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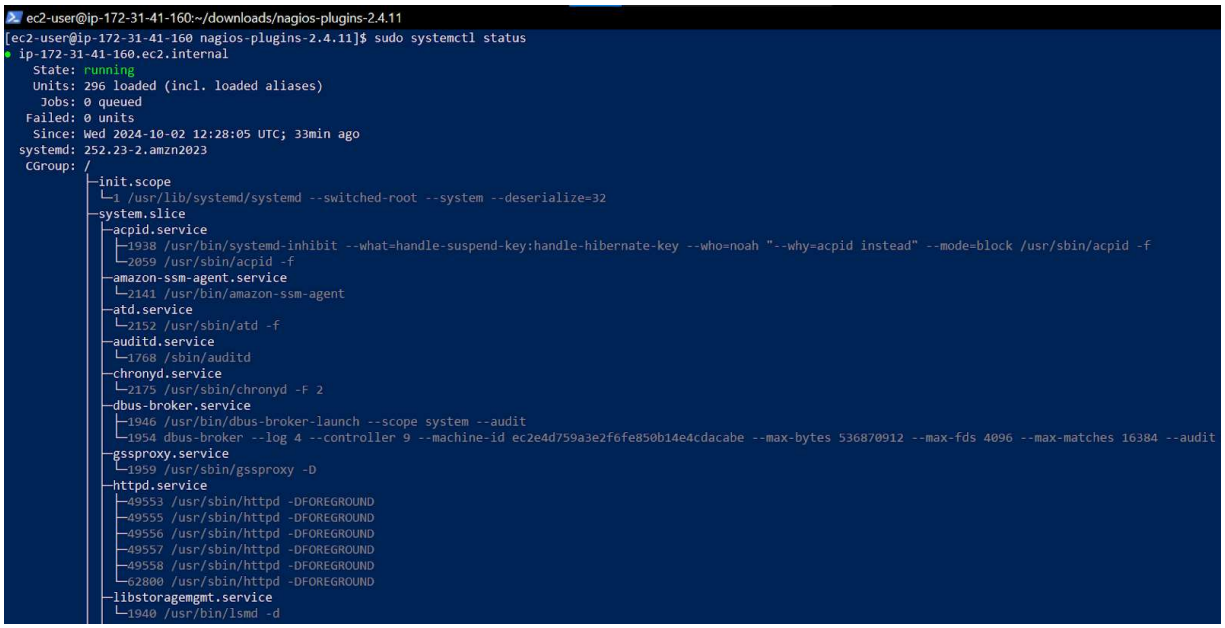
Experiment 10

Aim: To perform Port, Service monitoring, Windows/Linux server monitoring using Nagios.

Monitoring Using Nagios:

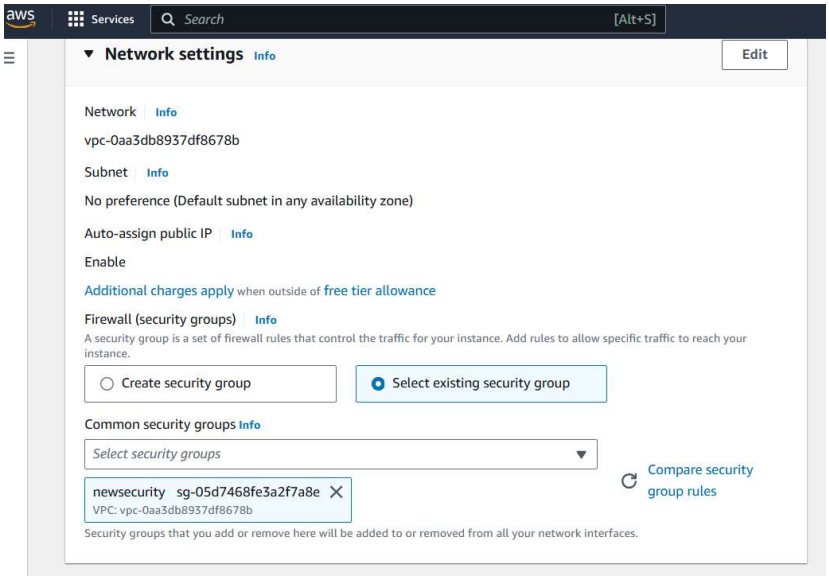
Step 1: To Confirm Nagios is running on the server side Perform the following command on your Amazon Linux Machine (Nagios-host).

