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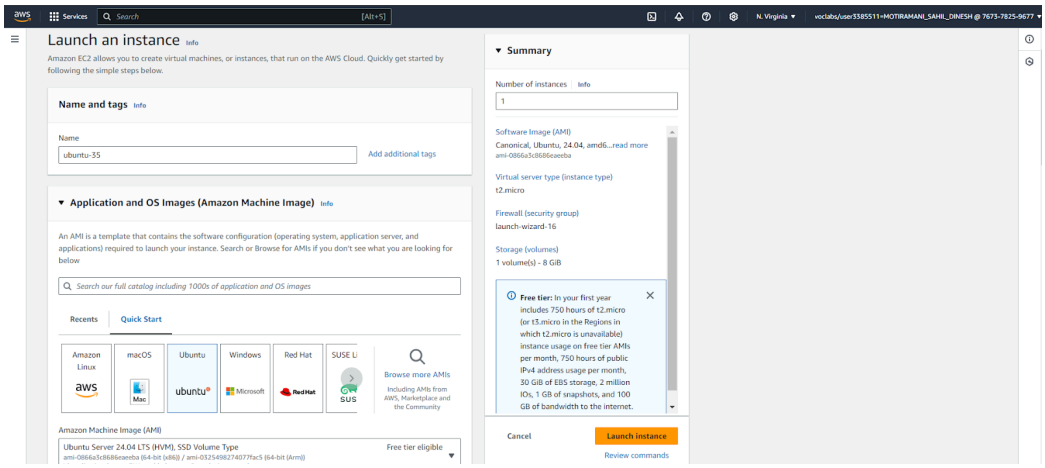
Aim: To perform Port, Service monitoring, Windows/Linux server monitoring using Nagios.

Prerequisites:

1) An Amazon Linux instance with nagios already set up.

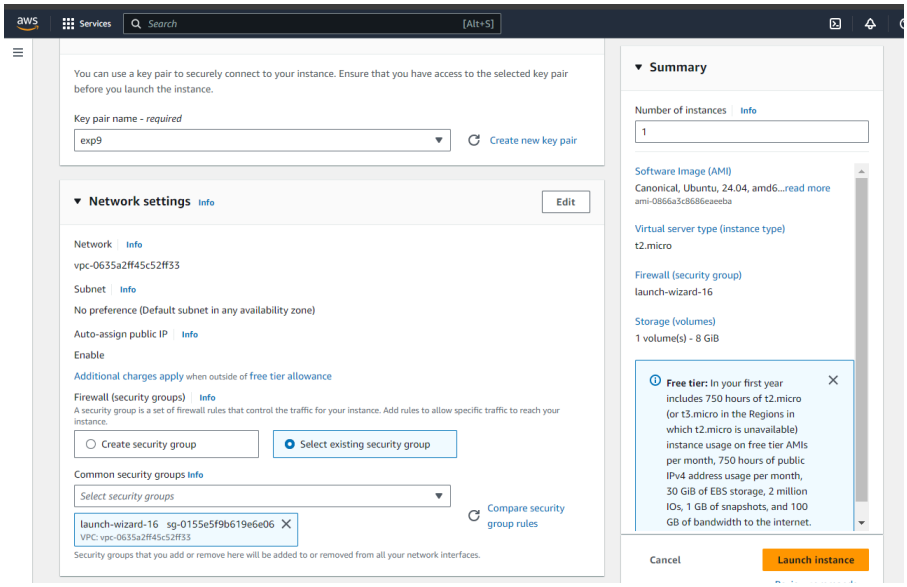
Step 1: Set up ubuntu instance

1) Login to your AWS account. Search for EC2 on services. Open the interface and click on Create Instance.



Select The OS Image as Ubuntu.

2) Make sure to select the same private key that you created for the Amazon Linux instance. Also select the same security group as you created for the Linux instance.



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3) Now come back to the instances screen. Click on the instance ID of your instance. Then click on Connect. Click on SSH client. Copy the example command. Now, we have to connect our local OS terminal to the instance using SSH. For this, open terminal wher the private key file is located (.pem). Paste the copied SSH command and run it.

