

# **Configure peer relationships**

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## **Configure peer relationships**

### Create a cluster peer relationship

You can use the cluster peer create command to create a peer relationship between a local and remote cluster. After the peer relationship has been created, you can run cluster peer create on the remote cluster to authenticate it to the local cluster.

#### Before you begin

- You must have created intercluster LIFs on every node in the clusters that are being peered.
- The clusters must be running ONTAP 9.3 or later. (If the clusters are running ONTAP 9.2 or earlier, refer to the procedures in this archived document.)

#### **Steps**

1. On the destination cluster, create a peer relationship with the source cluster:

```
cluster peer create -generate-passphrase -offer-expiration MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS|1...7days|1...168hours -peer-addrs peer\_LIF\_IPs -initial-allowed-vserver -peers svm name,..|* -ipspace ipspace
```

If you specify both <code>-generate-passphrase</code> and <code>-peer-addrs</code>, only the cluster whose intercluster LIFs are specified in <code>-peer-addrs</code> can use the generated password.

You can ignore the -ipspace option if you are not using a custom IPspace. For complete command syntax, see the man page.

If you are creating the peering relationship in ONTAP 9.6 or later and you do not want cross-cluster peering communications to be encrypted, you must use the <code>-encryption-protocol-proposed</code> none option to disable encryption.

The following example creates a cluster peer relationship with an unspecified remote cluster, and preauthorizes peer relationships with SVMs vs1 and vs2 on the local cluster:

The following example creates a cluster peer relationship with the remote cluster at intercluster LIF IP addresses 192.140.112.103 and 192.140.112.104, and pre-authorizes a peer relationship with any SVM on the local cluster:

The following example creates a cluster peer relationship with an unspecified remote cluster, and preauthorizes peer relationships with SVMsvs1 and vs2 on the local cluster:

2. On source cluster, authenticate the source cluster to the destination cluster:

```
cluster peer create -peer-addrs peer_LIF_IPs -ipspace ipspace
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example authenticates the local cluster to the remote cluster at intercluster LIF IP addresses 192.140.112.101 and 192.140.112.102:

cluster01::> cluster peer create -peer-addrs
192.140.112.101,192.140.112.102

Notice: Use a generated passphrase or choose a passphrase of 8 or more characters.

To ensure the authenticity of the peering relationship, use a phrase or sequence of characters that would be hard to guess.

Enter the passphrase:
Confirm the passphrase:

Clusters cluster02 and cluster01 are peered.

Enter the passphrase for the peer relationship when prompted.

3. Verify that the cluster peer relationship was created:

cluster peer show -instance

 $\verb|cluster01::> cluster peer show -instance|\\$ 

Peer Cluster Name: cluster02

Remote Intercluster Addresses: 192.140.112.101,

192.140.112.102

Availability of the Remote Cluster: Available

Remote Cluster Name: cluster2

Active IP Addresses: 192.140.112.101,

192.140.112.102

Cluster Serial Number: 1-80-123456

Address Family of Relationship: ipv4

Authentication Status Administrative: no-authentication

Authentication Status Operational: absent

Last Update Time: 02/05 21:05:41

IPspace for the Relationship: Default

4. Check the connectivity and status of the nodes in the peer relationship:

cluster peer health show

cluster01::> cluster peer health show Node cluster-Name Node-Name RDB-Health Cluster-Health Avail... Ping-Status cluster01-01 cluster02 cluster02-01 Data: interface reachable ICMP: interface reachable true true true cluster02-02 Data: interface reachable ICMP: interface reachable true true true cluster01-02 cluster02 cluster02-01 Data: interface reachable ICMP: interface reachable true true true cluster02-02 Data: interface reachable ICMP: interface reachable true true true

#### Other ways to do this in ONTAP

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## Create an intercluster SVM peer relationship

You can use the vserver peer create command to create a peer relationship between SVMs on local and remote clusters.

#### Before you begin

- The source and destination clusters must be peered.
- The clusters must be running ONTAP 9.3. (If the clusters are running ONTAP 9.2 or earlier, refer to the procedures in this archived document.)
- You must have "pre-authorized" peer relationships for the SVMs on the remote cluster.

For more information, see Creating a cluster peer relationship.

#### About this task

Previous releases of ONTAP let you authorize a peer relationship for only one SVM at a time. You needed to run the vserver peer accept command each time you authorized a pending SVM peer relationship.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, you can "pre-authorize" peer relationships for multiple SVMs by listing the SVMs in the -initial-allowed-vserver option when you create a cluster peer relationship. For more information, see Creating a cluster peer relationship.

#### **Steps**

1. On the data protection destination cluster, display the SVMs that are pre-authorized for peering:

vserver peer permission show

2. On the data protection source cluster, create a peer relationship to a pre-authorized SVM on the data protection destination cluster:

```
vserver peer create -vserver local SVM -peer-vserver remote SVM
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates a peer relationship between the local SVM pvs1 and the pre-authorized remote SVM vs1:

```
cluster01::> vserver peer create -vserver pvs1 -peer-vserver vs1
```

3. Verify the SVM peer relationship:

vserver peer show

```
cluster01::> vserver peer show
Peer Peer Peering

Remote
Vserver Vserver State Peer Cluster Applications
Vserver

pvs1 vs1 peered cluster02 snapmirror
vs1
```

### Add an intercluster SVM peer relationship

If you create an SVM after configuring a cluster peer relationship, you will need to add a peer relationship for the SVM manually. You can use the vserver peer create command to create a peer relationship between SVMs. After the peer relationship has

been created, you can run vserver peer accept on the remote cluster to authorize the peer relationship.

#### Before you begin

The source and destination clusters must be peered.

#### About this task

You can create a peer relationships between SVMs in the same cluster for local data backup. For more information, see the vserver peer create man page.

Administrators occasionally use the vserver peer reject command to reject a proposed SVM peer relationship. If the relationship between SVMs is in the rejected state, you must delete the relationship before you can create a new one. For more information, see the vserver peer delete man page.

#### **Steps**

1. On the data protection source cluster, create a peer relationship with an SVM on the data protection destination cluster:

```
vserver peer create -vserver local_SVM -peer-vserver remote_SVM -applications
snapmirror|file-copy|lun-copy -peer-cluster remote cluster
```

The following example creates a peer relationship between the local SVMpvs1 and the remote SVMvs1

```
cluster01::> vserver peer create -vserver pvs1 -peer-vserver vs1
-applications snapmirror -peer-cluster cluster02
```

If the local and remote SVMs have the same names, you must use a *local name* to create the SVM peer relationship:

```
cluster01::> vserver peer create -vserver vs1 -peer-vserver
vs1 -applications snapmirror -peer-cluster cluster01
-local-name cluster1vs1LocallyUniqueName
```

2. On the data protection source cluster, verify that the peer relationship has been initiated:

```
vserver peer show-all
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that the peer relationship between SVMpvs1 and SVMvs1 has been initiated:

cluster01::> vserver peer show-all Peering Peer Peer Vserver State Peer Cluster Applications Vserver -----------------------pvs1 vs1 initiated Cluster02 snapmirror

3. On the data protection destination cluster, display the pending SVM peer relationship:

vserver peer show

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example lists the pending peer relationships for cluster02:

cluster02::> vserver peer show

Peer Peer

Vserver Vserver State
-----vs1 pvs1 pending

4. On the data protection destination cluster, authorize the pending peer relationship:

vserver peer accept -vserver local SVM -peer-vserver remote SVM

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example authorizes the peer relationship between the local SVM vs1 and the remote SVM pvs1:

```
cluster02::> vserver peer accept -vserver vs1 -peer-vserver pvs1
```

5. Verify the SVM peer relationship:

vserver peer show

|         | Peer    | Peer   |              | Peering      |
|---------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Remote  |         |        |              |              |
| Vserver | Vserver | State  | Peer Cluster | Applications |
| Vserver |         |        |              |              |
|         |         |        |              |              |
|         |         |        |              |              |
| pvs1    | vs1     | peered | cluster02    | snapmirror   |

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