



## DOCA Log

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DOCA logging infrastructure allows printing DOCA SDK library error messages, and printing debug and error messages from applications.

To work with the DOCA logging mechanism, the header file `doca_log.h` must be included in every source code using it.

## Log Verbosity Level Enumerations

The following verbosity levels are supported by the DOCA logging:

```
enum doca_log_level {
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_DISABLE = 10,      /**< Disable log messages */
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_CRIT = 20,         /**< Critical log level */
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_ERROR = 30,        /**< Error log level */
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_WARNING = 40,      /**< Warning log level */
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_INFO = 50,         /**< Info log level */
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_DEBUG = 60,        /**< Debug log level */
    DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_TRACE = 70,        /**< Trace log level */
};
```

### Note

The `DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_TRACE` verbosity level is available only if the macro `DOCA_LOGGING_ALLOW_TRACE` is set before the compilation.

See `doca_log.h` for more information.

## Logging Backends

DOCA's logging backend is the target to which log messages are directed.

The following backend types are supported:

- FILE \* – file stream which can be any open file or stdout/stderr
- file descriptor – any file descriptor that the system supports, including (but not limited to) raw files, sockets, and pipes
- buf – memory buffer (address and size) that can hold a single message and a callback to be called for every logged message
- syslog – system standard logging

Every logger is created with the following default lower and upper verbosity levels:

- Lower level – `DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_INFO`
- Upper level – `DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_CRIT`

SDK and application logging have different default configuration values and can be controlled separately using the appropriate API.

Every message is printed to every created backend if its verbosity level allows it.

## Enabling DOCA SDK Libraries Logging

The DOCA SDK libraries print debug and error messages to all the backends created using the following functions:

- `doca_log_backend_create_with_file_sdk()`
- `doca_log_backend_create_with_fd_sdk()`
- `doca_log_backend_create_with_buf_sdk()`
- `doca_log_backend_create_with_syslog_sdk()`

A newly created SDK backend verbosity level is set to the SDK global verbosity level value. This value can be changed using `doca_log_level_set_global_sdk_limit()`.

`doca_log_level_set_global_sdk_limit()` sets the verbosity level for all existing SDK backends and sets the SDK global verbosity level.

`doca_log_backend_set_sdk_level()` sets the verbosity level of a specific SDK backend.

`doca_log_level_get_global_sdk_limit()` gets the SDK global verbosity level.

### **Note**

Messages may change between different versions of DOCA. Users cannot rely on message permanence or formatting.

## Enabling DOCA Application Logging

Any source code that uses DOCA can use DOCA logging infrastructure.

Every debug and error messages is printed to all backends created using the following functions:

- `doca_log_backend_create_with_file()`
- `doca_log_backend_create_with_fd()`
- `doca_log_backend_create_with_buf()`
- `doca_log_backend_create_with_syslog()`

The lower and upper levels of a newly created backend are set to the default values. Those values can be changed using `doca_log_backend_set_level_lower_limit()` and `doca_log_backend_set_level_upper_limit()`.

`doca_log_backend_create_standard()` creates a default non-configurable set of two backends:

- `stdout` prints the range from a global minimum level up to `DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_INFO`
- `stderr` prints the range from `DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_WARNING` level up to `DOCA_LOG_LEVEL_CRIT`

`doca_log_backend_set_level_lower_limit_strict()` marks the lower log level limit of a backend as strict, preventing it from being lowered by future log level changes. It

is both global and direct.

`doca_log_backend_set_level_upper_limit_strict()` marks the upper log level limit of a backend as strict, preventing it from being raised by future log level changes. It is both global and direct.

`doca_log_level_set_global_lower_limit()` sets the lower limit for all existing backends not marked as strict and sets the global application lower limit.

`doca_log_level_set_global_upper_limit()` sets the upper limit for all existing backends not marked as strict and sets the global application upper limit.

## Logging DOCA Application Messages

To use the DOCA logging infrastructure with your source code to log its messages, users must call, at the beginning of the file, the macro `DOCA_LOG_REGISTER(source)` just before using the DOCA logging functionality. This macro handles the registration and the teardown from the DOCA logging.

Printing a message can be done by calling one of the following macros (with the same usage as `printf()`):

- `DOCA_LOG_CRIT(format, ...)`
- `DOCA_LOG_ERR(format, ...)`
- `DOCA_LOG_WARN(format, ...)`
- `DOCA_LOG_INFO(format, ...)`
- `DOCA_LOG_DBG(format, ...)`
- `DOCA_LOG_TRC(format, ...)`

The message is printed to all the application's backends with configured lower and upper logging limits.

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