



# Postgres Enterprise Manager

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## PEM Administrators Guide

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This document provides an introduction to Postgres Enterprise Manager™ (PEM). Postgres Enterprise Manager (PEM) is an enterprise management tool designed to assist database administrators, system architects, and performance analysts in administering, monitoring, and tuning PostgreSQL and EnterpriseDB Advanced Server database servers. PEM is architected to manage and monitor anywhere from a handful, to hundreds of servers from a single console, allowing complete and remote control over all aspects of your databases.

For information about the platforms and versions supported by PEM, visit the EnterpriseDB website at:

<https://www.enterprisedb.com/services-support/edb-supported-products-and-platforms#pem>

This document uses *Postgres* to mean either the PostgreSQL or EDB Postgres Advanced Server database.

PEM provides a number of benefits not found in any other PostgreSQL management tool:

- **Management en Masse Design.** PEM is designed for enterprise database management, and is built to tackle the management of large numbers of servers across geographical boundaries. Global dashboards keep you up to date on the up/down/performance status of all your servers in an at-a-glance fashion.
- **Distributed Architecture.** PEM is architected in a way that maximizes its ability to gather statistical information and to perform operations remotely on machines regardless of operating system platform.
- **Graphical Administration.** All aspects of database administration can be carried out in the PEM client via a graphical interface. Server startup and shutdown, configuration management, storage and security control, object creation, performance management, and more can be handled from a single console.
- **Full SQL IDE.** PEM contains a robust SQL integrated development environment (IDE) that provides ad-hoc SQL querying, stored procedure/function development, and a graphical debugger.
- **Enterprise Performance Monitoring.** PEM provides enterprise-class performance monitoring for all managed database servers. Lightweight and efficient agents monitor all aspects of each database server's operations as well as each machine's underlying operating system and provide detailed statistics back to easily navigated performance pages within the interface.
- **Proactive Alert Management.** PEM ships out-of-the-box with the ability to create performance thresholds for each key metric (e.g. memory, storage, etc.) that are monitored around-the-clock. Any threshold violation results in an alert being sent to a centralized dashboard that communicates the nature of the problem and what actions are necessary to prevent the situation from jeopardizing the overall performance of the server.
- **Simplified Capacity Planning.** All key performance-related statistics are automatically collected and retained for a specified period of time in PEM's repository. The Capacity Manager utility allows you

to select various statistics and perform trend analysis over time to understand things such as peak load periods, storage consumption trends, and much more. A forecasting mechanism in the tool allows you to also forecast resource usage in the future and plan/budget accordingly.

- **Audit Manager.** The Audit Manager configures audit logging on Advanced Server instances. Activities such as connections to a database, disconnections from a database, and the SQL statements run against a database can be logged. The Audit Log dashboard can then be used to filter and view the log.
- **Log Manager.** The Log Manager wizard configures server logging parameters, with (optional) log collection into a central table. Use the wizard to specify your preference for logging behaviors such as log file rotation, log destination and error message severity. Use the Server Log dashboard to filter and review the collected server log entries.
- **SQL Workload Profiling.** PEM contains a SQL profiling utility that allows you to trace the SQL statements that are executed against one or more servers. SQL profiling can either be done in an ad-hoc or scheduled manner. Captured SQL statements can then be filtered so you can easily identify and tune poorly running SQL statements. SQL statements can also be fed into an Index Advisor on Advanced Server that analyzes each statement and makes recommendations on new indexes that should be created to help performance.
- **Expert Database Analysis.** PEM includes the Postgres Expert utility. Postgres Expert analyzes selected databases for best practice enforcement purposes. Areas such as general configuration, security setup, and much more are examined. Any deviations from recommended best practices are reported back to you, along with an explanation of each particular issue, and expert help on what to do about making things right.
- **Streaming Replication Monitoring.** You can monitor the the Streaming Replication dashboard or use options on the PEM client to promote a standby node to the master node.
- **Secure Client Connectivity.** PEM supports secure client connections through an encrypted SSH tunnel. The full-featured PEM client includes an SSH Tunnel definition dialog that allows you to provide connection information for a secure connection.
- **Wide Platform Support.** PEM supports most major Linux and Windows platforms.

## 1.1 General Architecture

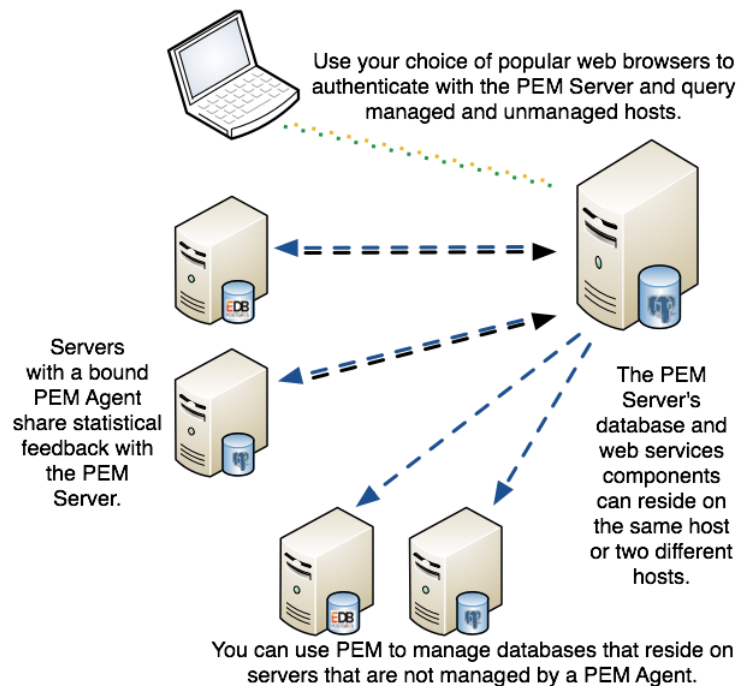


Fig. 1: *The Postgres Enterprise Manager general architecture*

PEM is composed of three primary components:

### The PEM Server

The PEM server provides the functionality at the core of Postgres Enterprise Manager. The server is responsible for:

- Performing administrative functions.
- Processing information received from agents.
- Maintaining information in its repository.

### The PEM Agent

The PEM agent is responsible for performing tasks on each managed machine and collecting statistics for the database server and operating system.

### The PEM Web Interface

Distributed with the PEM server, the PEM web interface allows you to connect to the server with your choice of browser to manage and monitor your Postgres servers.

## 1.2 Installing PEM - Overview

For detailed instructions about installing PEM, please consult the *PEM Installation Guide*, available at:

<https://www.enterprisedb.com/edb-docs/p/edb-postgres-enterprise-manager>

The basic steps involved in the PEM installation process are:

1. Install the PEM server components. The PEM server software and backend database (named pem) may reside on the same host as the supporting httpd server, or may reside on a separate host.

The PEM server installer installs a PEM agent and the PEM client on the host of the PEM server.

2. Register each additional physical or virtual machine that you would like to manage with PEM. For convenience, PEM supports remote monitoring (an agent is not required to reside on the same host as the server that it monitors).

Please note that a remote agent cannot retrieve all of the information available from a monitored server; you may wish to install an agent on each server host.

3. Install the SQL Profiler component into each Postgres instance on which you want to perform SQL capture and analysis. The SQL Profiler installer will prompt you for the location of your Postgres installation, and place the required software into that directory. The SQL Profiler plugin is already installed on Advanced Server instances, and requires only configuration to enable profiling.



## 1.3 Using the PEM Web Interface

The PEM web interface is installed with the PEM server. When the server installation completes, you can open the PEM interface in your choice of browser by navigating to:

```
https://<ip_address_of_PEM_host>:8443/pem
```

Where `ip_address_of_PEM_host` specifies the IP address of the host of the PEM server. The Postgres Enterprise Manager Login window opens:



Fig. 2: *The PEM Login page*

Use the fields on the Postgres Enterprise Manager Login window to authenticate yourself with the PEM server:

- Provide the name of a pem database user in the Username field. For the first user connecting, this will be the name provided when installing the PEM server.
- Provide the password associated with the user in the Password field.

After providing your credentials, click Login to connect to PEM.

The PEM web interface opens, displaying the Global Overview Dashboard.

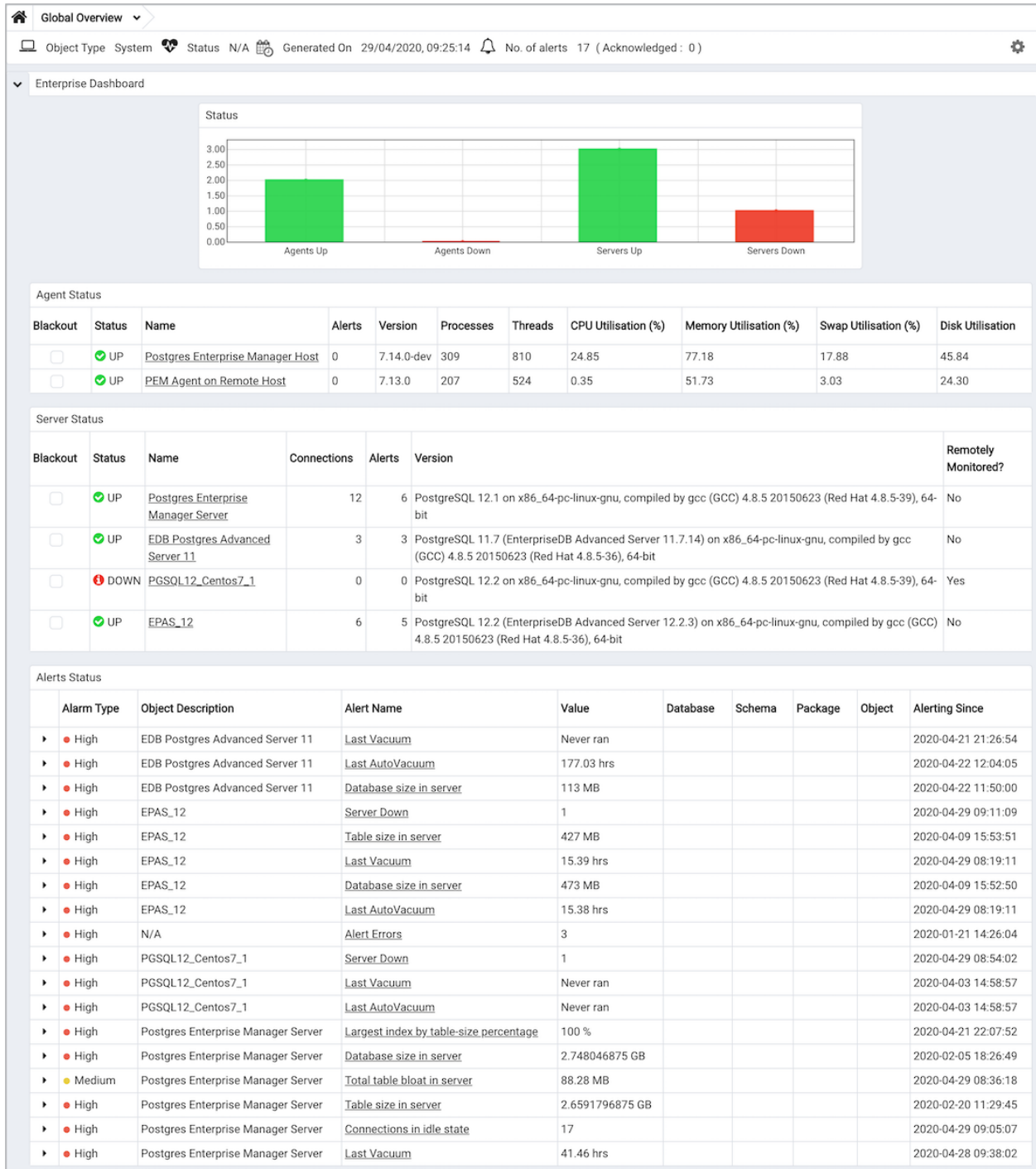


Fig. 3: PEM Global Overview dashboard

The Browser pane displays a tree control that provides access to information about the database objects that reside on each server. The tree control expands to display a hierarchical view of the servers and objects that are monitored by the PEM server.

### 1.3.1 The PEM Menu Bar

The PEM menu bar provides access to commands and features that you can use to manage your database servers and the objects that reside on those servers. If an option is disabled:

- The database server to which you are currently connected may not support the selected feature.
- The selected menu option may not be valid for the current object (by design).
- The role that you have used to connect to the server may have insufficient privileges to change the selected object.

Context-sensitive menus across the top of the PEM web interface allow you to customize your environment and provide access to the enterprise management features of PEM.

#### The File Menu

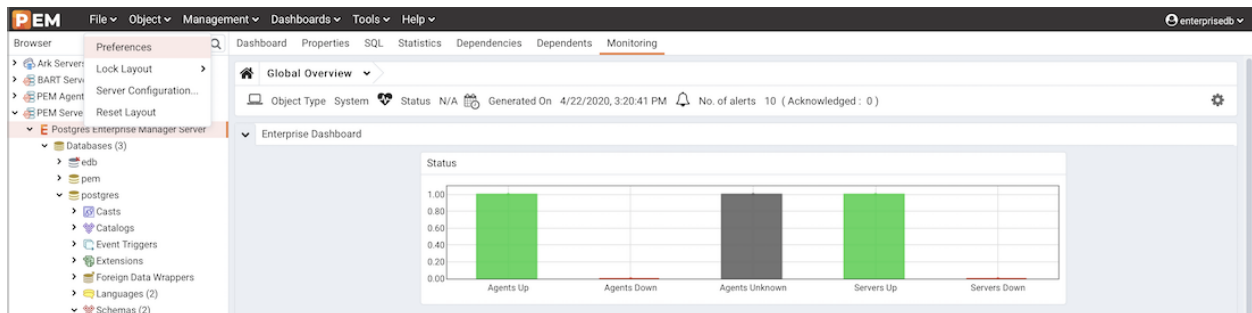


Fig. 4: The File Menu

Use the File menu to access the following options:

Menu Option	Action
Preferences	Click to open the Preferences dialog to customize your PEM client settings.
Lock Layout	Click to open a sub-menu to select the level for locking the UI layout.
Server Configuration	Click to open the Server Configuration dialog and update your PEM server configuration settings.
Reset Layout	If a workspace panel is popped out by mistake or intentionally it can be reset back to default using Reset Layout.

## The Object Menu

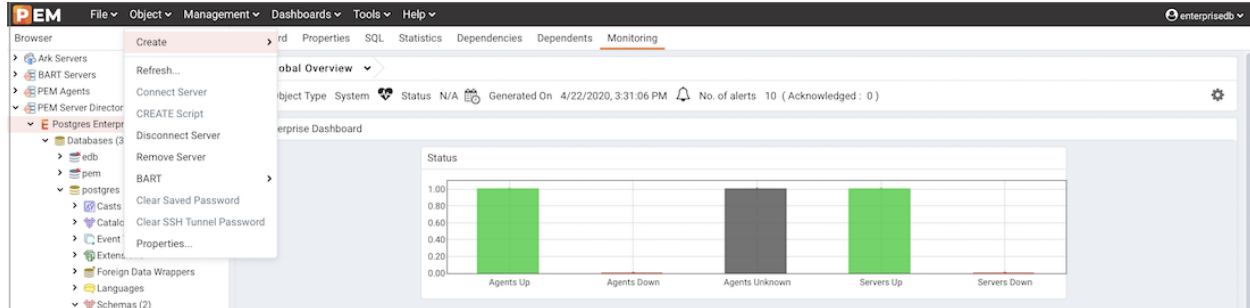


Fig. 5: The Object Menu

The Object menu is context-sensitive. Use the Object menu to access the following options:

Menu Option	Action
Create	Click <i>Create</i> to access a context menu that provides context-sensitive selections.
Refresh...	Click to refresh the currently selected object.
Delete/Drop	Click to delete the currently selected object from the server.
Connect Server	Click to open the Connect to Server dialog to establish a connection with a server.
CREATE Script	Click to open the Query tool to edit or view the selected script.
Disconnect Server	Click to refresh the currently selected object.
BART	Click to access a context menu that provides options for removing BART configuration, taking a BART backup, or revalidate the BART configuration.
Clear Saved Password	If you have saved the database server password, click to clear the saved password. Enabled only after password is saved.
Clear SSH Tunnel Password	If you have saved the ssh tunnel password, click to clear the saved password. Enabled only after password is saved.
Drop Cascade	Click to delete the currently selected object and all dependent objects from the server.
Hide	Click to hide the currently selected group; to view hidden groups, enable the Show hidden groups option in Preferences.
Properties...	Click to review or modify the currently selected object's properties
Trigger(s)	Click to <i>Disable</i> or <i>Enable</i> trigger(s) for the currently selected table.
Truncate	Click to remove all rows from a table (Truncate) or to remove all rows from a table and its child tables (Truncate Cascade).
View Data	Click to access a context menu that provides several options for viewing data.

## The Management Menu

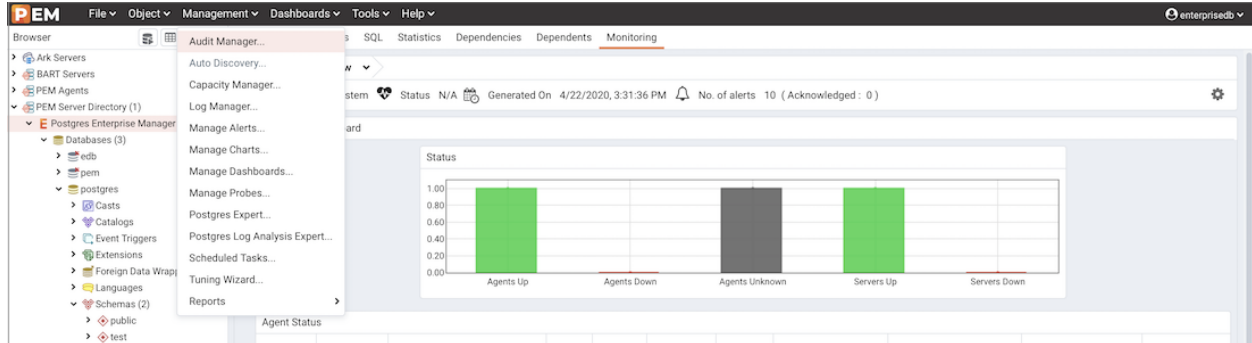


Fig. 6: The Management Menu

Use the Management menu to access the following PEM features:

Menu Option	Action
Audit Manager...	Click to open the Audit Manager and configure auditing on your monitored servers.
Auto Discovery...	Click to open the Auto Discovery dialog to instruct a PEM agent to locate and bind monitored database servers.
Capacity Manager...	Click to open the Capacity Manager dialog and analyze historical or project future resource usage.
Log Manager...	Click to open the Log Manager dialog and configure log collection for a server.
Manage Alerts...	Click to access the Manage Alerts tab and create or modify alerting behavior.
Manage Charts...	Click to open the Manage Charts tab to create or modify PEM charts.
Manage Dashboards...	Click to open the Manage Dashboards dialog to VACUUM, ANALYZE, REINDEX, or CLUSTER.
Manage Probes...	Click to open the Manage Probes dialog to VACUUM, ANALYZE, REINDEX, or CLUSTER.
Postgres Expert...	Click to open the Postgres Expert wizard and perform a static analysis of your servers and databases.
Postgres Log Analysis Expert...	Click to access the Postgres Log Analysis Expert dialog analyze log file contents for usage trends.
Scheduled Tasks	Click to open the Scheduled Tasks tab and review tasks that are pending or recently completed.
Tuning Wizard...	Click to open the Tuning Wizard dialog to generate a set of tuning recommendations for your server.
Reports	Click to open the Reports dialog to generate the system configuration report and core usage report for your server.

