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AGENDA





Reports





REPORTS - SYSTEM INFORMATION

Reports > System information

Parameter	Value	Details
Zabbix server is running	Yes	192.168.7.105:10051
Number of hosts (enabled/disabled)	111	110 / 1
Number of templates	161	
Number of items (enabled/disabled/not supported)	16195	15192 / <mark>638</mark> / 365
Number of triggers (enabled/disabled [problem/ok])	7027	6710 / 317 [<mark>139</mark> / 6571]
Number of users (online)	42	2
Required server performance, new values per second	75.79	
Database history tables upgraded	No	

Parameter	Value	Details
Zabbix server is running	Whether Zabbix server is running: Yes/No	Location and port of Zabbix server
Number of hosts	Total number of hosts	Number of monitored/not monitored hosts
Number of templates	Total number of templates	
Number of items	Total number of items	Number of monitored/disabled/unsupported items
Number of triggers	Total number of triggers	Number of enabled/disabled triggers. [Triggers in problem/ok state.]
Number of users	Total number of users configured	Number of users online
Required server performance new values per second	The expected number of new values per second	Required server performance is an estimate and can be useful as a guideline
Database history tables upgraded	Whether history table is using double float datatype: Yes/No	History table must be manually upgraded if migrated from previous version

For precise numbers of values processed, use the zabbix[wcache,values,all] internal item

https://www.zabbix.com/.../frontend_sections/reports/status_of_zabbix_

AVAILABILITY REPORT

Proportion of time each trigger has been in the problem/ok state:

- is displayed as percentage
- easy to determine the availability
- ✤You can choose the mode:
 - triggers by host
 - by triggers belonging to a template

✤The time period selector allows to select often required periods with one mouse click.

	Availability repor	t					Mode	By trigger template
								By host
~	N 4 :4					<	Zoom out 🌾 To	By trigger template
0	Monitoring ~	From	now/d		Last 2 days	Yesterday	Today	Last 5 minutes
≔	Inventory ~	То	now/d		Last 7 days	Day before yesterday	Today so far	Last 15 minutes
				_	Last 30 days	This day last week	This week	Last 30 minutes
ıl.	Reports ^		Appl	У	Last 3 months	Previous week	This week so far	Last 1 hour
					Last 6 months	Previous month	This month	Last 3 hours
	System information				Last 1 year	Previous year	This month so far	Last 6 hours
	A				Last 2 years		This year	Last 12 hours
	Availability report						This year so far	Last 1 day
	Triggers top 100							

.../5.0/manual/web_interface/frontend_sections/reports/availability_

Triggers by hosts availability report:

*****-set the time frame

filter by host groups or hosts

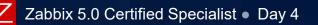
Availability re	port						Mode By host	~
					<	Zoom out	> Today 🕓	Filter 🍸
		Host groups	type here to search	Select				
		Hosts	Training-VM-XX X Zabbix server X	Select				
			type here to search					
			Apply Reset					
Host	Name					Problems	Ok	Graph
Training-VM-XX	CPU Load is high on Training-VM-XX					7.3149%	92.6851%	Show
Training-VM-XX	CPU Load is very high on Training-VM-XX					7.9654%	92.0346%	Show
Training-VM-XX	SSH service is down on Training-VM-XX						100.0000%	Show



AVAILABILITY REPORT

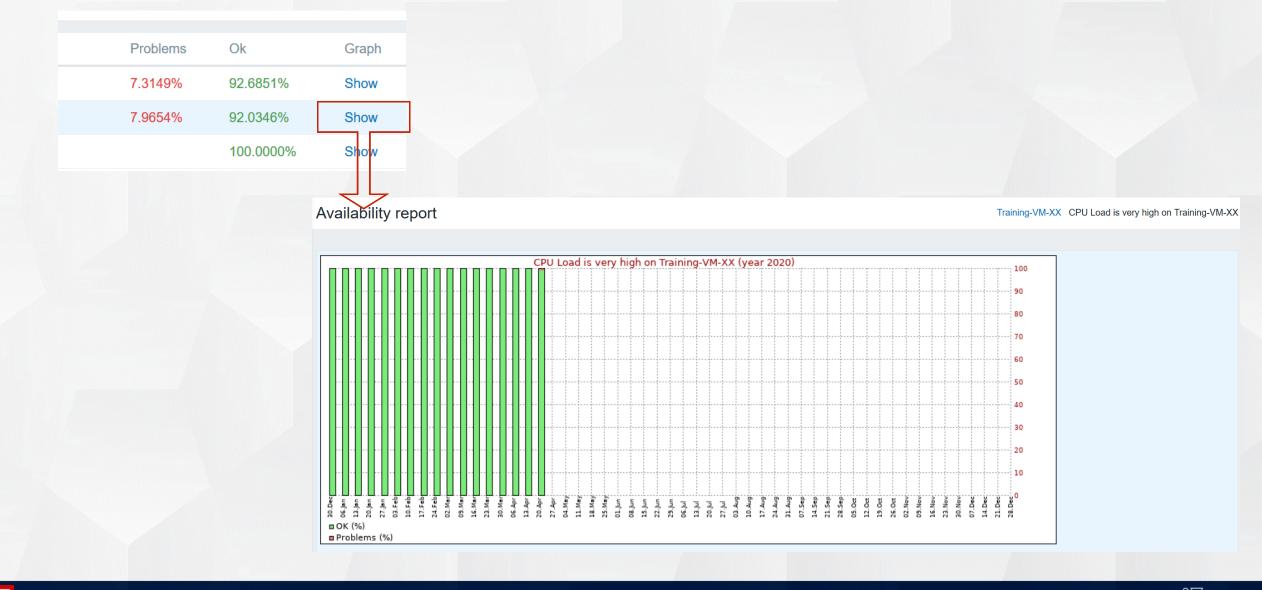
Triggers belonging to a template:

Availability report					Mode By trigger template ~
				< Zoom out	> Today () Filter T
	Template	roup Training/Templates ~			
	Terr	blate Template Basic <			
	Template tr	gger all	all	×.	
	Host	roup Training/Servers ~	all		
			CPU Load is high on {HOST.	NAME}	
		Apply Reset	CPU Load is very high on {H	OST.NAME}	
Host	Name		Problems	Ok	Graph
Training-VM-XX	CPU Load is high on Training-VM-XX		7.3149%	92.6851%	Show
Training-VM-XX	CPU Load is very high on Training-VM-XX		7.9654%	92.0346%	Show
					Displaying 2 of 2 found



AVAILABILITY REPORT

Clicking on Show in the Graph column opens a bar graph:



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REPORTS - TRIGGERS TOP 100

Triggers that have changed their state most often:

Set the period of evaluation and adjust filters

~Sorted by the number of

Useful to detect flapping

High CPU utilization (over 90% for 5m)

e number of status changes tect flapping triggers		Host group Hos Severi	ts type here to	search	Select Select High Disaster
				Apply Reset < Zoom out >	day 🕥 Filter 🍸
From To	now/d	Last 2 days Last 7 days Last 30 days Last 3 months Last 6 months Last 1 year Last 2 years		week This week ek This week so far nth This month	Last 5 minutes Last 15 minutes Last 30 minutes Last 1 hour Last 3 hours Last 6 hours Last 12 hours Last 1 day
Trigger			Severity	Number of status changes	
CPU Load is very high on Training-VM-XX			High	31	
CPU Load is high on Training-VM-XX			Warning	8	
Load average is too high (per CPU load over 1.5 for 5m)			Average	8	

Warning

2

Host

Training-VM-XX

Training-VM-XX

Zabbix server Zabbix server

100 busiest triggers



Reports demo









Inventory Auto-collection





INVENTORY - OVERVIEW

You can keep the inventory of devices and applications in Zabbix

✤ In the inventory tab you can enter such details as name, serial number, location, etc.

