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# License management

# Manage capacity-based licenses

Manage your capacity-based licenses from the Digital Wallet to ensure that your NetApp account has enough capacity for your Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.

Capacity-based licenses enable you to pay for Cloud Volumes ONTAP per TiB of capacity.

The *Digital Wallet* enables you to manage licenses for Cloud Volumes ONTAP from a single location. You can add new licenses and update existing licenses.

Learn more about Cloud Volumes ONTAP licenses.

### How licenses are added to the Digital Wallet

After you purchase a license from your NetApp sales representative, NetApp will send you an email with the serial number and additional licensing details.

In the meantime, Cloud Manager automatically queries NetApp's licensing service to obtain details about the licenses associated with your NetApp Support Site account. If there are no errors, Cloud Manager automatically adds the licenses to the Digital Wallet.

If Cloud Manager can't add the license, you'll need to manually add them to the Digital Wallet yourself. For example, if the Connector is installed in a location that doesn't have internet access, you'll need to add the licenses yourself. Learn how to add purchased licenses to your account.

# View your account's capacity

View the licensed capacity and provisioned capacity by package to ensure that you have enough room for your data volumes.

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. With **Capacity Based Licenses** selected, view the licensed capacity and provisioned capacity for each package.



3. If needed, purchase additional licensed capacity and then add the license to your account.

# Add purchased licenses to your account

If you don't see your purchased licenses in the Digital Wallet, you'll need to add the licenses to Cloud Manager so that the capacity is available for Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

# What you'll need

- You need to provide Cloud Manager the serial number of the license or the license file.
- If you want to enter the serial number, you first need to add your NetApp Support Site account to Cloud Manager. This is the NetApp Support Site account that's authorized to access the serial number.

#### Steps

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- Click Add License.
- 3. Enter the serial number for your capacity-based license or upload the license file.

If you entered a serial number, you also need to select the NetApp Support Site account that's authorized to access the serial number.

4. Click Add License.

# Update a capacity-based license

If you purchased additional capacity or extended the term of your license, Cloud Manager automatically updates the license in the Digital Wallet. There's nothing that you need to do.

However, if you deployed Cloud Manager in a location that doesn't have internet access, then you'll need to manually update the license in Cloud Manager.

# What you'll need

The license file (or files if you have an HA pair).

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Click the action menu next to the license and select **Update License**.
- 3. Upload the license file.

4. Click **Upload License**.

# Remove a capacity-based license

If a capacity-based license expired and is no longer in use, then you can remove it at any time.

### **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Click the action menu next to the license and select **Remove License**.
- Click Remove to confirm.

# **Manage Keystone Flex Subscriptions**

Manage your Keystone Flex Subscriptions from the Digital Wallet by enabling subscriptions for use with Cloud Volumes ONTAP. You can also request changes to the committed capacity and you can unlink subscriptions.

A Keystone Flex Subscription is a pay-as-you-grow storage service offered by NetApp.

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# Authorize your account

Before you can use and manage Keystone Flex Subscriptions in Cloud Manager, you need to contact NetApp to authorize your Cloud Manager user account with your Keystone Flex Subscriptions.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet.
- 2. Click Keystone Flex Subscription.
- 3. If you see the Welcome to NetApp Keystone page, send an email to the address listed on the page.

A NetApp representative will process your request by authorizing your user account to access the subscriptions.

4. Come back to the **Keystone Flex Subscription** to view your subscriptions.



#### What's next?

Link the subscriptions that you want to use with Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

# Link a subscription

After NetApp authorizes your account, you need to link Keystone Flex Subscriptions for use with Cloud Volumes ONTAP. This action enables users to select the subscription as the charging method for new Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.

### Steps

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet.
- 2. Click Keystone Flex Subscription.
- 3. For the subscription that you want to link, click ••• and select Link.



### Result

The subscription is now linked to your Cloud Manager account and available to select when creating a Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment.

# Request more or less committed capacity

If you need to adjust the committed capacity for a subscription, you can send a request right from the Cloud Manager interface.

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet.
- 2. Click Keystone Flex Subscription.
- 3. For the subscription that you want adjust the capacity, click ••• and select View detail and edit.
- 4. Enter the requested committed capacity for one or more subscriptions.



5. Scroll down, enter any additional details for the request, and then click Submit.

# Result

Your request creates a ticket in NetApp's system for processing.

# Unlink a subscription

If you no longer want to use a Keystone Flex Subscription with new Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems, you can unlink the subscription. Note that you can only unlink a subscription that isn't attached to an existing Cloud Volumes ONTAP subscription.

# **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet.
- 2. Click Keystone Flex Subscription.
- 3. For the subscription that you want to unlink, click ••• and select **Unlink**.

### Result

The subscription is unlinked from your Cloud Manager account and no longer available to select when creating a Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment.

# Manage node-based licenses

Manage node-based licenses in the Digital Wallet to ensure that each Cloud Volumes ONTAP system has a valid license with the required capacity.

Node-based licenses are the previous generation licensing model (and not available for new customers):

- · BYOL licenses purchased from NetApp
- · Hourly pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) subscriptions from your cloud provider's marketplace

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Learn more about Cloud Volumes ONTAP licenses.

# Manage PAYGO licenses

The Digital Wallet page enables you to view details about each of your PAYGO Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems, including the serial number and PAYGO license type.

# **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select Node Based Licenses from the drop-down.
- 3. Click PAYGO.
- 4. View details in the table about each of your PAYGO licenses.



5. If needed, click Manage PAYGO License to change the PAYGO license or to change the instance type.

### Manage BYOL licenses

Manage licenses that you purchased directly from NetApp by adding and removing system licenses and extra capacity licenses.

#### Add unassigned licenses

Add a node-based license to the Digital Wallet so that you can select the license when you create a new Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. The Digital Wallet identifies these licenses as *unassigned*.

### **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select **Node Based Licenses** from the drop-down.
- 3. Click Unassigned.
- 4. Click Add Unassigned Licenses.
- 5. Enter the serial number of the license or upload the license file.

If you don't have the license file yet, refer to the section below.

6. Click Add License.

#### Result

Cloud Manager adds the license to the Digital Wallet. The license will be identified as unassigned until you associate it with a new Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. After that happens, the license moves to the **BYOL** tab in the Digital Wallet.

#### Exchange unassigned node-based licenses

If you have an unassigned node-based license for Cloud Volumes ONTAP that you haven't used, you can exchange the license by converting it to a Cloud Backup license, a Cloud Data Sense license, or a Cloud Tiering license.

Exchanging the license revokes the Cloud Volumes ONTAP license and creates a dollar-equivalent license for the service:

- Licensing for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA pair is converted to a 51 TiB data service license
- Licensing for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP single node is converted to a 32 TiB data service license

The converted license has the same expiry date as the Cloud Volumes ONTAP license.

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select **Node Based Licenses** from the drop-down.
- Click Unassigned.
- 4. Click Exchange License.



- 5. Select the service that you'd like to exchange the license with.
- 6. If you're prompted, select an additional license for the HA pair.
- 7. Read the legal consent and click Agree.

#### Result

Cloud Manager converts the unassigned license to the service that you selected. You can view the new license in the **Data Services Licenses** tab.

#### Obtain a system license file

In most cases, Cloud Manager can automatically obtain your license file using your NetApp Support Site account. But if it can't, then you'll need to manually upload the license file. If you don't have the license file, you can obtain it from netapp.com.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Go to the NetApp License File Generator and log in using your NetApp Support Site credentials.
- 2. Enter your password, choose your product, enter the serial number, confirm that you have read and accepted the privacy policy, and then click **Submit**.

### **Example**

3. Choose whether you want to receive the serialnumber.NLF JSON file through email or direct download.

# Update a system license

When you renew a BYOL subscription by contacting a NetApp representative, Cloud Manager automatically obtains the new license from NetApp and installs it on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

If Cloud Manager can't access the license file over the secure internet connection, you can obtain the file yourself and then manually upload the file to Cloud Manager.

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select **Node Based Licenses** from the drop-down.
- 3. In the BYOL tab, expand the details for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
- 4. Click the action menu next to the system license and select **Update License**.
- 5. Upload the license file (or files if you have an HA pair).

6. Click Update License.

#### Result

Cloud Manager updates the license on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

#### Manage extra capacity licenses

You can purchase extra capacity licenses for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP BYOL system to allocate more than the 368 TiB of capacity that's provided with a BYOL system license. For example, you might purchase one extra license capacity to allocate up to 736 TiB of capacity to Cloud Volumes ONTAP. Or you could purchase three extra capacity licenses to get up to 1.4 PiB.

