How to solve monitoring problems with Nagios

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Introduction & Agenda

- Different aspect of essence of monitoring
- Trick to make a plugin pass through firewall
- Overview of NSClient++ config file
- Monitoring usage of Windows cluster shared disk

Essence of monitoring

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A brief definition:

To alert you something abnormal you care

Essence of monitoring

Let's try to imagine:

a beautiful girl……

Essence of monitoring

What do we learn from contacting this girl?

Connection should be built first.

More trust more information.

The effects of different languages may differ.

Essence of monitoring

To some degree, to establish host and service monitoring is similar to contact a girl.

- To build connection or even trust before monitoring.

- To evaluate different ways of connection

- To ask right questions:

  Detective Spooner: Is there something you want tell me?

  Dr. Lanning: I'm sorry. My responses are limited. You must ask the right questions.

Something to remember

- Nagios Exchange - a treasury
- Try to search with different key words combination:

Nagios ABC

Nagios monitor ABC
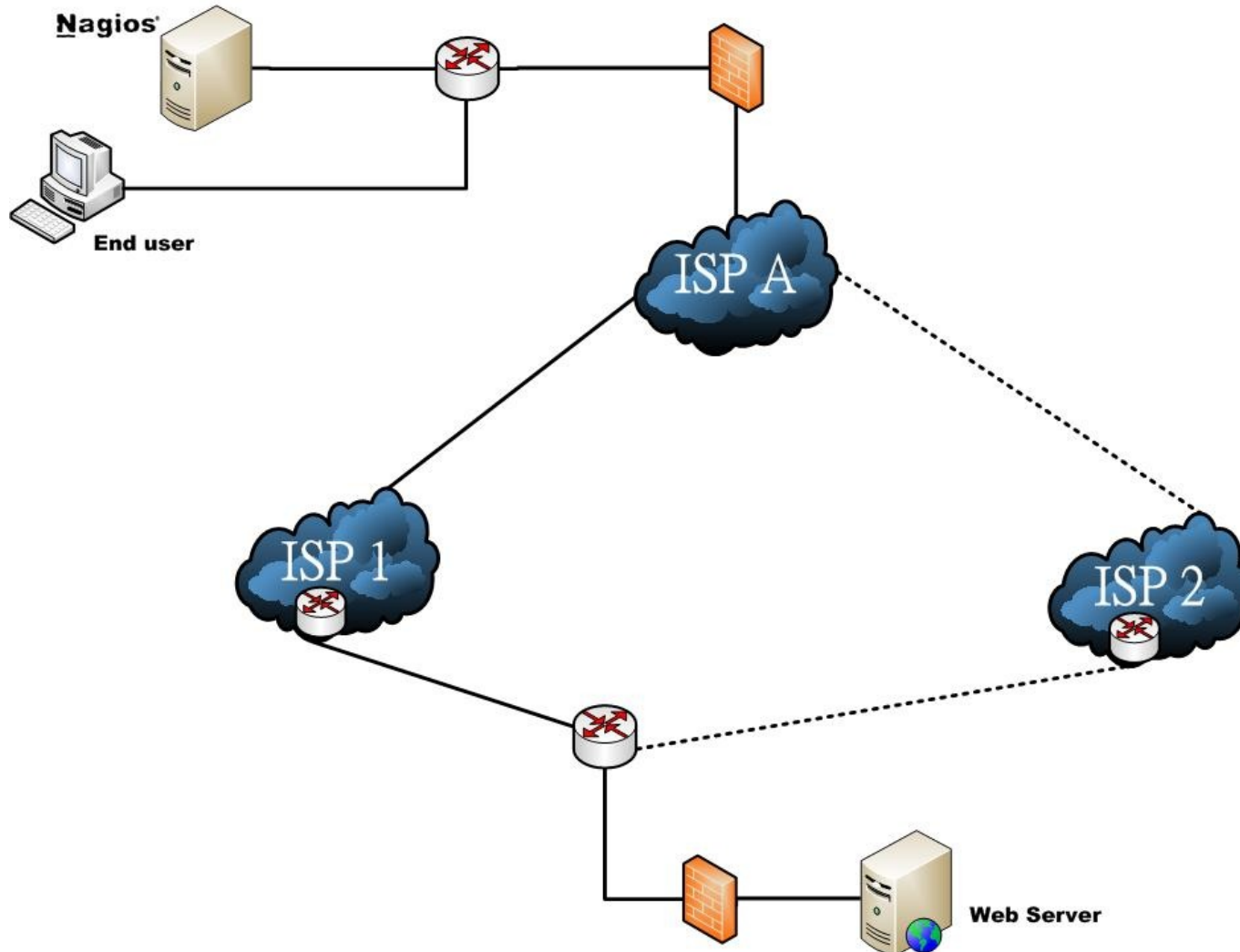
monitor ABC

"other tool" ABC

(anything about) ABC

……

Make a plugin to pass through firewall

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Start to think

Can Nagios monitor this?

