

How To Use the Generic Plugin Wizard in Nagios XI 2024R2+

Purpose

This document describes how to use the **Generic Wizard**, which was introduced in Nagios XI 2024R2. This wizard enables you to quickly configure monitoring using custom plugins and commands.

Note that it is designed to execute plugins that reside *on your Nagios XI server* (though of course those plugins could potentially execute other plugins which reside on the target host).

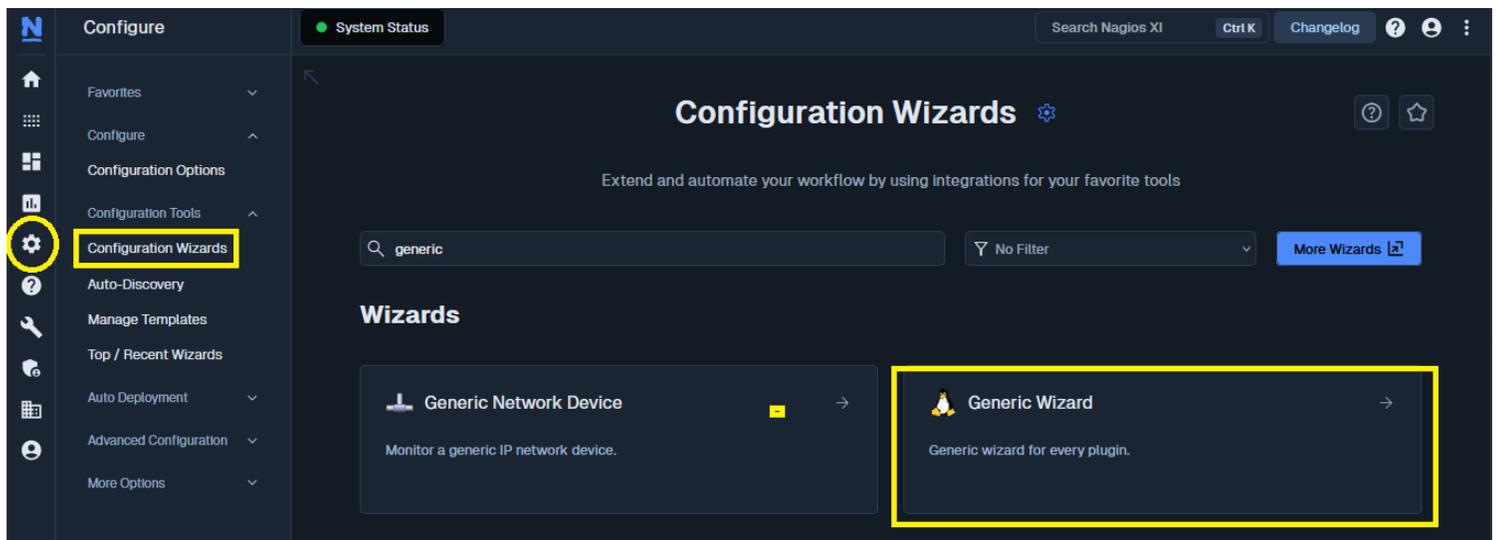
You can learn more about plugins and commands here:

[Managing Plugins in Nagios XI 2024](#)

The **Generic Wizard** will create a command based on your settings as part of the configurations it handles.

Finding the Generic Wizard

To begin, navigate to **Configure > Configuration Wizards**, and search for 'generic':



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Using the Generic Wizard

1. In **Step 1**, you will define your **Command Name**, the **Command Line**, and select a plugin to execute from your **Available Plugins**.
Note that after plugin selection, the help entry for the plugin you select will show in the **Plugin Help** section, which will assist you in defining a working command to execute the plugin.

