



Install XCP

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Install and configure workflow

This document provides an easy workflow for installing and setting up XCP on NFS and SMB systems.



Download XCP

Download XCP from the NetApp support site and obtain a license from the XCP site.

You can download XCP from the [NetApp Support site](#).

License XCP

NetApp offers a free 90-day XCP license. You can obtain the license file from the [XCP site](#). The licensing portal offers different licensing options. After 90 days you can renew the license for another 90 days using the same portal.

The XCP license is available as an offline or online license. If you want to send migration statistics use an online license. The online license requires an internet connection. The offline license does not require an internet connection.

Prepare your system

If you are using [XCP NFS on a Linux system](#), you must prepare catalog and storage.

If you are using [XCP SMB on a Microsoft Windows system](#), you must prepare storage.

Prepare Linux for XCP NFS

XCP NFS uses Linux client host systems to generate parallel I/O streams and fully use available network and storage performance.

You can configure your setup for a root and a non-root user and then, depending on your setup, you can select either user.

Configure catalog

XCP saves operation reports and metadata in an NFSv3-accessible catalog directory or on any POSIX path with the required permissions.

- Provisioning the catalog is a one-time pre-installation activity.
- Approximately 1 GB of space is indexed for every 10 million objects (directories plus files and hard links); each copy that can be resumed or synched and each offline-searchable scan requires an index.
- To support performance, at least ten disks or SSDs are required in the aggregate containing the export directory.



You must store XCP catalogs separately. They must not be located on either the source or the destination NFS export directory. XCP maintains the metadata, which are the reports in the catalog location specified during the initial setup. Before you run any operation using XCP, you must specify and update the location for storing the reports.

Configure storage

XCP NFS transitions and migrations have the following source and target storage requirements:

- Source and target servers must have the NFSv3 or NFS v4.0 protocol service enabled
 - For NFSv4 ACL migration, you must enable NFSv4 protocol service and NFSv4 ACL on the destination server
- Source and target volumes must be exported with `root` access to the XCP Linux client host



To prevent administrators accidentally modifying the source volume, you should configure the source volume for the NFSv3 and NFSv4 export directories as read-only.

Root user

A root user on a Linux machine has the permissions to mount the source, destination, and catalog volumes.

Non-root user

A non-root user has the following permissions on a mounted volume:

- Read permission access to the source volume
- Read/write permission access to the mounted destination volume
- Read/write permission access to the catalog volume

Prepare Windows for XCP SMB

XCP SMB uses Windows client host systems to generate parallel I/O streams and fully use available network and storage performance.

Configure storage

XCP SMB transitions and migrations have the following user login requirements:

- XCP host system: An XCP host user must have administrator privilege (the user must be part of "BUILTIN\Administrators" group on the XCP SMB host system).
- Add the migration or XCP host user to the audit and security log policy for Active Directory. To locate the 'Manage Auditing and Security Log' Policy on Windows 10, follow these steps:

Steps

1. Open the **Group Policy Editor** dialog box.
2. Go to **Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Local Policies > User Rights Assignment**.
3. Select **Manage auditing and security log**.
4. To add an XCP host user, select **Add User or Group**.

For more information, see: [Manage auditing and security log](#).

- Target storage system: XCP host user must have read and write access.
- Source storage system:
 - If the user is part of the "Backup Operators" group in the source storage system, the members of this group can read files while bypassing the security rules,

regardless of any permissions that protect those files.

- If the user is not part of “Backup Operators” group in source system, the user must have read access.



Write permission is required in the source storage system for supporting the XCP option – `preserve-atime`.

Install XCP NFS

If you want to upgrade XCP, delete the current installation and replace it with a new installation of the latest version.

This section details the system requirements and the procedures for the initial setup of XCP on a Linux client and the INI file configuration.

