ADVANCE DEVOPS CASE STUDY

Introduction

Case Study Overview:

The selected case study explores a practical scenario focusing on deploying a simple application using Kubernetes and ensuring its health through the monitoring capabilities of Nagios. This approach highlights the efficacy of Kubernetes in managing containerized applications and the indispensable role of Nagios in maintaining application health and performance.

In a world where applications are expected to run seamlessly and continuously, ensuring their health through reliable monitoring systems becomes critical. This case study demonstrates a real-world solution where Kubernetes and Nagios are integrated to create a robust and scalable application deployment and monitoring system.

Key Feature and Application:

The unique aspect of this case study is the seamless integration of Kubernetes' orchestration capabilities with Nagios' monitoring strengths. Kubernetes, renowned for its powerful and flexible container orchestration, manages the deployment of an Nginx server. Concurrently, Nagios performs real-time health monitoring of the application, providing alerts and insights to ensure continuous availability and performance.

Kubernetes' capacity to manage containers efficiently makes it an ideal choice for application deployment, while Nagios' monitoring tools ensure that any potential issues are quickly identified and addressed. This integration serves as a practical demonstration of maintaining high availability and reliability in a production environment, making it highly relevant for modern, resilient application management.

The practical use of this integration in a real-world scenario emphasizes the importance of using both deployment and monitoring tools to ensure application health. By combining Kubernetes' deployment efficiency with Nagios' robust monitoring, the case study showcases a comprehensive solution for maintaining application health and availability.

Third-Year Project Integration:

Integrating Kubernetes and Nagios into **GlamEase**, the SaaS-based salon management system, will significantly boost its reliability and scalability. Kubernetes will manage the deployment of Glamease's various services, such as **appointment scheduling** and client management, ensuring they run smoothly and can scale based on demand. If one service fails, Kubernetes will automatically restart it, minimizing downtime. Meanwhile, Nagios will continuously monitor the health of these services, providing real-time alerts if any issues arise. This setup allows prompt addressing of any problems, ensuring a seamless experience for salon owners. By leveraging these tools, Glamease becomes a robust and efficient salon management system, capable of handling increased user loads while maintaining high availability and performance. This integration of modern cloud technologies aligns with industry best practices, preparing for real-world challenges in software development and deployment.

Step-by-Step Explanation

1) Deploying NGINX server in cloudshell using kubernetes

Using AWS CloudShell:

Access AWS CloudShell
Log into the AWS Management Console.
Click on the CloudShell icon at the top right of the console.

sudo yum -y update

curl -o kubectl https://amazon-eks.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/1.21.14/2022-11-01/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl chmod +x ./kubectl sudo my ./kubectl /usr/local/bin

curl --silent --location

"https://github.com/weaveworks/eksctl/releases/latest/download/eksctl_ $\$ (uname - s)_amd64.tar.gz" | tar xz - C /tmp

sudo mv /tmp/eksctl /usr/local/bin

```
curl --silent --location
"https://github.com/weaveworks/eksctl/releases/latest/download/eksctl_$(uname -s)_amd64.tar.gz" | tar xz -C /tmp
sudo mv /tmp/eksctl /usr/local/bin
```

Create an EKS cluster

eksctl create cluster --name my-cluster --version 1.29 --region us-west-2 --nodegroup-name linux-nodes --node-type t2.micro --nodes 2 --nodes-min 1 --nodes-max 4 --managed

