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CASE STUDY – 15

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Objective: To Set up a Kubernetes-based application with basic monitoring.

Key Technologies: Kubernetes, Google Cloud Console, and Nagios.

Problem Statement: "Deploy a basic application (such as an Nginx server) on a Kubernetes cluster using Google Cloud Console, and monitor its status with Nagios."

Tasks:

- Deploy the Nginx server on a Kubernetes cluster using Google Cloud Console.
- Install and configure Nagios to monitor the Nginx pod's status.
- Ensure that Nagios can detect the Nginx pod's running status and notify when it is unavailable.

Note:

Due to the discontinuation of Kubernetes support in AWS Cloud9, this experiment uses Google Cloud Console, which offers a more robust platform for Kubernetes deployments and easier integration with monitoring tools like Nagios.

1. Introduction

In modern cloud computing, container orchestration is essential for ensuring scalability, availability, and fault tolerance. This case study examines the process of deploying an Nginx server on a Kubernetes cluster while using Nagios to monitor the application's health, focusing on the broader implications for cloud-native infrastructure.

2. Theoretical Overview

2.1 Containerization and Orchestration

Containerization packages an application and its dependencies into a lightweight, isolated environment, allowing consistent performance across various stages—development, testing, and production. Kubernetes, an open-source orchestration platform, automates the deployment and scaling of containerized applications, ensuring optimal resource use and high reliability.

Key Concepts:

- Containers: Isolated environments for applications.
- Orchestration: Managing multiple containers to ensure smooth operation across distributed systems.
- Microservices Architecture: An approach where applications are divided into loosely coupled services, improving modularity and scalability.

2.2 Monitoring in Distributed Systems

Monitoring plays a vital role in maintaining application performance. In distributed environments like Kubernetes, traditional monitoring methods may be insufficient due to the dynamic nature of containerized applications. Nagios, a popular open-source tool, is capable of tracking application health, availability, and performance through customizable checks and alerts.

Key Concepts:

- Health Checks: Regular assessments of application and service status.
- Alerts: Notifications triggered by specific conditions indicating potential issues.
- Service-Level Objectives (SLOs): Metrics that define expected performance and reliability levels.

3. Methodology

3.1 Environment Setup

- 1. Cloud Provider Choice:
 - Due to the discontinuation of AWS Cloud9 for Kubernetes, Google Cloud Console was chosen for deploying and managing the Kubernetes cluster.
- 2. Kubernetes Cluster Creation:
 - A Kubernetes cluster was created in Google Cloud Console, following recommended practices for setup and management.

3.2 Application Deployment

- 1. Nginx Deployment:
- The Nginx server was deployed using Kubernetes deployment manifests, which specify the application's desired state, including replicas, container images, and service configuration.
- 2. Service Exposure:
- The Nginx server was exposed via a LoadBalancer service, allowing external access to the application.

3.3 Monitoring Setup

- 1. Nagios Installation:
- Nagios was installed on a separate virtual machine, adhering to its installation and configuration documentation.
- 2. Monitoring Configuration:
- Nagios was set up to monitor the Nginx server by defining checks that assess the application's availability and performance. Custom commands were used to run HTTPbased health checks. 3.

Alerting Mechanism:

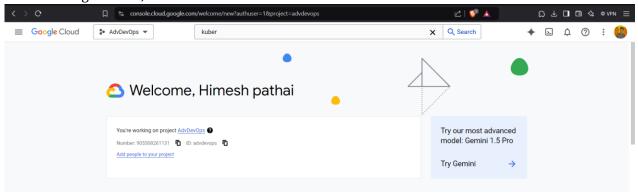
 Nagios was configured to send email alerts when the Nginx server became unreachable, ensuring timely notifications for the operations team.

