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Exercises

Cacti Installation and Configuration

Exercises

Your Mission...

- Install Cacti
- Create device entry for your local router
- Create device entries for your local servers
- Create entries for class router and switch
- Create graphs for each item
- Place PCs, Routers, Switches in a tree hierarchy of your design.

Installation: Ubuntu Server 14.04

In Ubuntu 14.04, Cacti is at version 0.8.8b, which includes the Cacti Plugin architecture, which is very useful:

```
# apt-get update
# apt-get install cacti
[...]
0 upgraded, 19 newly installed, 0 to remove and 6 not upgraded.
Need to get 11.3 MB of archives.
After this operation, 99.5 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? Y
```

Installation: 2

We may have already done this for you. If so, you can use these slides for informational purposes. Skip to the *Cacti Web* installation steps to continue...

```
Configuring mysql-server-5.5
While not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you set a password
for the MySQL administrative "root" user.

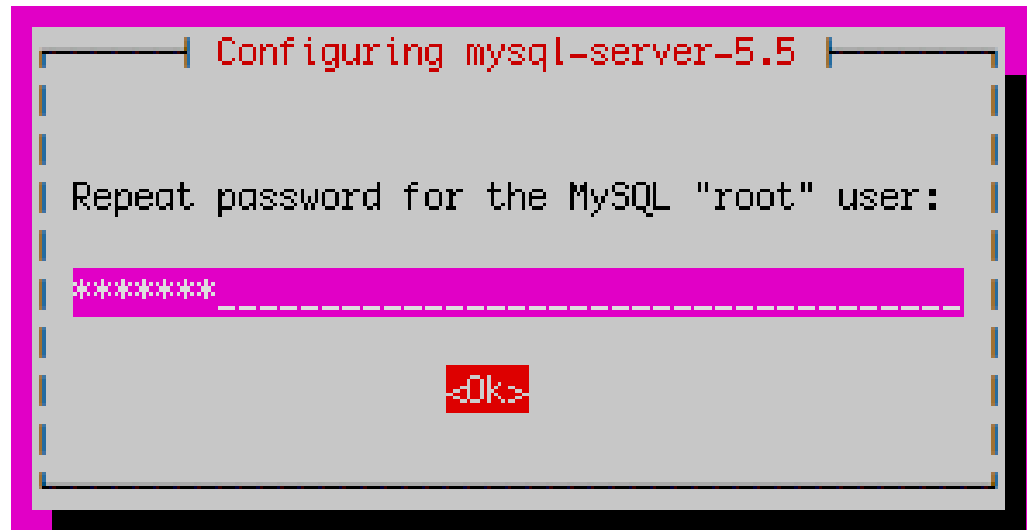
If this field is left blank, the password will not be changed.

New password for the MySQL "root" user:

*****
<Ok>
```

