Request Tracker (RT) Installation and Configuration

Notes:

- Commands preceded with "\$" imply that you should execute the command as a general user not as root.
- Commands preceded with "#" imply that you should be working as the root user.
- Commands with more specific command lines (e.g. RTR-GW> or mysql>) imply that you are executing commands on remote equipment, or within another program.
- If a command line ends with "" this indicates that the command continues on the next line and you should treat this as a single line.

Exercises

Exercise 0

The Request Tracker software has already been installed on your server. You may refer to the RT Install Guide in your course Agenda for details on how to install Request Tracker on your own.

Exercise 1

This exercise should be done by each person in your group as you will create separate userids on the RT instance your shared srv1 server.

Log in to RT as the root User on your shared srv1 server.

If you go to http://oob.srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org/rt/ (http://oob.srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org/rt/) you will see the RT login screen:

Not logged in.				RT for netmgmt	» «	BEST PRACTIC
Login						
	Legin					
	Login		4.0.4			
	Username:					
	Password:					
		Lo	gin			

Enter the following information to log in as **root** on RT:

Username: root

Password: []

Exercise 2

RT Configuration: Create your User

Now that you are logged in we will create a new user for the rest of these exercises. The user you will create is "sysadm-hostX, where"X" is the number of your host.

On the top of the screen choose Admin => Users => Create and then click on the Create item in the menu.

ome – Search	Articles + Tools +	Admin 👻 L	ogged	in as root 👻		RT for	rt.db-master.lxd	BEST	ICAL
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		Queues	- F					Edit	
		Custom Fields							
A 10 high	nest priority tickets I own	Scrips	Þ		Edit	 My reminder 	S		_
		Global	- F						-
		Articles	•						
		Tools	•						
♦ 10 new	est unowned tickets				Edit	A Quick search	1	Edit	_
						Queue General	new op -	en stalled	
∧ Bookm	narked Tickets				Edit	∧ Dashboards		Edit	-
A Quick t	ticket creation								
Subject	Ceneral	Owner:	le l			♦ Refresh			-
Requestors	root@localhost	Owner.				Don't refresh this	page.	¢ Go!	
Content	t:								
			Cre	ate					

Create User

You will now be presented with the following dialogue. Fill in the fields, and make sure the checkbox Let this user be granted rights is checked. Set your email to sysadm@ hostX.CampusY .ws.nsrc.org - Replace X with your host number and "Y" with your campus number.

	Select
∧ Identity	∧ Location
Username: sysadm-hostX (required) Email: sysadm@hostX.campu Real Name: Ssytem Admin Host X Nickname: Unix login: Language: +	Organization: Address1: Address2: City: State: Zip: Country:
 Access control ✓ Let this user access RT ✓ Let this user be granted rights (Privileged) root's current password: 	Phone numbers Home: Work: Mobile: Pager:
Retype Password:	
∧ Comments about this user	

Create

User creation form

Use the same password for **sysadm-hostX** as you are using in class. Be sure you check **Let this user be granted rights**. Once done, scroll down the page and click on the **Create** button (bottom right). You should see this:

Mod	dify the user sysadm-host1				
		Users 👻	Basics	Memberships	History
	User created Password set				

User created

Exercise 3

RT Configuration: Create a Group

• At the top, choose the menu item Admin => Groups => Create

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Home \checkmark Search \checkmark Articles \checkmark Tools \checkmark	Admin 👻 L	ogged	in as root 📼		R
Modify the user evendm-host1	Users			Ne	ew ticket
mouny the user sysaum-nostr	Groups	•	Select		
Usi	Queues	•	Create	ry RT at a g	lance
	Custom Fields				
	Scrips				
User created Password set	Global				
	Articles				
	Tools	•			
∧ Identity				A Locatio	n
Username: sysadm-host1 🛛 🖏 (require	d)			Organization:	
Email: sysadm@host1.campu:				Address1:	
Real Name: Ssytem Admin Host 1				Address2:	
Nickname:				City:	
Create group					

