

Nagios[®]

The Industry Standard In IT Infrastructure Monitoring



Who are using Nagios

Notable Nagios Users



Agenda

- What is Nagios
- What can you do with Nagios
- Features
- Basic
 - Architecture
 - Terminology
- Monitoring
- State Types
- Active / Passive Checks
- Reports

What is Nagios Core

Open Source system and network monitoring application

With Nagios you can

- Monitor your entire IT infrastructure
- Spot problems before they occur
- Know immediately when problems arise
- Share availability data with stakeholders
- Detect security breaches
- Plan and budget for IT upgrades
- Reduce downtime and business losses

Features

- Monitoring of network services
 - SMTP
 - POP3
 - HTTP
 - PING and more
- Monitoring of host resources
 - Processor load
 - Disk usage and more
- Simple plugin design that allows users to easily develop their own service checks
- Parallelized service checks



Features

- Ability to define network host hierarchy/groups
- Allowing detection of and distinction between hosts that are down and those that are unreachable
- Contact notifications when service or host problems occur and get resolved via
 - Email
 - Pager
 - or user-defined methods
- Ability to define event handlers to be run during service or host events for proactive problem resolution

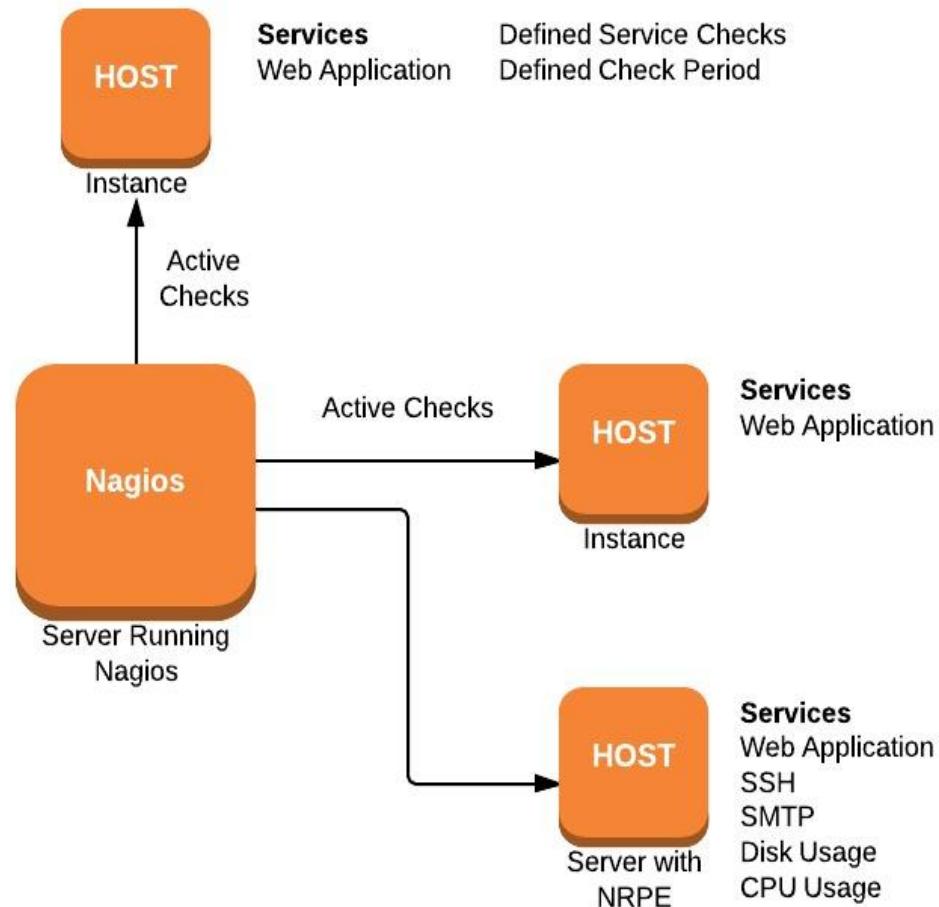
Features

- Automatic log file rotation
- Support for implementing redundant monitoring hosts
- Optional web interface for viewing
 - Current network status
 - Notification
 - Problem history
 - Log file and more

