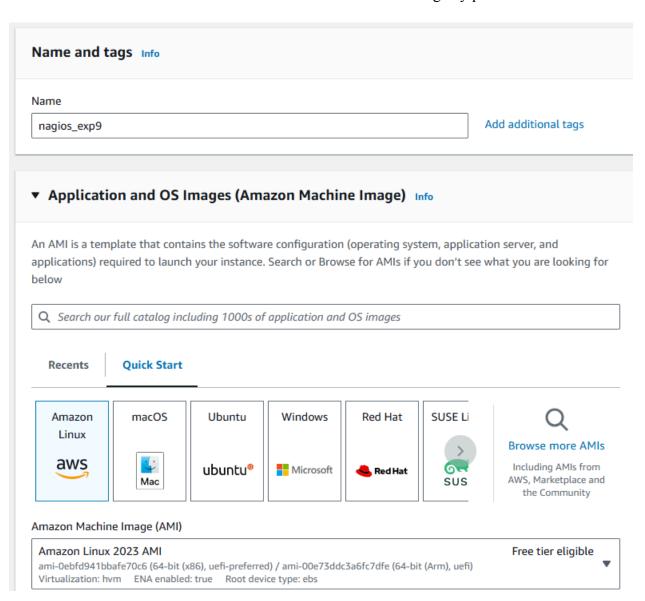
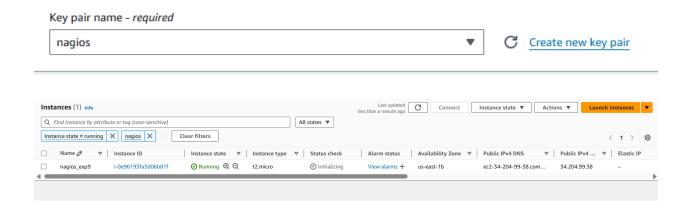
**Aim:** To Understand Continuous monitoring and Installation and configuration of Nagios Core, Nagios Plugins and NRPE (Nagios Remote Plugin Executor) on Linux Machine.

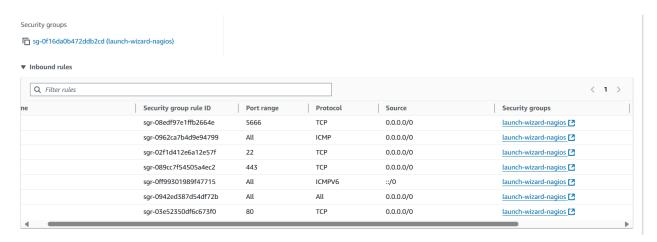
Steps to install and configure Nagios in EC2 instance

