



## Purpose

This document describes the Nagios XI Tools menu and what it can be used for.

## Target Audience

This document is intended for use by Nagios XI Administrators and Users.

## Tools Overview

The Tools menu in Nagios XI is designed to provide users the ability to have a list of links that can be quickly accessed from Nagios XI using your web browser. These links can be relative (within Nagios XI) or a complete URL.

Nagios XI Administrators can create Common Tools that are available to all users and users can also create their own individual tools.

## Accessing Tools

Tools can be accessed by clicking on the **Tools** link located on the navigation menu.

**My Tools** are user specific tools. **Common Tools** are what Nagios XI Administrators can create for all users.

## Creating A Tool

Creating a new tool is easy, this example will create a user Tool.

In the left pane click **My Tools** and then click the **Add a Tool** button.

The screenshot shows the Nagios XI interface. The top navigation bar includes Home, Views, Dashboards, Reports, Configure, and Tools. On the left, a sidebar has 'My Tools' and 'Common Tools' sections. The 'My Tools' section is active, and a blue '+ Add a Tool' button is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area shows the 'My Tools' title, a message 'Your personal tools that you have defined are available only to you.', and a table with columns 'Tool Name', 'URL', and 'Actions'. The table is currently empty, with a message 'You haven't defined any tools yet. (Add one now)' below it.

You will be presented with the **Add Tool** options. You will need to provide a **Tool Name** and a URL.

A Tool can have a full URL or a relative URL. The screenshot to the right is a full URL.

### Add Tool

Use this form to define a new tool that you can quickly access from Nagios.

**Tool Name:**   
The name you want to use for this tool.

**URL:**   
The URL used to access this tool.

Click the **Save** button to create the Tool.

The Tool will be created and will appear under **My Tools**.

The screenshot shows the Nagios XI interface after the tool has been created. The 'My Tools' section in the sidebar now lists 'Nagios Network Analyzer' with a red circle around it. The main content area shows a 'Tool saved.' message in a light blue box. Below the message, the 'Add a Tool' button is still present. The table below now contains one entry: 'Nagios Network Analyzer' with the URL 'http://10.25.5.70/nagiosna' and three action icons (edit, delete, refresh).

A relative URL tool is a link that exists on the local Nagios XI server. Some examples are:

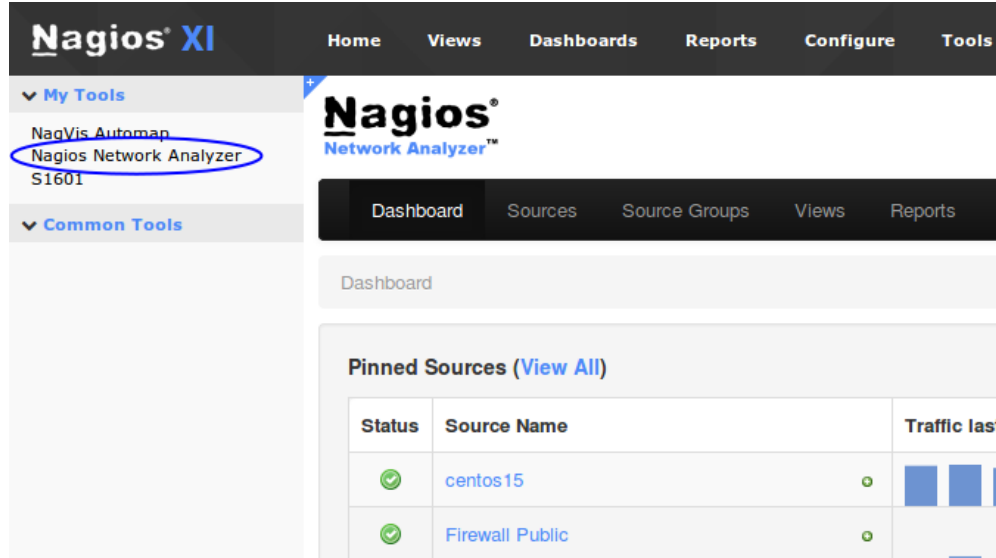
`/nagiosxi/includes/components/xicore/status.php?show=hostdetail&host=s1601.box293.local`

`/nagvis/frontend/nagvis-js/index.php?mod=AutoMap&act=view&show=__automap&childLayers=2`

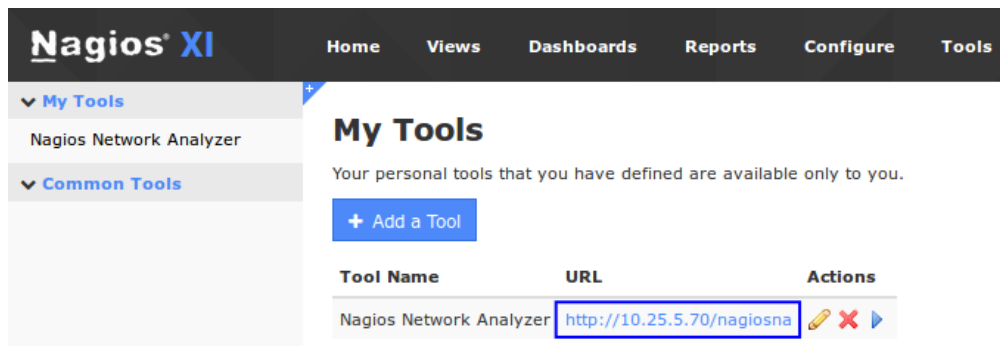
## Using Tools

Clicking a Tool in the left pane will display the Tool as an embedded window.

If the page requires you to authenticate then you will be prompted to provide credentials.



Clicking a Tool URL in the list of Tools will open the Tool in a new window/tab.



## Common Tools

Creating and using Common Tools is the same as My Tools.

Only Nagios XI Admins can create Common Tools.



## Tool Actions

The following explains the icons in the **Actions** column of My Tools or Common Tools.

 Edit the settings of a Tool

 Delete a Tool

 View a Tool

## Finishing Up

This completes the documentation on understanding and using Tools in Nagios XI.

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<https://support.nagios.com/forum>

The Nagios Support Knowledgebase is also a great support resource:

<https://support.nagios.com/kb>