

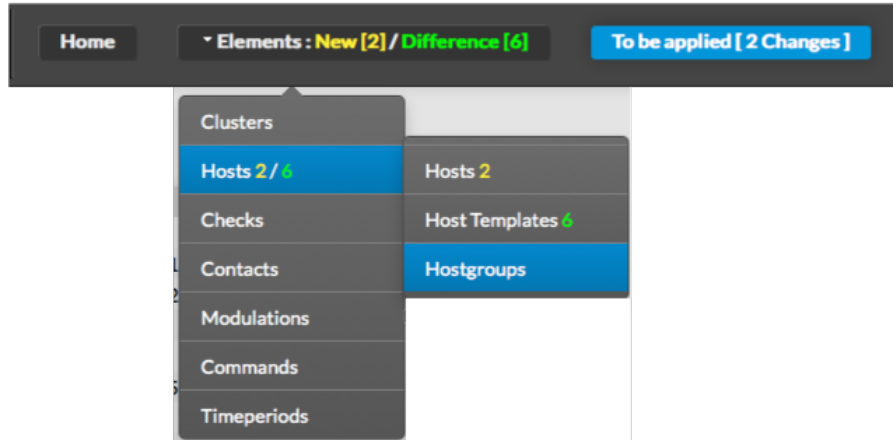
Host Group

Overview

Host group usage is very useful in many ways :

- let Administrators to organize and order hosts by type, data centers, applications, family etc.
- let Administrators the ability to apply common properties like the Realm

You can access to the Host groups configuration by using the link in the main menu.



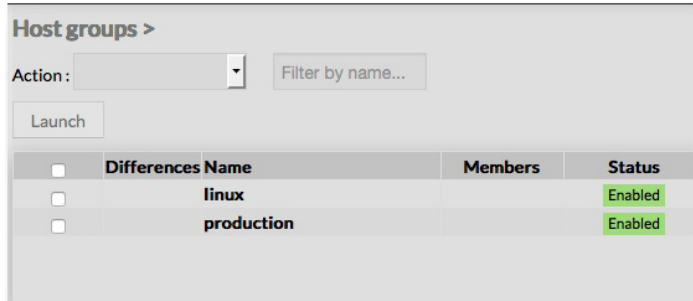
The main page of Host groups Configuration is composed of a table, listing all existing Host groups.

This table contains the following information:

- Differences
- Name of the host group
- Members of the host group
- Status of the host group (Enabled or Disabled)

A tool bar on top of the table, gives administrators the ability to do the following :

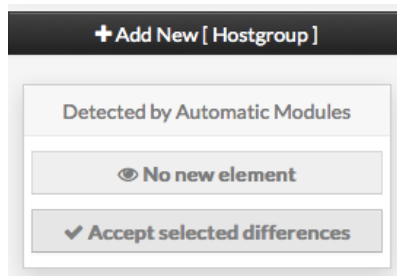
- Enable, Disable, Delete or Duplicate selected Host groups
- Filter List by Name
- Filter List by Template applied on Host groups



Like other configuration element pages, an action menu is displayed on the left.

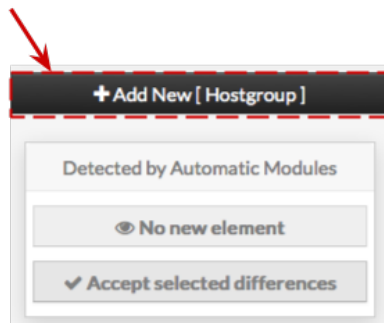
This Menu provides following operations :

- Add en new Host group
- Show host group detected by automatic modules
- Accept differences on selected elements



Create a new hostgroup

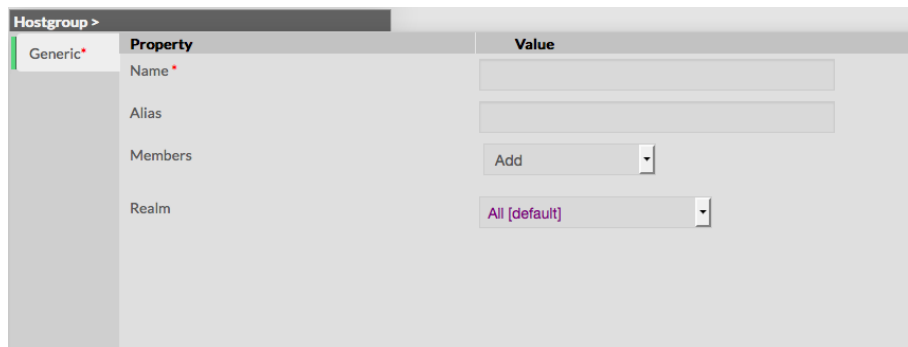
To create a new Host Group, use the button "Add new [Hostgroup]" located in the Action Menu.



