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# CHAPTER 1

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Important

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**Warning: This documentation is a work in progress.**

If you have any question that is not yet answered here, feel free to create an [issue](#), so that we can improve it.



## General

### FAQ

#### **Do you have any company using this tool? How many if you know?**

OPM is an open source software, which means we don't have a extensive list of companies using it.

However DALIBO (the main sponsor for this project) has dozens of customers using it. And we do know about an OPM server monitoring more than 100 PostgreSQL instances as we speak.

#### **Do you need agents to install on the remote servers?**

To monitor a PostgreSQL instance, you need to install an agent on this server. For now, there's only one agent available which is called **check\_pgactivity**.

More details here : [https://github.com/OPMDG/check\\_pgactivity](https://github.com/OPMDG/check_pgactivity)

It's a Nagios agent but it should work fine with Nagios-compatible software (see below)

#### **Is possible to use the check\_pgactivity agent with Nagios-compatible tools such as Icinga / Shinken / Naemon / .... ?**

We know that the Nagios project is currently in a bad shape. But it's an industry standard. There's some very interesting Nagios forks nowadays and as long as they maintain backward compatilby with Nagios, we should be able to use the check\_pgactivity agent with them. We cannot test our agent on every Nagios-compatible software so if you do use it with Icinga, Shinken or Naemon please let us know !

### I don't want to use Nagios or a Nagios compatible software. Is there any hope?

Yes ! Currently our data collection process is based on Nagios, because it's one of the most widespread monitoring engine. So if you want to use the current version, you need to install Nagios.

However we build OPM as an agnostic system that can be plugged on any scheduler. Therefore it is possible de developed connectors with tools like zabbix, centreon, shinken and others. We plan to do it eventually but we don't have a clear roadmap for it yet. If you're interested by such connectors, let us know !

### What is the performance impact of this tool on a PostgreSQL production database?

The performance impact is hard to define precisely. It will really depend on the frequency of the stats collection processes. You can configure Nagios to get stats every 30s or every 5 min: the impact on performance will be very different. So basically the performance impact is more a question of how you configure Nagios and doesn't really depend on OPM itself.

### Do we really need yet another PostgreSQL monitoring tool?

We do think so. We are aware that there's a lot of similar tools ( Postgres Enterprise Manager, pgObserver or pgAnalyzer, just to name a few). However we feel that most them are not entirely open-source and/or they are owned by a single company.

We aim to create a free alternative to Oracle Enterprise Manager and we want to build this tool with the help and contributions of the PostgreSQL community.

### I need enterprise-grade support for this software

DALIBO, as the main sponsor of the project, can provide training and support for both PostgreSQL and OPM. See <http://www.dalibo.com> for more details.

### The UI is up, but I don't see anything

Here are the things to check and fix:

#### Are there perfddata generated?

On the Nagios server, check if perfddata are generated. The location is defined in the **proces-service-perfddata-file** and **proces-host-perfddata-file** commands on Nagios, as seen in *Nagios & nagios\_dispatcher* section.

Assuming default configuration (**/var/lib/nagios3/spool/perfddata/**), you can check like this:

```
# ls -al /var/lib/nagios3/spool/perfddata/
```

**Warning:** Obviously, you need to have configured Nagios so that checks are actually performed to expect perfddata generated.

If files are getting created, you can see next item. Otherwise, you need to configure Nagios so perfddata are processed, are documented in *Nagios & nagios\_dispatcher*. Also be careful, if the *nagios\_dispatcher* is running, perfddata file won't stay long in the perfddata directory.



## Is nagios\_dispatcher running?

If perfdats are being generated but are accumulating, you have an issue with the *nagios\_dispatcher*:

- check and double check the configuration file
  - perfdats directory
  - connection credentials
  - host and port
- check the connection with the opm database
  - PostgreSQL logs
  - pg\_hba and/or credentials
- check that the daemon is running:

```
root:~# ps aux | grep nagios_dispatcher
```

- check the nagios dispatcher logs

When the perfdats are being removed from the perfdats directory, you can move to the next item.

## Are the perfdats accumulating in the hub table?

If the *nagios\_dispatcher* is running and perfdats files being removed, lines should be added in the **wh\_nagios.hub** table of the **opm** database:

```
opm=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM wh_nagios.hub;
```

**Warning:** If you don't see any line appearing in this table, it's very likely that you're looking at the wrong server and/or the wrong database.

According to the *wh\_nagios* documentation, you should have setup a cron to call the **wh\_nagios.dispatch\_record()** stored function every minute.

If after some minutes the number of records doesn't fall, there's a problem with this cron. Make sure to double check:

- output of this cron if you redirected it to a file or a mail
- credential access (you can use a [.pgpass file](#) if needed)
- host, port, user, database...
- check the connection with the opm database
  - PostgreSQL logs
  - pg\_hba and/or credentials

Once the **wh\_nagios.dispatch\_record()** is successfully called, the data will arrive in the user tables. You can check for instance the number of servers the UI knows about:

```
opm=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM public.servers;
```

## I still can't see anything in the UI

- check the credentials for the *dedicated UI user*
- check the *UI configuration file*
- check the connection with the opm database
  - PostgreSQL logs
  - pg\_hba and/or credentials
- check the UI logs. For instance, if you used an *Apache server*, the opm.log. If you tried with the *morbo tool*, then the standard output.
- check that you connect to the good OPM UI server

## Getting started

### Support

#### Community Support

You can find help, news and security alerts on the opm-users mailing list :

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=fr#!forum/opm-users>

You can also join directly the developer team on the #opm channel of the freenode IRC network

To report an issue, please use the bug tracking system in the github project page: <https://github.com/opmdg/>

#### Commercial Support

DALIBO, as the main sponsor of the project, can provide enterprise-grade support services for both PostgreSQL and OPM. See <http://www.dalibo.com> for more details.

## OPM Core

### Installation

#### Requirements

To install OPM, you need a 9.3 or more PostgreSQL cluster, standard compiling tools and Nagios. The PostgreSQL cluster and Nagios can be installed on the servers you want, and can be installed on the same server.

#### System

The tool “pg\_config” is required, install the PostgreSQL development packages of your Linux distribution if necessary. We suppose that the repositories **opm-core** and **opm-wh\_nagios** are stored into **/usr/local/src/opm/**.