The number of licenses that you can purchase for a single node system or HA pair is unlimited.

# Add capacity licenses

Purchase an extra capacity license by contacting us through the chat icon in the lower-right of Cloud Manager. After you purchase the license, you can apply it to a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

### **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select **Node Based Licenses** from the drop-down.
- 3. In the **BYOL** tab, expand the details for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
- 4. Click Add Capacity License.
- 5. Enter the serial number or upload the license file (or files if you have an HA pair).
- Click Add Capacity License.

#### Update capacity licenses

If you extended the term of an extra capacity license, you'll need to update the license in Cloud Manager.

#### Steps

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select **Node Based Licenses** from the drop-down.
- 3. In the **BYOL** tab, expand the details for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
- 4. Click the action menu next to the capacity license and select **Update License**.
- 5. Upload the license file (or files if you have an HA pair).
- 6. Click Update License.

### Remove capacity licenses

If an extra capacity license expired and is no longer in use, then you can remove it at any time.

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select Node Based Licenses from the drop-down.
- 3. In the BYOL tab, expand the details for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

- 4. Click the action menu next to the capacity license and select **Remove License**.
- Click Remove.

#### Convert an Eval license to a BYOL

An evaluation license is good for 30 days. You can apply a new BYOL license on top of the evaluation license for an in-place upgrade.

When you convert an Eval license to a BYOL, Cloud Manager restarts the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

- For a single-node system, the restart results in I/O interruption during the reboot process.
- For an HA pair, the restart initiates takeover and giveback to continue serving I/O to clients.

### **Steps**

- 1. Click All Services > Digital Wallet > Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 2. Select Node Based Licenses from the drop-down.
- Click Eval.
- 4. In the table, click Convert to BYOL License for a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
- 5. Enter the serial number or upload the license file.
- Click Convert License.

#### Result

Cloud Manager starts the conversion process. Cloud Volumes ONTAP automatically restarts as part of this process. When it's back up, the licensing information will reflect the new license.

# **Volume and LUN administration**

# Create FlexVol volumes

If you need more storage after you launch your initial Cloud Volumes ONTAP system, you can create new FlexVol volumes for NFS, CIFS, or iSCSI from Cloud Manager.

Cloud Manager provides several ways to create a new volume:

- Specify details for a new volume and let Cloud Manager handle the underlying data aggregates for you.
   Learn more.
- Create a volume on a data aggregate of your choice. Learn more.
- Create volume from a template to optimize the volume for the workload requirements for certain applications, such as databases or streaming services. Learn more.
- Create a volume on the second node in an HA configuration. Learn more.

# Before you get started

A few notes about volume provisioning:

When you create an iSCSI volume, Cloud Manager automatically creates a LUN for you. We've made it
simple by creating just one LUN per volume, so there's no management involved. After you create the
volume, use the IQN to connect to the LUN from your hosts.

· You can create additional LUNs from System Manager or the CLI.

#### Create a volume

The most common way to create a volume is to specify the type of volume that you need and then Cloud Manager handles the disk allocation for you. But you also have the option to choose the specific aggregate on which you want to create the volume.

# Steps

- 1. On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system on which you want to provision a FlexVol volume.
- 2. Create a new volume by letting Cloud Manager handle the disk allocation for you, or choose a specific aggregate for the volume.

Choosing a specific aggregate is recommended only if you have a good understanding of the data aggregates on your Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

# Any aggregate

In the Volumes tab, click **Add Volume** > **New volume**.

# Specific aggregate

- a. Click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
- b. Click the menu for an aggregate.
- c. Click Create volume.
- 3. Follow the steps in the wizard to create the volume.
  - a. Details, Protection, and Tags: Enter basic details about the volume and select a Snapshot policy.

Some of the fields on this page are self-explanatory. The following list describes fields for which you might need guidance:

Field	Description
Volume Size	The maximum size that you can enter largely depends on whether you enable thin provisioning, which enables you to create a volume that is bigger than the physical storage currently available to it.
Tags	Tags that you add to a volume are associated with the Application Templates service, which can help you organize and simplify the management of your resources.
Snapshot Policy	A Snapshot copy policy specifies the frequency and number of automatically created NetApp Snapshot copies. A NetApp Snapshot copy is a point-intime file system image that has no performance impact and requires minimal storage. You can choose the default policy or none. You might choose none for transient data: for example, tempdb for Microsoft SQL Server.

b. **Protocol**: Choose a protocol for the volume (NFS, CIFS, or iSCSI) and then provide the required information.

If you select CIFS and a server isn't set up, Cloud Manager prompts you to set up CIFS connectivity

after you click **Next**.

Learn about supported client protocols and versions.

The following sections describe fields for which you might need guidance. The descriptions are organized by protocol.

#### **NFS**

#### **Access control**

Choose a custom export policy to make the volume available to clients.

# **Export policy**

Defines the clients in the subnet that can access the volume. By default, Cloud Manager enters a value that provides access to all instances in the subnet.

#### CIFS

# Permissions and users/groups

Enables you to control the level of access to an SMB share for users and groups (also called access control lists or ACLs). You can specify local or domain Windows users or groups, or UNIX users or groups. If you specify a domain Windows user name, you must include the user's domain using the format domain\username.

# **DNS Primary and Secondary IP Address**

The IP addresses of the DNS servers that provide name resolution for the CIFS server. The listed DNS servers must contain the service location records (SRV) needed to locate the Active Directory LDAP servers and domain controllers for the domain that the CIFS server will join.

If you're configuring Google Managed Active Directory, AD can be accessed by default with the 169.254.169.254 IP address.

# **Active Directory Domain to join**

The FQDN of the Active Directory (AD) domain that you want the CIFS server to join.

# Credentials authorized to join the domain

The name and password of a Windows account with sufficient privileges to add computers to the specified Organizational Unit (OU) within the AD domain.

## **CIFS server NetBIOS name**

A CIFS server name that is unique in the AD domain.

#### **Organizational Unit**

The organizational unit within the AD domain to associate with the CIFS server. The default is CN=Computers.

 To configure Google Managed Microsoft AD as the AD server for Cloud Volumes ONTAP, enter OU=Computers, OU=Cloud in this field.

Google Cloud Documentation: Organizational Units in Google Managed Microsoft AD

### **DNS Domain**

The DNS domain for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage virtual machine (SVM). In most cases, the domain is the same as the AD domain.

#### **NTP Server**

Select **Use Active Directory Domain** to configure an NTP server using the Active Directory DNS. If you need to configure an NTP server using a different address, then you should use the API. See the Cloud Manager automation docs for details.

Note that you can configure an NTP server only when creating a CIFS server. It's not configurable after you create the CIFS server.

#### iSCSI

# LUN

iSCSI storage targets are called LUNs (logical units) and are presented to hosts as standard block devices. When you create an iSCSI volume, Cloud Manager automatically creates a LUN for you. We've made it simple by creating just one LUN per volume, so there's no management involved. After you create the volume, use the IQN to connect to the LUN from your hosts.

# **Initiator group**

Initiator groups (igroups) specify which hosts can access specified LUNs on the storage system

# **Host initiator (IQN)**

iSCSI targets connect to the network through standard Ethernet network adapters (NICs), TCP offload engine (TOE) cards with software initiators, converged network adapters (CNAs) or dedicated host bust adapters (HBAs) and are identified by iSCSI qualified names (IQNs).

- c. **Disk Type**: Choose an underlying disk type for the volume based on your performance needs and cost requirements.
  - Sizing your system in Google Cloud
- d. **Usage Profile & Tiering Policy**: Choose whether to enable or disable storage efficiency features on the volume and then select a volume tiering policy.

ONTAP includes several storage efficiency features that can reduce the total amount of storage that you need. NetApp storage efficiency features provide the following benefits:

#### Thin provisioning

Presents more logical storage to hosts or users than you actually have in your physical storage pool. Instead of preallocating storage space, storage space is allocated dynamically to each volume as data is written.

# Deduplication

Improves efficiency by locating identical blocks of data and replacing them with references to a single shared block. This technique reduces storage capacity requirements by eliminating redundant blocks of data that reside in the same volume.

#### Compression

Reduces the physical capacity required to store data by compressing data within a volume on primary, secondary, and archive storage.

e. Review: Review details about the volume and then click Add.

#### Result

Cloud Manager creates the volume on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

#### Create a volume from a template

If your organization has created Cloud Volumes ONTAP volume templates so you can deploy volumes that are

optimized for the workload requirements for certain applications, follow the steps in this section.

