



# **Manage NTFS file security, NTFS audit policies, and Storage-Level Access Guard on SVMs using the CLI**

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# Manage NTFS file security, NTFS audit policies, and Storage-Level Access Guard on SVMs using the CLI

## Manage NTFS file security, NTFS audit policies, and Storage-Level Access Guard on SVMs using the CLI overview

You can manage NTFS file security, NTFS audit policies, and Storage-Level Access Guard on storage virtual machines (SVMs) by using the CLI.

You can manage NTFS file security and audit policies from SMB clients or by using the CLI. However, using the CLI to configure file security and audit policies removes the need to use a remote client to manage file security. Using the CLI can significantly reduce the time it takes to apply security on many files and folders using a single command.

You can configure Storage-Level Access Guard, which is another layer of security applied by ONTAP to SVM volumes. Storage-Level Access Guard applies to accesses from all NAS protocols to the storage object to which Storage-Level Access Guard is applied.

Storage-Level Access Guard can be configured and managed only from the ONTAP CLI. You cannot manage Storage-Level Access Guard settings from SMB clients. Moreover, if you view the security settings on a file or directory from an NFS or SMB client, you will not see the Storage-Level Access Guard security. Storage-Level Access Guard security cannot be revoked from a client, even by a system (Windows or UNIX) administrator. Therefore, Storage-Level Access Guard provides an extra layer of security for data access that is independently set and managed by the storage administrator.



Even though only NTFS access permissions are supported for Storage-Level Access Guard, ONTAP can perform security checks for access over NFS to data on volumes where Storage-Level Access Guard is applied if the UNIX user maps to a Windows user on the SVM that owns the volume.

## NTFS security-style volumes

All files and folders contained within NTFS security-style volumes and qtrees have NTFS effective security. You can use the `vserver security file-directory` command family to implement the following types of security on NTFS security-style volumes:

- File permissions and audit policies to files and folders contained in the volume
- Storage-Level Access Guard security on volumes

## Mixed security-style volumes

Mixed security-style volumes and qtrees can contain some files and folders that have UNIX effective security and use UNIX file permissions, either mode bits or NFSv4.x ACLs and NFSv4.x audit policies, and some files and folders that have NTFS effective security and use NTFS file permissions and audit policies. You can use the `vserver security file-directory` command family to apply the following types of security to mixed security-style data:

- File permissions and audit policies to files and folders with NTFS effective security-style in the mixed volume or qtree
- Storage-Level Access Guard to volumes with either NTFS and UNIX effective security-style

## UNIX security-style volumes

UNIX security-style volumes and qtrees contain files and folders that have UNIX effective security (either mode bits or NFSv4.x ACLs). You must keep the following in mind if you want to use the `vserver security file-directory` command family to implement security on UNIX security-style volumes:

- The `vserver security file-directory` command family cannot be used to manage UNIX file security and audit policies on UNIX security-style volumes and qtrees.
- You can use the `vserver security file-directory` command family to configure Storage-Level Access Guard on UNIX security-style volumes, provided the SVM with the target volume contains a CIFS server.

### Related information

[Displaying information about file security and audit policies](#)

[Configure and apply file security on NTFS files and folders using the CLI](#)

[Configuring and applying audit policies to NTFS files and folders using the CLI](#)

[Securing file access by using Storage-Level Access Guard](#)

## Use cases for using the CLI to set file and folder security

Because you can apply and manage file and folder security locally without involvement from a remote client, you can significantly reduce the time it takes to set bulk security on a large number of files or folders.

You can benefit from using the CLI to set file and folder security in the following use cases:

- Storage of files in large enterprise environments, such as file storage in home directories
- Migration of data
- Change of Windows domain
- Standardization of file security and audit policies across NTFS file systems

## Limits when using the CLI to set file and folder security

You need to be aware of certain limits when using the CLI to set file and folder security.

- The `vserver security file-directory` command family does not support setting NFSv4 ACLs.

You can only apply NTFS security descriptors to NTFS files and folders.

# How security descriptors are used to apply file and folder security

Security descriptors contain the access control lists that determine what actions a user can perform on files and folders, and what is audited when a user accesses files and folders.

- **Permissions**

Permissions are allowed or denied by an object's owner and determine what actions an object (users, groups, or computer objects) can perform on specified files or folders.

- **Security descriptors**

Security descriptors are data structures that contain security information that define permissions associated with a file or folder.

- **Access control lists (ACLs)**

Access control lists are the lists contained within a security descriptor that contain information on what actions users, groups, or computer objects can perform on the file or folder to which the security descriptor is applied. The security descriptor can contain the following two types of ACLs:

- Discretionary access control lists (DACLS)
- System access control lists (SACLs)

- **Discretionary access control lists (DACLS)**

DACLS contain the list of SIDS for the users, groups, and computer objects who are allowed or denied access to perform actions on files or folders. DACLS contain zero or more access control entries (ACEs).

