

# **FabricPool tier management with the CLI** ONTAP 9

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## FabricPool tier management with the CLI

## FabricPool tier management with the CLI overview

You can configure and manage data in storage tiers using FabricPool, depending on how frequently you access the data.

Storing data in tiers can enhance the efficiency of your storage system. Beginning with ONTAP 9.2, you can manage storage tiers by using FabricPool. It enables you to store data in a tier, based on whether the data is frequently accessed.

Perform these tasks if the following are true:

- You want to use the command-line interface (CLI), not System Manager or an automated scripting tool.
- You want to use best practices, not explore every available option.

#### Related information

See also the NetApp Cloud Tiering documentation.

## Benefits of storage tiers by using FabricPool

Configuring an aggregate to use FabricPool enables you to use storage tiers. You can efficiently balance the performance and cost of your storage system, monitor and optimize the space utilization, and perform policy-based data movement between storage tiers.

- You can optimize storage performance and reduce storage cost by storing data in a tier based on whether the data is frequently accessed.
  - Frequently accessed ("hot") data is stored in the performance tier.

The performance tier uses high-performance primary storage, such as an all flash (all SSD) aggregate of the storage system.

Infrequently accessed ("cold") data is stored in the cloud tier, also known as the capacity tier.

The cloud tier uses an object store that is less costly and does not require high performance.

• You have the flexibility in specifying the tier in which data should be stored.

You can specify one of the supported tiering policy options at the volume level. The options enable you to efficiently move data across tiers as data becomes hot or cold.

## Types of FabricPool tiering policies

- You can choose one of the supported object stores to use as the cloud tier for FabricPool.
- You can monitor the space utilization in a FabricPool-enabled aggregate.
- You can see how much data in a volume is inactive by using inactive data reporting.
- You can reduce the on-premise footprint of the storage system.

## Considerations and requirements for using FabricPool

You should familiarize yourself with a few considerations and requirements about using FabricPool.

## General considerations and requirements

- You must be running ONTAP 9.2 at the minimum to use FabricPool.
- You must be running ONTAP 9.4 or later releases for the following FabricPool functionality:
  - The auto tiering policy

#### Types of FabricPool tiering policies

- Specifying the tiering minimum cooling period
- Inactive data reporting
- Using Microsoft Azure Blob Storage for the cloud as the cloud tier for FabricPool
- Using FabricPool with ONTAP Select
- You must be running ONTAP 9.5 or later releases for the following FabricPool functionality:
  - Specifying the tiering fullness threshold
  - Using IBM Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool
  - NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) of the cloud tier, enabled by default.
- You must be running ONTAP 9.6 or later releases for the following FabricPool functionality:
  - The all tiering policy
  - Inactive data reporting enabled manually on HDD aggregates
  - Inactive data reporting enabled automatically for SSD aggregates when you upgrade to ONTAP 9.6
    and at time aggregate is created, except on low end systems with less than 4 CPU, less than 6 GB of
    RAM, or when WAFL-buffer-cache size is less than 3 GB.

ONTAP monitors system load, and if the load remains high for 4 continuous minutes, IDR is disabled, and is not automatically enabled. You can reenable IDR manually, however, manually enabled IDR is not automatically disabled.

- Using Alibaba Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool
- Using Google Cloud Platform as the cloud tier for FabricPool
- Volume move without cloud tier data copy
- You must be running ONTAP 9.7 or later releases for the following FabricPool functionality:
  - Non transparent HTTP and HTTPS proxy to provide access to only whitelisted access points, and to provide auditing and reporting capabilities.
  - FabricPool mirroring to tier cold data to two object stores simultaneously
  - FabricPool mirrors on MetroCluster configurations
  - NDMP dump and restore enabled by default on FabricPool attached aggregates.



If the backup application uses a protocol other than NDMP, such as NFS or SMB, all data being backed up in the performance tier becomes hot and can affect tiering of that data to the cloud tier. Non-NDMP reads can cause data migration from the cloud tier back to the performance tier.

#### NDMP Backup and Restore Support for FabricPool

- You must be running ONTAP 9.8 or later for the following FabricPool functionality:
  - Cloud migration control to enable you to override the default tiering policy
  - Promoting data to the performance tier
  - FabricPool with SnapLock Enterprise
  - Minimum cooling period maximum of 183 days
  - Object tagging using user-created custom tags
  - FabricPools on HDD platforms and aggregates

HDD FabricPools are supported with SAS, FSAS, BSAS and MSATA disks only on systems with 6 or more CPU cores, including the following models:

- FAS9000
- FAS8700
- FAS8300
- FAS8200
- FAS8080
- FAS8060
- FAS8040
- FAS2750
- FAS2720
- FAS2650
- FAS2620

Check Hardware Universe for the latest supported models.

- FabricPool is supported on all platforms capable of running ONTAP 9.2 except for the following:
  - FAS8020
  - FAS2554
  - FAS2552
  - FAS2520
- FabricPool supports the following aggregate types:
  - On AFF systems, you can use only all flash (all SSD) aggregates for FabricPool.

You cannot use Flash Pool aggregates (which contain both SSDs and HDDs).

On FAS systems, you can use either all flash (all SSD) or HDD aggregates for FabricPool.

 On Cloud Volumes ONTAP and ONTAP Select, you can use either SSD or HDD aggregates for FabricPool.

However, using SSD aggregates is recommended.

- FabricPool supports using the following object stores as the cloud tier:
  - NetApp StorageGRID 10.3 or later
  - NetApp ONTAP S3 (ONTAP 9.8 and later)
  - Alibaba Cloud Object Storage
  - Amazon Web Services Simple Storage Service (AWS S3)
  - Google Cloud Storage
  - IBM Cloud Object Storage
  - Microsoft Azure Blob Storage for the cloud
- The object store "bucket" (container) you plan to use must have already been set up, must have at least 10 GB of storage space, and must not be renamed.
- HA pairs that use FabricPool require intercluster LIFs to communicate with the object store.
- You cannot detach an object store bucket from the FabricPool configuration after it is attached.
- If you use throughput floors (QoS Min), the tiering policy on the volumes must be set to none before the aggregate can be attached to FabricPool.

Other tiering policies prevent the aggregate from being attached to FabricPool.

• You should follow the best practice guidelines for using FabricPool in specific scenarios.

NetApp Technical Report 4598: FabricPool Best Practices in ONTAP 9

## Additional considerations when using Cloud Volumes ONTAP

Cloud Volumes ONTAP does not require a FabricPool license, regardless of the object store provider you are using.

## Additional considerations for using StorageGRID with FabricPool

- You need to install a CA certificate for StorageGRID, unless you explicitly disable certificate checking.
- You must not enable StorageGRID object versioning on the object store bucket.
- A FabricPool license is not required.
- If a StorageGRID node is deployed in a virtual machine with storage assigned from a NetApp AFF system, confirm that the volume does not have a FabricPool tiering policy enabled.

Disabling FabricPool tiering for volumes used with StorageGRID nodes simplifies troubleshooting and storage operations.



Never use FabricPool to tier any data related to StorageGRID back to StorageGRID itself. Tiering StorageGRID data back to StorageGRID increases troubleshooting and operational complexity.

### Additional considerations for using Alibaba Cloud Object Storage with FabricPool

• You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Alibaba Cloud Object Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

- On AFF and FAS systems and ONTAP Select, FabricPool supports the following Alibaba Object Storage Service classes:
  - Alibaba Object Storage Service Standard
  - Alibaba Object Storage Service Infrequent Access

Alibaba Cloud: Introduction to storage classes

Contact your NetApp sales representative for information about storage classes not listed.

### Additional considerations for using AWS S3 with FabricPool

- You might need a FabricPool license.
  - Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool.

If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use AWS S3 on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

If you order FabricPool for the first time for an existing cluster, a FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available.

- The LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the AWS S3 object server must be on a 10 Gbps port.
- On AFF and FAS systems and ONTAP Select, FabricPool supports the following Amazon S3 storage classes:
  - Amazon S3 Standard
  - Amazon S3 Standard Infrequent Access (Standard IA)
  - Amazon S3 One Zone Infrequent Access (One Zone IA)
  - Amazon S3 Intelligent-Tiering
  - Amazon Commercial Cloud Services

Amazon Web Services (AWS) Documentation: Amazon S3 Storage Classes

Contact your sales representative for information about storage classes not listed.

