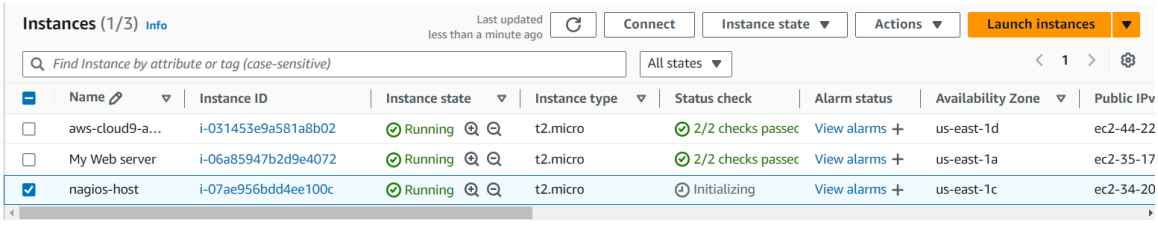
Aim: To Understand Continuous monitoring and Installation and configuration of Nagios Core, Nagios Plugins and NRPE (Nagios Remote Plugin Executor) on Linux Machine.

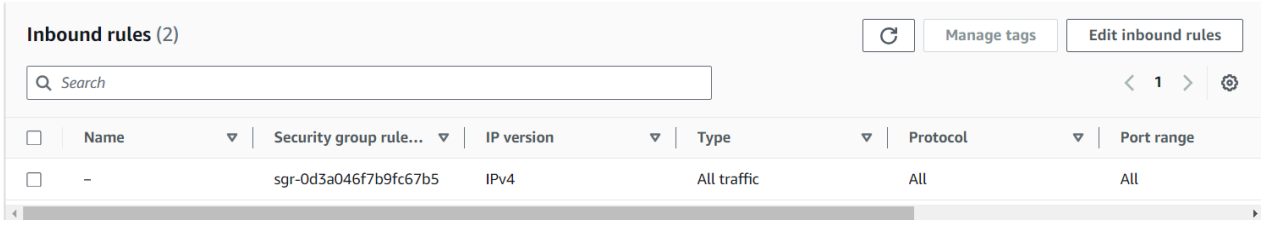
Prerequisites: AWS Free Tier

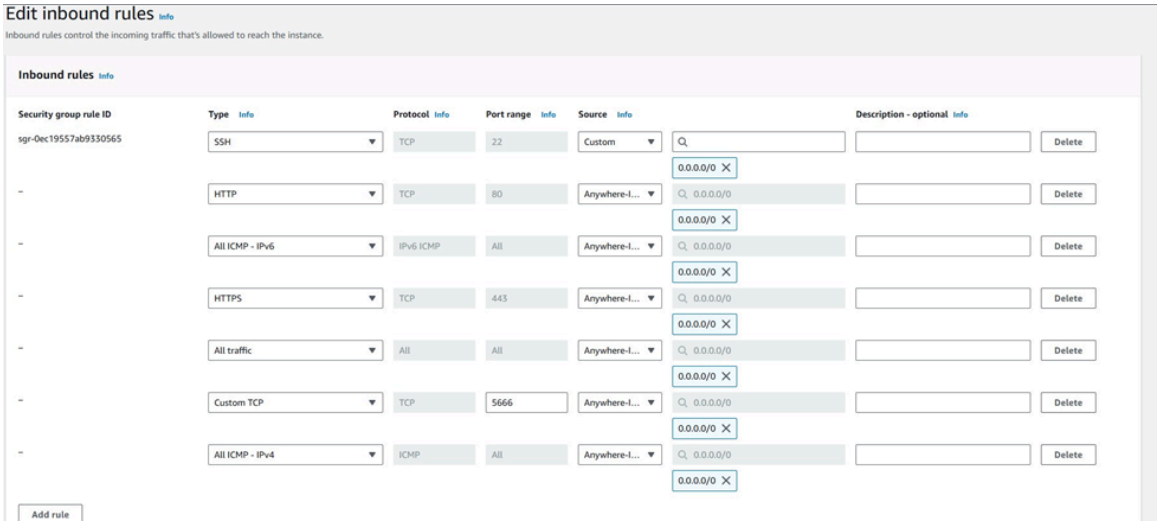
Steps:

1. Create an Amazon Linux EC2 Instance in AWS and name it - nagios-host



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





You have to edit the inbound rules of the specified Security Group for this.

