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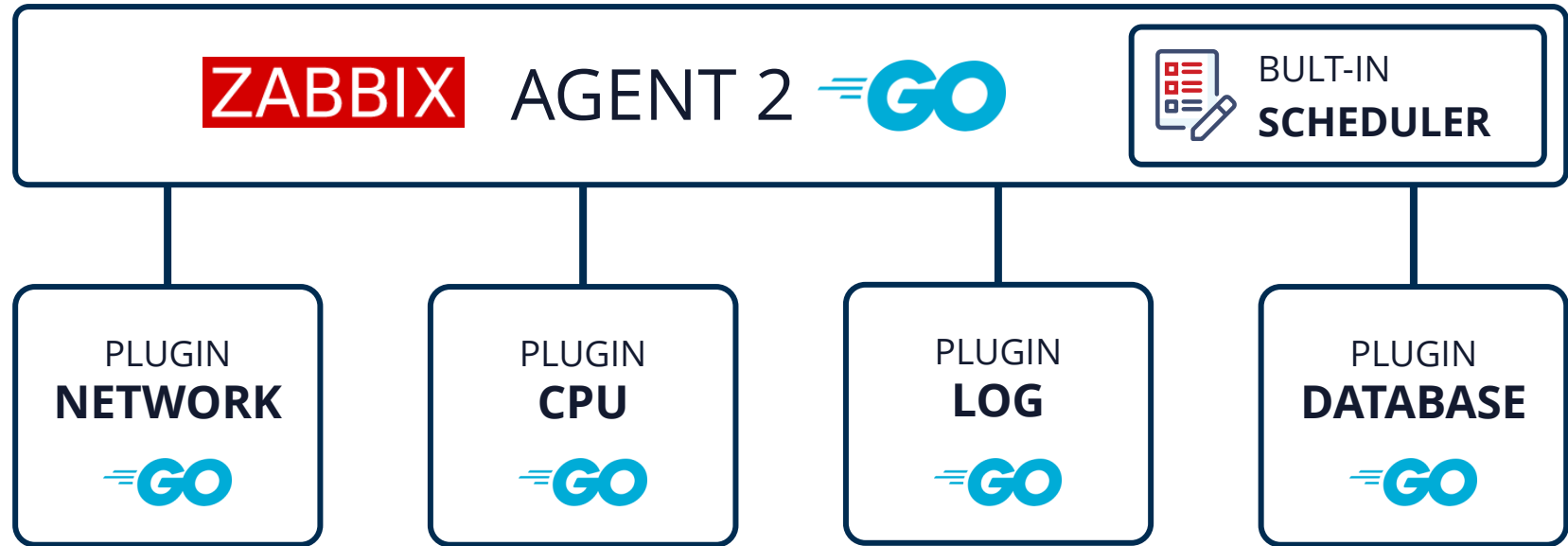
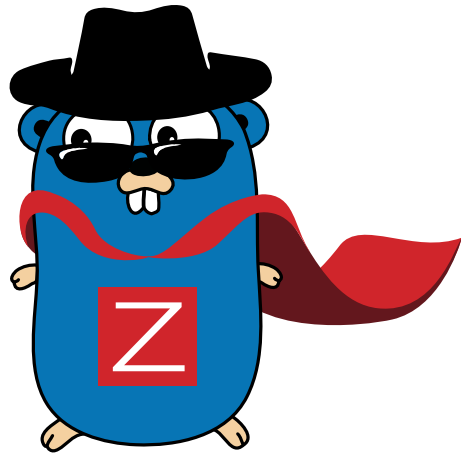
AGENT 2




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AGENT 2 OVERVIEW



-  scheduled/flexible intervals
-  written in Go
-  less TCP connections
-  older configuration file support
-  easily extendable
-  out-of-the-box systemd monitoring

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New Functionality



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NEW FUNCTIONALITY

Zabbix Agent 2 is written in Go (Golang)

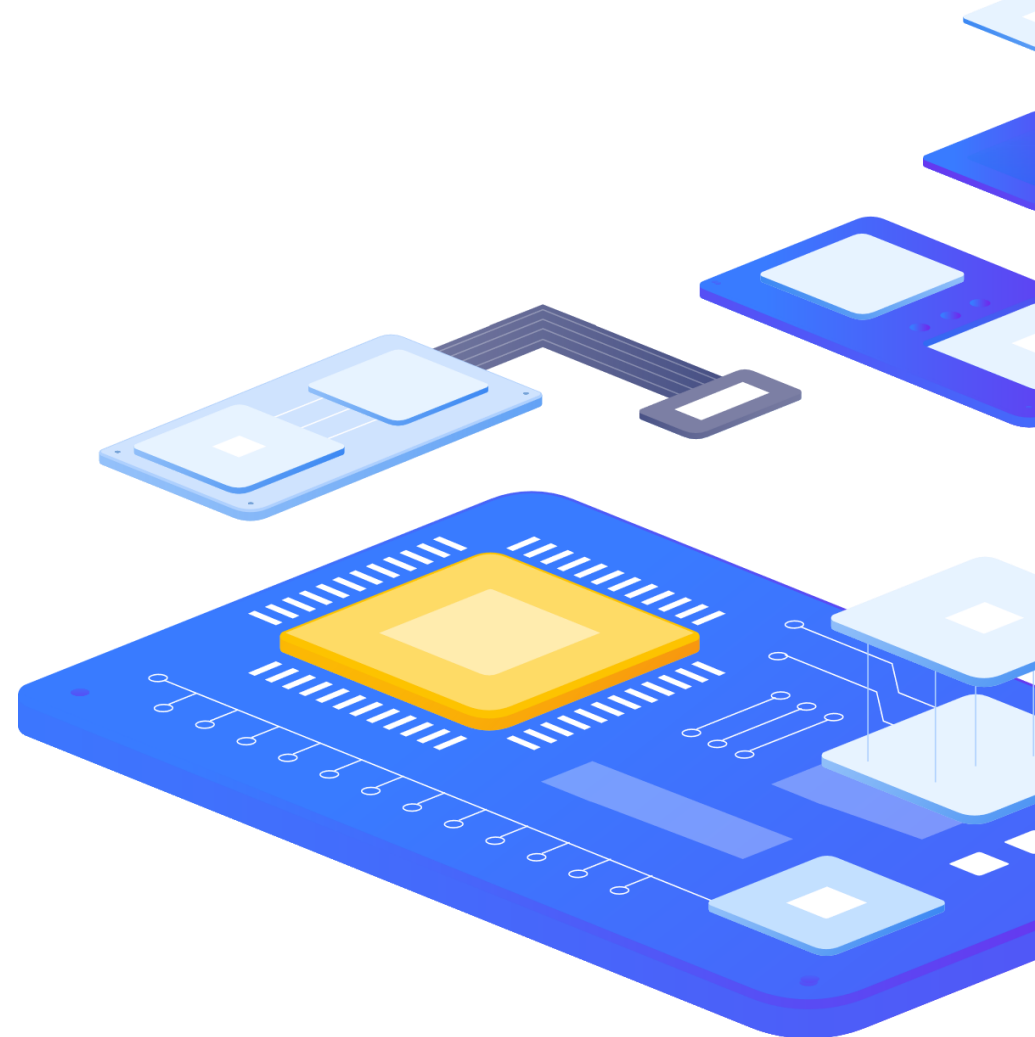
Drop-in replacement for Zabbix agent

- › Supports all previous functionality (same item keys)
- › Supports old configuration file format

Standard items		Type <input type="text" value="Zabbix agent (active)"/>
Key	Name	
agent.hostname	Agent host name. Returns string	
agent.ping	Agent availability check. Returns nothing - unavailable; 1 - available	
agent.version	Version of Zabbix agent. Returns string	
eventlog[name,<regexp>,<severity>,<source>,<eventid>,<maxlines>,<mode>]	Event log monitoring. Returns log	
kernel.maxfiles	Maximum number of opened files supported by OS. Returns integer	
kernel.maxproc	Maximum number of processes supported by OS. Returns integer	
log[file,<regexp>,<encoding>,<maxlines>,<mode>,<output>,<maxdelay>,<options>]	Log file monitoring. Returns log	