Step 2: Execute the following on Nagios Host machine (Linux)

1) We need to verify whether the nagios service is running or not. Fo that, run this command.
ps -ef | grep nagios

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ ps -ef | grep nagios
nagios     68289       1  0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
nagios     68290   68289  0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios     68291   68289  0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios     68292   68289  0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios     68293   68289  0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios     68294   68289  0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
ec2-user   71786    2942  0 11:51 pts/0    00:00:00 grep --color=auto nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$
```

2) Now, make yourself as the root user, and create a folder with the path '/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts'
sudo su
mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo su
mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]#
```

3) We need to create a config file in this folder. So, copy the contents of the existing localhost config to the new file 'linuxserver.cfg'.
cp /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg
/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg

4) We need to make some changes in this config file. Open it using nano editor.
nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg

Change **hostname** and **alias** to **linuxserver**
Change address to **public ip address of client instance** (Ubuntu instance)

```
# 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               localhost
    alias                   localhost
    address                 3.80.168.49
}
```

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Change hostgroup_name to **linux-servers1**

```
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 >
        }
```

Change the **occurrences of hostname** further in the document from **localhost** to **linuxserver**

5) Now, we need to edit the nagios configuration file to add this directory.
   nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
   Run this command and add the following line
   cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/

```
# Definitions for monitoring the local (Linux) host
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring a Windows machine
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/windows.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring a router/switch
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/switch.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring a network printer
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/printer.cfg


# You can also tell Nagios to process all config files (with a .cfg
# extension) in a particular directory by using the cfg_dir
# directive as shown below:

#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/servers
#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/printers
#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/switches
#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/routers

cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/
```

6) Now we verify the configuration files.
   /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

```
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]# /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

Nagios Core 4.4.6
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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 8 services.
        Checked 1 hosts.
        Checked 1 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 1 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
```

7) Once the files are verified, we need to restart the server.
service nagios restart

```
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]# service nagios restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart nagios.service
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]#
```

Step 3: Execute the following on Nagios Client machine (Ubuntu)

1) First, we check for any new updates, then we install gcc, nagios nrpe server and nagios plugins.
sudo apt update -y
sudo apt install gcc -y
sudo apt install -y nagios-nrpe-server nagios-plugins

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-44-65:~$ sudo apt update -y
sudo apt install gcc -y
sudo apt install -y nagios-nrpe-server nagios-plugins
Hit:1 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease
Get:2 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates InRelease [126 kB]
Get:3 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease [126 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease [126 kB]
Get:5 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/universe amd64 Packages [15.0 MB]
Get:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [382 kB]
Get:7 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main Translation-en [83.9 kB]
Get:8 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 c-n-f Metadata [4704 B]
Get:9 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Packages [277 kB]
```

```
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/snmp.cfg with new version
Setting up monitoring-plugins (2.3.5-1ubuntu3) ...
Setting up libldb2:amd64 (2:2.8.0+samba4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up libavahi-client3:amd64 (0.8-13ubuntu6) ...
Setting up samba-libs:amd64 (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up python3-ldb (2:2.8.0+samba4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up samba-dsdb-modules:amd64 (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up libsmbclient0:amd64 (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up libcups2t64:amd64 (2.4.7-1.2ubuntu7.3) ...
Setting up python3-samba (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up smbclient (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up samba-common-bin (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.12.0-4build2) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.39-0ubuntu8.3) ...
Scanning processes...
Scanning linux images...

Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.

No services need to be restarted.

No containers need to be restarted.

No user sessions are running outdated binaries.