kubectl get svc

Now Create a YAML file named nginx-pod.yaml with the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nginx-pod
spec:
  containers:
  - name: nginx-container
  image: nginx:latest
  ports:
  - containerPort: 80
```

kubectl apply -f nginx-pod.yaml

kubectl get pods

The pods are in running state

Thus, Nginx server is successfully deployed on kubernetes

2) Monitor the health of Nginx server using Nagios :

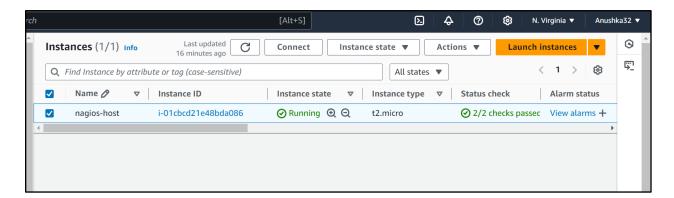
Set Up Nagios for Monitoring

- 1. Install Nagios Core:
- 2. Install Nagios Core on a separate machine or server
- 3. Download the latest version of Nagios Core from the official website
- 4. Add the necessary Nagios plugins to monitor HTTP services
- 5. Configure Nagios to check the health of the Nginx pods by adding a command and service check in the Nagios configuration files.

[A] Steps for Installing Nagios

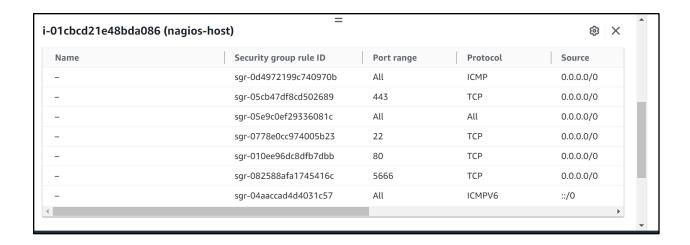
1. Create EC2 Instance:

Launch an Amazon Linux EC2 instance named nagios-host.



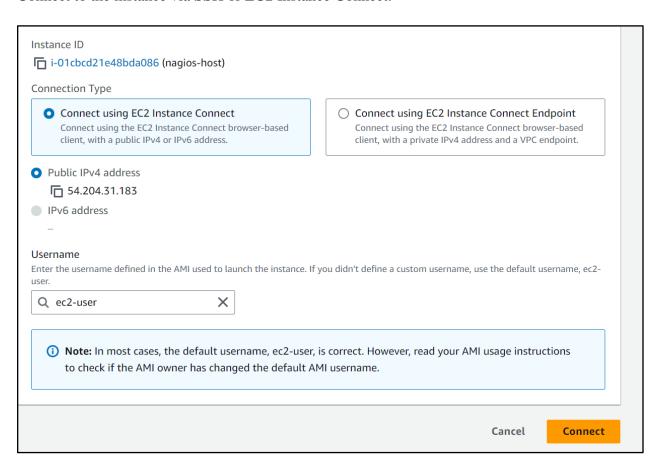
2. Configure Security Group:

Open inbound rules for HTTP, HTTPS, SSH, and ICMP.



3. SSH into EC2 Instance:

Connect to the instance via SSH or EC2 Instance Connect.



4. Update Package Indices and Install Required Packages

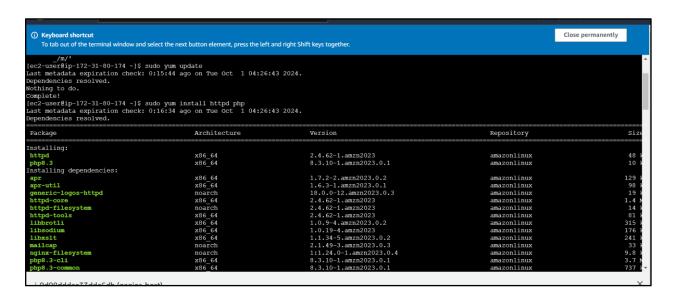
Commands -

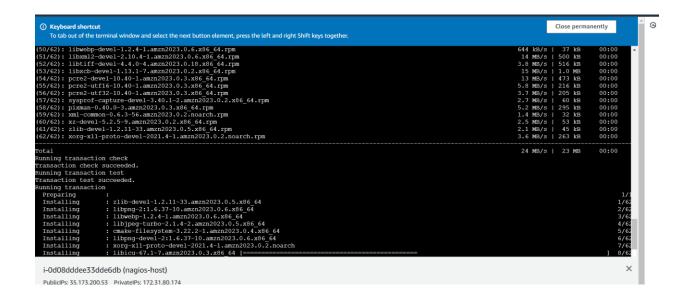
sudo yum update

sudo yum install httpd php

sudo yum install gcc glibc glibc-common

sudo yum install gd gd-devel





5. Create a New Nagios User

Commands -

sudo adduser -m nagios

sudo passwd nagios

```
Last login: Mon Sep 30 17:45:34 2024 from 18.206.107.27
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ sudo adduser -m nagios
adduser: user 'nagios' already exists
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ sudo passwd nagios
Changing password for user nagios.
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
Sorry, passwords do not match.
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$
```

6. Create a New User Group

Commands -

sudo groupadd nagcmd