- **System access control lists (SACLs)**

SACLs contain the list of SIDS for the users, groups, and computer objects for which successful or failed auditing events are logged. SACLs contain zero or more access control entries (ACEs).

- **Access Control Entries (ACEs)**

ACEs are individual entries in either DACLS or SACLs:

- A DACL access control entry specifies the access rights that are allowed or denied for particular users, groups, or computer objects.
- A SACL access control entry specifies the success or failure events to log when auditing specified actions performed by particular users, groups, or computer objects.

- **Permission inheritance**

Permission inheritance describes how permissions defined in security descriptors are propagated to an object from a parent object. Only inheritable permissions are inherited by child objects. When setting permissions on the parent object, you can decide whether folders, sub-folders, and files can inherit them with "Apply to this-folder, sub-folders, and files".

## Related information

[Configure and apply file security on NTFS files and folders using the CLI](#)

[SMB and NFS auditing and security tracing](#)

[Configuring and applying audit policies to NTFS files and folders using the CLI](#)

## **Guidelines for applying file-directory policies that use local users or groups on the SVM disaster recovery destination**

There are certain guidelines that you must keep in mind before applying file-directory policies on the storage virtual machine (SVM) disaster recovery destination in an ID discard configuration if your file-directory policy configuration uses local users or groups in either the security descriptor or the DACL or SACL entries.

You can configure a disaster recovery configuration for an SVM where the source SVM on the source cluster replicates the data and configuration from the source SVM to a destination SVM on a destination cluster.

You can set up one of two types of SVM disaster recovery:

- Identity preserved

With this configuration, the identity of the SVM and the CIFS server is preserved.

- Identity discarded

With this configuration, the identity of the SVM and the CIFS server is not preserved. In this scenario, the name of the SVM and the CIFS server on the destination SVM is different from the SVM and the CIFS server name on the source SVM.

### **Guidelines for identity discarded configurations**

In an identity discarded configuration, for an SVM source that contains local user, group, and privilege configurations, the name of the local domain (local CIFS server name) must be changed to match the CIFS server name on the SVM destination. For example, if the source SVM name is “vs1” and CIFS server name is “CIFS1”, and the destination SVM name is “vs1\_dst” and the CIFS server name is “CIFS1\_DST”, then the local domain name for a local user named “CIFS1\user1” is automatically changed to “CIFS1\_DST\user1” on the destination SVM:

```
cluster1::> vserver cifs users-and-groups local-user show -vserver vs1_dst
```

| Vserver | User Name           | Full Name | Description                    |
|---------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| vs1     | CIFS1\Administrator |           | Built-in administrator account |
| vs1     | CIFS1\user1         | -         | -                              |

```
cluster1dst::> vserver cifs users-and-groups local-user show -vserver vs1_dst
```

| Vserver | User Name               | Full Name | Description                    |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| vs1_dst | CIFS1_DST\Administrator |           | Built-in administrator account |
| vs1_dst | CIFS1_DST\user1         | -         | -                              |

Even though local user and group names are automatically changed in the local user and group databases, local users or group names are not automatically changed in file-directory policy configurations (policies configured on the CLI using the `vserver security file-directory` command family).

For example, for “vs1”, if you have configured a DACL entry where the `-account` parameter is set to “CIFS1\user1”, the setting is not automatically changed on the destination SVM to reflect the destination’s CIFS server name.

```
cluster1::> vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl show -vserver vs1
```

```
Vserver: vs1
```

```
NTFS Security Descriptor Name: sd1
```

| Account Name | Access Type | Access Rights | Apply To    |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| CIFS1\user1  | allow       | full-control  | this-folder |

```
cluster1::> vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl show -vserver vs1_dst
```

```
Vserver: vs1_dst
```

```
NTFS Security Descriptor Name: sd1
```

| Account Name    | Access Type | Access Rights | Apply To    |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| **CIFS1**\user1 | allow       | full-control  | this-folder |

You must use the `vserver security file-directory modify` commands to manually change the CIFS server name to the destination CIFS server name.

## File-directory policy configuration components that contain account parameters

There are three file-directory policy configuration components that can use parameter settings that can contain local users or groups:

- Security descriptor

You can optionally specify the owner of the security descriptor and the primary group of the owner of the security descriptor. If the security descriptor uses a local user or group for the owner and primary group entries, you must modify the security descriptor to use the destination SVM in the account name. You can use the `vserver security file-directory ntfs modify` command to make any necessary changes to the account names.

