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

Theory:

What is Nagios?

Nagios is an open-source software for continuous monitoring of systems, networks, and infrastructures. It runs plugins stored on a server that is connected with a host or another server on your network or the Internet. In case of any failure, Nagios alerts about the issues so that the technical team can perform the recovery process immediately.

Nagios is used for continuous monitoring of systems, applications, service and business processes in a DevOps culture.

Why We Need Nagios tool?

Here are the important reasons to use Nagios monitoring tool:

● Detects all types of network or server issues

● Helps you to find the root cause of the problem which allows you to get the permanent solution to the problem

● Active monitoring of your entire infrastructure and business processes

● Allows you to monitor and troubleshoot server performance issues

● Helps you to plan for infrastructure upgrades before outdated systems create failures

● You can maintain the security and availability of the service

● Automatically fix problems in a panic situation

Features of Nagios

Following are the important features of Nagios monitoring tool:

● Relatively scalable, Manageable, and Secure

● Good log and database system

● Informative and attractive web interfaces

● Automatically send alerts if condition changes

● If the services are running fine, then there is no need to do check that host is an alive

● Helps you to detect network errors or server crashes ●   You can troubleshoot the performance issues of the server.

● The issues, if any, can be fixed automatically as they are identified during the monitoring process

● You can monitor the entire business process and IT infrastructure with a single pass

● The product's architecture is easy to write new plugins in the language of your choice

● Nagios allows you to read its configuration from an entire directory which helps you to decide how to define individual files

- Utilizes topology to determine dependencies

- Monitor network services like HTTP, SMTP, HTTP, SNMP, FTP, SSH, POP, etc.
- Helps you to define network host hierarchy using parent hosts
- Ability to define event handlers that runs during service or host events for proactive problem resolution
- Support for implementing redundant monitoring hosts

Nagios Architecture

Nagios is a client-server architecture. Usually, on a network, a Nagios server is running on a host, and plugins are running on all the remote hosts which should be monitored.
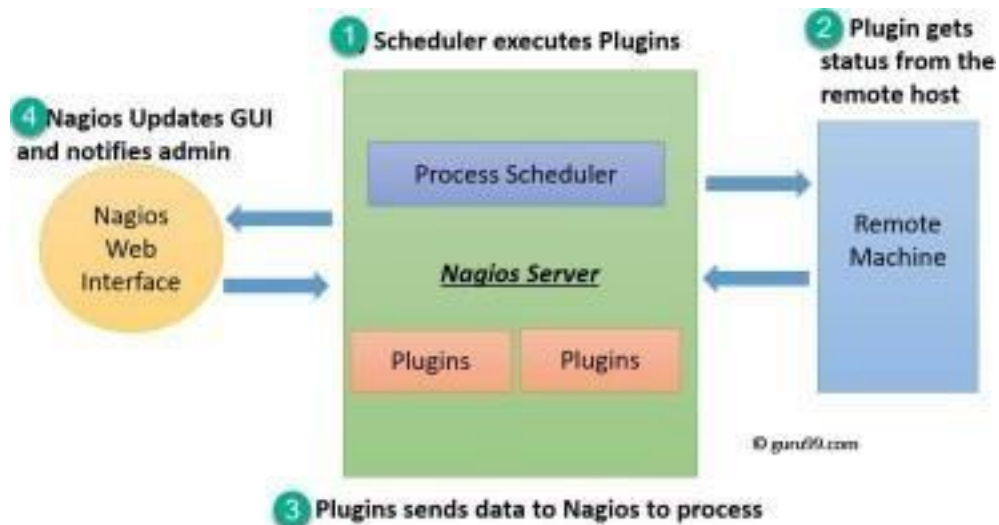
1. The scheduler is a component of the server part of Nagios. It sends a signal to execute the plugins at the remote host.
2. The plugin gets the status from the remote host
3. The plugin sends the data to the process scheduler
4. The process scheduler updates the GUI and notifications are sent to admins.

