

Export Log Action

The Export Log Action exports a Automise run to a text based log file.

This enables the log to be archived, sent as an attachment via email, further processed, etc.

You can choose to export the current log, in Text, HTML or XML formats.

Options

The screenshot shows the 'Export Log to File' dialog box with the 'Options' tab selected. The dialog has four tabs: 'General', 'Runtime', 'Options', and 'Fragment'. The 'Options' tab contains the following sections:

- Export log output file**: Includes a text field for 'Output file' with the value 'C:\Builds\Project-Log%FormattedDate%.html' and a file selection icon. Below it is a dropdown for 'Export format' set to 'HTML' and a checkbox for 'Export from root project' which is unchecked. A note states: 'By default an included project will only export itself'.
- Output options**: A group of checkboxes. 'Only Include error actions in log' is unchecked. 'Include action output', 'Include heading', 'Include summary', 'Include action type', 'Include action start time', 'Include action end time', and 'Include Action Run Time' are all checked.
- Use alternate template file**: Includes a text field for 'Template file' with the placeholder text 'leave blank to use the default template file' and a file selection icon.
- XSLT parameters**: A table with two columns: 'Parameter' and 'Value'. The 'Value' column has a red background. Below the table are '+ Add' and '- Delete' buttons.

At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons. The 'OK' button is highlighted with a red border.

Export log output file

Output File

Specify the filename that the log will be written to

Export Format

Choose between Text, HTML, or XML. The default template files are as follows:

HTML - Automise Install Directory\stylesheets\ConvertLogToHTML.xsl

XML - Automise Install Directory\stylesheets\ConvertLogToXML.xsl

Text - Automise Install Directory\stylesheets\ConvertLogToText.xsl

Output options

Only Include Error Actions in Log

Only actions that failed are included in the log

Include Action Output

Check this option to include the action messages in the log

Include Heading

Check this option to include a heading in the output (not applicable for XML format): Automise Logfile for <project name>

Include Summary

Check this option to include a summary in the output (not applicable for XML format).

The summary contains the following information:

- Project File
- Log Title
- Date
- Start Time
- End Time
- Run Time

Include Action Type

Check this option to include the action name in the output (not applicable for XML format).

Include Action Start Time

Check this option to include the action start time in the output (not applicable for XML format).

Include Action End Time

Check this option to include the action start time in the output (not applicable for XML format).

Include Action Run Time

Check this option to include the action run time in the output (not applicable for XML format).

Use alternate template file

Template File

You can also specify a different XSL Stylesheet template file to alter the output format of the log file. When you leave Template File blank, Automise will choose the appropriate stylesheet depending on the Export Format chosen (see Export Format above).

The "XSLT Parameters" allow you to pass variables to your XSL Stylesheet.



The default options for the log can be set in the Automise options dialog.

Fragment

Log Fragment

You may wish to only export a section of the log, eg. the log of a particular Action List, or even just the log of a certain action.

The screenshot shows the 'Export Log to File' dialog box with the 'Fragment' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X) and a tab bar with 'General', 'Runtime', 'Options', and 'Fragment'. The 'Log fragment' section has three radio buttons: 'Export entire log' (selected), 'Export logs from an Target' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Default'), and 'Export logs from action' (with a dropdown menu and a file icon). There is a checkbox 'Include child actions' which is checked. The 'Options' section has a checkbox 'Don't output top level element for xml log fragments (output options from Options tab don't apply)' which is unchecked. At the bottom are 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.

Export entire log

Selecting this will export the entire log (up to when this action runs).

Export logs from an Action List

Choose this option to export the logs of a particular Action List. Select the Action List to export.

Export logs from action

Choose this option to export the logs of a particular Action, and then choose the action to export. Actions are listed by description in alphabetical order. If you have two actions with the same name, then they will both be listed (and if you need to choose one, then we recommend you rename them so you can tell them apart).

Options

Include child actions

Choose this option to include in the logs any child actions of the action chosen. This option will not export the logs of any Action List run as a child action.



For both exporting of a particular Action List and Actions, if that action or Action List is run more than once, then all occurrences will be exported to the log.