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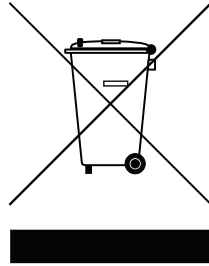
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# Introduction

## A Word of Thanks

Thank you for choosing the Ross Platform Manager as your product orchestration solution.

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## About This Guide

This guide contains the following chapters that cover the installation and configuration of Ross Platform Manager software:

- Chapter 1, “**Introduction**” summarizes the guide and provides important terms, conventions, and features.
- Chapter 2, “**System Requirements**” provides the recommended minimum hardware and software requirements to ensure that the Ross Platform Manager software functions correctly.
- Chapter 3, “**Software Installation for Linux Ubuntu**” provides instructions on how to install Ross Platform Manager software on a Linux Ubuntu operating system.
- Chapter 4, “**Installing Dependencies**” provides instructions on how to install Ross Platform Manager software dependencies.
- Chapter 5, “**System Configuration**” provides instructions on how to configure Ross Platform Manager software options.

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This guide uses special text formats to identify parts of the user interface, text that a user must enter, or a sequence of menus and submenus that a user must follow to reach a particular command.

### Interface Elements

Bold text identifies a user interface element such as a dialog box, a menu item, or a button. For example:

In the **Media Manager Client**, click **Channel 1** the **Channels** section.

### User Entered Text

Courier text identifies text that a user must enter. For example:

In the **File Name** box, enter `Channel101.property`.

### Referenced Guides

Italic text identifies the titles of referenced guides, manuals, or documents. For example:

For more information, refer to the section “**Change your Ross Platform Manager Password**” on page 3–6 in the *Ross Platform Manager User Guide*.

### Menu Sequences

Menu arrows identify a sequence of menu items that a user must follow to reach a particular command. For example: if a procedure step contains “**Server > Save As**,” a user should click the **Server** menu and then click **Save As**.

### Important Instructions

Star icons identify important instructions or features. For example:

- ★ After installing Ross Platform Manager Server software, you must obtain Ross Platform Manager feature licenses from Ross Video Technical Support before users can access Ross Platform Manager features.

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To access the Ross Platform Manager Online Help system, click the **Help** icon in the main toolbar. For help about the currently open panel, click the **Help** button in a panel title bar to view a help topic about the panel.

The Online Help system contains the following navigation tabs to locate and access Online Help topics:

- **Contents** — table of contents
- **Search** — full text search
- **Favorites** — preferred information storage and access

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# System Requirements

To ensure that Ross Platform Manager software functions correctly, verify that the computer selected to run Ross Platform Manager software meets the recommended minimum requirements described in this chapter.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Hardware
- Software
- Supported Ross Products
- Ports Ross Platform Manager
- Dependencies

## Hardware

Ross Video recommends the following minimum computer hardware configuration to run Ross Platform Manager software:

- **VM or customer-supplied machine that meets the following minimum requirements:**
- **CPU** — quad-core Intel® Core™ i7, 2GHz
- **RAM** — 8GB to 16GB (16GB recommended)
- **Hard Drive** — Minimum 64 GB free
- **LAN** — 100 Mb/s

## Software

Ross Video recommends the following minimum computer software configuration to run Ross Platform Manager software:

- **Operating System:** Ubuntu 22.04.5 LTS
- **Database:** PostgreSQL11
- **Hardware:** VM or customer supplied machine

## Supported Ross Products

Please refer to the supported version below or the Release Notes to ensure compatibility. RPM supports the following Ross products:

- XPression 10.5+
- OverDrive 18.2 +
- Carbonite
- Acuity
- SDPE Blade

## Ports Ross Platform Manager

As part of the Ross Platform Manager software installation process, the installer automatically creates the required firewall exceptions locally for the ports that Ross Platform Manager uses to communicate with Ross Platform Manager Servers.

- ★ If an external firewall separates your Ross Platform Manager system from your Ross Platform Manager Servers, you may need to update the port exceptions on your external firewall to enable communication with the Ross Platform Manager system.