• On Cloud Volumes ONTAP, FabricPool supports tiering from General Purpose SSD (gp2) and Throughput Optimized HDD (st1) volumes of Amazon Elastic Block Store (EBS).

## Additional considerations for using Google Cloud Storage with FabricPool

• You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Google Cloud Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from

an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

- The LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the Google Cloud Storage object server must be on a 10 Gbps port.
- On AFF and FAS systems and ONTAP Select, FabricPool supports the following Google Cloud Object storage classes:
  - Google Cloud Multi-Regional
  - · Google Cloud Regional
  - Google Cloud Nearline
  - · Google Cloud Coldline

Google Cloud: Storage Classes

## Additional considerations for using IBM Cloud Object Storage with FabricPool

You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use IBM Cloud Object Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

If you order FabricPool for the first time for an existing cluster, a FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available.

• The LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the IBM Cloud object server must be on a 10 Gbps port.

## Additional considerations for using Microsoft Azure Blob Storage with FabricPool

You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Azure Blob Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

If you order FabricPool for the first time for an existing cluster, a FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available.

- A FabricPool license is not required if you are using Azure Blob Storage with Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- The LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the Azure Blob Storage object server must be on a 10 Gbps port.
- FabricPool currently does not support Azure Stack, which is on-premises Azure services.
- At the account level in Microsoft Azure Blob Storage, FabricPool supports only hot and cool storage tiers.

FabricPool does not support blob-level tiering. It also does not support tiering to Azure's archive storage tier.

## Additional considerations for tiering data accessed by SAN protocols

When tiering data that is accessed by SAN protocols, NetApp recommends using private clouds, like StorageGRID, due to connectivity considerations.

## Functionality or features not supported by FabricPool

- Object stores with WORM enabled and object versioning enabled.
- Information lifecycle management (ILM) policies that are applied to object store buckets

ILM typically includes various movement and deletion policies. These policies can be disruptive to the data in the cloud tier of FabricPool. Using FabricPool with ILM policies that are configured on object stores can result in data loss.

- 7-Mode data transition using the ONTAP CLI commands or the 7-Mode Transition Tool
- · FlexArray Virtualization
- RAID SyncMirror, except in a MetroCluster configuration
- SnapLock volumes when using ONTAP 9.7 and earlier releases
- Tape backup using SMTape for FabricPool-enabled aggregates
- The Auto Balance functionality
- Volumes using a space guarantee other than none

FabricPool does not support attaching a cloud tier to an aggregate that contains volumes using a space guarantee other than none. For example, a volume using a space guarantee of volume (-space -guarantee volume) is not supported.

- Clusters with DP\_Optimized license
- · Flash Pool aggregates

## **About FabricPool tiering policies**

FabricPool tiering policies enable you to move data efficiently across tiers as data becomes hot or cold. Understanding the tiering policies helps you select the right policy that suits your storage management needs.

## Types of FabricPool tiering policies

FabricPool tiering policies determine when or whether the user data blocks of a volume in FabricPool are moved to the cloud tier, based on the volume "temperature" of hot (active) or cold (inactive). The volume "temperature" increases when it is accessed frequently and decreases when it is not. Some tiering policies have an associated tiering minimum cooling period, which sets the time that user data in a volume of FabricPool must remain inactive for the data to be considered "cold" and moved to the cloud tier.

The FabricPool tiering policy is specified at the volume level. Four options are available:

• The snapshot-only tiering policy (the default) moves user data blocks of the volume Snapshot copies that are not associated with the active file system to the cloud tier.

The tiering minimum cooling period is 2 days. You can modify the default setting for the tiering minimum cooling period with the <code>-tiering-minimum-cooling-days</code> parameter in the advanced privilege level of the <code>volume create</code> and <code>volume modify</code> commands. Valid values are 2 to 183 days using ONTAP 9.8 and later. If you are using a version of ONTAP earlier than 9.8, valid values are 2 to 63 days.

• The auto tiering policy, supported only on ONTAP 9.4 and later releases, moves cold user data blocks in

both the Snapshot copies and the active file system to the cloud tier.

The default tiering minimum cooling period is 31 days and applies to the entire volume, for both the active file system and the Snapshot copies.

You can modify the default setting for the tiering minimum cooling period with the -tiering-minimum -cooling-days parameter in the advanced privilege level of the volume create and volume modify commands. Valid values are 2 to 183 days.

• The all tiering policy, supported only on ONTAP 9.6 and later, moves all user data blocks in both the active file system and Snapshot copies to the cloud tier. It replaces the backup tiering policy.

The tiering minimum cooling period does not apply because the data moves the cloud tier as soon as the tiering scan runs, and you cannot modify the setting.

• The none tiering policy keeps data of a volume in the performance tier, preventing it from being moved to the cloud tier.

The tiering minimum cooling period does not apply because the data never moves to the cloud tier, and you cannot modify the setting.

The volume show command output shows the tiering policy of a volume. A volume that has never been used with FabricPool shows the none tiering policy in the output.

## What happens when you modify the tiering policy of a volume in FabricPool

You can modify the tiering policy of a volume by performing a volume modify operation. You must understand how changing the tiering policy might affect how long it takes for data to become cold and be moved to the cloud tier.

- Changing the tiering policy from snapshot-only or none to auto causes ONTAP to send user data blocks in the active file system that are already cold to the cloud tier, even if those user data blocks were not previously eligible for the cloud tier.
- Changing the tiering policy to all from another policy causes ONTAP to move all user blocks in the active file system and in the Snapshot copies to the cloud tier the next time the tiering scan runs.

Moving blocks back to the performance tier is not allowed.

• Changing the tiering policy from auto to snapshot-only or none does not cause active file system blocks that are already moved to the cloud tier to be moved back to the performance tier.

Volume reads are needed for the data to be moved back to the performance tier.

• Any time you change the tiering policy on a volume, the tiering minimum cooling period is reset to the default value for the policy.

## What happens to the tiering policy when you move a volume

• Unless you explicitly specify a different tiering policy, a volume retains its original tiering policy when it is moved in and out of a FabricPool-enabled aggregate.

However, the tiering policy takes effect only when the volume is in a FabricPool-enabled aggregate.

• The existing value of the -tiering-minimum-cooling-days parameter for a volume moves with the volume unless you specify a different tiering policy for the destination.

If you specify a different tiering policy, then the volume uses the default tiering minimum cooling period for that policy. This is the case whether the destination is FabricPool or not.

- You can move a volume across aggregates and at the same time modify the tiering policy.
- You should pay special attention when a volume move operation involves the auto tiering policy.

Assuming that both the source and the destination are FabricPool-enabled aggregates, the following table summarizes the outcome of a volume move operation that involves policy changes related to auto:

When you move a volume that has a tiering policy of	And you change the tiering policy with the move to	Then after the volume move
all	auto	All data is moved to the performance tier.
snapshot-only, none, <b>or</b> auto	auto	Data blocks are moved to the same tier of the destination as they previously were on the source.
auto <b>or</b> all	snapshot-only	All data is moved to the performance tier.
auto	all	All user data is moved to the cloud tier.
snapshot-only,auto or all	none	All data is kept at the performance tier.

## What happens to the tiering policy when you clone a volume

• Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, a clone volume always inherits both the tiering policy and the cloud retrieval policy from the parent volume.

In releases earlier than ONTAP 9.8, a clone inherits the tiering policy from the parent except when the parent has the all tiering policy.

- If the parent volume has the never cloud retrieval policy, its clone volume must have either the never cloud retrieval policy or the all tiering policy, and a corresponding cloud retrieval policy default.
- The parent volume cloud retrieval policy cannot be changed to never unless all its clone volumes have a cloud retrieval policy never.

When you clone volumes, keep the following best practices in mind:

• The -tiering-policy option and tiering-minimum-cooling-days option of the clone only controls the tiering behavior of blocks unique to the clone. Therefore, we recommend using tiering settings on the parent FlexVol that are either move the same amount of data or move less data than any of the clones

• The cloud retrieval policy on the parent FlexVol should either move the same amount of data or should move more data than the retrieval policy of any of the clones

## How tiering policies work with cloud migration

FabricPool cloud data retrieval is controlled by tiering policies that determine data retrieval from the cloud tier to performance tier based on the read pattern. Read patterns can be either sequential or random.

