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Do you have important databases you need to monitor? Or do you have a number of test databases you want to monitor without breaking the bank?

Let me help you.

Zabbix is a free, open source tool mainly used for monitoring infrastructure (servers, networks etc). Most infra-admins know the tool and chances are they're using it in your organisation. But when you look at the documentation, it doesn't say much about monitoring databases. Yet the tool can do this without much additional configuration or plug-ins.

In this session I'll take along on my journey from using Zabbix as an infra monitoring tool to a SQL monitoring tool. We'll start with the basics of monitoring and what to monitor. After that we'll dive a bit deeper and add a specific monitoring for SQL Server Wait Statistics. This concept can be applied to many, if not all, other areas of intere

Check out this session and you'll walk away with some news for your infrastructure friends in your organisation. And because we all love automation I'll provide you with some scripts that make it much easier for you to start building your own specific monitoring.



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- Baselines
- Issue detection
- History
- What is my instance doing



HU+, WHY?

- Proactive management and maintenance
- Tackle problems before they become an issue
- Explain past issues



WHR+

- ► Azure SQL DB != SQL Server
- Every database is different
- Different interpretations



Many metrics available, seperate Britney from Manowar

HIIM?

- SQL Server Management Studio or Azure Data Studio?
- ► There's the Azure portal...
- You can use (expensive) software
- You can try the TICK Stack
- Zabbix



MHR+ WILL YOU LERRN (HOFEFULLY)

- Zabbix can be cool
- Configuration isn't hard
- You can do it
- With some tinkering, you can do magical things
- ▶ There are some presents at the end!





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- Server infrastructure monitoring
- Runs on Linux

Graphical interface

Many templates from the community



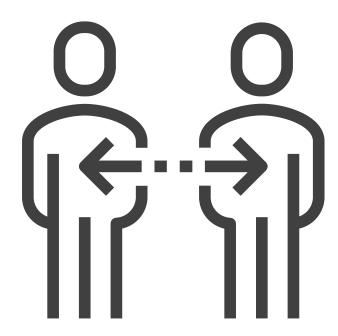
Free

- lt can execute remote scripts
- It has a proxy ability

Local agents collect the data



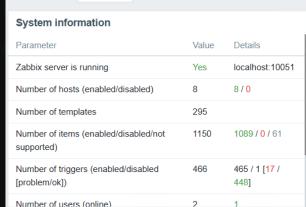
- Might already run in your organisation
- Prebuilt templates for SQL Server, Oracle and a lot more
- Easy to learn and create your own templates
- Show results on the dashboard



Global view



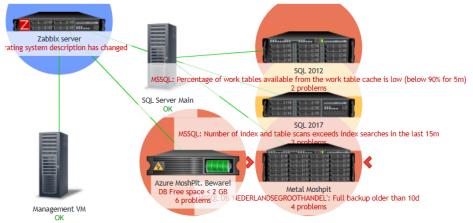
All dashboards / Global view

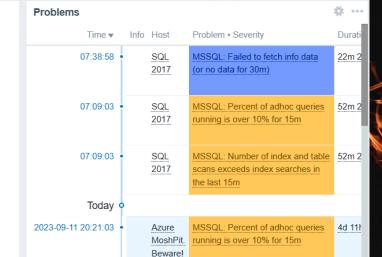






Local Hosting





INSTALLING AND CONFIGURING ZABBIX

- Installation guides are online
- Configure the firewall on the Linux machine
- Create user accounts with correct rights
- Create your SQL ODBC connection in Linux, take care who can access that folder!