4.Steps performed:

Step 1:Make a account on Google cloud console:

https://console.cloud.google.com/

After making account, Screen will be as shown below:



Step2:Now you need to make a new project:



Step 3:Install Google cloud sdk

https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/GoogleCloudSDKInstaller.exe From this link

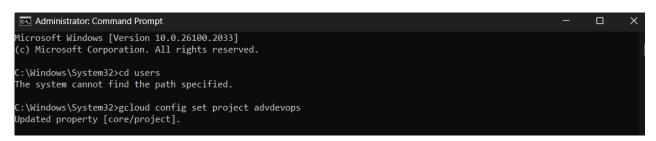


Step 4:

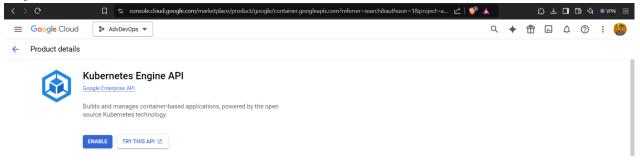
Authenticate your account



gcloud auth login Set your GCP project gcloud config set project <PROJECT_ID> gcloud config set project advdevops



Step 5:Enable Kubernetes API:



Step 6:use gcloud to create a GKE cluster from your terminal gcloud container clusters create my-cluster --num-nodes=3 --zone us-central1-a





Step 6:

gcloud container clusters get-credentials my-cluster --zone us-central1-a Connect to GKE Cluster

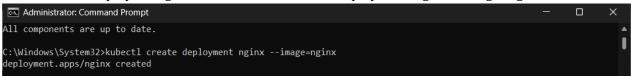
Get cluster credentials to interact with the Kubernetes cluster

