

About me

Fifteen years of experience in IT area, specialist in opensource softwares
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How to collect data in a application level using only frontend Zabbix features?

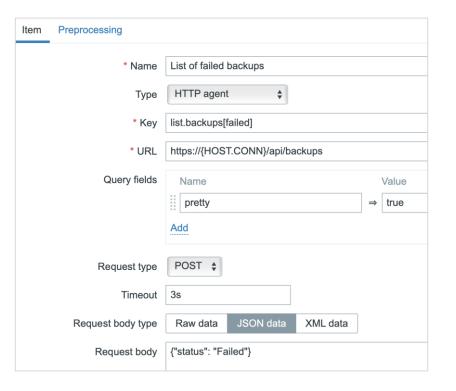


HTTP CHECKS

Before 4.0: you can use a user parameter with cURL command

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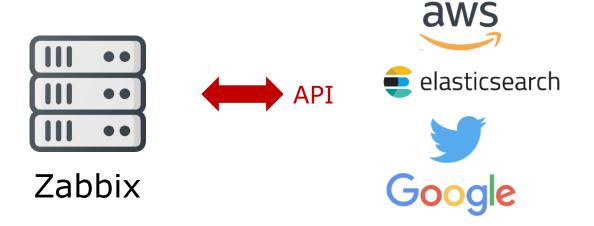
Starting from Zabbix 4.0: you can use HTTP agent





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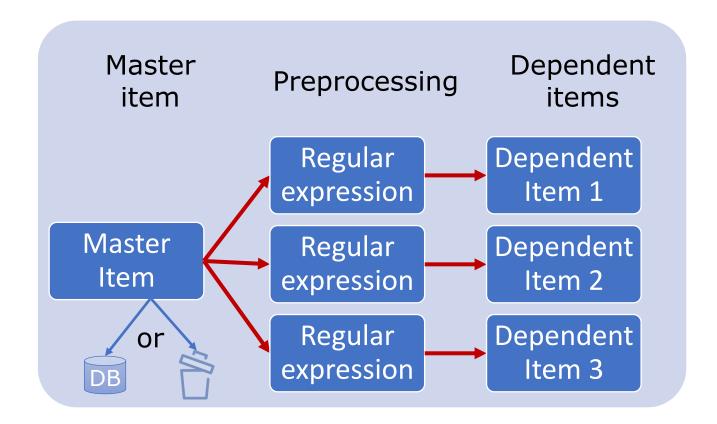
Many applications are exposing their data via RESTful APIs Allows data polling using HTTP/HTTPS protocol Makes it easy to monitor applications and services No agent is required



Preprocessing

Preprocessing allows to define transformation rules for received values

One or several transformations are possible All preprocessing is done by Zabbix server



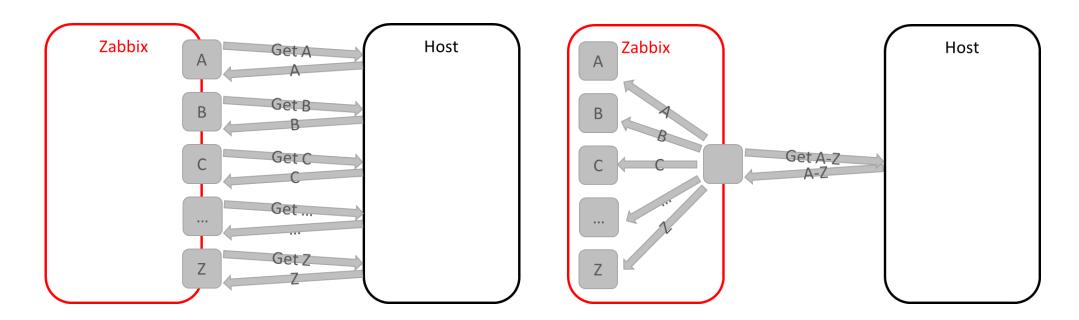
Dependent Item

To allow for bulk metric collection and simultaneous use in several related items, Zabbix supports dependent items