## The Dashboards Menu

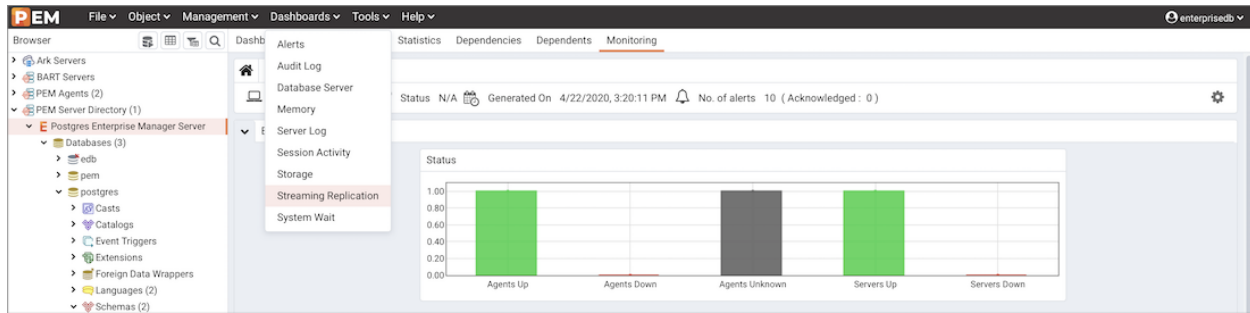


Fig. 7: The Dashboards menu

Use the context-sensitive Dashboards menu to access dashboards:

Option	Action
Alerts	Click to open the Alerts Dashboard for the selected node.
Audit Log	Click to open the Audit Log Analysis Dashboard for the selected node
Database Server	Click to open the Database Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
I/O Analysis	Click to open the I/O Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Memory	Click to open the Memory Analysis Dashboard for the selected node
Object Activity	Click to open the Object Activity Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Operating System	Click to open the Operating System Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Probe Log	Click to open the Probe Log Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Server Log	Click to open the Server Log Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Session Activity	Click to open the Session Activity Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Storage	Click to open the Storage Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
Streaming Replication	Click to open the Streaming Replication Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.
System Wait	Click to open the System Wait Analysis Dashboard for the selected node.

## The Tools Menu

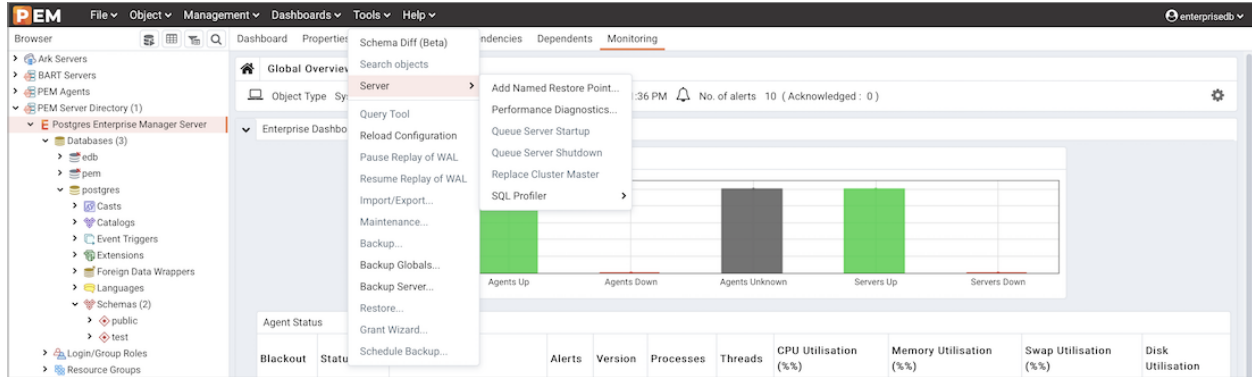


Fig. 8: The Tools menu

Use the options on the **Tools** menu to access the following features:

Option	Action
Schema Diff	Click to open the Schema Diff dialog to compare the schema objects between two database schemas.
Search objects	Click to open the Search Objects dialog to search the database objects within a database.
Server	Click to access the various server related tools such as Add Named Restore Point, Performance Diagnostics, Queue Server Startup, Queue Server Shutdown, Replace Cluster Master, and SQL Profiler.
Query Tool	Click to open the Query tool for the currently selected object.
Reload Configuration	Click to update configuration files without restarting the server.
Pause replay of WAL	Click to pause the replay of the WAL log.
Resume replay of WAL	Click to resume the replay of the WAL log.
Import/Export...	Click to open the Import/Export data... dialog to import or export data from a table.
Maintenance...	Click to open the Maintenance... dialog to VACUUM, ANALYZE, REINDEX, or CLUSTER.
Backup...	Click to open the Backup... dialog to backup database objects.
Backup Globals...	Click to open the Backup Globals... dialog to backup cluster objects.
Backup Server...	Click to open the Backup Server... dialog to backup a server.
Restore...	Click to access the Restore dialog to restore database files from a backup.
Grant Wizard...	Click to access the Grant Wizard tool.
Schedule Backup	Click to access the Schedule Backup dialog for BART backups.

## The Help Menu

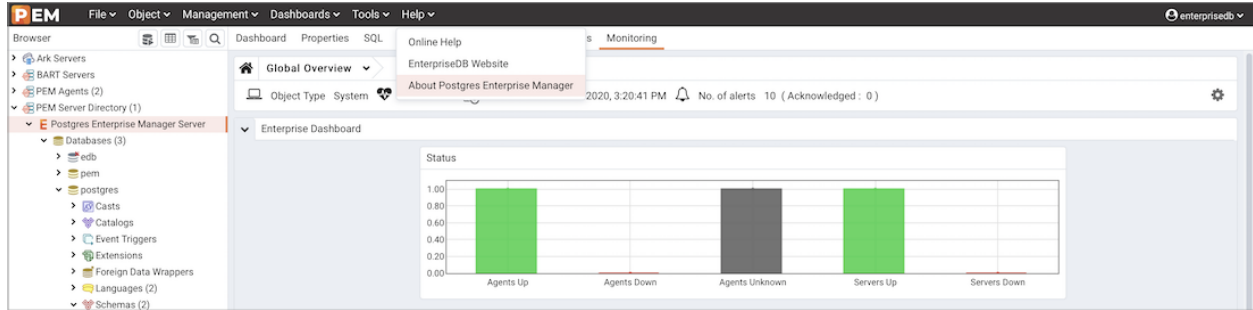


Fig. 9: *The Help menu*

Use the options on the Help menu to access the online help documents or to review information about the PEM installation:

Option	Action
Online Help	Click to open documentation for Postgres Enterprise Manager.
REST API Reference	Click to open the REST API Reference.
EnterpriseDB Website	Click to open the EnterpriseDB website in a browser window.
About Postgres Enterprise Manager	Click to locate versioning and user information for Postgres Enterprise Manager.









### 1.3.2 Controlling and Customizing Charts, Graphs and Tables

Use the icons in the upper-right corner of each graphic on a dashboard to control and customize the charts, graphs and tables displayed in the PEM client for your current user session.



Fig. 10: *The PEM Client chart control icons*

Select an icon to:

	View information about the chart, graph, or table.
	Refresh the content of a chart, graph or table.
	Personalize the chart, graph, or table settings for the current user.
	Download an image of the chart or graph.
	View the legends that are used in the chart, graph, or table.
	Expand the chart or graph to full-screen.

For more information about customizing the graphics displayed on the PEM dashboards, please see the PEM client online help.

### 1.3.3 Online Help and Documentation

PEM contains built-in help that provides assistance in using the tool. To access the online help for PEM, select **Online Help** from the **Help** option on the **Help** menu.

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## PEM Server Logon

The PEM web interface uses Apache to connect to the PEM server on port 8080 of the IP address on which the PEM server is installed. To connect to PEM, open your browser of choice, and navigate to:

```
<ip_address_of_PEM_host>:8080/pem
```

Where *ip\_address\_of\_PEM\_host* specifies the IP address of the host of the PEM server.



The diagram shows a world map with several user icons connected by dashed lines to a central server icon. To the right of the map is a login window titled 'Postgres Enterprise Manager Login' with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and a 'Login' button.

*PEM login window*

Use the fields on the Login window to authenticate yourself with the PEM server:

- Provide the name of a *pem* database user in the *Username* field. Users logon to PEM using user credentials setup as *login roles* on the PostgreSQL database used by the PEM server. By default, the *postgres* superuser account will be used for the initial logon.

We strongly recommend you create an individual role for each user. You can create a login role with the *CREATE ROLE* SQL statement, or by defining a role with the PEM client *Create - Login/Group Role* dialog. To access the dialog, connect to the PEM server database; right-click the *Login/Group Roles* node in the tree control, and select *New Login Role...* from the *Create*

Fig. 11: *The PEM online help*

The **Help** menu also provides quick access to the EDB website.

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## Registering a Server

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Before you can manage or monitor a server with PEM, you must register the server with PEM, and bind an agent. A server may be bound to a remote agent (an agent that resides on a different host), but if the agent does not reside on the same host, it will not have access to all of the statistical information about the instance.

### 2.1 Manually Registering a Server

To manage or monitor a server with PEM, you must:

- Register your Advanced Server or PostgreSQL server with the PEM server.
- Bind the server to a PEM agent.

You can use the `Create - Server` dialog to provide registration information for a server, bind a PEM agent, and display the server in PEM client tree control. To open the `Create - Server` dialog, navigate through the `Create` option on the `Object` menu (or the context menu of a server group) and select `Server....`

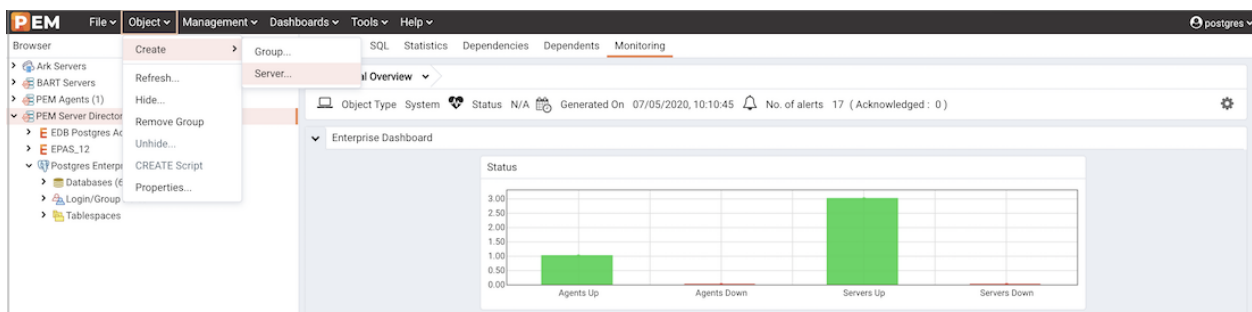


Fig. 1: Accessing the `Create - Server` dialog

**Note:** You must ensure the `pg_hba.conf` file of the Postgres server that you are registering allows connections from the host of the PEM client before attempting to connect.

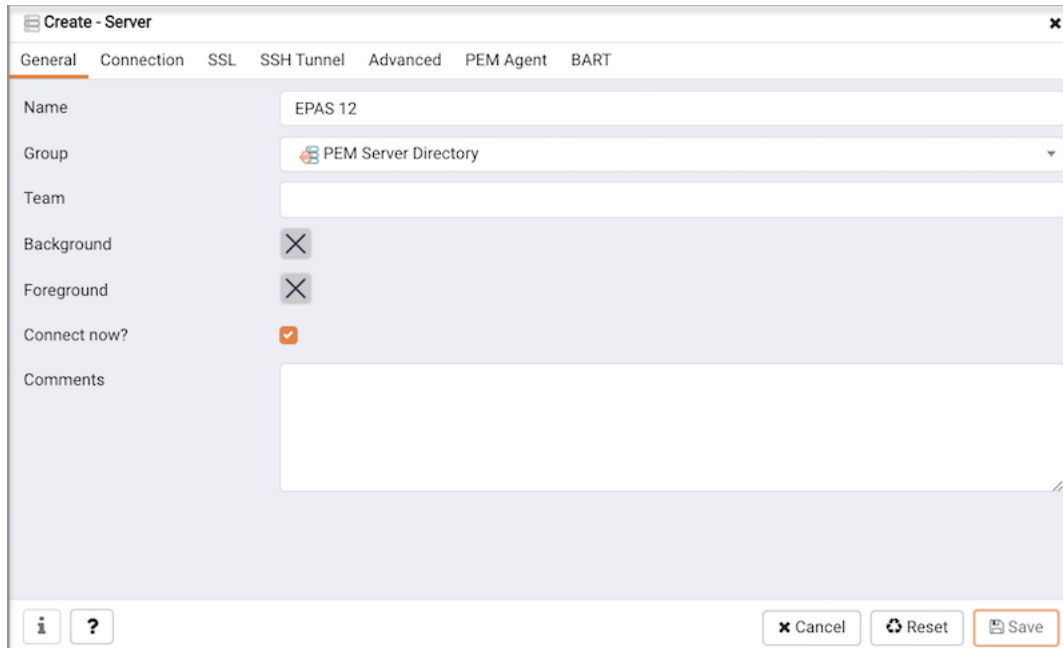


Fig. 2: The General tab of the Create – Server dialog

Use the fields on the `General` tab to describe the general properties of the server:

- Use the `Name` field to specify a user-friendly name for the server. The name specified will identify the server in the `PEM Browser` tree control.
- You can use groups to organize your servers and agents in the tree control. Using groups can help you manage large numbers of servers more easily. For example, you may want to have a production group, a test group, or LAN specific groups. Use the `Group` drop-down listbox to select the server group in which the new server will be displayed.
- Use the `Team` field to specify a Postgres role name. Only PEM users who are members of this role, who created the server initially, or have superuser privileges on the PEM server will see this server when they logon to PEM. If this field is left blank, all PEM users will see the server.
- Use the `Background` color selector to select the color that will be displayed in the PEM tree control behind database objects that are stored on the server.
- Use the `Foreground` color selector to select the font color of labels in the PEM tree control for objects stored on the server.
- Check the box next to `Connect now?` to instruct PEM to attempt a server connection when you click the `Save` button. Leave `Connect now?` unchecked if you do not want the PEM client to validate the specified connection parameters until a later connection attempt.
- Provide notes about the server in the `Comments` field.

The screenshot shows the 'Create - Server' dialog box with the 'Connection' tab selected. The fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Host name/address	192.168.1.135
Port	5444
Maintenance database	postgres
Username	enterprisedb
Password	...
Save password?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Role	

Fig. 3: The Connection tab of the Create – Server dialog

Use fields on the `Connection` tab to specify connection details for the server:

- Specify the IP address of the server host, or the fully qualified domain name in the `Host name/address` field. On Unix based systems, the address field may be left blank to use the default PostgreSQL Unix Domain Socket on the local machine, or may be set to an alternate path containing a PostgreSQL socket. If you enter a path, the path must begin with a “/”.
- Specify the port number of the host in the `Port` field.
- Use the `Maintenance database` field to specify the name of the initial database that PEM will connect to, and that will be expected to contain `pgAgent` schema and `adminpack` objects installed (both optional). On PostgreSQL 8.1 and above, the maintenance DB is normally called `postgres`; on earlier versions `template1` is often used, though it is preferable to create a `postgres` database to avoid cluttering the template database.
- Specify the name that will be used when authenticating with the server in the `Username` field.
- Provide the password associated with the specified user in the `Password` field.
- Check the box next to `Save password?` to instruct PEM to store passwords in encrypted format in PEM backend database for later reuse. Password is stored per user per server basis, and hence - won't be shared with other team members. PEM will use the saved password to connect the database server next time. To remove a saved password, disconnect the database server first, and then use 'Clear Saved Password' menu item from the Object/Context menu.
- Use the `Role` field to specify the name of the role that is assigned the privileges that the client should use after connecting to the server. This allows you to connect as one role, and then assume the permissions of another role when the connection is established (the one you specified in this field). The connecting role must be a member of the role specified.

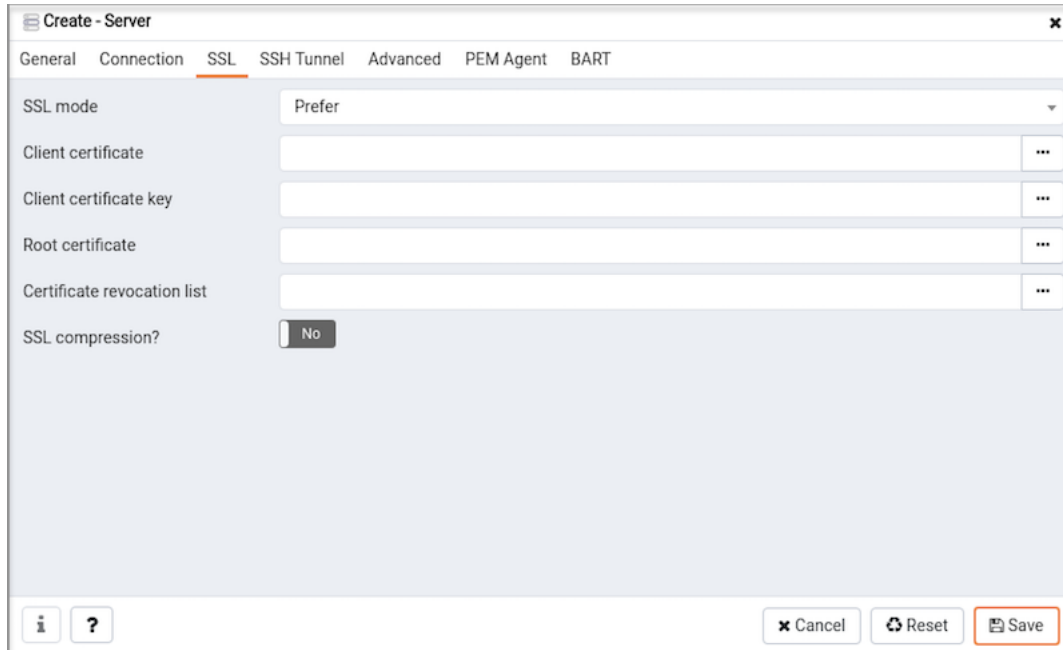


Fig. 4: The SSL tab of the Create – Server dialog

Use the fields on the SSL tab to configure SSL:

- Use the drop-down list box in the `SSL mode` field to select the type of SSL connection the server should use. For more information about using SSL encryption, see the PostgreSQL documentation at: <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/libpq-ssl.html>

You can use the platform-specific File manager dialog to upload files that support SSL encryption to the server. To access the File manager, click the icon that is located to the right of each of the following fields:

- Use the `Client certificate` field to specify the file containing the client SSL certificate. This file will replace the default `~/ .postgresql/postgresql.crt` file if PEM is installed in Desktop mode, and `<STORAGE_DIR>/<USERNAME>/ .postgresql/postgresql.crt` if PEM is installed in Web mode. This parameter is ignored if an SSL connection is not made.
- Use the `Client certificate key` field to specify the file containing the secret key used for the client certificate. This file will replace the default `~/ .postgresql/postgresql.key` if PEM is installed in Desktop mode, and `<STORAGE_DIR>/<USERNAME>/ .postgresql/postgresql.key` if PEM is installed in Web mode. This parameter is ignored if an SSL connection is not made.
- Use the `Root certificate` field to specify the file containing the SSL certificate authority. This file will replace the default `~/ .postgresql/root.crt` file. This parameter is ignored if an SSL connection is not made.
- Use the `Certificate revocation list` field to specify the file containing the SSL certificate revocation list. This list will replace the default list, found in `~/ .postgresql/root.crl`. This parameter is ignored if an SSL connection is not made.
- When `SSL compression?` is set to `True`, data sent over SSL connections will be compressed. The

default value is `False` (compression is disabled). This parameter is ignored if an SSL connection is not made.