The template should make your job easier because certain volume parameters will already be defined in the template, such as disk type, size, protocol, snapshot policy, cloud provider, and more. When a parameter is already predefined, you can just skip to the next volume parameter.



You can only create NFS or CIFS volumes when using templates.

# **Steps**

- 1. On the Canvas page, click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system on which you want to provision a volume.
- 2. Click > Add Volume From Template.



3. In the Select Template page, select the template that you want to use to create the volume and click **Next**.



The Define Parameters page is displayed.





You can click the checkbox **Show read-only parameters** to show all the fields that have been locked by the template if you want to see the values for those parameters. By default these predefined fields are hidden and only the fields you need to complete are shown.

- 4. In the *Context* area, the Working Environment is filled in with the name of the working environment you started with. You need to select the **Storage VM** where the volume will be created.
- 5. Add values for all of the parameters that are not hard-coded from the template. See Create a volume for details about all the parameters you need to complete to deploy a Cloud Volumes ONTAP volume.
- 6. If there are no other Actions that you need to define (for example, configuring Cloud Backup), click **Run Template**.

If there are other actions, click the action in the left pane to display the parameters you need to complete.



For example, if the Enable Cloud Backup action requires that you select a backup policy, you can do that now.

7. Click Run Template.

#### Result

Cloud Volumes ONTAP provisions the volume and displays a page so that you can see the progress.



Additionally, if any secondary action is implemented in the template, for example, enabling Cloud Backup on the volume, that action is also performed.

# Create a volume on the second node in an HA configuration

By default, Cloud Manager creates volumes on the first node in an HA configuration. If you need an activeactive configuration, in which both nodes serve data to clients, you must create aggregates and volumes on the second node.

#### **Steps**

- 1. On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment on which you want to manage aggregates.
- 2. Click the menu icon and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
- 3. Click **Add Aggregate** and then create the aggregate.
- 4. For Home Node, choose the second node in the HA pair.
- 5. After Cloud Manager creates the aggregate, select it and then click **Create volume**.
- 6. Enter details for the new volume, and then click Create.

#### Result

Cloud Manager creates the volume on the second node in the HA pair.

# After you create a volume

If you provisioned a CIFS share, give users or groups permissions to the files and folders and verify that those users can access the share and create a file.

If you want to apply quotas to volumes, you must use System Manager or the CLI. Quotas enable you to restrict or track the disk space and number of files used by a user, group, or qtree.

# Manage existing volumes

Cloud Manager enables you to manage volumes and CIFS servers. It also prompts you to move volumes to avoid capacity issues.

# Manage volumes

You can manage volumes as your storage needs change. You can view, edit, clone, restore, and delete volumes.

- 1. On the Canvas page, double-click the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment on which you want to manage volumes.
- 2. Manage your volumes:

Task	Action
View information about a volume	Select a volume, and then click <b>Info</b> .
Edit a volume (read-write volumes only)	<ul> <li>a. Select a volume, and then click Edit.</li> <li>b. Modify the volume's Snapshot policy, NFS protocol version, NFS access control list (export policy), or share permissions, and then click Update.</li> <li>If you need custom Snapshot policies, you can create them by using System Manager.</li> </ul>
Clone a volume	<ul> <li>a. Select a volume, and then click Clone.</li> <li>b. Modify the clone name as needed, and then click Clone.</li> <li>This process creates a FlexClone volume. A FlexClone volume is a writable, point-in-time copy that is space-efficient because it uses a small amount of space for metadata, and then only consumes additional space as data is changed or added.</li> <li>To learn more about FlexClone volumes, see the ONTAP 9 Logical Storage Management Guide.</li> </ul>
Restore data from a Snapshot copy to a new volume	<ul><li>a. Select a volume, and then click <b>Restore from Snapshot copy</b>.</li><li>b. Select a Snapshot copy, enter a name for the new volume, and then click <b>Restore</b>.</li></ul>
Create a Snapshot copy on demand	<ul><li>a. Select a volume, and then click Create a Snapshot copy.</li><li>b. Change the name, if needed, and then click Create.</li></ul>
Get the NFS mount command	<ul><li>a. Select a volume, and then click <b>Mount Command</b>.</li><li>b. Click <b>Copy</b>.</li></ul>

Task	Action
View the target iQN for an iSCSI volume	<ul><li>a. Select a volume, and then click <b>Target iQN</b>.</li><li>b. Click <b>Copy</b>.</li><li>c. Use the IQN to connect to the LUN from your hosts.</li></ul>
Change the underlying disk type	a. Select a volume, and then click <b>Change Disk Type &amp; Tiering Policy</b> .  b. Select the disk type, and then click <b>Change</b> .  Cloud Manager moves the volume to an existing aggregate that uses the selected disk type or it creates a new aggregate for the volume.
Change the tiering policy	<ul> <li>a. Select a volume, and then click Change Disk Type &amp; Tiering Policy.</li> <li>b. Click Edit Policy.</li> <li>c. Select a different policy and click Change.</li> <li>Cloud Manager moves the volume to an existing aggregate that uses the selected disk type with tiering, or it creates a new aggregate for the volume.</li> </ul>
Delete a volume	<ul><li>a. Select a volume, and then click <b>Delete</b>.</li><li>b. Click <b>Delete</b> again to confirm.</li></ul>

### Resize a volume

By default, a volume automatically grows to a maximum size when it's out of space. The default value is 1,000, which means the volume can grow to 11 times it's size. This value is configurable in a Connector's settings.

If you need to resize your volume, you can do it through ONTAP System Manager. Be sure to take your system's capacity limits into consideration as you resize volumes. Go to the Cloud Volumes ONTAP Release Notes for more details.

# **Modify the CIFS server**

If you change your DNS servers or Active Directory domain, you need to modify the CIFS server in Cloud Volumes ONTAP so that it can continue to serve storage to clients.

- 1. From the working environment, click the menu icon and then click **Advanced > CIFS setup**.
- 2. Specify settings for the CIFS server:

Task	Action
DNS Primary and Secondary IP Address	The IP addresses of the DNS servers that provide name resolution for the CIFS server.  The listed DNS servers must contain the service location records (SRV) needed to locate the Active Directory LDAP servers and domain controllers for the domain that the CIFS server will join.  If you're configuring Google Managed Active Directory, AD can be accessed by default with the 169.254.169.254 IP address.
Active Directory Domain to join	The FQDN of the Active Directory (AD) domain that you want the CIFS server to join.
Credentials authorized to join the domain	The name and password of a Windows account with sufficient privileges to add computers to the specified Organizational Unit (OU) within the AD domain.
CIFS server NetBIOS name	A CIFS server name that is unique in the AD domain.
Organizational Unit	The organizational unit within the AD domain to associate with the CIFS server. The default is CN=Computers.  • To configure Google Managed Microsoft AD as the AD server for Cloud Volumes ONTAP, enter OU=Computers,OU=Cloud in this field.  Google Cloud Documentation: Organizational Units in Google Managed Microsoft AD
DNS Domain	The DNS domain for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage virtual machine (SVM). In most cases, the domain is the same as the AD domain.

#### 3. Click Save.

#### Result

Cloud Volumes ONTAP updates the CIFS server with the changes.

## Move a volume

Move volumes for capacity utilization, improved performance, and to satisfy service-level agreements.

You can move a volume in System Manager by selecting a volume and the destination aggregate, starting the volume move operation, and optionally monitoring the volume move job. When using System Manager, a volume move operation finishes automatically.

# **Steps**

1. Use System Manager or the CLI to move the volumes to the aggregate.

In most situations, you can use System Manager to move volumes.

For instructions, see the ONTAP 9 Volume Move Express Guide.

### Move a volume when Cloud Manager displays an Action Required message

Cloud Manager might display an Action Required message that says moving a volume is necessary to avoid capacity issues, but that you need to correct the issue yourself. If this happens, you need to identify how to correct the issue and then move one or more volumes.



Cloud Manager displays these Action Required messages when an aggregate has reached 90% used capacity. If data tiering is enabled, the messages display when an aggregate has reached 80% used capacity. By default, 10% free space is reserved for data tiering. Learn more about the free space ratio for data tiering.

# Steps

- 1. Identify how to correct the issue.
- 2. Based on your analysis, move volumes to avoid capacity issues:
  - Move volumes to another system.
  - Move volumes to another aggregate on the same system.

#### Identify how to correct capacity issues

If Cloud Manager can't provide recommendations for moving a volume to avoid capacity issues, you must identify the volumes that you need to move and whether you should move them to another aggregate on the same system or to another system.

