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SnapCenter Service

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Learn about SnapCenter Service

SnapCenter Service provides data protection capabilities for applications running on NetApp® Cloud Storage. SnapCenter Service enabled within NetApp Cloud Manager offers efficient, application consistent, policy-based backup and restore of SAP HANA® Systems residing on Azure NetApp Files.

Architecture

The architecture of SnapCenter Service include the following components.

- SnapCenter Service UI is integrated with Cloud Manager UI.

The SnapCenter Service UI is served from the Cloud Manager SAAS framework managed by NetApp that offers multiple storage and data management capabilities.

- Cloud Manager Connector is a component from Cloud Manager that manages the life cycle of the SnapCenter Service and several other services.
- SnapCenter Service is a set of data protection services hosted on Azure Kubernetes Service(AKS) that orchestrates the data protection workflows.



The Cloud Manager Connector and SnapCenter Service are deployed in your Cloud network.

The following diagram shows the relationship between each component of SnapCenter Service:



For any user initiated request, the SnapCenter Service UI communicates with the Cloud Manager SaaS which upon validating the request forwards the call to the Cloud Manager Connector. The Connector then communicates to SnapCenter Service and SnapCenter Service invokes Azure NetApp Files management APIs

and HANA system commands to perform data protection operations.

SnapCenter Service can be deployed in the same VNet as that of the HANA system, or in a different one. If SnapCenter Service and HANA systems are on different network, you should establish a network connectivity between them.

Supported functionalities

SnapCenter Service supports the following functionalities.

- Adding SAP HANA systems
- Backing up SAP HANA systems
 - Supports both snapshot-based and file-based backups
 - Supports on-demand backup of SAP HANA systems
 - Supports scheduled backup of SAP HANA systems using system-defined policies or custom policies

You can specify different scheduling frequencies such as hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly in the policy.

- Supports backing up of both non-data volumes and global non-data volumes
- Retaining backups based on the policy
- Restoring SAP HANA systems from user specified backup
- Monitoring backups and other jobs
- Housekeeping of data and log backup catalogs on the HANA systems
- Displaying the protection summary, configuration details, and job status on the Dashboard
- Sending alerts through email

Limitations

SnapCenter Service 1.0 has the following limitations.

- Internationalization is not supported, you should use English browsers.
- Only a Cloud Manager user with “Account Admin” role can enable the SnapCenter Service.
- Limitations related to Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) cluster node failure
 - In the AKS cluster if one of the nodes goes offline, the inflight jobs might fail but subsequent jobs will be executed.
 - In the AKS cluster if one of the node goes down, you cannot add SAP HANA systems and but other operations will run without any issue.

You should bring up the node to add HANA systems.

- Scheduler does not support high-availability configuration.

If the MySQL node which is used by the scheduler goes down, you should bring up the node for scheduled operations to continue.

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Get started with SnapCenter Service to protect your data in a few steps.

1

Access Cloud Manager

You should [sign up to NetApp Cloud Central](#), [log into Cloud Manager](#), and then set up a [NetApp account](#).

Only an Account Admin can deploy the SnapCenter Service. However, both Account Admin and SnapCenter Admin can perform different operations. [Learn more](#)

2

Ensure that the prerequisites are met

You should ensure that all the [prerequisites](#) to create a Connector and enable SnapCenter Service are met.

3

Create a Connector in Azure for SnapCenter Service

You should [create a Connector in Azure for SnapCenter Service](#).

If you have a connector that meets all the prerequisites, you can use that.

4

Set up and discover Azure NetApp Files

Create an Azure NetApp Files working environment in Cloud Manager to create and manage NetApp accounts, capacity pools, volumes, and snapshots. [Learn more](#)

5

Enable SnapCenter Service

You should [enable SnapCenter Service](#) using the Cloud Manager UI. When the SnapCenter Service is enabled, Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) cluster is created that will host the SnapCenter Service.

6

Install the HDBSQL client

You should [install the HDBSQL client](#) to perform data protection operations on SAP HANA databases. The HDBSQL client is used to communicate with the SAP HANA systems.

7

Protect SAP HANA systems

You should manually [add the SAP HANA systems](#).

You can then [back up your SAP HANA system](#) using system-defined or custom policies. In the event of data loss, you can [restore the SAP HANA system](#) using the backup of that system.

