

ZABBIX TIPS & TRICKS

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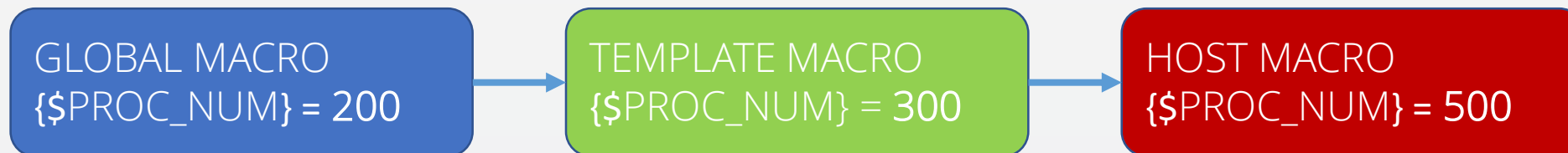
1. {\$USER_MACROS}

What are `{$USER_MACROS}` ?

They are **variable names** to store different information

- trigger thresholds
- different filters
- credentials
- etc.....

They have multiple levels, each new one overriding the previous





Fixed thresholds in templates

Different servers may have different **threshold values** for items like CPU load, free memory size, number of processes etc.

```
{Template OS: system.cpu.load[percpu,avg1].avg(5m)}>5
```

```
{Template OS: vm.memory.size[available].last(0)}<20M
```

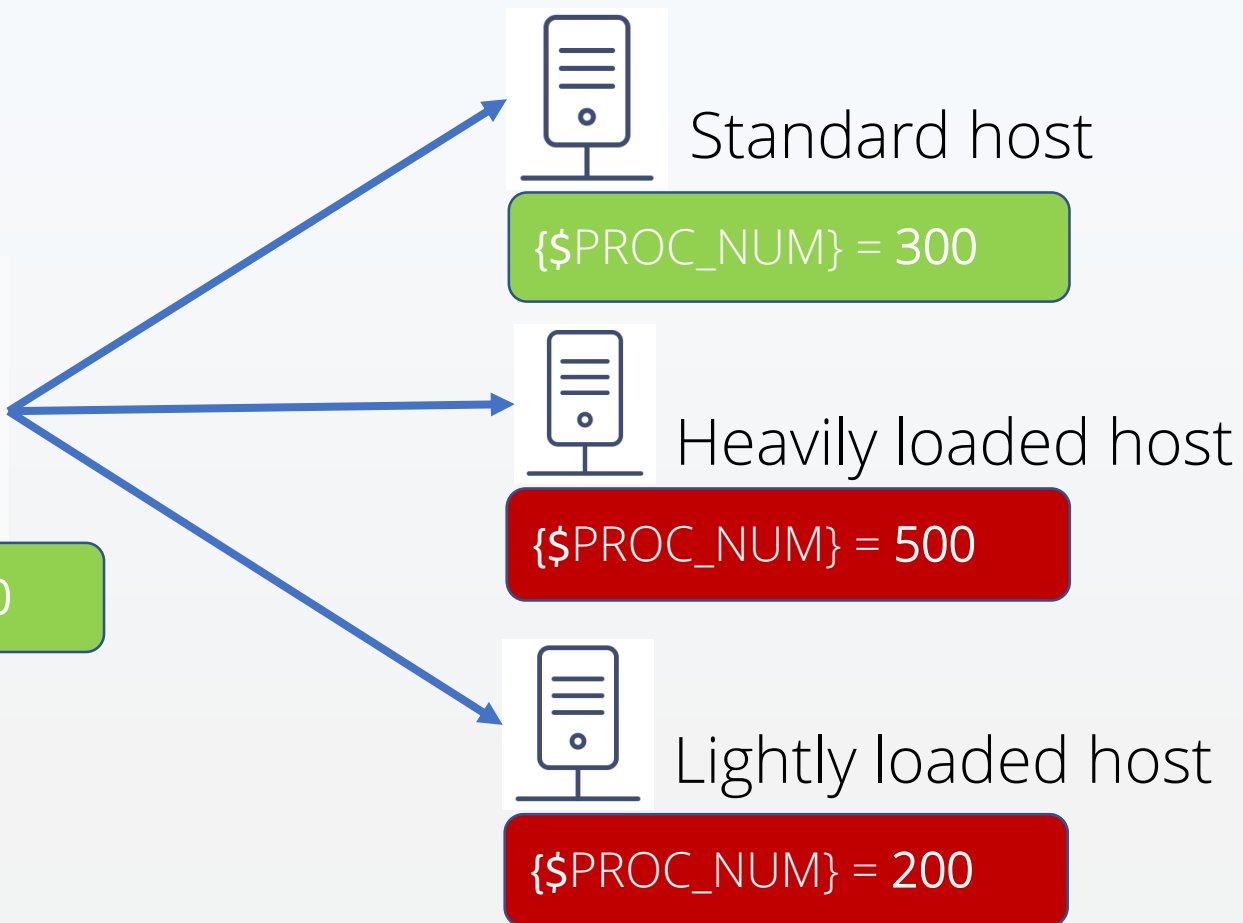
```
{Template OS: proc.num[].avg(5m)}>300
```

TEMPLATE MACRO

HOST MACRO



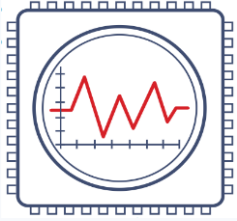
`{$PROC_NUM} = 300`



Standard host
`{$PROC_NUM} = 300`

Heavily loaded host
`{$PROC_NUM} = 500`

Lightly loaded host
`{$PROC_NUM} = 200`



Dynamic thresholds in templates

Use **`\${USER_MACROS}** as **threshold values** for items like CPU load, free memory size, number of processes etc.

```
{Template OS: system.cpu.load[percpu,avg1].avg(5m)}>`${CPU_LOAD}`  
{Template OS: vm.memory.size[available].last(0)}<`${MEMORY_FREE}`  
{Template OS: proc.num[].avg(5m)}>`${PROC_NUM}`
```



Fixed port numbers in templates

Different servers have different **port numbers** for tcp/udp ports like ssh, http, https etc.

```
{Template OS: net.tcp.service[ssh,22]
```

```
{Template OS: net.tcp.service[http,80]
```

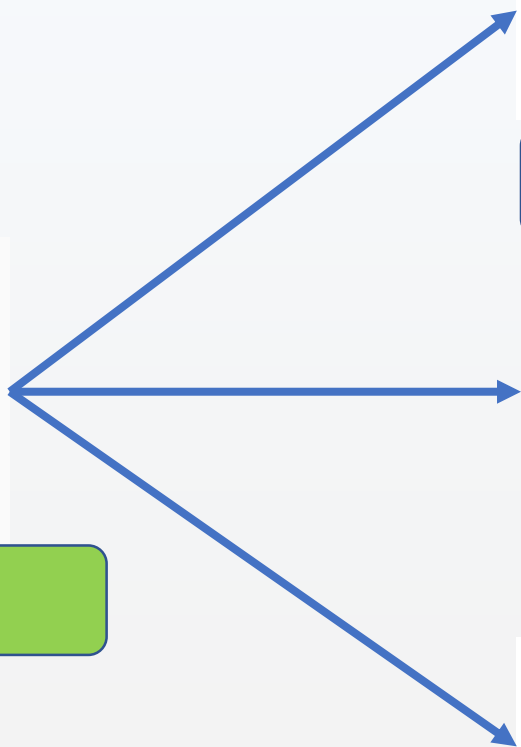
```
{Template OS: net.tcp.service[https,443]
```

