

# Situations

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To open the Situation editor, the user ID must have permission to View Situations.

In addition to providing a map of your enterprise, the Navigator can alert you of changing conditions in the systems you are monitoring. When a condition changes, the associated item is marked with an icon:



**Fatal**



**Critical**



**Minor**



**Warning**



**Harmless**



**Informational**









**Unknown**

The Navigator places one of these icons, called *alert indicator* or *event indicator*, at every level of the hierarchy so you can see an alert even if a Navigator branch is closed.

If you see any of these icons in the Navigator now, move the mouse pointer over an event indicator to open a flyover listing of the situations that caused the events at that level of the Navigator and below.

Tivoli Enterprise Portal runs tests called situations on systems where monitoring agents are installed. When the conditions of a situation have been met, an event occurs and an event indicator is displayed over the applicable items in the Navigator.

To open a situation,

1. Right-click a system name in the Navigator and click  **Situations**.  
The Situation editor opens with a list of situations on the left. This is where you can view and edit situations or create new ones.
2. Click a situation name in the tree to see the Situation editor tabs.
  -  Formula to view, add, and change the conditions being tested.
  -  Distribution to view and specify the systems on which to run the situation.
  -  Expert Advice to write comments or instructions to be read in the event results workspace.
  -  Action to send a command to the managed system.
  -  Until to close the event after a period of time or when another situation is true.
3. Click **Cancel** to close the Situation editor.