Generic Wizard Configuration Wizard Step 1

Construct Your Command

Command Name * ⓘ
check_example

Command Line * ⓘ
\$USER1\$/check_dummy \$ARG1\$ \$ARG2\$

Available Plugins ⓘ
check_dummy

Plugin Help

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check_dummy v2.4.12 (nagios-plugins 2.4.12)
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<devel@nagios-plugins.org>

This plugin will simply return the state corresponding to the numeric value
of the <state> argument with optional text

Usage:
check_dummy <integer state> [optional text]

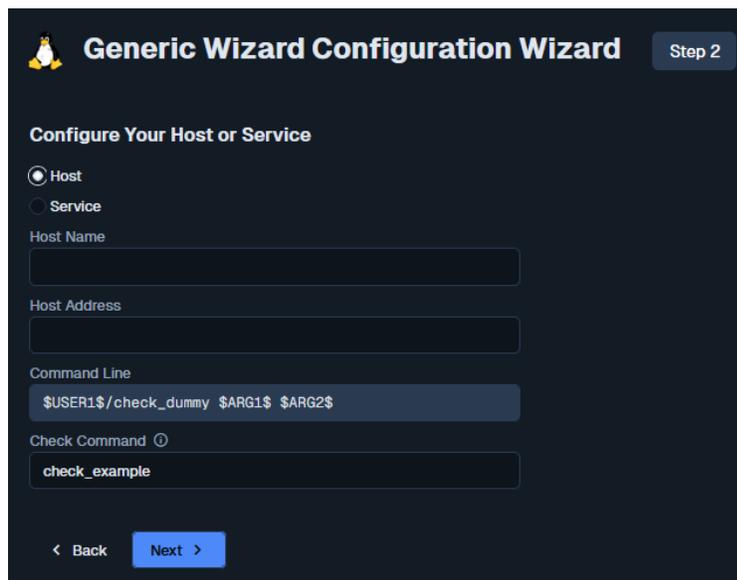
Options:
-h, --help
    Print detailed help screen
-V, --version
    Print version information

Send email to help@nagios-plugins.org if you have questions regarding use
of this software. To submit patches or suggest improvements, send email to
devel@nagios-plugins.org
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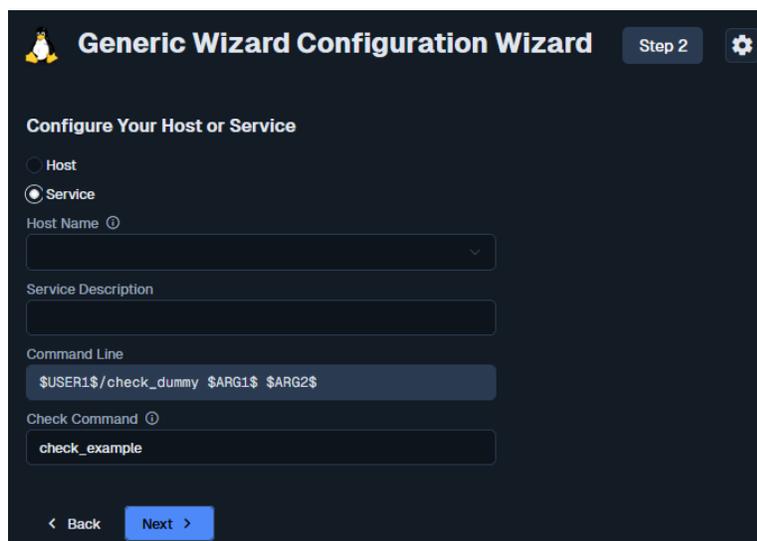
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- In **Step 2**, you will choose whether to configure a check for a **Host** or **Service**. If you select **Host**, you will define a **Host Name**, a **Host Address** (IP or FQDN).



The screenshot shows the 'Generic Wizard Configuration Wizard' interface at 'Step 2'. The title is 'Configure Your Host or Service'. There are two radio buttons: 'Host' (selected) and 'Service'. Below the radio buttons are four input fields: 'Host Name' (empty), 'Host Address' (empty), 'Command Line' (pre-filled with '\$USER1\$/check_dummy \$ARG1\$ \$ARG2\$'), and 'Check Command' (pre-filled with 'check_example'). At the bottom, there are 'Back' and 'Next >' buttons.

If you select **Service**, you will select an existing **Host Name** from the dropdown menu, enter a **Service Description** for the new service.



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Finally, define your **Check Command**, then click **Next**.

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3. Complete the settings in **Steps 3-5**, then click **Finish & Apply** to finalize configuration.

To learn more about the general settings, functions, and options of monitoring wizards, please refer to this document:

[Understanding and Using Configuration Wizards in Nagios XI 2024](#)

Finishing Up

This completes the documentation on Using the Generic Plugin Wizard in Nagios XI 2024R2+. If you have additional questions or other support-related questions, please visit us at our Nagios Support Forum, Nagios Knowledge Base, or Nagios Library:

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