPC) system errors.

- #define **LMGR\_PID\_FILE** 0x20  
*LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS* flag - Maintain a PID file as 'base\_path'.pid.
- #define **LOGMANAGER\_API\_VERSION** 3  
*The API version.*

## Typedefs

- typedef apr\_time\_t **TIMESTAMP**  
*Timestamp (apr\_time\_t value or 'NOW').*

## Functions

- **LOGMANAGER \* new\_logmanager** (**LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS** \*opts)  
*Creates a log manager.*
- void **logmanager\_destroy** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp)  
*Deletes a log manager.*
- void **logmanager\_open** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp, **TIMESTAMP** t)  
*Opens a log manager.*
- void **logmanager\_close** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp)  
*Closes a log manager.*
- void **logmanager\_write** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp, const char \*buf, apr\_off\_t size, **TIMESTAMP** t)  
*Sends data to a log manager.*
- void **logmanager\_flush** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp)  
*Forces a flush to the log file.*
- void **logmanager\_rotate** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp, **TIMESTAMP** t)  
*Triggers a rotation.*
- char \* **logmanager\_compression\_list** (void)  
*Returns the list of supported compression schemes.*
- char \* **logmanager\_version** (void)  
*Returns the version of the library.*
- void **logmanager\_display\_stats** (**LOGMANAGER** \*mp)  
*Displays internal stats.*

## 6.1.1 Define Documentation

### 6.1.1.1 #define NOW (TIMESTAMP)0

Use the system current time.

When a function receives 'NOW' as timestamp argument, it converts it into the current system time.

#### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 6.1.1.2 #define LMGR\_ACTIVE\_LINK 0x01

[LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#) flag - Maintain a link to the active log file.

### 6.1.1.3 #define LMGR\_BACKUP\_LINKS 0x02

[LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#) flag - Maintain links to backup logs.

### 6.1.1.4 #define LMGR\_HARD\_LINKS 0x04

[LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#) flag - Create hard links instead of symbolic links.

### 6.1.1.5 #define LMGR\_IGNORE\_EOL 0x08

[LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#) flag - Don't rotate on eol only.

This flag inhibits the default buffering mechanism ensuring that rotations occur on end of lines only (no truncated last line in log files)

### 6.1.1.6 #define LMGR\_IGNORE\_ENOSPC 0x10

[LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#) flag - ignore 'no more space' (ENOSPC) system errors.

When this flag is set, the log manager ignores 'no more space/file system full' errors, silently discarding new data when no more space remains in the log file system.

Before setting this flag, you must be sure that you prefer discarding data than crashing the service. Can be used as a 'last chance' protection against DOS attacks.

#### Todo

Should be able to send an alarm via an external system on ENOSPC ignored errors.

### 6.1.1.7 #define LMGR\_PID\_FILE 0x20

[LOGMANAGER\\_OPTIONS](#) flag - Maintain a PID file as 'base\_path'.pid.

#### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 6.1.1.8 #define LOGMANAGER\_API\_VERSION 3

The API version.

## 6.1.2 Typedef Documentation

### 6.1.2.1 typedef apr\_time\_t TIMESTAMP

Timestamp (apr\_time\_t value or 'NOW').

The logmanager library functions receive their time information from the calling program, instead of getting it from the system clock. This way, the calling program controls the way time sent to a log manager varies, independantly from the 'real' (system) time. Different log managers can receive different timestamps as they are independant from each other.

This allows, for instance, to process some old data with the time information extracted from each data line.

#### Note

Once a timestamp is provided in a function call, a subsequent call cannot provide a smaller timestamp value (no step back in time). If a timestamp value smaller than the previous one is provided, the previous one is used to ensure that the rotation/purge logic remains functional.

## 6.1.3 Function Documentation

### 6.1.3.1 LOGMANAGER\* new\_logmanager ( LOGMANAGER\_OPTIONS \* *opts* )

Creates a log manager.

This function creates a log manager object from a set of options. The options define its logic and the paths it will maintain.

#### Note

This function does not write anything to the file system. It only allocates and initializes a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct in memory. Before sending data to the newly-created log manager, you must open it via a call to [logmanager\\_open\(\)](#).

#### Parameters

[in] *opts* A pointer to the log manager's options. This struct and the strings/pointers it may contain should be freed on return (every data needed by the log manager for internal use are transparently allocated/freed by the log manager).

