

# trigger.exists

## Description

boolean `trigger.exists(object filter)`

This method checks if at least one trigger that matches the given filter criteria exists.

This method is deprecated and will be removed in the future. Please use [trigger.get](#) instead.

## Parameters

(object) Criteria to search by.

The following parameters are supported as search criteria.

Parameter	Type	Description
<b>expression</b> (required)	string	Exploded trigger expression.
<b>host</b> (required)	string/array	Technical names of the hosts the triggers must belong to.
<b>hostid</b> (required)	string/array	IDs of the hosts the triggers must belong to.
<b>description</b>	string/array	Names of the triggers.

Only one of the three parameters is required: `host`, `hostid` or `expression`.

## Return values

(boolean) Returns `true` if at least one trigger that matches the given filter criteria exists.

## Examples

### Check a trigger by expression

Check if a trigger with the given expression exists.

Request:

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "method": "trigger.exists",
  "params": {
    "expression": "{Linux server:vfs.file.cksum[/etc/passwd].diff()}>0"
  },
  "auth": "3a57200802b24cda67c4e4010b50c065",
  "id": 1
}
```

```
}
```

Response:

```
{  
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",  
  "result": true,  
  "id": 1  
}
```

## See also

- [trigger.isreadable](#)
- [trigger.iswritable](#)

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