



Create SVMs

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Create SVMs

You can use System Manager to create fully configured storage virtual machines (SVMs) that can serve data immediately. A cluster can have one or more SVMs.

Before you begin

- The cluster must have at least one non-root aggregate in the online state.
- The aggregate must have sufficient space for the SVM root volume.
- You must have synchronized the time across the cluster by configuring and enabling NTP to prevent CIFS creation and authentication failures.
- The protocols that you want to configure on the SVM must be licensed.
- You must have configured the CIFS protocol for secure DDNS to work.

About this task

- While creating SVMs, you can perform the following tasks:
 - Create and fully configure SVMs.
 - Configure the volume type that is allowed on SVMs.
 - Create and configure SVMs with minimal network configuration.
 - Delegate the administration to SVM administrators.
- To name the SVM, you can use alphanumeric characters and the following special characters: "." (period), "-" (hyphen), and "_" (underscore).

The SVM name should start with an alphabet or "_" (underscore) and must not contain more than 47 characters.



You should use unique fully qualified domain names (FQDNs) for the SVM name such as vs0.example.com.

- You can establish SnapMirror relationships only between volumes that have the same language settings.

The language of the SVM determines the character set that is used to display file names and data for all NAS volumes in the SVM.

- You cannot use a SnapLock aggregate as the root aggregate of SVMs.

Steps

1. Click **Storage > SVMs**.
2. Click **Create**.
3. In the **Storage Virtual Machine (SVM) Setup** window, specify the following details:
 - SVM name
 - IPspace allocated to the SVM
 - Volume type allowed
 - Protocols allowed
 - SVM language

- Security style of the root volume
- Root aggregate The default language setting for any SVM is C.UTF-8.

By default, the aggregate with the maximum free space is selected as the container for the root volume of the SVM. Based on the protocols selected, the default security style and the root aggregate are selected.

+ The security style is set to NTFS if you select CIFS protocol or a combination of CIFS protocol with the other protocols. The security style is set to UNIX if you select NFS, iSCSI, NVMe, or FC/FCoE, or a combination of these protocols.

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NVMe does not allow the combination of protocols.

+ In a MetroCluster configuration, only the aggregates that are contained in the cluster are displayed.

4. Specify the DNS domain names and the name server IP addresses to configure the DNS services.

The default values are selected from the existing SVM configurations.

5. When configuring a data LIF to access data using a protocol, specify the target alias, subnets, and the number of LIFs per node.

You can select the **Review or Modify LIFs configuration (Advanced Settings)** checkbox to modify the number of portsets in the LIF.

You can edit the details of the portset in a particular node by selecting the node from the nodes list in the details area.

6. Enable host-side applications such as SnapDrive and SnapManager for the SVM administrator by providing the SVM credentials.
7. For protocols other than NVMe, create a new LIF for SVM management by clicking **Create a new LIF for SVM management**, and then specify the portsets and the IP address with or without a subnet for the new management LIF.

For CIFS and NFS protocols, data LIFs have management access by default. You must create a new management LIF only if required. For iSCSI and FC, a SVM management LIF is required because data protocols and management protocols cannot share the same LIF.

8. For NVMe protocol, starting with ONTAP 9.5, configure a minimum of one LIF for each node on the second page of the SVM Setup wizard: **Configure NVMe Protocol**.

You must configure at least one LIF for each node in the HA pair. You can also specify two LIFs per node. Click the settings icon to toggle between one or two LIFs configurations.

9. Click **Submit & Continue**.

The SVM is created with the specified configuration.

Results

The SVM that you created is started automatically. The root volume name is automatically generated as `SVM_name_root`. By default, the `vsadmin` user account is created and is in the locked state.

What to do next

You must configure at least one protocol on the SVM to allow data access.

Configure CIFS and NFS protocols on SVMs

You can use System Manager to configure CIFS and NFS protocols on a storage virtual machine (SVM) to provide file-level data access for NAS clients. To enable the CIFS protocol, you must create data LIFs and the CIFS server. To enable the NFS protocol, you can specify the NIS details and the data LIFs.

Before you begin

- The protocols that you want to configure or enable on the SVM must be licensed.

If the protocol that you want to configure is not enabled on the SVM, you can use the Edit Storage Virtual Machine window to enable the protocol for the SVM.