The following table lists the tiering policies and the cloud data retrieval rules for each policy.

Tiering policy	Retrieval behavior
none	Sequential and random reads
snapshot-only	Sequential and random reads
auto	Random reads
all	No data retrieval

Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, the cloud migration control cloud-retrieval-policy option overrides the default cloud migration or retrieval behavior controlled by the tiering policy.

The following table lists the supported cloud retrieval policies and their retrieval behavior.

Cloud retrieval policy	Retrieval behavior
default	Tiering policy decides what data should be pulled back, so there is no change to cloud data retrieval with "default," cloud-retrieval-policy. This policy is the default value for any volume regardless of the hosted aggregate type.
on-read	All client-driven data read is pulled from cloud tier to performance tier.
never	No client-driven data is pulled from cloud tier to performance tier
promote	<ul> <li>For tiering policy "none," all cloud data is pulled from the cloud tier to the performance tier</li> <li>For tiering policy "snapshot-only," AFS data is pulled.</li> </ul>

## FabricPool management workflow

You can use the FabricPool workflow diagram to help you plan the configuration and management tasks.



## **Configure FabricPool**

### **Prepare for FabricPool configuration**

### Prepare for FabricPool configuration overview

Configuring FabricPool helps you manage which storage tier (the local performance tier or the cloud tier) data should be stored based on whether the data is frequently accessed.

The preparation required for FabricPool configuration depends on the object store you use as the cloud tier.

#### Install a FabricPool license

Newly ordered AFF systems come with a free 10 TB capacity term-based license for using non-NetApp object stores (AWS S3, Azure Blob Storage, IBM Cloud Object Storage, Alibaba Cloud Object Storage, or Google Cloud Storage) with FabricPool, if you select it. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you plan to use non-NetApp object stores with a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

#### About this task

The FabricPool license is a cluster-wide license. It includes an entitled usage limit that you purchase for the AWS S3, Azure Blob Storage, or IBM Cloud Object Storage, Alibaba Cloud Object Storage, or Google Cloud Storage cloud tier that is associated with FabricPool in the cluster. The usage across the cluster must not exceed the capacity of the entitled usage limit. If you need to increase the usage limit of the license, you should contact your sales representative.

FabricPool licenses are available in perpetual or term-based, 1- or 3- year, formats.

A term-based FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available for first time FabricPool orders for existing clusters. Free capacity is not available with perpetual licenses.

A license is not required if you use NetApp StorageGRID or ONTAP S3 for the cloud tier. Cloud Volumes ONTAP does not require a FabricPool license, regardless of the provider you are using.

This task is supported only by uploading the license file to the cluster using System Manager.

#### Steps

1. Download the NetApp License File (NLF) for the FabricPool license from the NetApp Support Site.

NetApp Support

- 2. Use System Manager to upload the FabricPool license to the cluster:
  - a. Depending on the ONTAP release running on your storage system, perform the following action:

If you are running	Perform the following action:
ONTAP 9.4 or earlier	Click Configuration > Licenses.
ONTAP 9.5 or later	Click Configuration > Cluster > Licenses.

- b. In the Cluster Settings pane, click Licenses.
- c. In the Packages window, click Add.
- d. In the **Add License Packages** dialog box, click **Choose Files** to select the NLF you downloaded, and then click **Add** to upload the file to the cluster.

#### Related information

ONTAP FabricPool (FP) Licensing Overview

NetApp Software License Search

#### Install a FabricPool license (video)

This video shows a quick overview of using System Manager to install a FabricPool license for non-NetApp object stores such as AWS S3.

NetApp video: Installing a FabricPool license

#### **Related information**

NetApp TechComm TV: FabricPool playlist

#### Install a CA certificate if you use StorageGRID

Unless you plan to disable certificate checking for StorageGRID, you must install a StorageGRID CA certificate on the cluster so that ONTAP can authenticate with StorageGRID as the object store for FabricPool.

#### About this task

ONTAP 9.4 and later releases enable you to disable certificate checking for StorageGRID.

#### Steps

- 1. Contact your StorageGRID administrator to obtain the StorageGRID system's CA certificate.
- 2. Use the security certificate install command with the -type server-ca parameter to install the StorageGRID CA certificate on the cluster.

The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) you enter must match the custom common name on the StorageGRID CA certificate.

#### **Related information**

StorageGRID Resources

#### Install a CA certificate if you use ONTAP S3

Unless you plan to disable certificate checking for ONTAP S3, you must install a ONTAP S3 CA certificate on the cluster so that ONTAP can authenticate with ONTAP S3 as the object store for FabricPool.

#### Steps

- 1. Obtain the ONTAP S3 system's CA certificate.
- 2. Use the security certificate install command with the -type server-ca parameter to install the ONTAP S3 CA certificate on the cluster.

The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) you enter must match the custom common name on the ONTAP S3 CA certificate.

#### Related information

S3 configuration

#### Set up an object store as the cloud tier for FabricPool

Set up an object store as the cloud tier for FabricPool

Setting up FabricPool involves specifying the configuration information of the object store (StorageGRID, ONTAP S3, Alibaba Cloud Object Storage, AWS S3, Google Cloud Storage Platform, IBM Cloud Object Storage, or Microsoft Azure Blob Storage for the cloud) that you plan to use as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

#### Specify the StorageGRID configuration information

If you are running ONTAP 9.2 or later, you can set up StorageGRID as the cloud tier for FabricPool. When tiering data that is accessed by SAN protocols, NetApp recommends using private clouds, like StorageGRID, due to connectivity considerations.

#### About this task

Load balancing is enabled for StorageGRID in ONTAP 9.8 and later. When the server's hostname resolves to more than one IP address, ONTAP establishes client connections with all the IP addresses returned (up to a maximum of 16 IP addresses). The IP addresses are picked up in a round-robin method when connections are established.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Specify the StorageGRID configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command with the -provider-type SGWS parameter.
  - The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access StorageGRID with the provided information.
  - You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the StorageGRID object store.
  - You use the -secret-password parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the StorageGRID object store.
  - If the StorageGRID password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in StorageGRID without interruption.

• Setting the -is-certificate-validation-enabled parameter to false disables certificate checking for StorageGRID.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name mySGWS -provider-type SGWS -server mySGWSserver
-container-name mySGWScontainer -access-key mySGWSkey
-secret-password mySGWSpass
```

2. Display and verify the StorageGRID configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the StorageGRID configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Attach StorageGRID as a FabricPool cloud tier (video)

This video shows a quick overview of using System Manager to attach a StorageGRID bucket to ONTAP aggregates with FabricPool.

NetApp video: Attaching StorageGRID Webscale as a FabricPool external capacity tier

#### **Related information**

NetApp TechComm TV: FabricPool playlist

#### Set up ONTAP S3 as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.8 or later, you can set up ONTAP S3 as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

#### What you'll need

You must have the ONTAP S3 server name and the IP address of its associated LIFs on the remote cluster.

There must be intercluster LIFs on both local and remote clusters.

#### Creating intercluster LIFs for remote FabricPool tiering

#### About this task

Load balancing is enabled for ONTAP S3 servers in ONTAP 9.8 and later. When the server's hostname resolves to more than one IP address, ONTAP establishes client connections with all the IP addresses returned (up to a maximum of 16 IP addresses). The IP addresses are picked up in a round-robin method when connections are established.

#### **Steps**

1. Add entries for the S3 server and LIFs to your DNS server.

Option	Description
If you use an external DNS server	Give the S3 server name and IP addresses to the DNS server administrator.
If you use your local system's DNS hosts table	<pre>Enter the following command:  dns host create -vserver svm_name -address ip_address -hostname s3_server_name</pre>

- 2. Specify the ONTAP S3 configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command with the -provider-type ONTAP S3 parameter.
  - The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if the local ONTAP system cannot access the ONTAP S3 server with the information provided.
  - You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the ONTAP S3 server.
  - You use the -secret-password parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the ONTAP S3 server.
  - If the ONTAP S3 server password is changed, you should immediately update the corresponding password stored in the local ONTAP system.

Doing so enables access to the data in the ONTAP S3 object store without interruption.

 Setting the -is-certificate-validation-enabled parameter to false disables certificate checking for ONTAP S3.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name myS3 -provider-type ONTAP_S3 -server myS3server
-container-name myS3container -access-key myS3key
-secret-password myS3pass
```

 Display and verify the ONTAP\_S3 configuration information by using the storage aggregate objectstore config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the ONTAP\_S3 configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Set up Alibaba Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.6 or later, you can set up Alibaba Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

#### Steps

- 1. Specify the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command with the -provider-type AliCloud parameter.
  - The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access Alibaba Cloud Object Storage with the provided information.
  - You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage object store.
  - If the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Alibaba Cloud Object Storage without interruption.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create my_ali_oss_store_1
-provider-type AliCloud -server oss-us-east-1.aliyuncs.com
-container-name my-ali-oss-bucket -access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

2. Display and verify the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Set up AWS S3 as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.2 or later, you can set up AWS S3 as the cloud tier for FabricPool. If you are running ONTAP 9.5 or later, you can set up AWS Commercial Cloud Services (C2S) for FabricPool.

