



Prescripts and postscripts

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Prescripts and postscripts

You can use custom prescripts and postscripts as part of your data protection operations. These scripts enable automation either before your data protection job or after. For example, you might include a script that automatically notifies you of data protection job failures or warnings. Before you set up your prescripts and postscripts, you should understand some of the requirements for creating these scripts.

Supported script types

The following type of scripts are supported:

- Batch files
- PowerShell scripts
- Perl scripts

Script path

All prescripts and postscripts that are run as part of SnapCenter operations, on nonvirtualized and on virtualized storage systems, are executed on the plug-in host. Therefore, the scripts must be located on the plug-in host or on a SMB share accessible by the plug-in host.



The script path is validated at the time the script is executed.

Where to specify scripts

Scripts are specified in backup policies. When a backup job is started, the policy automatically associates the script with the resources being backed up. When you create a backup policy, you can specify the prescript and postscript arguments.

To specify multiple scripts, press **Enter** after each script path to list each script on a separate line. Semicolons (;) are not allowed. You can specify multiple prescripts and multiple postscripts. A single script can be coded as both a prescript and a postscript and can call other scripts.

Script timeouts

The timeout for backup scripts is 15 minutes and cannot be modified.

Script output

The default directory for the prescripts and postscripts output files is Windows\System32.

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