Host group creation form will be displayed.

This form is composed of one tab, containing the following properties :

- Name
 - used to define the name of the host group
 - this field is **required**
- Alias
 - used to define a longer name, or a description to identify the Host group
- Members
 - used to include members in the host group
 - fields is a list of members that can be added using the select list of existing hosts
- Realm
 - used to define the Realm in which members should be monitored
 - if no realm is selected, members will be monitored on their respective realm

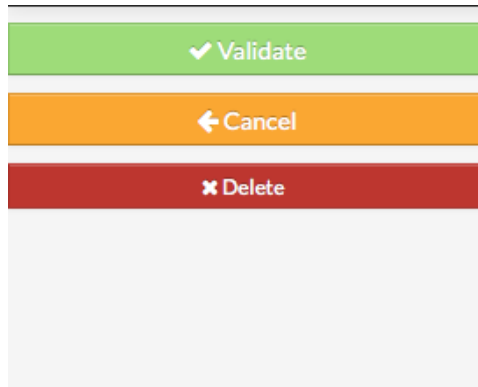


Property	Value
Name *	<input type="text"/>
Alias	<input type="text"/>
Members	Add ▾
Realm	All [default] ▾

Like on other forms, the left menu give to Administrators the ability to :

- Validate the new host group
- Cancel the action
- Delete the host group

Once validated, the new host group will appear in the table list.

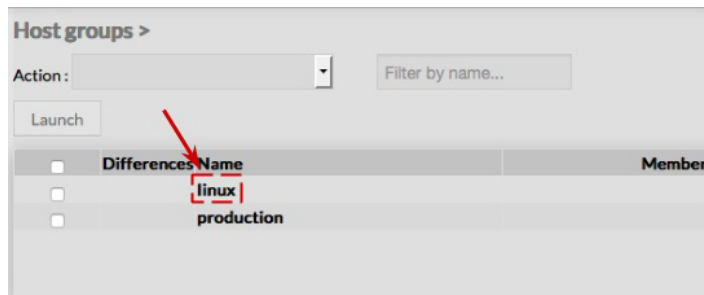


Three action buttons are displayed vertically: a green button with a checkmark icon and the text 'Validate', an orange button with a left-pointing arrow icon and the text 'Cancel', and a red button with an 'x' icon and the text 'Delete'.

Modify a hostgroup

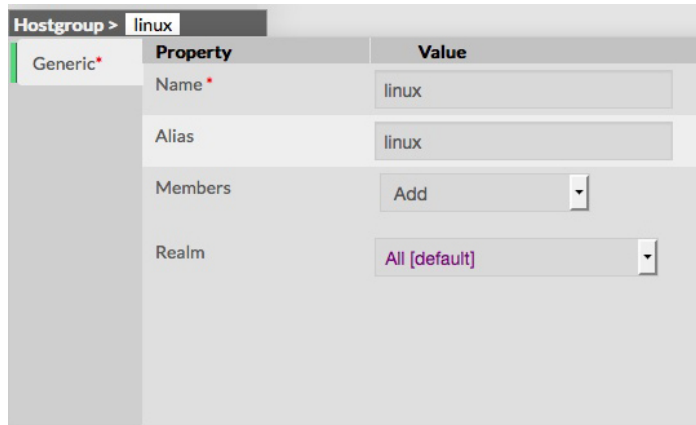
To modify properties of a host group, first go on the Host Groups page, from the Main menu,

and then click on the Host group name you want to modify:



The screenshot shows the 'Host groups >' page. At the top, there is an 'Action:' dropdown menu, a 'Filter by name...' search box, and a 'Launch' button. Below this is a table with two columns: 'Differences Name' and 'Member'. The table contains two rows: one with 'linux' and one with 'production'. A red arrow points to the 'linux' entry in the 'Differences Name' column.

The form displayed is the same form used to create a new host group. All fields are filled using the host group properties.



