NAME
postlog - Postfix-compatible logging utility

SYNOPSIS
postlog [**-iv**] [**-c** *config_dir*] [**-p** *priority*] [**-t** *tag*] [*text...*]

DESCRIPTION
The **postlog(1)** command implements a Postfix-compatible logging interface for use in, for example, shell scripts.

By default, **postlog(1)** logs the *text* given on the command line as one record. If no *text* is specified on the command line, **postlog(1)** reads from standard input and logs each input line as one record.

Logging is sent to **syslogd(8)**; when the standard error stream is connected to a terminal, logging is sent there as well.

The following options are implemented:

-c *config_dir*
> Read the **main.cf** configuration file in the named directory instead of the default configuration directory.

-i
> Include the process ID in the logging tag.

-p *priority* (default: **info**)
> Specifies the logging severity: **info**, **warn**, **error**, **fatal**, or **panic**. With Postfix 3.1 and later, the program will pause for 1 second after reporting a **fatal** or **panic** condition, just like other Postfix programs.

-t *tag*
> Specifies the logging tag, that is, the identifying name that appears at the beginning of each logging record. A default tag is used when none is specified.

-v
> Enable verbose logging for debugging purposes. Multiple **-v** options make the software increasingly verbose.

ENVIRONMENT
MAIL_CONFIG
> Directory with the **main.cf** file.

CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS
The following **main.cf** parameters are especially relevant to this program.

The text below provides only a parameter summary. See **postconf(5)** for more details including examples.

config_directory (see 'postconf -d' output)
> The default location of the Postfix main.cf and master.cf configuration files.

syslog_facility (mail)
> The syslog facility of Postfix logging.

syslog_name (see 'postconf -d' output)
> The mail system name that is prepended to the process name in syslog records, so that "smtpd" becomes, for example, "postfix/smtpd".

SEE ALSO
postconf(5),
configuration parameters
syslogd(8), syslog daemon

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