- DACL entries

Each DACL entry must be associated with an account. You must modify any DACLs that use local user or group accounts to use the destination SVM name. Because you cannot modify the account name for existing DACL entries, you must remove any DACL entries with local users or groups from the security descriptors, create new DACL entries with the corrected destination account names, and associate these new DACL entries with the appropriate security descriptors.

- SACL entries

Each SACL entry must be associated with an account. You must modify any SACLs that use local user or group accounts to use the destination SVM name. Because you cannot modify the account name for existing SACL entries, you must remove any SACL entries with local users or groups from the security descriptors, create new SACL entries with the corrected destination account names, and associate these new SACL entries with the appropriate security descriptors.

You must make any necessary changes to local users or groups used in the file-directory policy configuration before applying the policy; otherwise, the apply job fails.

## Configure and apply file security on NTFS files and folders using the CLI

### Create an NTFS security descriptor

Creating an NTFS security descriptor (file security policy) is the first step in configuring and applying NTFS access control lists (ACLs) to files and folders residing within storage virtual machines (SVMs). You can associate the security descriptor to the file or folder path in a policy task.

#### About this task

You can create NTFS security descriptors for files and folders residing within NTFS security-style volumes, or for files and folders residing on mixed security-style volumes.

By default, when a security descriptor is created, four discretionary access control list (DACL) access control entries (ACEs) are added to that security descriptor. The four default ACEs are as follows:



| Object                 | Access type | Access rights | Where to apply the permissions  |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| BUILTIN\Administrators | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |
| BUILTIN\Users          | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |
| CREATOR OWNER          | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |
| NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM    | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |

You can customize the security descriptor configuration by using the following optional parameters:

- Owner of the security descriptor
- Primary group of the owner
- Raw control flags

The value for any optional parameter is ignored for Storage-Level Access Guard. See the man pages for more information.

## Add NTFS DACL access control entries to the NTFS security descriptor

Adding DACL (discretionary access control list) access control entries (ACEs) to the NTFS security descriptor is the second step in configuring and applying NTFS ACLs to a file or folder. Each entry identifies which object is allowed or denied access, and defines what the object can or cannot do to the files or folders defined in the ACE.

### About this task

You can add one or more ACEs to the security descriptor's DACL.

If the security descriptor contains a DACL that has existing ACEs, the command adds the new ACE to the DACL. If the security descriptor does not contain a DACL, the command creates the DACL and adds the new ACE to it.

You can optionally customize DACL entries by specifying what rights you want to allow or deny for the account specified in the `-account` parameter. There are three mutually exclusive methods for specifying rights:

- Rights
- Advanced rights
- Raw rights (advanced-privilege)



If you do not specify rights for the DACL entry, the default is to set the rights to `Full Control`.

You can optionally customize DACL entries by specifying how to apply inheritance.

The value for any optional parameter is ignored for Storage-Level Access Guard. See the man pages for more information.

### Steps

1. Add a DACL entry to a security descriptor: `vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl add -vserver vserver_name -ntfs-sd SD_name -access-type {allow|deny} -account name_or_SID optional_parameters`

```
vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl add -ntfs-sd sd1 -access-type deny
-account domain\joe -rights full-control -apply-to this-folder -vserver vs1
```

2. Verify that the DACL entry is correct: `vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl show -vserver vserver_name -ntfs-sd SD_name -access-type {allow|deny} -account name_or_SID`

```
vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl show -vserver vs1 -ntfs-sd sd1
-access-type deny -account domain\joe
```

```
Vserver: vs1
Security Descriptor Name: sd1
  Allow or Deny: deny
    Account Name or SID: DOMAIN\joe
      Access Rights: full-control
        Advanced Access Rights: -
          Apply To: this-folder
            Access Rights: full-control
```

## Create security policies

Creating a file security policy for SVMs is the third step in configuring and applying ACLs to a file or folder. A policy acts as a container for various tasks, where each task is a single entry that can be applied to files or folders. You can add tasks to the security policy later.

### About this task

The tasks that you add to a security policy contain associations between the NTFS security descriptor and the file or folder paths. Therefore, you should associate the security policy with each SVM (containing NTFS security-style volumes or mixed security-style volumes).

### Steps

1. Create a security policy: `vserver security file-directory policy create -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name`

```
vserver security file-directory policy create -policy-name policy1 -vserver
vs1
```

2. Verify the security policy: `vserver security file-directory policy show`

```
vserver security file-directory policy show
Vserver          Policy Name
-----
vs1              policy1
```

## Add a task to the security policy

Creating and adding a policy task to a security policy is the fourth step in configuring and applying ACLs to files or folders in SVMs. When you create the policy task, you associate the task with a security policy. You can add one or more task entries to a security policy.

