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## 1 Log4c : Logging for C Library

### 1.1 Summary

Log4c is a library of C for flexible logging to files, syslog and other destinations. It is modeled after the Log for Java library (<http://jakarta.apache.org/log4j/>), staying as close to their API as is reasonable. Here is a **short introduction** to Log4j which describes the API, and design rationale.

Mark Mendel started a parallel log4c projet with a different philosophy. The design is macro oriented, so much lighter and faster which perfect for kernel development.

Log4c is also available from SourceForge (<http://www.sourceforge.net/projects/log4c/>). This is work in progress.

### 1.2 Requirements

#### 1.2.1 Platforms

log4c was successfully compiled and run on the following platforms :

- HP-UX release 11.00
- Tru 64 release 4.0F and 5.1
- Red Hat Linux Intel release 7.x, 8, 9
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3, 4
- Solaris Intel release 8, 9, 10
- FreeBSD 6.1-RELEASE
- AIX 5.3 (with xlc compiler)
- Mac OS X
- Windows X

log4c should compile and run on the following platforms :

- The BSD family
- Other Linux distributions

### 1.2.2 Software

The following softwares are needed to generate log4c:

- GCC 3.0.1+, to generate log4c, but hopefully not to use it.
- doxygen 1.2.13+, a documentation system for C/C++ needed to generate the documentation.
- graphviz, the AT&T Graph Visualization Tools also needed to generate the documentation.

For the moment, log4c uses specific GCC extensions, like `__attribute__`, so you will need GCC to compile it. This will probably change one day.

## 1.3 Installation

### 1.3.1 Building from source tarballs

on SourceForge:

- `log4c-1.2.1.tar.gz`

The log4c package uses the GNU autotools compilation and installation framework. The following commands should build log4c on the supported platforms:

```
$ gzip -dc log4c-1.2.1.tar.gz | tar tvf -
$ cd log4c-1.2.1/
$ ./configure --prefix=/path/of/installation
$ make
$ make install
```

Checkout the INSTALL file for installation and the generated doxygen documentation for more information.

### 1.3.2 Using RPMs

FC7 RPMs on SourceForge:

- `log4c-1.2.1-1.i386.rpm`
- `log4c-devel-1.2.1-1.i386.rpm`
- `log4c-doc-1.2.1-1.i386.rpm`

The following command install the log4c RPMs :

```
$ sudo rpm -Uvh log4c-1.2.1.i386.rpm log4c-devel-1.2.1.i386.rpm
```

## 1.4 Configuration

### 1.4.1 Configuration files

log4c searches the folloing files to load its configuration:

- `${LOG4C_RCPATH}/log4crc`
- `${HOME}/.log4crc`
- `./log4crc`

The environment variable `LOG4C_RCPATH` holds the prefix used for installation.

### 1.4.2 Configuration syntax

The `log4crc` configuration file uses an XML syntax. The root element is `<log4c>` and it can be used to control the configuration file version interface with the attribute `"version"`. The following 4 elements are supported: `<config>`, `<category>`, `<appender>` and `<layout>`.

- The `<config>` element controls the global `log4c` configuration. It has 3 sub elements. The `<nocleanup>` flag inhibits the `log4c` destructors routines. The `<bufsize>` element sets the buffer size used to format `log4c_logging_event_t` (p.8) objects. If is set to 0, the allocation is dynamic (the `<debug>` element is currently unused).
- The `<category>` element has 3 possible attributes: the category `"name"`, the category `"priority"` and the category `"appender"`. Future versions will handle multiple appenders per category.
- The `<appender>` element has 3 possible attributes: the appender `"name"`, the appender `"type"`, and the appender `"layout"`.
- The `<layout>` element has 2 possible attributes: the layout `"name"` and the layout `"type"`.

Here's the default `log4crc` configuration file:

This initial version of the `log4c` configuration file syntax is quite different from `log4j`. XML seemed the best choice to keep the `log4j` configuration power in a C API.

### 1.4.3 Environment variables

- `LOG4C_RCPATH` holds the path to the main `log4crc` configuration file
- `LOG4C_PRIORITY` holds the `"root"` category priority
- `LOG4C_APPENDER` holds the `"root"` category appender

## 1.5 Customization

This section will, one day, briefly describe how to define custom appenders and custom layouts. Be patient or checkout the source.

## 1.6 Thanks

Mark Mendel for his work on a previous version of log4c.

This project would not have existed without Ceki Gulcu, the creator and maintainer of Log4j, nor without Bastiaan Bakker, who initiated me with Log4Cpp.

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- Joel Schaubert for many contributions
- Robert Byrne for Windows port and also many contributions
- Olger Warnier for the Mac OS X port
- Jeff Smith for writing a primer on `how to use Log4c effectively`

## 1.7 Copyright

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## 2 Todo List

**Class `log4c_location_info_t` (p. 7)** this is not used

**File `appender.h` (p. 9)** the appender interface needs a better configuration system depending on the layout type. The `udata` field is a just a trick.

**Global `log4c_category_get_chainedpriority` (p. 29)** the `log4c_category_t` is designed so that this method executes as quickly as possible. It could even be faster if the set priority was propagated through the children hierarchy of a category.

**Global `log4c_category_set_appender` (p. 36)** need multiple appenders per category

**File `layout.h` (p. 37)** the layout interface needs a better configuration system depending on the layout type. The `udata` field is a just a trick.

**File `layout.h` (p. 37)** a pattern layout would be welcomed !!

**Global `log4c_logging_event_new` (p. 46)** need to handle multi-threading (NDC)



## 3 Deprecated List

**Global `log4c_appender_type_define` (p. 11)** This macro, and the static initialization of appenders in general, is deprecated. Use rather the **`log4c_appender_type_set()`** (p. 15) function to initialize your appenders before calling **`log4c_init()`** (p. 37)

**Global `log4c_layout_type_define` (p. 39)** This macro, and the static initialization of layouts in general, is deprecated. Use rather the **`log4c_layout_type_set()`** (p. 42) function to initialize your appenders before calling **`log4c_init()`** (p. 37)

## 4 Bug List

**Global `log4c_appender_append` (p. 12)** is this the right place to open an appender ?

**Global `log4c_category_get` (p. 29)** the root category name should be "" not "root". \*

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## 7 Data Structure Documentation

### 7.1 log4c\_appender\_type Struct Reference

log4c appender type class

```
#include <appender.h>
```

### 7.1.1 Detailed Description

log4c appender type class

Attributes description:

- **name** appender type name
- **open**
- **append**
- **close**

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

- **appender.h**

## 7.2 log4c\_buffer\_t Struct Reference

buffer object

```
#include <buffer.h>
```

### 7.2.1 Detailed Description

buffer object

Attributes description:

- **size** current size of the buffer
- **maxsize** maximum size of the buffer. 0 means no limitation.
- **data** raw data

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

- **buffer.h**

## 7.3 log4c\_layout\_type Struct Reference

log4c layout type class

```
#include <layout.h>
```

### 7.3.1 Detailed Description

log4c layout type class

Attributes description:

- **name** layout type name

- `format`

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

- `layout.h`

## 7.4 log4c\_location\_info\_t Struct Reference

logging location information

```
#include <location_info.h>
```

### 7.4.1 Detailed Description

logging location information

Attributes description:

- `loc_file` file name
- `loc_line` file line
- `loc_function` function name
- `loc_data` user data

#### Todo

this is not used

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

- `location_info.h`

## 7.5 log4c\_logging\_event\_t Struct Reference

logging event object

```
#include <logging_event.h>
```

### 7.5.1 Detailed Description

logging event object

Attributes description:

- `evt_category` category name.
- `evt_priority` priority of logging event.
- `evt_msg` The application supplied message of logging event.
- `evt_buffer` a pre allocated buffer to be used by layouts to format in a multi-thread environment.