How can we monitor this with Nagios?

Start to think more

- How can we find ISP switching?

- Is there any plugin in Nagios exchange able to do this?

- When plugin is blocked, what can we do?

- Let's imagine again!

Tweak the plugin

Original script:

```
#! /bin/bash
PROG="/usr/bin/traceroute -n"
GREP="/bin/egrep"
HOST=$1
FILE=/tmp/check_tracert-`date +%N`.txt
START="$2"
LAST="$3"
```

Tweak the plugin

Modified script:

```
#! /bin/bash
PROG="sudo /usr/bin/traceroute -n -T"
GREP="/bin/egrep"
HOST=$1
FILE=/tmp/check_tracert-`date +%N`.txt
START="$2"
LAST="$3"
```

Modify /etc/sudoers

To grant root privilege and avoid requiretty
error:

nagios ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/local/
nagios/libexec/check_2hoptraceroutetcp.sh
......
#Defaults requiretty

Quote for you

"An idea is nothing more or less than a new combination of old elements."
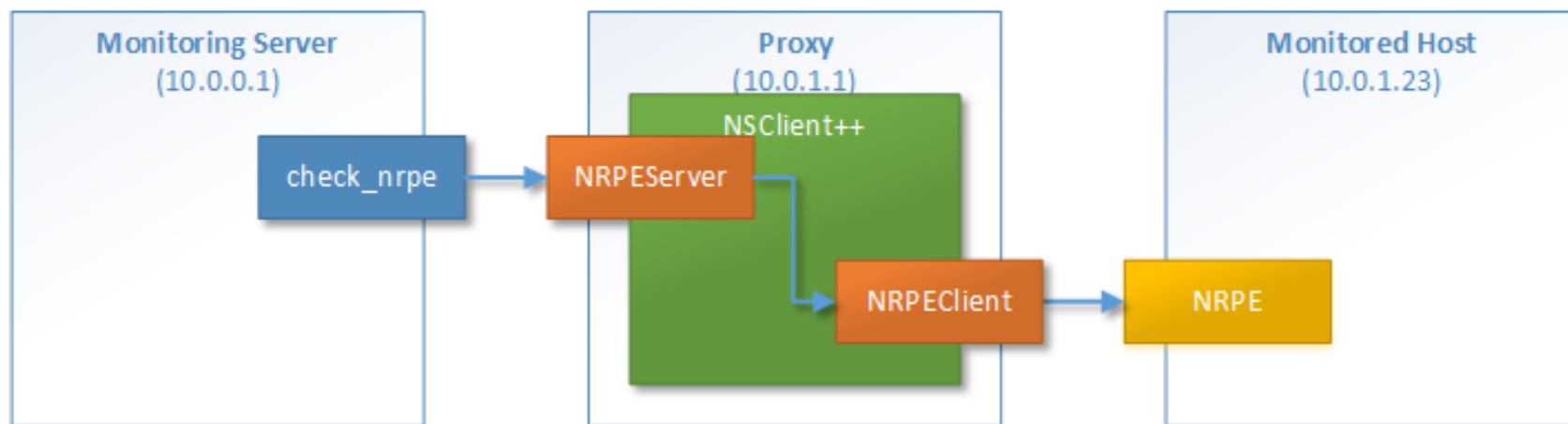
~James Webb Young

Overview of NSClient++ config

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- The structure of nsclient.ini

- Enable module **+** finish the setting for individual module **+** define command or script **+** restart NSClient++ daemon

- check_nrpe -H 10.1.2.3 -p 5666 -c command (we define at nsclient.ini)