• Fill in the name: netmgmt , and add a description, then click on Create

Create a ne	w group				New tick	
,	Name: netmgmt					
Descr	ription: Network Manageme	ent Administrators				
Enable	ed (Unchecking this box disa	ables this group)				
Reset						
Create group f	orm					
You should see	e the following result:					
Modify the	group netmgmt				New ticket	in General
		Groups 👻	Basics	Members	Memberships	Group Rights U
Gro Gro	oup created oup netmgmt: Description o	changed from (no v	alue) to 'N	letwork Mar	nagement Admin	istrators by root
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Gro	Name: netmgmt	changed from (no v	alue) to 'N	letwork Mar	nagement Admin	listrators by root
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- Group created
- Click on Members (top menu)

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lodify the grou	p netmgmt				New tick	
		Groups 👻	Basics	Members	Memberships	Group
Group netr by root	ngmt: Descriptio	on changed from 'Netw	ork Mana	agement Ad	ministrator' to '	Networ
.,						
Name:	netmgmt					
Description:	Network Manage	ment Administrators				
Enabled (Uncl	hecking this box d	isables this group)				

Group members

• In the Add user field (right), type in the name of one of the users you have created in step 3. This is the sysadmhostX user. Then click on Modify Members (bottom right):

Mod	dify the group netmo	ymt			New tick	et in General	Se	arch
		Groups 👻	Basics	Members	Memberships	Group Rights	User Rights	History
	A Editing membership	for group r	etmgmt					
	Current members		Add me	mbers				
	(No members)		Add u Add gro	ser: sysadi	n-hostX			
	(Check box to delete) Reset						Modify M	lembers
Add ı	member							
You s	should see this:							
Mo	dify the group netma	gmt						
		Groups 👻	Basics	Members				
	Member added: sysa	ıdm-host1						

Member added

No repeat this for each member of your group until you have added all users.

Exercise 4

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(Only one person should do this)

RT Configuration: Create a New Queue

• At the top, choose the menu item Admin => Queues => Create

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RT basic lab

Add user: sysadm-hostX

Add group:

Home – Search – Articles – Tools –	Admin 👻 L	ogged in	as root	RT for rt.db-mas	ter.lxd 🚿
Modify the group netmamt	Users		New tick	et in General	¢
,,	Groups	- F			
Groups 👻 B	Queues	•	Select	oup Rights	User Rights
	Custom Fields	•	Create		
	Scrips	-			
Member added: sysadm-hosti	Global	-			
	Articles				
 A Editing membership for group netric 	Tools	->-			
Current members		Add	member	rs	

Users

sysadm-host1 (Ssytem Admin Host 1)

Groups

Create queue

• Fill in the fields. Let's use the following values and then click on Create:

Queue Name: net

Description: Network Problems

Subject Tag: RT: NET

Reply Address: net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org

Comment Address: net-comment@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org

Create a queue			New ticket in	General	Sear	rch
					Select	Create
Queue Name: Description: Lifecycle: Subject Tag:	net]		
Reply Address:	net@srv1.campusY.ws. (If left blank, will default to rt@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.ou	Comment Add	net-comn dress: (If left blan comment@	nent@srv1.ca k, will default t @srv1.campus	o rt- 5.ws.nsrc.oi	rg)
Priority starts at:	0	Over time, p moves to	oriority 0 oward: requires ru	inning rt-cronte	ool	
Requests should be due in:	da	ys.				
×	Enabled (Unchecking this bo	ox disables this queue)			(Create

Queue create form

Note: Remember to replace "Y" with your campus number.