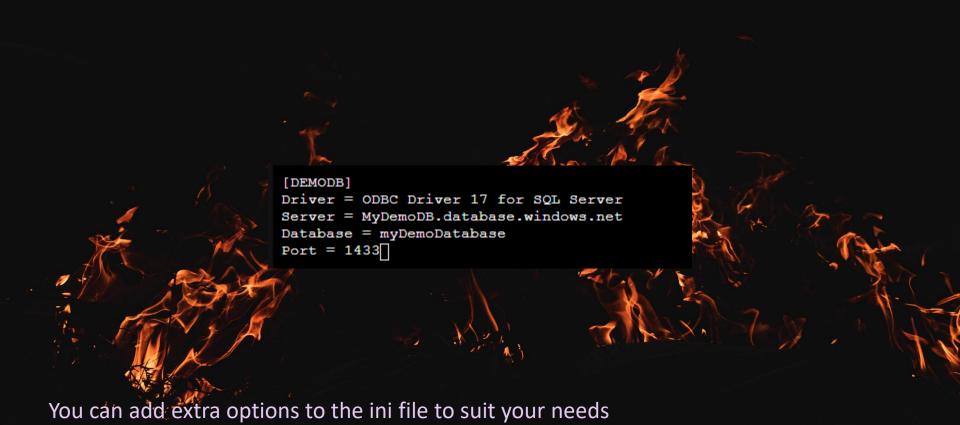


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sudo su
curl https://packages.microsoft.com/keys/microsoft.asc | apt-key add -
curl https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/20.04/prod.list > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/mssql-release.list
exit
sudo apt-get update
sudo ACCEPT_EULA=Y apt-get install -y msodbcsql17
# optional: for bcp and sqlcmd
sudo ACCEPT EULA=Y apt-get install -y mssql-tools
echo 'export PATH="$PATH:/opt/mssql-tools/bin"' >> ~/.bashrc
source ~/.bashrc
# optional: for unixODBC development headers
sudo apt-get install -y unixodbc-dev
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ini
# [DSN name]
[MSSQLTest]
Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
# Server = [protocol:]server[,port]
Server = tcp:localhost,1433
# Note:
# Port is not a valid keyword in the odbc.ini file
# for the Microsoft ODBC driver on Linux or macOS
```

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/connect/odbc/linux-mac/connection-string-keywords-and-data-source-names-dsns?view=sql-server-ver15

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- Most basic things are included
- Check the triggers. They might fire to fast. Or not
- The templates are incomplete, add your own metrics
- Check the configuration of the scripts



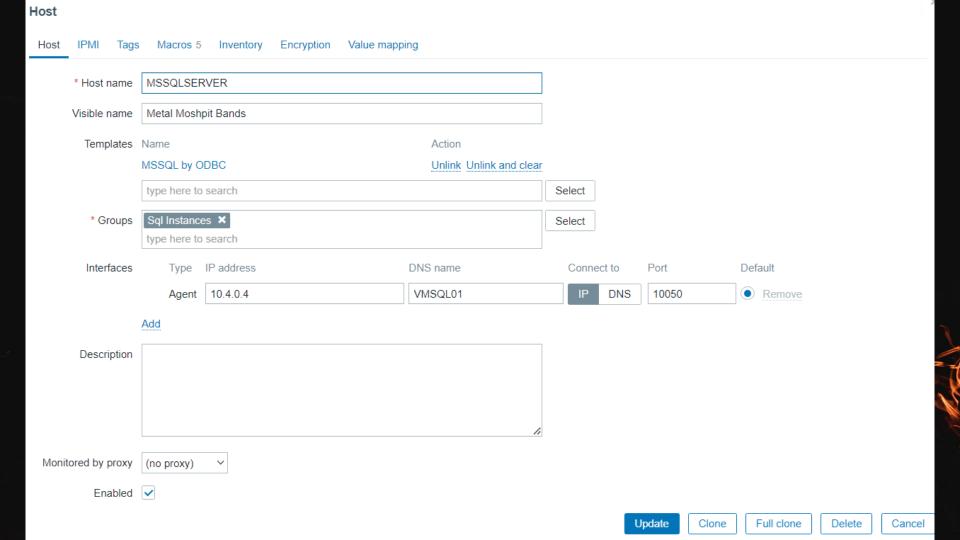


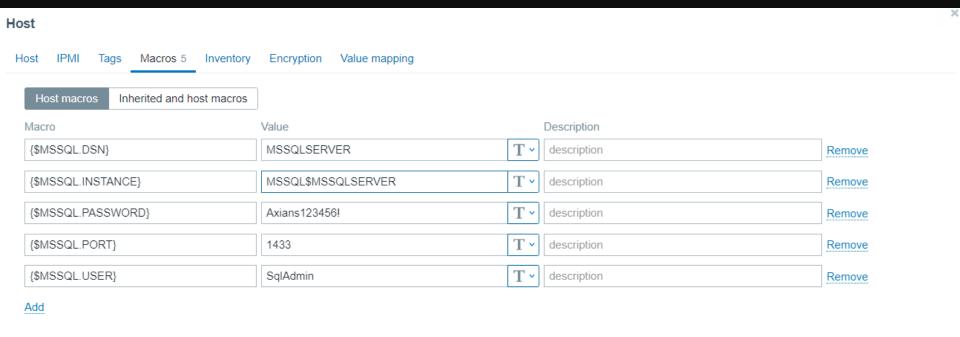
templates



Name A Axians SQL Performance Ignite by JMX MongoDB cluster by Zabbix Agent 2 MongoDB node by Zabbix Agent 2 MSSQL by ODBC MySQL by ODBC MySQL by Zabbix agent Oracle by Zabbix Agent 2 PostgreSQL PostgreSQL Agent 2







Update

Clone

Full clone

Delete

Cancel

Make sure your port number is correct in the ODBC.ini file!

ERROR MESSAGES FOR ON PREMISES