**Warning:** Certificates, private keys, and the revocation list are stored in the per-user file storage area on the server, which is owned by the user account under which the PEM server process is run. This means that administrators of the server may be able to access those files; appropriate caution should be taken before choosing to use this feature.

Fig. 5: The SSH Tunnel tab of the Create – Server dialog

Use the fields on the SSH Tunnel tab to configure SSH Tunneling. You can use a tunnel to connect a database server (through an intermediary proxy host) to a server that resides on a network to which the client may not be able to connect directly.

- Set `Use SSH tunneling` to `Yes` to specify that PEM should use an SSH tunnel when connecting to the specified server.
- Specify the name or IP address of the SSH host (through which client connections will be forwarded) in the `Tunnel host` field.
- Specify the port of the SSH host (through which client connections will be forwarded) in the `Tunnel port` field.
- Specify the name of a user with login privileges for the SSH host in the `Username` field.
- Specify the type of authentication that will be used when connecting to the SSH host in the `Authentication` field.
- Select `Password` to specify that PEM will use a password for authentication to the SSH host. This is the default.

- Select `Identity` file to specify that PEM will use a private key file when connecting.
- If the SSH host is expecting a private key file for authentication, use the `Identity` file field to specify the location of the key file.
- If the SSH host is expecting a password, use the `Password` field to specify the password, or if an identity file is being used, the passphrase.

Fig. 6: The Advanced tab of the Create – Server dialog

Use fields on the `Advanced` tab to specify details that are used to manage the server:

- Specify the IP address of the server host in the `Host Address1` field.
- Use the `DB restriction` field to specify a SQL restriction that will be used against the `pg_database` table to limit the databases displayed in the tree control. For example, you might enter: `'live_db', 'test_db'` to instruct the PEM browser to display only the `live_db` and `test_db` databases. Note that you can also limit the schemas shown in the database from the database properties dialog by entering a restriction against `pg_namespace`.
- Use the `Password file` field to specify the location of a password file (`.pgpass`). The `.pgpass` file allows a user to login without providing a password when they connect. It must be present on the PEM Server. For more information, see the Postgres documentation at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/libpq-pgpass.html>

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**Note:** Use of a password file is only supported when PEM is using libpq v10.0 or later to connect to the server.

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- Use the `Service ID` field to specify parameters to control the database service process. For servers



that are stored in the Enterprise Manager directory, enter the service ID. On Windows machines, this is the identifier for the Windows service. On Linux machines, the name of the init script used to start the server is `/etc/init.d` and the name of the systemd script to start the server is `systemctl`. For example, the name of the Advanced Server 10 service is `edb-as-10`. For local servers, the setting is operating system dependent:

- If the PEM client is running on a Windows machine, it can control the postmaster service if you have sufficient access rights. Enter the name of the service. In case of a remote server, it must be prepended by the machine name (e.g. `PSE1\pgsql-8.0`). PEM will automatically discover services running on your local machine.
- If the PEM client is running on a Linux machine, it can control processes running on the local machine if you have enough access rights. Provide a full path and needed options to access the `pg_ctl` program. When executing service control functions, PEM will append `status/start/stop` keywords to this. For example:

```
sudo /usr/pgsql-x/bin/pg_ctl -D /var/lib/pgsql/x/data where x
is the version of the PostgreSQL database server.
```

- If the server is a member of a Failover Manager cluster, you can use PEM to monitor the health of the cluster and to replace the master node if necessary. To enable PEM to monitor Failover Manager, use the `EFM cluster name` field to specify the cluster name. The cluster name is the prefix of the name of the Failover Manager cluster properties file. For example, if the cluster properties file is named `efm.properties`, the cluster name is `efm`.
- If you are using PEM to monitor the status of a Failover Manager cluster, use the `EFM installation path` field to specify the location of the Failover Manager binary file. By default, the Failover Manager binary file is installed in `/usr/edb/efm-x.x/bin`, where `x.x` specifies the Failover Manager version.

The screenshot shows the 'Create - Server' dialog box with the 'PEM Agent' tab selected. The fields are as follows:

- Bound agent:** Postgres Enterprise Manager Host
- Remote monitoring?:** No
- Host:** 127.0.0.1
- Port:** 5432
- SSL:** Prefer
- Database:** postgres
- Username:** enterisedb
- Password:** ...
- Confirm password:** ...
- Allow takeover?:** No

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Reset', and 'Save' (highlighted with a red box). There are also information and help icons on the left.

Fig. 7: The PEM Agent tab of the Create – Server dialog

Use fields on the `PEM Agent` tab to specify connection details for the PEM agent:

- Select an Enterprise Manager agent using the drop-down listbox to the right of the `Bound agent` label. One agent can monitor multiple Postgres servers.
- Move the `Remote monitoring?` slider to `Yes` to indicate that the PEM agent does not reside on the same host as the monitored server. When remote monitoring is enabled, agent level statistics for the monitored server will not be available for custom charts and dashboards, and the remote server will not be accessible by some PEM utilities (such as Audit Manager, Capacity Manager, Log Manager, Postgres Expert and Tuning Wizard).
- Enter the IP address or socket path that the agent should use when connecting to the database server in the `Host` field. By default, the agent will use the host address shown on the `General` tab. On a Unix server, you may wish to specify a socket path, e.g. `/tmp`.
- Enter the `Port` number that the agent will use when connecting to the server. By default, the agent will use the port defined on the `Properties` tab.
- Use the drop-down listbox in the `SSL` field to specify an SSL operational mode; specify `require`, `prefer`, `allow`, `disable`, `verify-ca` or `verify-full`. For more information about using SSL encryption, see the PostgreSQL documentation at:

<https://www.enterprisedb.com/edb-docs/d/postgresql/reference/manual/12.1/libpq-ssl.html>

- Use the `Database` field to specify the name of the database to which the agent will initially connect.
- Specify the name of the role that agent should use when connecting to the server in the `User name` field. Note that if the specified role is not a database superuser, then some of the features will not work as expected. For the list of features that do not work if the specified role is not a database superuser, see *Agent privileges*.

If you are using Postgres version 10 or above, you can use the `pg_monitor` role to grant the required privileges to a non-superuser. For information about `pg_monitor` role, see:

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/default-roles.html>

- Specify the password that the agent should use when connecting to the server in the `Password` field, and verify it by typing it again in the `Confirm password` field. If you do not specify a password, you will need to configure the authentication for the agent manually; for example, you can use a `.pgpass` file, and it must be present and accessible on the system, where agent is installed.
- Set the `Allow takeover?` slider to `Yes` to specify that the server may be taken over by another agent. This feature allows an agent to take responsibility for the monitoring of the database server if, for example, the server has been moved to another host as part of a high availability failover process.

**Create - Server**

General Connection SSL SSH Tunnel Advanced PEM Agent **BART**

General Misc

For BART configuration, you need to install a PEM agent on the database server if Remote Monitoring is disabled for the agent. BART supports database server version 9.5 and above.

BART server: Select from the list

Server name: [Text Field]  
Database server name that uniquely identifies an entry for database server in the server section of the configuration file

Backup name: [Text Field]  
Template for backup name (may include %year, %month, %day, %hour, %minute, and %second)

Host address: [Text Field]  
IP address of the database server to be configured for backup

Port: [Text Field]

User: [Text Field]

Password: [Text Field]

Cluster owner: [Text Field]  
Operating system user that owns the database cluster

Override archive command?  No  
Overrides the archive\_command settings in the postgresql.conf file.

Archive command: [Text Field]  
Parameters for archive command (%p, %h, %a, %f). Ensure to bind a PEM agent and provide Service ID to reload or restart the database server.

Archive path: [Text Field]  
Specify the path where archived WAL files to be stored The default location is the BART backup catalog. Archive path parameter added from BART version 2.5.2 onwards.

Allow incremental backup?  No

Setup passwordless SSH?  No  
Ensure to bind a PEM agent to setup passwordless SSH authentication between BART host and database server.

[i] [?] [Cancel] [Reset] [Save]

Fig. 8: The Create Server dialog (BART - General tab)

Use the fields on the **General** tab under **BART** tab to describe the general properties of the BART Server that will map to the PEM server:

- Use the **BART server** field to select the BART server name. All the BART servers configured in the PEM console will be listed in this drop down list.
- Use the **Server name** field to specify a name for the database server that you want to backup using the BART server. This name gets stored in the BART configuration file.
- Use the **Backup name** field to specify a template for user-defined names to be assigned to the backups of the database server. If you do not specify a backup name template, then the backup can only be referenced in BART sub-commands by the BART assigned, integer backup identifier.
- Use the **Host address** field to specify the IP address of the database server that you want to configure for backup.
- Use the **Port** field to specify the port to be used for the database that you want to backup.
- Use the **User** field to specify the user of the database that you want to backup using BART through

PEM console. If you want to enable incremental backups for this database server, then the user must be a superuser.

- Use the `Password` field to specify the password for the user of the database that you want to backup.
- Use the `Cluster Owner` field to specify the Linux operating system user account that owns the database cluster. This is typically `enterprisedb` for Advanced Server database clusters installed in the Oracle databases compatible mode, or `postgres` for PostgreSQL database clusters and for Advanced Server database clusters installed in the PostgreSQL databases compatible mode.
- Use the `Archive command` field to specify the desired format of the archive command string to be used in the `bart.cfg` file. Inputs provided for the Archive command will overwrite the database server's `Postgresql.conf` file. Once the server gets added, the database server will be restarted or database configurations will be reloaded.
- Use the `Allow incremental backup?` switch to specify if incremental backup should be enabled for this database server.
- Use the `Setup passwordless SSH?` switch to specify if you want to create SSH certificates to allow passwordless logins between the Database Server and the BART server. Ensure to bind a PEM agent before setting up the passwordless SSH authentication. Passwordless SSH will not work for a database server being remotely monitored by a PEM agent.

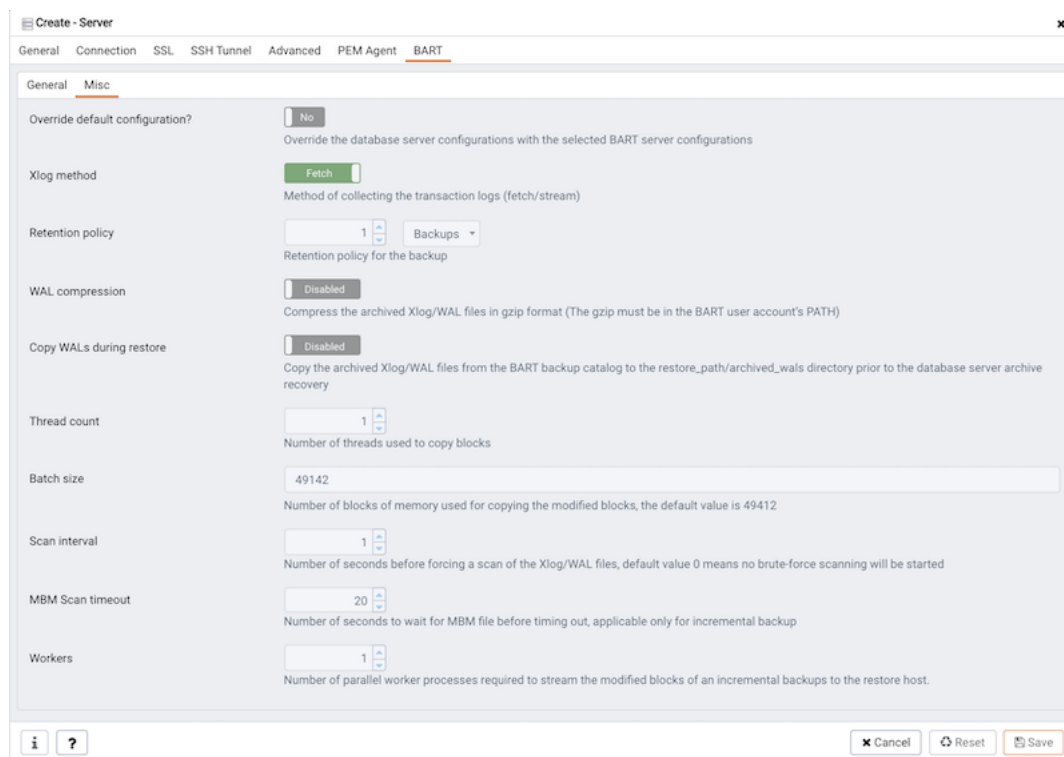


Fig. 9: The Create - Server dialog (BART - Misc tab)

Use the fields on the `Misc` tab under `BART` tab to describe the miscellaneous properties of the BART Server:

- Use the `Override default configuration?` Switch to specify if you want to override the BART server configurations with the specific database server configurations.

- Use the `Xlog` method to specify how the transaction log should be collected during the execution of `pg_basebackup`.
- Use the `Retention policy` field to specify the retention policy for the backup. This determines when an active backup should be marked as obsolete, and hence, be a candidate for deletion. You can specify the retention policy in terms of number of backup or in terms of duration (days, weeks, or months).
- Use the `WAL compression` switch to specify if you want to compress the archived Xlog/WAL files in Gzip format. To enable WAL compression, the `gzip` compression program must be present in the BART user account's `PATH`. The `wal_compression` setting must not be enabled for those database servers where you need to take incremental backups.
- Use the `Copy WALs during restore` field to specify how the archived WAL files are collected when invoking the `RESTORE` operation. Set to `enabled` to copy the archived WAL files from the BART backup catalog to the `<restore_path>/archived_wals` directory prior to the database server archive recovery. Set to `disabled` to retrieve the archived WAL files directly from the BART backup catalog during the database server archive recovery.
- Use the `Thread count` field to specify the number of threads to copy the blocks. You must set `thread count` to 1 if you want to take a backup with the `pg_basebackup` utility.
- Use the `Batch size` field to specify the number of blocks of memory used for copying modified blocks, applicable only for incremental backups.
- Use the `Scan interval` field to specify the number of seconds after which the WAL scanner should scan the new WAL files.
- Use the `MBM scan timeout` field to specify the number of seconds to wait for MBM files before timing out, applicable only for incremental backups.

To view the properties of a server, right-click on the server name in the PEM client tree control, and select the `Properties...` option from the context menu. To modify a server's properties, disconnect from the server before opening the `Properties` dialog.

## 2.2 Automatic Server Discovery

If the server you wish to monitor resides on the same host as the monitoring agent, you can use the `Auto Discovery` dialog to simplify the registration and binding process.

To enable auto discovery for a specific agent, you must enable the `Server Auto Discovery` probe. To access the `Manage Probes` tab, highlight the name of a PEM agent in the PEM client tree control, and select `Manage Probes . . .` from the `Management` menu. When the `Manage Probes` tab opens, confirm that the slider control in the `Enabled?` column is set to `Yes`.

To open the `Auto Discovery` dialog, highlight the name of a PEM agent in the PEM client tree control, and select `Auto Discovery . . .` from the `Management` menu.

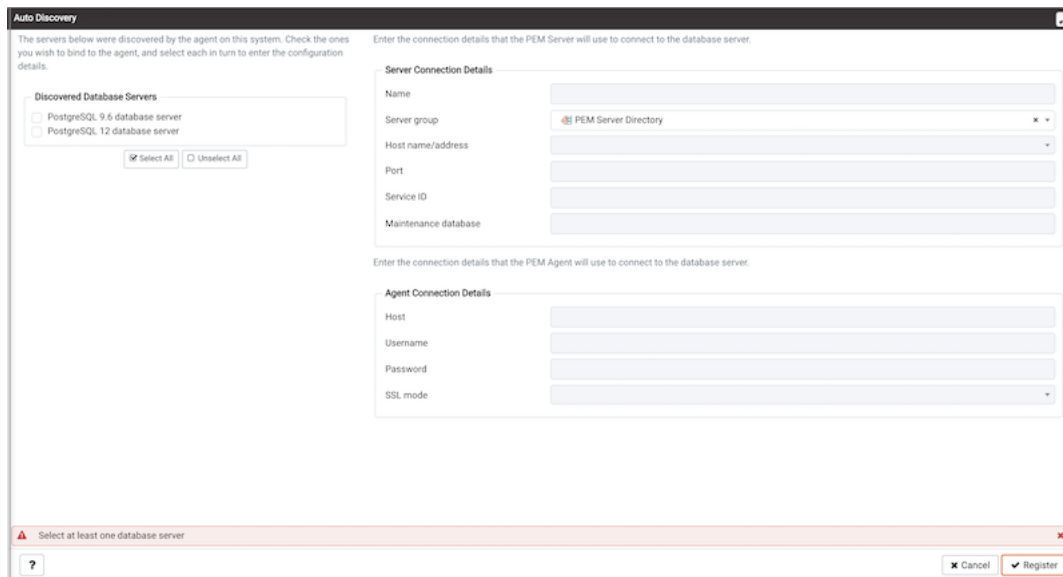


Fig. 10: *The PEM Auto Discovery dialog*

When the `Auto Discovery` dialog opens, the `Discovered Database Servers` box will display a list of servers that are currently not being monitored by a PEM agent. Check the box next to a server name to display information about the server in the `Server Connection Details` box, and connection properties for the agent in the `Agent Connection Details` box.

Use the `Check All` button to select the box next to all of the displayed servers, or `Uncheck All` to deselect all of the boxes to the left of the server names.

The fields in the `Server Connection Details` box provide information about the server that PEM will monitor:

- Accept or modify the name of the monitored server in the `Name` field. The specified name will be displayed in the tree control of the PEM client.
- Use the `Server group` drop-down listbox to select the server group under which the server will be displayed in the PEM client tree control.
- Use the `Host name/address` field to specify the IP address of the monitored server.

- The `Port` field displays the port that is monitored by the server; this field may not be modified.
- Provide the name of the service in the `Service ID` field. Please note that the service name must be provided to enable some PEM functionality.
- By default, the `Maintenance database` field indicates that the selected server uses a Postgres maintenance database. Customize the content of the `Maintenance database` field for your installation.

The fields in the `Agent Connection Details` box specify the properties that the PEM agent will use when connecting to the server:

- The `Host` field displays the IP address that will be used for the PEM agent binding.
- The `User name` field displays the name that will be used by the PEM agent when connecting to the selected server.
- The `Password` field displays the password associated with the specified user name.
- Use the drop-down listbox in the `SSL mode` field to specify your SSL connection preferences.

When you've finished specifying the connection properties for the servers that you are binding for monitoring, click the `OK` button to register the servers. Click `Cancel` to exit without preserving any changes.

