

How To Manually Install Nagios XI 2026

Purpose

This document describes how to manually install Nagios XI 2026 on a Linux machine which has internet access. More details about the available installation methods can be found here:

[Nagios XI Installation Options and Considerations](#)

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Platform Support

See [Nagios Software/OS compatibility matrix](#) for supported OS and software versions.

If you discover bugs or have fixes for installing Nagios XI on other platforms, please let us know. We will do our best to incorporate your improvements to expand support for additional platforms in future XI releases, which will make future installation processes smoother for you and your clients.

Installation Prerequisites

Important Note: Nagios Enterprises highly recommends and will only support installing Nagios XI on a newly installed, "clean" system (a bare minimal install with nothing else installed or configured).

- Attempting to install Nagios XI on a pre-existing system with other applications already installed can cause the Nagios XI installation process to fail, critical system components and settings (e.g. database servers) to be modified in a way that negatively affects other applications, and previously installed applications to be automatically upgraded or removed. While installing XI on a system with other applications is possible, it is not recommended due to the possible interactions and complexity of multiple components that are required for Nagios XI to function. If you choose to ignore these warnings, you do so at your own risk.
- Other Nagios products such as Network Analyzer, Log Server, and Fusion should not co-exist on the same server.
- **Internet access is required** for installation and upgrades. If the server you are installing Nagios XI on does not have internet access, or will be taken offline permanently after installation, you must use the [Offline Installation](#) method for both the initial install and future upgrades.

Visit the [Hardware Recommendations](#) documentation for Nagios XI hardware requirements.

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Terminal Access

These instructions require you to establish a terminal session to the server you plan to install Nagios XI on. You will need to log in to your server as the **root** user to perform the installation (or a user with root privileges).

Manually Install Nagios XI

Install Nagios XI by issuing the following commands in your terminal session:

```
cd ~
wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagiosxi/xi-latest.tar.gz
tar xzf xi-latest.tar.gz
cd nagiosxi
./fullinstall
```

Note: If you need to install a specific version of Nagios XI, please visit [Nagios XI previous versions](#) page to obtain the URL, and use that in the `wget` command above.

You will be prompted during the Nagios XI install to enter passwords for the Nagios XI database. See the [Passwords](#) section for more information.

Please proceed to the [Finalize Installation](#) section.

RPM Installation

See [Nagios Repositories](#) for instructions on how to install Nagios XI via online RPMs.

Note that the RPM install option requires internet access for both initial installation and upgrades. If your Nagios XI server does not have internet access, or you wish to take it permanently offline in the future but want the ability to upgrade to new versions, you must use the [Offline Installation](#) method for both the initial install and upgrades.

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Passwords

During manual installation, you will be prompted to enter a password for the following Nagios XI objects (or you can skip defining them by pressing **Enter** at these steps of the installer) :

```
MySQL nagiosxi user
MySQL dbmaint nagiosxi user
MySQL nagiossql user
MySQL ndoutils user
```

If you do not enter a password for any or all of these objects, a randomized password will be created for you. You can always find these passwords after install in the following file:

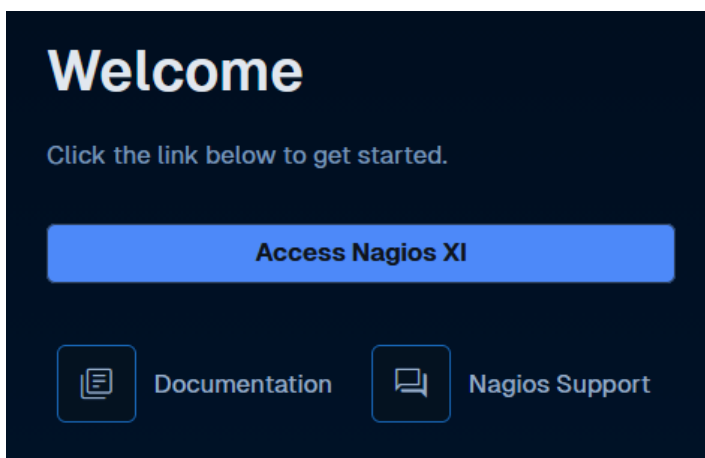
```
/usr/local/nagiosxi/etc/xi-sys.cfg
```

Finalize Installation

When the installation finishes, you should see the following message:

```
Nagios XI Installation Complete!
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You can access the Nagios XI web interface by visiting:
http://<server_address>/nagiosxi
```

Navigate to the user interface by using the URL provided in your terminal session. Click the **Access Nagios XI** button to begin finalizing your installation.



