

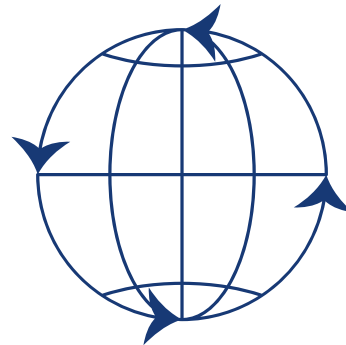
# Receiving Zabbix notifications via **Signal**

An alternative to WhatsApp

# whoami

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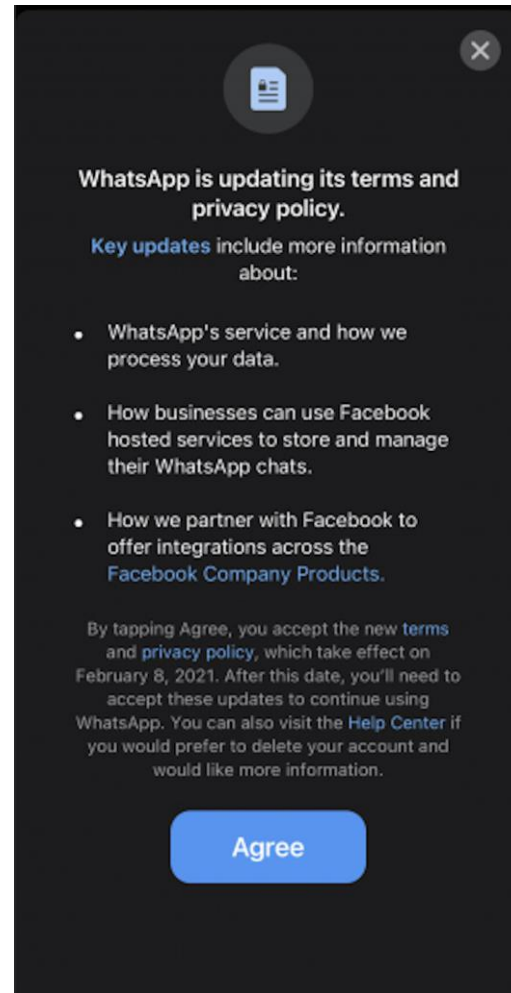


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# How did it start?

<https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/updates/privacy-policy>



# Alternatives

- Telegram (400 million active users)
- Signal (50 million active users)
- Other media
  
- Smoke signals
- Snail mail



# Getting alerts in one application

- Zabbix sends alerts (hopefully not that many)
- Signal offers an API

## Profit!

Note: Signal forces us to provide phone number. And you don't want to use your own phone number!



# Let's get started.

- Prerequisites / used setup:
  - Zabbix 5.2
  - CentOS8
  
- All phone numbers must include the country calling code, i.e. the number must start with a "+" sign:

Example: +1929377125



# Installation of Signal-CLI

Open your terminal, make sure you've got sufficient permissions and download the package:

```
export VERSION="0.7.3"  
wget https://github.com/AsamK/signal-cli/releases/download/v"${VERSION}"/signal-cli-"${VERSION}".tar.gz
```

Extract and make symlinks:

```
sudo tar xf signal-cli-"${VERSION}".tar.gz -C /opt  
sudo ln -sf /opt/signal-cli-"${VERSION}"/bin/signal-cli /usr/local/bin/
```



# Register against Signal

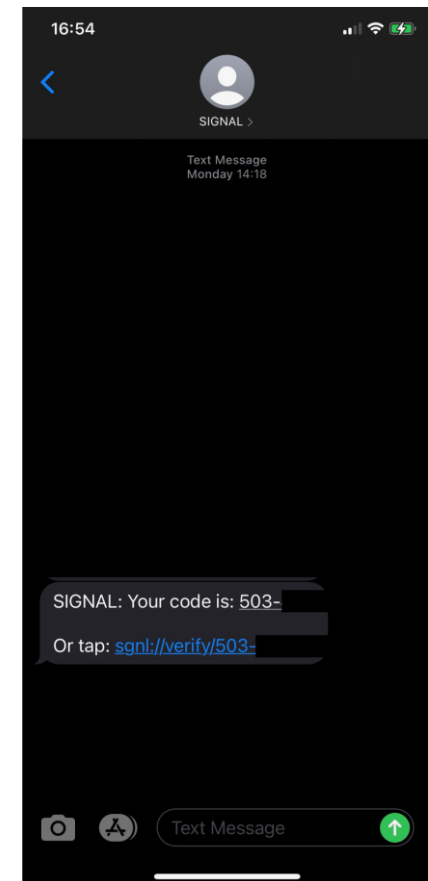
As 'Zabbix' user we will call Signal-cli and register our phone number:

```
runuser -l zabbix -c 'signal-cli <NUMBER> register'
```