Prerequisites to create Connector and enable SnapCenter Service

Before you create a Connector in Azure and enable SnapCenter Service, you should ensure certain things.

- Ensure that the subnet chosen for the Connector should not overlap with the following IP address ranges reserved for Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS): 169.254.0.0/16, 172.30.0.0/16, 172.31.0.0/16, and 192.0.2.0/24.
- Ensure that there are no AKS running in the chosen subnet.
- Ensure that the chosen subnet can access the SAP HANA systems on the respective ports.
- If the VNet of the chosen subnet is different from the VNet of the SAP HANA systems, ensure that the VNets can communicate with each other through VPN gateway, peering, or other means.
- If you want to enable SnapCenter Service behind firewall, you should perform the actions mentioned in [Network requirements](#).

You should upfront decide whether you want to enable SnapCenter Service behind firewall. After enabling SnapCenter Service, you cannot configure it to run behind firewall. This is an AKS limitation.

Network requirements

Set up your network so that the Connector can manage resources and processes within your cloud environment.

Firewall configuration

If you want to enable SnapCenter Service behind firewall, you should perform the following actions.



If you are using Azure firewall, you can perform these steps using a script. For information, see [Azure Firewall configuration](#).

Steps

1. Add the below network rules to the firewall.

Destination endpoint	Protocol	Port	Comments
Service tags - AzureCloud.<Region>:1194	UDP	1194	Not required if you are planning to have a private Connector and private SnapCenter Service cluster.
Service tags - AzureCloud.<Region>:9000	TCP	9000	Not required if you are planning to have a private Connector and private SnapCenter Service cluster.
FQDN - ntp.ubuntu.com:123	UDP	123	Required for time synchronization in Azure virtual machines.
Service tags - AzureCloud.<Region>:443	TCP	443	Not required if you are planning to have a private Connector and private SnapCenter Service cluster.

2. Add an application rule in the firewall with the following FQDN tag and port details:
 - FQDN Tag - AzureKubernetesService
 - HTTPS: 443
3. Add an Application rule with the below endpoints as target FQDNs with protocol and port as HTTPS: 443.

Endpoints	Purpose
https://management.azure.com https://login.microsoftonline.com	Enables Cloud Manager to deploy and manage Cloud Volumes ONTAP in most Azure regions.
https://management.microsoftazure.de https://login.microsoftonline.de	Enables Cloud Manager to deploy and manage Cloud Volumes ONTAP in the Azure Germany regions.
https://management.usgovcloudapi.net https://login.microsoftonline.com	Enables Cloud Manager to deploy and manage Cloud Volumes ONTAP in the Azure US Gov regions.
https://api.services.cloud.netpp.com	Allows API requests to NetApp Cloud Central.
https://cloud.support.netapp.com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	Provides access to software images, manifests, and templates.
https://cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com https://cognito-identity.us-east-1.amazonaws.com https://sts.amazonaws.com https://cloud-support-netapp-com-accelerated.s3.amazonaws.com	Enables the Connector to access and download manifests, templates, and Cloud Volumes ONTAP upgrade images.
https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io	Access to software images of container components for an infrastructure that's running Docker and provides a solution for service integrations with Cloud Manager.
https://kinesis.us-east-1.amazonaws.com	Enables NetApp to stream data from audit records.
https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com	Communication with the Cloud Manager service, which includes NetApp accounts.
https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com	Communication with NetApp Cloud Central for centralized user authentication.
https://support.netapp.com	Communication with NetApp AutoSupport.
https://cloud-support-netapp-com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	Communication with NetApp for system licensing and support registration.
https://client.infra.support.netapp.com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com https://cloud-support-netapp-com-accelerated.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	Enables NetApp to collect information needed to troubleshoot support issues.
*.blob.core.windows.net	Required for HA pairs when using a proxy.
https://auth0.com	Required for Auth0 authentication.
https://registry-1.docker.io https://auth.docker.io https://production.cloudflare.docker.com	Retrieves the dependencies of SnapCenter Service workflow engine.

Endpoints	Purpose
https://exteranl-log.cloudmanager.netapp.com	Allows communication to transfer the logs to the Cloud Manager log repository.