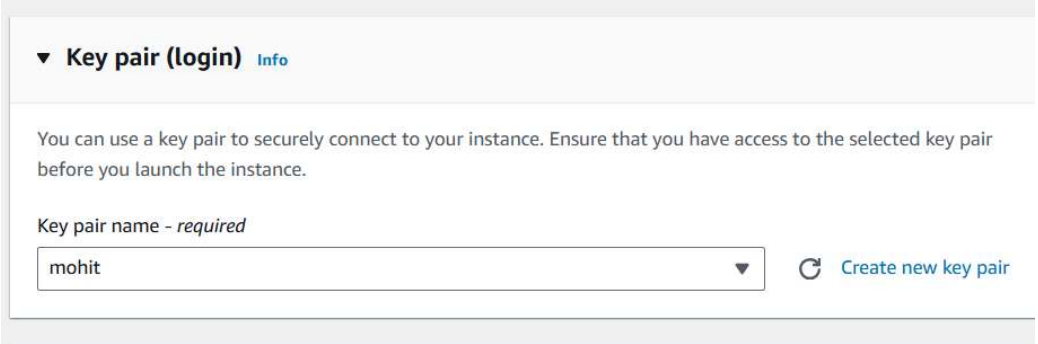
Run this command **sudo systemctl status**

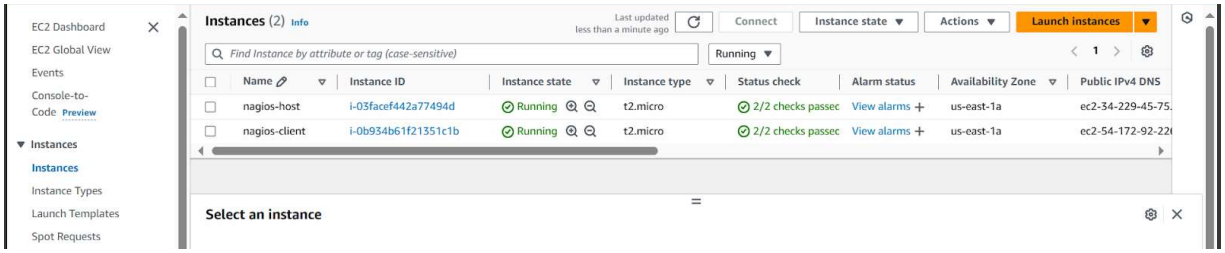


Step 2: Before we begin,

To monitor a Linux machine, create an **Ubuntu 20.04 server** EC2 Instance in AWS. Provide it with the **same security group** as the Nagios Host and name it ‘nagios-client’ alongside the host.







Step 3: TO BE DONE IN THE Nagios-host TERMINAL

In the nagios-host terminal, run this command

ps -ef | grep nagios

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ ps -ef | grep nagios
ec2-user   63115    2315  0 13:03 pts/0    00:00:00 grep --color=auto nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$
```

To become a root user, run **'sudo su'** and make two directories using the following commands.

If one is running these commands in windows powershell, make sure that he/she copies it line by line as powershell might make an error while interpreting multiple lines

mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts
mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-249 ~]$ sudo su
[root@ip-172-31-92-249 ec2-user]# mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts
[root@ip-172-31-92-249 ec2-user]# mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts
[root@ip-172-31-92-249 ec2-user]#
```

Copy the sample localhost.cfg file to linuxhost folder. Use the following mentioned command to achieve it
cp /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg

Open linuxserver.cfg using nano and make the following changes. This is a conf type file in which we will have to modify the configurations in way which will help us specify the hosts and clients to be monitored
nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg

Changes to be made:

1. Change the hostname to linux-server (EVERYWHERE ON THE FILE)
2. Change address to the public IP address of your LINUX CLIENT.
3. Change hostgroup_name under hostgroup to linux-servers1

```
# HOST DEFINITION
#
###############################################################################

# Define a host for the local machine

define host {

    use                     linux-server            ; Name of host template to use
                                                    ; This host definition will inherit all variables that are defined
                                                    ; in (or inherited by) the linux-server host template definition.
    host_name               linux-server
    alias                   localhost
    address                 54.172.92.226
}



###############################################################################
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# Define an optional hostgroup for Linux machines

define hostgroup {

    hostgroup_name          linux-servers1          ; The name of the hostgroup
    alias                   Linux Servers           ; Long name of the group
    members                 localhost               ; Comma separated list of hosts that belong to this group
}
```

IMP: Everywhere else on the file, change the hostname to linux-server instead of localhost.