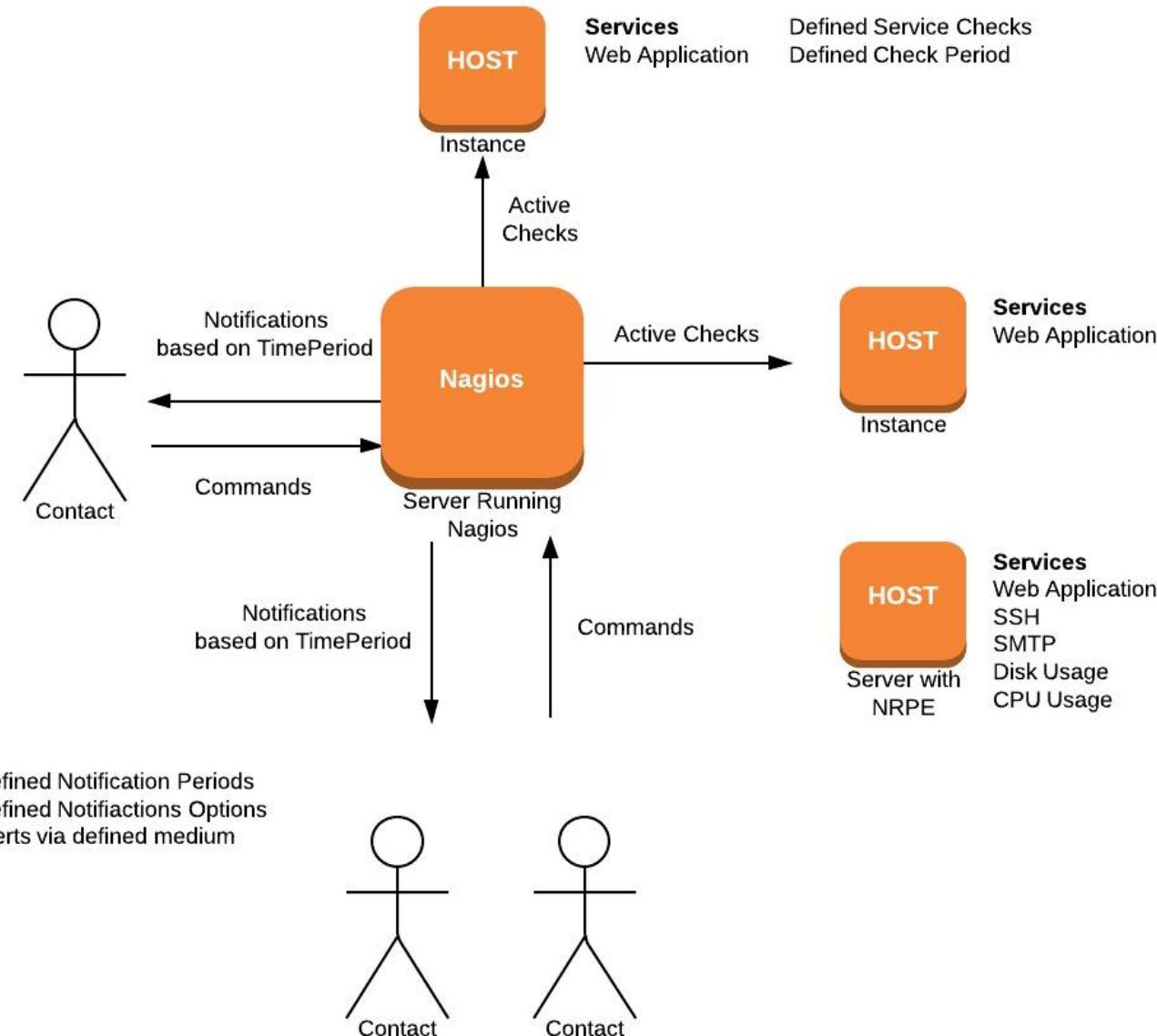
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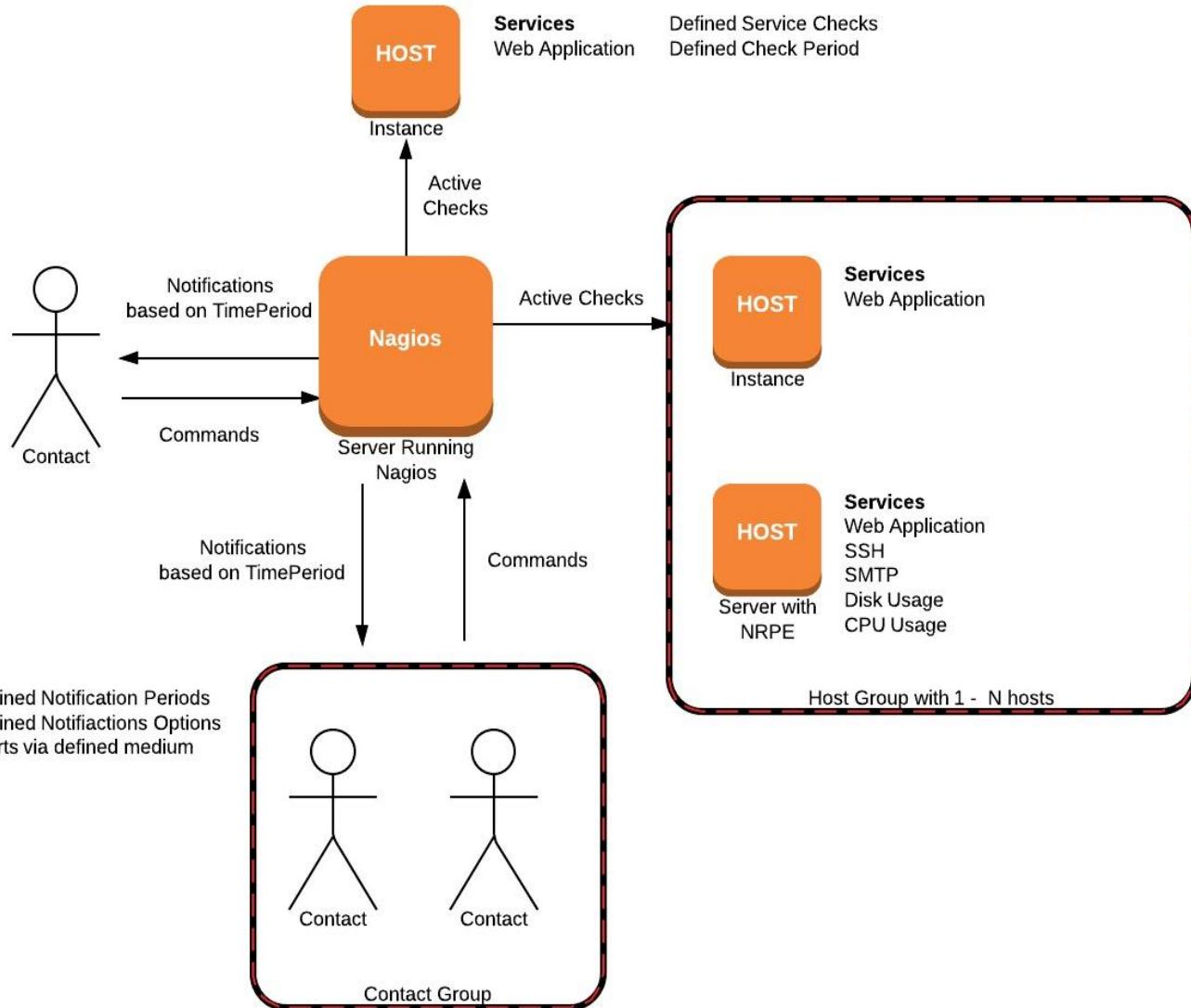
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