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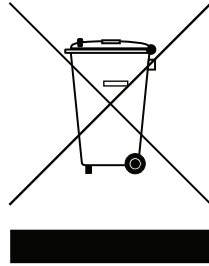
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Introduction

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

We are committed to providing you with the highest level of customer satisfaction possible. If, for any reason, you have questions or comments, please call Ross Video at +1-613-652-4886 or send us an e-mail at techsupport@rossvideo.com.

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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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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 RPM Computer**” provides instructions on how to install Ross Platform Manager software on a Ross Platform Manager computer after a system re-image.

If you have questions pertaining to the operation of the Ross Video product, please contact us at the numbers listed in the section “**Contacting Technical Support**” on page 1–3. Our technical staff is always available for consultation, training, or service.

Documentation Conventions

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 **Channel01.property**.

Referenced Guides

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

For more information, refer to the section “**Twitter Configuration**” 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 software, you must obtain Ross Platform Manager feature licenses from Ross Video Technical Support before users can access Ross Platform Manager features.

Getting Help

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

Contacting Technical Support

Technical Support is staffed by a team of experienced specialists ready to assist you with any question or technical issue.

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System Requirements

Ross Video bases Ross Platform Manager products on mainstream PC hardware that use the Windows® operating system. 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

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:** Windows Server
- **Database:** PostgreSQL15
- **Hardware:** VM or customer supplied machine

Supported RPM Feature Set	Base OS for Installation
	Windows
Orchestration	N/A
No Orchestration	10, 2016, 2019

★ If orchestration is not required, and you wish to use a Windows Operating System, you must ensure that it meets the following requirements:

- › **Minimum:** Microsoft Windows Server 2016 64-bit with the latest patches (2019 Server recommended). Note that Windows 11 is not supported.

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 +

Ports

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.

Software Installation for RPM Computer

This chapter provides instructions for installing Ross Platform Manager software on a Ross Platform Manager computer after a system re-image.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Before a Software Install
- Installing the PostgreSQL Database Software
- Configuring the Postgres Database Software
- Installing Ross Platform Manager Software
- Setting a Custom Password for the Database Superuser

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.
- 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.
- Prefer to have Ross Commissioners perform this installation for you? Contact Ross Video Sales.

For More Information on...

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

Installing the PostgreSQL Database Software

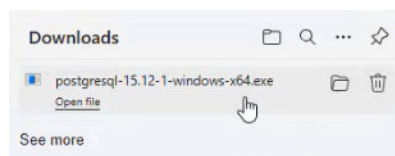
Ross Platform Manager uses the PostgreSQL database to store and manage application data. Only the initial installation or recovery installations of Ross Platform Manager software on a computer require the installation of the PostgreSQL database software.

- ★ You must install and configure PostgreSQL database software on the Ross Platform Manager computer before installing Ross Platform Manager software on the computer.

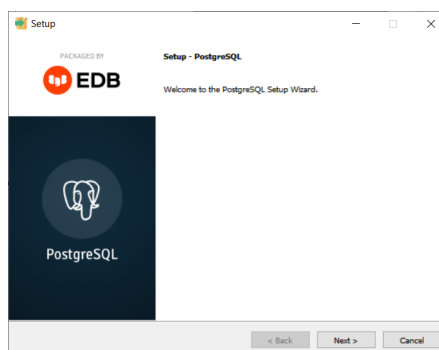
Upgrading Ross Platform Manager software to a new version does not require a reinstallation of the PostgreSQL database software.

To install PostgreSQL database software for an initial install of Ross Platform Manager software

1. On the Ross Platform Manager computer, exit all currently running applications.
2. In your Internet browser, go to <https://www.postgresql.org/download/windows/>.
3. Follow the information on PostgreSQL.org to download PostgreSQL 15 for Windows.
4. Double-click the PostgreSQL file to begin the installation.