• Inventory fields are hardcoded

✤ Default inventory mode for new hosts is defined in Administration > General > Other

- By default, it is set to "disabled"
- Inventory mode for a host can be changed in the host configuration form

Populating inventory can be done manually or automatically

- Manual mode you can enter the details including type, location, etc.
- Automatic mode items can be used to add data to inventory

Autoregistration and Network discovery actions can override discovery mode for new or existing hosts

https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/5.0/manual/config/hosts/inventory

INVENTORY - MANUAL MODE

Configuration > Hosts > {Host} > Host inventory

✤By default: inventory is disabled

	Tags	Macros	Inventory	Encryption
		Disabled	Manual	Automatic
٦	Гуре			

***** Set to Manual and fill in necessary fields

	Disabled	Manual	Automatic	
Туре	Linux			
Type (Full details)	Linux stude	nt-XX 3.10.0)-1062.18.1.el	.x86_64 #1 SMP Tue Mar 17 2
Name	student-XX			

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INVENTORY - AUTOMATIC MODE

1. Host inventory mode must be set to Automatic

Configuration > Hosts > {host} > Inventory

Н

ost	Templates IP	MI Tag	s Macros	Inventory	Encryption					
			Disabled	Manual	Automatic					
		Туре	Linux							
	Type (Fu	III details)	Linux studer	nt-XX 3.10.0-	-1062.18.1.el7.x	86_64 #1 SMP 1	Tue Mar 17 2			
		Name	student-XX						•	← System name
		Alias								
		OS	Linux versio	n 3.10.0-106	2.18.1.el7.x86_(64 (mockbuild@	kbuilder.bsys.	.centos.org) (gcc version 4	4.8.5	← Operating system

2. Configure an item to populate inventory field with value

Configuration > Hosts > {host} > Items > <Item>

Populates host inventory field

Location

INVENTORY - AUTOMATIC MODE

Items that are especially useful for automated inventory data collection:

system.uname - identification of the system

- system.hostname system host name
- * system.hw.chassis[full|type|vendor|model|serial] default is [full], need root

system.hw.devices[pci|usb] - default is [pci]

- * system.hw.macaddr[interface,short|full] default is [all,full], interface is regexp
- system.sw.os[name|short|full] default is [name]
- * system.sw.packages[package,manager,short|full] default is [all,all,full], package is regexp
- SNMPv2-MIB::sysLocation device location

SNMPv2-MIB::sysContact - contact person

≁etc.



INVENTORY - OVERVIEW

Inventory > Overview:

Shows host count having the same inventory value

Host count column entries are links to host inventory view

Host inventory overview Filter 🍸 Production/Servers × Host groups Select type here to search Grouping by Vendor \sim Reset Apply Host count v Vendor MikroTik 7 D-Link Juniper Extreme 2 Brocade 2 Ubiquiti Networks 2 Cisco 2 Alcatel 1 Q-Tech **Click to access** host inventory **Grouped by filter field** view

INVENTORY - HOST INVENTORY VIEW

Inventory > Host inventory

Lists all hosts matching filter criteria

Clicking on a host name will open the inventory details

Host inventory								
								Filter 🍸
	Host groups Field	type here to search Vendor	 ✓ equals ✓ MikroTik Apply Reset 					
Host 🔺	Group		Name	Туре	OS	Serial number A	Tag MAC	address A
net.mikrotik.450g	Discovered hosts, Europe Data center, Network		450g-len.gorod	Network device	6.23	33B60260D66E		
net.mikrotik.912UAG-5HPnD	Discovered hosts, Europe Data center, Linux server	s, Network	zeus.snmplabs.com (you can change this!)	Network device	6.38.5	49DF046080AB		
net.mikrotik.941-2nD	Europe Data center, Linux servers, Network		zeus.snmplabs.com (you can change this!)	Network device	6.38.5	5B32055AE099		
net.mikrotik.1100ahx2	Discovered hosts, Europe Data center, Network		COLO	Network device	6.37.1	47B8029xxxxxx		
net.mikrotik.CCR1036-12G-4S	Discovered hosts, Europe Data center, Network		bababab.selo	Network device	6.32.4	574F05BC2605		
net.mikrotik.rb1100ah	Discovered hosts, Europe Data center, Network		vcore-router	Network device	6.20	319F02497FF5		
net.mikrotik.rb2011uas-2hnd	Discovered hosts, Europe Data center, Network		MikroTik	Network device	6.28	3F0602FD9511		
							Displayir	ng 7 of 7 found
Click to access details								

INVENTORY - DETAILS

Inventory details:

The form has two tabs:

- General information page displays common information and has some usefull links
- Details tab displays all inventory data collected from a host

Can be accessed from Inventory view, Problems page and other frontend sections

general inform	nation abo	ut the host			all available inventory	details
Overview Details					Details	
Host name	net.mikrotik.450g				Type Network device	
SNMP interfaces	IP address	DNS name	Connect to Port	Default	Name 450g-len.gorod	
	10.100.0.5	net.mikrotik.450g	IP DNS 161	۲	OS 6.23	
	0.00				Serial number A 33B60260D66E	
US	6.23				Hardware RouterOS RB450G	
Hardware	RouterOS RB450G				Location leninskiy_luch	
Monitoring	Web Latest data Problems	Graphs Screens			Model RouterOS RB450G	
Configuration	Host Applications 8 Items 9	5 Triggers 46 Graphs 10 Discovery 4 Web			Vendor MikroTik	
	Cancel				Cancel	

INVENTORY - NOTES

Only one item can be used to populate an inventory field on same host

- Host inventory can be opened from different views (e.g. Dashboard, Maps, Problems, etc.)
 Inventory data can be used in the filters and actions
- ✤ There are host inventory macros {INVENTORY.*} available for use in notifications and tags
- There is no way to customize inventory fields current list is hardcoded



PRACTICAL SETUP

- 1. Enable automatic inventory mode for all hosts
- 2. Create a new template:

Name: Template Basic module system info
 Group: Training/Templates

- 3. Create new Zabbix agent items
 - 1) System OS:

Use system.sw.os[name] key to get OS information
 Populate inventory field: "OS"

2) System hostname:

Find a key can to the hostname
Populate inventory field: Name

- 4. Link the template to "Template Basic"
- 5. Manually populate inventory field Location for all hosts
- 6. Make sure that the tabs Overview and Details contain information



Notifications and Media types





NOTIFICATIONS AND ESCALATIONS - MEDIA TYPES

Administration > Media types

Configure the ways for delivery of notifications and alerts

≁Email

SMS (Modem support)

✤Webhooks

Custom " alert" scripts

Media types	S				Create media type	Import
					1	Filter 🍸
			Name	Status Any Enabled Disabled		
				Apply Reset		
Name 🔺	Туре	Status	Used in actions	Details		Action
Discord	Webhook	Enabled				Test
 Email 	Email	Enabled		SMTP server: "mail.example.com", SMTP helo: "example.com", SMTP email: "zabbix@example.com"		Test
Mattermost	Webhook	Enabled				Test
Opsgenie	Webhook	Enabled				Test
PagerDuty	Webhook	Enabled				Test
Pushover	Webhook	Enabled				Test
Slack	Webhook	Enabled				Test
SMS	SMS	Enabled		GSM modem: "/dev/ttyS0"		Test
					Displaying 8 o	of 8 found

There are plenty of media types in the default dataset All you need is to finetune the parameters to make them work Every media type can be tested directly from the frontend

