

NMIS8 Groups

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Groups

The first task to take care of when getting started is to organise your system. Deciding on groups, roles and contacts is a good place to start but it can be hard to get it right the first time if you don't have a list of devices you want to manage as the organisation of your devices is what will likely help you decide how you want to layout your groups. Grab a piece of paper or a white board and try and group your devices in a way that makes sense to your network and will allow you to see errors they way you want to see them. This might mean your devices are ordered by location/building/floor or by some other logical grouping that has nothing to do with location. Things to think about here: a user calls and says X isn't working and you need to figure out why, what thought process would you use to figure this out and how will you want to look through groups to figure this out.

After you have an idea of what your groups are it's time to set them up, do that by going to:

- System -> System Configuration -> NMIS Configuration, choose "system" from the drop down. **NOTE: no spaces in names, comma separated list**

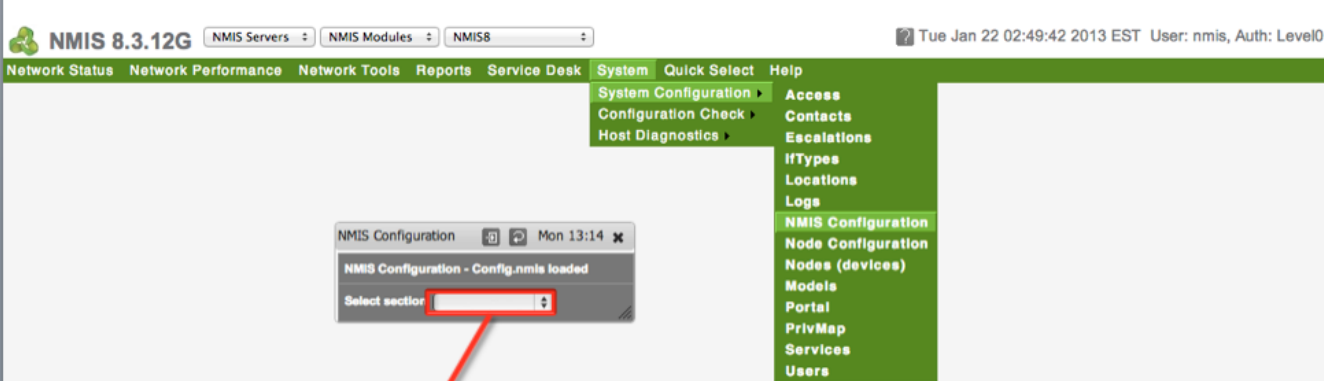
If you decide to delete a group after you have assigned devices to it the devices assigned to that group will continue to be in the deleted group but the group will disappear from all of the monitoring windows. To have the devices appear again you will have to edit the device and change it to a group that exists. Somewhat analogously, if you change the name of a group each node will have to be changed to appear in the new group. Hint: if a lot of devices /groups are changing consider doing this on the command line / using a text editor and operating directly on the .nmis configuration files.

How to Manage Groups in NMIS 8.4 and earlier.

Managing Groups in NMIS8

To manage groups in NMIS access the menu option "System -> System Configuration -> NMIS Configuration".

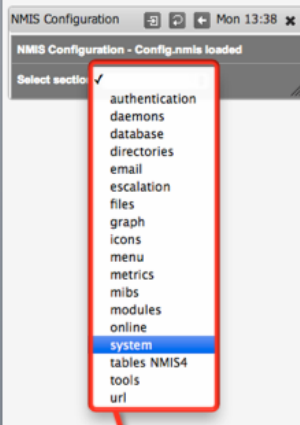
This will launch a small widget, which hides many settings.



Select "system" from this option.

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Access the Group Settings



After selecting system from this list the panel on the left will be displayed.



Click on "edit" to edit the "group_list".

Editing the Group List



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Edit of NMIS Config -

system	group_list
	Group1,Group2,Group3,Group4
	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

• group_list
Format: string
Comma separated list of groups, without spaces

Edit the group_list adding or removing the required groups.

This is a string of group names, which can not contain spaces, and there is a "," (comma) between each group name.

Click "Edit" when done to save the changes.