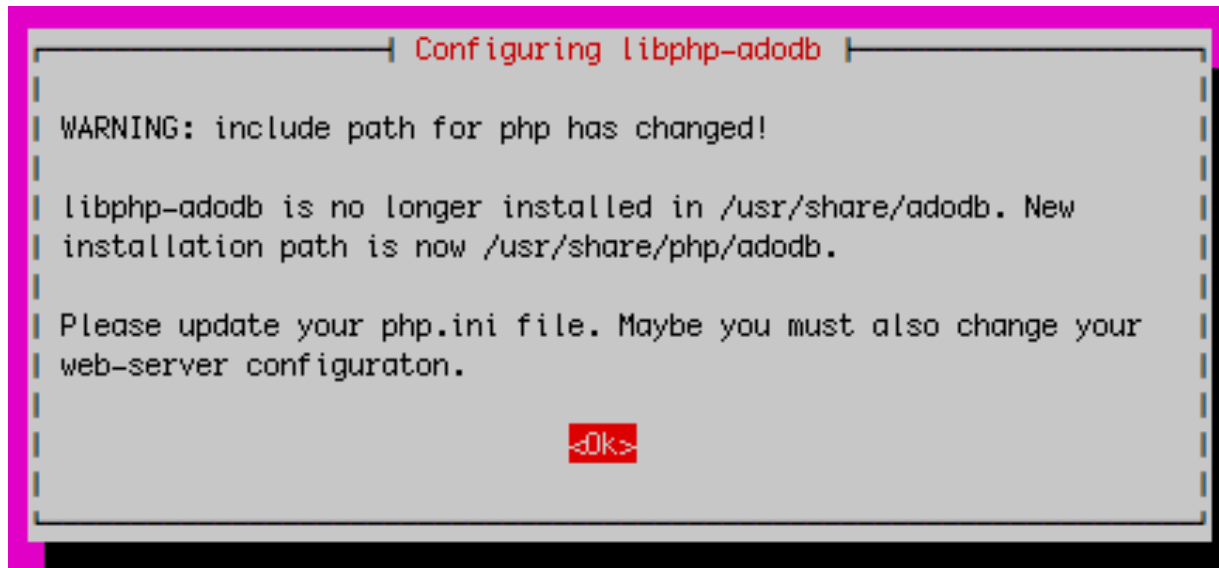
***Use the workshop **root password** given in class.
Please do not use a different password.***

Installation: 3



Again, use the workshop root password

Installation: 4



```
Configuring libphp-adodb  
WARNING: include path for php has changed!  
libphp-adodb is no longer installed in /usr/share/adodb. New  
installation path is now /usr/share/php/adodb.  
Please update your php.ini file. Maybe you must also change your  
web-server configuraton.  
<Ok>
```

Informational message only. Not an issue. Press OK to continue.

Installation: 5

```
Configuring cacti
Please select the webserver type for which cacti should be automatically
configured.

Select "None/Others" if you would like to configure your webserver by
hand.

Webserver type

Apache2
Lighttpd
None/Others

<OK>
```

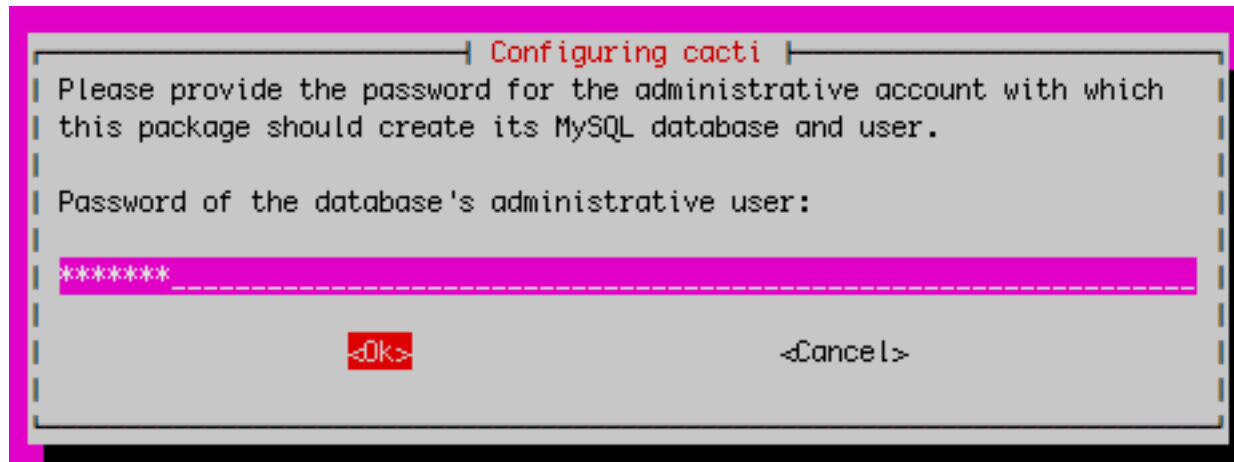
We are using Apache2. Be sure this is chosen then highlight <OK> and press <ENTER> to continue.

