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# Storage protocols

Some customers choose to move entire workloads to the cloud. This can be more complicated than just using the cloud for data protection. But ONTAP makes the move easier because you do not have to rewrite your applications to use cloud-based storage. ONTAP in the cloud works just like your on-premises ONTAP does.

ONTAP offers the same NFS, SMB, and iSCSI protocols in the cloud that you are using today.

## File sharing with NFS and SMB

The NFS and SMB protocols are used to make shares and files available to client applications over a network. Cloud Volumes ONTAP enables you to provide files from a public cloud using either or both of these protocols.

If you choose to move an entire workload to the cloud, Cloud Volumes ONTAP enables your application to work with storage in the cloud exactly as it does on premises. There is no need to change your application, and if you decide to move to a different cloud provider, there is no worry about provider lock in. The same commands and scripts you use to manage file services on premises work in the cloud.

In the cloud, you can scale file shares rapidly, by adding or removing storage and compute instances or by adjusting your service level as needed to respond to changes in client demand without incurring capital expenses. The more resources you use, the more you pay, but only when you are using the resources.

NetApp SnapMirror technology moves and synchronizes your file data between your on-premises ONTAP system and Cloud Volumes ONTAP. You can easily move the data to and from the cloud, and between cloud providers.

### Related information

[BlueXP: Provisioning Storage](#)

[Managing volumes for Azure NetApp Files](#)

[Managing Cloud Volumes Service for AWS](#)

## iSCSI

The iSCSI protocol provides block-level storage to clients such as databases and other applications that want block storage instead of files. ONTAP provides the iSCSI protocol in the cloud.

Once iSCSI storage has been provisioned, there is no difference between on-premises iSCSI access and cloud-based iSCSI access.

The same iSCSI SAN features that are available on-premises such as Snapshot copies, deduplication, compression, and thin provisioning are also available and work the same way in the cloud.

### Related information

[Provisioning block storage with BlueXP](#)

[Provisioning iSCSI LUNs in Cloud Volumes ONTAP](#)

[Deploying Oracle Databases on Azure/AWS](#)

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