



# **Add hosts and install plug-in packages on remote hosts**

## **SnapCenter Software**

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You must use the SnapCenterAdd Host page to add hosts, and then install the plug-in packages. The plug-ins are automatically installed on the remote hosts. You can add a host and install the plug-in packages either for an individual host or for a cluster.

### What you will need

- You must be a user that is assigned to a role that has the plug-in install and uninstall permissions, such as the SnapCenter Admin role.
- You should ensure that the message queueing service is running.
- If you are using group Managed Service Account (gMSA), you should configure gMSA with administrative privileges.

[Configure group Managed Service Account on Windows Server 2012 or later for custom applications](#)


### About this task


You cannot add a SnapCenter Server as a plug-in host to another SnapCenter Server.

If you install plug-ins on a cluster (WSFC), the plug-ins are installed on all of the nodes of the cluster.


### Steps



1. In the left navigation pane, click **Hosts**.
2. Verify that the **Managed Hosts** tab is selected at the top.
3. Click **Add**.
4. On the **Hosts** page, perform the following actions:

| For this field... | Do this...   |
|-------------------|--|
| Host Type         | <div>Select the host type:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Windows</li><li>• Linux</li></ul><div>The custom plug-ins can be used in both Windows and Linux environments.</div></div> |

| For this field... | Do this...  |
|-------------------|---|
| Host name         | <p>Enter the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) or the IP address of the host.</p> <p>SnapCenter depends on the proper configuration of the DNS. Therefore, the best practice is to enter the FQDN.</p> <p>For Windows environments, the IP address is supported for untrusted domain hosts only if it resolves to the FQDN.</p> <p>You can enter the IP addresses or FQDN of a stand-alone host.</p> <p>If you are adding a host by using SnapCenter and the host is part of a subdomain, you must provide the FQDN.</p>   |
| Credentials       | <p>Either select the credential name that you created, or create new credentials.</p> <p>The credentials must have administrative rights on the remote host. For details, see the information about creating credentials.</p> <p>You can view details about the credentials by positioning your cursor over the credential name that you specified.</p> <div>  <p>The credentials authentication mode is determined by the host type that you specify in the Add Host wizard.</p> </div> |

5. In the **Select Plug-ins to Install** section, select the plug-ins to install.
6. (Optional) Click **More Options**.

| For this field... | Do this...  |
|-------------------|---|
| Port              | <p data-bbox="842 159 1487 226">Either retain the default port number, or specify the port number.</p> <p data-bbox="842 260 1487 359">The default port number is 8145. If the SnapCenter Server was installed on a custom port, that port number will be displayed as the default port.</p> <div data-bbox="889 401 1461 541">  <p data-bbox="1032 407 1458 537">If you manually installed the plug-ins and specified a custom port, you must specify the same port. Otherwise, the operation fails.</p> </div>   |
| Installation Path | <p data-bbox="842 600 1487 667">The custom plug-ins can be installed on either a Windows system or a Linux system.</p> <ul data-bbox="867 701 1487 800" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the SnapCenter Plug-ins Package for Windows, the default path is C:\Program Files\NetApp\SnapCenter.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="889 833 1373 867">Optionally, you can customize the path.</p> <ul data-bbox="867 900 1487 968" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For SnapCenter Plug-ins Package for Linux, the default path is /opt/NetApp/snapcenter.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="889 1001 1373 1035">Optionally, you can customize the path.</p> <ul data-bbox="867 1068 1487 1220" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the SnapCenter Custom Plug-ins: <ul data-bbox="911 1115 1487 1220" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In the Custom Plug-ins section, click <b>Browse</b>, and then select the zipped custom plug-in folder.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p data-bbox="937 1253 1487 1320">The zipped folder contains the custom plug-in code and the descriptor .xml file.</p> <ul data-bbox="906 1354 1105 1388" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Click <b>Upload</b>.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="937 1421 1487 1520">The descriptor .xml file in the zipped custom plug-in folder is validated before the package is uploaded.</p> <p data-bbox="937 1554 1487 1621">The custom plug-ins that are uploaded to the SnapCenter Server are listed.</p> <p data-bbox="937 1654 1487 1822">If you want to manage MySQL or DB2 applications, you can use the MySQL and DB2 custom plug-ins that are provided by NetApp. The MySQL and DB2 custom plug-ins are available at the NetApp Tool Chest.</p> <p data-bbox="937 1856 1252 1885"><a href="#">NetApp Automation Store</a></p> |

| For this field...  | Do this...  |
|--|---|
| Skip preinstall checks   | Select this check box if you already installed the plug-ins manually and you do not want to validate whether the host meets the requirements for installing the plug-in.  |
| Use group Managed Service Account (gMSA) to run the plug-in services | <p>For Windows host, select this check box if you want to use group Managed Service Account (gMSA) to run the plug-in services.</p> <div>  <p>Provide the gMSA name in the following format: domainName\accountName\$.</p> </div> <div>  <p>gMSA will be used as a log on service account only for SnapCenter Plug-in for Windows service.</p> </div> |

7. Click **Submit**.

If you have not selected the **Skip prechecks** checkbox, the host is validated to verify whether the host meets the requirements for installing the plug-in. The disk space, RAM, PowerShell version, .NET version, location (for Windows plug-ins), and Java version (for Linux plug-ins) are validated against the minimum requirements. If the minimum requirements are not met, appropriate error or warning messages are displayed.

If the error is related to disk space or RAM, you can update the web.config file located at C:\Program Files\NetApp\SnapCenter WebApp to modify the default values. If the error is related to other parameters, you must fix the issue.



In an HA setup, if you are updating web.config file, you must update the file on both nodes.

8. If host type is Linux, verify the fingerprint, and then click **Confirm and Submit**.

In a cluster setup, you should verify the fingerprint of each of the nodes in the cluster.



Fingerprint verification is mandatory even if the same host was added earlier to SnapCenter and the fingerprint was confirmed.

9. Monitor the installation progress.

The installation-specific log files are located at /custom\_location/snapcenter/logs.

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