```
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ sudo groupadd nagcmd
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$
```

7. Add Users to the Group

Commands -

```
sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios
sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-22 ~]$ sudo usermod -aG nagcmd nagios sudo usermod -aG nagcmd apache
```

8. Create a Directory for Nagios Downloads

Commands -

```
mkdir ~/downloads
```

cd ~/downloads

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ sudo usermod -a -G
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ mkdir ~/downloads
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 ~]$ cd ~/downloads
```

9. Download Nagios and Plugins Source Files

Commands -

wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz

wget https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz

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      ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 downloads]$
```

10. Extract the Nagios Source File

Commands -

tar zxvf nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz

cd nagios-4.4.6

11. Run the Configuration Script

Commands -

./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd

```
nagios-4.0.8 nagios-4.0.8.tar.gz nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 downloads]$ cd nagios-4.0.8

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ ./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd

checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install -c

checking build system type... x86 64-unknown-linux-gnu

checking for gcc... gcc

checking for C compiler default output file name... a.out

checking for C compiler default output file name... a.out

checking whether the C compiler works... yes

checking whether we are cross compiling... no

checking for suffix of executables...

checking for suffix of object files... o

checking whether we are using the GNU C compiler... yes

checking whether gcc accepts -g... yes

checking whether gcc accepts -g... yes

checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes

checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes

checking for strip... /usr/bin/strip

checking for grep that handles long lines and -e... /usr/bin/grep

checking for grep that handles long lines and -e... /usr/bin/grep

checking for grep that handles long lines and -e... /usr/bin/grep

checking for sys/types.h... yes

checking for sys/types.h... yes
```

12. Compile the Source Code

Commands -

make all

```
done
/usr/bin/install: cannot stat '*.cgi': No such file or directory
make[2]: *** [Makefile:205: install-basic] Error 1
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.0.8/cgi'
make[1]: *** [Makefile:197: install] Error 2
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.0.8/cgi'
make: *** [Makefile:235: install] Error 2
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ sudo make install-init
/usr/bin/install -c -m 755 -d -o root -g root /etc/rc.d/init.d
/usr/bin/install -c -m 755 -o root -g root daemon-init /etc/rc.d/init.d/nagios

*** Init script installed ***

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$
```

13. Install Binaries, Init Script, and Sample Config Files

Commands -

./sudo make install
sudo make install-init
sudo make install-config
sudo make install-commandmode

```
*** External command directory configured ***
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ sudo nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/contacts.cfg
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ sudo make install-webconf
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 sample-config/httpd.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf
 *** Nagios/Apache conf file installed ***
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin
New password:
 Re-type new password:
Adding password for user nagiosadmin
 [ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ sudo service httpd restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemetl restart httpd.service [ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-4.0.8]$ cd ~/downloads
 [ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 downloads]$ tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/config-Tiny-2.14.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/parent-0.226.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Test-Simple-0.98.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Makefile.in
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/version-0.9903.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Makefile.am
 nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Module-Runtime-0.013.tar.gz
 nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Module-Metadata-1.000014.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Params-Validate-1.08.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.0.3/perlmods/Class-Accessor-0.34.tar.gz
```

14. Edit the Config File

Commands -

sudo nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/commands.cfg sudo nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/services.cfg

commands.cfg

services.cfg

```
To tab out of the terminal window and select the next button element, pre-
  GNU nano 5.8
                                                        /usr/lo
define service {
                                         generic-service
    use
                                         localhost
    host name
    service description
                                         Nginx
    check command
                                         check nginx
                                         0.5
    check interval
    retry interval
                                         0.5
    max check attempts
                                         3
```

15. Configure the Web Interface

Commands -

sudo make install-webconf

16. Create a Nagios Admin Account

Commands -

sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin

You will be prompted to enter and confirm the password for the nagiosadmin user

```
*** Nagios/Apache conf file installed ***
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin
New password:
Re-type new password for user nagiosadmin
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 nagios-4.4.6]$
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/fedora/requires
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/solaris/
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/solaris/preinstall
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/solaris/pkginfo.in
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/solaris/pkginfo
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/solaris/pkginfo
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/redhat/
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/redhat/
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/pkg/redhat/requires
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 downloads]$ cd nagios-plugins-2.3.3
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-88-250 nagios-plugins-2.3.3]$
```