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C:\Windows\System32>gcloud container clusters get-credentials my-cluster --zone us-central1-a
Fetching cluster endpoint and auth data.
CRITICAL: ACTION REQUIRED: gke-gcloud-auth-plugin, which is needed for continued use of kubectl, was not found or is not executable. Install gke-gcloud-auth-plugin for use with kubectl by following https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/how-to/cluster-access-for-kubectl#install_plugin kubeconfig entry generated for my-cluster.
```

Step 7:

Create Nginx Deployment

Use kubectl to deploy an Nginx server: kubectl create deployment nginx --image=nginx



Step 8:Expose the Nginx deployment as a service kubectl expose deployment nginx --type=LoadBalancer --port=80

This creates a load balancer that allows you to access the Nginx application externally.

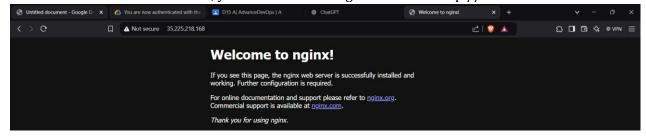


Step 9:

To get the external IP address of the service: kubectl get services



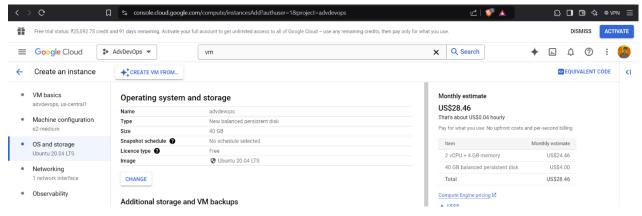
Once the external IP is available, you can access the Nginx server at http://34.135.244.240



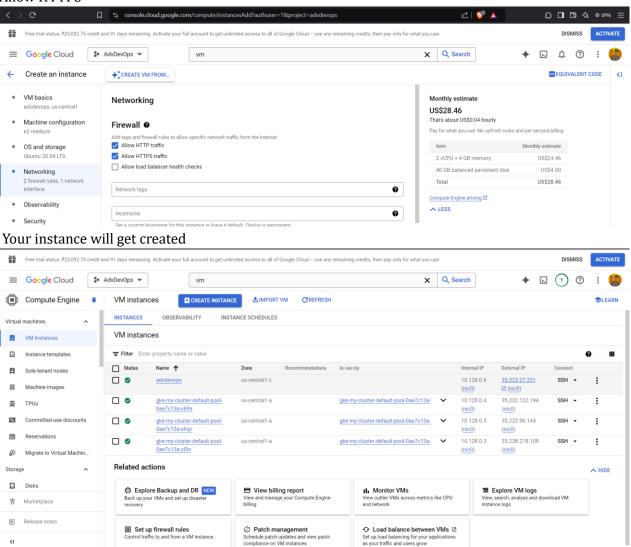
Step10: Create a VM Instance:



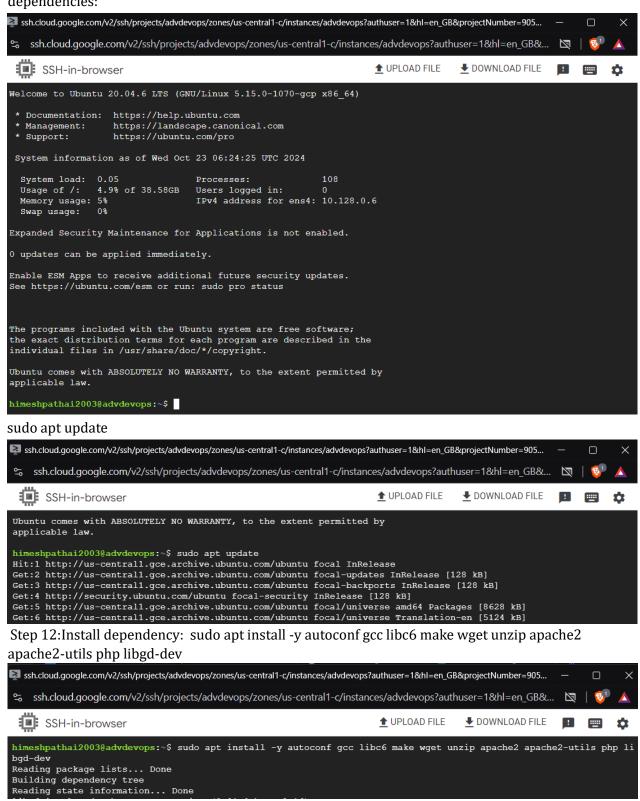
Do these configurations;



Allow HTTP Allow HTTPS



Step 11:Connect through SSH into the VM and install the necessary dependencies:



Step 13:Download and install Nagios

- cd /tmp
- wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
- tar -xzf nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
- cd nagios-4.4.6
- ./configure --with-httpd-conf=/etc/apache2/sitesenabled
- make all

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himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp$ wget https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
--2024-10-23 06:33:30-- https://assets.nagios.com/downloads/nagioscore/releases/nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
Resolving assets.nagios.com (assets.nagios.com)... 45.79.49.120, 2600:3c00::f03c:92ff:fef7:45ce
Connecting to assets.nagios.com (assets.nagios.com)|45.79.49.120|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK Length: 11333414 (11M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz'
nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
                              100%[========
                                                                    =======>1 10.81M 38.0MB/s
                                                                                                         in 0.3s
2024-10-23 06:33:30 (38.0 MB/s) - 'nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz' saved [11333414/11333414]
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp$ tar -xzf nagios-4.4.6.tar.gz
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp$
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp$ cd nagios-4.4.6
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ ./configure --with-httpd-conf=/etc/apache2/sites-enabled
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
ssh.cloud.google.com/v2/ssh/projects/advdevops/zones/us-central1-c/instances/advdevops?authuser=1&hl=en_GB&projectNumber=905...
💲 ssh.cloud.google.com/v2/ssh/projects/advdevops/zones/us-central1-c/instances/advdevops?authuser=1&hl=en_GB&... 🔯
  SSH-in-browser
                                                                     ↑ UPLOAD FILE
                                                                                    DOWNLOAD FILE
                                                                                                      himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ make all
cd ./base && make
make[1]: Entering directory '/tmp/nagios-4.4.6/base'
gcc -Wall -I.. -g -O2 -DHAVE_CONFIG_H -DNSCORE -c -o nagios.o nagios.c
nagios.c: In function 'main':
nagios.c:611:4: warning: ignoring return value of 'asprintf', declared with attribute warn_unused_result [-Wunuse
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Step 14:Add groups: sudo useradd nagios sudo groupadd nagcmd sudo usermod -aG nagcmd nagios sudo usermod -aG nagcmd www-data

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Enjoy.

himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo useradd nagios
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo groupadd nagcmd
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo usermod -aG nagcmd nagios
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo usermod -aG nagcmd www-data
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$
```