#### **Steps**

1. View the advanced information in the Action Required message to identify the aggregate that has reached its capacity limit.

For example, the advanced information should say something similar to the following: Aggregate aggr1 has reached its capacity limit.

- 2. Identify one or more volumes to move out of the aggregate:
  - a. In the working environment, click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
  - b. Select the aggregate, and then click **Info**.
  - c. Expand the list of volumes.



d. Review the size of each volume and choose one or more volumes to move out of the aggregate.

You should choose volumes that are large enough to free space in the aggregate so that you avoid

additional capacity issues in the future.

If the system has not reached the disk limit, you should move the volumes to an existing aggregate or a new aggregate on the same system.

For details, see Moving volumes to another aggregate to avoid capacity issues.

- 4. If the system has reached the disk limit, do any of the following:
  - a. Delete any unused volumes.
  - b. Rearrange volumes to free space on an aggregate.

For details, see Moving volumes to another aggregate to avoid capacity issues.

c. Move two or more volumes to another system that has space.

For details, see Moving volumes to another system to avoid capacity issues.

# Move volumes to another system to avoid capacity issues

You can move one or more volumes to another Cloud Volumes ONTAP system to avoid capacity issues. You might need to do this if the system reached its disk limit.

#### About this task

You can follow the steps in this task to correct the following Action Required message:

Moving a volume is necessary to avoid capacity issues; however, Cloud Manager cannot perform this action for you because the system has reached the disk limit.

#### **Steps**

- 1. Identify a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system that has available capacity, or deploy a new system.
- 2. Drag and drop the source working environment on the target working environment to perform a one-time data replication of the volume.

For details, see Replicating data between systems.

3. Go to the Replication Status page, and then break the SnapMirror relationship to convert the replicated volume from a data protection volume to a read/write volume.

For details, see Managing data replication schedules and relationships.

4. Configure the volume for data access.

For information about configuring a destination volume for data access, see the ONTAP 9 Volume Disaster Recovery Express Guide.

5. Delete the original volume.

For details, see Manage volumes.

## Move volumes to another aggregate to avoid capacity issues

You can move one or more volumes to another aggregate to avoid capacity issues.

#### About this task

You can follow the steps in this task to correct the following Action Required message:

Moving two or more volumes is necessary to avoid capacity issues; however, Cloud Manager cannot perform this action for you.

# **Steps**

- 1. Verify whether an existing aggregate has available capacity for the volumes that you need to move:
  - a. In the working environment, click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
  - b. Select each aggregate, click **Info**, and then view the available capacity (aggregate capacity minus used aggregate capacity).

aggr1	
Aggregate Capacity:	442.94 GB
Used Aggregate Capacity:	105.66 GB

- 2. If needed, add disks to an existing aggregate:
  - a. Select the aggregate, and then click Add disks.
  - b. Select the number of disks to add, and then click Add.
- 3. If no aggregates have available capacity, create a new aggregate.

For details, see Creating aggregates.

- 4. Use System Manager or the CLI to move the volumes to the aggregate.
- 5. In most situations, you can use System Manager to move volumes.

For instructions, see the ONTAP 9 Volume Move Express Guide.

#### Reasons why a volume move might perform slowly

Moving a volume might take longer than you expect if any of the following conditions are true for Cloud Volumes ONTAP:

- The volume is a clone.
- The volume is a parent of a clone.
- The source or destination aggregate has a single Throughput Optimized HDD (st1) disk.
- One of the aggregates uses an older naming scheme for objects. Both aggregates have to use the same name format.

An older naming scheme is used if data tiering was enabled on an aggregate in the 9.4 release or earlier.

- The encryption settings don't match on the source and destination aggregates, or a rekey is in progress.
- The -tiering-policy option was specified on the volume move to change the tiering policy.
- The -generate-destination-key option was specified on the volume move.

# Tiering inactive data to low-cost object storage

You can reduce storage costs for Cloud Volumes ONTAP by combining an SSD or HDD performance tier for hot data with an object storage capacity tier for inactive data. Data tiering is powered by FabricPool technology. For a high-level overview, see Data tiering overview.

To set up data tiering, you need to do the following:



# Choose a supported configuration

Most configurations are supported. If you have a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system running the most recent version, then you should be good to go. Learn more.



# Ensure connectivity between Cloud Volumes ONTAP and object storage

 For Google Cloud, you need to configure the subnet for Private Google Access and set up a service account. Learn more.



# Ensure that you have an aggregate with tiering enabled

Data tiering must be enabled on an aggregate in order to enable data tiering on a volume. You should be aware of the requirements for new volumes and for existing volumes. Learn more.



# Choose a tiering policy when creating, modifying, or replicating a volume

Cloud Manager prompts you to choose a tiering policy when you create, modify, or replicate a volume.

- Tiering data on read-write volumes
- Tiering data on data protection volumes

### What's not required for data tiering?

- · You don't need to install a feature license to enable data tiering.
- You don't need to create an object store for the capacity tier. Cloud Manager does that for you.



You don't need to enable data tiering at the system level.

Cloud Manager creates an object store for cold data when the system is created, as long as there are no connectivity or permissions issues. After that, you just need to enable data tiering on volumes (and in some cases, on aggregates).

### Configurations that support data tiering

You can enable data tiering when using specific configurations and features.

# Support in Google Cloud

- Data tiering is supported in Google Cloud starting with Cloud Volumes ONTAP 9.6.
- The performance tier can be either SSD persistent disks, balanced persistent disks, or standard persistent disks.

#### Feature interoperability

- · Data tiering is supported with encryption technologies.
- Thin provisioning must be enabled on volumes.

#### Requirements

Depending on your cloud provider, certain connections and permissions must be set up so that Cloud Volumes ONTAP can tier cold data to object storage.

## Requirements to tier cold data to a Google Cloud Storage bucket

- The subnet in which Cloud Volumes ONTAP resides must be configured for Private Google Access. For instructions, refer to Google Cloud Documentation: Configuring Private Google Access.
- You need a service account that meets the following requirements:
  - It must have the predefined Storage Admin role.
  - The Connector service account must be a Service Account User of this tiering service account.

Learn how to set up a service account.

 To encrypt the bucket with customer-managed encryption keys, enable the Google Cloud storage bucket to use the key.

Learn how to use customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

# Enabling data tiering after implementing the requirements

Cloud Manager creates an object store for cold data when the system is created, as long as there are no connectivity or permissions issues. If you didn't implement the requirements listed above until after you created the system, then you'll need to manually enable tiering, which creates the object store.

- 1. Ensure that you've met all requirements.
- On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance.
- 3. Click the menu icon and select **Enable capacity tiering**.





You'll only see this option if data tiering couldn't be enabled when Cloud Manager created the system.

4. Click **Enable** so Cloud Manager can create the object store that this Cloud Volumes ONTAP system will use for tiered data.

# Ensuring that tiering is enabled on aggregates

Data tiering must be enabled on an aggregate in order to enable data tiering on a volume. You should be aware of the requirements for new volumes and for existing volumes.

# New volumes

If you're enabling data tiering on a new volume, then you don't need to worry about enabling data tiering on an aggregate. Cloud Manager creates the volume on an existing aggregate that has tiering enabled, or it creates a new aggregate for the volume if a data tiering-enabled aggregate doesn't already exist.

# Existing volumes

If you want to enable data tiering on an existing volume, then you'll need to ensure that data tiering is enabled on the underlying aggregate. If data tiering isn't enabled on the existing aggregate, then you'll need to use System Manager to attach an existing aggregate to the object store.

# Steps to confirm whether tiering is enabled on an aggregate

1. Open the working environment in Cloud Manager.

- 2. Click the menu icon, click **Advanced**, and then click **Advanced allocation**.
- 3. Verify whether tiering is enabled or disabled on the aggregate.



# Steps to enable tiering on an aggregate

- 1. In System Manager, click **Storage > Tiers**.
- 2. Click the action menu for the aggregate and select Attach Cloud Tiers.
- 3. Select the cloud tier to attach and click Save.

#### What's next?

You can now enable data tiering on new and existing volumes, as explained in the next section.

# Tiering data from read-write volumes

Cloud Volumes ONTAP can tier inactive data on read-write volumes to cost-effective object storage, freeing up the performance tier for hot data.

#### Steps

1. In the working environment, create a new volume or change the tier of an existing volume:

Task	Action
Create a new volume	Click Add New Volume.
Modify an existing volume	Select the volume and click Change Disk Type & Tiering Policy.