The following table lists the ports on the Ross Platform Manager computer that Ross Platform Manager uses to communicate with Ross Platform Manager Servers:

**Table 2.1 Ross Platform Manager System Ports**

Port	Type	Description
80 443	HTTP/HTTPS	Ross Platform Manager requires HTTP/HTTPS ports to be open between Ross Platform Manager computers and the Ross Platform Manager computer.
22	SSH	Orchestration functionality will require Port 22 to be open via SSH on the management computer to communicate within the customer's internal network, but not to reach the Internet externally.

## Dependencies

Ross Platform Manager requires some dependencies to be installed to support orchestration.

**Table 2.2 Ross Platform Manager Dependency Map**

Name	Description	Type
PostgreSQL Version 11	RDBMS Data Storage for RPM.	Mandatory
Python3	Language interpreter for Ansible.	Optional, only required for orchestration.
Ansible v2.9.22	Orchestration and configuration engine.	Optional, only required for orchestration.
sshpas	ssh utilities.	Optional, only required for orchestration.



# Software Installation for Linux Ubuntu

This chapter provides instructions for installing Ross Platform Manager software for the first time on a Linux Ubuntu system.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Before a Software Install
- Installing and Configuring PostgreSQL Database Software
- Installing Ross Platform Manager Software
- Upgrading Ross Platform Manager



## Before a Software Install

Before you install Ross Platform Manager software on a Ross Platform Manager computer, perform the following tasks:

- Have a qualified Ross Video technician perform any required maintenance or repairs on the Ross Platform Manager computer.
- Exit all other Linux programs currently running on the Ross Platform Manager computer.
- Temporarily disable antivirus software running on the Ross Platform Manager computer. Some heuristic-based intrusion detection systems prevent the installation of Ross Platform Manager software. Re-enable antivirus software after installing Ross Platform Manager software.

If you need help during this installation, Ross Video is happy to help. Here are some options to explore:

- Difficulties getting through the installation yourself? Contact Technical Support.
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### For More Information on...

- contacting Ross Video Technical Support, refer to the section “**Contacting Technical Support**” on page 1–3.

## Installing and Configuring PostgreSQL Database Software

Ross Platform Manager uses the PostgreSQL database to store and manage application data.

★ You must install and configure PostgreSQL database software before installing RPM.

The steps below use RPM on Ubuntu version 22.04.

### To Install PostgreSQL 11 database software on Ubuntu:

**Note: Each of the following commands must be entered as a single line.**

1. To add the PostgreSQL repository on the operating system, enter the following commands:

```
a. wget --quiet -O - https://www.postgresql.org/media/keys/ACCC4CF8.asc | sudo apt-key add -
```

```
b. RELEASE=$(lsb_release -cs)
```

```
c. echo "deb http://apt.postgresql.org/pub/repos/apt/ ${RELEASE}"-pgdg main | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/pgdg.list
```

2. Install OS updates using the command:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

3. Install PostgreSQL version 11 and start the services using the following commands:

```
a. sudo apt -y install postgresql-11
```

```
b. pg_ctlcluster 11 main start
```

4. Enable PostgreSQL service using the command:

```
systemctl enable postgresql@11-main
```

5. Navigate to the PostgreSQL data directory:

```
cd /etc/postgresql/11/main
```

6. Open `pg_hba.conf` with a text editor, such as `nano/vi/vim`, and modify the local IPv4 connection settings so that lines 79 - 83 match the following:

```
...
local is for Unix domain socket connections only
local all all trust
IPv4 local connections:
```

```

host    all             all             127.0.0.1/32      trust
host    all             all             0.0.0.0/0         trust
...

```

If you reach the IPv6 section you've scrolled down too far.

7. If using vi or vim editor, save the file using the following sequence:

- a. Press the esc key.
- b. Enter the command `:wq``
- c. Press enter.