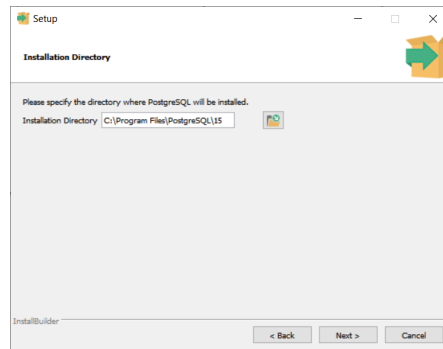


The **Setup** wizard opens.



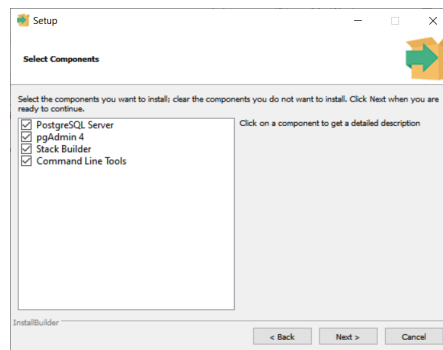
5. Click **Next**.

The **Installation Directory** dialog box opens.



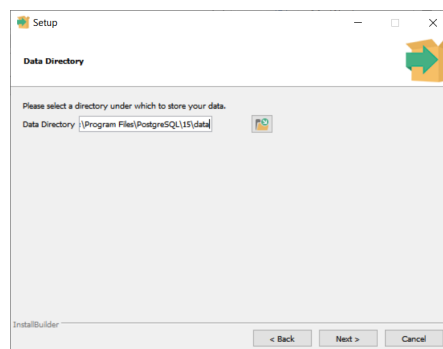
6. Click **Next**.

The **Select Components** dialog box opens.



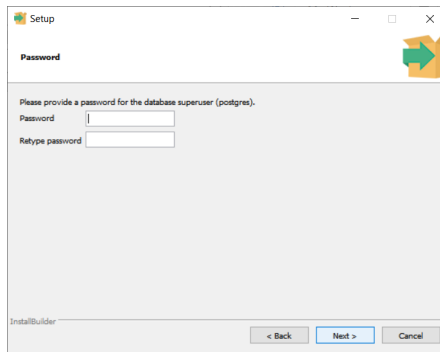
7. Click **Next**.

The **Data Directory** dialog box opens.



8. Click **Next**.

The **Password** dialog box opens.



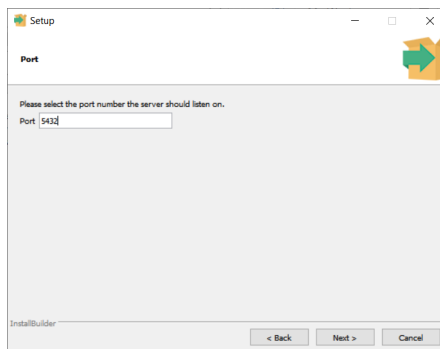
9. In the **Password** box, type the following password for the database super user named **postgres**:

`postgres`

If the password of `postgres` does not meet the password security requirements set by your organization, enter a different password that meets the requirements. Remember to replace the password `postgres` with your password when installing, reinstalling, or upgrading Ross Platform Manager software.

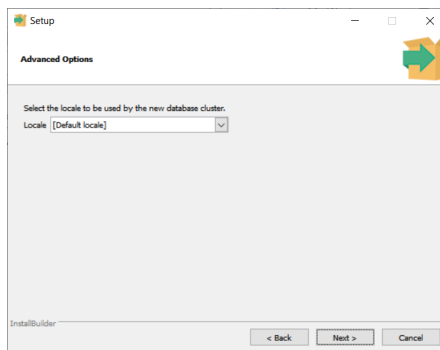
10. In the **Retype Password** box, type the password you set in **step 9**.
11. Click **Next**.

The **Port** dialog box opens.



12. Click **Next**.

The **Advanced Options** dialog box opens.