You should see this:

Queue created Queue net: Description changed from (no value) to "Network Problems" Queue net: CorrespondAddress changed from (no value) to "net@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org" Queue net: CommentAddress changed from (no value) to "net-comment@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org" Queue net: SubjectTag changed from (no value) to "RT:NET"
Queue created

Exercise 5

(Only one person should do this)

RT Configuration: Give Rights to our Group on the Queue

From the top menu, select Admin => Queues => Select

You should see:

Enabled Queues

Name Includ	¢ de disabled queue	matches 🔶					Go!
elect a c	queue:						
# Nam	e Description	Address	Priority	DefaultDueln	Lifecycle	SubjectTag	Status
1 Gene	eral The default queue	-/-	0-0	0	default		Enabled
3 net	Network Problems	net@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org/net- comment@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org	0-0	0	default	RT:NET	Enabled

• Click on **net** then choose **Group Rights** (top right)

Configuration for	queue ne	t			New tick	et in General	¢
Queues	 Basics 	Watchers	Templates 👻	Scrips 👻	Custom Fields	Group Rights	User Rig
Queue Name:	net	±					
Description:	Network Pro	blems					
Lifecycle:	default ᅌ						
Subject Tag:	RT: NET						
Group rights		-					

The following page should look like this:

Modify group rights for	queue net		New ticket in General	Search
Queues 🔻 Bas	sics Watchers Templates	- Scrips - Cust	tom Fields 👻 Group Rights	User Rights History
SYSTEM Everyone	Everyone			
Privileged	General rights	Rights for Staff	Rights for Administrators	
Unprivileged				
ROLES	Comment	on tickets		CommentOnTicket
AdminCc	Create tick	kets		CreateTicket
Cc	Reply to ti	ckets		ReplyToTicket
Owner	Sign up as	s a ticket Requestor	or ticket or queue Cc	Watch
Requestor	View cust	om field values		SeeCustomField
	View queu	le		SeeQueue
USER GROUPS	View ticket	t summaries		ShowTicket
ADD GROUP				

Group rights overview

Note the three categories: General rights, Rights for Staff, Rights for Administrators

Here, we want to give **Everyone** (including people who are not yet known to RT) some privileges, but only the minimum required. These are found under **General Rights**, and are the following:

- Create tickets (CreateTicket)
- Reply to tickets (ReplyToTicket)
- View queue (SeeQueue)
- View ticket summaries (ShowTicket)

So start by selecting these 4 privileges by checking the 4 boxes in your browser.

Notice that **Everyone** on the left is already highlighted.

Queues 🔻 Basics	Watchers Templates Templates Custom Fields Group Rights	User Rights Histor
SYSTEM Everyone	Everyone	
Unprivileged	General rights Rights for Staff Rights for Administrators	
ROLES	Comment on tickets	CommentOnTicket
AdminCc	Create tickets	CreateTicket
Cc	Reply to tickets	ReplyToTicket
Owner	Sign up as a ticket Requestor or ticket or queue Cc	Watch
Requestor	View custom field values	SeeCustomField
	View queue	SeeQueue
ADD GROUP	View ticket summaries	ShowTicket

Save Changes

Modify group rights

Modify group rights for queue net

Now, click Save Changes (bottom right) to make sure the changes are applied.

Right Granted Right Granted Right Granted Right Granted

Saved rights

Staying on the same page, we're going to now give the netmgmt Group all rights...

To do this, first type in the name of the group in the ADD GROUP field in the lower left:

SYSTEM	Add rights for th	is group: netmgr	nt	
Privileged Unprivileged	General rights	Rights for Staff	Rights for Administrators	
ROLES	Comment	on tickets		CommentOnTicket
AdminCc	Create tic	kets		CreateTicket
Cc	Reply to t	ickets		ReplyToTicket
Owner	Sign up a	s a ticket Requestor	or ticket or queue Cc	Watch
Requestor	View cust	om field values		SeeCustomField
	View quere	le		SeeQueue
USER GROUPS	View ticket	et summaries		ShowTicket
ADD GROUP				

Save Changes

Add rights to group

Now check ALL the boxes in General Rights, Rights for Staff, Rights for Administrators.

