



Import archived backups from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server to SnapCenter

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Import archived backups from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server to SnapCenter

Import archived backups overview

Importing data from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server to SnapCenter enables you to continue to use your data from previous versions. You can import only those backups that were archived using SnapVault technology from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server to SnapCenter.

SnapCenter does not support Data ONTAP operating in 7-Mode. You can use the 7-Mode Transition Tool to migrate data and configurations that are stored on a system running Data ONTAP operating in 7-Mode to an ONTAP system.

Limitations related to the import feature

Understanding limitations before you import archived backups from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server to SnapCenter will help you complete the import successfully. These backups must have been archived with SnapVault technology.

- You cannot manage clones created using SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server in SnapCenter. You must manage the clones in SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server.
- You cannot import backups from the SnapCenter graphical user interface (GUI).
- You cannot import databases from a virtual machine with a VMDK disk.

Import archived backups

You can import only those backups that were archived using SnapVault technology from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server to SnapCenter from the command-line interface.

What you will need

- Both the SnapCenter Plug-in for Microsoft SQL Server and SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server 7.x must be installed on the same host.
- For cluster support, both the plug-in and 7.x product must have been installed on each node in the cluster.
- You must have added the host or cluster to SnapCenter and discovered the resources available for backup on the host or cluster.
- You must have backed up the SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server SnapInfo folder.

If the import operation fails, you can retrieve the backup metadata from the SnapInfo directory.

Best Practice: It is a best practice to configure the log backup folder for the SnapCenter Plug-in for Microsoft SQL Server.

For information on SnapCenter installation and configuration tasks, see the SnapCenter installation

information. For information on SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server installation and configuration tasks, see the SnapManager installation information.

After the archived backups have been imported to SnapCenter from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server, you can perform restore and clone operations on these backups from SnapCenter. Simultaneously, you can also continue to perform backup, restore, and clone operations using SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server.

Steps

1. Perform the following steps to create schedules similar to SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server schedules manually in SnapCenter:
 - a. Retrieve the schedule information from SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server by using the `Get-SmSchedule` cmdlet.
 - b. Save the schedule information.

You can use this schedule information while creating policies in SnapCenter.

- c. Disable SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server schedules by using the `Get-SmSchedule -Hostname <hostname> -PluginCode SMSQL -DisableCurrentGenSchedule` cmdlet.
2. Import archived backups by using the `Invoke-SmBackupMigration` cmdlet.

For example, to migrate standalone SQL host: `Invoke-SmBackupMigration -Hostname <hostname> -PluginCode SMSQL`

For example, to migrate cluster host: `Invoke-SmBackupMigration -Hostname <clustername> -PluginCode SMSQL`

View the imported backups in SnapCenter Server

After you have imported your SnapManager for Microsoft SQL Server archived backups, you can view these backups in SnapCenter from the **Topology** page.

Steps

1. In the left navigation pane, click **Resources**, and then select the appropriate plug-in from the list.
2. Create a resource group with all the databases.
3. Select the resource group.
4. Protect the resource group.
5. In the **Topology** page, **Manage Copies** view, click backups from Vault copies.

The details of the backups are displayed.



When the archived Snapshot copies are migrated and they get cleaned up from the storage as part of the secondary retention, the respective primary Snapshot copies that are created in SnapManager must be cleaned up manually.

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