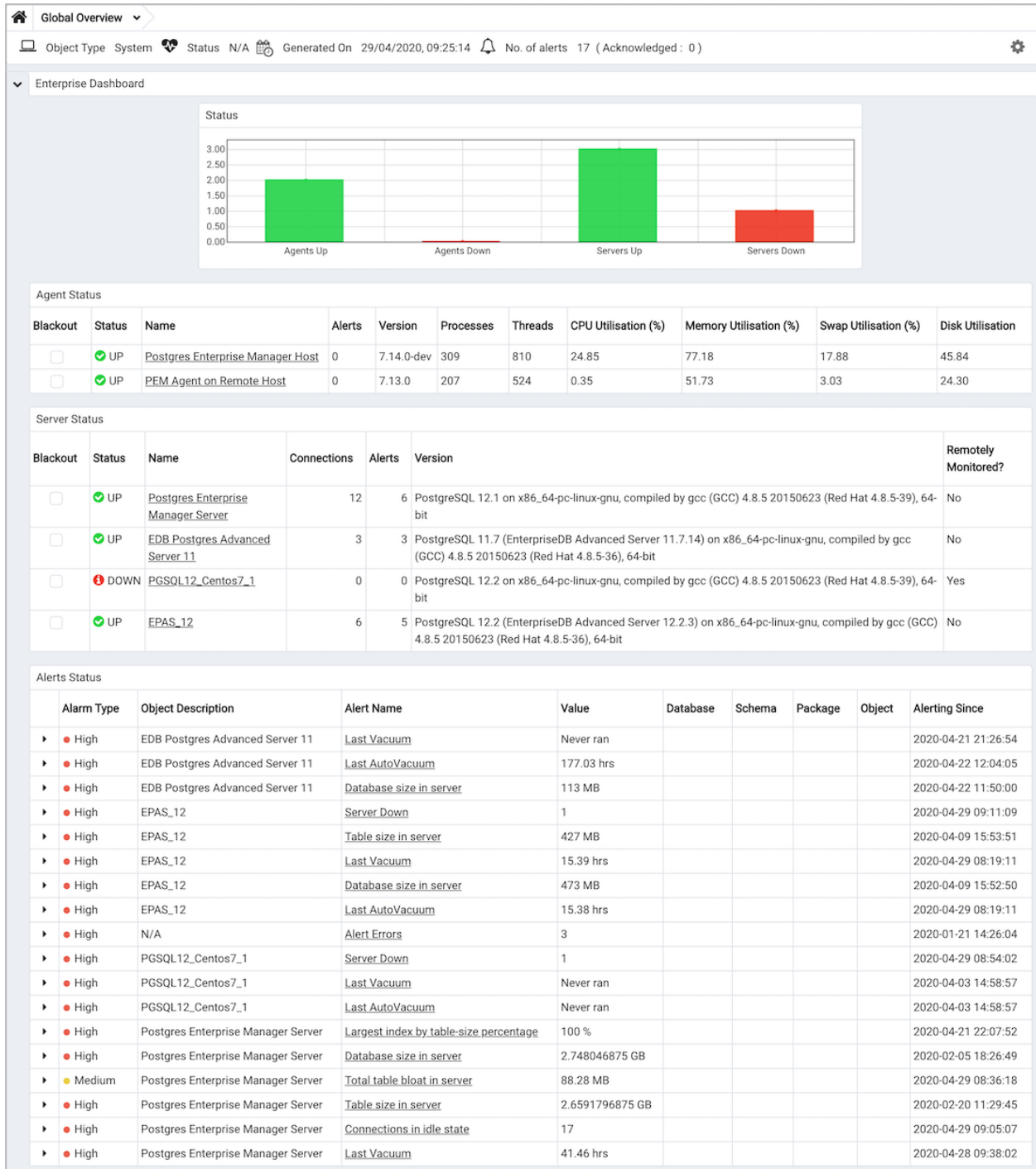


Fig. 11: The registered server

After clicking the OK button, the newly registered server is displayed in the PEM tree control and is monitored by the PEM server.



## 2.3 Using the pemworker Utility to Register a Server

You can use the `pemworker` utility to register a server for monitoring by the PEM server or to unregister a database server. During registration, the `pemworker` utility will bind the new server to the agent that resides on the system from which you invoked the registration command. To register a server:

on a Linux host, use the command:

```
pemworker --register-server
```

on a Windows host, use the command:

```
pemworker.exe REGISTER-SERVICE
```

Append command line options to the command string when invoking the `pemworker` utility. Each option should be followed by a corresponding value:

Option	Description
<code>--pem-user</code>	Specifies the name of the PEM administrative user. Required.
<code>--server-addr</code>	Specifies the IP address of the server host, or the fully qualified domain name. On Unix based systems, the address field may be left blank to use the default PostgreSQL Unix Domain Socket on the local machine, or may be set to an alternate path containing a PostgreSQL socket. If you enter a path, the path must begin with a /. Required.
<code>--server-port</code>	Specifies the port number of the host. Required.
<code>--server-database</code>	Specifies the name of the database to which the server will connect. Required.
<code>--server-user</code>	Specify the name of the user that will be used by the agent when monitoring the server. Required.
<code>--server-service-name</code>	Specifies the name of the database service that controls operations on the server that is being registered (STOP, START, RESTART, etc.). Optional.
<code>--remote-monitoring</code>	Include the <code>--remote-monitoring</code> clause and a value of no (the default) to indicate that the server is installed on the same machine as the PEM agent. When remote monitoring is enabled (yes), agent level statistics for the monitored server will not be available for custom charts and dashboards, and the remote server will not be accessible by some PEM utilities (such as Audit Manager, Capacity Manager, Log Manager, Postgres Expert and Tuning Wizard). Required.
<code>--efm-cluster-name</code>	Specifies the name of the Failover Manager cluster that monitors the server (if applicable). Optional.
<code>--efm-install-path</code>	Specifies the complete path to the installation directory of Failover Manager (if applicable). Optional.
<code>--asb-host-name</code>	Specifies the name of the host to which the agent is connecting.
<code>--asb-host-port</code>	Specifies the port number that the agent will use when connecting to the database.
<code>--asb-host-db</code>	Specifies the name of the database to which the agent will connect.
<code>--asb-host-user</code>	Specifies the database user name that the agent will supply when authenticating with the database.
<code>--asb-ssl-mode</code>	Specifies the type of SSL authentication that will be used for connections. Supported values include: prefer, require, disable, verify-CA, verify-full.
<code>--group</code>	Specifies the name of the group in which the server will be displayed.
<code>--team</code>	Specifies the name of the group role that will be allowed to access the server.
<code>--owner</code>	Specifies the name of the role that will own the monitored server.

Set the environment variable `PEM_SERVER_PASSWORD` to provide the password for the PEM server to allow the pemworker to connect as a PEM admin user.

Set the environment variable `PEM_MONITORED_SERVER_PASSWORD` to provide the password of the database server being registered and monitored by pemagent.

Failure to provide the password will result in a password authentication error. The PEM server will acknowledge that the server has been registered properly.

### 2.3.1 Using the pemworker Utility to Unregister a Server

You can use the `pemworker` utility to unregister a database server; to unregister a server, invoke the `pemworker` utility:

on a Linux host, use the command:

```
pemworker --unregister-server
```

on a Windows host, use the command:

```
pemworker.exe UNREGISTER-SERVICE
```

Append command line options to the command string when invoking the `pemworker` utility. Each option should be followed by a corresponding value:

Option	Description
<code>--pem-user</code>	Specifies the name of the PEM administrative user. Required.
<code>--server-addr</code>	Specifies the IP address of the server host, or the fully qualified domain name. On Unix based systems, the address field may be left blank to use the default PostgreSQL Unix Domain Socket on the local machine, or may be set to an alternate path containing a PostgreSQL socket. If you enter a path, the path must begin with a <code>/</code> . Required.
<code>--server-port</code>	Specifies the port number of the host. Required.

Set environment variable `PEM_SERVER_PASSWORD` to provide the password for the PEM server to allow the `pemworker` to connect as a PEM admin user.

Failure to provide the password will result in a password authentication error. The PEM server will acknowledge that the server has been unregistered.

## 2.4 Verifying the Connection and Binding

Once registered, the new server will be added to the PEM Browser tree control, and be displayed on the Global Overview.

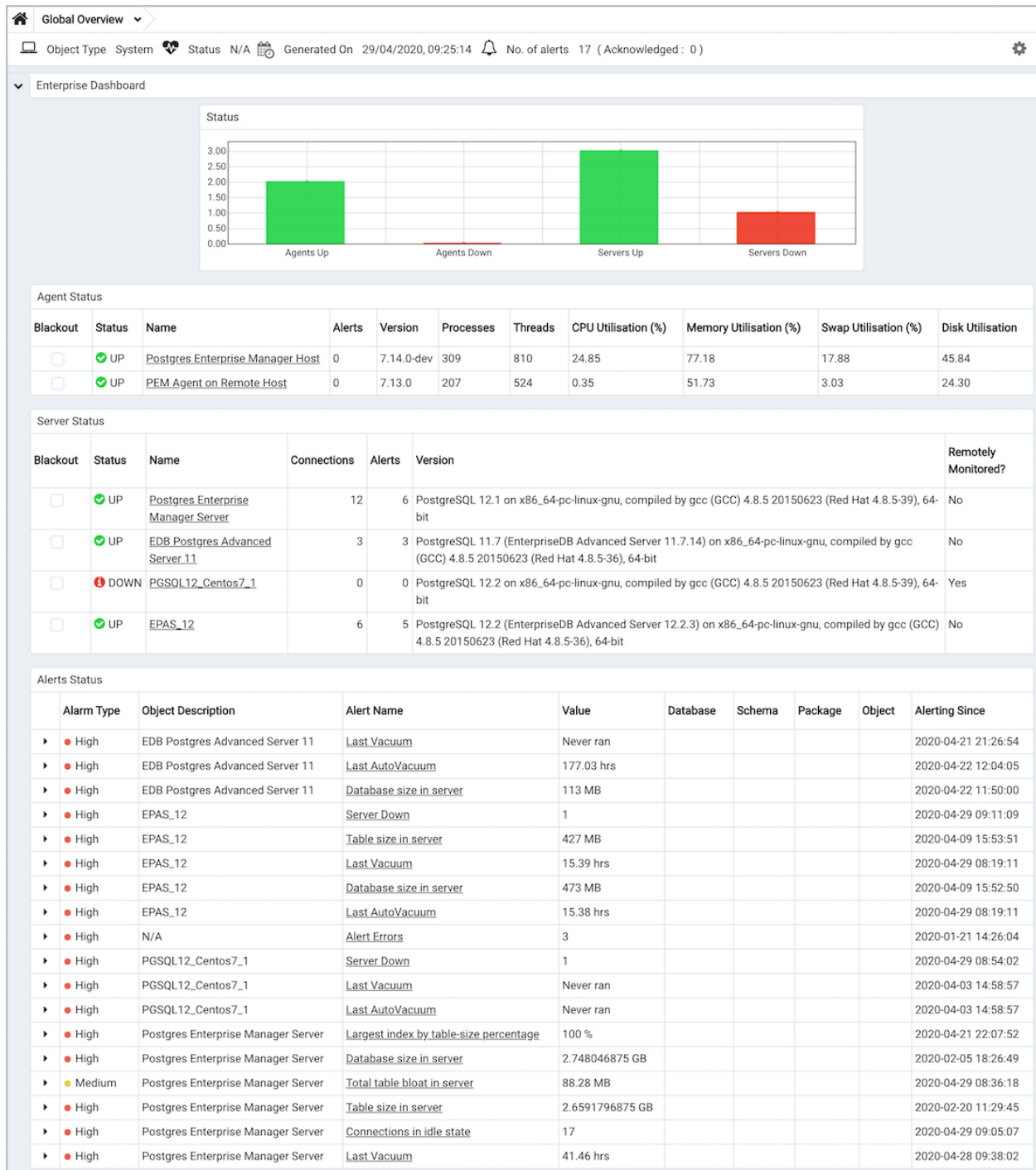


Fig. 12: The Global Overview dashboard

When initially connecting to a newly bound server, the `Global Overview` dashboard may display the new server with a status of “unknown” in the server list; before recognizing the server, the bound agent must execute a number of probes to examine the server, which may take a few minutes to complete depending on network availability.

Within a few minutes, bar graphs on the `Global Overview` dashboard should show that the agent has now connected successfully, and the new server is included in the `Postgres Server Status` list.

If after five minutes, the `Global Overview` dashboard still does not list the new server, you should review the logfiles for the monitoring agent, checking for errors. Right-click the agent’s name in the tree control, and select the `Probe Log Analysis` option from the `Dashboards` sub-menu of the context menu.

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### Managing Certificates

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Files stored in the data directory of the PEM server backing database contain information that helps the PEM server utilize secure connections:

- `ca_certificate.crt`
- `ca_key.key`
- `server.crt`
- `server.key`
- `root.crl`
- `root.crt`

The PEM agent that is installed with the PEM server monitors the expiration date of the `ca_certificate.crt` file. When the certificate is about to expire, PEM will:

- Make a backup of the existing certificate files.
- Create new certificate files, appending the new CA certificate file to the `root.crt` file on the PEM server.
- Create a job that renews the certificate file of any active agents.
- Restart the PEM server.

When you uninstall an agent, the certificate associated with that agent will be added to the certificate revocation list (maintained in the `root.crl` file) to ensure that the certificate cannot be used to connect to the PEM server.

The following sections contain detailed information about manually replacing certificate files.

## 3.1 Replacing SSL Certificates

The following steps detail replacing the SSL certificates on an existing PEM installation. If you plan to upgrade your server to a new version at the same time, invoke all of the PEM installers (first the server installer, then agent installers) before replacing the SSL certificates. Then:

1. Stop all running PEM agents, first on the server host, and then on any monitored node.

To stop a PEM agent on a Linux host, open a terminal window, assume superuser privileges, and enter the command:

On Linux with systemd, for eg: Centos7

```
systemctl stop pemagent
```

On a Windows host, you can use the `Services` applet to stop the PEM agent. The PEM agent service is named `Postgres Enterprise Manager Agent`; highlight the service name in the `Services` dialog, and click `Stop the service`.

2. Take a backup of the existing SSL keys and certificates. The SSL keys and certificates are stored in the `data` directory under your PEM installation. For example, the default location on a Linux system is:

`/var/lib/pgsql/x/data` where `x` is the PostgreSQL database version.

Make a copy of the following files, adding an extension to each file to make the name unique:

- `ca_certificate.crt`
- `ca_key.key`
- `root.crt`
- `root.crl`
- `server.key`
- `server.crt`

For example, the command:

```
# cp ca_certificate.crt ca_certificate_old.crt
```

**creates a backup of the `ca_certificate` file with the word `old` appended to the entry.**

3. Use the `openssl_rsa_generate_key()` function to generate the `ca_key.key` file:

```
/usr/pgsql-x.x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -c "SELECT_  
↵public.openssl_rsa_generate_key(1024)" > /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.  
↵key
```

**After creating the `ca_key.key` file, cat the contents to the variable `CA_KEY` for use when generating the `ca_certificate.crt` file and modify the privileges on the `ca_key.key` file:**

```
CA_KEY=$(cat /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.key)

chmod 600 /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.key
```

4. Use the key to generate the `ca_certificate.crt` file. For simplicity, place the SQL query into a temporary file with a unique name:

```
echo "SELECT openssl_csr_to_cert(openssl_rsa_key_to_csr('${CA_KEY}',
'PEM','US', 'MA', 'Bedford', 'Postgres Enterprise Manager',
'support@enterprisedb.com'), NULL,
'/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.key') " > /tmp/_random.$$
```

Then use the variable to execute the query, placing the content into the `ca_certificate.crt` file.

```
/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -f /
↳tmp/_random.$$ > /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_certificate.crt
```

Modify the permissions of the `ca_certificate.crt` file, and remove the temporary file that contained the SQL command:

```
chmod 600 /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_certificate.crt

rm -f /tmp/_random.$$
```

5. Re-use the `ca_certificate.crt` file as the `root.crt` file:

```
cp /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_certificate.crt /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/root.
↳crt
```

Modify the permissions of the `root.crt` file:

```
chmod 600 /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/root.crt
```

6. Use the `openssl_rsa_generate_crl()` function to create the certificate revocation list (`root.crl`):

```
/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -c
"SELECT openssl_rsa_generate_crl('/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_certificate.
↳crt', '/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.key') " > /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/
↳root.crl
```

Modify the permissions of the `root.crl` file:

```
chmod 600 /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/root.crl
```

7. Use the `openssl_rsa_generate_key()` function to generate the `server.key` file:

```
/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -c
"SELECT public.openssl_rsa_generate_key(1024) " >> /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/
↳server.key
```



After creating the `server.key` file, cat the contents to the variable `SSL_KEY` for use when generating the `server.crt` file and modify the privileges on the `server.key` file:

```
SSL_KEY=$(cat /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/server.key)

chmod 600 /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/server.key
```

- Use the `SSL_KEY` to generate the server certificate. Save the certificate in the `server.crt` file. For simplicity, first place the SQL query into a temporary file with a unique name:

```
echo "SELECT openssl_csr_to_cert(openssl_rsa_key_to_csr('${SSL_KEY}',
'PEM','US','MA','Bedford','Postgres Enterprise Manager',
'support@enterprisedb.com'),
'/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_certificate.crt',
'/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.key')" > /tmp/_random.$$

/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -f /tmp/_
random.$$ >> /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/server.crt
```

- Modify the privileges on the `server.crt` file, and delete the temporary file:

```
chmod 600 /var/lib/pgsql/x/data/server.crt

rm -f /tmp/_random.$$
```

- Restart the Postgres server:

On Linux with `systemd`, for eg: `Centos7`

```
systemctl restart postgresql-x
```

## 3.2 Updating Agent SSL Certificates

For each agent that interacts with the PEM server, you must:

- generate an rsa key and a certificate.
- copy the key and certificate to the agent.
- restart the agent.

Each agent has a unique identifier that is stored in the `pem.agent` table in the `pem` database. You must replace the key and certificate files with the key or certificate that corresponds to the agent's identifier. Please note that you must move the `agent.key` and `agent.crt` files (generated in Steps 2 and 3 into place on their respective PEM agent host before generating the next key file pair; subsequent commands will overwrite the previously generated file.