1 selected Enable Disable Export Delete

(! Available only to Zabbix Super Administrators

NOTIFICATIONS AND ESCALATIONS - MEDIA TYPES

To create a new media, press the [Create media type] button

Media type Mes	Media type Message templates Options			* Name	some nice name	
				Туре	Webhook ~	
* Name	some nice name	* Name	some nice name	Parameters	Name	Value
Туре	Email ~	Туре	SMS ~		URL	
* SMTP server	mail.example.com	* GSM modem	/dev/ttyS0	-	HTTPProxy	
SMTP server port	25			_	То	{ALERT.SENDTO}
* SMTP helo	example.com	* Name	some nice name		Subject	{ALERT.SUBJECT}
* SMTP email	zabbix@example.com		Script ~		Message	{ALERT.MESSAGE}
Connection security	None STARTTLS SSL/TLS	* Script name	script.file.name		Add	
Authentication	None Username and password	Script parameters	Parameter	* Script	script	
Message format	HTML Plain text	Conpreparametere	{HOST.CONN}	Timeout	30s	
Description			Add	Process tags		
				Include event menu entry		
				* Menu entry name		
≁ Impc	ort/export of media i	is also supp	* Menu entry URL			

NOTIFICATIONS AND ESCALATIONS - MESSAGE TEMPLATES

Administration > Media types > Message templates

Message type has 7 options:

- ♣ Problem
- Problem recovery
- ✤Problem update
- ✤Discovery
- Autoregistration
- Internal problem
- Internal problem recovery

And additional options:

Media ty	pes				
Media type	Message templates	Options			
			Message type Problem Problem recovery Problem update Discovery Autoregistration Add Cancel	Template Problem started at {EVENT.TIME} on {EVENT.DATE} Pro Problem has been resolved at {EVENT.RECOVERY.TIME {USER.FULLNAME} {EVENT.UPDATE.ACTION} problem Discovery rule: {DISCOVERY.RULE.NAME} Device IP: {D Host name: {HOST.HOST} Host IP: {HOST.IP} Agent port:	Edit Remove Edit Remove Edit Remove

/ledia type	Message templates Opt	ions		
	Concurrent sessions	One	Unlimited	Custom
	* Attempts		3	
	* Attempt interval	10s		
		Add	Cancel	

(!)When creating a new media type - don't forget to create message templates for it!

NOTIFICATIONS AND ESCALATIONS - USER MEDIA

In the user profile configuration form you can define your own media details

Only Admin and Super Admin can change their own media details

✤One or more user media

Usually e-mail, phone number or other identifier

Active based on:

- Time period
- Trigger severity

Media	Type Add	Send to	When active	Use if	severity	Status	Action		
	Update	Cancel		Media Type * Send to	Email v name.surname@zabbix.com			Remove	×
				* When active	Add 1-7,00:00-24:00 Vot classified Information				
					Warning Average High Disaster				
								Add Car	ncel



Actions and Escalations





NOTIFICATIONS AND ESCALATIONS - ACTIONS

Configuration > Actions

A flexible set of conditions followed by automatically executed set of operations (notifications, remote commands, script execution etc.)

Actions can be defined for:

- Trigger events
- Discovery events
- Auto registration events
- Internal events

Trigger actions ~

Trigger actions

Discovery actions

Autoregistration actions

Internal actions

https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/5.0/manual/config/notifications/action



Notify users

- Delayed notifications and remote commands
- Repeated notifications until the problem is resolved
- Different messages for acknowledged and unacknowledged problems
- Escalations to other users or user groups
- Unlimited number of escalation steps
- ***** Execute remote commands :
 - On Zabbix server, proxy and agent
 - Via SSH and Telnet
 - Via IPMI

Run global scripts and custom scripts
Provide information with macros

ACTIONS - NEW TRIGGER ACTION

Configuration > Actions > Trigger Actions > [Create action] Available options:

- ✤Name
- **~**Conditions

Operations (Main, recovery and update)

Report Training problems	
_abel Name	Action
A Value of tag <i>Environment</i> equals <i>Training</i>	Remove
Add	
At least one operation must exist.	
	Label Name

ACTIONS - CONDITIONS

Flexible conditions:

✤Host, host group

- ✤Trigger name, severity or value
- Tag, Application, time period and more

Type of calculation

Type of calculation	And/Or	~
Conditions	And/Or	
Conditions	And	
	Or	
	Custom expression	

New cor	ndition	×	Action	Operations			
Type	Trigger name V			* Name Type of calculation	Training Act And/Or	tion ✓ A and B and (C or D)	
Operator	Trigger	ain		Conditions	Label	Name	Action
Value	Trigger severity				А	Value of tag Environment equals Training	Remove
	Application				В	Trigger severity is greater than or equals High	Remove
	Host	Add Cancel			С	Host group equals Training/Servers	Remove
	Host group				D	Host group equals Zabbix servers	Remove
	Problem is suppressed				Add		
	Tag			Enabled			
	Tag value						
	Template					e operation must exist.	
	Time period				Update	Clone Delete Cancel	

Notifications depend on permissions - no permissions = no notifications

ACTIONS - OPERATIONS

For Trigger actions: **~**Operations Recovery operations ✤ Update operations

Default operation step duration:

✤60 seconds to 1 week

- - Time suffixes e.g. 60s, 1m, 2h, 1d
 - User macros

Pause operations for suppressed problems:

- Delays the start of operations if the event is suppressed
 - Maintenance
 - Trigger dependency

erations						
Default operation step duration	1h					
tions for suppressed problems						
Operations	Steps Details 1 Send message to user groups: Zabbix administr	ators via Email	Start in Immediately			
	2 Send message to users: Admin (Zabbix Administ	rator) via SMS	01:00:00	Default	Edit	Remove
Recovery operations	Details Notify all involved Add	Action Edit Remov	' e			
Update operations	Details Notify all involved Add	Action Edit Remov	7e			
	Default operation step duration tions for suppressed problems Operations Recovery operations	Default operation step duration 1h ions for suppressed problems Operations Steps Details 1 Send message to user groups: Zabbix administr 2 Send message to users: Admin (Zabbix Administ Add Recovery operations Details Notify all involved Add Update operations Details Details	Default operation step duration 1h tions for suppressed problems Image: Comparison of the step of the	Default operation step duration 1h tions for suppressed problems Image: Comparison of the start in the start of	Default operation step duration 1h ions for suppressed problems Image: Steps Details Operations Steps Details 1 Send message to user groups: Zabbix administrators via Email Immediately Default 2 Send message to users: Admin (Zabbix Administrator) via SMS 01:00:00 2 Send message to users: Admin (Zabbix Administrator) via SMS 01:00:00 Add Petails Notify all involved Add Update operations Details Action Edit Remove Action Update operations Details Action Action	Default operation step duration 1h ions for suppressed problems Operations Steps Details Steps Details Start in Duration Action 1 Send message to user groups: Zabbix administrators via Email Immediately Default 2 Send message to users: Admin (Zabbix Administrator) via SMS 01:00:00 Default Edit Add Update operations Details Action Notify all involved Edit Remove Add Details Action

ACTIONS - OPERATIONS

Send	message:
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✤Single user, group

✤Single media, all

✤Message

Condition based on acknowledgement
Run remote command:

On the server or by agent

✓IPMI

✤SSH, telnet

✤Global script

Operation details		:				
Operation type	Send message ~					
Steps	1 - 1 (0 - infinitely)					
Step duration	0 (0 - use action default)					
	* At least one user or user group must be selected.					
Send to User groups	User group	Action				
	Production (Read)	Remove				
	Add					
Send to Users	User	Action				
	meggy.wilson (Meggy Wilson)	Remove				
	Add					
Send only to	Email (HTML)					
Custom message						
Conditions	Label Name	Action				
	A Event is not acknowledged	Remove				
	Add					
		Update Cancel				

