

Package ‘rsyslog’

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Title Interface to the 'syslog' System Logger

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Description Functions to write messages to the 'syslog' system logger API, available on all 'POSIX'-compatible operating systems. Features include tagging messages with a priority level and application type, as well as masking (hiding) messages below a given priority level.

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open_syslog *Write Messages to the System Log*

Description

Write messages to the system log via the POSIX syslog interface. Since this is a thin wrapper around that interface, you may also want to take a look at [its documentation](#). Note that neither `open_syslog()` nor `close_syslog()` is actually required, but using them is good practice.

Usage

```
open_syslog(
    identifier,
    open_immediately = FALSE,
    include_pid = FALSE,
    fallback_to_console = FALSE,
    echo = FALSE,
    facility = NULL
)

syslog(message, level = "INFO", facility = NULL)

close_syslog()
```

Arguments

<code>identifier</code>	A string identifying the application.
<code>open_immediately</code>	When TRUE, the connection will be opened immediately (equivalent to using LOG_NDELAY). Otherwise it will be opened when the first message is written to the log (equivalent to using LOG_ODELAY).
<code>include_pid</code>	When TRUE, include the process ID in the log message. Equivalent to using LOG_PID.
<code>fallback_to_console</code>	Write to the system console (e.g. <code>/dev/console</code>) if there is an error while sending to the system logger. Equivalent to using LOG_CONS.
<code>echo</code>	Also log the message to standard error. Equivalent to using LOG_PERROR. Note that this is not actually part of the POSIX specification, and may not be available on your platform. If that is the case, setting this to TRUE will generate a warning.
<code>facility</code>	The type of program doing the logging, according to the guidelines in RFC 5424 . Generally one of "USER" or "LOCAL0" through "LOCAL7". When this is NULL, fall back on the default.
<code>message</code>	The message to write to the system log.
<code>level</code>	The priority level of the message. One of "DEBUG", "INFO", "NOTICE", "WARNING", "ERR", "CRITICAL", "ALERT", or "EMERGE" – in that order of priority. See RFC 5424 for the basis of this schema.

Examples

```
## Not run:
open_syslog("my_script")
syslog("Running script.", level = "INFO")
syslog("Possible issue.", level = "WARNING")
close_syslog()

# Opening the syslog is not strictly necessary. You can
# simply write a message and it will open the log with the
# process name (likely "R") as the default.

syslog("Hello from R!", level = "WARNING")
close_syslog()

## End(Not run)
```

set_syslog_mask	<i>Set the System Log Priority Mask</i>
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Description

set_syslog_mask can be used to prevent messages below a priority level from being written to the system log.

Usage

```
set_syslog_mask(level)
```

Arguments

level	Mask (hide) messages below this priority level. One of "DEBUG", "INFO", "NOTICE", "WARNING", "ERR", "CRITICAL", or "ALERT" – in that order of priority. See RFC 5424 for the basis of this schema.
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Examples

```
## Not run:
open_syslog("my_script")
syslog("This message is visible.", level = "INFO")
set_syslog_mask("WARNING")
syslog("No longer visible.", level = "INFO")
syslog("Still visible.", level = "WARNING")
close_syslog()

## End(Not run)
```

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