

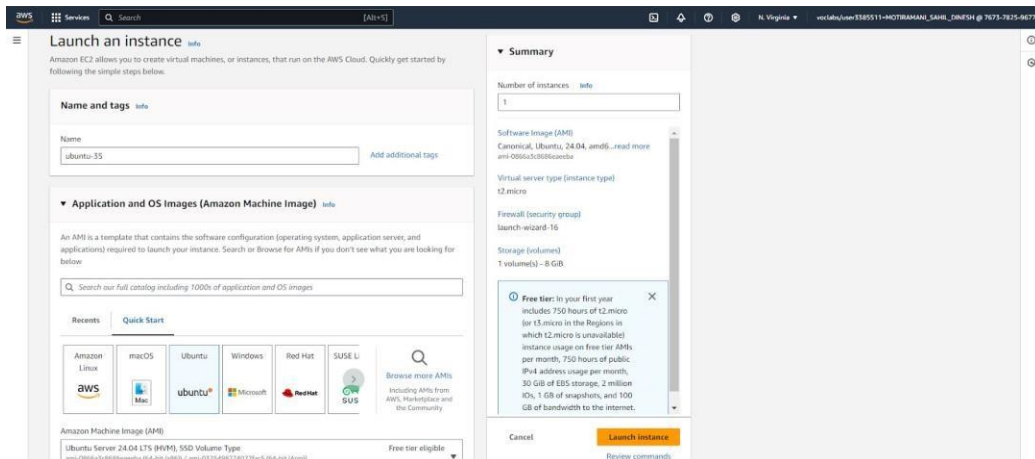
Aim: To perform Port, Service monitoring, Windows/Linux server monitoring using Nagios.

## Prerequisites:

- 1) An Amazon Linux instance with nagios already set up.

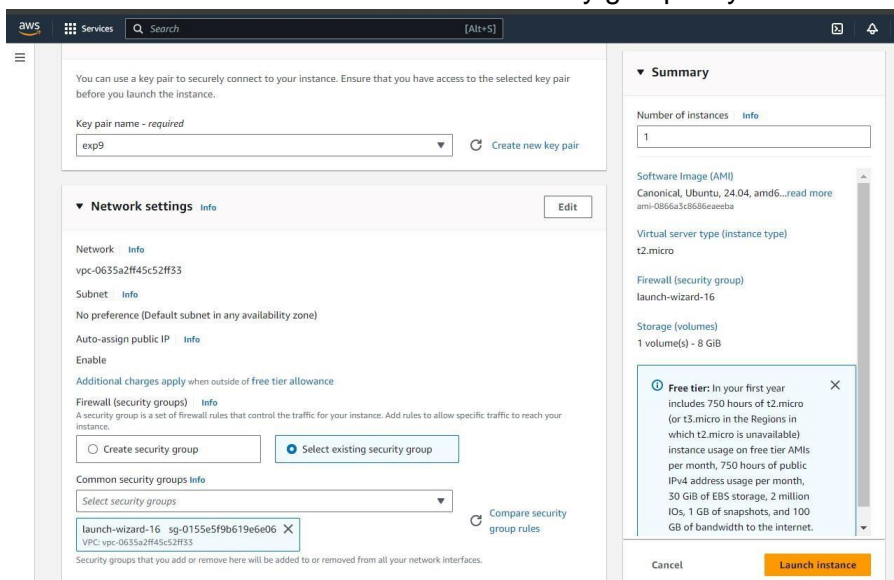
## Step 1: Set up ubuntu instance

- 1) Login to your AWS account. Search for EC2 on services. Open the interface and click on Create Instance.



Select The OS Image as Ubuntu.

- 2) Make sure to select the same private key that you created for the Amazon Linux instance. Also select the same security group as you created for the Linux instance.



- 3) Now come back to the instances screen. Click on the instance ID of your instance. Then click on Connect. Click on SSH client. Copy the example command. Now, we have to connect our local OS terminal to the instance using SSH. For this, open terminal where the private key file is located (.pem). Paste the copied SSH command and run it.