- `evt_rendered_msg` The application supplied message after layout format.
- `evt_timestamp` The number of seconds elapsed since the epoch (1/1/1970 00:00:00 UTC) until logging event was created.
- `evt_loc` The event's location information

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

- `logging_event.h`

## 7.6 log4c\_rc\_t Struct Reference

resource configuration object

```
#include <rc.h>
```

### 7.6.1 Detailed Description

resource configuration object

Attributes description:

- `nocleanup` don't perform memory cleanup in log4c library destructor or in `log4c_fini()` (p. 37)
- `bufsize` maximum logging buffer size. 0 for no limits
- `debug` activate log4c debugging

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

- `rc.h`

## 7.7 log4c\_rollingpolicy\_type Struct Reference

log4c rollingpolicy type. Defines the interface a specific policy must provide to the rollingfile appender.

```
#include <rollingpolicy.h>
```

### 7.7.1 Detailed Description

log4c rollingpolicy type. Defines the interface a specific policy must provide to the rollingfile appender.

Attributes description:

- `name` rollingpolicy type name
- `init()` init the rollingpolicy
- `is_triggering_event()`

- `rollover()`

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

- `rollingpolicy.h`

## 8 File Documentation

### 8.1 appender.h File Reference

Implement this interface for your own strategies for printing log statements.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/layout.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

#### Data Structures

- struct **log4c\_appender\_type**  
*log4c appender type class*

#### Defines

- `#define log4c_appender_type_define(a_type)`

#### Typedefs

- `typedef struct __log4c_appender log4c_appender_t`
- `typedef struct log4c_appender_type log4c_appender_type_t`  
*log4c appender type class*

#### Functions

- `LOG4C_API const log4c_appender_type_t * log4c_appender_type_get (const char *a_name)`
- `LOG4C_API const log4c_appender_type_t * log4c_appender_type_set (const log4c_appender_type_t *a_type)`
- `LOG4C_API log4c_appender_t * log4c_appender_get (const char *a_name)`
- `LOG4C_API log4c_appender_t * log4c_appender_new (const char *a_name)`
- `LOG4C_API void log4c_appender_delete (log4c_appender_t *a_appender)`
- `LOG4C_API const char * log4c_appender_get_name (const log4c_appender_t *a_appender)`
- `LOG4C_API const log4c_appender_type_t * log4c_appender_get_type (const log4c_appender_t *a_appender)`
- `LOG4C_API const log4c_layout_t * log4c_appender_get_layout (const log4c_appender_t *a_appender)`

- LOG4C\_API void \* **log4c\_appender\_get\_adata** (const **log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender)
- LOG4C\_API const **log4c\_appender\_type\_t** \* **log4c\_appender\_set\_type** (**log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender, const **log4c\_appender\_type\_t** \*a\_type)
- LOG4C\_API void \* **log4c\_appender\_set\_adata** (**log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender, void \*a\_adata)
- LOG4C\_API const **log4c\_layout\_t** \* **log4c\_appender\_set\_layout** (**log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender, const **log4c\_layout\_t** \*a\_layout)
- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_appender\_open** (**log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender)
- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_appender\_append** (**log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender, **log4c\_logging\_event\_t** \*a\_event)
- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_appender\_close** (**log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender)
- LOG4C\_API void **log4c\_appender\_print** (const **log4c\_appender\_t** \*a\_appender, FILE \*a\_stream)
- LOG4C\_API void **log4c\_appender\_types\_print** (FILE \*fp)

### 8.1.1 Detailed Description

Implement this interface for your own strategies for printing log statements.

#### Todo

the appender interface needs a better configuration system depending on the layout type. The udata field is a just a trick.

### 8.1.2 Define Documentation

#### 8.1.2.1 #define log4c\_appender\_type\_define(a\_type)

Helper macro to define static appender types.

#### Parameters:

**a\_type** the **log4c\_appender\_type\_t** object to define

#### Warning:

needs GCC support: otherwise this macro does nothing

#### Deprecated

This macro, and the static initialization of appenders in general, is deprecated. Use rather the **log4c\_appender\_type\_set()** (p. 15) function to initialize your appenders before calling **log4c\_init()** (p. 37)

### 8.1.3 Typedef Documentation

#### 8.1.3.1 typedef struct \_\_log4c\_appender log4c\_appender\_t

log4c appender class

### 8.1.3.2 typedef struct log4c\_appender\_type log4c\_appender\_type\_t

log4c appender type class

Attributes description:

- name appender type name
- open
- append
- close

### 8.1.4 Function Documentation

#### 8.1.4.1 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_appender\_append (log4c\_appender\_t \* *this*, log4c\_logging\_event\_t \* *a\_event*)

log in appender specific way.

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender object

*a\_event* the log4c\_logging\_event\_t (p. 8) object to log.

**Bug**

is this the right place to open an appender ?

References log4c\_logging\_event\_t::evt\_msg, and log4c\_logging\_event\_t::evt\_rendered\_msg.

#### 8.1.4.2 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_appender\_close (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)

closes the appender

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

**Returns:**

zero if successful, -1 otherwise

#### 8.1.4.3 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_appender\_delete (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)

Destructor for log4c\_appender\_t.



#### 8.1.4.4 LOG4C\_API log4c\_appender\_t\* log4c\_appender\_get (const char \* *a\_name*)

Get a pointer to an existing appender.

**Parameters:**

*a\_name* the name of the appender to return.

**Returns:**

a pointer to an existing appender, or NULL if no appender with the specified name exists.

#### 8.1.4.5 LOG4C\_API const log4c\_layout\_t\* log4c\_appender\_get\_layout (const log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

**Returns:**

the appender layout

#### 8.1.4.6 LOG4C\_API const char\* log4c\_appender\_get\_name (const log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

**Returns:**

the appender name

#### 8.1.4.7 LOG4C\_API const log4c\_appender\_type\_t\* log4c\_appender\_get\_type (const log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

**Returns:**

the appender operations

**8.1.4.8 LOG4C\_API void\* log4c\_appender\_get\_udata (const log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)**

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

**Returns:**

the appender user data

**8.1.4.9 LOG4C\_API log4c\_appender\_t\* log4c\_appender\_new (const char \* *a\_name*)**

Constructor for log4c\_appender\_t.

**8.1.4.10 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_appender\_open (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*)**

opens the appender.

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

**8.1.4.11 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_appender\_print (const log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*, FILE \* *a\_stream*)**

prints the appender on a stream

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

*a\_stream* the stream

**8.1.4.12 LOG4C\_API const log4c\_layout\_t\* log4c\_appender\_set\_layout (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*, const log4c\_layout\_t \* *a\_layout*)**

sets the appender layout

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

*a\_layout* the new appender layout

**Returns:**

the previous appender layout

**8.1.4.13 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_appender_type_t* log4c_appender_set_type(log4c_appender_t * a_appender, const log4c_appender_type_t * a_type)`

sets the appender type

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

*a\_type* the new appender type

**Returns:**

the previous appender type

**8.1.4.14 LOG4C\_API** `void* log4c_appender_set_udata(log4c_appender_t * a_appender, void * a_udata)`

sets the appender user data

**Parameters:**

*a\_appender* the log4c\_appender\_t object

*a\_udata* the new appender user data

**Returns:**

the previous appender user data

**8.1.4.15 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_appender_type_t* log4c_appender_type_get(const char * a_name)`

Get a pointer to an existing appender type.

**Parameters:**

*a\_name* the name of the appender type to return.

**Returns:**

a pointer to an existing appender type, or NULL if no appender type with the specified name exists.

#### 8.1.4.16 LOG4C\_API const log4c\_appender\_type\_t\* log4c\_appender\_type\_set (const log4c\_appender\_type\_t \* *a\_type*)

Use this function to register an appender type with log4c. Once this is done you may refer to this type by name both programmatically and in the log4c configuration file.

##### Parameters:

*a\_type* a pointer to the new appender type to set.

##### Returns:

a pointer to the previous appender type of same name.

Example code fragment:

```
const log4c_appender_type_t log4c_appender_type_s13_file = {
    "s13_file",
    s13_file_open,
    s13_file_append,
    s13_file_close,
};

log4c_appender_type_set(&log4c_appender_type_s13_file);
```

References log4c\_appender\_type::name.