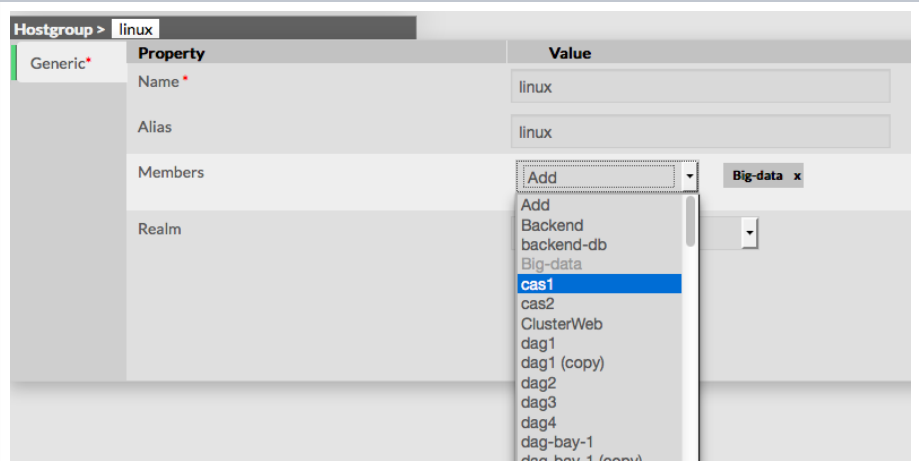
The screenshot shows the 'Hostgroup > linux' form. It has a 'Generic*' label. The form contains a table with two columns: 'Property' and 'Value'. The rows are: 'Name*' with value 'linux', 'Alias' with value 'linux', 'Members' with a dropdown menu showing 'Add', and 'Realm' with a dropdown menu showing 'All [default]'.

Add or remove Members

Members can be added either by editing the group, either by editing [Host](#) or [Host Template](#).

Add a member to group

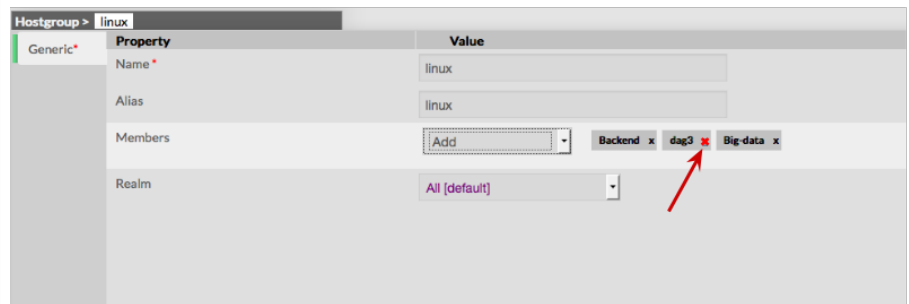
To add one or more members, first edit the group of your choice.
Then in the Host group Form, select hosts you want to add by opening the selected list



The screenshot shows the 'Hostgroup > linux' form. The 'Members' property has a dropdown menu open, displaying a list of hosts: Add, Backend, backend-db, Big-data, cas1 (highlighted), cas2, ClusterWeb, dag1, dag1 (copy), dag2, dag3, dag4, dag-bay-1, and dag-bay-1 (copy). The 'Big-data' member is also visible as a tag on the right side of the form.

Remove a member to group

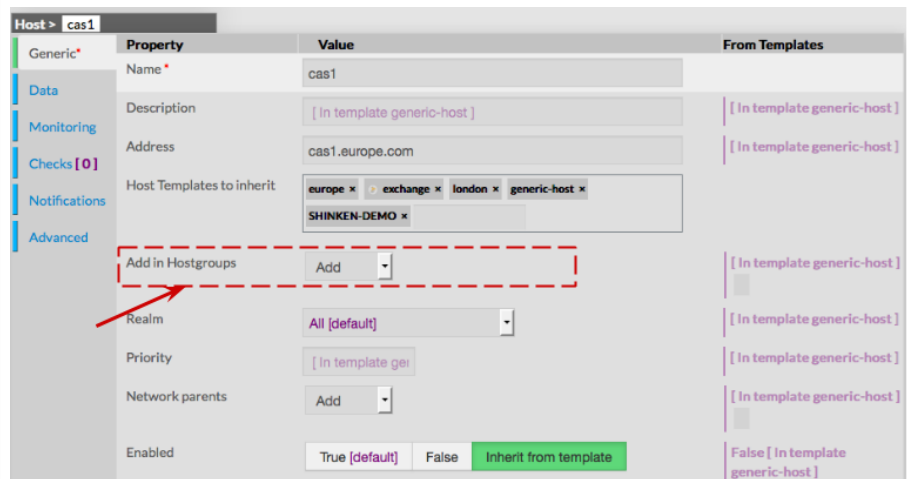
To remove a member, click on the mark displayed in the member.



The screenshot shows the 'Hostgroup > linux' form. The 'Members' property is set to 'Add'. The 'Backend', 'dag3', and 'Big-data' members are visible as tags. A red arrow points to a small red 'x' mark on the 'dag3' tag, indicating the removal action.

Add a host to a host group

To attach a host group to a host, go first to the Hosts Page, then click on the Host of your choice.
Form of the host is displayed, giving the ability to add the Host in one or more Host groups.