4. Select the subnet where you are planning to install SnapCenter Service.
5. Create a route table with routes:
 - to forward the traffic from the subnet to the firewall internal IP address
 - to forward the traffic from firewall public IP address to the internet.
6. Attach the route table to the subnet.

For information on the networking requirements for Cloud Manager Connector, see [Networking requirements for the Connector](#).


Azure Firewall configuration

If you want to enable SnapCenter Service behind Azure firewall, you should perform the following actions.

What you will need

- You should have created the firewall (classic mode).
- You should have created the VNet and subnet for SnapCenter Service.
- If your firewall resource and VNet of the SnapCenter Service are in different tenants, you should log into both the tenants in the Azure shell.
- If your Firewall VNet and SnapCenter VNet are different, you should establish peering between the VNets.

Steps

1. Download the [scs_azure_firewall_config.sh](#) script to your local system.
2. Log into [Microsoft Azure portal](#).
3. Click  to open the cloud shell and select the Bash console.
 - a. Upload the script to Azure cloud shell.
 - b. Assign the permission to run the script.

```
chmod +x ./scs_azure_firewall_config.sh
```

- c. Run the script.

```
./scs_azure_firewall_config.sh -fwsubid <Firewall_SubscriptionID> -fwname
<Firewall_name> -fwrg <Firewall_Resource_group> -scssubid
<SnapCenter_Service_SubscriptionID> -scsvnet <SnapCenter_Service_VNet_name>
-scssubnet <SnapCenter_Service_Subnet_name> -scsvnetrg
<SnapCenter_Service_VNet_Resource_Group> -scsrg
<SnapCenter_Service_Resource_group>
```




If you have not created the resource group, the script creates the resource group. While creating the Connector, you can use the same resource group so that all the SnapCenter Service related resources are in the same resource group.

Results

- Firewall rules are configured.
- A resource group is created for SnapCenter Service.
- A route table is created in the SnapCenter Service resource group.
- The route table rules are configured.
- The route table is attached to the subnet.

Connectivity to HANA Systems

SnapCenter Service cluster needs to communicate with HANA systems in the user's network using HDBSQL command. The communication channel between SnapCenter cluster and HANA systems need to be allowed using various network architecture such as:

- Connector and SnapCenter Service cluster are deployed in the same VNet as that of HANA systems
- Connector and SnapCenter Service cluster are deployed in a different VNet as that of HANA systems and the communication is established using VNet peering between the 2 VNets.
- Connector and SnapCenter Service cluster are deployed in a different VNet as that of HANA systems, and the communication is established using VPN gateway between the 2 VNets.

Security Group configuration

If network security group (NSG) is configured in the HANA Systems, it should allow inbound communication from the port of the SnapCenter Service to the port of HANA System as specified in User Store Key.

- Protocol: All TCP
- Subnet: SnapCenter AKS cluster subnet
- Purpose: To execute HDBSQL command

The HANA services running in the SnapCenter AKS cluster supports SSL communication with HANA systems that have SSL enabled.

Create a Connector in Azure for SnapCenter Service

An Account Admin should deploy a Connector before you can use the Cloud Manager features. The Connector enables Cloud Manager to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment.

By default, you can create a Connector in Azure from Azure Marketplace. While performing the steps to [create the connector from Azure Marketplace](#), you should remember the following:

- Wherever Cloud Manager for Cloud Volumes ONTAP is specified, the same can be leveraged for SnapCenter Service.
- For the Cloud Manager Name specify your Connector VM name for better identification. This will be shown

as connector name in the Cloud Manager UI.

- If you have configured the Connector without public IP or configured a firewall, you should have a jump host to connect to the Connector machine.

If you have [user consent](#) enabled in your Azure Active Directory or if your tenant admin can provide the consent, you can create the Connector from Cloud Manager UI.

User consent is enabled

If the user consent is enabled in your Azure active directory, [create the Connector from Cloud Manager](#).

User consent is disabled

1. Perform one of the following:

- If the admin consent workflow is configured in your active directory, you should [request for admin consent](#).
- If the admin consent workflow is not configured, you should:
 - a. [Construct the URL for granting tenant-wide admin consent](#).



Specify the clientID as *989efff4-9a9e-46fa-9f17-de39e15714f9*. This is the Cloud Manager Azure application ID named in the Cloud Manager wizard.

b. Ask your tenant admin to run the URL in a browser and provide his consent.

