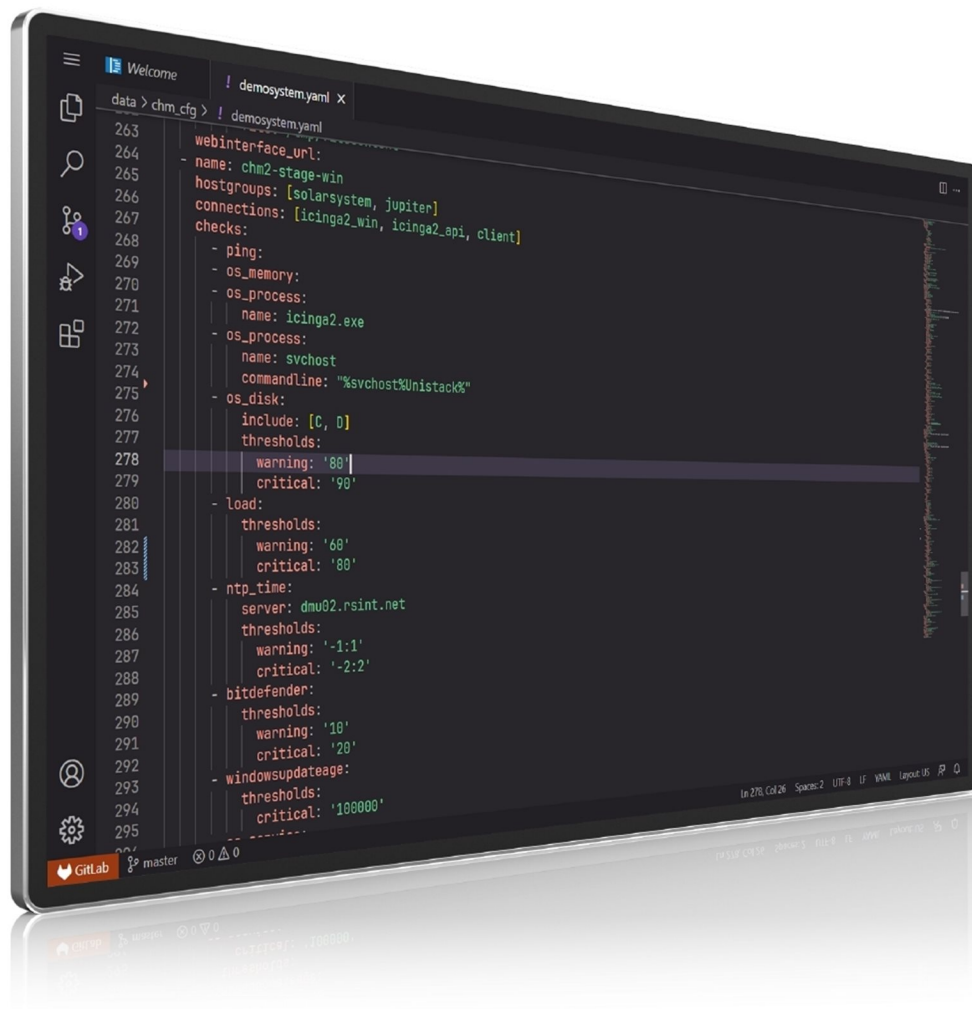


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# 1 Welcome to R&S CHM

The R&S CHM software monitors status information from various system components that are connected to the network. The web-based user interface visualizes system state parameters, and lets you monitor and troubleshoot connected and configured Rohde & Schwarz instruments, devices with simple network management protocol (SNMP) interface, and other hosts.

## Target audience

This manual familiarizes you with implementation and configuration of R&S CHM, including configuration of monitoring services. As a **system administrator** or **software integrator**, you install and configure R&S CHM on the R&S CHM host. These configuration tasks require *root* user access. It is assumed that you already have comprehensive knowledge of system setup and configuration.

For information on using the R&S CHM web GUI, see the "R&S CHM System Status Monitoring" user manual.

## 1.1 Key features

R&S CHM system status monitoring provides the following high-level features:

- Run on a security-enhanced Linux distribution (SELinux)
- Run on a hardened operating system according to DISA STIGs. For information, see <https://public.cyber.mil/stigs/>.
- Run unattended for a long period of time
- Continuously monitor the status of hosts and services, e.g. used disk space
- Allow configuration of device-specific monitoring services
- Reduce downtime of system components
- Troubleshooting of problems
- Encrypted communication between R&S CHM and monitored hosts
- Secure password handling

## 1.2 Documentation overview

This section provides an overview of the R&S CHM user documentation. Unless specified otherwise, you find the documents at:

[www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/chm](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/chm)

### 1.2.1 Manuals

The manuals are provided in two formats. The [PDF](#) format is contained in the software delivery. An [HTML5](#)-based help format is available on the R&S CHM web [GUI](#).

The latest versions of the manuals are available for download or for immediate display on the internet at:

[www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/chm](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/chm)

- **"R&S CHM System Status Monitoring" user manual:**  
Introduces the R&S CHM and describes how to start working with the web GUI that lets you monitor the "health status" of the system in detail.
- **"R&S CHM System Status Monitoring Configuration" configuration manual:**  
Provides a description of all configuration options and describes how you implement and set up R&S CHM on all system components.

#### To obtain help on the web GUI

1. On the left navigation area of the R&S CHM web [GUI](#), select "Extras" > "User Manual".  
The help opens in the R&S CHM web GUI (English).
2. To show the manual in German, select the "DEU" tab on the top of the "User Manual" area.

### 1.2.2 Brochure

The brochure provides an overview of the software and deals with the specific characteristics.

See [www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/chm](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/chm)

### 1.2.3 Release notes and open source acknowledgment (OSA)

The release notes list new features, improvements and known limitations of the current software version, and contain a release history.

The open source acknowledgment document provides verbatim license texts of the used open source software.

Both documents are contained in the software delivery.



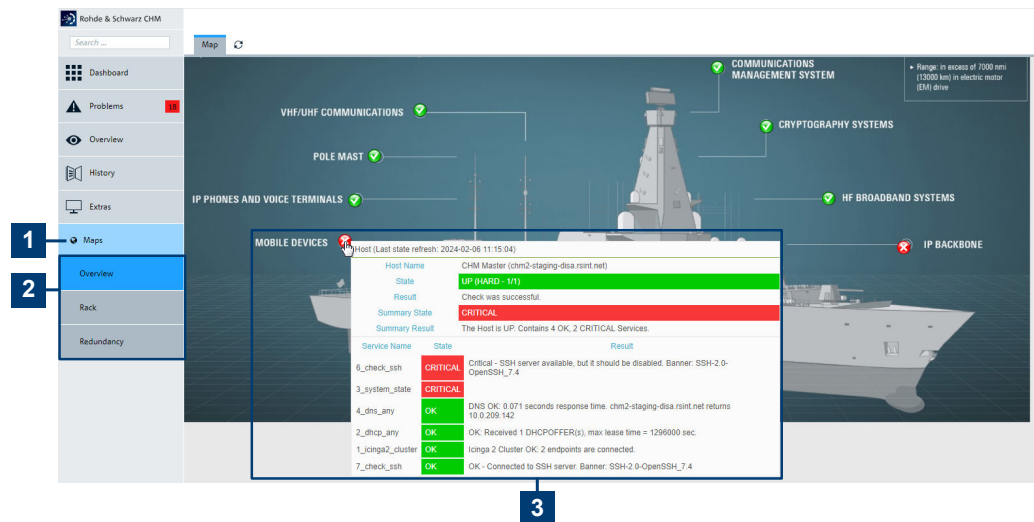
## 2 What's new

This section summarizes the most important changes and enhancements to the documentation. For information about latest product and documentation changes, restrictions and known issues, see the release notes.

### 2.1 R&S CHM v2402 (released)

#### New graphical system views (maps)

You can now configure graphical elements in R&S CHM. These elements let you visually track the system's status on fully customizable maps, providing a more intuitive and comprehensive understanding of the system's operation. On the web GUI, you can find all configured graphical system views under "Maps".



**Figure 2-1: Graphic system views (maps)**

- 1 = "Maps" main menu
- 2 = Individual "Maps" views
- 3 = Mouse over on the status icon provides details. Select the status icon to navigate to the configured host or service.

Read more: [Chapter 6.7, "Configuring graphical system views \(maps\)"](#), on page 67

#### How to manage users in the local user database

You can list currently existing users, add users and delete users from the local user database.

Read more: ["To manage users in the local user database"](#) on page 52

## How to check DoS settings and to monitor firewall rejects

If you are interested in the denial of service (DoS) settings and if you want to monitor firewall rejects, you can check the limits and enable firewall logging.

Read more: ["To check DoS settings and to monitor firewall rejects"](#) on page 27

## New system-wide location for Windows client configurations

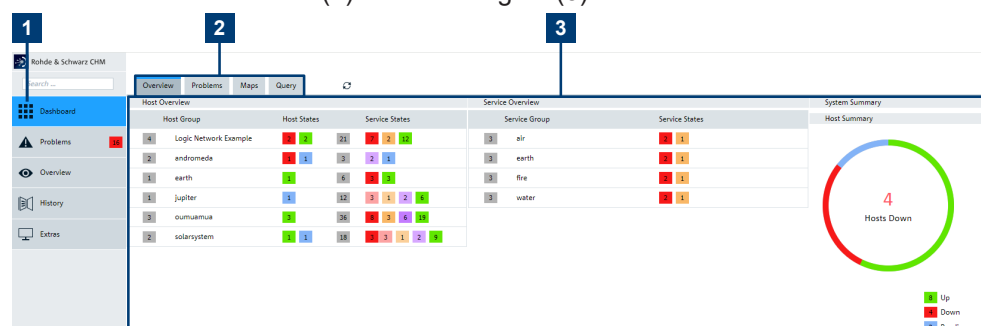
You can now create the `client_config.json` configuration file under a system-wide file location.

Read more: [Chapter 4.3.3, "Connecting the client with the R&S CHM host"](#), on page 23

## New or enhanced host configuration keys

- dashboards

Configures the start page of the web GUI, the "Dashboard" (1). You can configure individual dashboard tabs (2) and the widgets (3) on these dashboards.



**Figure 2-2: System-specific dashboard configuration**

- 1 = "Dashboard" menu
- 2 = Multiple configured dashboard tabs
- 3 = Multiple configured widgets

- Read more: [dashboards](#) on page 39
- maps
 

The `maps` key lets you configure graphical system views (maps). On a background image, you can place status icons and labels. The `maps` key is used in the configuration on the top-level and under specific hosts and status checks.

Read more:

  - [Graphical system view \(maps\)](#) on page 69
  - [maps](#) on page 86
- notes
 

The optional `notes` key lets you specify a multi-line text snippet that is shown on the web GUI for hosts and services.

Read more: [hosts](#) on page 36 > `notes`.
- connections: `[gb2pp]`

If you configure an R&S CHM host as a `gb2pp` server, you can configure a status check that queries this server for system or host group summary states.

Read more: [hosts](#) on page 36

### New or enhanced status checks

- `tcp`  
Checks if a TCP port is open and reachable from the R&S CHM host.  
Read more: [tcp](#) on page 123
- `snmp_connection > hwinfo: true`  
This optional key queries the SystemDescr OID and shows it on the web GUI > "Host" > "Result"  
Read more: [snmp\\_connection](#) on page 88
- `gb2pp`  
In combination with the host configuration `connections: [gb2pp]`, the status check queries this server for system or host group summary states.

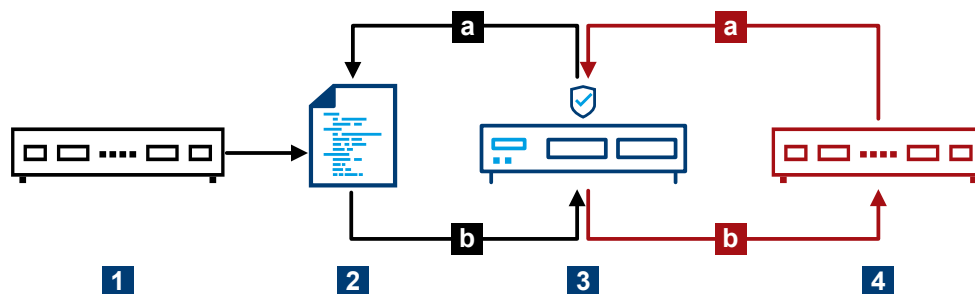



Figure 2-3: Conceptual representation of the `gb2pp` service check

- 1 = Host name: `chmblack.example.net`
- 2 = Monitoring data (`gb2pp` format)
- 3 = R&S TF5900M trusted filter IP
- 4 = Host name: `chmred.example.net`
- a = Request monitoring data
- b = Response

Read more: [gb2pp](#) on page 105

## 2.2 R&S CHM v2310 (released)

### New feature R&S CHM client application

On Windows hosts, a status icon  in the Windows notification area indicates the aggregated system status and lets you start the web GUI.

Read more: [Chapter 4.3, "Installing R&S CHM clients"](#), on page 21

### New or enhanced status checks

- `nport`  
The optional `counter` key checks the port for frame, break, overrun and parity error counters.  
Read more: [nport](#) on page 113

- `system_state`  
Enables the Windows client interface and the check logic.  
Read more: [system\\_state](#) on page 123
- `connections: [client]`  
Use the `hosts > connections: [client]` key to configure a Windows host as a Windows client.  
Read more: [hosts](#) on page 36
- `navics`  
Monitors the status of NAVICS.  
You can redirect the result of the status check using a logic function as described in [logic](#) on page 43. For details, see the NAVICS example.  
Read more: [navics](#) on page 111

### New or changed configuration keys

- `logic`  
The `logic` status check now provides the `best` function. In contrast to the `worst` function, the `best` function results in the best status result among different status results.  
Read more: [logic](#) on page 43
- `health_host`  
A new common key that lets you redirect a status request to a central monitoring host if you cannot obtain the status of the monitored component itself. You can use this key, e.g. in combination with the `navics` status check.  
Read more: [health\\_host](#) on page 85

## 2.3 R&S CHM v2306 (released)

### New or enhanced status checks

- `fortinet`  
Monitors the status of a Fortinet controller.  
Read more: [fortinet](#) on page 104
- `snmp_time`  
Compare the time of a remote device with the time of the R&S CHM host by using [SNMP](#).  
Read more: [snmp\\_time](#) on page 121
- `snmp`  
A new check that checks individual [SNMP OIDs](#) of a host for their return value.  
Read more: [snmp](#) on page 119
- `trustedfilter`  
New check for monitoring the status of the R&S TF5900M trusted filter IP firewall.  
Read more: [trustedfilter](#) on page 124
- `snmp_connection`  
New key that enhances [SNMP](#) configuration of R&S CHM hosts using [SNMP](#).

Read more: [snmp\\_connection](#) on page 88

### Deprecated checks

Due to stability issues, do no longer use the `bitdefender` check.

## 2.4 R&S CHM v2302 (released)

### Configuring distributed monitoring

Take advantage from extended monitoring configuration variants. Using the features for distributed monitoring, you can configure multiple R&S CHM instances that either monitor other hosts or devices, or that send monitoring results to R&S CHM hosts. Thus, you can realize, e.g. a high-availability monitoring configuration or a multi-level configuration that is subdivided in several independent subsystems.

Read more: [Chapter 6.8, "Configuring distributed monitoring"](#), on page 71

### New or changed configuration keys

These keys are new or changed under the host configuration (`hosts`):

- `checked_by`  
A new key that lets you specify a dedicated R&S CHM host instance for host monitoring in the context of multi-level configurations.
- `connections`  
Value description enhanced.
- `displayname`  
A new key that lets you specify a user-friendly host name for display on the web GUI.
- `tags`  
The new `icinga2_ha` value lets you configure a secondary, high-availability R&S CHM host.
- `webinterface_url`  
In previous versions of the manual, the key was named `webinterface` by mistake.

Read more about the changes to `hosts`: [hosts](#) on page 36.

- `subsystems`  
New key in the context of multi-level configurations. Read more: [subsystems](#) on page 75
- `builtin`  
New key under `authentication`. If specified, it enables the built-in user database and thus provides a fallback login method to the web GUI if SSO, or LDAP is not available.

### New or enhanced status checks

- `cputemp`  
New check for monitoring the average CPU temperature of Windows hosts.  
Read more: [cputemp](#) on page 99
- `file_content`  
Enhanced check that is now applicable to Windows agents.  
Read more: [file\\_content](#) on page 103
- `ping`  
Specify thresholds for **round-trip average time** and **package loss**.  
Read more: [ping](#) on page 119
- `tmr_radio`  
New check for TMR-MIB compatible radios. Read more: [tmr\\_radio](#) on page 123
- `os_service`  
A new check for monitoring the status of a Windows service.  
Read more: [os\\_service](#) on page 118

## 2.5 R&S CHM v2212 (released)

### New single sign-on authentication options for web GUI users

R&S CHM now supports Kerberos-based single sign-on (SSO) authentication methods for web GUI users, see [Chapter 6.4, "Configuring web GUI users"](#), on page 52.

### New configuration keys

Host configuration:

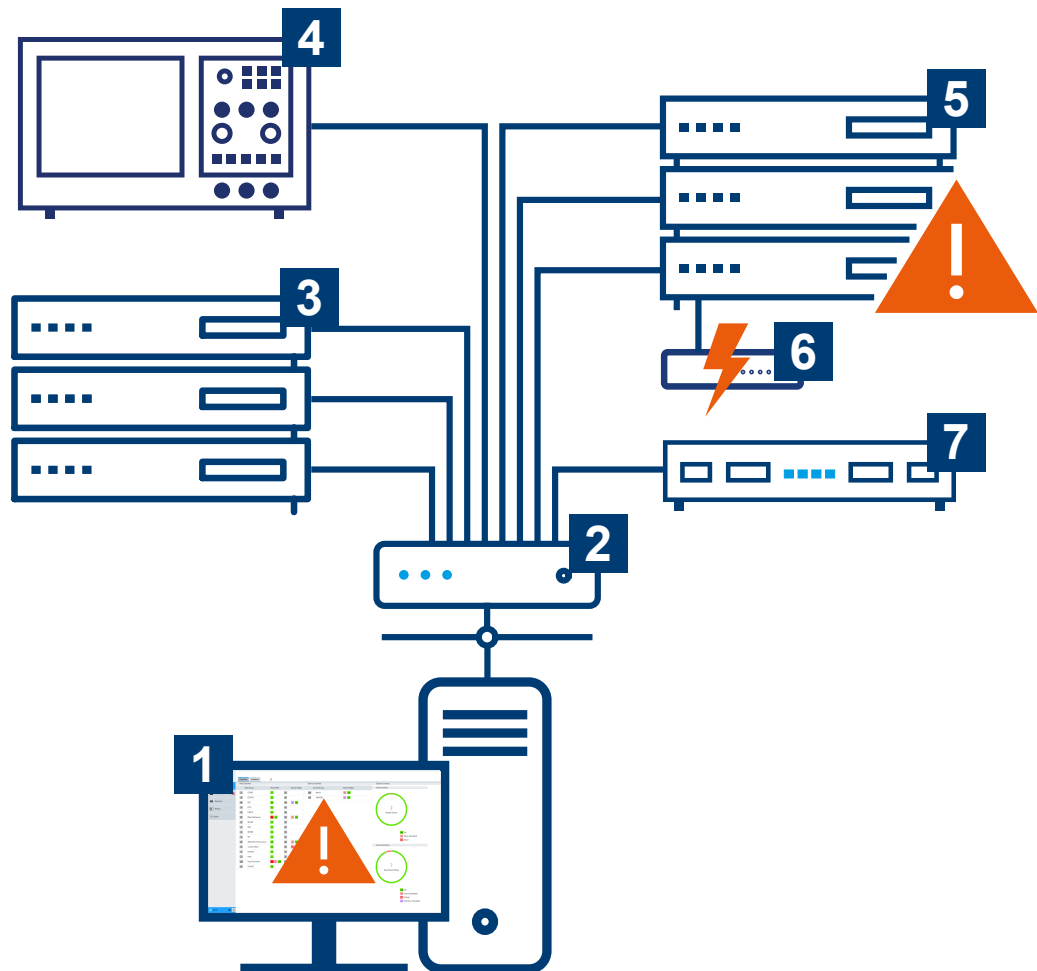
- [logic](#) on page 43

Checks:

- [passive](#) on page 118
- [dkn](#) on page 100

### 3 Introduction

The R&S CHM system status monitoring software provides an integrated, system-wide solution to collect status information continuously in a local area network (LAN). The software continuously performs checks for monitored hosts and services and evaluates the results. If R&S CHM detects an error condition, it creates an alert. The following figure provides an overview of a monitored system.



**Figure 3-1: R&S CHM - status monitoring overview**

- 1 = Computer with web-based user interface
- 2 = Network component (router, switch)
- 3 = Server hardware
- 4 = Rohde & Schwarz device
- 5 = Server hardware with error condition
- 6 = Uninterruptible power supply with error condition
- 7 = R&S CHM host that runs the status monitoring software

The R&S CHM software runs on a Linux server (7). You can access the web-based user interface on any standard computer in the network (1).

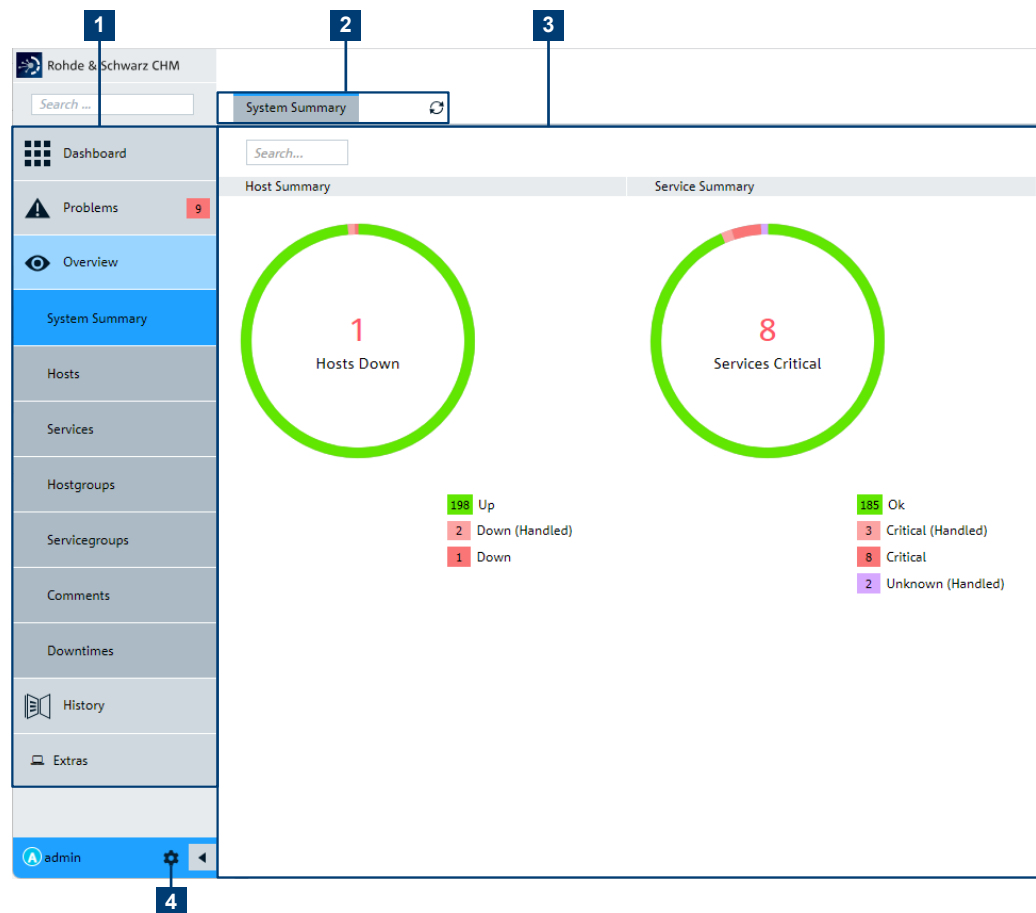
R&S CHM can fetch data from all connected and configured system components (1 to 7). Therefore, the operational state of the system is always under control. The downtime periods, due to maintenance operations or hardware failures, are reduced to a minimum.



### Life of monitoring data

All monitoring data is retained for 90 days. Older data is purged from the database.

To monitor status information, system operators and administrators use the browser-based graphical user interface, in the following named as "web GUI".



**Figure 3-2: Web GUI for status monitoring**

- 1 = Navigation and filter categories
- 2 = Additional filter categories
- 3 = Main area for status monitoring
- 4 = System-related pages and "Logout"

To configure the R&S CHM host from any computer in the LAN, system administrators can use an [SSH](#) client, such as PuTTY.



### How to continue?

The next steps depend on your role as mentioned under "[Target audience](#)" on page 7.

- **Monitor system status information on the web GUI (operators and administrators)**

Read the "R&S CHM System Status Monitoring" user manual.

- **Install and configure R&S CHM (system administrators, integrators)**

These tasks address system administrators and software integrators:

- [Chapter 4, "Installing R&S CHM"](#), on page 18
- [Chapter 6, "Configuring status monitoring"](#), on page 33

## 4 Installing R&S CHM

Software installation is divided into these main parts:

- **R&S CHM host installation**  
The R&S CHM host software runs on CentOS. Use the Rohde & Schwarz lifecycle software manager (LCSM) for installation. If LCSM is not available, follow the description in [Chapter 4.1, "Installing the R&S CHM host without LCSM"](#), on page 19.
- **R&S CHM agent installation**  
The agent software runs on monitored Windows- and CentOS Linux-based computers.
  - [Chapter 4.2.1, "Installing Windows agents"](#), on page 20
  - [Chapter 4.2.2, "Installing CentOS Linux agents"](#), on page 21

Before you start installation, review the minimum hardware and software requirements for the R&S CHM host and the agents.

### Hardware and software requirements

You can install the R&S CHM host software on a server or a virtual machine (VM). Ensure that the R&S CHM host meets the minimum requirements listed in the following table. Keep in mind that the requirements increase with an increasing number of monitored system components and services.

