

Aim: To Understand Continuous monitoring and Installation and configuration of Nagios Core, Nagios Plugins and NRPE (Nagios Remote Plugin Executor) on Linux Machine.

Theory:

What is Nagios?

Nagios is an open-source software for continuous monitoring of systems, networks, and infrastructures. It runs plugins stored on a server that is connected with a host or another server on your network or the Internet. In case of any failure, Nagios alerts about the issues so that the technical team can perform the recovery process immediately.

Nagios is used for continuous monitoring of systems, applications, service and business processes in a DevOps culture.

Why We Need Nagios tool?

Here are the important reasons to use Nagios monitoring tool:

- Detects all types of network or server issues
- Helps you to find the root cause of the problem which allows you to get the permanent solution to the problem
- Active monitoring of your entire infrastructure and business processes
- Allows you to monitor and troubleshoot server performance issues
- Helps you to plan for infrastructure upgrades before outdated systems create failures
- You can maintain the security and availability of the service
- Automatically fix problems in a panic situation

Features of Nagios

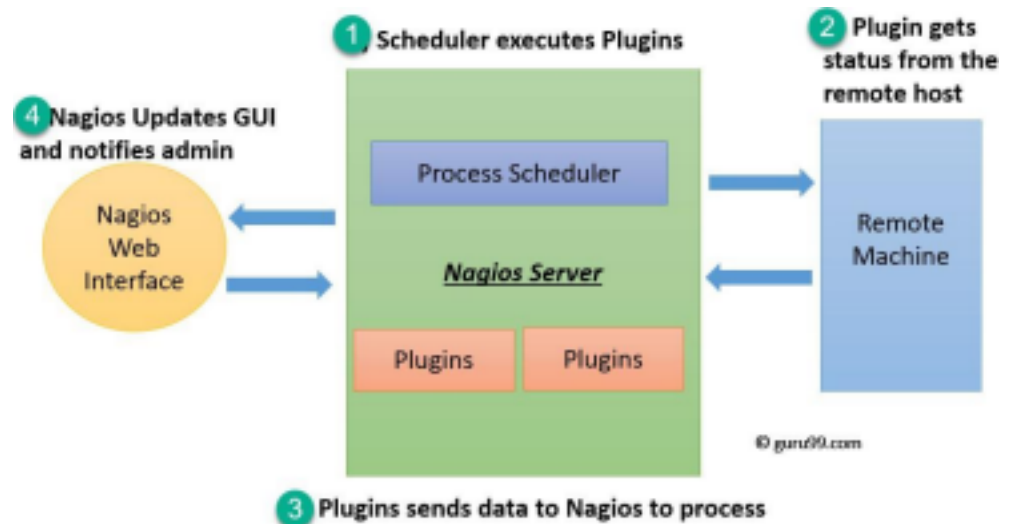
Following are the important features of Nagios monitoring tool:

- Relatively scalable, Manageable, and Secure
- Good log and database system
- Informative and attractive web interfaces
- Automatically send alerts if condition changes
- If the services are running fine, then there is no need to do check that host is an alive
- Helps you to detect network errors or server crashes

- You can troubleshoot the performance issues of the server.
- The issues, if any, can be fixed automatically as they are identified during the monitoring process
- You can monitor the entire business process and IT infrastructure with a single pass
- The product's architecture is easy to write new plugins in the language of your choice
- Nagios allows you to read its configuration from an entire directory which helps you to decide how to define individual files
- Utilizes topology to determine dependencies
- Monitor network services like HTTP, SMTP, HTTP, SNMP, FTP, SSH, POP, etc.
- Helps you to define network host hierarchy using parent hosts
- Ability to define event handlers that runs during service or host events for proactive problem resolution
- Support for implementing redundant monitoring hosts

Nagios Architecture

Nagios is a client-server architecture. Usually, on a network, a Nagios server is running on a host, and plugins are running on all the remote hosts which should be monitored.



1. The scheduler is a component of the server part of Nagios. It sends a signal to execute the plugins at the remote host.
2. The plugin gets the status from the remote host
3. The plugin sends the data to the process scheduler
4. The process scheduler updates the GUI and notifications are sent to admins.

