



Enable local account access

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Enable local account access

Enable local account access overview

A local account is one in which the account information, public key, or security certificate resides on the storage system. You can use the `security login create` command to enable local accounts to access an admin or data SVM.

Enable password account access

You can use the `security login create` command to enable administrator accounts to access an admin or data SVM with a password. You are prompted for the password after you enter the command.

What you'll need

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

About this task

If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

Step

1. Enable local administrator accounts to access an SVM using a password:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name  
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment  
comment
```

For complete command syntax, see the [worksheet](#).

The following command enables the cluster administrator account `admin1` with the predefined `backup` role to access the admin SVM `engCluster` using a password. You are prompted for the password after you enter the command.

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engCluster -user-or-group-name  
admin1 -application ssh -authmethod password -role backup
```

Enable SSH public key accounts

You can use the `security login create` command to enable administrator accounts to access an admin or data SVM with an SSH public key.

What you'll need

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

About this task

- You must associate the public key with the account before the account can access the SVM.

Associating a public key with a user account

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

If you want to enable FIPS mode on your cluster, existing SSH public key accounts without the supported key algorithms must be reconfigured with a supported key type. The accounts should be reconfigured before you enable FIPs or the administrator authentication will fail.

The following table indicates host key type algorithms that are supported for ONTAP SSH connections. These key types do not apply to configuring SSH public authentication.

ONTAP release	Key types supported in FIPS mode	Key types supported in non-FIPS mode
9.11.1 and later	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 rsa-sha2-512 rsa-sha2-256 ssh-ed25519 ssh-dss ssh-rsa
9.10.1 and earlier	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 ssh-ed25519	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 ssh-ed25519 ssh-dss ssh-rsa



ssh-ed25519 host key algorithm support is removed in 9.11.1

For more information, see [Configure network security using FIPS](#).

Step

1. Enable local administrator accounts to access an SVM using an SSH public key:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment
comment
```

For complete command syntax, see the [worksheet](#).

The following command enables the SVM administrator account `svmin1` with the predefined `vsadmin-volume` role to access the `SVMengData1` using an SSH public key:

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engData1 -user-or-group-name
svmin1 -application ssh -authmethod publickey -role vsadmin-volume
```

After you finish

If you have not associated a public key with the administrator account, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

[Associating a public key with a user account](#)

Enable multifactor authentication (MFA) accounts

Multifactor authentication overview

Multifactor authentication (MFA) allows you to enhance security by requiring users to provide two authentication methods to log in to an admin or data SVM.

Depending upon your version of ONTAP, you can use a combination of an SSH public key, user password, and time-based one-time password (TOTP) to set up multifactor authentication.

ONTAP version	First authentication method	Second authentication method
9.13.1 and later	SSH public key	TOTP
	User password	TOTP
9.3 and later	SSH public key	User password

Enable multifactor authentication

Multifactor authentication (MFA) allows you to enhance security by requiring users to provide two authentication methods to log in to an admin or data SVM.

About this task

- You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.
- If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

[Modifying the role assigned to an administrator](#)

- If you are using a public key for authentication, you must associate the public key with the account before the account can access the SVM.

[Associate a public key with a user account](#)

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- Beginning with ONTAP 9.12.1, you can use Yubikey hardware authentication devices for SSH client MFA using the FIDO2 (Fast IDentity Online) or Personal Identity Verification (PIV) authentication standards.

Enable MFA with SSH public key and user password

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, a cluster administrator can set up local user accounts to log in with MFA using an SSH public key and a user password.

1. Enable MFA on local user account with SSH public key and user password:

```
security login create -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name  
<user_name> -application ssh -authentication-method <password|publickey>  
-role admin -second-authentication-method <password|publickey>
```

The following command requires the SVM administrator account `admin2` with the predefined `admin` role to log in to the `SVMengData1` with both an SSH public key and a user password:

```
cluster-1::> security login create -vserver engData1 -user-or-group-name  
admin2 -application ssh -authentication-method publickey -role admin  
-second-authentication-method password
```

Please enter a password for user 'admin2':

Please enter it again:

Warning: To use public-key authentication, you must create a public key
for user "admin2".

Enable MFA with TOTP

Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, you can enhance security by requiring local users to log in to an admin or data SVM with both an SSH public key or user password and a time-based one-time password (TOTP). After the account is enabled for MFA with TOTP, the local user must log in to [complete the configuration](#).

TOTP is a computer algorithm that uses the current time to generate a one-time password. If TOTP is used, it is always the second form of authentication after the SSH public key or the user password.