1. Create an Amazon Linux EC-2 instance and select either existing key pair or create new

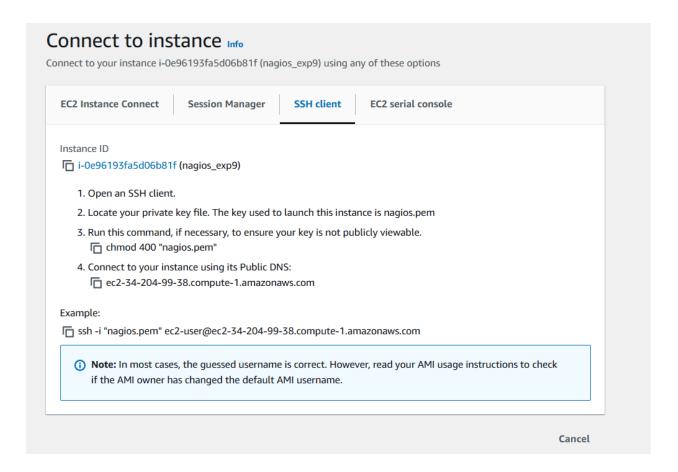




2. Under Security Group, make sure HTTP, HTTPS, SSH, ICMP are open from everywhere.



3. SSH into Your EC2 instance or simply use EC2 Instance Connect from the browser.



## Connection Successfully installed

4. Now, we need to install necessary packages that are required to run nagios properly

#### sudo yum install httpd php

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]\$ sudo yum install httpd php Last metadata expiration check: 0:02:20 ago on Thu Oct 3 06:48:23 2024. Dependencies resolved.						
Package	Architecture	Version	Repository	Size		
Installing:			=======================================	=======		
httpd	x86_64	2.4.62-1.amzn2023	amazonlinux	48 k		
php8.3	x86_64	8.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux	10 k		
Installing dependencies:						
apr	x86_64	1.7.2-2.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux	129 k		
apr-util	x86_64	1.6.3-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux	98 k		
generic-logos-httpd	noarch	18.0.0-12.amzn2023.0.3	amazonlinux	19 k		
httpd-core	x86_64	2.4.62-1.amzn2023	amazonlinux	1.4 M		
httpd-filesystem	noarch	2.4.62-1.amzn2023	amazonlinux	14 k		
httpd-tools	x86_64	2.4.62-1.amzn2023	amazonlinux	81 k		
libbrotli	x86_64	1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux	315 k		
libsodium	x86_64	1.0.19-4.amzn2023	amazonlinux	176 k		
libxslt	x86_64	1.1.34-5.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux	241 k		
mailcap	noarch	2.1.49-3.amzn2023.0.3	amazonlinux	33 k		
nginx-filesystem	noarch	1:1.24.0-1.amzn2023.0.4	amazonlinux	9.8 k		
php8.3-cli	x86_64	8.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux	3.7 M		
php8.3-common	x86_64	8.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux	737 k		
php8.3-process	x86_64	8.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux	45 k		
php8.3-xml	x86_64	8.3.10-1.amzn2023.0.1	amazonlinux	154 k		

## sudo yum install gcc glibc glibc-common

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]\$ sudo yum install gcc glibc glibc-common Last metadata expiration check: 0:03:23 ago on Thu Oct 3 06:48:23 2024. Package glibc-2.34-52.amzn2023.0.11.x86_64 is already installed. Package glibc-common-2.34-52.amzn2023.0.11.x86_64 is already installed. Dependencies resolved.						
Package	Architecture	Version	Repository	Size		
Installing: gcc Installing dependencies:	×86_64	11.4.1-2.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux	32 M		
annobin-docs annobin-plugin-gcc	noarch x86_64 x86_64	10.93-1.amzn2023.0.1 10.93-1.amzn2023.0.1 11.4.1-2.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux amazonlinux amazonlinux	92 k 887 k 10 M		
cpp gc glibc-devel glibc-headers-x86	x86_64 x86_64 noarch	8.0.4-5.amzn2023.0.2 2.34-52.amzn2023.0.11 2.34-52.amzn2023.0.11	amazonlinux amazonlinux amazonlinux	105 k 27 k 427 k		
guile22 kernel-headers	x86_64 x86_64	2.2.7-2.amzn2023.0.3 6.1.109-118.189.amzn2023	amazonlinux amazonlinux	6.4 M 1.4 M		
libmpc libtool-ltdl libxcrypt-devel make	x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64	1.2.1-2.amzn2023.0.2 2.4.7-1.amzn2023.0.3 4.4.33-7.amzn2023 1:4.3-5.amzn2023.0.2	amazonlinux amazonlinux amazonlinux amazonlinux	62 k 38 k 32 k 534 k		

```
WARNING:
  A newer release of "Amazon Linux" is available.
  Available Versions:
  Version 2023.5.20241001:
    Run the following command to upgrade to 2023.5.20241001:
      dnf upgrade --releasever=2023.5.20241001
    Release notes:
     https://docs.aws.amazon.com/linux/al2023/release-notes/relnotes-2023.5.20241001.html
Installed:
  annobin-docs-10.93-1.amzn2023.0.1.noarch
                                                                 annobin-plugin-gcc-10.93-1.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
  cpp-11.4.1-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
gcc-11.4.1-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
glibc-headers-x86-2.34-52.amzn2023.0.11.noarch
kernel-headers-6.1.109-118.189.amzn2023.x86_64
libtool-ltdl-2.4.7-1.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
                                                                 gc-8.0.4-5.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
                                                                 glibc-devel-2.34-52.amzn2023.0.11.x86_64
                                                                 guile22-2.2.7-2.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
                                                                  libmpc-1.2.1-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
                                                                 libxcrypt-devel-4.4.33-7.amzn2023.x86_64
  make-1:4.3-5.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Complete!
```

# sudo yum install gd gd-devel

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]$ sudo yum install gd gd-devel
Last metadata expiration check: 0:04:23 ago on Thu Oct 3 06:48:23 2024.
Dependencies resolved.
                                               Architecture
                                                                     Version
                                                                                                                        Repository
Installing:
                                               x86 64
                                                                      2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3
                                                                                                                        amazonlinux
                                                                                                                                                     139 k
                                                                      2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3
                                                                                                                                                      38 k
                                               x86 64
                                                                                                                       amazonlinux
Installing dependencies:
                                                                                                                                                    314 k
                                               x86_64
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214 k
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                                                                      1.0.8-6.amzn2023.0.2
 bzip2-devel
                                                                                                                       amazonlinux
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x86_64
x86_64
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912 k
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glib2-devel
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                                                noarch
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                                               x86_64
x86_64
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 graphite2-devel
                                                                                                                        amazonlinux
                                                x86_64
                                                                      7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1
7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1
 harfbuzz
                                                                                                                        amazonlinux
                                                                                                                                                    868 k
 harfbuzz-devel
                                                x86_64
                                                                                                                        amazonlinux
 harfbuzz-icu
jbigkit-libs
                                                x86_64
                                                                      7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1
                                                                                                                        amazonlinux
                                                x86 64
                                                                      2.1-21.amzn2023.0.2
                                                                                                                        amazonlinux
```