### About this task

The security policy is a container for a task. A task refers to a single operation that can be done by a security policy to files or folders with NTFS or mixed security (or to a volume object if configuring Storage-Level Access Guard).

There are two types of tasks:

- File and directory tasks

Used to specify tasks that apply security descriptors to specified files and folders. ACLs applied through file and directory tasks can be managed with SMB clients or the ONTAP CLI.

- Storage-Level Access Guard tasks

Used to specify tasks that apply Storage-Level Access Guard security descriptors to a specified volume. ACLs applied through Storage-Level Access Guard tasks can be managed only through the ONTAP CLI.

A task contains definitions for the security configuration of a file (or folder) or set of files (or folders). Every task in a policy is uniquely identified by the path. There can be only one task per path within a single policy. A policy cannot have duplicate task entries.

Guidelines for adding a task to a policy:

- There can be a maximum of 10,000 tasks entries per policy.
- A policy can contain one or more tasks.

Even though a policy can contain more than one task, you cannot configure a policy to contain both file-directory and Storage-Level Access Guard tasks. A policy must contain either all Storage-Level Access Guard tasks or all file-directory tasks.

- Storage-Level Access Guard is used to restrict permissions.

It will never give extra access permissions.

When adding tasks to security policies, you must specify the following four required parameters:

- SVM name
- Policy name

- Path
- Security descriptor to associate with the path

You can customize the security descriptor configuration by using the following optional parameters:

- Security type
- Propagation mode
- Index position
- Access control type

The value for any optional parameter is ignored for Storage-Level Access Guard. See the man pages for more information.

## Steps

1. Add a task with an associated security descriptor to the security policy: `vserver security file-directory policy task add -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name -path path -ntfs-sd SD_nameoptional_parameters`

`file-directory` is the default value for the `-access-control` parameter. Specifying the access control type when configuring file and directory access tasks is optional.

```
vserver security file-directory policy task add -vserver vs1 -policy-name
policy1 -path /home/dir1 -security-type ntfs -ntfs-mode propagate -ntfs-sd sd2
-index-num 1 -access-control file-directory
```

2. Verify the policy task configuration: `vserver security file-directory policy task show -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name -path path`

```
vserver security file-directory policy task show
```

```
Vserver: vs1
Policy: policy1
```

| Index           | File/Folder | Access         | Security | NTFS      | NTFS |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-----------|------|
| Security        | Path        | Control        | Type     | Mode      |      |
| Descriptor Name |             |                |          |           |      |
| -----           | -----       | -----          | -----    | -----     |      |
| -----           |             |                |          |           |      |
| 1               | /home/dir1  | file-directory | ntfs     | propagate | sd2  |

## Apply security policies

Applying a file security policy to SVMs is the last step in creating and applying NTFS ACLs to files or folders.

### About this task

You can apply security settings defined in the security policy to NTFS files and folders residing within FlexVol volumes (NTFS or mixed security style).

**Step**

- 1. Apply a security policy: `vserver security file-directory apply -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name`

```
vserver security file-directory apply -vserver vs1 -policy-name policy1
```

The policy apply job is scheduled and the Job ID is returned.

```
[Job 53322]Job is queued: Fsecurity Apply. Use the "Job show 53322 -id 53322" command to view the status of the operation
```

**Monitor the security policy job**

When applying the security policy to storage virtual machines (SVMs), you can monitor the progress of the task by monitoring the security policy job. This is helpful if you want to ascertain that the application of the security policy succeeded. This is also helpful if you have a long-running job where you are applying bulk security to a large number of files and folders.

**About this task**

To display detailed information about a security policy job, you should use the `-instance` parameter.

**Step**

- 1. Monitor the security policy job: `vserver security file-directory job show -vserver vserver_name`

```
vserver security file-directory job show -vserver vs1
```

| Job ID   | Name            | Vserver | Node  | State   |
|--|-----------------|---------|-------|---------|
| 53322  | Fsecurity Apply | vs1     | node1 | Success |
| Description: File Directory Security Apply Job |                 |         |       |         |

**Verify the applied file security**

You can verify the file security settings to confirm that the files or folders on the storage virtual machine (SVM) to which you applied the security policy have the desired settings.

**About this task**

You must supply the name of the SVM that contains the data and the path to the file and folders on which you want to verify security settings. You can use the optional `-expand-mask` parameter to display detailed information about the security settings.