System Requirements

Item	Requirement
System	64-bit Intel or AMD server, minimum 4 cores and 32 GB RAM
Operating System & Software	RHEL8. See the IMT for supported operating systems
Special Requirements	Network connectivity and root level access to source and destination NFSv3 exports No other active applications
Storage	20 MB of disk space for the XCP binary and at least 50 MB of disk space for the logs that are stored in the <code>/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/</code> directory
Supported Protocol Version	NFSv3 and NFSv4 (POSIX and ACL)
Supported browser (File Analytics only)	XCP File Analytics supports Google Chrome version 76 and later. See the IMT matrix for all the supported versions of the browser



The recommended configuration for live source migration is 8 cores and 64 GB RAM.

Install XCP NFS for a root user

You can use the following procedure to install XCP for a root user.

Steps

1. Log in to the Linux machine as the root user and download and install the license:

```
[root@scspr1980872003 ~]# ls -l
total 36188
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 37043983 Oct  5 09:36 NETAPP_XCP_<version>.tgz
-rw-----  1 root root      1994 Sep  4 2019 license
```

2. To extract the tool, untar XCP:

```
[root@scspr1980872003 ~]# tar -xvf NETAPP_XCP_<version>.tgz
[root@scspr1980872003 ~]# ls
NETAPP_XCP_<version>.tgz license xcp
[root@scspr1980872003 ~]# cd xcp/linux/
[root@scspr1980872003 linux]# ls
xcp
```

3. Verify that the `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp` path is available on the system from a previous version of XCP.

If `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp` is available, activate the license by using the `xcp activate` command and proceed with data migration.

If `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp` is not available, when you run the `xcp activate` command is run for the first time, the system creates the XCP host configuration directory in `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp`.

The `xcp activate` command fails because the license is not installed:

```
[root@scspr1980872003 linux]# ./xcp activate
(c) 2020 NetApp, Inc.
xcp: Host config file not found. Creating sample at
'/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/xcp.ini'

xcp: ERROR: License file /opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/license not found.
Register for a license at https://xcp.netapp.com
```

4. Copy the license to `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/`:

```
[root@scspr1980872003 linux]# cp ~/license /opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/
```

5. Verify that the license file was copied to `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/`:

```
[root@scspr1980872003 ~]# ls -altr /opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/
total 44
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root    17 Oct  1 06:07 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   304 Oct  1 06:07 license
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root     6 Oct  1 10:16 xcpfalog
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root    21 Oct  1 10:16 xcplogs
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   110 Oct  5 00:48 xcp.ini
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root    83 Oct  5 00:48 .
[root@scspr1978802001 ~]#
```

6. Activate XCP:


```
[root@scspr1980872003 linux]# ./xcp activate
XCP <version>; (c) 2020 NetApp, Inc.;
XCP already activated
```

Install XCP for a non-root user

You can use the following procedure to install XCP for a non-root user.

Steps

1. Log in to the Linux machine as the non-root user and download and install the license:

```
[user1@scspr2474004001 ~]$ ls -l
total 36640
-rwxr-xr-x 1 user1 user1      352 Sep 20 01:56 license
-rw-r--r-- 1 user1 user1 37512339 Sep 20 01:56
NETAPP_XCP_Nightly_dev.tgz
[user1@scspr2474004001 ~]$
```

2. To extract the tool, untar XCP:

```
[user1@scspr2474004001 ~]$ tar -xvf NETAPP_XCP_Nightly_dev.tar
[user1@scspr2474004001 ~]$ cd xcp/linux/
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$ ls
xcp
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$
```

3. Verify that the `/home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp` path is available on the system from a previous version of XCP.

If the `/home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp` path is available, activate the license by using the `xcp activate` command and proceeding with data migration.

If `/home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp` is not available, when you run the `xcp activate` command for the first time, the system creates the XCP host configuration directory in `/home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp`.