Has been developed to

- › Reduce the number of TCP connections
- › Be easily extendable with plugins



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NEW FUNCTIONALITY

Improved active checks

- ▶ Active checks support scheduled/flexible intervals
- ▶ Parallel execution of multiple active checks for each ServerActive

* Name

Type

* Key

Type of information

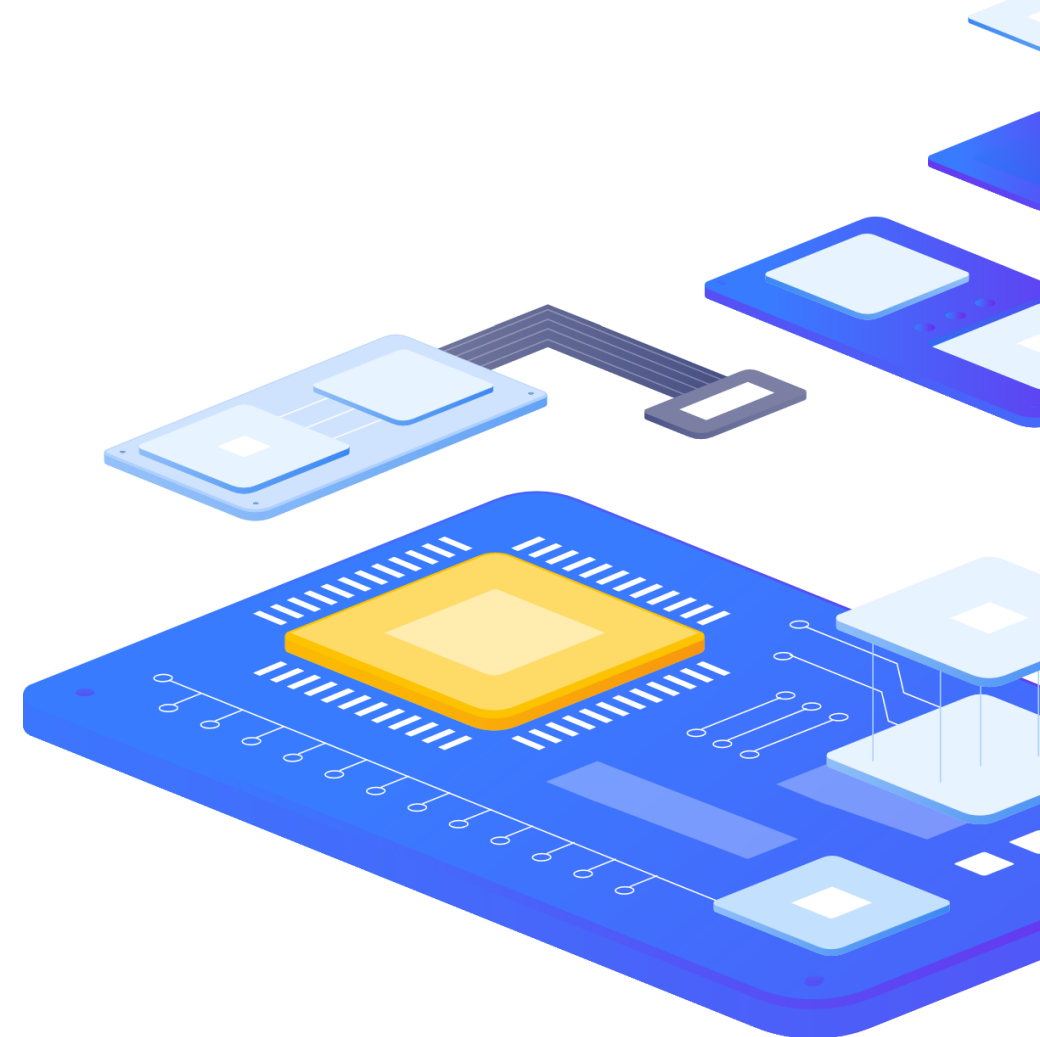
Units

* Update interval

Custom intervals	Type	Interval	Period	Action	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flexible	<input type="text" value="Scheduling"/>	<input type="text" value="10s"/>	<input type="text" value="1-5, 09:00-10:00"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

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- ▶ Limited system support



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AGENT 2 BUFFER

Two types of buffer are supported by Agent2 in active mode

- ▶ Memory buffer
- ▶ Buffer using SQLite engine

Persistent buffer is supported both on Unix-like systems and Windows hosts

Configurable via Agent 2 configuration file

- ▶ Enable persistent buffer:

```
EnablePersistentBuffer=1
```


- ▶ Specify the location of the buffer file:

```
PersistentBufferFile=C:\temp\buffer
```

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AGENT 2 BUFFER

The buffer file is created on agent startup in your specified location

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 buffer	30/09/2020 10:18	File	28 KB

Additionally, persistent buffer period can be configured

- ▶ Default is 1 hour

```
PersistentBufferPeriod=1h
```

Remember that persistent buffer is used only for active checks

If persistent buffer is disabled, then in memory buffer is used

AGENT 2 BUFFER

We can always take a look at what data is stored in the persistent buffer

```
sqlite> select * from data_1;  
9|1601470098|31578|-1|-1|-1|491974656||-1|-1|-1|1601470098|461886  
10|1601470099|31579|-1|-1|-1|47.336478||-1|-1|-1|1601470099|683697  
11|1601470100|31580|-1|-1|-1|1039331328||-1|-1|-1|1601470100|605187  
12|1601470155|31575|-1|-1|-1|859828224||-1|-1|-1|1601470155|973576  
13|1601470156|31576|-1|-1|-1|100.000000||-1|-1|-1|1601470156|1253467
```

- ▶ Using persistent buffer adds a layer of redundancy
- ▶ If server for some reason is unreachable, the data is still stored in the persistent buffer
- ▶ The data is still preserved after the agent restart, as opposed to in memory buffer

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ZABBIX 6.0 NEWS - agent/agent 2

agent.variant

- › New Item for installed variant since agent version 5.0.18

6.0 – HA settings

Count matching TCP/UDP sockets

- › `net.tcp.socket.count[<laddr>,<lport>,<raddr>,<rport>,<state>]`

Additional file information such as file owner and file permissions

- › `vfs.dir.get[dir,<regex_incl>,<regex_excl>,<types_incl>,<.....>]`

› Parameter changes:

- › `vfs.file.cksum[file,<mode>]`, `vfs.file.get[file]`, `vfs.file.owner[file,<ownertype>,<resulttype>]`

Collect agent host metadata as a metric

- › `agent.hostmetadata`

Supports loading stand-alone plugins without having to recompile the Zabbix Agent2.

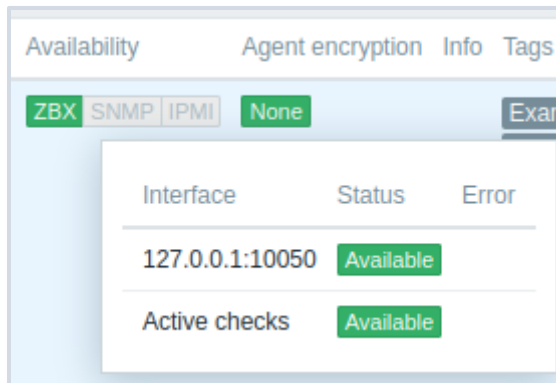
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ZABBIX 6.2 NEWS - agent/agent 2

Windows registry monitoring

- › registry.get[key,<mode>,<name regexp>]
- › registry.data[key,<value name>]

Active checks affect host availability



The screenshot shows the Zabbix web interface for a host's configuration. The 'Availability' tab is selected. At the top, there are buttons for 'ZBX', 'SNMP', 'IPMI', and 'None'. Below this, a table displays the status of the host's interface and active checks.