Step 1: Create a security group with the required configurations I
have created a new security group with a name 'newsecurity'

EC2 > Security Groups > Create security group

Create security group Info

A security group acts as a virtual firewall for your instance to control inbound and outbound traffic. To create a new

Basic details

Security group name Info

newsecurity

Name cannot be edited after creation.

Description Info

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VPC Info

vpc-0aa3db8937df8678b ▼

I have modified the INBOUND RULES as follows

Inbound rules Info

Type Info	Protocol Info	Port range Info	Source Info	Description - optional Info	
HTTP ▼	TCP	80	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			::/0 ✕		
HTTPS ▼	TCP	443	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			0.0.0.0/0 ✕		
SSH ▼	TCP	22	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			0.0.0.0/0 ✕		
All ICMP - IPv6 ▼	IPv6 ICMP	All	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			::/0 ✕		
All ICMP - IPv4 ▼	ICMP	All	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			0.0.0.0/0 ✕		
All traffic ▼	All	All	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			0.0.0.0/0 ✕		
Custom TCP ▼	TCP	5666	Anywh... ▼		Delete
			0.0.0.0/0 ✕		

Step 2: Create ec2 instance
Name it as nagios-host. Select instance type as amazon-linux and choose the already created
key pair and security group

Name and tags Info

Name

nagios-host

Add additional tags

▼ **Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image)** Info

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below

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Recents   **Quick Start**

Amazon Linux	macOS	Ubuntu	Windows	Red Hat	SUSE Li

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Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

▼ **Key pair (login)** Info

You can use a key pair to securely connect to your instance. Ensure that you have access to the selected key pair before you launch the instance.

Key pair name - *required*

abhinav   ▼   ⟳ Create new key pair

Firewall (security groups)   Info
A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. Add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance.

◯ Create security group   ⦿ Select existing security group

Common security groups Info

Select security groups   ▼

newsecurity sg-05d7468fe3a2f7a8e ✕
VPC: vpc-0aa3db8937df8678b

⟳ Compare security group rules

Security groups that you add or remove here will be added to or removed from all your network interfaces.

Copy the given ssh command, as we will require it for logging into our nagios-host instance from our windows powershell
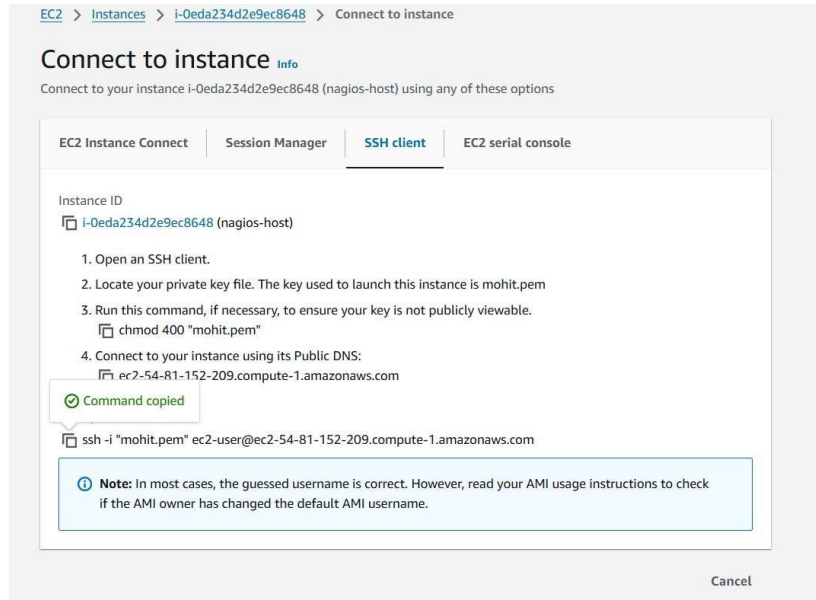
Step 3: Open an administrative powershell and remotely login using the above mentioned ssh command

And then run these commands

sudo yum update sudo yum install httpd php

sudo yum install gcc glibc glibc-common

sudo yum install gd gd-devel

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

Create a new user group & create a new directory for Nagios downloads using the following commands **sudo groupadd nagcmd sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd nagios sudo usermod -a -G nagcmd apache mkdir ~/downloads cd ~/downloads**