## Step

1. Display file and folder security settings: `vserver security file-directory show -vserver vserver_name -path path [-expand-mask true]`

```
vserver security file-directory show -vserver vs1 -path /data/engineering
-expand-mask true
```

```
Vserver: vs1
      File Path: /data/engineering
File Inode Number: 5544
      Security Style: ntfs
      Effective Style: ntfs
      DOS Attributes: 10
DOS Attributes in Text: ----D---
Expanded Dos Attributes: 0x10
    ...0 .... = Offline
    .... ..0. .... = Sparse
    .... .... 0... .... = Normal
    .... .... ..0. .... = Archive
    .... .... ...1 .... = Directory
    .... .... .... .0.. = System
    .... .... .... ..0. = Hidden
    .... .... .... ...0 = Read Only
      Unix User Id: 0
      Unix Group Id: 0
      Unix Mode Bits: 777
Unix Mode Bits in Text: rwxrwxrwx
      ACLs: NTFS Security Descriptor
      Control:0x8004

1... .... = Self Relative
.0.. .... = RM Control Valid
..0. .... = SACL Protected
...0 .... = DACL Protected
.... 0... .... = SACL Inherited
.... .0.. .... = DACL Inherited
.... ..0. .... = SACL Inherit Required
.... ...0 .... = DACL Inherit Required
.... .... ..0. .... = SACL Defaulted
.... .... ...0 .... = SACL Present
.... .... .... 0... = DACL Defaulted
.... .... .... .1.. = DACL Present
.... .... .... ..0. = Group Defaulted
.... .... .... ...0 = Owner Defaulted

Owner:BUILTIN\Administrators
```

ALLOW-Everyone-0x1f01ff

|                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|                  | 0...  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Generic Read     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | .0..  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Generic Write    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..0.  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Generic Execute  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ...0  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Generic All      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ...0  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| System Security  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ...1  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Synchronize      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1...  | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Write Owner      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | .1..  | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Write DAC        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..1.  | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Read Control     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ...1  | ..... | ..... | ..... | =    |
| Delete           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ...1  | ..... | =    |
| Write Attributes |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1...  | =    |
| Read Attributes  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .1..  | =    |
| Delete Child     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..1.  | =    |
| Execute          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ...1  | =    |
| Write EA         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1... |
| Read EA          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .1.. |
| Append           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..1. |
| Write            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ...1 |
| Read             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |

ALLOW-Everyone-0x10000000-OI | CI | IO

Generic Read

0... .. =

.0... .. =

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Generic Write    | ..0. .... =                 |
| Generic Execute  | ...1 .... =                 |
| Generic All      | .... ..0 .... =             |
| System Security  | .... ....0 .... =           |
| Synchronize      | .... .... 0... =            |
| Write Owner      | .... .... .0... =           |
| Write DAC        | .... .... ..0. .... =       |
| Read Control     | .... .... ..0. .... =       |
| Delete           | .... .... ..0 .... =        |
| Write Attributes | .... .... .... 0... =       |
| Read Attributes  | .... .... .... .0... =      |
| Delete Child     | .... .... .... ..0. .... =  |
| Execute          | .... .... .... ..0 .... =   |
| Write EA         | .... .... .... .... 0... =  |
| Read EA          | .... .... .... .... .0... = |
| Append           | .... .... .... .... ..0. =  |
| Write            | .... .... .... .... ..0 =   |
| Read             | .... .... .... .... ..0 =   |

## Configure and apply audit policies to NTFS files and folders using the CLI overview

There are several steps you must perform to apply audit policies to NTFS files and folders when using the ONTAP CLI. First, you create an NTFS security descriptor and add SACLs to the security descriptor. Next you create a security policy and add policy tasks. You then apply the security policy to a storage virtual machine (SVM).

### About this task



After applying the security policy, you can monitor the security policy job and then verify the settings for the applied audit policy.



When an audit policy and associated SACLs are applied, any existing DACLs are overwritten. You should review existing security policies before creating and applying new ones.

**Related information**

[Securing file access by using Storage-Level Access Guard](#)

[Limits when using the CLI to set file and folder security](#)

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**Create an NTFS security descriptor**

Creating an NTFS security descriptor audit policy is the first step in configuring and applying NTFS access control lists (ACLs) to files and folders residing within SVMs. You will associate the security descriptor to the file or folder path in a policy task.

**About this task**

You can create NTFS security descriptors for files and folders residing within NTFS security-style volumes, or for files and folders residing on mixed security-style volumes.

By default, when a security descriptor is created, four discretionary access control list (DACL) access control entries (ACEs) are added to that security descriptor. The four default ACEs are as follows:

| Object                 | Access type | Access rights | Where to apply the permissions  |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| BUILTIN\Administrators | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |
| BUILTIN\Users          | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |
| CREATOR OWNER          | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |
| NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM    | Allow       | Full Control  | this-folder, sub-folders, files |

You can customize the security descriptor configuration by using the following optional parameters:

- Owner of the security descriptor
- Primary group of the owner
- Raw control flags

The value for any optional parameter is ignored for Storage-Level Access Guard. See the man pages for more information.