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1. In **Step 1**, choose either [Start for Free](#) to use the fully functional trial or the non-commercial versions, or choose [I Have License Key](#) if you'd like to license your install right away.

Get Started with Nagios XI Step 1 of 6

Do you have a license key, or are you looking to get started for free?

Start for Free
Free trial and non-commercial evaluation. No credit card required.

I Have a License Key
Enter your key from your purchase confirmation email.

Continue →

Free

Choose either the **Home Lab** limited version, which can be used in a non-commercial environment to monitor up to 7 hosts and 100 services, or the fully functional **Commercial Evaluation**.

Start for Free Step 1 of 6

How will you use Nagios XI?

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Unlimited nodes, full features. No credit card required. [Learn more](#)

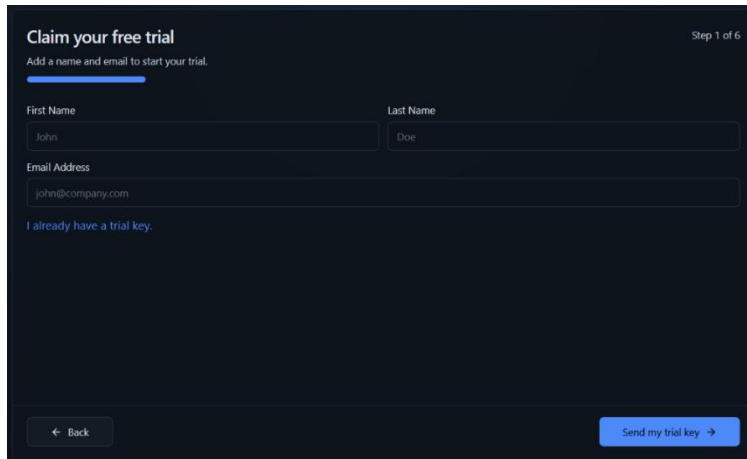
← Back

Continue →

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If you choose Home Lab, you'll enter some basic details then click **Get Free License** to proceed to Step 2.

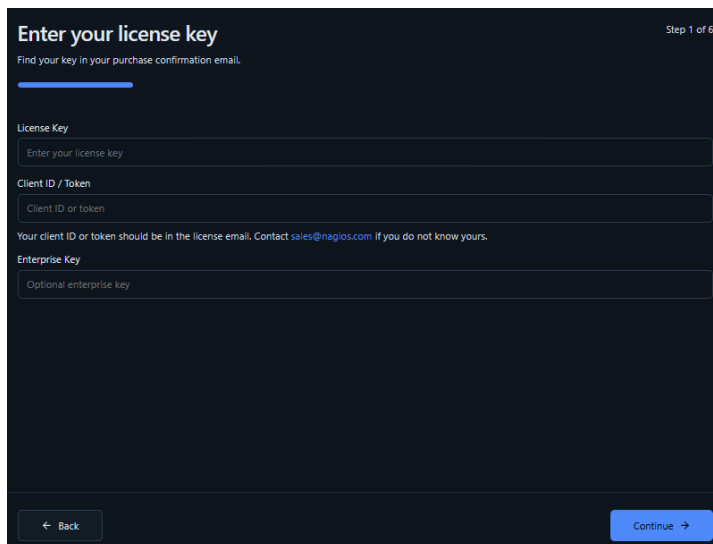
If you choose Commercial Evaluation, you'll enter some basic details so that a trial key can be emailed to you, then click **Send my trial key**. If you already have a trial key, click **I already have a trial key**, and enter it.



The screenshot shows a dark-themed web form titled "Claim your free trial" (Step 1 of 6). The subtitle is "Add a name and email to start your trial." The form contains three input fields: "First Name" (with "John" entered), "Last Name" (with "Doe" entered), and "Email Address" (with "john@company.com" entered). Below the email field is a link that says "I already have a trial key." At the bottom, there is a "Back" button on the left and a "Send my trial key" button on the right.

Licensed

If you chose to license your install right away, enter your License Key, Client ID, and optionally your Enterprise Key if you have one.

