Configure a custom location for Wowza Streaming Engine log files

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Wowza Streaming Engine™ media server software uses the Apache Log4j Java logging framework for logging. The default locations of Wowza Streaming Engine logs are [install-dir]/logs and [install-dir]/manager/logs. If you need to change the location of your logs, create the new directory as a symbolic link (symlink). Using symlinks ensures that the logs are written to the correct location and that Wowza Streaming Engine Manager pulls log information from the correct location.

Create symlinks in Windows

The following is an example of the commands required to create symlinks for Wowza Streaming Engine log files in Microsoft Windows.

```
mklink /D [wowza-install-dir]/logs C:\Users\[username]\[pathToNewLogs]
mklink /D [wowza-install-dir]/manager/logs C:\Users\[username]\[pathToNewLogs]
```

Where:

- `[username]` is your username on the operating system,
- `[wowza-install-dir]` is the location at which Wowza Streaming Engine is installed.
- `[pathToNewLogs]` is the path to the new location for Wowza Streaming Engine logs.

Create symlinks in Linux

The following is an example of the commands required to create symlinks for Wowza Streaming Engine log files in Linux environments.

```
ln -s /[pathToNewLogs] [wowza-install-dir]/logs
ln -s /[pathToNewLogs] [wowza-install-dir]/manager/logs
```

Where:

- `[username]` is your username on the operating system,
- `[wowza-install-dir]` is the location at which Wowza Streaming Engine is installed.
- `[pathToNewLogs]` is the path to the new location for Wowza Streaming Engine logs.