Installation of Nagios

Prerequisites: AWS Free Tier

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

Launch an instance [Info](#)

Amazon EC2 allows you to create virtual machines, or instances, that run on the AWS Cloud. Quickly get started by following the simple steps below.

Name and tags [Info](#)

Name: [Add additional tags](#)

Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) [Info](#)

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below.

Recents | **Quick Start**

Amazon Linux | macOS | Ubuntu | Windows | Red Hat | SUSE Linux | [Browse more AMIs](#)

Summary

Number of instances: [Info](#)

Software Image (AMI)
Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.5.2...[read more](#)
ami-0fff1b9a61dec8a5f

Virtual server type (instance type)
t2.micro

Firewall (security group)
New security group

Storage (volumes)
1 volume(s) - 8 GiB

Free tier: In your first year includes 750 hours of t2.micro (or t3.micro in the Regions in which t2.micro is unavailable) instance usage on free tier AMIs per month, 750 hours of public IPv4 address usage per month, 30 GiB of EBS storage, 2 million IOs, 1 GB of snapshots, and 100 GB of bandwidth to the internet.

[Cancel](#) [Launch instance](#) [Review commands](#)

Select The OS Image as Amazon Linux.

Step 2: If you do not have a private key created or a .pem file created, click on create a key pair. Else select the key pair that you had created before. (Make sure you know where the .pem file for that key is present on your system)

Key pair (login) [Info](#)

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - required: [Create new key pair](#)

Network settings [Info](#) [Edit](#)

Network: [Info](#)
vpc-0635a2f45c52f33

Subnet: [Info](#)
No preference (Default subnet in any availability zone)

Auto-assign public IP: [Info](#)
Enable

Additional charges apply when outside of free tier allowance

Firewall (security groups) [Info](#)
A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.

☒ Create security group ☐ Select existing security group

We'll create a new security group called 'launch-wizard-19' with the following rules:

☒ Allow SSH traffic from [Help you connect to your instance](#)

☐ Allow HTTPS traffic from the internet
To set up an endpoint, for example when creating a web server

☐ Allow HTTP traffic from the internet

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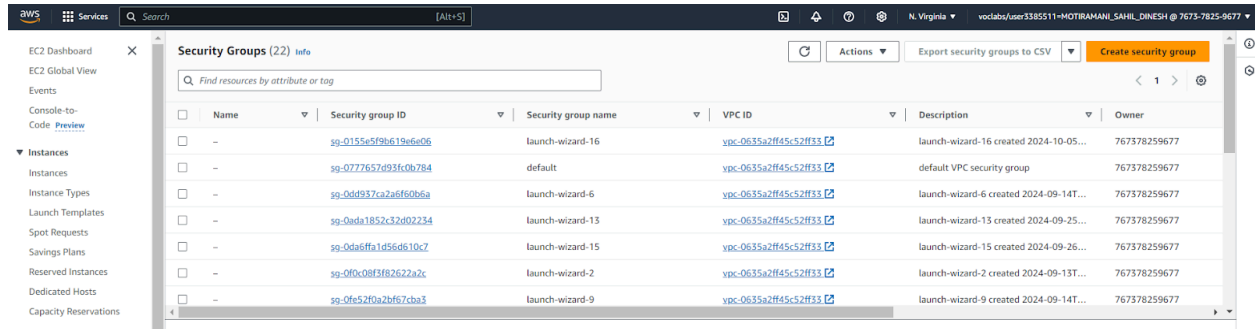
AWS will create a security group for this instance. Keep the name of that instance saved.