TEMPLATE MACRO

HOST MACRO



`{$HTTP_PORT} = 80`



Standard host

`{$HTTP_PORT} = 80`



Non standard host 1

`{$HTTP_PORT} = 8080`



Non standard host 2

`{$HTTP_PORT} = 8000`



Dynamic port numbers in templates

Use **`\${USER_MACROS}`** as **port numbers** for tcp/udp ports like ssh, http, https etc.

```
{Template OS: net.tcp.service[ssh,`${SSH_PORT}`]}
```

```
{Template OS: net.tcp.service[http,`${HTTP_PORT}`]}
```

```
{Template OS: net.tcp.service[https,`${HTTPS_PORT}`]}
```



Fixed thresholds for LLD (Low Level Discovery) items

Different mount points will have different **size**, hence different low space warning **thresholds**

- | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
| • /boot | small size | 100M |
| • / | medium size | 10G |
| • /data | large size | 1TB |



How context based macros works

TEMPLATE MACRO



`{$LOW_SPACE} = 1G`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/boot"} = 10M`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/"} = 500M`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/var"} = 5G`

HOST MACRO



`{$LOW_SPACE} = 1G`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/boot"} = 10M`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/"} = 500M`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/var"} = 10G`

`{$LOW_SPACE:"/data"} = 100G`



Use context based macro thresholds for LLD items

Different mount points will have different **size**, so use **context based macros** to tune your triggers

- /boot small size **{\$LOW_SPACE:"/boot"}**
- / medium size **{\$LOW_SPACE:"/"}**
- /data large size **{\$LOW_SPACE:"/data"}**

Can be used for **Windows drive names** also



Different services on different servers

Different servers have different services, which need to be monitored

- Server 1 DHCP client, Windows defender
- Server 2 DHCP client, Windows defender, MS Exchange
- Server 3 DHCP client, RDP Service, RPC

Just [@Global regular expressions](#) can not be used because there are **too many combinations**

TEMPLATE MACRO

HOST MACRO



`{ $SERVICES } = none`

GLOBAL REGULAR
EXPRESSION

`@SERVICES = (DNS Client | DHCP Client)`



Standard host

`{ $SERVICES } = none`

OR

`@SERVICES`



Host with exchange

`{ $SERVICES } = (exchange)`

OR

`@SERVICES`



Host with Tomcat and WSUS

`{ $SERVICES } = (Tomcat | WSUS)`

OR

`@SERVICES`



Services filter example

HOST MACRO

Host macros **Inherited and host macros**

Macro	Value	
<input type="text" value="{SERVICES}"/>	⇒ <input type="text" value="(Tomcat WSUS)"/>	Remove

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GLOBAL REGULAR EXPRESSION

Name

Expression type	Expression	Delimiter	Case sensitive	Action
Result is TRUE	<input type="text" value="^(DNS DHCP)\$"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove

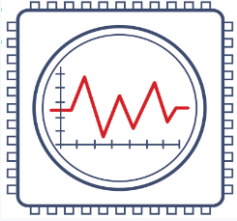
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Discovery rule **Filters**

Type of calculation A or B

Filters	Label	Macro	Regular expression	Action
A	<input type="text" value="{#SERVICE.NAME}"/>	matches	<input type="text" value="{SERVICES}"/>	Remove
B	<input type="text" value="{#SERVICE.NAME}"/>	matches	<input type="text" value="@SERVICES"/>	Remove

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Use a combination of **{\$USER_MACROS}** and **@global regular expressions**

Define {\$USER_MACRO} on Host level

Use {\$USER_MACRO} as **filter expression**

Global regular expressions and filters can be **combined**



Different customers use different credentials

- Different customers may have **different credentials**
 - for SNMPv2 communities
 - For SNMPv3 usernames/passwords
 - For SSH passwords
 - For WEB login passwords

Templates may be cloned for each customer, potentially leaving you with **too many templates** to manage.

TEMPLATES

Customer 1 hosts



{SNMP_COMMUNITY} = public

Customer 2 hosts



{SNMP_COMMUNITY} = public

TEMPLATE SNMP

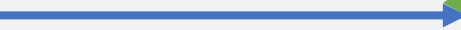
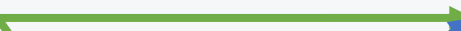
{SNMP_COMMUNITY} = public

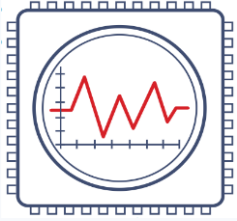
TEMPLATE Customer 1

{SNMP_COMMUNITY} = secret1

TEMPLATE Customer 2

{SNMP_COMMUNITY} = secret2





Credentials storage example

Use `{ $USER_MACRO }` as **password storage**

Define as many `{ $USER_MACRO }` as needed

Macros still can be **overridden** on host level

Template Linked templates Macros

Template macros Inherited and template macros

Macro	Value	
<code>{ \$SNMP_AUTH_PASSPHRASE }</code>	⇒ value	Remove
<code>{ \$SNMP_COMMUNITY }</code>	⇒ value	Remove
<code>{ \$SNMP_PRIV_PASSPHRASE }</code>	⇒ value	Remove
<code>{ \$SNMP_SECURITY_NAME }</code>	⇒ value	Remove

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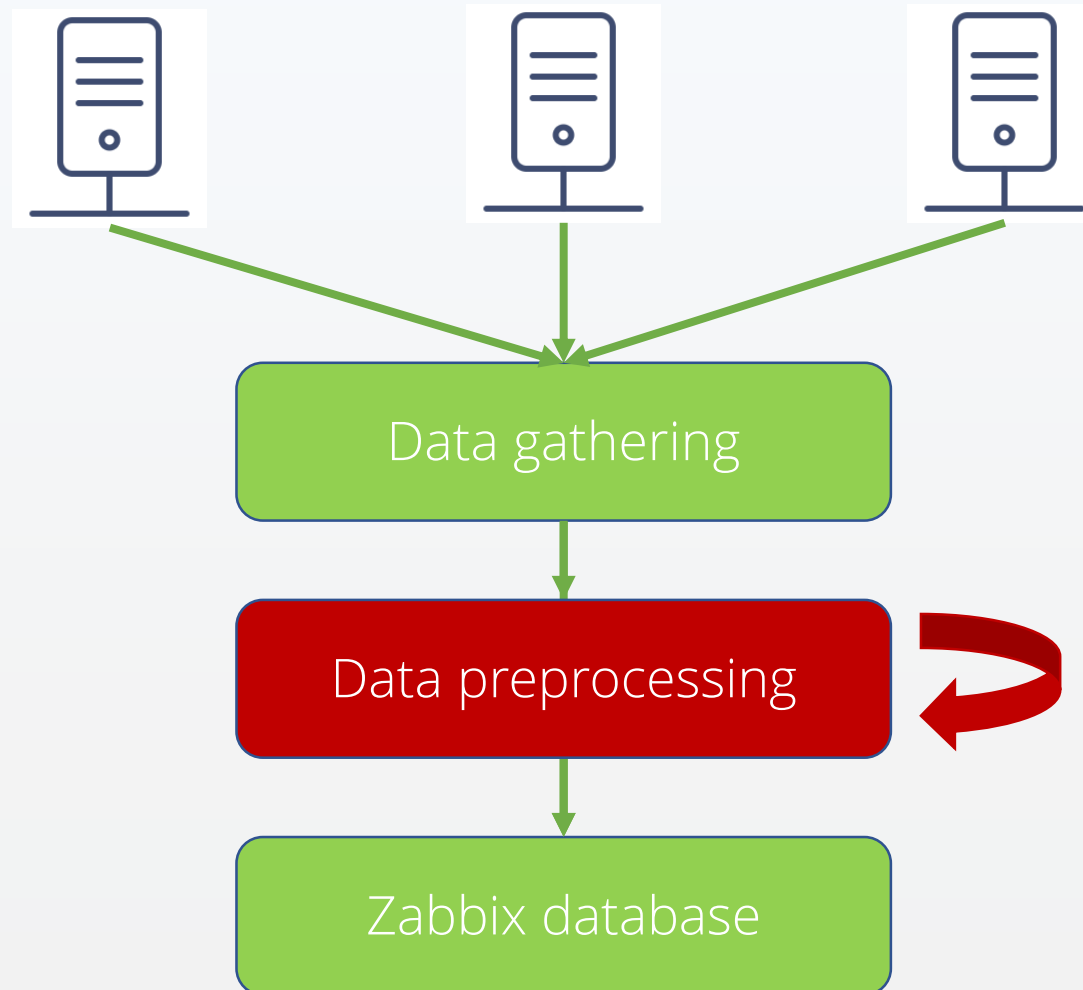
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2. **Pre**processing

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How preprocessing works ?