No VM guests are running outdated hypervisor (qemu) binaries on this host.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-44-65:~$
```

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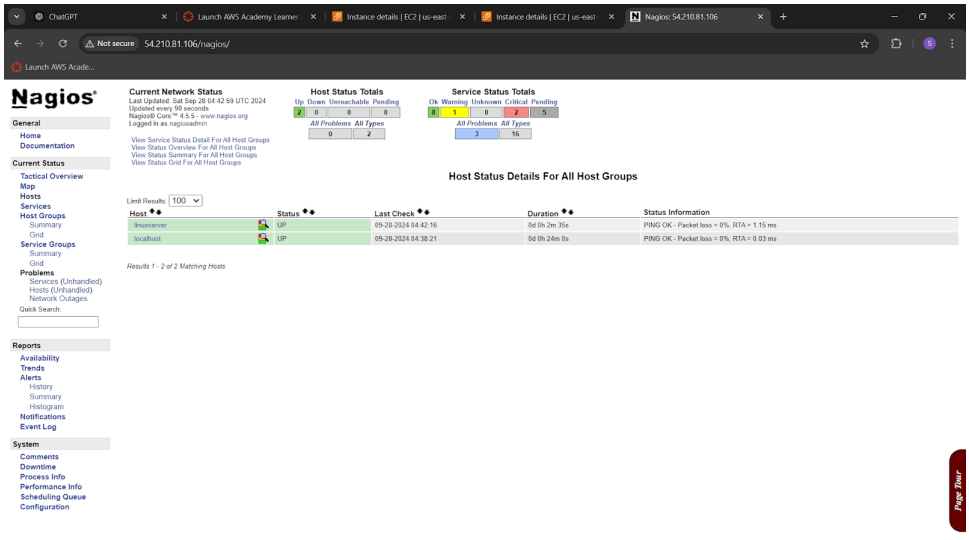
2) We need to add the public IP address of our host Nagios machine (Linux) to the nrpe configuration file.
sudo nano /etc/nagios/nrpe.cfg
Under allowed_hosts, add the nagios host ip address (public)

```
# NRPE USER
# This determines the effective user that the NRPE daemon should run as.
# You can either supply a username or a UID.
#
# NOTE: This option is ignored if NRPE is running under either inetd or xinetd

nrpe_user=nagios



# NRPE GROUP
# This determines the effective group that the NRPE daemon should run as.
# You can either supply a group name or a GID.
#
# NOTE: This option is ignored if NRPE is running under either inetd or xinetd

nrpe_group=nagios



# ALLOWED HOST ADDRESSES
# This is an optional comma-delimited list of IP address or hostnames
# that are allowed to talk to the NRPE daemon. Network addresses with a bit mask
# (i.e. 192.168.1.0/24) are also supported. Hostname wildcards are not currently
# supported.
#
# Note: The daemon only does rudimentary checking of the client's IP
# address.  I would highly recommend adding entries in your /etc/hosts.allow
# file to allow only the specified host to connect to the port
# you are running this daemon on.
#
# NOTE: This option is ignored if NRPE is running under either inetd or xinetd

