IBM Technology Expert Labs

Syslog Reporting Manager for IBM i

Integrate IBM i native logs in your enterprise SIEM

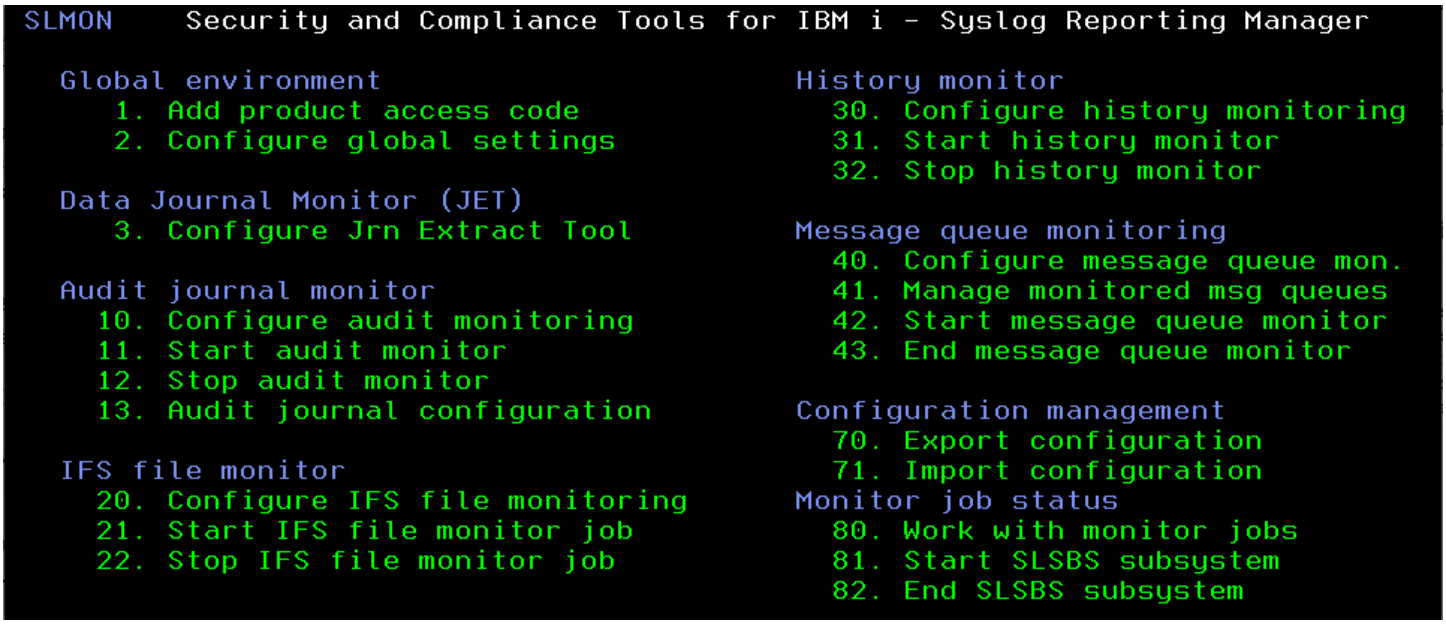
IBM Technology Expert Labs Power Delivery Practice is proud to provide the Syslog Reporting Manager for IBM i. The primary purpose of this tool is to provide a simple way to extract native IBM i logs and send them to a centralized security information and event monitoring (SIEM) solution. We do this by extracting entries from various native IBM i logging facilities, transforming them into properly formatted syslog messages (per RFC 3164 and 5424), and sending them over to a central collection system. In addition to the native logs, our tool can also monitor and report on changes to IFS files.

Syslog Reporting
Syslog is a standardized method of reporting messages from various systems, operating systems, and programs. The syslog protocols separate messages, programs, generating, storing, and analyzing systems. This allows a wide variety of diverse systems to all work in a common environment. IBM i has always been great at collecting information locally. Now, IBM i can easily participate in the syslog system. Syslog Report Manager can help in filtering which messages and generating the correct format to send to the central system for processing.

Sources of Data
There are many different logs available on the IBM i. Using the Syslog Reporting Manager, you are easily able to extract information from many areas of the system. First, entries from the QHST History Log can be converted over to syslog format. In addition, the Syslog Reporting Manager allows you to create simple or complex filters to determine exactly which messages from QHST are sent to your SIEM. Besides QHST, the Syslog Reporting Manager allows you to pull data from the Security Audit Journal. Here, again, filters can be used to determine which Audit Journal entries are sent to the SIEM. You can also use your own or application level native IBM i message queues as a source.

While messages are a great start, our Syslog Reporting Manager goes one step further. We can also report on changes to IFS files. You can use this to monitor any IFS file out there. These could be system files like the TLS certificate stores or web application files like error logs, versions or settings.

Add in the Journal Extract Tool (additional license charge) and you can also report on record-level or summaries of database file changes. All of this is possible using the Syslog Reporting Manager tool!



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Need help securing your IBM i system? Our Expert Labs team is highly trained in the proper way to handle complex security configurations. We can guide you all the way from design to implementation. You don't have to undertake security yourself – allow IBM Expert Labs to be your trusted consultants to ensure a successful project!

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