The `xcp activate` command fails because the license is not installed:

```
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$ /home/user1/xcp/linux/xcp activate
(c) 2021 NetApp, Inc.
xcp: Host config file not found. Creating sample at
'/home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/xcp.ini'

xcp: ERROR: License file /home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/license not
found.
Register for a license at https://xcp.netapp.com
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$
```

4. Copy the license to /home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/:

```
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$ cp ~/license
/home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$
```

5. Verify that the license file was copied to /home/user1/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/:

```
[user1@scspr2474004001 xcp]$ ls -ltr
total 8
drwxrwxr-x 2 user1 user1 21 Sep 20 02:04 xcplogs
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 71 Sep 20 02:04 xcp.ini
-rwxr-xr-x 1 user1 user1 352 Sep 20 02:10 license
[user1@scspr2474004001 xcp]$
```

6. Activate XCP:

```
[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$ ./xcp activate
(c) 2021 NetApp, Inc.

XCP already activated

[user1@scspr2474004001 linux]$
```

Install XCP SMB

This section details the system requirements and the procedure for VC++ redistributable installation and the initial setup of XCP on a Windows client.



There is no option to upgrade; reinstall XCP to replace any existing version.

System Requirements

Item	Requirement
System	64-bit Intel or AMD server, minimum 4 cores and 32 GB RAM
Operating System & Software	Windows 2012 R2 or above. For supported Microsoft OS versions, see the Interoperability Matrix Tool . Visual C++ 2017 redistributable must be installed on the XCP host.
Special Requirements	The source storage system, XCP host, and the target ONTAP system must be part of same Active Directory domain
Storage	20 MB of disk space for the XCP binary and at least 50 MB of disk space for the logs that are stored in the C:\NetApp\XCP directory
Supported Protocol Version	All SMB protocol versions
Supported browser (File Analytics only)	XCP File Analytics supports Google Chrome version 76 and later. See the IMT matrix for all the supported versions of the browser

XCP SMB Microsoft VC++ Redistributable installation

Follow these steps for the VC++ redistributable installation.

Steps

1. Click [VC++ 2017 redistributable](#) to download the executable to your default downloads folder.
2. To start the installation, double click the installer. Accept the terms and conditions and select **Install**.
3. When the installation is complete, restart the Windows client.

XCP SMB Initial Setup Procedure

Follow these steps to perform the initial setup of XCP SMB.

Steps

1. Download the license and the XCP SMB binary `NETAPP_XCP_<version>.tgz` on a Windows client.
2. Extract the `NETAPP_XCP_<version>.tgz` file.
3. Copy the `xcp.exe` file to your Windows C: drive, this binary is available inside `NETAPP_XCP_1.8\NETAPP_XCP_1.8\xcp\windows` after you extract the `tgz` file.
4. Verify that the `C:\NetApp\XCP` path is available on the system from a previous version of XCP.
If `C:\NetApp\XCP` is available, activate XCP by using the `xcp.exe activate` command and proceed with data migration.

If `C:\NetApp\XCP` is not available, the system creates the XCP host configuration directory and files it at `C:\NetApp\XCP` when you run the `xcp.exe activate` command for the first time. The `xcp.exe activate` command fails and creates an error message asking for a new license.

```
C:\>xcp.exe activate
(c) yyyy NetApp, Inc.

License file C:\NetApp\XCP\license not found.
Register for a license at https://xcp.netapp.com
```

5. Copy the license to the newly created folder C:\NetApp\XCP:

```
C:\>copy license c:\NetApp\XCP
1 file(s) copied.
```

6. Activate XCP:

```
C:\>xcp.exe activate
XCP SMB; (c) 2020 NetApp, Inc.;

XCP already activated

C:\>
```

Install File Analytics for NFS

Install or upgrade File Analytics for NFS.

For system requirements for NFS, see [Install XCP NFS](#).

The `configure.sh` script installs and enables default configurations of HTTPD and PostgreSQL available for Linux server. You can change or update to a more recent version as needed and to adhere to security guidelines.

Before you begin

- You cannot run the XCP application and XCP as service simultaneously on the same host. If any XCP operations are running, complete the operations before you start configuration.
- Your Linux machine must be connected to the Yum repository server or the internet.
- If a firewall is configured on the Linux machine, you must change the firewall settings to enable the ports used by XCP, the XCP service, and the services used by XCP File Analytics. For more information, go to [Ports used by XCP](#).