8. Restart the `*postgresql*` service:

```
systemctl restart postgresql@11-main
```

9. If you want to access Postgres from a remote machine, open the firewall to accept incoming connections for port 5432:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=5432/tcp --permanent ; firewall-cmd
--reload
```

10. Create an RPM database using the steps below.

- a. To create an RPM database, use the following command:

```
psql -U postgres
```

- b. Create a database for the Ross platform manager, in this example named `platform_manager`:

```
CREATE DATABASE platform_manager;
```

- c. To verify that the database was created, enter:

```
\l
```

- d. To exit enter:

```
\q
```

### To configure the PostgreSQL Database for Ross Platform Manager

1. Log in to the PostgreSQL console as the default “postgres” system user:

```
sudo -u postgres psql
```

2. Create the `platform_manager` database:

```
CREATE DATABASE platform_manager;
```

3. Exit the **Postgre CLI**:

```
\q
```

**Note:** Upgrading Ross Platform Manager software to a new version does not require a re-installation of the PostgreSQL database software.

## Installing Ross Platform Manager Software

After installing and configuring the PostgreSQL database software on the Ross Platform Manager computer, you can install the Ross Platform Manager software.

### To install Ross Platform Manager

1. Enter the following command to install dmidecode. This is necessary for RPM to retrieve hardware serial numbers.

```
sudo apt-get install dmidecode
```

2. Create the application directory:

```
sudo mkdir /opt/platform_manager/
```

3. Copy the **PlatformManager-3.3.0-\*.tar.gz** file from the commissioning package to the system. You can use FileZilla to place it into the `/opt/platform_manager/` directory.

4. Extract the file using this command:

```
sudo tar -xvf PlatformManager-3.3.0-*.tar.gz
```

5. Set the permissions on the `/opt/platform_manager` directory by entering the following command:

```
sudo chmod -R 755 /opt/platform_manager/
```

6. Run Ross Platform Manager:

```
sh Install
```

7. View Ross Platform Manager's process status by entering the following command:

```
systemctl status PlatformManager
```

**Note:** If systemctl command doesn't work first time, then issue the following command. Once executed, repeat the systemctl command above:

```
service PlatformManager stop
```

**Note:** You can monitor the launch process in real time by following the steps below:

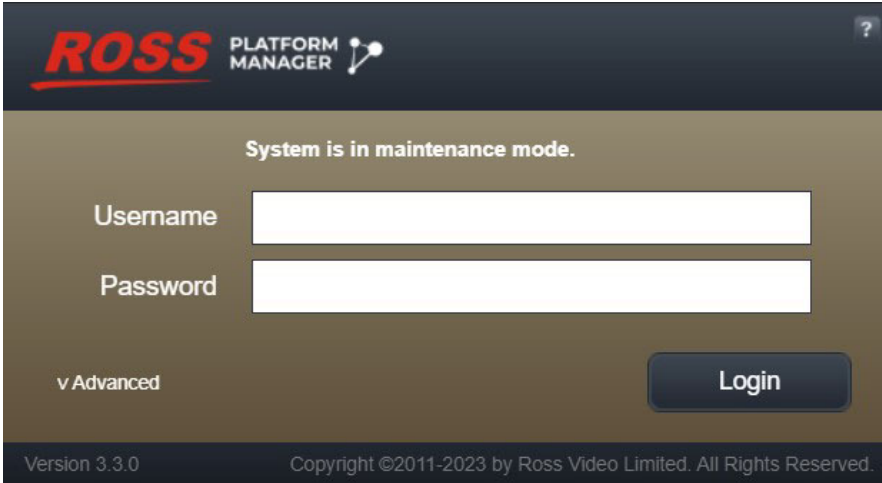
```
cd /opt/platform_manager
```

