

# kernel + /dev/console + syslog

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Hi,

This is something I've been persuing on the freebsd-questions and seemed to run into a brick wall of non-answers... So I'd like to pick it up here since it was something PHK spoke about about a year ago...

The problem is the /dev/console+kernel WHATEVER that outputs to syslog as "kernel:".

Sendmail is sending out alot of "SYSERR" that get logged as mail.err . I have the following syslog :

```
*.err;kern.debug;auth.notice;mail.crit /dev/console  
*.emerg *  
*.debug /var/log/spool
```

So what happens is a normal message gets logged to the console and goes to /var/log/spool, then the /dev/console+kernel hack end up re-processing it as a "kernel:" message. Its basically constantly triggering my syslog scanner which emails me a few thousand times a day...

Anyone know how to write to the console WITHOUT this happening, or without syslog repeating it? Does anyone see any problems/issues/concerns with re-writing the first line to be :

```
*.err;kern.debug;auth.notice;mail.crit /dev/ttyv0
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Thanks, Tuc

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