- You must have the Active Directory, organizational unit, and administrative account credentials for configuring the CIFS protocol.

About this task

SnapLock aggregates are not considered for automatically creating volumes.

Steps

1. If you have not configured the protocols while creating the SVM, click **Storage > SVMs**.
2. Select the SVM, and then click **SVM Settings**.
3. In the **Protocols** pane, click the protocol that you want to configure.
4. In the **Data LIF Configuration** section, if you want to retain the same data LIF configuration for both CIFS and NFS, select the **Retain the CIFS data LIF's configuration for NFS client** check box.

If you do not retain the same data LIF configuration for both CIFS and NFS, you must specify the IP address and ports separately for CIFS and NFS.

5. Specify the IP address by choosing one of the following options:

If you want to...	Then...
Specify the IP address by using a subnet	<p>a. Select Using a subnet.</p> <p>b. In the Add Details dialog box, select the subnet from which the IP address must be assigned.</p> <p>For intercluster LIFs, only the subnets that are associated with the selected IPspace are displayed.</p> <p>c. If you want to assign a specific IP address to the interface, select Use a specific IP address, and then type the IP address.</p> <p>The IP address that you specify is added to the subnet if the IP address is not already present in the subnet range.</p> <p>d. Click OK.</p>
Specify the IP address manually without using a subnet	<p>a. Select Without a subnet.</p> <p>b. In the Add Details dialog box, perform the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specify the IP address and the network mask or prefix. ii. Optional: Specify the gateway. iii. If you do not want to use the default value for the Destination field, specify a new destination value. <p>If you do not specify a destination value, the Destination field is populated with the default value based on the family of the IP address.</p> <p>If a route does not exist, a new route is automatically created based on the gateway and destination.</p> <p>c. Click OK.</p>

6. Specify a port to create a data LIF:

- a. Click **Browse**.
- b. In the **Select Network Port or Adapter** dialog box, select a port.
- c. Click **OK**.

7. Configure the CIFS server by performing the following steps:

- a. Specify the following information to create a CIFS server:
 - CIFS server name

- Active Directory to associate with the CIFS server
- Organizational unit (OU) within the Active Directory domain to associate with the CIFS server

By default, this parameter is set to CN=Computers.

- Credentials of an administrative account that has sufficient privileges to add the CIFS server to the OU

- Select **Encrypt Data while accessing all shares of this SVM** to enable SMB 3.0 encryption for all of the shares of the SVM.
- Provision a volume for CIFS storage when configuring the protocol by specifying the share name, size of the share, and access permissions.
- Select **Encrypt Data while accessing this share** to enable SMB 3.0 encryption for a particular share.

8. Configure NIS services:

- Specify the IP addresses of the NIS servers and NIS domain name to configure NIS services on the SVM.
- Select the appropriate database type for which you want to add the “nis” name service source.
- Provision a volume for NFS storage by specifying the export name, size, and permission.

9. Click **Submit & Continue**.

Results

The CIFS server and NIS domain are configured with the specified configuration, and the data LIFs are created. By default, the data LIFs have management access. You can view the configuration details on the Summary page.

Configure iSCSI protocol on SVMs

You can configure the iSCSI protocol on a storage virtual machine (SVM) to provide block-level data access by using System Manager. You can create iSCSI LIFs and portsets and then add the LIFs to the portsets. LIFs are created on the most suitable adapters and are assigned to portsets to ensure data path redundancy.

Before you begin

- The iSCSI license must be enabled on the cluster.

If the iSCSI protocol is not enabled on the SVM, you can use the Edit Storage Virtual Machine window to enable the protocol for the SVM.

- All of the nodes in the cluster must be healthy.
- Each node must have at least two data ports, and the port state must be up.

About this task

- You can configure the iSCSI protocol while creating the SVM or you can do so at a later time.
- SnapLock aggregates are not considered for automatically creating volumes.

Steps

1. If you have not configured the iSCSI protocol while creating the SVM, click **Storage > SVMs**.

2. Select the SVM, and then click **SVM Settings**.
3. In the **Protocols** pane, click **iSCSI**.
4. In the **Network Access** section, specify an alias for the iSCSI target.

The maximum number of characters for an alias name is 128. If you do not specify a target alias, the SVM name is used as an alias.