## OPM core

We need to install the core of opm first. From your opm directory as user “root”:

```
root:/usr/local/src/opm# cd opm-core/pg
root:/usr/local/src/opm/opm-core/pg# make install
```

Then, using a superuser role:

```
postgres@postgres=# CREATE DATABASE opm;
postgres@postgres=# \c opm
postgres@opm=# CREATE EXTENSION opm_core;
```

You’ll need to create a first opm admin account:

```
postgres@opm=# SELECT create_admin('admin1', 'admin1');
```

**This is the user you’ll need to log on the UI**

## wh\_nagios

To install the module “wh\_nagios”, from your opm directory as user “root”:

```
root:/usr/local/src/opm# cd opm-wh_nagios/pg
root:/usr/local/src/opm/wh_nagios/pg# make install
```

Then, using a superuser role:

```
postgres@opm=# CREATE EXTENSION hstore;
CREATE EXTENSION

postgres@opm=# CREATE EXTENSION wh_nagios;
CREATE EXTENSION
```

Then, you need to create a crontab that will process incoming data and dispatch them. As instance, to trigger it every minute:

```
* * * * * psql -c 'SELECT wh_nagios.dispatch_record()' opm
```

This crontab can belong to any user, as long as it can connect to the PostgreSQL opm database with any PostgreSQL role.

To allow a PostgreSQL role to import data in a warehouse, you need to call “public.grant\_dispatcher”. For instance, if the PostgreSQL role is “user1” and the warehouse is “wh\_nagios”:

```
postgres@opm=# SELECT grant_dispatcher('wh_nagios', 'user1');
```

## Nagios & nagios\_dispatcher

The dispatcher “nagios\_dispatcher” aimed to dispatch perfdata from Nagios files to the “wh\_nagios” warehouse.

“nagios\_dispatcher” require the DBD::Pg perl module. Make sure to install it on your system . Eg. under debian:

```
root:~# apt-get install libdbd-pg-perl
```

We'll need first to setup Nagios to create its perdata files that "nagios\_dispatcher" will poll and consume. As user "root", create to required command file and destination folder:

```
root:~# mkdir -p /var/lib/nagios3/spool/perfdata/
root:~# chown nagios: /var/lib/nagios3/spool/perfdata/
root:~# cat <<'EOF' >> /etc/nagios3/commands.cfg
define command{
    command_name    process-service-perfdata-file
    command_line    /bin/mv /var/lib/nagios3/service-perfdata /var/lib/nagios3/spool/
↳perfdata/service-perfdata.$TIMET$
}
define command{
    command_name    process-host-perfdata-file
    command_line    /bin/mv /var/lib/nagios3/host-perfdata /var/lib/nagios3/spool/
↳perfdata/host-perfdata.$TIMET$
}
EOF
```

Then, in your Nagios main configuration file, make sure the following parameter are set accordingly:

```
process_performance_data=1
host_perfdata_file=/var/lib/nagios3/host-perfdata
service_perfdata_file=/var/lib/nagios3/service-perfdata
host_perfdata_file_processing_command=process-host-perfdata-file
service_perfdata_file_processing_command=process-service-perfdata-file
host_perfdata_file_template=DATATYPE::HOSTPERFDATA\tTIMET::$TIMET$\tHOSTNAME::
↳$HOSTNAME$\tHOSTPERFDATA::$HOSTPERFDATA$\tHOSTCHECKCOMMAND::$HOSTCHECKCOMMAND
↳$\tHOSTSTATE::$HOSTSTATE$\tHOSTSTATETYPE::$HOSTSTATETYPE$\tHOSTOUTPUT::$HOSTOUTPUT$
service_perfdata_file_template=DATATYPE::SERVICEPERFDATA\tTIMET::$TIMET$\tHOSTNAME::
↳$HOSTNAME$\tSERVICEDESC::$SERVICEDESC$\tSERVICEPERFDATA::$SERVICEPERFDATA
↳$\tSERVICECHECKCOMMAND::$SERVICECHECKCOMMAND$\tHOSTSTATE::$HOSTSTATE
↳$\tHOSTSTATETYPE::$HOSTSTATETYPE$\tSERVICESTATE::$SERVICESTATE$\tSERVICESTATETYPE::
↳$SERVICESTATETYPE$\tSERVICEOUTPUT::$SERVICEOUTPUT$
host_perfdata_file_mode=a
service_perfdata_file_mode=a
host_perfdata_file_processing_interval=15
service_perfdata_file_processing_interval=15
```

**Note:** If you're using icinga2, you need instead to:

- enable perfddata:

```
$ icinga2 feature enable perfddata
```

- configure data format in `/etc/icinga2/features-enabled/perfddata.conf`:

```
library "perfddata"
object PerfdataWriter "perfddata" {
    host_perfdata_path = "/var/spool/icinga2/perfddata/host-perfdata"
    service_perfdata_path = "/var/spool/icinga2/perfddata/service-perfdata"
    rotation_interval = 15s
    host_format_template = "DATATYPE::HOSTPERFDATA\tTIMET::$icinga.timet
↳$\tHOSTNAME::$host.name$\tHOSTPERFDATA::$host.perfdata$\tHOSTCHECKCOMMAND::
↳$host.check_command$\tHOSTSTATE::$host.state$\tHOSTSTATETYPE::$host.state_type
↳$\tHOSTOUTPUT::$host.output$"
    service_format_template = "DATATYPE::SERVICEPERFDATA\tTIMET::$icinga.timet
↳$\tHOSTNAME::$host.name$\tSERVICEDESC::$service.name$\tSERVICEPERFDATA::
↳$service.perfdata$\tSERVICECHECKCOMMAND::$service.check_command$\tHOSTSTATE::
↳$host.state$\tHOSTSTATETYPE::$host.state_type$\tSERVICESTATE::$service.state
↳$\tSERVICESTATETYPE::$service.state_type$\tSERVICEOUTPUT::$service.output$"
```

```
}

```

Icinga2 has different macros names than Nagios, for complete list see [documentation](#).

The dispatcher itself:

```
root:~# mkdir -p /usr/local/etc/
root:~# cat <<EOF > /usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf
daemon=1
directory=/var/lib/nagios3/spool/perfdata/
frequency=5
db_connection_string=dbi:Pg:dbname=opm host=127.0.0.1
db_user=YOUR_USER
db_password=YOUR_PASS
debug=0
syslog=1
hostname_filter = /^$/ # Empty hostname. Never happens
service_filter = /^$/ # Empty service
label_filter = /^$/ # Empty label
EOF
root:~# chown nagios /usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf

```

Install the `nagios_dispatcher.pl` file into the `/usr/local/bin/` directory:

```
root:~# cp /usr/local/src/opm/wh_nagios/bin/nagios_dispatcher.pl /usr/local/bin

```

**If your operating system uses systemd**

Slight change to the `nagios_dispatcher.cfg` file:

```
root:~# mkdir -p /usr/local/etc/
root:~# cat <<EOF > /usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf
daemon=1
directory=/var/lib/nagios3/spool/perfdata/
frequency=5
db_connection_string=dbi:Pg:dbname=opm;host=127.0.0.1
db_user=YOUR_USER
db_password=YOUR_PASS
debug=0
syslog=1
hostname_filter = /^$/ # Empty hostname. Never happens
service_filter = /^$/ # Empty service
label_filter = /^$/ # Empty label
EOF
root:~# chown nagios /usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf

```

Create the file `/etc/systemd/system/nagios_dispatcher.service` with the following content:

```
[Unit]
Description=Nagios Dispatcher Service
After=network.target

[Service]
Type=simple
User=nagios

```

```
ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/nagios_dispatcher.pl -c /usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf
Restart=on-abort
```

```
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Now enable and start the service:

```
systemctl enable nagios_dispatcher
systemctl start nagios_dispatcher
```

### If your operating system uses inittab

Add the following line at the end of the `/etc/inittab` file:

```
d1:23:respawn:/usr/bin/perl -w /usr/local/bin/nagios_dispatcher.pl --daemon --config /
↪usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf
```

and reload the `/etc/inittab` file:

```
root:~# init q
```

### If your operating system uses upstart

Create the file `/etc/init/nagios_dispatcher.conf`, with the following content:

```
# This service maintains nagios_dispatcher

start on stopped rc RUNLEVEL=[2345]
stop on starting runlevel [016]

respawn
exec /usr/local/bin/nagios_dispatcher.pl -c /usr/local/etc/nagios_dispatcher.conf
```

and start the job:

```
root:~# initctl start nagios_dispatcher
```

## User interface

The default user interface is based on the web framework [Mojolicious](#). You need to install:

- Perl (5.10 or above)
- Mojolicious (4.63 or above, **less than 5.0**)
- Mojolicious::Plugin::I18N (version 0.9)
- DBD::Pg perl module
- PostgreSQL (9.3 or above)
- A CGI/Perl webserver

You can install “Mojolicious” using CPAN or your Linux distribution package system if available. Here is an example with CPAN:

```
curl -L cpanmin.us | perl - Mojolicious@4.99
curl -L cpanmin.us | perl - Mojolicious::Plugin::I18N@0.9
curl -L cpanmin.us | perl - DBI
curl -L cpanmin.us | perl - DBD::Pg
```

Alternatively, you can download the required archives and install them manually:

```
wget http://backpan.perl.org/authors/id/S/SR/SRI/Mojolicious-4.99.tar.gz
tar xzf Mojolicious-4.99.tar.gz
cd Mojolicious-4.99
perl Makefile.PL
make
make install
cd ..
wget http://backpan.perl.org/authors/id/S/SH/SHARIFULN/Mojolicious-Plugin-I18N-0.9.
tar xzf Mojolicious-Plugin-I18N-0.9.tar.gz
cd Mojolicious-Plugin-I18N-0.9
make
make install
```

**Note:** The *make install* commands require root privilege. Use *sudo* if you're not running these command as root.

To install the UI plugin “wh\_nagios” (or any other UI plugin), from your *opm* directory as user “root”:

```
root:/usr/local/src/opm# cd opm-core/ui/modules
root:/usr/local/src/opm/opm-core/ui/modules# ln -s /usr/local/src/opm/opm-wh_nagios/
ui wh_nagios
```

Then, on your OPM database side, you need to create an *opm* user for the UI:

```
postgres@opm=# CREATE USER opmui WITH ENCRYPTED PASSWORD 'opmui';
postgres@opm=# SELECT * from grant_appli('opmui');
```

Finally, in the directory */usr/local/src/opm/opm-core/ui*, copy the **opm.conf-dist** file to **opm.conf**, and edit it to suit you needs, for instance:

```
{
  ...
  "database" : {
    "dbname"   : "opm",
    "host"     : "127.0.0.1",
    "port"     : "5432",
    "user"     : "opmui",
    "password" : "opmui"
  },
  ...
  "plugins"  : [ "wh_nagios" ]
}
```

**This user is only needed for the connection between the UI and the database. You only have to use it in the *opm.conf* file** To test the web user interface quickly, you can use either “morbo” or “hypnotoad”, both installed with Mojolicious. Example with Morbo:

```
user:/usr/local/src/opm/opm-core/ui/opm$ morbo script/opm
[Fri Nov 29 12:12:52 2013] [debug] Helper "url_for" already exists, replacing.
```

```
[Fri Nov 29 12:12:52 2013] [debug] Reading config file "/home/ioguix/git/opm/ui/opm/
↪opm.conf".
[Fri Nov 29 12:12:53 2013] [info] Listening at "http://*:3000".
Server available at http://127.0.0.1:3000.
```

- Using “hypnotoad”, which suit better for production:

```
user:/usr/local/src/opm/ui/opm/opm-core$ hypnotoad -f script/opm
```

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**Note:** Removing “-f” makes it daemonize.

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- Using nginx for forwarding request to a “hypnotoad” application server:

```
upstream hypnotoad {
    server 127.0.0.1:8080;
}

server {
    listen 80;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://hypnotoad;
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto "http";
    }
}
```

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**Note:** You should ensure that hypnotoad starts on boot, e.g. in **/etc/rc.local**

```
su - www-data -c 'hypnotoad /var/www/opm-core/ui/script/opm'
```

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If you want to use “apache”, here is a quick configuration sample using CGI:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin webmaster@example.com
    ServerName opm.example.com
    DocumentRoot /var/www/opm/public/

    <Directory /var/www/opm/public/>
        AllowOverride None
        Order allow,deny
        allow from all
        IndexIgnore *

        RewriteEngine On
        RewriteBase /
        RewriteRule ^$ opm.cgi [L]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-f
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d
        RewriteRule ^(.*)$ opm.cgi/$1 [L]
    </Directory>

    ScriptAlias /opm.cgi /var/www/opm/script/opm
```



```

<Directory /var/www/opm/script/>
    AddHandler cgi-script .cgi
    Options +ExecCGI
    AllowOverride None
    Order allow,deny
    allow from all
    SetEnv MOJO_MODE production
    SetEnv MOJO_MAX_MESSAGE_SIZE 4294967296
</Directory>

ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/opm.log
# Possible values include: debug, info, notice, warn, error, crit,
# alert, emerg.
LogLevel warn

CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/opm.log combined
</VirtualHost>

```

(assuming that the directory `/usr/local/src/opm/opm-core/ui` has been symlinked to `/var/www/opm`).

For a complete list and specifications on supported http servers, please check the [Mojolicious official documentation](#).

## Probes

### check\_pgactivity

check\_pgactivity - PostgreSQL plugin for Nagios

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#### SYNOPSIS

```
check_pgactivity {-w|--warning THRESHOLD} {-c|--critical THRESHOLD} [-s|--service_
↪SERVICE ] [-h|--host HOST] [-U|--username ROLE] [-p|--port PORT] [-d|--dbname_
↪DATABASE] [-S|--dbservice SERVICE_NAME] [-P|--psql PATH] [--debug] [--status-file_
↪FILE] [--path PATH] [-t|--timeout TIMEOUT]
check_pgactivity [-l|--list]
check_pgactivity [--help]
```

## DESCRIPTION

check\_pgactivity is designed to monitor PostgreSQL clusters from Nagios. It offers many options to measure and monitor useful performance metrics.