```
tail -f workspace/.metadata/logs/application-yyyyymmdd. log
```

8. Access Ross Platform Manager via web browser, and enter the IP address of one of the network interfaces:

Example: `http://192.168.3.150`

Ross Platform Manager's **login page** appears:



**ROSS** PLATFORM MANAGER

System is in maintenance mode.

Username

Password

v Advanced

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- ★ If the RPM login page displays a message that says “System is in maintenance mode”, follow the procedure below.

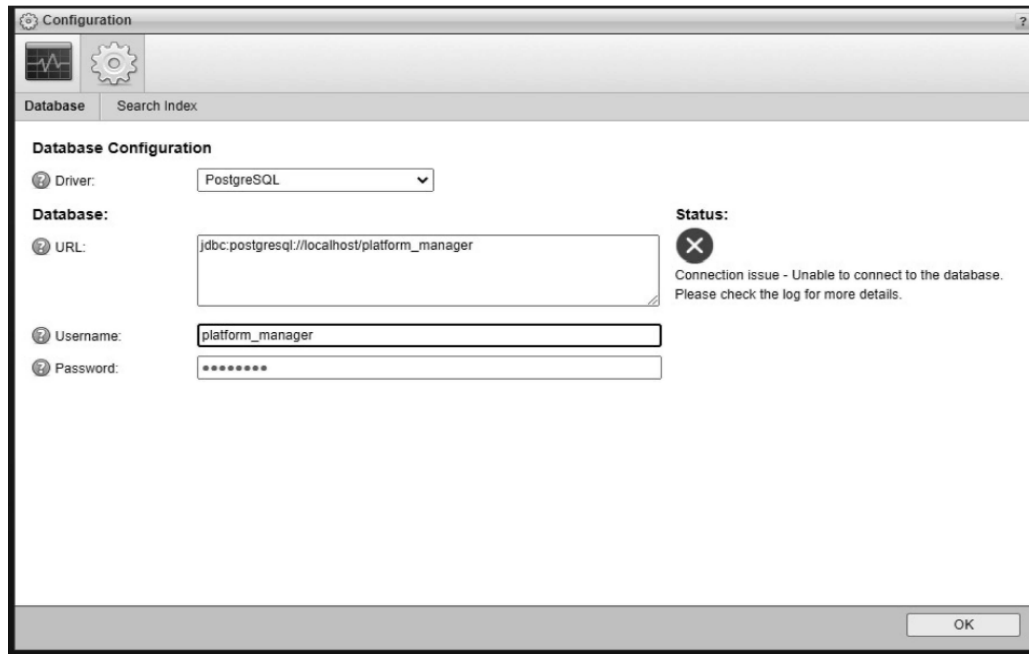
**To configure the database in maintenance mode**

1. Log in to Ross Platform Manager - Maintenance Mode using the following credentials:

Username: maintenance

Password: maintenance

2. Click the **Configuration** icon  in the top menu bar.
3. Select the **Gear** icon in the dialog box that appears.
4. Enter the **Database** tab.



**Note:** This will be when the database is installed locally

5. Set the **Database Configuration** to the values configured in the **To Configure the PostgreSQL Database for Ross Platform Manager**.

Driver: PostgreSQL

URL: jdbc:postgresql://localhost/platform\_manager

6. Click **OK**.

A *warning* appears to indicate that you have modified the database settings. Click **OK**.

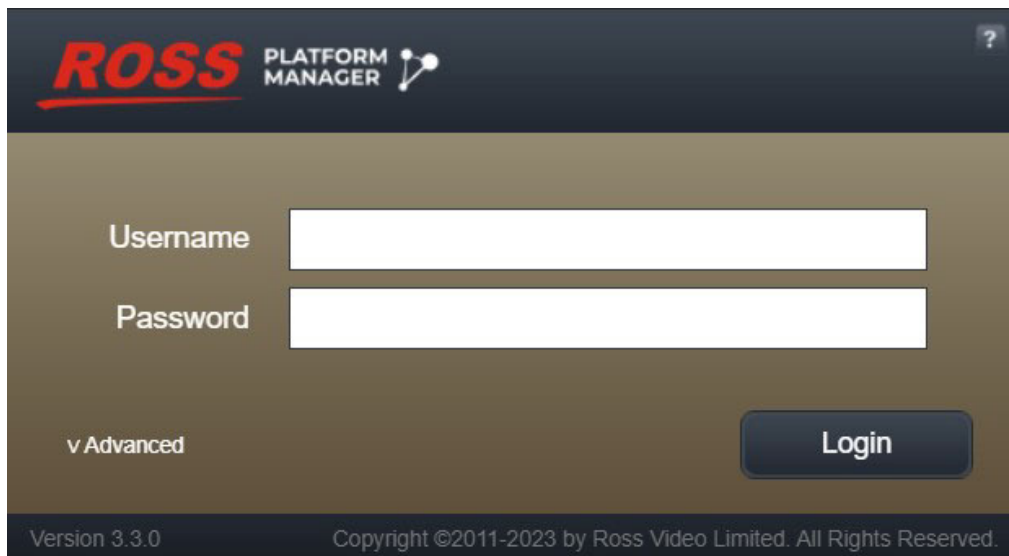
7. Issue the following command at the Ross Platform Manager server to restart the application:

```
sudo systemctl restart PlatformManager
```

8. Access Ross Platform Manager via web browser, and enter the IP address of one of the network interfaces:

Example: `http://192.168.3.150`

Ross Platform Manager’s **login page** appears:



9. Log in to Ross Platform Manager using the following credentials:

Username: root

Password: password

Once Ross Platform Manager is successfully configured, change the default password.

After installing Ross Platform Manager software, you must obtain a Ross Platform Manager license from Ross Video Technical Support before users can access Ross Platform Manager features.

## Upgrading Ross Platform Manager

You can upgrade RPM by following the steps outlined in this section. You must have access to the RPM server, database, and the latest RPM version package.

### To back up the database

1. On the database server, execute the command:

```
pg_dump -U postgres platform_manager > rpm.sql
```

### To perform the upgrade

1. Upload the RPM package to /home/[user] via WinSCP or a similar process. Replace user with the user name on the server.
2. Login to the RPM server via SSH.
3. Execute the following command:

```
sudo su
tar -zcvf /home/[user]/PlatformManager_Backup2023-X-X.tar.gz /opt/PlatformManager
cp /home/[user]/PlatformManager-NEW_BUILD.tar.gz /opt/PlatformManager
cd /opt/PlatformManager
systemctl stop PlatformManager
cp -r /opt/PlatformManager/configuration/ /home/[user]/configbk/
tar -xvf PlatformManager-NEW_BUILD.tar.gz --overwrite
sh Install
```

4. Open RPM in a web browser, and start the upgrade using the prompt that appears.

### To restore the PostgreSQL database

★ This procedure is only required if the RPM interface displays an upgrade error.

1. Execute the following command:

```
psql -U postgres <db_to_restore> < rpm.sql
```

# Installing Dependencies

This chapter provides instructions for installing dependencies

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Installing Dependencies

## Installing Dependencies

Ross Platform Manager requires a number of dependencies to be installed in order to support orchestration. See below for a list of required dependencies.

Dependency	Version
Python	>=3.6
python-pip	3
Ansible	2.9.22
sshpas	1.0.9

### To install Python dependency

1. Python comes pre-installed on Linux OS.

### To install Python-pip dependency

1. Issue the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install python3-pip
```

### To install Ansible dependency

1. Issue the following command for Ansible version 2.9.22:



```
sudo python3 -m pip install ansible==2.9.22
```

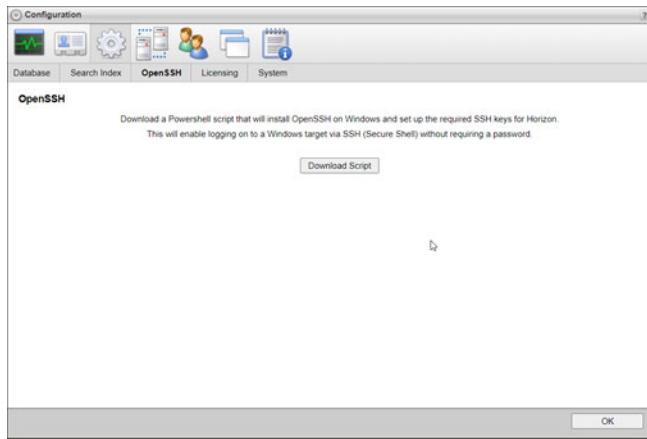
### To install SSHPASS dependency

1. Issue the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install sshpass
```

### To configure openSSH for a client setup on a remote host

1. Navigate to the Ross Platform Manager configuration settings for OpenSSH. From the upper menu, go to **Tools**  > **Configuration** and the Configuration dialog opens.
2. In the Configuration dialog menu, select **System**  > **OpenSSH**.



3. Transfer `openssh-download.zip` to the remote target.
4. Unzip the compressed file.
5. Follow the steps in the **readme** file.