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

4. Update the package indices and install the following packages using yum

   sudo yum update

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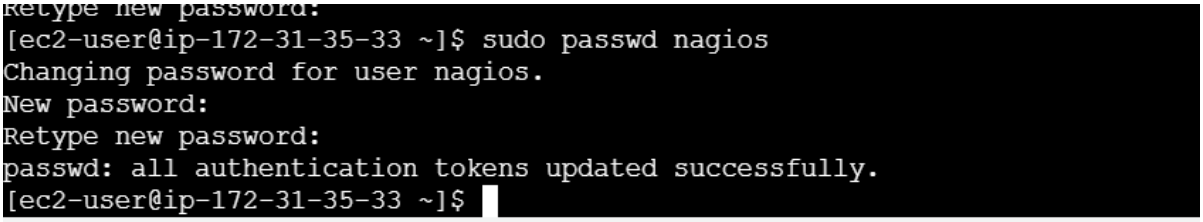
sudo yum install httpd php
sudo yum install gcc glibc glibc-common
sudo yum install gd gd-devel
```

5. Create a new Nagios User with its password. You'll have to enter the password twice for confirmation.

```
sudo adduser -m nagios
sudo passwd nagios
```



6. Create a new user group

```
sudo groupadd nagcmd
```

7. Use these commands so that you don't have to use sudo for Apache and Nagios

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

8. Create a new directory for Nagios downloads

```
mkdir ~/downloads
cd ~/downloads
```

9. Use wget to download the source zip files.

```
wget
```

http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/sourceforge/nagios/nagios-4.0.8.tar.gz

wget

http://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-35-33 downloads]$ wget http://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz
--2024-10-04 04:01:10--  http://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.0.3.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|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 2659772 (2.5M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz'

nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz               0%[                                                                                 ]       0  --.-KB/s
nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz              11%[========>                                                                        ] 287.47K  1.33MB/s
nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz             100%[=================================================================================>]   2.54M  6.88MB/s    in 0.4s

2024-10-04 04:01:10 (6.88 MB/s) - 'nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz' saved [2659772/2659772]
```

10. Use tar to unzip and change to that directory.

```
tar zxvf nagios-4.0.8.tar.gz
```

11. Run the configuration script with the same group name you previously created.

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

```
*** Configuration summary for nagios 4.0.8 08-12-2014 ***:

 General Options:
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        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:  ${prefix}/var/nagios.lock
   Check result directory:  ${prefix}/var/spool/checkresults
          Init directory:  /etc/rc.d/init.d
  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.
```

12. Compile the source code.

```
make all
```

13. 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
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-35-33 nagios-4.0.8]$ sudo make install-commandmode
/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 ***
```

14. Edit the config file and change the email address.

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

```
##############################################################################
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#
# CONTACTS
#
##############################################################################
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# 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 (defined above)
       alias                           Nagios Admin            ; Full name of user

       email                           nagios@localhost        ; <<***** CHANGE THIS TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ******
       }
```

15. Configure the web interface.

```
sudo make install-webconf
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-91-91 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/nagi
s.conf; \
fi

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

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-91-91 nagios-4.5.5]$
```

16. 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-172-31-91-91 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-172-31-91-91 nagios-4.5.5]$
```

17. Restart Apache

```
sudo service httpd restart
```

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

```
cd ~/downloads
tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.0.3.tar.gz
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-91-91 downloads]$ cd ~/downloads
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-91-91 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/
```

19. Compile and install plugins

```
cd nagios-plugins-2.0.3
./configure --with-nagios-user=nagios --with-nagios-group=nagios
make
sudo make install
```