#### Returns

LOGMANAGER\* A pointer to a newly allocated [LOGMANAGER](#) struct. This is the pointer to use in subsequent function calls.

#### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 6.1.3.2 void logmanager\_destroy ( LOGMANAGER \* *mp* )

Deletes a log manager.

Also frees the data allocated by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#)

#### Parameters

[in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

#### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 6.1.3.3 void logmanager\_open ( LOGMANAGER \* *mp*, TIMESTAMP *t* )

Opens a log manager.

Called after [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#) before writing to a log manager

#### Parameters

[in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

[in] *t* Timestamp (apr\_time\_t value or 'NOW')

#### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 6.1.3.4 void logmanager\_close ( LOGMANAGER \* *mp* )

Closes a log manager.

The log manager can then be reopened via [logmanager\\_open\(\)](#) or destroyed via [logmanager\\_destroy\(\)](#).

#### Parameters

[in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

#### Examples:

[example.c](#).

### 6.1.3.5 void logmanager\_write ( LOGMANAGER \* *mp*, const char \* *buf*, apr\_off\_t *size*, TIMESTAMP *t* )

Sends data to a log manager.

#### Parameters

[in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

[in] *buf* The data to write.

- [in] *size* The size in bytes of the data buffer to write
- [in] *t* Timestamp (apr\_time\_t value or 'NOW')

**Examples:**

[example.c](#).

**6.1.3.6 void logmanager\_flush ( LOGMANAGER \* mp )**

Forces a flush to the log file.

Flushes the remaining data to the file system. Mostly interesting to flush compressed streams so that they can be uncompressed by an external mechanism.

**Note**

The log manager remains open.

**Parameters**

- [in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).

**6.1.3.7 void logmanager\_rotate ( LOGMANAGER \* mp, TIMESTAMP t )**

Triggers a rotation.

Triggers an immediate log rotation. Can also trigger a purge if the rotation causes the purge constraints to be exceeded.

**Parameters**

- [in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).
- [in] *t* Timestamp (apr\_time\_t value or 'NOW')

**6.1.3.8 char\* logmanager\_compression\_list ( void )**

Returns the list of supported compression schemes.

**Returns**

A dynamically allocated string containing the list of supported compression types, separated with ',' characters.

The caller has the responsibility to free the returned string.

**6.1.3.9 char\* logmanager\_version ( void )**

Returns the version of the library.

**Returns**

the version of the managelogs package the library belongs to.

The caller has the responsibility to free the returned string.



**6.1.3.10 void logmanager\_display\_stats ( LOGMANAGER \* mp )**

Displays internal stats.

Utility function displaying some internal stats and counters. Used for debugging and tests only.

**Parameters**

[in] *mp* Pointer to a [LOGMANAGER](#) struct previously returned by [new\\_logmanager\(\)](#).



# Chapter 7

## Example Documentation

### 7.1 example.c

```
/*=====
 *
 * This is a very basic example showing how to create a log manager, send it
 * some data read from standard input, and then close and destroy it.
 *
 *=====
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include "logmanager.h"

/*-----*/

int main()
{
    LOGMANAGER *mp;
    LOGMANAGER_OPTIONS opts;
    char *buf;
    int nread;

    /* First, initialize the opts struct */

    memset(&opts,0,sizeof(opts));
    opts.api_version=LOGMANAGER_API_VERSION; /* Mandatory */

    /* Example : set the log manager to maintain a pid file a symbolic to the
     * active log, limit individual file size to 1 Mb and global size to 10 Mb,
     * and write the log files in '/some/dir' with a filename starting with
     * 'prefix' */

    opts.flags=LMGR_PID_FILE|LMGR_ACTIVE_LINK;
    opts.file_maxsize=1024*1024;
    opts.global_maxsize=10*opts.file_maxsize;
    opts.base_path="/some/dir/prefix";

    /* Create and open the log manager */

    mp=new_logmanager(&opts);
    logmanager_open(mp,NOW);

    /* Here, in a real program, we would free the mem allocated for the opts struct *
     /

    /* Write loop */
```

```
while((nread=read(0,buf,sizeof(buf))) > 0)
{
    logmanager_write(mp,buf,nread,NOW);
}

/* The end: Close and destroy the log manager */

logmanager_close(mp);
logmanager_destroy(mp);

return 0;
}
```

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