## Step 2: Execute the following on Nagios Host machine (Linux)

- 1) We need to verify whether the nagios service is running or not. For that, run this command.

**ps -ef | grep nagios**

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ ps -ef | grep nagios
nagios      68289      1    0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
nagios      68290     68289    0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios      68291     68289    0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios      68292     68289    0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios      68293     68289    0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios --worker /usr/local/nagios/var/rw/nagios.qh
nagios      68294     68289    0 11:02 ?        00:00:00 /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
ec2-user    71786     2942    0 11:51 pts/0    00:00:00 grep --color=auto nagios
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$
```

- 2) Now, make yourself as the root user, and create a folder with the path  
'/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts'

**sudo su**

**mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts**

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]$ sudo su
mkdir -p /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]#
```

- 3) We need to create a config file in this folder. So, copy the contents of the existing localhost config to the new file 'linuxserver.cfg'.

**cp /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg**

- 4) We need to make some changes in this config file. Open it using nano editor.  
nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/linuxhosts/linuxserver.cfg

Change **hostname** and **alias** to **linuxserver**

Change address to **public ip address of client instance** (Ubuntu instance)

```
# Define a host for the local machine
define host {
    use                linux-server          ; Name of host template to use
                                ; This host definition will inherit all variables that are defined
                                ; in (or inherited by) the linux-server host template definition.
    host_name          localhost
    alias              localhost
    address            3.80.168.49
}
```

Change hostgroup\_name to **linux-servers1**

```
define hostgroup{
    hostgroup_name linux-servers1 ; The name of the hostgroup
    alias          Linux Servers ; Long name of the group
    members        localhost      ; Comma separated list of hosts that
```

Change the **occurrences of hostname** further in the document from **localhost** to **linuxserver**

- 5) Now, we need to edit the nagios configuration file to add this directory.  
**nano /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg** Run this command and add the following line  
**cfg\_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/**

```
# Definitions for monitoring the local (Linux) host
cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring a Windows machine
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/windows.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring a router/switch
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/switch.cfg

# Definitions for monitoring a network printer
#cfg_file=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/printer.cfg

# You can also tell Nagios to process all config files (with a .cfg
# extension) in a particular directory by using the cfg_dir
# directive as shown below:

#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/servers
#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/printers
#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/switches
#cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/routers

cfg_dir=/usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/monitorhosts/
```

- 6) Now we verify the configuration files.

**/usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg**

```
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]# /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios -v /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
Nagios Core 4.4.6
Copyright (c) 2009-present Nagios Core Development Team and Community Contributors
Copyright (c) 1999-2009 Ethan Galstad
Last Modified: 2020-04-28
License: GPL

Website: https://www.nagios.org
Reading configuration data...
  Read main config file okay...
  Read object config files okay...

Running pre-flight check on configuration data...

Checking objects...
  Checked 8 services.
  Checked 1 hosts.
  Checked 1 host groups.
  Checked 0 service groups.
  Checked 1 contacts.
  Checked 1 contact groups.
  Checked 24 commands.
  Checked 5 time periods.
  Checked 0 host escalations.
  Checked 0 service escalations.
Checking for circular paths...
  Checked 1 hosts
  Checked 0 service dependencies
  Checked 0 host dependencies
  Checked 5 timeperiods
Checking global event handlers...
Checking obsessive compulsive processor commands...
Checking misc settings...

Total Warnings: 0
Total Errors: 0

Things look okay - No serious problems were detected during the pre-flight check
```

7) Once the files are verified, we need to restart the server.

**service nagios restart**

```
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]# service nagios restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart nagios.service
[root@ip-172-31-39-94 nagios-4.4.6]# |
```

**Step 3: Execute the following on Nagios Client machine (Ubuntu)**

- 1) First, we check for any new updates, then we install gcc, nagios nrpe server and nagios plugins.