Interface	Status	Error
127.0.0.1:10050	Available	
Active checks	Available	

zabbix[host,active_agent,available] internal item

6.2.7: Loadable plugin versioning - PostgreSQL 1.2.1 -> PostgreSQL 6.2.7

ZABBIX 6.4 NEWS - agent/agent 2

Interface not required for some checks

It is no longer required to define an interface when creating items of the following type:

- Simple check

- External check

- SSH agent

- Telnet agent

Instant refresh of active checks

Previously Zabbix agent (in active mode) received from Zabbix server or Zabbix proxy a full copy of the configuration once every two minutes (default). By introducing incremental configuration sync, full configuration is no longer sent if there are no changes to host or global regular expressions, thus default sync interval has been reduced to 5 seconds.

'RefreshActiveChecks' parameter supported in a Zabbix agent configuration file default value is changed to 5 seconds (previously 120).

6.4.2: Mixing item key and session parameters in Zabbix agent 2 plugins

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Installation



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AGENT 2 INSTALLATION

Install Zabbix Agent2

```
# rpm -Uvh https://repo.zabbix.com/zabbix/6.4/rhel/9/x86\_64/zabbix-release-6.4-1.el9.noarch.rpm  
# dnf install zabbix-agent2 zabbix-agent2-plugin-*
```

Start Zabbix Agent2

```
# systemctl start zabbix-agent2
```

Enable auto start

```
# systemctl enable zabbix-agent2
```

AGENT 2 INSTALLATION

Konfigurace

```
Server=<IP/DNS> for passive agent checks
```

```
ServerActive=<IP/DNS> for active agent checks  
Hostname=Name of host for active checks
```

```
# systemctl restart zabbix-agent2
```

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AGENT 2 INSTALLATION on Windows – command line

- ▶ Available for download as archive or MSI install
- ▶ To install a single instance of Zabbix agent with the default configuration file `c:\zabbix_agentd.conf`:

```
zabbix_agent2.exe --install
```

- ▶ If you wish to use a configuration file other than `c:\zabbix_agentd.conf`, you should use the following command for service installation:

```
zabbix_agent2.exe --config <your_configuration_file> --install
```

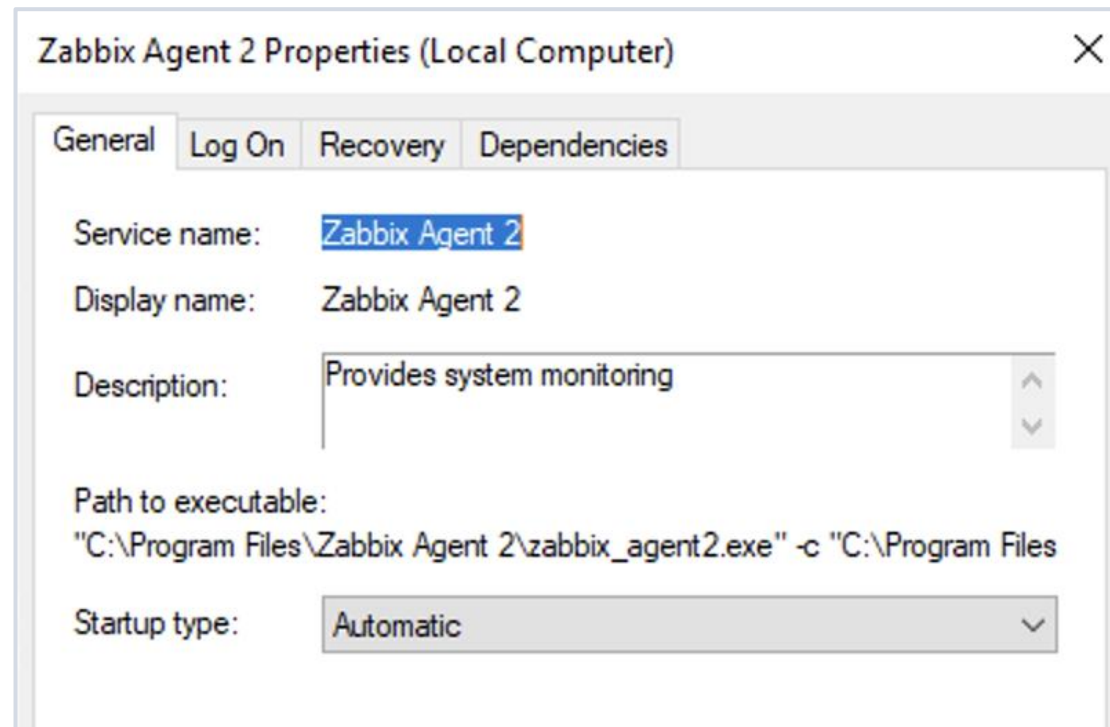
```
"C:\Agent 2 6.4.2\bin\zabbix_agent2.exe" --install --config "C:\Agent 2 6.4.2\conf\zabbix_agent2.conf"
```

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AGENT 2 INSTALLATION on Windows – command line

Once installed, runs as a service under Local System account

```
zabbix_agent2 [20268]: 'Zabbix Agent 2' installed succesfully
```



AGENT 2 INSTALLATION on Windows – MSI

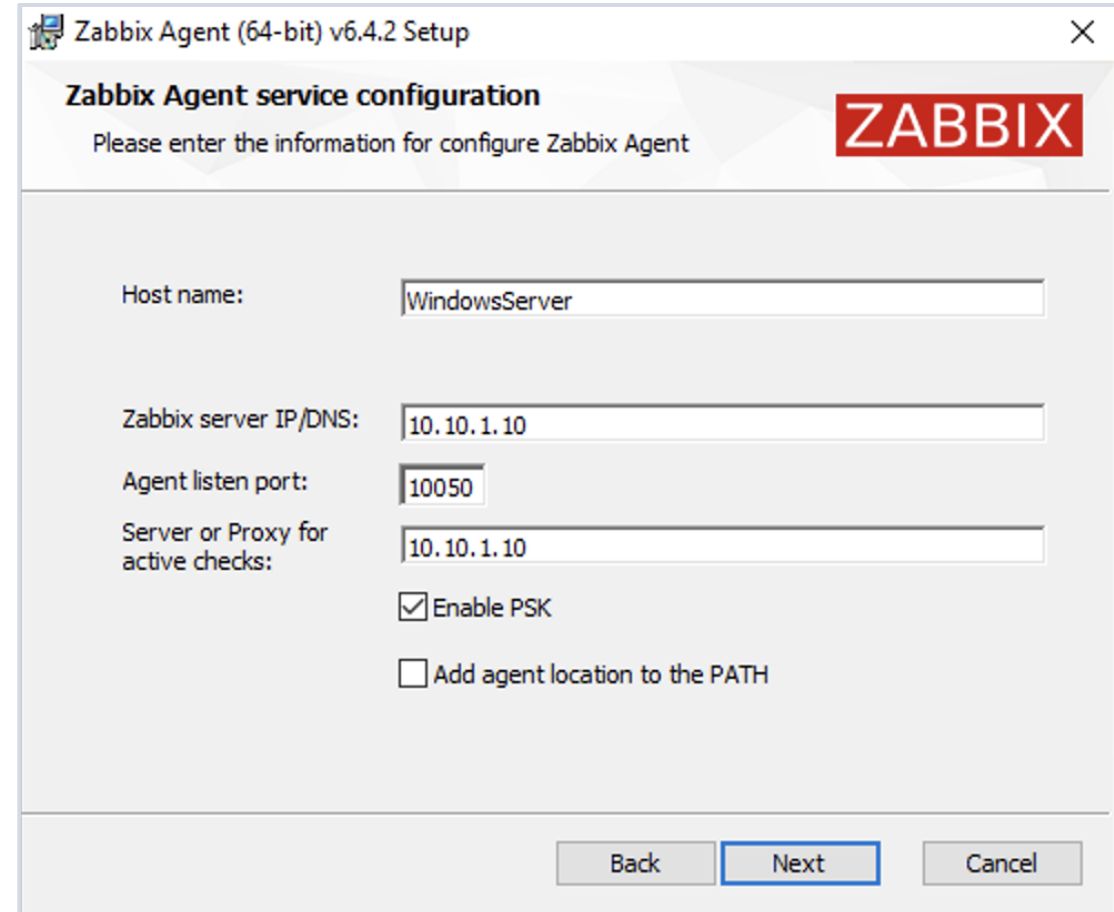
MSI Installer can be downloaded from Zabbix website

