Unified Logging and Activity Tracing

Logging for the future

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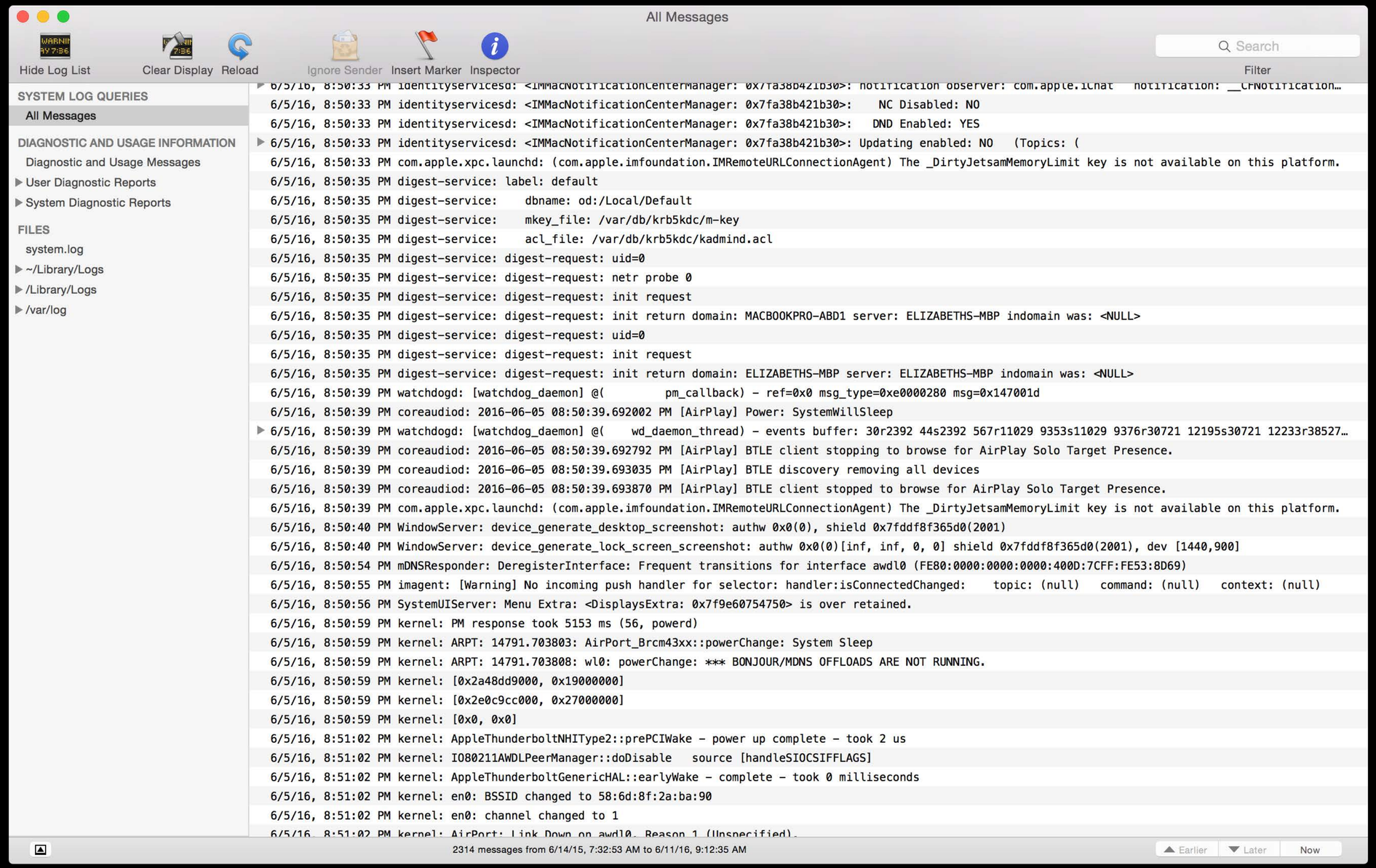