The master item automatically populates the values of the dependent items

Zabbix preprocessing options can be used to extract the part that is needed for the dependent item from the master item data

Only Zabbix server is processing dependent items

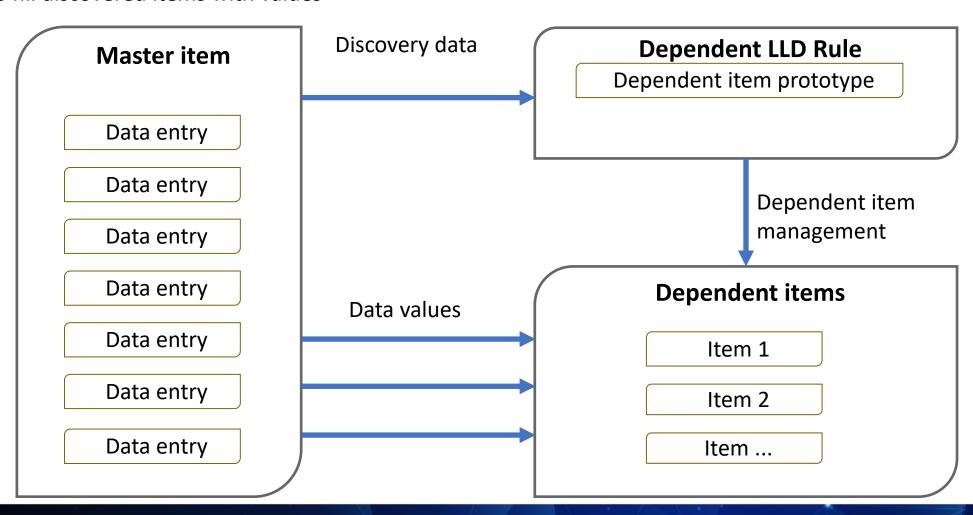


Discovery using dependent items

Master item data can be used

to discover entities (items, triggers, graphs)

to fill discovered items with values





Practical Scenario

The number of people to have died from Covid-19 in Brazil has passed 150,000.

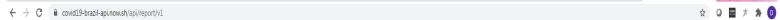
Brazil has the second-highest coronavirus death toll in the world, after the US, and the third-highest number of cases after the US and India. The country also passed five million total infections earlier this week.

We are going to collect Brazillian Covid-19 statistics, using only Zabbix frontend features



Brazillian Covid-19 statistics data collection using Zabbix

Source of Information
External public HTTP JSON Data
https://covid19-brazil-api.now.sh/api/report/v1



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I divided the process in two Steps

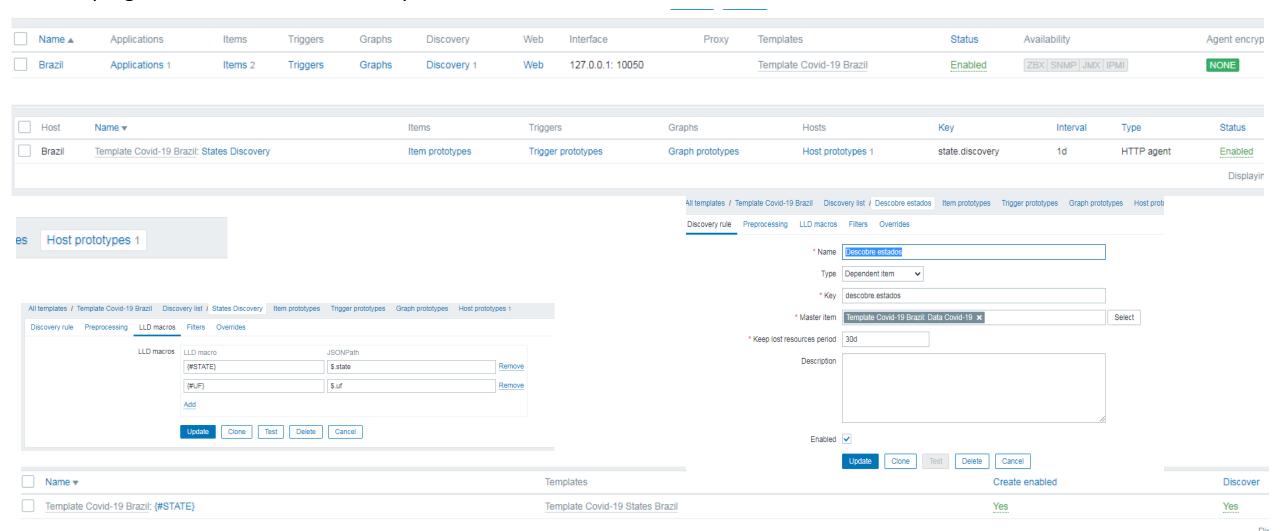
Step 1 – Host called Brazil with a LLD Http agent template with a host prototype inside for the creation of the hosts represents the information of each brazillian state.