### **-s, --service SERVICE**

The nagios service to run. See section SERVICES for a description of available services or use `--list` for a short service and description list.

### **-h, --host HOST**

Database server host or socket directory (default: “localhost”).

### **-U, --username ROLE**

Database user name (default: “postgres”).

### **-p, --port PORT**

Database server port (default: “5432”).

### **-d, --dbname DATABASE**

Database name to connect to (default: “template1”).

**WARNING!** This is not necessarily one of the database that will be checked. See `--dbinclude` and `--dbexclude`.

### **-S, --dbservice SERVICE\_NAME**

The connection service name from `pg_service.conf` to use.

### **--dbexclude REGEXP**

Some services are automatically checking all the databases of your cluster (note: that does not mean they always need to connect on all of them to check them though). `--dbexclude` allows to exclude any database whose name matches the given perl regular expression. You can repeat this option as many time as needed.

See `--dbinclude` as well. If a database match both `dbexclude` and `dbinclude` arguments, it is excluded.

### **--dbinclude REGEXP**

Some services are automatically checking all the databases of your cluster (note: that does not mean they always need to connect on all of them to check them though). `--dbinclude` allows to **ONLY** check databases whose names match the given perl regular expression. You can repeat this option as many time as needed.

See `--dbexclude` as well. If a database match both `dbexclude` and `dbinclude` arguments, it is excluded.

### **-w, --warning THRESHOLD**

The Warning threshold.

### **-c, --critical THRESHOLD**

The Critical threshold.

**-F, --format OUTPUT\_FORMAT**

The output format. Supported output are: `binary`, `debug`, `human`, `nagios` and `nagios_strict`.

Using the `binary` format, the results are written in a binary file (using perl module `Storable`) given in argument `--output`. If no output is given, defaults to file `check_pgactivity.out` in the same directory as the script.

The `nagios_strict` format is equivalent to the `nagios` format. The only difference is that it enforces the unit follow the strict nagios specs: `B`, `c`, `s` or `%`. Any unit not beeing in this list is dropped (Bps, Tps, etc).

**--tmpdir DIRECTORY**

Path to a directory where the script can create temporary files. The script relies on the system default temporary directory if possible.

**-P, --psql FILE**

Path to the `psql` executable (default: `"psql"`).

**--status-file PATH**

PATH to the file where service status information will be kept between successive calls. Default is to save `check_pgactivity.data` in the same directory as the script.

**--dump-status-file**

Dump the content of the status file and exit. This is useful for debug purpose.

**--dump-bin-file [PATH]**

Dump the content of the given binary file previously created using `--format binary`. If no path is given, defaults to file `check_pgactivity.out` in the same directory as the script.

**-t, --timeout TIMEOUT**

Timeout to use (default: `"30s"`). It can be specified as raw (in seconds) or as an interval. This timeout will be used as `statement_timeout` for `psql` and `URL timeout` for `minor_version` service.

**-l, --list**

List available services.

**-V, --version**

Print version and exit.

**--debug**

Print some debug messages.

**-.?, --help**

Show this help page.

## THRESHOLDS

THRESHOLDS provided as warning and critical values can be a raw numbers, percentages, intervals or a sizes. Each available service supports one or more formats (eg. a size and a percentage).

### Percentage

If threshold is a percentage, the value should end with a `'%'` (no space). For instance: `95%`.

### Interval

If THRESHOLD is an interval, the following units are accepted (not case sensitive): s (second), m (minute), h (hour), d (day). You can use more than one unit per given value. If not set, the last unit is in seconds. For instance: “1h 55m 6” = “1h55m6s”.

### Size

If THRESHOLD is a size, the following units are accepted (not case sensitive): b (Byte), k (KB), m (MB), g (GB), t (TB), p (PB), e (EB) or Z (ZB). Only integers are accepted. Eg. 1.5MB will be refused, use 1500kB.

The factor between units is 1024 Bytes. Eg.  $1g = 1G = 1024 \cdot 1024 \cdot 1024$ .

## CONNECTIONS

check\_pgactivity allows two different connection specifications: by service, or by specifying values for host, user, port, and database. Some services can run on multiple hosts, or needs to connect to multiple hosts.

You must specify one of the parameters below if the service needs to connect to your PostgreSQL instance. In other words, check\_pgactivity will NOT look for the libpq environment variables.

The format for connection parameters is:

**Parameter** `--dbservice SERVICE_NAME`

Define a new host using the given service. Multiple hosts can be defined by listing multiple services separated by a comma. Eg.

```
--dbservice service1,service2
```

**Parameters** `--host HOST, --port PORT, --user ROLE or --dbname DATABASE`

One of these parameters is enough to define a new host. If some parameters are missing, default values are used.

If multiple values are given, define as many host as maximum given values.

Values are associated by position. Eg.:

```
--host h1,h2 --port 5432,5433
```

Means “host=h1 port=5432” and “host=h2 port=5433”.

If the number of values is different between parameters, any host missing a parameter will use the first given value for this parameter. Eg.:

```
--host h1,h2 --port 5433
```

Means: “host=h1 port=5433” and “host=h2 port=5433”.

### Services are defined first

For instance:

```
--dbservice s1 --host h1 --port 5433
```

Means use “service=s1” and “host=h1 port=5433” in this order. If the service supports only one host, the second is ignored.

### Mutual exclusion between both methods

You can not overwrite services connections variables with parameters `--host HOST`, `--port PORT`, `--user ROLE` or `--dbname DATABASE`

## SERVICES

Descriptions and parameters of available services.

### archive\_folder

Check if all archived WALs exist between the oldest and the latest WAL in the archive folder and make sure they are 16MB. The given folder must have archived files from ONE cluster. The version of PostgreSQL that created the archives is only checked on the last one, for performance consideration.

This service requires the argument `--path` on the command line to specify the archive folder path to check.

Optional argument `--suffix` allows you define the suffix of your archived WALs. Useful if they are compressed with an extension (eg. `.gz`, `.bz2`, ...). Default is no suffix.

This service needs to read the header of one of the archives to define how many segments a WAL owns. `check_pgactivity` automatically handles files with extensions `.gz`, `.bz2`, `.xz`, `.zip` or `.7z` using the following commands:

```
gzip -dc
bzip2 -dc
xz -dc
unzip -qqp
7z x -so
```

If needed, you can provide your own command that writes the uncompressed file to standard output by using the `--unarchiver` argument.

Optional argument `--ignore-wal-size` skips the WAL size check. This is useful if your archived WALs are compressed and `check_pgactivity` is unable to guess the original size. Here are the commands `check_pgactivity` uses to guess the original size of `.gz`, `.xz` or `.zip` files:

```
gzip -ql
xz -ql
unzip -qq1
```

Default behaviour is to check the WALs size.