5. Specify the number of iSCSI LIFs that can be assigned to a single node.

The minimum number of LIFs per node is one. The maximum number is the minimum of all the ports in the `up` state across the nodes. If the maximum value is an odd number, the previous even number is considered as the maximum value. You can choose any even number in the minimum and maximum value range.

A 4-node cluster has node1, node2, and node3 with six ports each in the `up` state, and node4 with seven ports in the `up` state. The effective maximum value for the cluster is 6.

If the number of LIFs that you want to assign to the node is more than two, you must assign at least one portset to each LIF.

6. Specify the network details, including the subnet details, to create iSCSI LIFs:

If you want to...	Then...
Specify the IP address by using a subnet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Select Using a subnet. b. In the Add Details dialog box, select the subnet from which the IP address must be assigned. For intercluster LIFs, only the subnets that are associated with the selected IPspace are displayed. c. If you want to assign a specific IP address to the interface, select Use a specific IP address, and then type the IP address. The IP address that you specify is added to the subnet if the IP address is not already present in the subnet range. d. Click OK.

If you want to...	Then...
Specify the IP address manually without using a subnet	<p>a. Select Without a subnet.</p> <p>b. In the Add Details dialog box, perform the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specify the IP address and the network mask or prefix. ii. Optional: Specify the gateway. iii. If you do not want to use the default value for the Destination field, specify a new destination value. <p>If you do not specify a destination value, the Destination field is populated with the default value based on the family of the IP address.</p> <p>If a route does not exist, a new route is automatically created based on the gateway and destination.</p> <p>c. Click OK.</p>

7. Select the broadcast domain.

8. Select the adapter type.

If you have NIC cards configured in your cluster, you should select **NIC**.

If you have CNS cards configured in your cluster, you should select **CNA**.

If you have ifgrps configured in your cluster, you should select **Interface Group**.



The ifgrp port must be added in the broadcast domain.

9. Provision a LUN for iSCSI storage when configuring the iSCSI protocol by specifying the LUN size, OS type for the LUN, and host initiator details.

10. If you want to verify or modify the configuration of the automatically generated iSCSI LIFs, select **Review or Modify LIFs configuration (Advanced Settings)**.

You can modify only the LIF name and the home port. By default, the portsets are set to the minimum value. You must specify unique entries. If you specify duplicate LIF names, System Manager appends numeric values to the duplicate LIF name.

Based on the selected portset, the LIFs are distributed across the portsets by using a round-robin method to ensure redundancy in case of node failure or port failure.

11. Click **Submit & Continue**.

Results

The iSCSI LIFs and portsets are created with the specified configuration. The LIFs are distributed among the

portsets based on the selected portset. The iSCSI service is started if all of the LIFs are successfully created.

If LIF creation fails, you can create the LIFs by using the Network Interfaces window, attach the LIFs to the portsets by using the LUNs window, and then start the iSCSI service by using the iSCSI window.

Configure FC protocol and FCoE protocol on SVMs

You can configure the FC protocol and the FCoE protocol on the storage virtual machine (SVM) for SAN hosts. LIFs are created on the most suitable adapters and are assigned to port sets to ensure data path redundancy. Based on your requirements, you can configure either the FC protocol or the FCoE protocols, or both the protocols by using System Manager.

Before you begin

- The FCP license must be enabled on the cluster.
- All of the nodes in the cluster must be healthy.
- Each node must have at least two correctly configured ports for each protocol (FC and FCoE).

About this task

- You can configure the FC protocol and the FCoE protocol while creating the SVM or you can configure the protocols at a later time.

If the protocols are not allowed on the SVM, you can use the Edit Storage Virtual Machine window to enable the protocols for the SVM.

- SnapLock aggregates are not considered for automatically creating volumes.

Steps

1. If you have not configured the protocols while creating the SVM, click the **Storage > SVMs** tab.
2. Select the SVM, and then click **SVM Settings**.
3. In the **Protocols** pane, click **FC/FCoE**.
4. In the **Data Interface Configuration** section, select the corresponding option to configure data LIFs for the FC protocol and the FCoE protocol.
5. Specify the number of data LIFs per node for each protocol.

The minimum number of LIFs per node is one. The maximum number is the minimum of all the ports in the `up` state across the nodes. If the maximum value is an odd number, the previous even number is considered as the maximum value. You can choose any even number in the minimum and maximum value range.

