

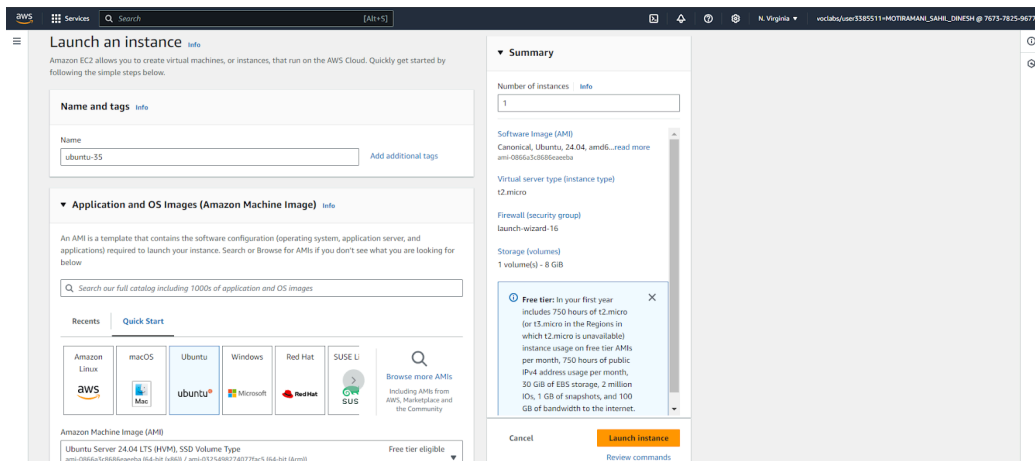
Aim: To perform Port, Service monitoring, Windows/Linux server monitoring using Nagios.

Prerequisites:

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

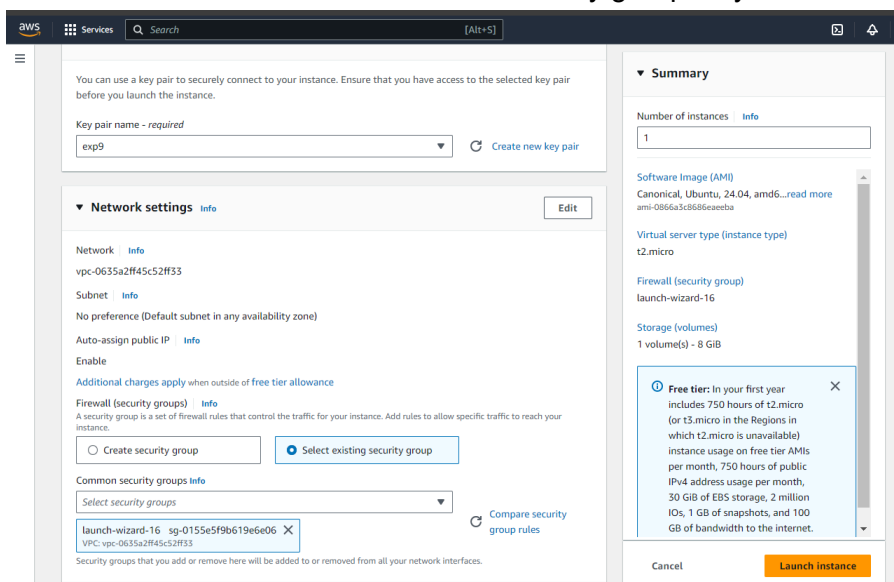
## Step 1: Set up ubuntu instance

- 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.



- 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 where 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. For 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
}
```

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
Copyright (c) 2009-present Nagios Core Development Team and Community Contributors
Copyright (c) 1999-2009 Ethan Galstad
Last Modified: 2020-04-28
License: GPL

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-ls: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:~$ |
```

- 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.

The screenshot shows the Nagios web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Documentation, Current Status, Tactical Overview, Map, Hosts, Services, Host Groups, Summary, Grid, Service Groups, Summary, Grid, Problems, Services (Unhandled), Hosts (Unhandled), Network Outages, Quick Search, Reports, Availability, Trends, Alerts, History, Summary, Notification, Event Log, System, Comments, Downtime, Performance Info, Scheduling Queue, and Configuration.

The main content area displays the 'Host Status Details For All Host Groups' table. The table has columns for Host, Status, Last Check, Duration, and Status Information. The data shows two hosts: 'linuxserver' and 'localhost', both with a status of 'UP'.