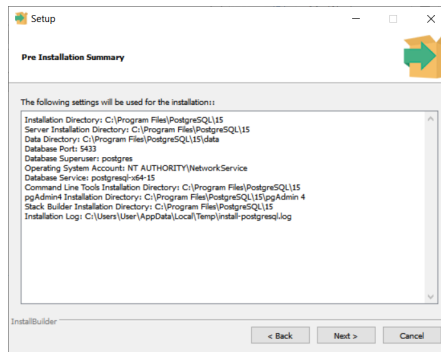


13. Use the **Locale** list to select **[Default locale]**.

The `[Default locale]` option sets the PostgreSQL database locale to the same locale set for the Windows operating system.

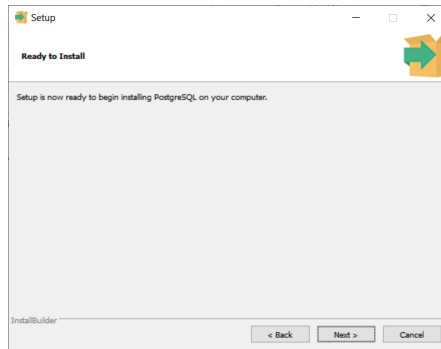
14. Click **Next**.

The **Pre Installation Summary** dialog box opens.



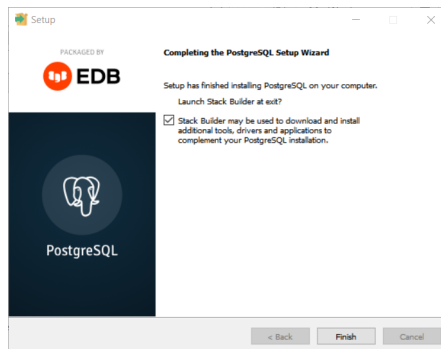
15. Click **Next**.

The **Ready to Install** dialog box opens.



16. Click **Next**.

The **Installing** panel opens. A progress bar displays the installation status. After the installer finishes installing the required files, the **Completing the PostgreSQL Setup Wizard** dialog box opens.



17. Clear the **Stack Builder** check box.

18. Click **Finish**.

The **Setup** wizard closes.

Configuring the Postgres Database Software

You must configure the Postgres database software by creating a Postgres database for Ross Platform Manager and setting the user that runs the service.

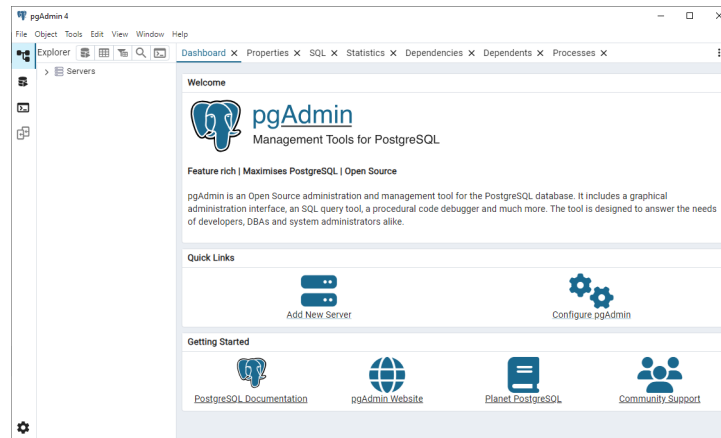
Creating an RPM Database in Postgres

You must create a Postgres database named “Ross Platform Manager” before you install Ross Platform Manager software.

To configure the database for Ross Platform Manager

1. From the Windows Desktop, use the **Start** menu to select **All Programs > PostgreSQL 15 > pgAdmin 4**.

The **pgAdmin 4** window opens.



2. In the **Object Browser** tree view, right-click the **PostgreSQL 15** database and select **Connect Server** from the shortcut menu.

The **Connect to Server** dialog box opens.



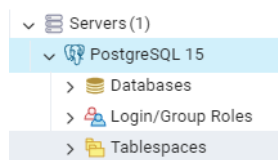
3. In the **Password** box, type the following password:

postgres

If the password of `postgres` did not meet the password security requirements set by your organization, enter the custom password set during installation of Ross Platform Manager software on the Ross Platform Manager computer.