Step 2 – The host created in the first step has a template with a dependent item low level discovery that get all data from covid-19 for each host Brazilian state.



Template states discovery

Http Agent item Low level discovery for the Brazilian State creation





Template COVID-19

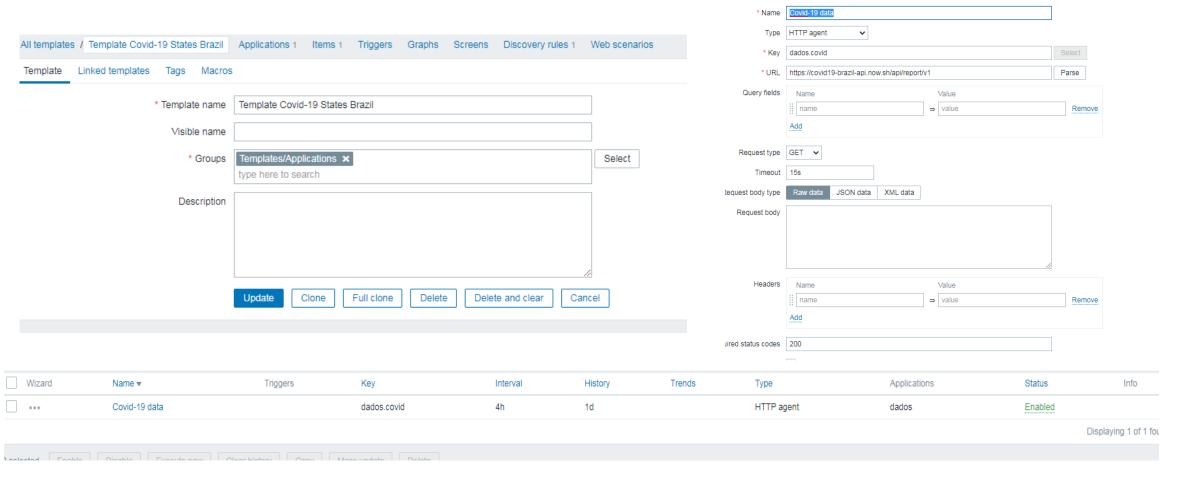
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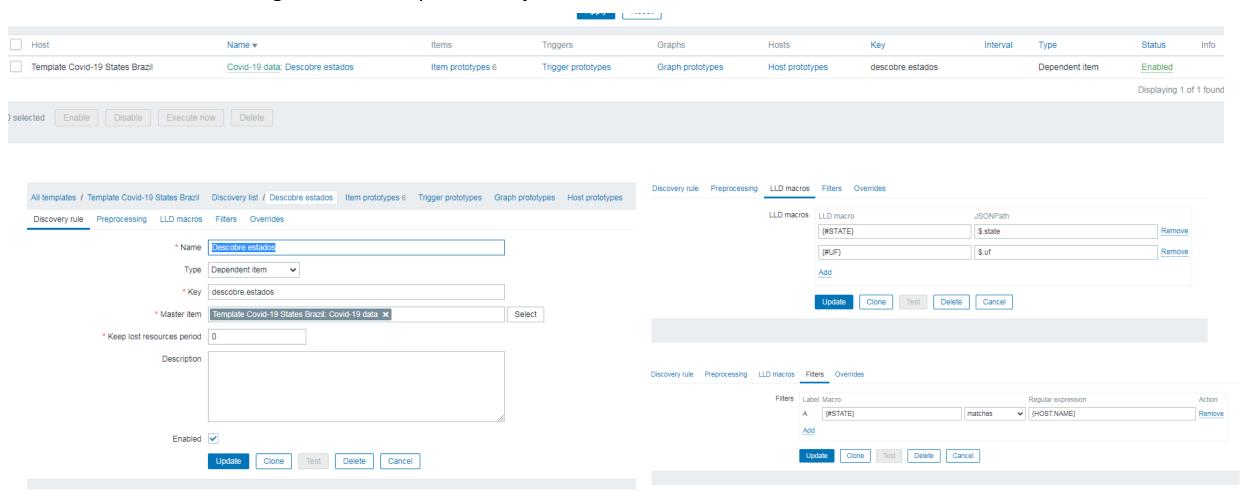
Master http Agent Item