Host	Status	Last Check	Duration	Status Information
linuxserver	UP	09-28-2024 04:42:16	0d 0h 2m 36s	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTT = 1.15 ms
localhost	UP	09-28-2024 04:38:21	0d 0h 26m 0s	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTT = 0.03 ms

Results 1 - 2 of 2 Matching Hosts

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

The screenshot displays the Nagios web interface for the host 'linuxserver (linuxserver)'. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation links such as General, Home, Documentation, Current Status, Tactical Overview, Map, Hosts, Services, Host Groups, Service Groups, Problems, Reports, System, and Configuration. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Host Information:** Last Updated: Sat Sep 28 04:43:37 UTC 2024, Updated every 50 seconds, Nagios® Core™ 4.5.3, www.nagios.org, Logged in as nagiosadmin.
- Host State Information:** Host Status: UP (for 0d 0h 3m 13s), Status Information: PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 1.15 ms, Performance Data: rta=1.151000ms,3000.000000;5000.000000;0.000000 p1=0%;80;100.0, Current Attempt: 1/10 (NARQ state), Last Check Time: 09-28-2024 04:42:16, Check Type: ACTIVE, Check Latency / Duration: 0.000 / 4.033 seconds, Next Scheduled Active Check: 09-28-2024 04:47:16, Last State Change: 09-28-2024 04:40:24, Last Notification: N/A (notification 0), Is This Host Flapping?: NO (0.00% state change), In Scheduled Downtime?: NO, Last Update: 09-28-2024 04:43:33 (0d 0h 0m 4s ago).
- Active Checks:** ENABLED, **Passive Checks:** ENABLED, **Obsessing:** ENABLED, **Notifications:** ENABLED, **Event Handler:** ENABLED, **Flap Detection:** ENABLED.
- Host Commands:** A list of commands with checkboxes for enabling/disabling them, such as 'Locate host on map', 'Disable active checks of this host', etc.
- Host Comments:** A section for adding or deleting comments, with a table showing no comments associated with this host.

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

The screenshot displays the Nagios web interface for the 'Services' section. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation links such as General, Home, Documentation, Current Status, Tactical Overview, Map, Hosts, Services, Host Groups, Service Groups, Problems, Reports, System, and Configuration. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Current Network Status:** Last Updated: Sat Sep 28 04:44:10 UTC 2024, Updated every 50 seconds, Nagios® Core™ 4.5.3, www.nagios.org, Logged in as nagiosadmin.
- Host Status Totals:** Up: 2, Down: 0, Unreachable: 0, Pending: 0.
- Service Status Totals:** Ok: 16, Warning: 1, Unknown: 0, Critical: 2, Pending: 3.
- Service Status Details For All Hosts:** A table showing the status of various services across different hosts. The table includes columns for Host, Service, Status, Last Check, Duration, Attempt, and Status Information.

Host	Service	Status	Last Check	Duration	Attempt	Status Information
linuxserver	Current Load	OK	09-28-2024 04:41:01	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.00
linuxserver	Current Users	OK	09-28-2024 04:41:39	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	USERS OK - 2 users currently logged in
linuxserver	HTTP	CRITICAL	09-28-2024 04:43:16	0d 0h 1m 54s	2/4	connect to address 107.22.153.120 and port 80: Connection refused
linuxserver	PING	OK	09-28-2024 04:42:54	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 1.11 ms
linuxserver	Root Partition	OK	09-28-2024 04:43:31	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	DISK OK - free space / 6116 MB (75.36% inode=98%)
linuxserver	SSH	PENDING	N/A	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	Service check scheduled for Sat Sep 28 04:44:09 UTC 2024
linuxserver	Swap Usage	PENDING	N/A	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	Service check scheduled for Sat Sep 28 04:44:46 UTC 2024
linuxserver	Total Processes	PENDING	N/A	0d 0h 3m 46s+	1/4	Service check scheduled for Sat Sep 28 04:45:24 UTC 2024
localhost	Current Load	OK	09-28-2024 04:39:36	0d 0h 24m 34s	1/4	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.02, 0.00
localhost	Current Users	OK	09-28-2024 04:40:14	0d 0h 23m 56s	1/4	USERS OK - 2 users currently logged in
localhost	HTTP	WARNING	09-28-2024 04:43:51	0d 0h 20m 19s	4/4	HTTP WARNING: HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden - 319 bytes in 0.000 second response time
localhost	PING	OK	09-28-2024 04:41:29	0d 0h 22m 41s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.03 ms
localhost	Root Partition	OK	09-28-2024 04:42:06	0d 0h 22m 4s	1/4	DISK OK - free space / 6116 MB (75.36% inode=98%)
localhost	SSH	OK	09-28-2024 04:42:44	0d 0h 21m 26s	1/4	SSH OK - OpenSSH_8.7 (protocol 2.0)
localhost	Swap Usage	CRITICAL	09-28-2024 04:41:21	0d 0h 17m 49s	4/4	SWAP CRITICAL - 0% free (0 MB out of 0 MB) - Swap is either disabled, not present, or of zero size
localhost	Total Processes	OK	09-28-2024 04:43:59	0d 0h 20m 11s	1/4	PROCS OK: 37 processes with STATE = RSZDT

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.