The displayed errors can be ignored by your Admin.

2. [Create the Connector from Cloud Manager](#).



The username and password or the key that was provided while creating the Connector would be required to connect to the machine

Enable SnapCenter Service for Azure NetApp Files

You can enable the SnapCenter Service using the Cloud Manager UI. When the SnapCenter Service is enabled, Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) cluster is created that will host the SnapCenter Service.

What you will need

- You should register the "Microsoft.ContainerService" resource provider in your Azure subscription. For information, see [how to register resource provider](#).
- You should ensure that all the [prerequisites](#) are met.

About this task

The AKS cluster will be created in the same resource group and the same subnet that was chosen while creating the Connector. If your Connector is created without public IP address, then the AKS cluster will be created in private mode.

A user assigned managed identity with necessary permissions is required to create and manage AKS cluster.

The user assigned managed identity will be created and should be assigned to the Connector VM.

Steps

1. Log into Cloud Manager.
2. Select the Connector that was created in the Cloud Manager.

Ensure that the Connector has the network connectivity to the SAP HANA systems to be protected.

3. Click **All Services > SnapCenter > Enable**.

4. Perform one of the following:

- If you have created the Connector from Cloud Manager UI and if you have permissions to create and assign roles, the user assigned managed identity will be created automatically by SnapCenter Service installation.
 - a. Select **Use Azure login**.
 - b. On the Get Ready page, click **Continue**.
 - c. Specify the Azure credentials.



You should ensure that the Azure login account has the sufficient permissions. For information on the permissions and how to assign the permissions, see [Permissions required for Azure login account](#).

- If you have created the Connector from Azure marketplace or if you do not have permissions to create and assign roles, follow the below steps to create the user assigned managed identity.
 - a. Select **Use Azure CLI script**.
 - b. Contact your admin if you do not have sufficient permissions on your Azure account.

For information on the permissions and how to assign the permissions, see [Permissions required for Azure login account](#).

- c. Download the [prerequisite_azure.sh](#) script to your local system.
- d. Log into [Microsoft Azure portal](#).
- e.  Click  to open the cloud shell and select the Bash console.
- f. Upload the script to Azure cloud shell.
- g. Assign the permission to run the script.

```
chmod +x ./prerequisite_azure.sh
```

- h. Run the script.

```
./prerequisite_azure.sh -s <subscription_ID> -g  
<connector_resourcegroup_name> -c <connector_VM_name>
```

5. On the Cluster Configuration page, perform the following:

- a. Select the cluster configuration.
 - If you select **High Availability**, an Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) cluster with 3 worker nodes will be created across available zones.

- If you select **Single Node**, an AKS cluster with single node will be created.

b. Specify the Kubernetes Pod address range.

Ensure that the Kubernetes Pod address range does not overlap with IP ranges of your virtual network, peered virtual networks, and on-premises networks that are connected. Also, the range should not overlap with the Service address range and Docker bridge address.

c. Specify the Kubernetes Service address.

Ensure that the Kubernetes service address range does not overlap with the IP ranges of your virtual network, peered virtual networks, and on-premise networks that are connected. Also, the range should not overlap with the Pod address range and Docker bridge address.

d. Specify the Docker bridge network.

Ensure that the Docker Bridge address does not overlap with the IP ranges of your virtual network, peered virtual networks, and on-premise networks that are connected. Also, the range should not overlap with the Pod address range and Service address range.

e. If the Connector is created without a public IP and if you are using custom DNS servers on your VNet, select **Support Custom DNS servers**.



You should create a virtual network link in the private DNS zone for the VNets where your custom DNS servers are hosted. The private DNS zone name and the resource group name are displayed on the UI.

6. On the Review page, review the details and click **Enable**.

7. After enabling the SnapCenter Service successfully, click **Finish**.

Results

- After successfully enabling the SnapCenter Service, the AKS cluster will be created. You can view the AKS cluster details by clicking  .



If you have failed to enable the SnapCenter Service, you can fix the issue and click **Retry**.

