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Legacy Grafana alerts

Grafana alerting is enabled by default for new OSS installations. For older installations, it is still an [opt-in]({{< relref "../unified-alerting/opt-in.md" >}}) feature.

> **Note**: Legacy dashboard alerts are deprecated and will be removed in Grafana 9. We encourage you to migrate to [Grafana alerting]({{< relref "../unified-alerting/_index.md" >}}) for all existing installations.

Legacy dashboard alerts have two main components:

- Alert rule - When the alert is triggered. Alert rules are defined by one or more conditions that are regularly evaluated by Grafana.
- Notification channel - How the alert is delivered. When the conditions of an alert rule are met, the Grafana notifies the channels configured for that alert.

Alert tasks

You can perform the following tasks for alerts:

- [Create an alert rule]({{< relref "create-alerts.md" >}})
- [View existing alert rules and their current state]({{< relref "view-alerts.md" >}})
- [Test alert rules and troubleshoot]({{< relref "troubleshoot-alerts.md" >}})
- [Add or edit an alert contact point]({{< relref "notifications.md" >}})

{{< docs/shared "alerts/grafana-managed-alerts.md" >}}