#### 8.1.4.17 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_appender\_types\_print (FILE \* *fp*)

prints all the current registered appender types on a stream

##### Parameters:

*fp* the stream

## 8.2 appender\_type\_mmap.h File Reference

Log4c mmap(2) appender interface.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/appender.h>
```

##### Variables

- `__LOG4C_BEGIN_DECLS` const `log4c_appender_type_t` `log4c_appender_type_mmap`

### 8.2.1 Detailed Description

Log4c mmap(2) appender interface.

The mmap appender uses a fixed length memory mapped file for logging. The appender's name is used as the file name which will be opened and mapped to memory at first use. The memory mapped file is then used as a rotating buffer in which logging events are written.

The following examples shows how to define and use mmap appenders.

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;

myappender = log4c_appender_get("myfile.log");
log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, &log4c_appender_type_mmap);
```

#### Warning:

the file is not created at first use. It should already exist and have a reasonable size, a mutiple of a page size.

### 8.2.2 Variable Documentation

#### 8.2.2.1 \_\_LOG4C\_BEGIN\_DECLS const log4c\_appender\_type\_t log4c\_appender\_type\_mmap

Mmap appender type definition.

This should be used as a parameter to the **log4c\_appender\_set\_type()** (p. 14) routine to set the type of the appender.

## 8.3 appender\_type\_rollingfile.h File Reference

Log4c rolling file appender interface.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/appender.h>
#include <log4c/rollingpolicy.h>
```

#### Functions

- LOG4C\_API rollingfile\_udata\_t \* **rollingfile\_make\_udata** (void)
- LOG4C\_API int **rollingfile\_udata\_set\_logdir** (rollingfile\_udata\_t \*rfudatap, char \*logdir)
- LOG4C\_API int **rollingfile\_udata\_set\_files\_prefix** (rollingfile\_udata\_t \*rfudatap, char \*prefix)
- LOG4C\_API int **rollingfile\_udata\_set\_policy** (rollingfile\_udata\_t \*rfudatap, log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \*policyp)
- LOG4C\_API const char \* **rollingfile\_udata\_get\_logdir** (rollingfile\_udata\_t \*rfudatap)
- LOG4C\_API const char \* **rollingfile\_udata\_get\_files\_prefix** (rollingfile\_udata\_t \*rfudatap)
- LOG4C\_API long **rollingfile\_get\_current\_file\_size** (rollingfile\_udata\_t \*rfudatap)

## Variables

- `__LOG4C_BEGIN_DECLS LOG4C_API const log4c_appender_type_t log4c_appender_type_rollingfile`

### 8.3.1 Detailed Description

Log4c rolling file appender interface.

The rolling file appender implements a logging mechanism of a list of files up to a maximum number.

The files are written by default to the current directory with logging names following the pattern log.1, log.2 etc. These parameters may be changed using the appropriate setter functions.

If the appender fails to open logfiles for writing then the messages are logged to stderr—it will continue to try to open the zero-th file for writing at rollover events so if it succeeds at some point to open that file the messages will start to appear therein and will no longer be sent to stderr.

Switching from logging from one file to the next is referred to as a 'rollover event'.

The policy that determines when a rollover event should happen is called a 'rolling policy'.

A mechanism is provided to allow different rolling policies to be defined.

Log4c ships with (and defaults to) the classic size-window rollover policy: this triggers rollover when files reach a maximum size. The first file in the list is always the current file; when a rollover event occurs files are shifted up by one position in the list—if the number of files in the list has already reached the max then the oldest file is rotated out of the window.

See the documentation in the **rollingpolicy\_type\_sizewin.h** (p. 54) file for more details on the size-win rollover policy.

### 8.3.2 Function Documentation

#### 8.3.2.1 LOG4C\_API long rollingfile\_get\_current\_file\_size (rollingfile\_udata\_t \* *rfudatap*)

Get the prefix string in this rolling file appender configuration.

##### Parameters:

*rfudatap* the rolling file appender configuration object.

##### Returns:

the current size of the file being logged to.

#### 8.3.2.2 LOG4C\_API rollingfile\_udata\_t\* rollingfile\_make\_udata (void)

Get a new rolling file appender configuration object.

##### Returns:

a new rolling file appender configuration object, otherwise NULL.

### 8.3.2.3 LOG4C\_API const char\* rollingfile\_uda\_t\_get\_files\_prefix(rollingfile\_uda\_t \* rfudatap)

Get the prefix string in this rolling file appender configuration.

**Parameters:**

*rfudatap* the rolling file appender configuration object.

**Returns:**

the prefix.

### 8.3.2.4 LOG4C\_API const char\* rollingfile\_uda\_t\_get\_logdir(rollingfile\_uda\_t \* rfudatap)

Get the logging directory in this rolling file appender configuration.

**Parameters:**

*rfudatap* the rolling file appender configuration object.

**Returns:**

the logging directory.

### 8.3.2.5 LOG4C\_API int rollingfile\_uda\_t\_set\_files\_prefix(rollingfile\_uda\_t \* rfudatap, char \* prefix)

Set the prefix string in this rolling file appender configuration.

**Parameters:**

*rfudatap* the rolling file appender configuration object.

*prefix* the logging files prfix to use.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

### 8.3.2.6 LOG4C\_API int rollingfile\_uda\_t\_set\_logdir(rollingfile\_uda\_t \* rfudatap, char \* logdir)

Set the logging directory in this rolling file appender configuration.

**Parameters:**

*rfudatap* the rolling file appender configuration object.

*logdir* the logging directory to set.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

### 8.3.2.7 LOG4C\_API int rollingfile\_udata\_set\_policy (rollingfile\_udata\_t \* rfudatap, log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \* policyp)

Set the rolling policy in this rolling file appender configuration.

**Parameters:**

*rfudatap* the rolling file appender configuration object.

*policyp* the logging files prefix to use.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

### 8.3.3 Variable Documentation

#### 8.3.3.1 \_\_LOG4C\_BEGIN\_DECLS LOG4C\_API const log4c\_appender\_type\_t log4c\_appender\_type\_rollingfile

rollingfile appender type definition.

This should be used as a parameter to the **log4c\_appender\_set\_type()** (p. 14) routine to set the type of the appender.

## 8.4 appender\_type\_stream.h File Reference

Log4c stream appender interface.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/appender.h>
```

**Variables**

- **\_\_LOG4C\_BEGIN\_DECLS const log4c\_appender\_type\_t log4c\_appender\_type\_stream**

### 8.4.1 Detailed Description

Log4c stream appender interface.

The stream appender uses a file handle FILE\* for logging. The appender's name is used as the file name which will be opened at first log. An appender can also be associated to an opened file handle using the **log4c\_appender\_set\_udata()** (p. 15) method to update the appender user



data field. In this last case, the appender name has no meaning. 2 default stream appenders are defined: "stdout" and "stderr".

The following examples shows how to define and use stream appenders.

- the simple way

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;

myappender = log4c_appender_get("myfile.log");
log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, &log4c_appender_type_stream);
```

- the sophisticated way

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;

myappender = log4c_appender_get("myappender");

log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, &log4c_appender_type_stream);
log4c_appender_set_ufdata(myappender, fopen("myfile.log", "w"));
```

## 8.4.2 Variable Documentation

### 8.4.2.1 \_\_LOG4C\_BEGIN\_DECLS const log4c\_appender\_type\_t log4c\_appender\_type\_stream

Stream appender type definition.

This should be used as a parameter to the `log4c_appender_set_type()` (p. 14) routine to set the type of the appender.