Use **wget** to download the source zip files.
In this step, we are downloading, the latest version of nagios and the necessary plugins required to carry out the tasks of setting up a nagios server wget
https://sourceforge.net/projects/nagios/files/latest/download

wget https://nagios-plugins.org/download/nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz

Now, we run the next command in the following manner tar zxvf <nagios-4.5.5 version> (for me it has gotten saved as 'download') So i wrote **tar zxvf download**

After which we are supposed to **change our directory** over there

For eg. **cd nagios-4.5.5**… depending on the version that we have downloaded

Next, Run this command (make sure that you are working inside nagios-4.x.x directory)
./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd

After running this command, we get an **error related to ssl header being absent**

For that purpose, we are to run the following command. **sudo
yum install openssl-devel** (for ssl header)

Now, Re-run **./configure --with-command-group=nagcmd**

After this, run **make all** command

Run the following set of commands to ensure that **sudo make install**

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ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160:~/downloads/nagios-4.5.5

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo make install
cd ./base && make install
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/base'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/bin
/usr/bin/install -c -s -m 774 -o nagios -g nagios nagios /usr/local/nagios/bin
/usr/bin/install -c -s -m 774 -o nagios -g nagios nagiostats /usr/local/nagios/bin
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/base'
cd ./cgi && make install
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/cgi'
make install-basic
make[2]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/cgi'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/sbin
for file in *.cgi; do \
        /usr/bin/install -c -s -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios $file /usr/local/nagios/sbin; \
done
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/cgi'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/cgi'
cd ./html && make install
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/ec2-user/downloads/nagios-4.5.5/html'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/media
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/stylesheets
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/contexthelp
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/docs
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/docs/images
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/js
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/images
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/images/logos
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/includes
/usr/bin/install -c -m 775 -o nagios -g nagios -d /usr/local/nagios/share/ssi
/usr/bin/install -c -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios ./robots.txt /usr/local/nagios/share
/usr/bin/install -c -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios ./jsonquery.html /usr/local/nagios/share
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/index.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/main.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/side.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/map.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/rss-*
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/graph-header.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/histogram.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/histogram-form.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/histogram-graph.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/histogram-links.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/infobox.html
rm -f /usr/local/nagios/share/map.php
```

sudo make install-init

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160:~/downloads/nagios-4.5.5

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$ 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
```

sudo make install-config

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$ 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
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/cgi.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/cgi.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 660 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/resource.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/resource.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/templates.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/templates.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/commands.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/commands.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/contacts.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/contacts.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/timeperiods.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/timeperiods.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/localhost.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/localhost.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/windows.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/windows.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/printer.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/printer.cfg
/usr/bin/install -c -b -m 664 -o nagios -g nagios sample-config/template-object/switch.cfg /usr/local/nagios/etc/objects/switch.cfg

*** Config files installed ***

Remember, these are *SAMPLE* config files.  You'll need to read
the documentation for more information on how to actually define
services, hosts, etc. to fit your particular needs.
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sudo make install-webconf

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 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/nagios.conf; \
fi

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

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$
```

Next, we are supposed to create a nagiosadmin account for nagios login along with password. Specify the password twice. **sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/nagios/etc/htpasswd.users nagiosadmin**

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 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-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$
```

Restart Apache **sudo service httpd restart**

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

cd   ~/downloads tar zxvf nagios-plugins-2.4.11.tar.gz

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160:~/downloads
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$ sudo service httpd restart
Redirecting to /bin/systemctl restart httpd.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-4.5.5]$ cd ~/downloads
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 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
```

Compile and install plugins **cd nagios-plugins-2.4.11**

./configure --with-nagios-user=nagios --with-nagios-group=nagios

Run the following command: **sudo
chkconfig --add nagios** On
running the above command

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-41-160 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ sudo chkconfig --add nagios
error reading information on service nagios: No such file or directory
```