Perfdata contains the number of WALs archived and the age of the most recent one.

Critical and Warning define the max age of the latest archived WAL as an interval (eg. `5m` or `300s`).

Sample commands:

```
check_pgactivity -s archive_folder --path /path/to/archives -w 15m -c 30m
check_pgactivity -s archive_folder --path /path/to/archives --suffix .gz -w
↪15m -c 30m
check_pgactivity -s archive_folder --path /path/to/archives --ignore-wal-
↪size --suffix .bz2 -w 15m -c 30m
check_pgactivity -s archive_folder --path /path/to/archives --unarchiver
↪"unrar p" --ignore-wal-size --suffix .rar -w 15m -c 30m
```

### autovacuum (8.1+)

Check the autovacuum activity on the cluster.

Perfdata contains the age of oldest running autovacuum and the number of workers by type (VACUUM, VACUUM ANALYZE, ANALYZE, VACUUM FREEZE).

Thresholds, if any, are ignored.

### backends (all)

Check the total number of connections in the PostgreSQL cluster.

Perfdata contains the number of connections per database.

Critical and Warning thresholds accept either a raw number or a percentage (eg. 80%). When a threshold is a percentage, it is compared to the difference between the cluster parameters `max_connections` and `superuser_reserved_connections`.

### backends\_status (8.2+)

Check the status of all backends. Depending on your PostgreSQL version, statuses are: `idle`, `idle in transaction`, `idle in transaction (aborted)` (>=9.0 only), `fastpath function call`, `active`, `waiting for lock`, `undefined`, `disabled` and `insufficient privilege`. **insufficient privilege** appears when you are not allowed to see the statuses of other connections.

This service supports the argument `--exclude REGEX` to exclude queries matching the given regular expression from the check.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` arguments.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They accept a list of `'status_label=value'` separated by a comma. Available labels are `idle`, `idle_xact`, `aborted_xact`, `fastpath`, `active` and `waiting`. Values are raw numbers and empty lists are forbidden. Here is an example:

```
-w 'waiting=5,idle_xact=10' -c 'waiting=20,idle_xact=30'
```

Perfdata contains the number of backends for each status and the oldest one for each of them, for 8.2+.

Note that the number of backends reported in Nagios message **includes** excluded backend.

### backup\_label\_age (8.1+)

Check the age of the backup label file.

Perfdata returns the age of the backup\_label file, -1 if not present.

Critical and Warning thresholds only accept an interval (eg. 1h30m25s).

### bgwriter (8.3+)

Check the percentage of pages written by backends since last check.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter).

Perfdata contains the ratio per second for each `pg_stat_bgwriter` counters since last execution. Units Nps for checkpoints, max written clean and fsyncs are the number of “events” per second.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. If set, they *only* accept a percentage.

### btree\_bloat

Estimate bloat on B-tree indexes.

Warning and critical thresholds accept a comma-separated list of either raw number(for a size), size (eg. 125M) or percentage. The thresholds apply to **bloat** size, not object size. If a percentage is given, the threshold will apply to the bloat size compared to the total index size. If multiple threshold values are passed, `check_pgactivity` will choose the largest (bloat size) value.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

It also supports a `--exclude REGEX` parameter to exclude relations matching the given regular expression. The regular expression applies to “database.schema\_name.relation\_name”. This allows you to filter either on a

relation name for all schemas and databases, filter on a qualified named relation (schema + relation) for all databases or filter on a qualified named relation in only one database.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` parameters.

Perfdata will return the number of indexes of concern, by warning and critical threshold per database.

A list of the bloated indexes detail will be returned after the perfdata. This list contains the fully qualified bloated index name, the estimated bloat size, the index size and the bloat percentage.

This service will work with PostgreSQL 10+ without superuser privileges if you grant `SELECT` on table `pg_statistic` to the `pg_monitor` role, in each database of the cluster : `GRANT SELECT ON pg_statistic TO pg_monitor;`

#### **commit\_ratio** (all)

Check the commit and rollback rate per second since last call.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter).

Perfdata contains the commit rate, rollback rate, transaction rate and rollback ratio for each database since last call.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They accept a list of coma separated ‘label=value’. Available label are **rollbacks**, **rollback\_rate** and **rollback\_ratio**, which will be compared to the number of rollback, the rollback rate and the rollback ratio of each database. Warning or critical will be raised if reported value is greater than **rollbacks**, **rollback\_rate** or **rollback\_ratio**.

#### **configuration** (8.0+)

Check the most important settings.

Warning and Critical thresholds are ignored.

Specific parameters are : `--work_mem`, `--maintenance_work_mem`,  
`--shared_buffers`, `--wal_buffers`, `--checkpoint_segments`,  
`--effective_cache_size`, `--no_check_autovacuum`, `--no_check_fsync`,  
`--no_check_enable`, `--no_check_track_counts`.

#### **connection** (all)

Perform a simple connection test.

No perfdata is returned.

This service ignore critical and warning arguments.

#### **custom\_query** (all)

Perform the given user query.

The query is specified with the `--query` parameter. The first column will be used to perform the test for the status if warning and critical are provided.

The warning and critical arguments are optional. They can be of format integer (default), size or time depending on the `--type` argument. Warning and Critical will be raised if they are greater than the first column, or less if the `--reverse` option is used.

All other columns will be used to generate the perfdata. Each field name is used as the name of the perfdata. The field value must contain your perfdata value and its unit append to it. You can add as many field as needed. Eg.:

```
SELECT pg_database_size('postgres'),
       pg_database_size('postgres') || 'B' AS db_size
```

### **database\_size** (8.1+)

**Check the variation** of database sizes, and **return the size** of every databases.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter).

Perfdata contains the size of each database.

Critical and Warning thresholds accept either a raw number, a percentage, or a size (eg. 2.5G). They are applied on the size difference for each database since the last execution. The aim is to detect unexpected database size variation.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

### **hit\_ratio** (all)

Check the cache hit ratio on the cluster.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter).

Perfdata returns the cache hit ratio per database. Template databases and databases that do not allow connections will not be checked, nor will the databases which have never been accessed.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They only accept a percentage.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

### **hot\_standby\_delta** (9.0)

Check the data delta between a cluster and its Hot standbys.

You must give the connection parameters for two or more clusters.

Perfdata returns the data delta in bytes between the master and each Hot standby cluster listed.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They can take one or two values separated by a comma. If only one value given, it applies to both received and replayed data. If two values are given, the first one applies to received data, the second one to replayed ones. These thresholds only accept a size (eg. 2.5G).

This service raise a Critical if it doesn't find exactly ONE valid master cluster (ie. critical when 0 or 2 and more masters).

### **is\_hot\_standby** (9.0+)

Checks if the cluster is in recovery and accepts read only queries.