2. Select a tiering policy.

For a description of these policies, see Data tiering overview.

# **Example**

S3	Tiering data to object storage
① Vo	lume Tiering Policy
•	All - Immediately tiers all data (not including metadata) to object storage.
0	Auto - Tiers cold Snapshot copies and cold user data from the active file system to object storage.
0	Snapshot Only - Tiers cold Snapshot copies to object storage
0	None - Data tiering is disabled.

Cloud Manager creates a new aggregate for the volume if a data tiering-enabled aggregate does not already exist.

# Tiering data from data protection volumes

Cloud Volumes ONTAP can tier data from a data protection volume to a capacity tier. If you activate the destination volume, the data gradually moves to the performance tier as it is read.

## Steps

- 1. On the Canvas page, select the working environment that contains the source volume, and then drag it to the working environment to which you want to replicate the volume.
- 2. Follow the prompts until you reach the tiering page and enable data tiering to object storage.

# **Example**



For help with replicating data, see Replicating data to and from the cloud.

# Changing the storage class for tiered data

After you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP, you can reduce your storage costs by changing the storage class for inactive data that hasn't been accessed for 30 days. The access costs are higher if you do access the data, so you must take that into consideration before you change the storage class.

The storage class for tiered data is system wide—it's not per volume.

For information about supported storage classes, see Data tiering overview.

- 1. From the working environment, click the menu icon and then click **Storage Classes** or **Blob Storage Tiering**.
- 2. Choose a storage class and then click **Save**.

### Changing the free space ratio for data tiering

The free space ratio for data tiering defines how much free space is required on Cloud Volumes ONTAP SSDs/HDDs when tiering data to object storage. The default setting is 10% free space, but you can tweak the setting based on your requirements.

For example, you might choose less than 10% free space to ensure that you are utilizing the purchased capacity. Cloud Manager can then purchase additional disks for you when additional capacity is required (up until you reach the disk limit for the aggregate).



If there isn't sufficient space, then Cloud Volumes ONTAP can't move the data and you might experience performance degradation. Any change should be done with caution. If you're unsure, reach out to NetApp support for guidance.

The ratio is important for disaster recovery scenarios because as data is read from the object store, Cloud Volumes ONTAP moves the data to SSDs/HDDs to provide better performance. If there isn't sufficient space, then Cloud Volumes ONTAP can't move the data. Take this into consideration when changing the ratio so that you can meet your business requirements.

## Steps

1. In the upper right of the Cloud Manager console, click the **Settings** icon, and select **Connector Settings**.



- 2. Under Capacity, click Aggregate Capacity Thresholds Free Space Ratio for Data Tiering.
- 3. Change the free space ratio based on your requirements and click **Save**.

#### Changing the cooling period for the auto tiering policy

If you enabled data tiering on a Cloud Volumes ONTAP volume using the *auto* tiering policy, you can adjust the default cooling period based on your business needs. This action is supported using the API only.

The cooling period is the number of days that user data in a volume must remain inactive before it is considered "cold" and moved to object storage.

The default cooling period for the auto tiering policy is 31 days. You can change the cooling period as follows:

9.8 or later: 2 days to 183 days9.7 or earlier: 2 days to 63 days

#### Step

1. Use the *minimumCoolingDays* parameter with your API request when creating a volume or modifying an existing volume.

# Connect a LUN to a host

When you create an iSCSI volume, Cloud Manager automatically creates a LUN for you. We've made it simple by creating just one LUN per volume, so there's no management involved. After you create the volume, use the IQN to connect to the LUN from your hosts.

# Note the following:

- Cloud Manager's automatic capacity management doesn't apply to LUNs. When Cloud Manager creates a LUN, it disables the autogrow feature.
- You can create additional LUNs from System Manager or the CLI.

#### **Steps**

- 1. On the Canvas page, double-click the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment on which you want to manage volumes.
- 2. Select a volume, and then click **Target iQN**.
- 3. Click **Copy** to copy the iQN name.
- 4. Set up an iSCSI connection from the host to the LUN.
  - ONTAP 9 iSCSI express configuration for Red Hat Enterprise Linux: Starting the iSCSI sessions with the target
  - ONTAP 9 iSCSI express configuration for Windows: Starting iSCSI sessions with the target

# Accelerate data access with FlexCache volumes

A FlexCache volume is a storage volume that caches NFS read data from an origin (or source) volume. Subsequent reads to the cached data result in faster access to that data.

You can use FlexCache volumes to speed up access to data or to offload traffic from heavily accessed volumes. FlexCache volumes help improve performance, especially when clients need to access the same data repeatedly, because the data can be served directly without having to access the origin volume. FlexCache volumes work well for system workloads that are read-intensive.

Cloud Manager does not provide management of FlexCache volumes at this time, but you can use the ONTAP CLI or ONTAP System Manager to create and manage FlexCache volumes:

- FlexCache Volumes for Faster Data Access Power Guide
- Creating FlexCache volumes in System Manager

Starting with the 3.7.2 release, Cloud Manager generates a FlexCache license for all new Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems. The license includes a 500 GiB usage limit.



# **Aggregate administration**

# **Create aggregates**

You can create aggregates yourself or let Cloud Manager do it for you when it creates volumes. The benefit of creating aggregates yourself is that you can choose the underlying disk size, which enables you to size your aggregate for the capacity or the performance that you need.



All disks and aggregates must be created and deleted directly from Cloud Manager. You should not perform these actions from another management tool. Doing so can impact system stability, hamper the ability to add disks in the future, and potentially generate redundant cloud provider fees.

#### Steps

- On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance on which you want to manage aggregates.
- 2. Click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
- 3. Click Add Aggregate and then specify details for the aggregate.

For help with disk type and disk size, see Planning your configuration.

4. Click Go, and then click Approve and Purchase.

# Manage aggregates

Manage aggregates yourself by adding disks, viewing information about the aggregates,

# and by deleting them.



All disks and aggregates must be created and deleted directly from Cloud Manager. You should not perform these actions from another management tool. Doing so can impact system stability, hamper the ability to add disks in the future, and potentially generate redundant cloud provider fees.

# Before you begin

If you want to delete an aggregate, you must have first deleted the volumes in the aggregate.

#### About this task

If an aggregate is running out of space, you can move volumes to another aggregate by using System Manager.

### **Steps**

- 1. On the Canvas page, double-click the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment on which you want to manage aggregates.
- 2. Click the menu icon and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
- 3. Manage your aggregates:

Task	Action
View information about an aggregate	Select an aggregate and click <b>Info</b> .
Create a volume on a specific aggregate	Select an aggregate and click <b>Create volume</b> .
Add disks to an aggregate	<ul> <li>a. Select an aggregate and click Add disks.</li> <li>b. Select the number of disks that you want to add and click Add.</li> <li>All disks in an aggregate must be the same size.</li> </ul>
Delete an aggregate	<ul> <li>a. Select an aggregate that does not contain any volumes and click Delete.</li> <li>b. Click Delete again to confirm.</li> </ul>

# Storage VM administration

# Manage storage VMs in Cloud Manager

A storage VM is a virtual machine running within ONTAP that provides storage and data services to your clients. You might know this as an *SVM* or a *vserver*. Cloud Volumes ONTAP is configured with one storage VM by default, but some configurations support additional storage VMs.

# Supported number of storage VMs

Multiple storage VMs are supported with certain configurations. Go to the Cloud Volumes ONTAP Release Notes to verify the supported number of storage VMs for your version of Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

# Work with multiple storage VMs

Cloud Manager supports any additional storage VMs that you create from System Manager or the CLI.

For example, the following image shows how you can choose a storage VM when you create a volume.



And the following image shows how you can choose a storage VM when replicating a volume to another system.

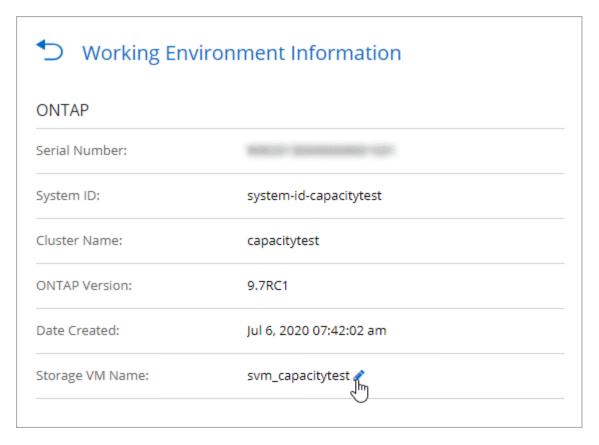


# Modify the name of the default storage VM

Cloud Manager automatically names the single storage VM that it creates for Cloud Volumes ONTAP. You can modify the name of the storage VM if you have strict naming standards. For example, you might want the name to match how you name the storage VMs for your ONTAP clusters.