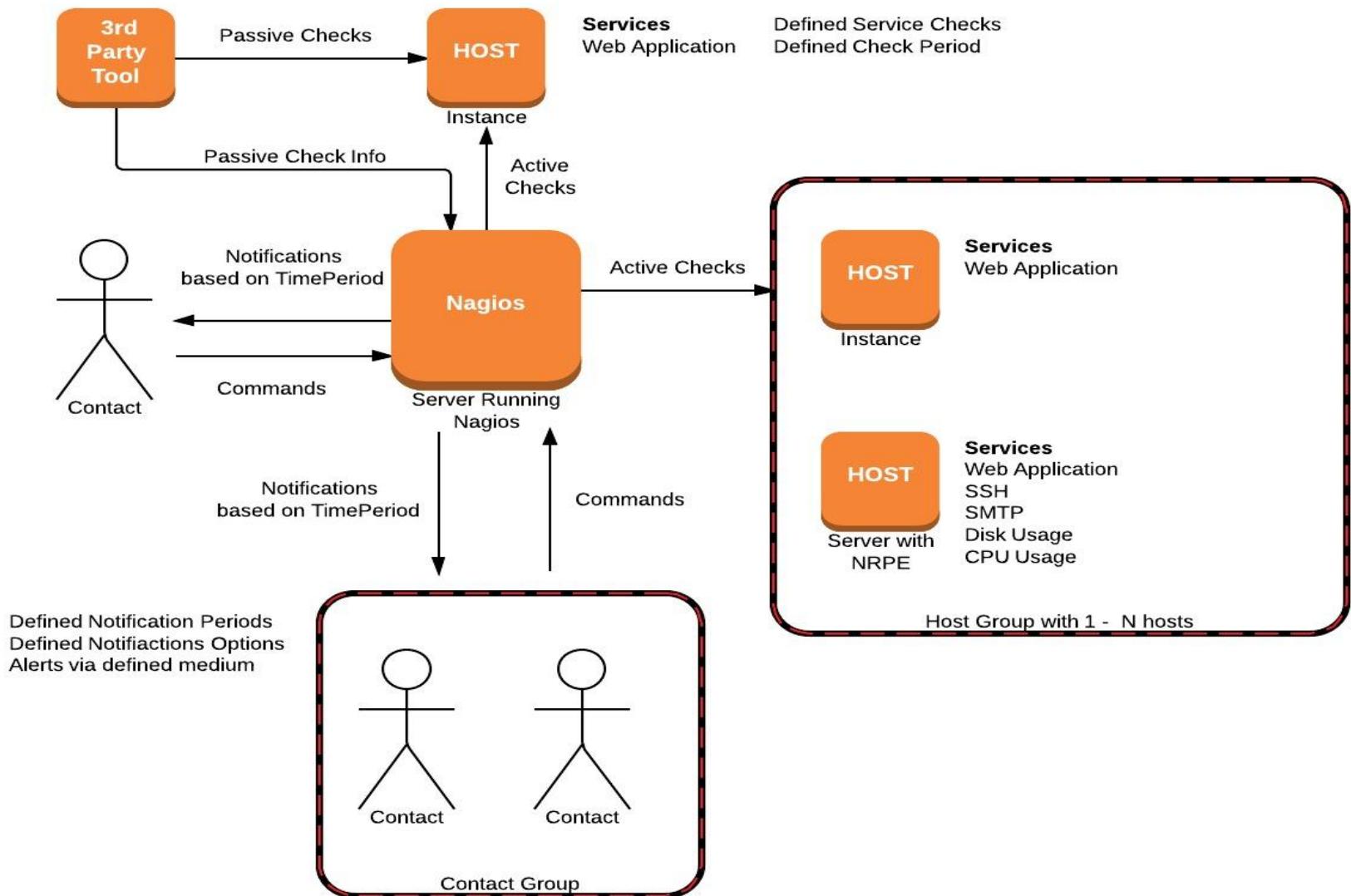
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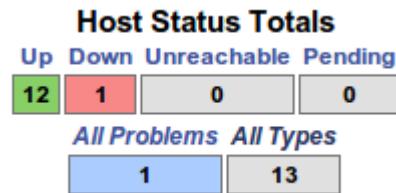
Definitions