ACTIONS - RECOVERY OPERATIONS

✤ Recovery operations allow you to be notified when problems are resolved

- by a trigger going back to OK" state
- by manually closing a problem
- ✤Both, messages and remote commands, are supported in recovery operations
- Recovery operations do not support escalations all operations are assigned to a single step

Operation details		
Operation type	Send message	~
	Send message	ser group must be selected.
	Remote command	sei group muet ze colocicu.
Send to User groups	Notify all involved	Action
	Add	
Send to Users	User	Action
	Add	
Send only to	- All -	~
Custom message		
		Add Cance

ACTIONS - UPDATE OPERATIONS

✤ Update operations allow you to be notified when problems are updated. If someone:

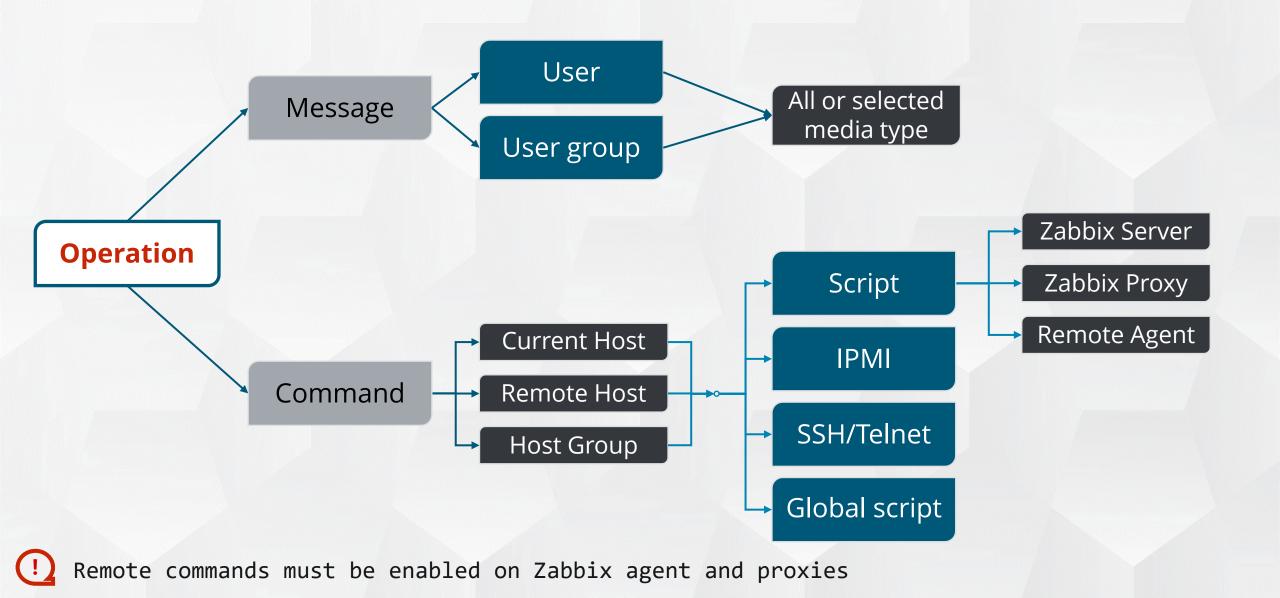
- adds a message to the problem
- acknowledges the problem
- changes problem severity

***** Both, messages and remote commands, are supported in update operations

✤Update operations do not support escalations - all operations are assigned to a single step

Operation details				×
Operation type	Send message	~		
	Send message	ser group must be selected.		
	Remote command	sel group musi be selected.		
Send to User groups	Notify all involved		Action	
	Add			
Send to Users	User	Action		
	Add			
Send only to	- All -	~		
Custom message				
			Add	Cancel

ACTIONS - OPERATIONS DIAGRAM



ACTIONS - USING MACROS

Use macros to include in notifications:

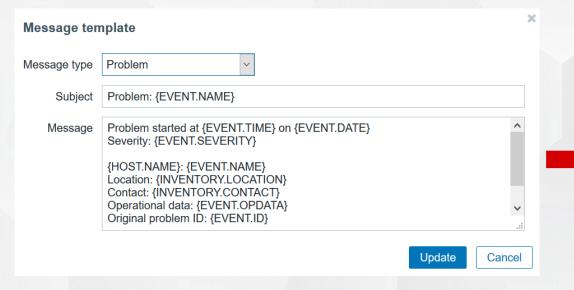
Technical data such as last gathered value or host details

- Problem details using {EVENT.*} macros
 - The {ESC.HISTORY} macro includes full escalation history

Host inventory details using {INVENTORY.*} macros
Useful for:

Providing information without logging in to Zabbix frontend

Integrations with ticketing systems



Problem started at 14:18:04 on 2018-02-22 Severity: High

R-JPTY01-DC2-L-3845-F10RC2: The router is unreachable! Location: Rack 2, 10 Floor, Data center 2, Tokyo

Contact: Mizui Okada

Original problem ID: 17268

Based on steps

Default interval can be overridden in operations If step intervals collide, the smallest interval wins

- ✤1. Duration of every operation step:
 - 1 minute to 1 week
 - Can be overridden in step configuration
 - Suppressed problems can be paused

≁2. Steps:

- From execute starting with this step
- To execute until this step
- 0 = infinity, execution will not be limited
- Custom duration for a single step

Action	Operations	
	* Default operation step duration	1m
Pause o	perations for suppressed problems	

Steps	1	-	1	(0 - infinitely)
Step duration	1m		(0) - use action default)

ACTIONS - STEPS

✤ Example 1. Sending a repeated notification once every hour (5 times in total):



• Example 2. Sending a postponed notification:

* Defaul	t operation step duration 15	m
Operations	Steps Details 2 Send message to user groups: NOC New	Start in Duration Team via Email 00:15:00 Default

✤ Example 3. Escalating the problem after 1 hour to the Boss:

Operations	Steps	Details	Start in	Duration
	1	Send message to user groups: NOC Team via Email	Immediately	Default
	2	Send message to users: jfisher (Jürgen Fisher) via Email	01:00:00	Default
	New			

Immediately	email administrator			
10 minutes	send SMS to admin			
15 minutes	open a report at helpdesk system			
30 minutes	email management			
1 hour	send SMS to management			
2 hours	restart Apache			
6 hours	reboot the server			
24 hours	power cycle whole server room			

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ESCALATION BEHAVIOR

Situation Escalation in progress

Based on any type of event:

- the action is disabled
- the event is deleted
- the trigger is disabled or deleted
- the host or item is disabled

- The message in progress is sent Another message on the escalation is sent:
 - "NOTE: Escalation cancelled"
 - The recipient is informed that escalation is cancelled

Behavior

• No more steps are executed

- action is deleted

- No more messages are sent.
- Information is logged to the server log file.
 Example: "escalation cancelled: action id:555 deleted"



NOTIFICATIONS DO NOT WORK

Make sure the user has at least read permissions on the host that generated the event
 Verify that both , email settings and action conditions, have been configured properly
 Check user media conditions in user profile

Check that all media templates are defined

Check the details by navigating to Monitoring > Problems and clicking on time for the event
 Check action log by navigating to Reports > Action log

Action log							
					< Zoom out	> This month ()	Filter 🍸
			Recipient	Select			
			Apply	Reset			
Time	Action	Туре	Recipient	Message		Status	Info
2020-05-27 14:48:33	Report Host problems		john (John Smith)	Subject:		Failed	A X
						No media de	fined for user.
				Message:			