#### Steps

- 1. Specify the AWS S3 configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command with the -provider-type AWS S3 parameter.
  - You use the -auth-type CAP parameter to obtain credentials for C2S access.

When you use the <code>-auth-type</code> CAP parameter, you must use the <code>-cap-url</code> parameter to specify the full URL to request temporary credentials for C2S access.

- $^{\circ}$  The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access AWS S3 with the provided information.
- You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the AWS S3 object store.
- You use the -secret-password parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for

authenticating requests to the AWS S3 object store.

 If the AWS S3 password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in AWS S3 without interruption.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name my_aws_store -provider-type AWS_S3
-server s3.amazonaws.com -container-name my-aws-bucket
-access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create -object
-store-name my_c2s_store -provider-type AWS_S3 -auth-type CAP -cap
-url
https://123.45.67.89/api/v1/credentials?agency=XYZ&mission=TESTACCT&r
ole=S3FULLACCESS -server my-c2s-s3server-fqdn -container my-c2s-s3-
bucket
```

2. Display and verify the AWS S3 configuration information by using the storage aggregate objectstore config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the AWS S3 configuration information for FabricPool.

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#### Steps

- 1. Specify the AWS S3 configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command with the -provider-type AWS S3 parameter.
  - You use the -auth-type CAP parameter to obtain credentials for C2S access.

When you use the <code>-auth-type</code> CAP parameter, you must use the <code>-cap-url</code> parameter to specify the full URL to request temporary credentials for C2S access.

- The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access AWS S3 with the provided information.
- You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the AWS S3 object store.
- You use the -secret-password parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the AWS S3 object store.
- If the AWS S3 password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP

immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in AWS S3 without interruption.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name my_aws_store -provider-type AWS_S3
-server s3.amazonaws.com -container-name my-aws-bucket
-access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create -object
-store-name my_c2s_store -provider-type AWS_S3 -auth-type CAP -cap
-url
https://123.45.67.89/api/v1/credentials?agency=XYZ&mission=TESTACCT&r
ole=S3FULLACCESS -server my-c2s-s3server-fqdn -container my-c2s-s3-
bucket
```

2. Display and verify the AWS S3 configuration information by using the storage aggregate objectstore config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the AWS S3 configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Attach AWS S3 as a FabricPool cloud tier (video)

This video shows a quick overview of using System Manager to attach an AWS S3 bucket to ONTAP aggregates with FabricPool.

NetApp video: Attaching Amazon S3 as a FabricPool external capacity tier

#### **Related information**

NetApp TechComm TV: FabricPool playlist

Set up Google Cloud Storage as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.6 or later, you can set up Google Cloud Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

#### Steps

- 1. Specify the Google Cloud Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate objectstore config create command with the -provider-type GoogleCloud parameter.
  - The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access Google Cloud Storage with the provided information.
  - You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the Google Cloud Storage object store.
  - If the Google Cloud Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Google Cloud Storage without interruption.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create my_gcp_store_1 -provider
-type GoogleCloud -container-name my-gcp-bucket1 -access-key
GOOGAUZZUV2USCFGHGQ51118
```

 Display and verify the Google Cloud Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the Google Cloud Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Set up IBM Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.5 or later, you can set up IBM Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

#### Steps

- 1. Specify the IBM Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command with the -provider-type IBM\_COS parameter.
  - The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access IBM Cloud Object Storage with the provided information.
  - You use the -access-key parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the IBM Cloud Object Storage object store.
  - You use the -secret-password parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the IBM Cloud Object Storage object store.
  - If the IBM Cloud Object Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in IBM Cloud Object Storage without interruption.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name MyIBM -provider-type IBM_COS
-server s3.us-east.objectstorage.softlayer.net
-container-name my-ibm-cos-bucket -access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

2. Display and verify the IBM Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the IBM Cloud Object Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Set up Azure Blob Storage for the cloud as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.4 or later, you can set up Azure Blob Storage for the cloud as

the cloud tier for FabricPool.

#### About this task

FabricPool currently does not support Azure Stack, which is on-premises Azure services.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Specify the Azure Blob Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate objectstore config create command with the -provider-type Azure Cloud parameter.
  - The storage aggregate object-store config create command fails if ONTAP cannot access Azure Blob Storage with the provided information.
  - You use the -azure-account parameter to specify the Azure Blob Storage account.
  - You use the <code>-azure-private-key</code> parameter to specify the access key for authenticating requests to Azure Blob Storage.
  - If the Azure Blob Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Azure Blob Storage without interruption.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name MyAzure -provider-type Azure_Cloud
-server blob.core.windows.net -container-name myAzureContainer
-azure-account myAzureAcct -azure-private-key myAzureKey
```

2. Display and verify the Azure Blob Storage configuration information by using the storage aggregate object-store config show command.

The storage aggregate object-store config modify command enables you to modify the Azure Blob Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

#### Set up object stores for FabricPool in a MetroCluster configuration

If you are running ONTAP 9.7 or later, you can set up a mirrored FabricPool on a MetroCluster configuration to tier cold data to object stores in two different fault zones.

#### What you'll need

- The MetroCluster configuration is set up and properly configured.
- Two objects stores are set up on the appropriate MetroCluster sites.
- · Containers are configured on each of the object stores.
- IP spaces are created or identified on the two MetroCluster configurations and their names match.

#### About this task

- FabricPool in MetroCluster requires that the underlying mirrored aggregate and the associated object store configuration must be owned by the same MetroCluster configuration.
- You cannot attach an aggregate to an object store that is created in the remote MetroCluster site.
- You must create object store configurations on the MetroCluster configuration that owns the aggregate.

#### Step

1. Specify the object store configuration information on each MetroCluster site by using the storage object-store config create command.

In this example, FabricPool is required on only one cluster in the MetroCluster configuration. Two object store configurations are created for that cluster, one for each object store bucket.

```
storage aggregate
  object-store config create -object-store-name mcc1-ostore-config-s1
-provider-type SGWS -server
  <SGWS-server-1> -container-name <SGWS-bucket-1> -access-key <key>
-secret-password <password> -encrypt
  <true|false> -provider <provider-type> -is-ssl-enabled <true|false>
ipspace
  <IPSpace>
```

```
storage aggregate object-store config create -object-store-name mcc1-
ostore-config-s2
   -provider-type SGWS -server <SGWS-server-2> -container-name <SGWS-
bucket-2> -access-key <key> -secret-password <password> -encrypt
<true|false> -provider <provider-type>
   -is-ssl-enabled <true|false> ipspace <IPSpace>
```

This example sets up FabricPool on the second cluster in the MetroCluster configuration.

```
storage aggregate
  object-store config create -object-store-name mcc2-ostore-config-s1
-provider-type SGWS -server
  <SGWS-server-1> -container-name <SGWS-bucket-3> -access-key <key>
-secret-password <password> -encrypt
  <true|false> -provider <provider-type> -is-ssl-enabled <true|false>
ipspace
  <IPSpace>
```

#### Attach the cloud tier to an aggregate

After setting up an object store as the cloud tier, you specify the aggregate to use by attaching it to FabricPool. In ONTAP 9.5 and later, you can also attach aggregates that contain qualified FlexGroup volume constituents.

#### What you'll need

When you use the ONTAP CLI to set up an aggregate for FabricPool, the aggregate must already exist.



When you use System Manager to set up an aggregate for FabricPool, you can create the aggregate and set it up to use for FabricPool at the same time.