### Steps

1. If you want to use the advanced parameters, set the privilege level to advanced: `set -privilege advanced`
2. Create a security descriptor: `vserver security file-directory ntfs create -vserver vserver_name -ntfs-sd SD_name optional_parameters`  
  
`vserver security file-directory ntfs create -ntfs-sd sd1 -vserver vs1 -owner DOMAIN\joe`
3. Verify that the security descriptor configuration is correct: `vserver security file-directory ntfs show -vserver vserver_name -ntfs-sd SD_name`

```
vserver security file-directory ntfs show -vserver vs1 -ntfs-sd sd1
```

```
          Vserver: vs1
      Security Descriptor Name: sd1
Owner of the Security Descriptor: DOMAIN\joe
```

4. If you are in the advanced privilege level, return to the admin privilege level: `set -privilege admin`

## Add NTFS SACL access control entries to the NTFS security descriptor

Adding SACL (system access control list) access control entries (ACEs) to the NTFS security descriptor is the second step in creating NTFS audit policies for files or folders in SVMs. Each entry identifies the user or group that you want to audit. The SACL entry defines whether you want to audit successful or failed access attempts.

### About this task

You can add one or more ACEs to the security descriptor's SACL.

If the security descriptor contains a SACL that has existing ACEs, the command adds the new ACE to the SACL. If the security descriptor does not contain a SACL, the command creates the SACL and adds the new ACE to it.

You can configure SACL entries by specifying what rights you want to audit for success or failure events for the account specified in the `-account` parameter. There are three mutually exclusive methods for specifying rights:

- Rights
- Advanced rights
- Raw rights (advanced-privilege)



If you do not specify rights for the SACL entry, the default setting is `Full Control`.

You can optionally customize SACL entries by specifying how to apply inheritance with the `apply to` parameter. If you do not specify this parameter, the default is to apply this SACL entry to this folder, subfolders, and files.

### Steps

1. Add a SACL entry to a security descriptor: `vserver security file-directory ntfs sacl add -vserver vserver_name -ntfs-sd SD_name -access-type {failure|success} -account name_or_SIDOptional_parameters`

```
vserver security file-directory ntfs sacl add -ntfs-sd sd1 -access-type failure -account domain\joe -rights full-control -apply-to this-folder -vserver vs1
```

2. Verify that the SACL entry is correct: `vserver security file-directory ntfs sacl show -vserver vserver_name -ntfs-sd SD_name -access-type {failure|success} -account name_or_SID`

```
vserver security file-directory ntfs sacl show -vserver vs1 -ntfs-sd sd1 -access-type deny -account domain\joe
```

```
Vserver: vs1
Security Descriptor Name: sd1
Access type for Specified Access Rights: failure
Account Name or SID: DOMAIN\joe
Access Rights: full-control
Advanced Access Rights: -
Apply To: this-folder
Access Rights: full-control
```

## Create security policies

Creating an audit policy for storage virtual machines (SVMs) is the third step in configuring and applying ACLs to a file or folder. A policy acts as a container for various tasks, where each task is a single entry that can be applied to files or folders. You can add tasks to the security policy later.

### About this task

The tasks that you add to a security policy contain associations between the NTFS security descriptor and the file or folder paths. Therefore, you should associate the security policy with each storage virtual machine (SVM) (containing NTFS security-style volumes or mixed security-style volumes).

### Steps

1. Create a security policy: `vserver security file-directory policy create -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name`

```
vserver security file-directory policy create -policy-name policy1 -vserver vs1
```

2. Verify the security policy: `vserver security file-directory policy show`

```
vserver security file-directory policy show
Vserver          Policy Name
-----
vs1              policy1
```

## Add a task to the security policy

Creating and adding a policy task to a security policy is the fourth step in configuring and applying ACLs to files or folders in SVMs. When you create the policy task, you associate the task with a security policy. You can add one or more task entries to a security policy.

### About this task

The security policy is a container for a task. A task refers to a single operation that can be done by a security policy to files or folders with NTFS or mixed security (or to a volume object if configuring Storage-Level Access Guard).

There are two types of tasks:

- File and directory tasks

Used to specify tasks that apply security descriptors to specified files and folders. ACLs applied through file and directory tasks can be managed with SMB clients or the ONTAP CLI.

- Storage-Level Access Guard tasks

Used to specify tasks that apply Storage-Level Access Guard security descriptors to a specified volume. ACLs applied through Storage-Level Access Guard tasks can be managed only through the ONTAP CLI.

A task contains definitions for the security configuration of a file (or folder) or set of files (or folders). Every task in a policy is uniquely identified by the path. There can be only one task per path within a single policy. A policy cannot have duplicate task entries.

Guidelines for adding a task to a policy:

- There can be a maximum of 10,000 tasks entries per policy.
- A policy can contain one or more tasks.