## 8.5 appender\_type\_stream2.h File Reference

Log4c stream2 appender interface.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/appender.h>
```

### Functions

- LOG4C\_API void `log4c_stream2_set_fp` (log4c\_appender\_t \*a\_this, FILE \*fp)
- LOG4C\_API FILE \* `log4c_stream2_get_fp` (log4c\_appender\_t \*a\_this)
- LOG4C\_API void `log4c_stream2_set_flags` (log4c\_appender\_t \*a\_this, int flags)
- LOG4C\_API int `log4c_stream2_get_flags` (log4c\_appender\_t \*a\_this)

### Variables

- \_\_LOG4C\_BEGIN\_DECLS LOG4C\_API const log4c\_appender\_type\_t `log4c_appender_type_stream2`

### 8.5.1 Detailed Description

Log4c stream2 appender interface.

The stream2 appender uses a file handle FILE\* for logging. It can be used with `stdout`, `stderr` or a normal file. It is pretty primitive as it does not do file rotation, or have a maximum configurable file size etc. It improves on the stream appender in a few ways that make it a better starting point for new stream based appenders.

It enhances the stream appender by allowing the default file pointer to be used in buffered or unbuffered mode. Also when you set the file pointer stream2 will not attempt to close it on exit which avoids it fighting with the owner of the file pointer. stream2 is configured via setter functions—the udata is not exposed directly. This means that new options (eg. configure the open mode ) could be added to stream2 while maintaining backward compatability.

The appender can be used with default values, for example as follows:

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;

myappender = log4c_appender_get("/var/logs/mylog.log");
log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, log4c_appender_type_get("stream2"));
```

In this case the appender will be configured automatically with default values:

- the filename is the same as the name of the appender, `"/var/logs/mymlog.log"`
- the file is opened in `"w+"` mode
- the default system buffer is used (cf; `setbuf()` ) in buffered mode

The stream2 appender can be configured by passing it a file pointer to use. In this case you manage the file pointer yourself—open, option setting, closing. If you set the file pointer log4c will not close the file on exiting—you must do this:

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;
FILE * fp = fopen("myfile.log", "w");

myappender = log4c_appender_get("myappender");
log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, log4c_appender_type_get("stream2"));
log4c_stream2_set_fp(stream2_appender, myfp);
```

The default file pointer can be configured to use unbuffered mode. Buffered mode is typically 25-50% faster than unbuffered mode but unbuffered mode is useful if your preference is for a more synchronized log file:

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;

myappender = log4c_appender_get("/var/logs/mylog.log");
log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, log4c_appender_type_get("stream2"));
log4c_stream2_set_flags(myappender, LOG4C_STREAM2_UNBUFFERED);
```

### 8.5.2 Function Documentation

#### 8.5.2.1 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_stream2\_get\_flags (log4c\_appender\_t \* a\_this)

Get the flags for this appender.

**Parameters:**

*this* a pointer to the appender

**Returns:**

the flags for this appender. returns -1 if there was a problem.

### 8.5.2.2 LOG4C\_API FILE\* log4c\_stream2\_get\_fp (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_this*)

Get the file pointer for this appender.

**Parameters:**

*this* a pointer to the appender

**Returns:**

the file pointer for this appender. If there's a problem returns NULL.

### 8.5.2.3 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_stream2\_set\_flags (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_this*, int *flags*)

Set the flags for this appender.

**Parameters:**

*this* a pointer to the appender

*flags* are the flags to set. These will overwrite the existing flags. Currently supported flags:  
LOG4C\_STREAM2\_UNBUFFERED

### 8.5.2.4 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_stream2\_set\_fp (log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_this*, FILE \* *fp*)

Set the file pointer for this appender.

**Parameters:**

*this* a pointer to the appender

*fp* the file pointer this appender will use. The caller is responsible for managing the file pointer (open, option setting, closing).

## 8.5.3 Variable Documentation

### 8.5.3.1 \_\_LOG4C\_BEGIN\_DECLS LOG4C\_API const log4c\_appender\_type\_t log4c\_appender\_type\_stream2

Stream2 appender type definition.

This should be used as a parameter to the `log4c_appender_set_type()` (p. 14) routine to set the type of the appender.

## 8.6 appender\_type\_syslog.h File Reference

Log4c syslog(3) appender interface.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/appender.h>
```

### Variables

- `__LOG4C_BEGIN_DECLS const log4c_appender_type_t log4c_appender_type_syslog`

#### 8.6.1 Detailed Description

Log4c syslog(3) appender interface.

The syslog appender uses the syslog(3) interface for logging. The log4c priorities are mapped to the syslog priorities and the appender name is used as a syslog identifier. 1 default syslog appender is defined: "syslog".

The following examples shows how to define and use syslog appenders.

```
log4c_appender_t* myappender;

myappender = log4c_appender_get("myappender");
log4c_appender_set_type(myappender, &log4c_appender_type_syslog);
```

#### 8.6.2 Variable Documentation

##### 8.6.2.1 `__LOG4C_BEGIN_DECLS const log4c_appender_type_t log4c_appender_type_syslog`

Syslog appender type definition.

This should be used as a parameter to the `log4c_appender_set_type()` (p. 14) routine to set the type of the appender.

## 8.7 buffer.h File Reference

log4c buffer

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <stddef.h>
```