#### Steps

1. **Optional**: To see how much data in a volume is inactive, follow the steps in Determining how much data in a volume is inactive by using inactive data reporting.

Seeing how much data in a volume is inactive can help you decide which aggregate to use for FabricPool.

2. Attach the object store to an aggregate by using the storage aggregate object-store attach command.

If the aggregate has never been used with FabricPool and it contains existing volumes, then the volumes are assigned the default snapshot-only tiering policy.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store attach -aggregate myaggr
-object-store-name Amazon01B1
```

You can use the allow-flexgroup true option to attach aggregates that contain FlexGroup volume constituents.

3. Display the object store information and verify that the attached object store is available by using the storage aggregate object-store show command.

## Manage FabricPool

## Manage FabricPool overview

To help you with your storage tiering needs, ONTAP enables you to display how much data in a volume is inactive, add or move volumes to FabricPool, monitor the space utilization for FabricPool, or modify a volume's tiering policy or tiering minimum cooling

period.

## Determine how much data in a volume is inactive by using inactive data reporting

Seeing how much data in a volume is inactive enables you to make good use of storage tiers. Information in inactive data reporting helps you decide which aggregate to use for FabricPool, whether to move a volume in to or out of FabricPool, or whether to modify the tiering policy of a volume.

#### What you'll need

You must be running ONTAP 9.4 or later to use the inactive data reporting functionality.

#### About this task

• Inactive data reporting is not supported on some aggregates.

You cannot enable inactive data reporting when FabricPool cannot be enabled, including the following instances:

- Root aggregates
- MetroCluster aggregates running ONTAP versions earlier than 9.7
- Flash Pool (hybrid aggregates, or SnapLock aggregates)
- Inactive data reporting is enabled by default on all SSD aggregates in ONTAP 9.6.
- Inactive data reporting is enabled by default on FabricPool aggregate in ONTAP 9.4 and ONTAP 9.5.
- You can enable inactive data reporting on non-FabricPool aggregates using the ONTAP CLI, including HDD aggregates, beginning with ONTAP 9.6.

#### Steps

1. If the aggregate for which you want to see inactive data reporting is not used in FabricPool, enable inactive data reporting for the aggregate by using the storage aggregate modify command with the -is -inactive-data-reporting-enabled true parameter.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate modify -aggregate aggr1 -is-inactive-data
-reporting-enabled true
```

You need to explicitly enable the inactive data reporting functionality on an aggregate that is not used for FabricPool.

You cannot and do not need to enable inactive data reporting on a FabricPool-enabled aggregate because the aggregate already comes with inactive data reporting. The <code>-is-inactive-data-reporting-enabled</code> parameter does not work on FabricPool-enabled aggregates.

The -fields is-inactive-data-reporting-enabled parameter of the storage aggregate show command shows whether inactive data reporting is enabled on an aggregate.

To display how much data is inactive on a volume, use the volume show command with the -fields
performance-tier-inactive-user-data, performance-tier-inactive-user-datapercent parameter.

- The performance-tier-inactive-user-data field displays how much user data stored in the aggregate is inactive.
- The performance-tier-inactive-user-data-percent field displays what percent of the data is inactive across the active file system and Snapshot copies.
- For an aggregate that is not used for FabricPool, it takes 31 days after you enable inactive data reporting for ONTAP to display inactive data for the entire volume, regardless of whether a tiering policy has been set or what the tiering policy is.

Until the period is reached, the output shows "-" for the amount of inactive data instead of a value.

- On a volume that is part of FabricPool, what ONTAP reports as inactive depends on the tiering policy that is set on a volume.
  - For the auto tiering policy, ONTAP reports the inactive amount of the entire volume for the period specified by the -tiering-minimum-cooling-days parameter in the advanced privilege level of the volume create or volume modify command.

If no value is set for -tiering-minimum-cooling-days, then ONTAP uses the default value (31 days).

- For the snapshot-only tiering policy, ONTAP reports the amount of the active file system that is inactive for at least 31 days.
- For the none tiering policy, ONTAP reports the amount of the entire volume that is inactive for at least 31 days. You cannot use the -tiering-minimum-cooling-days parameter with the none tiering policy.
- For the all tiering policy, inactive data reporting is not supported.

```
// 2022-3-23, issue #374
```

#### Add or move volumes to FabricPool as needed

#### Create a volume for FabricPool

You can add volumes to FabricPool by creating new volumes directly in the FabricPoolenabled aggregate or by moving existing volumes from another aggregate to the FabricPool-enabled aggregate.

When you create a volume for FabricPool, you have the option to specify a tiering policy. If no tiering policy is specified, the created volume uses the default snapshot-only tiering policy. For a volume with the snapshot-only or auto tiering policy, you can also specify the tiering minimum cooling period.

#### What you'll need

- Setting a volume to use the auto tiering policy or specifying the tiering minimum cooling period requires ONTAP 9.4 or later.
- Using FlexGroup volumes requires ONTAP 9.5 or later.
- Setting a volume to use the all tiering policy requires ONTAP 9.6 or later.
- Setting a volume to use the -cloud-retrieval-policy parameter requires ONTAP 9.8 or later.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Create a new volume for FabricPool by using the volume create command.
  - The -tiering-policy optional parameter enables you to specify the tiering policy for the volume.

You can specify one of the following tiering policies:

- snapshot-only (default)
- auto
- all
- backup (deprecated)
- none

#### Types of FabricPool tiering policies

 The -cloud-retrieval-policy optional parameter enables cluster administrators with the advanced privilege level to override the default cloud migration or retrieval behavior controlled by the tiering policy.

You can specify one of the following cloud retrieval policies:

default

The tiering policy determines what data is pulled back, so there is no change to cloud data retrieval with default cloud-retrieval-policy. This means the behavior is the same as in pre-ONTAP 9.8 releases:

- If the tiering policy is none or snapshot-only, then "default" means that any client-driven data read is pulled from the cloud tier to performance tier.
- If the tiering policy is auto, then any client-driven random read is pulled but not sequential reads.

- If the tiering policy is all then no client-driven data is pulled from the cloud tier.
- on-read

All client-driven data reads are pulled from the cloud tier to performance tier.

never

No client-driven data is pulled from the cloud tier to performance tier

- promote
  - For tiering policy none, all cloud data is pulled from the cloud tier to the performance tier
  - For tiering policy snapshot-only, all active filesystem data is pulled from the cloud tier to the performance tier.
- The -tiering-minimum-cooling-days optional parameter in the advanced privilege level enables you to specify the tiering minimum cooling period for a volume that uses the snapshot-only or auto tiering policy.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, you can specify a value between 2 and 183 for the tiering minimum cooling days. If you are using a version of ONTAP earlier than 9.8, you can specify a value between 2 and 63 for the tiering minimum cooling days.

#### **Example of creating a volume for FabricPool**

The following example creates a volume called "myvol1" in the "myFabricPool" FabricPool-enabled aggregate. The tiering policy is set to auto and the tiering minimum cooling period is set to 45 days:

```
cluster1::*> volume create -vserver myVS -aggregate myFabricPool
-volume myvol1 -tiering-policy auto -tiering-minimum-cooling-days 45
```

#### Related information

FlexGroup volumes management

#### Move a volume to FabricPool

When you move a volume to FabricPool, you have the option to specify or change the tiering policy for the volume with the move. Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, when you move a non-FabricPool volume with inactive data reporting enabled, FabricPool uses a heat map to read tierable blocks, and moves cold data to the capacity tier on the FabricPool destination.

### What you'll need

You must understand how changing the tiering policy might affect how long it takes for data to become cold and be moved to the cloud tier.

What happens to the tiering policy when you move a volume

#### About this task

If a non-FabricPool volume has inactive data reporting enabled, when you move a volume with tiering-policy

auto or snapshot-only to a FabricPool, FabricPool reads the temperature tierable blocks from a heat map file and uses that temperature to move the cold data directly to the capacity tier on the FabricPool destination.

You should not use the <code>-tiering-policy</code> option on volume move if you are using ONTAP 9.8 and you want FabricPools to use inactive data reporting information to move data directly to the capacity tier. Using this option causes FabricPools to ignore the temperature data and instead follow the move behavior of releases prior to ONTAP 9.8.

#### Step

1. Use the volume move start command to move a volume to FabricPool.

The -tiering-policy optional parameter enables you to specify the tiering policy for the volume.