PRACTICAL SETUP

1. Add Email Media type:

≁Name:	Training email
✓ SMTP server:	training.lan
✤SMTP server port:	25
✤SMTP helo:	training.lan
✓SMTP email:	trainingXX@training.lan

- 2. Configure your user media add email address
- 3. Customize messages

Add OS details and location to message body (use inventory fields)

- 4. Update your user profile add an email
- 5. Create an action with 2 steps:
 send email message immediately in case of a problem
 execute a command after 1 minute
- 6. Generate a problem to test notifications (e.g. CPU load is high)

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Detection of misconfiguration





DETECTION OF MISCONFIGURATION

Navigate to: Configuration > Actions > Internal actions

Detection of problems in configuration:

- Not supported items
- Not supported low level discovery rules
- Unknown triggers

Internal actions ~			Create action
			Filter 🍸
	Name Status Any	Enabled Disabled	
	Apply Reset		
Name ▲	Conditions	Operations	Status
Report not supported items	Event type equals Item in "not supported" state	Send message to user groups: Zabbix administrators via all media	Disabled
Report not supported low level discovery rules	Event type equals Low-level discovery rule in "not supported" state	Send message to user groups: Zabbix administrators via all media	Disabled
Report unknown triggers	Event type equals Trigger in "unknown" state	Send message to user groups: Zabbix administrators via all media	Disabled
		Dis	splaying 3 of 3 found

✤ By default there are three example actions created to report all problems with entities.



Enable

Disable

Delete

1 selected

DETECTION OF MISCONFIGURATION - NEW INTERNAL ACTION

Configuration > Actions > Internal actions > [Create action]

Define Conditions and Operations

Action Operations					
* Name	Nice name for internal action				
Conditions	Label Add	Name	Action		
Enabled New condition		×			
Type Application	~		Action Operations		
Operator equals contains	does not contain		* Default operation step duration	1h	
Value Apache	Add	Cancel	Operations	Steps Details 1 Send message to user groups: Zabbix administrators via Add	Start in Duration Action a all media Immediately Default Edit Remove
			Recovery operations	Details Action Notify all involved Edit Add Feature	on Remove
				* At least one operation must exist.	



PRACTICAL SETUP

Set up a media type for internal actions:
 Create a Problem message template
 Create a Recovery message template

2. Set up an action to report not supported SSH items:

- Make an SSH item "Not supported"
 Check the problem message
 Make the SSH item supported again
 - Check the recovery message
- 3. Check reports for actions.

Advanced task: Create internal action for triggers, use tag "Location", test it, break trigger.





Custom notifications





CUSTOM MEDIA TYPES

On the Zabbix server side, add a new Media type with type Script

Script must be located in a directory, specified by AlertScriptsPath directive in zabbix_server.conf

Command-line parameters can be defined per each script

Example:

✤{ALERT.SUBJECT} – Subject

♣{ALERT.MESSAGE} – Body

Executed by Zabbix server daemon as user "zabbix"

dia type	Message templates	Options	
	* Name	Notification script	
	Туре	Script -	
	* Script name	notification.sh	
	Script parameters	Parameter {ALERT.SENDTO} {ALERT.SUBJECT} {ALERT.MESSAGE} Add	
	Description		
	Enabled		

https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/5.0/manual/config/notifications/media/script

PRACTICAL SETUP

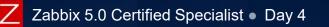
- 1. Create a script to echo messages to log file:
 - ✤Name: Write to log
 - Send as much information to log as possible, including values from the items
- 3. Create an action to push events to the log file







MAINTENANCE





MAINTENANCE - FUNCTIONALITY

Maintenance is used to:

- Suppress notifications
- Suppress data collection

Problems

	Time ▼ Severity	Recovery time Status	Info	Host	Problem	Operational data	Duration	Ack A	Actions
	16:39:04 • Average	PROBI	EM 🗞	Training-VM-XX 🔑	SSH service is down on Training-VM-XX	Up (1)	5m 30s	No	
	16:38:46 • 🗌 Warning	PROBI	EM 🐼	Training-VM-XX 🥍	1 CPU Load is high on Training-VM-XX	0.12/0.3	5m 48s	No	
Hosts					Allways in maintenance [Maintenance with				
Name 🔺	Interface	Availability							
Training-VM-XX 🄌	student-xx: 10050	ZBX SNMP JMX IP	IIV		ining-VM-XX naintenance OK				
Training-VM-XX Ac Allways in m	aintenance [Maintenance wi	th data collection]	IIV						

• Visually identified in problems, maps and dashboard, depending on filter settings

https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/5.0/manual/maintenance

MAINTENANCE IN ACTION

The Timer processes are responsible for switching host status to/from maintenance at 0 seconds of every minute:

Host

- Maintenance periods for hosts, host groups and problems
- No maintenance for a specific item, application or template
- History of maintenance periods is not stored
- If tags are specified:
 - the hosts will be activated
 - problems will be suppressed if tags match

Maintenance	Periods Hosts and	l group	S			
	* Name	Critic	al fixes			
	Maintenance type	With	data collection	No data collection		
	* Active since	2020-	04-29 00:00			
	* Active till	2025-	04-01 00:00	===		
	Periods Ho	sts and	l groups			
	* Pe	riods	Period type One time only	Schedule 2020-04-29 16:54	Period 1h	Action Edit Remove

losts and	d groups				
	* At least one host group of	or host must be se	elected.		
groups	Zabbix servers 🗙				Select
	type here to search				
Hosts	type here to search				Select
Tags	And/Or Or				
	Environment	Contains	Equals	Production	Remove
	Add				

Periods must be inside the Maintenance rule Active timeframe!

MAINTENANCE IN ACTION

When a host is in maintenance:

All problems will be suppressed

Time 🔻	Severity	Info	Host	Problem
11:59:02 AM	Average	Ø	net.brocade.fc.300 🄑	FAN #3: Fan is in critical state
11:59:02 AM	High	Ø	net.brocade.fc.300 ۶	SLOT #1: critical state

If the tags have been specified:

maintenance for selected hosts will be limited to problems with the corresponding tags

Time 🔻	Severity	Info	Host	Problem
11:59:02 AM	Average		net.brocade.fc.300 ۶	FAN #3: Fan is in critical state
11:59:02 AM	High	Ø	net.brocade.fc.300 🄑	SLOT #1: critical state

Workflow:

Problem > Action executed > Escalator generates steps

Example:

Simple action with 3 operation steps

Action steps	Operation	Execution time
Step 1	Mail to Admin	immediately
Step 2	Sms to Admin	+10
Step 3	Open ticket in Jira	+20

With maintenance, there are two scenarios:

A problem starts and the host goes into maintenance

A host goes into maintenance and a problem starts

(!) Maintenance uses Zabbix server time

MAINTENANCE IN ACTION

A problem starts, but 5 minutes later the host goes into maintenance.

Maintenance rule:

- Period 60 minutes
- From 11:00 till 12:00
- Operation step duration 10 minutes

			Pa	ause operations for	' SI	uppressed prob	lems
							No
Event	Action steps	Operation	Step timing	Step execution time		Step timing	Step execution time
10:55 Problem	1	Mail to Admin	Immediately	10:55		Immediately	10:55
11:00 Maintenance			Pause fo	r 60 minutes			
	2	Sms to Admin	+10 +60	12:05		+10	11:05
	3	Open ticket in Jira	+20 +60	12:15		+20	11:15



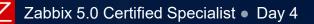
MAINTENANCE IN ACTION

A host goes into maintenance and the problem starts 10 minutes later

✤ Maintenance rule:

- Period 60 minutes
- From 11:00 till 12:00
- Operation step duration 10 minutes

			Pa	ause operations for	' SI	uppressed prob	ng Step execution time		
				Yes			No		
Event	Action steps	Operation	Step timing	Step execution time		Step timing	•		
11:00 Maintenance			Pause fo	r 60 minutes					
11:10 Problem	1	Mail to Admin	+50	12:00		Immediately	11:10		
	2	Sms to Admin	+10 +50	12:10		+10	11:20		
	3	Open ticket in Jira	+20 +50	12:20		+20	11:30		



PRACTICAL SETUP

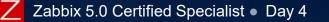
- Create a new maintenance:
 Name: Training maintenance
- 2. Configure new maintenance period for your host:
 A Period type: One time only
 Date: today as soon as possible
 Maintenance period length: 1 hour
- 3. Check frontend for maintenance status (orange background/wrench icon).