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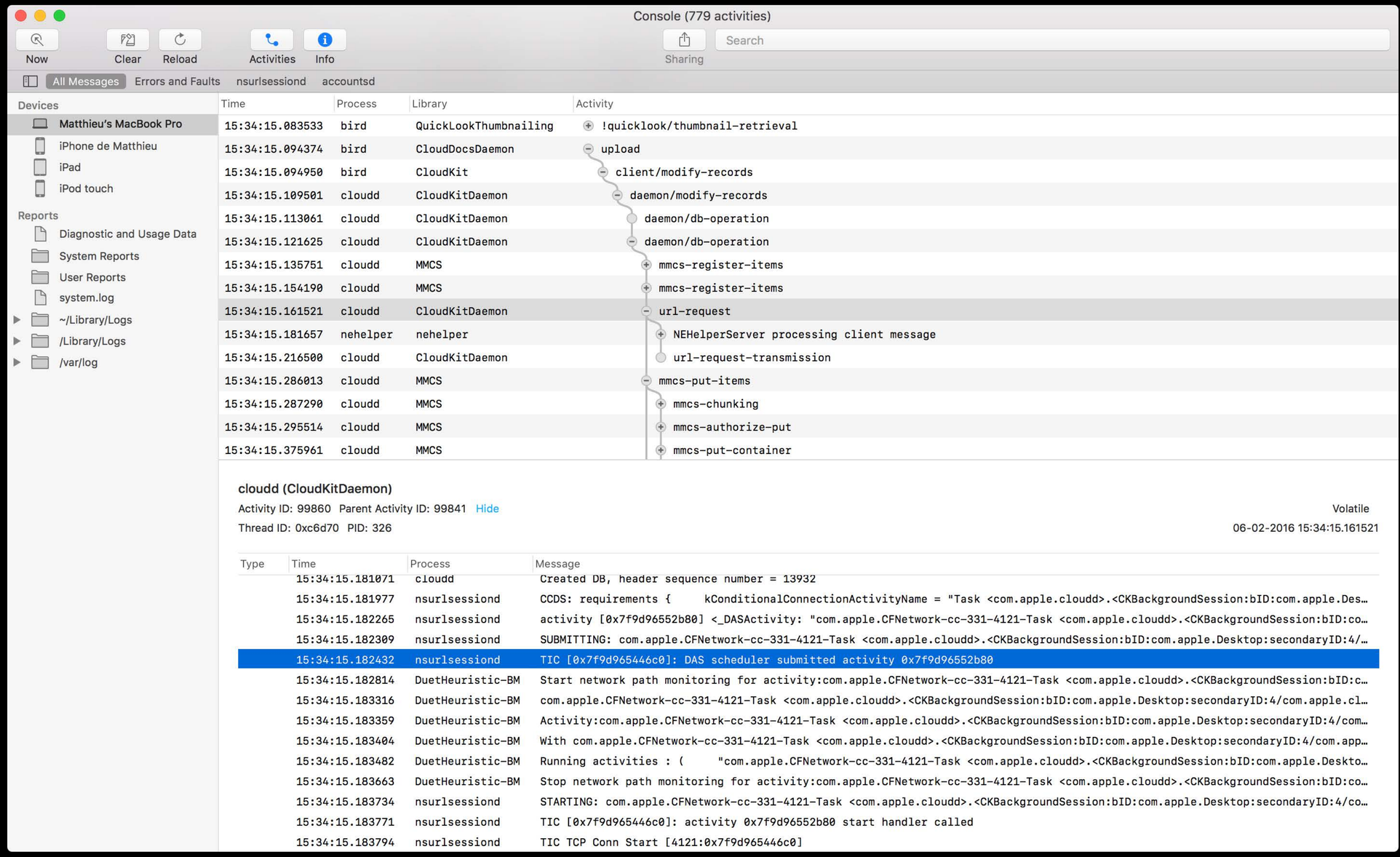

