

# **Disaster recovery testing**

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# **Disaster Recovery Testing**

Previous: Monitoring ANF Cross-Region Replication.

To implement an effective disaster recovery strategy, you must test the required workflow. Testing demonstrates whether the strategy works and whether the internal documentation is sufficient, and it also allows administrators to train on the required procedures.

ANF Cross-Region Replication enables disaster recovery testing without putting RTO and RPO at risk. Disaster recovery testing can be done without interrupting data replication.

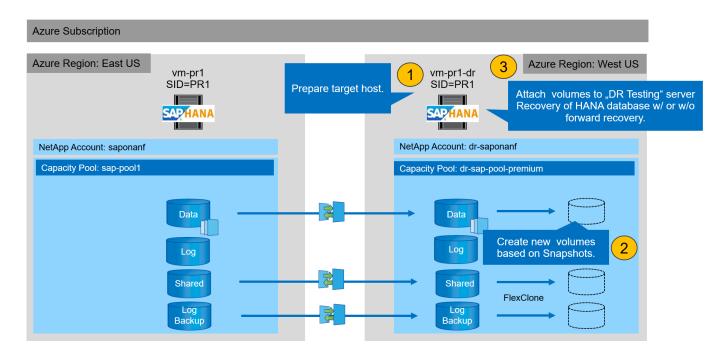
The disaster recovery testing workflow leverages the ANF feature set to create new volumes based on existing Snapshot backups at the disaster recovery target. See How Azure NetApp Files snapshots work | Microsoft Docs.

Depending on whether log backup replication is part of the disaster recovery setup or not, the steps for disaster recovery are slightly different. This section describes the disaster recovery testing for data-backup-only replication as well as for data volume replication combined with log backup volume replication.

To perform disaster recovery testing, complete the following steps:

- 1. Prepare the target host.
- 2. Create new volumes based on Snapshot backups at the disaster recovery site.
- 3. Mount the new volumes at the target host.
- 4. Recover the HANA database.
  - Data volume recovery only.
  - Forward recovery using replicated log backups.

The following subsections describe these steps in detail.



Next: Prepare the target host.

## Prepare the target host

Previous: Disaster recovery testing.

This section describes the preparation steps required at the server, which is used for disaster recovery failover testing.

During normal operation, the target host is typically used for other purposes, for example as a HANA QA or test system. Therefore, most of these steps must be run when disaster failover testing is performed. On the other hand, the relevant configuration files, like /etc/fstab and /usr/sap/sapservices, can be prepared and then put into production by simply copying the configuration file. The disaster recovery testing procedure ensures that the relevant prepared configuration files are configured correctly.

The target host preparation also includes shutting down the HANA QA or test system, as well as stopping all services using systemctl stop sapinit.

#### Target server host name and IP address

The host name of the target server must be identical to the host name of the source system. The IP address can be different.



Proper fencing of the target server must be established so that it cannot communicate with other systems. If proper fencing is not in place, then the cloned production system might exchange data with other production systems, resulting in logically corrupted data.

#### Install required software

The SAP host agent software must be installed at the target server. For more information, see the SAP Host Agent at the SAP help portal.



If the host is used as a HANA QA or test system, the SAP host agent software is already installed.

## Configure users, ports, and SAP services

The required users and groups for the SAP HANA database must be available at the target server. Typically, central user management is used; therefore, no configuration steps are necessary at the target server. The required ports for the HANA database must be configured at the target hosts. The configuration can be copied from the source system by copying the /etc/services file to the target server.

The required SAP services entries must be available at the target host. The configuration can be copied from the source system by copying the /usr/sap/sapservices file to the target server. The following output shows the required entries for the SAP HANA database used in the lab setup.

```
vm-pr1:~ # cat /usr/sap/sapservices
#!/bin/sh
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01/exe:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH;export
LD_LIBRARY_PATH;/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01/exe/sapstartsrv
pf=/usr/sap/PR1/SYS/profile/PR1_HDB01_vm-pr1 -D -u prladm
limit.descriptors=1048576
```