20. Start Nagios

Add Nagios to the list of system services

```
sudo chkconfig --add nagios
sudo chkconfig nagios on
```

Verify the sample configuration files

```
sudo /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v
```

`/usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg` If there are no errors, you can go ahead and

start Nagios.

```
sudo service nagios start
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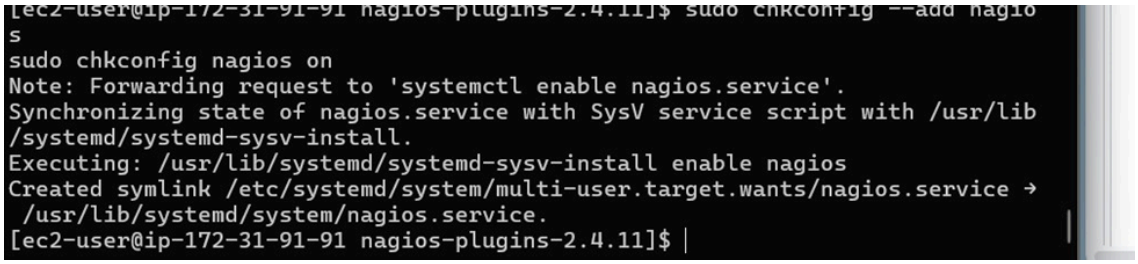
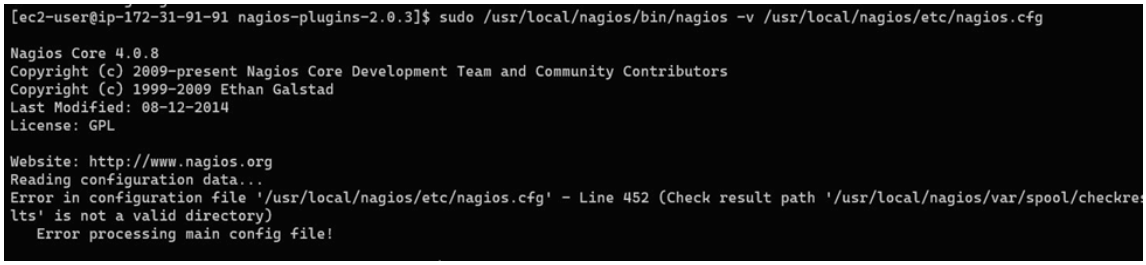


If facing error like this:

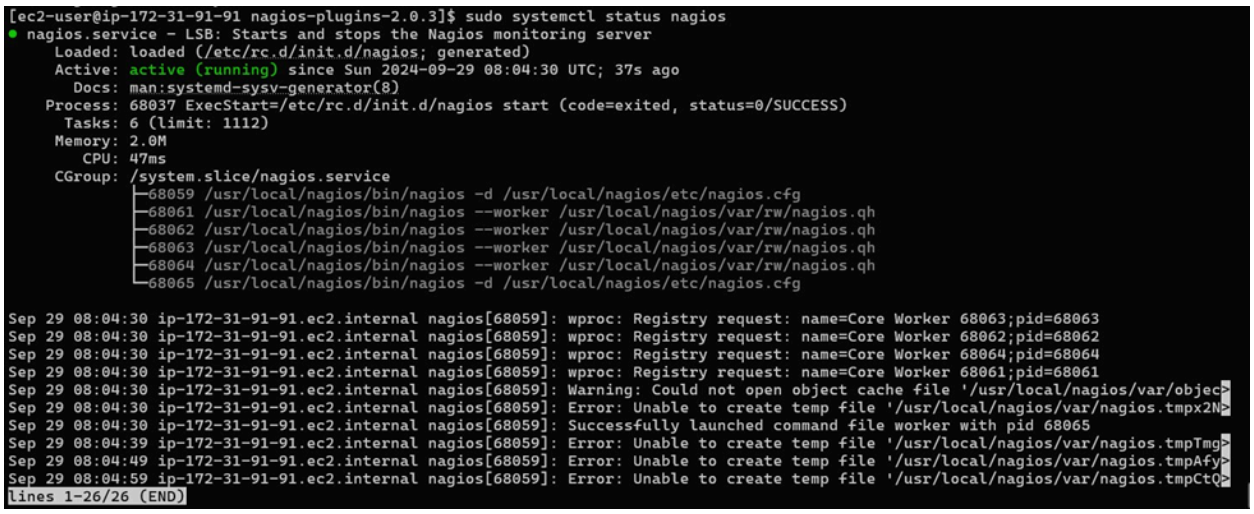


Run these commands:

sudo mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/var/spool/checkresults sudo chown nagios:nagios /usr/local/nagios/var/spool/checkresults sudo chmod 775 /usr/local/nagios/var/spool/checkresults

21. Check the status of Nagios

