

z/OS Introduction and Workshop

Components, Messages, & SYSLOG



Unit objectives

After completing this unit, you should be able to:

- Describe format of z/OS messages
- Describe component identifier
- Describe difference between base 'elements' and optional 'features'
- Describe SYSLOG format

Messages

The ability to read and interpret messages is an important skill within any operating system environment.

z/OS messages follow a format which enables an experienced technician to quickly identify who wrote the message and why the message was written.

Messages provide the ability to assess the status of the operating system, optional software products and applications.

z/OS is a collection of components

Each **component** is a **collection of modules**

Base components are always included in the operating system

Base components are also known as base '**elements**' which deliver essential operating system functions.

Optional components are installed in addition to the base components

Optional components are also known as '**features**' which are requested separately from the base operating system '**elements**'

z/OS is a collection of components

A **unique 3 characters** are assigned to individual components

IKJ (TSO, Time Sharing Option)

Module names of a component are prefixed by **unique 3 characters**

IKJEFT01 (TSO terminal monitor program)

Message written by a component module begins with the same **unique 3 characters**

IKJ56646I (IKJEFT01 message)

The same **message format** is used by both the base components and optional components with very few exceptions. The message format helps isolate and solve problems. The message format is divided into three parts:

1. reply identifier (optional)
2. message identifier
3. message text

z/OS Format of the Message Body

Message body consists of three parts:

1. reply identifier (*optional*), a number
2. message identifier
3. message text

The following formats are possible:

- | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| • id CCCnnn | | text |
| • id CCCnnns | | text |
| • id CCCnnnns | | text |
| • id CCCnnnnns | | text |
| • id CCCSnnns | | text |

CCC – component

S – subcomponent

n – unique message number

s – type code (a, e, i, w)

a – action, e – error, i – information, w – warning

z/OS Format of the Message Body

CCCnnns text

IKJ144I UNDEFINED USERID(S)

CCC – component (IKJ)

S – subcomponent (none)

n – unique message number (144)

s – type code (I – Information)

What is the System Log (SYSLOG)?

The system log (SYSLOG) is a chronological listing of messages about z/OS system activity and other major middleware software products using z/OS services (such as TSO, CICS, Db2, RACF, etc.)

Write informational, warning, error and action messages to SYSLOG

The output of system commands are written to SYSLOG

When an unexpected system problem occurs, the SYSLOG is the first place to look to gather information about the problem

System Log (SYSLOG) Format?

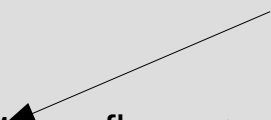
Each SYSLOG entry has the following format:

t **c** **rrrrrrr** sysname yyddd hh:mm:ss.th **ident** msgflags < message id – message text >

t record type (***single line***, ***multiple line***, or ***reply required***)

c system command (***input***, ***response*** or ***internal***)

rrrrrrr routing code for console messages



SYSLOG Format (**t****c****r****r****r****r****r**)

t - first character indicates the record type:

D - Data line of a multiple-line message; this line may be the last line of the message.

E - End line or data-end line of a multiple-line message.

L - Label line of a multiple-line message.

M - First line of a multiple-line message.

N - Single-line message that does not require a reply.

O - Operator LOG command.

S - Continuation of a single-line message or a continuation of the first line of a multi-line message. This continuation may be required because of the record length for the output device.

W - A message that requires a reply.

X - A log entry that did not originate with a LOG command or a system message.

c - second character indicates whether the line was generated because of a command:

C - Command input.

R - Command response.

I - Command issued internally. The job identifier contains the name of the internal issuer.

blank - Neither command input nor command response.

rrrrrr - routing codes

SYSLOG Format Example

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Marist Hub
File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
Display Filter View Print Options Search Help
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SDSF SYSLOG      740.109 SOW1 SOW1 11/10/2012 0W      49,958 COLUMNS 02- 81
COMMAND INPUT   ===>                                SCROLL ===> CSR
N 00000000 SOW1      12315 13:23:43.59 TSU07341 00000280 IEA630I OPERATOR SYSPRO
NC00000000 SOW1      12315 13:23:43.60 SYSPROG 00000280 D IPLINFO
MR00000000 SOW1      12315 13:23:43.65 SYSPROG 00000080 IEE254I 13.23.43 IPLINF
DR                                695 00000080 SYSTEM IPLED AT 05.57.0
DR                                695 00000080 RELEASE z/OS 01.12.00
DR                                695 00000080 USED LOADW1 IN SYS1.IPL
DR                                695 00000080 ARCHLVL = 2 MTLSHARE
DR                                695 00000080 IEASYM LIST = (W1,SV,VN
DR                                695 00000080 IEASYS LIST = (00,LV,SV
DR                                695 00000080 IODF DEVICE: ORIGINAL(0
ER                                695 00000080 IPL DEVICE: ORIGINAL(10
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COMMAND INPUT   ===>                                SCROLL ===> CSR
TSU07341 00000280 IEA630I OPERATOR SYSPROG NOW ACTIVE, SYSTEM=SOW1 , LU=
SYSPROG 00000280 D IPLINFO
SYSPROG 00000080 IEE254I 13.23.43 IPLINFO DISPLAY 695
695 00000080 SYSTEM IPLED AT 05.57.09 ON 10/31/2012
695 00000080 RELEASE z/OS 01.12.00 LICENSE = z/OS
695 00000080 USED LOADW1 IN SYS1.IPLPARM ON 0CE3
695 00000080 ARCHLVL = 2 MTLSHARE = N
695 00000080 IEASYM LIST = (W1,SV,VN)
695 00000080 IEASYS LIST = (00,LV,SV,VN) (OP)
695 00000080 IODF DEVICE: ORIGINAL(0CE3) CURRENT(0CE3)
695 00000080 IPL DEVICE: ORIGINAL(1000) CURRENT(1000) VOLUME(VIMVSB)
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