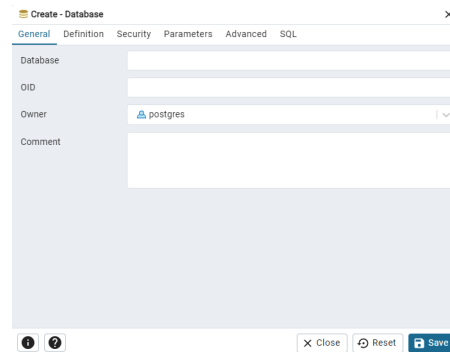
4. Click **OK**.

The **PostgreSQL 15** node expands in the **Object Browser** tree view.



5. In the expanded **PostgreSQL 15** node, right-click the **Databases** node and select **Create > Database** from the shortcut menu.

The **Create - Database** dialog box opens.



6. In the **Database** box, type the following name:

`platform_manager`

7. Click **OK**.

PostgreSQL adds the **Ross Platform Manager** database to the **Properties** tab of the **pgAdmin 4** window.

8. In the **pgAdmin 4** window, use the **File** menu to select **Exit**.

The **pgAdmin 4** window closes.

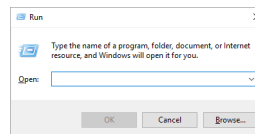
Ross Platform Manager Service User

You must also set the user that runs the PostgreSQL database service before you install Ross Platform Manager software.

To set the user that runs the PostgreSQL database service

1. From the Windows Desktop, press **Windows Key+R**.

The **Run** dialog box opens.

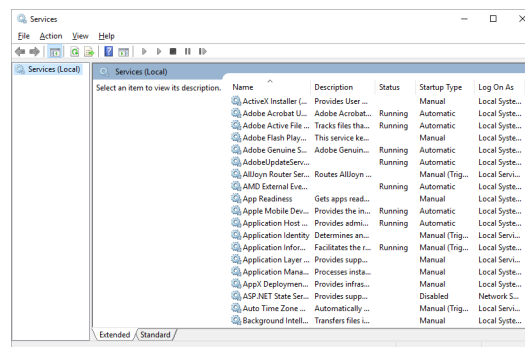


2. In the **Open** box, type the following application name:

`services.msc`

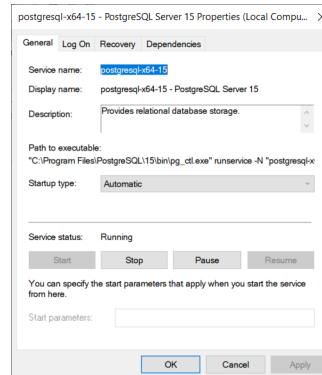
3. Click **OK**.

The **Services** window opens.

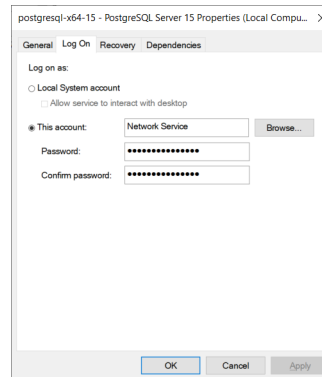


4. In the **Services** list, locate the **postgresql-x64-15** service.
5. Right-click the **postgresql-x64-15** service and select **Properties** from the shortcut menu.

The **postgresql-x64-15 Properties** dialog box opens.



6. Click the **Log On** tab.
- The **Log On** tab opens.



7. Select the **Local System Account** option.
8. Click **OK**.

The **Services** alert dialog box opens.

9. In the **Services** alert, click **OK**.

The **Services** alert and the **postgresql-x64-15 Properties** dialog box close.

10. In the **Services** window, click **Restart** for the **postgresql-x64-15** service.
11. Use the **File** menu to select **Exit**.

The **Services** window closes.

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.