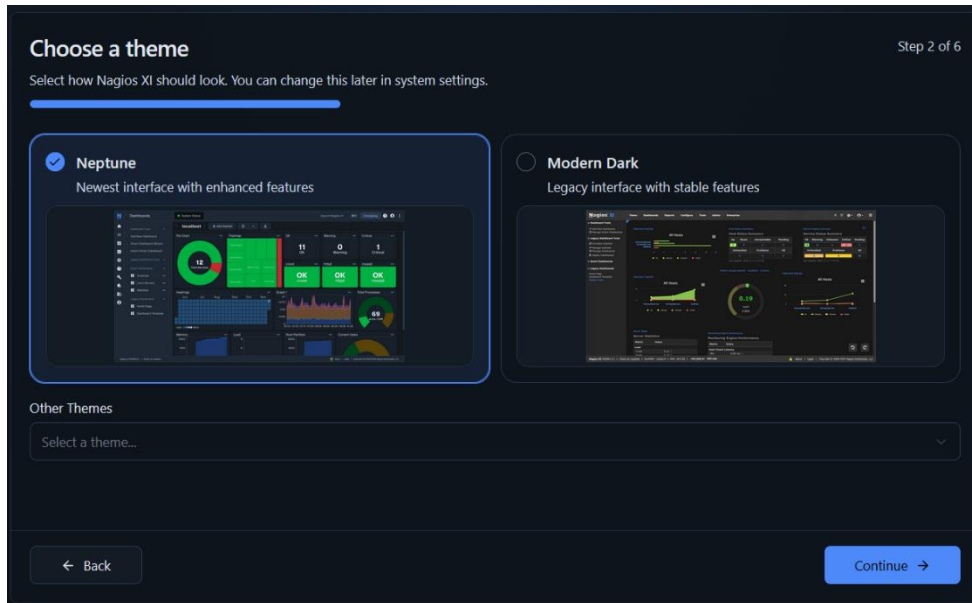


The screenshot shows a dark-themed web form titled "Enter your license key" (Step 1 of 6). The subtitle is "Find your key in your purchase confirmation email." The form contains three input fields: "License Key" (with placeholder "Enter your license key"), "Client ID / Token" (with placeholder "Client ID or token"), and "Enterprise Key" (with placeholder "Optional enterprise key"). Below the "Client ID / Token" field is a note: "Your client ID or token should be in the license email. Contact sales@nagios.com if you do not know yours." At the bottom, there is a "Back" button on the left and a "Continue" button on the right.

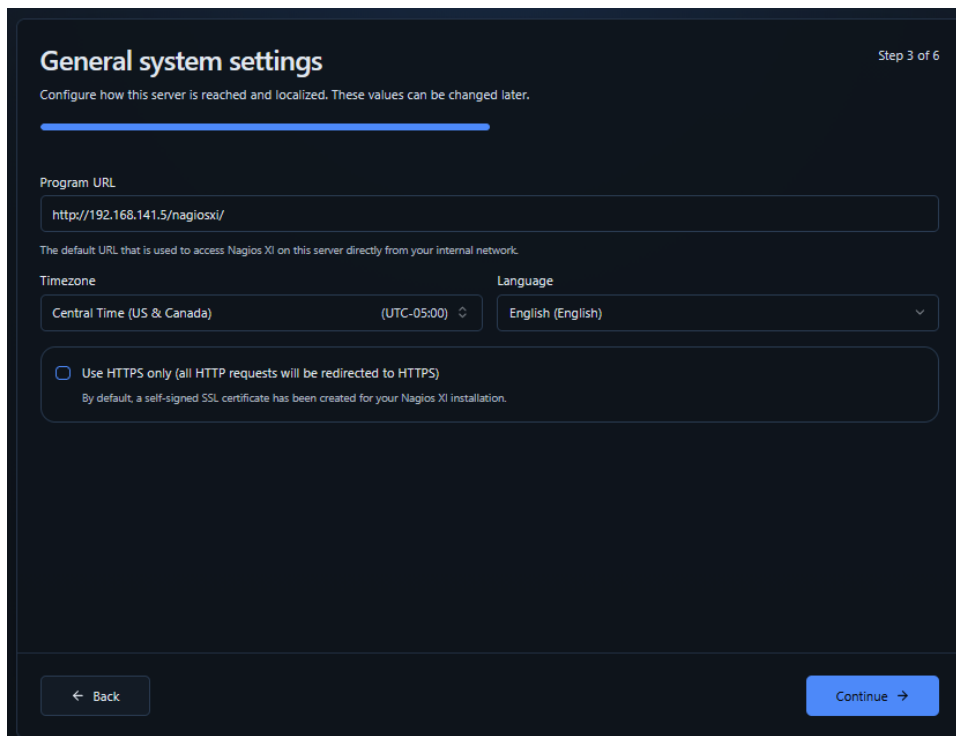
Click **Continue** to proceed to Step 2.

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- In **Step 2**, choose your user interface theme, then click **Continue** to proceed to Step 3.



- In **Step 3**, choose the Program URL, Timezone, and Language settings, and whether to use **HTTPS** only. Click **Continue** to proceed to Step 4.