ERROR MESSAGE: CONNECTION FAILED: SQLSTATE[08001]: [MICROSOFT][ODBC DRIVER 17 FOR SQL SERVER]SSL PROVIDER: [ERROR:1425F102:SSL ROUTINES:SSL CHOOSE CLIENT VERSION:UNSUPPORTED PROTOCOL]DATABASE CONNECTION ERROR

- 1. INSTALL OPEN SSL HTTPS://WWW.HOWTOFORGE.COM/TUTORIAL/HOW-TO-INSTALL-OPENSSL-FROM-SOURCE-ON-LINUX/
- 2. EDIT /ETC/SSL/OPENSSL.CONF

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1st line in the file added openssl_conf = default_conf
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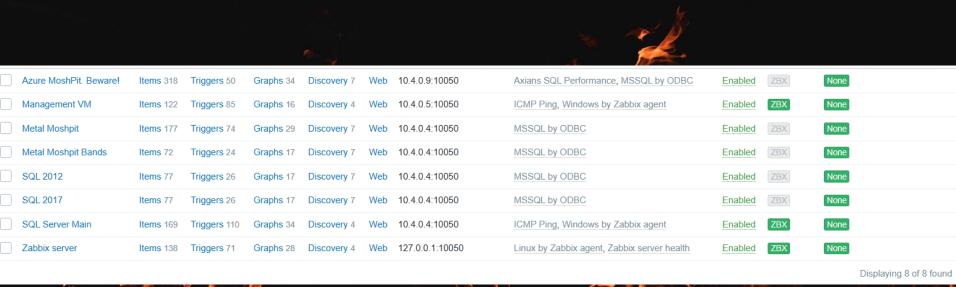
3. END OF FILE:

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[default_conf]
ssl_conf = ssl_sect

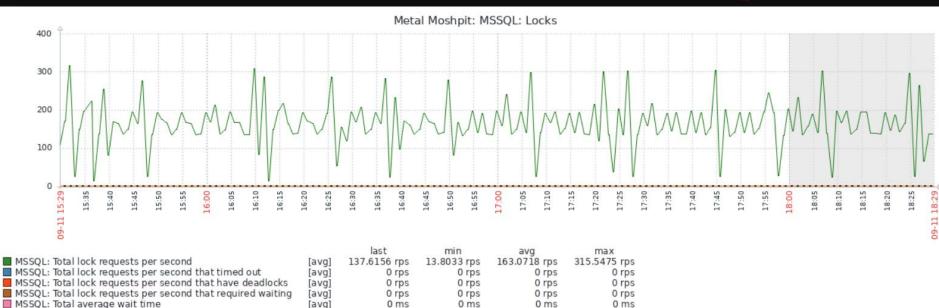
[ssl_sect]
system_default = system_default_sect

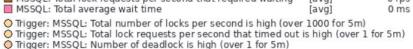
[system_default_sect]
MinProtocol = TLSv1
CipherString = DEFAULT@SECLEVEL=1
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- 4. SYSTEMCTL RESTART APACHE2
- 5. SYSTEMCTL RESTART ZABBIX-SERVER



Name ▲	Interface	Availability	Tags	Status	Latest data	Problems	Graphs	Dashboards	Web
Azure MoshPit. Beware!	10.4.0.9:10050	ZBX	class: database target: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	1 1 3 1	Graphs 34	Dashboards 5	Web
Management VM	10.4.0.5:10050	ZBX	class: os target: windows	Enabled	Latest data	Problems	Graphs 16	Dashboards 2	Web
Metal Moshpit	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database target: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	3 3	Graphs 29	Dashboards	Web
Metal Moshpit Bands	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database target: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	1	Graphs 17	Dashboards	Web
SQL 2012	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database target: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	1 1	Graphs 17	Dashboards	Web
SQL 2017	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: database target: mssql	Enabled	Latest data	2 1	Graphs 17	Dashboards	Web