```
sudo systemctl status nagios
```



If you are facing error again:

Firstly check whether /usr/local/nagios/var/ is there or not. If yes.....

ls -ld /usr/local/nagios/var/

Change ownership: Set the correct ownership for the Nagios user and group:

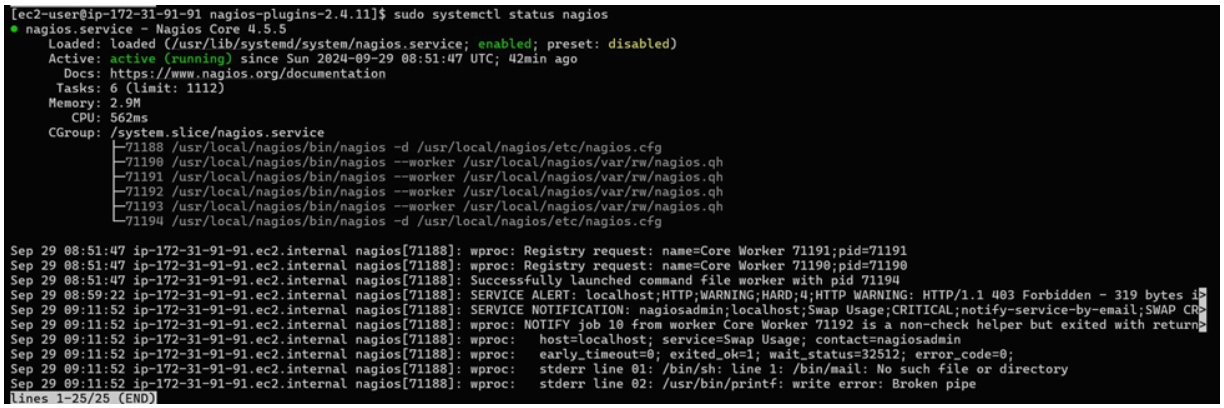
sudo chown -R nagios:nagcmd /usr/local/nagios/var

Set permissions: Ensure the directory has the right permissions:

sudo chmod -R 775 /usr/local/nagios/var

Restart Nagios: After adjusting the ownership and permissions, restart the Nagios service:

sudo systemctl restart nagios22. Go back to EC2 Console and copy the Public IP address of this instance



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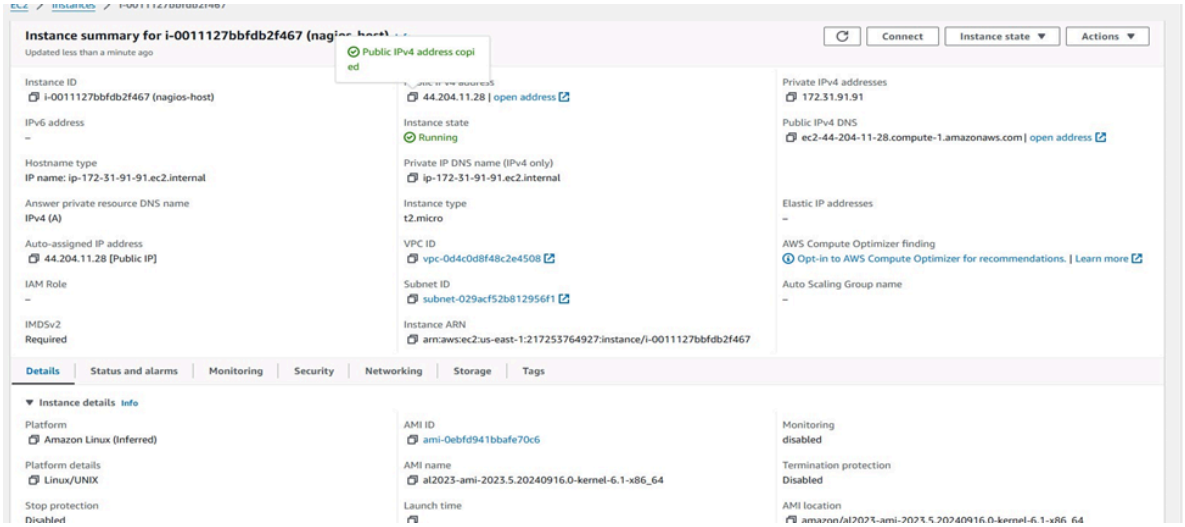
