

# Database Environment Descriptor

You can describe the Freeze database environment(s) used by your server or service with Database Environment Descriptors. Each descriptor describes a single Freeze database environment.

## Properties

The Database Environment Properties panel offers the following fields:

- **Name**  
The name of the Freeze Database Environment. This name must be unique within the enclosing Ice communicator.
- **Description**  
A free-text description of this database environment.
- **DB Home**  
The path of the home directory of the Berkeley DB environment. The default is "Created by the IceGrid Node": when selected, IceGrid node creates automatically a directory in its local server tree. Otherwise, if you enter your own value, the path must exist: IceGrid node will not create this directory if it does not exist.
- **Properties**  
This table shows a list of Berkeley DB properties for this database environment. These are *not* Ice properties. IceGrid generates a `DB_CONFIG` file in the DB Home directory with these settings.