OS DISTRIBUTION	OS VERSION	HARDWARE	ZABBIX VERSION	ENCRYPTION	PACKAGING
Windows	Any	amd64	6.4	OpenSSL	MSI
Linux		i386	6.2	No encryption	Archive
macOS			6.0 LTS		
AIX			5.4		
FreeBSD			5.2		
OpenBSD			5.0 LTS		
Solaris			4.4		
			4.2		
			4.0 LTS		
			3.0 LTS		

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AGENT 2 INSTALLATION on Windows – MSI

- ▶ Host name – Hostname parameter for active agent checks
- ▶ Zabbix server IP/DNS – Server parameter for passive checks
- ▶ Agent listen port – port on which the agent will listen for passive check requests
- ▶ Server or Proxy for active checks – ServerActive parameter for sending active agent datax

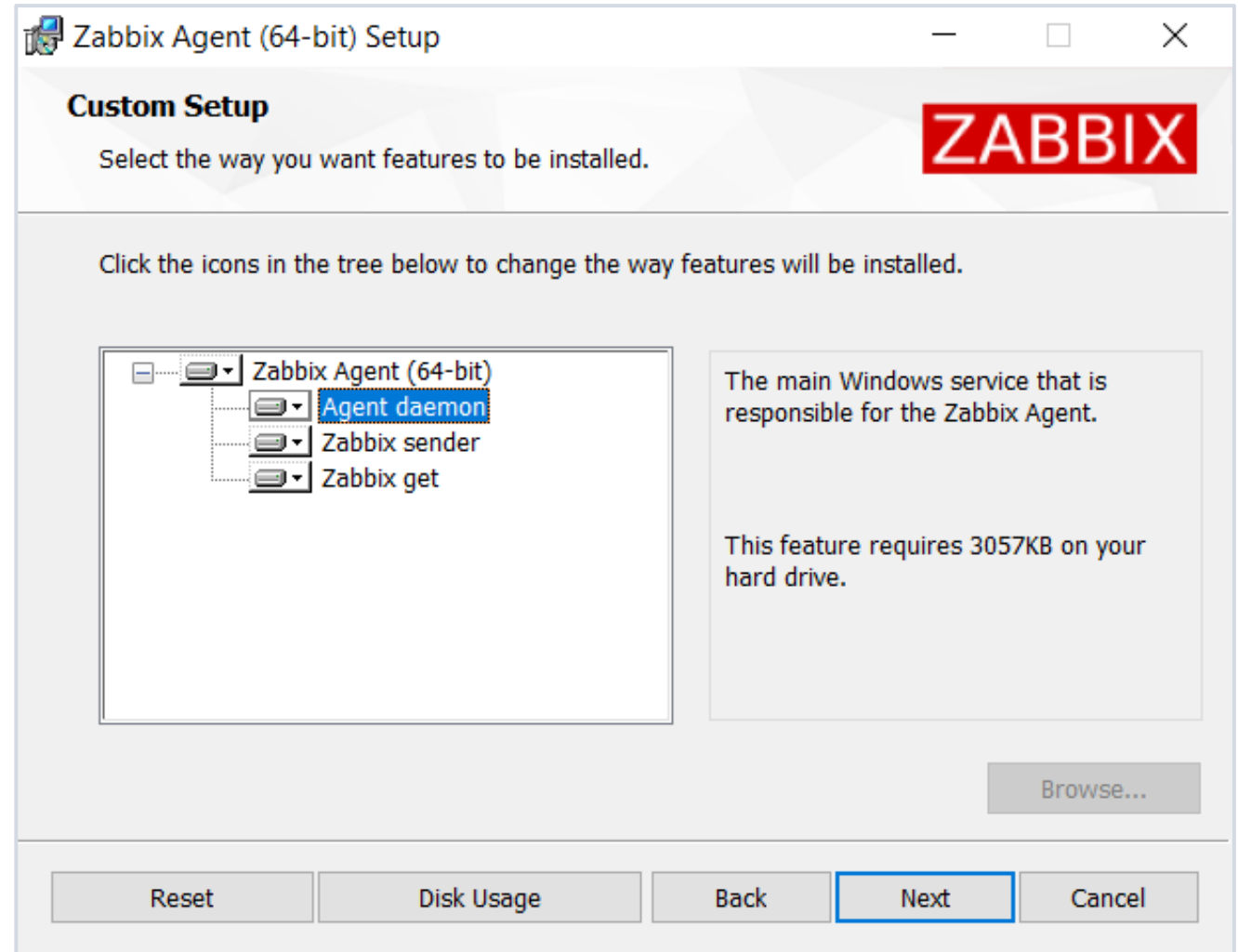


The screenshot shows the 'Zabbix Agent (64-bit) v6.4.2 Setup' window. The title bar includes the application icon, the text 'Zabbix Agent (64-bit) v6.4.2 Setup', and a close button. The main window has a header area with the title 'Zabbix Agent service configuration' and a subtitle 'Please enter the information for configure Zabbix Agent'. A red 'ZABBIX' logo is positioned in the top right corner of the header. The configuration area contains four text input fields: 'Host name:' with 'WindowsServer', 'Zabbix server IP/DNS:' with '10.10.1.10', 'Agent listen port:' with '10050', and 'Server or Proxy for active checks:' with '10.10.1.10'. Below these fields are two checkboxes: 'Enable PSK' (checked) and 'Add agent location to the PATH' (unchecked). At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: 'Back', 'Next' (highlighted with a blue border), and 'Cancel'.

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AGENT 2 INSTALLATION on Windows – MSI

- › Location – Agent 2 install location
- › Disk Usage – disk space usage statistics
- › Agent 2 takes up ~17MB of disk space



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COMMAND LINE OPTIONS



AGENT 2 COMMAND LINE OPTIONS

```
# zabbix_agent2 -R help
Remote control interface, available commands:
  loglevel increase - Increase log level
  loglevel decrease - Decrease log level
  metrics - List available metrics
  version - Display Agent version
  help - Display this help message
```

- ▶ Other C agent parameters such as - p (print), - t (test) etc. are also fully supported by Agent 2

```
#zabbix_agent2 -t agent.hostname
agent.hostname [s|LinuxHost]
```

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AGENT 2 PLUGIN STATUS

Available metric list is divided into plugin sections

- ▶ Displays per plugin statistics

```
# zabbix_agent2 -R metrics
[NetIf]
active: true
capacity: 0/100
tasks: 2
net.if.in: Returns incoming traffic statistics on network interface.
net.if.out: Returns outgoing traffic statistics on network interface.
net.if.total: Returns sum of incoming and outgoing traffic statistics on network
interface.
```

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AGENT 2 PLUGIN STATUS

Status of running agent can be viewed via web browser

- › Status page will be accessible from anywhere
- › Can be set to any unused port
- › No default port setting
- › Agent restart is still required after making configuration changes

```
### Option: StatusPort
#         Agent will listen on this port for HTTP status requests.
StatusPort=10080
```

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AGENT 2 PLUGIN STATUS

In browser navigate to:

▶ <http://<IP/DNS>:10080/status>

Same as from the command line

```
← → ↻ ⚠ Not secure | 192.168.3.183:10080/status

Zabbix Agent 2 [LinuxHost]. (5.0.3)
using configuration file: /etc/zabbix/zabbix_agent2.conf
ServerActive: 127.0.0.1
ListenPort: 10050

[Agent]
active: false
capacity: 0/100
tasks: 0
agent.hostname: Returns Hostname from agent configuration.
agent.ping: Returns agent availability check result.
agent.version: Version of Zabbix agent.

[Cpu]
active: false
capacity: 0/100
tasks: 0
system.cpu.discovery: List of detected CPUs/CPU cores, used for low-level discovery.
system.cpu.num: Number of CPUs.
system.cpu.util: CPU utilisation percentage.

[Docker]
active: false
capacity: 0/100
tasks: 0
docker.container_info: Return low-level information about a container.
docker.container_stats: Returns near realtime stats for a given container.
docker.containers: Returns a list of containers.
docker.containers.discovery: Returns a list of containers, used for low-level discovery.
docker.data_usage: Returns information about current data usage.
docker.images: Returns a list of images.
docker.images.discovery: Returns a list of images, used for low-level discovery.
docker.info: Returns information about the docker server.
docker.ping: Pings the server and returns 0 or 1.
```


AGENT 2 PLUGIN CONFIGURATION

- › Each Agent 2 item belongs to a specific plugin
- › Plugins can be individually configured by changing plugin parameters
- › All plugins are configured using "Plugins.*" parameter in "zabbix_agent2.conf"

C Agent MaxLines configuration (plugin-less):

```
MaxLinesPerSecond=20
```

«Go Agent MaxLines configuration – Via Log Plugin:

```
Plugins.Log.MaxLinesPerSecond=20
```

AGENT 2 PLUGINS

All of Zabbix agent 2 items utilize some sort of a plugin written by Zabbix developers

Plugins provide an option to extend the monitoring capabilities of Zabbix

- › Written in Go programming language and supported for Zabbix agent 2 only
- › Alternative to "loadable modules" (written in C)

Each plugin can be configured by editing the plugin specific parameters in Zabbix agent 2 configuration file

- › Syntax: `Plugins.<PluginName>.<Parameter>=<Value>`

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NAMED SESSIONS



AGENT 2 NAMED SESSIONS

Named sessions

- › Represent an additional level of plugin parameters
- › Can be applied only to specific plugins
 - › Mysql
 - › Postgres
 - › Redis
 - › Memcached
 - › More as they are released in the future
- › Mostly related to Agent 2 DB monitoring plugins
- › Used to define separate sets of authentication parameters
 - › URI - Uniform Resource Identifier
 - › User - Username which is used for obtaining the metrics from the resource
 - › Password - Password for the specified user

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AGENT 2 NAMED SESSIONS

Example:

- ▶ Monitoring of two sessions "MySQL1" and "MySQL2"

```
Plugins.Mysql.Sessions.MySQL1.Uri=tcp://127.0.0.1:3306
Plugins.Mysql.Sessions.MySQL1.User=<UsernameForMySQL1>
Plugins.Mysql.Sessions.MySQL1.Password=<PasswordForMySQL1>
Plugins.Mysql.Sessions.MySQL2.Uri=tcp://127.0.0.1:3307
Plugins.Mysql.Sessions.MySQL2.User=<UsernameForMySQL2>
Plugins.Mysql.Sessions.MySQL2.Password=<PasswordForMySQL2>
```

- ▶ We can now use the defined session names – "MySQL1" and "MySQL2" as connectionString parameters in our mysql agent 2 item keys

AGENT 2 NAMED SESSIONS

Example keys:

- › `mysql.db.size[connString,username,password,dbName]`
- › `mysql.ping[connString,username,password]`
- › `mysql.db.discovery[connString,username,password]`

Using named session names in key parameters:

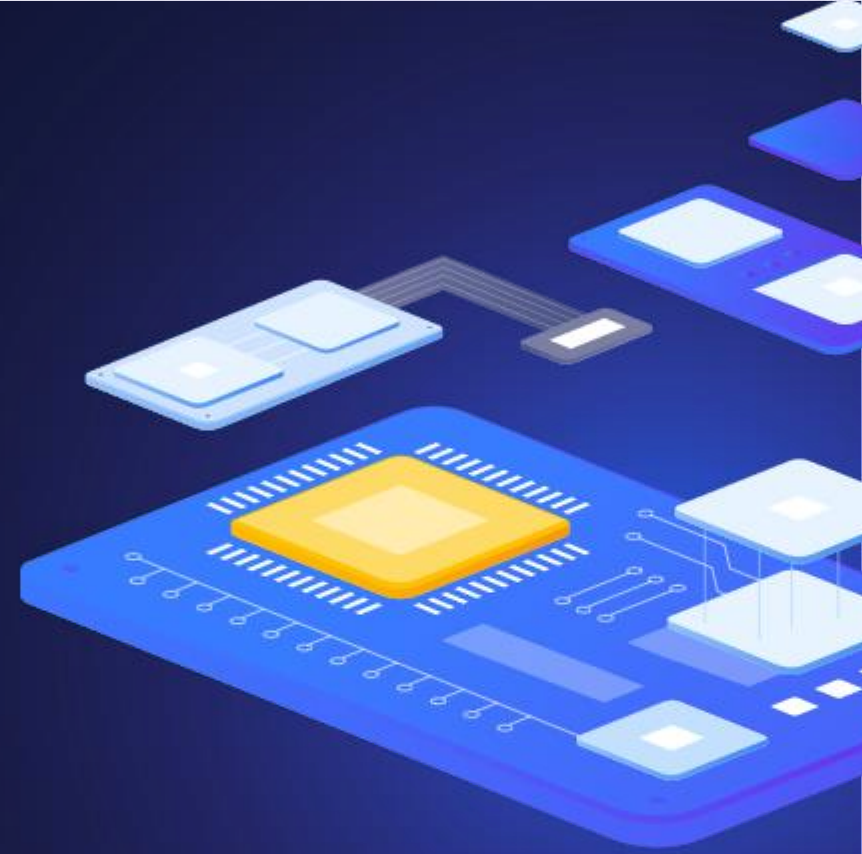
- › `mysql.db.size[MySQL1,,,productionDB]`
- › Note that we still need to specify the DB name "productionDB" directly in the key

Parameters also can be specified directly if needed:

- › `mysql.db.size[tcp://localhost,root,P445W0RD,productionDB]`

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TEMPLATES



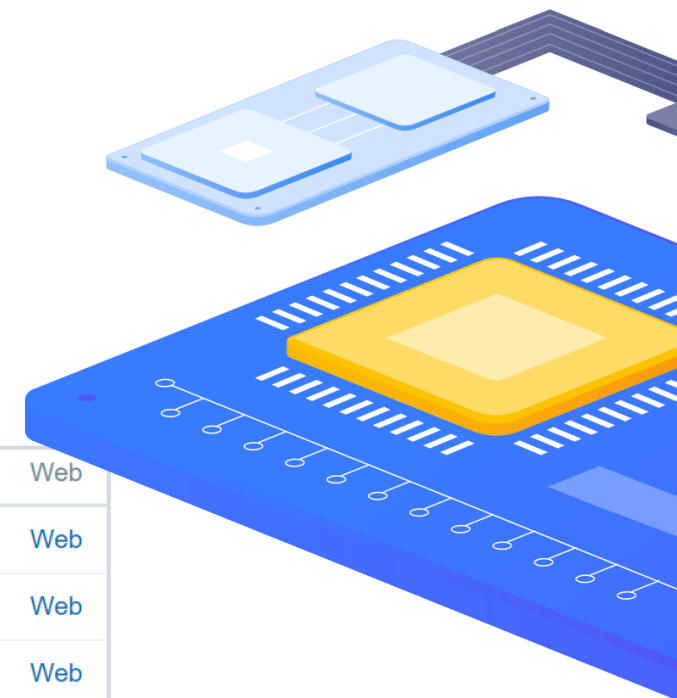
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AGENT 2 TEMPLATES