### Data Structures

- `struct log4c_buffer_t`

*buffer object*

### 8.7.1 Detailed Description

log4c buffer

## 8.8 category.h File Reference

central class in the log4c package.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/priority.h>
#include <log4c/location_info.h>
```

### Defines

- `#define LOG4C_CATEGORY_DEFINE(a_category, a_name)`

### Typedefs

- `typedef struct __log4c_category LOG4C_CATEGORY_T`

### Functions

- LOG4C\_API `LOG4C_CATEGORY_T * log4c_category_get` (const char \*a\_name)
- LOG4C\_API `int log4c_category_list` (LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*\*a\_cats, int a\_ncats)
- LOG4C\_API `LOG4C_CATEGORY_T * log4c_category_new` (const char \*a\_name)
- LOG4C\_API `void log4c_category_delete` (LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category)
- LOG4C\_API `const char * log4c_category_get_name` (const LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category)
- LOG4C\_API `struct __log4c_appender * log4c_category_get_appender` (const LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category)
- LOG4C\_API `int log4c_category_get_additivity` (const LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category)
- LOG4C\_API `int log4c_category_get_priority` (const LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category)
- LOG4C\_API `int log4c_category_get_chainedpriority` (const LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category)
- LOG4C\_API `struct __log4c_appender * log4c_category_set_appender` (LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category, struct \_\_log4c\_appender \*a\_appender)
- LOG4C\_API `int log4c_category_set_priority` (LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category, int a\_priority)
- LOG4C\_API `int log4c_category_set_additivity` (LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category, int a\_additivity)
- LOG4C\_API `void log4c_category_print` (const LOG4C\_CATEGORY\_T \*a\_category, FILE \*a\_stream)

- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, int a\_priority)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_fatal\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_alert\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_crit\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_error\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_warn\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_notice\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_info\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_debug\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static int **log4c\_category\_is\_trace\_enabled** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_log** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, int a\_priority, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_log\_locinfo** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const **log4c\_location\_info\_t** \*a\_locinfo, int a\_priority, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_fatal** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_alert** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_crit** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_error** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_warn** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_notice** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_info** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_debug** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)
- static LOG4C\_INLINE void **log4c\_category\_trace** (const **log4c\_category\_t** \*a\_category, const char \*a\_format,...)

### 8.8.1 Detailed Description

central class in the log4c package.

One of the distinctive features of log4j (and hence log4c) are hierarchical categories and their evaluation.

### 8.8.2 Define Documentation

#### 8.8.2.1 #define log4c\_category\_define(a\_category, a\_name)

Helper macro to define static categories.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t pointer name  
*a\_name* the category name

**8.8.3 Typedef Documentation****8.8.3.1 typedef struct \_\_log4c\_category log4c\_category\_t**

log4c category class

**8.8.4 Function Documentation****8.8.4.1 static LOG4C\_INLINE void \_\_log4c\_category\_trace (const log4c\_category\_t \* a\_category, const char \* a\_format, ...) [static]**

Log a message with trace priority.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
 ... The arguments for a\_format

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_TRACE.

**8.8.4.2 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_alert (const log4c\_category\_t \* a\_category, const char \* a\_format, ...) [static]**

Log a message with alert priority.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
 ... The arguments for a\_format

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_ALERT.

**8.8.4.3 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_crit (const log4c\_category\_t \* a\_category, const char \* a\_format, ...) [static]**

Log a message with crit priority.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

***a\_format*** Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
... The arguments for ***a\_format***

References `log4c_category_is_priority_enabled()`, and `LOG4C_PRIORITY_CRIT`.

**8.8.4.4** `static LOG4C_INLINE void log4c_category_debug (const  
log4c_category_t * a_category, const char * a_format, ...)` [static]

Log a message with debug priority.

**Parameters:**

***a\_category*** the `log4c_category_t` object  
***a\_format*** Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
... The arguments for ***a\_format***

References `log4c_category_is_priority_enabled()`, and `LOG4C_PRIORITY_DEBUG`.

**8.8.4.5** `LOG4C_API void log4c_category_delete (log4c_category_t *  
a_category)`

Destructor for a `log4c_category_t`.

**Parameters:**

***a\_category*** the `log4c_category_t` object

**8.8.4.6** `static LOG4C_INLINE void log4c_category_error (const  
log4c_category_t * a_category, const char * a_format, ...)` [static]

Log a message with error priority.

**Parameters:**

***a\_category*** the `log4c_category_t` object  
***a\_format*** Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
... The arguments for ***a\_format***

References `log4c_category_is_priority_enabled()`, and `LOG4C_PRIORITY_ERROR`.

**8.8.4.7** `static LOG4C_INLINE void log4c_category_fatal (const  
log4c_category_t * a_category, const char * a_format, ...)` [static]

Log a message with fatal priority.



**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
 ... The arguments for a\_format

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_FATAL.

#### 8.8.4.8 LOG4C\_API log4c\_category\_t\* log4c\_category\_get (const char \* *a\_name*)

Instantiate a log4c\_category\_t with name *name*. This method does not set priority of the category which is by default LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET.

**Parameters:**

*a\_name* The name of the category to retrieve.

**Bug**

the root category name should be "" not "root". \*

#### 8.8.4.9 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_category\_get\_additivity (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*)

Get the additivity flag for this log4c\_category\_t..

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

the category additivity

#### 8.8.4.10 LOG4C\_API struct \_\_log4c\_appender\* log4c\_category\_get\_appender (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*) [read]

Returns the Appender for this log4c\_category\_t, or NULL if no Appender has been set.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

The Appender.

#### 8.8.4.11 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_category\_get\_chainedpriority (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*)

Starting from this category, search the category hierarchy for a set priority and return it. Otherwise, return the priority of the root category.

##### Parameters:

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

##### Todo

the log4c\_category\_t is designed so that this method executes as quickly as possible. It could even be faster if the set priority was propagated through the children hierarchy of a category.

References LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET, and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_UNKNOWN.

#### 8.8.4.12 LOG4C\_API const char\* log4c\_category\_get\_name (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*)

Return the category name.

##### Parameters:

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

##### Returns:

the category name.

#### 8.8.4.13 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_category\_get\_priority (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*)

Returns the assigned Priority, if any, for this log4c\_category\_t.

##### Parameters:

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

##### Returns:

Priority - the assigned Priority, can be LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET

References LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_UNKNOWN.

#### 8.8.4.14 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_info (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, const char \* *a\_format*, ...) [static]

Log a message with info priority.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
... The arguments for a\_format

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_INFO.

**8.8.4.15** static int log4c\_category\_is\_alert\_enabled (const log4c\_category\_t \*  
a\_category) [inline, static]

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_ALERT.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_ALERT.

**8.8.4.16** static int log4c\_category\_is\_crit\_enabled (const log4c\_category\_t \*  
a\_category) [inline, static]

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_CRIT.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_CRIT.

**8.8.4.17** static int log4c\_category\_is\_debug\_enabled (const log4c\_category\_t \*  
a\_category) [inline, static]

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_DEBUG.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_DEBUG.

**8.8.4.18** `static int log4c_category_is_error_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category) [inline, static]`

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_ERROR.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_ERROR.

**8.8.4.19** `static int log4c_category_is_fatal_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category) [inline, static]`

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_FATAL.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_FATAL.

**8.8.4.20** `static int log4c_category_is_info_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category) [inline, static]`

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_INFO.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_INFO.

**8.8.4.21** `static int log4c_category_is_notice_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category) [inline, static]`

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTICE.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTICE.

**8.8.4.22** `static int log4c_category_is_priority_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category, int a_priority) [inline, static]`

Returns true if the chained priority of the log4c\_category\_t is equal to or higher than given priority.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

*a\_priority* The priority to compare with.

**Returns:**

whether logging is enable for this priority.

**8.8.4.23** `static int log4c_category_is_trace_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category) [inline, static]`

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_TRACE.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_TRACE.

**8.8.4.24** `static int log4c_category_is_warn_enabled (const log4c_category_t *  
a_category) [inline, static]`

Return true if the category will log messages with priority LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_WARN.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

**Returns:**

Whether the category will log.

References `log4c_category_is_priority_enabled()`, and `LOG4C_PRIORITY_WARN`.

#### 8.8.4.25 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_category\_list (log4c\_category\_t \*\* *a\_cats*, int *a\_ncats*)

Fill in an array with the log4c categories.

**Parameters:**

*a\_cats* array of categories that will be filled  
*a\_ncats* number of categories in the array

**Returns:**

-1 if it fails or the number of available categories in log4c.

#### 8.8.4.26 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_log (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, int *a\_priority*, const char \* *a\_format*, ...) [static]

Log a message with the specified priority.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_priority* The priority of this log message.  
*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
 ... The arguments for a\_format

References `log4c_category_is_priority_enabled()`.

#### 8.8.4.27 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_log\_locinfo (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, const log4c\_location\_info\_t \* *a\_locinfo*, int *a\_priority*, const char \* *a\_format*, ...) [static]

Log a message with the specified priority and a user location info.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_locinfo* a user location info  
*a\_priority* The priority of this log message.  
*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.  
 ... The arguments for a\_format

References `log4c_category_is_priority_enabled()`.

#### 8.8.4.28 LOG4C\_API log4c\_category\_t\* log4c\_category\_new (const char \* *a\_name*)

Constructor for a log4c\_category\_t.

##### Parameters:

*a\_name* the category name

##### Returns:

a log4c\_category object

##### Warning:

this method should not be called directly. You should use the **log4c\_category\_get()** (p. 29) method in order to preserve the categories hierarchy.

References LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET.

#### 8.8.4.29 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_notice (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, const char \* *a\_format*, ...) [static]

Log a message with notice priority.

##### Parameters:

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

*a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.

... The arguments for a\_format

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTICE.

#### 8.8.4.30 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_category\_print (const log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, FILE \* *a\_stream*)

prints the log4c\_category\_t object on a stream

##### Parameters:

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object

*a\_stream* The stream

#### 8.8.4.31 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_category\_set\_additivity (log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, int *a\_additivity*)

Sets a new additivity flag for this category.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_additivity* the new category additivity

**Returns:**

the previous category additivity

**8.8.4.32 LOG4C\_API struct \_\_log4c\_appender\* log4c\_category\_set\_appender**  
 (log4c\_category\_t \* *this*, log4c\_appender\_t \* *a\_appender*) [read]

Sets a new appender for this category.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_appender* the new category appender

**Returns:**

the previous category appender

**Todo**

need multiple appenders per category

**8.8.4.33 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_category\_set\_priority** (log4c\_category\_t \*  
*a\_category*, int *a\_priority*)

Sets a new priority of this category.

**Parameters:**

*a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object  
*a\_priority* the new priority to set. Use LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET to let the category use its parents priority as effective priority.

**Returns:**

the previous category priority

References LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_UNKNOWN.

**8.8.4.34 static LOG4C\_INLINE void log4c\_category\_warn** (const  
 log4c\_category\_t \* *a\_category*, const char \* *a\_format*, ...) [static]

Log a message with warn priority.



**Parameters:**

- a\_category* the log4c\_category\_t object
- a\_format* Format specifier for the string to write in the log file.
- ... The arguments for a\_format

References log4c\_category\_is\_priority\_enabled(), and LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_WARN.

## 8.9 init.h File Reference

log4c constructors and destructors

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

**Functions**

- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_init** (void)
- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_fini** (void)

### 8.9.1 Detailed Description

log4c constructors and destructors

### 8.9.2 Function Documentation

#### 8.9.2.1 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_fini (void)

destructor

**Returns:**

0 for success

References log4c\_rc\_t::config, log4c\_rc, and log4c\_rc\_t::nocleanup.

#### 8.9.2.2 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_init (void)

constructor

**Returns:**

0 for success

## 8.10 layout.h File Reference

Interface for user specific layout format of log4c\_logging\_event events.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/logging_event.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

### Data Structures

- struct **log4c\_layout\_type**  
*log4c layout type class*

### Defines

- #define **log4c\_layout\_type\_define**(a\_type)

### Typedefs

- typedef struct \_\_log4c\_layout **log4c\_layout\_t**
- typedef struct **log4c\_layout\_type** **log4c\_layout\_type\_t**  
*log4c layout type class*

### Functions

- LOG4C\_API const **log4c\_layout\_type\_t** \* **log4c\_layout\_type\_get** (const char \*\_name)
- LOG4C\_API const **log4c\_layout\_type\_t** \* **log4c\_layout\_type\_set** (const **log4c\_layout\_type\_t** \*\_type)
- LOG4C\_API **log4c\_layout\_t** \* **log4c\_layout\_get** (const char \*\_name)
- LOG4C\_API **log4c\_layout\_t** \* **log4c\_layout\_new** (const char \*\_name)
- LOG4C\_API void **log4c\_layout\_delete** (**log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout)
- LOG4C\_API const char \* **log4c\_layout\_get\_name** (const **log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout)
- LOG4C\_API const **log4c\_layout\_type\_t** \* **log4c\_layout\_get\_type** (const **log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout)
- LOG4C\_API const **log4c\_layout\_type\_t** \* **log4c\_layout\_set\_type** (**log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout, const **log4c\_layout\_type\_t** \*\_type)
- LOG4C\_API void \* **log4c\_layout\_get\_udata** (const **log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout)
- LOG4C\_API void \* **log4c\_layout\_set\_udata** (**log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout, void \*\_udata)
- LOG4C\_API const char \* **log4c\_layout\_format** (const **log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout, const **log4c\_logging\_event\_t** \*\_event)
- LOG4C\_API void **log4c\_layout\_print** (const **log4c\_layout\_t** \*\_layout, FILE \*\_stream)
- LOG4C\_API void **log4c\_layout\_types\_print** (FILE \*\_fp)

### 8.10.1 Detailed Description

Interface for user specific layout format of `log4c_logging_event` events.

#### Todo

the layout interface needs a better configuration system depending on the layout type. The `udata` field is a just a trick.

#### Todo

a pattern layout would be welcomed !!

### 8.10.2 Define Documentation

#### 8.10.2.1 `#define log4c_layout_type_define(a_type)`

Helper macro to define static layout types.

#### Parameters:

*a\_type* the `log4c_layout_type_t` object to define

#### Warning:

needs GCC support: otherwise this macro does nothing

#### Deprecated

This macro, and the static initialization of layouts in general, is deprecated. Use rather the `log4c_layout_type_set()` (p. 42) function to initialize your appenders before calling `log4c_init()` (p. 37)

### 8.10.3 Typedef Documentation

#### 8.10.3.1 `typedef struct __log4c_layout log4c_layout_t`

log4c layout class

#### 8.10.3.2 `typedef struct log4c_layout_type log4c_layout_type_t`

log4c layout type class

Attributes description:

- `name` layout type name
- `format`

### 8.10.4 Function Documentation

#### 8.10.4.1 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_layout\_delete (log4c\_layout\_t \* *a\_layout*)

Destructor for layout.

#### 8.10.4.2 LOG4C\_API const char\* log4c\_layout\_format (const log4c\_layout\_t \* *a\_layout*, const log4c\_logging\_event\_t \* *a\_event*)

format a log4c\_logging\_event events to a string.

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

*a\_event* a logging\_event\_t object

**Returns:**

an appendable string.

#### 8.10.4.3 LOG4C\_API log4c\_layout\_t\* log4c\_layout\_get (const char \* *a\_name*)

Get a pointer to an existing layout.

**Parameters:**

*a\_name* the name of the layout to return.

**Returns:**

a pointer to an existing layout, or NULL if no layout with the specfied name exists.

#### 8.10.4.4 LOG4C\_API const char\* log4c\_layout\_get\_name (const log4c\_layout\_t \* *a\_layout*)

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

**Returns:**

the layout name

**8.10.4.5 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_layout_type_t* log4c_layout_get_type  
(const log4c_layout_t * a_layout)`

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

**Returns:**

a log4c\_layout\_type\_t object

**8.10.4.6 LOG4C\_API** `void* log4c_layout_get_udata (const log4c_layout_t *  
a_layout)`

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

**Returns:**

the layout user data

**8.10.4.7 LOG4C\_API** `log4c_layout_t* log4c_layout_new (const char * a_name)`

Constructor for layout.

**8.10.4.8 LOG4C\_API** `void log4c_layout_print (const log4c_layout_t * a_layout,  
FILE * a_stream)`

prints the layout on a stream

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

*a\_stream* the stream

**8.10.4.9 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_layout_type_t* log4c_layout_set_type  
(log4c_layout_t * a_layout, const log4c_layout_type_t * a_type)`

sets the layout type

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

*a\_type* the new layout type

**Returns:**

the previous layout type

**8.10.4.10 LOG4C\_API void\* log4c\_layout\_set\_udata (log4c\_layout\_t \*  
a\_layout, void \* a\_udata)**

sets the layout user data

**Parameters:**

*a\_layout* the log4c\_layout\_t object

*a\_udata* the new layout user data

**Returns:**

the previous layout user data

**8.10.4.11 LOG4C\_API const log4c\_layout\_type\_t\* log4c\_layout\_type\_get  
(const char \* a\_name)**

Get a pointer to an existing layout type.

**Parameters:**

*a\_name* the name of the layout type to return.

**Returns:**

a pointer to an existing layout type, or NULL if no layout type with the specified name exists.

**8.10.4.12 LOG4C\_API const log4c\_layout\_type\_t\* log4c\_layout\_type\_set  
(const log4c\_layout\_type\_t \* a\_type)**

Use this function to register a layout type with log4c. Once this is done you may refer to this type by name both programatically and in the log4c configuration file.

**Parameters:**

*a\_type* a pointer to the new layout type to set.

**Returns:**

a pointer to the previous layout type of same name.

Example code fragment:

```
const log4c_layout_type_t log4c_layout_type_xml = {
    "s13_xml",
    xml_format,
};

log4c_layout_type_set(&log4c_layout_type_xml);
```

References log4c\_layout\_type::name.

#### 8.10.4.13 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_layout\_types\_print (FILE \* *fp*)

prints all the current registered layout types on a stream

##### Parameters:

*fp* the stream

## 8.11 layout\_type\_basic.h File Reference

Implement a basic layout.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/layout.h>
```

### 8.11.1 Detailed Description

Implement a basic layout.

In log4j.PatternLayout conventions, the basic layout has the following conversion pattern: "%P %c - %m\n".

Where

- "%P" is the priority of the logging event
- "%c" is the category of the logging event
- "%m" is the application supplied message associated with the logging event

## 8.12 layout\_type\_basic\_r.h File Reference

Implement a basic\_r layout.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/layout.h>
```

### 8.12.1 Detailed Description

Implement a basic\_r layout.

In log4j.PatternLayout conventions, the basic\_r layout has the following conversion pattern: "%P %c - %m\n".

Where

- "%P" is the priority of the logging event
- "%c" is the category of the logging event
- "%m" is the application supplied message associated with the logging event

## 8.13 layout\_type\_dated.h File Reference

Implement a dated layout.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/layout.h>
```

### 8.13.1 Detailed Description

Implement a dated layout.

In `log4j.PatternLayout` conventions, the dated layout has the following conversion pattern: "%d %P %c - %m\n".

Where

- "%d" is the date of the logging event
- "%P" is the priority of the logging event
- "%c" is the category of the logging event
- "%m" is the application supplied message associated with the logging event

## 8.14 layout\_type\_dated\_r.h File Reference

Implement a dated\_r layout.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/layout.h>
```

### 8.14.1 Detailed Description

Implement a dated\_r layout.

In `log4j.PatternLayout` conventions, the dated\_r layout has the following conversion pattern: "%d %P %c - %m\n".

Where

- "%d" is the date of the logging event
- "%P" is the priority of the logging event
- "%c" is the category of the logging event
- "%m" is the application supplied message associated with the logging event



## 8.15 location\_info.h File Reference

The internal representation of caller location information.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

### Data Structures

- struct **log4c\_location\_info\_t**  
*logging location information*

### Defines

- #define **LOG4C\_LOCATION\_INFO\_INITIALIZER**(user\_data) { \_\_FILE\_\_, \_\_LINE\_\_, "(nil)", user\_data }
- #define **log4c\_location** \_\_log4c\_location(\_\_LINE\_\_)

#### 8.15.1 Detailed Description

The internal representation of caller location information.

When a affirmative logging decision is made a **log4c\_location\_info\_t** (p. 7) is created and is passed around the different log4c components.

#### 8.15.2 Define Documentation

##### 8.15.2.1 #define log4c\_location \_\_log4c\_location(\_\_LINE\_\_)

This macro returns the literal representation of a logging event location

##### 8.15.2.2 #define LOG4C\_LOCATION\_INFO\_INITIALIZER(user\_data) { \_\_FILE\_\_, \_\_LINE\_\_, "(nil)", user\_data }

**log4c\_location\_info\_t** (p. 7) initializer

## 8.16 logging\_event.h File Reference

the internal representation of logging events.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/buffer.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/location_info.h>
```

```
#include <sys/time.h>
```

## Data Structures

- struct **log4c\_logging\_event\_t**  
*logging event object*

## Functions

- LOG4C\_API **log4c\_logging\_event\_t** \* **log4c\_logging\_event\_new** (const char \*a\_category, int a\_priority, const char \*a\_message)
- LOG4C\_API void **log4c\_logging\_event\_delete** (log4c\_logging\_event\_t \*a\_event)

### 8.16.1 Detailed Description

the internal representation of logging events.