Open the Nagios Config file and add the following line
nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

Add the following line in the file and save
cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/

```
# OBJECT CONFIGURATION FILE(S)
# These are the object configuration files in which you define hosts,
# host groups, contacts, contact groups, services, etc.
# You can split your object definitions across several config files
# if you wish (as shown below), or keep them all in a single config file.

# You can specify individual object config files as shown below:
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/commands.cfg
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/contacts.cfg
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/timeperiods.cfg
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/templates.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring the local (Linux) host
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg
cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/
# Definitions for monitoring a Windows machine
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/windows.cfg
```

Verify the configuration files by running the following command
/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

```
[root@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]# /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

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Website: https://www.nagios.org
Reading configuration data...
   Read main config file okay...
   Read object config files okay...

Running pre-flight check on configuration data...

Checking objects...
        Checked 16 services.
        Checked 2 hosts.
        Checked 2 host groups.
        Checked 0 service groups.
        Checked 1 contacts.
        Checked 1 contact groups.
        Checked 24 commands.
        Checked 5 time periods.
        Checked 0 host escalations.
        Checked 0 service escalations.
Checking for circular paths...
        Checked 2 hosts
        Checked 0 service dependencies
        Checked 0 host dependencies
        Checked 5 timeperiods
Checking global event handlers...
Checking obsessive compulsive processor commands...
Checking misc settings...

Total Warnings: 0
Total Errors:   0

Things look okay - No serious problems were detected during the pre-flight check
[root@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]#
```
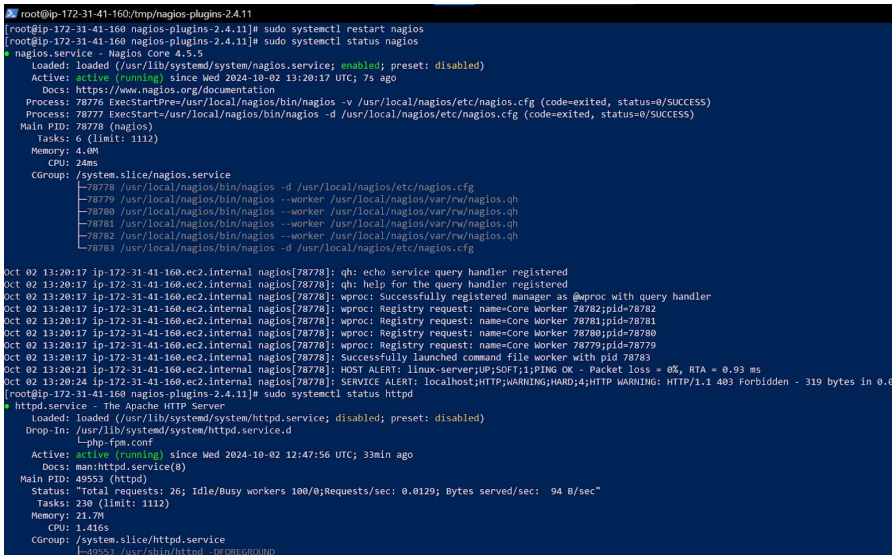
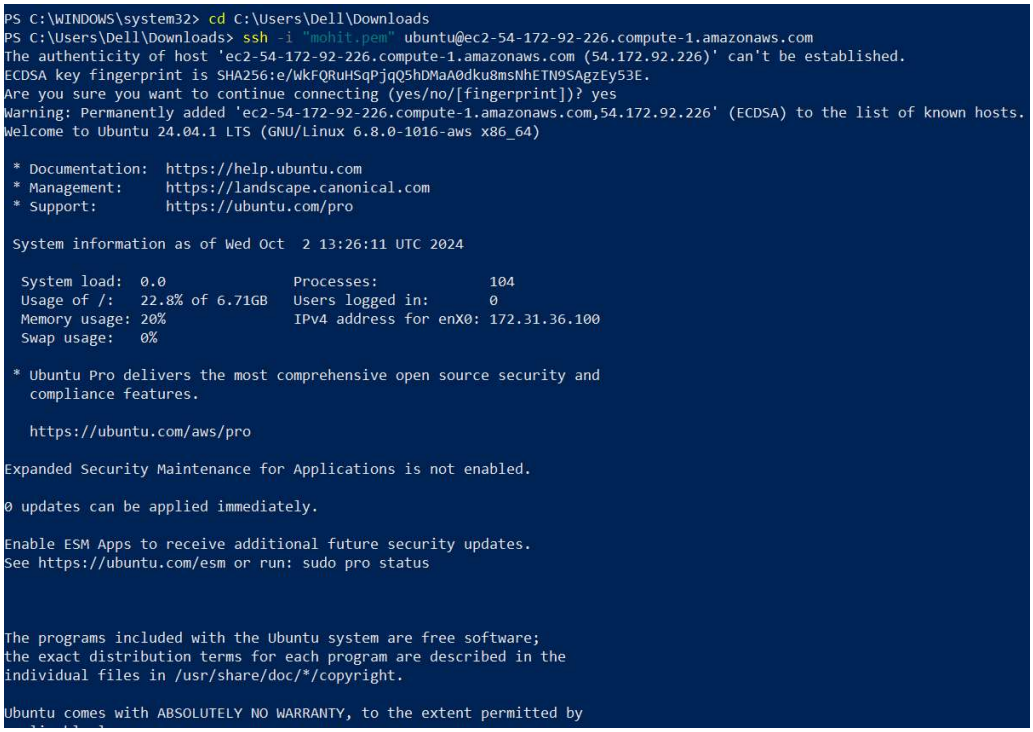

