- 3. Install Latest Zabbix Agent on VM or host machine or server itself to fetch logs, steps include:
- Run as active check agent
- Add a logging item to the same template for fetching /var/log/syslog(Ubuntu) or /var/log/messages (CentOS)
- Fetch those logs from the host (Make sure required permissions are set for zabbix-agent to pull logs)
- Provide agent configuration file & screenshots for target machine graph & logs

<u>Installing zabbix agent in the same host(Zabbix-server)</u>

sudo apt install zabbix-agent

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bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:~$ sudo apt install zabbix-agent
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
    zabbix-agent
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 23 not upgraded.
Need to get 210 kB of archives.
After this operation, 843 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://repo.zabbix.com/zabbix/5.0/ubuntu focal/main amd64 zabbix-agent
Fetched 210 kB in 2s (102 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package zabbix-agent.
(Reading database ... 178657 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../zabbix-agent_1%3a5.0.18-1+focal_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking zabbix-agent (1:5.0.18-1+focal) ...
Setting up zabbix-agent (1:5.0.18-1+focal) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.1-1) ...
Processing triggers for systemd (245.4-4ubuntu3.13) ...
bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:~$ cd /etc/zabbix/
bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:/etc/zabbix$ ls
apache.conf web zabbix_agentd.conf zabbix_agentd.d zabbix_server.conf
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Configuring Zabbix agent configuration

sudo vi /etc/zabbix/zabbix_agentd.conf

ServerActive=192.168.1.147 Hostname=ubuntu-zabbix

Restarting zabbix-agent service

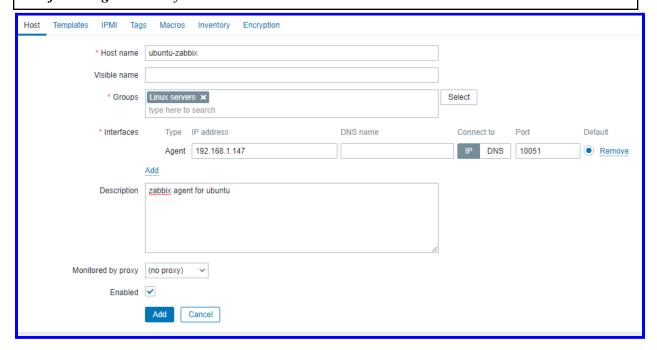
sudo systemctl restart zabbix-agent.service

Configuration >> Host >> Create Host

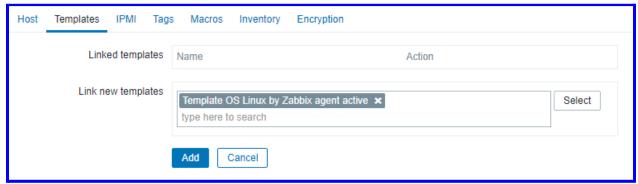
Give the **host-name** same as we have given in the configuration file