Master Item extracting data from http web site json format



Low level Discovery using dependente item

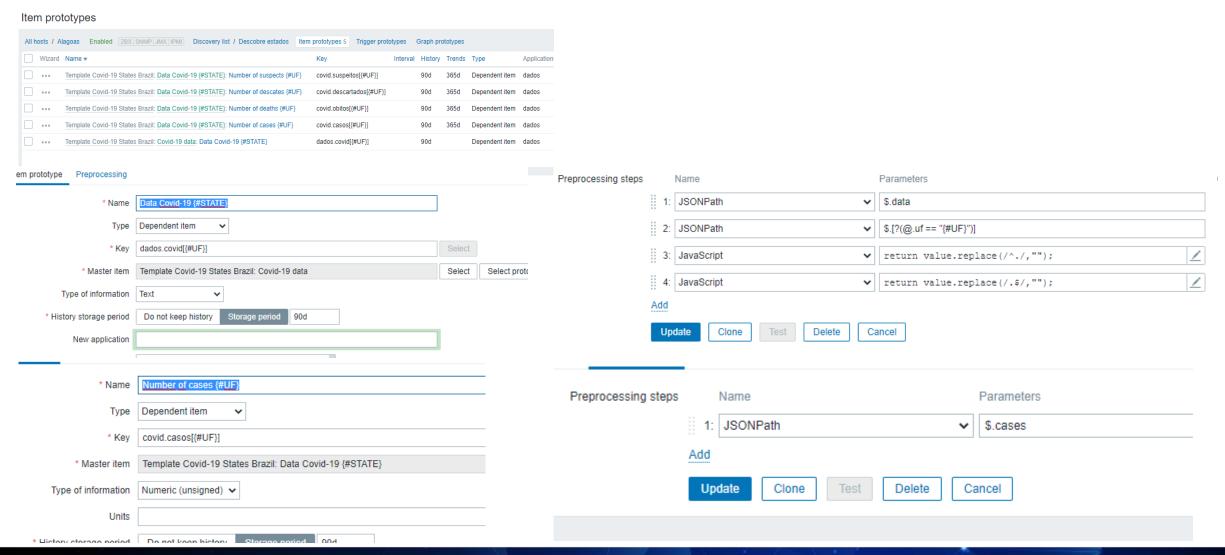
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Dependente Prototype item