Integrated plugins and templates are available out of the box

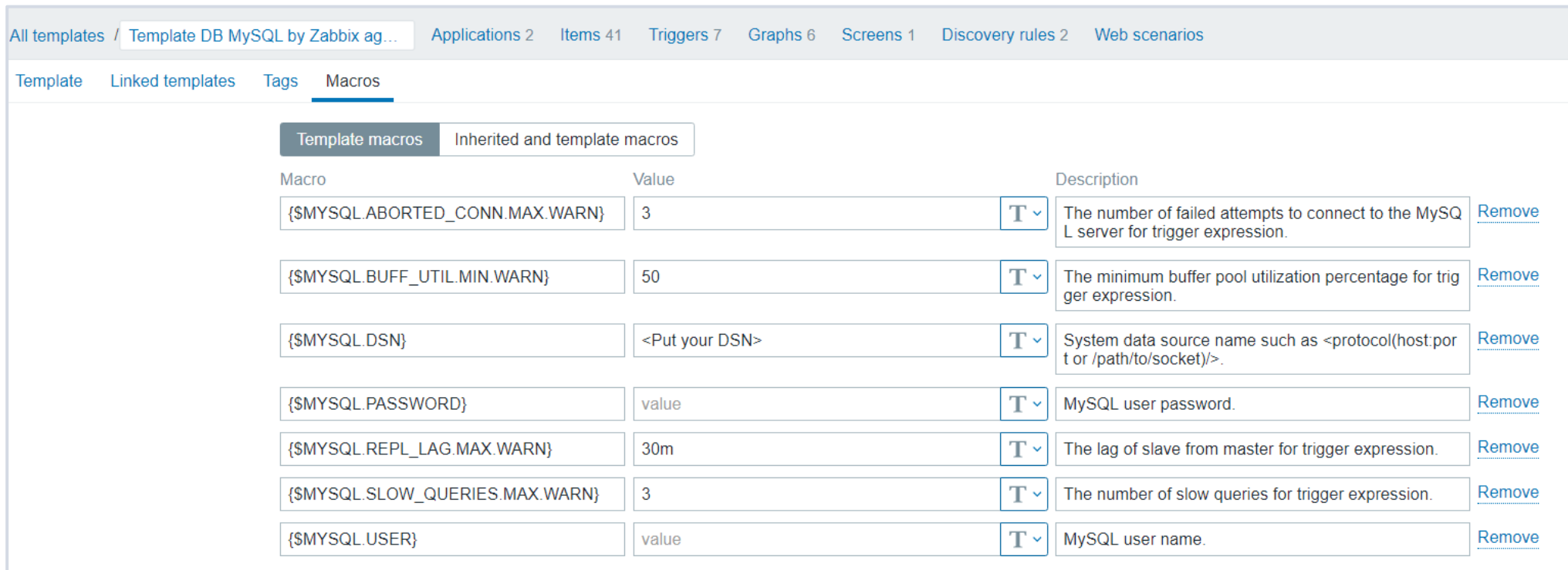
- › DB MySQL
- › DB PostgreSQL
- › DB Redis
- › App Docker
- › App Memcached
- › More templates will be published in the future

<input type="checkbox"/> Name ▲	Hosts	Applications	Items	Triggers	Graphs	Screens	Discovery	Web
<input type="checkbox"/> Template App Docker	Hosts 1	Applications 2	Items 44	Triggers 3	Graphs 5	Screens 1	Discovery 2	Web
<input type="checkbox"/> Template App Memcached	Hosts	Applications 2	Items 26	Triggers 8	Graphs 6	Screens	Discovery	Web
<input type="checkbox"/> Template DB MySQL by Zabbix agent 2	Hosts	Applications 2	Items 41	Triggers 7	Graphs 6	Screens 1	Discovery 2	Web
<input type="checkbox"/> Template DB PostgreSQL	Hosts	Applications 2	Items 40	Triggers 11	Graphs 8	Screens 2	Discovery 1	Web
<input type="checkbox"/> Template DB Redis	Hosts	Applications 2	Items 64	Triggers 13	Graphs 12	Screens 2	Discovery 7	Web



AGENT 2 TEMPLATES

- › Zabbix agent 2 out of box templates can be further configured by customizing User Macros or Plugin parameters
- › Basic configuration can be done by simply adjusting the user macros



The screenshot shows the Zabbix web interface for configuring macros. The breadcrumb trail is: All templates / Template DB MySQL by Zabbix ag... Applications 2 Items 41 Triggers 7 Graphs 6 Screens 1 Discovery rules 2 Web scenarios. The 'Macros' tab is selected, and the 'Template macros' sub-tab is active. A table lists the following macros:

Macro	Value		Description	
{MYSQL.ABORTED_CONN.MAX.WARN}	3	T	The number of failed attempts to connect to the MySQL server for trigger expression.	Remove
{MYSQL.BUFF_UTIL.MIN.WARN}	50	T	The minimum buffer pool utilization percentage for trigger expression.	Remove
{MYSQL.DSN}	<Put your DSN>	T	System data source name such as <protocol(host:port or /path/to/socket)>.	Remove
{MYSQL.PASSWORD}	value	T	MySQL user password.	Remove
{MYSQL.REPL_LAG.MAX.WARN}	30m	T	The lag of slave from master for trigger expression.	Remove
{MYSQL.SLOW_QUERIES.MAX.WARN}	3	T	The number of slow queries for trigger expression.	Remove
{MYSQL.USER}	value	T	MySQL user name.	Remove

AGENT 2 TEMPLATES

Deeper customization can be achieved by configuring the plugin itself

```
### Option: Plugins
#       A plugin can have one or more plugin specific configuration parameters in format:
#       Plugins.<PluginName>.<Parameter1>=<value1>
#       Plugins.<PluginName>.<Parameter2>=<value2>
```

```
### Option: Plugins.Redis.Uri
#       Connection string. Can be overwritten by the first parameter of an item's key.
#
# Mandatory: no
# Range: Must matches the URI format.
# Default:
# Plugins.Redis.Uri=tcp://localhost:6379
```

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AGENT 2 Exclusive keys

Zabbix agent 2 has many new built-in keys

For Docker

- › `docker.data_usage` - Information about current data usage
- › `docker.containers.discovery` - A list of containers. Used for low-level discovery

For MySQL

- › `mysql.get_status_variables` - get mysql variable data
- › `mysql.db.discovery` - Result of the “show databases” SQL query in LLD JSON format

For PostgreSQL

- › `pgsql.dbstat` - Collects statistics per database
- › `pgsql.db.discovery` - List of the PostgreSQL databases

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AGENT 2 Exclusive keys

- ▶ Many more Agent 2 keys are available
- ▶ Many of those keys are used as master items
- ▶ Dependent items preprocess the obtained values and provide more granular and detailed data overview