```
Installed:
brotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
bzip2-devel-1.0.8-6.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
fontconfig-devel-2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
freetype-2.13.2-5.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
gd-2.3.3-5.amzn2023.0.3.x86_64
glib2-devel-2.74.7-689.amzn2023.0.2.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-devel-7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
harfbuzz-devel-7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libICE-1.0.10-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
libX11-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
libX11-common-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.noarch
```

5. Create a new Nagios User with its password. You'll have to enter the password twice for confirmation. This is require as to give separate permissions for nagios

# sudo adduser -m nagios

sudo passwd nagios

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]$ sudo adduser -m nagios sudo passwd nagios
Changing password for user nagios.
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
Sorry, passwords do not match.
New password:
Retype new password:
Retype new password:
```

6. Create a new user group and use these commands so that you don't have to use sudo for Apache and Nagios

sudo groupadd nagcmd sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]$ sudo groupadd nagcmd
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]$ sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios
sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]$
```

7. Create a new directory for Nagios downloads

mkdir ~/downloads cd ~/downloads

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 ~]$ mkdir ~/downloads
cd ~/downloads
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 downloads]$
```

- 8. Use wget to download the installation source zip files.
  - wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz

- wget <a href="https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz">https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz</a>

9. Use tar to unzip the downloaded archive and change to that directory.

tar zxvf nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 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/LEGAL
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/UPGRADING
nagios-4.5.5/aclocal.m4
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/.gitignore
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/CHANGELOG.md
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/LICENSE
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/LICENSE.md
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/README.md
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/add_group_user
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/ax_nagios_get_distrib
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/ax_nagios_get_files
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/ax_nagios_get_inetd
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/ax_nagios_get_init
nagios-4.5.5/autoconf-macros/ax_nagios_get_os
```

10. Navigate to the extracted folder and Run the configuration script with the same group name you previously created.

cd nagios-4.5.5 (check your own version using nagios - v or ls)

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 downloads]$ ls
nagios-4.5.5 nagios-4.5.5.tar.gz nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 downloads]$ |
```

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

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 downloads]$ cd nagios-4.5.5
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 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-qnu
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 $(MAKE)... yes
checking whether ln -s works... yes
checking for strip... /usr/bin/strip
checking for sys/wait.h that is POSIX.1 compatible... yes
checking for stdio.h... yes
checking for stdlib.h... yes
checking for string.h... yes
checking for library containing connect... none required
checking for initgroups... yes
checking for setenv... yes
checking for strdup... yes
checking for strstr... yes
checking for strtoul... yes
checking for unsetenv... yes
checking for type of socket size... size_t
checking for Kerberos include files... configure: WARNING: could not find include files
checking for pkg-config... pkg-config
checking for SSL headers... configure: error: Cannot find ssl headers
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-4.5.5]$
```

We got error, because ssl headers library is not installed

It can be installed using sudo yum install openssl-devel

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. Installed size: 4.7 M Is this ok [y/N]: y Downloading Packages:	0 М			
	amzn2023.0.14.x86_64.rpm		12 MB/s   3.0 MB	00:00
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	penssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzı penssl-devel-1:3.0.8-1.amzı			1/1 1/1 1/1

#### Now rerun

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

## 11. Compile the source code.

make all

12. Install binaries, init script and sample config files. Lastly, set permissions on the external command directory.

sudo make install

sudo make install-init

sudo make install-config

sudo make install-commandmode

13. Edit the config file and change the email address so that we can receive timely alerts about the status of our system.

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

And change email with your email

14. Configure the web interface. This is used to set up web server configuration of nagios dashboard.

#### sudo make install-webconf

15. Create a nagiosadmin account for nagios login along with password. You'll have to specify the password twice.

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

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 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
```

16. Restart Apache

# sudo service httpd restart

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo service httpd restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart httpd.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-4.5.5]$ |
```

17. Go back to the downloads folder and unzip the plugins zip file.

#### cd ~/downloads

# tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-4.5.5]$ cd ~/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/build-aux/snippet/_Noreturn.h
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/snippet/arg-nonnull.h
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/snippet/c++defs.h
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/snippet/warn-on-use.h
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/build-aux/test-driver
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/config_test/
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/config_test/Makefile
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/config_test/run_tests
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/config_test/child_test.c
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/gl/
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/gl/m4/
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/gl/m4/00gnulib.m4
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/gl/m4/absolute-header.m4
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/gl/m4/alloca.m4
nagios-plugins-2.4.11/gl/m4/arpa_inet_h.m4
```