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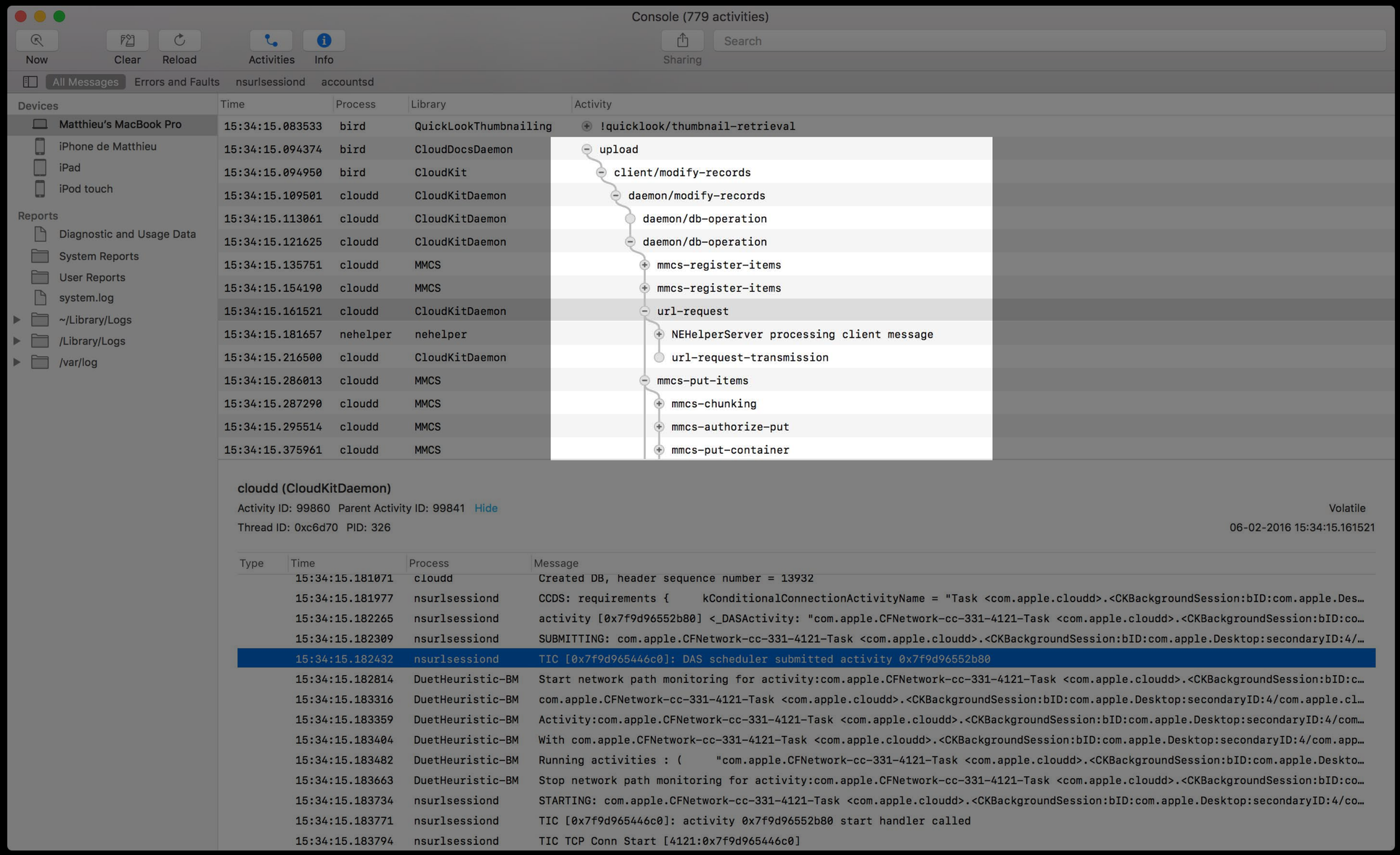

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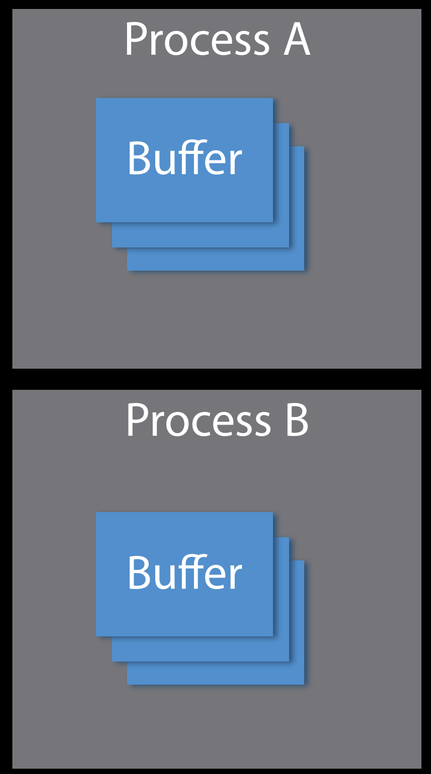