The screenshot shows the 'Host > cas1' form. The 'Add in Hostgroups' field is highlighted with a red dashed box and a red arrow. The form includes sections for Data, Monitoring, Checks [0], Notifications, and Advanced. The 'Host Templates to inherit' field shows 'europe', 'exchange', 'london', and 'generic-host' as selected templates. The 'Enabled' field has 'True [default]', 'False', and 'Inherit from template' options.

Delete a Host group

To delete a host group, you can use the form of the host, or delete it directly from the list page.

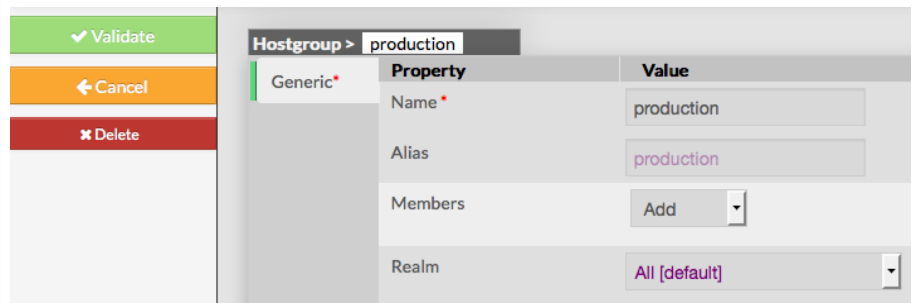
From the Form page

First go to the Host groups page, from the Main menu,

then click on the host group name you want to delete.

Once in the page displaying the form, click on the Delete button available on the left menu.

A confirmation popup will be displayed.



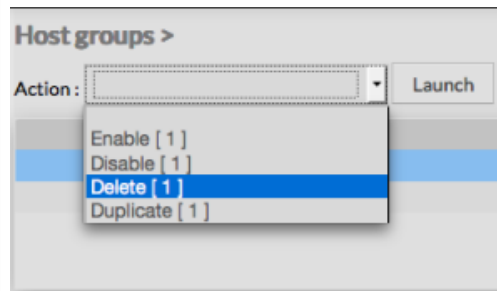
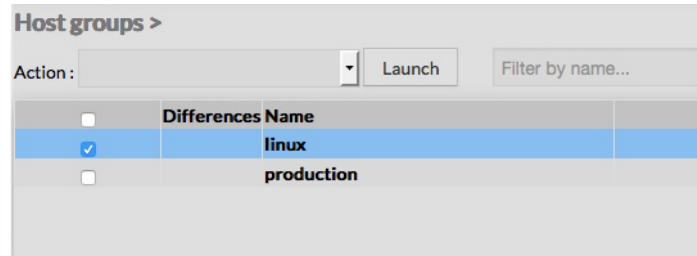
From the Main page

First go to the Host groups page, from the Main menu,

then click on the check box placed on the first column of the table.

Use the **Action** menu on the top to select **Delete**, and click to the **Launch Button**.

A confirmation popup will be displayed.

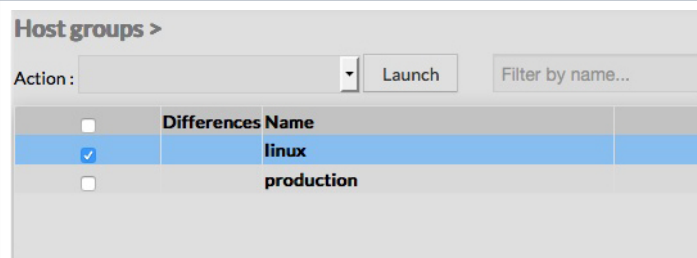


Duplicate a Host group

Duplication operation is very useful when similar Host groups must be added.

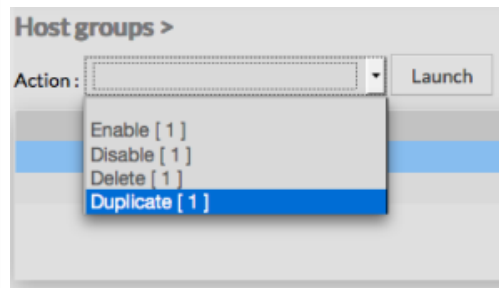
To duplicate a host group, first go on the Main page listing all host groups,

then select a host group by clicking on the check box placed on the first column.



Once selected, the host group can be duplicated by selecting **Duplicate** in the select **Action** of the tool bar.

Duplication is executed by clicking the **Launch** button.



Using the Main page gives Administrators ability to **Duplicate** many Host groups at once.

All properties are kept when duplicating operation, as well as Members.

Duplicated Host groups are totally detached and independent of the cloned Host group. No relation is made in the configuration.