To generate a PEM agent key file pair:

1. Use `psql` to find the number of agents and their corresponding identifiers:

```
/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -c "SELECT ID_
↳FROM pem.agent "
```

- On Linux, you can also find the agent identifier and location of the keys and certificates in the `PEMagent` section of the `/etc/postgres-reg.ini` file.
- On Windows, the information is stored in the registry:

- On a 64-bit Windows installation, check:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\EnterpriseDB\PEM\agent
```

- On a 32-bit Windows installation, check:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\EnterpriseDB\PEM\agent
```

2. After identifying the agents that will need key files, generate an `agent.key` for each agent. To generate the key, execute the following command, capturing the output in a file:

```
/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -c "SELECT_
↳openssl_rsa_generate_key(1024) " > agent.key
```

Modify the privileges of the `agent.key` file:

```
chmod 600 agent.key
```

3. Generate a certificate for each agent. To generate a certificate, execute the following command, capturing the output in a certificate file:

```
/usr/pgsql-x/bin/psql -U postgres -d pem --no-psqlrc -t -A -c
"SELECT openssl_csr_to_cert(openssl_rsa_key_to_csr('$ (cat agent.key)',
'agent<$ID>', 'US', 'MA', 'Bedford', 'Postgres Enterprise Manager',
'support@enterprisedb.com'),
```

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```
'/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_certificate.crt',  
'/var/lib/pgsql/x/data/ca_key.key')" > agent.crt
```

Where *\$ID* is the agent number of the agent (retrieved via the psql command line).

4. Modify the privileges of the `agent.crt` file:

```
chmod 600 agent.crt
```

5. Replace each agent's key and certificate file with the newly generated files before restarting the PEM agent service:

- On Linux with `init.d`, restart the service with the command:

```
/etc/init.d/pemagent start
```

On Linux with `systemd`, restart the service with the command:

```
systemctl start pemagent
```

- On a Windows host, you can use the Services applet to start the PEM agent. The PEM agent service is named `Postgres Enterprise Manager Agent`; highlight the service name in the Services dialog, and click `Start the service`.

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### Managing Configuration Settings

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Multiple configuration files are read at startup by Postgres Enterprise Manager. The files are as follows:

- `config.py`: This is the main configuration file, and should not be modified. It can be used as a reference for configuration settings, that may be overridden in one of the following files.
- `config_distro.py`: This file is read after `config.py` and is intended for packagers to change any settings that are required for their Postgres Enterprise Manager distribution. This may typically include certain paths and file locations. This file is optional, and may be created by packagers in the same directory as `config.py` if needed.
- `config_local.py`: This file is read after `config_distro.py` and is intended for end users to change any default or packaging specific settings that they may wish to adjust to meet local preferences or standards. This file is optional, and may be created by users in the same directory as `config.py` if needed.

A copy of the default `config.py` file is included in the PEM online help for reference.

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## Managing a PEM Server

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The sections that follow provide information about tasks related to PEM server such as restarting the PEM server and agent, controlling the PEM server or PEM agent, controlling the HTTPD service on Linux and Windows, controlling the HTTPD server, managing PEM authentication and security, modifying the `pg_hba.conf` file, modifying PEM to use a proxy server etc.

### 5.1 Starting and Stopping the PEM Server and Agents

The PEM server starts, stops and restarts when the Postgres server instance on which it resides starts, stops or restarts; use the same commands to control the PEM server that you would use to control the Postgres server. On Linux platforms, the command that stops and starts the service script will vary by platform and OS version.

The PEM agent is controlled by a service named `pemagent`.

The Windows operating system includes a graphical service controller that displays the server status, and offers point-and-click server control. The `Services` utility can be accessed through the Windows `Control Panel`. When the utility opens, use the scroll bar to navigate through the listed services to highlight the service name.

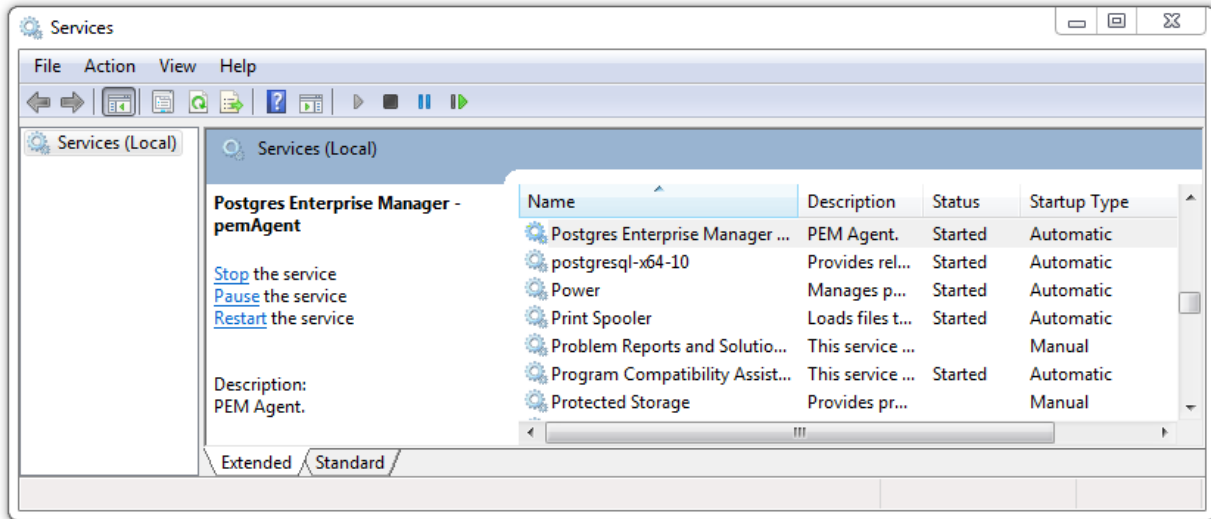


Fig. 1: The PEM service in the Windows Services window

Use the Stop, Pause, Start, or Restart buttons to control the state of the service.

Please note that any user (or client application) connected to the Postgres server will be abruptly disconnected if you stop the service. For more information about controlling a service, please consult the *EDB Postgres Advanced Server Installation Guide*, available from the EnterpriseDB website at:

<https://www.enterprisedb.com/resources/product-documentation>

## 5.2 Remotely Starting and Stopping Monitored Servers

PEM allows you to startup and shutdown managed server instances with the PEM client. To configure a server to allow PEM to manage the service, complete the Server registration dialog, registering the database server with a PEM agent and:

- specify the `Store` on PEM Server option on the Properties dialog.
- specify the name of a service script in the `Service ID` field on the Advanced tab:
  - For Advanced Server, the service name is `edb-as-<x>` or `ppas-<x>`.
  - For PostgreSQL, the service name is `postgresql-<x>`.

Where `x` indicates the server version number.

After connecting to the server, you can start or stop the server by highlighting the server name in the tree control, and selecting `Queue Server Startup` or `Queue Server Shutdown` from the Tools menu.

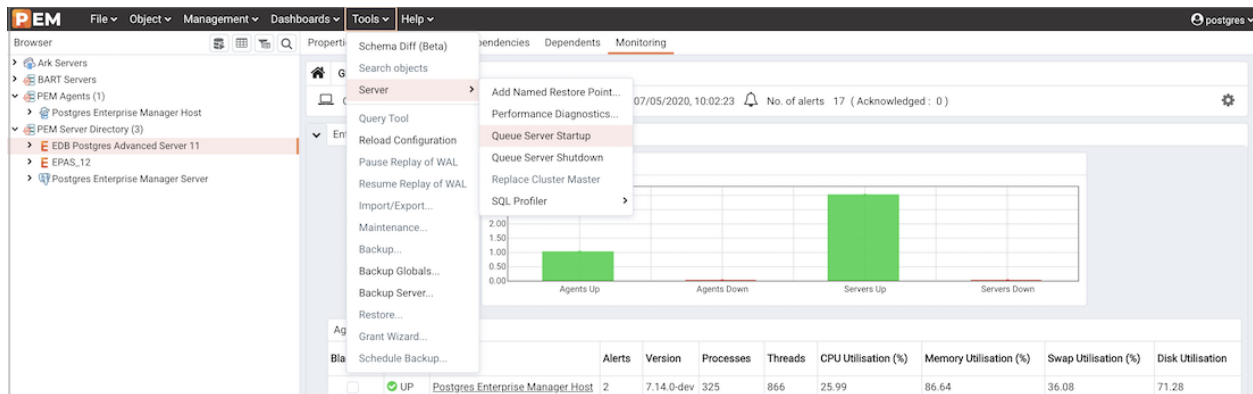


Fig. 2: The Tools menu of a managed server

## 5.3 Controlling the PEM Server or PEM Agent on Linux

On Linux platforms, the name of the service script that controls:

- a PEM server on Advanced Server is `edb-as-<x>` or `ppas-<x>`
- a PEM server on PostgreSQL is `postgresql-<x>`
- a PEM agent is `pemagent`

Where `x` indicates the server version number.

You can use the service script to control the service.

- To control a service on RHEL or CentOS version 7.x or 8.x open a command line, assume superuser privileges, and issue the command:

```
systemctl <service_name> <action>
```

Where:

`service_name` is the name of the service.

`action` specifies the action taken by the service. Specify:

- `start` to start the service.
- `stop` to stop the service.
- `restart` to stop and then start the service.
- `status` to check the status of the service.



## 5.4 Controlling the PEM Server or PEM Agent on Windows

The Windows operating system includes a graphical service controller that displays the server status, and offers point-and-click server control. The registered name of the service that controls:

- a PEM server host on PostgreSQL is `postgresql-<x>`
- a PEM server host on Advanced Server is `edb-as-<x>`, or `ppas-<x>`
- a PEM agent is `Postgres Enterprise Manager - pemAgent`

Where *x* indicates the server version number.

Navigate through the Windows Control Panel to open the Services utility. When the utility opens, use the scroll bar to browse the list of services.

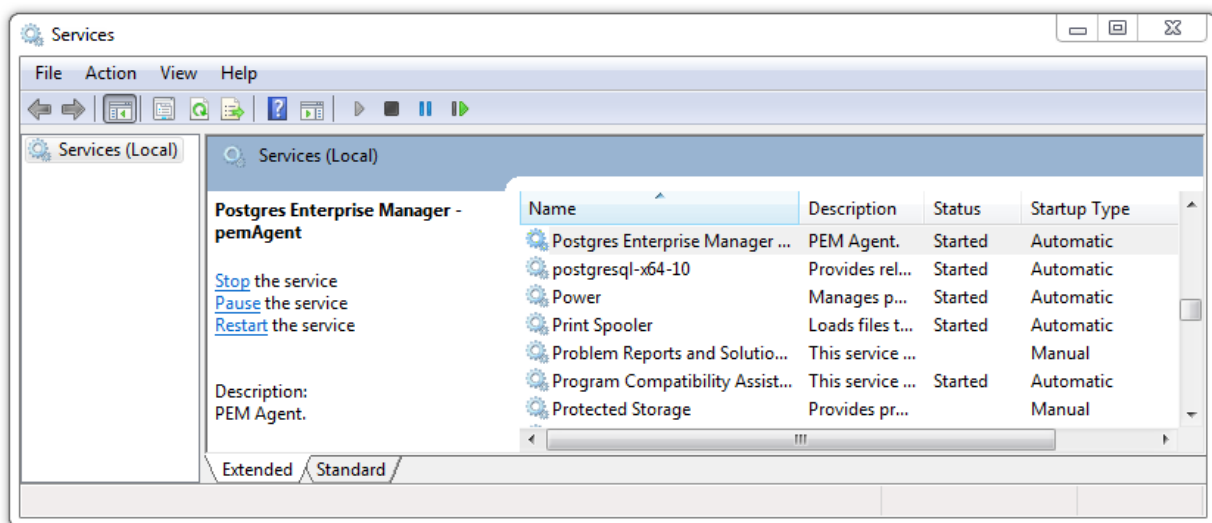


Fig. 3: *The Windows Services window*

Use the `Stop the service` option to stop a service. Any user (or client application) connected to the server will be abruptly disconnected if you stop the service.

Use the `Pause the service` option to instruct Postgres to reload a service's configuration parameters. The `Pause the service` option is an effective way to reset parameters without disrupting user sessions for many of the configuration parameters.

Use the `Start the service` option to start a service.

## 5.5 Controlling the HTTPD Server

On Linux, you can confirm the status of the PEM-HTTPD service by opening a command line, and entering the following command:

```
ps -ef | grep httpd
```

If Linux responds with an answer that is similar to the following example, httpd is not running:

```
user 13321 13267 0 07:37 pts/1 00:00:00 grep httpd
```

To start the service on a CentOS or RHEL 7.x or 8.x system, use the command:

```
systemctl start httpd
```

On Windows, you can use the *Services* applet to check the status of the PEM HTTPD service. After opening the *Services* applet, scroll through the list to locate the PEM HTTPD service.

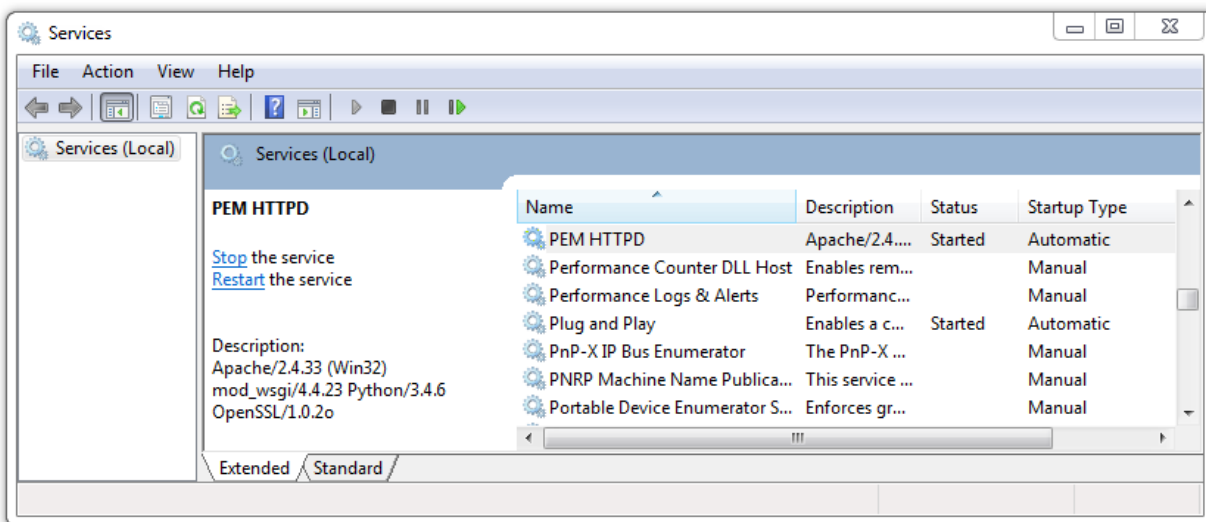


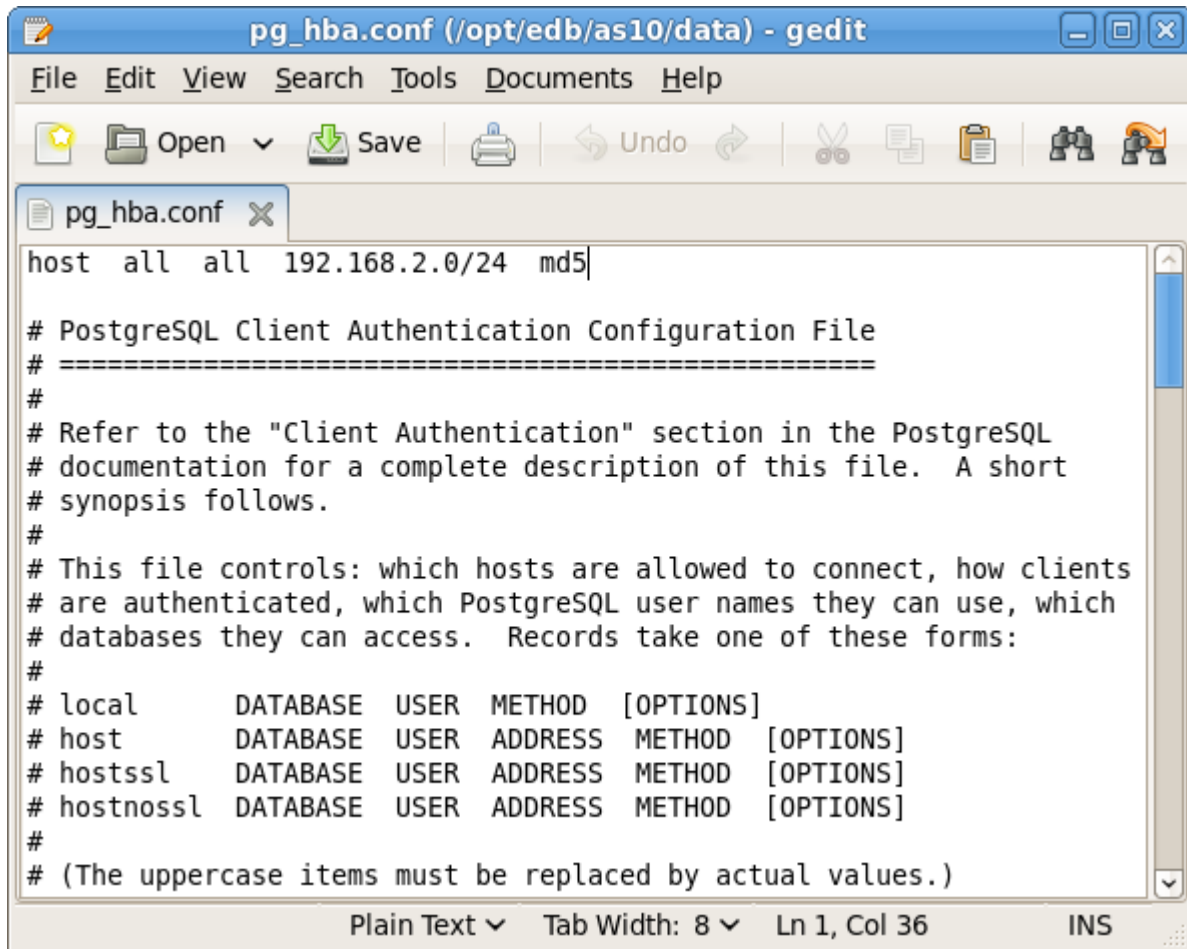
Fig. 4: *The PEM HTTPD Windows service*

The *Status* column displays the current state of the server. Click the *Start* link to start PEM HTTPD if the service is not running.

## 5.6 Modifying the pg\_hba.conf File

Entries in the `pg_hba.conf` file control network authentication and authorization. The `pg_hba.conf` file on the PEM server host must allow connections between the PEM server and PEM-HTTPD, the PEM agent, and the monitored servers.

During the PEM server installation process, you are prompted for the IP address and connection information for hosts that will be monitored by PEM; this information is added to the top of the `pg_hba.conf` file of the PEM backing database.



```

pg_hba.conf (/opt/edb/as10/data) - gedit
File Edit View Search Tools Documents Help
Open Save Print Undo
pg_hba.conf x
host all all 192.168.2.0/24 md5

# PostgreSQL Client Authentication Configuration File
# =====
#
# Refer to the "Client Authentication" section in the PostgreSQL
# documentation for a complete description of this file. A short
# synopsis follows.
#
# This file controls: which hosts are allowed to connect, how clients
# are authenticated, which PostgreSQL user names they can use, which
# databases they can access. Records take one of these forms:
#
# local      DATABASE  USER  METHOD  [OPTIONS]
# host      DATABASE  USER  ADDRESS METHOD  [OPTIONS]
# hostssl   DATABASE  USER  ADDRESS METHOD  [OPTIONS]
# hostnossl DATABASE  USER  ADDRESS METHOD  [OPTIONS]
#
# (The uppercase items must be replaced by actual values.)
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```

Fig. 5: PEM entries in the `pg_hba.conf` file

You may also need to manually modify the `pg_hba.conf` file to allow connections between the PEM server and other components. For example, if your PEM-HTTPD installation does not reside on the same host as the PEM server, you must modify the `pg_hba.conf` file on the PEM server host to allow PEM-HTTPD to connect to the server.