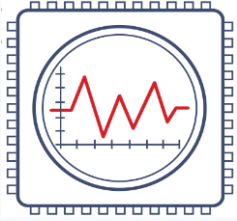




Need to divide or multiply values

- Convert Bytes to Bits
- Convert Bits to Bytes
- Convert milliseconds to seconds
- etc....

Item units may be used for visualisation, but we want to **change** the stored data.



Use Custom multiplier preprocessing

Convert bits to bytes using **multiplier 8**

Convert bytes to bits using **multiplier 0.125**

Item **Preprocessing**

Preprocessing steps	Name	Parameters	Action
	Custom multiplier	8	Remove

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Recent Zabbix versions uses new **Preprocessing tab** for this purpose

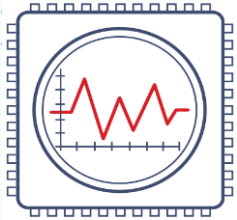


Need to extract numerical data from text

- Linux Memory
- Linux Free Space report
- Any other report which contains numerical data

```
[root@zabbix40 ~]# free -m
```

	total	used	free	shared	buff/cache	available
Mem:	991	357	383	7	250	477
Swap:	819	0	819			



Use regular expression preprocessing

```
[root@zabbix34 ~]# free -m
              total        used         free       shared    buff/cache   available
Mem:           991          300          447           7           243          533
Swap:          819           0           819
```

Item Preprocessing

Preprocessing steps	Name	Parameters	Action
	Regular expression	^Swap:.*(\b[0-9]+\b).*(\b[0-9])	Remove
	Custom multiplier	1048576	Remove

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Extract data using **PCRE REGEX patterns**

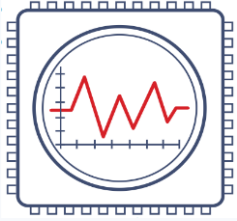
Extracted data can be processed on next steps



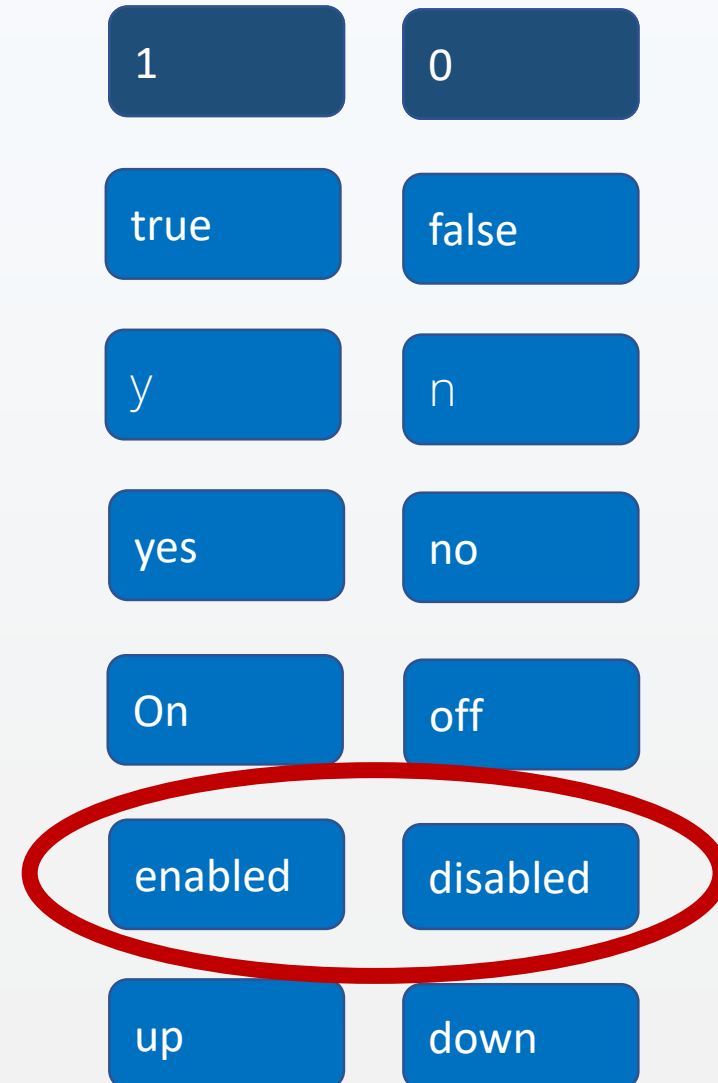
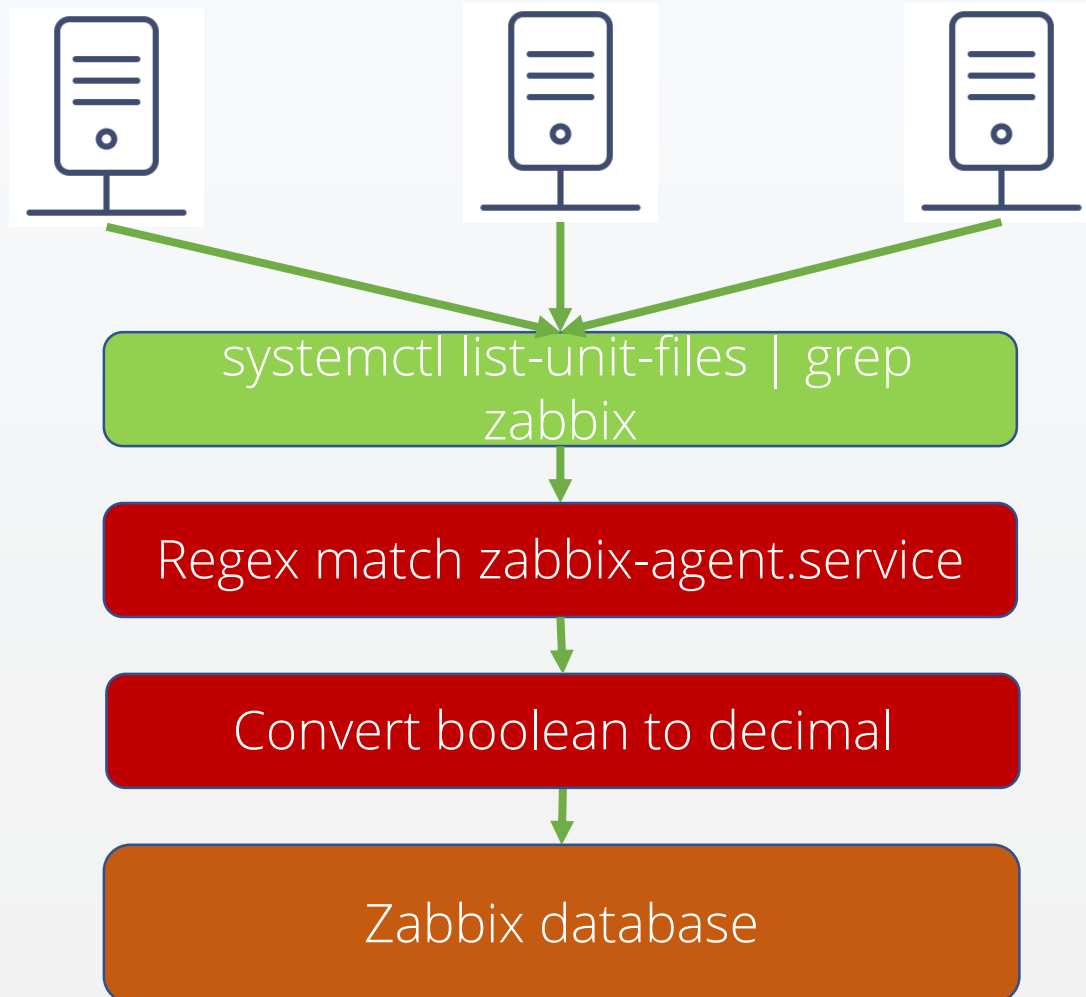
Need to convert Boolean text data to decimal