When a affirmative logging decision is made a log4c\_logging\_event instance is created. This instance is passed around the different log4c components.

### 8.16.2 Function Documentation

#### 8.16.2.1 LOG4C\_API void log4c\_logging\_event\_delete (log4c\_logging\_event\_t \* a\_event)

Destructor for a logging event.

#### Parameters:

*a\_event* the logging event object

#### 8.16.2.2 LOG4C\_API log4c\_logging\_event\_t\* log4c\_logging\_event\_new (const char \* a\_category, int a\_priority, const char \* a\_message)

Constructor for a logging event.

#### Parameters:

*a\_category* the category name

*a\_priority* the category initial priority

*a\_message* the message of this event

## Todo

need to handle multi-threading (NDC)

References log4c\_logging\_event\_t::evt\_category, log4c\_logging\_event\_t::evt\_msg, log4c\_logging\_event\_t::evt\_priority, and log4c\_logging\_event\_t::evt\_timestamp.

## 8.17 priority.h File Reference

The priority class provides importance levels with which one can categorize log messages.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

### Enumerations

- enum **log4c\_\_priority\_level\_t** {  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_FATAL** = 000,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_ALERT** = 100,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_CRIT** = 200,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_ERROR** = 300,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_WARN** = 400,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_NOTICE** = 500,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_INFO** = 600,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_DEBUG** = 700,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_TRACE** = 800,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET** = 900,  
    **LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_UNKNOWN** = 1000 }

### Functions

- LOG4C\_API const char \* **log4c\_\_priority\_to\_string** (int a\_priority)
- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_\_priority\_to\_int** (const char \*a\_priority\_name)

#### 8.17.1 Detailed Description

The priority class provides importance levels with which one can categorize log messages.

#### 8.17.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

##### 8.17.2.1 enum log4c\_\_priority\_level\_t

Predefined Levels of priorities. These correspond to the priority levels used by syslog(3).

#### Enumerator:

**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_FATAL** fatal  
**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_ALERT** alert  
**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_CRIT** crit  
**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_ERROR** error  
**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_WARN** warn  
**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_NOTICE** notice  
**LOG4C\_\_PRIORITY\_INFO** info

**LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_DEBUG** debug  
**LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_TRACE** trace  
**LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_NOTSET** notset  
**LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_UNKNOWN** unknown

### 8.17.3 Function Documentation

#### 8.17.3.1 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_priority\_to\_int (const char \* *a\_priority\_name*)

**Parameters:**

*a\_priority\_name* a priority string name.

**Returns:**

the given numeric value of the priority.

References LOG4C\_PRIORITY\_UNKNOWN.

#### 8.17.3.2 LOG4C\_API const char\* log4c\_priority\_to\_string (int *a\_priority*)

**Parameters:**

*a\_priority* a numeric value of the priority.

**Returns:**

the given priority string name.

## 8.18 rc.h File Reference

log4c resource configuration

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

### Data Structures

- struct **log4c\_rc\_t**  
*resource configuration object*

### Functions

- LOG4C\_API int **log4c\_load** (const char \*a\_filename)

### Variables

- LOG4C\_API **log4c\_rc\_t** \*const **log4c\_rc**

### 8.18.1 Detailed Description

log4c resource configuration

### 8.18.2 Function Documentation

#### 8.18.2.1 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_load (const char \* *a\_filename*)

load log4c resource configuration file

**Parameters:**

*a\_filename* name of file to load

### 8.18.3 Variable Documentation

#### 8.18.3.1 LOG4C\_API log4c\_rc\_t\* const log4c\_rc

default log4c resource configuration object

## 8.19 rollingpolicy.h File Reference

Log4c rolling policy interface. Defines the interface for managing and providing rolling policies.

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

```
#include <log4c/layout.h>
```

### Data Structures

- struct **log4c\_rollingpolicy\_type**  
*log4c rollingpolicy type. Defines the interface a specific policy must provide to the rollingfile appender.*

### Defines

- #define **ROLLINGPOLICY\_ROLLOVER\_ERR\_CAN\_LOG** 0x05

### Typedefs

- typedef struct \_\_log4c\_rollingpolicy **log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t**
- typedef struct **log4c\_rollingpolicy\_type** **log4c\_rollingpolicy\_type\_t**  
*log4c rollingpolicy type. Defines the interface a specific policy must provide to the rollingfile appender.*

## Functions

- LOG4C\_API `log4c_rollingpolicy_t * log4c_rollingpolicy_get` (const char \*policy\_name)
- LOG4C\_API const `log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t * log4c_rollingpolicy_type_set` (const `log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t *a_type`)
- LOG4C\_API void `log4c_rollingpolicy_set_udata` (`log4c_rollingpolicy_t *policyp`, void \*udatap)
- LOG4C\_API int `log4c_rollingpolicy_init` (`log4c_rollingpolicy_t *policyp`, `rollingfile_udata_t *rfup`)
- LOG4C\_API int `log4c_rollingpolicy_fini` (`log4c_rollingpolicy_t *a_this`)
- LOG4C\_API int `log4c_rollingpolicy_is_triggering_event` (`log4c_rollingpolicy_t *policyp`, const `log4c_logging_event_t *evtp`, long current\_file\_size)
- LOG4C\_API const `log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t * log4c_rollingpolicy_set_type` (`log4c_rollingpolicy_t *a_rollingpolicy`, const `log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t *a_type`)
- LOG4C\_API const `log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t * log4c_rollingpolicy_type_get` (const char \*a\_name)
- LOG4C\_API void \* `log4c_rollingpolicy_get_udata` (const `log4c_rollingpolicy_t *policyp`)
- LOG4C\_API `rollingfile_udata_t * log4c_rollingpolicy_get_rfudata` (const `log4c_rollingpolicy_t *policyp`)

### 8.19.1 Detailed Description

Log4c rolling policy interface. Defines the interface for managing and providing rolling policies.

A rolling policy is used to configure a rollingfile appender to tell it when to trigger a rollover event.

### 8.19.2 Define Documentation

#### 8.19.2.1 `#define ROLLINGPOLICY_ROLLOVER_ERR_CAN_LOG 0x05`

Effect a rollover according to *policyp* on the given file stream.

#### Parameters:

*policyp* pointer to the rolling policy  
*fp* filestream to rollover.

#### Returns:

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise. The policy can return an indication that something went wrong but that the rollingfile appender can still go ahead and log by returning an error code  $\leq$  ROLLINGPOLICY\_ROLLOVER\_ERR\_CAN\_LOG. Anything greater than means that the rolling file appender will not try to log its message.

### 8.19.3 Typedef Documentation

#### 8.19.3.1 `typedef struct __log4c_rollingpolicy log4c_rollingpolicy_t`

log4c rollingpolicy type

### 8.19.3.2 typedef struct log4c\_rollingpolicy\_type log4c\_rollingpolicy\_type\_t

log4c rollingpolicy type. Defines the interface a specific policy must provide to the rollingfile appender.