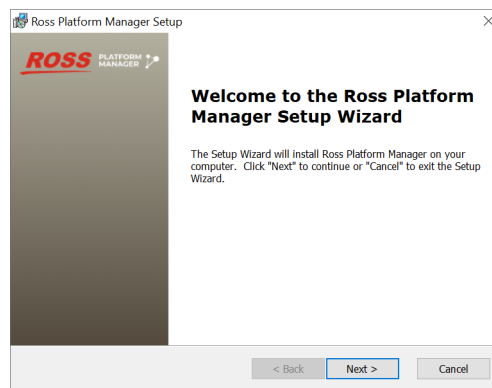
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To install Ross Platform Manager software

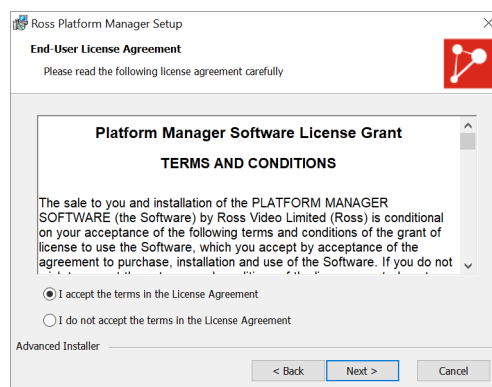
1. On the Ross Platform Manager computer, exit all currently running Windows® applications.
2. Temporarily disable anti-virus software running on the Ross Platform Manager computer.
Some heuristic-based intrusion detection systems prevent the installation of Ross Platform Manager software.
3. On the Desktop, open **My Computer**.
4. In the **My Computer** explorer window, locate the commissioning package provided.
5. Double-click the **PlatformManager-X.X.X-*.tar.gz** file.
6. Double-click **Ross Platform Manager-x.x.x-xxx-xxx.msi**.

If a **Security Warning** message displays, click **Run**.

The **Ross Platform Manager Setup** wizard opens.

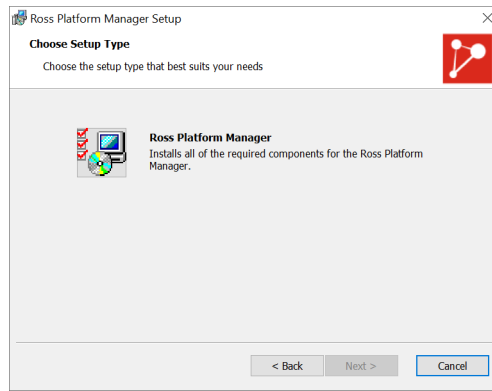


7. Click **Next**.
8. The **End-User License Agreement** screen opens.



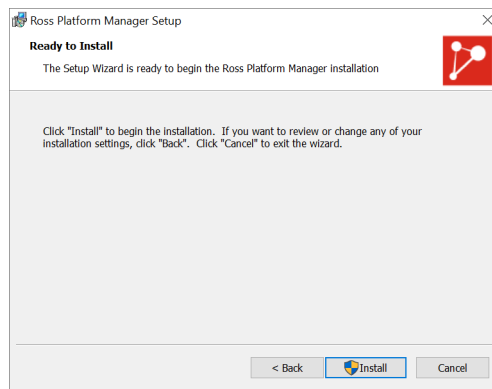
9. Read the Ross Platform Manager Software License Grant.
10. Select the **I accept the terms of the license agreement** option.
11. Click **Next**.

The **Choose Setup Type** screen opens.



12. Click the **Ross Platform Manager** icon.

The **Ready to Install** screen opens.



13. Click **Install**.

After installation of Ross Platform Manager is complete, the **Installation Complete** screen opens.

14. Click **Finish**.

The **Ross Platform Manager Setup** wizard closes and adds the following icons to the Desktop:

- **Ross Platform Manager Readme**
- **Ross Platform Manager Release Notes**
- **Ross Platform Manager**

Ross Platform Manager starts automatically after the installation of the Ross Platform Manager software.

15. Re-enable antivirus software.
16. If your Ross Platform Manager database does not use the standard password of postgres for the database superuser postgres, complete the procedure in the section “**Setting a Custom Password for the Database Superuser**” on page 3–11.

Setting a Custom Password for the Database Superuser

During the installation of the PostgreSQL database, you must set the password for the database superuser and service account named postgres. If the password set for postgres is not the standard password of postgres, you must configure Ross Platform Manager software to use the custom postgres password.