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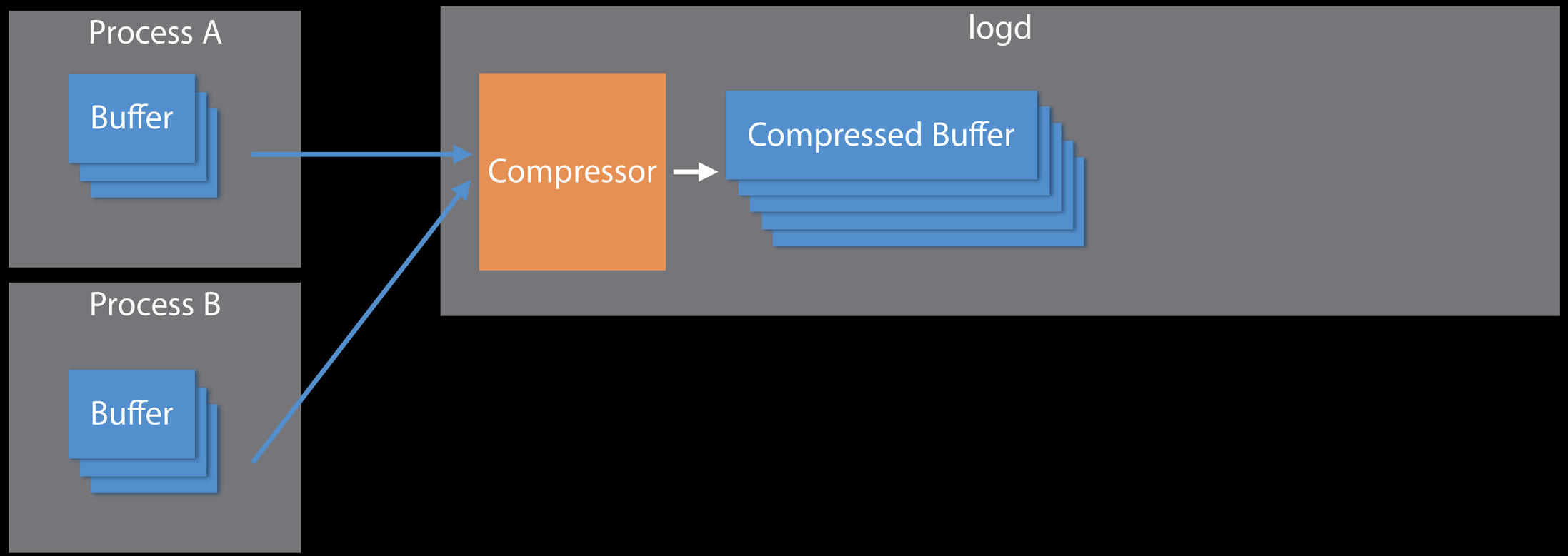

