

Nagios Contacts

IN719 Systems Administration

Introduction

In this lab we will create Nagios contacts and contact groups so that we can be notified when Nagios triggers an alert.

1 Configure Nagios Contacts

1. Create a contact for yourself (and others in your team). N.B.: Don't create a contact for me. I've just used my name below as an example.

```
nagios_contact { 'tclark':  
    target => '/etc/nagios3/conf.d/ppt_contacts.cfg',  
    alias => 'Tom Clark',  
    service_notification_period => '24x7',  
    host_notification_period => '24x7',  
    service_notification_options => 'w,u,c,r',  
    host_notification_options => 'd,r',  
    service_notification_commands => 'notify-service-by-slack',  
    host_notification_commands => 'notify-host-by-slack',  
    email => 'root@localhost',  
}
```

We would like to use a better email address, but for now we want to use `root@localhost`.

Note that the `notify-*-by-slack` commands are set up in the accompanying lab document.

2. Contacts aren't used until they appear in a relevant contact group.

```
nagios_contactgroup { 'sysadmins':  
    target => '/etc/nagios3/conf.d/ppt_contactgroups.cfg',  
    alias => 'Systems Administrators',  
    members => 'tclark',  
}
```