Steps

1. Go to your XCP folder and run the `./configure.sh` script.
The script takes three to ten minutes to configure the Linux machine and complete the following tasks:
 - a. Download PostgreSQL packages
 - b. Install the PostgreSQL server
 - c. Install the HTTPD

- d. Use the open SSL to create a self-signed certificate (`server.key` and `server.crt`)
- e. Create the XCP File Analytics database
2. Select option 1 Configure client system from the XCP configuration menu.
3. For a new install, update the password for the administrator and database users.
For an upgrade, you are prompted to stop the XCP service. When done, select option 0.
4. Start the XCP service.
Use the following command to check if the XCP service is running:
`service xcp status`
5. Launch File Analytics in the browser: **`https://<ip address of linux>/xcp`**.

Install File Analytics for SMB

Install or upgrade File Analytics for SMB.

For system requirements for SMB, see [Install XCP SMB](#).

Before you begin

- You must configure XCP File Analytics for NFS on a Linux machine to use the XCP SMB service.
- Make sure the XCP service is running on your Linux machine, before you begin configuring XCP File Analytics on a Windows machine.

Fresh install of File Analytics for SMB

To perform a fresh install of File Analytics for SMB, complete the following steps.

Steps

1. Copy the `xcp.exe` file to your Windows C: drive, this binary is available inside `/xcp/windows` after you untar the `tgz`.
2. Download the XCP license file from the [XCP site](#).
3. Create the folder `C:\NetApp\XCP` and copy the XCP license to this location.
4. Activate the XCP license using the following command at the command prompt: `xcp.exe activate`
5. Copy the `server.key` and `server.crt` files from `/opt/NetApp/xFiles/xcp/` (in the Linux box where XCP File Analytics is already configured) to `C:\NetApp\XCP`
Optional - If you have a CA certificate, place the certificate in this location with the same name and extensions.
6. In the Windows CLI command prompt, run `xcp configure`.
7. When prompted, provide the IP address of the Linux machine where the XCP File Analytics server is configured.
8. When prompted, provide the password for the database that was entered during the XCP Linux File Analytics configuration.
9. Go to the Linux machine and run `./configure.sh`.
10. Select option 4 (Update XCP windows agent IP) on the main menu and provide the IP address for the Windows machine.

11. Go to your Windows machine and run `xcp listen`, now XCP File Analytics for SMB is configured. Keep the window in an open state to continuously run the service.
12. Launch File Analytics on the Google Chrome browser and refresh the page: `https://<ip address of linux>/xcp`
13. Select **OK** when the dialog box displays.
A new tab will open. Please enable pop ups on the browser if it is blocked. Accept the privacy policy for the URL and the following message displays: `SMB agent is ready to use`. Please refresh the analytics page
14. Return to the original tab where the XCP File Analytics GUI is hosted and refresh the page.
This will display the SMB agent under the Agents card.

Upgrade of File Analytics for SMB

To upgrade the existing File Analytics for SMB, complete the following steps.

1. Before you run File Analytics make sure the Linux server where File Analytics is running is also upgraded and the service is running.
2. In Windows, stop the existing XCP service by entering **CTRL-C** on the command line.
3. Replace `xcp.exe` with latest binary.
4. Go to the Linux machine and run `./configure.sh`.
5. Select option 4 (Update XCP windows agent IP) on the main menu and provide the IP address for the Windows machine.
6. Go to your Windows machine and run `xcp listen`, now XCP File Analytics for SMB is configured. Keep the window in an open state to continuously run the service.
7. Launch File Analytics on the Google Chrome browser and refresh the page: `https://<ip address of linux>/xcp`
8. Select **OK** when the dialog box displays.
A new tab will open. Please enable pop ups on the browser if it is blocked. Accept the privacy policy for the URL and the following message displays: `SMB agent is ready to use`. Please refresh the analytics page
9. Return to the original tab where the XCP File Analytics GUI is hosted and refresh the page.
This will display the SMB agent under the Agents card.

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