Even though a policy can contain more than one task, you cannot configure a policy to contain both file-directory and Storage-Level Access Guard tasks. A policy must contain either all Storage-Level Access Guard tasks or all file-directory tasks.

- Storage-Level Access Guard is used to restrict permissions.

It will never give extra access permissions.

You can customize the security descriptor configuration by using the following optional parameters:

- Security type
- Propagation mode
- Index position
- Access control type

The value for any optional parameter is ignored for Storage-Level Access Guard. See the man pages for more information.

## Steps

1. Add a task with an associated security descriptor to the security policy: `vserver security file-directory policy task add -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name -path path -ntfs-sd SD_nameoptional_parameters`

`file-directory` is the default value for the `-access-control` parameter. Specifying the access control type when configuring file and directory access tasks is optional.

```
vserver security file-directory policy task add -vserver vs1 -policy-name policy1 -path /home/dir1 -security-type ntfs -ntfs-mode propagate -ntfs-sd sd2 -index-num 1 -access-control file-directory
```

2. Verify the policy task configuration: `vserver security file-directory policy task show -vserver vserver_name -policy-name policy_name -path path`

```
vserver security file-directory policy task show
```

```
Vserver: vs1
Policy: policy1
```

| Index           | File/Folder | Access         | Security | NTFS      | NTFS |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-----------|------|
| Security        | Path        | Control        | Type     | Mode      |      |
| Descriptor Name |             |                |          |           |      |
| -----           | -----       | -----          | -----    | -----     |      |
| -----           |             |                |          |           |      |
| 1               | /home/dir1  | file-directory | ntfs     | propagate | sd2  |

## Apply security policies

Applying an audit policy to SVMs is the last step in creating and applying NTFS ACLs to files or folders.

### About this task

You can apply security settings defined in the security policy to NTFS files and folders residing within FlexVol volumes (NTFS or mixed security style).

### Step

1. Apply a security policy: `vserver security file-directory apply -vserver vserver_name`

```
-policy-name policy_name
```

```
vserver security file-directory apply -vserver vs1 -policy-name policy1
```

The policy apply job is scheduled and the Job ID is returned.

```
[Job 53322]Job is queued: Fsecurity Apply. Use the "Job show 53322 -id 53322" command to view the status of the operation
```

## Monitor the security policy job

When applying the security policy to storage virtual machines (SVMs), you can monitor the progress of the task by monitoring the security policy job. This is helpful if you want to ascertain that the application of the security policy succeeded. This is also helpful if you have a long-running job where you are applying bulk security to a large number of files and folders.

### About this task

To display detailed information about a security policy job, you should use the `-instance` parameter.

### Step

1. Monitor the security policy job: `vserver security file-directory job show -vserver vserver_name`

```
vserver security file-directory job show -vserver vs1
```

| Job ID   | Name            | Vserver | Node  | State   |
|--|-----------------|---------|-------|---------|
| 53322  | Fsecurity Apply | vs1     | node1 | Success |
| Description: File Directory Security Apply Job |                 |         |       |         |

## Verify the applied audit policy

You can verify the audit policy to confirm that the files or folders on the storage virtual machine (SVM) to which you applied the security policy have the desired audit security settings.

### About this task

You use the `vserver security file-directory show` command to display audit policy information. You must supply the name of the SVM that contains the data and the path to the data whose file or folder audit policy information you want to display.

### Step

1. Display audit policy settings: `vserver security file-directory show -vserver vserver_name -path path`

## Example

The following command displays the audit policy information applied to the path “/corp” in SVM vs1. The path has both a SUCCESS and a SUCCESS/FAIL SACL entry applied to it:

```
cluster::> vserver security file-directory show -vserver vs1 -path /corp

      Vserver: vs1
      File Path: /corp
      Security Style: ntfs
      Effective Style: ntfs
      DOS Attributes: 10
DOS Attributes in Text: ----D---
Expanded Dos Attributes: -
      Unix User Id: 0
      Unix Group Id: 0
      Unix Mode Bits: 777
Unix Mode Bits in Text: rwxrwxrwx
      ACLs: NTFS Security Descriptor
            Control:0x8014
            Owner:DOMAIN\Administrator
            Group:BUILTIN\Administrators
            SACL - ACEs
                  ALL-DOMAIN\Administrator-0x100081-OI|CI|SA|FA
                  SUCCESSFUL-DOMAIN\user1-0x100116-OI|CI|SA
            DACL - ACEs
                  ALLOW-BUILTIN\Administrators-0x1f01ff-OI|CI
                  ALLOW-BUILTIN\Users-0x1f01ff-OI|CI
                  ALLOW-CREATOR OWNER-0x1f01ff-OI|CI
                  ALLOW-NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM-0x1f01ff-OI|CI
```

## Considerations when managing security policy jobs

If a security policy job exists, under certain circumstances, you cannot modify that security policy or the tasks assigned to that policy. You should understand under what conditions you can or cannot modify security policies so that any attempts that you make to modify the policy are successful. Modifications to the policy include adding, removing, or modifying tasks assigned to the policy and deleting or modifying the policy.