By default, the `pg_hba.conf` file resides in the data directory, under your Postgres installation; for example, on an Advanced Server 10 host, the default location of the `pg_hba.conf` is:

```
/var/lib/edb/as10/data/pg_hba.conf
```

You can modify the `pg_hba.conf` file with your editor of choice. After modifying the file, restart the server for changes to take effect.

The following example shows a `pg_hba.conf` entry that allows an md5 password authenticated connection from a user named `postgres`, to the `postgres` database on the host on which the `pg_hba.conf` file resides. The connection is coming from an IP address of `192.168.10.102`:

# TYPE	DATABASE	USER	CIDR-ADDRESS	METHOD
# IPv4 local connections:				
host	postgres	postgres	192.168.10.102/32	md5

You may specify the address of a network host, or a network address range. For example, if you wish to allow connections from servers with the addresses `192.168.10.23`, `192.168.10.76` and `192.168.10.184`, enter a CIDR-ADDRESS of `192.168.10.0/24` to allow connections from all of the hosts in that network:

# TYPE	DATABASE	USER	CIDR-ADDRESS	METHOD
# IPv4 local connections:				
host	postgres	all	192.168.10.0/24	md5

For more information about formatting a `pg_hba.conf` file entry, please see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/auth-pg-hba-conf.html>

Before you can connect to a Postgres server with PEM, you must ensure that the `pg_hba.conf` file on both servers allows the connection.

If you receive this error when connecting to the database server, modify the `pg_hba.conf` file, adding an entry that allows the connection.

## 5.7 Creating and Maintaining Databases and Objects

Each instance of a Postgres server manages one or more databases; each user must provide authentication information to connect to the database before accessing the information contained within it. The PEM client provides dialogs that allow you to create and manage databases, and all of the various objects that comprise a database (e.g. tables, indexes, stored procedures, etc.).

Creating a database is easy in PEM: simply right click on any managed server's `Databases` node and select `Database . . .` from the `Create` menu. After defining a database, you can create objects within the new database.

For example, to create a new table, right click on a `Tables` node, and select `Table . . .` from the `Create` menu. When the `New Table` dialog opens, specify the attributes of the new table.

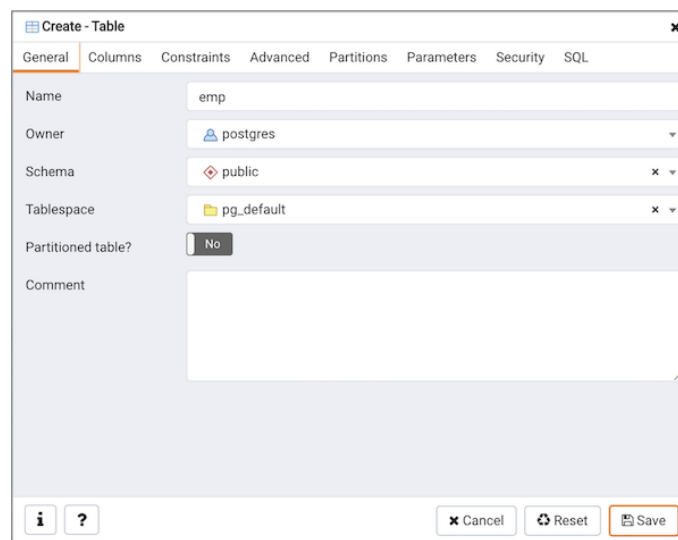


Fig. 6: *Create Table - General Tab*

PEM provides similar dialogs for the creation and management of other database objects:

- tables
- indexes
- stored procedures
- functions
- triggers
- views
- constraints, etc.

Each object type is displayed in the tree control; right click on the node that corresponds to an object type to access the `Create` menu and create a new object, or select `Properties` from the context menu of a named node to perform administrative tasks for the highlighted object.

## 5.8 Managing PEM Authentication

Postgres supports a number of authentication methods:

- Secure password (md5)
- GSSAPI
- SSPI
- Kerberos
- Ident
- LDAP
- RADIUS
- Certificate (SSL)
- PAM

Postgres (and PEM) authentication is controlled by the `pg_hba.conf` configuration file. Entries within the configuration file specify who may connect to a specific database, and the type of authentication required before that user is allowed to connect.

A typical entry in the `pg_hba.conf` file that allows a user named `postgres` to connect to all databases from the local host (127.0.0.1/32) using secure password (md5) authentication connections would take the form:

```
host all postgres 127.0.0.1/32 md5
```

Depending on your system's configuration, you may also need to create a password file for the user account that the PEM agent uses to connect to the server, to allow the agent to properly respond to the server's authentication request. An entry in the password file for a user named `postgres`, with a password of `1safepwd` would take the form:

```
localhost:5432:*:postgres:1safepwd
```

The password file is usually named `~root/.pgpass` on Linux systems, or `%APPDATA%\postgresql\pgpass.conf` (on Windows). For more information about configuring a password file, visit the PostgreSQL website at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/libpq-pgpass.html>

For more information about the authentication methods supported by Postgres, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/client-authentication.html>

## 5.9 Editing the PEM Server Configuration

You can use the PEM client to graphically manage the configuration parameters of the PEM server to enable features or modify default settings. To open the `Server Configuration` dialog, select `Server Configuration...` from the `Management` menu.

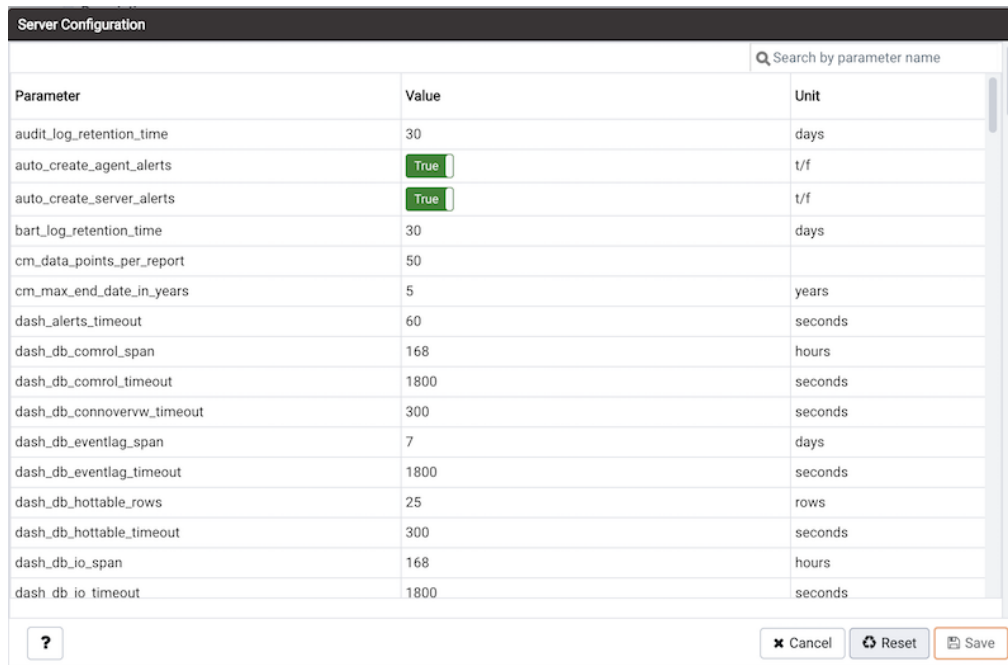


Fig. 7: *The Server Configuration dialog*

To modify a parameter value, edit the content displayed in the `Value` field to the right of a parameter name. Click the `Save` button to preserve your changes, or click the `Close` button to exit the dialog without applying the changes. Use the `Reset` button to return the parameters to their original value.

## 5.10 Managing Security

PEM provides a graphical way to manage your Postgres roles and servers.

### 5.10.1 Login Roles

When you connect to the PEM server, you must provide role credentials that allow access to the database on which the PEM server stores data. By default, the postgres superuser account is used to initially connect to the server, but it is strongly recommended (for both security and auditing purposes) that individual roles are created for each connecting user. You can use the PEM Query Tool, the PEM web interface `Create - Login/Group Role` dialog, or a command line client (such as `psql`) to create a role.

To use the `Create - Login/Group Role` dialog to create a role, expand the node for the server on which the role will reside in the PEM tree control, and right-click on the `Login/Group Roles` node to access the context menu. Then, select `Login/Group Role . . .` from the `Create` menu.

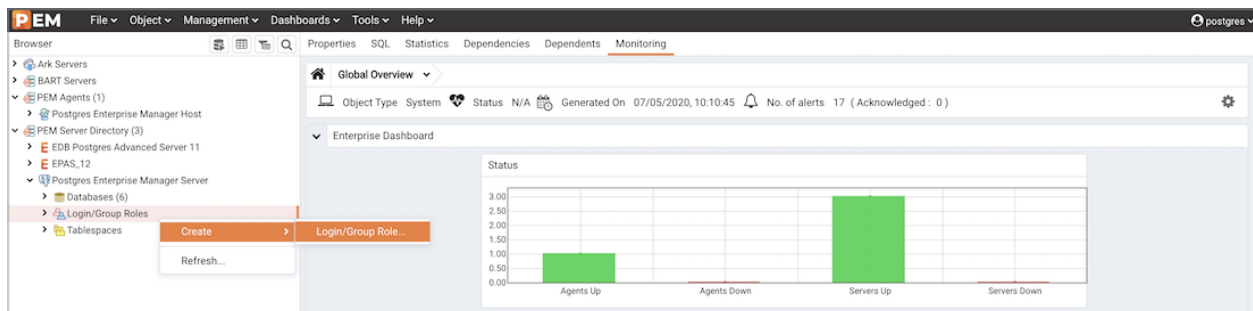


Fig. 8: *The context menu of the Login Roles node*

Use fields on the tabs of the `Create - Login/Group Role` dialog to define the role. To display the PEM online help in a browser tab, click the help (?) button located in the lower-left corner of the dialog.

When you've finished defining the new role, click `Save` to create the role.



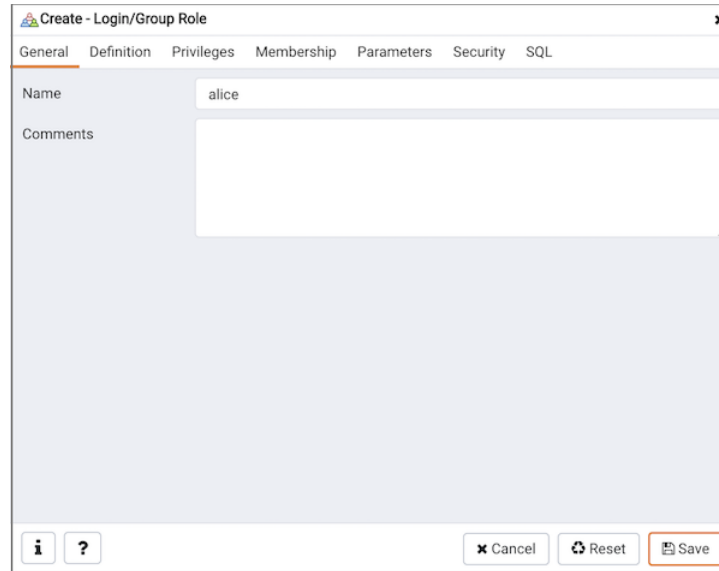


Fig. 9: *Create Login Role - General tab*

To modify the properties of an existing login role, right click on the name of a login role in the tree control, and select `Properties` from the context menu. To delete a login role, right click on the name of the role, and select `Delete/Drop` from the context menu.

For more complete information about creating and managing a role, see the PostgreSQL online documentation:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-createrole.html>

## 5.10.2 Group Roles

Group roles can serve as containers, used to dispense system privileges (such as creating databases) and object privileges (e.g. inserting data into a particular table). The primary purpose of a group role is to make the mass management of system and object permissions much easier for a DBA. Rather than assigning or modifying privileges individually across many different login accounts, you can assign or change privileges for a single role and then grant that role to many login roles at once.

Use the `Group Roles` node (located beneath the name of each registered server in the PEM tree control) to create and manage group roles. Options on the context menu provide access to a dialog that allows you to create a new role or modify the properties of an existing role. You can find more information about creating roles at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-createrole.html>

### 5.10.3 Using PEM Pre-Defined Roles to Manage Access to PEM Functionality

You can use the `Login/Group Role` dialog to allow a role with limited privileges to access PEM features such as the Audit Manager, Capacity Manager, or SQL Profiler. PEM pre-defined roles allow access to PEM functionality; roles that are assigned membership in these roles can access the associated feature.

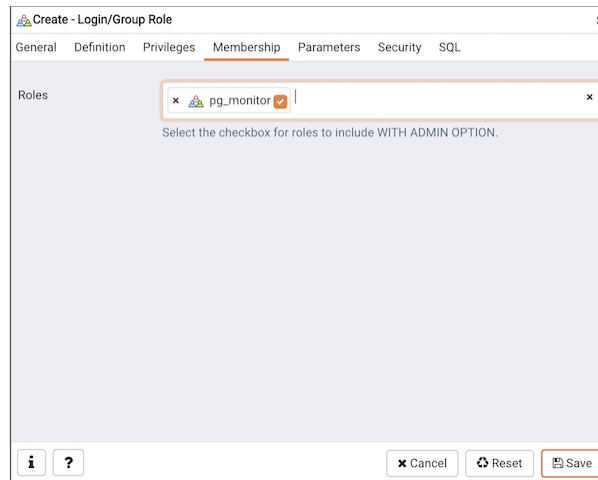


Fig. 10: *Create Login Role - Membership tab*

When defining a user, use the `Membership` tab to specify the roles in which the new user is a member. The new user will share the privileges associated with each role in which it is a member. For a user to have access to PEM extended functionality, the role must be a member of the `pem_user` role and the pre-defined role that grants access to the feature. Use the `Roles` field to select pre-defined role names from a drop down list.

The `SQL` tab displays the SQL command that the server will execute when you click `Save`.

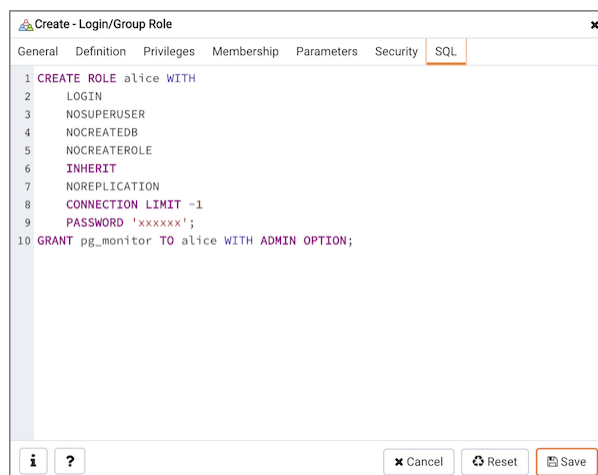


Fig. 11: *Create Login Role - SQL tab*

The example shown above creates a login role named `acctg_clerk` that will have access to the Audit

Manager; the role can make unlimited connections to the server at any given time.

You can use PEM pre-defined roles to allow access to the functionality listed in the table below:

Value	Parent Role	Description
pem_super_admin		Role to manage/configure everything on Postgres Enterprise Manager.
pem_admin	pem_super_admin	Role for administration/management/configuration of all visible agents/servers, and monitored objects.
pem_config	pem_admin	Role for configuration management of Postgres Enterprise Manager.
pem_component	pem_admin	Role to run/execute all wizard/dialog based components.
pem_rest_api	pem_admin	Role to access the REST API.
pem_server_service_manager	pem_admin	Role for allowing to restart/reload the monitored database server (if server-id provided).
pem_manage_schedule_task	pem_admin	Role to configure the schedule tasks.
pem_manage_alert	pem_admin	Role for managing/configuring alerts, and its templates.
pem_config_alert	pem_config, pem_manage_alert	Role for configuring the alerts on any monitored objects.
pem_manage_probe	pem_admin	Role to create, update, delete the custom probes, and change custom probe configuration.
pem_config_probe	pem_config, pem_manage_probe	Role for probe configuration (history retention, execution frequency, enable/disable the probe) on all visible monitored objects.
pem_database_server_registration	pem_admin	Role to register a database server.
pem_comp_postgres_expert	pem_component	Role to run the Postgres Expert.
pem_comp_auto_discovery	pem_component	Role to run the Auto discovery of a database server dialog.
pem_comp_log_analysis_expert	pem_component	Role to run the Log Analysis Expert.
pem_comp_sqlprofiler	pem_component	Role to run the SQL Profiler.
pem_manage_efm	pem_admin	Role to manage Failover Manager functionality.
pem_comp_capacity_manager	pem_component	Role to run the Capacity Manager.
pem_comp_log_manager	pem_component	Role to run the Log Manager.
pem_comp_audit_manager	pem_component	Role to run the Audit Manager.
pem_comp_tuning_wizard	pem_component	Role to run the Tuning Wizard.

### 5.10.4 Using a Team Role

When you register a server for monitoring by PEM, you can specify a *Team* that will be associated with the server. A Team is a group role that can be used to allow or restrict access to one or more monitored servers to a limited group of role members. The PEM client will only display a server with a specified Team to those users who are:

- a member of the Team role
- the role that created the server
- a role with superuser privileges on the PEM server.

To create a team role, expand the node for the server on which the role will reside in the PEM tree control, and right-click on the `Login/Group Roles` node to access the context menu. Then, select `Login/Group Role . . .` from the `Create` menu; when the `Create - Login/Group Role` dialog opens, use the fields provided to specify the properties of the team role.

### 5.10.5 Object Permissions

A role must be granted sufficient privileges before accessing, executing, or creating any database object. PEM allows you to assign (`GRANT`) and remove (`REVOKE`) object permissions to group roles or login accounts using the graphical interface of the PEM client.

Object permissions are managed via the graphical object editor for each particular object. For example, to assign privileges to access a database table, right click on the table name in the tree control, and select the Properties option from the context menu. Use the options displayed on the Privileges tab to assign privileges for the table.

The PEM client also contains a `Grant Wizard` (accessed through the `Tools` menu) that allows you to manage many object permissions at once.

## 5.11 Managing Job Notifications

You can configure the settings in PEM console for sending the SMTP trap on success or failure of a system-generated job (listed under scheduled tasks) or a custom-defined agent job. For information about custom-defined agent jobs, see ‘Creating PEM Scheduled Jobs’. These email notification settings can be configured at following three levels (in order of precedence) to send email notifications to the specified user group:

- Job level
- Agent level
- PEM server level (default level)

### 5.11.1 Configuring Job Notifications at Job Level

You can configure email notification settings at job level only for a custom-defined agent job in one of the following ways:

- For a new agent job, you can configure the email notification settings in the `Notification` tab of `Create-Agent Job` wizard while creating the job itself.
- For an existing custom-defined job, you can edit the properties of the job and configure the notification settings.

The screenshot shows the 'Create - Agent Job' dialog box with the 'Notifications' tab selected. The 'Send the notifications' dropdown menu is set to 'ALWAYS'. Below this dropdown, there is explanatory text: 'Determines when to send a notification for the job: ON FAILURE : Send a notification on the failure/interruption of the job. ALWAYS : Send a notification on the completion of the job regardless of the result. NEVER : Do not send a notification for the job. DEFAULT : Use the agent/system level job notification configuration to determine whether, and when to send the notification.' The 'Email group' dropdown menu is set to '<Default>'. Below this dropdown, there is explanatory text: 'Select the email-group to get the job/scheduled-task notification on completion.' At the bottom of the dialog, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Reset', and 'Save'.