#### **Prepare HANA log volume**

Because the HANA log volume is not part of the replication, an empty log volume must exist at the target host. The log volume must include the same subdirectories as the source HANA system.

```
vm-pr1:~ # ls -al /hana/log/PR1/mnt00001/
total 16
drwxrwxrwx 5 root root 4096 Feb 19 16:20 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 22 Feb 18 13:38 ..
drwxr-xr-- 2 prladm sapsys 4096 Feb 22 10:25 hdb000001
drwxr-xr-- 2 prladm sapsys 4096 Feb 22 10:25 hdb000002.00003
drwxr-xr-- 2 prladm sapsys 4096 Feb 22 10:25 hdb00003.00003
vm-pr1:~ #
```

#### Prepare log backup volume

Because the source system is configured with a separate volume for the HANA log backups, a log backup volume must also be available at the target host. A volume for the log backups must be configured and mounted at the target host.

If log backup volume replication is part of the disaster recovery setup, a new volume based on a snapshot is mounted at the target host, and it is not necessary to prepare an additional log backup volume.

## Prepare file system mounts

The following table shows the naming conventions used in the lab setup. The volume names of the new volumes at the disaster recovery site are included in /etc/fstab. These volume names are used in the volume creation step in the next section.

HANA PR1 volumes	New volume and subdirectories at disaster recovery site	Mount point at target host
Data volume	PR1-data-mnt00001-sm-dest-clone	/hana/data/PR1/mnt00001
Shared volume	PR1-shared-sm-dest-clone/shared PR1-shared-sm-dest-clone/usr-sap- PR1	,
Log backup volume	hanabackup-sm-dest-clone	/hanabackup



Here are the required /etc/fstab entries.

```
vm-pr1:~ # cat /etc/fstab
# HANA ANF DB Mounts
10.0.2.4:/PR1-data-mnt00001-sm-dest-clone /hana/data/PR1/mnt00001 nfs
rw, vers=4, minorversion=1, hard, timeo=600, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, intr, noa
time, lock, netdev, sec=sys 0 0
10.0.2.4:/PR1-log-mnt00001-dr /hana/log/PR1/mnt00001 nfs
rw, vers=4, minorversion=1, hard, timeo=600, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, intr, noa
time, lock, netdev, sec=sys 0 0
# HANA ANF Shared Mounts
10.0.2.4:/PR1-shared-sm-dest-clone/hana-shared /hana/shared nfs
rw, vers=4, minorversion=1, hard, timeo=600, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, intr, noa
time, lock, netdev, sec=sys 0 0
10.0.2.4:/PR1-shared-sm-dest-clone/usr-sap-PR1 /usr/sap/PR1 nfs
rw, vers=4, minorversion=1, hard, timeo=600, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, intr, noa
time, lock, netdev, sec=sys 0 0
# HANA file and log backup destination
10.0.2.4:/hanabackup-sm-dest-clone /hanabackup nfs
rw, vers=3, hard, timeo=600, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=8, bg, noatime, n
olock 0 0
```

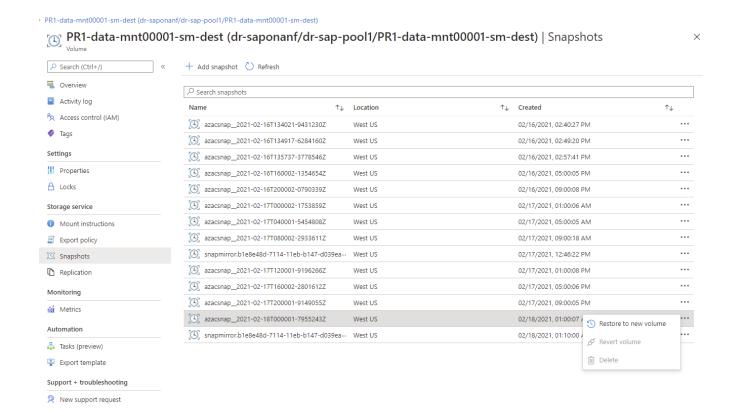
Next: Create new volumes based on snapshot backups at the disaster recovery site.

# Create new volumes based on snapshot backups at the disaster recovery site

Previous: Prepare the target host.