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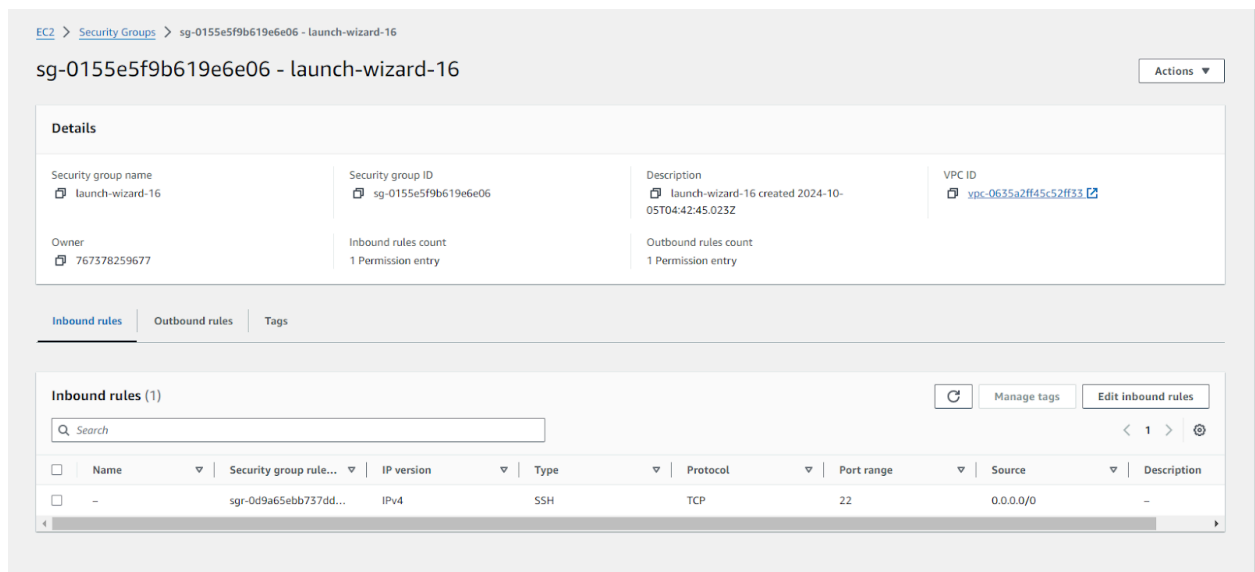
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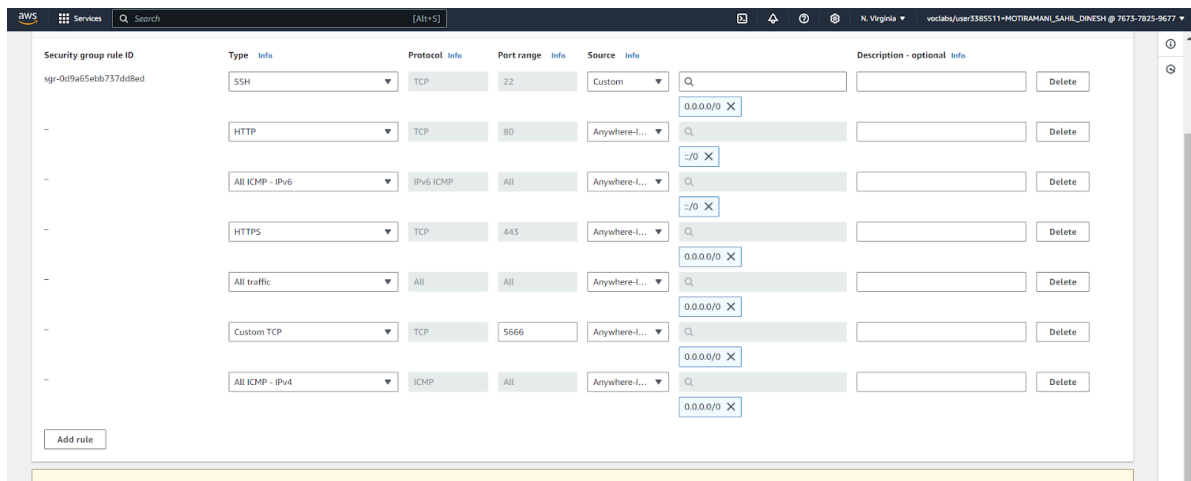
Step 3: After creating the instance, click on Security Groups from the left side pane. Find the security group that was created for your instance. Click on the instance ID for that group.



Here, click on Edit Inbound Rules.



Now, click on add rules, and add teh rules for the following protocols:
HTTP, All ICMP - IPv6, HTTPS, All traffic, Custom TCP (Port 5666), All ICMP - IPv4



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Click on save. This will add all the inbound rules to the security group.