SYSTEM	Add rights for this group: netmgmt	
Privileged	General rights Rights for Staff Rights for Administrators	-
POLES	Delete tickets	DeleteTicket
AdminCc	Forward messages outside of RT	ForwardMessage
Cc	Modify custom field values	ModifyCustomField
Owner	Modify ticket owner on owned tickets	ReassignTicket
Requestor	Modify tickets	ModifyTicket
	Own tickets	OwnTicket
USER GROUPS	Sign up as a ticket or queue AdminCc	WatchAsAdminCc
ADD GROUP	Steal tickets	StealTicket
netmgmt	Take tickets	TakeTicket
	View exact outgoing email messages and their recipients	ShowOutgoingEmail
	View ticket private commentary S	howTicketComments

Save Changes

All rights selected

Once this is done, press the Save Changes button on the bottom right of the page. You should see:

Rights granted

Exercise 6

(Everyone does this exercise)

RT Configuration: Log in as sysadm-hostX

Log out of RT (top menu, select the item Logged in as root => Logout)

Home – Search – Articles – Tools – Admi	in – Logged in as root – R
Modify group rights for gueve net	Settings
modify group rights for queue net	Logout
Queues Temp	plates Scrips Custom Fi

Logging out

Now log back in as the **sysadm-hostX** user you have created:

Login

Login			4.2.12-5
	Username:	sysadm-hostX	
	Password:	•••••	5
			Login

Logging in as sysadm

You should see the following:

Home – Search	- Tools -	Logged in as	s sysadm-host1	Ŧ		RT for rt.	db-master.l	xd ≫ ≪	BEST PRACTICAL
RT at a glance					New	ticket in 🛛 🔊	et	Se	arch
									Edit
∧ 10 highe	est priority tick	ets I own		Edit		∧ My rer	ninders		
∧ 10 newe	st unowned tio	:kets		Edit		A Quick	search		Edit
						Queue	new	open	stalled
						net		-	-
A Bookma	rked Tickets			Edit					
						^ Dashb	oards		Edit
Quick tie Subject:	cket creation					∧ Refree	h		
Queue:	net	\$	Owner: Me	\$		Don't refre	esh this pa	ide.	\$
Requestors:	sysadm@host1	.campus5.ws.	nsrc.org				pu		Go!
Content:			с	// reate					

Main page view for sysadm

At this point RT has been properly configured for initial operation. Now we must configure email properly to talk with our new net queue in RT.

Exercise 7

(Only one person does this exercise)

RT Configuration: Email

RT will work with the MTA (Mail Transfer Agent) of your choice. In our case we are using Postfix configured to run as an MTA for an <<Internet Site>> - that is, to deliver email locally and remotely using SMTP.

First, we need to verify that the file /etc/mailname has the correct entry.

```
$ sudo editor /etc/mailname
```

Be sure that the only entry in this file is:

srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org

Where "Y" is your campus number. Once you have updated the file or verified it is correct save your changes (if any) and exit from the file.

Next we will edit the file /etc/aliases

\$ sudo editor /etc/aliases

Add the following two lines at the end of the file (copy and paste!):

```
net-comment: "|/usr/bin/rt-mailgate --queue net --action comment --url
http://localhost/rt/"
net: "|/usr/bin/rt-mailgate --queue net --action correspond --url
http://localhost/rt/"
```

Save the file and exit. Some editors might cause the above-lines to become multiple lines. Be sure that you only have two new lines in your /etc/aliases file after copying and pasting in the text above.

Now run the command:

```
$ sudo newaliases
```

Exercise 8

RT Configuration: Create an Email and Tickets

(Only one person does this)

Let's create an email and send it to the RT net queue. Do this as the sysadm user (not as root !):

If you are currently root :

```
# su - sysadm
$ echo "Problem with my router" | mail -s "Router problem"
net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org
```

Remember to replace the "Y" in "campusY" with your campus number.

If you get an error about mail not being installed, then do:

```
$ sudo apt install mailutils
```

And run the "echo" command above again.

Now check that you have received email:

```
$ mutt
```

You should see an email from Request Tracker acknowledging that your ticket has been created.