Fig. 12: *Configure Job Notification - Job level*

Use the fields on the `Notifications` tab to configure the email notification settings on job level:

- Use the `Send the notifications` field to specify when you want the email notifications to be sent.
- Use the `Email group` field to specify the email group that should receive the email notification.



### 5.11.2 Configuring Job Notifications at Agent Level

Select the agent in the tree view, right click and select *Properties*. In the Properties dialog, select the *Job notifications* tab.

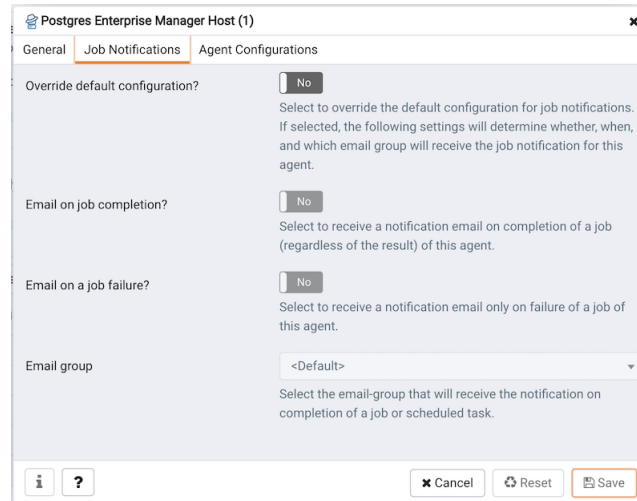


Fig. 13: *Configure Job Notification - Agent level*

Use the fields on the Job notifications tab to configure the email notification settings on agent level:

- Use the `Override default configuration?` switch to specify if you want the agent level job notification settings to override the default job notification settings. If you select *Yes* for this switch, you can use the rest of the settings on this dialog to define when and to whom the job notifications should be sent. Please note that the rest of the settings on this dialog work only if you enable the `Override default configuration?` switch.
- Use the `Email on job completion?` switch to specify if the job notification should be sent on the successful job completion.
- Use the `Email on a job failure?` switch to specify if the job notification should be sent on the failure of a job.
- Use the `Email group` field to specify the email group to whom the job notification should be sent.

### 5.11.3 Configuring Job Notifications at Server Level

You can use the *Server Configuration* dialog to provide information about your email notification configuration at PEM server level. To open the Server Configuration dialog, select *Server Configuration...* from the PEM client's Management menu.

Parameter Name	Value	Unit
job_failure_notification	False	t/f
job_notification_email_group	default	
job_retention_time	30	days
job_status_change_notification	True	t/f
long_running_transaction_minutes	5	minutes
max_metrics_per_group_chart	16	
nagios_cmd_file_name	/usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.cmd	
nagios_enabled	True	t/f
nagios_medium_alert_as_critical	False	t/f
nagios_spool_retention_time	7	days
probe_log_retention_time	30	days
reminder_notification_interval	24	hours

Fig. 14: *Configure Job Notification - Server level*

Four server configuration parameters specify information about your job notification preferences at PEM server level:

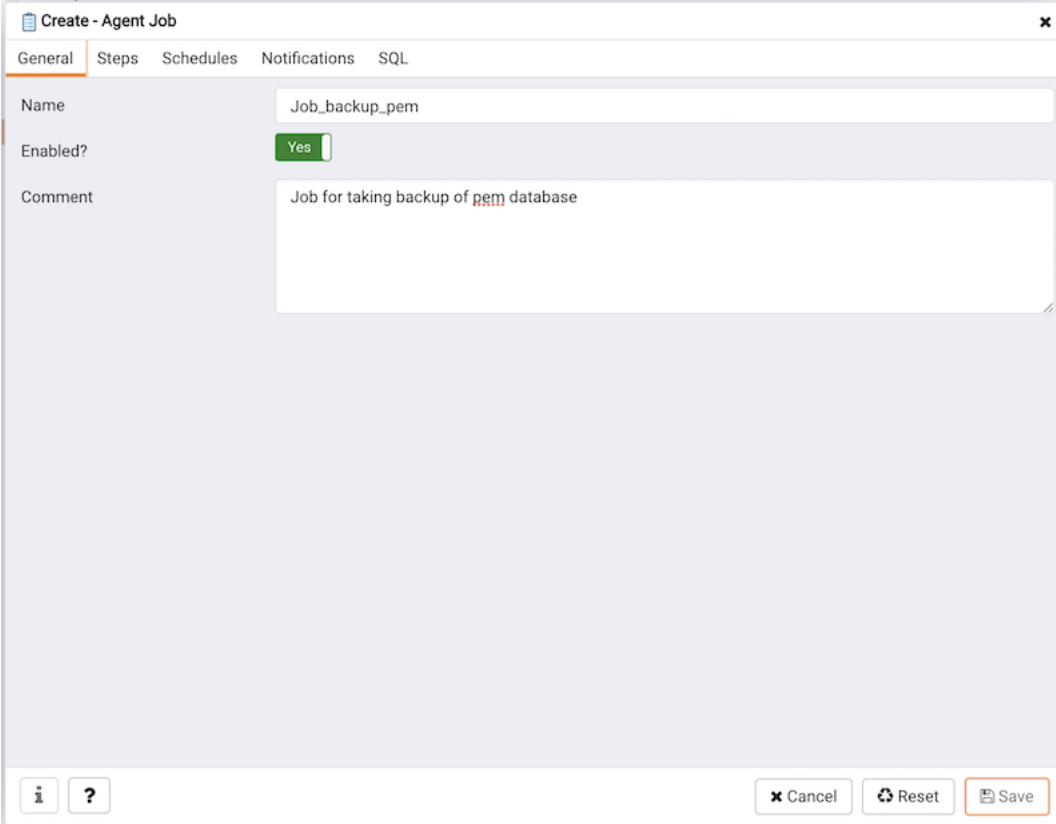
- Use the `job_failure_notification` switch to specify if you want to send email notification after each job failure.
- Use the `job_notification_email_group` parameter to specify the email group that should receive the email notification.
- Use the `job_retention_time` parameter to specify the number of days that non-recurring scheduled tasks should be retained in the system.
- Use the `job_status_change_notification` switch to specify if you want to send email notification after each job status change, irrespective of its status being a failure, success, or interrupted.

## 5.12 Managing PEM Scheduled Jobs

You can create a PEM scheduled job to perform a set of custom-defined steps in the specified sequence. These steps may contain SQL code or a batch/shell script that you may run on a server that is bound with the agent. You can schedule these jobs to suit your business requirements. For example, you can create a job for taking a backup of a particular database server and schedule it to run on a specific date and time of every month.

To create or manage a PEM scheduled job, use the PEM tree control to browse to the PEM agent for which you want to create the job. The tree control will display a Jobs node, under which currently defined jobs are displayed. To add a new job, right click on the Jobs node, and select `Create Job...` from the context menu.

When the `Create - Agent Job` dialog opens, use the tabs on the `Create - Agent Job` dialog to define the steps and schedule that make up a PEM scheduled job.



The screenshot shows a 'Create - Agent Job' dialog box with the following fields and values:

- Name:** Job\_backup\_pem
- Enabled?:** Yes (switch is in the 'Yes' position)
- Comment:** Job for taking backup of pem database

The dialog has tabs for General, Steps, Schedules, Notifications, and SQL. At the bottom, there are buttons for Cancel, Reset, and Save.

Fig. 15: *Create Agent Job - General tab*

Use the fields on the `General` tab to provide general information about a job:

- Provide a name for the job in the `Name` field.
- Move the `Enabled?` switch to the `Yes` position to enable a job, or `No` to disable a job.
- Use the `Comment` field to store notes about the job.

The screenshot shows the 'Create - Agent Job' dialog box with the 'Steps' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar 'Create - Agent Job' and a close button. Below the title bar are tabs for 'General', 'Steps', 'Schedules', 'Notifications', and 'SQL'. The 'Steps' tab contains a table with the following columns: Name, Enabled?, Kind, and On error. There is one row with the following data: Name: Step1\_backup, Enabled?: True, Kind: SQL, On error: Success. Below the table is a form for defining the step, with tabs for 'General' and 'Code'. The 'General' tab is selected and contains the following fields: Name (Step1\_backup), Enabled? (Yes), Kind (SQL), On error (Success), Server (Postgres Enterprise Manager Server (192.168.1.19:5432)), Database (pem), and Comment (empty text area). At the bottom of the dialog are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Reset', and 'Save', along with information and help icons.

Name	Enabled?	Kind	On error
Step1_backup	True	SQL	Success

General Code

Name: Step1\_backup

Enabled?: Yes

Kind: SQL

On error: Success

Server: Postgres Enterprise Manager Server (192.168.1.19:5432)

Database: pem

Comment:

Cancel Reset Save

Fig. 16: *Create Agent Job - Steps tab*

Use the `Steps` tab to define and manage the steps that the job will perform. Click the Add icon (+) to add a new step; then click the compose icon (located at the left side of the header) to open the step definition dialog:

The screenshot shows a window titled "Create - Agent Job" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar are tabs for "General", "Steps", "Schedules", "Notifications", and "SQL". The "General" tab is selected. The form contains the following fields:

- Name:** A text input field containing "Job\_backup\_pem\_db".
- Enabled?:** A toggle switch currently set to "Yes".
- Comment:** A text area containing "Job for taking backup of pem database".

At the bottom of the dialog, there are three buttons: "Cancel" (with an X icon), "Reset" (with a circular arrow icon), and "Save" (with a floppy disk icon). On the left side of the bottom bar, there are two small icons: an information icon (i) and a help icon (?).

Fig. 17: Create Agent Job - Steps tab - General tab

Use fields on the step definition dialog to define the step:

- Provide a name for the step in the `Name` field; please note that steps will be performed in alphanumeric order by name.
- Use the `Enabled` switch to include the step when executing the job (`True`) or to disable the step (`False`).
- Use the `Kind` switch to indicate if the job step invokes SQL code (`SQL`) or a batch script (`Batch`).
  - If you select `SQL`, use the `Code` tab to provide SQL code for the step.
  - If you select `Batch`, use the `Code` tab to provide the batch script that will be executed during the step.
- Use the `On error` drop-down to specify the behavior of pgAgent if it encounters an error while executing the step. Select from:
  - `Fail` - Stop the job if you encounter an error while processing this step.
  - `Success` - Mark the step as completing successfully, and continue.
  - `Ignore` - Ignore the error, and continue.

- If you have selected SQL as your input for `Kind` switch, provide the following additional information:
  - Use the `Server` field to specify the server that is bound with the agent for which you are creating the PEM scheduled job.
  - Use the `Database` field to specify the database that is associated with the server that you have selected.
- Use the `Comment` field to provide a comment about the step.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Agent Job' dialog box with the 'Steps' tab selected. A table lists the step 'step1\_backup' with 'Enabled?' set to 'True', 'Kind' set to 'SQL', and 'On error' set to 'Success'. Below the table, the 'Code' sub-tab is active, showing a form with the following fields:

Field	Value
Name	step1_backup
Enabled?	Yes
Kind	SQL
On error	Success
Server	Postgres Enterprise Manager Server (192.168.1.19:5432)
Database	pem
Comment	

At the bottom of the dialog, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Reset', and 'Save'.

Fig. 18: Create Agent Job - Steps tab - Code tab

- Use the context-sensitive field on the step definition dialog's `Code` tab to provide the SQL code or batch script that will be executed during the step:
  - If the step invokes SQL code, provide one or more SQL statements in the `SQL query` field.
  - If the step invokes a batch script, provide the script in the `Code` field. If you are running on a Windows server, standard batch file syntax must be used. When running on a Linux server, any shell script may be used, provided that a suitable interpreter is specified on the first line (e.g. `#!/bin/sh`). Along with the defined inline code, you can also provide the path of any batch script, shell script, or SQL file on the filesystem.

To invoke a script on a Linux system, you must modify the entry for `batch_script_user`

parameter of agent.cfg file and specify the user that should be used to run the script. You can either specify a non-root user or root for this parameter. If you do not specify a user, or the specified user does not exist, then the script will not be executed. Restart the agent after modifying the file.

To invoke a script on a Windows system, set the registry entry for AllowBatchJobSteps as true and restart the PEM agent. PEM registry entries are located in HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node\EnterpriseDB\PEM\agent.

After providing all the information required by the step, click the *Save* button to save and close the step definition dialog.

Click the add icon (+) to add each additional step, or select the *Schedules* tab to define the job schedule.

Click the Add icon (+) to add a schedule for the job; then click the compose icon (located at the left side of the header) to open the schedule definition dialog:

Name	Enabled?	Start	End
Backup_pem_db_schedule	True	2020-04-01 23:30 +05:30	2020-04-02 23:30 +05:30

General Repeat Exceptions

Name: Backup\_pem\_db\_schedule

Enabled?: Yes

Start: 2020-04-01 23:30 +05:30

End: 2020-04-02 23:30 +05:30

Comment:

Buttons: Cancel, Reset, Save

Fig. 19: Create Agent Job - Schedules tab - General tab

Use the fields on the *Schedules* definition tab to specify the days and times at which the job will execute.

- Provide a name for the schedule in the Name field.

- Use the `Enabled` switch to indicate that pgAgent should use the schedule (Yes) or to disable the schedule (No).
- Use the calendar selector in the `Start` field to specify the starting date and time for the schedule.
- Use the calendar selector in the `End` field to specify the ending date and time for the schedule.
- Use the `Comment` field to provide a comment about the schedule.

Select the `Repeat` tab to define the days on which the schedule will execute.

**Create - Agent Job**

General Steps **Schedules** Notifications SQL

Name	Enabled?	Start	End
Backup_pem_db_schedule	True	2020-04-01 23:30 +05:30	2020-04-02 23:30 +05:30

General **Repeat** Exceptions

Schedules are specified using a **cron-style** format.  
 For each selected time or date element, the schedule will execute.  
 e.g. To execute at 5 minutes past every hour, simply select '05' in the Minutes list box.  
 Values from more than one field may be specified in order to further control the schedule.  
 e.g. To execute at 12:05 and 14:05 every Monday and Thursday, you would click minute 05, hours 12 and 14, and weekdays Monday and Thursday.  
 For additional flexibility, the Month Days check list includes an extra Last Day option. This matches the last day of the month, whether it is the 31st or 30th.

**Days**

Week Days: Select the weekdays...

Month Days: × 1st ×

Months: Select the months...

**Times**

Hours: Select the hours...

Minutes: Select the minutes...

Buttons: ? | × Cancel | Reset | Save

Fig. 20: Create Agent Job - Schedules tab - Repeat tab

Use the fields on the `Repeat` tab to specify the details about the schedule in a cron-style format. The job will execute on each date or time element selected on the `Repeat` tab.

Click within a field to open a list of valid values for that field; click on a specific value to add that value to the list of selected values for the field. To clear the values from a field, click the X located at the right-side of the field.

- Use the fields within the `Days` box to specify the days on which the job will execute:
  - Use the `Week Days` field to select the days on which the job will execute.



- Use the `Month Days` field to select the numeric days on which the job will execute. Specify the `Last Day` to indicate that the job should be performed on the last day of the month, regardless of the date.
- Use the `Months` field to select the months in which the job will execute.
- Use the fields within the `Times` box to specify the times at which the job will execute:
  - Use the `Hours` field to select the hour at which the job will execute.
  - Use the `Minutes` field to select the minute at which the job will execute.

Select the `Exceptions` tab to specify any days on which the schedule will `not` execute.

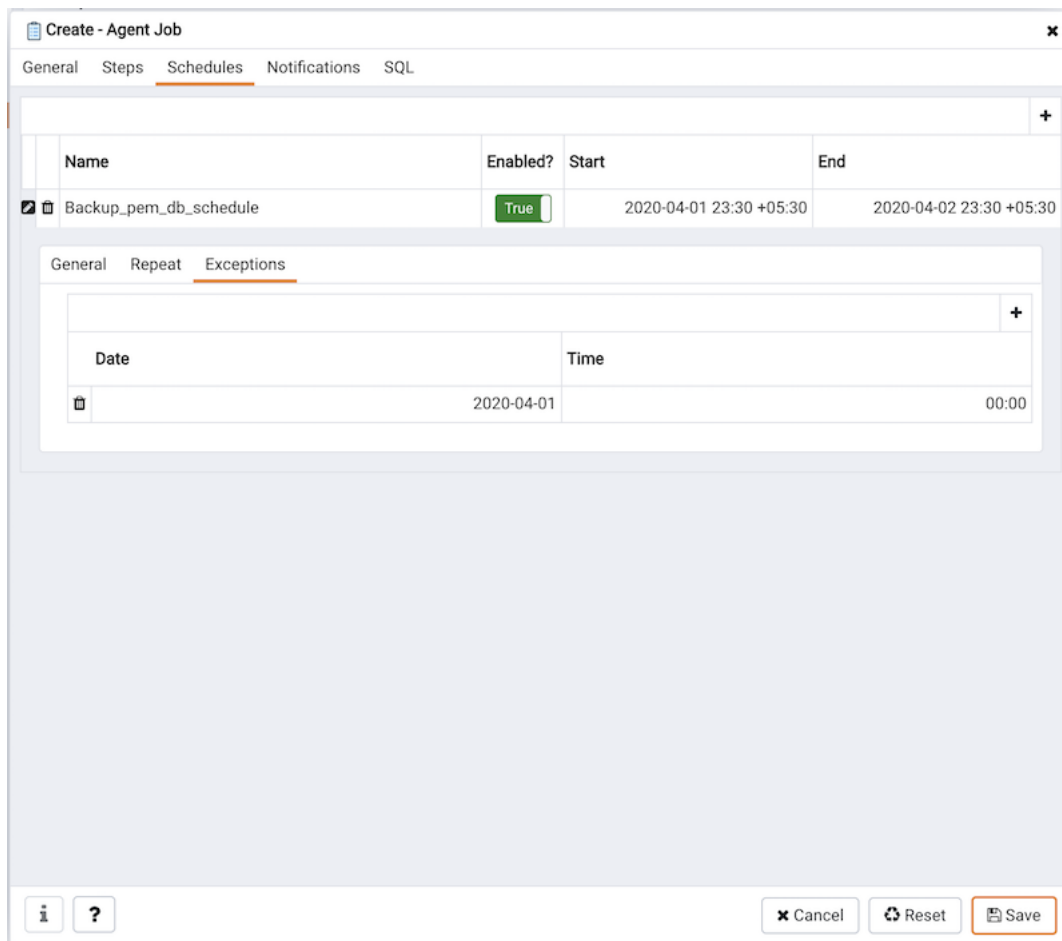


Fig. 21: *Create Agent Job - Schedules tab - Exceptions tab*

Use the fields on the `Exceptions` tab to specify days on which you wish the job to not execute; for example, you may wish for jobs to not execute on national holidays.

Click the Add icon (+) to add a row to the exception table, then:

- Click within the `Date` column to open a calendar selector, and select a date on which the job will not execute. Specify `<Any>` in the `Date` column to indicate that the job should not execute on any day at the time selected.

- Click within the `Time` column to open a time selector, and specify a time on which the job will not execute. Specify `<Any>` in the `Time` column to indicate that the job should not execute at any time on the day selected.