Details

Security group name: launch-wizard-16
Security group ID: sg-0155e5f9b619e6e06
Description: launch-wizard-16 created 2024-10-05T04:42:45.023Z
VPC ID: vpc-0635a2ff55c52ff31

Owner: 767378259677
Inbound rules count: 7 Permission entries
Outbound rules count: 1 Permission entry

Inbound rules (7)

Name	Security group rule name	IP version	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description
-	sg-0a2d85595ec7616...	IPv4	All traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-01c78e117dd91f7d	IPv6	HTTP	TCP	80	:::/0	-
-	sg-0ab571cc02cfb9504	IPv4	All ICMP - IPv4	ICMP	All	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-0a931f524dc41b5a5	IPv4	Custom TCP	TCP	5666	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-07663f3c51d0d975c	IPv4	HTTPS	TCP	443	0.0.0.0/0	-
-	sg-065ff8ff768228beb	IPv6	All ICMP - IPv6	IPv6 ICMP	All	:::/0	-
-	sg-0d9a65eb6737dd...	IPv4	SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0	-

Step 4: Now come back to the instances screen. Click on the instance ID of your instance. Then click on Connect.

Instances (1/1)

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zone	Public IPv4 DNS	Public IP
nagios-35	i-002e443a2612e41be	Running	t2.micro	2/2 checks passed	View alarms	us-east-1b	ec2-34-207-239-4.com...	34.207.2...

Click on SSH client. Copy the example command.

Connect to instance

Connect to your instance i-002e443a2612e41be (nagios-35) using any of these options

EC2 Instance Connect | Session Manager | **SSH client** | EC2 serial console

Instance ID: i-002e443a2612e41be (nagios-35)

- Open an SSH client.
- Locate your private key file. The key used to launch this instance is exp9.pem
- Run this command, if necessary, to ensure your key is not publicly viewable.
chmod 400 "exp9.pem"
- Connect to your instance using its Public DNS:
ssh -i "exp9.pem" ec2-user@ec2-34-207-239-4.compute-1.amazonaws.com

Note: In most cases, the guessed username is correct. However, read your AMI usage instructions to check if the AMI owner has changed the default AMI username.

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Step 8: Next we install C/C++ compiler (GCC) along with the necessary C libraries required for compiling and running C programs. Use the following command.

```
sudo yum install gcc glibc glibc-common
```

