

Centreon vs Nagios

Dispelling the
3 most common
myths on Centreon
and Nagios

Myth #1

"Centreon is Nagios's graphical user interface."

Originally, Centreon was indeed designed to be the graphical user interface of the Open Source Nagios solution. Over the past 15 years, Centreon has evolved significantly, even more so since the 2011 fork - a decade ago - and has developed its own monitoring data collection and distribution engine. Centreon is now a complete business-oriented monitoring tool, which is recognized in the market for its ability to provide a holistic view on the IT system, from cloud to edge.

Myth #2

"Nagios and Centreon use the same code."

Since the fork in 2011, Centreon has become fully independent. Basically, even though Centreon originally remained compatible with Nagios plugins to ensure continuity, the current Centreon platform has nothing to do with Nagios. There is no longer a single line of Nagios code in Centreon, as the two solutions have evolved independently for nearly 10 years.

Myth #3

"Centreon is Nagios's cousin."

Centreon, just like Nagios, took part in the early stages of open source monitoring and both have been pioneers in their field. Centreon was originally inspired by the Nagios philosophy but it has since followed its own path. So even though they do have distant roots in common and they both believe in the open source philosophy, the two solutions are now very different in their code, their features and their business model.