Advanced task: Create another daily maintenance by using Tags





Business level monitoring







BUSINESS LEVEL MONITORING - SERVICES

Define your SLAs

Understand business-level impacts and set reasonable targets

Translate business-level SLAs to component SLAs

Measure your SLAs

- Service/application monitoring
 Middleware (App server, JMX, ODBC)
- ✤Log files
- Host/OS level monitoring



BUSINESS LEVEL MONITORING - SERVICES

Configuration > Services

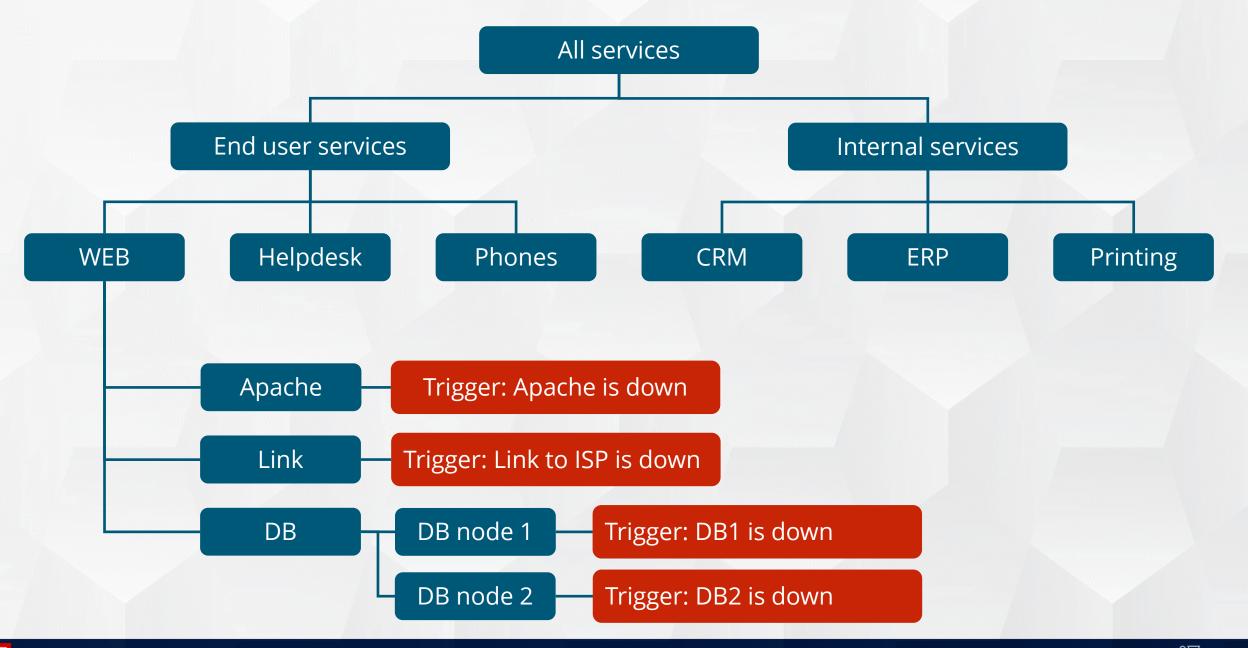
- Parent-child relationship
- Linked to triggers, problem if all/any child has a problem

Optional SLA calculation per service

SERVICE	ACTION	STATUS CALCULATION	TRIGGER
root	Add child		
▼ Card system	Add child	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	
Application	Add child	Problem, if all children have problems	
▶ Middleware	Add child	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	
► Infrastracture	Add child	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	
▼ Channels	Add child	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	
▼ Riga office	Add child	Problem, if all children have problems	
iNet	Add child Delete	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	Incoming traffic for Provider eth2 (10.0.2.15) is too low
Baltic	Add child Delete	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	Incoming traffic for Provider eth3 (192.168.56.30) is too low
► Tokyo office	Add child	Problem, if all children have problems	
Providers	Add child	Problem, if at least one child has a problem	



BUSINESS LEVEL MONITORING - SLA



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Monitoring > Services

- SLA displaying
- ✤SLA graphs
- Can't be calculated retroactively

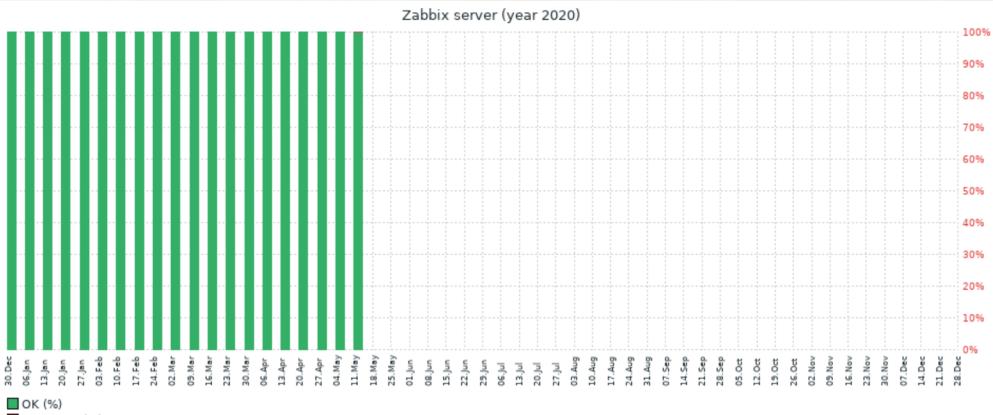
***** "Not classified" and "Information" severity triggers are ignored for SLA calculation!

				Period Last 7 days 🗸
Status	Reason	Problem time		SLA / Acceptable SLA
Average	High memory utilization (>90% for 5m)	0.	.0885	99.9115 / 99.5000
ОК		0.	.0000	100.0000 / 99.5000
ОК				
ОК		0.	.0000	100.0000 / 99.5000
ОК				
ОК				
Average	High memory utilization (>90% for 5m)	0.	.0885	99.9115 / 99.5000
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SERVICES - SLA GRAPH

Weekly based. Shows only problem/OK states



PROBLEM (%)

SERVICES - SLA REPORT

Daily / Weekly / Monthly / Yearly

Period Weekly Year 2020								
From	Till	Ok	Problems	Downtime	SLA	Acceptable SLA		
2020-05-11 00:00	2020-05-16 12:17	5d 12h 3m	0d 0h 13m		99.8299	99.5		
2020-05-04 00:00	2020-05-11 00:00	7d 0h 0m			100.0000	99.5		
2020-04-27 00:00	2020-05-04 00:00	7d 0h 0m			100.0000	99.5		
2020-04-20 00:00	2020-04-27 00:00	7d 0h 0m			100.0000	99.5		
2020-04-13 00:00	2020-04-20 00:00	7d 0h 0m			100.0000	99.5		
2020-04-06 00:00	2020-04-13 00:00	7d 0h 0m			100.0000	99.5		

Every service has its own time settings:

✤ Uptime - service uptime

- Downtime service state within this period does not affect SLA
- One-time downtime a single downtime
 - Service state within this period does not affect SLA
- ***** Service times affect calculation of service status and SLA by the frontend
- The "No data collection" maintenance can be used to configure the maintenance period for a service (no data = no problems = no downtime)

Services				
Service Dependencies Time	_			
Service times	Type Uptime			Action Remove
	Downtime	Saturday 23:00 - Saturday 23:59		Remove
	Downtime	Sunday 00:00 - Saturday 03:00		Remove
	One-time downtime	2020-05-17 13:00 - 2020-05-17 15:00	Critical patch install	Remove

PRACTICAL SETUP

1. Create a new SLA:

Name: Zabbix training SLA

✤Acceptable SLA 95%

Status calculating algorithm: Problem if at least one child has a problem
 Add training schedule including lunchtime for every day as Uptime/Downtime

- 2. Children: you and 2 other trainees(example : student-XX) Add a trigger: CPU Load is very high on {HOST.NAME}
- 3. Make the triggers switch to problem state
- 4. Check service counters





Low-Level Discovery







LOW-LEVEL DISCOVERY (LLD)

Low-level discovery provides a way to automatically create:

- Items
- Triggers
- Graphs
- Screens
- Hosts

Automatically start monitoring file systems, network interfaces and other things.

- No need to create items manually prototypes are used
- Possible to remove unneeded entities automatically

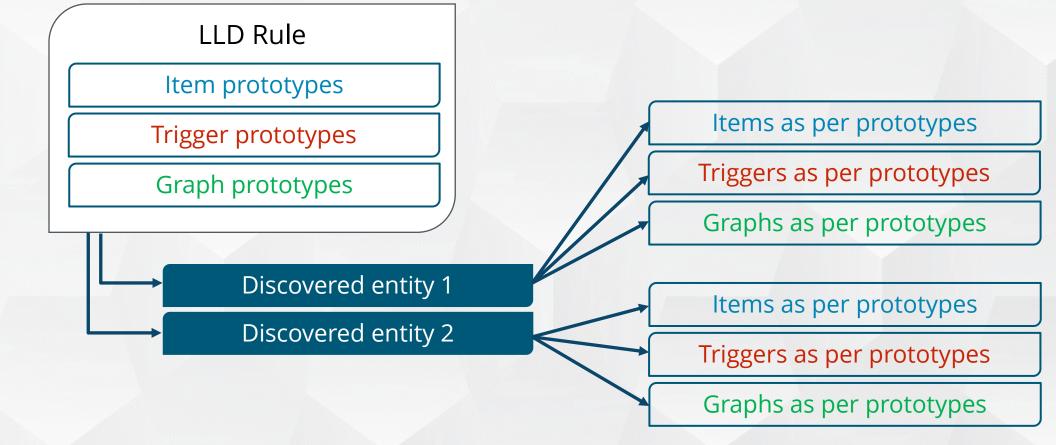


https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/5.0/manual/discovery/low_level_discovery

Workflow:

Create discovery item/rule in Configuration > Templates > Discovery

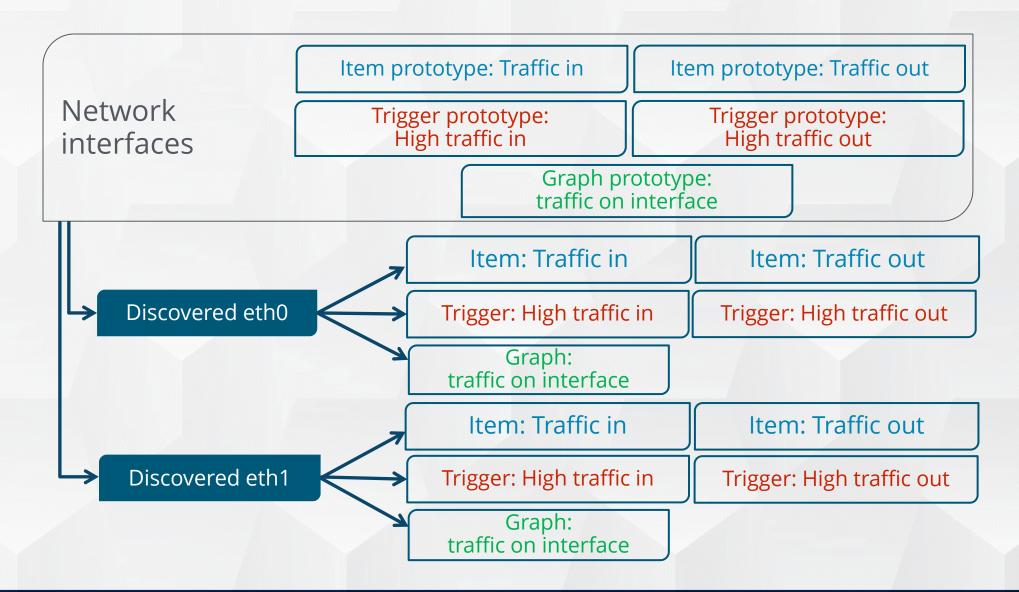
Create prototypes of items, triggers and graphs that should be created by the rule



This topic is discussed in Professional and Expert level training

LOW-LEVEL DISCOVERY(LLD) - EXAMPLE

Example of the network interface discovery:



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LOW-LEVEL DISCOVERY(LLD) - BUILT-IN ENTITIES

✤Zabbix agent

- Filesystems
- Block devices
- Network interfaces
- CPUs and CPU cores
- Only on Windows
 - Services
 - WMI queries
 - Performance counters
- Linux systemd services (only for Agent2)
- SNMP entities
- ✤JMX entities
- IPMI entities
- ✤SQL entities
- Zabbix host interfaces
- …anything using scripting



PRACTICAL SETUP

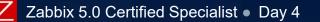
- 1. Use host: Training-VM-XX
 - Link to template "Template Module Linux filesystems by Zabbix agent"
 - Reload server configuration cache
 - Manually execute the discovery rule
 - Check for automatically created items and values for existing filesystems
- 2. Check that discovery rule is working as expected
 - Create new virtual filesystem
 - Manually execute the discovery rule
 - Check for automatically created items for new filesystem

Advanced task: Link "Template Module Linux network interfaces by Zabbix agent" check





XML IMPORT/EXPORT





XML IMPORT/EXPORT FUNCTIONALITY

Exports

Hosts and templates:

≁Items

*****Triggers

≁Graphs

✤Template linkage

✤Host macros

Applications

✤Screens

WEB scenarios

✤Value maps used by items

Value mapping Media types Screens Network maps Images are exported in base64 format Images must be exported separately

Supports XML exports from previous Zabbix releases 4.X, 3.X, 2.X and 1.8

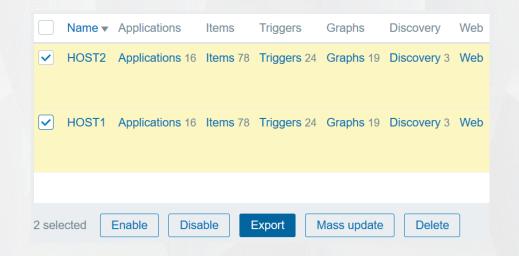
Values of "Secret text" macros are not exported!

i https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/current/manual/xml_export_import

IMPORT/EXPORT BENEFITS

Configuration > Hosts/Templates > Select hosts > [Export]

- Partial configuration backup purposes
- Automated/scripted configuration generation
- Scripted large-scale configuration changes
- Configuration transfer from development machine to production





XML IMPORT/EXPORT - CONTROLS

Configuration > Hosts/Templates > [Import]

Global import form

Rule	Description
Update existing	Existing elements will be updated with data taken from the import file. Otherwise, they will not be updated.
Create new	Import will add new elements using data from the import file. Otherwise, it will not add them.
Delete missing	Import will remove existing elements not present in the import file. Otherwise, it will not remove them. If Delete missing is marked for template linkage, existing template linkage not present in the import file will be removed from the host along with all entities inherited from the potentially unlinked templates (items, triggers, etc).