Item Preprocessing

* Name

Type

* Key

* Master item

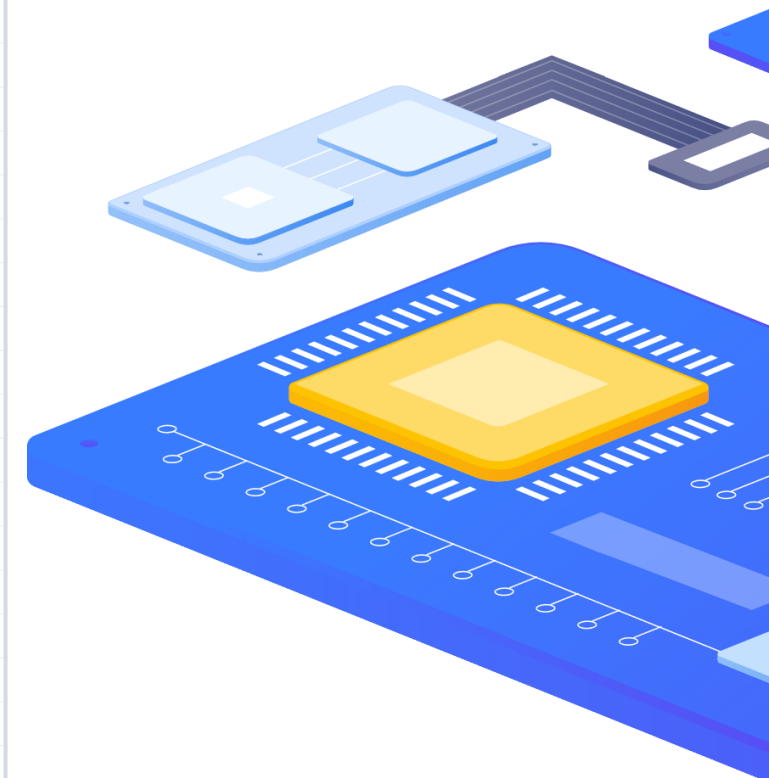
Item Preprocessing

Preprocessing steps	Name	Parameters
1:	<input type="text" value="JSONPath"/>	<input type="text" value="\$.Aborted_clients"/>
2:	<input type="text" value="Change per second"/>	

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AGENT 2 Master/dependent items - Docker

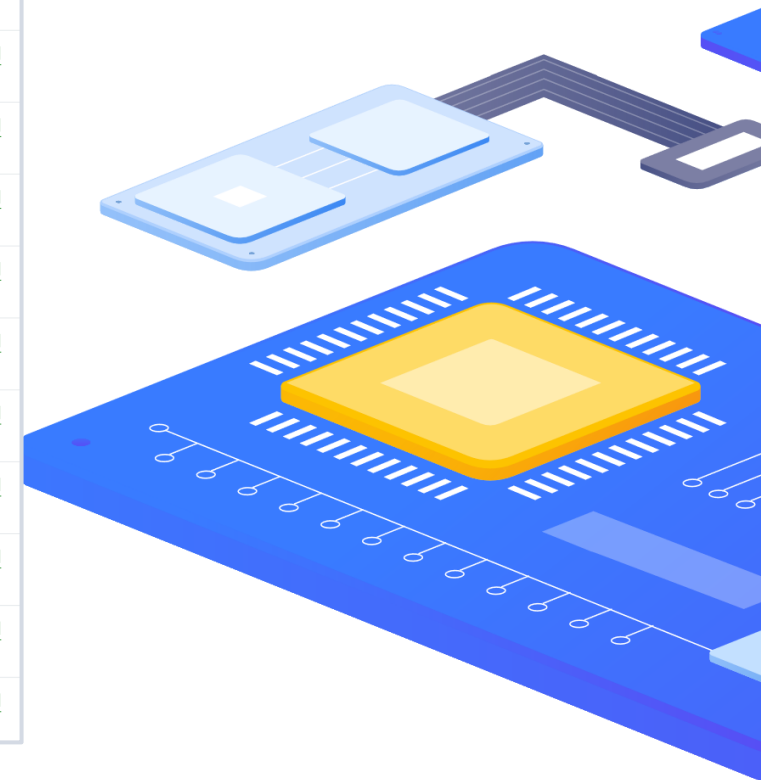
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wizard	Name ▲	Triggers	Key	Interval	History	Trends	Type	Applications	Status	Ir
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Architecture		docker.architecture	7d			Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Cgroup driver		docker.cgroup_driver	7d			Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Containers paused		docker.containers.paused	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Containers running		docker.containers.running	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get data_usage : Docker: Containers size		docker.containers_size	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Containers stopped		docker.containers.stopped	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Containers total		docker.containers.total	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: CPU CFS Period enabled		docker.cpu_cfs_period.enabled	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: CPU CFS Quota enabled		docker.cpu_cfs_quota.enabled	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: CPU Set enabled		docker.cpu_set.enabled	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: CPU Shares enabled		docker.cpu_shares.enabled	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info		docker.info	1m	0		Zabbix agent	Zabbix raw items	Enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	Docker: Get info : Docker: Goroutines		docker.goroutines	7d	365d		Dependent item	Docker	Enabled	



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AGENT 2 Master/dependent items - PostgreSQL

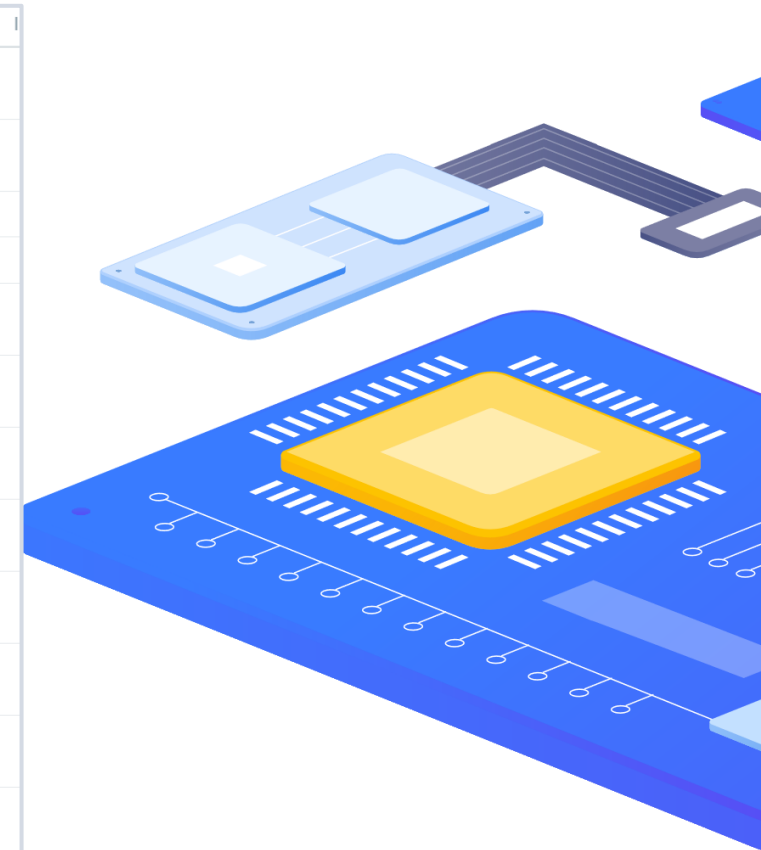
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wizard	Name ▲	Triggers	Key	Interval	History	Trends	Type	Applications	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	PostgreSQL: Bgwriter: Bgwriter: Buffers allocated		pgsql.bgwriter.buffers_alloc	90d	365d		Dependent item	PostgreSQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	PostgreSQL: Bgwriter: Bgwriter: Buffers written directly by a backend		pgsql.bgwriter.buffers_backend	90d	365d		Dependent item	PostgreSQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	PostgreSQL: Bgwriter: Bgwriter: Number of bgwriter stopped		pgsql.bgwriter.maxwritten_clean	90d	365d		Dependent item	PostgreSQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	...	PostgreSQL: Bgwriter: Bgwriter: Times a backend execute its own fsync		pgsql.bgwriter.buffers_backend_fsync	90d	365d		Dependent item	PostgreSQL	Enabled
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<input type="checkbox"/>	...	PostgreSQL: Get connections sum: Connections sum: Idle		pgsql.connections.idle	7d	365d		Dependent item	PostgreSQL	Enabled



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AGENT 2 Master/dependent items - MySQL