Within a few seconds, you will receive a text message at this phone number:

Back to the terminal and finish the registration:

```
runuser -l zabbix -c 'signal-cli <NUMBER> verify <CODE>'
```





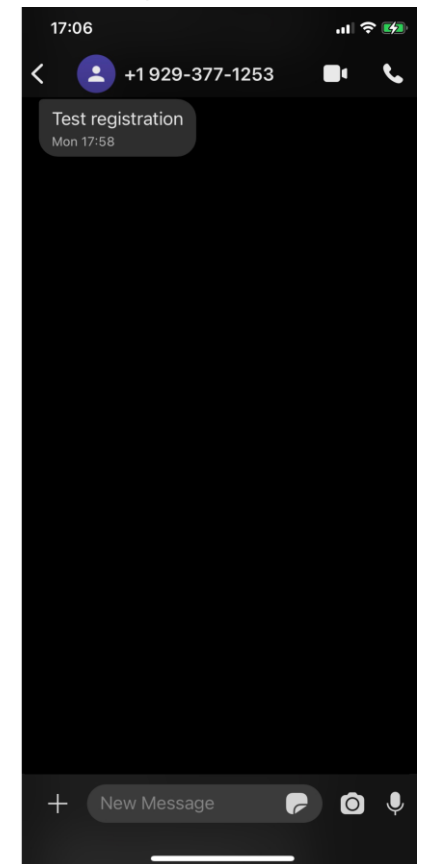
# Sending messages from the terminal

After the registration, test if you're able to send a message from your terminal:

```
signal-cli -u <number> send -m "Test registration" <receiver>
```

Hopefully, you will see something like this:

Perfect! We're almost done here.



# Zabbix alert script

- Since we are using Signal-CLI we have to comply with their. Format. Meaning we need an alert script to meet those requirements

Create a new script in `/usr/lib/zabbix/alertscripts/`

```
vim /usr/lib/zabbix/alertscripts/signal.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
signal-cli -u '<number>' send -m "$1" $2
```

Set the correct permissions:

```
chmod 700 /usr/lib/zabbix/alertscripts/signal.sh
```

```
chown zabbix:zabbix /usr/lib/zabbix/alertscripts/signal.sh
```



# Frontend setup

- Time to build our own mediatype:

Navigate to Administration | Media types  
And click on “create media type”

- **Name:** Signal
- **Type:** Script
- **Script name:** signal.sh
- **Script parameters:**
  - {ALERT.MESSAGE}
  - {ALERT.SENDTO}

Do not forget to create “message templates”.  
You can use the defaults!

Important!

Media types

Media type Message templates 7 Options

Name Signal

Type Script

Script name signal.sh

Script parameters

Parameter	Action
{ALERT.MESSAGE}	<a href="#">Remove</a>
{ALERT.SENDTO}	<a href="#">Remove</a>

[Add](#)

Description

Enabled

[Update](#) [Clone](#) [Delete](#) [Cancel](#)

# Add media to user

Navigate to Administration | Users or just edit your user profile

Second tab(“media”) and add a new media there with the following settings:

**Media** ✕

Type

\* Send to

\* When active

Use if severity  Not classified  
 Information  
 Warning  
 Average  
 High  
 Disaster

Enabled

Note: Of course you should replace ‘<RECEIVER>’ with your own phone number



# Configure or reconfigure your actions

Navigate to Configuration | Actions

Find the action you always use and click on tab “operations” within it.

You should adjust “Send only to” to reflect “Signal”

If you have “-All-” configured, it should work already

## Operation details

Operation type

Steps  -  (0 - infinitely)

Step duration  (0 - use action default)

\* At least one user or user group must be selected.