**sudo apt update -y sudo apt install gcc -y sudo apt install  
-y nagios-nrpe-server nagios-plugins**

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-44-65:~$ sudo apt update -y
sudo apt install gcc -y
sudo apt install -y nagios-nrpe-server nagios-plugins
Hit:1 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease
Get:2 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates InRelease [126 kB]
Get:3 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease [126 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease [126 kB]
Get:5 http://us-east-1.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/universe amd64 Packages [15.0 MB]
Get:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [382 kB]
Get:7 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main Translation-en [83.9 kB]
Get:8 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 c-n-f Metadata [4704 B]
Get:9 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Packages [277 kB]
```

```
Creating config file /etc/nagios-plugins/config/snmp.cfg with new version
Setting up monitoring-plugins (2.3.5-1ubuntu3) ...
Setting up libldb2:amd64 (2:2.8.0+samba4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up libavahi-client3:amd64 (0.8-13ubuntu6) ...
Setting up samba-lsmb:amd64 (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up python3-ldb (2:2.8.0+samba4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up samba-dsdb-modules:amd64 (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up libsmbclient0:amd64 (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up libcups2t64:amd64 (2.4.7-1.2ubuntu7.3) ...
Setting up python3-samba (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up smbclient (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Setting up samba-common-bin (2:4.19.5+dfsg-4ubuntu9) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.12.0-4build2) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.39-0ubuntu8.3) ...
Scanning processes...
Scanning linux images...

Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.

No services need to be restarted.

No containers need to be restarted.

No user sessions are running outdated binaries.

No VM guests are running outdated hypervisor (qemu) binaries on this host.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-44-65:~$
```

- 2) We need to add the public IP address of our host Nagios machine (Linux) to the nrpe configuration file.

**sudo nano /etc/nagios/nrpe.cfg**

Under `allowed_hosts`, add the nagios host ip address (public)

```
# NRPE USER
# This determines the effective user that the NRPE daemon should run as.
# You can either supply a username or a UID.
#
# NOTE: This option is ignored if NRPE is running under either inetd or xinetd

nrpe_user=nagios

# NRPE GROUP
# This determines the effective group that the NRPE daemon should run as.
# You can either supply a group name or a GID.
#
# NOTE: This option is ignored if NRPE is running under either inetd or xinetd

nrpe_group=nagios

# ALLOWED HOST ADDRESSES
# This is an optional comma-delimited list of IP address or hostnames
# that are allowed to talk to the NRPE daemon. Network addresses with a bit mask
# (i.e. 192.168.1.0/24) are also supported. Hostname wildcards are not currently
# supported.
#
# Note: The daemon only does rudimentary checking of the client's IP
# address. I would highly recommend adding entries in your /etc/hosts.allow
# file to allow only the specified host to connect to the port
# you are running this daemon on.
#
# NOTE: This option is ignored if NRPE is running under either inetd or xinetd