Installation: 6

```
|-----| Configuring cacti |-----|
|
| The cacti package must have a database installed and configured before
| it can be used. This can be optionally handled with dbconfig-common.
|
| If you are an advanced database administrator and know that you want to
| perform this configuration manually, or if your database has already
| been installed and configured, you should refuse this option. Details
| on what needs to be done should most likely be provided in
| /usr/share/doc/cacti.
|
| Otherwise, you should probably choose this option.
|
| Configure database for cacti with dbconfig-common?
|
|      <Yes>                                <No>
```

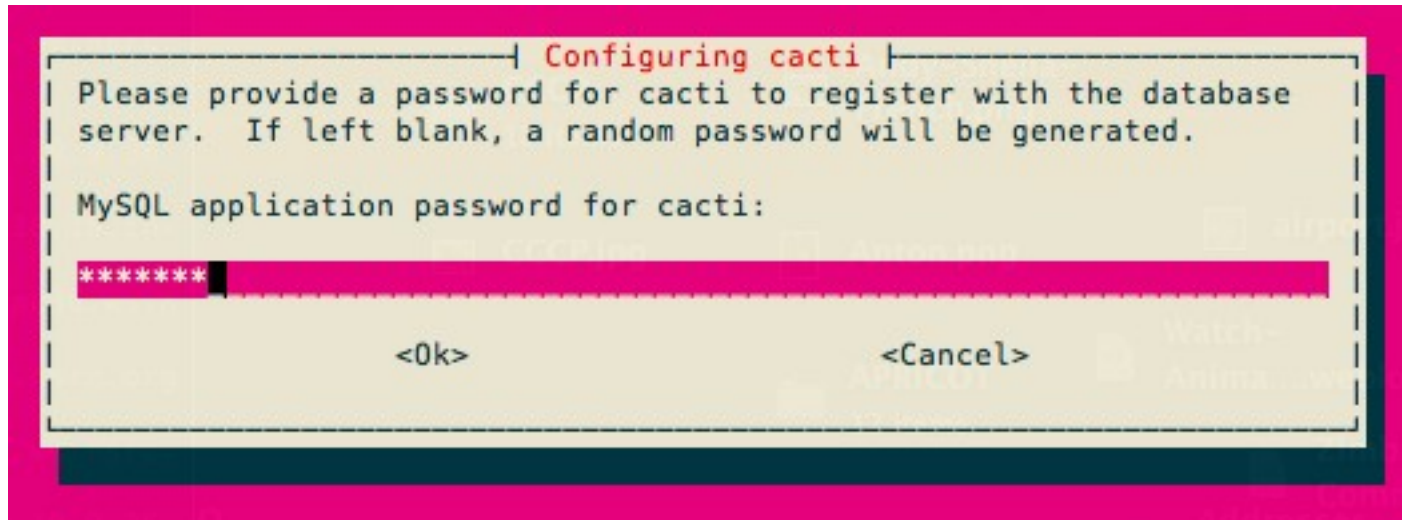
Choose <Yes> and press <ENTER> to continue.

Installation: 7



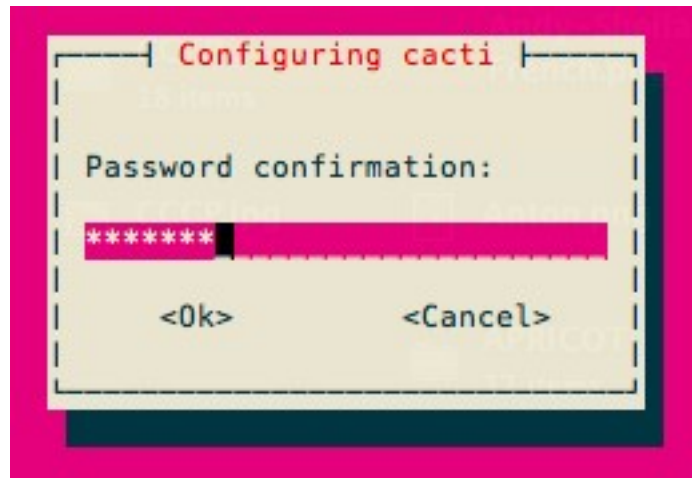
Use the workshop **root password** you provided earlier.