"Indirect check" with NSClient++: to build a Windows proxy

- Enable NRPEServer and NRPEClient module
- Allow Nagios access at [/settings/NRPE/server]
- Define the command at [/settings/external scripts/scripts]
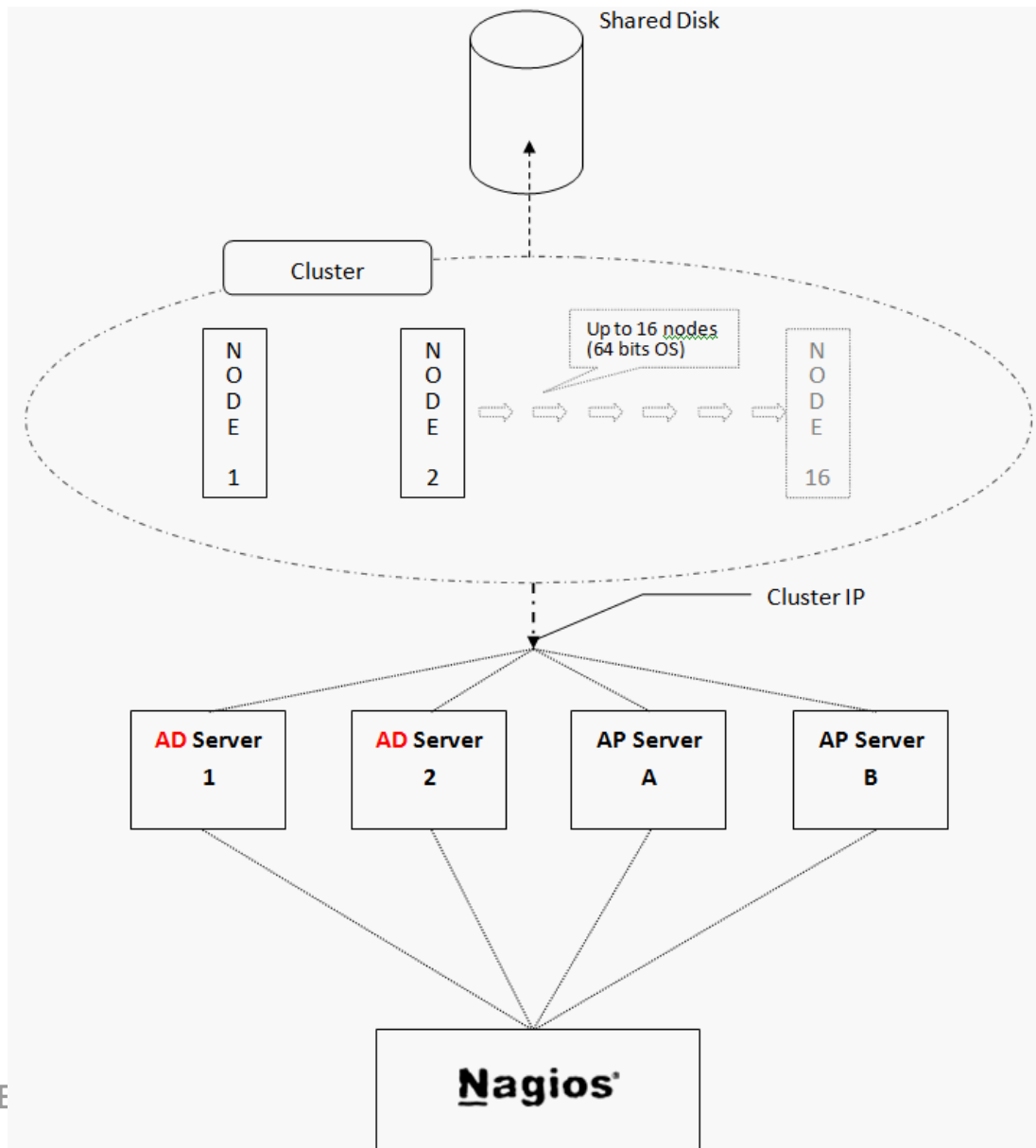- check_abc=nscp nrpe -H [remote host IP] -P 5666 -c get_cpu [remote command]

Monitoring usage of Windows cluster shared disk

- Scenario
- Problems of traditional monitoring way

Monitoring usage of Windows cluster shared disk - Better solution

- What we hope our solution can do: automatic

- What are the pieces required for this puzzle?