You can specify one of the following tiering policies:

```
° snapshot-only (default)
```

- ° auto
- $^{\circ}$  all
- ° none

Types of FabricPool tiering policies

#### Example of moving a volume to FabricPool

The following example moves a volume named "myvol2" of the "vs1" SVM to the "dest\_FabricPool" FabricPoolenabled aggregate. The volume is explicitly set to use the none tiering policy:

```
cluster1::> volume move start -vserver vs1 -volume myvol2
-destination-aggregate dest_FabricPool -tiering-policy none
```

## Object tagging using user-created custom tags

#### Object tagging using user-created custom tags overview

Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, FabricPool supports object tagging using user-created custom tags to enable you to classify and sort objects for easier management. If you are a user with the admin privilege level, you can create new object tags, and modify, delete, and view existing tags.

### Assign a new tag during volume creation

You can create a new object tag when you want to assign one or more tags to new objects that are tiered from a new volume you create.

#### About this task

- A maximum of 4 tags per volume is allowed
- Each object tag must be a key-value pair separated by an equal sign ("")
- Multiple tags must be separated by a comma ("")

- Each tag value can contain a maximum of 127 characters
- Each tag key must start with either an alphabetic character or an underscore.

Keys must contain only alphanumeric characters and underscores, and the maximum number of characters allowed is 127.

#### Step

1. Use the volume create command with the -tiering-object-tags option to create a new volume with the specified tags. You can specify multiple tags in comma-separated pairs:

```
volume create [ -vserver <vserver name> ] -volume <volume_name> -tiering
-object-tags <key1=value1> [
    ,<key2=value2>,<key3=value3>,<key4=value4> ]
```

The following example creates a volume named fp volume1 with three object tags.

```
vol create -volume fp_volume1 -vserver vs0 -tiering-object-tags
project=fabricpool,type=abc,content=data
```

#### Modify an existing tag

You can change the name of a tag, replace tags on existing objects in the object store, or add a different tag to new objects that you plan to add later.

#### About this task

Using the volume modify command with the -tiering-object-tags option replaces existing tags with the new value you provide.

#### Step

1. Use the volume modify command with the -tiering-object-tags option to modify an existing tag.

The following example changes the name of the existing tag type=abc to type=xyz.

```
vol create -volume fp_volume1 -vserver vs0 -tiering-object-tags
project=fabricpool,type=xyz,content=data
```

#### Delete a tag

You can delete object tags when you no longer want them set on a volume or on objects

in the object store.

#### Step

1. Use the volume modify command with the -tiering-object-tags option followed by an empty value ("") to delete an existing tag.

The following example deletes the existing tags on fp\_volume1.

```
vol modify -volume fp_volume1 -vserver vs0 -tiering-object-tags ""
```

### View existing tags on a volume

You can view the existing tags on a volume to see what tags are available before appending new tags to the list.

#### Step

1. Use the volume show command with the -tiering-object-tags option to view existing tags on a volume.

```
volume show [ -vserver <vserver name> ] -volume <volume_name> -fields
-tiering-object-tags
```

#### Check object tagging status on FabricPool volumes

You can check if tagging is complete on one or more FabricPool volumes.

#### Step

1. Use the vol show command with the -fieldsneeds-object-retagging option to see if tagging is in progress, if it has completed, or if tagging is not set.

```
vol show -fields needs-object-retagging [ -instance | -volume <volume
name>]
```

One of the following values is displayed:

- true the object tagging scanner has not yet to run or needs to run again for this volume
- ° false the object tagging scanner has completed tagging for this volume
- ° <-> the object tagging scanner is not applicable for this volume. This happens for volumes that are not residing on FabricPools.

## Monitor the space utilization for FabricPool

You need to know how much data is stored in the performance and cloud tiers for FabricPool. That information helps you determine whether you need to change the tiering

policy of a volume, increase the FabricPool licensed usage limit, or increase the storage space of the cloud tier.

#### Steps

1. Monitor the space utilization for FabricPool-enabled aggregates by using one of the following commands to display the information:

If you want to display	Then use this command:
The used size of the cloud tier in an aggregate	storage aggregate show with the -instance parameter
Details of space utilization within an aggregate, including the object store's referenced capacity	storage aggregate show-space with the -instance parameter
Space utilization of the object stores that are attached to the aggregates, including how much license space is being used	storage aggregate object-store show- space
A list of volumes in an aggregate and the footprints of their data and metadata	volume show-footprint

In addition to using CLI commands, you can use Active IQ Unified Manager (formerly OnCommand Unified Manager), along with FabricPool Advisor, which is supported on ONTAP 9.4 and later clusters, or System Manager to monitor the space utilization.

The following example shows ways of displaying space utilization and related information for FabricPool:

cluster1::> storage aggregate show-space -instance Aggregate: MyFabricPool Aggregate Display Name: MyFabricPool Total Object Store Logical Referenced Capacity: -Object Store Logical Referenced Capacity Percentage: -Object Store Size: -Object Store Space Saved by Storage Efficiency: -Object Store Space Saved by Storage Efficiency Percentage: -Total Logical Used Size: -Logical Used Percentage: -Logical Unreferenced Capacity: -Logical Unreferenced Percentage: -

 cluster1::> volume show-footprint

Vserver : vs1
Volume : rootvol

Feature	Used	Used%
Volume Footprint	KB	용
Volume Guarantee	MB	용
Flexible Volume Metadata	KB	용
Delayed Frees	KB	ે
Total Footprint	MB	િ

Vserver : vs1
Volume : vol

Feature	Used	Used <sup>9</sup>
Volume Footprint	KB	%
Footprint in Performance Tier	KB	ૄ
Footprint in Amazon01	KB	%
Flexible Volume Metadata	MB	용
Delayed Frees	KB	용
Total Footprint	MB	용

### 2. Take one of the following actions as needed:

If you want to	Then
Change the tiering policy of a volume	Follow the procedure in Managing storage tiering by modifying a volume's tiering policy or tiering minimum cooling period.
Increase the FabricPool licensed usage limit	Contact your NetApp or partner sales representative.  NetApp Support
Increase the storage space of the cloud tier	Contact the provider of the object store that you use for the cloud tier.

## Manage storage tiering by modifying a volume's tiering policy or tiering minimum cooling period

You can change the tiering policy of a volume to control whether data is moved to the

cloud tier when it becomes inactive (*cold*). For a volume with the snapshot-only or auto tiering policy, you can also specify the tiering minimum cooling period that user data must remain inactive before it is moved to the cloud tier.

### What you'll need

Changing a volume to the auto tiering policy or modifying the tiering minimum cooling period requires ONTAP 9.4 or later.

#### About this task

Changing the tiering policy of a volume changes only the subsequent tiering behavior for the volume. It does not retroactively move data to the cloud tier.

Changing the tiering policy might affect how long it takes for data to become cold and be moved to the cloud tier.

What happens when you modify the tiering policy of a volume in FabricPool

#### **Steps**

1. Modify the tiering policy for an existing volume by using the volume modify command with the -tiering-policy parameter:

You can specify one of the following tiering policies:

- ° snapshot-only (default)
- ° auto
- ° all
- ° none

#### Types of FabricPool tiering policies

2. If the volume uses the snapshot-only or auto tiering policy and you want to modify the tiering minimum cooling period, use the volume modify command with the -tiering-minimum-cooling-days optional parameter in the advanced privilege level.

You can specify a value between 2 and 183 for the tiering minimum cooling days. If you are using a version of ONTAP earlier than 9.8, you can specify a value between 2 and 63 for the tiering minimum cooling days.

#### Example of modifying the tiering policy and the tiering minimum cooling period of a volume

The following example changes the tiering policy of the volume "myvol" in the SVM "vs1" to auto and the tiering minimum cooling period to 45 days:

```
cluster1::> volume modify -vserver vs1 -volume myvol
-tiering-policy auto -tiering-minimum-cooling-days 45
```

## **Archive volumes with FabricPool (video)**

This video shows a quick overview of using System Manager to archive a volume to a cloud tier with FabricPool.

NetApp video: Archiving volumes with FabricPool (backup + volume move)

#### Related information

NetApp TechComm TV: FabricPool playlist

## Use cloud migration controls to override a volume's default tiering policy

You can change a volume's default tiering policy for controlling user data retrieval from the cloud tier to performance tier by using the <code>-cloud-retrieval-policy</code> option introduced in ONTAP 9.8.