Depending on the disaster recovery setup (with or without log backup replication), two or three new volumes based on snapshot backups must be created. In both cases, a new volume of the data and the HANA shared volume must be created. A new volume of the log backup volume must be created if the log backup data is also replicated. In our example, data and the log backup volume have been replicated to the disaster recovery site. The following steps use the Azure Portal.

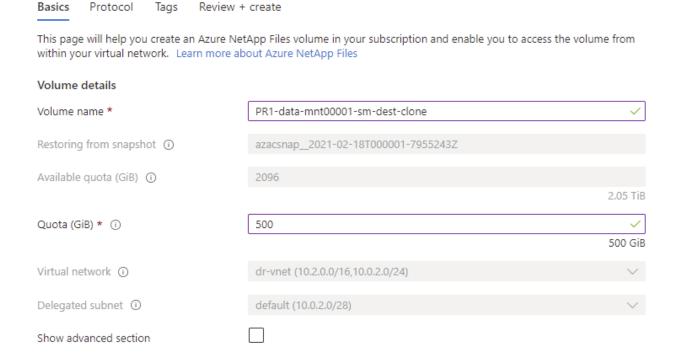
1. One of the application-consistent snapshot backups is selected as a source for the new volume of the HANA data volume. Restore to New Volume is selected to create a new volume based on the snapshot backup.



2. The new volume name and quota must be provided in the user interface.

Home > Azure NetApp Files > dr-saponanf > dr-sap-pool1 (dr-saponanf/dr-sap-pool1) > PR1-data-mnt00001-sm-dest (d

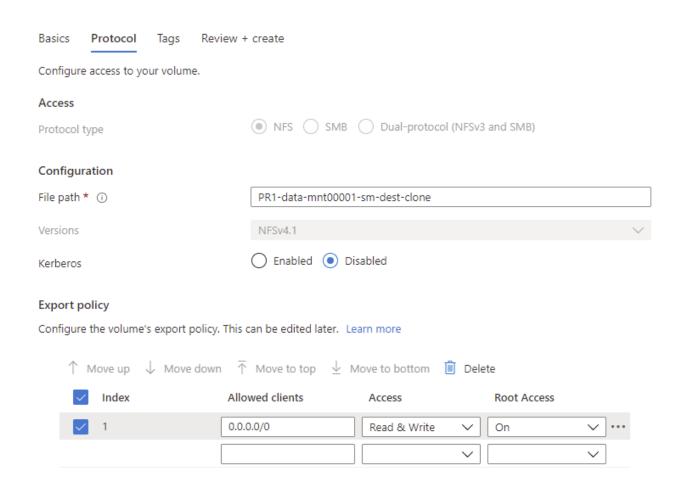
#### Create a volume



3. Within the protocol tab, the file path and export policy are configured.

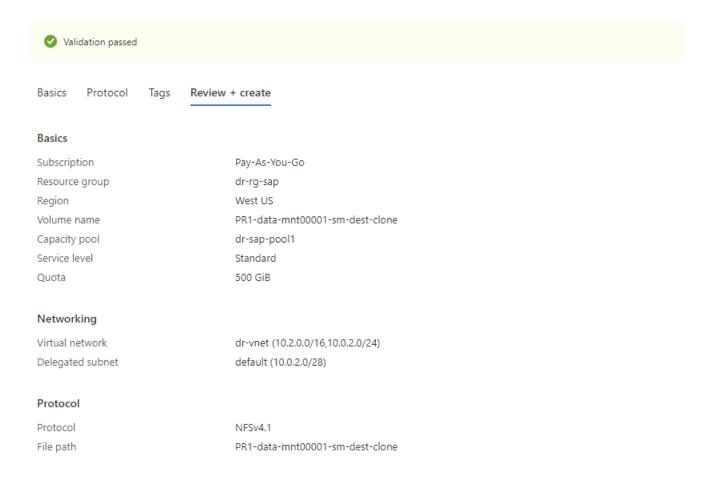
Home > Azure NetApp Files > dr-saponanf > dr-sap-pool1 (dr-saponanf/dr-sap-pool1) > PR1-data-mnt00001-sm-dest (d

