**Understanding how checks work**

* Nagios requires all plugins to follow a specific, easy to follow behaviour
* Nagios relies on exit codes of the Nagios plugins

| **Exit code** | **Status** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 0 | OK | Working correctly |
| 1 | WARNING | Working but needs attention |
| 2 | CRITICAL | Not working or requires attention |
| 3 | UNKNOWN | Plugin was unable to determine the status of host or service |

* Standard output from command is not parsed by Nagios and is usually formatted in the following way