*Table 4-1: Requirements for R&S CHM hosts and CentOS Linux agents*

Component	Minimum requirements
CPU	2 cores with 2 GHz
HDD	50 Gbyte
RAM	2 Gbyte
LAN adapter	1 Gbit/s, RJ-45 connector
Operating system	CentOS Linux v7 (2009) distribution Optional with hardening according to DISA standard

*Table 4-2: Requirements for Windows agents*

Component	Minimum requirements
CPU	2 cores with 2 GHz
HDD	50 Gbyte
RAM	2 Gbyte
Operating system	Windows 10 build 1809 and later

### System time requirements

All devices in the monitored system need to be time-synchronized using [NTP](#).

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## 4.1 Installing the R&S CHM host without LCSM

The R&S CHM host runs on CentOS. If you do not have a host running this operation system, we recommend downloading the CentOS minimal version from the internet.

### To install CentOS Linux

For comprehensive installation instructions, visit <https://docs.centos.org/en-US/centos/install-guide/>. In the following procedure, only the main steps are provided.

1. Visit the CentOS homepage at <https://www.centos.org/download/>.
2. Download an ISO image of the CentOS Linux v7 (2009) that suits the hardware architecture of your host, for example x86\_64 for an Intel 64-bit server.
3. Prepare the installation source.  
You can select from various options:
  - If you need a bootable physical media, prepare a DVD or a USB flash drive.
  - If you install CentOS in a virtual machine, configure the virtual machine with at least the minimum requirements listed in [Table 4-1](#). You can directly select the ISO image as startup disk on your HDD.
  - If needed, you also can save the ISO image from a location on the network and boot it using NFS, FTP HTTP or HTTPS access methods.
4. Boot the installation media or ISO image.
5. Select "Install" in the boot menu and press [Enter].  
Anaconda, the CentOS installer starts.
6. Follow the instructions on the screen.  
All installation options are properly configured, such as language, region, keyboard layout, date and time.
7. On the "INSTALLATION SUMMARY" screen, select "Begin Installation".  
Installation of CentOS starts.  
CentOS is installed on the host and ready for operation.

### To install the R&S CHM host software

1. Ask your Rohde & Schwarz sales representative or application engineer for providing the R&S CHM host software package.
2. Copy the `chm-<version>.tar.gz` archive to the R&S CHM host `> /root/`. For example, you can use WinSCP for this task.

3. Log in to the R&S CHM server, e.g. using [SSH](#).
4. Change to the directory where the `chm-<version>.tar.gz` file resides.
5. Unpack the archive.  

```
# tar xfvz chm-*.tar.gz
```
6. Change to the extracted `chm` directory:  

```
# cd chm
```
7. Run the install script:  

```
# ./install-chm-server
```

Installation takes a while. Wait until the `Completed` message is shown.

The R&S CHM host is up and running.

Continue with [Chapter 6.2, "Changing the configuration"](#), on page 35.

## 4.2 Installing R&S CHM agents

The agent is a program that runs remotely on a Windows or Linux computer. It helps provide information to the R&S CHM host. Contained PowerShell modules are signed on Windows and the Rohde & Schwarz certificate is installed.



### Obtaining installers

Ask your Rohde & Schwarz sales representative or application engineer for providing the software package for R&S CHM Windows and CentOS Linux agents.

### 4.2.1 Installing Windows agents



R&S CHM supports the AllSigned execution policy.

1. Copy the `CHM_Windows_Agent_<version>.exe` installer to the Windows agent.
2. Run the `CHM_Windows_Agent_<version>.exe` installer.
3. If you install a Windows agent for gRPC-based R&S RAMON monitoring:
  - a) Copy the `chmrd_<version>.msi` installer to the Windows agent.
  - b) Run the `chmrd_<version>.msi` installer.

The Windows agent is installed successfully.


See also:

- [Chapter 5, "Deploying certificates"](#), on page 28
- [Chapter 6.6, "Configuring R&S RAMON for monitoring"](#), on page 63

- [Chapter 9.4, "Troubleshooting installation problems on Windows agents"](#), on page 133

### To configure a user-defined location for the package cache

During installation of Windows software, the installers add files to a location named [package cache](#) on your PC. If necessary, you can change the location for R&S CHM software installers on per-machine level using the Windows Registry Editor.

1. Select  "Start".
2. Type *registry editor*.
3. Select "Run as administrator".  
The Registry Editor opens.
4. Expand the "HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\" key.
5. Create the following entries:
  - a) Under "Policies", add the key "Wix".
  - b) Under the "Wix" key, add the key "Burn".  
Resulting registry key:  
"HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Wix\Burn"
  - c) Under "Burn", add the string value "PackageCache".
  - d) As value, enter the path without using environment variables. For example,  
`C:\my_package_cache_location\chm`

R&S CHM software installers now use the user-defined location as the package cache location.


## 4.2.2 Installing CentOS Linux agents

1. Copy the `tar.gz` installer archive to the CentOS Linux agent.
2. Execute `# tar xfvz xxx.tar.gz`.
3. Execute `# ./install-chm-agent`

The CentOS Linux agent is installed successfully.

## 4.3 Installing R&S CHM clients

An R&S CHM client (short: [client](#)) is an application to open the web GUI, including these additional features:

- Problem indication on a system tray icon .
- Autostart the application when logging on to the PC.
- Start the web GUI by using the tray icon. No need to install an additional browser.

### To get a client up and running

Summary of necessary tasks:

1. [Installing the client software](#)
2. [Extending the chm.yaml](#)
3. [Connecting the client with the R&S CHM host](#)
4. [Handling certificates](#)
5. [Starting the client for the first time](#)
6. [Configuring application logging](#)

#### 4.3.1 Installing the client software



R&S CHM supports the AllSigned execution policy.

1. Copy the `CHM_Client_<version>.msi` installer to a Windows agent or Windows PC.
2. Run the `CHM_Client_<version>.msi` installer.  
The client application is installed successfully.

#### 4.3.2 Extending the chm.yaml

1. On the R&S CHM host, edit the `chm.yaml` file.
2. Enable the client interface and the check-logic.  
To do so, add the `system_state` key to the `checks` section of the R&S CHM host, here named `host1.de`.

```
hosts:
  - name: host1.de
    tags: [chm]
  checks:
    - ping:
    - system_state:
```

*Figure 4-1: Code snippet - system\_state check*

See also: [system\\_state](#) on page 123

3. Specify the connection type for each client in the status monitoring system, e.g. the client named `host2.de`. The `connections: [client]` key ensures that the client can communicate with the R&S CHM host.

```
hosts:
  - name: host2.de
    connections: [client]
```

**Figure 4-2: Code snippet - client connection type**

Client interface, check logic and client connection type are configured properly.

### 4.3.3 Connecting the client with the R&S CHM host

In addition to the previous configuration in the `chm.yaml` file, you configure the connection between the client and the R&S CHM host in a [JSON](#) configuration file on the client.

1. Create the `client_config.json` text file in one of the following locations:

- **User-specific**

```
%appdata%\chm-client\client_config.json
```

For example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Roaming\chm-client\
client_config.json
```

- **System-wide**

```
%programdata%\chm-client\client_config.json
```

2. Insert the following:

```
{
  "api": {
    "host": "<chm_host>"
  }
}
```

**Figure 4-3: Client - JSON configuration file - minimal information**

3. Substitute `<chm_host>` with the name of your R&S CHM host as specified in the `chm.yaml` file on the R&S CHM host. For example:

```
{
  "api": {
    "host": "host1.de"
  }
}
```

**Figure 4-4: Client - JSON configuration file - example R&S CHM host name**

### 4.3.4 Handling certificates

A client needs an SSL certificate for the secure communication with the R&S CHM host. Certificate usage depends on the implementation and certificate type.

### Option 1: The client runs on a Windows agent

If the computer already runs the agent software, the same certificates are used and found automatically by the client.

See also: [Chapter 5, "Deploying certificates"](#), on page 28

### Option 2: Using central PKI/central CA-signed certificates

If a central public key infrastructure (PKI) is used in your system and the certificates are generated and distributed via the central PKI, the client can use these certificates.

By default, the client checks for a valid certificate under `%appdata%\chm-client\` and in the certificate folder of the agent, see [Chapter 5.2, "Using CA-signed certificates"](#), on page 31.

The following certificates are necessary:

- `hostname.key`
- `hostname.crt`

If you want to use another certificate location, you can add this information to the JAML configuration file that you have created in [Chapter 4.3.3, "Connecting the client with the R&S CHM host"](#), on page 23.



#### Example:

JSON configuration file on the client. As a path separator, use double backslashes `\\`:

```
{
  "api": {
    "host": "host1.de",
    "client_cert": "C:\\temp\\someOtherCertificate.crt",
    "client_key": "C:\\temp\\someOtherCertificate.key"
  }
}
```

## 4.3.5 Starting the client for the first time

The following steps are only necessary if the client application is not installed on an agent and thus the [HTTPS](#) certificate is not installed in the certificate store yet.

1. Open the web GUI for the first time.
  - a) If necessary, select Windows notification area >  "Show hidden icons".
  - b) Right-click  > "Open".

The client prompts you to import the HTTPS certificate.

2. Confirm the request to install the certificate.
3. On the log on page, enter your credentials.

The client successfully connects to the R&S CHM host using the HTTPS protocol.





If you start the client without a valid configuration file, it automatically creates this file under %appdata%\chm-client\. Open this file and specify the right R&S CHM host name. See [Chapter 4.3.3, "Connecting the client with the R&S CHM host"](#), on page 23.

#### 4.3.5.1 Configuring application logging

You can define to where a client logs to and the amount of logged information. To do so, specify an additional "logging" object in the JSON configuration file.

##### Example:

JSON configuration file on the client with optional "logging" settings.

```
{
  "api": {
    "host": "host1.de"
  },
  "logging": {
    "logger": "File",
    "log_level": 3,
    "file_path": "C:\\temp\\LogFile.txt"
  }
}
```

##### Log types

- "logger": "Console"  
Logs everything on the console in which the client is started (default). If started using the \*.exe, the logs go unnoticed.
- "logger": "File"  
Logs everything in a file, without file rotation. By default, the file is located here if you do not specify the file path:  
%appdata%\chm-client\chm\_client\_log.txt  
If you specify a different file location, use double backslashes (\\) as path separator:  
"file\_path": "<drive>\\<folder>\\LogFileName.txt".

##### Log level

"log\_level": <number> specifies the amount and type of logged information. The levels meet the Microsoft log level standard.

**Table 4-3: Log level overview**

Log level	Meaning/description	
0	Trace	Logs contain the most detailed messages (default). These messages can contain sensitive application data. These messages are disabled by default. Never enable them in a production environment.
1	Debug	Logs are used for interactive investigation during development. These logs primarily contain information useful for debugging and have no long-term value.

Log level	Meaning/description	
2	Information	Logs track the general flow of the application. These logs have long-term value.
3	Warning	Logs highlight an abnormal or unexpected event in the application flow, but do not otherwise cause the application execution to stop.
4	Error	Logs highlight when the current flow of execution is stopped due to a failure. These messages indicate a failure in the current activity, not an application-wide failure.
5	Critical	Logs describe an unrecoverable application or system crash, or a catastrophic failure that requires immediate attention.
6	None	Not used for writing log messages. Specifies that a logging category does not write any messages.

## 4.4 Firewall

The firewall rules are included in the software installer and thus set automatically. The following table informs about necessary connections.

**Table 4-4: Firewall rules**

Connection	Port	Protocol	Use case
CHM host → CHM host	4656	TCP	Transfer of system or hostgroup summary states between R&S CHM hosts over a trusted-filter device
CHM host → SNMP monitored device	161	SNMP	Collect monitoring information
Maintenance PC → CHM node	22	SSH	Optional SSH connection
PC → CHM node	80	HTTP	Viewing R&S CHM website in the browser (redirection to HTTPS)
PC → CHM node	443	HTTPS	Viewing R&S CHM website in the browser (encrypted connection)
CHM node → VMWare ESXi/vCenter	443	HTTPS	Monitoring of VMWare ESXi/vCenter status
Monitored item Windows/Linux → CHM node	5665	Icinga	Encrypted communication of Icinga (monitoring information)
Monitored item Windows/Linux ↔ CHM node	18005	Grpc	Encrypted communication of R&S CHM (monitoring and control information)

**To check DoS settings and to monitor firewall rejects**

In R&S CHM there is a preconfigured rate limiting for HTTPS and HTTP activated to reduce the probability of denial of service (DoS) attacks. The rate limiting is 50 packages per minute.

1. Verify the limit to check the `iptables` configuration.

```
iptables -vL | grep https
```

2. Enable logging of the firewall.

```
firewall-cmd --set-log-denied=all
```

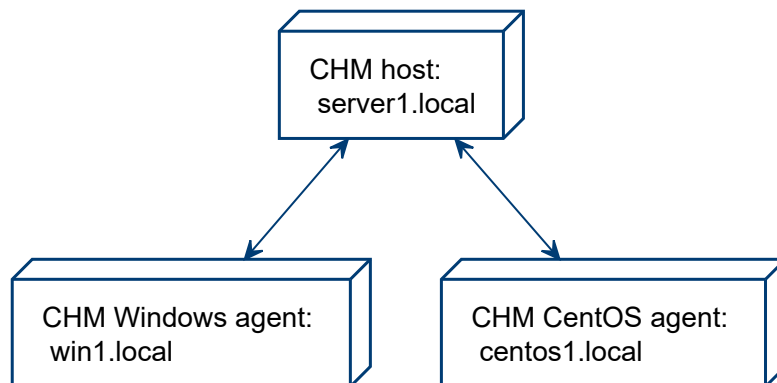
3. Check the Linux journal for firewall rejects.

```
journalctl -f | grep PROTO=TCP | grep REJECT | grep 443
```

## 5 Deploying certificates

Certificates protect the connections between the R&S CHM host and the R&S CHM agents. Without certificates, R&S CHM cannot monitor the system state of connected R&S CHM agents. Thus, we recommend deploying certificates on all R&S CHM agents.

The following figure serves as example system configuration. This configuration is used in the following procedures.



*Figure 5-1: Example R&S CHM system*

R&S CHM uses transport layer security (TLS) encryption to secure the communication between the R&S CHM host and the R&S CHM agents. By default, certificates are self-signed. Self-signed certificates are renewed automatically.

Also, you can use certificates that are provided by a central certificate authority (CA). If you want to use certificates from a central CA, contact your certificate manager. Self-signed certificates and a CA are generated automatically on the R&S CHM host during software installation.



Change all certificates before your system goes live.

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### 5.1 Using self-signed certificates

You can use self-signed certificates as follows:

- With pregenerated tickets, see "[To deploy certificates with tickets](#)" on page 29.

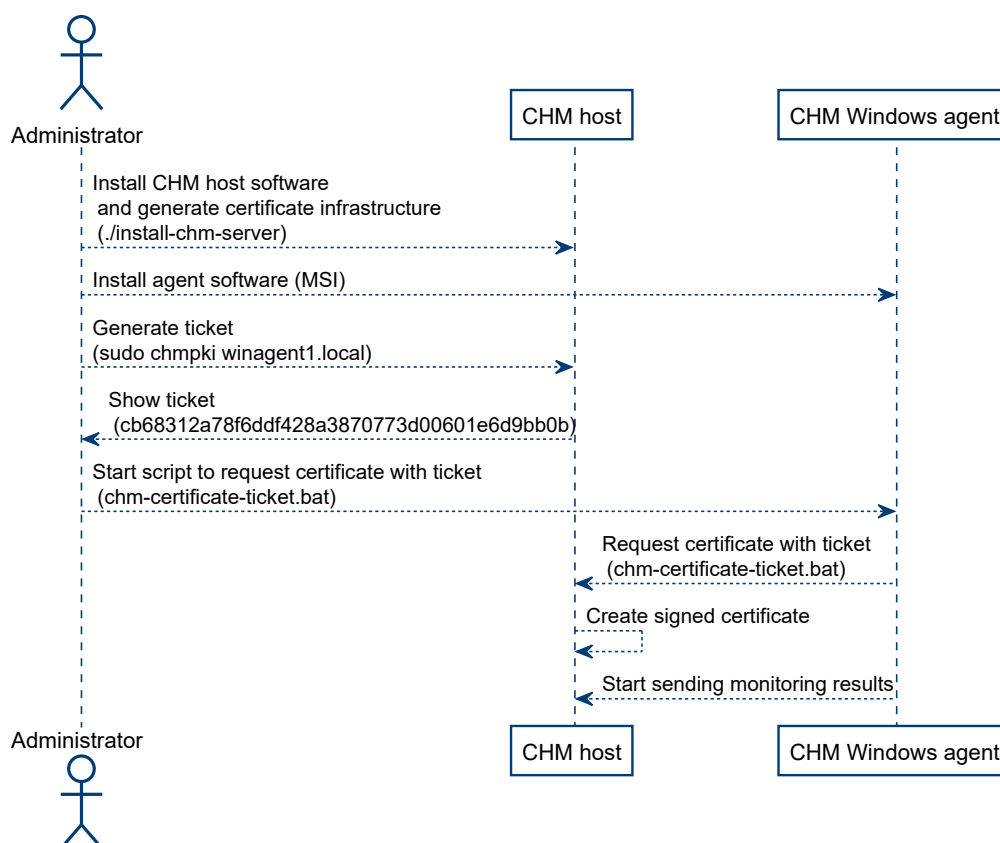
- With certificate signing requests (CSR), see "[To deploy certificates with signing request](#)" on page 30.



As a prerequisite for creating certificates, the R&S CHM host must be installed and online.

### To deploy certificates with tickets

The following figure shows the general workflow if you use self-signed certificates with tickets.



1. Log in to the shell of server1.local using ssh.
2. Execute `sudo chmpki win1.local`.  
win1.local must be the [FQDN](#) of the windows agent.  
A generated ticket is shown.
3. Note down that ticket.
4. Connect to the windows host.
5. Create certificates:
  - **On Windows**, run this batch file:  
`%programfiles%\chm\chm-certificate-ticket.bat`

- **On CentOS Linux**, issue this command:

```
chm-certificate-ticket
```

The script prompts you for the server you want to connect to.

6. Enter `server1.local` and the ticket identifier.

The script creates the necessary certificates and configuration.

If necessary, you can call the script with command-line arguments to execute it silently:

- **On Windows**, run the batch file with parameters, all on one line:

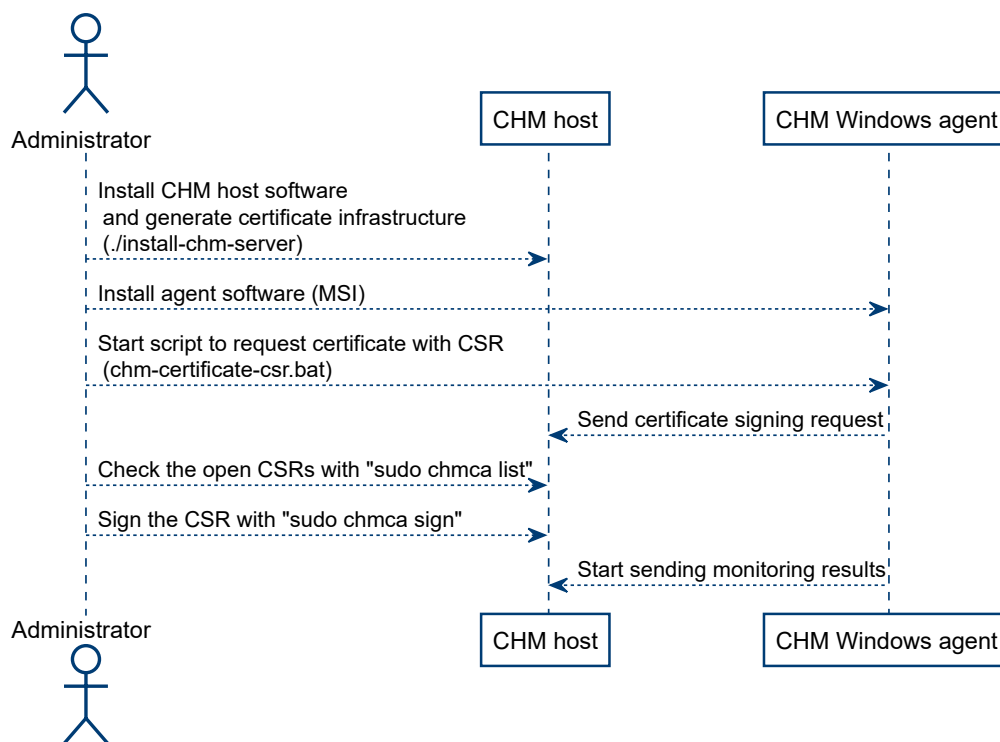
```
chm-certificate-ticket.bat
server1.local cb68312a78f6ddf428a3870773d00601e6d9bb0b
```

- **On CentOS Linux**, run this command with parameters, all on one line:

```
chm-certificate-ticket
server1.local cb68312a78f6ddf428a3870773d00601e6d9bb0a
```

### To deploy certificates with signing request

The following figure shows the general workflow if you use self-signed certificates with certificate signing request (CSR).



1. Execute the configuration script:

```
%programfiles\chm\chm-certificate-csr.bat
```

The script prompts you for the server you want to connect to.

2. Type in `server1.local`.

The script requests the certificate at the R&S CHM host and generates it.

3. Log in to the server via ssh.
4. Execute `sudo chmca list`.

All signing requests are shown, e.g.

```

Fingerprint | Timestamp | Signed | Subject
-----|-----|-----|-----
403da5b228df384f07f980f45ba50202529cded7c8182abf96740660caa09727 | 2021/09/06 17:02:40 | * | CN = win1.local
71700c28445109416dd7102038962ac3fd421fbb349a6e7303b6033ec1772850 | 2021/09/06 17:20:02 | | CN = win2.local

```

5. Execute this command to approve the sign request from, e.g win1.local.

```

sudo chmca sign
403da5b228df384f07f980f45ba50202529cded7c8182abf96740660caa09727

```

**Note:** Ensure that the timestamp and CN are correct to ensure that only valid requests are signed.

The Windows agent can send its monitoring results to the R&S CHM host.

## 5.2 Using CA-signed certificates

As an alternative to self-signed certificates, your company can use private certificate authorities to issue certificates for your internal servers.

We recommend using the following naming conventions:

- Certificate of the root CA: `ca.crt`
- Certificate of the server: `<fqdn>.crt`, where `fqdn` is the fully qualified domain name (FQDN).

1. Obtain the certificates from your certification authority.
2. Copy the certificates to these locations:

System component	Location
R&S CHM host	<code>/var/lib/icinga2/certs/</code>
Windows agent	<code>%programdata%\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs\</code>
CentOS Linux agent	<code>/var/lib/icinga2/certs/</code>

## 5.3 Removing self-signed certificates

If necessary, you can remove all certificates on the R&S CHM host and the agents.



If you remove the certificates, system status monitoring is no longer possible.

- ▶ Execute these commands:

- **On the R&S CHM host:** `sudo chm_clean_certificates`
- **On Windows agents:** `%programfiles\chm\clean_certificates.bat`
- **On CentOS Linux agents:** `sudo chm_clean_certificates`

## 5.4 Configuring a user-defined certificate location on Windows hosts

You can configure a common folder with all the needed certificates and make icinga use this folder instead of the default folder

`C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs\`. To reach this goal, we need a symbolic link that points to the common folder with the certificates.

### To create the symbolic link

1. If certificates are already installed in the default folder, move them to the new location, i.e. the `Target` folder, e.g. `C:\Certificates`.
2. If existing, remove the (now empty) default folder:  
`C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs`
3. You can use one of the following methods to create the symbolic link.

- **In a Command Prompt window**

Syntax:

```
mklink /D Link Target
```

Example:

```
mklink /
D "C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs" "C:\
Certificates"
```

- **In the PowerShell**

Syntax:

```
New-Item -Path LINK -ItemType SymbolicLink -Value TARGET
```

Example:

```
New-Item -Path "C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\
certs" -ItemType SymbolicLink -Value "C:\Certificates"
```



## 6 Configuring status monitoring

Here, you can find all steps that are necessary to configure R&S CHM for system status monitoring. All data is contained in an editable configuration file. The configuration file is written in [YAML v1.2](#) notation standard.

YAML is a human readable data serialization language for all programming languages. YAML is a case-sensitive language. It uses indentation with one or more spaces to represent the structure. Dashes (-) are used to represent the sequences (lists) and colons (:) are used to represent key-value pairs. The upper part of the configuration file on the R&S CHM host gives you an impression how this language looks like.

```
hosts:
  - name: host1.de
    displayname: CHM host
    tags: [chm]
    authentication:
      monitoring:
        - ldap:
            server: ldapserv.ourlocal.net
            port: 35636
            encryption: ldaps
            base_dn: ou=ldap_users,dc=ldapserv,dc=ourlocal,dc=net
            user_class: user
            user_name_attr: sAMAccountName
            bind_dn: service_user
            bind_pwd_path: ldap/service_user
        authorization:
    [...]
  [...]
```

### Related information

- For more information about YAML, see [Chapter 6.1, "Introduction to the YAML syntax"](#), on page 34.
- For a YAML syntax reference, see the YAML web site at <https://yaml.org/refcard.html>.

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## 6.1 Introduction to the YAML syntax

The YAML syntax contains different kinds of data blocks:

- A **sequence** with values that are listed in a specific order. The sequence starts with a dash and a space, e.g. `- ping`.
- A simple **mapping** between key and value pairs. A key must be unique; the order does not matter.

A third type is called **scalar**, which is arbitrary data, such as strings, integers.

Data blocks can be written in block style or flow style.

### Example: Sequence data blocks

A list of items in block style.

```
checks:
  - ping:
  - os_memory:
  - os_process:
```

A list of items in flow style.

```
host: [ping , os_memory , os_process]
```

### Example: Mapping data blocks

```
snmp_connection:
  port: 161
  version: 2
  community: public
```

### Example: Dictionary

This data block is a more complex collection of `key: value` pairs. Each pair can be nested with numerous options.

