

# Lesson Description - Alertmanager Configuration

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Alertmanager includes a number of global configuration options you can use to customize its behavior. In order to manage an Alertmanager instance, you need to be aware of Alertmanager's configuration file and how to go through the process of managing its configuration. In this lesson, we will discuss the process of making changes to your Alertmanager configuration and demonstrate this process by implementing a simple configuration change.

## Relevant Documentation

- [Alertmanager Configuration](#)

## Lesson Reference

Log in to the Prometheus server.

Edit the Alertmanager configuration file:

```
sudo vi /etc/alertmanager/alertmanager.yml
```

Set `global.resolve_timeout` to `10m`:

```
global:
  ...
  resolve_timeout: 10m
  ...
```

Restart Alertmanager to load the new configuration:

```
sudo systemctl restart alertmanager
```

**Note:** If you wish, you can load the new configuration without restarting Alertmanager:

```
sudo killall -HUP alertmanager
```

Verify your configuration is valid by ensuring Alertmanager is running. Access Alertmanager in your browser at [http://<PROMETHEUS\\_SERVER\\_PUBLIC\\_IP>:9093](http://<PROMETHEUS_SERVER_PUBLIC_IP>:9093).

Once you can see Alertmanager in your browser, click **Status** and look for your new `resolve_timeout` configuration in the *Config* section.