Attributes description:

- **name** rollingpolicy type name
- **init()** init the rollingpolicy
- **is\_triggering\_event()**
- **rollover()**

### 8.19.4 Function Documentation

#### 8.19.4.1 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_rollingpolicy\_fini (log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \* a\_this)

Call the un initialization code of a rolling policy. This will call the fini routine of the particular rollingpolicy type to allow it to free up resources. If the call to fini in the rollingpolicy type fails then the rollingpolicy is not uninitialized. Try again later model...

##### Parameters:

*polycyp* pointer to the rolling policy

##### Returns:

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

#### 8.19.4.2 LOG4C\_API log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t\* log4c\_rollingpolicy\_get (const char \* policy\_name)

Get a new rolling policy

##### Parameters:

*policy\_name* a name for the policy

##### Returns:

a new rolling policy, otherwise NULL.

#### 8.19.4.3 LOG4C\_API rollingfile\_udata\_t\* log4c\_rollingpolicy\_get\_rfudata (const log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \* *polycyp*)

Get the rollingfile appender associated with this policy.

**Parameters:**

*polycyp* pointer to the rolling policy

**Returns:**

pointer to the rolling file appender associated with this policy

#### 8.19.4.4 LOG4C\_API void\* log4c\_rollingpolicy\_get\_udata (const log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \* *polycyp*)

Get the rolling policy configuration.

**Parameters:**

*polycyp* pointer to the rolling policy

**Returns:**

pointer to the rolling policy configuration.

#### 8.19.4.5 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_rollingpolicy\_init (log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \* *polycyp*, rollingfile\_udata\_t \* *rfup*)

Call the initialization code of a rolling policy.

**Parameters:**

*polycyp* pointer to the rolling policy

*app* the rolling appender this policy is used with

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

#### 8.19.4.6 LOG4C\_API int log4c\_rollingpolicy\_is\_triggering\_event (log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t \* *polycyp*, const log4c\_logging\_event\_t \* *evtp*, long *current\_file\_size*)

Determine if a logging event should trigger a rollover according to the given policy.



**Parameters:**

*polycyp* pointer to the rolling policy  
*evtp* the logging event pointer.  
*current\_file\_size* the size of the current file being logged to.

**Returns:**

non-zero if rollover required, zero otherwise.

**8.19.4.7 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t* log4c_rollingpolicy_set_type (log4c_rollingpolicy_t * a_rollingpolicy, const log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t * a_type)`

sets the rolling policy type

**Parameters:**

*a\_rollingpolicy* the log4c\_rollingpolicy\_t object  
*a\_type* the new rollingpolicy type

**Returns:**

the previous appender type

**8.19.4.8 LOG4C\_API** `void log4c_rollingpolicy_set_udata (log4c_rollingpolicy_t * polycyp, void * udatap)`

Configure a rolling policy with a specific policy.

**Parameters:**

*polycyp* pointer to the rolling policy  
*udatap* a specific policy type, for example sizewin.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

**8.19.4.9 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t* log4c_rollingpolicy_type_get (const char * a_name)`

Get a pointer to an existing rollingpolicy type.

**Parameters:**

*a\_name* the name of the rollingpolicy type to return.

**Returns:**

a pointer to an existing `rollingpolicy_type`, or `NULL` if no `rollingpolicy_type` with the specified name exists.

**8.19.4.10 LOG4C\_API** `const log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t* log4c_rollingpolicy_type_set (const log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t * a_type)`

Use this function to register a `rollingpolicy_type` with `log4c`. Once this is done you may refer to this type by name both programmatically and in the `log4c` configuration file.

**Parameters:**

*a\_type* a pointer to the new `rollingpolicy_type` to register.

**Returns:**

a pointer to the previous `rollingpolicy_type` of same name.

Example code fragment:

```
const log4c_rollingpolicy_type_t log4c_rollingpolicy_type_sizewin = {
    "sizewin",
    sizewin_init,
    sizewin_is_triggering_event,
    sizewin_rollover
};

log4c_rollingpolicy_type_set(&log4c_rollingpolicy_type_sizewin);
```

References `log4c_rollingpolicy_type::name`.

## 8.20 `rollingpolicy_type_sizewin.h` File Reference

Log4c rolling file size-win interface. Log4c ships with (and defaults to) the classic size-window rollover policy: this triggers rollover when files reach a maximum size. The first file in the list is always the current file; when a rollover event occurs files are shifted up by one position in the list—if the number of files in the list has already reached the max then the oldest file is rotated out of the window.

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
#include <log4c/rollingpolicy.h>
```

**Typedefs**

- typedef struct `__sizewin_udata` `rollingpolicy_sizewin_udata_t`

**Functions**

- LOG4C\_API `rollingpolicy_sizewin_udata_t * sizewin_make_udata (void)`

- LOG4C\_API int sizewin\_udata\_set\_file\_maxsize (rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t \*swup, long max\_size)
- LOG4C\_API int sizewin\_udata\_set\_max\_num\_files (rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t \*swup, long max\_num)
- LOG4C\_API int sizewin\_udata\_set\_appender (rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t \*swup, log4c\_appender\_t \*app)

### 8.20.1 Detailed Description

Log4c rolling file size-win interface. Log4c ships with (and defaults to) the classic size-window rollover policy: this triggers rollover when files reach a maximum size. The first file in the list is always the current file; when a rollover event occurs files are shifted up by one position in the list—if the number of files in the list has already reached the max then the oldest file is rotated out of the window.

If the max file size is set to zero, this means 'no-limit'.

The default parameters for the size-win policy are 5 files of maximum size of 20kilobytes each. These parameters may be changed using the appropriate setter functions.

### 8.20.2 Typedef Documentation

#### 8.20.2.1 typedef struct \_\_sizewin\_udata rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t

log4c size-win rolling policy type

### 8.20.3 Function Documentation

#### 8.20.3.1 LOG4C\_API rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t\* sizewin\_make\_udata (void)

Get a new size-win rolling policy

#### Returns:

a new size-win rolling policy, otherwise NULL.

#### 8.20.3.2 LOG4C\_API int sizewin\_udata\_set\_appender (rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t \*swup, log4c\_appender\_t \*app)

Set the rolling file appender in this rolling policy configuration.

#### Parameters:

*swup* the size-win configuration object.

*app* the rolling file appender to set.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

### 8.20.3.3 LOG4C\_API int sizewin\_udata\_set\_file\_maxsize (rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t \* *swup*, long *max\_size*)

Set the maximum file size in this rolling policy configuration.

**Parameters:**

*swup* the size-win configuration object.

*max\_size* the approximate maximum size any logging file will attain. If you set zero then it means 'no-limit' and so only one file of unlimited size will be used for logging.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

### 8.20.3.4 LOG4C\_API int sizewin\_udata\_set\_max\_num\_files (rollingpolicy\_sizewin\_udata\_t \* *swup*, long *max\_num*)

Set the maximum number of files in this rolling policy configuration.

**Parameters:**

*swup* the size-win configuration object.

*max\_num* the maximum number of files in the list.

**Returns:**

zero if successful, non-zero otherwise.

## 8.21 version.h File Reference

log4c version information

```
#include <log4c/defs.h>
```

**Defines**

- #define LOG4C\_MAJOR\_VERSION 1
- #define LOG4C\_MINOR\_VERSION 2
- #define LOG4C\_MICRO\_VERSION 1

**Functions**

- const char \* **log4c\_version** (void)

## Variables

- `const int log4c__major__version`
- `const int log4c__minor__version`
- `const int log4c__micro__version`

### 8.21.1 Detailed Description

log4c version information

### 8.21.2 Define Documentation

#### 8.21.2.1 `#define LOG4C__MAJOR__VERSION 1`

constant macro holding the major version of log4c

#### 8.21.2.2 `#define LOG4C__MICRO__VERSION 1`

constant macro holding the micro version of log4c

#### 8.21.2.3 `#define LOG4C__MINOR__VERSION 2`

constant macro holding the minor version of log4c

### 8.21.3 Function Documentation

#### 8.21.3.1 `const char* log4c__version (void)`

#### Returns:

a string containing the full log4c version

### 8.21.4 Variable Documentation

#### 8.21.4.1 `const int log4c__major__version`

constant variable holding the major version of log4c

#### 8.21.4.2 `const int log4c__micro__version`

constant variable holding the micro version of log4c

#### 8.21.4.3 `const int log4c__minor__version`

constant variable holding the minor version of log4c

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