```
hosts:
  - domainname: chm-host.domain.net
    connections: [local]
    tags: [chm]
    hostgroups: [germany, bavaria]
    checks:
      - icinga2_cluster:
      - dhcp:
      - dns:
```

**Table 6-1: Indicator characters - excerpt from the YAML syntax**

Collection indicators	
:	Value indicator. In threshold configurations, the colon (:) indicates the edges of the interval, see also <a href="#">thresholds</a> on page 90
-	Nested series entry indicator.

,	Separate in-line branch entries.
[]	Surround in-line series branch.
{}	Surround in-line keyed branch.
Misc indicators	
#	Throwaway comment indicator.



Use single quotes ( ' ') in YAML if your string value includes special characters. For example, you possibly need single quotes around strings that contain these special characters:

{, }, [, ], ,, &, :, \*, #, ?, |, -, <, >, =, !, %, @, \.

For details, see the YAML specification at <https://yaml.org/spec> in version v1.2.

## 6.2 Changing the configuration

System administrators with *root* user account can configure R&S CHM and additional monitoring hosts and services. All configurations are defined in a single configuration file, which is the central configuration file for all objects that you want to monitor in the network.

### To access the configuration file

- ▶ On the R&S CHM host, you can find the configuration file here:

```
# /etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/chm.yaml
```

You can edit the file locally. Alternatively, you can transfer the configuration file to another PC, e.g. using WinSCP with SFTP or FTPS protocols. If finished, transfer it back to its original location on the R&S CHM host.

### To edit the configuration file

1. Open the `chm.yaml` file in an editor.
  - On the local R&S CHM host, you can use the vi editor:

```
vi chm.yaml
```
  - On a remote Windows host, you can use Windows Notepad or a more comfortable text editor with YAML syntax highlighting, e.g. Notepad++.
2. In the editor, navigate to the sequence item.
3. Add the key-value pairs.
4. Save the file.
5. If necessary, transfer the file back to its location on the R&S CHM host (`/etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/chm.yaml`).
6. Restart these services on the R&S CHM host to take the changes effect:

```
# sudo systemctl restart chm
```

```
# sudo systemctl restart icinga2
```

R&S CHM checks the syntax. If the syntax checks failed, edit the configuration file again and correct all syntax errors.

If the syntax check was successful, the changes are applied. For example, you can monitor newly configured services on the web GUI.



Check if the services are running:

```
# sudo systemctl status chm
# sudo systemctl status icinga2
```

## 6.3 Configuring hosts

Here, you find detailed information on host configuration, including host-specific keys in the `chm.yaml` file.

A **host** is an independent device in the system. It is addressed and monitored by R&S CHM. For example, a host is a Windows PC, a Linux virtual machine or a device that you monitor using [SNMP](#).

Hosts are characterized by several attributes, and several **checks** are subordinated to them. Each check verifies the host for an intended status, e.g. available disk space, temperature or other hardware status.

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### hosts (Hosts)

The `hosts` dictionary consists of a list of all host elements for the whole system to be monitored.

Here, you specify the configuration and the checks for all hosts where R&S CHM is installed or that are monitored by R&S CHM.

#### Parameters:

<code>name</code>	string
-------------------	--------

Name of the host, i.e. the name of the R&S CHM host, a R&S CHM agent or an SNMP device that is monitored. A host instance always starts with the `name` key.

The first host instance in the file always denotes an **R&S CHM host**.

displayname	string Shows this name on the web GUI instead of the specified <code>name</code> (optional).
dashboards	Configures the contents of the "Dashboard". See <a href="#">dashboards</a> on page 39.
notes	string Specifies a text snippet for hosts and services (optional). You can add a detailed description of the location or details on how to handle errors. Use the <code>&lt;br&gt;</code> tag to write a multi-line note. R&S CHM shows this text snippet on the web GUI > "Service"/"Host" tab > "Problem handling".
tags	[chm]   [icinga2_ha] Assigns a role to a host in the status monitoring system. <b>[chm]</b> Assigns the role "master" to an exclusive R&S CHM host or the role "primary master" to one of the R&S CHM hosts for a high-availability status monitoring configuration. For more information about the roles, see <a href="#">Chapter 6.8, "Configuring distributed monitoring"</a> , on page 71. An R&S CHM host that is tagged with <code>[chm]</code> starts a monitoring system in which all hosts are synchronized regarding monitoring state. All hosts that are specified beneath are part of this monitoring system. The next R&S CHM host instance tagged with <code>[chm]</code> starts the next monitoring system, and so forth. In combination with <code>exports</code> , you can configure multiple monitoring systems. These hosts are not synchronized, because the R&S CHM hosts are separated from each other, e.g. by a security gateway. <b>[icinga2_ha]</b> Assigns the role "secondary master" to a second R&S CHM host in a high-availability status monitoring system. All hosts that are tagged <code>[icinga2_ha]</code> belong to the same overall status monitoring system as the associated "primary master". Both R&S CHM hosts, primary master and secondary master, are fully synchronized regarding monitoring state. For usage scenarios, see <a href="#">Chapter 6.8.1, "Configuring high availability monitoring"</a> , on page 72 and <a href="#">Chapter 6.8.4, "Configuring multi-level HA monitoring"</a> , on page 81.
logic	Combines status values from multiple checks to a single, aggregated status value. See <a href="#">logic</a> on page 43.
logging	Configure the severity and the facility for event logging on the R&S CHM host. See <a href="#">logging</a> on page 48.
exports	Configure an R&S CHM host so that it sends status monitoring information to another R&S CHM host (optional). See <a href="#">exports</a> on page 41.

authentication	Configure <a href="#">LDAP</a> -based user authentication. See <a href="#">authentication</a> on page 54.
authorization	Configure user authorization. See <a href="#">authorization</a> on page 58.
webinterface_url	string Configure a hyperlink to the management web interface of the host. See <a href="#">webinterface_url</a> on page 51.
connections	[local]   icinga2_win   [icinga2_linux]   [snmp]   [client]   [gb2pp] Defines how R&S CHM communicates with this host. <b>[local]</b> If you configure an operating system-dependent check on a master, specify [local]. This setting ensures that the right check plugin is used for all checks that depend on the operating system (Windows or Linux). For example, load is such a check. <b>[icinga2_win]</b> Denotes Windows agent. The checks run on this agent. The agent sends the check results to the master. <b>[icinga2_linux]</b> Denotes a Linux agent. The checks run on this agent. The agent sends the check results to the master. Check plugin for Linux agents and satellites in multi-level monitoring configurations. <b>[snmp]</b> Denotes a host that is monitored by the R&S CHM host by using SNMP. The host is not installed on an R&S CHM agent. All checks are performed on the R&S CHM host and the check results are obtained by active checks. <b>[client]</b> Denotes an R&S CHM client. Specify [client] for a host that runs the R&S CHM client application. How to: <a href="#">Chapter 4.3, "Installing R&amp;S CHM clients"</a> , on page 21 <b>[gb2pp]</b> Denotes that this R&S CHM host is configured as a <a href="#">gb2pp</a> server. For the necessary checks and for examples, see <a href="#">gb2pp</a> on page 105.
checked_by	string Specifies the R&S CHM instance that monitors this host (optional). You can specify this key for all hosts that are not a master, a satellite or an agent. For an example, see <a href="#">Example"YAML configuration: multi-level HA monitoring"</a> on page 83. Without this key, the default applies. Hence, hosts are monitored by default by the R&S CHM instance that is located in the same subsystem and that is not configured as a high availability host.

- hostgroups** [comma-separated list of strings]  
List of groups the host belongs to. The groups help identify the host on the web GUI.
- checks** Parent key for all status checks. The first check is always a host check that checks if the host is reachable. All following checks are service checks. These checks provide information about the health states of the checked resources. See [Chapter 7, "Configuring status checks"](#), on page 92.
- For detailed R&S CHM host configuration examples, see [Chapter 8.1, "R&S CHM host configuration"](#), on page 128 and [Chapter 8.2, "Linux host configurations"](#), on page 129.

**Example:** Single R&S CHM host configuration with some high-level keys.  
hosts:

```
- name: host1.de
  displayname: CHM master
  tags: [chm]
  logic:
    aggregation1:
      function: worst
      ins: [input1, input2, input 3]
  logging:
    severity: info
    facility: local0
  authentication:
  authorization:
  webinterface:
  connections: [icinga2_linux]
  hostgroups: [monitoring, control]
  checks: # The checks for this host
```

### dashboards (Main elements on the web GUI > "Dashboard")

Configures the start page of the web GUI, the "Dashboard" (1). You can configure individual dashboard tabs (2) and the widgets (3) on these dashboards.

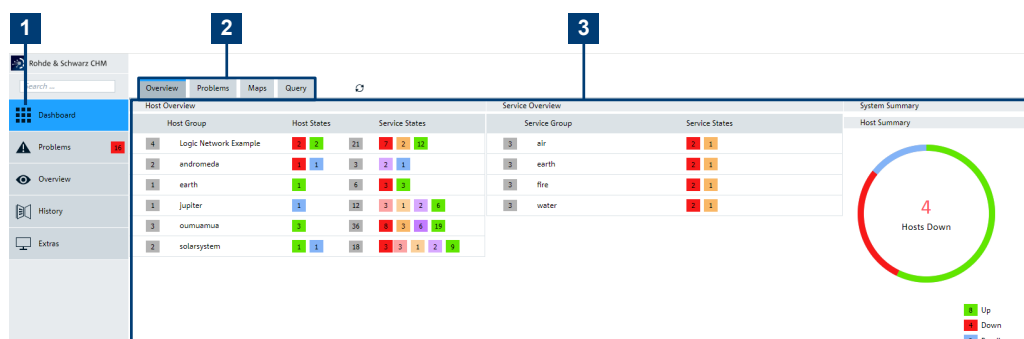


Figure 6-1: System-specific dashboard configuration

- 1 = "Dashboard" menu
- 2 = Multiple configured dashboard tabs
- 3 = Multiple configured widgets

### Related parameters

- [Graphical system view \(maps\)](#) on page 69
- [widgets](#) on page 40

### Parameters:

name	string
	Label of a dashboard tab (2). The name must not contain dots (.).
widgets	The areas on an individual dashboard (3). For details, see <a href="#">widgets</a> on page 40.

### Example:

```
hosts:
  # First host list entry. (1)
  - name: host1.de
    displayname: CHM host
    dashboards:
      - name: Maps
        widgets:
          - name: Overview Map
            content: "Map: Overview1"
          - name: A custom query
            content: "Query: filter_pattern" # (2)
          - content: Host Problems - unhandled
      - name: Overview
        widgets:
          - content: Service Problems - unhandled
          - name: Overwrite the name with a custom name
            content: Host Problems - unhandled
```

(1)By convention the first hosts entry is the R&S CHM host.

(2)In the above example, the *filter\_pattern* looks like this:

```
monitoring/list/hosts?hostgroup_name=andromeda&sort=host_severity
```

---

### widgets (Areas on a dashboard)

Configures the areas of an individual dashboard. An individual widget consists of a name and content.

### Related parameters

- [dashboards](#) on page 39
- [Graphical system view \(maps\)](#) on page 69



**Parameters:**

name	string Heading of an area on a dashboard tab (optional for <code>content: &lt;preset_value&gt;</code> ). If you configure the name in combination with <code>content: &lt;preset_value&gt;</code> , this configuration results in a user-defined heading that overwrites the default heading. The name is mandatory in combination with <code>content: "Map: &lt;map_name&gt;"</code> and <code>content: "Query: &lt;pattern&gt;"</code> Query). The name must not contain dots (.).
content	Host Overview   Service Overview   System Summary   Recent Events   Host Problems - unhandled   Service Problems - unhandled   "Map: <map_name>"   "Query: <pattern>" Contents of the widget. <b>Map: &lt;map_name&gt;</b> Name of the map as specified in <a href="#">Graphical system view (maps)</a> on page 69 > name. Due to the colon (:), enclose the whole string in quotation marks. <b>Query: &lt;filter_pattern&gt;</b> Query pattern. Due to the colon (:), enclose the whole string in quotation marks.

**Example:**

Filter for a host name "Master" in the "Hosts" view:

```
monitoring/list/hosts?host=%2AMaster%2A
```

%2A is the HTML code for the asterisk (\*) as a universal placeholder in a filter pattern.

**Example:**

Filter for a host group name "andromeda" in "Hostgroups" view:

```
monitoring/list/hosts?hostgroup_name=%2Aandromeda%2A
```

To create queries with complex filter patterns is reserved for R&S CHM experts. For suitable filter patterns, ask your Rohde & Schwarz support engineer.

For an example in the `dashboards` context, see [dashboards](#) on page 39.

**exports** (Export of status information)

If two R&S CHM systems are separated by a security gateway, you can configure this key to send status information from one R&S CHM host to the other R&S CHM host.

To do so, you configure the target R&S CHM host and the data format that is used by R&S CHM for sending status monitoring information.

The following figure explains the basic principles. R&S CHM sends status information from a **Domain B** to a separated **Domain A**. On its way, the status information is filtered by a security gateway. R&S CHM host (A) can monitor its own items and display the monitored items from R&S CHM host (B).

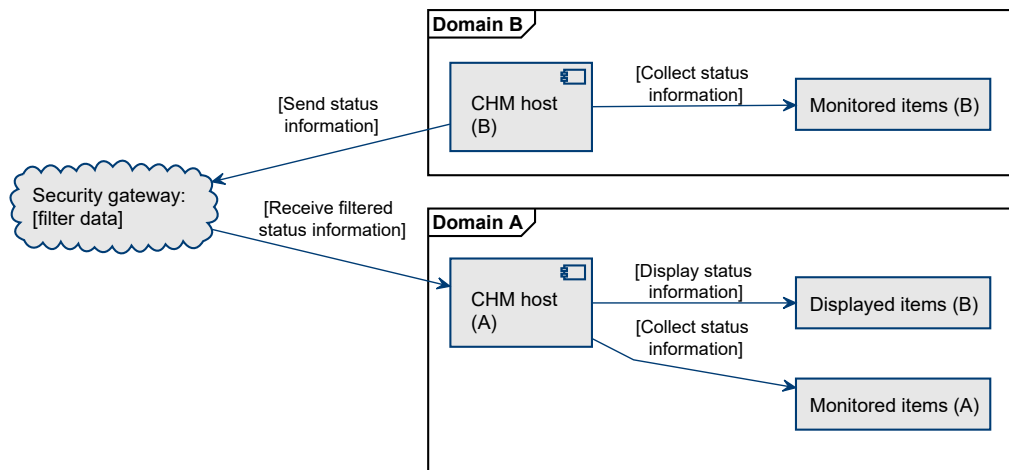


Figure 6-2: Exporting status information form domain B to domain A

### Prerequisite

Both R&S CHM hosts need identical `chm.yaml` files. So, first change the file on one host. Then, transfer the file to the other host, e.g. using [SSH](#). Example 2 at the end of this description shows the high-level structure of the `chm.yaml` file.

### Parameters:

<code>xmlhttp</code>	Interface used for sending status information. This interface uses HTTP with content type <code>application/xml</code> on <a href="#">TCP</a> port 5669.
<code>target</code>	Name of the R&S CHM host that receives the status information.
<code>proxy</code>	If the gateway acts as HTTP proxy, IP address or host name (optional).

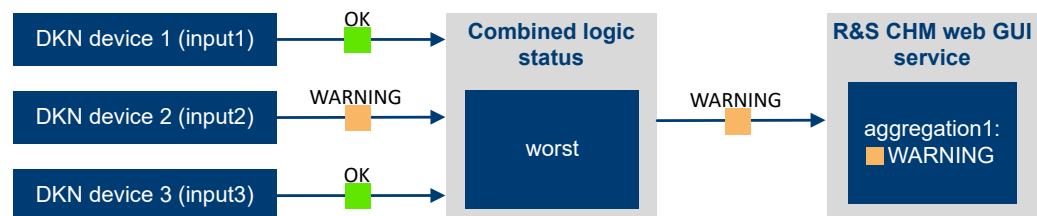
**Example:** Configuration with two R&S CHM hosts and some high-level keys, including `exports` configuration.

```
hosts:
# First R&S CHM host
- name: chm-k130-domain-A
  tags: [chm]
  connections: [local]
  logging:
    severity: debug
    facility: local0
  checks:
    - load:
    - os_process:
      name: icinga2
# Second R&S CHM host
- name: chm-k130-domain-B
  tags: [chm]
  connections: [local]
  logging:
    severity: debug
    facility: local0
  exports:
    - xmlhttp:
      target: chm-k130-domain-A
      proxy: 1.2.3.4:5669
  checks:
    - load:
    - os_process:
      name: icinga2
```

### logic (Combine logic status values)

R&S CHM system status monitoring lets you combine status values from multiple checks to a single, aggregated status value.

The following figure visualizes an example using the `worst` function. We assume that you monitor three components of a device, and DKN device 2 is defective. The `worst` function now takes the most critical value and hands it over to, e.g. the web GUI. The overall status indication that you configure using the `logic` key is ■ "WARNING".



**Figure 6-3: Combined logic status - "worst" example**

The following figure adopts the previous example and explains how the specified keys are used to configure the logic function and to promote the aggregated status to the web GUI.

```

hosts:
  - name: chm2-staging-disa.rsint.net
    connections: [local]
    tags: [chm]
    checks:
      - passive:
          src_logic_id: aggregation1
      - dkn:
          logic_id: input1
          snmp_version: 2
          snmp_community: dkn
          port: 1234
          type: device_ready
          id: 7
      - dkn:
          logic_id: input2
          snmp_version: 2
          snmp_community: dkn
          port: 1234
          type: device_status
          id: 7
      - dkn:
          logic_id: input3
logic:
  aggregation1:
    function: worst
    ins: [input1, input2, input3]
  
```

The diagram illustrates the configuration flow. Three device checks (input1, input2, input3) are connected to a logic function instance (aggregation1) labeled '1'. The logic function instance is then connected to a passive check labeled '2', which is used to promote the aggregated status to the web GUI.

**Figure 6-4: Usage of involved keys**

1 = Check with configured logic function instance

2 = Logic function instance used to promote the aggregated state to the web GUI

In detail, the previous configuration reads as follows: A logic identifier is assigned to each of the devices (input1, input2, input3). For logic function instance aggregation1, the logic function worst combines all input monitoring states and determines the most severe status as the *check result*. The passive key adopts the *check result* and shows it on the web GUI.

The next figure visualizes an example using the best function. We assume that you monitor two hosts and **host 2** (demodevice2.example.net) is defective. The best function now takes the best value and hands it over to the web GUI. The overall status indication that you configure using the logic key is ■ "UP".

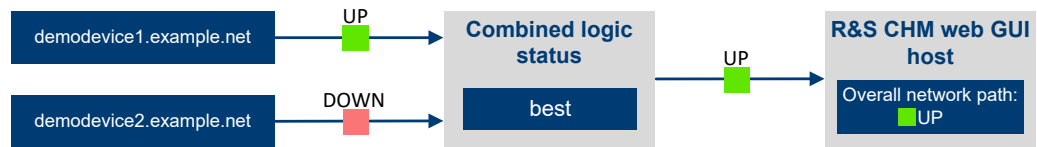


Figure 6-5: Combined logic status - "best" example

For a "best" coding example, see example "2a) Example (best function)" at the end of this section.

#### Parameters:

<code>&lt;log_func_inst&gt;</code>	string
	Instance of a logic function. You can specify multiple instances that you configure using the following <code>function</code> key. You can also specify such a logic function instance for a check using <code>logic_id</code> on page 86.
<code>function</code>	worst   best
	The logic that is used for aggregation of status values.
	<b>worst</b>
	From all checked status values, the most severe status value determines the aggregated status value.
	<b>best</b>
	From all checked status values, the best status value determines the aggregated status value.
<code>ins</code>	[ <code>&lt;logic_function_instance 1&gt;</code> , <code>&lt;logic_function_instance 2&gt;</code> , ..., <code>&lt;logic_function_instance n&gt;</code> ]
	List of input values that are evaluated by the logic function. See also: <code>logic_id</code> on page 86.
	You can list logic function instances that are specified here, under <code>logic</code> . Also, you can list logic function instances that you have specified for a dedicated check using the <code>logic_id</code> on page 86 key.

**Example:****1) DKN example (worst function)**

This example is copy ready. It is identical to the example in [Figure 6-4](#).

```
hosts:
- name: chm2-staging-disa.rsint.net
  connections: [local]
  tags: [chm]
  checks:
    - passive:
      src_logic_id: aggregation1
    - dkn:
      logic_id: input1
      snmp_connection:
        version: 2
        community: dkn
        port: 1234
      type: device_ready
      id: 7
    - dkn:
      logic_id: input2
      snmp_connection:
        version: 2
        community: dkn
        port: 1234
      type: device_status
      id: 7
    - dkn:
      logic_id: input3
logic:
  aggregation1:
    function: worst
    ins: [input1, input2, input 3]
```

**Example:****2a) Example (best function)**

```
- name: chm-server.example.net
  displayname: "CHM Server"
  tags: [chm]
  ...
  logic:
    logic_path_available:
      function: best
      ins: [device1, device2]
  ...

- name: Overall network path
  checks:
    - passive:
        src_logic_id: logic_path_available

- name: demodevice1.example.net
  checks:
    - ping:
        logic_id: device1

- name: demodevice2.example.net
  checks:
    - ping:
        logic_id: device2
```

**Example:****3) NAVICS example (worst function)**

This example uses the result of the `navics` status check also as host result. The result is redirected using a logic function.

```
hosts:
- name: chm-demo.rsint.net
  displayname: "Central CHM"
  connections: [icinga2_api, local]
  tags: [chm]
  checks:
  - ping:
  logic:
    copy_of_navics_VT1:
      function: worst
      ins: [navics_VT1] # (1)

- name: VT1.navics
  connections: [snmp]
  checks:
  - passive:
      src_logic_id: copy_of_navics_VT1 # (2)
  - navics:
      logic_id: navics_VT1 # (3)
      health_host: navics_server.local
      type: cwp
      eqid: VT1

- name: navics_server.local
  connections: [snmp]
  snmp_connection:
    community: public
  checks:
  - ping:
```

**(1)** defines the logic function.

**(2)** receives the result from the logic function as host check result.

**(3)** sends the result to the logic function.

See also:

[passive](#) on page 118

[logic\\_id](#) on page 86

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### logging (System logging)

R&S CHM components send their log events into the Linux journal of the R&S CHM host. The journal is a binary, ring-buffer like database.



By default, CentOS keeps the journal in volatile memory. You can persist messages to text files by using the `syslog` service. It reads the journal and exports to text files by some filter rules.

**Note:** Currently, R&S CHM does not provide means to change these export settings. If you use the `syslog` service, R&S CHM logging can cause high IO and CPU load and can degrade flash memory (SSDs). Ensure that only a subset of messages is exported, e.g. warning and higher.

For possible CentOS logging options, see the related man pages.

### Logging configuration

You configure the logging level in the `chm.yaml` file under the `hosts` key, see [hosts](#) on page 36.

### Viewing logs

You can view the logs using the `# sudo journalctl` command.

Log events can originate at different components. For identification of the component, see [Table 6-2](#).

#### Parameters:

severity	<p><code>emerg   alert   crit   err   warning   notice   info   debug</code></p> <p>Specifies the severity level, i.e. the importance of the message. For severity details, see <a href="#">Table 6-3</a>.</p> <p>If you change the severity, e.g. to <code>err</code>, only messages with severity <code>err</code> or higher are logged (<code>crit</code>, <code>alert</code>, <code>emerg</code>). For normal operation, we recommend severity <code>info</code>.</p> <p>*RST: <code>info</code></p>
facility	<p><code>local0   local1   local2   local3   local4   local5   local6   local7</code></p> <p>Specifies the type of system that is logging the message according to <a href="#">RFC 5424</a>. Messages with different facilities can be handled differently.</p> <p><b>local0</b></p> <p>Locally used facility code. All R&amp;S CHM components send their logs as facility <code>local0</code>.</p> <p>*RST: <code>local0</code></p>

**Example:** **Logging configuration** under the `hosts` key. The severities with numerical code "0" to "5" are logged:

```
logging:
  severity: notice
  facility: local0
```

**Example:** **Query of a specific component** with `# journalctl -t <Identity>` or `# journalctl SYSLOG_IDENTITY=<Identity>`:  
For example, query the monitoring web UI and the web server status.