Select that email and press

The mail should say something similar to this:

```
Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2017 00:21:19 +0000
From: Network Problems via RT <net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org
To: sysadm@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org
Subject: [RT: NET #2] AutoReply: Router problem</pre>
```

https://nsrc.vtp.kenet.or.ke/current/netmgmt/en/ticketing/exercises-rt-lab1.en.html

If, for some reason, you do not see mail try taking these steps, and then send the mail again:

```
$ sudo touch /var/mail/sysadm
$ sudo chown sysadm:mail /var/mail/sysadm
```

Once you read the mail press the "q" key twice to exit from mutt.

Exercise 9

(Select one member of your group to do this. Everyone can see the ticket, but only one person should edit it at one time).

RT Configuration: View, Reply, Resolve, Reopen Tickets in Request Tracker

Go back to your web browser where you are logged in to RT as the sysadm-hostX user and click on the **Home** menu item (top left).

You should then be presented with an updated view with the current ticket:

RT at a glance			l	New ticket in Ge	neral	≑ s	earch
							Edit
<u>^ 10 highest priority</u>	tickets I own		Edit	∧ My rem	inders		
∧ 10 newest unowned	d tickets		Edit	A Quick s	search		Edit
# Subject	Queue Status	Created		Queue	new	open	stalled
2 Router problem	net new	2 minutes ago	Take	General	1	-	-
				net	1	-	-

Main page - ticket overview

Now, click on the ticket subject.

You will see many pieces of information about the ticket. Scroll to the bottom of the page.

Here you can Reply to the ticket:

Thu Feb 22 17:49:17 2018	<sysadm@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org> - Ticket created</sysadm@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org>	Reply	Comment	Forward
Date: (UTC)	8 17:49:16 +0000			
From:sysadm@srv1.ca To:net@srv1.campu	ampus5.ws.nsrc.org Is5.ws.nsrc.org			
Problem with my router			Downlo	ad (untitled
			1	with header
			to	vt/aloia 225

Display ticket

A History

Go ahead and type in a reply and then click on Update Ticket (bottom-right):

∧ Message		
One-time Cc:		
One-time Bcc:		
Subject:	Router problem	
Message:	Search for Articles matching	
	Include Article: Go	
		•
	Problem with my route Hello! We think the problem should be fixed now. Have a wonderful day!	
	body	4
Attach:	Choose File No file chosen Add	d More Files
		odate Ticket

Replying to ticket

You should see this:

Correspondence added	
 Ticket metadata 	
ld: 1	New reminder:
Status: open	Subject:
Priority: 0/	Owner: sysadm-host1 (Ssytem Admin Host 1) 🕏
Queue: net	Due:
Reply sent	

The ticket is still open. Let's resolve it using **Actions => Resolve**:

	Display	History	Basics	People	Dates	Links	Jumbo	Reminders	Actions 👻	
									Reply	
									Comment	
Correspondence added									Forward	
									Stall	
 Ticket metadata 									Resolve	
A The Basics				Remind	lore				Reject	
Id: 1			New r	eminder:					Take	
Status: open			s	Subject:						
Priority: 0/				Owner:	sysadm-	host1 (S	sytem Ad	lmin Host 1) 🛊)	
Queue: net				Due:					_	
									Sa	av
∧ People										
Owner: Nobody in particu	ılar		~	Dates						
Requestors: <sysadm@srv1.c Cc:</sysadm@srv1.c 	ampus5.ws.nsrc.org>		С	reated: 1	Thu Feb 2	2 17:49:1	7 2018			
AdminCc:				Starts: N	Not set					
			5	Started: 1	Thu Feb 2	2 17:52:2	28 2018			
/iew history										

A Ticket and 1	Transaction	
	Update Type: Comments (Not sent to requestors) Status: resolved Owner: Nobody in particular (Unchanged) Worked: Minutes	
Message		
One-time Cc:		
One-time Bcc:		
Subject:	Router problem	
Message:	Search for Articles matching	
	Include Article: Go	
		¥
	body	
Attach:	Choose File No file chosen	Add More Files
		Undate Ticke

View history

The ticket is currently Resolved but you can reopen the ticket via the RT web interface at any time, or if the original ticket creator (**sysadm** in this case) replies to the resolution email RT sent, then the ticket will be reopened.

