



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TECH NOTE #013

Logger command

The Concept

The **logger** command can insert text comments into the system log file /etc/messages

Examples

The **logger** command accepts either a text string or a stream of text to standard input terminated by a period (.)

```
fas1> logger    *** Starting shelf firmware upgrade - John User  * * *
fas1> logger
----- > System going down for UPS system maintenance < -----
System is expected to halt ungracefully while we test battery duration
- > Susie Sysadmin
.
```

What It Means To You

The /etc/messages file is the single most important file for troubleshooting system problems and monitoring systems health. The **logger** command is a simple way to record system changes made by storage administrators. These comments are also valuable in troubleshooting by creating a separation between error message before and after the changes.

More Information

The Commands: Manual Page Reference in the Data ONTAP documentation set:

http://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7261/html/ontap/cmdref/man1/na_logger.1.htm

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