- systemctl reports services as enabled or disabled
- we want to store them as 1 or 0 for trigger functions or graphical representation

```
[root@zabbix40 ~]# systemctl list-unit-files | grep zabbix
zabbix-agent.service          enabled
zabbix-java-gateway.service   disabled
zabbix-server.service         enabled
```



Use Boolean to decimal preprocessing





Boolean to decimal configuration

Item Preprocessing

Preprocessing steps	Name	Parameters	Action
	Regular expression	<code>zabbix-agent.service+ls+(w</code> <code>\1</code>	Remove
	Boolean to decimal		Remove

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Wizard	Name ▲	Triggers	Key	Interval	History	Trends	Type	Applications	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Enabled Zabbix services		<code>ssh.run[zabbix_enabled,{HOST.CONN}]</code>	10s	0		SSH agent	Zabbix	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Enabled Zabbix services: Zabbix Agent state		<code>Zabbix_Agent_enabled</code>		90d	365d	Dependent item	Zabbix	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Enabled Zabbix services: Zabbix java gateway state		<code>Java_gateway_enabled</code>		90d	365d	Dependent item	Zabbix	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Enabled Zabbix services: Zabbix Server state		<code>Zabbix_Service_enabled</code>		90d	365d	Dependent item	Zabbix	Enabled



Boolean to decimal latest data

<input type="checkbox"/> Host	Name ▲	Last check	Last value	Change
▼ <u>Zabbix HOST</u>	Zabbix (4 Items)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enabled Zabbix services			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zabbix Agent state	2018-10-04 14:45:43	1	Graph
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zabbix java gateway state	2018-10-04 14:45:43	0	Graph
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zabbix Server state	2018-10-04 14:45:43	1	Graph

- Historical information is not stored for master item
- Gathered data can be used in graphs and triggers

3. **Dependent** items



Need to extract **all** numerical data from text

- Linux memory, free space report or any other report which contains numerical data
- With standard items we will need to make **9(!)** checks to gather all data
- This results in additional network traffic and CPU usage on the host

```
[root@zabbix40 ~]# free -m
```

	total	used	free	shared	buff/cache	available
Mem:	991	357	383	7	250	477
Swap:	819	0	819			



Use **Boolean to decimal** preprocessing step

Source data

```
[root@zabbix40 ~]# free
              total        used        free      shared  buff/cache   available
Mem:          1015500      476388        90012        7444     449100     370960
Swap:           839676           0       839676
```

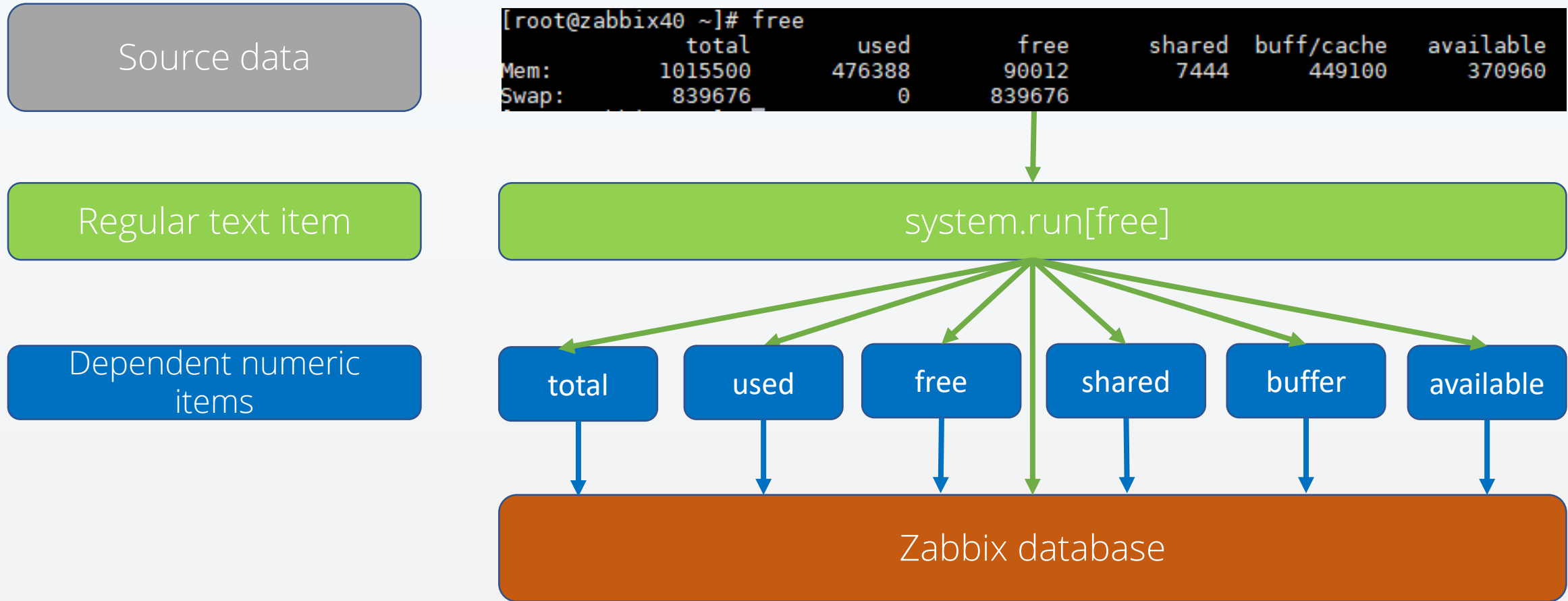
Regular text item

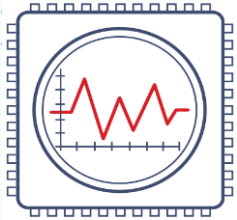
system.run[free]

Dependent numeric items

total used free shared buffer available

Zabbix database





Use dependent items

Gather all data with regular text item:

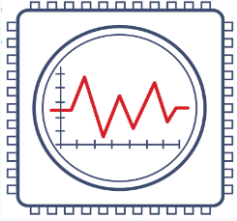
Timestamp	Value
2018-09-04 09:40:46	total used free shared buff/cache available Mem: 67359399936 28717457408 6309957632 7909801984 32331984896 29861924864 Swap: 25769799680 0 25769799680

Create dependent items for each entry with regex preprocessing:

Item Preprocessing

Preprocessing steps	Name	Parameters	Action
⋮	Regular expression ▼	^Swap:.*(\b[0-9]+\b).*(\b[0-9])	<input type="text" value="\3"/> Remove
⋮	Custom multiplier ▼	<input type="text" value="1048576"/>	Remove

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Dependent items configuration

<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report	ssh.run[check.memory]	1m	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report: Memory Shared Size	ssh.ram.shared	90d	720d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report: Memory Total Size	ssh.ram.total	90d	720d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report: Memory Used Size	ssh.ram.used	90d	720d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report: Swap Free Size	ssh.swap.free	90d	720d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report: Swap Total Size	ssh.swap.total	90d	720d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Memory Report: Swap Used Size	ssh.swap.used	90d	720d



Dependent items latest data

▼ Memory (10 Items)							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Available Size ssh.ram.available	90d	720d	Depend...	2018-09-04 08:4...	28.57 GB	+28.58 MB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Buff/cache Size ssh.ram.buff	90d	720d	Depend...	2018-09-04 08:4...	32.4 GB	+34.14 MB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Free Size ssh.ram.free	90d	720d	Depend...	2018-09-04 08:4...	4.42 GB	-5.81 MB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Report ssh.run[check.memory]	1m	0	SSH ag...			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Shared Size ssh.ram.shared	90d	720d	Depend...	2018-09-04 08:4...	7.43 GB	-32 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Total Size ssh.ram.total	90d	720d	Depend...	2018-09-04 08:4...	62.73 GB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory Used Size ssh.ram.used	90d	720d	Depend...	2018-09-04 08:4...	25.91 GB	-28.33 MB



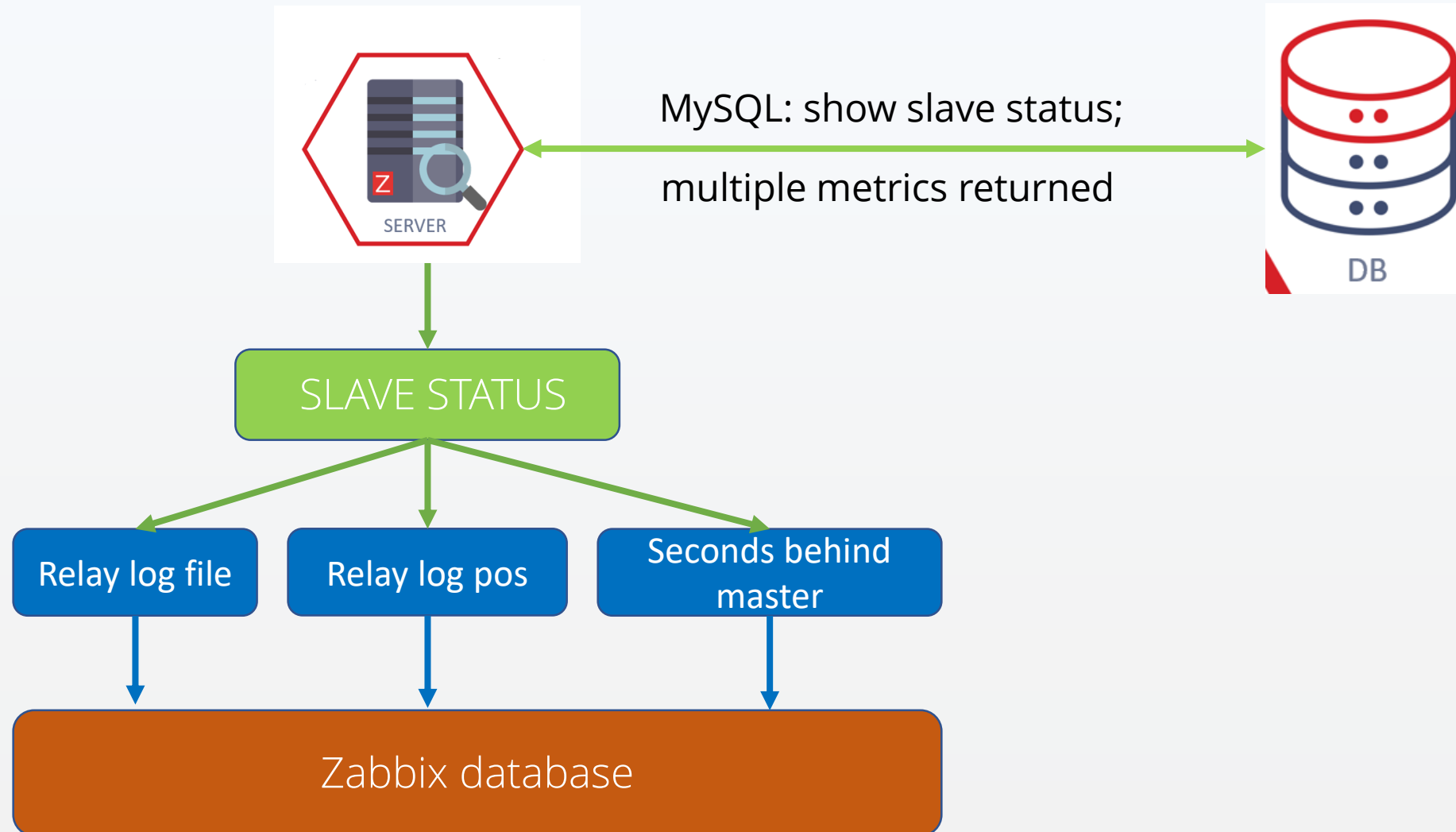
Need to monitor MySQL replication status

```
MariaDB [(none)]> show slave status \G
***** 1. row *****
Slave_IO_State: Waiting for master to send event
Master_Port: 3306
Connect_Retry: 60
Master_Log_File: master2-bin.000001
Read_Master_Log_Pos: 926945751
Relay_Log_File: master1-relay-bin.000002
Relay_Log_Pos: 207526
Relay_Master_Log_File: master2-bin.000001
Slave_IO_Running: Yes
Slave_SQL_Running: Yes
Seconds_Behind_Master: 0
```

Using regular items ODBC report must be gathered **multiple times**, resulting in **unnecessary** traffic, CPU usage and DB connections.



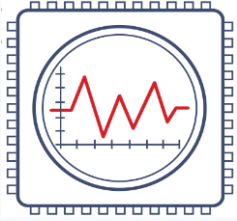
Use SQL queries and dependent items





Dependent items configuration

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wizard	Name ▲	Triggers	Key	Interval	History	Trends
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status		mysql.slavestatus	30s	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Read_Master_Log_Pos		Read_Master_Log_Pos		90d	365d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Relay_Log_File		Relay_Log_File		90d	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Relay_Log_Pos		Relay_Log_Pos		90d	365d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Seconds_Behind_Master	Triggers 1	Seconds_Behind_Master		90d	365d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Slave_IO_Running	Triggers 1	Slave_IO_Running		90d	365d
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Slave_IO_State		Slave_IO_State		90d	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	MySQL DB replication status: Slave_SQL_Running	Triggers 1	Slave_SQL_Running		90d	365d



Dependent items latest data report

Host groups Name

Hosts Show items without data

Application Show details

<input type="checkbox"/> Name ▲	Last check	Last value
▼ MySQL Replication (8 Items)		
<input type="checkbox"/> MySQL DB replication status		
<input type="checkbox"/> Read_Master_Log_Pos	2018-10-04 11:30:30	926945751
<input type="checkbox"/> Relay_Log_File	2018-10-04 11:30:30	master1-relay-bin.000002
<input type="checkbox"/> Relay_Log_Pos	2018-10-04 11:30:30	207526
<input type="checkbox"/> Seconds_Behind_Master	2018-10-04 11:30:30	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Slave_IO_Running	2018-10-04 11:30:30	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Slave_IO_State	2018-10-04 11:30:30	Waiting for master to send event
<input type="checkbox"/> Slave_SQL_Running	2018-10-04 11:30:30	1