- Host
- Service
- Contacts
- Commands
- TimePeriod
- EventHandlers

Basics

Host

Defines a physical server, workstation, device, etc. that resides on your network.



Limit Results: ▾

Host ↑↓	Status ↑↓	Last Check ↑↓	Duration ↑↓	Status Information
192.168.4.18	  DOWN	08-29-2014 09:51:11	0d 0h 37m 42s	CRITICAL - 192.168.4.18: rta nan, lost 100%
Firewall	  UP	08-29-2014 09:51:29	0d 0h 40m 27s+	OK - 127.0.0.1: rta 0.039ms, lost 0%
NOAA	  UP	01-02-2012 15:44:09	1169d 12h 39m 44s	HTTP OK HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 99753 bytes in 0.478 seconds
Router	  UP	08-29-2014 09:46:48	0d 0h 40m 27s+	OK - 127.0.0.1: rta 0.048ms, lost 0%
localhost	  UP	08-29-2014 09:47:28	1661d 6h 37m 25s	OK - 127.0.0.1: rta 0.046ms, lost 0%
secure.nagios.com	  UP	08-29-2014 09:50:16	1496d 4h 13m 18s	HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 302 Found - 530 bytes in 0.084 second response time
testbpi	  UP	08-29-2014 09:49:58	0d 0h 44m 47s	OK: BPI
vs1.nagios.org	  UP	08-29-2014 09:48:09	1517d 22h 22m 28s	OK - vs1.nagios.org: rta 0.332ms, lost 0%
www.acme.com	  UP	08-29-2014 09:48:33	1483d 15h 12m 3s	OK - 216.27.178.28: rta 61.483ms, lost 0%
www.chaoticmoon.com	  UP	08-29-2014 09:49:15	1484d 2h 49m 21s	HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 50458 bytes in 0.269 second response time
www.cnn.com	  UP	08-29-2014 09:49:33	1523d 14h 21m 28s	HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 126517 bytes in 0.172 second response time
www.nagios.com	  UP	08-29-2014 09:50:28	1494d 6h 57m 38s	HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 54443 bytes in 0.666 second response time
www.twitter.com	  UP	08-29-2014 09:50:59	1483d 15h 11m 17s	HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently - 270 bytes in 0.104 second response time



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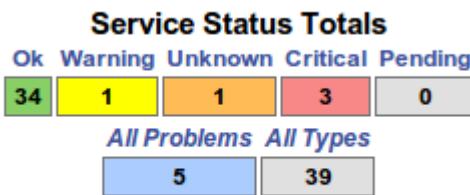
Host

```
define host{  
    host_name          remotehost  
    alias              some Remote Host  
    address            192.168.1.50  
    contacts           admin  
    max_check_attempts 3  
    check_period       24x7  
    notification_interval 60  
    notification_period 24x7  
}
```

Basics

Service

- Its a service that runs on the host.
- Actual service on the host like POP, SMTP, HTTP, etc.)
- Metric associated with the host (response to a ping, number of logged in users, free disk space, etc.



Basics

Service

Host ↑↓	Status ↑↓	Last Check ↑↓	Duration ↑↓	Status Information
Firewall	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:06:54	0d 0h 6m 4s+
NOAA	 	UP	01-02-2012 15:44:09	1169d 13h 55m 50s HTTP OK HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 99753 bytes in 0.478 seconds
Router	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:07:08	0d 0h 6m 4s+ OK - 127.0.0.1: rta 0.033ms, lost 0%
localhost	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:07:29	1661d 7h 53m 31s OK - 127.0.0.1: rta 0.049ms, lost 0%
secure.nagios.com	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:05:35	1496d 5h 29m 24s HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 302 Found - 530 bytes in 0.063 second response time
vs1.nagios.org	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:03:26	1517d 23h 38m 34s OK - vs1.nagios.org: rta 0.324ms, lost 0%
www.acme.com	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:04:08	1483d 16h 28m 9s OK - 216.27.178.28: rta 53.859ms, lost 0%
www.chaoticmoon.com	 	UP	08-29-2014 11:04:35	1484d 4h 5m 27s HTTP OK: HTTP/1.1 200 OK - 50640 bytes in 0.242 second response time



Basics

Service

```
define service {  
    host_name          linux-server  
    service_description check-disk-sda1  
    check_command      check-disk!/dev/sda1  
    max_check_attempts 5  
    check_interval     5  
    retry_interval     3  
    check_period       24x7  
    notification_interval 30  
    notification_period 24x7  
    notification_options w,c,r  
    contact_groups     admins  
}
```

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Contacts

Identify someone who should be contacted in the event of a problem.

```
define contact{
    contact_name           admin
    alias                  admin
    host_notifications_enabled 1
    service_notifications_enabled 1
    service_notification_period 24x7
    host_notification_period 24x7
    service_notification_options w,u,c,r
    host_notification_options d,u,r
    service_notification_commands notify-by-email
    host_notification_commands host-notify-by-email
    email                  admin@organisation.com
    address1               abc.def@organisation.com
}
```

Basics

Commands

```
define command{  
    name          check_http  
    command_name  check_http  
    command_line  $USER1$/check_http -I $HOSTADDRESS$ $ARG1$  
}
```

```
define host {  
    ..  
    address 192.168.1.50  
    ..  
}
```

```
define service {  
    ..  
    check_command  check-disk!/dev/sda1  
    ..  
}
```

Basics

Time Period

Valid times for notifications and service checks.

```
define timeperiod{  
    timeperiod_name        nonworkhours  
    alias                  Non-Work Hours  
    sunday                00:00-24:00 week  
    monday                00:00-09:00,17:00-24:00  
    tuesday               00:00-09:00,17:00-24:00  
    wednesday              00:00-09:00,17:00-24:00  
    thursday               00:00-09:00,17:00-24:00  
    friday                00:00-09:00,17:00-24:00  
    saturday               00:00-24:00  
}
```

Event Handlers

Event handlers are optional system commands (scripts or executables) that are run whenever a host or service state change occurs.