If you created any additional storage VMs for Cloud Volumes ONTAP, then you can't rename the storage VMs from Cloud Manager. You'll need to do so directly from Cloud Volumes ONTAP by using System Manager or the CLI.

- 1. From the working environment, click the menu icon, and then click Information.
- 2. Click the edit icon to the right of the storage VM name.



3. In the Modify SVM Name dialog box, change the name, and then click Save.

#### Manage storage VMs for disaster recovery

Cloud Manager doesn't provide any setup or orchestration support for storage VM disaster recovery. You must use System Manager or the CLI.

- SVM Disaster Recovery Preparation Express Guide
- SVM Disaster Recovery Express Guide

# Security and data encryption

## **Encrypting volumes with NetApp encryption solutions**

Cloud Volumes ONTAP supports NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) and NetApp Aggregate Encryption (NAE). NVE and NAE are software-based solutions that enable (FIPS) 140-2—compliant data-at-rest encryption of volumes. Learn more about these encryption solutions.

Both NVE and NAE are supported with an external key manager.

If you use NVE, you have the option to use your cloud provider's key vault to protect ONTAP encryption keys:

Google Cloud Key Management Service

New aggregates will have NAE enabled by default after you set up an external key manager. New volumes that aren't part of an NAE aggregate will have NVE enabled by default (for example, if you have existing

aggregates that were created before setting up an external key manager).

Cloud Volumes ONTAP doesn't support onboard key management.

#### What you'll need

Your Cloud Volumes ONTAP system should be registered with NetApp support. A NetApp Volume Encryption license is automatically installed on each Cloud Volumes ONTAP system that is registered with NetApp Support.

- · Adding NetApp Support Site accounts to Cloud Manager
- · Registering pay-as-you-go systems



Cloud Manager doesn't install the NVE license on systems that reside in the China region.

#### **Steps**

1. Review the list of supported key managers in the NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool.



Search for the **Key Managers** solution.

- 2. Connect to the Cloud Volumes ONTAP CLI.
- 3. Configure external key management.

Go to the ONTAP documentation for instructions.

## Improving protection against ransomware

Ransomware attacks can cost a business time, resources, and reputation. Cloud Manager enables you to implement the NetApp solution for ransomware, which provides effective tools for visibility, detection, and remediation.

### Steps

1. From the working environment, click the **Ransomware** icon.



- 2. Implement the NetApp solution for ransomware:
  - a. Click **Activate Snapshot Policy**, if you have volumes that do not have a Snapshot policy enabled.

NetApp Snapshot technology provides the industry's best solution for ransomware remediation. The key to a successful recovery is restoring from uninfected backups. Snapshot copies are read-only, which prevents ransomware corruption. They can also provide the granularity to create images of a single file copy or a complete disaster recovery solution.

b. Click **Activate FPolicy** to enable ONTAP's FPolicy solution, which can block file operations based on a file's extension.

This preventative solution improves protection from ransomware attacks by blocking common ransomware file types.

The default FPolicy scope blocks files that have the following extensions:

micro, encrypted, locked, crypto, crypt, crinf, r5a, XRNT, XTBL, R16M01D05, pzdc, good, LOL!, OMG!, RDM, RRK, encryptedRS, crjoker, EnCiPhErEd, LeChiffre



Cloud Manager creates this scope when you activate FPolicy on Cloud Volumes ONTAP. The list is based on common ransomware file types. You can customize the blocked file extensions by using the *vserver fpolicy policy scope* commands from the Cloud Volumes ONTAP CLI.



# System administration

## **Upgrade Cloud Volumes ONTAP software**

Upgrade Cloud Volumes ONTAP from Cloud Manager to gain access to the latest new features and enhancements. You should prepare Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems before you upgrade the software.

#### Upgrade overview

You should be aware of the following before you start the Cloud Volumes ONTAP upgrade process.

#### **Upgrade from Cloud Manager only**

Upgrades of Cloud Volumes ONTAP must be completed from Cloud Manager. You should not upgrade Cloud Volumes ONTAP by using System Manager or the CLI. Doing so can impact system stability.

#### How to upgrade

Cloud Manager provides two ways to upgrade Cloud Volumes ONTAP:

- · By following upgrade notifications that appear in the working environment
- By placing the upgrade image at an HTTPS location and then providing Cloud Manager with the URL

#### Supported upgrade paths

The version of Cloud Volumes ONTAP that you can upgrade to depends on the version of Cloud Volumes ONTAP that you're currently running.

Current version	Versions that you can directly upgrade to
9.10.1	9.11.0
9.10.0	9.10.1
9.9.1	9.10.1
	9.10.0
9.9.0	9.9.1
9.8	9.9.1
9.7	9.8
9.6	9.7
9.5	9.6
9.4	9.5
9.3	9.4
9.2	9.3
9.1	9.2
9.0	9.1
8.3	9.0

### Note the following:

- The supported upgrade paths for Cloud Volumes ONTAP are different than they are for an on-premises ONTAP cluster.
- If you upgrade by following the upgrade notifications that appear in a working environment, Cloud Manager will prompt you to upgrade to a release that follows these supported upgrade paths.
- If you upgrade by placing an upgrade image at an HTTPS location, be sure to follow these supported upgrade paths.
- In some cases, you might need to upgrade a few times to reach your target release.

For example, if you're running version 9.8 and you want to upgrade to 9.10.1, you first need to upgrade to version 9.9.1 and then to 9.10.1.

#### Reverting or downgrading

Reverting or downgrading Cloud Volumes ONTAP to a previous release is not supported.

#### Support registration

Cloud Volumes ONTAP must be registered with NetApp support in order to upgrade the software using any of the methods described on this page. This applies to both PAYGO and BYOL. You'll need to manually register PAYGO systems, while BYOL systems are registered by default.



A system that isn't registered for support will still receive the software update notifications that appear in Cloud Manager when a new version is available. But you will need to register the system before you can upgrade the software.

#### Upgrades of the HA mediator

Cloud Manager also updates the mediator instance as needed during the Cloud Volumes ONTAP upgrade process.

#### Prepare to upgrade

Before performing an upgrade, you must verify that your systems are ready and make any required configuration changes.

- · Plan for downtime
- · Verify that automatic giveback is still enabled
- Suspend SnapMirror transfers
- · Verify that aggregates are online

#### Plan for downtime

When you upgrade a single-node system, the upgrade process takes the system offline for up to 25 minutes, during which I/O is interrupted.

Upgrading an HA pair is nondisruptive and I/O is uninterrupted. During this nondisruptive upgrade process, each node is upgraded in tandem to continue serving I/O to clients.

#### Verify that automatic giveback is still enabled

Automatic giveback must be enabled on a Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA pair (this is the default setting). If it isn't, then the operation will fail.

ONTAP 9 Documentation: Commands for configuring automatic giveback

#### Suspend SnapMirror transfers

If a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system has active SnapMirror relationships, it is best to suspend transfers before you update the Cloud Volumes ONTAP software. Suspending the transfers prevents SnapMirror failures. You must suspend the transfers from the destination system.



Even though Cloud Backup uses an implementation of SnapMirror to create backup files (called SnapMirror Cloud), backups do not need to be suspended when a system is upgraded.

#### About this task

These steps describe how to use System Manager for version 9.3 and later.

#### Steps

1. Log in to System Manager from the destination system.

You can log in to System Manager by pointing your web browser to the IP address of the cluster management LIF. You can find the IP address in the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment.



The computer from which you are accessing Cloud Manager must have a network connection to Cloud Volumes ONTAP. For example, you might need to log in to Cloud Manager from a jump host that's in your cloud provider network.

- 2. Click Protection > Relationships.
- 3. Select the relationship and click **Operations > Quiesce**.

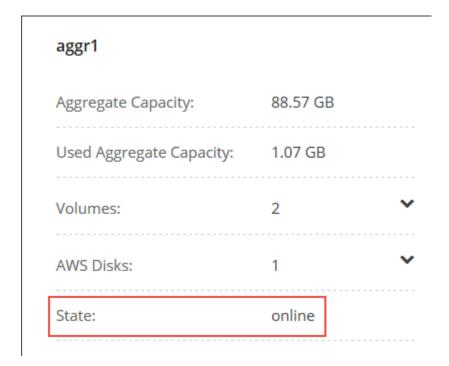
#### Verify that aggregates are online

Aggregates for Cloud Volumes ONTAP must be online before you update the software. Aggregates should be online in most configurations, but if they are not, then you should bring them online.