This service ignores critical and warning arguments.

No perfdata is returned.

### **is\_master** (all)

Checks if the cluster accepts read and/or write queries. This state is reported as "in production" by `pg_controldata`.

This service ignores critical and warning arguments.

No perfdata is returned.

### **invalid\_indexes**



Check if there is any invalid indexes in a database.

A critical alert is raised if an invalid index is detected.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

This service supports a `--exclude REGEX` parameter to exclude indexes matching the given regular expression. The regular expression applies to “database.schema\_name.index\_name”. This allows you to filter either on a relation name for all schemas and databases, filter on a qualified named index (schema + index) for all databases or filter on a qualified named index in only one database.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` parameters.

Perfdata will return the number of invalid indexes per database.

A list of invalid indexes detail will be returned after the perfdata. This list contains the fully qualified index name. If excluded index is set, the number of exclude index is returned.

### **is\_replay\_paused** (9.1+)

Checks if the replication is paused. The service will return UNKNOWN if executed on a master server.

Thresholds are optional. They must be specified as interval. OK will always be returned if the standby is not paused, even if replication delta time hits the thresholds.

Critical or warning are raised if last reported replayed timestamp is greater than given threshold AND some data received from the master are not applied yet. OK will always be returned if the standby is paused, or if the standby has already replayed everything from master and until some write activity happens on the master.

**Perfdata returned:** \* paused status (0 no, 1 yes, NaN if master) \* lag time (in second) \* data delta with master (0 no, 1 yes)

### **last\_analyze** (8.2+)

Check on each databases that the oldest `analyze` (from autovacuum or not) is not older than the given threshold.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter) with PostgreSQL 9.1+.

Perfdata returns oldest `analyze` per database in seconds. With PostgreSQL 9.1+, the number of [auto]analyses per database since last call is also returned.

Critical and Warning thresholds only accept an interval (eg. 1h30m25s) and apply to the oldest execution of `analyze`.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

### **last\_vacuum** (8.2+)

Check that the oldest vacuum (from autovacuum or otherwise) in each database in the cluster is not older than the given threshold.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter) with PostgreSQL 9.1+.

Perfdata returns oldest vacuum per database in seconds. With PostgreSQL 9.1+, it also returns the number of [auto]vacuums per database since last execution.

Critical and Warning thresholds only accept an interval (eg. 1h30m25s) and apply to the oldest vacuum.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

### **locks** (all)

Check the number of locks on the hosts.

Perfdata returns the number of locks, by type.

Critical and Warning thresholds accept either a raw number of locks or a percentage. For percentage, it is computed using the following limits for 7.4 to 8.1:

```
max_locks_per_transaction * max_connections
```

for 8.2+:

```
max_locks_per_transaction * (max_connections + max_prepared_transactions)
```

for 9.1+, regarding lockmode :

```
max_locks_per_transaction * (max_connections + max_prepared_transactions)
or max_pred_locks_per_transaction * (max_connections + max_prepared_
↳ transactions)
```

### **longest\_query** (all)

Check the longest running query in the cluster.

Perfdata contains the max/avg/min running time and the number of queries per database.

Critical and Warning thresholds only accept an interval.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

It also supports argument `--exclude REGEX` to exclude queries matching the given regular expression from the check.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` parameters.

### **max\_freeze\_age** (all)

Checks oldest database by transaction age.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They accept either a raw number or percentage for PostgreSQL 8.2 and more. If percentage is given, the thresholds are computed based on the “`autovacuum_freeze_max_age`” parameter. 100% means some table(s) reached the maximum age and will trigger an autovacuum freeze. Percentage thresholds should therefore be greater than 100%.

Even with no threshold, this service will raise a critical alert if one database has a negative age.

Perfdata return the age of each database.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

### **minor\_version** (all)

Check if the cluster is running the most recent minor version of PostgreSQL.

Latest version of PostgreSQL can be fetched from PostgreSQL official website if `check_pgactivity` can access it, or is given as a parameter.

Without `--critical` or `--warning` parameters, this service attempts to fetch the latest version online. You can optionally set the path to your preferred program using the parameter `--path` (eg. `--path '/usr/bin/wget'`). Supported programs are: GET, wget, curl, fetch, lynx, links, links2.

For the online version, a critical alert is raised if the minor version is not the most recent.

If you do not want to (or cannot) query the PostgreSQL website, you must provide the expected version using either `--warning` OR `--critical`. The given format must be one or more MINOR versions separated by anything but a ‘.’.

For instance, the following parameters are all equivalent:

```
--critical "9.3.2 9.2.6 9.1.11 9.0.15 8.4.19"
--critical "9.3.2, 9.2.6, 9.1.11, 9.0.15, 8.4.19"
--critical 9.3.2,9.2.6,9.1.11,9.0.15,8.4.19
--critical 9.3.2/9.2.6/9.1.11/9.0.15/8.4.19
```

Any value other than 3 numbers separated by dots will be ignored. If the running PostgreSQL major version is not found, the service raises an unknown status.

Using the offline version raises either a critical or a warning depending on which one has been set.

Perfdata returns the numerical version of PostgreSQL.

### **oldest\_2pc** (8.1+)

Check the oldest *two phase commit transaction* (aka. prepared transaction) in the cluster.

Perfdata contains the max/avg age time and the number of prepared transaction per databases.

Critical and Warning thresholds only accept an interval.

### **oldest\_idlexact** (8.3+)

Check the oldest *idle* transaction.

Perfdata contains the max/avg age and the number of idle transactions per databases.

Critical and Warning thresholds only accept an interval.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

### **pg\_dump\_backup**

Check the age and size of backups.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter).

The `--path` argument contains the location to the backup folder. The supported format is a glob pattern to match every folder or file you need to check. If appropriate, the probe should be run as user with sufficient privileges to check for the existence of files.

The `--pattern` is required, and must contain a regular expression matching the backup file name, extracting the database name from the first matching group. For example, the pattern `"(w+)-d+.dump"` can be used to match dumps of the form:

```
mydb-20150803.dump
otherdb-20150803.dump
mydb-20150806.dump
otherdb-20150806.dump
mydb-20150807.dump
```

Optionally, a `--global-pattern` option can be supplied to check for an additional global file.

The `--critical` and `--warning` thresholds are optional. They accept a list of `'metric=value'` separated by a comma. Available metrics are `oldest` and `newest`, respectively the age of the oldest and newest backups, and `size`, which must be the maximum variation of size since the last check, expressed as a size or a percentage.

This service supports the arguments `--dbinclude` and `--dbexclude`, to respectively test for the presence of include or exclude files.

The argument `--exclude` allows to exclude files younger than the given interval. This is useful to ignore files from a backup in progress. Eg., if your backup process takes 2h, set this to `'125m'`.

Perfdata returns the age of the oldest and newest backups, as well as the size of the newest backups.