Send to user groups

User group	Action
<a href="#">Add</a>	

Send to users

User	Action
<a href="#">Add</a>	

Send only to

Custom message

Conditions

Label	Name	Action
<a href="#">Add</a>		

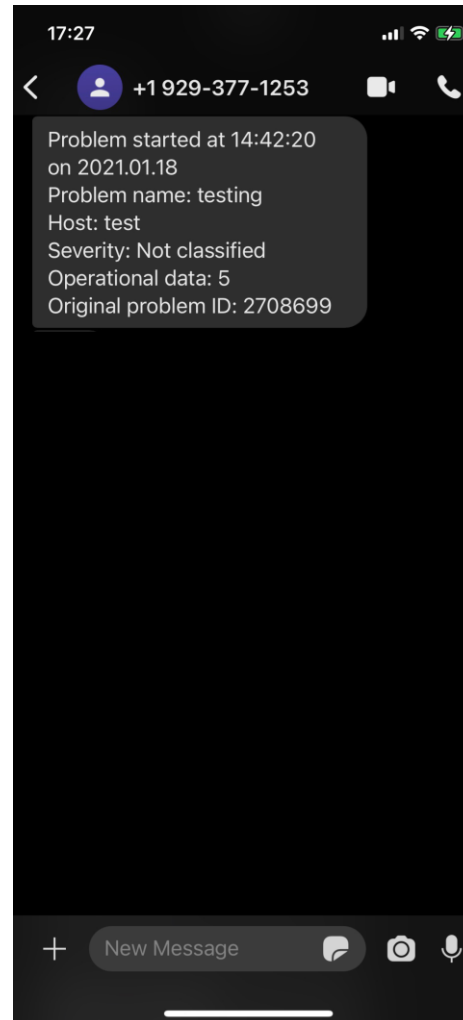


# Testing

- **Or wait till you've got a real problem**
- Create a host
- On that host, item of type "Zabbix trapper"
- On that item trigger: if last value>1
- Make sure the host is matched by your action!



# Result:



Zabbix meetup



# Wrap up

- **Download Signal-cli**
- **Register your phone number**
- **Create Zabbix alertscript**
- **Configure Zabbix mediatype, media and action in the frontend**
- **Test**
  
- **Profit!**





# Need a recap?

**No problem!**

**Check out the blog post:**

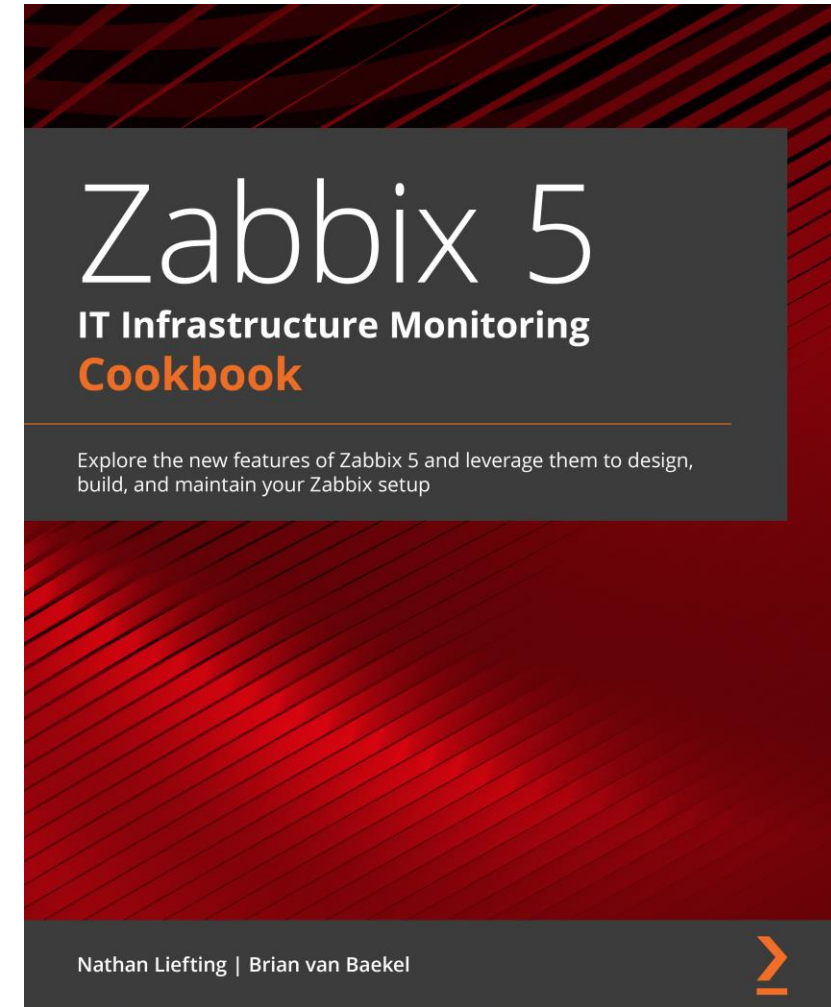
**<https://blog.zabbix.com/>**



# Book

- **How to setup and work with Zabbix monitoring**
- **Working to keep Zabbix structured**
- **Making sure to maintain Zabbix performance overtime**
- **From start to finish, from installation to API.**
  
- **Please leave an Amazon review, we'd love to read them!**

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08NX17XT8>



# Thank you

## Questions?