```
# journalctl -t chm-monitoring-webui -t chm-httpd
```

**Example:** Query of successful login, logout and failed login at the web interface:

```
# journalctl | grep "User logged in"

# journalctl | grep "User logged out"

# journalctl | grep "User failed to authenticate"
```

**Example:** Filter for certain facilities using journalctl

```
SYSLOG_FACILITY=<facility_code>:
# journalctl SYSLOG_FACILITY=16
```

For a list of facility codes and their meaning, see RFC5424.

**Example:** Filter messages by severity with journalctl -p

```
<severity_or_severity_range> or journalctl
PRIORITY=<numerical code>:
# journalctl PRIORITY=6
```

**Example:** Message output:

```
Oct 07 11:25:48 test.local chm-httpd[10476]:
Thu Oct 07 11:25:48.797427 2021] [ssl:info]
pid 121267] [client 172.27.18.70:56854]
AH01964: Connection to child 2 established
(server test.local.net:443)
```

**Table 6-2: Functional components**

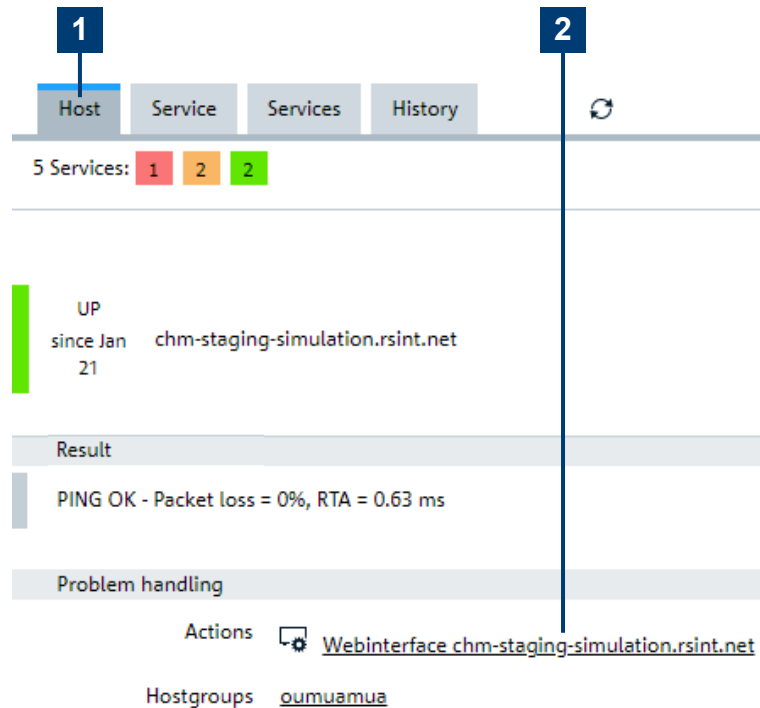
Component identity	Description
icinga2	Monitoring core
chm-monitoring-webui	Monitoring web UI
chm-monitoring-webui-audit	User login events at the monitoring web UI
chm-httpd	Web server status
chm-httpd-req	Web server request and responses

**Table 6-3: Logging levels (severities) in order of decreasing importance**

Parameter value	Numerical code	Description
emerg	0	Emergency - the system is unusable
alert	1	Alert - an action must be taken immediately
crit	2	Critical conditions
err	3	Error conditions
warning	4	Warning conditions
notice	5	Normal, but significant, condition
info	6	Informational message
debug	7	Debug-level message

**webinterface\_url** (Hyperlink to management web interface)

Configure a hyperlink to the management web interface of the monitored host. R&S CHM shows the hyperlink on the web GUI.



**Figure 6-6: Hyperlink to a web interface**

1 = "Hosts" tab

2 = Hyperlink to the web interface of the host

**Configuration details**

Select from the following options:

- Compose the link automatically from the host name. This mechanism requires that the host name is specified as a fully qualified domain name. R&S CHM system status monitoring automatically adds `https://` in front of the host name to compose the hyperlink, e.g. `https://chm-staging-simulation.rsint.net`.
- Specify a dedicated URL, e.g. `https://rohde-schwarz.com`. The web GUI shows this hyperlink.
- Omit the parameter from the configuration to omit the entry on the web GUI.

HTTP or HTTPS web address of the web interface of the host. If the name of the host is configured as a URI, CHM automatically composes the hyperlink, e.g. `https://chm-staging-simulation.rsint.net`.

- Example:** Automatically compose hyperlink:
- ```
- name: chm-staging-simulation.rsint.net
  webinterface:
```
- Resulting hyperlink:  
https://chm-staging-simulation.rsint.net
- Example:** Specific hyperlink:
- ```
- name: chm-staging-simulation.rsint.net
  webinterface: https://rohde-schwarz.com
```

## 6.4 Configuring web GUI users

You can select from the following configuration methods to access the [web GUI](#):

- Default local user database, see "[Local user database \(method 0\)](#)" on page 52.
- LDAP-based or Kerberos-based authentication method, without or with fallback to the local user database, see "[LDAP and single sign-on authentication methods](#)" on page 53.

### Local user database (method 0)

This method is the default log in method. It works without external dependencies to an authentication server like Active Directory.

You can use the local web GUI users "admin" and "operator" if the following applies:

- Authentication is not configured in the `chm.yaml` file.
- The `builtin` key is configured as an authentication method.

Both local users and their permissions are predefined. The "admin" user gets all permissions (acknowledge, check, comment, downtime, monitoring, maps). The "operator" user only gets the monitoring and the maps permissions.

### To manage users in the local user database

You can list, add and delete users from the local user database.

- Use the following commands:
- `# chm_userlist`: Lists all currently existing users.
  - `# chm_useradd`: Adds a new user with password. The password is hidden on the command line while typing.
  - `# chm_userdel`: Deletes a user.

### To change the passwords of existing users

1. Delete the user.  
`# chm_userdel`
2. Add the user again with the new password. Use a unique and strong password that complies with the security policies in your company.  
`# chm_useradd`

- Configure the user permissions for the newly added user in the `chm.yaml` file. See the following procedure ("[To control the permissions of local web GUI users](#)" on page 53).

### Example:

The following examples show how to use the commands for user management.

List all users	Add a new user with password	To delete a user
<pre># chm_userlist name ----- admin operator test1 test2 ee uh (6 rows)</pre>	<pre># chm_useradd new user: testuser new password: INSERT 0 1 completed</pre>	<pre># chm_userdel user to remove: testuser DELETE 1 completed</pre>

### To control the permissions of local web GUI users

You can use the local users "admin" and "operator" without further configuration. However, you can assign specific permissions to them, e.g. to the "operator".

- Under the first `hosts` list entry, add the `authorization` key.
- Configure the `permissions` for specific `roles`. For example, add `check` and `acknowledge` for operators.  
For all permissions and configuration details, see [authorization](#) on page 58.  
You have configured specific permissions of the local web GUI user.



In a distributed system with several R&S CHM hosts, the local user database is not synchronized between the instances.

### LDAP and single sign-on authentication methods

You can select between [LDAP](#)-based user authentication or Kerberos-based single sign-on (SSO) user authentication methods. R&S CHM then uses the configured method to restrict permissions and users that can access the web GUI. By using one of these methods, you can manage users or user groups centrally and enhance security.

Usage of all SSO methods requires several 3rd-party services, e.g. LDAP and Kerberos. Implementation and configuration of these services are not covered by this user guide. The services also require configuration of the web GUI users in the central user management of your organization. Ask the local system administrator for support.

Here, we describe the configuration of the `chm.yaml` and the requirements for using 3rd-party services.

R&S CHM supports user and group management with these directory services to log in to the web GUI:

- LDAP with dedicated bind user (method 1)**

LDAP bind uses the credentials of dedicated bind-users defined in the password store. Users log in with a password as stored in a central LDAP-service.

- **LDAP anonymous bind (method 2)**  
LDAP bind does not require credentials. Users log in with a password as stored in a central LDAP-service.
- **Kerberos SSO with SSSD for group information (method 3)**  
Users are logged in automatically with a ticket that they receive and cache during Windows- or Linux desktop login. Also, "role to group mapping" supports groups from a central LDAP-service.
- **Kerberos SSO with users only (method 4)**  
Users are logged in automatically with a ticket that they receive and cache during Windows- or Linux desktop login.
- **LDAP-based or Kerberos-based authentication (methods 1 to 4), with fallback to the local user database**  
If you configure R&S CHM for exclusively using LDAP and single sign-on authentication methods, the local users are no longer available on the web GUI. Only LDAP users or [KDC](#) users can access the web GUI for system status monitoring. However, you can configure a fallback method to the local user database if you specify the `builtin` key as an additional authentication method.

For detailed configuration examples, see the following [authentication](#) and [authorization](#) syntax descriptions.

### To configure LDAP and single sign-on authentication

1. Under the host with the `[chm]` tag, configure the `authentication` key.
2. Configure user **authentication** as described under [authentication](#) on page 54.
3. Configure user **authorization** as described under [authorization](#) on page 58.

You have configured R&S CHM for LDAP or SSO support. Web GUI users can log in to the web GUI with the users or user groups that are already configured on your network.

<a href="#">authentication</a> .....	54
<a href="#">monitoring</a> .....	55
<a href="#">builtin</a> .....	55
<a href="#">gssapi</a> .....	55
<a href="#">ldap</a> .....	56
<a href="#">authorization</a> .....	58

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### **authentication** (Authentication)

Configures the authentication method for all web GUI users.

#### **Parameters:**

`monitoring`                      All authentication keys are specified under this key.  
See [monitoring](#) on page 55.

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**monitoring** (Authentication methods)

All authentication keys are specified under this key.

**Parameters:**

<code>builtin</code>	Built-in authentication method (fallback), see <a href="#">builtin</a> on page 55.
<code>gssapi</code>	GSSAPI-based authentication methods, see <a href="#">gssapi</a> on page 55.
<code>ldap</code>	LDAP-based authentication methods, see <a href="#">ldap</a> on page 56.

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**builtin** (Builtin authentication method)

Enables the local, built-in user database. If you specify this key, you can log in with the users "admin" and "operator" from the local user database when authentication using LDAP or SSO is not possible.

If you only specify `builtin` without other authentication details, the configuration is equivalent to leaving out the `authentication` configuration at all, i.e. only the local users are available.

**Example:****Local user database (method 0)**

Usage of the local user database (`builtin` specified):

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - builtin:
```

Usage of the local user database (`builtin` not specified):

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
```

Both authentication methods are equivalent.

---

**gssapi** (GSSAPI-based authentication method)

Configures the exchange of tokens as used for authentication methods "Kerberos SSO with SSSD for group information (method 3)" and "Kerberos SSO with users only (method 4)".

**Parameters:**

<code>keytab</code>	<code>&lt;file_path&gt;</code> Specifies the path to the key table ( <a href="#">keytab</a> ) file.
---------------------	--

**Example:****SSO authentication variants****SSO authentication only:**

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - gssapi:
      keytab: /etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/HTTP.keytab
```

**SSO authentication with fallback to the local user database:**

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - builtin:
    - gssapi:
      keytab: /etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/HTTP.keytab
```

**Example:****Kerberos SSO with SSSD for group information (method 3)**

This method retrieves user information from [Kerberos tickets](#). The LDAP group information is requested using the POSIX command `id <user>`. This command version uses the name service switch ([NSS](#)) to query group information through the privileged system security services daemon ([SSSD](#)) from the LDAP. Only the SSSD reads the secret key table ([keytab](#) file) that contains a key for service principal. Only the SSSD connects to LDAP.

Specify the path to a valid `*.keytab` file. In this example, also the fallback login method `builtin` is configured:

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - builtin:
    - gssapi:
      keytab: /etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/httpd.keytab
```

**Example keytab file contents:**

```
ktutil: read_kt HTTP.chmserver.keytab
ktutil: list
slot KVNO Principal
-----
1      2 HTTP/chmserver.your.org@YOUR.ORG
```

**ldap** (LDAP-based authentication method)

Obtains the credentials from a centrally maintained LDAP server.

**Parameters:**

server	<FQDN>   <IP_address> Specifies the address of the LDAP server, either its fully qualified domain name or its IP address. You can specify two redundant LDAP servers to enhance availability of this authentication method.
encryption	ldaps   starttls



Configures the encryption method that is used to secure the communication between the LDAP server and the R&S CHM host.

The LDAP server must support your choice.

#### **ldaps**

Configures the *LDAP over SSL* protocol.

#### **starttls**

Configures the *LDAP over TLS* protocol.

base_dn	string	Specifies the LDAP distinguished name (DN) of the branch of the directory where the searches for users start from. The DN uniquely identifies an object in the Active Directory.
user_class	string	Specifies the LDAP class of user objects.
user_name_attr	string	Specifies the LDAP attribute that holds the user's name that is used for the login.
bind_dn	string	Specifies the <b>DN</b> used to bind to the server when searching for users. Only necessary for authentication method "LDAP with dedicated bind user (method 1)", see following example.
bind_pwd_path	string	Path of the LDAP password within the R&S CHM password store. Only necessary for authentication method "LDAP with dedicated bind user (method 1)". See also: <a href="#">Chapter 6.5, "Managing password identifiers"</a> , on page 61

#### **Example:**

##### **LDAP with dedicated bind user (method 1)**

This method requires a user name and the path of the authentication password for the bind operation. A dedicated bind user authenticates itself against LDAP.

Specify `bind_dn` and `bind_pwd_path`:

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - ldap:
      server: [ldapserv.ourlocal.net, ldapserv2.ourlocal.net]
      encryption: ldaps
      base_dn: ou=Foo_Users,dc=foo,dc=bar,dc=baz
      user_class: user
      user_name_attr: sAMAccountName
      bind_dn: user
      bind_pwd_path: ldap/icinga_ldap_user
```

**Example:****LDAP anonymous bind (method 2)**

This method does not require user credentials at all and accesses the LDAP as anonymous. To use this method, it is necessary that you explicitly allow this binding method on the LDAP server.

Omit both keys `bind_dn` and `bind_pwd_path` or leave them empty:

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - ldap:
      server: [ldapserv.example.net, ldapserv2.example.net]
      encryption: ldaps
      base_dn: ou=ldap_users,dc=ldapserv,dc=ourlocal,dc=net
      user_class: user
      user_name_attr: sAMAccountName
```

---

**authorization** (Authorization)

Configures the authorization method for all web GUI users.

**Parameters:**

monitoring

roles

string


Specifies and configure the user roles that are available. You can choose the names freely, e.g. `administrators` and `operators`. The specified roles are generated on the R&S CHM host.

permissions


acknowledge | check | comment | downtime | maps

List of permissions that is assigned to the role (optional).


**acknowledge**

Acknowledge hosts or service problems by selecting the  "Acknowledge" button on the web GUI.


**check**

Start a check immediately by selecting the  "Check now" button on the web GUI.

**comment**

Leave a comment for a host or service by selecting the  "Comment" button on the web GUI.

**downtime**

Schedule a downtime by selecting the  "Downtime" button on the web GUI. Host or service problems do not show up for the dedicated host or service during the downtime.

**maps**

View maps on the web GUI. See [Chapter 6.7, "Configuring graphical system views \(maps\)"](#), on page 67.

users	list of users List of users to which R&S CHM applies the role, e.g. admin, operator, john (optional).
groups	list of groups List of user groups to which R&S CHM applies the role, e.g. company_chm_admins (optional).

**Example:** **LDAP with dedicated bind user (method 1)**

Example with LDAP users:

```
authorization:
  monitoring:
    roles:
      operators:
        permissions:
          - acknowledge
          - comment
          - check
        users:
          - chm_operator
          - chm_monitor
```

Example with LDAP groups:

```
authorization:
  monitoring:
    roles:
      administrators:
        permissions:
          - acknowledge
          - comment
          - downtime
      groups:
        - company_chm_admins
```

**Example:****Kerberos SSO with users only (method 4)**

This method retrieves user information from [Kerberos tickets](#). You require a configured key distribution center (KDC) in your system.

Group information is not included in Kerberos tickets. As a consequence, you cannot use groups for authorization if only Kerberos without LDAP is available due to security restrictions.

Specify permissions for users:

```
authorization:
  monitoring:
    roles:
      operators:
        permissions:
          - acknowledge
          - comment
          - check
      users:
        - chm_operator@domain.org
        - chm_monitor@domain.org
```

**Example:****Combined authentication method: Kerberos SSO with SSSD for group information (method 3) with fallback to local user database (method 0)**

This example also configures the `builtin` fallback authentication method. The user `admin` is the fallback user.

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - builtin:
    - gssapi:
      keytab: /etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/HTTP.keytab
authorization:
  monitoring:
    roles:
      commenter:
        permissions:
          - comment
      users:
        - johndoe@RSINT.NET
        - admin
      downtimer:
        permissions:
          - downtime
      groups:
        - domainoperators
```

**Example:****Local user database (method 0)**

`builtin` authentication method in combination with authorization:

```
authentication:
  monitoring:
    - builtin:
authorization:
  monitoring:
    roles:
      commenter:
        permissions:
          - comment
      users:
        - operator
```

## 6.5 Managing password identifiers

All passwords for communication between R&S CHM and an LDAP server or R&S CHM and the monitored services are encrypted using [GPG](#). To ease password handling, R&S CHM provides a **password manager**.

The password manager lets you safely specify necessary password identifiers for communication of R&S CHM via the following interfaces:

- [LDAP](#) simple authentication password
- [SNMP](#)
- Proprietary interfaces, e.g. VMware



Change all passwords in the password store before your system goes live.

### To list all password identifiers

Access authorization: *root*

1. Log in to the R&S CHM host.
2. Enter the following command:

```
# chmpass ls
```

The currently defined password identifiers are listed. For an example output, see the following example.

### Example: List configured password identifiers

```
$ chmpass ls
Password Store
├─ tiger
├─ bumblebee
└─ ant
```

### To add a password identifier

Access authorization: *root*

1. Log in to the R&S CHM host.
2. Type the following command:  
`# chmpass insert <password_identifier>.`
3. Enter the password identifier.
4. Repeat the password identifier.

You successfully added the password identifier.

### To remove a password identifier

Access authorization: *root*

1. Log in to the R&S CHM host.
2. Enter the following command:  
`# chmpass rm <password_identifier>`
3. Confirm deletion.

You successfully removed the specified password identifier.

### Example: Delete a password identifier

The name of the identifier is "tiger".

```
$ chmpass rm tiger
Are you sure you would like to delete tiger? [y/N] y
removed '/var/opt/chm/password-store//tiger.gpg'
```

### To set a password identifier in the configuration file

Access authorization: *root*

1. Access the `chm.yaml` file.  
See also: ["To access the configuration file"](#) on page 35
2. Under the `check:` key for the resource, add the key-value pair:  
`<identifier>: <password_identifier>`

#### Examples

- For `snmpv3: snmp_connection > secname: tiger`
- For `vmware: user: lion`

R&S CHM can access the checked resources via the set password identifier.

## 6.6 Configuring R&S RAMON for monitoring

This monitoring method uses a gRPC-based R&S CHM service called `chmrd`. It replaces the deprecated Windows `SNMP` service.

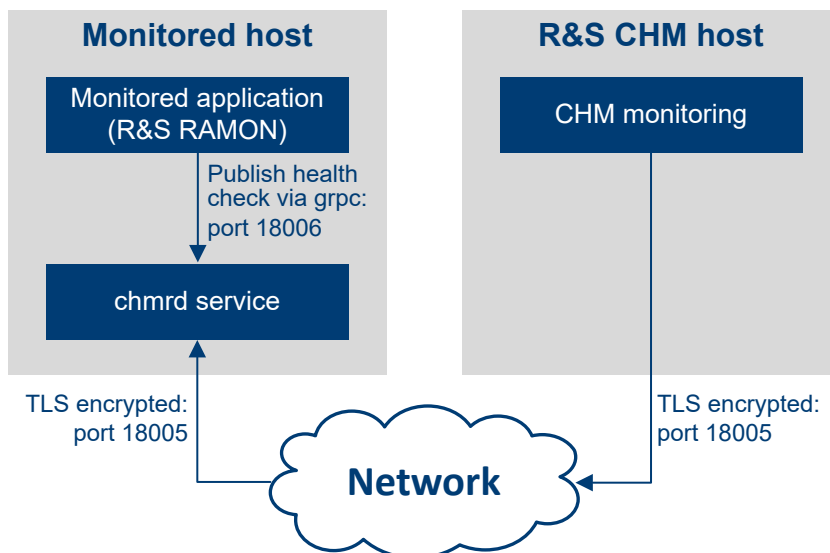


Figure 6-7: Monitoring of applications, e.g. R&S RAMON

The following description explains the monitoring steps visualized in the previous figure.

### Monitored application and R&S CHM

Applications "publish" monitoring data to `chmrd`. R&S CHM fetches the monitoring data from `chmrd`.

### The `chmrd` service

The service `chmrd` gathers monitoring data sent by applications and makes it available to R&S CHM instances. Currently, it has to be installed on the same Windows host that also runs the monitored application. It is necessary that you install `chmrd_<version>.msi` on the agent that runs R&S RAMON, see [Chapter 4.2.1, "Installing Windows agents"](#), on page 20.

### Interface definition

The service provides a gRPC interface that can be used to both send and query monitoring data. The interface is defined in a protobuf file. This file describes the services provided by `chmrd` and the data model that is used for communication and even how this data is serialized on the wire. The file thus takes the role of a serialization document.

## Security aspects

The `chmrd` service uses two separate TCP ports:

- For communication with clients on the same host: local port, default port number 18006  
On the local port, the service only listens for connections from localhost. There is no encryption or authentication or authorization when using the local port. Its main use case is for communication between `chmrd` and the monitored application.
- For clients on remote hosts: remote port, default port number 18005.  
When communicating over the remote port, `chmrd` enforces TLS encryption and client authentication using X.509 certificates to secure network communication. There is no authorization mechanism in place yet which means an authenticated client is allowed to both send and query monitoring data without any restrictions.

### 6.6.1 Configuring the `chmrd` service

The only officially supported way of configuring `chmrd` is to pass command-line arguments to the service.



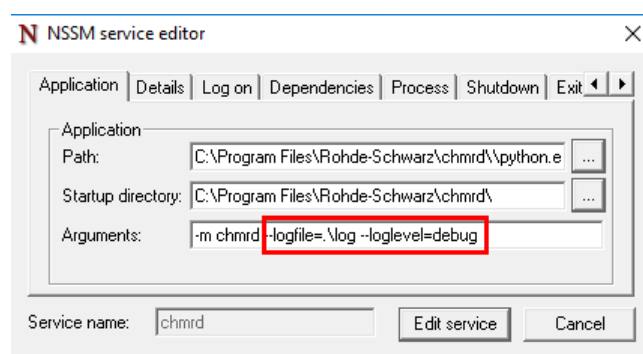
Typically, you can use the default `chmrd` configuration. However, if you need to change the configuration, continue as described in the following procedure.

#### To configure the `chmrd` service

This procedure assumes that the `chmrd` software is already installed.

1. Open the installation directory:  
`C:\Program Files\Rohde-Schwarz\chmrd\`
2. Open a command prompt window in the installation directory.
3. Run the following command:  
`.\nssm.exe edit chmrd`

The "NSSM service" editor opens.



4. Configure the desired arguments as listed in [Table 6-4](#).

**Note:** Always keep the "-m chmrd" argument. This information tells the python interpreter which module to use to start the service.



Table 6-4: Command-line arguments for configuring the `chmrd` service

Argument (short)	Argument (long)	Default value	Description
"-a"	"--address"	"0.0.0.0"	IP address the server runs on
"-p"	"--port"	"18005"	Port for connections from remote hosts
"-P"	"--local-port"	"18006"	Port that clients on localhost can use without needing to authenticate themselves
"-d"	"--cert-dir"		Directory with certificates and keys
"-C"	"--server-cert"		Server certificate path
"-R"	"--server-root-cert"		Server root certificate path
"-K"	"--server-priv-key"		Server-private key path
"-c"	"--client-root-cert"		Client root certificate path
	"--insecure"		If set, disable encrypted message transport and server/client authentication (without a value)
	"--loglevel"	"info"	One of "debug", "info", "warning", "error", "critical"
	"--logfile"		Logfile path
	" -- logfilemode"	"w"	"a" or "w" "a" for appending to log file. "w" for truncating log file and starting a new one when the service is restarted

**Example:**

The following arguments set specific ports and how the log file is treated.