PROBLEM



Need to gather weather data for your location

Weather in your city

Search

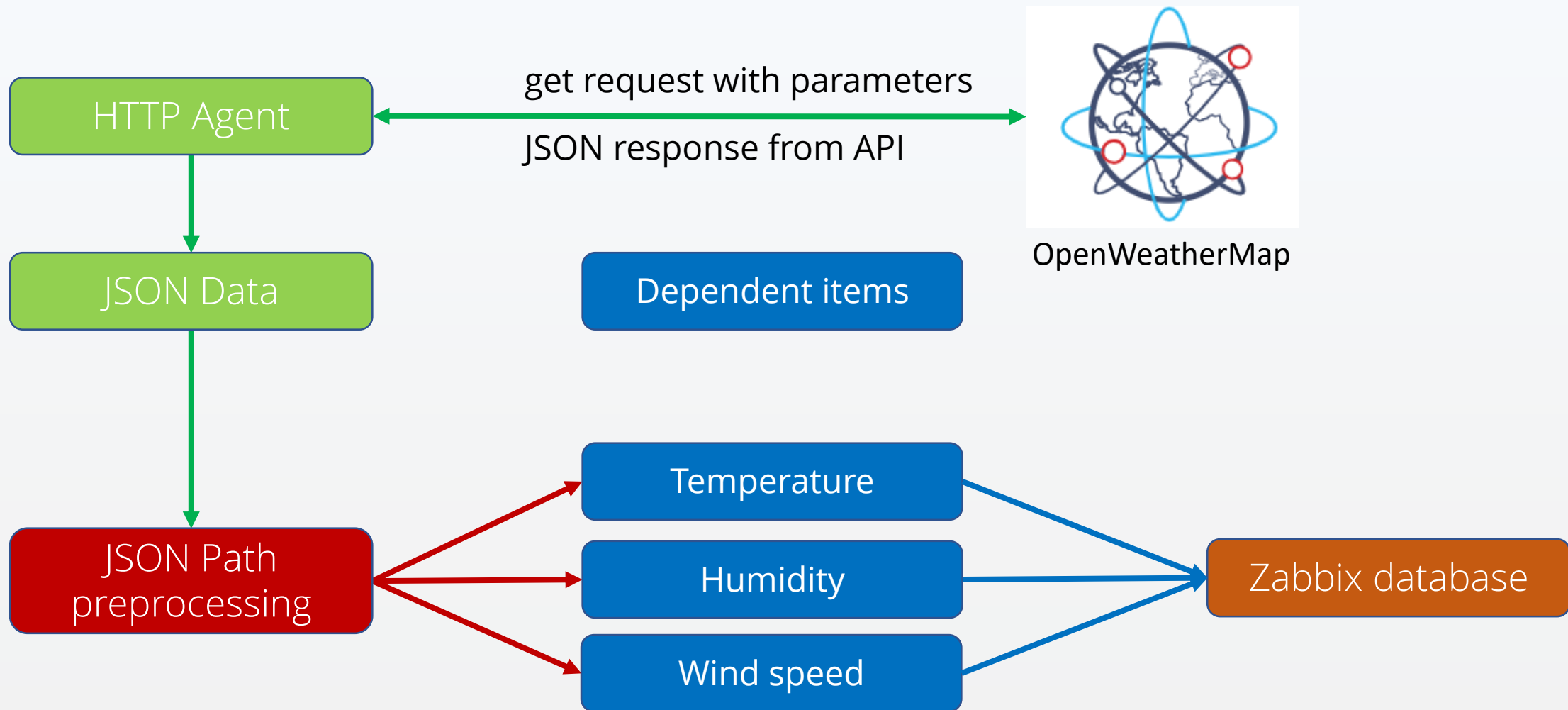
**Riga, LV**  **overcast clouds****10°C** temperature from 10 to 10 °C, wind 5.1 m/s. clouds 90 %, 1008 hpa

Geo coords [56.9494, 24.1052]

- Want to get temperature, humidity, wind speed data
- Custom curl scripts can be used, but they are **complicated**



Use OpenWeatherMap API and JSON preprocessing





Use HTTP agent with {\$USER_MACROS}

Item [Preprocessing](#)

Parent items [Template Weather](#)

* Name

Type

* Key

* URL

Query fields

Name	Value
<input type="text" value="units"/>	<input type="text" value="metric"/>
<input type="text" value="lat"/>	<input type="text" value="{ \$LAT }"/>
<input type="text" value="lon"/>	<input type="text" value="{ \$LON }"/>
<input type="text" value="APPID"/>	<input type="text" value="{ \$WEATHER_APIKEY }"/>
<input type="text" value="lang"/>	<input type="text" value="{ \$WEATHER_LANG }"/>

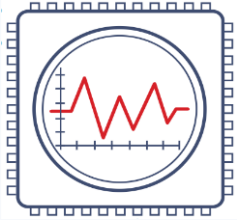
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JSON data returned as response

```
{  
  "body": {  
    "coord": {  
      "lon": 40.01,  
      "lat": 56.11  
    },  
    "weather": [{  
      "id": 801,  
      "main": "Clouds",  
      "description": "few clouds",  
      "icon": "02n"  
    }],  
    "base": "stations",  
    "main": {  
      "temp": 15.14,  
      "pressure": 1012.6,  
      "humidity": 66,  
      "temp_min": 15.14,  
      "temp_max": 15.14,  
      "sea_level": 1030.91,  
      "grnd_level": 1012.6  
    },  
    "wind": {  
      "speed": 1.86,  
      "deg": 246.001
```

\$.body.wind.speed



Use preprocessing to process JSON

Item Preprocessing

Preprocessing steps	Name	Parameters	Action
	JSON Path	\$.body.main.humidity	Remove

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Host	Name	Inter...	History	Trends	Type	Last check	Last value
weather	Weather (8 Items)						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get weather get_weather.http	10m	1d		HTTP agent	2018-05-17 01:23:45	{ "body": { "coord": { "lon..."
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get weather HTTP response code get_weather.http_code		7d	0	Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	OK (200)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Humidity humidity		90d	365d	Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	66 %
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature temp		90d	365d	Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	15.14 C
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weather weather		90d		Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	Clouds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weather condition id weather.condition.id		7d	0	Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	801
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weather description weather.description		90d		Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	few clouds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind speed wind.speed		90d	365d	Depende...	2018-05-17 01:23:45	1.86 m/s