- After creating the user assigned managed identity, it will be assigned to a custom role.
 - The user assigned managed identity will be assigned to a custom role with the below permissions at the scope of Connector resource group:

```
"Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourceGroups/read",
"Microsoft.ContainerService/managedClusters/read",
"Microsoft.ContainerService/managedClusters/write",
"Microsoft.ContainerService/managedClusters/delete",
"Microsoft.ContainerService/managedClusters/listClusterUserCredential
/action",
"Microsoft.ManagedIdentity/userAssignedIdentities/assign/action",
"Microsoft.ManagedIdentity/userAssignedIdentities/read",
"Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/read",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/read"
```

- The user assigned managed identity will be assigned to a custom role with the below permissions at the scope of Connector's VNet:

```
"Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments/read",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/subnets/join/action",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/subnets/read",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/read",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/join/action"
```

- If route table is configured on the subnet for routing to firewall, then the user assigned managed identity will be assigned to a custom role with the below permissions at the scope of the route table.

```
"Microsoft.Network/routeTables/*",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/effectiveRouteTable/action",
"Microsoft.Network/networkWatchers/nextHop/action"
```

- If the Connector is installed without public IP, then the user assigned managed identity will be assigned to a custom role with the below permission at the scope of private DNS zone.

```
"Microsoft.Network/privateDnsZones/*"
```

Permissions required for Azure login account

Azure login account is used to create the user assigned managed identity, required roles, and assigning the identity to the Connector VM.



The credentials of the login account is not stored anywhere in the SnapCenter Service and are not used to call APIs. The credentials are used only in the UI.

Steps

1. Create a custom role using the [SnapCenter_Deployment_Role1.json](#) file.

You should replace the <Subscription_ID> in the SnapCenter_Deployment_Role1.json file with your Azure subscription ID.

2. Assign the role to the login account at the scope of Connector's resource group.
3. Create a custom role using the [SnapCenter_Deployment_Role2.json](#) file.

You should replace the <Subscription_ID> in the SnapCenter_Deployment_Role2.json file with your Azure subscription ID.

4. Assign the role to the login account at the scope of Connector's VNet or higher.
5. If you have [configured firewall](#), create a custom role using the [SnapCenter-Deployment-Role3.json](#) file.

You should replace the <Subscription_ID> in the SnapCenter_Deployment_Role3.json file with your Azure subscription ID.

6. Assign the role to the login account at the scope of route table which is attached to the SnapCenter subnet.

Install the HDBSQL client

After enabling the SnapCenter Service, install the HDBSQL client to perform data protection operations on SAP HANA databases. The HDBSQL client is used to communicate with the SAP HANA systems.

Steps

1. Download HDB Client software from your SAP account.

It is an archive file with (.SAR) extension. Example: IMDB_CLIENT20_008_20-80002082.SAR



The HDB Client software version should be 2.4.202.1590784230 or later.

2. Download the latest SAPCAR utility from your SAP account. Example: *SAPCAR_1010-70006178.EXE*
3. On the Cloud Manager UI, click **Connector** to obtain the connector name.
4. Log into [Microsoft Azure portal](#).
5. Click **Virtual machines**.
6. Search for the Cloud Manager Connector and copy the public IP address assigned to the Connector.

If the Connector does not have public IP enabled, you should use a jump host.

7. Copy the SAPCAR utility and HDB Client archive (.SAR) file to the Connector machine.

To copy the file to the Connector path, you need the credentials, or the key provided while creating the Connector.

```
° scp <SAPCAR_utility> <username>@<IP_ADDRESS>:/home/<username>
° scp <HDB_Client_archive> <username>@<IP_ADDRESS>:/home/<username>
```

The file are copied to */home/<username>*.

8. Log into the Connector VM with the ssh credentials or key.

9. Run the following commands in the Connector VM to install the HDBSQL client in the AKS.

- a. `sudo cp /home/<username>/<SAPCAR_utility>
/var/lib/docker/volumes/cloudmanager_snapcenter_volume/_data/`
- b. `sudo cp /home/<username>/< HDB_Client_archive>
/var/lib/docker/volumes/cloudmanager_snapcenter_volume/_data/`
- c. `sudo docker exec -it cloudmanager_snapcenter /bin/bash
/opt/netapp/hdbclient/hdbclient.sh --archivefile <HDB_Client_archive>
--archiveutil <SAPCAR_utility>`

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[How to move files using SCP](#)

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