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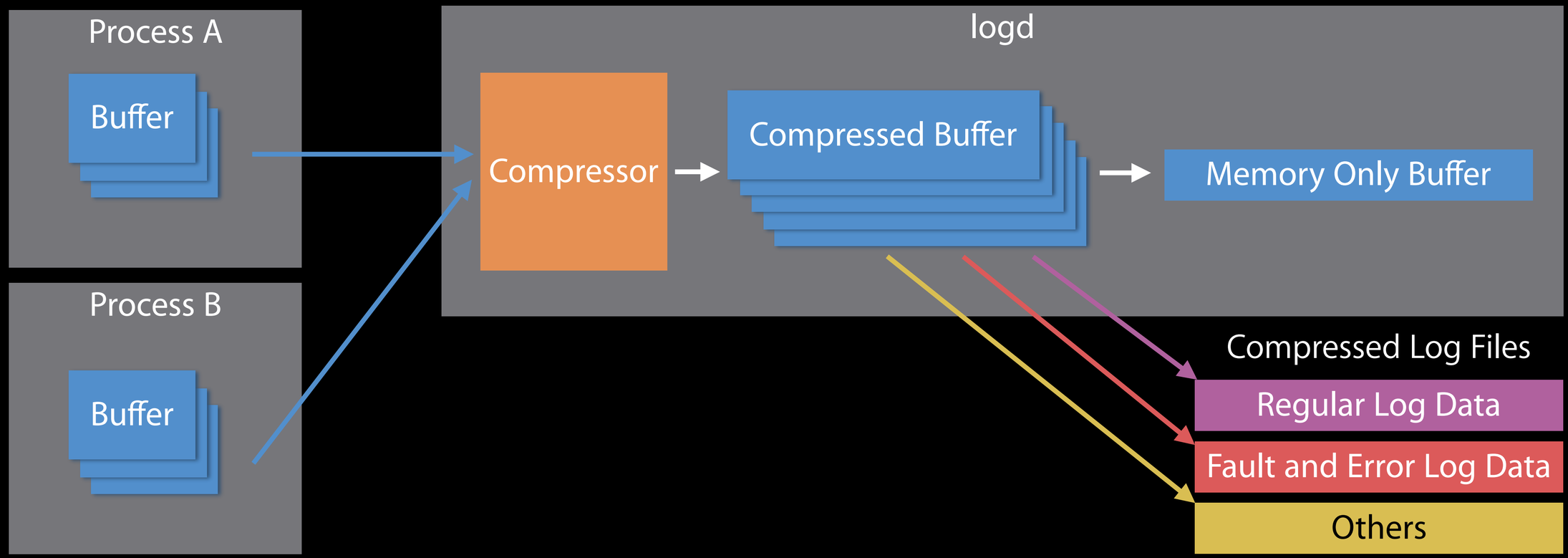

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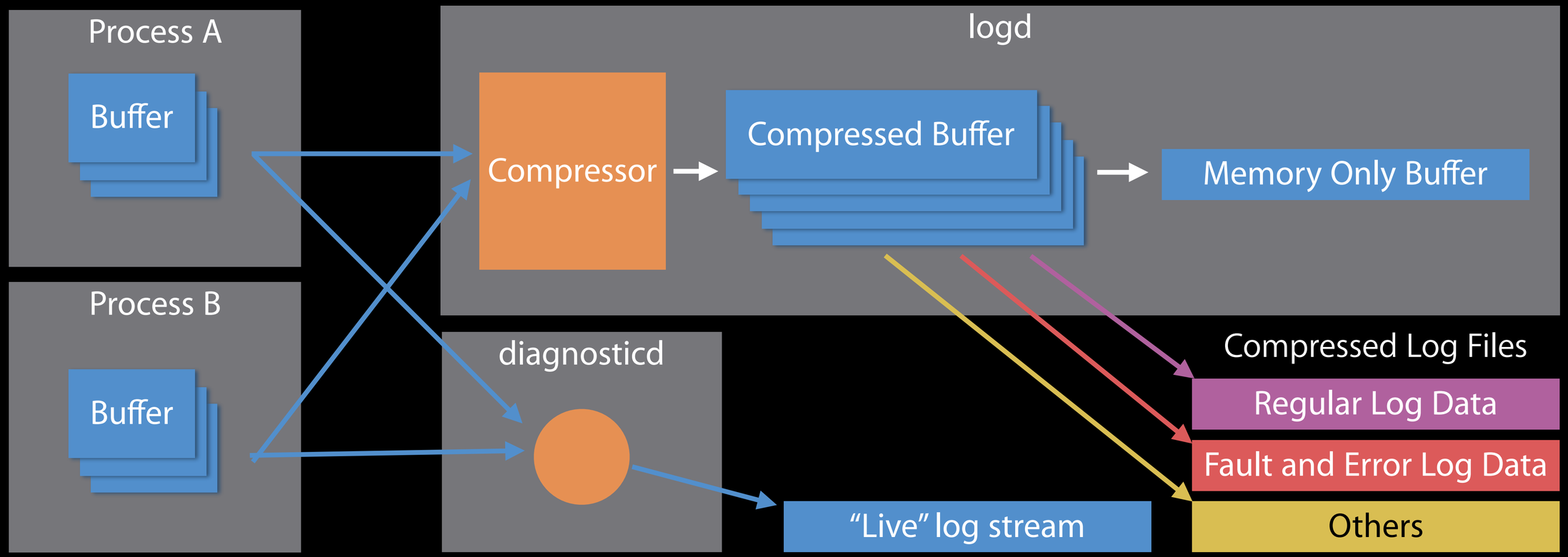