Step 9: We would also need GD library and its development tools. For that, run this command

```
sudo yum install gd gd-devel
```

```

ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~$ sudo yum install gd gd-devel
Last metadata expiration check: 0:23:03 ago on Sun Oct 6 10:11:16 2024.
Dependencies resolved.
=====
Package                                Architecture      Version            Repository          Size
=====
Installing:
gd                                      x86_64            2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3  amazonlinux        139 K
gd-devel                               x86_64            2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3  amazonlinux         38 K
Installing dependencies:
brotli                                 x86_64            1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2  amazonlinux         314 K
brotli-devel                           x86_64            1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2  amazonlinux          31 K
bzip2-devel                             x86_64            1.0.8-6.amzn2023.0.2  amazonlinux         214 K
cairo                                   x86_64            1.17.6-2.amzn2023.0.1  amazonlinux         684 K
cmake-filesystem                        x86_64            3.22.2-1.amzn2023.0.4  amazonlinux          16 K
fontconfig                             x86_64            2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2  amazonlinux         273 K
fontconfig-devel                       x86_64            2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2  amazonlinux         128 K
freetype                               x86_64            12:0.5-12.amzn2023.0.2  amazonlinux          9.5 K
freetype-devel                         x86_64            12:0.5-12.amzn2023.0.1  amazonlinux         423 K
freetype-devel                         x86_64            12.13.2-5.amzn2023.0.1  amazonlinux         912 K
=====
Installing:
brotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64    brotli-devel-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
cairo-1.17.6-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64    cmake-filesystem-3.22.2-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
fontconfig-devel-2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
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freetype-devel-2.13.2-5.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
glib2-devel-2.74.7-689.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
graphite2-1.3.14-7.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
harfbuzz-devel-7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
langpacks-core-font-en-3.0-21.amzn2023.0.4.noarch
libX11-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
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libXext-1.3.4-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libXrender-0.9.10-14.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libffi-devel-3.4.4-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
libjpeg-turbo-2.1.4-2.amzn2023.0.5.x86_64
libpng-2.1.6-37.10.amzn2023.0.6.x86_64
libsepol-devel-3.4-3.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
libwebp-1.2.4-1.amzn2023.0.6.x86_64
libxkbcommon-1.13.1-7.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
pcr2-utf16-10.40-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
sysprof-capture-devel-3.40.1-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
xz-devel-5.2.5-9.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64

brotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64    brotli-devel-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
cmake-filesystem-3.22.2-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
fontconfig-devel-2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
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freetype-devel-2.13.2-5.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
gd-devel-2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
google-noto-sans-vf-fonts-20201206-2.amzn2023.0.2.noarch
graphite2-devel-1.3.14-7.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
harfbuzz-icu-7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
harfbuzz-libs-2.1-21.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libSM-1.2.3-8.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libX11-devel-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libXau-devel-1.0.9-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libXpm-devel-3.5.15-2.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
libblkid-devel-2.37.4-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libicu-devel-67.1-7.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
libmount-devel-2.37.4-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libselinux-devel-3.4-5.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libtiff-devel-4.0-4.amzn2023.0.18.x86_64
libwebp-devel-1.2.4-1.amzn2023.0.6.x86_64
libxkbcommon-devel-1.13.1-7.amzn2023.0.6.x86_64
pcr2-utf32-10.40-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
xml-common-0.6.3-56.amzn2023.0.2.noarch
zlib-devel-1.2.11-33.amzn2023.0.5.x86_64

bzip2-devel-1.0.8-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
fontconfig-2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
freetype-2.13.2-5.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
gd-devel-2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
google-noto-sans-vf-fonts-20201206-2.amzn2023.0.2.noarch
harfbuzz-7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
jbigkit-libs-2.1-21.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libFSM-1.2.3-8.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libX11-devel-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libXau-devel-1.0.9-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libXpm-devel-3.5.15-2.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
libblkid-devel-2.37.4-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libicu-devel-67.1-7.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
libmount-devel-2.37.4-1.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libselinux-devel-3.4-5.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libtiff-devel-4.0-4.amzn2023.0.18.x86_64
libxkb-1.13.1-7.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
pcr2-devel-10.40-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
pixman-0.40-0.3.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
xorg-x11-proto-devel-2021.4-1.amzn2023.0.2.noarch

```

Step 10: Now, we create a user called as 'nagios' and make sure that it has a home directory, and set up a password for it.

```
sudo adduser -m nagios
```

```
sudo passwd nagios
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ sudo adduser -m nagios
sudo passwd nagios
Changing password for user nagios.
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ |
```

Step 11: Create a user group called as 'nagcmd' to execute nagios commands.

```
sudo groupadd nagcmd
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ sudo groupadd nagcmd
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ |
```

Step 12: Add users apache and nagios to this user group.

```
sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios
```

```
sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios
sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ |
```

Step 13: We create a directory downloads, to store the files of nagios server that are downloaded.

```
mkdir ~/downloads
```

```
cd ~/downloads
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 ~]$ mkdir ~/downloads
cd ~/downloads
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ |
```

Step 14: Now we need to install the latest versions of nagios-core and nagios-plugins. Go to the respective websites and check whether a better version is available. If newer versions are available, then right click on the download button → Copy link address.

Paste this link address in place of the current link in command.

If not run these commands.

```
wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
```



```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-157 downloads]$ wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
--2024-09-28 04:04:23-- https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
Resolving assets.nagios.com (assets.nagios.com)... 45.79.49.120, 2600:3c00::f03c:92ff:fe7:45ce
Connecting to assets.nagios.com (assets.nagios.com)[45.79.49.120]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 2065473 (2.0M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz'

nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz          100%[=====>] 1.97M  5.36MB/s  in 0.4s

2024-09-28 04:04:24 (5.36 MB/s) - 'nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz' saved [2065473/2065473]

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-83-157 downloads]$
```

wget <https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz>

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
--2024-10-06 10:37:57-- https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
Resolving assets.nagios.com (assets.nagios.com)... 45.79.49.120, 2600:3c00::f03c:92ff:fe7:45ce
Connecting to assets.nagios.com (assets.nagios.com)[45.79.49.120]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 2065473 (2.0M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz'

nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz          100%[=====>] 1.97M  6.17MB/s  in 0.3s

