



# **Commit files to WORM**

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# Commit files to WORM

## Commit files to WORM manually

You commit a file to WORM manually by making the file read-only. You can use any suitable command or program over NFS or CIFS to change the read-write attribute of a file to read-only.

### What you'll need

- The file you want to commit must reside on a SnapLock volume.
- The file must be writable.

### About this task

The volume ComplianceClock time is written to the `ctime` field of the file when the command or program is executed. The ComplianceClock time determines when the retention time for the file has been reached.

### Steps

1. Use a suitable command or program to change the read-write attribute of a file to read-only.

In a UNIX shell, use the following command to make a file named `document.txt` read-only:

```
chmod -w document.txt
```

In a Windows shell, use the following command to make a file named `document.txt` read-only:

```
attrib +r document.txt
```

## Autocommit files to WORM

The SnapLock autocommit feature enables you to commit files to WORM automatically.

### What you'll need

- The files you want to autocommit must reside on a SnapLock volume.
- The SnapLock volume must be online.
- The SnapLock volume must be a read-write volume.



The SnapLock autocommit feature scans through all of the files in the volume and commits a file if it meets the autocommit requirement. There might be a time interval between when the file is ready for autocommit and when it is actually committed by the SnapLock autocommit scanner. However, the file is still protected from modifications and deletion by the file system as soon as it is eligible for autocommit.

### About this task

The *autocommit period* specifies the amount of time that files must remain unchanged before they are

autocommitted. Changing a file before the autocommit period has elapsed restarts the autocommit period for the file.

The following table shows the possible values for the autocommit period:

Value	Unit	Notes
none	-	The default.
5 - 5256000	minutes	-
1 - 87600	hours	-
1 - 3650	days	-
1 - 120	months	-
1 - 10	years	-



The minimum value is 5 minutes and the maximum value is 10 years.

### Steps

1. Autocommit files on a SnapLock volume to WORM:

```
volume snaplock modify -vserver SVM_name -volume volume_name -autocommit  
-period autocommit_period
```

For a complete list of options, see the man page for the command.

The following command autocommits the files on volume `vol1` of SVM `vs1`, as long as the files remain unchanged for 5 hours:

```
cluster1::>volume snaplock modify -vserver vs1 -volume vol1 -autocommit  
-period 5hours
```

## Use a command or program to create a WORM appendable file

You can use any suitable command or program over NFS or CIFS to create a WORM appendable file. A WORM appendable file retains data written incrementally, like log entries. Data is appended to the file in 256 KB chunks. As each chunk is written, the previous chunk becomes WORM-protected. You cannot delete the file until the retention period has elapsed.

### What you'll need

The WORM appendable file must reside on a SnapLock volume.

### About this task

Data does not have to be written sequentially to the active 256 KB chunk. When data is written to byte  $n \times 256\text{KB} + 1$  of the file, the previous 256 KB segment becomes WORM-protected.

### Steps

1. Use a suitable command or program to create a zero-length file with the desired retention time.

In a UNIX shell, use the following command to set a retention time of 21 November 2020 6:00 a.m. on a zero-length file named `document.txt`:

```
touch -a -t 202011210600 document.txt
```

2. Use a suitable command or program to change the read-write attribute of the file to read-only.

In a UNIX shell, use the following command to make a file named `document.txt` read-only:

```
chmod 444 document.txt
```

3. Use a suitable command or program to change the read-write attribute of the file back to writable.



This step is not deemed a compliance risk because there is no data in the file.

In a UNIX shell, use the following command to make a file named `document.txt` writable:

```
chmod 777 document.txt
```

4. Use a suitable command or program to start writing data to the file.

In a UNIX shell, use the following command to write data to `document.txt`:

```
echo test data >> document.txt
```



Change the file permissions back to read-only when you no longer need to append data to the file.

## Use volume append mode to create WORM appendable files

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, you can use the SnapLock *volume append mode* (VAM) feature to create WORM appendable files by default. A WORM appendable file retains data written incrementally, like log entries. Data is appended to the file in 256 KB chunks. As each chunk is written, the previous chunk becomes WORM-protected. You cannot delete the file until the retention period has elapsed.

## What you'll need

- The WORM appendable file must reside on a SnapLock volume.
- The SnapLock volume must be unmounted and empty of Snapshot copies and user-created files.

## About this task

Data does not have to be written sequentially to the active 256 KB chunk. When data is written to byte  $n \times 256\text{KB} + 1$  of the file, the previous 256 KB segment becomes WORM-protected.

If you specify an autocommit period for the volume, WORM appendable files that are not modified for a period greater than the autocommit period are committed to WORM.



VAM is not supported on SnapLock audit log volumes.

## Steps

1. Enable VAM:

```
volume snaplock modify -vserver SVM_name -volume volume_name -is-volume-append  
-mode-enabled true|false
```

For a complete list of options, see the man page for the command.

The following command enables VAM on volume `vol1` of SVM `vs1`:

```
cluster1::>volume snaplock modify -vserver vs1 -volume vol1 -is-volume  
-append-mode-enabled true
```

2. Use a suitable command or program to create files with write permissions.

The files are WORM-appendable by default.

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