Installation: 8



Use any password you wish.
This is ***not*** the workshop root password.

Installation: 9



Repeat the password you just entered in the previous screen.

Cacti: Installation - Web

Now use a web browser and open the following address:

<http://hostx.ws.nsrc.org/cacti>

You will see the following...

Cacti: Installation - Web

Cacti Installation Guide

Thanks for taking the time to download and install cacti, the complete graphing solution for your network. Before you can start making cool graphs, there are a few pieces of data that cacti needs to know.

Make sure you have read and followed the required steps needed to install cacti before continuing. Install information can be found for [Unix](#) and [Win32](#)-based operating systems.

Also, if this is an upgrade, be sure to reading the [Upgrade](#) information file.

Cacti is licensed under the GNU General Public License, you must agree to its provisions before continuing:

```
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it under the terms of the GNU General Public License as published by
the Free Software Foundation; either version 2 of the License, or (at
your option) any later version.
```

```
This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful, but
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MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the GNU
General Public License for more details.
```

Next >>

Press “Next >>”

Cacti: Installation - Web

Cacti Installation Guide

Please select the type of installation

New Install

The following information has been determined from Cacti's configuration file. If it is not correct, please edit 'include/config.php' before continuing.

```
Database User: cacti
Database Hostname:
Database: cacti
Server Operating System Type: unix
```

Next >>

Choose “New Install” and press “Next >>” again.

Cacti: Installation - Web

Cacti Installation Guide

Make sure all of these values are correct before continuing.

[FOUND] RRDTool Binary Path: The path to the rrdtool binary.

[OK: FILE FOUND]

[FOUND] PHP Binary Path: The path to your PHP binary file (may require a php recompile to get this file).

[OK: FILE FOUND]

[FOUND] snmpwalk Binary Path: The path to your snmpwalk binary.

[OK: FILE FOUND]

[FOUND] snmpget Binary Path: The path to your snmpget binary.

[OK: FILE FOUND]

[FOUND] snmpbulkwalk Binary Path: The path to your snmpbulkwalk binary.

[OK: FILE FOUND]

[FOUND] snmpgetnext Binary Path: The path to your snmpgetnext binary.

[OK: FILE FOUND]

[FOUND] Cacti Log File Path: The path to your Cacti log file.

[OK: FILE FOUND]

SNMP Utility Version: The type of SNMP you have installed. Required if you are using SNMP v2c or don't have embedded SNMP support in PHP.

RRDTool Utility Version: The version of RRDTool that you have installed.

NOTE: Once you click "Finish", all of your settings will be saved and your database will be upgraded if this is an upgrade. You can change any of the settings on this screen at a later time by going to "Cacti Settings" from within Cacti.

Finish

Your screen should look like this. If it does not ask your instructor for help.

Press "Finish"

Cacti: First Time Login



User Login

Please enter your Cacti user name and password below:

User Name:

Password:

Login

First time login use:

User Name: *admin*

Password: *admin*

Cacti: Change Default Password



User Login

***** Forced Password Change *****

Please enter a new password for cacti:

Password:

Confirm:

Now you must change the *admin* password.