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- In **Step 4**, choose the *nagiosadmin* superuser Password, Full Name, and Email Address. Click **Continue** to proceed to Step 5.

Admin Account Settings Step 4 of 6

Set the administrator credentials and contact details used to access Nagios XI.

Username: nagiosadmin

Password: [masked]

Full Name: Nagios Administrator

Email Address: address@awesomecompany.tld

- In **Step 5**, choose to either review the default host and service [notifications settings](#) now, or set them up later. Click **Continue** to proceed to the final Summary.

Notification Setup Step 5 of 6

Decide whether to configure nagiosadmin notification defaults now or finish the install and set them up later.

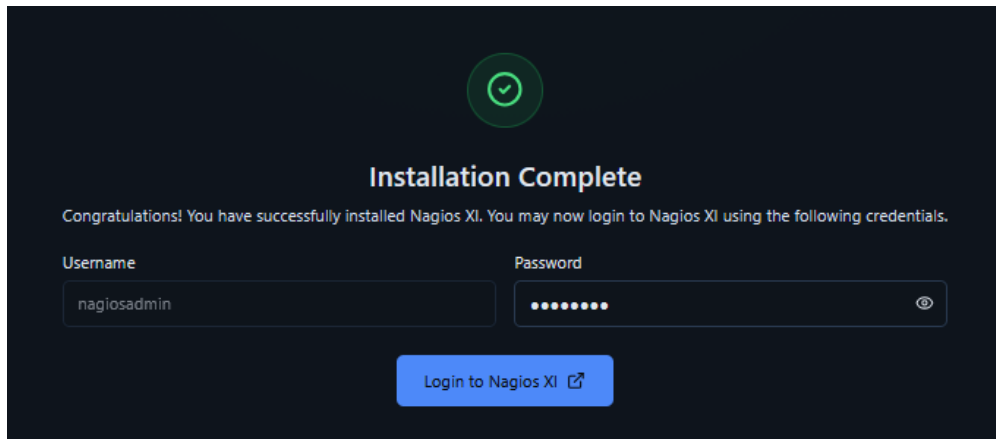
Choose whether to configure nagiosadmin notification defaults now or finish install and set them up later.

Setup Notifications
Review the host and service notification defaults before moving to the final summary.

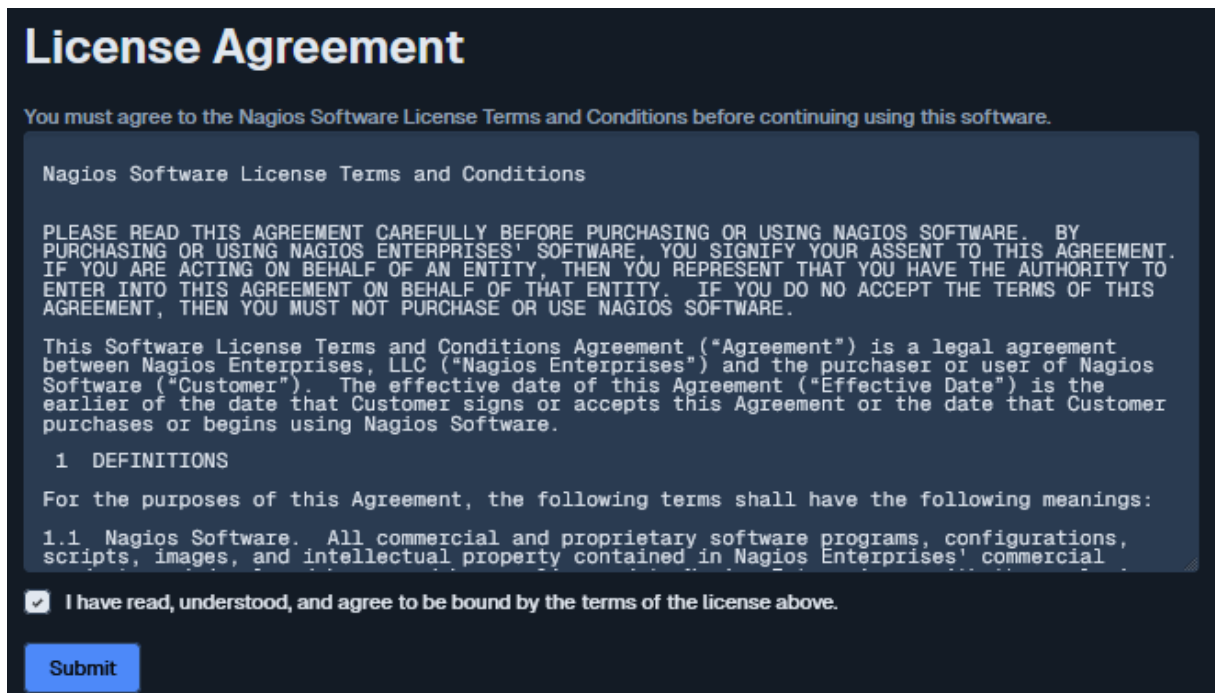
Setup Later
Skip notification configuration for now and continue to the final summary with nagiosadmin email notifications disabled.