- Restarting a failed service
- Entering a trouble ticket into a helpdesk system
- Logging event information to a database
- Cycling power on a host



Event Handlers

Event handlers are executed when a service or host:

- Is in a SOFT problem state
- Initially goes into a HARD problem state
- Initially recovers from a SOFT or HARD problem state

```
define service {  
    ..  
    event_handler command_name  
    event_handler_enabled [0/1]  
    ..  
}
```

Basics

Other Blocks

- contactgroup
- servicegroup
- servicedependency
- serviceescalation
- serviceextinfo
- hostdependency
- hostescalation
- hostextinfo

Monitoring Services

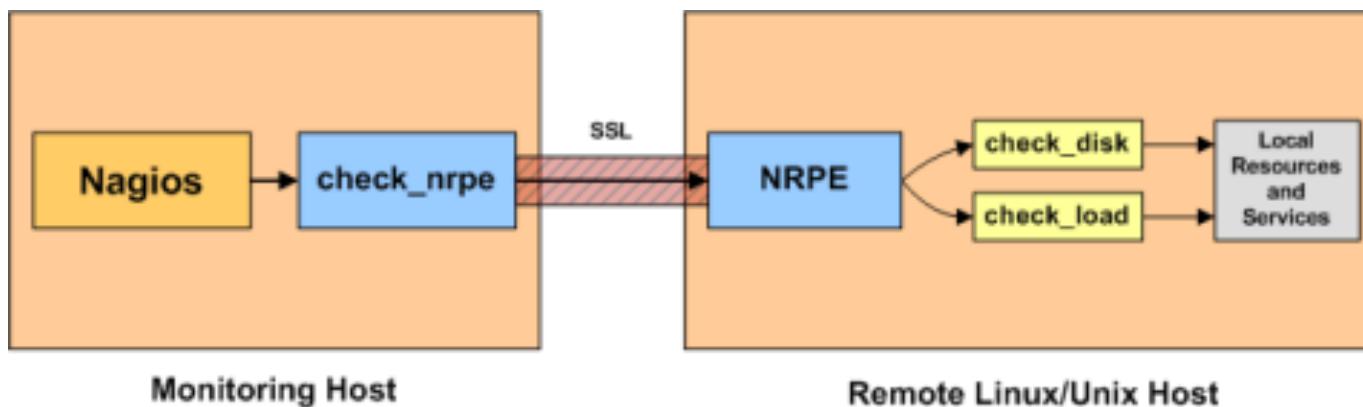
Nagios can be used to monitor Public and Private Services

- Private Services
 - CPU load
 - Memory usage
 - Disk usage
 - Logged in users
 - Running processes
- Publicly available services that are provided by Linux servers
 - HTTP
 - FTP
 - SSH
 - SMTP



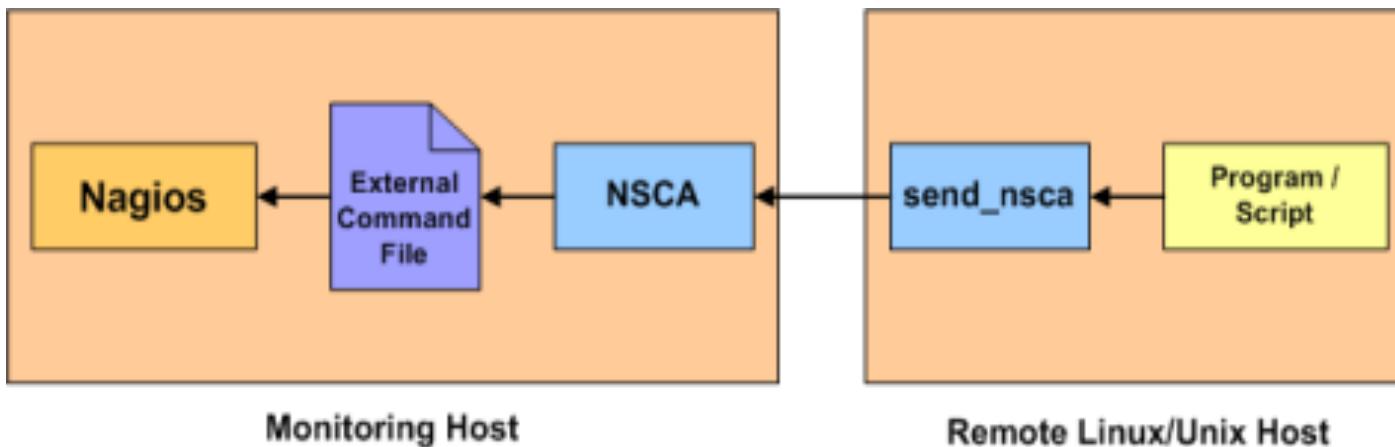
Monitoring Private Services

- Plugins/Addons are mostly used for monitoring private services.
- NRPE addon is installed on the target servers (Nagios Remote Plugin Executor)
- Its is an addon that allows you to execute plugins on remote Linux/Unix hosts



Monitoring Private Services

- NCSA addon (Nagios Service Check Adapter)
- Allows you to send passive check results from remote Linux/Unix to the Nagios daemon running on the monitoring server.
- This is very useful in distributed and redundant/failover monitoring setups.



Monitoring Public Services

- Check plugins first @ Nagios Exchange
- Walk through
 - Create host in file within cfg dir
 - Define Service for each process/service that needs to be monitored.
 - Service uses pre-defined/custom defined commands.
 - Define contacts who would receive notifications and take action.