#### About this task

These steps describe how to use System Manager for version 9.3 and later.

- 1. In the working environment, click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Advanced allocation**.
- 2. Select an aggregate, click **Info**, and then verify that the state is online.



- 3. If the aggregate is offline, use System Manager to bring the aggregate online:
  - a. Click Storage > Aggregates & Disks > Aggregates.
  - b. Select the aggregate, and then click **More Actions > Status > Online**.

### **Upgrade Cloud Volumes ONTAP**

Cloud Manager notifies you when a new version is available for upgrade. You can start the upgrade process from this notification. For details, see Upgrade from Cloud Manager notifications.

Another way to perform software upgrades by using an image on an external URL. This option is helpful if Cloud Manager can't access the S3 bucket to upgrade the software or if you were provided with a patch. For details, see Upgrade from an image available at a URL.

#### **Upgrade from Cloud Manager notifications**

Cloud Manager displays a notification in Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environments when a new version of Cloud Volumes ONTAP is available:



You can start the upgrade process from this notification, which automates the process by obtaining the software image from an S3 bucket, installing the image, and then restarting the system.

#### Before you begin

Cloud Manager operations such as volume or aggregate creation must not be in progress on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

- 1. Click Canvas.
- 2. Select a working environment.

A notification appears in the right pane if a new version is available:



- 3. If a new version is available, click **Upgrade**.
- 4. In the Release Information page, click the link to read the Release Notes for the specified version, and then select the **I have read...** check box.
- 5. In the End User License Agreement (EULA) page, read the EULA, and then select I read and approve the EULA.
- 6. In the Review and Approve page, read the important notes, select I understand..., and then click Go.

#### Result

Cloud Manager starts the software upgrade. You can perform actions on the working environment once the software update is complete.

#### After you finish

If you suspended SnapMirror transfers, use System Manager to resume the transfers.

#### Upgrade from an image available at a URL

You can place the Cloud Volumes ONTAP software image on the Connector or on an HTTP server and then initiate the software upgrade from Cloud Manager. You might use this option if Cloud Manager can't access the S3 bucket to upgrade the software.

#### Before you begin

Cloud Manager operations such as volume or aggregate creation must not be in progress on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.

1. Optional: Set up an HTTP server that can host the Cloud Volumes ONTAP software image.

If you have a VPN connection to the virtual network, you can place the Cloud Volumes ONTAP software image on an HTTP server in your own network. Otherwise, you must place the file on an HTTP server in the cloud.

If you use your own security group for Cloud Volumes ONTAP, ensure that the outbound rules allow HTTP connections so Cloud Volumes ONTAP can access the software image.



The predefined Cloud Volumes ONTAP security group allows outbound HTTP connections by default.

- 3. Obtain the software image from the NetApp Support Site.
- 4. Copy the software image to a directory on the Connector or on an HTTP server from which the file will be served.

For example, you can copy the software image to the following path on the Connector:

```
/opt/application/netapp/cloudmanager/docker occm/data/ontap/images/
```

- From the working environment in Cloud Manager, click the menu icon, and then click Advanced > Update Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- 6. On the update software page, enter the URL, and then click Change Image.

If you copied the software image to the Connector in the path shown above, you would enter the following URL:

http://<Connector-private-IP-address>/ontap/images/<image-file-name>

7. Click Proceed to confirm.

#### Result

Cloud Manager starts the software update. You can perform actions on the working environment once the software update is complete.

#### After you finish

If you suspended SnapMirror transfers, use System Manager to resume the transfers.

#### Fix download failures when using a Google Cloud NAT gateway

The Connector automatically downloads software updates for Cloud Volumes ONTAP. The download can fail if your configuration uses a Google Cloud NAT gateway. You can correct this issue by limiting the number of parts that the software image is divided into. This step must be completed by using the Cloud Manager API.

#### Step

1. Submit a PUT request to /occm/config with the following JSON as body:

```
{
   "maxDownloadSessions": 32
}
```

The value for *maxDownloadSessions* can be 1 or any integer greater than 1. If the value is 1, then the downloaded image will not be divided.

Note that 32 is an example value. The value that you should use depends on your NAT configuration and the number of sessions that you can have simultaneously.

Learn more about the /occm/config API call.

## Registering pay-as-you-go systems

Support from NetApp is included with Cloud Volumes ONTAP PAYGO systems, but you must first activate support by registering the systems with NetApp.

Registering a PAYGO system with NetApp is required to upgrade ONTAP software using any of the methods described on this page.



A system that isn't registered for support will still receive the software update notifications that appear in Cloud Manager when a new version is available. But you will need to register the system before you can upgrade the software.

#### Steps

1. If you have not yet added your NetApp Support Site account to Cloud Manager, go to **Account Settings** and add it now.

Learn how to add NetApp Support Site accounts.

- 2. On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the system that you want to register.
- 3. Click the menu icon and then click **Support registration**:



4. Select a NetApp Support Site account and click Register.

#### Result

Cloud Manager registers the system with NetApp.

## Managing the state of Cloud Volumes ONTAP

You can stop and start Cloud Volumes ONTAP from Cloud Manager to manage your cloud compute costs.

#### Scheduling automatic shutdowns of Cloud Volumes ONTAP

You might want to shut down Cloud Volumes ONTAP during specific time intervals to lower your compute costs. Rather than do this manually, you can configure Cloud Manager to automatically shut down and then restart systems at specific times.

#### About this task

· When you schedule an automatic shutdown of your Cloud Volumes ONTAP system, Cloud Manager postpones the shutdown if an active data transfer is in progress.

Cloud Manager shuts down the system after the transfer is complete.

- This task schedules automatic shutdowns of both nodes in an HA pair.
- Snapshots of boot and root disks are not created when turning off Cloud Volumes ONTAP through scheduled shutdowns.

Snapshots are automatically created only when performing a manual shutdown, as described in the next section.

#### Steps

1. From the working environment, click the clock icon:



- 2. Specify the shutdown schedule:
  - a. Choose whether you want to shut down the system every day, every weekday, every weekend, or any combination of the three options.
  - b. Specify when you want to turn off the system and for how long you want it turned off.

### **Example**

The following image shows a schedule that instructs Cloud Manager to shut down the system every Saturday at 12:00 a.m. for 48 hours. Cloud Manager restarts the system every Monday at 12:00 a.m.



3. Click Save.

#### Result

Cloud Manager saves the schedule. The clock icon changes to indicate that a schedule is set:



#### **Stopping Cloud Volumes ONTAP**

Stopping Cloud Volumes ONTAP saves you from accruing compute costs and creates snapshots of the root and boot disks, which can be helpful for troubleshooting.



To reduce costs, Cloud Manager periodically deletes older snapshots of root and boot disks. Only the two most recent snapshots are retained for both the root and boot disks.

#### About this task

When you stop an HA pair, Cloud Manager shuts down both nodes.

#### Steps

1. From the working environment, click the **Turn off** icon.













- 2. Keep the option to create snapshots enabled because the snapshots can enable system recovery.
- 3. Click Turn Off.

It can take up to a few minutes to stop the system. You can restart systems at a later time from the working environment page.

## Synchronize the system time using NTP

Specifying an NTP server synchronizes the time between the systems in your network, which can help prevent issues due to time differences.

Specify an NTP server using the Cloud Manager API or from the user interface when you create a CIFS server.

## Modify system write speed

Cloud Manager enables you to choose a normal or high write speed for Cloud Volumes ONTAP. The default write speed is normal. You can change to high write speed if fast write performance is required for your workload.

High write speed is supported with all types of single node systems and some HA pair configurations. View supported configurations in the Cloud Volumes ONTAP Release Notes

Before you change the write speed, you should understand the differences between the normal and high settings.

#### About this task

- Ensure that operations such as volume or aggregate creation are not in progress.
- Be aware that this change restarts the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. This is disruptive process that requires downtime for the entire system.

#### **Steps**

1. From the working environment, click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Writing Speed**.

2. Select Normal or High.

If you choose High, then you'll need to read the "I understand..." statement and confirm by checking the box.

3. Click **Save**, review the confirmation message, and then click **Proceed**.

## Change the password for Cloud Volumes ONTAP

Cloud Volumes ONTAP includes a cluster admin account. You can change the password for this account from Cloud Manager, if needed.