#### What you'll need

- Modifying a volume using the -cloud-retrieval-policy option requires ONTAP 9.8 or later.
- You must have the advanced privilege level to perform this operation.
- You should understand the behavior of tiering policies with -cloud-retrieval-policy.

How tiering policies work with cloud migration

#### Step

1. Modify the tiering policy behavior for an existing volume by using the volume modify command with the -cloud-retrieval-policy option:

```
volume create -volume <volume_name> -vserver <vserver_name> - tiering-
policy <policy_name> -cloud-retrieval-policy
```

```
vol modify -volume fp_volume4 -vserver vs0 -cloud-retrieval-policy
promote
```

## Promote data to the performance tier

#### Promote data to the performance tier overview

Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, if you are a cluster administrator at the advanced privilege level, you can proactively promote data to the performance tier from the cloud tier using a combination of the tiering-policy and the cloud-retrieval-policy setting.

#### About this task

You might do this if you want to stop using FabricPool on a volume, or if you have a snapshot-only tiering policy and you want to bring restored Snapshot copy data back to the performance tier.

#### Promote all data from a FabricPool volume to the performance tier

You can proactively retrieve all data on a FabricPool volume in the Cloud and promote it to the performance tier.

#### Step

1. Use the volume modify command to set tiering-policy to none and cloud-retrieval-policy to promote.

```
volume modify -vserver <vserver-name> -volume <volume-name> -tiering
-policy none -cloud-retrieval-policy promote
```

# Promote file system data to the performance tier

You can proactively retrieve active file system data from a restored Snapshot copy in the cloud tier and promote it to the performance tier.

#### Step

1. Use the volume modify command to set tiering-policy to snapshot-only and cloud-retrieval-policy to promote.

```
volume modify -vserver <vserver-name> -volume <volume-name> -tiering
-policy snapshot-only cloud-retrieval-policy promote
```

# Check the status of a performance tier promotion

You can check the status of performance tier promotion to determine when the operation is complete.

## Step

1. Use the volume object-store command with the tiering option to check the status of the performance tier promotion.

```
volume object-store tiering show [ -instance | -fields <fieldname>, ...
] [ -vserver <vserver name> ] *Vserver
[[-volume] <volume name>] *Volume [ -node <nodename> ] *Node Name [ -vol -dsid <integer> ] *Volume DSID
[ -aggregate <aggregate name> ] *Aggregate Name
```

```
volume object-store tiering show v1 -instance
                                  Vserver: vs1
                                   Volume: v1
                                Node Name: node1
                              Volume DSID: 1023
                           Aggregate Name: a1
                                    State: ready
                      Previous Run Status: completed
                 Aborted Exception Status: -
               Time Scanner Last Finished: Mon Jan 13 20:27:30 2020
                 Scanner Percent Complete: -
                      Scanner Current VBN: -
                         Scanner Max VBNs: -
      Time Waiting Scan will be scheduled: -
                           Tiering Policy: snapshot-only
    Estimated Space Needed for Promotion: -
                        Time Scan Started: -
  Estimated Time Remaining for scan to complete: -
                    Cloud Retrieve Policy: promote
```

## Trigger scheduled migration and tiering

You can trigger a tiering scan request at any time when you prefer not to wait for the default tiering scan.

## Step

1. Use the volume object-store command with the trigger option to request migration and tiering.

```
volume object-store tiering trigger [ -vserver <vserver name> ] *VServer
Name [-volume] <volume name> *Volume Name
```

# Manage FabricPool mirrors

# Manage FabricPool mirrors overview

To ensure data is accessible in data stores in the event of a disaster, and to enable you to replace a data store, you can configure a FabricPool mirror by adding a second data store to synchronously tier data to two data stores. You can add a second data store to new or existing FabricPool configurations, monitor the mirror status, display FabricPool mirror details, promote a mirror, and remove a mirror. You must be running ONTAP 9.7 or later.

#### Create a FabricPool mirror

To create a FabricPool mirror, you attach two object stores to a single FabricPool. You can create a FabricPool mirror either by attaching a second object store to an existing, single object store FabricPool configuration, or you can create a new, single object store FabricPool configuration and then attach a second object store to it. You can also create FabricPool mirrors on MetroCluster configurations.

## What you'll need

- You must have already created the two object stores using the storage aggregate object-store config command.
- If you are creating FabricPool mirrors on MetroCluster configurations:
  - You must have already set up and configured the MetroCluster
  - You must have created the object store configurations on the selected cluster.

If you are creating FabricPool mirrors on both clusters in a MetroCluster configuration, you must have created object store configurations on both of the clusters.

- If you are not using on premises object stores for MetroCluster configurations, you should ensure that one of the following scenarios exists:
  - Object stores are in different availability zones
  - Object stores are configured to keep copies of objects in multiple availability zones

Setting up object stores for FabricPool in a MetroCluster configuration

#### About this task

The object store you use for the FabricPool mirror must be different from the primary object store.

The procedure for creating a FabricPool mirror is the same for both MetroCluster and non-MetroCluster configurations.

#### **Steps**

1. If you are not using an existing FabricPool configuration, create a new one by attaching an object store to an aggregate using the storage aggregate object-store attach command.

This example creates a new FabricPool by attaching an object store to an aggregate.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store attach -aggregate aggr1 -name
my-store-1
```

Attach a second object store to the aggregate using the storage aggregate object-store mirror command.

This example attaches a second object store to an aggregate to create a FabricPool mirror.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store mirror -aggregate aggr1 -name
my-store-2
```

# Monitor FabricPool mirror resync status

When you replace a primary object store with a mirror, you might have to wait for the mirror to resync with the primary data store.

#### About this task

If the FabricPool mirror is in sync, no entries are displayed.

### Step

1. Monitor mirror resync status using the storage aggregate object-store show-resync-status command.

```
aggregate1::> storage aggregate object-store show-resync-status
-aggregate aggr1
```

Aggregate	Primary	Mirror	Complete Percentage
aggr1	my-store-1	my-store-2	40%

# **Display FabricPool mirror details**

You can display details about a FabricPool mirror to see what object stores are in the configuration and whether the object store mirror is in sync with the primary object store.

# Step

1. Display information about a FabricPool mirror using the storage aggregate object-store show command.

This example displays the details about the primary and mirror object stores in a FabricPool mirror.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store show
```

```
Aggregate Object Store Name Availability Mirror Type

aggr1 my-store-1 available primary
my-store-2 available mirror
```

This example displays details about the FabricPool mirror, including whether the mirror is degraded due to a resync operation.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type,is-
mirror-degraded
```

```
aggregate object-store-name mirror-type is-mirror-degraded
-----aggr1 my-store-1 primary -
my-store-2 mirror false
```

# Promote a FabricPool mirror

You can reassign the object store mirror as the primary object store by promoting it. When the object store mirror becomes the primary, the original primary automatically becomes the mirror.

#### What you'll need

- The FabricPool mirror must be in sync
- · The object store must be operational

#### About this task

You can replace the original object store with an object store from a different cloud provider. For instance, your original mirror might be an AWS object store, but you can replace it with an Azure object store.

# Step

1. Promote an object store mirror by using the storage aggregate object-store modify -aggregate command.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store modify -aggregate aggr1 -name
my-store-2 -mirror-type primary
```

# Remove a FabricPool mirror

You can remove a FabricPool mirror if you no longer need to replicate an object store.

### What you'll need

The primary object store must be operational, otherwise, the command fails.

#### Step

1. Remove an object store mirror in a FabricPool by using the storage aggregate object-store unmirror -aggregate command.

cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store unmirror -aggregate aggr1

# Replace an existing object store using a FabricPool mirror

You can use FabricPool mirror technology to replace one object store with another one. The new object store does not have to use the same cloud provider as the original object store.

#### About this task

You can replace the original object store with an object store that uses a different cloud provider. For instance, your original object store might use AWS as the cloud provider, but you can replace it with an object store that uses Azure as the cloud provider, and vice versa. However, the new object store must retain the same object size as the original.

## **Steps**

1. Create a FabricPool mirror by adding a new object store to an existing FabricPool using the storage aggregate object-store mirror command.