View the history at the bottom of the page to see that the ticket is currently resolved:

Thu Feb 22 17:52:28 2018	The RT System itself - Outgoing email recorded	Show
Thu Feb 22 17:52:28 2018	The RT System itself - Status changed from 'new' to 'open'	
Thu Feb 22 17:56:01 2018	sysadm-host1 (Ssytem Admin Host 1) - Status changed from 'open' to 'resolved'	
Thu Feb 22 17:56:01 2018	The RT System itself - Outgoing email recorded	Show

View history

If you went back to your terminal session as the sysadm user and typed:

\$ mutt	

and responded to the email generated from Request Tracker, then your ticket status will change. You can see this by reloading the RT web page for the ticket and viewing the history at the bottom of the page:

Using Mutt to Reply to an Email

- After typing **mutt**, select the message you want to respond to using the arrow keys
- Press the **r** key for **r**eply.
- At the bottom of the page you will see, To: System Admin via RT <net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org> Press ENTER to continue
- Next you'll see a suggested <<Subject:>> line. Press ENTER to choose what is shown.
- When you see, Include message in reply? ([yes]/no): press ENTER to include the message.
- Now you will be placed in an editor possibly nano . Type in your response. We suggest to answer below the original message.
- Save and exit from the text editor (:wq in vi, ctrl-x and <ENTER> in nano).
- The next screen to appear looks complicated but simply press the y to send the message.
- That's it. You are done. You can press q twice to exit Mutt at this point if you wish.

If you go back to RT, select the Home you will see the ticket listed. Click on the ticket and scroll to the bottom of the history and you will see something like this:

#	Thu Feb 22 18:00:36 2018 To: "Ssytem Admin Host 1 vi <net@srv1.campus5.ws. From:sysadm@srv1.campus5. Subject:Re: [RT:NET #1] Resolve Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2018 18:00:</net@srv1.campus5.ws. 	<sysadm@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org> - Correspondence added a RT" nsrc.org> ws.nsrc.org ed: Router problem 35 +0000</sysadm@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org>	Reply	Comment	Forward
	It is still not working!			Downlo	oad (untitled)
	On Thu, Feb 22, 2018 at 05:56:01PM + - Show quoted text -	-0000, Ssytem Admin Host 1 via RT wrote:		tex	with neaders t/plain 246B
	Thu Feb 22 18:00:36 2018	The RT System itself - Status changed from 'resolved' to 'open'			

Ticket history showing reply

You now have a functioning RT instance with email integration!

Try having users from the other hosts in your campus send email to your RT ticket queue on the srv1 shared server.

- Make sure they have configured their mail software (sudo apt install postfix then accept the defaults and be sure to set /etc/mailname to the correct value.)
- Have the users ([host1-6].campusY.ws.nsrc.org) send a mail to you, for example (from a host other than srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org) do:

echo "Where is my cat ?" | mail -s "Missing cat" net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org

• This should automatically create tickets in the **net** queue on your server "srv1.campusY" - verify that you do receive the tickets by checking in RT on your shared srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org instance!

Adding Watchers to a Queue

(Only one person should do this)

We are still missing an important feature: it's not practical to have to log into RT to check if tickets have arrived. It would be much more convenient if we received an email every time a problem request had been submitted, no?

• To do these exercises you need to log out as the sysadm-hostX user and log back in to Request Tracker as the root user.