SQL Server Main	10.4.0.4:10050	ZBX	class: os target: windows	Enabled	Latest data	Problems	Graphs 34	Dashboards 2	Web
Zabbix server	127.0.0.1:10050	ZBX	class: os class: software target: linux	Enabled	Latest data	1	Graphs 28	Dashboards 4	Web
								Displaying 8 o	of 8 found





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[DSN name] [SQLEXPRESS2012]

Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
Server = [protocol:]server[,port]

Server = tcp:10.4.0.4\SQLEXPRESS2012,49772

TrustServerCertificate=YES

[SQLEXPRESS2017]

Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server Server = tcp:10.4.0.4\SQLEXPRESS2017,49773

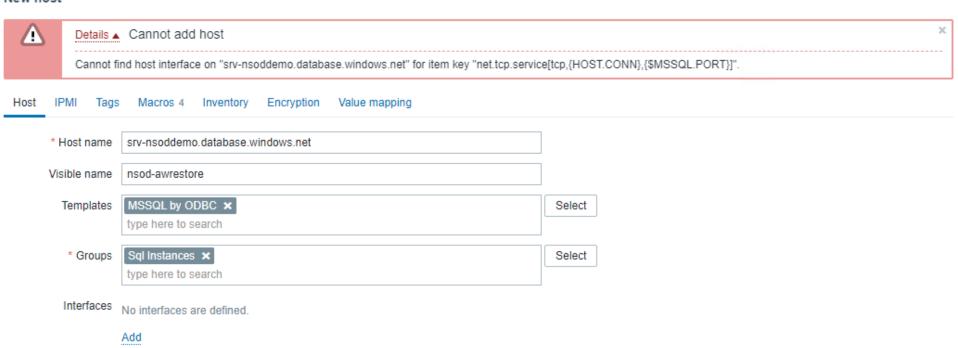
[SQL NSOD]

Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server Server = tcp:10.4.0.4\sql nsod,49857

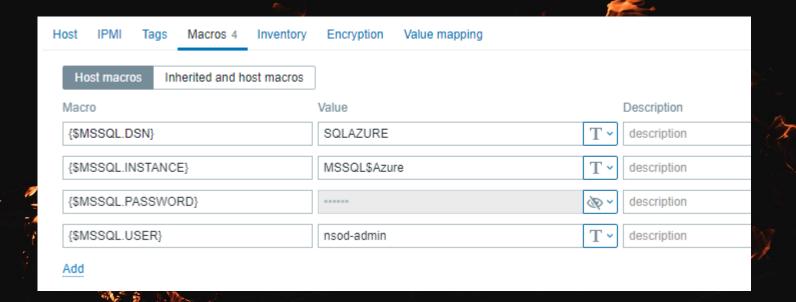
[SQLAZURE]

Driver = ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server
Server = srv-nsoddemo.database.windows.net
Database = MoshPit
Port = 1433

New host



Name ▲	Items	Triggers	Graphs	Discovery	Web	Interface	Proxy	Templates
Management VM	Items 119	Triggers 82	Graphs 16	Discovery 4	Web	10.4.0.5:10050		ICMP Ping, Windows by Zabbix agent
New Stars of Data	Items 177	Triggers 74	Graphs 29	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
nsod-awrestore	Items 72	Triggers 24	Graphs 17	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.9:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
SQL 2012	Items 77	Triggers 26	Graphs 17	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
SQL 2017	Items 77	Triggers 26	Graphs 17	Discovery 7	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		MSSQL by ODBC
SQL Server Main	Items 164	Triggers 105	Graphs 34	Discovery 4	Web	10.4.0.4:10050		ICMP Ping, Windows by Zabbix agent
Zabbix server	Items 138	Triggers 71	Graphs 28	Discovery 4	Web	127.0.0.1:10050		Linux by Zabbix agent, Zabbix server health



Incomplete data