Covid-19 information for each state

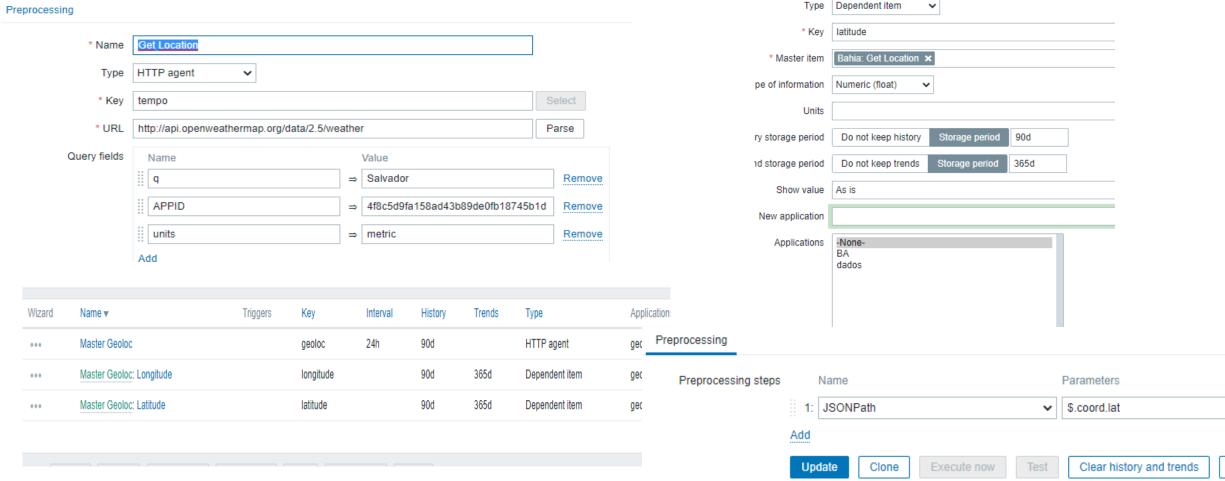




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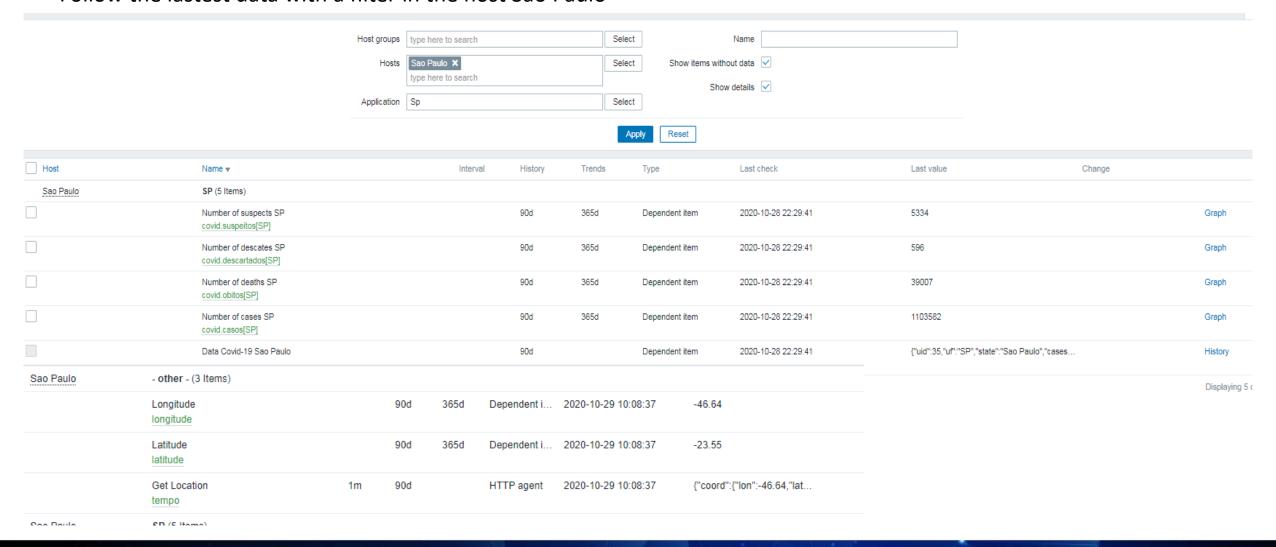
Master item, and dependente item with preprocessing to colect the geo localization, it will be use in world map Grafana plugin.





Lastest data

Follow the lastest data with a filter in the host Sao Paulo





Final visualization with Grafana