To set a custom postgres password

1. Use one of the following methods to open the **Ross Platform Manager** web page:

- On the Desktop, double-click the **Ross Platform Manager** icon.
- Use the **Start** menu to select **All Programs > Ross Platform Manager > Ross Platform Manager**.

The **Ross Platform Manager Login** screen opens. If the **Ross Platform Manager Login** screen does not open, please contact Ross Video Technical Support.

2. At the **Ross Platform Manager Login** screen, enter the following user name and password in the provided boxes:

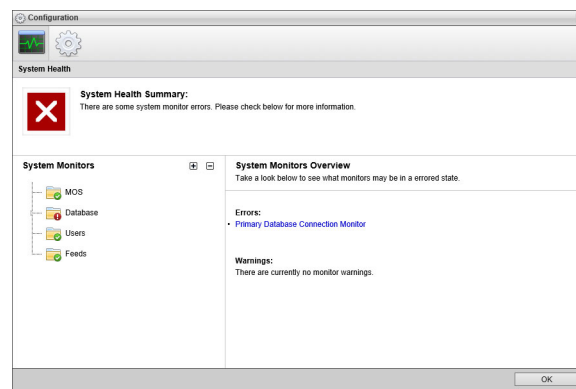
- **Username** — maintenance
- **Password** — maintenance


3. Click **Login**.

You are logged into Ross Platform Manager.

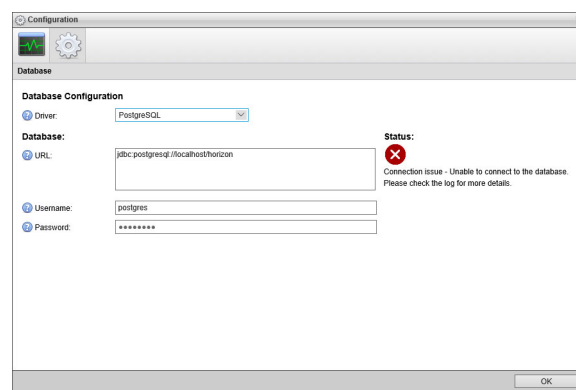
4. In the **Tools** section of the Ross Platform Manager toolbar, click the  **Configuration** icon.

The **System Monitor** panel of the **Configuration** window opens.

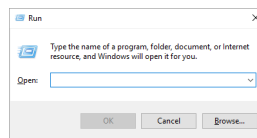


5. On the **Configuration** window toolbar, click the  **System** icon.

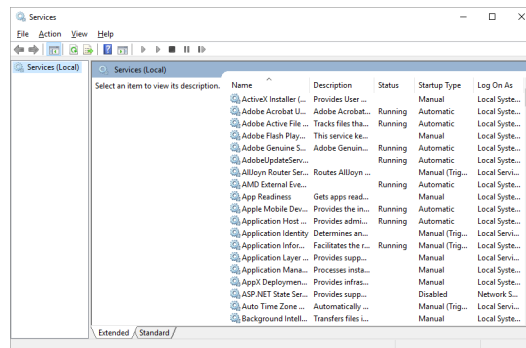
The **System** panel opens.



6. In the **Password** box of the **Database** tab, enter the custom password set for the database superuser named postgres.
7. Click **OK**.
An **Alert** dialog box opens.
8. In the **Alert** dialog box, click **OK**.
The **Alert** and **Configuration** dialog boxes close.
9. On the Ross Platform Manager toolbar, click the **Logout** icon.
A **Message** dialog box opens.
10. In the **Message** dialog box, click **OK** to log out of Ross Platform Manager.
11. Close the web browser.
12. From the Windows Desktop, press **Windows Key+R**.
The **Run** dialog box opens.



13. In the **Open** box, type the following application name:
`services.msc`
14. Click **OK**.
The **Services** window opens.



15. In the **Services** list, locate and select the **Ross Platform Manager** service.
16. Click **Restart** for the **Ross Platform Manager** service.
17. Use the **File** menu to select **Exit**.
The **Services** dialog box closes.