allowed_hosts=127.0.0.1,34.207.239.4
```

## Step 4: Check the Nagios Dashboard

- 1) Go to Nagios dashboard, click on hosts.

Here, we can see that the linuxserver is also added as a host.

The screenshot shows the Nagios web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Documentation, Current Status, Tactical Overview, Map (Legacy), Hosts, Services, Host Groups, Summary, Grid, Service Groups, Summary, Grid, Problems, Services (Unhandled), Hosts (Unhandled), Network Outages, and a Quick Search field. The main content area displays the 'Current Network Status' and 'Host Status Totals'. The 'Host Status Totals' section shows a table with columns for Up, Down, Unreachable, and Pending, with values 2, 0, 0, and 0 respectively. Below this, the 'Host Status Details For All Host Groups' section shows a table with columns for Host, Status, Last Check, Duration, and Status Information. The table lists two hosts: 'linuxserver' and 'localhost', both with a status of 'UP'. The 'Status Information' column for 'linuxserver' shows 'PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 1.24 ms'.

Host	Status	Last Check	Duration	Status Information
linuxserver	UP	10-07-2024 04:54:21	0d 0h 14m 37s	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 1.24 ms
localhost	UP	10-07-2024 04:50:52	0d 17h 52m 26s	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.03 ms

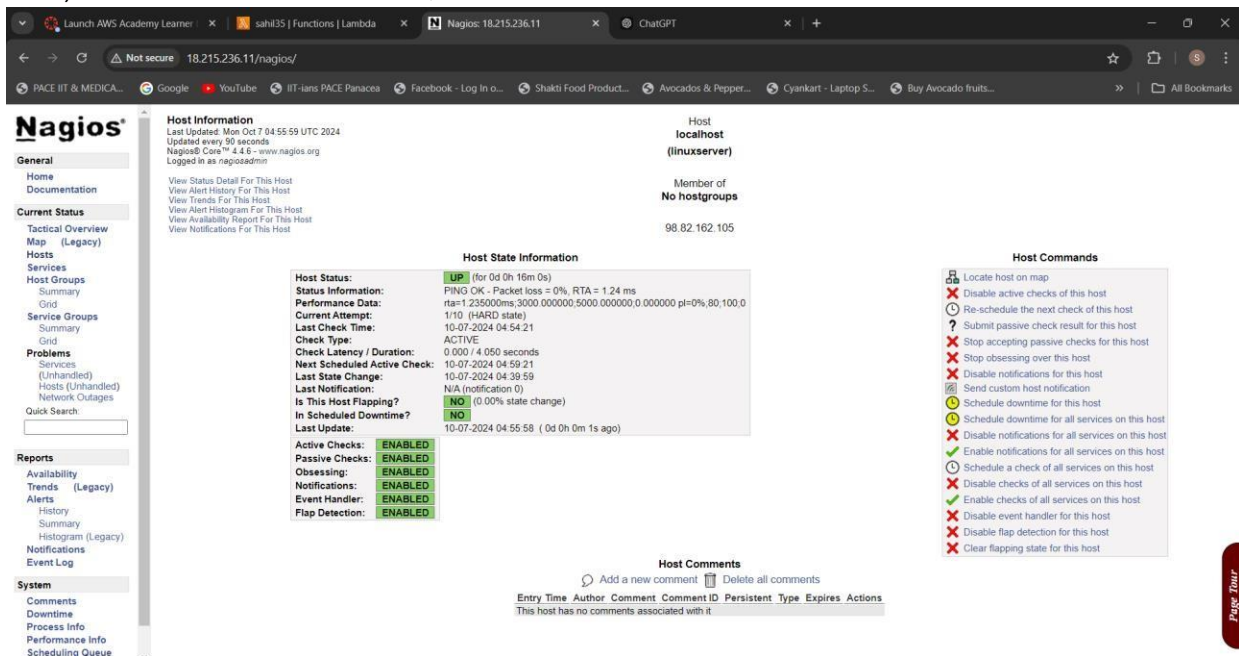


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2) Click on linuxserver. Here, we can check all the information about linuxserver host.



The screenshot shows the Nagios web interface for host 18.215.236.11. The left sidebar contains navigation links for General, Home, Documentation, Current Status, Tactical Overview, Map (Legacy), Hosts, Services, Host Groups, Service Groups, Grid, Problems, Services (Unhandled), Hosts (Unhandled), Network Outages, Quick Search, Reports, Availability, Trends (Legacy), Alerts, History, Summary, Histogram (Legacy), Notifications, Event Log, System, Comments, Downtime, Process Info, Performance Info, and Scheduling Queue.

**Host Information**  
Last Updated: Mon Oct 7 04:55:59 UTC 2024  
Updated every 90 seconds  
Nagios® Core™ 4.4.6 - www.nagios.org  
Logged in as nagiosadmin

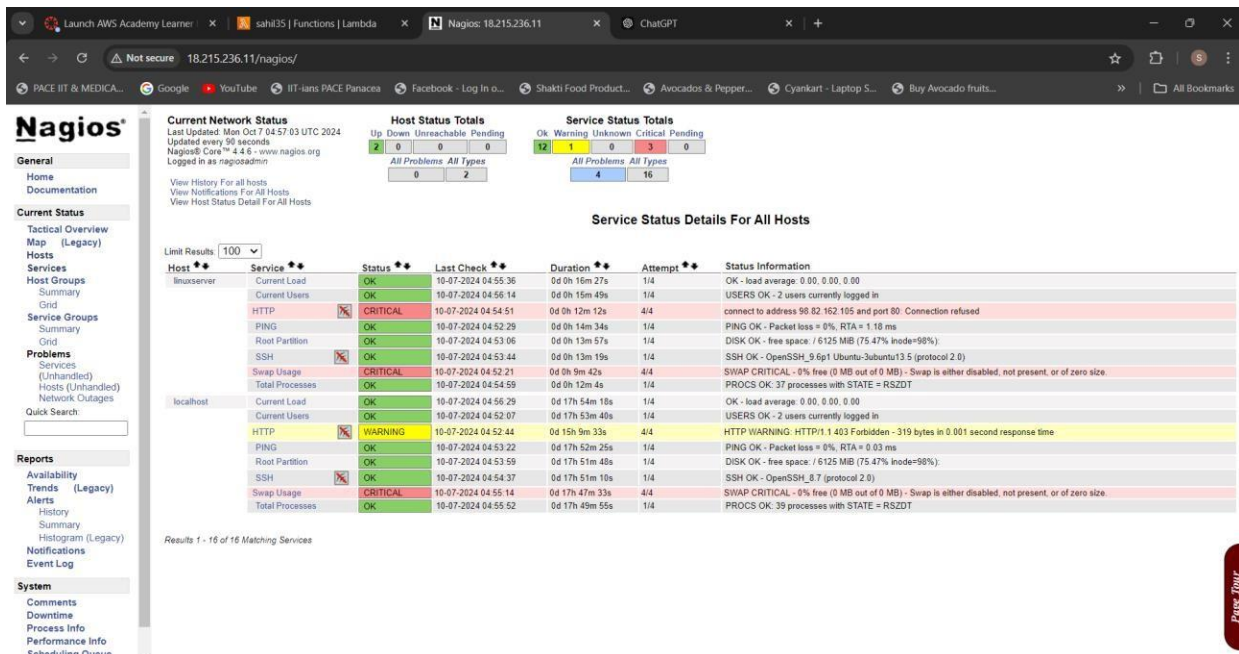
**Host State Information**  
Host Status: **UP** (for 0d 0h 16m 0s)  
Status Information: PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 1.24 ms  