JSON Path preprocessing

Dependent Items

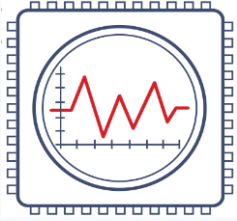
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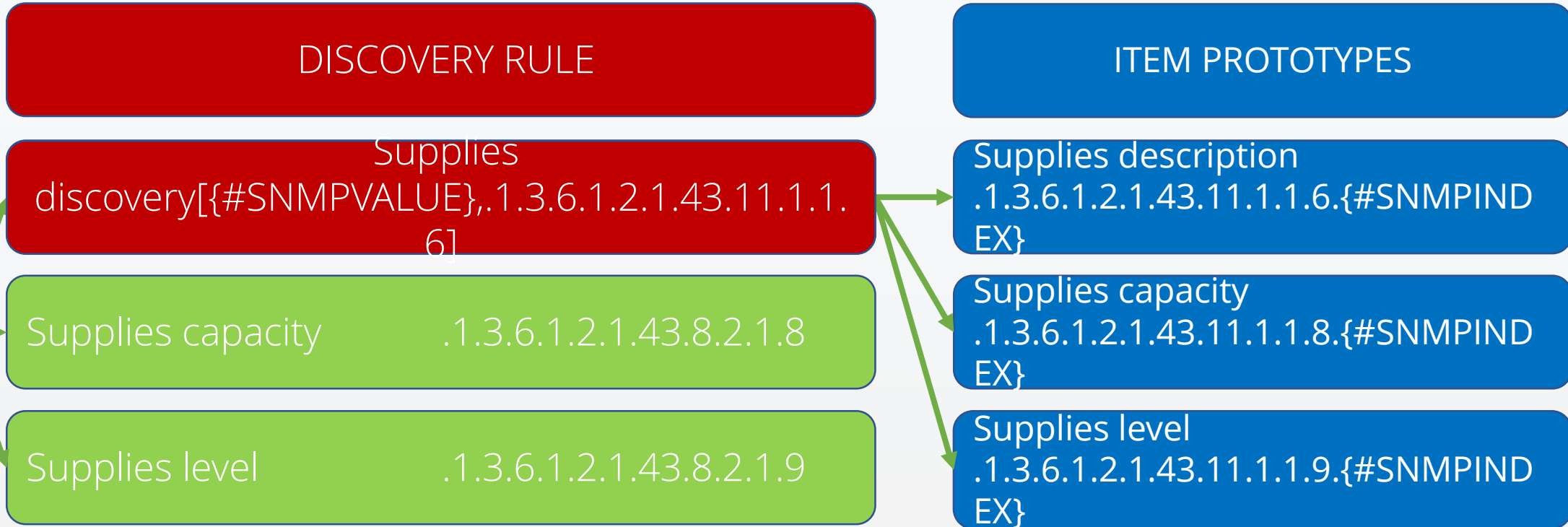


Need to discover custom SNMP metrics

- Different printer models are used
- Want to discover all printer metrics
 - Supplies level
 - Paper trays
 - Number of printed pages



Use SNMP discovery LLD rules



All SNMP trees used in this example use **the same indexing**
!!!



LLD rule and item prototypes

Discovery rule [Filters](#)

* Name

Type

* Key

* SNMP OID

* SNMP community

Item prototype [Preprocessing](#)

* Name

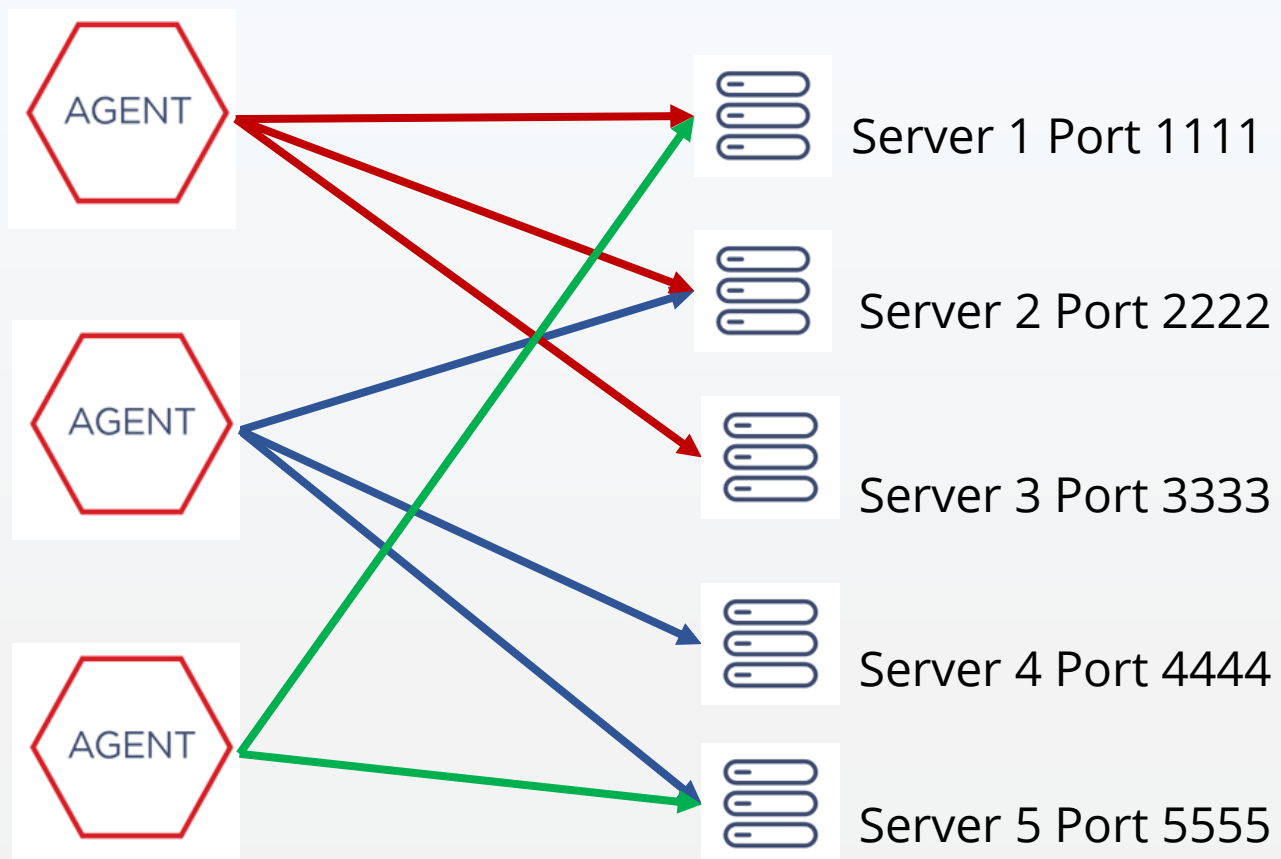
Type

* Key

* SNMP OID

* SNMP community

Check remote port accessibility on other hosts



- `net.tcp.port` key is used
- there are numerous servers and ports
- each agent has different server list to check



Use custom LLD script

```
#!/bin/bash
IFS=';' read -r -a array <<< "$1"
idx=0
echo {"data":[
while [ -n "${array[$idx]}" ]; do
    echo -n "{\"#R_IP\":\"${array[$idx]}\",\"#R_PORT\":\"${array[$idx+1]}\"}
    let idx=idx+2
    [ -n "${array[$idx]}" ] && echo "," || echo
done
echo ]}
exit
```

- Simple **bash script** works out of box on most platforms
- Uses **{\$USER_MACRO}** as input, returns **JSON object**



Create discovery rule

Name Remote TCP connection discovery

Type External check

Key check_ports_remote_llid.sh[{\$LLD_REMOTE_CHECK}]

Update interval 15m

Custom intervals

Type	Interval	Period	Action
Flexible Scheduling	50s	1-7,00:00-24:00	Remove
Add			



Item prototypes are created automatically

Host Templates IPMI **Macros** Host inventory Encryption

Host macros Inherited and host macros

Macro	Value	
{\$LLD_REMOTE_CHECK}	⇒ 10.74.181.89:8080,10.74.181.80:8080,10.74	Remove

[Add](#)