```
[{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure","counter_name":"Uptime","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"35076"},
{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure","counter_name":"Version","instance_name":"Microsoft SQL Azure (RTM) - 12.0.2000.8 \n\tFeb 23 2022 11:32:53 \n\tCopyright (C) 2021 Microsoft Corporation\n","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Databases","counter_name":"State","instance_name":"AW-Restore","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name" "MSSQL$Azure:Databases","counter_name":"State","instance_name":"master","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name" "MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"AU cleanup batches/sec","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"450"},
{"object_name" "MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"AU cleanups/sec","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"450"},
{"object_name" MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"By-reference Lob Create Count","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name" MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"By-reference Lob Use Count","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name" MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Lob Readahead","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name" MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Pull In Row","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},
{"object_name" MSSQL$C74A654A3B92:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred dropped AUs","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},
```

Change the query

```
D: > Git > Speaking > SpeakingPrivate > 04-2022 SQL Friday > smssql performance counters.sql

SELECT concat(substring(object_name,0,7), 'Azure', substring(object_name,charindex(':',object_name,0),50)) as object_name,counter_name,instance_name,cntr_value FROM sys.dm_os_performance_counters

UNION

SELECT '{$MSSQL.INSTANCE}' as object_name,'Version' as counter_name,@eversion as instance_name,0 as cntr_value

UNION

SELECT '{$MSSQL.INSTANCE}' as object_name,'Uptime' as counter_name,'' as instance_name,DATEDIFF(second,sqlserver_start_time,GETDATE()) as cntr_value

FROM sys.dm_os_sys_info

UNION

UNION
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More data

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[{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure","counter_name":"Uptime","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"36251"},
{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure","counter_name":"Version","instance_name":"Microsoft SQL Azure (RTM) - 12.0.2000.8 \n\tFeb 23 2022 11:32:53 \n\tCopyright (C) 2021 Microsoft Corporation\n","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"AU cleanup batches/sec","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"466"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"By-reference Lob Create Count","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_na he":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"By-reference Lob Use Count","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_na he":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Lob Readahead","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_na he":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Pull In Row","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Count Push Off Row","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred dropped AUs","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred Dropped rowsets","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred Dropped rowsets","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred Dropped rowsets","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Deferred Dropped rowsets","instance_name":"","cntr_value":"0"},{"object_name":"MSSQL$Azure:Access Methods","counter_name":"Dropped rowsets
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Not everything is supported on Azure

Name ▲	Interval	Туре	Status	
MSSQL by ODBC: Availability groups discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	i
MSSQL by ODBC: Database discovery	1h	Database monitor	Enabled	
MSSQL by ODBC: Local database discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	i
MSSQL by ODBC: Mirroring discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	i
MSSQL by ODBC: Non-local database discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	i
MSSQL by ODBC: Replication discovery	1h	Database monitor	Not supported	
	X\v			

Name MSSQL: Service's TCP port state MSSQL: Get performance counters MSSQL: Percent of Adhoc queries running MSSQL: Full scans to Index searches ratio MSSQL: Percent of Recompiled Transact-SQL Objects MSSQL: Total average wait time MSSQL: Average latch wait time

Items

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Cache objects in use

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Database pages

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Total data file size

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Checkpoint pages per second

MSSQL: Get performance counters: MSSQL: Cache pages

Items





High

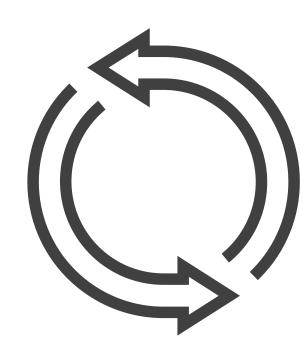
Disaster



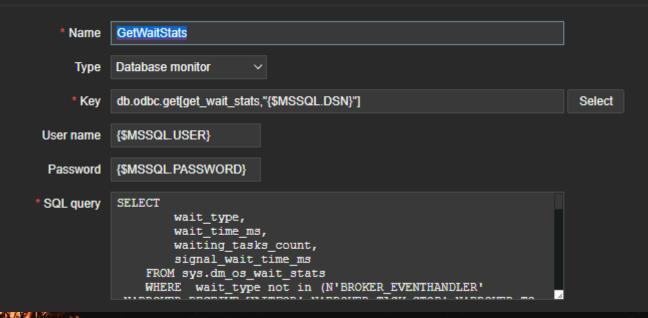
MSSQL: Percentage of the buffer cache efficiency is low (below {\$MSSQL.BUFFER_CACHE_RATIO.MIN.CRIT}% for 5m)