#### Create a volume

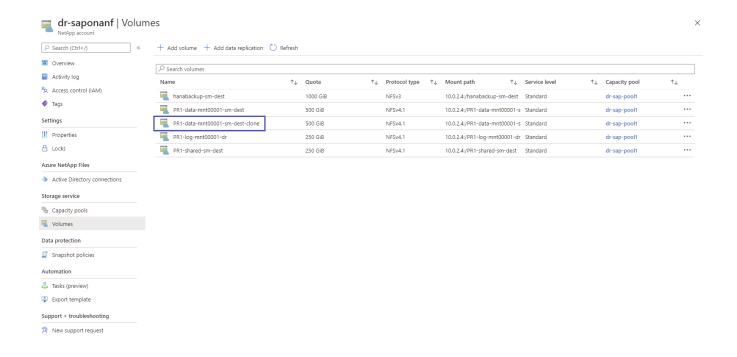


4. The Create and Review screen summarizes the configuration.

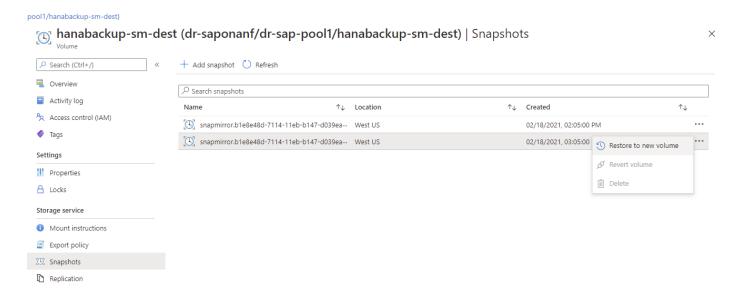
#### Create a volume



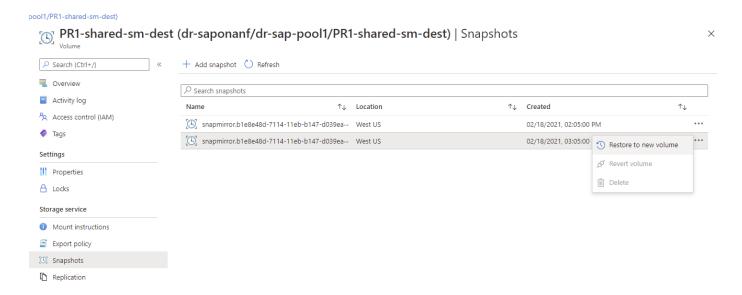
5. A new volume has now been created based on the HANA snapshot backup.



The same steps must now be performed for the HANA shared and the log backup volume as shown in the following two screenshots. Since no additional snapshots have been created for the HANA shared and log backup volume, the newest SnapMirror Snapshot copy must be selected as the source for the new volume. This is unstructured data, and the SnapMirror Snapshot copy can be used for this use case.



The following screenshot shows the HANA shared volume restored to new volume.





If a capacity pool with a low performance tier has been used, the volumes must now be moved to a capacity pool that provides the required performance.

All three new volumes are now available and can be mounted at the target host.

Next: Mount the new volumes at the target host.

## Mount the new volumes at the target host

Previous: Create new volumes based on snapshot backups at the disaster recovery site.

The new volumes can now be mounted at the target host, based on the /etc/fstab file created before.

```
vm-pr1:~ # mount -a
```

The following output shows the required file systems.

Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	
Available Use% Mounted on			
devtmpfs	8190344	8	
8190336 1% /dev			
tmpfs	12313116	0	
12313116 0% /dev/shm			
tmpfs	8208744	17292	
8191452 1% /run			
tmpfs	8208744	0	
8208744 0% /sys/fs/cgroup			
/dev/sda4	29866736	2438052	
27428684 9% /			
/dev/sda3	1038336	101520	
936816 10% /boot			
/dev/sda2	524008	1072	
522936 1% /boot/efi			
/dev/sdb1	32894736	49176	
31151560 1% /mnt			
tmpfs	1641748	0	
1641748 0% /run/user/0			
10.0.2.4:/PR1-log-mnt00001-dr	107374182400	256	
107374182144 1% /hana/log/PR1/mnt00001			
10.0.2.4:/PR1-data-mnt00001-sm-dest-clone	107377026560	6672640	
107370353920 1% /hana/data/PR1/mnt00001	4.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	1100100	
10.0.2.4:/PR1-shared-sm-dest-clone/hana-shared	107377048320	11204096	
107365844224 1% /hana/shared	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	1100100	
10.0.2.4:/PR1-shared-sm-dest-clone/usr-sap-PR1	10/3//048320	11204096	
107365844224 1% /usr/sap/PR1	1000000000	05000115	
10.0.2.4:/hanabackup-sm-dest-clone	107379429120	35293440	
107344135680 1% /hanabackup			

Next: HANA database recovery.