State Types

- Based on variable *max_check_attempts*
- The SOFT state is logged, when
 - Number of checks haven't completed yet
- When a service or host recovers from a soft error. This is considered a soft recovery.

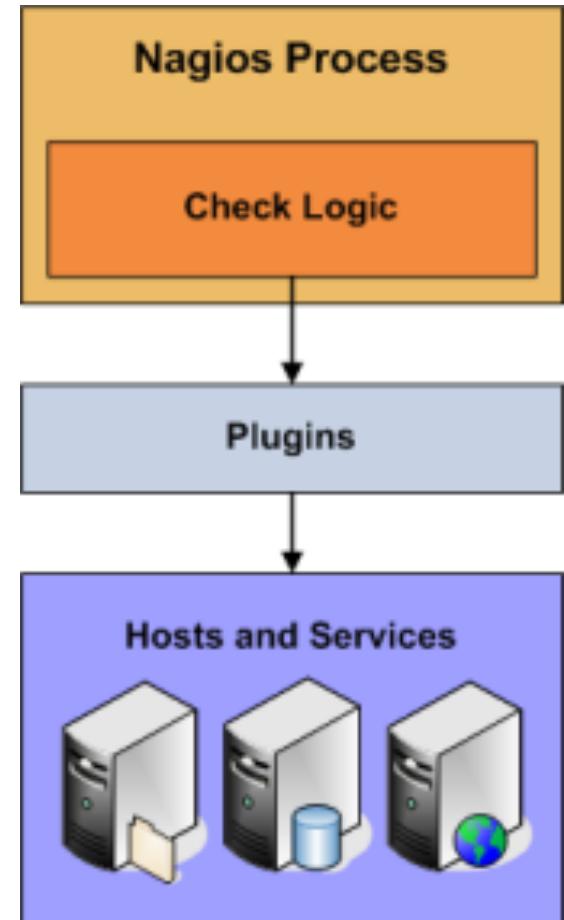
State Types

- HARD state is logged, when
 - Number of checks have completed
- When a host or service transitions from one hard error state to another error state (e.g. WARNING to CRITICAL).
 - ex. Running to Down
- When a service check results in a non-OK state and its corresponding host is either DOWN or UNREACHABLE.
- When a host or service recovers from a hard error state. This is considered to be a hard recovery.
- Contacts are notified of the host or service problem or recovery.

Active / Passive Checks

Active Checks

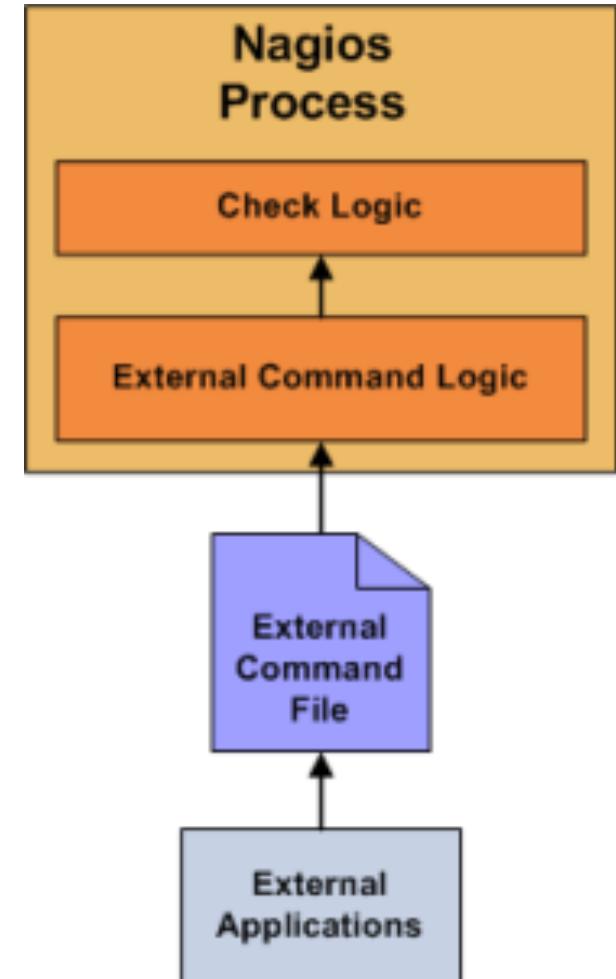
- Initiated by the Nagios process
- Ran on a regularly scheduled basis



Active / Passive Checks

Passive Checks

- Passive checks are initiated and performed by external applications/processes
- Passive check results are submitted to Nagios for processing
- Used for
 - Checks that are asynchronous in nature
 - Located behind a firewall and cannot be checked actively from the monitoring host