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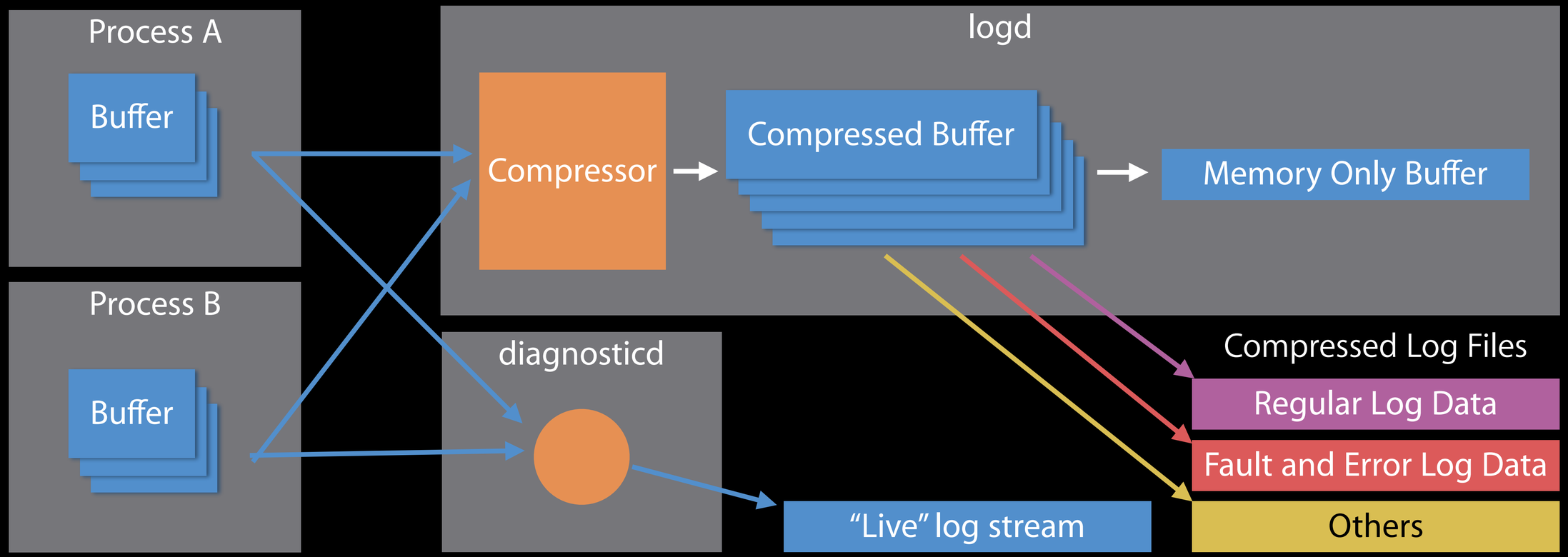

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Console demo

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Summary of New APIs

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os_log_info	Memory	Additional information (defaults to memory-only buffers)
os_log_debug	Off	Debug level content (off-by default)
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timespec	%{timespec}.*P	2016-01-12 19:41:37.774236823
errno	%{errno}d	Broken pipe
uuid_t	%{uuid_t}.16P %{uuid_t}.*P	10742E39-0657-41F8-AB99-878C5EC2DCAA
sockaddr	%{network:sockaddr}.*P	fe80::f:86ff:fee9:5c16 17.43.23.87
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tvOS	Play/Pause + Volume Down On older remote controls for Apple TV, must be held for 5 seconds

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