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$
```

Step 15:Now, we need to extract nagios-core file into the same directory. For that, we will use tar command.

tar zxvf nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ tar zxvf nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
nagios-4.5.5/
nagios-4.5.5/.github/
nagios-4.5.5/.github/workflows/
nagios-4.5.5/.github/workflows/test.yml
nagios-4.5.5/.gitignore
nagios-4.5.5/CONTRIBUTING.md
nagios-4.5.5/Changelog
nagios-4.5.5/INSTALLING
nagios-4.5.5/LLEGAL
nagios-4.5.5/LICENSE
nagios-4.5.5/Makefile.in
nagios-4.5.5/README.md
nagios-4.5.5/THANKS
```

```
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/.gitignore
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/Makefile.in
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xcddefault.c
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xcddefault.h
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xodtemplate.c
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xodtemplate.h
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xpddefault.c
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xpddefault.h
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xrddefault.c
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xrddefault.h
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xsddefault.c
nagios-4.5.5/xdata/xsddefault.h
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$
```

Step 16: We need to ensure that Nagios uses a specific group (in this case, `nagcmd`) for executing external commands.

`./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd`

An **error** could be encountered here: `./configure: no such path or directory`

Solution: Navigate to the `nagios-4.5.5` folder in downloads. (version could vary)

Steps: ls

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ ls
nagios-4.5.5  nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ |
```

- `cd nagios-4.5.5` (use the version shown by your ls command)
- `./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd`

Another **error** could be **Cannot find SSL headers**.

To solve this, we need to install OpenSSL Dev Library

Steps:

`sudo yum install openssl-devel`

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo yum install openssl-devel
Last metadata expiration check: 0:30:03 ago on Sun Oct  6 10:11:16 2024.
Dependencies resolved.
=====
Package                Architecture      Version           Repository        Size
Installing:
openssl-devel           x86_64            1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14  amazonlinux      3.0 M
Transaction Summary
=====
Install 1 Package
Total download size: 3.0 M
Installed size: 4.7 M
Is this ok [y/N]: y
Downloading Packages:
openssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14.x86_64.rpm                26 MB/s | 3.0 MB  00:00
Total                                                            18 MB/s | 3.0 MB  00:00
Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded.
Running transaction
  Preparing                : openssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14.x86_64      1/1
  Installing               : openssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14.x86_64      1/1
  Running scriptlet: openssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14.x86_64      1/1
  Verifying                : openssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14.x86_64      1/1
Installed:
openssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzn2023.0.14.x86_64
Complete!
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$
```

./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ ./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd
checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install -c
checking build system type... x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
checking host system type... x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
checking for gcc... gcc
checking whether the C compiler works... yes
checking for C compiler default output file name... a.out
checking for suffix of executables...
checking whether we are cross compiling... no
checking for suffix of object files... o
checking whether the compiler supports GNU C... yes
checking whether gcc accepts -g... yes
checking for gcc option to enable C11 features... none needed
checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes
```

*** Configuration summary for nagios 4.5.5 2024-09-17 ***:

General Options:

```
-----
Nagios executable: nagios
Nagios user/group: nagios,nagios
Command user/group: nagios,nagcmd
Event Broker: yes
Install ${prefix}: /usr/local/nagios
Install ${includedir}: /usr/local/nagios/include/nagios
Lock file: /run/nagios.lock
Check result directory: /usr/local/nagios/var/spool/checkresults
Init directory: /lib/systemd/system
Apache conf.d directory: /etc/httpd/conf.d
Mail program: /bin/mail
Host OS: linux-gnu
IOBroker Method: epoll
```

Web Interface Options:

```
-----
HTML URL: http://localhost/nagios/
CGI URL: http://localhost/nagios/cgi-bin/
Traceroute (used by WAP): /usr/bin/traceroute
```

Review the options above for accuracy. If they look okay,
type 'make all' to compile the main program and CGIs.

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ |
```

