

EXPERIMENT NO. 10

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

Prerequisites:

Nagios Server running on Amazon Linux Machine.

STEPS:

1. To Confirm Nagios is running on the server side Perform the following command on your Amazon Linux Machine (Nagios-host).

sudo systemctl status nagios

```
ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal ~$ sudo systemctl status nagios
● nagios.service - Nagios Core 4.5.5
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nagios.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2024-10-04 14:07:22 UTC; 1h 33min ago
     Docs: https://www.nagios.org/documentation
   Process: 67611 ExecStartPre=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Process: 67612 ExecStart=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 67613 (nagios)
    Tasks: 6 (limit: 1112)
   Memory: 5.0M
     CPU: 1.453s
   CGroup: /system.slice/nagios.service
           └─67613 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
             └─67615 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
               └─67616 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                 └─67617 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                   └─67618 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
                     └─67622 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

Oct 04 14:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: early_timeout=0; exited_ok=1; wait_status=32512; error_code=0;
Oct 04 14:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: stderr line 01: /bin/sh: line 1: /bin/mail: No such file or directory
Oct 04 14:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: stderr line 02: /usr/bin/printf: write error: Broken pipe
Oct 04 15:07:22 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: Auto-save of retention data completed successfully.
Oct 04 15:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: SERVICE NOTIFICATION: nagiosadmin;localhost;Swap Usage;CRITICAL;notify-service-by-email;SWAP CRIT
Oct 04 15:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: NOTIFY job 30 from worker Core Worker 67615 is a non-check helper but exited with return c
Oct 04 15:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: host=localhost; service=Swap Usage; contact=nagiosadmin
Oct 04 15:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: early_timeout=0; exited_ok=1; wait_status=32512; error_code=0;
Oct 04 15:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: stderr line 01: /bin/sh: line 1: /bin/mail: No such file or directory
Oct 04 15:12:43 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal nagios[67613]: wproc: stderr line 02: /usr/bin/printf: write error: Broken pipe
```

As nagios service on main machine is running, we can proceed further

2. Now Create a new EC2 instance. Name: Nagios-client, AMI: Ubuntu Instance Type: t2.micro.

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.

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Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

Ubuntu Server 24.04 LTS (HVM), SSD Volume Type

ami-0866a3c8686eaeaba (64-bit (x86)) / ami-0325498274077fac5 (64-bit (Arm))

Virtualization: hvm ENA enabled: true Root device type: ebs

Free tier eligible ▼

Select the Existing Security Group and select the Security Group that we have created in
Experiment no 9 or the same one you have used for the Nagios server (Nagios-host).

▼ Network settings [Info](#)

Edit

Network [Info](#)

vpc-0a820d8ef6949a21d

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

Common security groups [Info](#)

Select security groups ▼

launch-wizard-26 sg-0a57acd1b72f678dd ✕
VPC: vpc-0a820d8ef6949a21d

Compare security group rules

Security groups that you add or remove here will be added to or removed from all your network interfaces.

Now perform all the commands on the Nagios-host till step 10

4. Now on the server Nagios-host run the following command.

ps -ef | grep nagios

```
ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal ec2-user ~ ps -ef | grep nagios
nagios 67613 1 0 14:07 ? 00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
nagios 67615 67613 0 14:07 ? 00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios 67616 67613 0 14:07 ? 00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios 67617 67613 0 14:07 ? 00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios 67618 67613 0 14:07 ? 00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios 67622 67613 0 14:07 ? 00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
ec2-user 73660 73090 0 15:49 pts/1 00:00:00 grep --color=auto nagios
```

5. Now Become root user and create root directories.

sudo su

mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts

mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts

```
ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal ec2-user ~ sudo su
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]# mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]# mkdir /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]#
```

6. Copy the sample localhost.cfg to linuxhost.cfg by running the following command.(Below command should come in one line see screenshot below)

```
cp /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg  
/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg
```

7. Open linuxserver.cfg using nano and make the following changes in all Positions everywhere in file

```
nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg
```

Change hostname to **linuxserver**.

Change address to the **public IP of your Linux client**.

Set hostgroup_name to **linux-servers1**.

```
# 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          linuxserver
    alias              localhost
    address            34.204.79.231
}

#####
#
# HOST GROUP DEFINITION
#
#####

# Define an optional hostgroup for Linux machines
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 belong to this group
}
```

8. Now update the Nagios config file .Add the following line in the file. Line to add
:

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

nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg

```
# You can specify individual object config files as shown below:
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/commands.cfg
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/contacts.cfg
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/timeperiods.cfg
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/templates.cfg
cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/
```

9. Now Verify the configuration files by running the following commands.

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

```
Running pre-flight check on configuration data...

Checking objects...
    Checked 16 services.
    Checked 2 hosts.
    Checked 2 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 2 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
```

We got no errors and warnings for current configuration

10. Now restart the services of nagios by running the following command.

service nagios restart

```
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]# service nagios restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart nagios.service
```

11. Now Go to the Nagios-client ssh terminal and update and install the packages by running the following command.

sudo apt update -y

sudo apt install gcc -y

sudo apt install -y nagios-nrpe-server nagios-plugins

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-45-81:~$ 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://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/universe Translation-en [5982 kB]
Get:7 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [382 kB]
Get:8 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/universe amd64 Components [3871 kB]
Get:9 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/universe amd64 c-n-f Metadata [301 kB]
Get:10 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/multiverse amd64 Packages [269 kB]
Get:11 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/multiverse Translation-en [118 kB]
Get:12 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/multiverse amd64 Components [35.0 kB]
Get:13 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/multiverse amd64 c-n-f Metadata [8328 B]
Get:14 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 Packages [537 kB]
Get:15 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main Translation-en [132 kB]
Get:16 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 c-n-f Metadata [8860 B]
Get:17 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/universe amd64 Packages [384 kB]
```

```
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/netware.cfg with new version
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/nt.cfg with new version
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/pgsql.cfg with new version
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/radius.cfg with new version
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/rpc-nfs.cfg with new version
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...
```

12. Open nrpe.cfg file to make changes. Under `allowed_hosts`, add your nagios host public IP address.