Nagios in Action



Demo Time : <http://nagioscore.demos.nagios.com/>

Reports

- Availability Report

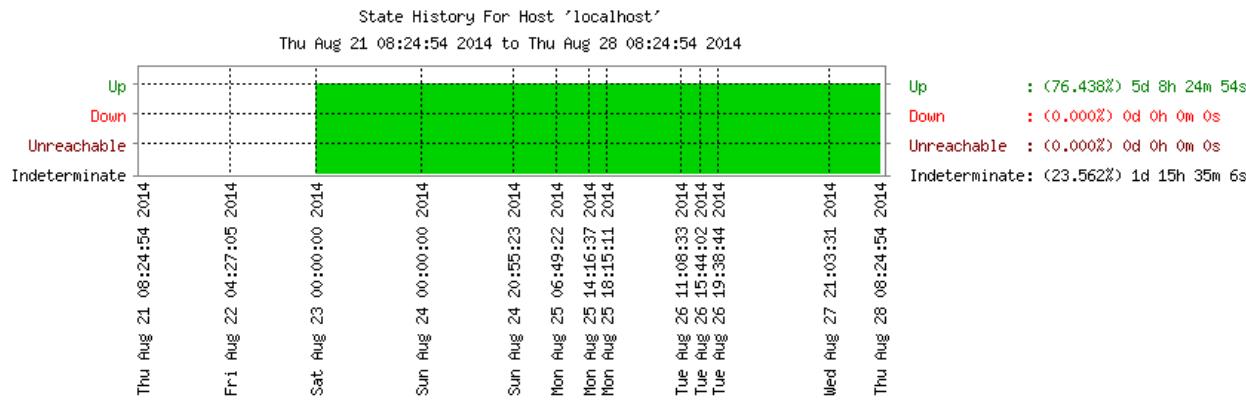
Report for uptime and services

Hostgroup 'all' Host State Breakdowns:

Host	% Time Up	% Time Down	% Time Unreachable	% Time Undetermined
localhost	76.405% (100.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	23.595%
wordpress-machine	22.756% (99.811%)	0.043% (0.189%)	0.000% (0.000%)	77.201%
wordpress-second	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	0.000% (0.000%)	100.000%
Average	33.053% (66.604%)	0.014% (0.063%)	0.000% (0.000%)	66.932%

- Trends Report

Graphical breakdown of state of particular host, service.



Reports

- Alert History Report

Record of historical alerts

August 26, 2014 21:00

```

[▼] [2014-08-26 21:37:21] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:28:00] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=12264)
[▼] [2014-08-26 21:28:00] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:22:34] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=12057)
[▼] [2014-08-26 21:21:29] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:16:42] SERVICE ALERT: wordpress-second;Cheking LOAD;OK;HARD;4;OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
[!] [2014-08-26 21:15:42] SERVICE ALERT: wordpress-second;Cheking LOAD;CRITICAL;HARD;4;(Return code of 255 is out of bounds)
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:15:42] SERVICE ALERT: wordpress-machine;Cheking LOAD;OK;HARD;4;OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:14:52] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=11736)
[▼] [2014-08-26 21:14:52] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:12:31] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=11580)
[▼] [2014-08-26 21:12:31] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[▲] [2014-08-26 21:05:29] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=11387)
[▼] [2014-08-26 21:05:29] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...

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[▲] [2014-08-26 20:57:06] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=10872)
[▼] [2014-08-26 20:57:06] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[▲] [2014-08-26 20:51:12] Nagios 3.5.1 starting... (PID=10665)
[▼] [2014-08-26 20:51:12] Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
[?] [2014-08-26 20:50:33] SERVICE ALERT: wordpress-second;Cheking LOAD;UNKNOWN;HARD;4;(No output returned from plugin)
[?] [2014-08-26 20:49:33] SERVICE ALERT: wordpress-second;Cheking LOAD;UNKNOWN;SOFT;3;(No output returned from plugin)
[?] [2014-08-26 20:49:13] SERVICE ALERT: wordpress-machine;Cheking LOAD;UNKNOWN;HARD;4;(No output returned from plugin)

```



Reports

- Alert Summary Report

Displaying most recent 25 of 29 total matching alerts

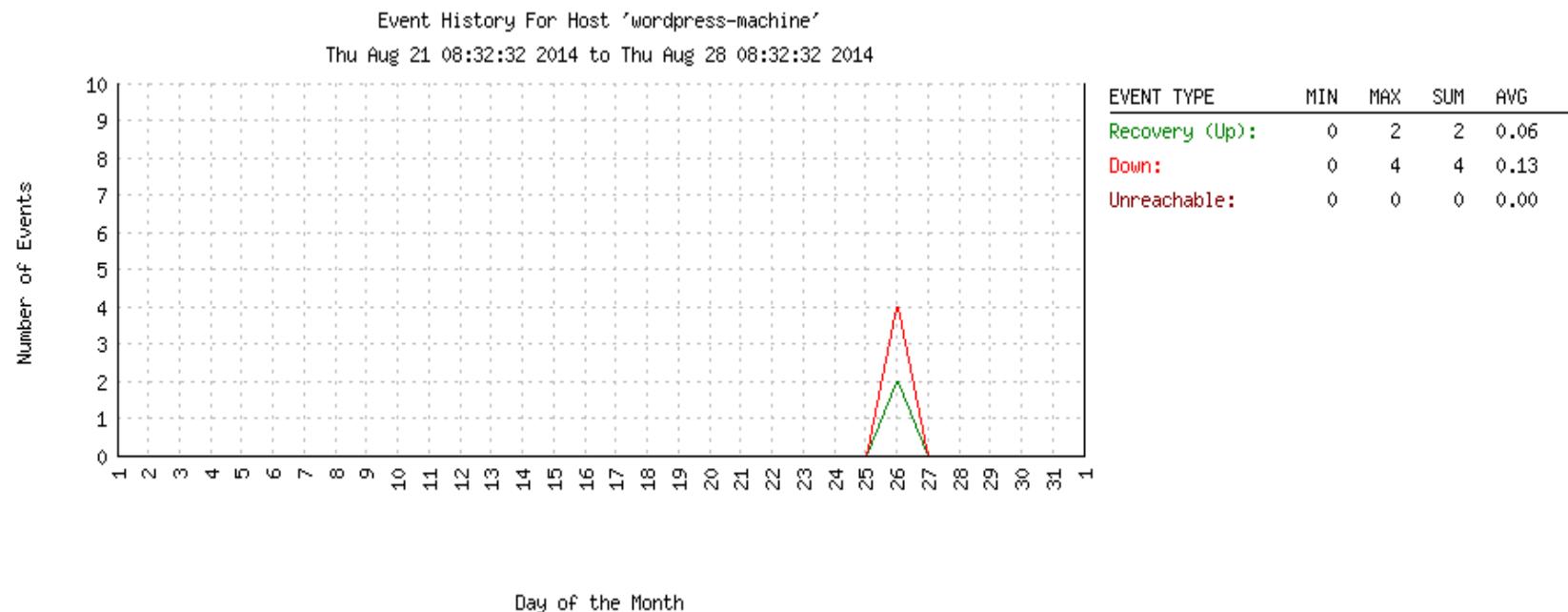
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2014-08-26 21:16:42	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	OK	HARD	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
2014-08-26 21:15:42	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	CRITICAL	HARD	(Return code of 255 is out of bounds)
2014-08-26 21:15:42	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	OK	HARD	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
2014-08-26 20:50:33	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	HARD	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:49:33	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	SOFT	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:49:13	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	HARD	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:48:33	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	SOFT	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:48:13	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	SOFT	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:47:33	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	SOFT	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:47:13	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	SOFT	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 20:46:13	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	SOFT	(No output returned from plugin)
2014-08-26 19:59:54	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	OK	HARD	SSH OK - OpenSSH_5.9p1 Debian-5ubuntu1.4 (protocol 2.0)
2014-08-26 19:58:24	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	OK	HARD	SSH OK - OpenSSH_5.9p1 Debian-5ubuntu1.4 (protocol 2.0)
2014-08-26 19:44:54	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	HARD	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:43:54	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	SOFT	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:43:24	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	HARD	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:42:54	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	SOFT	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:42:24	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	SOFT	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:41:54	Service Alert	wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	SOFT	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:41:24	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	SOFT	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 19:40:24	Service Alert	wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	SOFT	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
2014-08-26 18:07:48	Host Alert	wordpress-machine	N/A	UP	HARD	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.59 ms