Import

* Import file	Browse No	file sel	ected.					
Rules	Update existing Create new Delete missing							
	Groups				✓			
	Hosts							
	Templates		~		✓			
	Template screens	6	~		✓			
	Template linkage				✓			
	Applications				~			
	Items		~		✓			
	Discovery rules		~		✓			
	Triggers		~		~			
	Graphs		~		~			
	Web scenarios		~		~			
	Screens							
	Maps							
	Images							
	Media types							
	Value mappings				✓			
	Import	ancel						

XML IMPORT/EXPORT - EXAMPLE

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?> <zabbix export> <version>5.0</version> <date>2020-04-22T07:47:33Z</date> <groups> <group> <name>Discovered hosts</name> </group> <group> <name>Zabbix servers</name> </group> </groups> <hosts> <host> <host>Zabbix server 1</host> <name>Main Zabbix server</name> <proxy> <name>Remote proxy</name> </proxy> <tls_connect>TLS_PSK</tls_connect> <tls accept> <option>NO ENCRYPTION</option> <option>TLS_PSK</option> </tls accept> <tls_psk_identity>z112</tls_psk_identity> <tls psk>1f87b595725ac58dd977beef14b97461a7c1045b9a1c963065002c5473194952</tls psk> <templates> <template> <name>Template App Zabbix Server</name> </template>

PRACTICAL SETUP

1. Export:

✤Your training host

2. Modify XML file and add:

Change: Hostname to trainers VM
Visible name: Use trainers name + VM
Interface: Use "trainer" as DNS name

3. Import modified XML files back

Advanced task: Add a description for trainer's host in XML file.



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Automation



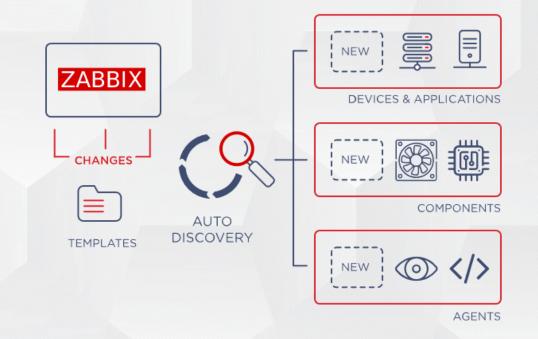


AUTOMATION

Automate actions for different elements (hosts, applications, etc.):

- Add/remove
- Enable/disable
- Link/unlink templates
- Change groups
- Etc.

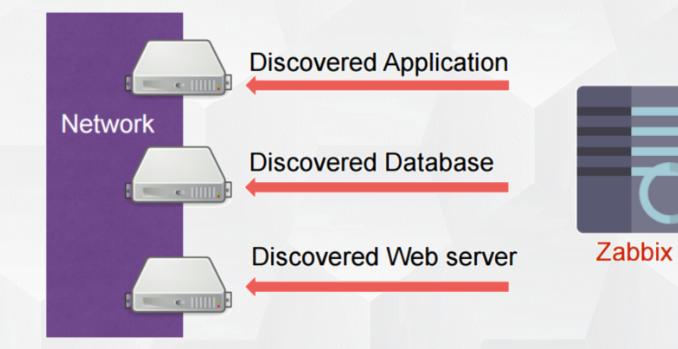
Auto-registration of active agent
Network discovery
Low-level discovery
Zabbix API





NETWORK DISCOVERY

Scan the network for services or devices and take pre-defined actions

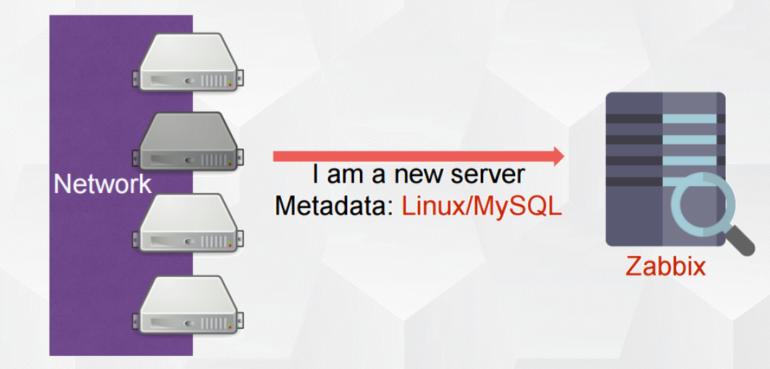






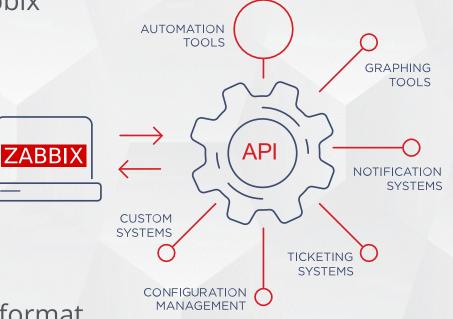
AUTOREGISTRATION

Add new hosts with installed Zabbix agent in active mode for monitoring without any manual configuration



Zabbix API

- Web based and is shipped as part of web frontend
- Allows to retrieve and modify the configuration of Zabbix
- Provides access to historical data
- ✤230+ different API methods
- Create new applications to work with Zabbix
- Integrate with third party software
- Custom reports
- Respects permissions
- Requests and responses are encoded using the JSON format







BACKUPS





WHAT TO BACKUP

We strongly recommend that you always maintain regular backups as well as make a fresh backup before every upgrade.

✤Database backup

Historical data can be separated: history*, trends*, events*

Configuration files:

*zabbix_server.conf, zabbix_agentd.conf, zabbix_proxy.conf

Scripts, modules, alert and external scripts. Optional:

***** Binaries, frontend files

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There are various ways to backup Zabbix DB.
Example for MySQL:
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- *xtrabackup/mariadbbackup (full physical backup)
- *xtrabackup/mariadbbackup (incremental physical backup)
- mysqldump (logical backup)
- ✤ binary logging
- ✤ replication

The mysqldump is the most popular MySQL backup method.

- ✤safe, but slow (e.g. 100GB/1 hour)
- may cause performance degradation

Xtra/mariadb backup has more recovery options and better performance.

HOW DO I BACKUP/ RESTORE

The commands to backup/restore will vary depending on your database and selected backup method

Zabbix database backup:

PostgreSQL: pg_dump zabbix > zabbix_db

MySQL: mysqldump --single-transaction -p --tab /mnt/backup zabbix

Restore a backup:

- PostgreSQL: psql zabbix < zabbix_db</p>
- MySQL: cat /mnt/backup/*.sql | mysql -p zabbix

mysqlimport -p --use-threads=4 zabbix /mnt/backup/*.txt

XML export can be used for other objects in Zabbix, for example, templates or hosts.

MYSQL IMPORT/EXPORT TIPS

Default MySQL settings could cost you 10x restore slowdown. InnoDB log file size and buffer pool size are important.

When importing data, you can speed up table imports by temporarily turning off the uniqueness checks:

- unique_checks=0
- foreign_key_checks=0
- innodb_doublewrite=0
- ✓sql_log_bin=0

Load files in parallel using N threads. Restore operation takes more time than the backup.





QUESTIONS?





Time for a break :)

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