allowed_hosts=127.0.0.1,34.207.239.4
```

Step 4: Check the Nagios Dashboard

1) Go to Nagios dashboard, click on hosts.
Here, we can see that the linuxserver is also added as a host.



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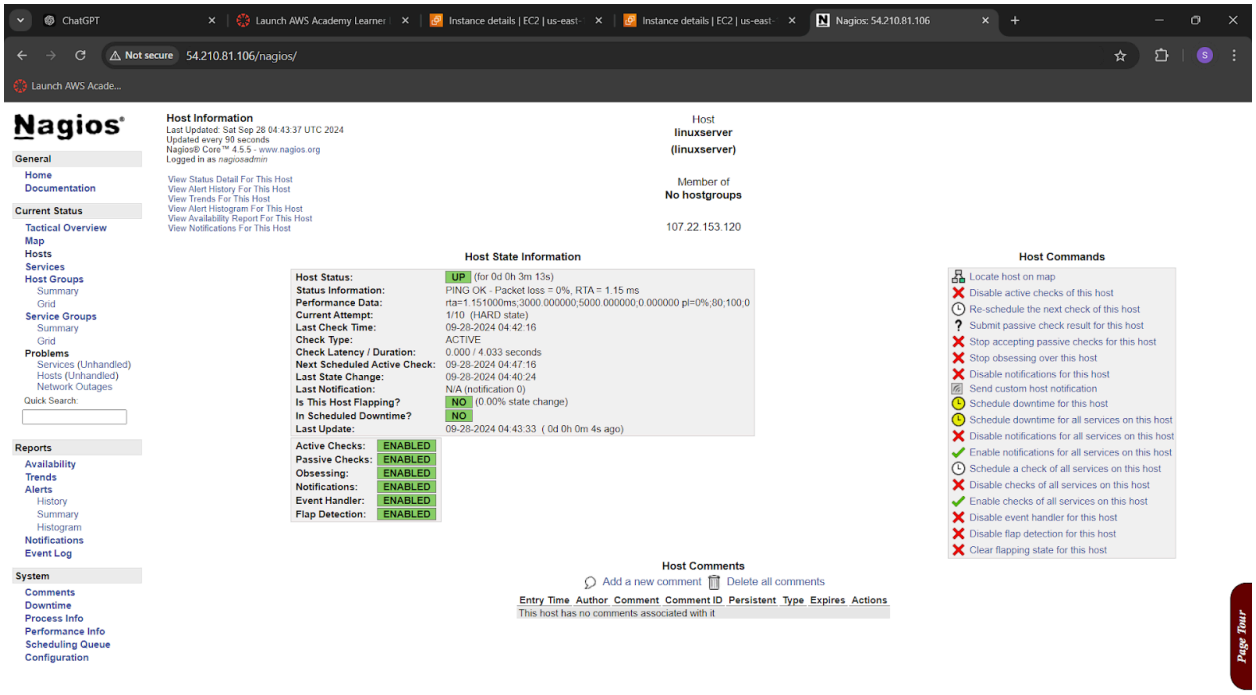
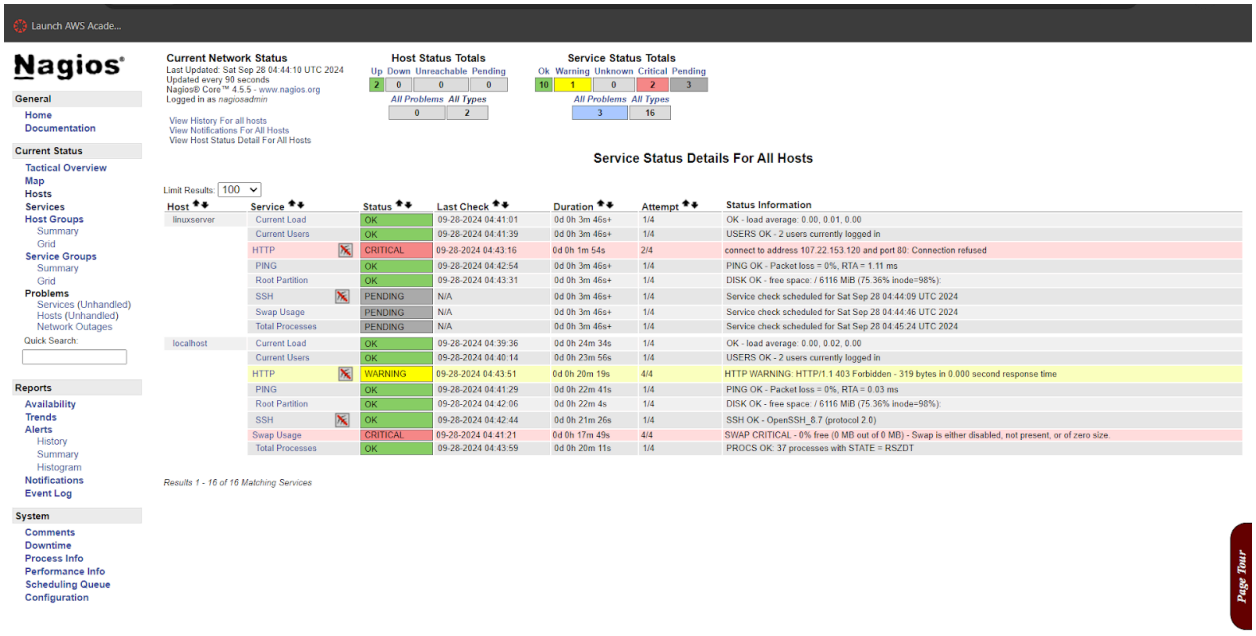
2) Click on linuxserver. Here, we can check all the information about linuxserver host.



3) Click on services. Here we an see all the services that are being monitored by linuxserver.



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In this case, we have monitored -
Servers: 1 linux server
Services: swap
Ports: 22, 80 (ssh, http)
Processes: User status, Current load, total processes, root partition, etc.

Conclusion:

In this experiment, we set up port and server monitoring using Nagios.

1. Linux Instance: Hosts the Nagios dashboard and server.
2. Ubuntu Instance : Acts as the second monitored host.
3. Configuration:
   - Add the Ubuntu instance’s IP to the Nagios server’s configuration.
   - On the Ubuntu instance, configure the NRPE server and allow the Nagios server's IP.
4. Restart NRPE: After configuration, restart the NRPE service on Ubuntu.
5. Monitor: The Ubuntu instance will appear as "linuxserver" on the Nagios dashboard for monitoring.