Reports

- Alert Histogram Report

Frequency graph of host and service alerts



Reports

- Notification Report

Provides historical record of notifications sent to contacts

File: /var/log/nagios3/nagios.log

Host	Service	Type	Time	Contact	Notification Command	Information
wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	OK	2014-08-26 21:16:42	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	OK	2014-08-26 21:16:42	root	notify-service-by-email	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	CRITICAL	2014-08-26 21:15:42	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	(Return code of 255 is out of bounds)
wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	CRITICAL	2014-08-26 21:15:42	root	notify-service-by-email	(Return code of 255 is out of bounds)
wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	OK	2014-08-26 21:15:42	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	OK	2014-08-26 21:15:42	root	notify-service-by-email	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	2014-08-26 20:50:33	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	(No output returned from plugin)
wordpress-second	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	2014-08-26 20:50:33	root	notify-service-by-email	(No output returned from plugin)
wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	2014-08-26 20:49:13	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	(No output returned from plugin)
wordpress-machine	Chekking LOAD	UNKNOWN	2014-08-26 20:49:13	root	notify-service-by-email	(No output returned from plugin)
wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	OK	2014-08-26 19:59:54	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	SSH OK - OpenSSH_5.9p1 Debian-5ubuntu1.4 (protocol 2.0)
wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	OK	2014-08-26 19:59:54	root	notify-service-by-email	SSH OK - OpenSSH_5.9p1 Debian-5ubuntu1.4 (protocol 2.0)
wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	OK	2014-08-26 19:58:24	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	SSH OK - OpenSSH_5.9p1 Debian-5ubuntu1.4 (protocol 2.0)
wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	OK	2014-08-26 19:58:24	root	notify-service-by-email	SSH OK - OpenSSH_5.9p1 Debian-5ubuntu1.4 (protocol 2.0)
wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	2014-08-26 19:44:54	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
wordpress-second	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	2014-08-26 19:44:54	root	notify-service-by-email	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	2014-08-26 19:43:24	hitesh	notify-service-by-email	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
wordpress-machine	Chekking SSH Service	CRITICAL	2014-08-26 19:43:24	root	notify-service-by-email	CRITICAL - Socket timeout after 10 seconds
wordpress-machine	N/A	HOST UP	2014-08-26 18:07:48	hitesh	notify-host-by-email	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.59 ms
wordpress-machine	N/A	HOST UP	2014-08-26 18:07:48	root	notify-host-by-email	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.59 ms
wordpress-machine	N/A	HOST DOWN	2014-08-26 18:03:28	hitesh	notify-host-by-email	PING CRITICAL - Packet loss = 100%
wordpress-machine	N/A	HOST DOWN	2014-08-26 18:03:28	root	notify-host-by-email	PING CRITICAL - Packet loss = 100%

Summary

- Infra monitoring
- Anomaly Outage detection
- Automatic Problem remedy
- Schedule Downtime
- Outage Alerts
- Alert Escalations
- Historical Reporting
- Maintenance Planning

Advice for Beginners

- Relax - it's going to take some time.
- Use the quickstart instructions.
- Read the documentation.
- visiting the Nagios Support Forum at <http://support.nagios.com/forum/>.

Next Steps

- Get your hands dirty
- Get training
Live / Self paced training
- Get certified
Nagios Certified Professional
Nagios Certified Administrator
- Use it to Monitor your infra.

References

- [Nagios Documentation](#)
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