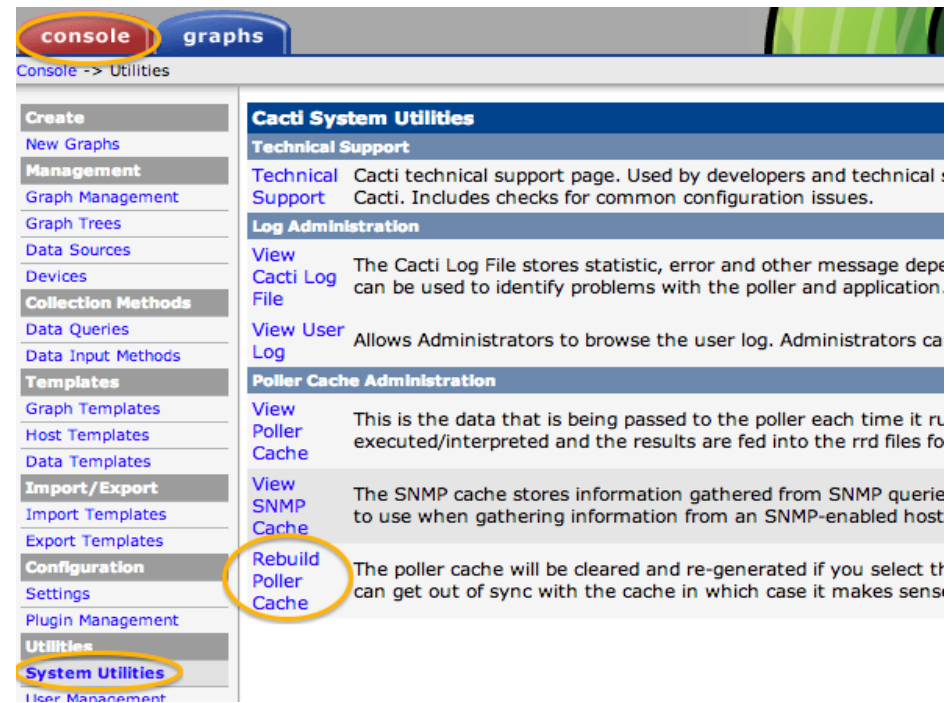
Please ***use the workshop password*** provided in class.

Cacti: Fix localhost Graphs - 12.04

There is a minor bug with Cacti version 0.8.8a (only on 12.04) . In order to start generating the default graphs for the Localhost entry (preconfigured at install) you need to do the following:

1. After logging in click on the "console" tab.
2. Click on "System Utilities" bottom left of the screen.
3. Click on "Rebuild Poller Cache"

That's it. Now if you click on the "graphs" tab you will see graphs for your localhost appear within 5 minutes.



The screenshot shows the Cacti web interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'console' (highlighted with a red circle) and 'graphs'. Below the tabs, the breadcrumb path is 'Console -> Utilities'. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories: 'Create', 'Management', 'Collection Methods', 'Templates', 'Import/Export', 'Configuration', 'Utilities', and 'System Utilities' (highlighted with a red circle). The main content area is titled 'Cacti System Utilities' and contains several sections: 'Technical Support', 'Log Administration', and 'Poller Cache Administration'. The 'Rebuild Poller Cache' link is highlighted with a red circle in the 'Poller Cache Administration' section.

Section	Item	Description
Technical Support	Technical Support	Cacti technical support page. Used by developers and technical support. Includes checks for common configuration issues.
	View Cacti Log File	The Cacti Log File stores statistic, error and other message dependencies. It can be used to identify problems with the poller and application.
	View User Log	Allows Administrators to browse the user log. Administrators can view the log for a specific user.
Poller Cache Administration	View Poller Cache	This is the data that is being passed to the poller each time it runs. It is executed/interpreted and the results are fed into the rrd files for the graphs.
	View SNMP Cache	The SNMP cache stores information gathered from SNMP queries to use when gathering information from an SNMP-enabled host.
	Rebuild Poller Cache	The poller cache will be cleared and re-generated if you select this option. It can get out of sync with the cache in which case it makes sense to rebuild it.

Configuring cacti

- Create device entry for your local router
- Create device entries for your local servers
- Create device entry for your classroom router
- Create device entry for your classroom switch
- Create graphs for each item
- Place PCs, Routers, Switches in a tree hierarchy of your design.
- Add as many devices from other groups as you wish.
- (**Optional:** add additional devices using the command line scripts.)
- Use the Network Diagram on the class wiki as a reference.