Performance Data: rta=1.235000ms;3000.000000;5000.000000;0.000000;0.000000;80;100;0  
Current Attempt: 1/10 (HARD state)  
Last Check Time: 10-07-2024 04:54:21  
Check Type: ACTIVE  
Check Latency / Duration: 0.000 / 4.050 seconds  
Next Scheduled Active Check: 10-07-2024 04:59:21  
Last State Change: 10-07-2024 04:39:59  
Last Notification: N/A (notification 0)  
Is This Host Flapping? **NO** (0.00% state change)  
In Scheduled Downtime? **NO**  
Last Update: 10-07-2024 04:55:58 ( 0d 0h 0m 1s ago)

**Active Checks:** ENABLED  
**Passive Checks:** ENABLED  
**Processing:** ENABLED  
**Notifications:** ENABLED  
**Event Handler:** ENABLED  
**Flap Detection:** ENABLED

**Host Commands**  
Locate host on map  
Disable active checks of this host  
Re-schedule the check of this host  
Submit passive check result for this host  
Stop accepting passive checks for this host  
Stop obsessing over this host  
Disable notifications for this host  
Send custom host notification  
Schedule downtime for this host  
Schedule downtime for all services on this host  
Disable notifications for all services on this host  
Enable notifications for all services on this host  
Schedule a check of all services on this host  
Disable checks of all services on this host  
Enable checks of all services on this host  
Disable event handler for this host  
Disable flap detection for this host  
Clear flapping state for this host

**Host Comments**  
Add a new comment Delete all comments  
Entry Time Author Comment Comment ID Persistent Type Expires Actions  
This host has no comments associated with it

3) Click on services. Here we can see all the services that are being monitored by linuxserver.



The screenshot shows the Nagios web interface for host 18.215.236.11, displaying the Service Status Details for All Hosts. The left sidebar is the same as in the previous screenshot.

**Current Network Status**  
Last Updated: Mon Oct 7 04:57:03 UTC 2024  
Updated every 90 seconds  
Nagios® Core™ 4.4.6 - www.nagios.org  
Logged in as nagiosadmin

**Host Status Totals**  
Up Down Unreachable Pending  
2 0 0 0

**Service Status Totals**  
OK Warning Unknown Critical Pending  
12 1 0 3 0

**Service Status Details For All Hosts**

Host	Service	Status	Last Check	Duration	Attempt	Status Information
linuxserver	Current Load	OK	10-07-2024 04:55:36	0d 0h 16m 27s	1/4	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
	Current Users	OK	10-07-2024 04:56:14	0d 0h 15m 49s	1/4	USERS OK - 2 users currently logged in