```
"-m chmrd -p=18007 -P=18008 --logfilemode=a"
```

**About certificates and keys**

All certificates and keys used for `chmrd` have to be [PEM](#) encoded.

To achieve encrypted and authenticated network communication, `chmrd` needs the following:

- **A server certificate chain**

A certificate chain is a list of certificates where the issuer of each one of them matches the subject of the following. Also each certificate - except for the last - is signed with the secret key corresponding to the next certificate. The last certificate in the chain is self-signed, which makes it a root certificate.

Usually, this chain consists of a certificate issued for the host on which the service is running. This certificate is followed by some root CA's certificate that was used to issue the certificate of the host. You can specify these two parts of the certificate chain by using the `"--server-cert"` and the `"--server-root-cert"` arguments, including the path to the corresponding files.

For the uncommon use case that the chain consists of more than two certificates, you can split up the certificates to the two files specified by `"--server-cert"` and `"--`

server-root-cert". Make sure that the resulting chain fulfills the criteria for a certificate chain described above.

- **A server-private key**  
This key is the private key corresponding to the certificate on the server, i.e. the monitored host used for encrypting network communication. The file containing the key can be specified by using the "--server-priv-key" argument.
- **A client root certificate**  
chmrd expects remote clients to provide a certificate chain to authenticate themselves. You can specify a file containing one or more root certificates for these chains by using the "--client-root-cert" argument.

### Default paths for certificates and keys

There are different possible combinations of how to use command-line arguments in chmrd. The following tables list the defaults that are used in the different cases **A**, **B** and **C**.

**A)** If no command-line arguments are specified, the defaults use the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the host, see the following table.

**Table 6-5: No command-line arguments are specified**

Argument (long)	Default value
"--server-cert"	C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs\ <fqdn>.cert</fqdn>
"--server-priv-key"	C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs\ <fqdn>.key</fqdn>
"--server-root-cert"	C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs\ca.cert
"--client-root-cert"	C:\ProgramData\icinga2\var\lib\icinga2\certs\ca.cert

The default file locations here correspond to the certificate settings you usually already made for the R&S CHM Windows agent, see [Chapter 5, "Deploying certificates"](#), on page 28. Thus, no extra configuration is necessary for the chmrd service. Also, the chmrd service expects that both server and clients to use same root certificate by default.

**B)** If you specify "--cert-dir", you can set a custom location for all certificates and key, see the following table.

**Table 6-6: Only --cert-dir is specified**

Argument (long)	Default value
"--server-cert"	<CERT_DIR>\<FQDN>.cert
"--server-priv-key"	<CERT_DIR>\<FQDN>.key
"--server-root-cert"	<CERT_DIR>\ca.cert
"--client-root-cert"	<CERT_DIR>\ca.cert

**C)** If one or all "--server-cert", "--server-root-cert", "--server-priv-key", "--client-root-cert" are specified, you can always specify a customized, absolute path to certificates and key.

For information about configuration of the check in the `chm.yaml` file, see [chm\\_remote\\_grpc](#) on page 94.

## 6.7 Configuring graphical system views (maps)

You can add and configure graphical elements to R&S CHM. These elements let you visually track the system's status on customizable maps, providing a more intuitive and comprehensive understanding of the system's operation. After the configuration in the `chm.yaml` file, you can find all configured graphical system views on the web GUI under "Maps" (1, 2). R&S CHM lets you visualize the status of hosts, services, host groups or service groups.

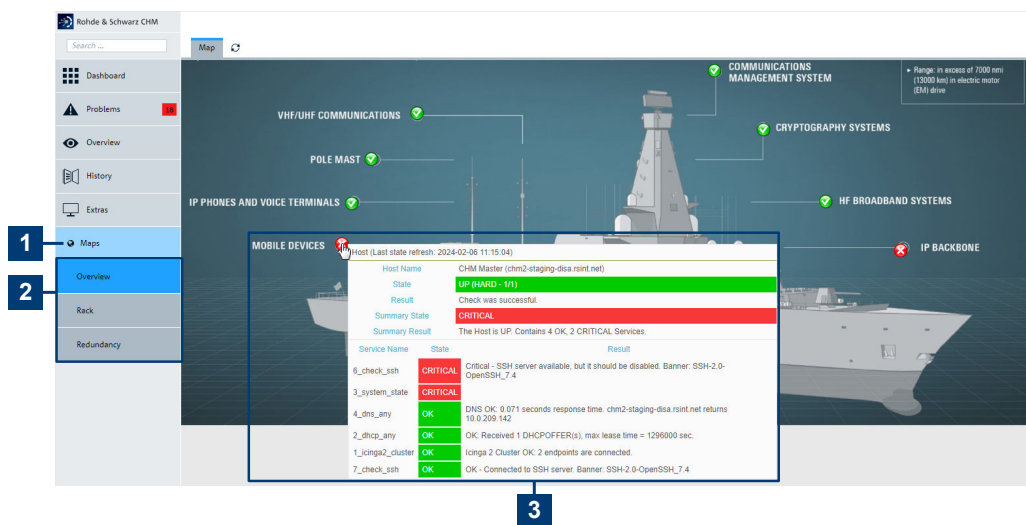


Figure 6-8: Graphic system views (maps)

- 1 = "Maps" main menu
- 2 = Individual "Maps" views
- 3 = Mouse over on the status icon provides details. Select the status icon to navigate to the configured host or service.



All example figures here explain the general behavior but do not reflect true systems or subsystems.

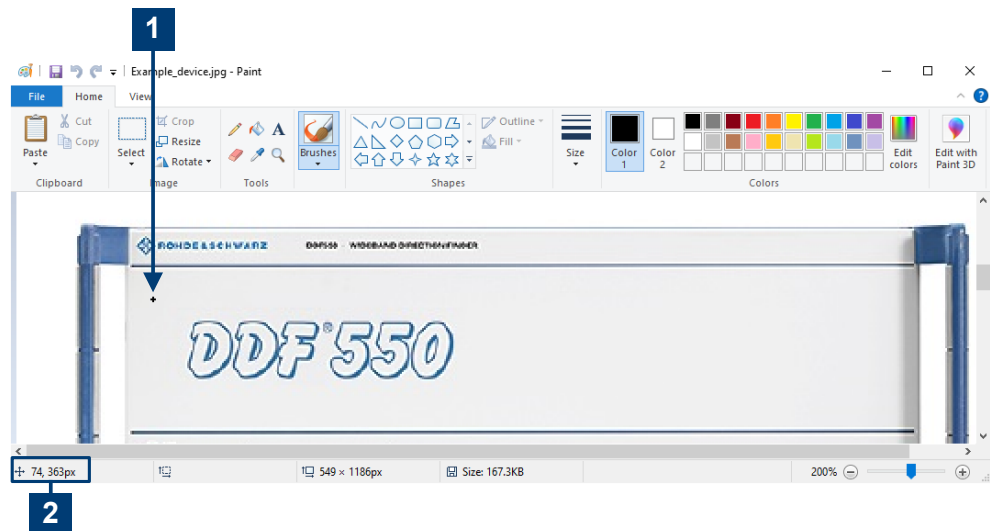
### To prepare the background images

Each map is composed of a background image, a status icon and an optional label. To determine the coordinates for the status icons on an image, you can use almost any image editor. The labels are automatically filled with the `displayname` or name of that host or service. The label is shown to the right of a status icon.

1. Save the background images as pixel graphics of type PNG or JPEG in the correct, final size and resolution. We recommend using images in 96x96 pixels resolution.

**Note:** R&S CHM does not modify or adapt the image size.

2. Upload the images to the R&S CHM host using WinSCP or LCSM.  
/etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/maps/
3. Determine the (x,y)-coordinates for the **status icons** that you want to show on the images. The following example shows how you use Microsoft Paint to determine the coordinates for the status icons on the graphic.



**Figure 6-9: Coordinates of a cursor position**

- 1 = Pointer location  
2 = Status bar with the coordinates, e.g. "74, 363px"

- a) Open the graphic in the editor.
- b) If necessary, turn on the status bar.
- c) Point to the location where you want to insert status icon (1). The location marks the top-left position of the status icon.  
The first value is the x-value and the second is the y-value (2).

### To configure graphical system views (maps)

1. Open the `chm.yaml` file. See [Chapter 6.2, "Changing the configuration"](#), on page 35.
2. Enter the coordinate value pairs (see [step 3](#)) in the `maps > x` and `y` keys of the corresponding hosts and services. Optionally, you can configure item-specific label formats.  
For syntax details, see [maps](#) on page 86.
3. Configure the top-level `maps` key in the `chm.yaml` file. Here, you specify the background image and label layout.

You can configure the label layout for each map separately:

- The name that appears on the R&S CHM GUI
- The image filename

- The label format: background color, label border and label style. Also, you can hide all labels on a map.

For syntax details, see [Graphical system view \(maps\)](#) on page 69.

When finished, you can view the result on the web GUI.

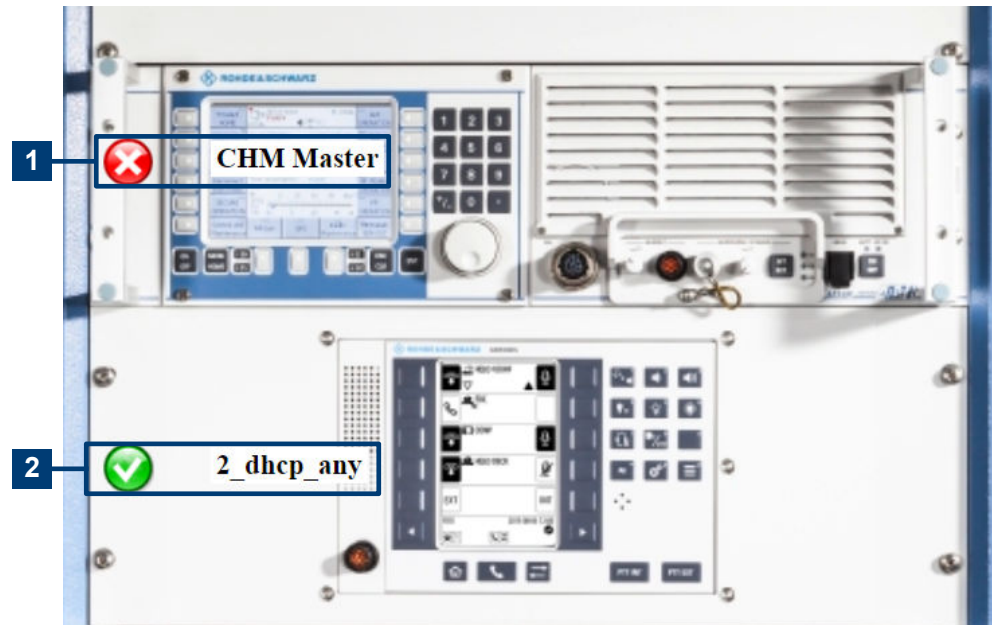


Figure 6-10: Map example with status icons and labels

- 1 = "CHM Master" host, status "CRITICAL"  
 2 = "2\_dhcp\_any" service, status "OK"

### Graphical system view (maps) maps

Configures all graphical elements for visualization of the system status on the R&S CHM GUI. To view the maps on the web GUI, users need the `maps` permission.

#### Related parameters

- [maps](#) on page 86
- [Chapter 6.4, "Configuring web GUI users"](#), on page 52

#### Parameters:

name	string
	Name of the individual subsystem on the GUI. For an example, see <a href="#">Figure 2-1</a> .
background_image	file name
	Filename of the background image, e.g. <code>my_system.jpg</code> . R&S CHM supports the file types PNG or JPEG.

label_show	True   False Visibility of labels on the GUI (optional). If no key is specified, the labels are shown (True). <b>False</b> Hides the labels on the GUI
label_background	hex string Map-specific background color of the label (optional). Specifies the colors for graphical elements on the GUI in Hex code values. <a href="#">Table 6-7</a> lists basic colors that you can start with (from the <a href="#">West Library/Texas Wesleyan University</a> , page retrieved 2024-02-06). On the internet, you can find multiple pages that let you pick the color codes, e.g. <a href="#">HTML color codes</a> .
label_border	hex string Map-specific border color of the label (optional).
label_style	string Map-specific font family, font weight and font size of the label text (optional). Standard <a href="#">CSS</a> font families: serif, sans-serif, cursive, system-ui. Standard font weights: normal, bold, lighter, bolder, <font-weight-absolute> (numeric values between 1 and 1000)
<b>Example:</b>	Three individual maps configurations. Specify the maps key on the same indentation level as the hosts key. maps: <pre> - name: Overview   background_image: ship1.jpg   label_show: False - name: Rack   background_image: rack1.jpg   label_background: "#FFFFFF"   label_border: "#FFFFFF"   label_style: "font-family:sans-serif;\ color:#000000;font-weight:bold;font-size:20;" - name: Redundancy   background_image: redundancy1.jpg   label_background: "#FFFFFF"   label_border: "#FFFFFF"   label_style: "font-family:sans-serif;color:#000000;\ font-weight:bold;font-size:20;" </pre>

**Table 6-7: Basic color codes**

Color	Hex code
Black	#000000
White	#FFFFFF

Color	Hex code
Red	#FF0000
Lime	#00FF00
Blue	#0000FF
Yellow	#FFFF00
Cyan/Aqua	#00FFFF
Magenta/Fuchsia	#FF00FF
Silver	#C0C0C0
Gray	#808080
Maroon	#800000
Olive	#808000
Green	#008000
Purple	#800080
Teal	#008080
Navy	#000080

## 6.8 Configuring distributed monitoring

This chapter helps you configure different variants of system status monitoring. Distributed monitoring means that you configure multiple R&S CHM instances that either monitor other hosts or devices, or that send monitoring results to R&S CHM hosts.

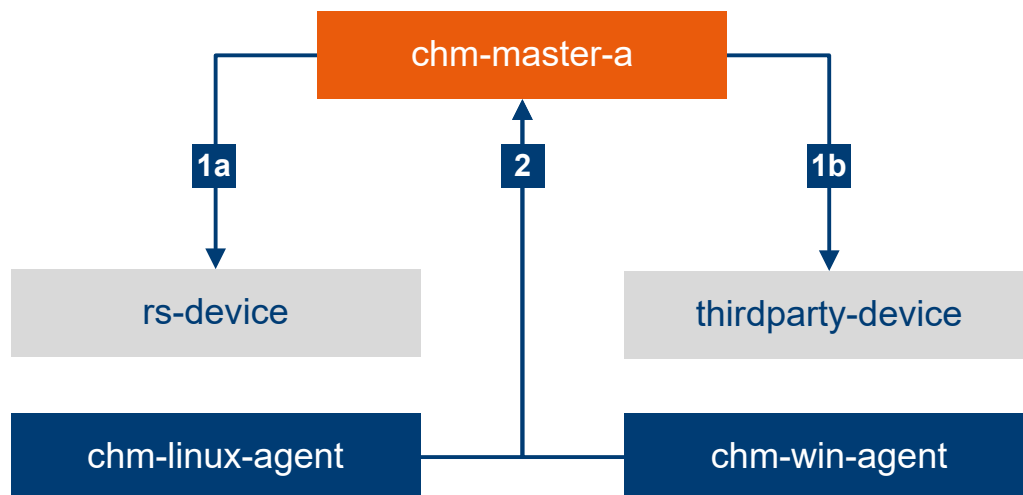
Such configurations can comprise a second, redundant R&S CHM host or multiple R&S CHM hosts that are distributed over different subsystems. A subsystem is at least one R&S CHM node that is grouped with any number of non-R&S CHM hosts or devices, or both. Each R&S CHM host instance in a subsystem provides its own web GUI.

In the following description, involved R&S CHM instances are named by their role in the status monitoring system.

- A **master** is an R&S CHM host instance that is located in the top-level subsystem. A master receives the results of all checks that are executed by itself and the check results from subordinated satellites and agents.
- A **satellite** is an R&S CHM host instance that is not placed in the top-level subsystem. A satellite sends its check results to configured master instances. The web GUI of the satellite only shows the check results of the satellite and subordinated agents. Check results from other satellite instances or master instances are unavailable.
- An **agent** is an R&S CHM agent instance on Linux or Windows hosts. An agent only checks itself and sends the results to a parent satellite or master. An agent does not provide an own web GUI.

### Simple monitoring configuration

Typically, you configure a monitoring setup that comprises a single master R&S CHM host and multiple Linux and Windows agents.



**Figure 6-11: Simple monitoring configuration**

1a, 1b = Master monitors devices.

2 = Agents send monitoring results to master.

The previous figure shows a monitoring configuration where a master, i.e. the R&S CHM host, monitors all kinds of devices and hosts that are not acting as an agent (**1a, 1b**). The agents monitor the hosts on which they are installed. The agents send their monitoring results to the R&S CHM host (**2**). In this configuration, the web GUI of the R&S CHM host shows all monitored hosts and services.

The following chapters explain how you configure monitoring variants that use multiple R&S CHM host instances in parallel.

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- [Configuring multi-level HA monitoring](#).....81
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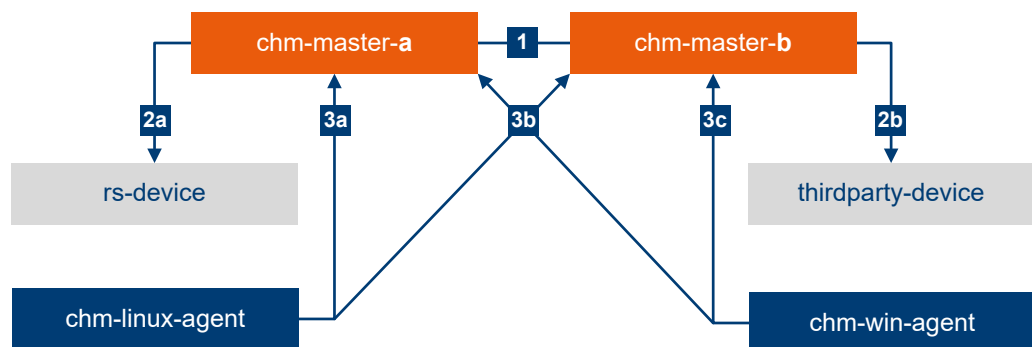
## 6.8.1 Configuring high availability monitoring

For high availability (**HA**) monitoring, you configure a second R&S CHM host as a **secondary master**. Such a configuration provides the following features:

- **Data synchronization:** Both masters synchronize all monitoring data between each other, and they let you view to whole system state independently.
- **Data duplication:** Both masters save all monitoring data to their own local database. Due to this mechanism, you can profit from an automatically created backup.
- **Failover:** If one master becomes unavailable, the R&S CHM agents automatically send their monitoring data to the remaining, intact master.



The automatic failover procedure avoids a single point of failure for receiving the check results from R&S CHM agents at master level.



**Figure 6-12: High availability monitoring**

- 1 = Synchronization of monitoring results between masters.
- 2a, 2b = Masters monitor devices.
- 3a, 3b, 3c = Agents send monitoring results to masters.

### To set up a HA monitoring system

1. On both masters, install the R&S CHM host software.  
How to: [Chapter 4, "Installing R&S CHM"](#), on page 18
2. Install certificates and keys.  
How to: [Chapter 6.8.5, "Deploying certificates for distributed monitoring"](#), on page 85
3. Edit the `chm.yaml` file to describe the HA monitoring configuration.  
How to: [Chapter 6.8.1.1, "Editing the YAML configuration for HA monitoring"](#), on page 73.
4. Both masters require an identical `chm.yaml` file. Save this file here:  
`/etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/`
5. Restart the `chm` service on both masters to take the changes effect:  
`# systemctl restart chm.`

#### 6.8.1.1 Editing the YAML configuration for HA monitoring

HA monitoring configurations require two R&S CHM host instances, one instance serves as the primary master the other instance serves as the secondary master.

1. Specify the entries in the `chm.yaml` file for the HA monitoring configuration.
  - a) Under the `hosts` configuration of the primary master, add the host configuration of the secondary master.
  - b) Configure the secondary host as the high availability master:  
`tags: ["icinga2_ha"]`

2. Except for masters or agents, you can configure a relationship to the secondary master. To do so, add this key:

```
checked_by: "<HA-master-fqdn>"
```

### Example: YAML configuration: HA monitoring

This example:

- Uses the host names from [Figure 6-12](#)
- Omits any checks for clarity

```
hosts:
  # primary master
  - name: "chm-master-a"
    tags: ["chm"]

  # secondary master
  - name: "chm-master-b"
    tags: ["icinga2_ha"]

  # linux agent
  - name: "chm-linux-agent"
    connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

  # windows agent
  - name: "chm-win-agent"
    connections: ["icinga2_win"]

  # devices
  - name: "rs-device"
  - name: "thirdparty-device"
    checked_by: "chm-master-b"
```

#### 6.8.1.2 Configuring R&S CHM agents for HA monitoring

It is necessary that you inform the agents about the existence of both masters.

- ▶ Run these scripts to complete agent configuration:

- On Linux agents, run the `chm_node_setup` shell script.
- On Windows agents, run the `chm-node-setup.bat` batch script.

For parameterization see the following examples that use the FQDNs from [Figure 6-12](#).

**Example:**

Script on the Linux agent **chm-linux-agent**:

```
chm_node_setup \
--subsys chm-linux-agent \
--parent-subsys chm-master-a \
--parent-chm chm-master-a \
--second-parent-chm chm-master-b
```

**Example:**

Script on the Windows agent **chm-win-agent**:

```
"C:\Program Files\chm\chm-node-setup.bat" \
--subsys chm-win-agent \
--parent-subsys chm-master-a \
--parent-chm chm-master-a \
--second-parent-chm chm-master-b
```

## 6.8.2 Configuring subsystems

You can subdivide a status monitoring system into multiple subsystems for multi-level monitoring purposes. Subsystems then define the structure of the overall system. Also, subsystems define the relations between hosts, i.e. the hosts that are directly monitored by an R&S CHM host and the R&S CHM hosts that synchronize check results.

How to configure subsystems:

- [Chapter 6.8.3, "Configuring multi-level monitoring"](#), on page 76
- [Chapter 6.8.4, "Configuring multi-level HA monitoring"](#), on page 81

In the `chm.yaml` file, you add subsystems on the same indentation level as hosts.

---

### **subsystems** (Subsystems for multi-level monitoring)

Defines the subsystems of the status monitoring system.

**Parameters:**

<code>name</code>	string	Specifies the name of the subsystem.
<code>hosts</code>	list of strings	Specifies the members of a subsystem using their host names.
<code>parent_subsystem</code>		For subordinated subsystems only, specify the related higher-level subsystem.

**Example:** This example shows a small excerpt for orientation purposes.

```
subsystems:
  - name: "A"
    hosts:
      - "chm-master-a"

  - name: "B"
    hosts:
      - "chm-satellite-b"
      - "rs-device"
    parent_subsystem: "A"

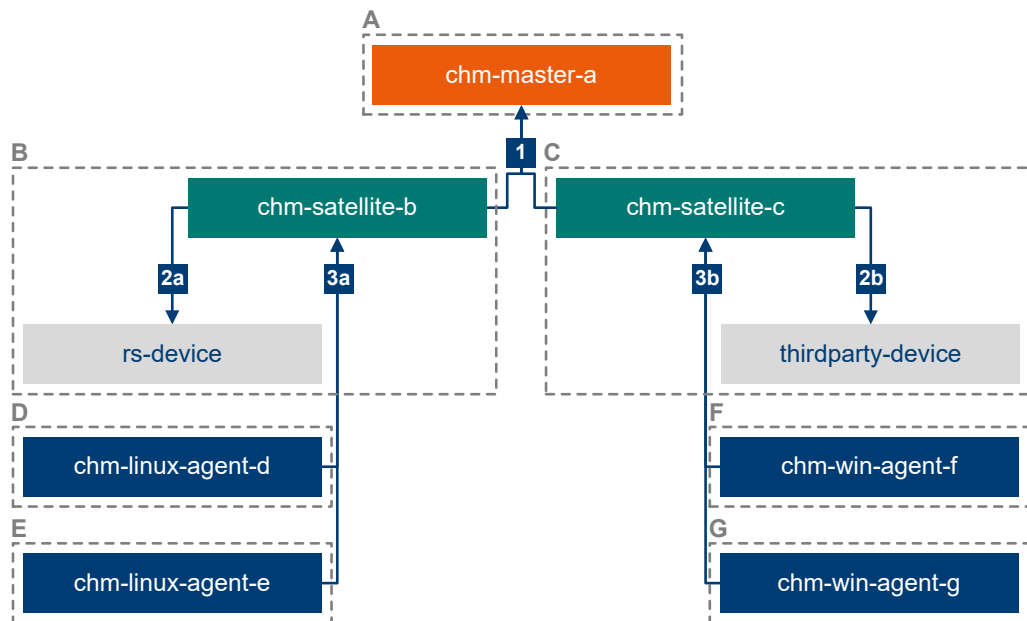
  - name: "C"
    hosts:
      - "chm-satellite-c"
      - "thirdparty-device"
    parent_subsystem: "A"
```

For comprehensive examples, see the following chapters.

### 6.8.3 Configuring multi-level monitoring

For multi-level monitoring, you configure more than one R&S CHM instance in a tree-like structure with three or more monitoring levels. A multi-level configuration provides these features:

- **Subsystem monitoring:** Split up the system into subsystems. Each R&S CHM node only monitors its subtree of the system.
- **Monitoring of remote systems:** For distant system components, a tree-like configuration reduces network traffic between remote locations and also helps reduce the load on the top-level master.



**Figure 6-13: Multi-level (three-level) monitoring example**

- 1 = Satellites send subsystem monitoring results to master.  
 2a, 2b = Satellites in subsystems monitor devices.  
 3a, 3b = Agents send monitoring results to satellites.

The status monitoring system in the previous figure is subdivided in subsystems **A** to **G**.

In sum, the system contains three R&S CHM host instances, i.e. one each in subsystems **A**, **B** and **C**. The R&S CHM hosts adopt the following roles:

- The **master** is the R&S CHM host instance in top-level subsystem **A**.
- The **satellites** are R&S CHM host instances in second-level subsystems **B** and **C**.

Each R&S CHM host instance provides its own web GUI. Thus, you can monitor the following on these web GUIs:

- chm-master-a (subsystem **A**): Monitor the whole system.
- chm-satellite-b (subsystem **B**): Monitor subsystems **B**, **D** and **E**.
- chm-satellite-c (subsystem **C**): Monitor subsystems **C**, **F** and **G**.

The remaining R&S CHM nodes are four R&S CHM agents, i.e. one each in subsystems **D**, **E**, **F** and **G**.

#### To set up a multi-level monitoring system

1. On the master and the satellites, install the R&S CHM host software.  
How to: [Chapter 4, "Installing R&S CHM"](#), on page 18
2. On each other host that masters or satellites cannot monitor with external checks, install the agent software.  
How to: [Chapter 4.2, "Installing R&S CHM agents"](#), on page 20
3. Install certificates and keys.

- How to: [Chapter 6.8.5, "Deploying certificates for distributed monitoring"](#), on page 85
4. Edit the `chm.yaml` file to describe the multi-level monitoring architecture.  
How to: [Chapter 6.8.3.1, "Editing the YAML configuration for multi-level monitoring"](#), on page 78.
  5. All masters and satellites require an identical `chm.yaml` file. Save this file here:  
`/etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/`
  6. Restart the `chm` service on all masters and satellites to take the changes effect:  

```
# systemctl restart chm
```

  
We recommend starting the service in sequence on the master and then on the satellites.
  7. On each agent, run the node setup scripts with options that describe the multi-level system. See [Chapter 6.8.3.2, "Configuring agents for multi-level monitoring"](#), on page 80.

### 6.8.3.1 Editing the YAML configuration for multi-level monitoring

Multi-level monitoring configurations require that you configure the `subsystems` key above the `hosts` key.

- ▶ Specify the entries in the `chm.yaml` file for the multi-level monitoring configuration:
  - The names of all subsystems
  - The members of the subsystems, i.e. masters, satellites or agents, or monitored hosts or devices
  - Exactly one parent subsystem except for the top-level subsystem

**Example: YAML configuration: multi-level monitoring**

A satellite always requires a R&S CHM host installation on CentOS Linux. Thus, the satellites require the `connections: ["icinga2_linux"]` key.

This example:

- Uses the host names from [Figure 6-13](#)
- Omits any checks for clarity

```
subsystems:
  - name: "A"
    hosts:
      - "chm-master-a"

  - name: "B"
    hosts:
      - "chm-satellite-b"
      - "rs-device"
    parent_subsystem: "A"

  - name: "C"
    hosts:
      - "chm-satellite-c"
      - "thirdparty-device"
    parent_subsystem: "A"

  - name: "D"
    hosts:
      - "chm-linux-agent-d"
    parent_subsystem: "B"

  - name: "E"
    hosts:
      - "chm-linux-agent-e"
    parent_subsystem: "B"

  - name: "F"
    hosts:
      - "chm-win-agent-f"
    parent_subsystem: "C"

  - name: "G"
    hosts:
      - "chm-win-agent-g"
    parent_subsystem: "C"

hosts:
  # master in A
  - name: "chm-master-a"
    tags: ["chm"]
```

```
# satellite in B
- name: "chm-satellite-b"
  connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

