

NRPE - ERROR: Missing Argument Exception

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Problem Description

This KB article addresses the following NRPE error:

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ERROR: Missing Argument Exception
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Assumed Knowledge

The following KB article contains an explanation of how NRPE works and may need to be referenced to completely understand the problem and solution that is provided here:

[NRPE - Agent and Plugin Explained](#)

In addition to this, NSClient++ must be correctly installed and configured, please refer to the following KB article on enabling the NRPE listener in NSClient++:

[Documentation - Enabling The NRPE Listener In NSClient++ 0.4.x](#)

Troubleshooting The Error

This is usually due to clashing handler names (more than 1 of the same external alias name). Please refer to the following KB article for more information on this:

[NRPE - UNKNOWN: No Handler For That Command](#)

It can also be caused by an argument mismatch as well. Please refer to the following KB article which can help explain this problem:

[NRPE - CHECK_NRPE: Received 0 Bytes From Daemon](#)

Instead of editing the command directives in your `nrpe.cfg` file (*which does not exist as this is a Windows remote host*), edit the "`[/settings/external_scripts/alias]`" section of the `C:\Program Files\NSClient++\nsclient.ini` file. Make sure your argument usage is consistent between the `nsclient.ini` and the Nagios XI service check.

Final Thoughts

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<http://support.nagios.com/forum/>

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