<input type="checkbox"/> Wizard	Name ▲	Triggers	Key	Interval	History	Trends	Type	Applications	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Aborted clients per second		mysql.aborted_clients.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Aborted connections per second	Triggers 1	mysql.aborted_connects.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Buffer pool efficiency		mysql.buffer_pool_efficiency	1m	7d	365d	Calculated	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Buffer pool utilization	Triggers 1	mysql.buffer_pool_utilization	1m	7d	365d	Calculated	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Bytes received		mysql.bytes_received.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Bytes sent		mysql.bytes_sent.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Command Delete per second		mysql.com_delete.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
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<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Command Select per second		mysql.com_select.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Command Update per second		mysql.com_update.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Connection errors accept per second		mysql.connection_errors_accept.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	... MySQL: Get status variables: MySQL: Connection errors internal per second		mysql.connection_errors_internal.rate		7d	365d	Dependent item	MySQL	Enabled



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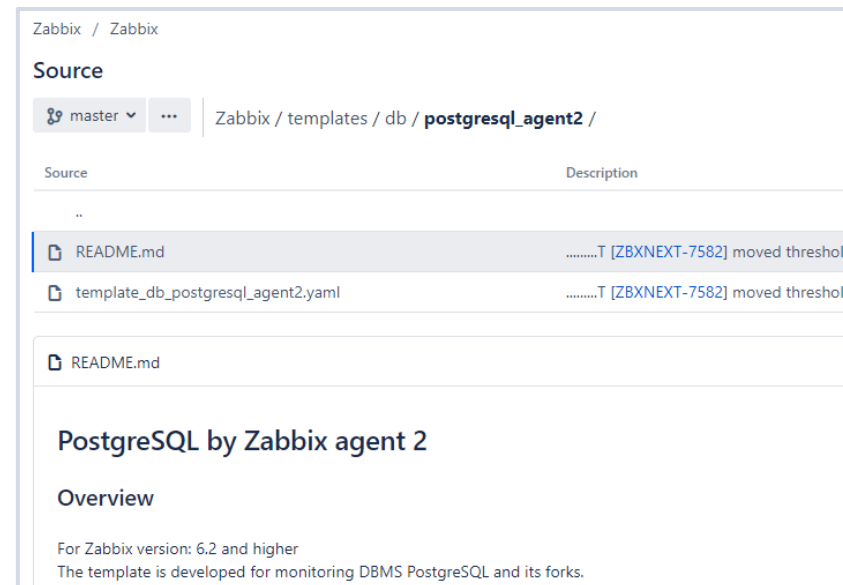
AGENT 2 TEMPLATES

Documentation

- ▶ https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/current/en/manual/config/items/itemtypes/zabbix_agent/zabbix_agent2

GIT

- ▶ <https://git.zabbix.com/projects/ZBX/repos/zabbix/browse/templates>



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Source

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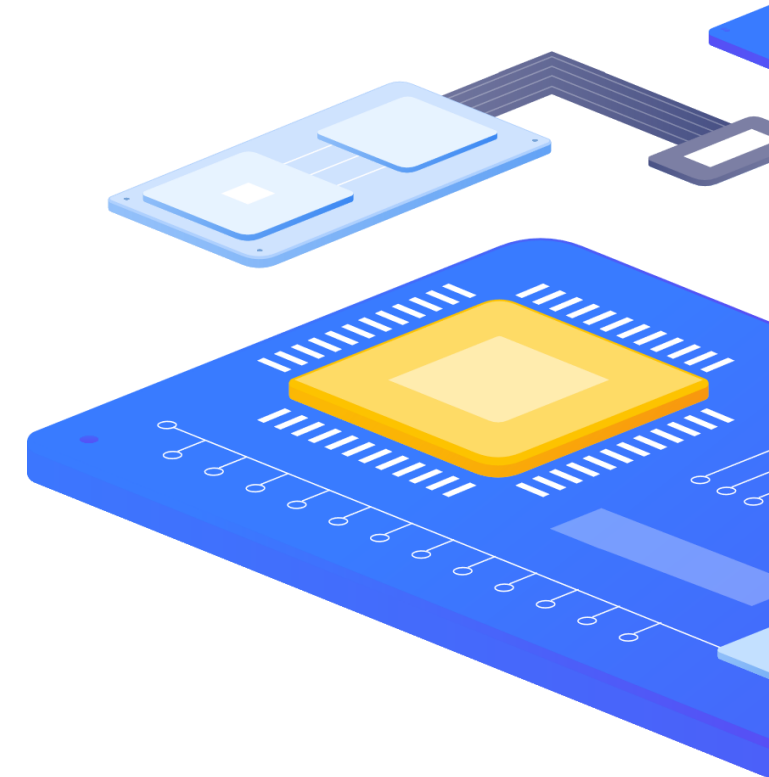
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template_db_postgresql_agent2.yamlT [ZBXNEXT-7582] moved threshold

README.md

PostgreSQL by Zabbix agent 2

Overview

For Zabbix version: 6.2 and higher
The template is developed for monitoring DBMS PostgreSQL and its forks.



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DEVELOPING PLUGINS



DEVELOPING an AGENT 2 PLUGIN

The Go agent features multiple plugin interfaces which can be used for different types of tasks

- › Exporter interface
- › Watcher interface
- › Collector interface
- › Runner interface
- › Configurator interface

A Go agent plugin must implement one or several plugin interfaces.

ZABBIX BLOG

<https://blog.zabbix.com/developing-plugins-for-zabbix-agent-2/9682/>

https://www.zabbix.com/documentation/current/en/devel/plugins/how_to

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Exporter is a very simple interface that polls metrics and returns a value, several values, an error, or nothing at all. It accepts a prepared key, its parameters and context

```
type Exporter interface {  
    Export(key string, params []string, context ContextProvider) (result interface{}, err  
    error)  
}
```

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With Watcher you can implement a metric polling process without using Scheduler. This interface is mostly used to wait for data and upon receiving it send the results to the server, e.g. log file monitoring.

```
type Watcher interface {  
    Watch(requests []*Request, context ContextProvider)  
}
```

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Collector is used for plugins that need to collect data regularly. However, it can't return data, so you'll need Exporter for that.

```
type Collector interface {  
    Collect() error  
    Period() int  
}
```

- ▶ The main use case for this interface is when we need to collect data often and store it in cache until Zabbix server requests it.

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Runner provides a way to perform initialization when a plugin is activated (the Start() function) and deinitialization when it is stopped (the Stop() function).

```
type Runner interface {  
    Start()  
    Stop()  
}
```

- ▶ With this interface a plugin can, for example, start or stop a background thread, release unused resources, close connections, etc.
- ▶ Activates plugins when there are metrics ready to be processed for passive checks or a task is assigned to it for active checks.

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Configurator serves for configuring plugins.

```
type Configurator interface {  
    Configure(globalOptions *GlobalOptions, privateOptions interface{})  
    Validate(privateOptions interface{}) error  
}
```

- ▶ Configure() loads configuration parameters in a structure defined by the developer.
- ▶ Validate() checks the configuration file for errors. If it finds any, the agent won't start, and we'll get an error notification.

DEVELOPING AN AGENT 2 plugin

Agent 2 is constantly in development. We have many new features planned for future releases:

- › Building loadable plugins as dynamic libraries
 - › Removes the need to rebuild the agent to add a new plugin
- › Updating agent configuration in runtime
 - › No need restart the agent when changing configuration
- › New out of the box plugins to use with Agent 2
 - › Support for new applications and systems
- › Ongoing optimizations, bug fixes and other new features

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FAQ

Should I use the C agent or the Go agent?

- › Use the Go agent if you need the extra monitoring features or want to implement your own custom plugin
- › `systemctl` won't report back the agent status on startup

Will you still support the C agent?

- › Yes, of course! C agent will still get updates, fixes, etc. We have no plans to deprecate it.

Can I use both agents in my environment?

- › Yes! You can use the Go agent in environments where you need the new features and keep the C agent on all other hosts.

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Demonstration





Questions?



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