You should not change the password for the admin account through System Manager or the CLI. The password will not be reflected in Cloud Manager. As a result, Cloud Manager cannot monitor the instance properly.

#### Steps

- 1. From the working environment, click the menu icon, and then click **Advanced > Set password**.
- 2. Enter the new password twice and then click Save.

The new password must be different than one of the last six passwords that you used.

## Add, remove, or delete systems

### Adding existing Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems to Cloud Manager

You can discover and add existing Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems to Cloud Manager. You might do this if you deployed a new Cloud Manager system.

### Before you begin

You must know the password for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP admin user account.

- 1. On the Canvas page, click **Add Working Environment**.
- 2. Select the cloud provider in which the system resides.
- 3. Choose the type of Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
- 4. Click the link to discover an existing system.



- On the Region page, choose the region where the instances are running, and then select the instances.
- 6. On the Credentials page, enter the password for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP admin user, and then click **Go**.

#### Result

Cloud Manager adds the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instances to the workspace.

#### Removing Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environments

The Account Admin can remove a Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment to move it to another system or to troubleshoot discovery issues.

#### About this task

Removing a Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment removes it from Cloud Manager. It does not delete the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. You can later rediscover the working environment.

Removing a working environment from Cloud Manager enables you to do the following:

- · Rediscover it in another workspace
- Rediscover it from another Cloud Manager system
- Rediscover it if you had problems during the initial discovery

#### **Steps**

1. In the upper right of the Cloud Manager console, click the Settings icon, and select **Tools**.



- 2. From the Tools page, click **Launch**.
- 3. Select the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment that you want to remove.
- 4. On the Review and Approve page, click Go.

#### Result

Cloud Manager removes the working environment. Users can rediscover this working environment from the Canvas page at any time.

#### **Deleting a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system**

You should always delete Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems from Cloud Manager, rather than from your cloud provider's console. For example, if you terminate a licensed Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance from your cloud provider, then you can't use the license key for another instance. You must delete the working environment from Cloud Manager to release the license.

When you delete a working environment, Cloud Manager terminates Cloud Volumes ONTAP instances and deletes disks and snapshots.

Resources managed by other services like backups for Cloud Backup and instances for Cloud Data Sense and Monitoring are not deleted when you delete a working environment. You'll need to manually delete them yourself. If you don't, then you'll continue to receive charges for these resources.



When Cloud Manager deploys Cloud Volumes ONTAP in your cloud provider, it enables termination protection on the instances. This option helps prevent accidental termination.

- 1. If you enabled Cloud Backup on the working environment, determine whether the backed up data is still required and then delete the backups, if necessary.
  - Cloud Backup is independent from Cloud Volumes ONTAP by design. Cloud Backup doesn't automatically delete backups when you delete a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system, and there is no current support in the UI to delete the backups after the system has been deleted.
- 2. If you enabled Cloud Data Sense or Monitoring on this working environment and no other working environments use those services, then you'll need to delete the instances for those services.
  - Learn more about the Cloud Data Sense instance.
  - · Learn more about the Monitoring Acquisition Unit.
- 3. Delete the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment.
  - a. On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment that you want to delete.
  - b. Click menu icon and then click **Delete**.



c. Type the name of the working environment and then click **Delete**.

It can take up to 5 minutes to delete the working environment.

## **Administration in Google Cloud**

#### Change the Google Cloud machine type for Cloud Volumes ONTAP

You can choose from several machine types when you launch Cloud Volumes ONTAP in Google Cloud. You can change the instance or machine type at any time if you determine that it is undersized or oversized for your needs.

#### About this task

• Automatic giveback must be enabled on a Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA pair (this is the default setting). If it isn't, then the operation will fail.

## ONTAP 9 Documentation: Commands for configuring automatic giveback

- Changing the machine type can affect Google Cloud service charges.
- The operation restarts Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

For single node systems, I/O is interrupted.

For HA pairs, the change is nondisruptive. HA pairs continue to serve data.



Cloud Manager gracefully changes one node at a time by initiating takeover and waiting for give back. NetApp's QA team tested both writing and reading files during this process and didn't see any issues on the client side. As connections changed, we did see retries on the I/O level, but the application layer overcame these short "re-wire" of NFS/CIFS connections.

#### **Steps**

- 1. From the working environment, click the menu icon, and then select Change machine.
- 2. If you are using a node-based PAYGO license, you can optionally choose a different license.
- 3. Select a machine type, select the check box to confirm that you understand the implications of the change, and then click **OK**.

#### Result

Cloud Volumes ONTAP reboots with the new configuration.

## **Use System Manager or the CLI**

If you need to perform advanced management of Cloud Volumes ONTAP, you can do so using ONTAP System Manager or the command line interface.

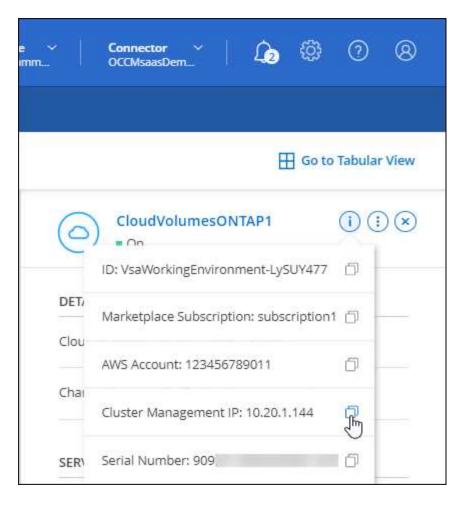
#### **Connecting to System Manager**

You might need to perform some Cloud Volumes ONTAP tasks from System Manager, which is a browser-based management tool that runs on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. For example, you need to use System Manager if you want to create LUNs.

#### Before you begin

The computer from which you are accessing Cloud Manager must have a network connection to Cloud Volumes ONTAP. For example, you might need to log in to Cloud Manager from a jump host that's in your cloud provider network.

- 1. From the Canvas, select the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment.
- 2. On the right pane, click the information icon and copy the cluster management IP.



- 3. Open a web browser on the machine that has a network connection to Cloud Volumes ONTAP and enter the IP address.
- 4. At the login screen, enter **admin** in the User Name field, enter the password that you specified when you created the working environment, and then click **Sign In**.

#### Result

The System Manager console loads. You can now use it to manage Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

#### Connecting to the Cloud Volumes ONTAP CLI

The Cloud Volumes ONTAP CLI enables you to run all administrative commands and is a good choice for advanced tasks or if you are more comfortable using the CLI. You can connect to the CLI using Secure Shell (SSH).

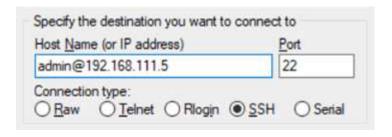
#### Before you begin

The host from which you use SSH to connect to Cloud Volumes ONTAP must have a network connection to Cloud Volumes ONTAP. For example, you might need to SSH from a jump host that's in your cloud provider network.

- 1. In Cloud Manager, identify the IP address of the cluster management interface:
  - a. On the Canvas page, select the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
  - b. Copy the cluster management IP address that appears in the right pane.
- 2. Use SSH to connect to the cluster management interface IP address using the admin account.

#### **Example**

The following image shows an example using PuTTY:



3. At the login prompt, enter the password for the admin account.

#### **Example**

```
Password: *******
COT2::>
```

# System health and events

## **Verify AutoSupport setup**

AutoSupport proactively monitors the health of your system and sends messages to NetApp technical support. By default, AutoSupport is enabled on each node to send messages to technical support using the HTTPS transport protocol. It's best to verify that AutoSupport can send these messages.

If the Cloud Manager Account Admin added a proxy server to Cloud Manager before you launched your instance, Cloud Volumes ONTAP is configured to use that proxy server for AutoSupport messages.

The only required configuration step is to ensure that Cloud Volumes ONTAP has outbound internet connectivity through a NAT instance or your environment's proxy services. For details, refer to the networking requirements for your cloud provider.

Google Cloud networking requirements

After you've verified that outbound internet access is available, you can test AutoSupport to ensure that it can send messages. For instructions, refer to ONTAP docs: Set up AutoSupport.

## **Configure EMS**

The Event Management System (EMS) collects and displays information about events that occur on ONTAP systems. To receive event notifications, you can set event destinations (email addresses, SNMP trap hosts, or syslog servers) and event routes for a particular event severity.

You can configure EMS using the CLI. For instructions, refer to ONTAP docs: EMS configuration overview.

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