# **HANA** database recovery

Previous: Mount the volumes at the target host.

Start the required SAP services.

```
vm-pr1:~ # systemctl start sapinit
```

The following output shows the required processes.

```
vm-pr1:/ # ps -ef | grep sap
root 23101
               1 0 11:29 ?
                                    00:00:00
/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostexec pf=/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/host profile
              1 3 11:29 ?
pr1adm 23191
                                     00:00:00
/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01/exe/sapstartsrv
pf=/usr/sap/PR1/SYS/profile/PR1 HDB01 vm-pr1 -D -u pr1adm
sapadm 23202 1 5 11:29 ?
                                     00:00:00
/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/sapstartsrv pf=/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/host profile -D
        23292
                  1 0 11:29 ?
                                     00:00:00
/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saposcol -l -w60
pf=/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/host profile
root
        23359 2597 0 11:29 pts/1 00:00:00 grep --color=auto sap
```

The following subsections describe the recovery process with and without forward recovery using the replicated log backups. The recovery is executed using the HANA recovery script for the system database and hdbsql commands for the tenant database.

#### Recovery to latest HANA data volume backup savepoint

The recovery to the latest backup savepoint is executed with the following commands as user pr1adm:

System database

```
recoverSys.py --command "RECOVER DATA USING SNAPSHOT CLEAR LOG"
```

Tenant database

```
Within hdbsql: RECOVER DATA FOR PR1 USING SNAPSHOT CLEAR LOG
```

You can also use HANA Studio or Cockpit to execute the recovery of the system and the tenant database.

The following command output show the recovery execution.

#### System database recovery

```
prladm@vm-prl:/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01> HDBSettings.sh recoverSys.py
--command="RECOVER DATA USING SNAPSHOT CLEAR LOG"
[139702869464896, 0.008] >> starting recoverSys (at Fri Feb 19 14:32:16
2021)
[139702869464896, 0.008] args: ()
[139702869464896, 0.009] keys: {'command': 'RECOVER DATA USING SNAPSHOT
CLEAR LOG' }
using logfile /usr/sap/PR1/HDB01/vm-pr1/trace/backup.log
recoverSys started: =======2021-02-19 14:32:16 ========
testing master: vm-pr1
vm-pr1 is master
shutdown database, timeout is 120
stop system
stop system on: vm-pr1
stopping system: 2021-02-19 14:32:16
stopped system: 2021-02-19 14:32:16
creating file recoverInstance.sql
restart database
restart master nameserver: 2021-02-19 14:32:21
start system: vm-pr1
sapcontrol parameter: ['-function', 'Start']
sapcontrol returned successfully:
2021-02-19T14:32:56+00:00 P0027646
                                       177bab4d610 INFO
                                                           RECOVERY
RECOVER DATA finished successfully
recoverSys finished successfully: 2021-02-19 14:32:58
[139702869464896, 42.017] 0
[139702869464896, 42.017] << ending recoverSys, rc = 0 (RC TEST OK), after
42.009 secs
prladm@vm-prl:/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01>
```

#### **Tenant database recovery**

If a user store key has not been created for the pr1adm user at the source system, a key must be created at the target system. The database user configured in the key must have privileges to execute tenant recovery operations.

```
prladm@vm-pr1:/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01> hdbuserstore set PR1KEY vm-pr1:30113
<backup-user> <password>
```

The tenant recovery is now executed with hdbsql.

```
prladm@vm-prl:/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01> hdbsql -U PR1KEY
Welcome to the SAP HANA Database interactive terminal.
Type: \h for help with commands
        \q to quit
hdbsql SYSTEMDB=> RECOVER DATA FOR PR1 USING SNAPSHOT CLEAR LOG
0 rows affected (overall time 66.973089 sec; server time 66.970736 sec)
hdbsql SYSTEMDB=>
```

The HANA database is now up and running, and the disaster recovery workflow for the HANA database has been tested.