```
make install-exec-hook
make(3): Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins'
cd /usr/local/nagios/libexec &&\
if [-x check_idap]; then rm -f check_nop check_udp check_clamd; do rm -f $i; ln -s check_tcp $i; done;\
if [-x check_idap]; then rm -f check_ldaps; ln -s check_ldap check_ldaps; fi
make(3): Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins'
make(3): Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins'
make(2): Nothing to be done for 'install-data-am',
make(2): Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins'
make(1): Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins'
make(2): Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins-scripts'
make(2): Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins-scripts'
test-2 "/usr/loal/nagios/libexec" || /usr/bin/mkdir -p "/usr/local/nagios/libexec"
/usr/bin/install -c -o nagios -g nagios check_breeze check_disk_smb_check_flex|m check_ircd_check_log_check_oracle_check_rpc_check_sensors_check_wave_check_ifs
tatus_check_ifoperstatus_check_mail_check_file_age_check_ssl_validity_utils_butils_m '/usr/local/nagios/libexec'
make(2): Nothing to be done for 'install-data-am',
make(2): Nothing to be done for 'install-data-am',
make(2): Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins-scripts'
make(2): Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/plugins-scripts'
```

17. Restart Apache

Commands -

sudo systemctl restart httpd

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-22 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-22 nagios-4.4.6]$
```

18. Extract the Plugins Source File

Commands -

```
cd ~/downloads
tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz
cd nagios-plugins-2.3.3
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-22 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-22 nagios-4.4.6]$ cd ~/downloads
tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz
cd nagios-plugins-2.3.3
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Config-Tiny-2.14.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/parent-0.226.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Test-Simple-0.98.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Makefile.in
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/version-0.9903.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Makefile.am
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Module-Runtime-0.013.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Module-Metadata-1.000014.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Params-Validate-1.08.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Class-Accessor-0.34.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Try-Tiny-0.18.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Module-Implementation-0.07.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Makefile
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Perl-OSType-1.003.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/install_order
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Nagios-Plugin-0.36.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Math-Calc-Units-1.07.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/perlmods/Module-Build-0.4007.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/ABOUT-NLS
nagios-plugins-2.3.3/configure.ac
```

```
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.0.3/po'
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.0.3'
make[2]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.0.3'
make[2]: Nothing to be done for 'install-exec-am'
make[2]: Nothing to be done for 'install-exec-am'
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.0.3'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugin
```

```
Read object config files okay...

Running pre-flight check on configuration data...

Checking objects...

Checked 8 services.

Checked 1 hosts.

Checked 1 hosts groups.

Checked 1 ontacts

Checked 1 contact groups.

Checked 1 contact groups.

Checked 1 contact groups.

Checked 24 commands.

Checked 24 commands.

Checked 5 time periods.

Checked 0 host escalations.

Checked 0 service escalations.

Checked 1 hosts

Checked 1 hosts

Checked 1 hosts

Checked 0 service dependencies

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Checking flobal event handlers...

Checking global event handlers...

Checking misc settings...

Total Warnings: 0

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Total Warnings: 0

Total Warnings: 0

Total Warnings: No serious problems were detected during the pre-flight check

[se2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-plugins-2.0.3]s
```

If Error

sudo mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/var/spool/checkresults sudo chown -R nagios:nagcmd /usr/local/nagios/var

```
Things look okay - No serious problems were detected during the pre-flight check
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-plugins-2.0.3]$ sudo service nagios start
Reloading systemd:
[ OK ]
Starting nagios (via systemctl):
[ OK ]
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-174 nagios-plugins-2.0.3]$
```