```
\verb|cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store mirror - aggregate aggr1 - name \\ \verb|my-AZURE-store||
```

2. Monitor the mirror resync status using the storage aggregate object-store show-resync-status command.

cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store show-resync-status -aggregate
aggr1

```
Complete
Aggregate Primary Mirror Percentage
-----aggr1 my-AWS-store my-AZURE-store 40%
```

3. Verify the mirror is in sync using the storage aggregate object-store> show -fields mirror-type, is-mirror-degraded command.

cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type,ismirror-degraded

aggregate	object-store-name	mirror-type	is-mirror-degraded	
aggr1	my-AWS-store my-AZURE-store	primary mirror	- false	

4. Swap the primary object store with the mirror object store using the storage aggregate objectstore modify command.

```
\verb|cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store modify -aggregate aggr1 - name \\ \verb|my-AZURE-store - mirror-type primary| \\
```

5. Display details about the FabricPool mirror using the storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type, is-mirror-degraded command.

This example displays the information about the FabricPool mirror, including whether the mirror is degraded (not in sync).

cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type, ismirror-degraded

aggregate	object-store-name m	irror-type	is-mirror-degraded
aggr1	my-AZURE-store	primary	-
	my-AWS-store	mirror	false

6. Remove the FabricPool mirror using the storage aggregate object-store unmirror command.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store unmirror -aggregate aggr1
```

7. Verify that the FabricPool is back in a single object store configuration using the storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type, is-mirror-degraded command.

cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type,ismirror-degraded

```
aggregate object-store-name mirror-type is-mirror-degraded
-----aggr1 my-AZURE-store primary -
```

# Replace a FabricPool mirror on a MetroCluster configuration

If one of the object stores in a FabricPool mirror is destroyed or becomes permanently unavailable on a MetroCluster configuration, you can make the object store the mirror if it is not the mirror already, remove the damaged object store from FabricPool mirror, and then add a new object store mirror to the FabricPool.

### **Steps**

1. If the damaged object store is not already the mirror, make the object store the mirror with the storage aggregate object-store modify command.

```
storage aggregate object-store modify -aggregate -aggregate fp_aggr1_A01
-name mcc1_ostore1 -mirror-type mirror
```

2. Remove the object store mirror from the FabricPool by using the storage aggregate object-store unmirror command.

```
storage aggregate object-store unmirror -aggregate <aggregate name>
-name mcc1_ostore1
```

3. You can force tiering to resume on the primary data store after you remove the mirror data store by using the storage aggregate object-store modify with the -force-tiering-on-metrocluster true option.

The absence of a mirror interferes with the replication requirements of a MetroCluster configuration.

```
storage aggregate object-store modify -aggregate <aggregate name> -name
mcc1_ostorel -force-tiering-on-metrocluster true
```

4. Create a replacement object store by using the storage aggregate object-store config create command.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create -object-store-name
mcc1_ostore3 -cluster clusterA -provider-type SGWS -server <SGWS-server-
1> -container-name <SGWS-bucket-1> -access-key <key> -secret-password
<password> -encrypt <true|false> -provider <provider-type> -is-ssl
-enabled <true|false> ipspace <IPSpace>
```

5. Add the object store mirror to the FabricPool mirror using the storage aggregate object-store mirror command.

```
storage aggregate object-store mirror -aggregate aggr1 -name mcc1_ostore3-mc
```

6. Display the object store information using the storage aggregate object-store show command.

storage aggregate object-store show -fields mirror-type, is-mirror-degraded

```
aggregate object-store-name mirror-type is-mirror-degraded
-----aggr1 mcc1_ostore1-mc primary -
mcc1_ostore3-mc mirror true
```

7. Monitor the mirror resync status using the storage aggregate object-store show-resync-status command.

storage aggregate object-store show-resync-status -aggregate aggr1

```
Complete
Aggregate Primary Mirror Percentage
-----aggr1 mcc1_ostore1-mc mcc1_ostore3-mc 40%
```

# Commands for managing aggregates with FabricPool

You use the storage aggregate object-store commands to manage object stores for FabricPool. You use the storage aggregate commands to manage aggregates for FabricPool. You use the volume commands to manage volumes for FabricPool.

If you want to	Use this command:
Define the configuration for an object store so that ONTAP can access it	storage aggregate object-store config create
Modify object store configuration attributes	storage aggregate object-store config modify
Rename an existing object store configuration	storage aggregate object-store config rename

Delete the configuration of an object store	storage aggregate object-store config delete
Display a list of object store configurations	storage aggregate object-store config show
Attach a second object store to a new or existing FabricPool as a mirror	storage aggregate object-store mirror with the -aggregate and -name parameter in the admin privilege level
Remove an object store mirror from an existing FabricPool mirror	storage aggregate object-store unmirror with the -aggregate and -name parameter in the admin privilege level
Monitor FabricPool mirror resync status	storage aggregate object-store show- resync-status
Display FabricPool mirror details	storage aggregate object-store show
Promote an object store mirror to replace a primary object store in a FabricPool mirror configuration	storage aggregate object-store modify with the -aggregate parameter in the admin privilege level
Test the latency and performance of an object store without attaching the object store to an aggregate	storage aggregate object-store profiler start with the -object-store-name and -node parameter in the advanced privilege level
Monitor the object store profiler status	storage aggregate object-store profiler show with the -object-store-name and -node parameter in the advanced privilege level
Abort the object store profiler when it is running	storage aggregate object-store profiler abort with the -object-store-name and -node parameter in the advanced privilege level
Attach an object store to an aggregate for using FabricPool	storage aggregate object-store attach
Attach an object store to an aggregate that contains a FlexGroup volume for using FabricPool	storage aggregate object-store attach with the allow-flexgroup true
Display details of the object stores that are attached to FabricPool-enabled aggregates	storage aggregate object-store show

Display the aggregate fullness threshold used by the tiering scan	storage aggregate object-store show With the -fields tiering-fullness-threshold parameter in the advanced privilege level
Display space utilization of the object stores that are attached to FabricPool-enabled aggregates	storage aggregate object-store show- space
Enable inactive data reporting on an aggregate that is not used for FabricPool	storage aggregate modify with the -is -inactive-data-reporting-enabled true parameter
Display whether inactive data reporting is enabled on an aggregate	storage aggregate show with the -fields is-inactive-data-reporting-enabled parameter
Display information about how much user data is cold within an aggregate	storage aggregate show-space with the -fields performance-tier-inactive-user- data, performance-tier-inactive-user- data-percent parameter
Create a volume for FabricPool, including specifying the following:  • The tiering policy  • The tiering minimum cooling period (for the snapshot-only or auto tiering policy)	<ul> <li>You use the -tiering-policy parameter to specify the tiering policy.</li> <li>You use the -tiering-minimum-cooling -days parameter in the advanced privilege level to specify the tiering minimum cooling period.</li> </ul>
Modify a volume for FabricPool, including modifying the following:  • The tiering policy  • The tiering minimum cooling period (for the snapshot-only or auto tiering policy)	<ul> <li>You use the -tiering-policy parameter to specify the tiering policy.</li> <li>You use the -tiering-minimum-cooling -days parameter in the advanced privilege level to specify the tiering minimum cooling period.</li> </ul>
Display FabricPool information related to a volume, including the following:  • The tiering minimum cooling period  • How much user data is cold	<ul> <li>You use the -fields tiering-minimum-cooling-days parameter in the advanced privilege level to display the tiering minimum cooling period.</li> <li>You use the -fields performance-tier-inactive-user-data, performance-tier-inactive-user-data-percent parameter to display how much user data is cold.</li> </ul>

Move a volume in to or out of FabricPool	volume move start You use the -tiering -policy optional parameter to specify the tiering policy for the volume.
Modify the threshold for reclaiming unreferenced space (the defragmentation threshold) for FabricPool	storage aggregate object-store modify with the -unreclaimed-space-threshold parameter in the advanced privilege level
Modify the threshold for the percent full the aggregate becomes before the tiering scan begins tiering data for FabricPool  FabricPool continues to tier cold data to a cloud tier until the local tier reaches 98% capacity.	storage aggregate object-store modify with the -tiering-fullness-threshold parameter in the advanced privilege level
Display the threshold for reclaiming unreferenced space for FabricPool	storage aggregate object-store show or storage aggregate object-store show-space command with the -unreclaimed-space -threshold parameter in the advanced privilege level

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