If this is the output that one is getting, then it means that the init script is missing… We

can check this by running ls /etc/init.d/

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-249 nagios-plugins-2.4.9]$ ls /etc/init.d/
README   functions
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-249 nagios-plugins-2.4.9]$
```

With ls command, we must see a file named nagios, which i was not able to see
If the Init Script is Missing i.e If you don't see the nagios script in /etc/init.d/, you can create it
manually. Here's how:

Run the following command: **sudo
nano /etc/init.d/nagios**
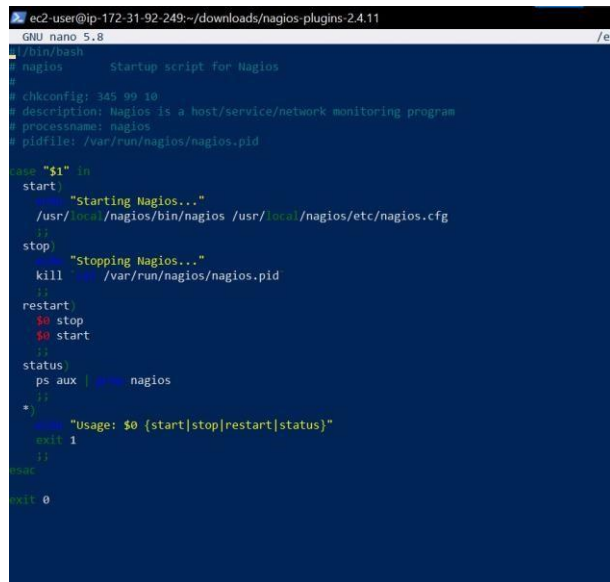
Within this file, paste the following script
#!/bin/bash
nagios   Startup script for Nagios
#
chkconfig: 345 99 10
description: Nagios is a host/service/network monitoring program
processname: nagios
pidfile: /var/run/nagios/nagios.pid
case "$1" in start) echo "Starting
Nagios..."
   /usr/local/nagios/bin/nagios /usr/local/nagios/etc/nagios.cfg
   ;;
  stop)
   echo "Stopping Nagios..." kill `cat /var/run/nagios/nagios.pid`
   ;;
  restart)
   $0 stop
   $0 start
   ;;

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  status)
    ps aux | grep nagios
    ;;
  *)
    echo "Usage: $0 {start|stop|restart|status}"
    exit 1
    ;;
esac
exit 0
```


Make the Script Executable: After saving the file, run the following command to make it executable: **sudo chmod +x /etc/init.d/nagios**

Run **sudo chkconfig --add nagios** again And then run **sudo chkconfig nagios on**

sudo service nagios start

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-92-249 nagios-plugins-2.4.11]$ sudo service nagios start
Starting Nagios...

Nagios Core 4.5.5
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License: GPL

Website: https://www.nagios.org
Nagios 4.5.5 starting... (PID=72261)
Local time is Tue Oct 01 20:59:58 UTC 2024
wproc: Successfully registered manager as @wproc with query handler
wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 72265;pid=72265
wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 72264;pid=72264
wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 72263;pid=72263
wproc: Registry request: name=Core Worker 72262;pid=72262
Successfully launched command file worker with pid 72266
wproc: NOTIFY job 4 from worker Core Worker 72262 is a non-check helper but exited with return code 127
wproc:    host=localhost; service=Swap Usage; contact=nagiosadmin
wproc:    early_timeout=0; exited_ok=1; wait_status=32512; error_code=0;
wproc:    stderr line 01: /bin/sh: line 1: /bin/mail: No such file or directory
wproc:    stderr line 02: /usr/bin/printf: write error: Broken pipe
```

Get your public IPv4 address from your instance. We will require it for connecting to our nginx server

Browse for this url: http://<your_public_ip_address>/nagios

The browser may ask you for your nagios credentials which set in the earlier steps

The username is nagiosadmin and enter the password that you set earlier

Conclusion:

In this experiment, we successfully installed and configured Nagios Core on an Amazon Linux EC2 instance, showcasing its role in continuous monitoring within a DevOps environment. We learned about user management and service configuration, emphasizing Nagios's ability to monitor systems and networks effectively. This experience laid the groundwork for enhancing infrastructure reliability and integrating advanced monitoring strategies in future projects.