```
# 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,:::1,52.207.222.231
```

13. Now restart the NRPE server by this command.

sudo systemctl restart nagios-nrpe-server

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-45-81:~$ sudo nano /etc/nagios/nrpe.cfg
ubuntu@ip-172-31-45-81:~$ sudo systemctl restart nagios-nrpe-server
ubuntu@ip-172-31-45-81:~$
```

14. Now again check the status of Nagios by running this command on Nagios-host and also check httpd is active and run the command to active it.

sudo systemctl status nagios

```
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]# sudo systemctl status nagios
● nagios.service - Nagios Core 4.5.5
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nagios.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2024-10-04 16:01:14 UTC; 6min ago
     Docs: https://www.nagios.org/documentation
   Process: 74405 ExecStartPre=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Process: 74406 ExecStart=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 74407 (nagios)
     Tasks: 6 (limit: 1112)
    Memory: 4.2M
       CPU: 161ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/nagios.service
           └─74407 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
           └─74408 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
           └─74409 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
           └─74410 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
           └─74411 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
           └─74412 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
```

sudo systemctl status httpd

```
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]# sudo systemctl status httpd
● httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
   Drop-In: /usr/lib/systemd/system/httpd.service.d
           └─php-fpm.conf
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2024-10-04 13:56:26 UTC; 2h 11min ago
     Docs: man:httpd.service(8)
   Main PID: 52059 (httpd)
   Status: "Total requests: 220; Idle/Busy workers 100/0; Requests/sec: 0.0279; Bytes served/sec: 122 B/sec"
     Tasks: 230 (limit: 1112)
    Memory: 23.7M
       CPU: 5.641s
    CGroup: /system.slice/httpd.service
           └─52059 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
           └─52061 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
           └─52065 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
           └─52066 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
           └─52067 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND
           └─67725 /usr/sbin/httpd -DFOREGROUND

Oct 04 13:56:25 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Starting httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
Oct 04 13:56:26 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal systemd[1]: Started httpd.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
Oct 04 13:56:26 ip-172-31-33-179.ec2.internal httpd[52059]: Server configured, listening on: port 80
[root@ip-172-31-33-179 ec2-user]#
```

Both nagios and httpd service is running fine on host system

15. Now to check Nagios dashboard go to <http://<nagios host ip>/nagios>
Eg. <http://34.207.68.187/nagios>

Enter username as nagiosadmin and password which you set in Exp 9 if prompted.

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Host Status Totals

| | | | |
|----|------|-------------|---------|
| Up | Down | Unreachable | Pending |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

All Problems All Types

| | |
|---|---|
| 0 | 2 |
|---|---|

Service Status Totals

| | | | | |
|----|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Ok | Warning | Unknown | Critical | Pending |
| 12 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

All Problems All Types

| | |
|---|----|
| 4 | 16 |
|---|----|

Host Status Details For All Host Groups

Limit Results: 100

| Host | Status | Last Check | Duration | Status Information |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|---|
| linuxserver | UP | 10-04-2024 16:10:36 | 0d 0h 10m 8s | PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.79 ms |
| localhost | UP | 10-04-2024 16:09:43 | 0d 2h 6m 0s | PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.03 ms |

Results 1 - 2 of 2 Matching Hosts

Our nagios client is showing up on nagios host dashboard

Host Information

Last Updated: Fri Oct 4 16:12:39 UTC 2024
Updated every 90 seconds
Nagios® Core™ 4.5.5 - www.nagios.org
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Host
localhost
(linuxserver)

Member of
No hostgroups

34.204.79.231

Host State Information

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Host Status: | UP (for 0d 0h 11m 25s) |
| Status Information: | PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.79 ms |
| Performance Data: | rta=0.790000ms;3000.000000;5000.000000;0.000000 pl=0%;80;100;0 |
| Current Attempt: | 1/10 (HARD state) |
| Last Check Time: | 10-04-2024 16:10:36 |
| Check Type: | ACTIVE |
| Check Latency / Duration: | 0.000 / 4.158 seconds |
| Next Scheduled Active Check: | 10-04-2024 16:15:36 |
| Last State Change: | 10-04-2024 16:01:14 |
| Last Notification: | N/A (notification 0) |
| Is This Host Flapping? | NO (0.00% state change) |
| In Scheduled Downtime? | NO |
| Last Update: | 10-04-2024 16:12:33 (0d 0h 0m 6s ago) |
| Active Checks: | ENABLED |
| Passive Checks: | ENABLED |
| Obsessing: | ENABLED |
| Notifications: | ENABLED |
| Event Handler: | ENABLED |
| Flap Detection: | ENABLED |

Here we can see current status of nagios client machine which is up and running fine

Conclusion:

In this experiment, we created a new EC2 Linux instance and set up the Nagios client on it. We then connected the client to the Nagios host machine, allowing us to monitor alerts and status for both the host and clients on a single dashboard. It is important to configure the Nagios client with the correct host IP, as failure to do so will prevent the connection. After completing the setup, we were able to successfully view the system health details of both the client and host on the unified Nagios dashboard.