You are good to go if there are no errors.
Restart the nagios service
service nagios restart
And by running sudo systemctl status nagios, we can again check whether our server is running or not



Step 4: TO BE DONE IN THE Nagios-client TERMINAL

Now it is time to switch to the client machine.

SSH into the machine or simply use the EC2 Instance Connect feature.

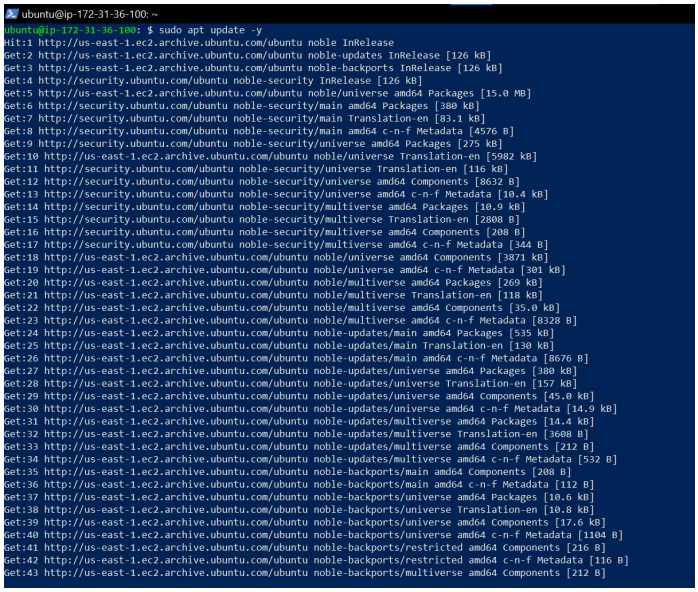


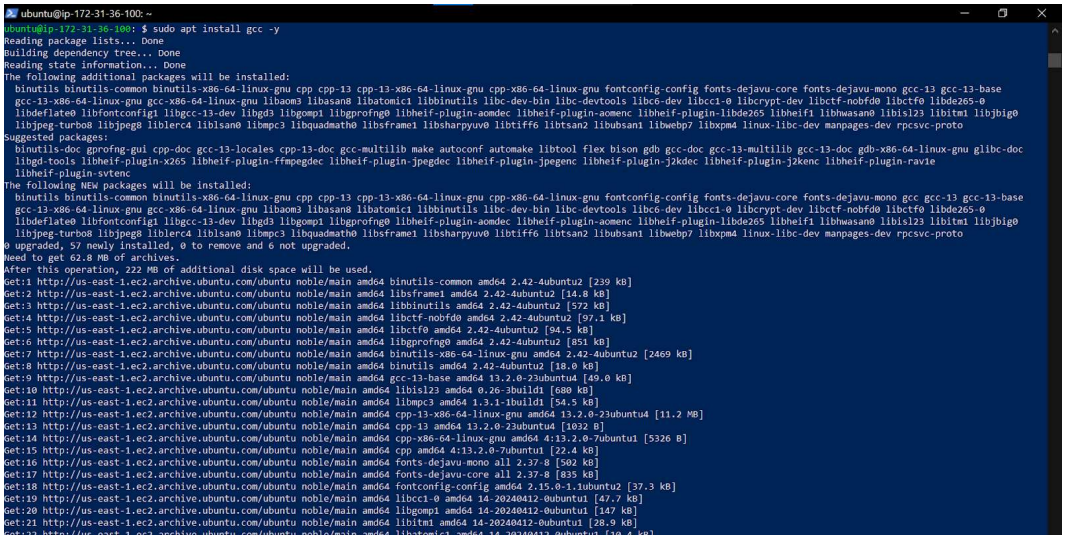
Make a package index update and install gcc, nagios-nrpe-server and the plugins. Run the following commands to achieve the same.