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6. In **Step 6**, you will see a Summary of your selections. If you'd like to make changes, click **Back**, otherwise click **Finish Install** to complete your installation.
7. After a short wait, you will see the Installation Complete screen, and can click **Login to Nagios XI** to log into the system.

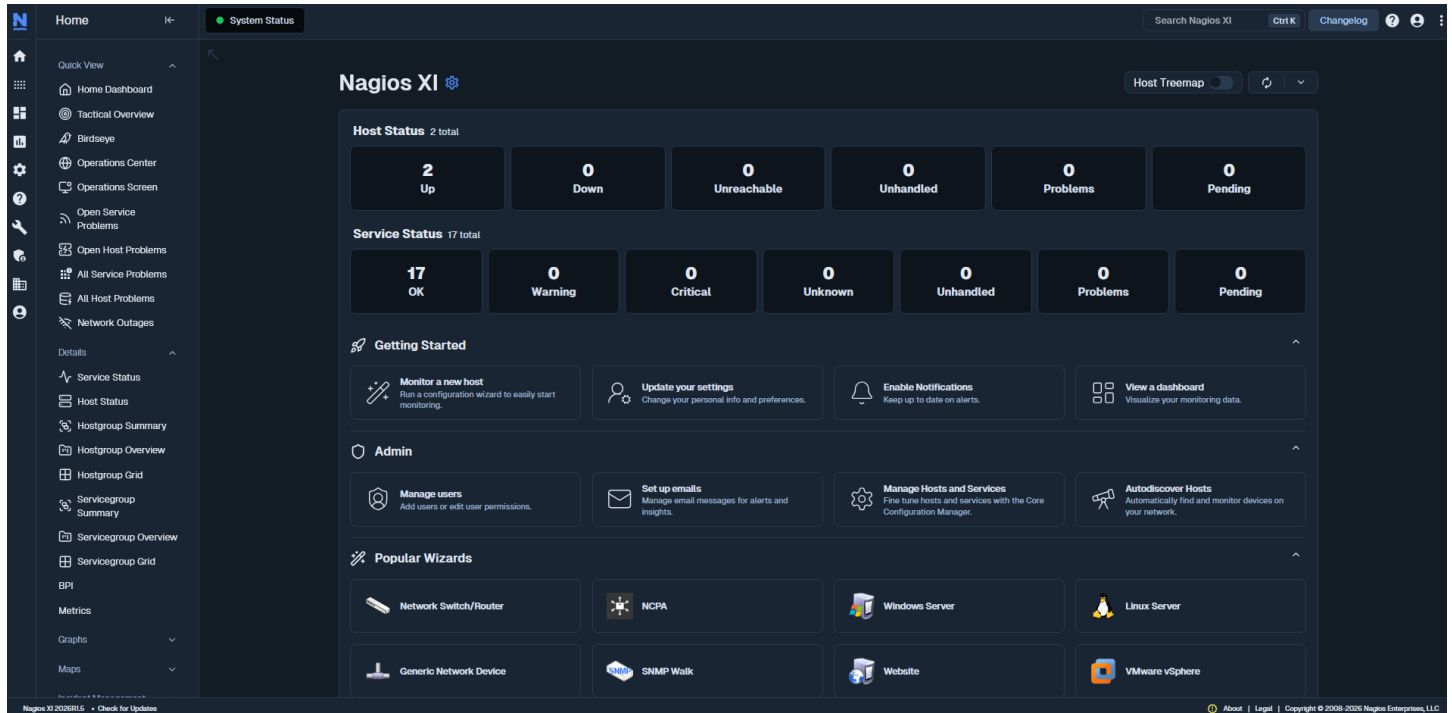


8. Upon initial login, you will need to read through the License Agreement, check the box, then click **Submit**.



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Congratulations! You've now successfully installed Nagios XI and are ready to start monitoring your environment.



Finishing Up

The **Admin Guide** is an excellent resource to help you learn how to configure and manage Nagios XI: [Nagios XI Admin Guide](#)

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