# satellite in C
- name: "chm-satellite-c"
  connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

# linux agent in D
- name: "chm-linux-agent-d"
  connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

# linux agent in E
- name: "chm-linux-agent-e"
  connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

# linux agent in F
- name: "chm-win-agent-f"
  connections: ["icinga2_win"]

# linux agent in G
- name: "chm-win-agent-g"
  connections: ["icinga2_win"]

# devices
- name: "rs-device"
- name: "thirdparty-device"
```

### 6.8.3.2 Configuring agents for multi-level monitoring

It is necessary that you inform the agents about these relations:

- The own subsystem.
- The parent subsystem.
- The connection to master or satellite.

#### To configure the agents

► Run these scripts to complete agent configuration:

- On Linux agents, run the `chm_node_setup` shell script.
- On Windows agents, run the `chm-node-setup.bat` batch script.

For parameterization, see the following examples that use the FQDNs from [Figure 6-13](#).



**Example:**

Script on the Linux agent **chm-linux-agent-d** (subsystem **D**):

```
chm_node_setup \
--subsys D \
--parent-subsys B \
--parent-chm chm-satellite-b
```

**Example:**

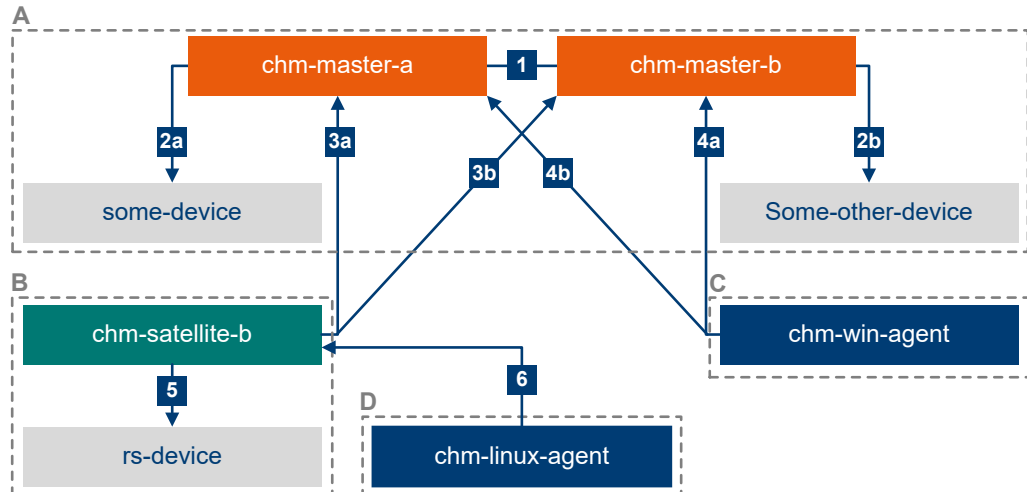
Script on the Windows agent **chm-win-agent-f** (subsystem **F**):

```
"C:\Program Files\chm\chm-node-setup.bat" \
--subsys F \
--parent-subsys C \
--parent-chm chm-satellite-c
```

### 6.8.4 Configuring multi-level HA monitoring

For this advanced usage scenario, you combine multi-level and high availability monitoring. This combination lets you realize, for example, a primary master that synchronizes all information with a distant secondary master. This usage scenario combines the features from the "pure" multi-level or HA monitoring configurations.

The following figure shows an example for such a multi-level, HA monitoring configuration.



**Figure 6-14: Multi-level, HA monitoring example**

- 1 = Synchronization of monitoring results (HA configuration).
- 2a, 2b = Masters monitor devices.
- 3a, 3b = Satellite sends monitoring results to masters.
- 4a, 4b = Agent sends monitoring results to masters.
- 5 = Satellite monitors device.
- 6 = Agent sends monitoring results to satellite.

The top-level subsystem **A** comprises a primary master and a secondary master. Each of them directly monitors a device. The subsystems **C** and **D** comprise two agents. The

agent in **D** is indirectly connected to the masters by the satellite in subsystem **B**. This satellite forwards monitoring results from the agent and directly monitors another device. The other agent in subsystem **C** is directly connected to both masters.

### To set up a multi-level HA monitoring system

1. On all masters and satellites, install the R&S CHM host software.  
How to: [Chapter 4, "Installing R&S CHM"](#), on page 18
2. On each other host that masters or satellites cannot monitor with external checks, install the agent software.  
How to: [Chapter 4.2, "Installing R&S CHM agents"](#), on page 20
3. Install certificates and keys.  
How to: [Chapter 6.8.5, "Deploying certificates for distributed monitoring"](#), on page 85
4. Edit the `chm.yaml` file to describe the multi-level HA monitoring architecture.  
How to: [Example "YAML configuration: multi-level HA monitoring"](#) on page 83.
5. All masters and satellites require an identical `chm.yaml` file. Save this file here:  
`/etc/opt/rohde-schwarz/chm/`
6. Restart the `chm` service on all masters and satellites to take the changes effect:  

```
# systemctl restart chm
```

We recommend starting the service in sequence on the masters and then on the satellite.
7. On each R&S CHM agent, run the node setup scripts with options that describe the multi-level HA system. See [Chapter 6.8.4.2, "Configuring agents for multi-level HA monitoring"](#), on page 84.

#### 6.8.4.1 Editing the YAML configuration for multi-level HA monitoring

Multi-level HA monitoring configurations require that you configure subsystems for multi-level support and two masters for high-availability support.

- ▶ Specify the entries in the `chm.yaml` file for the multi-level HA monitoring configuration:
  - The names of all subsystems
  - The members of the subsystems, i.e. masters, satellites or agents, or monitored hosts or devices
  - Exactly one parent subsystem except for the top-level subsystem
  - Two R&S CHM host instances that serve as HA masters

**Example: YAML configuration: multi-level HA monitoring**

A satellite always requires a R&S CHM host installation on CentOS Linux. Thus, the satellite host requires the `connections: ["icinga2_linux"]` key.

This example:

- Uses the host names from [Figure 6-14](#)
- Omits any checks for clarity

```
subsystems:
  - name: "A"
    hosts:
      - "chm-master-a"
      - "chm-master-b"
      - "some-device"
      - "some-other-device"

  - name: "B"
    hosts:
      - "chm-satellite-b"
      - "rs-device"
    parent_subsystem: "A"

  - name: "C"
    hosts:
      - "chm-win-agent"
    parent_subsystem: "A"

  - name: "D"
    hosts:
      - "chm-linux-agent"
    parent_subsystem: "B"

hosts:
  # primary master in A
  - name: "chm-master-a"
    tags: ["chm"]

  # secondary master in A
  - name: "chm-master-b"
    tags: ["icinga2_ha"]

  # satellite in B
  - name: "chm-satellite-b"
    connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

  # windows agent in C
  - name: "chm-win-agent"
    connections: ["icinga2_win"]
```

```

# linux agent in D
- name: "chm-linux-agent"
  connections: ["icinga2_linux"]

# devices
- name: "some-device"
  checked_by: "chm-master-a"

- name: "some-other-device"
  checked_by: "chm-master-b"

- name: "rs-device"

```

The `checked_by` key for the host `some-other-device` ensures that this host is monitored by a specific R&S CHM instance, here the secondary master.

#### 6.8.4.2 Configuring agents for multi-level HA monitoring

It is necessary that you inform the agents about these relations:

- The own subsystem.
- The parent subsystem.
- The connection to masters or satellites.
- The existence of both masters.

##### To configure the agents

► Run these scripts to complete agent configuration:

- On Linux agents, run the `chm_node_setup` shell script.
- On Windows agents, run the `chm-node-setup.bat` batch script.

For parameterization, see the following examples that use the FQDNs from [Figure 6-14](#).

##### Example:

Script on the Linux agent **chm-linux-agent-d** (subsystem **D**):

```

chm_node_setup \
--subsys D \
--parent-subsys B \
--parent-chm chm-satellite-b

```

##### Example:

Script on the Windows agent **chm-win-agent-f** (subsystem **C**):

```

"C:\Program Files\chm\chm-node-setup.bat" \
--subsys C \
--parent-subsys A \
--parent-chm chm-master-a
--second-parent-chm chm-master-b

```

### 6.8.5 Deploying certificates for distributed monitoring

If you configure high availability or multi-level monitoring, you currently have to provide your own certificate authority (CA) as described in [Chapter 5.2, "Using CA-signed certificates"](#), on page 31.

Add the following for every R&S CHM instance, i.e. master, satellite and agent, to the directories listed in [Chapter 5.2, "Using CA-signed certificates"](#), on page 31:

- A copy of the root certificate.
- Its own certificate signed by the CA.
- Its own private key corresponding to the signed certificate.

## 6.9 Common keys

You can use the following common keys with any status check that is listed in [Chapter 7, "Configuring status checks"](#), on page 92.

<a href="#">checkgroups</a> .....	85
<a href="#">displayname</a> .....	85
<a href="#">health_host</a> .....	85
<a href="#">interval</a> .....	86
<a href="#">logic_id</a> .....	86
<a href="#">maps</a> .....	86

---

#### **checkgroups** (Checkgroups)

Assigns a check to one or more specific groups that you can configure and display on the web GUI.

**Example:** `checkgroups: [Cluster, Buster]`

**Example:** If the check group contains a colon (:), enclose the whole check group string in quotation marks.

`checkgroups: ["Resources :- Disk space"]`

---

#### **displayname** (Display name)

Display a user-friendly name on the web GUI.

**Example:** `displayname: My special service name`

---

#### **health\_host** (Check redirection)

**FQDN** of the host that provides status information for the **SNMP**-connected system component, e.g. a NAVICS or R&S RAMON device.

Use this key if you cannot obtain the status information from the system component itself but from a configured, central monitoring host.

**Example:** `health_host: navics_server.local`

For an example in combination with the `navics` status check, see [navics](#) on page 111.

---

### **interval** (Configure execution interval)

Configure an individual execution interval for a status check (in s, default: 60 s).

**Example:**

```
- idrac:
  snmp_connection:
    community: public
  interval: 30
```

---

### **logic\_id** (Logic identifier)

Assign a unique identifier to a check. You can specify this identifier in [logic](#) on page 43.

Ensure that all `logic_id` values are unique in the `chm.yaml` file.

**Example:**

```
checks
- icinga2_cluster:
  logic_id: component1
- dhcp
  logic_id: component2
- dns
  logic_id: component3
```

---

### **maps** (Coordinates for status icons on maps )

Specifies the coordinates for status icons on the maps.

#### **Related parameters**

[Graphical system view \(maps\)](#) on page 69

#### **Parameters:**

<code>&lt;map_name&gt;</code>	Name of the map as specified in <a href="#">Graphical system view (maps)</a> on page 69.
<code>x</code>	The x-value on the image (horizontal, left to right).
<code>y</code>	The y-value on the image (vertical, up and down).
<code>label_&lt;format&gt;</code>	Item-specific label background, border or style. For more information about these keys, see <a href="#">Graphical system view (maps)</a> on page 69.

**Example:**

In these host and service configurations, the names of the maps are Overview, Rack and Redundancy. Compare with the example in [Graphical system view \(maps\)](#) on page 69.

```
hosts:
- name: chm2-staging-disa.rsint.net
  displayname: "CHM Master"
  connections: [icinga2_api]
  tags: [chm]
  maps:
    Overview:
      x: 235
      y: 270
    Rack:
      x: 60
      y: 170
    Redundancy:
      x: 80
      y: 215
      label_background: "#AAAAAA"
# [...] some other keys
checks:
- icinga2_cluster:
  displayname: Icinga2 connections via JSON/RPC on 5665/tcp
- dhcp:
  maps:
    Overview:
      x: 250
      y: 208
    Rack:
      x: 60
      y: 300
      label_border: "#1E90FF"
    Redundancy:
      x: 620
      y: 100
```

## 6.10 Frequent keys

You can use the following keys in multiple status checks. For example, you need SNMP in all checks that are based on this protocol, e.g. [nport](#) on page 113.

<a href="#">snmp_connection</a> .....	88
<a href="#">thresholds</a> .....	90

**snmp\_connection** (SNMP connection)

Specifies the properties of the [SNMP](#) connection for communication between R&S CHM and the device.

- SNMPv1/v2: unencrypted communication
- SNMPv3: encrypted communication

**Parameters:**

port	numeric	Communication port at the device, the SNMP agent (optional). *RST: 161
version	1   2   3	SNMP protocol version. *RST: 2
retries	numeric	Number of retries to be used in the requests (optional). *RST: 5
timeout	numeric	Timeout between retries (optional). Floating point numbers can be used to specify fractions of seconds, e.g. 1.25. *RST: 1 Default unit: s
community	string	SNMP community string for SNMPv1/v2 transactions. The community string is a type of shared password between the SNMP management station and the device. The community string is used to authenticate the SNMP management station. *RST: public
secname	string	Identifier (security name) used for authenticated SNMPv3 messages. See also: <a href="#">Chapter 6.5, "Managing password identifiers"</a> , on page 61
authproto	MD5   SHA   SHA-224   SHA-256   SHA-384   SHA-512   None	The authentication protocol that is used for authenticated SNMPv3 messages. If your operating system is hardened with <a href="#">FIPS</a> mode, you cannot use MD5. *RST: MD5
authpass	string	Password used for authenticated SNMPv3 messages (optional). If not specified, R&S CHM looks up the password in the password store using the <code>secname</code> value as the identifier.



	<p><b>Option 1:</b> Clear text password as used in the example at the end of this key description.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> VAULT:&lt;path_to_vault&gt; as used in the example at the end of this key description (recommended).</p> <p><b>Option 3:</b> If not specified, R&amp;S CHM looks up the password in the password store using the <code>secname</code> value as the identifier as used in the example at the end of this key description.</p>
privproto	<p>DES   3DES   AES-128   AES-192   AES-256   None</p> <p>Privacy protocol used for encrypted SNMPv3 messages.</p> <p>*RST:       DES</p>
privpass	<p>string</p> <p>Password used for encrypted SNMPv3 messages (optional).</p> <p><b>Option 1:</b> Clear text password as used in the example at the end of this key description.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> VAULT:&lt;path_to_vault&gt; as used in the example at the end of this key description (recommended).</p> <p><b>Option 3:</b> If not specified, R&amp;S CHM looks up the password in the password store using the <code>secname</code> value as the identifier as used in the example at the end of this key description.</p>
context	<p>string</p> <p>Context name used for SNMPv3 messages, e.g.</p> <p><code>spectracom_time</code></p> <p>*RST:       empty string ""</p>
seclevel	<p>noAuthNoPriv   authNoPriv   authPriv</p> <p>Security level used for SNMPv3 messages.</p> <p><b>noAuthNoPriv</b> Authenticates with a username, i.e. no authentication and no encryption.</p> <p><b>authNoPriv</b> Provides <a href="#">HMAC MD5</a> or <a href="#">SHA</a> algorithms for authentication but no encryption.</p> <p><b>authPriv</b> Provides HMAC MD5 or SHA algorithms for authentication and <a href="#">DES</a> 56-bit encryption.</p>
<b>Example:</b>	<pre>SNMPv1/2 snmp_connection:   port: 161   version: 2   community: public</pre>

**Example:** **SNMP v3, option 1:** Use the password store for a Spectracom SecureSync time server and write the passwords in clear text to the `chm.yaml` configuration file:

```
- spectracom_time:
  checkgroups: [water, earth, fire, air]
  snmp_connection:
    port: 1234
    version: 3
    secname: rsadmin
    authproto: SHA
    authpass: privatusprivatusprivatusprivatus
    # clear text password
    privproto: AES-256
    privpass: privatusprivatusprivatusprivatus
    # clear text password
    context: spectracom_time
```

**Example:** **SNMP v3, option 2:** Use the password store with different passwords for `authpass` and `privpass`:

```
- nport
  checkgroups: [water, earth, fire, air]
  snmp_connection:
    version: 3
    context: nport
    secname: mydeviceaccount # the snmp user
    authpass: VAULT:snmp_passwords/nport/device1
    # The path to the password in the password store
    privproto: AES-256
    privpass: VAULT:snmp_passwords/nport/device1/privpass
    authproto: SHA
  ...
```

**Example:** **SNMP v3, option 3 (deprecated):** Use the password store with identical passwords:

```
- nport:
  checkgroups: [water, earth, fire, air]
  snmp_connection:
    version: 3
    context: nport
    secname: mydeviceaccount
    # lookup of passwords in password store
    authproto: SHA
    privproto: AES-256
```

---

### thresholds (Thresholds)

Specify thresholds for alert levels. Use `thresholds` together with suitable checks as mentioned in the description of the checks.

Thresholds are implemented according to the [Monitoring Plugins Development Guidelines](#). The [Table 6-8](#) is adopted from this guide.

**Parameters:**

warning Threshold for the warning alert level.

critical Threshold for the critical alert level.

**Example:**

```
thresholds:
  warning: ':0' # E.g. alert if 1 or more exceed. occurred
  critical: ':0' # E.g. alert if 1 or more exceed. occurred
thresholds:
  warning: '20:' # E.g. alert if check cond. falls below 20
  critical: '10:' # E.g. alert if check cond. falls below 10
```

**Generalized format of ranges:**

[@]start:end

**Table 6-8: Example ranges**

Range definition	Generate an alert if x...
10	< 0 or > 10 (outside the range of {0 to 10})
10:	< 10 (outside {10 to ∞})
~:10	> 10 (outside the range of {-∞ to 10})
10:20	< 10 or > 20 (outside the range of {10 to 20})
@10:20	≥ 10 and ≤ 20 (inside the range of {10 to 20})

## 7 Configuring status checks

R&S CHM provides a specific set of status checks that you can configure. Here, you can obtain an overview of available status checks and necessary information on how to configure them.



For common keys that are supported by all status checks, see [Chapter 6.9, "Common keys"](#), on page 85.

**Table 7-1: Syntax conventions**

Identifier	Description
*RST	Default value

<a href="#">bitdefender</a> .....	93
<a href="#">chm_agent_connection</a> .....	93
<a href="#">chm_remote, simcos3</a> .....	93
<a href="#">chm_remote_grpc</a> .....	94
<a href="#">cisco_hardware</a> .....	98
<a href="#">cputemp</a> .....	99
<a href="#">dhcp</a> .....	99
<a href="#">dkn</a> .....	100
<a href="#">dns</a> .....	101
<a href="#">dummy</a> .....	103
<a href="#">file_content</a> .....	103
<a href="#">fortinet</a> .....	104
<a href="#">gb2pp</a> .....	105
<a href="#">hums</a> .....	107
<a href="#">icinga2_cluster</a> .....	107
<a href="#">idrac</a> .....	107
<a href="#">ilo</a> .....	108
<a href="#">load</a> .....	110
<a href="#">navics</a> .....	111
<a href="#">nport</a> .....	113
<a href="#">ntp_time</a> .....	114
<a href="#">nw_interface</a> .....	115
<a href="#">os_disk</a> .....	116
<a href="#">os_memory</a> .....	117
<a href="#">os_process</a> .....	117
<a href="#">os_service</a> .....	118
<a href="#">passive</a> .....	118
<a href="#">ping</a> .....	119
<a href="#">snmp</a> .....	119
<a href="#">snmp_hostalive</a> .....	120
<a href="#">snmp_time</a> .....	121
<a href="#">spectracom_time</a> .....	121
<a href="#">system_state</a> .....	123
<a href="#">tcp</a> .....	123

<a href="#">tmr_radio</a> .....	123
<a href="#">trustedfilter</a> .....	124
<a href="#">ups</a> .....	124
<a href="#">vmware</a> .....	125
<a href="#">windowsupdateage</a> .....	127

---

### **bitdefender** (Bitdefender virus definitions age; deprecated)

Monitors the age of the virus definitions of Bitdefender antivirus software.

#### Related parameters

- [thresholds](#)

#### Parameters:

**thresholds**                      warning | critical

Alert levels for the age of the definition base (in days).  
For more information about the `thresholds` syntax, see [thresholds](#) on page 90.

#### Example:

```
checks:
- bitdefender:
  thresholds:
    warning: '10'
    critical: '30'
```

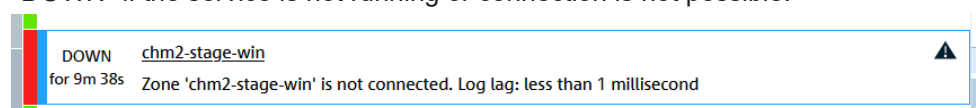
---

### **chm\_agent\_connection** (CHM agent connection)

Checks the connection between the R&S CHM host and the R&S CHM service that runs on an [agent](#). This check enhances reliability of the returned status.

Return status values for checked agents:

- "UP" if the service is running and connection is possible.
- "DOWN" if the service is not running or connection is not possible.



You can configure this check for agents instead of `ping`.

#### Example:

```
checks:
- chm_agent_connection:
```

---

### **chm\_remote, simcos3** (RS-RAMON-CHM-REMOTE connection)

Monitors any device that implements RS-RAMON-CHM-REMOTE MIB, e.g. R&S RAMON and R&S SIMCOS.

#### Related parameters

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

**Parameters:**

appid	string The identifier of the software, see <a href="#">Table 7-3</a> .
checkid	string The identifier of the device, see <a href="#">Table 7-3</a> . With R&S SIMCOS, set the <code>checkid</code> that you have specified during device configuration. With R&S SIMCOS, set the <code>checkid</code> that you have specified during device configuration.

**Example:**

## Alternative 1

```
- chm_remote:
  snmp_connection:
    port: 1234
    version: 2
    community: public
  appid: SIMCOSIII
  checkid: MODEM 1
```

**Example:**

## Alternative 2

```
- simcos3:
  snmp_connection:
    port: 1234
    version: 2
    community: public
  checkid: MODEM 1
```

**chm\_remote\_grpc** (gRPC-based RAMON monitoring)

Monitors health summary, status, metrics of R&S RAMON and R&S SIMCOS. For concepts a configuration instruction, see [Chapter 6.6, "Configuring R&S RAMON for monitoring"](#), on page 63.

**Parameters:**

appid	string The identifier of the software, see <a href="#">Table 7-3</a> .
checkid	string The identifier of the device, see <a href="#">Table 7-3</a> . With R&S SIMCOS, set the <code>checkid</code> that you have specified during device configuration.
port	numeric Remote TCP port. <b>*RST:</b> 18005

<code>server_root_cert</code>	string Path of the file that contains the <a href="#">PEM</a> encoded root certificate of the target host. The certificate is used for authenticating the target host. <b>*RST:</b> <code>/var/lib/icinga2/certs/ca.crt</code>
<code>client_root_cert</code>	string Path of the file that contains the PEM encoded root certificate of the local host. The certificate is used by the server in combination with <code>client_cert</code> for authenticating the local host. <b>*RST:</b> <code>/var/lib/icinga2/certs/ca.crt</code>
<code>client_cert</code>	string Path of the file that contains the PEM encoded certificate of the local host. The certificate is used by the server in combination with <code>client_root_cert</code> for authenticating the local host. <b>*RST:</b> <code>/var/lib/icinga2/certs/&lt;localhost_fqdn&gt;.crt</code>
<code>client_privkey</code>	string Path of the file that contains the PEM encoded private key that corresponds to <code>client_cert</code> of the local host. <b>*RST:</b> <code>/var/lib/icinga2/certs/&lt;localhost_fqdn&gt;.crt</code>
<code>insecure</code>	boolean If set to true, try connecting without encryption and client/server authentication. <b>*RST:</b> <code>false</code>

**Example:**

```
hosts:
  - name: applicationserver.some.net
    checks:
      - chm_remote_grpc:
          appid: SIMCOSIII
          checkid: 1
          server_root_cert: /var/certs/srv_ca.crt
          client_root_cert: /var/certs/cl_ca.crt
          client_cert: /var/certs/cl.crt
          client_privkey: /var/keys/cl.key
```

**Table 7-2: Supported software and identifiers, only for - `chm_remote_grpc`**

Software	appid	checkid
R&S EWCoM	EWCoMApplication	EWCoMHealthCheck1

Table 7-3: Supported software and identifiers for - chm\_remote\_grpc, - chm\_remote, - simcos3

Software	appid (<x> is the number of the device)	checkid
R&S SIMCOS	SIMCOSIII	<checkid>
R&S RAMON CA120	CA120Server	StorageUnits
R&S RAMON CA120	CA120Server	ProcessingUnits
R&S RAMON CA120	CA120Server	Tuners
R&S RAMON CA120	CA120Server	Server
R&S RAMON Antennamatrix	AntennaMatrixDRV1 to AntennaMatrixDRV<x>	ChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Amrec	AMRECServer1 to AMRECServer<x>	AMRECDevices
R&S RAMON Driver DDF007	DDF007DRV1 to DDF007DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver DDF1555	DDF1555DRV1 to DDF1555DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver DDF200M	DDF200MDRV1 to DDF200MDRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver DDF205	DDF205DRV1 to DDF205DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver DDF255	DDF255DRV1 to DDF255DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver DDF260	DDF260DRV1 to DDF260DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver DDFCTL	DDFCTLDRV1 to DDFCTLDRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver WPU500	WPUCTLDRV1 to WPUCTLDRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver EM100	EM100DRV1 to EM100DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver ESMD	ESMDDRV1 to ESMDDRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver ESME	ESMEDRV1 to ESMEDRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver ESMW	ESMWDRV[1] to ESMWDRV[x]	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver EB200	EB200DRV1 to EB200DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver EB500	EB500DRV1 to EB500DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver EB510	EB510DRV1 to EB510DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver PR100	PR100DRV1 to PR100DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver PR200	PR200DRV1 to PR200DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON Driver EM200	EM200DRV1 to EM200DRV<x>	RxChmSnmpCheck1
R&S RAMON RACAS	RaCas	1
R&S RAMON SIGDB	SIGDB	1
R&S BBI	BBI	GenChk
R&S BBI	BBI	MemChk
R&S BBI	BBI	ConChk
R&S BBI	BBI	SigChk
R&S BBI	BBI	KeyCalcChk



Software	appid (<x> is the number of the device)	checkid
R&S BBO	BBO	GenChk
R&S BBO	BBO	MemChk
R&S BBO	BBO	ConChk
R&S BBO	BBO	DevoChk
R&S DCU	DCU	GenChk
R&S DCU	DCU	MemChk
R&S DCU	DCU	IfChk
R&S DCU	DCU	KeyCalcChk
R&S DCU	DCU	FPGACHk
R&S DCU	DCU	ProdChk
R&S GSA6Sensor	GSA6Sensor	GenChk
R&S GSA6Sensor	GSA6Sensor	MemChk
R&S GSA6Sensor	GSA6Sensor	HealthChk
R&S GSA6Sensor	GSA6Sensor	SigChk
R&S GSA6Sensor	GSA6Sensor	DbChk
R&S GSA6Sensor	GSA6Sensor	ProdChk
R&S Linkmanager	LnkMngr	GenChk
R&S Linkmanager	LnkMngr	MemChk
R&S Linkmanager	LnkMngr	HealthChk
R&S Linkmanager	LnkMngr	ConChk
R&S Linkmanager	LnkMngr	NtwrkChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	GenChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	MemChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	HealthChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	SigChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	ConChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	SynchChk
R&S Receiverserver	RcvSrv	ProdChk
R&S SBU	SBU-T	GenChk
R&S SBU	SBU-T	MemChk
R&S SBU	SBU-T	SigChk
R&S SBU	SBU-T	ConChk
R&S SBU	SBU-T	SynchChk

Software	appid (<x> is the number of the device)	checkid
R&S SBU	SBU-T	ProdChk
R&S SCG	SCG	GenChk
R&S SCG	SCG	MemChk
R&S SCG	SCG	HealthChk
R&S SCG	SCG	ConChk
R&S SCG	SCG	QualChk
R&S SCM	SCM	GenChk
R&S SCM	SCM	MemChk
R&S SCM	SCM	DbChk
R&S SCM	SCM	ConChk
R&S Sensorserver	SNS	GenChk
R&S Sensorserver	SNS	MemChk
R&S Sensorserver	SNS	ConChk
R&S Sensorserver	SNS	ShrdFldChk
R&S Sensorserver	SNS	ProdChk

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### cisco\_hardware (Cisco hardware)

[cisco\\_hardware.py](#)

Monitors the hardware status of a Cisco switch via SNMP. The check monitors fans, temperature, power supplies and modules.

#### Supported devices

All devices that support the following MIBs, including Cisco Catalyst 9300:

- CISCO-ENVMON-MIB
- CISCO-STACKWISE-MIB
- CISCO-ENTITY-FRU-CONTROL-MIB

#### Related parameters

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

#### Parameters:

device_name	string
	Name of the device. This name is shown in the status summary (optional).
return_status	CRITICAL   WARNING
	Return status for failures (optional).

fans	numeric Number of built-in fans (optional). *RST: 2
powersupplies	numeric Number of built-in power supplies (optional). *RST: 2
<b>Example:</b>	<pre>- cisco_hardware:   device_name: CISCO 9300 Center Switch   fans: 3   returnstatus: WARNING</pre>

### cputemp (Monitor average CPU temperature)

Monitors the CPU package temperature for all CPUs on a Windows host. The CPU package temperature is a 256 millisecond average value of the hottest temperature sensor.

#### Related parameters

- [thresholds](#)

#### Parameters:

thresholds	warning   critical Check-specific alert levels. For more information about the threshold syntax, see <a href="#">thresholds</a> on page 90 (optional). *RST: warning: 80, critical: 90 Default unit: °C
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#### Example:

```
- cputemp:
  thresholds:
    warning: '70'
    critical: '90'
```

### dhcp (DHCP server)

Tests the availability of DHCP servers on a network. By default, the check broadcasts a DHCPDISCOVER packet to port 67/UDP and checks whether a DHCPOFFER is received on 68/UDP within a given timeout.

#### Related parameters

- [thresholds](#)

#### Parameters:

servers	IP_address1 , IP_address2 , IP_address<n> List of IP address of DHCP servers from which an answer is expected (optional). If multiple servers are specified, and some but not all respond, this situation results in a warning alert. *RST: Any responding DHCP server is ok
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offeredip	IP_address Expected IP address in DHCPOFFER (optional). If specified, and a DHCPOFFER with unexpected IP is received, this situation results in a warning alert. *RST: Any offered IP address is ok
timeout	time Time to wait for DHCPOFFER (optional). *RST: 2 Default unit: s
interface	string Interface to be used for listening (optional). *RST: eth0
mac	string MAC address to use in the DHCP request (optional). *RST: MAC address of the configured interface
unicast	true   false If true, mimics a DHCP relay (optional). Requires to set also at least one server. *RST: false

**Example:**

```
-dhcp
  servers: [192.168.178.0 , 192.168.178.1]
  unicast: true
```

**dkn** (Devices and nodes in a DKN)

R&S CHM lets you monitor the status of devices and nodes (BACs) by using the GEDIS KMS RLM SNMP MIB in a NEMAS [DKN](#) from the Thales Group.

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

For returned status values, see [Table 7-4](#).

**Parameters:**








type	device_ready   device_status   node_link   node_status Check type.
<b>device_ready</b>	Monitor if a DKN device is in ready state.
<b>device_status</b>	Monitor the status of a DKN device.
<b>node_link</b>	Monitor the link status of the node.
<b>node_status</b>	Monitor the node status.

**id** numeric  
Identifier of the DKN device or node.

**Example:**

```
- dkn:
  snmp_connection:
    version: 2
    community: public
  type: device_ready
  id: 1
- dkn:
  snmp_connection:
    version: 2
    community: public
  type: device_status
  id: 1
- dkn:
  snmp_connection:
    version: 2
    community: public
  type: node_link
  id: 2
- dkn:
  snmp_connection:
    version: 2
    community: public
  type: node_status
  id: 2
```

**Table 7-4: Status mapping - DKN to web GUI**

Check type	Status on web GUI	DKN status
node_link	 "OK"	Connected
	 "CRITICAL"	Disconnected
device_ready	 "OK"	Ready
	 "CRITICAL"	Not ready
device_status, node_status	 "OK"	OK, Info
	 "WARNING"	Warning
	 "CRITICAL"	Error, Fatal

**dns** (DNS server)

Tests the availability of [DNS](#) servers on a network. The default servers from `/etc/resolv.conf` are used unless explicitly specified.

**Related parameters**

- [thresholds](#)

**Parameters:**

lookup	string The hostname or IP to query the DNS for (optional). <b>*RST:</b> Name of host where check is executed
server	IP_address The DNS server to query. <b>*RST:</b> The server configured in the OS.
query_type	A   AAAA   SRV   TXT   MX   ANY The DNS record type (optional). <b>A</b> IPv4 address record. <b>AAAA</b> IPv6 address record. <b>SRV</b> Service location record. <b>TXT</b> Text record. <b>MX</b> Mail exchange record. <b>ANY</b> A special query (meta-query, deprecated). <b>*RST:</b> A
answers	string The answers to look for. A hostname must end with a dot. Multiple answers must be defined as array (optional). <b>*RST:</b> Do not check for specific addresses in answer
authoritative	true   false Expect the server to send an authoritative answer. Non-authoritative answers are marked with "non-authoritative answer:" and mean that a name server looked up the entry from it is local cache (optional). If set to false, there is no check whether authoritative or not. <b>*RST:</b> false
accept_cname	Accept CNAME (canonical name, aka alias) responses as a valid result to a query (optional).
timeout	numeric Seconds before connection times out, i.e. forced interruption by SIGALRM, then SIGKILL (optional). <b>*RST:</b> 10 Default unit: s

**thresholds** Alert levels for used datastore space (optional).  
For more information about the `thresholds` syntax, see [thresholds](#) on page 90.

**Example:**

```
- dns
  lookup: my_dnsserver
  accept_cname:
  timeout: 20
```

---

### **dummy** (Dummy)

The check always shows status "UP" for the host. Use this check if you cannot use another host check, e.g. if ICMP is blocked in the network.

**Example:**

```
- name: host_prepare.net
  checks:
    - dummy:
```

---

### **file\_content** (Monitor file content)

Monitors the content of a file for a predefined string on Linux and Windows agents.

#### **Parameters:**

<b>file</b>	string Name of the monitored file (optional). <b>*RST:</b> /tmp/import_service_result
<b>string</b>	string Search string. Mandatory on Linux agents and not applicable on Windows agents.
<b>pattern</b>	string Search string, expressed as a regular expression in .Net syntax. Mandatory on Windows agents and not applicable on Linux agents.
<b>match_is_ok</b>	true   false If <code>true</code> , a match is interpreted as ok (default). If <code>false</code> , a match is interpreted as failure.
<b>returnstatus</b>	WARNING   CRITICAL Return value if the check fails, i.e. "WARNING" or "CRITICAL" (optional).
<b>oksummary</b>	string Text that is shown if the string is found in the file.
<b>badsummary</b>	string Text that is shown if the string is not found in the file.
<b>showcontent</b>	string Content of the file in the long output.

**Example:** Example of a Linux agent that uses a search string.

```
- file_content:
  file: /tmp/import_service_result
  string: specific_search_string
  returnstatus: CRITICAL
  oksummary: Import Service OK
  badsummary: Import Service FAILED
```

**Example:** Example of a Windows agent that uses a search pattern.

```
- file_content:
  file: C:\Users\Operator\log.txt
  match_is_ok: false
  returnstatus: warning
  pattern: ^\s.*\d{10}.+abc.*\{\|\}\~$
```

---

### fortinet (Fortinet controller)

Monitors the status of a controller from Fortinet Inc.

#### Related parameters

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

#### Parameters:

resources	true	Check the controller resources (optional).
controller	true	Check the controller status (optional).
accesspoints	true	Check the access points (optional).

**Example:** Monitor Fortinet controllers and access points.

```
- fortinet:
  snmp_connection:
    version: 2
    community: fortinet_ok
    port: 1234
  resources: true
  controller: true
  accesspoints: true
```

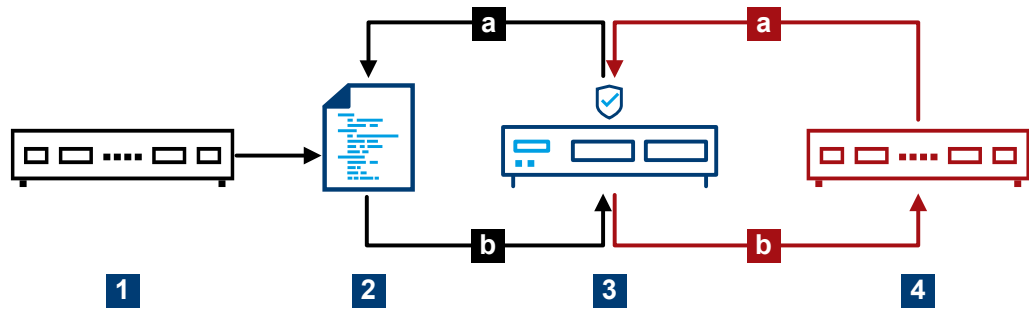
**Example:** Monitor Fortinet access points.

```
- fortinet:
  snmp_connection:
    version: 2
    community: fortinet_nok
    port: 1234
  accesspoints: true
```



**gb2pp** (gb2pp server check over an R&S trusted filter)

Queries **gb2pp** servers for system or host group summary states to transfer these data via an R&S TF5900M trusted filter IP. The following figure shows how the status check works.



**Figure 7-1: Conceptual representation of the gb2pp service check**

- 1 = Host name: chmblack.example.net
- 2 = Monitoring data (gb2pp format)
- 3 = R&S TF5900M trusted filter IP
- 4 = Host name: chmred.example.net
- a = Request monitoring data
- b = Response

The following figure illustrates the relationship between the `health_host` key and the host name, i.e. the name of the gb2pp server.

```
hosts:
- name: chmblack.example.net
  tags: [chm]
  connections: [gb2pp]
  # ...
  # some other attributes
  # ...

- name: chmred.example.net
  tags: [chm]
  checks:
  # ...
  # some other checks
  # ...
  - gb2pp:
    health_host: "chmblack.example.net"
```

**Figure 7-2: Relation between involved keys**

The `gb2pp` check only works in combination with `hosts` on page 36 > `connections: ["gb2pp"]`.

Trusted filter devices between gb2pp server and client can possibly block TCP packets that contain TCP time stamps.

If so, disable TCP time stamps as follows:

- Run this command: `sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps=0`
- Add the line `net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps=0` to the default `sysctl.conf` file.  
You can find this file here: `/etc/sysctl.conf`.

**Parameters:**

**health\_host**                    **server\_name**  
Checks the system state of this gb2pp server. Specify the `name` of that host.

**hostgroup**                    **string**  
Checks the summary state of a host group (optional). Only in combination with `health_host`.

**Example:**

**System state check**

```
hosts:
  - name: chmblack.example.net
    tags: [chm]
    connections: [gb2pp]
    # ...
    # some other attributes
    # ...

  - name: chmred.example.net
    tags: [chm]
    checks:
      # ...
      # some other checks
      # ...
    - gb2pp:
        health_host: "chmblack.example.net"
```

**Example:**

**Host group state check**

```
hosts:
  - name: "chmblack.example.net"
    tags: ["chm"]
    connections: ["gb2pp"]
    hostgroups: ["saturn"]
    # ...
    # some other attributes
    # ...

  - name: "chmred.example.net"
    tags: ["chm"]
    checks:
      # ...
      # some other checks
      # ...
    - gb2pp:
        health_host: "chmblack.example.net"
        hostgroup: "saturn"
```

---

**hums** (CHM instrument health & utilization)

Checks health and utilization data of R&S CHM instruments via [LXI](#).

**Example:**                   - hums:

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**icinga2\_cluster** (Icinga2 cluster)

Checks if all endpoints in the current Icinga2 zone and the directly connected zones are working properly.

**Example:**                   - icinga2\_cluster:  
                                  logic\_id: component1

---

**idrac** (Dell iDRAC hardware)

Monitors the hardware status of a server with a Dell [iDRAC](#) interface via SNMP.

**Checked values**

- Global system status
- Global LCD status
- System power
- Global storage status
- Power unit redundancy
- Power unit status
- Chassis intrusion sensor status
- Cooling unit status
- Status of all drives
- Predictive status of all drives
- All temperatures

If a component does not exist or if a sensor in the server version does not exist, set this check manually to `true`. For example, if there are no hard disks (diskless server), set key `no_disks` to `true`.

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

**Parameters:**

<code>no_storage</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check global storage condition (optional).
<code>no_system</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check global system status (optional).
<code>no_power</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check global power status (optional).

<code>no_temperature</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check overall thermal environment condition (optional).
<code>no_disks</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the disks (optional).
<code>no_power_unit</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the power unit (optional).
<code>no_intrusion</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the intrusion sensor (optional).
<code>no_cooling</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the cooling unit (optional).
<code>no_redundancy</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the power unit redundancy (optional).
<code>no_predictive</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the predictive status of the disks (optional).
<code>no_lcd</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not check the <a href="#">LCD</a> status (optional).

**Example:**

```
- idrac:
    no_power_redundancy: true
```

**ilo** (HP iLo hardware )

Monitors the hardware status of a server with Hewlett-Packard iLO interface via SNMP.

**Checked values**

- Global storage status
- Global memory status
- Global system status
- Global power supply status
- Global power state (ON/OFF)
- Global thermal system
- Global temperature sensors
- Global fan status
- Disk controllers
- Power supply redundancy
- Fans
- Disk drives status
- Disk drives smart values
- Disk temperatures

If a component or a sensor does not exist, set this check manually to `true`.

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

**Parameters:**

drives	numeric	Number of physical drives.
ps	numeric	Number of connected power supplies.
fan	numeric	Number of fans.
[no_storage]	true	Do not check global storage condition (optional).
[no_system]	true	Do not check global system state (optional).
no_powersupply	true	Do not check global power supply condition (optional).
no_powerstate	true	Do not check power state (optional).
no_temp	true	Do not check overall thermal environment condition (optional).
no_temp_sensors	true	Do not check temperature sensor condition (optional).
no_temp_drives	true	Do not check temperature sensor of the hard drives (optional).
no_fan	true	Do not check global fan condition (optional).
no_memory	true	Do not check memory condition (optional).
no_controller	true	Do not check controller condition (optional).
no_logical_drives	true	Do not check the logical drives (optional).
no_power_redund	true	Do not check power supply redundancy (optional).

**Example:**

```
- ilo:
  drives: 2
  ps: 1
  fan: 3
  no_power_redund: true
```

**load** (CPU load)

Monitors **CPU** load on Windows and Linux hosts.

**Related parameters**

- [thresholds](#)

**Parameters:**

thresholds	<p>warning   critical</p> <p>Check-specific alert levels. For more information about the threshold syntax, see <a href="#">thresholds</a> on page 90. The following values only apply to the current load on Windows. For Linux, see <code>load&lt;minutes&gt;</code>.</p> <p>*RST:        warning: 90, critical: 99</p> <p>Default unit: %</p>
load<minutes>	<p>warning   critical</p> <p>On Linux, check load averages in the last 1 min, 5 min and 15 min (fixed). The threshold defines the utilization ratio of all processor cores.</p> <p>The Linux load averages depend on the number of processor cores. For a single-core processor, a load of 1.0 means that the processor is exactly at capacity. Smaller values indicate that there is still capacity available. Higher values indicate problems, i.e. the system is slowing down or hanging.</p> <p>On a multicore system, ensure that the load does not exceed the number of cores available. It does not matter how the cores are spread out over CPUs. <b>Two quad-cores</b> match <b>four dual-cores</b> match <b>eight single-cores</b>, i.e. in sum consider <b>eight cores</b> when configuring the alert levels.</p> <p>Increment: 0.01</p> <p>Default unit: numeric</p> <p>For alert level defaults, see <a href="#">Table 7-5</a>.</p>

**Example:****On Windows**

```
-load:
  thresholds:
    warning: '90'
    critical: '99'
```

**Example:****On Linux**

```
- load:
  thresholds:
    load1:
      warning: '5.0'
      critical: '10.0'
    load5:
      warning: '4.0'
      critical: '6.0'
    load15:
      warning: '3.0'
      critical: '4.0'
```

**Table 7-5: Load threshold defaults on Linux**

Load averaging	Alert level and threshold defaults
load1	warning: 5.0
	critical: 10.0
load5	warning: 4.0
	critical: 6.0
load15	warning: 3.0
	critical: 4.0

**navics** (Monitor NAVICS)

Monitors the status of an IP based naval communications system from Rohde & Schwarz (NAVICS).

**Parameters:**

**type** server | groupserver | gw | cwp | sip  
 Monitored NAVICS component. All components require an **equid** (equipment ID) or a name, except for the **groupserver**.

**server**  
 A session border control server.

**groupserver**  
 A radio telephony control server.

**gw**  
 A media gateway.

**cwp**  
 A voice terminal.

**sip**  
 A SIP device.

**equid** string  
 Equipment ID for type **cwp** and type **sip**.

**name** string  
Name for type gateway (*gw*) and type server (*server*).

**Example:**

```
- navics:
  type: server
  name: RADIO_SERVER
```

**Example:**

```
- navics:
  type: cwp
  eqid: EQID-VT-108
```

**Example:** **1) Typical NAVICS example**

There is a host named `navics_server.local` and a service `navics`. The host is checked using `ping` and the service check is `navics`.

```
- name: navics_server.local
  connections: [snmp]
  snmp_connection:
    community: public
  checks:
    - ping:
    - navics:
      type: cwp
      eqid: VT1
```

This example has a disadvantage. You are monitoring voice terminals (VTs) but you cannot get the status information directly from the VTs. Instead, you ask the NAVICS server. To show the all monitored VTs on the web GUI, you must specify them under the NAVICS server:

```
host: navics_server.local
- service 1: Voice Terminal 1 status
- service 2: Voice Terminal 2 status
- service 3: Voice Terminal 3 status
- service 4: Voice Terminal 4 status
- ...
- service 199: Voice Terminal 199 status
```

On the web GUI, all voice terminal status values are then also listed below the NAVICS server.



**Example:****2) NAVICS example using the `health_host` key**

To increase the overview of voice terminals on the web GUI, you can show every instance as a single host. If you can ping the voice terminals directly, you ask the NAVICS server for status information. Of course, you also configure the NAVICS server in the `chm.yaml` file.

```
- name: VT1.navics
  connections: [snmp]
  checks:
    - ping:
    - navics:
      health_host: navics_server.local
      type: cwp
      eqid: VT1

- name: navics_server.local
  connections: [snmp]
  snmp_connection:
    community: public
  checks:
    - ping:
```

If you cannot ping the voice terminals, you can configure a logic function as described in [logic](#) on page 43. Here, you also find a detailed NAVICS configuration example. See also: [health\\_host](#) on page 85

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**nport** (Moxa NPort 6000 series server)

Monitors a Moxa NPort 6000 series serial server via [SNMP](#).

**Supported MIBs**

- [RFC1213-MIB](#)
- [MOXA-NP6000-MIB](#)

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

**Parameters:**

<code>serial_port</code>	numeric Monitored serial port.
<code>name</code>	string Port name.
<code>errormessage</code>	string Additional error message that indicates the status failure.
<code>returnstatus</code>	"CRITICAL"   "WARNING" Returns status for failures.

dsr , cts , dtr	HIGH   LOW Checks for the serial <a href="#">DSR</a> , <a href="#">CTS</a> or <a href="#">DTR</a> flow control if the OK status is HIGH or LOW.
counter	Checks the port for frame, break, overrun and parity error counters (optional).

**Example:**

```
-nport:
  serial_port: 2
  dtr: LOW
  dsr: HIGH
  cts: LOW
  errormessage: "GENERATOR FAILED"
  name: "GENERATOR INPUT"
  returnstatus: "WARNING"
  counter:
-nport:
  serial_port: 3
  dtr: LOW
  errormessage: "AIRCONDITION FAILED"
  counter:
```

**ntp\_time** (NTP server time synchronization)

Monitors time synchronization with an [NTP](#) server running on Windows or Linux. Only [UTC](#) time is used for calculating time offsets between client and server, even if your NTP client or server uses other timezones to display daytime.

**Related parameters**

- [thresholds](#)

**Parameters:**

server	FQDN   IP_address <a href="#">FQDN</a> , IPv4 or IPv6 address of the NTP server.
port	numeric NTP port of the server (optional). <b>*RST:</b> 123
timeout	time Seconds before connection times out (optional). <b>*RST:</b> 10 Default unit: s
offset	time Expected time offset in seconds. Thresholds get adjusted automatically (optional). <b>*RST:</b> 0 Default unit: s

**thresholds**                      warning | critical

Alert levels for time offset to NTP server (optional).  
For more information about the `thresholds` syntax, see [thresholds](#) on page 90.

\*RST:                      warning: '-0.1:0.1', critical: '-0.5:0.5'  
Default unit: s

**Example:**

```
- ntp_time:
  server: ntpserver.example.com
  port: 12345
  timeout: 5
  offset: 3600
  thresholds:
    warning: '-0.5:0.5'
    critical: '-1:1'
```

**nw\_interface** (Network interface)

Monitors the status of the network interface of devices that implement the [RFC1213-MIB](#) via SNMP.

**Checked values**

- Speed of the network interface
- Operational status
- Administrative status
- Port security MAC based
- Port security 702.1x based

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

Specify the interface properties and select one or more of the following checks and their defined "OK" status.

**Parameters:**

<b>interface</b>	numeric
	Network interface to be monitored.
	*RST:            1
<b>name</b>	string
	Name for the interface (optional).
<b>errormessage</b>	string
	Additional error message that is shown if the status fails (optional).
<b>returnstatus</b>	WARNING   CRITICAL
	Return value if the check fails (optional).

speed	numeric Speed of the network interface, e.g. 100, 1000 MBit/s (optional). *RST: 1000 Default unit: MBit/s
op_status	UP   DOWN   TESTING   UNKNOWN   DORMANT   NOTPRESENT   LOWERLAYERDOWN Check the operational status of the network interface (optional).
admin_status	UP   DOWN   TESTING Administration status of the network interface (optional).
port_sec_mac	Checks if the <b>MAC</b> -based port security status of a device that is compatible with CISCO-PORT-SECURITY-MIB (optional).
port_sec_802	Checks if the 802.1-based port security status of a device that is compatible with CISCO-PAE-MIB (optional).
port_sec_ieee802	Checks if the <b>PAE</b> auth controlled port status of an interface is "AUTHORIZED" of a device that is compatible with the IEEE8021-PAE-MIB (optional).

**Example:**

```
- nw_interface:
  interface: 2
  speed: 1000
  op_status: UP
  admin_status: UP
  errormessage: "Failure on network interface for server"
  name: "server interface"
  returnstatus: "WARNING"
  port_sec_mac:

- nw_interface:
  interface: 3
  speed: 100
  port_sec_802:

- nw_interface:
  interface: 4
  port_sec_ieee802:
```

**os\_disk** (Disk space)

Monitors available disk space.

**Parameters:**

include	[ '<drive or volume>', 'drive or volume' ] List of drives (on Windows) or volumes (on Linux) that are monitored (optional). If not set, R&S CHM monitors all disks or volumes. *RST: none
thresholds	warning   critical

Alert levels for available disk space (optional).

On Windows: **used** disk space.

On Linux: **free** disk space.

For more information about the `thresholds` syntax, see [thresholds](#) on page 90.

Range: 0 to 100

\*RST: none (Windows) , 10 (Linux warning) , 20 (Linux critical)

Default unit: %

**Example:**

For a Windows host

```
- os_disk:
  include: ['C', 'F']
  thresholds:
    warning: '80'
    critical: '90'
```

**Example:**

For a Linux host

```
- os_disk:
  include: ['/', '/boot']
  thresholds:
    warning: '10:'
    critical: '5:'
```

---

### os\_memory (Memory usage)

Monitors [RAM](#) usage and detects when your operating system is about to swap.

#### Related parameters

- [thresholds](#)

**Example:**

```
- os_memory:
  thresholds:
    warning: '10:'
    critical: '5:'
```

---

### os\_process (Operating system process)

Monitors if a defined process is running on the system.

#### Parameters:

name	Name of the process. If at least one instance is found, the check is OK.
commandline	The check is performed against the command line of the process (optional). If at least one instance is found, the check is OK. On Linux: Regex is supported. For escaping special characters, use a backslash (\).

On Windows: Wildcards are supported (see: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/wmisdk/like-operator>)

**Example:** Checking for the process name:

```
- os_process:
  name: rsyslogd
```

**Example:** Checking for the command line on Windows:

```
- os_process:
  name: svchost
  commandline: "%svchost%Unistack%"
```

**Example:** Checking for the command line on Linux:

```
- os_process:
  name: icinga2
  commandline: icinga2.*daemon
```

### **os\_service** (Monitor Windows service status)

Monitors if a Windows service is in status "Running".

#### **Parameters:**

**name** string  
Specify the Windows "Service name". If the service is not in status "Running", the status is indicated as "CRITICAL" on the web GUI.

**Example:** Monitor the status of the "Icinga2" service:

```
- os_service:
  name: "Icinga2"
```

### **passive** (Aggregated host status)

Adopts the aggregated status from a logic function instance and shows this status on the web GUI.

Depending on the position in the configuration, `passive` has two meanings:

- If you specify `passive` as the first host check, it results in a logic host check.
- If you specify `passive` after other checks, it results in a service check with a logic function instance.

#### **Parameters:**

**src\_logic\_id** <log\_func\_inst>  
Specify here one of the configured logic function instances. You can select from an instance that is configured in [logic](#) on page 43 or [logic\\_id](#) on page 86.

**Example:**

```
checks:
  - passive:
    src_logic_id: aggregation1
```

See also: Example in [logic](#) on page 43

### ping (Host availability ("ping" check))

Checks the availability of a host. To do so, R&S CHM sends [ICMPv4](#) or [ICMPv6](#) requests to the hosts.

This check cannot verify if the R&S CHM service runs on an [agent](#). To check this property, use `chm_agent_connection`, see [chm\\_agent\\_connection](#) on page 93.

#### Related parameters

- [thresholds](#)

#### Parameters:

threshold	Thresholds for returned values of the <code>ping</code> command, i.e. <code>rta</code> and <code>pl</code> .
rta	warning   critical Round-trip average time (optional). *RST: 3000   5000 Default unit: ms
pl	warning   critical Package loss (optional). Since five packages are sent, we recommend specifying one of the values 0, 20, 40, 60, 80, or 100. *RST: 80   100 Default unit: %

**Example:**

```
checks:
  - ping:
    threshold:
      rta:
        warning: '500'
        critical: '1000'
      pl:
        warning: '60'
        critical: '80'
```

### snmp (SNMP OID check)

Checks individual [SNMP OIDs](#) of a host for their return value. R&S CHM shows the status of the host with optional status message on the web GUI.

Status indication on the web GUI:

- "OK" if the returned value matches the expected value.
- "CRITICAL" if the returned value does not match the expected value.

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

**Parameters:**

oid	string	The SNMP OID to be checked.
expected	string	The expected return value.
okmessage	string	Show this message if the returned value matches the expected value.
criticalmessage	string	Show this message if the returned value does not match the expected value.
hwinfo	true	If you specify <code>hwinfo: true</code> , R&S CHM queries the System-Descr OID and shows it on the web GUI > "Host" > "Result" (optional). The <b>OID</b> contains some basic information like the firmware version (if applicable). The check always returns as "OK".

**Example:**

```
checks:
  - snmp:
      snmp_connection:
        version: 2
        community: public
        oid: ".1.3.6.1.4.1.9.9.500.1.2.1.1.6"
        expected: "4"
        okmessage: "Cisco Switch State is READY"
        criticalmessage: "Cisco Switch State NOT READY"
```

The following is output on the web GUI if the check was successful:  
"OK - Cisco Switch State is READY"

**snmp\_hostalive** (Host availability ("snmp\_hostalive" check))

Checks the availability of a host. To do so, the check sends an **SNMP** `GetNext` request targeting some **OID** close to the **MIB** root to the target host. If the host sends a response without SNMP error indication or status, the host is considered to be up and running.

You can use the check to determine if a host is up or down if ICMP is blocked in a system by a firewall.

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)



**Example:**

```
checks:
  - snmp_hostalive:
      snmp_connection:
        port: 1234
        community: public
```

---

### **snmp\_time** (Check time offset to R&S CHM host)

Compares the time of a device with the time of the R&S CHM host using [SNMP](#). The check supports all SNMP versions and can use all SNMP arguments.

#### **Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)
- [thresholds](#)

#### **Parameters:**

tzoffset	numeric	Offset between the remote device and the R&S CHM host (in min).
localtime	boolean	Comparison method. <b>true</b> Compares remote time with the local time of the R&S CHM host. <b>false</b> Compares remote time with <a href="#">UTC</a> .
thresholds		Thresholds for this status check.
offset	warning   critical	Thresholds for the time offset between device and server (in s). <b>*RST: 5   10</b> Default unit: s

**Example:**

```
checks:
  - snmp_time:
      tzoffset: 60
      localtime: false
      thresholds:
        offset:
          - warning: '20'
          - critical: '60'
```

---

### **spectracom\_time** (Spectracom time)

Monitors a Spectracom SecureSync time server via SNMP.

#### **Checked values**

- Status of AC and DC power supply

- Major and minor alarms
- GPS reference antenna status
- GPS reference time validity
- System synchronization status
- System holdover status
- Number of satellites

#### Supported MIBs

- SPECTRACOM-SECURESYNC-MIB

#### Tested devices

- Spectracom SecureSync GT4030

#### Related parameters

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

#### Parameters:

name	string
	The name for the device that is shown in the check results.
	*RST: Spectracom SecureSync
no_acpower	Do not check the AC power status (optional).
no_dcpower	true
	Do not check the DC power status (optional). This key requires that you specify <code>no_dcpower: true</code> in the configuration file.
no_minor_alarm	Do not check for minor system alarms (optional).
no_major_alarm	Do not check for major system alarms (optional).
no_ref_time_validity	Do not check the GPS ref time validity (optional).
no_sync_state	Do not check the system sync status.
no_holdover_state	Do not check the system holdover status (optional).
no_ref_antenna_state	Do not check the GPS ref antenna status (optional).
no_tracked_satellites	Do not check the number of tracked satellites (optional).
thresholds	Check-specific alert levels (optional). For more information about the threshold syntax, see <a href="#">thresholds</a> on page 90.
tracked_satellites	warning   critical
	Defines the <code>thresholds</code> for the number of tracked satellites (optional).
	<b>boolean</b>
	*RST: warning: '5:', critical: '3:'

**Example:**

```
- spectracom_time:
  name: Spectracom GT4030
  no_dcpower:
  thresholds:
  tracked_satellites:
    - warning: '5:'
    - critical: '3:'
```

---

### **system\_state** (Enable client interface and check logic)

Enables the Windows client interface and the check logic. The check shows the aggregated state of the entire system on the web GUI. The clients connect to this check and replicate the status to the notification icon. If there is a change in any check, the `system_state` check mirrors that state.

**Example:**

```
hosts:
  - name: host1.de
    tags: [chm]
  checks:
    - ping:
    - system_state:
```

How to: [Chapter 4.3, "Installing R&S CHM clients"](#), on page 21

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### **tcp** (TCP port connectivity check)

Checks if a TCP port is open and reachable from the R&S CHM host.

#### **Parameters:**

`port_number` The port to be checked.

**Example:**

```
- tcp:
  tcp_port: 22
```

---

### **tmr\_radio** (TMR-MIB compatible radio)

Shows the mode of TMR-MIB compatible radios. Such devices can be in normal mode or control mode. The check returns the state of the radio by using the plugin output. For *normal*, the web GUI shows "OK - Normal Mode", for *control*, it shows "OK - Control Mode". If anything else is returned, the web GUI shows "UNKNOWN - Unknown Mode (n)".

**Example:**

```
checks:
  - tmr_radio:
```

**trustedfilter** (Monitor R&S TF5900M trusted filter IP)

Monitors the status of the R&S TF5900M trusted filter IP firewall, which secures the boundaries of networks with different classified information domains:

- Status power supply unit 1/2
- Status power fan unit 1/2
- Status internal voltage
- Status internal temperature
- Error status
- Activity state
- Status log fill level

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)

**Example:**

```
checks:
  - trustedfilter:
      snmp_connection:
        version: 2
        community: public
```

**ups** (Uninterruptible power supply - RFC1628-compatible)

Monitors a [UPS](#) that is compatible to [RFC1628](#) via SNMP.

**Related parameters**

- [snmp\\_connection](#)
- [thresholds](#)

Select one of the following checks. Each check returns a single metric.

**Parameters:**

alarms	Checks the present number of active alarm conditions. In combination with <code>thresholds</code> , R&S CHM generates an alert.
secondsonbattery	Checks if the unit is running on battery power? If not, the UPS returns zero. If the unit is not running on battery power the following is checked, whichever is less: The elapsed time since the UPS last switched to battery power. – or – The time since the network management subsystem was last restarted. In combination with <code>thresholds</code> , R&S CHM generates an alert. Default unit: s
minutesremaining	Checks estimated time to battery charge depletion under the present load conditions in the following cases: The utility power is off and remains off.

– or –

The utility power is going to be lost and remains off.  
In combination with `thresholds`, R&S CHM generates an alert.

Default unit: min

`thresholds` Check-specific alert levels. For more information about the threshold syntax, see [thresholds](#) on page 90.

**Example:**

```
- ups:
  alarms:
  thresholds:
    warning: '0:'
    critical: '0:'
- ups:
  secondsonbattery:
  thresholds:
    warning: '0:'
    critical: '0:'
- ups:
  minutesremaining:
  thresholds:
    warning: '~:20'
    critical: '~:10'
```

---

**vmware** (VMware ESXi/vcenter server inventory)

Monitors a VMware ESXi/vcenter server, e.g. datastores. You can specify up to four checks for a host.

**Available checks**

- Alarms
- Datastore usage
- CPU usage
- Memory usage

**Related parameters**

- [thresholds](#)

**Parameters:**

<code>user</code>	string The user name that is used to log in at the server.
<code>insecure</code>	false   true Checks the server certificate (optional). The server certificate is checked ('false') or <i>not</i> checked ('true'). *RST: false
<code>type</code>	alarm   datastore   hostsystem The entity type of the monitored object.

alarm	Currently not acknowledged alarms on the alarm list result in an alert with the severest alarm state, i.e. warning or critical.
datastore	Gets used disk space on datastore objects.
hostsystem	Gets <b>CPU</b> and memory usage on all HostSystem objects, i.e. ESX(i) hosts. See also the thresholds parameter.
id	string The unique identifier for the monitored object (optional). If no <code>id</code> is given, all objects of the specified type are checked. E.g., for datastores, <code>id</code> is the name of the datastore. The parameter is not supported for <code>alarm</code> and <code>hostsystem</code> .
port	numeric Port of the VMware vSphere API (optional). <code>*RST: 443</code>
thresholds	<code>cpu   memory</code> Check-specific alert levels (optional). For more information about the <code>thresholds</code> syntax, see <a href="#">thresholds</a> on page 90. The thresholds for the datastore usage define the used datastore space (in %). <b>cpu</b> Usage of CPU (in %). <b>memory</b> Usage of <b>RAM</b> (in %).

**Example:**

```
- vmware:
  user: axolotl
  type: datastore
  id: mydatastore
  thresholds:
    warning: '90'
    critical: '95'
- vmware:
  user: axolotl
  type: alarm
- vmware:
  user: axolotl
  type: hostsystem
  thresholds:
    cpu:
      warning: '90'
      critical: '95'
    memory:
      warning: '98'
      critical: '99'
```

---

**windowsupdateage** (Windows security update)

Checks if at least one Windows security update was installed within the last given number of days.

**Related parameters**

- `thresholds`

**Parameters:**

`thresholds` warning | critical  
Alert levels for the age of the definition files (optional).  
\*RST: critical: '20'  
Default unit: d

**Example:**

```
- windowsupdateage:  
  thresholds:  
    critical: '100'
```

## 8 YAML configuration examples

This chapter provides some examples for configuration of hosts and services in the YAML configuration file.

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### 8.1 R&S CHM host configuration

The following YAML code snippet shows the top part of the configuration file with the definition of the R&S CHM host. For configuration details, see [Chapter 6.3, "Configuring hosts"](#), on page 36.

```
hosts:
  - name: host1.de
    tags: [chm]
    authentication:
      monitoring:
        - ldap:
            server: ldapserv.ourlocal.net
            port: 35636
            encryption: ldaps
            base_dn: ou=ldap_users,dc=ldapserv,dc=ourlocal,dc=net
            user_class: user
            user_name_attr: sAMAccountName
            bind_dn: service_user
            bind_pwd_path: ldap/service_user
    authorization:
      monitoring:
        roles:
          admin:
            permissions:
              - check
              - acknowledge
              - comment
              - downtime
          users:
            - admin
            - armin
          groups:
            - G_Admins
            - G_Armins
        superoperator:
          permissions:
            - acknowledge
          users:
            - supop
```



```
    special:
connections: [local]
hostgroups: [monitoring, control]
checks:
- icinga2_cluster:
    checkgroups: [cluster, buster]
- dhcp:
    displayname: Check our awesome DHCP servers
    servers: 192.168.1.253, 192.168.1.254
    interface: eth0
- dns:
    displayname: Check our insane DNS servers
    lookup: somehosttolookup.ourlocal.net
    server: 192.168.1.254
    answers: 192.168.1.10, 192.168.1.11
    authoritative: true
    accept_cname: true
    timeout: 15
    thresholds:
        warning: '5'
        critical: '10'
```

## 8.2 Linux host configurations

Here, you can find some examples for Linux host configurations.

**Example: host3.de**

```
- name: host3.de
  connections: [icinga2_linux]
  checks:
    - os_process:
      name: test
    - load:
      thresholds:
        load1:
          warning: '9'
          critical: '10'
        load5:
          warning: '8'
          critical: '9'
    - os_disk:
      include: ['/', '/boot']
      thresholds:
        warning: '10:'
        critical: '5:'
    - ntp_time:
      server: ntpserver.example.com
      thresholds:
        warning: '1'
        critical: '2'
```

**Example: chm2-test-linux-node.rsint.net**

```
- name: chm2-test-linux-node.rsint.net
  connections: [icinga2_linux]
  hostgroups: [oumuamua]
  checks:
    - ping:
    - os_memory:
    - os_disk:
      include: ['/', '/boot']
      thresholds:
        warning: '10:'
        critical: '5:'
    - nport:
      checkgroups: [water, earth, fire, air]
      snmp_connection:
        version: 3
        context: nport
        secname: rsadmin # lookup of passwords in password store
        authproto: MD5
        privproto: DES
        port: 1234
      serial_port: 1
      cts: LOW
      errormessage: "GENERATOR FAILED"
      name: "GENERATOR INPUT"
      returnstatus: "WARNING"
```

## 9 Troubleshooting

This section informs about problems that can occur and provides basic troubleshooting procedures. Problems that apply to the web GUI probably cannot be resolved by operators or administrators due to missing privileges. Then, contact the system administrator to resolve these problems.

### 9.1 Web GUI is unavailable

If the web GUI is unavailable, possibly the services are not up and running on the R&S CHM system status monitoring host.

#### Resolution

- ▶ Check if the services are running on the R&S CHM host:

Access authorization: *root*

- # `sudo systemctl status chm`
- # `sudo systemctl status icinga2`

Access authorization: *root*

- ▶ Restart these services on the R&S CHM host:  
# `sudo systemctl restart chm`  
# `sudo systemctl restart icinga2`

See also: "[To edit the configuration file](#)" on page 35.

### 9.2 Web GUI shows message Wrong SNMP PDU digest

Or you can see the [SNMP](#) error "No SNMP response received before timeout".

#### Resolution

- ▶ Check the SNMP settings on the device, i.e. `snmp_connection` keys `context`, `authpass`, `privpass`, `authproto`, etc. The configuration in the `chm.yaml` file does not match the monitored device.

See also: [snmp\\_connection](#) on page 88

## 9.3 Web GUI shows 404 error


This error is a standard HTTP error message code. It means that the website that you were trying to reach could not be found on the server. One of the possible causes is that the LDAP server is not reachable.

### Resolution

1. Ensure that the LDAP server is up and running.
2. If you cannot fix the problem, consider disabling LDAP in the YAML configuration to access the web GUI using a local user account.  
To disable LDAP, see [Chapter 6.4, "Configuring web GUI users"](#), on page 52.

## 9.4 Troubleshooting installation problems on Windows agents

If you experience problems during installation of Windows agents using the CHM\_Windows\_Agent\_<version>.exe installer, you can find troubleshooting information in the Windows Event Viewer.

1. Select .
2. Type *event viewer*.  
The Event Viewer opens.
3. In the left navigation area, select "Custom Views" > "CHM Agent".  
The events from the R&S CHM Windows agent installation are listed.

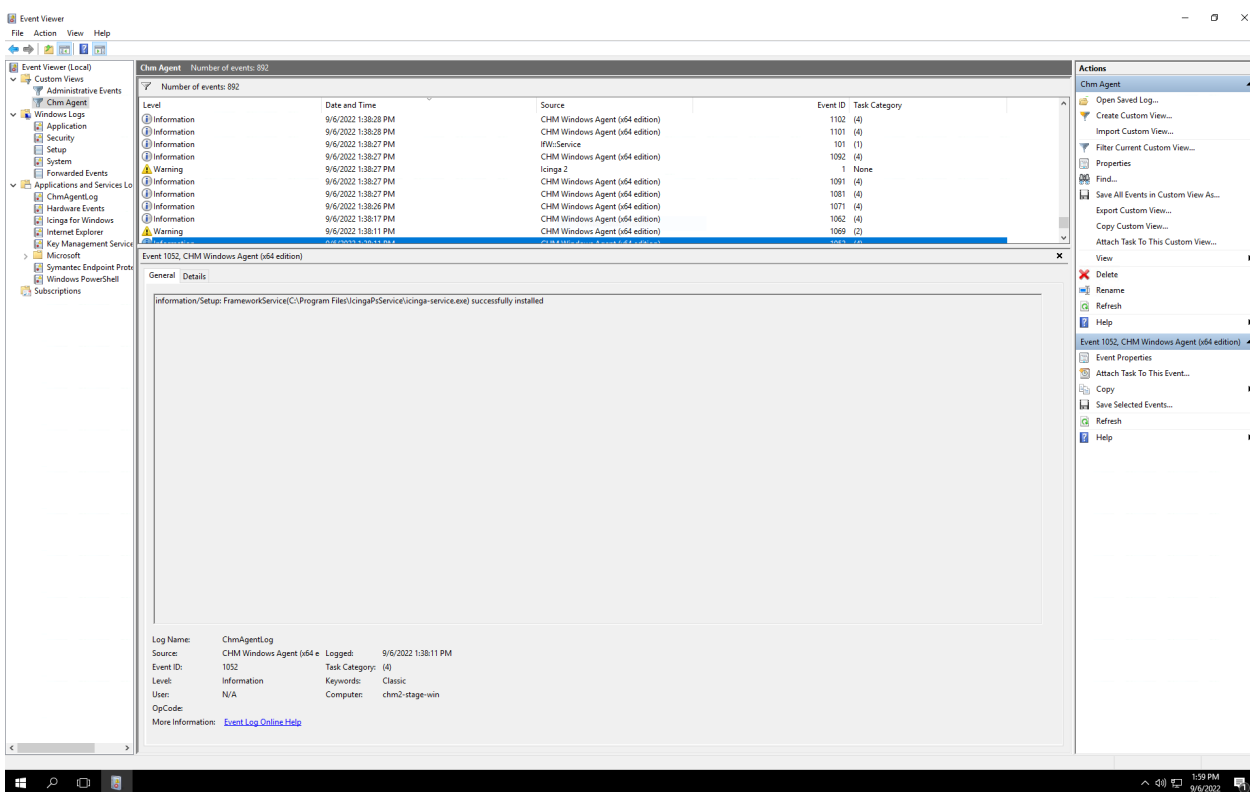


Figure 9-1: Event Viewer - logs from R&S CHM (example)

## 9.5 Contacting customer support

### Technical support – where and when you need it

For quick, expert help with any Rohde & Schwarz product, contact our customer support center. A team of highly qualified engineers provides support and works with you to find a solution to your query on any aspect of the operation, programming or applications of Rohde & Schwarz products.

### Contact information

Contact our customer support center at [www.rohde-schwarz.com/support](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/support), or follow this QR code:



*Figure 9-2: QR code to the Rohde & Schwarz support page*

# Glossary: Abbreviations and terms

## A

**AES:** Advanced encryption standard

**agent:** An R&S CHM agent instance on Windows or Linux hosts that sends its monitoring results to an R&S CHM host. Read complete definition: [Chapter 6.8, "Configuring distributed monitoring"](#), on page 71

**API:** Application programming interface

## B

**bind user:** The user that is necessary to access the user and group information at the [LDAP](#) server.

## C

**CA:** Certificate authority

**CentOS:** Linux distribution that is derived from Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL). CentOS is necessary for running the R&S CHM host software.

**client:** A client is a host that runs the R&S CHM client application. It is intended for running the [web GUI](#) with additional features. See [Chapter 4.3, "Installing R&S CHM clients"](#), on page 21.

**CPU:** Central processing unit

**CSR:** Certificate signing request

**CSS:** Cascading style sheets

**CTS:** Clear to send

## D

**DES:** Data encryption standard

**DISA:** Defense Information Systems Agency

**DKN:** Digitales Kommunikationsnetz (digital communications network)

**DN:** Distinguished name

**DNS:** Domain network service



**DSR:** Data set ready. A DSR signal change indicates that the power of the data communication equipment is off.

**DTR:** Data terminal ready

## F

**FIPS:** Federal information processing standard. FIPS standards establish requirements, e.g. for ensuring computer security and interoperability.

**FQDN:** Fully qualified domain name

## G

**gb2pp:** A Rohde & Schwarz proprietary network protocol

**GPG:** GNU privacy guard

**gRPC:** General-purpose remote procedure calls.

**GUI:** Graphical user interface

## H

**HA:** High availability

**HDD:** Hard disk drive

**HMAC:** Hash-based message authentication code

**host:** A host is an independent device in the system, which is addressed and monitored by R&S CHM. A host is, e.g. a Windows PC or a Linux virtual machine, or a device that you monitor using SNMP.

**HP iLO:** Integrated Lights-Out interface from Hewlett-Packard for configuration, update and remote server operation

**HTML5:** Hypertext mark-up language, version 5

**HTTP:** Hypertext transfer protocol

**HTTPS:** Hypertext transfer protocol secure

**HUMS:** Rohde & Schwarz health and utilization monitoring system

## I

**ICMP:** Internet control message protocol

**iDRAC:** Integrated Dell remote access controller

**ISO image:** A disc image that contains everything that would be written to an optical disc. The ISO image contains the binary image of the optical media file system.

## J

**JSON:** JavaScript Object Notation

## K

**KDC:** Key distribution center, it handles authentication, ticket granting and holds a database with all the [principals](#).

**Kerberos:** A computer network authentication protocol.

**Kerberos ticket:** A certificate that is issued by an authentication server and encrypted using the server key. There are two types of tickets, [TGT](#) and [ST](#).

**keytab:** Short for "key table". A file that stores long-term keys for one or more [principals](#). Can be extracted from principal database on KDC server.

## L

**LAN:** Local area network

**LCD:** Liquid crystal display

**LCSM:** Lifecycle software manager

**LDAP:** Lightweight directory access protocol

**LXI:** LAN extensions for instrumentation

## M

**MAC:** Media access control

**master:** R&S CHM host instance that is located in the top-level subsystem. Read complete definition: [Chapter 6.8, "Configuring distributed monitoring"](#), on page 71

**MD5:** Message digest algorithm 5

**MIB:** Management information base. Collection of objects in a virtual database that allows network managers using Cisco IOS software to manage devices such as routers and switches in a network.

## N

**NAVICS:** Navy integrated communication system

**NSS:** Name service switch. Provides a central configuration store where services can look up sources for various configuration and name resolution mechanisms.

**NTP:** Network time protocol

## O

**OID:** Object identifier. An address that uniquely identifies managed devices and their statuses. The SNMP protocol uses OIDs to identify resources that can be queried, among other things.

## P

**package cache:** The package cache folder is a system folder. By default, it is located on the drive where your operating system is installed. The folder is used by applications to store settings, caches, installers and packages.

**PAE:** Port access entity

**PDF:** Portable document format. Frequently used file format for saving and exchanging documents.

**PEM:** Privacy-enhanced mail; a container format that can include only a public certificate or an entire certificate chain, including public key, private key, and root certificates.

**PKI:** Public key infrastructure

**principal:** A kerberos principal is a unique identity to which kerberos can assign tickets.

## R

**RAM:** Random access memory

## S

**satellite:** R&S CHM host instance that is not placed in the top-level subsystem. Read complete definition: [Chapter 6.8, "Configuring distributed monitoring"](#), on page 71

**SHA:** Secure hash algorithm

**SIP:** Session initiation protocol

**SNMP:** Simple network management protocol. It allows devices to exchange monitoring and managing information between network devices.

**SSD:** Solid state drive

**SSH:** Secure shell

**SSO:** Single sign-on

**SSSD:** The system security services daemon is a system daemon.

**ST:** Service ticket. Obtained from the [TGS](#).

**subsystem:** A subsystem is at least one R&S CHM node that is grouped with any number of non-R&S CHM hosts or devices. Each R&S CHM host instance in a subsystem provides its own web GUI.

## T

**TCP:** Transmission control protocol

**TGS:** Ticket granting server. A logical [KDC](#) component that is used by the Kerberos protocol as a trusted third party.

**TGT:** Ticket granting ticket. A user authentication token issued by the [KDC](#) that is used to request access tokens from the TGS for specific resources or systems that are joined to the domain.

**TLS:** Transport layer security

## U

**UPS:** Uninterruptible power supply

**UTC:** Universal time coordinated

## V

**VM:** Virtual machine

## W

**web GUI:** Short for R&S CHM web GUI. The web GUI runs in a browser. It shows all information collected by R&S CHM. If you run the web GUI on a Windows client, you can take advantage of additional features.

See [Chapter 4.3, "Installing R&S CHM clients"](#), on page 21.

## X

**XML:** Extensible markup language

## Y

**YAML:** YAML™ ain't markup language

# Glossary: Specifications

## R

**RFC 5424:** The Syslog Protocol

**RFC1213:** Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based internets: MIB-II

**RFC1628:** UPS Management Information Base

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