A four-node cluster has node1, node2, and node3 with six ports each in the `up` state, and node4 with seven ports in the `up` state. The effective maximum value for the cluster is six.

If the number of LIFs that you want to assign to the node is more than two, you must assign at least one portset to each LIF.

6. If you want to verify or modify the automatically generated LIFs configuration, select **Review or Edit the Interface Association**.

You can modify only the LIF name and home port. You must ensure that you do not specify duplicate

entries.

7. Provision a LUN for the FC storage or FCoE storage when configuring the protocol by providing the LUN size, OS type for the LUN, and host initiator details.
8. Click **Submit & Continue**.

Results

The data LIFs and port sets are created with the specified configuration. The LIFs are distributed accordingly among the port sets. The FCP service is started if all of the LIFs are successfully created for at least one protocol.

If LIF creation fails, you can create the LIFs and start the FCP service from the FC/FCoE window.

Related information

[ONTAP 9 Documentation Center](#)

Configure NVMe protocol on SVMs

You can configure the NVMe protocol on a storage virtual machine (SVM) using System Manager. You can then create namespaces and assign them to an NVMe subsystem and host.

About this task

The SVM with NVMe should not have any other protocol. If you select NVMe, then the rest of the protocols will be disabled. You can also configure NVMe while creating the SVM.

Steps

1. If you did not configure the NVMe protocol when creating the SVM, click **Storage > SVMs**
2. Select the SVM, and then click **SVM settings**.
3. In the **Protocols** pane, click **NVMe**.
4. Click the link to configure the protocol, as required.



If there are any other protocols enabled, you must deselect these to make NVMe available to select. NVMe cannot be combined with any other protocol.

5. In the **Edit Storage Virtual Machine** pane, click on **Resource Allocation**.
6. In the **Resource Allocation** tab, you can choose not to delegate volume creation or you can select an aggregate to provision the volumes automatically.
7. Click on the **Services** tab to configure the Name Service Switch details.
8. Click **Save and Close**

The NVMe protocol is configured on the SVM. After the protocol has been configured, you can start or stop the service using **SVM Settings**

Related information

[Setting up NVMe](#)

Delegating administration to SVM administrators

After setting up a functional storage virtual machine (SVM) or SVMs with basic network configuration, you can optionally delegate the administration of the SVM to SVM administrators.

About this task

SVM administrators cannot use System Manager to manage delegated SVMs. Administrators can manage them only by using the command-line interface (CLI).

Steps

1. In the **Administrator Details** section, set up a password for the `vsadmin` user account.
2. If you want a dedicated LIF for SVM management, select **Create a LIF for SVM management**, and then specify the network details.

A dedicated SVM management LIF is required for SAN protocols, where data and management protocols cannot share the same LIF. SVM management LIFs can be created only on data ports.

3. Specify the network details, including subnet details, for creating iSCSI LIFs:

If you want to...	Then...
Specify the IP address by using a subnet	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Select Using a subnet.b. In the Add Details dialog box, select the subnet from which the IP address must be assigned. For intercluster LIFs, only the subnets that are associated with the selected IPspace are displayed.c. If you want to assign a specific IP address to the interface, select Use a specific IP address, and then type the IP address. The IP address that you specify is added to the subnet if the IP address is not already present in the subnet range.d. Click OK.

If you want to...	Then...
Specify the IP address manually without using a subnet	<p>a. Select Without a subnet.</p> <p>b. In the Add Details dialog box, perform the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specify the IP address and the network mask or prefix. ii. Optional: Specify the gateway. iii. If you do not want to use the default value for the Destination field, specify a new destination value. <p>If you do not specify a custom value, the Destination field is populated with the default value based on the family of the IP address.</p> <p>If a route does not exist, a new route is automatically created based on the gateway and destination.</p> <p>c. Click OK.</p>

4. Specify a port for creating a data LIF:

- a. Click **Browse**.
- b. Select a port from the Select Network Port or Adapter dialog box.
- c. Click **OK**.

Results

The `vsadmin` account is unlocked and configured with the password.

The default access methods for the `vsadmin` account are ONTAP API (`ontapi`) and SSH (`ssh`). The SVM administrator can log in to the storage system by using the management IP address.

What to do next

You must assign aggregates to the SVM by using the Edit Storage Virtual Machine dialog box.



If the SVM does not have any assigned aggregates, the SVM administrator cannot create volumes.

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