Before you begin

You must be a storage administrator to perform these tasks.

Steps

You can set up MFA to with a user password or an SSH public key as the first authentication method and TOTP as the second authentication method.

Enable MFA with user password and TOTP

1. Enable a user account for multifactor authentication with a user password and TOTP.

For new user accounts

```
security login create -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name  
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method  
password -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment  
<comment>
```

For existing user accounts

```
security login modify -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name  
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method  
password -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment  
<comment>
```

2. Verify that MFA with TOTP is enabled:

```
security login show
```

Enable MFA with SSH public key and TOTP

1. Enable a user account for multifactor authentication with an SSH public key and TOTP.

For new user accounts

```
security login create -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name  
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method  
publickey -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment  
<comment>
```

For existing user accounts

```
security login modify -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name  
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method  
publickey -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment  
<comment>
```

2. Verify that MFA with TOTP is enabled:

```
security login show
```

After you finish

- If you have not associated a public key with the administrator account, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

[Associating a public key with a user account](#)

- The local user must log in to complete MFA configuration with TOTP.

[Configure local user account for MFA with TOTP](#)

Related information

Learn more about [Multifactor Authentication in ONTAP 9 \(TR-4647\)](#).

Configure local user account for MFA with TOTP

Beginning in ONTAP 9.13.1, user accounts can be configured with multifactor authentication (MFA) using a time-based one-time password (TOTP).

Before you begin

- The storage administrator must [enable MFA with TOTP](#) as a second authentication method for your user account.
- Your primary user account authentication method should be a user password or public SSH key.
- You must configure your TOTP app to work with your smartphone and create your TOTP secret key.

TOTP is supported by various authenticator apps such as Google Authenticator.

Steps

1. Log in to your user account with your current authentication method.

Your current authentication method should be a user password or an SSH public key.

2. Create the TOTP configuration on your account:

```
security login totp create -vserver "<svm_name>" -username  
"<account_username >"
```

3. Verify that the TOTP configuration is enabled on your account:

```
security login totp show -vserver "<svm_name>" -username  
"<account_username>"
```


Reset TOTP secret key

To protect your account security, if your TOTP secret key is compromised or lost, you should disable it and create a new one.

Reset TOTP if your key is compromised

If your TOTP secret key is compromised, but you still have access to it, you can remove the compromised key and create a new one.

1. Log in to your user account with your user password or SSH public key and your compromised TOTP secret key.
2. Remove the compromised TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp delete -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

3. Create a new TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp create -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

4. Verify that the TOTP configuration is enabled on your account:

```
security login totp show -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

Reset TOTP if your key is lost

If your TOTP secret key is lost, contact your storage administrator to [have the key disabled](#). After your key is disabled, you can use your first authentication method to log in and configure a new TOTP.

Before you begin:

The TOTP secret key must be disabled by a storage administrator. If you do not have a storage administrator account, contact your storage administrator to have the key disabled.

Steps

1. After the TOTP secret is disabled by a storage administrator, use your primary authentication method to log in into your local account.
2. Create a new TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp create -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username >
```

3. Verify that the TOTP configuration is enabled on your account:

```
security login totp show -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

Disable TOTP secret key for local account

If a local user's time-based one-time password (TOTP) secret key is lost, the lost key must be disabled by a storage administrator before the user can create a new TOTP secret key.

About this task

This task can only be performed from a storage administrator account.

Step

1. Disable the TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp delete -vserver "<svm_name>" -username  
"<account_username>"
```

Enable SSL certificate accounts

You can use the `security login create` command to enable administrator accounts to access an admin or data SVM with an SSL certificate.

What you'll need

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

About this task

- You must install a CA-signed server digital certificate before the account can access the SVM.

[Generating and installing a CA-signed server certificate](#)

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- If you are unsure of the access control role you want to assign to the login account, you can add the role later with the `security login modify` command.

[Modifying the role assigned to an administrator](#)



For cluster administrator accounts, certificate authentication is supported only with the `http` and `ontapi` applications. For SVM administrator accounts, certificate authentication is supported only with the `ontapi` application.

Step

1. Enable local administrator accounts to access an SVM using an SSL certificate:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name  
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment  
comment
```

For complete command syntax, see the [ONTAP man pages by release](#).

The following command enables the SVM administrator account `svmin2` with the default `vsadmin` role to access the `SVMengData2` using an SSL digital certificate.

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engData2 -user-or-group-name  
svmin2 -application ontapi -authmethod cert
```

After you finish

If you have not installed a CA-signed server digital certificate, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

[Generating and installing a CA-signed server certificate](#)

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