NAME

logger – add entries to the system log

SYNOPSIS

logger [**–i**] [**–f** *file*] [**–p** *priority*] [**–t** *tag*] [*message*] . . .

AVAILABILITY

SUNWcsu

DESCRIPTION

The **logger** command provides a method for adding one-line entries to the system log file from the command line. One or more *message* arguments can be given on the command line, in which case each is logged immediately. If this is unspecified, either the file indicated with **–f** or the standard input is added to the log. Otherwise, a *file* can be specified, in which case each line in the file is logged. If neither is specified, **logger** reads and logs messages on a line-by-line basis from the standard input.

OPTIONS

The following options are supported:

–f *file* Use the contents of *file* as the message to log.

–i Log the process ID of the **logger** process with each line.

–p *priority* Enter the message with the specified *priority*. The message priority can be specified numerically, or as a *facility*.*level* pair. For example, '**–p local3.info**' assigns the message priority to the **info** level in the **local3** facility. The default priority is **user.notice**.

–t *tag* Mark each line added to the log with the specified *tag*.

OPERANDS

The following operand is supported:

message One of the string arguments whose contents are concatenated together, in the order specified, separated by single space characters.

EXAMPLES

The following example:

example% logger System rebooted

logs the message '**System rebooted**' to the default priority level **notice** to be treated by **syslogd** as are other messages to the facility **user**.

The next example:

example% logger –p local0.notice –t HOSTIDM –f /dev/idmc

reads from the file **/dev/idmc** and logs each line in that file as a message with the tag '**HOSTIDM**' at priority level **notice** to be treated by **syslogd** as are other messages to the facility **local0**.

ENVIRONMENT

See **environ**(5) for descriptions of the following environment variables that affect the execution of **logger**: **LC_CTYPE**, **LC_MESSAGES**, and **NLSPATH**.

EXIT STATUS

The following exit values are returned:

0 Successful completion.

>0 An error occurred.

SEE ALSO

mailx(1), **write**(1), **syslogd**(1M), **syslog**(3), **environ**(5)