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

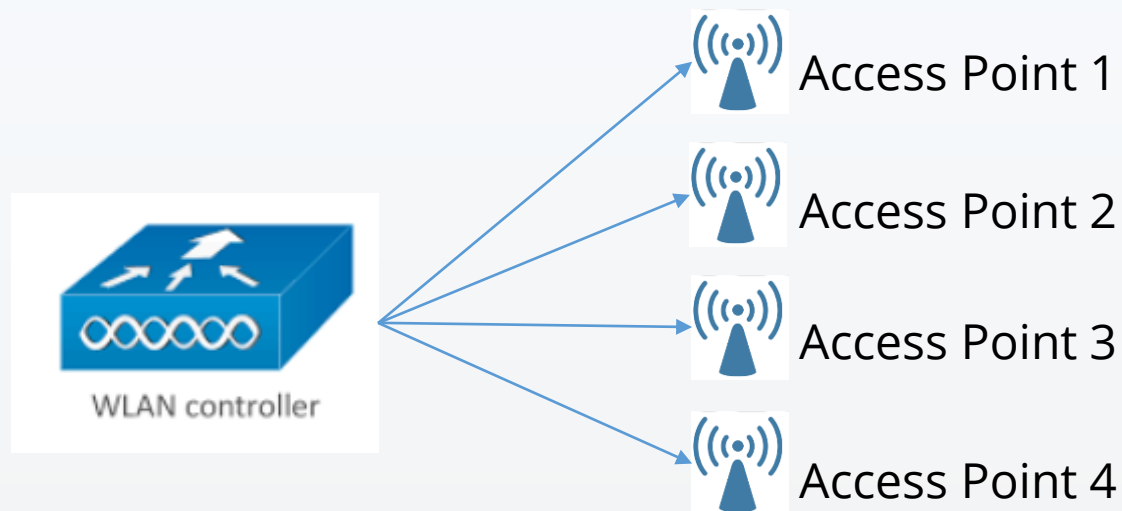
[Remote TCP connection discovery: Remote TCP service to 10.74.181.79:8080](#) [Triggers](#) 3 net.tcp.service.perf[tcp,10.74.181.79,8080]

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[Remote TCP connection discovery: Remote TCP service to 10.74.181.93:8080](#) [Triggers](#) 3 net.tcp.service.perf[tcp,10.74.181.93,8080]

All Access Point data is collected on controller only



- WLAN controller returns full SNMP info about every Access Point
- Access Points are used by different customers
- We want to ping the physical Access Points also



Create **discovery rule** and **host prototype** to gather Access Point data

Name

Type

Key

SNMP OID

SNMP community

[Host](#) [Groups](#) [Templates](#) [Host inventory](#) [Encryption](#)

Host name

Visible name

Create enabled



Link the same template to all hosts

Host Groups **Templates** IPMI Macros Host inventory Encryption

Linked templates

Name

Template SNMP Cisco Wireless Access Point

Update

Clone

Delete

Cancel



Data is still gathered from WLC

Discovery rule [Filters](#)

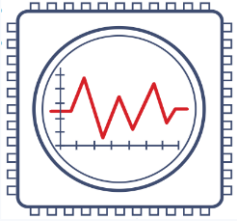
* Name

Type

* Key

* SNMP OID

* SNMP community



Actual AP data is filtered out

Discovery rule Filters

Filters	Label Macro		Regular expression	Action
A	<input type="text" value="{#AP_NAME}"/>	matches ▼	<input type="text" value="^{HOST.NAME}\$"/>	Remove
Add				

Use **LLD filters** to filter out only data for particular access point



Result – hosts generated for each Access Point automatically

	Applications	Items	Triggers	Graphs	Discovery	Web	Interface
WLC AP data: APc47d.4f3a.8181	Applications 2	Items 8	Triggers 1	Graphs 1	Discovery 1	Web	172.16.0.4: 161
WLC AP data: APc84c.75ee.212d	Applications 2	Items 8	Triggers 1	Graphs 1	Discovery 1	Web	172.16.0.4: 161
WLC AP data: APc84c.757a.11a7	Applications 2	Items 8	Triggers 1	Graphs 1	Discovery 1	Web	172.16.0.4: 161
WLC AP data: APd0d0.fd2e.17ce	Applications 2	Items 8	Triggers 1	Graphs 1	Discovery 1	Web	172.16.0.4: 161
WLC AP data: PMO	Applications 2	Items 8	Triggers 1	Graphs 1	Discovery 1	Web	172.16.0.4: 161

Name ▲	Last check	Last value
AP Data (6 Items)		
APc47d.4f3a.8181 Ap If No Of Users 2.4 GHz	2018-09-28 01:12:12	3 users
APc47d.4f3a.8181 Ap If No Of Users 5 GHz	2018-09-28 01:12:12	0 users
APc47d.4f3a.8181 AP If Phy Channel Number 2.4 GHz	2018-09-28 01:10:12	1
APc47d.4f3a.8181 AP If Phy Channel Number 5 GHz	2018-09-28 01:10:12	36
APc47d.4f3a.8181 AP Ip Address	2018-09-28 00:35:12	172.16.0.49



Benefits of using host prototypes

- Managed by Zabbix **LLD internal mechanism**
 - Added as needed
 - Removed or changed automatically
- Templates and host groups are assigned **automatically**
- Host group names can be generated **dynamically** from LLD macros
- Can assign permissions to **restrict access** only to part of the data using host groups and user groups

5. Event **Correlation**

Zabbix Tips and Tricks



Suppress device alarms when switch goes down

- All end devices are connected to **different switches**
- Dependencies can be used, but there are **too many devices** connected to each switch
- Devices can be **moved between switches**, dependencies must be relinked in this case



Use global event correlation with tags

Tag SWITCH_IP= {HOST.IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE = SWITCH



Trigger
dependency



Tag SWITCH_IP= {HOST.IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE = SWITCH

Event correlation



Tag SWITCH_IP = {\$SWITCH_IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE =
END_DEVICE



Tag SWITCH_IP = {\$SWITCH_IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE =
END_DEVICE



Tag SWITCH_IP = {\$SWITCH_IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE =
END_DEVICE



Tag SWITCH_IP = {\$SWITCH_IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE =
END_DEVICE



Tag SWITCH_IP = {\$SWITCH_IP}
Tag DEVICE_TYPE =
END_DEVICE

{ \$SWITCH_IP } macro is generated by API script with device IP to MAC resolution via ARP tables, which are gathered by Zabbix



Create global event correlation rule

* Name

Type of calculation ▼ A and B and C

* Conditions

Label	Name	Action
A	Old event tag <i>SWITCH_IP</i> equals new event tag <i>SWITCH_IP</i>	Remove
B	Old event tag <i>DEVICE_TYPE</i> equals <i>SWITCH</i>	Remove
C	New event tag <i>DEVICE_TYPE</i> equals <i>END_DEVICE</i>	Remove

Operations

Details	Action
Close new event	Remove

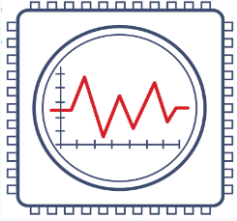
6. **Action** management

Zabbix Tips and Tricks



Postpone alerts for 30 minutes

- When problem happens, actions are executed immediately by default
- “Fake” operation steps can be created, but this does not look nice



Use Zabbix built in scheduler

OPERATION STEPS	OPERATIONS	START IN	DURATION	Default step duration	30 min
Operation step 1	Do nothing	Immediately	default		
Operation step 2	Send message to operator	After 30 minutes	default		
Operation step 3	Send message to manager	After 1 hour	1 hour		
Operation step 4	Execute remote command	After 2 hours	default		



Zabbix built-in scheduler in details

Action **Operations** Recovery operations Update operations

* Default operation step duration

Default subject

Default message

Pause operations for suppressed problems

Operations

Steps	Details	Start in	Duration	Action
2	Send message to user groups: Operators via all media	00:30:00	Default	Edit Remove
3	Send message to user groups: Managers via all media	01:00:00	1h	Edit Remove
4	Run remote commands on current host	02:00:00	Default	Edit Remove

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* At least one operation, recovery operation or update operation must exist.

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