Step 15:Perform rest steps for installing nagios: sudo make install sudo make install-init sudo make install-commandmode sudo make install-config sudo make install-webconf

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himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo make install
cd ./base && make install
make[1]: Entering directory '/tmp/nagios-4.4.6/base'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/bin
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo make install-init
/usr/bin/install -c -m 755 -d -o root -g root /lib/systemd/system
/usr/bin/install -c -m 755 -o root -g root startup/default-service /lib/systemd/system/nagios.service
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo make install-commandmode
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/var/rw
chmod g+s /usr/local/nagios/var/rw
*** External command directory configured ***
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo make install-config
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/nagios.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo make install-webconf
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 sample-config/httpd.conf /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/nagios.conf
if [ 0 -eq 1 ]; then \
         ln -s /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/nagios.conf /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/nagios.conf; \
*** Nagios/Apache conf file installed ***
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Step 16:

Create a Nagios admin user sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin

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himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin
New password:
Re-type new password:
Adding password for user nagiosadmin
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$
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Step 17:

Install the Nagios plugins:

cd /tmp

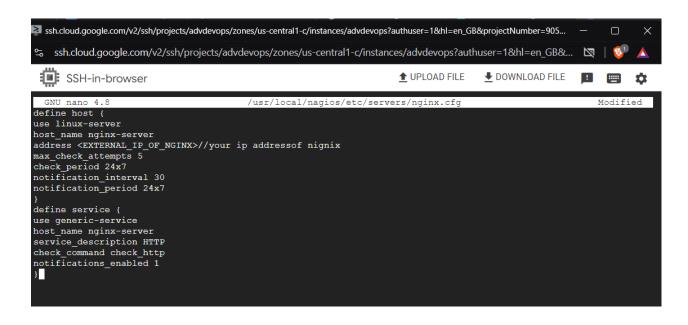
wget https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins2.3.3.tar.gz tar -xzf nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz cd nagios-plugins-2.3.3 ./configure make sudo make install

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nimeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-4.4.6$ cd /tmp
{\color{blue} himeshpathai 2003 @advdevops:/tmp\$ \ wget \ https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz}
--2024-10-23 06:40:41-- https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz
Resolving nagios-plugins.org (nagios-plugins.org)... 45.56.123.251
Connecting to nagios-plugins.org (nagios-plugins.org)|45.56.123.251|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 2782610 (2.7M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz'
in 0.2s
2024-10-23 06:40:41 (13.0 MB/s) - 'nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz' saved [2782610/2782610]
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp$ tar -xzf nagios-plugins-2.3.3.tar.gz
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp$ cd nagios-plugins-2.3.3
himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-plugins-2.3.3$ ./configure
checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install -c
checking whether build environment is same... yes
checking for a thread-safe mkdir -p... /usr/bin/mkdir -p
checking for gawk... gawk
checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes
checking whether to disable maintainer-specific portions of Makefiles... yes
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himeshpathai2003@advdevops:/tmp/nagios-plugins-2.3.3$ sudo make install
Making install in gl
make[1]: Entering directory '/tmp/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/gl'
make install-recursive
make[2]: Entering directory '/tmp/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/gl'
make[3]: Entering directory '/tmp/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/gl'
make[4]: Entering directory '/tmp/nagios-plugins-2.3.3/gl'
if test yes = no; then \
case 'linux-gnu' in \
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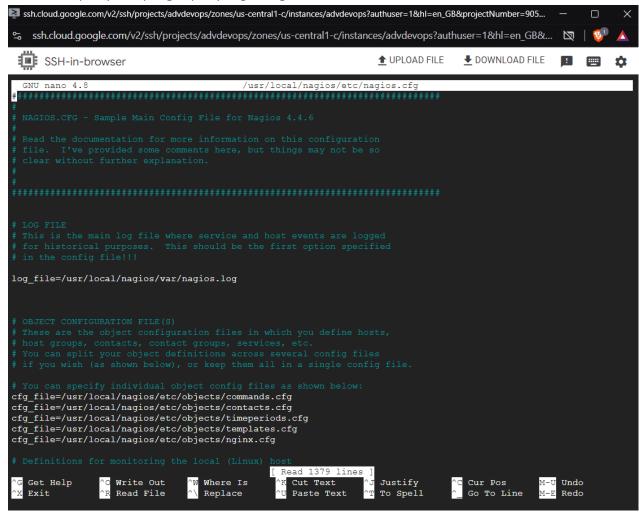
Step 19:Configure and make new file:

