# The Log Window

Each of the changes that happen within XTension are recorded on the log. You can even write your own messages to the log.

You can change the level of detail which is displayed in the Log Window. See   Preferences/Logging in the Edit Menu, and the AppleScript verbs which allow dynamic changes !.

Please do not ignore the value of this feature.   In this window you will see timestamped messages regarding errors, explicit messages, and normal activity.    **

here are three colors used for items in the log :

Black is used for all low level, non-exceptional events.   ••
Blue is used for any item which is written by a script to the log.
Green is only used by explicit User write log commands.
Red is used to indicate any error or operational exception.

•• NOTE:   Black is generally meant to signify 'normal' events.

Be sure to check out the 'write log' verb for the ability to set the color of text that you wish to write into the log.

If you do not have the Log Window 'on screen' when serious errors occur, a non-modal dialog box will be displayed for each event.

This does not occur if you simply have XTension 'hidden'.

Bottom line:   If you are not editing your system, keep the Log window present.   In normal operation, you do want to have it readily available.

In version 1.7 and later, you can actually Cut, Copy and Paste to and from the active Log Window.   Unfortunately, you cannot simply type text into the window.

Regardless of what you do, you cannot prevent all of the
log data from being written to the Log File on disk...under normal conditions.

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This window has special significance in that if it is 'hidden' or 'put away' : significant errors or specific 'user alerts' will cause 'non-modal' dialog boxes to appear on your screen if these conditions occur.