Home 👻	Search – Too	ols 👻	Logged in as	sysadm-host1	Ŧ
RT at a	glance		Logout		
Logout as	sysadm				
Now log b	ack in as root:				
Login				4.2.	12-5
	Username	e: ro	oot		.1 9+
	Password	d: 💽	•••••		
				Login	

Log in as root

Now to receive an email every time a request is submitted we're going to modify the Queue settings for net :

• From the top menu, select Admin => Queues => Select

Home Home Articles Tools	Admin 👻 Logged in as roo	t -	RT for rt.db-mast	er.ixd » « BEST PRACTICA
RT at a glance	Users >		New ticket in General	Search
itt at a giance	Groups			
	Queues > Select			Edit
	Custom Fields Create			
A 10 highest priority tickets I own	Scrips >	Edit	My reminders	
	Global >			
	Articles			
	Tools >			
10 newest unowned tickets		Edit	A Quick search	Edit
# Subject Queue S	Status Created		Queue new	open stalled
2 Missing cat net n	ew 2 minutes ago	Take	General -	
1 Router problem net o	pen 19 minutes ago	Take	net 1	1 -

Select queue

Queue watchers

From the Queue page, select the net queue by clicking on its name, and you select the Watchers menu option at the top:

Configuration for q	ueue net				New tick	et in General	Se	arch
	Queues 👻 Basics	Watchers	Templates 👻	Scrips 👻	Custom Fields	Group Rights	User Rights	History
Queue Name:	net 着							
Description:	Network Problems							
Lifecycle:	default 🗘							
Subject Tag:	RT:NET							
Reply Address:	net@srv1.campus5.ws. (If left blank, will default to rt@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org)	Con	nment Addre	net-comment ess: (If left blank, wil comment@srv1	@srv1.ca I default to rt- .campus5.ws.ns	src.org)	
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4	Enabled (Unchecking this box	disables this	queue)					
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You should now see this:

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Modify queue watchers

Under New watchers, enter the group name netmgmt in the field: <Find groups whose [NAME] [matches] >, as such:

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And click on Go!

RT will search for all groups matching **netmgmt**. Of course there is only one right now, which we created earlier. RT finds it and displays the following:

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Matched groups

Notice how we select **AdminCc** from the pull down memu **Groups** next to **netmgmt**. Do this and click on **Save Changes** at the bottom right.

The result should look like this:

Added netmgmt to members of AdminCc for this queue.

Watchers modified

What does it mean ? Well, ask another user to send a mail to net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org to create a ticket, like before, but this time everyone who is a member of the net queue should receive a mail from RT with the ticket notification.

You can test this by issuing this command as the sysadm user on srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org:

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$ echo "Yet more problems with my router" | mail -s "More Router Problems"
net@srv1.campusY.ws.nsrc.org
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Remember to change "Y" to your campus number.

Now log in to the other machines in your group and see if each sysadm user has received an email with this subject and text.

A bit later we will extend the use of RT by integrating it with other Network Monitoring software using the rt-mailgate facility that we have already configured in the /etc/aliases file.

Exercise 12

(Anyone in the group can do this)

Finding a ticket once it's closed.

After a ticket has been resolved or closed may notice that it disappears from your Queue. Actually finding a closed ticket requires a few steps.

You would need to close one of the tickets in your net queue before this search will provide you with any results. Right now you should have two open tickets. In your RT screen click on "Home" (upper-right of the screen) and you should see something like this:

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Current Open Tickets

You should select one, or both, of these tickets and "resolve" them before continuing with this exercise (see previous exercises for resolving a ticket).

Now, click on Tickets => New Search on the top menu in RT:

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Search tickets

and you will see a screen like this:

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Ticket search form

If you are going to search for items in a queue and there are already items in the <<**Current search**>> box, then you should delete the items from the <<**Current search**>> box first. Next in the <<**Add Criteria**>> box in the <<**Queue**>>" choice select the <<**net**>> queue from the drop-down menu (see below):

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Adding search terms

Click on <<Add these terms>> or <<Add these terms and Search>> - If you just do <<Add these terms>> then go to the bottom of the page and click on <<Update format and Search>> - RT will keep the search terms until you delete them at a later time.

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Execute search

And the results of your search will look something like this and you will be able to view tickets that have been closed, resolved, etc. Clearly there will be more tickets in the results over time:

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3 More Router Problems <root@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org></root@srv1.campus5.ws.nsrc.org>	resolved 4 minutes ago	net	Nobody in particular 2 minutes ago	0	
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Search results