	HTTP	CRITICAL	10-07-2024 04:54:51	0d 0h 12m 12s	4/4	connect to address 98.82.162.105 and port 80: Connection refused
	PING	OK	10-07-2024 04:52:29	0d 0h 14m 34s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 1.18 ms
	Root Partition	OK	10-07-2024 04:53:06	0d 0h 13m 57s	1/4	DISK OK - free space / 6125 MB (75.47% inode=98%):
localhost	SSH	OK	10-07-2024 04:52:44	0d 0h 13m 19s	1/4	SSH OK - OpenSSH_9.6p1 Ubuntu-3ubuntu13.5 (protocol 2.0)
	Swap Usage	CRITICAL	10-07-2024 04:52:21	0d 0h 9m 42s	4/4	SWAP CRITICAL - 0% free (0 MB out of 0 MB) - Swap is either disabled, not present, or of zero size.
	Total Processes	OK	10-07-2024 04:54:59	0d 0h 12m 4s	1/4	PROCS OK: 37 processes with STATE = RSZDT
	Current Load	OK	10-07-2024 04:56:29	0d 17h 54m 18s	1/4	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
	Current Users	OK	10-07-2024 04:52:07	0d 17h 53m 40s	1/4	USERS OK - 2 users currently logged in
localhost	HTTP	WARNING	10-07-2024 04:52:44	0d 15h 9m 33s	4/4	HTTP WARNING: HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden - 319 bytes in 0.001 second response time
	PING	OK	10-07-2024 04:53:22	0d 17h 52m 25s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.03 ms
	Root Partition	OK	10-07-2024 04:53:59	0d 17h 51m 48s	1/4	DISK OK - free space / 6125 MB (75.47% inode=98%):
	SSH	OK	10-07-2024 04:54:37	0d 17h 51m 10s	1/4	SSH OK - OpenSSH_8.7 (protocol 2.0)
	Swap Usage	CRITICAL	10-07-2024 04:55:14	0d 17h 47m 33s	4/4	SWAP CRITICAL - 0% free (0 MB out of 0 MB) - Swap is either disabled, not present, or of zero size.
localhost	Total Processes	OK	10-07-2024 04:55:52	0d 17h 49m 55s	1/4	PROCS OK: 39 processes with STATE = RSZDT

Results 1 - 16 of 16 Matching Services

In this case, we have monitored -

Servers: 1 linux server

Services: swap

Ports: 22, 80 (ssh, http)

Processes: User status, Current load, total processes, root partition, etc.

### **Conclusion:**

In this experiment, we set up port and server monitoring using Nagios.

1. Linux Instance: Hosts the Nagios dashboard and server.
2. Ubuntu Instance : Acts as the second monitored host.
3. Configuration:
  - Add the Ubuntu instance's IP to the Nagios server's configuration.
  - On the Ubuntu instance, configure the NRPE server and allow the Nagios server's IP.
4. Restart NRPE: After configuration, restart the NRPE service on Ubuntu.
5. Monitor: The Ubuntu instance will appear as "linuxserver" on the Nagios dashboard for monitoring.