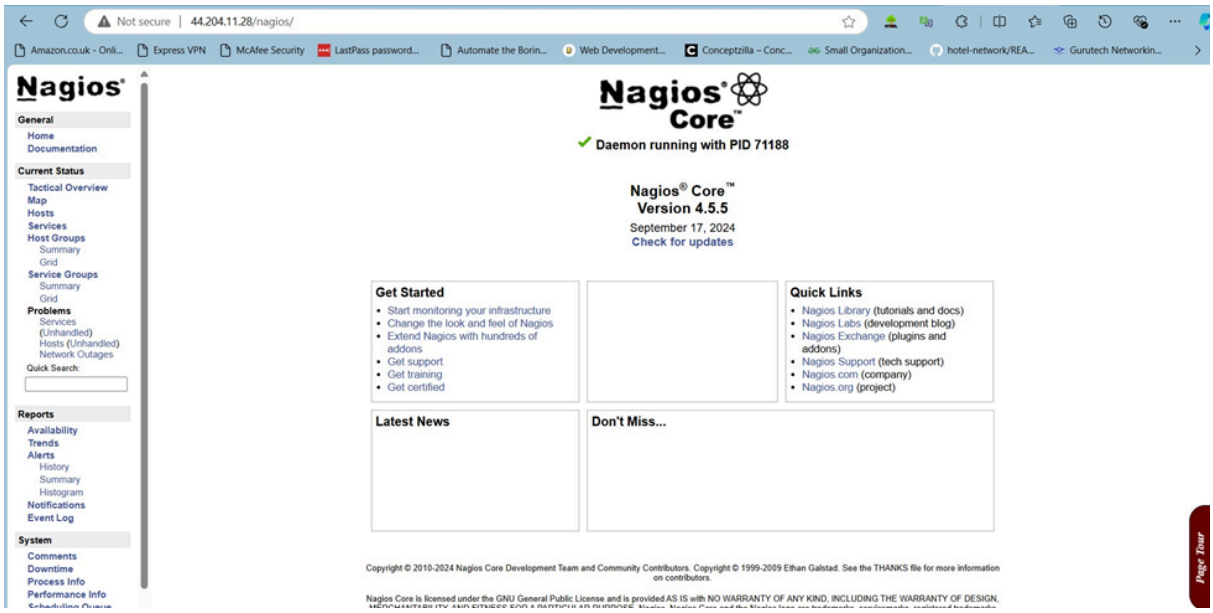


23. Open up your browser and look for **http://<your_public_ip_address>/nagios** Enter username as nagiosadmin and password which you set in Step 16.

24. After entering the correct credentials, you will see this page.



This means that Nagios was correctly installed and configured with its plugins so far.

Conclusion:

In this practical, we successfully installed and configured Nagios Core along with Nagios plugins and NRPE on an Amazon EC2 instance. We created a Nagios user, set up necessary permissions, and resolved common installation errors. Finally, we verified the setup by accessing the Nagios web interface, confirming that our monitoring system was fully operational.