Select Groups - Linux Servers

Interfaces - Agent <IP> - for Active Check Port - 10051



Selecting Template - Template OS Linux by Zabbix agent active



After creating host



Giving access to Zabbix user to read log of syslog

Syslog is accessed (read) by adm group

Adding Zabbix user to adm group

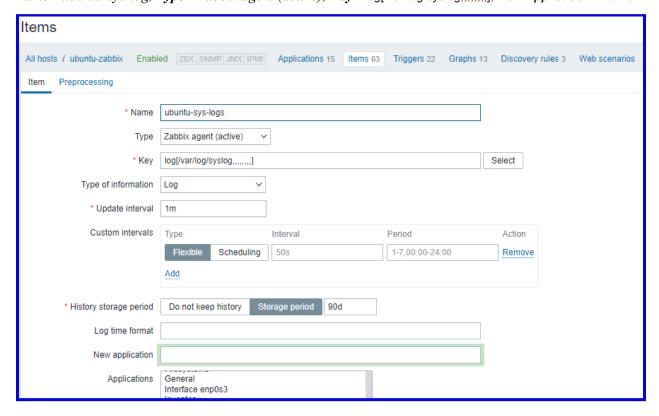
sudo usermod -aG adm zabbix

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bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:/var/log$ cat /etc/passwd | grep zabbix
zabbix:x:132:140::/var/lib/zabbix/:/usr/sbin/nologin
 bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:/var/log$ sudo usermod -aG adm zabbix [sudo] password for bibek:
 bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:/var/log$ |||
Restarting the zabbix-agent service
sudo systemctl restart zabbix-agent.service
<u>Checking whether zabbix can access syslog or not</u>
sudo -H -u zabbix bash -c 'tail -f /var/log/syslog'
 bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:/var/log$ sudo systemctl restart zabbix-agent.service
 bibek@ubuntu-zabbix:/var/log$ sudo -H -u zabbix bash -c 'tail -f /var/log/syslog'
 Dec 2 22:13:38 ubuntu-zabbix whoopsie[766]: [22:13:38] online
      2 22:13:47 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: NetworkManager-dispatcher.service: Succeeded. 2 22:17:01 ubuntu-zabbix CRON[4190]: (root) CMD ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc
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                                                                  cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly)
       2 22:27:07 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: Stopping Zabbix Agent...
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      2 22:27:07 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: zabbix-agent.service: Succeeded. 2 22:27:07 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: Stopped Zabbix Agent.
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 Dec 2 22:27:07 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: Starting Zabbix Agent..
Here we can see it can fetch syslog through zabbix user
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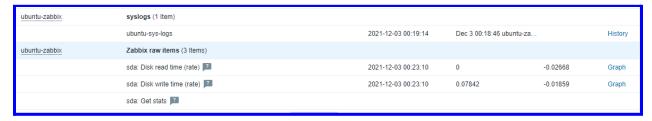
Creating Item to get syslog from ubuntu-host

Configuration >> Hosts >> Items >> Create Item

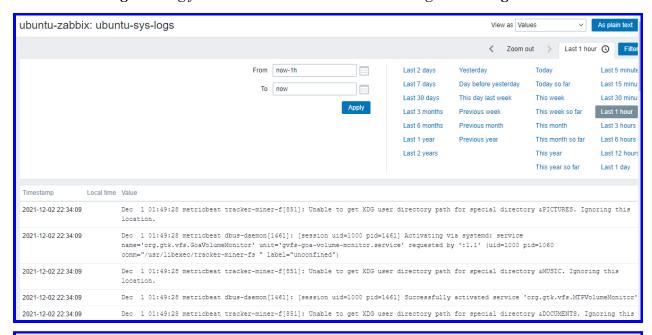
Name - ubuntu-sys-log, Type - Zabbix agent (active), Key - log[/var/log/syslog,,,,,,], New Application - Name



Monitoring >> Latest Data >> syslogs (ubuntu sys logs) >> History



We can see the logs coming from the ubuntu-zabbix server through zabbix-agent.



Timestamp	Local time	• Value
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:46 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: NetworkManager-dispatcher.service: Succeeded.
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:37 ubuntu-zabbix whoopsie[766]: [00:18:37] online
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix whoopsie[766]: [00:18:35] Found usable connection: /org/freedesktop/N
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix whoopsie[766]: [00:18:35] Not a paid data plan: /org/freedesktop/Netw
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix whoopsie[766]: [00:18:35] The default IPv4 route is: /org/freedesktop
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix NetworkManager[569]: <info> [1638470015.7229] manager: NetworkManager</info>
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: Started Network Manager Script Dispatcher Service.
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix dbus-daemon[568]: [system] Successfully activated service 'org.freede
2021-12-03 00:19:14		Dec 3 00:18:35 ubuntu-zabbix systemd[1]: Starting Network Manager Script Dispatcher Service