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sudo mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/etc/servers
sudo nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/servers/nginx.cfg
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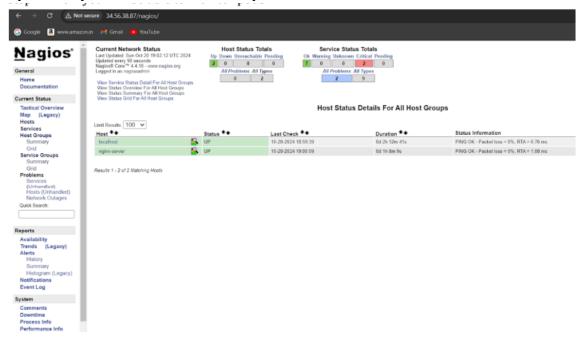


Step 20 Add this line cfg_ile=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/nginx.cfg In

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



Step 21:Now you will be able to monitor pods:



5.Conclusion:

The deployment of a basic Nginx server on a Kubernetes cluster, utilizing Google Cloud Console, was carried out successfully. This replaced the originally intended AWS Cloud9 environment, which was no longer supported for Kubernetes-based deployments. The process involved setting up a Kubernetes cluster, deploying the Nginx application, and configuring Nagios for monitoring the application's health.

1. Nginx Deployment:

An Nginx server was successfully deployed within the Kubernetes cluster, showcasing the platform's ability to efficiently manage containerized applications.

2. Nagios Configuration:

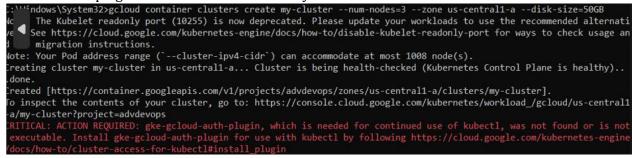
Nagios was installed and configured to monitor the Nginx pod's availability.

3. **Health Monitoring Verification:**

The monitoring system was thoroughly tested, with Nagios successfully detecting the Nginx pod's state.

Problems I Faced:

1. The google cloud plugin which I downloaded earlier was a depreciated one so I had to re download the plugin and authenticate it with my account



2. Another issue was the Swap Memory Error which was there there was no space left, which was disabled and was reading it as "Not Available"



- 3. While writing and creating the Nagios configuration file for Ngnix we must make sure the external IP address is mentioned correctly and file address is correctly mentioned in the main configuration file Of Nagios
- 4. Last error was in the Apache Server as I was opening the Nagios UI when I was clink on any element instead of displaying any information it was downloading a .cgi file, then I enabled the cgi modul in apache by "sudo a2enmod cgi" and restarted the apache "sudo systemctl restart apache2"