### **pga\_version**

Checks if this script is running the given version of check\_pgactivity. You must provide the expected version using either `--warning` OR `--critical`.

No perfddata is returned.

### **archiver** (8.1+)

Check if the archiver is working properly and the number of WAL files ready to archive.

Perfddata returns the number of WAL files waiting to be archived.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They apply on the number of file waiting to be archived. They only accept a raw number of files.

Whatever the given threshold, a critical alert is raised if the archiver process did not archive the oldest waiting WAL to be archived since last call.

### **replication\_slots** (9.4+)

Check the number of WAL retained by each replication slots.

Perfddata returns the number of WAL that each replication slot has to keep.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. If provided, the number of WAL kept by each replication slot will be compared to the threshold. These thresholds only accept a raw number.

### **settings** (9.0+)

Check if the settings changed compared to the known ones from last call of this service.

The “known” settings are recorded during the very first call of the service. To update the known settings after a configuration change, call this service again with the argument `--save`.

No perfddata.

Critical and Warning thresholds are ignored.

A CRITICAL is raised if at least one parameter changed.

### **streaming\_delta** (9.1+)

Check the data delta between a cluster and its standbys in Streaming Replication.

Optional argument `--slave` allows you to specify some slaves that MUST be connected. This argument can be used as many times as desired to check multiple slave connections, or you can specify multiple slaves connections at one time, using comma separated values. Both methods can be used in a single call. The given value must be of the form “APPLICATION\_NAME IP”. Either of the two following examples will check for the presence of two slaves:

```
--slave 'slave1 192.168.1.11' --slave 'slave2 192.168.1.12'  
--slave 'slave1 192.168.1.11', 'slave2 192.168.1.12'
```

This service supports a `--exclude REGEX` parameter to exclude every result matching the given regular expression on `application_name` or `address ip` fields.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` parameters.

Perfddata returns the data delta in bytes between the master and every standbys found, the number of standbys connected and the number of excluded standbys.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They can take one or two values separated by a comma. If only one value is supplied, it applies to both flushed and replayed data. If two values are supplied, the first one applies to flushed data, the second one to replayed data. These thresholds only accept a size (eg. 2.5G).

**table\_unlogged**

Check if table are changed to unlogged. In 9.5, you can switch between logged and unlogged.

Without `--critical` or `--warning` parameters, this service attempts to fetch all unlogged tables.

A critical alert is raised if an unlogged table is detected.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

This service supports a `--exclude REGEX` parameter to exclude relations matching the given regular expression. The regular expression applies to “database.schema\_name.relation\_name”. This allows you to filter either on a relation name for all schemas and databases, filter on a qualified named relation (schema + relation) for all databases or filter on a qualified named relation in only one database.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` parameters.

Perfdata will return the number of unlogged tables per database.

A list of the unlogged tables detail will be returned after the perfdata. This list contains the fully qualified table name. If excluded table is set, the number of exclude table is returned.

**table\_bloat**

Estimate bloat on tables.

Warning and critical thresholds accept a comma-separated list of either raw number(for a size), size (eg. 125M) or percentage. The thresholds apply to **bloat** size, not object size. If a percentage is given, the threshold will apply to the bloat size compared to the table + TOAST size. If multiple threshold values are passed, `check_pgactivity` will choose the largest (bloat size) value.

This service supports both `--dbexclude` and `--dbinclude` parameters.

This service supports a `--exclude REGEX` parameter to exclude relations matching the given regular expression. The regular expression applies to “database.schema\_name.relation\_name”. This allows you to filter either on a relation name for all schemas and databases, filter on a qualified named relation (schema + relation) for all databases or filter on a qualified named relation in only one database.

You can use multiple `--exclude REGEX` parameters.

**Warning:** With a non-superuser role, this service can only check the tables the given role is granted to read!

Perfdata will return the number of tables matching the warning and critical thresholds, per database.

A list of the bloated tables detail will be returned after the perfdata. This list contains the fully qualified bloated table name, the estimated bloat size, the table size and the bloat percentage.

This service will work with PostgreSQL 10+ without superuser privileges if you grant `SELECT` on table `pg_statistic` to the `pg_monitor` role, in each database of the cluster : `GRANT SELECT ON pg_statistic TO pg_monitor;`

**temp\_files (8.1+)**

Check the number and size of temp files.

This service uses the status file (see `--status-file` parameter) for 9.2+.

Perfdata returns the number and total size of temp files found in `pgsql_tmp` folders. They are aggregated by database until 8.2, then by tablespace (see GUC `temp_tablespaces`).

Starting with 9.2, perfdata returns as well the number of temp files per database since last run, the total size of temp file per database since last run and the rate at which temp files were generated.

Critical and Warning thresholds are optional. They accept either a number of file (raw value), a size (unit is **mandatory** to define a size) or both values separated by a comma.

Thresholds applied on current temp files being created AND the number/size of temp files created since last execution.

This service will not work with PostgreSQL 10+ without superuser privileges.

### **wal\_files** (8.1+)

Check the number of WAL files.

Perfdata returns the total number of WAL files, current number of written WAL, the current number of recycled WAL, the rate of WAL written to disk since last execution on master clusters and the current timeline.

Critical and Warning thresholds accept either a raw number of files or a percentage. In case of percentage, the limit is computed based on:

```
100% = 1 + checkpoint_segments * (2 + checkpoint_completion_target)
```

For PostgreSQL 8.1 and 8.2:

```
100% = 1 + checkpoint_segments * 2
```

If `wal_keep_segments` is set for 9.0 and above, the limit is the greatest of the following formulas :

```
100% = 1 + checkpoint_segments * (2 + checkpoint_completion_target)
100% = 1 + wal_keep_segments + 2 * checkpoint_segments
```

### **stat\_snapshot\_age** (9.5+)

Check the age of the statistics snapshot (statistics collector's statistics). This probe help to detect a frozen stats collector process.

Perfdata returns the statistics snapshot age.

Critical and Warning thresholds accept a raw number of seconds.

### **sequences\_exhausted** (7.4+)

Check all sequences assigned to a column (the `smallserial`, `serial` and `bigserial` types), and raise an alarm if the column or sequences gets too close to its maximum value.

Perfdata returns the sequence(s) that may have trigger the alert.

Critical and Warning thresholds accept a percentage of the sequence filled.

### **pgdata\_permission** (8.2+)

Check that the data directory of the instance has 700 as permission, and belongs to the system user running postgresql currently.

Checking permission works on all Unix systems.

Checking user works only in Linux systems (it uses `/proc` to not add dependencies). Before 9.3, you need to give the expected owner using the `--uid` argument. Without this argument, the owner will not be checked.