### Recovery with forward recovery using log/catalog backups

Log backups and the HANA backup catalog are being replicated from the source system.

The recovery using all available log backups is executed with the following commands as user pr1adm:

· System database

```
recoverSys.py --command "RECOVER DATABASE UNTIL TIMESTAMP '2021-02-20 00:00:00' CLEAR LOG USING SNAPSHOT"
```

· Tenant database

```
Within hdbsql: RECOVER DATABASE FOR PR1 UNTIL TIMESTAMP '2021-02-20 00:00:00' CLEAR LOG USING SNAPSHOT
```



To recover using all available logs, you can just use any time in the future as the timestamp in the recovery statement.

You can also use HANA Studio or Cockpit to execute the recovery of the system and the tenant database.

The following command output show the recovery execution.

#### System database recovery

```
prladm@vm-prl:/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01> HDBSettings.sh recoverSys.py --command
"RECOVER DATABASE UNTIL TIMESTAMP '2021-02-20 00:00:00' CLEAR LOG USING
SNAPSHOT"
[140404915394368, 0.008] >> starting recoverSys (at Fri Feb 19 16:06:40
2021)
[140404915394368, 0.008] args: ()
[140404915394368, 0.008] keys: {'command': "RECOVER DATABASE UNTIL
TIMESTAMP '2021-02-20 00:00:00' CLEAR LOG USING SNAPSHOT"}
using logfile /usr/sap/PR1/HDB01/vm-pr1/trace/backup.log
recoverSys started: =======2021-02-19 16:06:40 =========
testing master: vm-pr1
vm-pr1 is master
shutdown database, timeout is 120
stop system
stop system on: vm-pr1
stopping system: 2021-02-19 16:06:40
stopped system: 2021-02-19 16:06:41
creating file recoverInstance.sql
restart database
restart master nameserver: 2021-02-19 16:06:46
start system: vm-pr1
sapcontrol parameter: ['-function', 'Start']
sapcontrol returned successfully:
2021-02-19T16:07:19+00:00 P0009897 177bb0b4416 INFO RECOVERY
RECOVER DATA finished successfully, reached timestamp 2021-02-
19T15:17:33+00:00, reached log position 38272960
recoverSys finished successfully: 2021-02-19 16:07:20
[140404915394368, 39.757] 0
[140404915394368, 39.758] << ending recoverSys, rc = 0 (RC TEST OK), after
39.749 secs
```

#### **Tenant database recovery**

```
prladm@vm-pr1:/usr/sap/PR1/HDB01> hdbsql -U PR1KEY
Welcome to the SAP HANA Database interactive terminal.
Type: \h for help with commands
        \q to quit
hdbsql SYSTEMDB=> RECOVER DATABASE FOR PR1 UNTIL TIMESTAMP '2021-02-20
00:00:00' CLEAR LOG USING SNAPSHOT
0 rows affected (overall time 63.791121 sec; server time 63.788754 sec)
hdbsql SYSTEMDB=>
```

The HANA database is now up and running, and the disaster recovery workflow for the HANA database has been tested.

#### **Check consistency of latest log backups**

Because log backup volume replication is performed independently of the log backup process executed by the SAP HANA database, there might be open, inconsistent log backup files at the disaster recovery site. Only the latest log backup files might be inconsistent, and those files should be checked before a forward recovery is performed at the disaster recovery site using the hdbbackupcheck tool.

If the hdbbackupcheck tool reports an error for the latest log backups, the latest set of log backups must be removed or deleted.

```
prladm@hana-10: > hdbbackupcheck
/hanabackup/PR1/log/SYSTEMDB/log_backup_0_0_0.1589289811148
Loaded library 'libhdbcsaccessor'
Loaded library 'libhdblivecache'
Backup '/mnt/log-backup/SYSTEMDB/log_backup_0_0_0.1589289811148'
successfully checked.
```

The check must be executed for the latest log backup files of the system and the tenant database.

If the hdbbackupcheck tool reports an error for the latest log backups, the latest set of log backups must be removed or deleted.

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