

Trac Logging

Trac supports logging of system messages using the standard [logging module](#) that comes with Python.

Logging is configured in the `[logging]` section in [trac.ini](#).

Supported Logging Methods

The log method is set using the `log_type` option in [trac.ini](#), which takes any of the following values:

none

Suppress all log messages.

file

Log messages to a file, specified with the `log_file` option in [trac.ini](#).

stderr

Output all log entries to console ([tracd](#) only).

syslog

(UNIX) Send all log messages to the local syslogd via named pipe `/dev/log`. By default, syslog will write them to the file `/var/log/messages`.

eventlog

(Windows) Use the system's NT Event Log for Trac logging.

Log Levels

The verbosity level of logged messages can be set using the `log_level` option in [trac.ini](#). The log level defines the minimum level of urgency required for a message to be logged, and those levels are:

CRITICAL

Log only the most critical (typically fatal) errors.

ERROR

Log failures, bugs and errors.

WARN

Log warnings, non-interrupting events.

INFO

Diagnostic information, log information about all processing.

DEBUG

Trace messages, profiling, etc.

Log Format

Starting with Trac 0.10.4 (see [#2844](#)), it is possible to set the output format for log entries. This can be done through the `log_format` option in [trac.ini](#). The format is a string which can contain any of the [Python logging Formatter variables](#). Additionally, the following Trac-specific variables can be used:

\$(basename)s

The last path component of the current environment.

\$(path)s

The absolute path for the current environment.

\$(project)s

The originating project's name.

Note that variables are identified using a dollar sign (`$(...)`s) instead of percent sign (`%(...)`s).

The default format is:

```
log_format = Trac[$(module)s] $(levelname)s: $(message)s
```

In a multi-project environment where all logs are sent to the same place (e.g. syslog), it makes sense to add the project name. In this example we use `basename` since that can generally be used to identify a project:

```
log_format = Trac[$(basename)s:$(module)s] $(levelname)s: $(message)s
```

See also: [TracIni](#), [TracGuide](#), [TracEnvironment](#)