19. Compile and Install Plugins

Commands -

```
./configure --with-nagios-user=nagios --with-nagios-group=nagios
```

make

sudo make install

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-80-22 nagios-plugins-2.3.3]$ ./configure --with-nagios-user=nagios --with-nagios-group=nagios make
sudo make install
checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install -c
checking whether build environment is sane... yes
checking for a thread-safe mkdir -p... /usr/bin/mkdir -p
checking for gawk... gawk
checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes
checking whether to disable maintainer-specific portions of Makefiles... yes
checking build system type... x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu
checking bost system type... x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu
checking for gcc... gcc
checking for C compiler default output file name... a.out
checking whether the C compiler works... yes
checking whether we are cross compiling... no
checking for suffix of escutables...
checking for suffix of object files... o
checking whether gcc accepts -g... yes
checking whether gcc accepts -g... yes
checking for gcc option to accept ISO C89... none needed
checking for style of include used by make... GNU
checking how to run the C preprocessor... gcc -E
checking for grep that handles long lines and -e... /usr/bin/grep
```

20. Start Nagios

Commands -

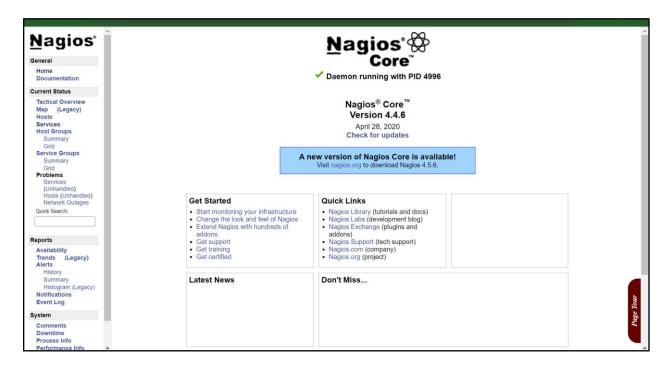
```
sudo chkconfig --add nagios
sudo chkconfig nagios on
sudo /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
sudo systemctl start nagios
```

21.Check Nagios Status:

sudo systemctl status nagios

Nagios Page will be visible:

Username : nagiosadmin Password : your password



[B] Monitoring nginx server using nagios

Go to services:

I] At first we have scaled up the pods so you will see the condition of the nginx server as OK.

If \rightarrow kubectl scale deployment nginx-deployment --replicas=2: to scale up

```
| Coludshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~ | $ | kubect| scale deployment nginx-deployment --replicas=2 | deployment scaled | deployment scaled | deployment scaled | deployment scaled | cloudshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~ | $ | kubect| get pods -o wide | | Coludshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~ | $ | kubect| get pods -o wide | | Coludshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~ | $ | kubect| get pods -o wide | | NODE |
```

The pods are in running state thus the condition of nginx server is OK

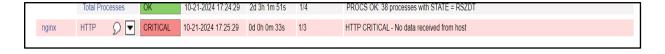


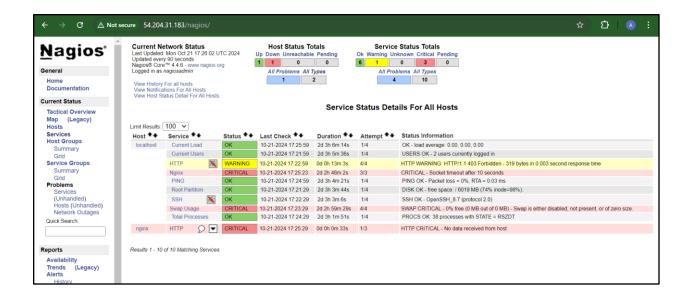
II] If \rightarrow kubectl scale deployment nginx-deployment --replicas=0 : To scale down pods

```
nginx-deployment-7679640197-d7xWi 1/1 kumning 0 47N 192.108.00.190 ip-192-108-43-230 [cloudshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~]$ kubectl scale deployment nginx-deployment --replicas=0 deployment.apps/nginx-deployment scaled [cloudshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~]$ kubectl get pods -o wide No resources found in default namespace. [cloudshell-user@ip-10-138-173-105 ~]$ [
```

The pods are scaled down so you will see that the nginx server is in critical condition.

Along with a error: No data received from host





Thus the Nginx server deployed on kubernetes is monitored using nagios successfully!

Conclusion: Thus, this case study illustrates the effectiveness of using Kubernetes and Nagios to deploy and monitor a simple application like an Nginx server. By utilizing AWS Cloud9, Kubernetes ensures the seamless deployment and management of the application, providing scalability and resilience. Nagios complements this by continuously monitoring the application's health, ensuring any issues are promptly detected and addressed. This setup not only demonstrates the practical application of these technologies but also highlights their importance in maintaining application availability and performance. Such integrations are vital for creating robust, scalable, and reliable systems in modern cloud environments.