  * NSClient++ located at proxy, nodes, and shared disk

  * NSClient++ daemon as a part of Windows cluster resource

Monitoring usage of Windows cluster shared disk
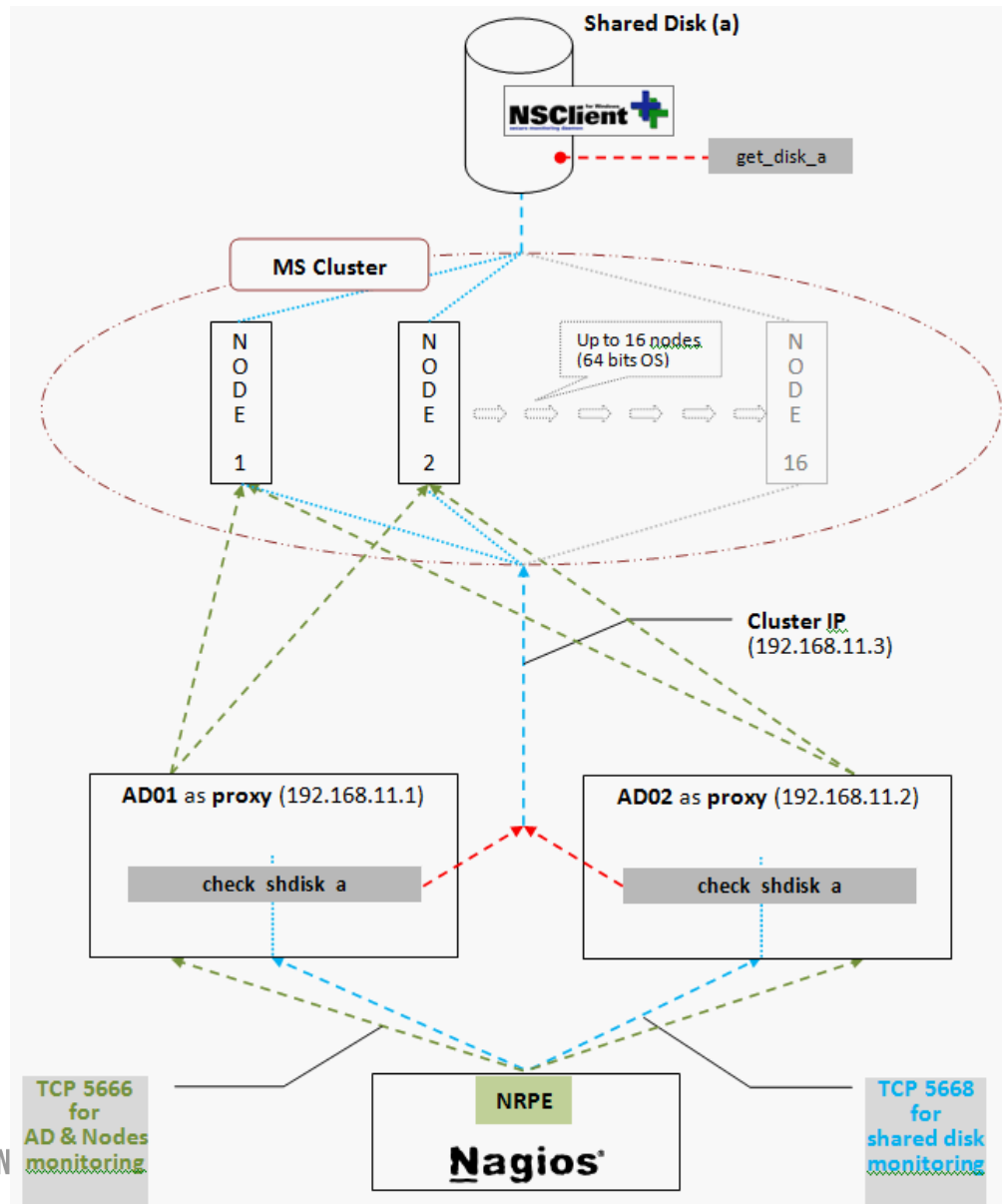
Config on nsclient.ini

- Config at Windows proxy
- Config at Nodes
- Config at shared disk

Make NSClient++ daemon be a part of Windows cluster resource

- At C:\Program Files of any cluster node, copy the NSClient++ folder to the shared disk.

- How to make NSClient++ daemon be a part of Windows cluster resource (step by step)

Sample command on Nagios

define command{

    command_name check_nrpe_drivesize

    command_line   /usr/local/nagios/libexec/ check_nrpe -H $HOSTADDRESS$ -p 5666 -c check_shared_drive

    }

Sample service on Nagios

```
define service {

    use                     generic-service

    host_name               ms_cluster_host_01

    service_description     Shared Disk Usage

    check_command   check_nrpe_drivesize
servicegroups           windows
}
```

What do we learn?

- A different aspect to watch essence of monitoring
- Trick to make a plugin pass through firewall
- NSClient++ config file
- How to monitor Windows cluster shared disk via proxy

Conclusion

- Keeping gathering and masticating materials for your Nagios monitoring
- Learn from anything to enhance your monitoring capacity.
- To solve problems is like to collect jewels needed to make a necklace.
- Nagios is the most essential jewel to make your own necklace!

The End

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