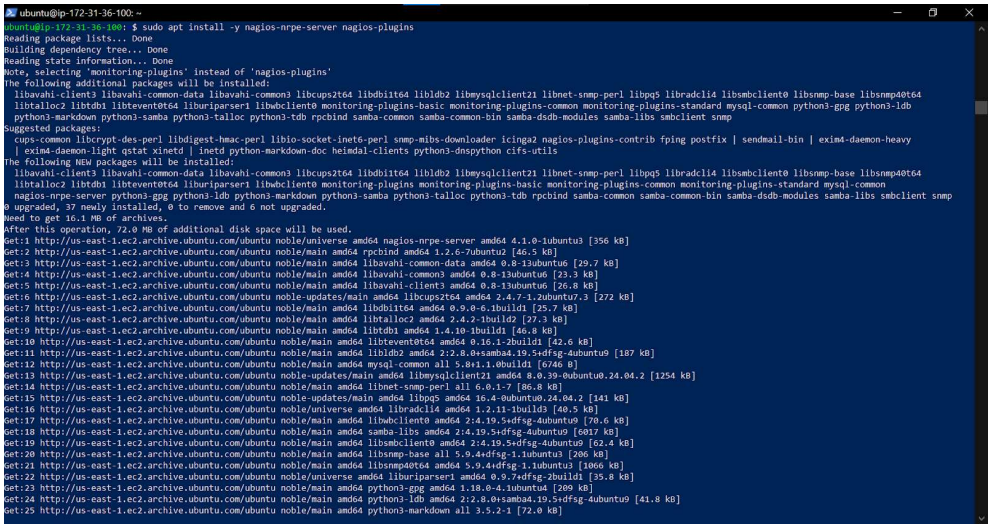
sudo apt update -y

sudo apt install gcc -y

sudo apt install -y nagios-nrpe-server nagios-plugins



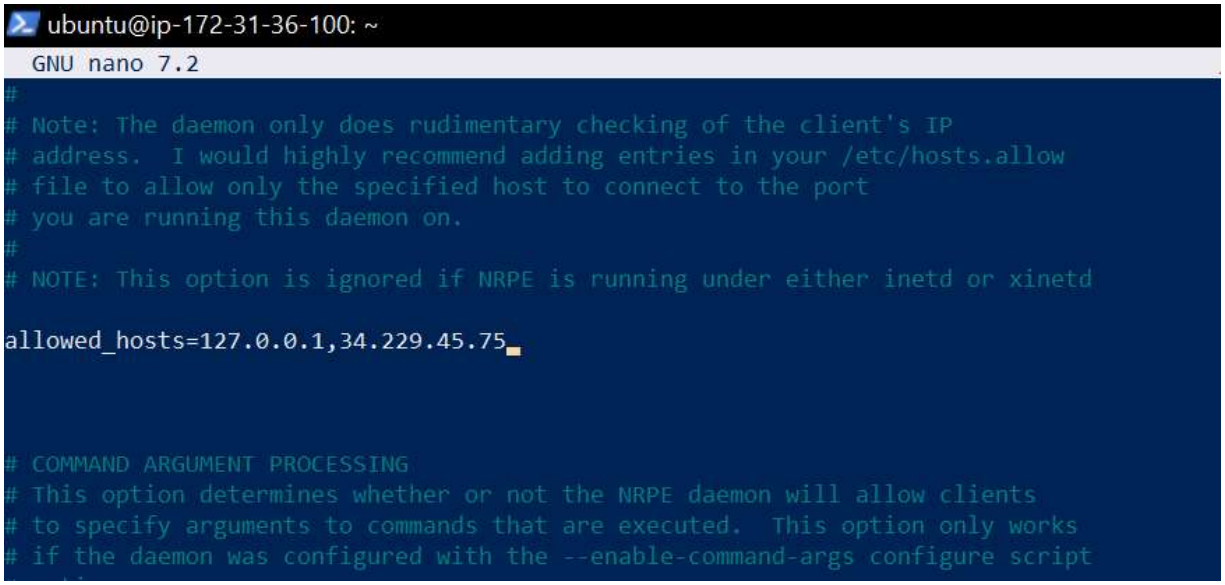




Open nrpe.cfg file to make changes.