**It has to be executed locally on the monitored server.**

## EXAMPLES

Execute service "last\_vacuum" on host "host=localhost port=5432":

```
check_pgactivity -h localhost -p 5432 -s last_vacuum -w 30m -c 1h30m
```

Execute service “hot\_standby\_delta” between hosts “service=pg92” and “service=pg92s”:

```
check_pgactivity --dbservice pg92,pg92s --service hot_standby_delta -w 32MB -
↪c 160MB
```

Execute service “streaming\_delta” on host “service=pg92” to check its slave “stby1” with the IP address “192.168.1.11”:

```
check_pgactivity --dbservice pg92 --slave "stby1 192.168.1.11" --service_
↪streaming_delta -w 32MB -c 160MB
```

Execute service “hit\_ratio” on host “slave” port “5433, excluding database matching the regexps “idelson” and “(?i:sleep)”:

```
check_pgactivity -p 5433 -h slave --service hit_ratio --dbexclude idelson --
↪dbexclude "(?i:sleep)" -w 90% -c 80%
```

Execute service “hit\_ratio” on host “slave” port “5433, only for databases matching the regexp “importantone”:

```
check_pgactivity -p 5433 -h slave --service hit_ratio --dbinclude_
↪importantone -w 90% -c 80%
```

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The right to modify the official code base and accept contributions (‘pull requests’) is held by a group called the “OPM Committers”. The current team of committers is listed below:

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- Jehan-Guillaume De Rorthais: <https://github.com/ioguix>

- Thomas Reiss: <https://github.com/frost242>

The OPM Committers generally act as spokespeople for the OPMDG.

Contributors to OPM are selected to be committers based on the following loose criteria:

- several substantial contributions to the project
- responsibility for maintenance of one or more areas of the codebase
- track record of reviewing and helping other contributors with their patches
- high quality code contributions which require very little revision or correction for commit
- demonstrated understanding of the process and criteria for patch acceptance

Committers who have become inactive and have not contributed significantly to the OPM project in several months can be removed as committers.

## Development Information

The OPM project is open to any productive contribution.

Here's a few links, if you want to help us build a better tool:

- for anything related to the core, graphs, UI...:

<https://github.com/OPMDG/opm-core/issues>

- for anything related to the Nagios perfdata handling in the UI:

[https://github.com/OPMDG/opm-wh\\_nagios/issues](https://github.com/OPMDG/opm-wh_nagios/issues)

- for anything related to the check\_pgactivity probe:

[https://github.com/OPMDG/check\\_pgactivity/issues](https://github.com/OPMDG/check_pgactivity/issues)

- The code is hosted on github. Feel free to clone our repos and send Pull Requests. The github organization is:

<https://github.com/OPMDG>

## Warehouses

### Overview

A warehouse is used to store a kind of data. In version 1 and 2, the only available warehouse is `wh_nagios`, which stores Nagios' `perfdata`.

Each warehouse must have a unique name, lowercase, with a leading `wh_`, and it's own schema, named as the warehouse (with the leading `wh_`). All objects have to be in this schema, and should probably be configured to be dumped.

### Content

A warehouse should at least provide a `pg` subdirectory containing a PostgreSQL extension depending on `opm-core` extension. It can also provide an `ui` subdirectory if the warehouse wants to provide some ui content. Then, it can also provides various subdirectories for its need. For instance, `wh_nagios` warehouse provides a `bin` subdirectory containing the `nagios_dispatcher` tool.

Therefore, a typical warehouse structure would be:



```
wh_my_warehouse
  \_ pg
  \_ ui
```

## Implementing the PostgreSQL extension

ACL don't have to be handled by the warehouse, as the only regular database access should be done by the ui. The ACL are handled by the `opm_core` extension. Only a few tables and stored functions have to be implemented (see below).

In order to integrate with the `opm_core` module, the warehouse extension has to implement at least some objects.

### Tables

- **services:**

A table that inherits `public.services` and its constraints, which will store every needed information for a service within the warehouse. A typical declaration will look like:

```
CREATE TABLE wh_name.services (
  useful_col      datatype,
  ...
  PRIMARY KEY (id),
  FOREIGN KEY (id_server) REFERENCES public.servers (id) ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE_
↪CASCADE),
  UNIQUE (id_server, service)
) INHERITS (public.services);
SELECT pg_catalog.pg_extension_config_dump('wh_name.services', '');
```

- **metrics:**

A table that inherits `public.metrics` and its constraints, which will store every metrics (label information on all graphs) for every service within the warehouse. A typical declaration will look like:

```
CREATE TABLE wh_name.metrics (
  useful_col      datatype,
  ...
  PRIMARY KEY (id),
  FOREIGN KEY (id_service) REFERENCES wh_name.services (id) MATCH FULL ON DELETE_
↪CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
)
INHERITS (public.metrics);
SELECT pg_catalog.pg_extension_config_dump('wh_name.metrics', '');
```

- **series:**

A table that inherits `public.series` and its constraints, which will store association between metrics and graphs for every service within the warehouse. A typical declaration will look like:

```
CREATE TABLE wh_nagios.series (
  FOREIGN KEY (id_graph) REFERENCES public.graphs (id) MATCH FULL ON DELETE_
↪CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  FOREIGN KEY (id_metric) REFERENCES wh_name.metrics (id) MATCH FULL ON DELETE_
↪CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
```

```
)  
INHERITS (public.series);  
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX ON wh_name.series (id_metric, id_graph);  
CREATE INDEX ON wh_name.series (id_graph);  
SELECT pg_catalog.pg_extension_config_dump('wh_name.series', '');
```

### Stored functions

- **get\_metric\_data(id\_metric bigint, timet\_begin timestamp with time zone, timet\_end timestamp with time zone) RETURNS TABLE (timet timestamp with time zone, value numeric):**

Function that will be called by `opm_core` when displaying a graph. It should return all timestamped stored value for a specific metric within the specified interval. The data don't need to be ordered by the timestamp.

- **grant\_dispatcher(p\_rolname text) RETURNS TABLE (operat text, approle name, appright text, objtype text, objname text):**

Function that will be called by `opm_core`, when granting the right a role to dispatch data. Is must return the list of all objects granted. This is meant to grant CONNECT, USAGE, INSERT... permission on the warehouse's objects that store data.

- **revoke\_dispatcher(p\_rolname text) RETURNS TABLE (operat text, approle name, appright text, objtype text, objname text):**

Function that will be called by `opm_core`, when revoking from a role to dispatch data. This function is the exact opposite of **grant\_dispatcher**, GRANT being replaced with REVOKE.

- **purge\_service(VARIADIC bigint[]) RETURNS bigint:**

Function that will purge data according to the related **servvalid** interval. It must return the number of services actually purged.

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And optionally:

- **cleanup\_service(id\_service bigint):**

This function won't be called by the core module. Each warehouse has to handle his way of cleaning data (if needed). It has to update the warehouse's **services.last\_cleanup** column when executed.

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## CHAPTER 3

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