## 18. Compile and install plugins

## cd nagios-plugins-2.4.11

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

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 downloads]$ cd nagios-plugins-2.4.11
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 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 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 checking whether the C compiler works... yes checking for Suffix of executables... checking for suffix of executables... checking for suffix of object files... o checking whether we are using the GNU C compiler... yes
```

19. Start Nagios and Add Nagios to the list of system services

## sudo chkconfig --add nagios

sudo chkconfig nagios on

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ sudo chkconfig --add nagios
sudo chkconfig nagios on
error reading information on service nagios: No such file or directory
Note: Forwarding request to 'systemctl enable nagios.service'.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/nagios.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/nagios.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$
```

Verify the sample configuration files

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

Checked 8 services.
Checked 1 hosts.
Checked 1 host groups.
Checked 0 service groups.
Checked 1 contacts.
Checked 1 contacts.
Checked 1 contact groups.
Checked 24 commands.
Checked 5 time periods.
Checked 6 host escalations.
Checked 6 service escalations.
Checked 9 service escalations.
Checked 9 service dependencies
Checked 0 service dependencies
Checked 5 timeperiods
Checked 5 timeperiods
Checked 5 timeperiods
Checked 5 timeperiods
Checked 6 service compulsive processor commands...
Checking global event handlers...
Checking misc settings...
```

As we can see no errors were detected

# sudo service nagios start

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ sudo service nagios start
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl start nagios.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-32-235 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ |
```

20. Check the status of Nagios

## sudo systemctl status nagios

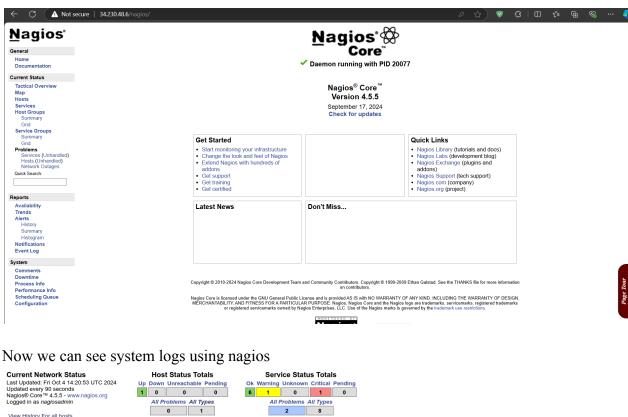
```
[ec2_user@ip-172_31-32-235 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ sudo service nagios start
Redirecting to bin/systemctl start nagios.service
[ec2_user@ip-172_31-32-235 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ sudo systemctl status nagios
* nagios.service - Nagios Core 4.5.5
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nagios.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
Active: active (running) since Fri 2024-10-04 03:42:22 UTC; lmin 5s ago
Docs: https://www.nagios.org/documentation
Process: 20075 ExecstartPre=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Process: 20075 ExecstartPre=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Process: 20076 ExecstartPre=/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Main PID: 20077 (nagios)
Tasks: 6 (limit: 1112)
Memory: 5.9M
CPU: 92ms
CGroup: /system.slice/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
-20078 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -morker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
-20079 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -morker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
-20089 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -morker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
-20080 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -morker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
-20082 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -morker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
-20083 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -morker /usr/local/
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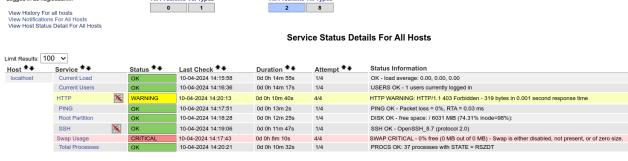
The nagios service is running and working normally

21. Open up your browser and look for http://<your public ip address>/nagios

Enter username as **nagiosadmin** and password which we had set previously

22. After entering the correct credentials, you will see the Home page of Nagios.





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#### **Conclusion:**

The successful installation and configuration of Nagios Core, Nagios Plugins, and NRPE on the EC2 instance marks a significant step towards establishing comprehensive system monitoring capabilities. The ability to effectively track and analyze system performance, resource utilization, and potential issues is crucial for maintaining operational efficiency and preventing downtime. In the course of experiment various issues regarding the nagios version and the ssl error was found and that was fixed by installing the opensal library. Apart from that we got to learn the basic fundamentals of nagios and how the plugins are configured in the system or the host machine. At the end Nagios server was hosted on the ec2 instance with the public ip.