Select the `Notifications` tab to configure the email notification settings on job level:

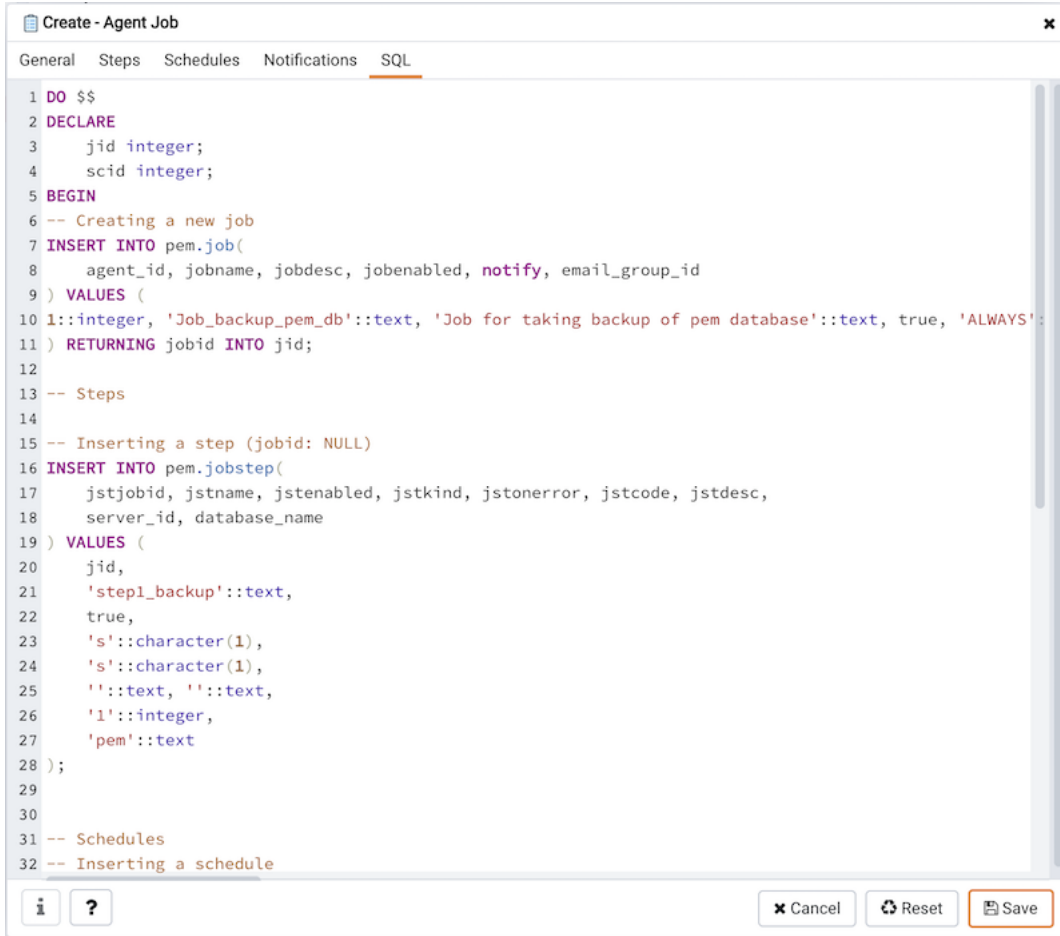
The screenshot shows the 'Create - Agent Job' dialog box with the 'Notifications' tab selected. The 'Send the notifications' dropdown menu is set to 'ALWAYS'. Below this dropdown, there is explanatory text: 'Determines when to send a notification for the job: ON FAILURE: Send a notification on the failure/interruption of the job. ALWAYS: Send a notification on the completion of the job regardless of the result. NEVER: Do not send a notification for the job. DEFAULT: Use the agent/system level job notification configuration to determine whether, and when to send the notification.' The 'Email group' dropdown menu is set to '<Default>'. Below this dropdown, there is explanatory text: 'Select the email-group to get the job/scheduled-task notification on completion.' At the bottom of the dialog, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Reset', and 'Save', along with information and help icons.

Fig. 22: *Create Agent Job - Notifications tab*

Use the fields on the `Notifications` tab to configure the email notification settings for a job:

- Use the `Send the notifications` field to specify when you want the email notifications to be sent.
- Use the `Email group` field to specify the email group that should receive the email notification.

When you've finished defining the schedule, you can use the `SQL` tab to review the code that will create or modify your job.



```

1 DO $$
2 DECLARE
3     jid integer;
4     scid integer;
5 BEGIN
6 -- Creating a new job
7 INSERT INTO pem.job(
8     agent_id, jobname, jobdesc, jobenabled, notify, email_group_id
9 ) VALUES (
10 1::integer, 'Job_backup_pem_db'::text, 'Job for taking backup of pem database'::text, true, 'ALWAYS'
11 ) RETURNING jobid INTO jid;
12
13 -- Steps
14
15 -- Inserting a step (jobid: NULL)
16 INSERT INTO pem.jobstep(
17     jstjobid, jstname, jstenabled, jstkind, jsterror, jstcode, jstdesc,
18     server_id, database_name
19 ) VALUES (
20     jid,
21     'step1_backup'::text,
22     true,
23     's'::character(1),
24     's'::character(1),
25     ''::text, ''::text,
26     '1'::integer,
27     'pem'::text
28 );
29
30
31 -- Schedules
32 -- Inserting a schedule

```

Fig. 23: Create Agent Job - SQL tab

Click the **Save** button to save the job definition, or **Cancel** to exit the job without saving. Use the **Reset** button to remove your unsaved entries from the dialog.

After saving a job, the job will be listed under the **Jobs** node of the PEM tree control of the server on which it was defined. The **Properties** tab in the PEM console will display a high-level overview of the selected job, and the **Statistics** tab will show the details of each run of the job. To modify an existing job or to review detailed information about a job, right-click on a job name, and select **Properties** from the context menu.

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## Managing a PEM Agent

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The sections that follow provide information about the behavior and management of a PEM agent.

### 6.1 Agent Privileges

By default, the PEM agent is installed with `root` privileges for the operating system host and superuser privileges for the database server. These privileges allow the PEM agent to invoke unrestricted probes on the monitored host and database server about system usage, retrieving and returning the information to the PEM server.

Please note that PEM functionality diminishes as the privileges of the PEM agent decrease. For complete functionality, the PEM agent should run as `root`. If the PEM agent is run under the database server's service account, PEM probes will not have complete access to the statistical information used to generate reports, and functionality will be limited to the capabilities of that account. If the PEM agent is run under another lesser-privileged account, functionality will be limited even further.

If you limit the operating system privileges of the PEM agent, some of the PEM probes will not return information, and the following functionality may be affected:

Probe or Action	Operating System	PEM Functionality Affected
Data And Logfile Analysis	Linux/ Windows	The Postgres Expert will be unable to access complete information.
Session Information	Linux	The per-process statistics will be incomplete.
PG HBA	Linux/ Windows	The Postgres Expert will be unable to access complete information.
Service restart functionality	Linux/ Windows	The Audit Log Manager, Server Log Manager, Log Analysis Expert and PEM may be unable to apply requested modifications.
Package Deployment	Linux/ Windows	PEM will be unable to run downloaded installation modules.
Batch Task	Windows	PEM will be unable to run scheduled batch jobs in Windows.
Collect data from server (root access required)	Linux/ Windows	Columns such as swap usage, CPU usage, IO read, IO write will be displayed as 0 in the session activity dashboard.

**Note:** The above-mentioned list is not comprehensive, but should provide an overview of the type of functionality that will be limited.

If you restrict the database privileges of the PEM agent, the following PEM functionality may be affected:

Probe	Operating System	PEM Functionality Affected
Audit Log Collection	Linux/Windows	PEM will receive empty data from the PEM database.
Server Log Collection	Linux/Windows	PEM will be unable to collect server log information.
Database Statistics	Linux/Windows	The Database/Server Analysis dashboards will contain incomplete information.
Session Waits/System Waits	Linux/Windows	The Session/System Waits dashboards will contain incomplete information.
Locks Information	Linux/Windows	The Database/Server Analysis dashboards will contain incomplete information.
Streaming Replication	Linux/Windows	The Streaming Replication dashboard will not display information.
Slony Replication	Linux/Windows	Slony-related charts on the Database Analysis dashboard will not display information.
Tablespace Size	Linux/Windows	The Server Analysis dashboard will not display complete information.
xDB Replication	Linux/Windows	PEM will be unable to send xDB alerts and traps.

If the probe is querying the operating system with insufficient privileges, the probe may return a permission denied error.

If the probe is querying the database with insufficient privileges, the probe may return a `permission denied` error or display the returned data in a PEM chart or graph as an empty value.

When a probe fails, an entry will be written to the log file that contains the name of the probe, the reason the probe failed, and a hint that will help you resolve the problem.

You can view probe-related errors that occurred on the server in the `Probe Log Dashboard`, or review error messages in the PEM worker log files. On Linux, the default location of the log file is:

```
/var/log/pem/worker.log
```

On Windows, log information is available on the `Event Viewer`.

## 6.2 Agent Configuration

A number of user-configurable parameters and registry entries control the behavior of the PEM agent. You may be required to modify the PEM agent's parameter settings to enable some PEM functionality. After modifying values in the PEM agent configuration file, you must restart the PEM agent to apply any changes.

With the exception of the `PEM_MAXCONN` parameter, we strongly recommend against modifying any of the configuration parameters or registry entries listed below without first consulting EnterpriseDB support experts *unless* the modifications are required to enable PEM functionality.

On Linux systems, PEM configuration options are stored in the `agent.cfg` file, located in `/usr/edb/pem/agent/etc`. The `agent.cfg` file contains the following entries:

Parameter Name	Description	Default Value
<code>pem_host</code>	The IP address or hostname of the PEM server.	127.0.0.1.
<code>pem_port</code>	The database server port to which the agent connects to communicate with the PEM server.	Port 5432.
<code>pem_agent</code>	A unique identifier assigned to the PEM agent.	The first agent is '1', the second agent's is '2', and so on.
<code>agent_ssl_key</code>	The complete path to the PEM agent's key file.	<code>/root/.pem/agent.key</code>
<code>agent_ssl_cert</code>	The complete path to the PEM agent's certificate file.	<code>/root/.pem/agent.crt</code>
<code>agent_flag_dir</code>	Used for HA support. Specifies the directory path checked for requests to take over monitoring another server. Requests are made in the form of a file in the specified flag directory.	Not set by default.
<code>log_level</code>	Log level specifies the type of event that will be written to the PEM log files.	warning
<code>log_location</code>	Specifies the location of the PEM worker log file.	127.0.0.1.
<code>agent_log_location</code>	Specifies the location of the PEM agent log file.	<code>/var/log/pem/agent.log</code>
<code>long_wait</code>	The maximum length of time (in seconds) that the PEM agent will wait before attempting to connect to the PEM server if an initial connection attempt fails.	30 seconds
<code>short_wait</code>	The minimum length of time (in seconds) that the PEM agent will wait before checking which probes are next in the queue (waiting to run).	10 seconds
<code>alert_threads</code>	The number of alert threads to be spawned by the agent.	Set to 1 for the agent that resides on the host of the PEM server; 0 for all other agents.
<code>enable_smtp</code>	When set to true for multiple PEM Agents (7.13 or lesser) it may send more duplicate emails. Whereas for PEM Agents (7.14 or higher) it may send lesser duplicate emails.	true for PEM server host; false for all others.

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Parameter Name	Description	Default Value
enable_snmp	When set to true for multiple PEM Agents (7.13 or lesser) it may send more duplicate traps. Whereas for PEM Agents (7.14 or higher) it may send lesser duplicate traps.	true for PEM server host; false for all others.
enable_nagios	When set to true, Nagios alerting is enabled.	true for PEM server host; false for all others.
connect_timeout	The max time in seconds (a decimal integer string) that the agent will wait for a connection.	Not set by default; set to 0 to indicate the agent should wait indefinitely.
allow_server_restart	If set to TRUE, the agent can restart the database server that it monitors. Some PEM features may be enabled/disabled, depending on the value of this parameter.	True
max_connections	The maximum number of probe connections used by the connection throttler.	0 (an unlimited number)
connection_lifetime	Use ConnectionLifetime (or connection_lifetime) to specify the minimum number of seconds an open but idle connection is retained. This parameter is ignored if the value specified in MaxConnections is reached and a new connection (to a different database) is required to satisfy a waiting request.	By default, set to 0 (a connection is dropped when the connection is idle after the agent's processing loop).
allow_batch_probes	If set to TRUE, the user will be able to create batch probes using the custom probes feature.	false
heartbeat_connection	When set to TRUE, a dedicated connection is used for sending the heartbeats.	false
batch_script_dir	Provide the path where script file (for alerting) will be stored.	/tmp
connection_custom_setup	Use to provide SQL code that will be invoked when a new connection with a monitored server is made.	Not set by default.
ca_file	Provide the path where the CA certificate resides.	Not set by default.

On 64 bit Windows systems, PEM registry entries are located in:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node\EnterpriseDB\PEM\agent.

The registry contains the following entries:

Parameter Name	Description	Default Value
PEM_HOST	The IP address or hostname of the PEM server.	127.0.0.1.
PEM_PORT	The database server port to which the agent connects to communicate with the PEM server.	Port 5432.
AgentID	A unique identifier assigned to the PEM agent.	The first agent is '1', the second agent is '2', and so on.
AgentKeyPath	The complete path to the PEM agent's key file.	%APPDATA%\Roaming\pem\agent.key.

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AgentCrtPath	The complete path to the PEM agent's certificate file.	%APPDATA%\Roaming\pem\agent.crt
AgentFlagDir	Used for HA support. Specifies the directory path checked for requests to take over monitoring another server. Requests are made in the form of a file in the specified flag directory.	Not set by default.
LogLevel	Log level specifies the type of event that will be written to the PEM log files.	warning
LongWait	The maximum length of time (in seconds) that the PEM agent will wait before attempting to connect to the PEM server if an initial connection attempt fails.	30 seconds
shortWait	The minimum length of time (in seconds) that the PEM agent will wait before checking which probes are next in the queue (waiting to run).	10 seconds
AlertThreads	The number of alert threads to be spawned by the agent.	Set to 1 for the agent that resides on the host of the PEM server; 0 for all other agents.
EnableSMTP	When set to true, the SMTP email feature is enabled.	true for PEM server host; false for all others.
EnableSNMP	When set to true, the SNMP trap feature is enabled.	true for PEM server host; false for all others.
ConnectTimeout	The max time in seconds (a decimal integer string) that the agent will wait for a connection.	Not set by default; if set to 0, the agent will wait indefinitely.
AllowServerRestart	If set to TRUE, the agent can restart the database server that it monitors. Some PEM features may be enabled/disabled, depending on the value of this parameter.	true
MaxConnections	The maximum number of probe connections used by the connection throttler.	0 (an unlimited number)
ConnectionLifetime	Use ConnectionLifetime (or connection_lifetime) to specify the minimum number of seconds an open but idle connection is retained. This parameter is ignored if the value specified in MaxConnections is reached and a new connection (to a different database) is required to satisfy a waiting request.	By default, set to 0 (a connection is dropped when the connection is idle after the agent's processing loop).
AllowBatchProbes	If set to TRUE, the user will be able to create batch probes using the custom probes feature.	false
HeartbeatConnection	When set to TRUE, a dedicated connection is used for sending the heartbeats.	false
BatchScriptDir	Provide the path where script file (for alerting) will be stored.	/tmp

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ConnectionCustomSetup	Use to provide SQL code that will be invoked when a new connection with a monitored server is made.	Not set by default.
ca_file	Provide the path where the CA certificate resides.	Not set by default.

## 6.3 Agent Properties

The `PEM Agent Properties` dialog provides information about the PEM agent from which the dialog was opened; to open the dialog, right-click on an agent name in the PEM client tree control, and select `Properties` from the context menu.

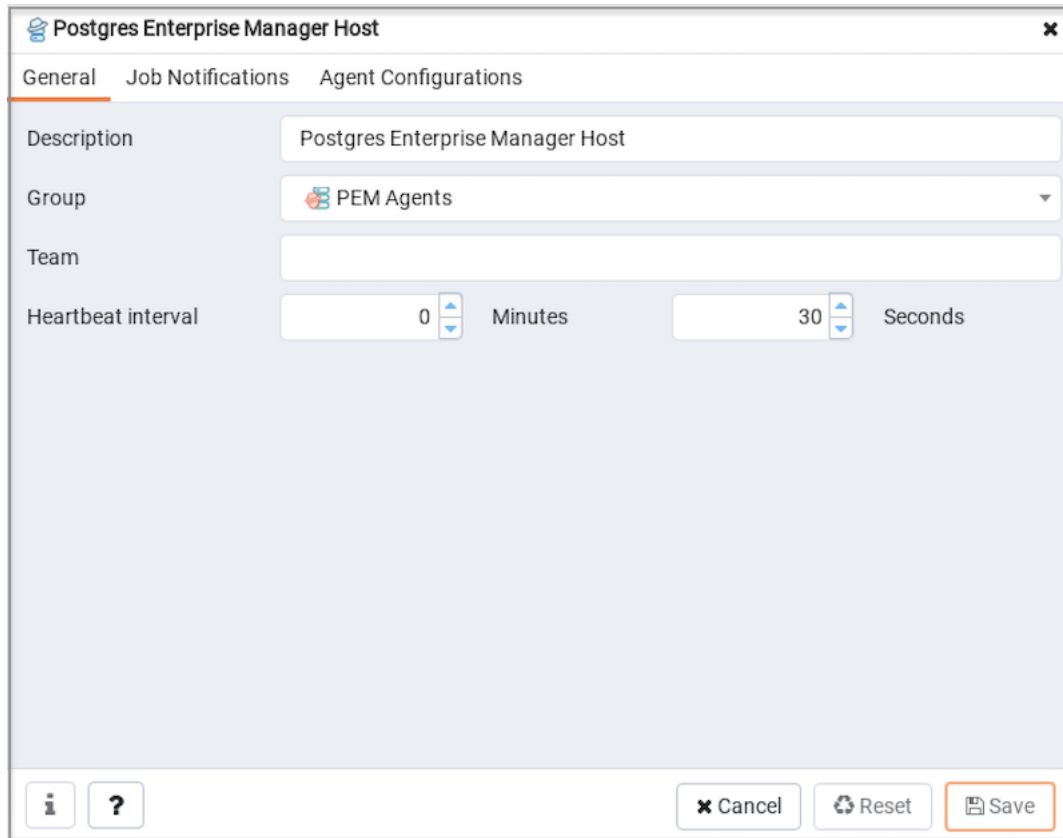


Fig. 1: *The PEM Agent Properties dialog*

Use fields on the PEM Agent properties dialog to review or modify information about the PEM agent:

- The `Description` field displays a modifiable description of the PEM agent. This description is displayed in the tree control of the PEM client.
- You can use groups to organize your servers and agents in the PEM client tree control. Use the `Group` drop-down listbox to select the group in which the agent will be displayed.
- Use the `Team` field to specify the name of the group role that should be able to access servers monitored by the agent; the servers monitored by this agent will be displayed in the PEM client tree control to connected team members. Please note that this is a convenience feature. The `Team` field does not provide true isolation, and should not be used for security purposes.
- The `Heartbeat interval` fields display the length of time that will elapse between reports from the PEM agent to the PEM server. Use the selectors next to the `Minutes` or `Seconds` fields to modify the interval.

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