Step 17: We need to compile all components of this software according to the instruction in the Makefile. For that, use this command:

make all

Then,

sudo make install

sudo make install-init

sudo make install-config

sudo make install-commandmode

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo make install
sudo make install-init
sudo make install-config
sudo make install-commandmode
cd ./base && make install
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/base'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/bin
/usr/bin/install -c -s -m 774 -o nagios -g nagios nagios /usr/local/nagios/bin
/usr/bin/install: cannot stat 'nagios': No such file or directory
make[1]: *** [Makefile:188: install] Error 1
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/base'
```

*** Config files installed ***

Remember, these are *SAMPLE* config files. You'll need to read the documentation for more information on how to actually define services, hosts, etc. to fit your particular needs.

```
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagcmd -d /usr/local/nagios/var/rw
chmod g+s /usr/local/nagios/var/rw
```

*** External command directory configured ***

Step 18: We need to update the email linked with this server to our email for it to send notifications (if any needed).

sudo nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/contacts.cfg

```
GNU nano 5.8 /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/contacts.cfg
#####
# CONTACTS.CFG - SAMPLE CONTACT/CONTACTGROUP DEFINITIONS
#
#
# NOTES: This config file provides you with some example contact and contact
# group definitions that you can reference in host and service
# definitions.
#
# You don't need to keep these definitions in a separate file from your
# other object definitions. This has been done just to make things
# easier to understand.
#
#####

#####
#
# CONTACTS
#
#####

# Just one contact defined by default - the Nagios admin (that's you)
# This contact definition inherits a lot of default values from the
# 'generic-contact' template which is defined elsewhere.

define contact {
    contact_name    nagiosadmin          ; Short name of user
    use              generic-contact      ; Inherit default values from generic-contact template (defi
    alias            Nagios Admin         ; Full name of user
    email            2022.sahil.motiramani@ves.ac.in ; <***** CHANGE THIS TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS *****
}

#####
#
# CONTACT GROUPS
#
#####
```

Here, change the email under 'define contact{}' to your email address.

To save this use the following shortcut sequence CTRL+O→Enter→CTRL+X.

CTRL+O: Overwrite the existing file with edited file

CTRL+X: Exit nano editor.

Step 19: We need to install the necessary configuration files for the Nagios web interface. Run the following command.

sudo make install-webconf

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo make install-webconf
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 sample-config/httpd.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf
if [ 0 -eq 1 ]; then \
    ln -s /etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/nagios.conf; \
fi

*** Nagios/Apache conf file installed ***

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ S|
```

Step 20: Now we need to setup a user to access this nagios web interface. So we run this command to create a user called 'nagiosadmin'.

Keep this username and password saved as it is needed to login to the web interface.

sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin
New password:
Re-type new password:
Adding password for user nagiosadmin
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ |
```

Step 21: Restart the apache server to apply all the recent configurations.

sudo service httpd restart

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo service httpd restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart httpd.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.5.5]$ |
```

Step 22: Now we go back to the downloads folder and extract the files of nagios plugin.

cd ~/downloads

tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz (Version may vary)

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/compile
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/config.guess
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/config.rpath
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/config.sub
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/install-sh
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/ltmain.sh
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/missing
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/mkinstalldirs
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/depcomp
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/snippet/
```

```
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po/fr.gmo
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po/de.gmo
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po/nagios-plugins.pot
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po/stamp-po
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po/ChangeLog
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po/LINGUAS
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/release
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ |
```

Step 23: Again, we need to install the configurations for these files.

cd nagios-plugins-2.4.11 (version may vary)

./configure --with-nagios-user=nagios --with-nagios-group=nagios

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 downloads]$ cd nagios-plugins-2.4.11
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ ./configure --with-nagios-user=nagios --with-nagios-group=nagios
checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install -c
checking whether build environment is sane... yes
checking for a thread-safe mkdir -p... /usr/bin/mkdir -p
checking for gawk... gawk
checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes
checking whether make supports nested variables... yes
checking whether to enable maintainer-specific portions of Makefiles... yes
checking build system type... x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
checking host system type... x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
checking for gcc... gcc
```

```
config.status: executing depfiles commands
config.status: executing libtool commands
config.status: executing po-directories commands
config.status: creating po/POTFILES
config.status: creating po/Makefile
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ |
```