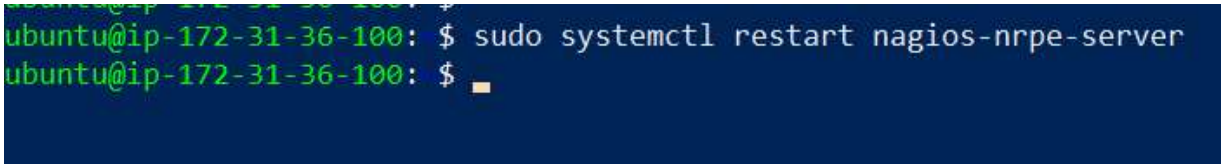
sudo nano /etc/nagios/nrpe.cfg

Under allowed_hosts, add your nagios host IP address like so



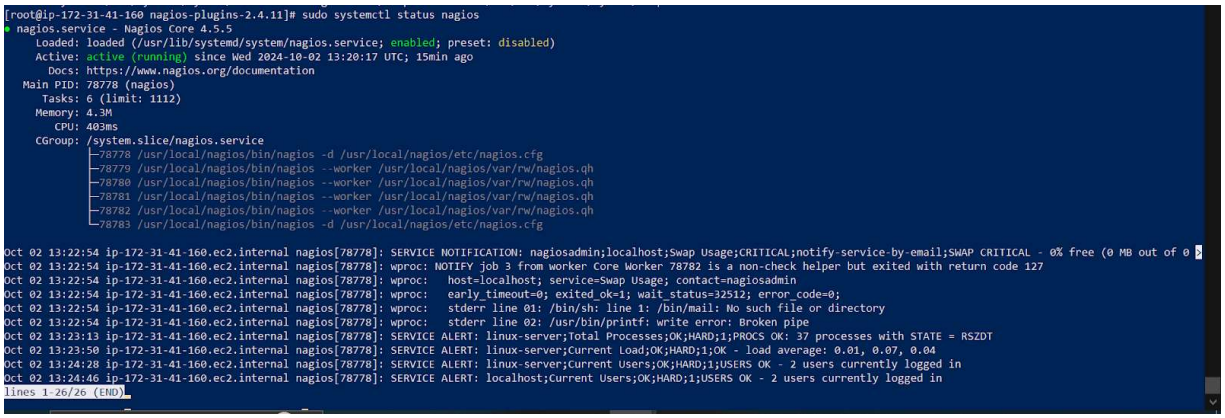
Now restart the NRPE server by this command.

sudo systemctl restart nagios-nrpe-server



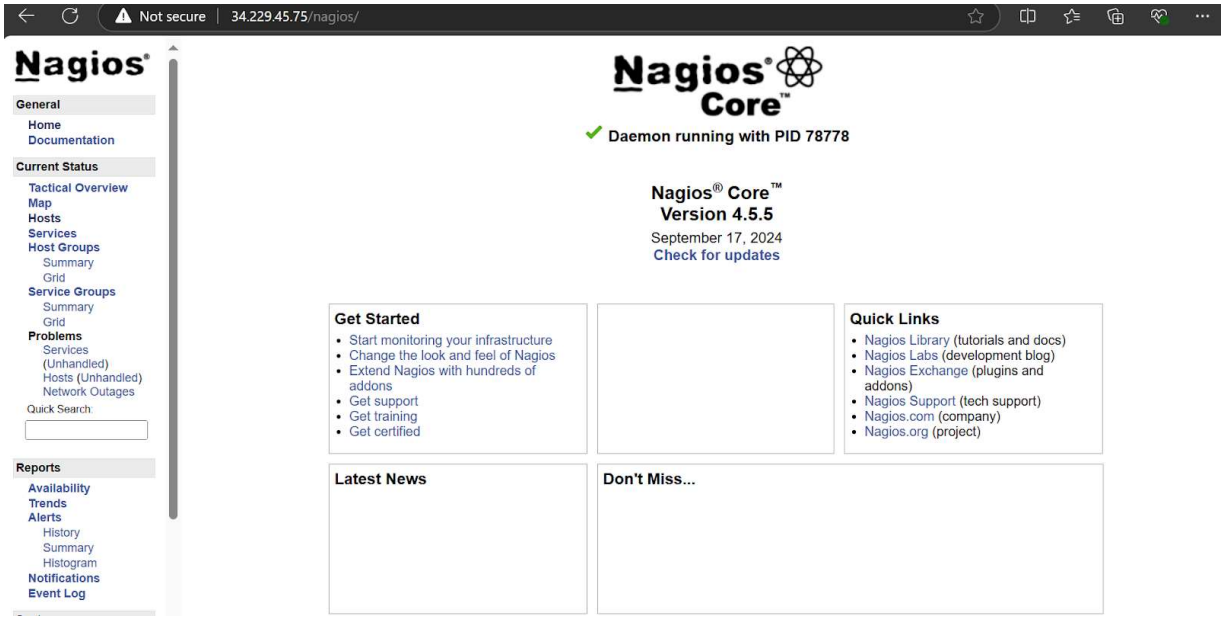
Run the following command in the Nagios-host terminal