You cannot modify a security policy or a task assigned to that policy if a job exists for that policy and that job is in the following states:

- The job is running or in progress.
- The job is paused.
- The job is resumed and is in the running state.
- If the job is waiting to failover to another node.

Under the following circumstances, if a job exists for a security policy, you can successfully modify that security policy or a task assigned to that policy:

- The policy job is stopped.
- The policy job has successfully finished.

## Commands for managing NTFS security descriptors

There are specific ONTAP commands for managing security descriptors. You can create, modify, delete, and display information about security descriptors.

| If you want to...  | Use this command...                                      |
|--|--|
| Create NTFS security descriptors                             | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs create</code> |
| Modify existing NTFS security descriptors                    | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs modify</code> |
| Display information about existing NTFS security descriptors | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs show</code>   |
| Delete NTFS security descriptors                             | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs delete</code> |

See the man pages for the `vserver security file-directory ntfs` commands for more information.

## Commands for managing NTFS DACL access control entries

There are specific ONTAP commands for managing DACL access control entries (ACEs). You can add ACEs to NTFS DACLs at any time. You can also manage existing NTFS DACLs by modifying, deleting, and displaying information about ACEs in DACLs.

| If you want to...                                     | Use this command...   |
|---|---|
| Create ACEs and add them to NTFS DACLs                | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl add</code>    |
| Modify existing ACEs in NTFS DACLs                    | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl modify</code> |
| Display information about existing ACEs in NTFS DACLs | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl show</code>   |



| If you want to...                    | Use this command...   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Remove existing ACEs from NTFS DACLs | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl remove</code> |

See the man pages for the `vserver security file-directory ntfs dacl` commands for more information.

## Commands for managing NTFS SACL access control entries

There are specific ONTAP commands for managing SACL access control entries (ACEs). You can add ACEs to NTFS SACLs at any time. You can also manage existing NTFS SACLs by modifying, deleting, and displaying information about ACEs in SACLs.

| If you want to...                                     | Use this command...   |
|---|---|
| Create ACEs and add them to NTFS SACLs                | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs sac1 add</code>    |
| Modify existing ACEs in NTFS SACLs                    | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs sac1 modify</code> |
| Display information about existing ACEs in NTFS SACLs | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs sac1 show</code>   |
| Remove existing ACEs from NTFS SACLs                  | <code>vserver security file-directory ntfs sac1 remove</code> |

See the man pages for the `vserver security file-directory ntfs sac1` commands for more information.

## Commands for managing security policies

There are specific ONTAP commands for managing security policies. You can display information about policies and you can delete policies. You cannot modify a security policy.

| If you want to...                           | Use this command...  |
|---|--|
| Create security policies                    | <code>vserver security file-directory policy create</code> |
| Display information about security policies | <code>vserver security file-directory policy show</code>   |

| If you want to...        | Use this command...  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Delete security policies | <code>vserver security file-directory policy delete</code> |

See the man pages for the `vserver security file-directory policy` commands for more information.

## Commands for managing security policy tasks

There are ONTAP commands for adding, modifying, removing, and displaying information about security policy tasks.

| If you want to...                               | Use this command...   |
|---|---|
| Add security policy tasks                       | <code>vserver security file-directory policy task add</code>    |
| Modify security policy tasks                    | <code>vserver security file-directory policy task modify</code> |
| Display information about security policy tasks | <code>vserver security file-directory policy task show</code>   |
| Remove security policy tasks                    | <code>vserver security file-directory policy task remove</code> |

See the man pages for the `vserver security file-directory policy task` commands for more information.

## Commands for managing security policy jobs

There are ONTAP commands for pausing, resuming, stopping, and displaying information about security policy jobs.

| If you want to...                              | Use this command...   |
|--|---|
| Pause security policy jobs                     | <code>vserver security file-directory job pause -vserver vserver_name -id integer</code>  |
| Resume security policy jobs                    | <code>vserver security file-directory job resume -vserver vserver_name -id integer</code>   |
| Display information about security policy jobs | <code>vserver security file-directory job show -vserver vserver_name</code> You can determine the job ID of a job using this command. |

| If you want to...         | Use this command...   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Stop security policy jobs | <pre>vserver security file-directory job<br/>stop -vserver vserver_name -id integer</pre> |

See the man pages for the `vserver security file-directory job` commands for more information.

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