Step 24: We need to compile all components of this software according to the instruction in the Makefile. For that, use the commands:

make

sudo make install

```
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.4.11/po'
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.4.11'
make[2]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.4.11'
make[2]: Nothing to be done for 'install-exec-am'.
make[2]: Nothing to be done for 'install-data-am'.
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.4.11'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-plugins-2.4.11'
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ |
```

Step 25: We need to register the Nagios service with the system, which would make it able to manage the server status. So run the following commands

sudo chkconfig --add nagios

sudo chkconfig nagios on

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl enable nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl start nagios
```

Step 26: We need to verify the Nagios configuration for any syntax errors or issues before starting or restarting the Nagios service.

sudo /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo make install-webconf
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 sample-config/httpd.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf
if [ 0 -eq 1 ]; then \
    ln -s /etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/nagios.conf; \
fi

*** Nagios/Apache conf file installed ***

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl enable nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl start nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo /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 0 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
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$
```

Step 27:

sudo service nagios start

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo service nagios start
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl start nagios.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$
```

sudo systemctl status nagios

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo systemctl status nagios
● nagios.service - Nagios Core 4.4.6
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nagios.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-10-06 11:02:08 UTC; 2min 4s ago
     Docs: https://www.nagios.org/documentation
   Process: 68287 ExecStartPre=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Process: 68288 ExecStart=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 68289 (nagios)
      Tasks: 6 (limit: 11112)
     Memory: 2.4M
        CPU: 42ms
   CGroup: /system.slice/nagios.service
           └─68289 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
             └─68290 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
               └─68291 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                 └─68292 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                   └─68293 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                     └─68294 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                       └─68294 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: qh: core query handler registered
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: qh: echo service query handler registered
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: qh: help for the query handler registered
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: wproc: Successfully registered manager as @wproc with query handler
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 68291;pid=68291
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 68292;pid=68292
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 68293;pid=68293
Oct 06 11:02:08 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 68290;pid=68290
Oct 06 11:02:10 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: Successfully launched command file worker with pid 68294
Oct 06 11:04:00 ip-172-31-39-94.ec2.internal nagios[68289]: SERVICE ALERT: localhost:HTTP;WARNING;SOFT;1;HTTP WARNING: HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden - 319 bytes in 0.003 second response time
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$
```

Step 28: Now, go to EC2 instance and click on instance id. Then, click on the copy icon just before the public ip address on public IP.

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface. The top navigation bar shows the user is logged in as 'voclabs/user3165511-MOTIRAMANI_SAHIL_DINESH' in the 'N. Virginia' region. The left sidebar contains navigation options like 'EC2 Dashboard', 'Instances', 'Images', and 'Network & Security'. The main content area shows the 'Instance summary for i-002e443a2612e41be (nagios-35)'. The instance is in the 'Running' state. Key details include: Public IPv4 address: 54.207.239.4, Private IPv4 addresses: 172.31.39.94, Instance type: t2.micro, VPC ID: vpc-0635a2f45c52f33, Subnet ID: subnet-0d1d55f999ec2387, and IAM Role: ec2-instance-profile. Below the summary, the 'Instance details' section shows the platform as 'Amazon Linux (Inferred)', the AMI as 'ami-0ff1b9a61dec8a5f', and the AMI name as 'al2023-ami-2023.5.20241001.1-kernel-6.1-x86_64'.

Step 29: Open a new tab. In the address bar type `http://<publicipaddress>/nagios`. This would be in the output



Conclusion:

In this experiment, we have learned how to install and set up Nagios Core, Nagios Plugins, and NRPE on a Linux machine. We are working with an Amazon Linux OS instance that has been configured with the necessary security rules. It's crucial to ensure that the links for Nagios Core and Nagios Plugins used in the `wget` commands are current and up-to-date. After downloading, we need to extract and configure these files to prevent any issues when starting the server. Once the setup is complete, we can launch the Nagios server. By using the public IP address of the EC2 instance, we can access the Nagios dashboard by entering that IP into a web browser.