sudo systemctl status nagios

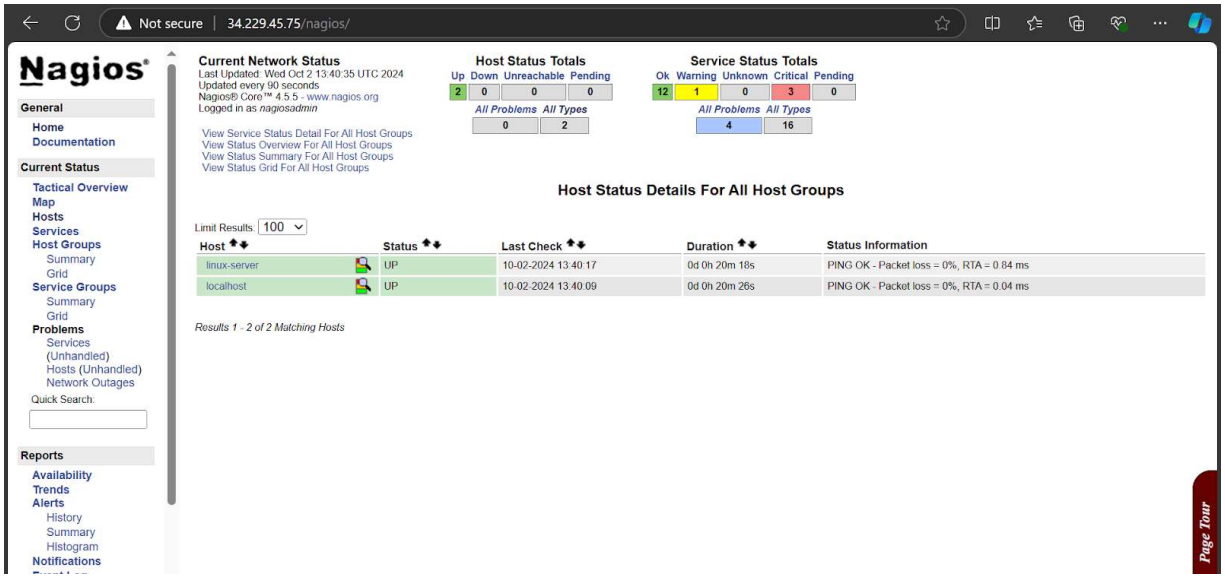


Step 5: Visiting your nagios server using your nagios-host ip address

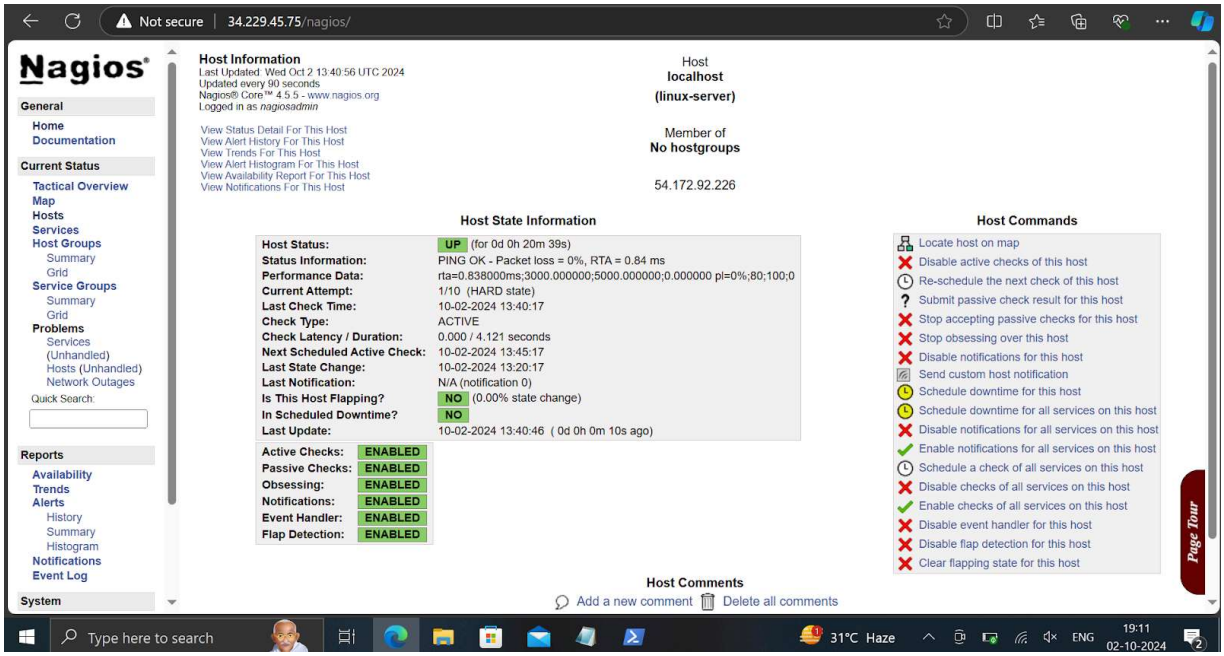
Open up your browser and look for http://<public_ip_address_of_nagios-host>/nagios



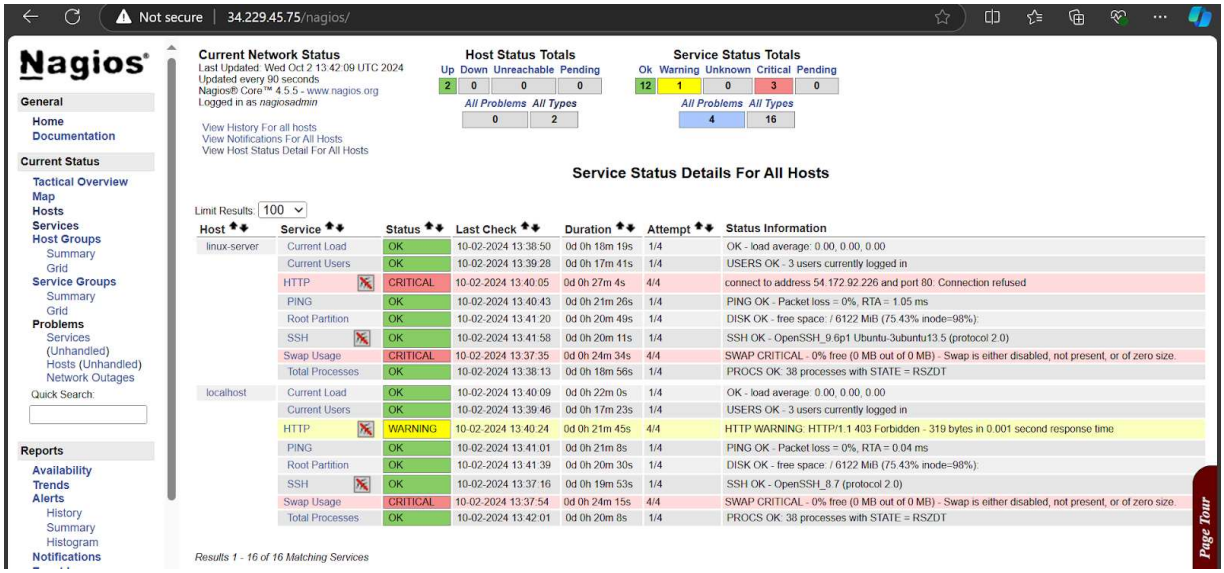
Click on Hosts.



Click on linux-server to view host information



We can even navigate to the services section, which explicitly mentions the status, duration, checks, information about the numerous services present on our hosts



Conclusion: In conclusion, the experiment focused on monitoring ports, services, and a Linux server using Nagios. Through the step-by-step process, we successfully configured Nagios to monitor essential network services on the Linux server. By setting up both the Nagios host and client, we were able to track system performance, ensure service availability, and monitor key metrics like CPU and memory usage