MSSQL: Service is unavailable

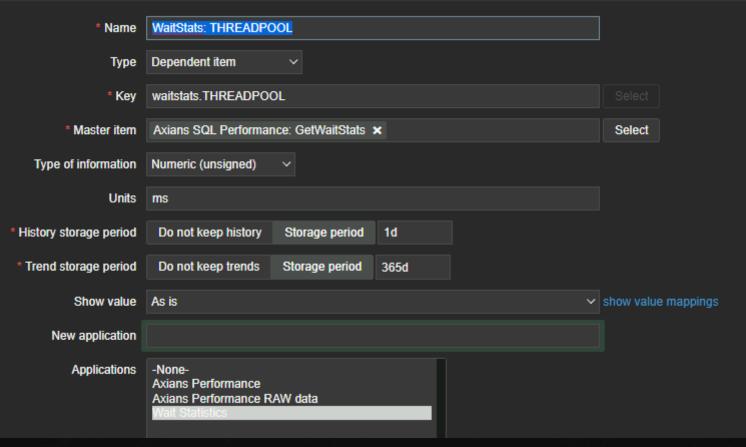
- Create your own template
- Configure the measurements and triggers
- Add dashboards
- Evaluate the results, get peer reviews and share!



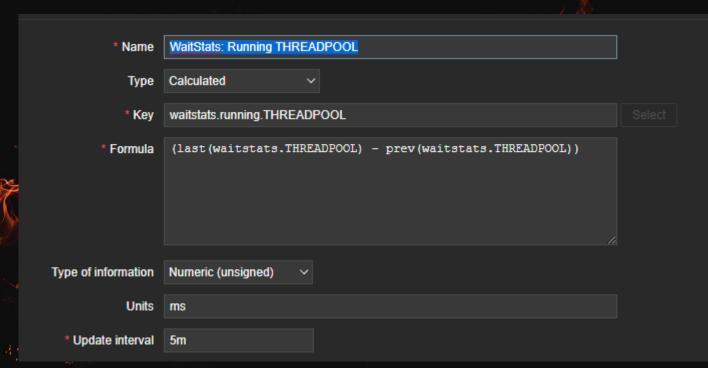


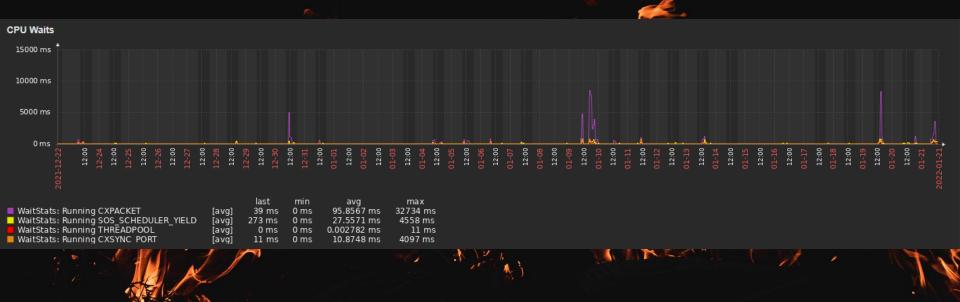


Wait ctate

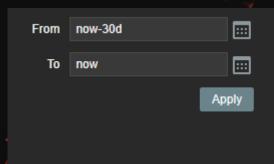


* Key waitstats.THREADPOOL









Last 2 days	Yesterday
Last 7 days	Day before yester
Last 30 days	This day last week
Last 3 months	Previous week
Last 6 months	Previous month
Last 1 year	Previous year
Last 2 years	

To be a second	
Today	Last 5 minutes
Today so far	Last 15 minutes
This week	Last 30 minutes
This week so far	Last 1 hour
This month	Last 3 hours
This month so far	Last 6 hours
This year	Last 12 hours
This year so far	Last 1 day

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select cast('<item>' + char(13) + '<name> WaitStats: ' + wait type + '</name>' + char(13) +
             '<type>DEPENDENT</type>' + char(13) +
             '<key>waitstats.' + wait type + '</key>' + char(13) +
             '<delay>0</delay>' + char(13) +
             '<history>1d</history>' + char(13) +
             '<units>ms</units>' + char(13) +
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             '<master item>' + char(13) + char(9) +
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             '<key>db.odbc.get[get wait stats,&quot;{$MSSQL.DSN}&quot;]</key>' +char(13) +
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             '</master item>' + char(13) +
             '</item>' as xml) as [dependent item],
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```



Why Zabbix?

- It might already be there in your organization
- Create your own templates
- Active community
- It's free



More info?

https://github.com/reitse/Speaking



https://sqlreitse.com/2021/08/26/monitoring-sql-server-with-zabbix/



