



Disaster recovery workflow

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Disaster recovery workflow

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Enterprises have embraced the public cloud as a viable resource and destination for disaster recovery. SnapCenter makes this process as seamless as possible. This disaster recovery workflow is very similar to the clone workflow, but database recovery runs through the last available log that was replicated to cloud to recover all the business transactions possible. However, there are additional pre-configuration and post-configuration steps specific to disaster recovery.

Clone an on-premises Oracle production DB to cloud for DR

1. To validate that the clone recovery runs through last available log, we created a small test table and inserted a row. The test data would be recovered after a full recovery to last available log.

```
oracle@rhe12~$
SQL> create table dr_test(
  2 id integer,
  3 event varchar(200),
  4 dt timestamp);

Table created.

SQL> insert into dr_test values(1, 'testing DB clone for DR and roll forward DB to last available log', sysdate);

1 row created.

SQL> select * from dr_test;

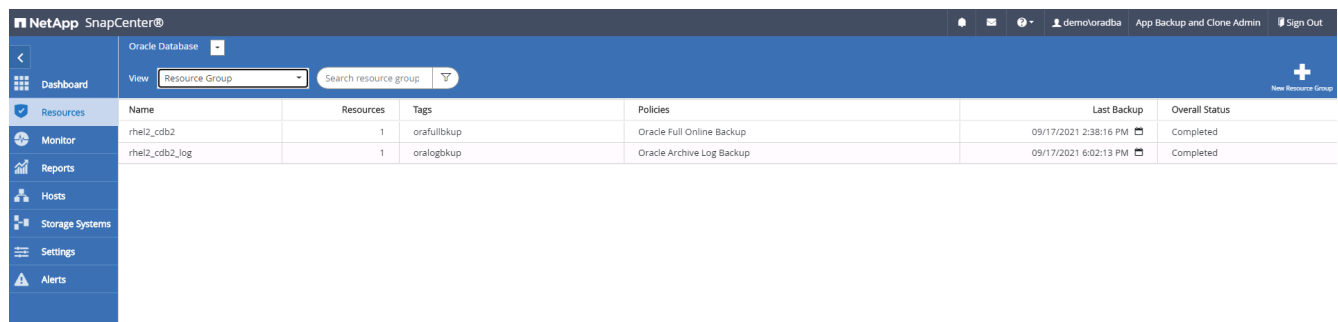
   ID
-----
1
testing DB clone for DR and roll forward DB to last available log
17-SEP-21 02.12.13.000000 PM

SQL> commit;

Commit complete.

SQL>
```

2. Log into SnapCenter as a database management user ID for Oracle. Navigate to the Resources tab, which shows the Oracle databases being protected by SnapCenter.



The screenshot shows the NetApp SnapCenter web interface. The top navigation bar includes the NetApp logo, user information (demo/oradba), and links for App Backup and Clone Admin, and Sign Out. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Resources (selected), Monitor, Reports, Hosts, Storage Systems, Settings, and Alerts. The main content area is titled 'Oracle Database' and shows a table of resources. The table has columns for Name, Resources, Tags, Policies, Last Backup, and Overall Status. Two resources are listed: 'rhe12_cdb2' and 'rhe12_cdb2_log'.

Name	Resources	Tags	Policies	Last Backup	Overall Status
rhe12_cdb2	1	orafullbup	Oracle Full Online Backup	09/17/2021 2:38:16 PM	Completed
rhe12_cdb2_log	1	oralogbup	Oracle Archive Log Backup	09/17/2021 6:02:13 PM	Completed

3. Select the Oracle log resource group and click Backup Now to manually run an Oracle log backup to flush the latest transaction to the destination in the cloud. In a real DR scenario, the last transaction recoverable depends on the database log volume replication frequency to the cloud, which in turn depends on the RTO or RPO policy of the company.

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Oracle Database

Search resource groups

Search

demo@oradba App Backup and Clone Admin Sign Out

Modify Resource Group Back up Now Maintenance Delete

Name	Resource Name	Type	Host
rhel2_cdb2	cdb2	Oracle Database	rhel2.demo.netapp.com
rhel2_cdb2_log			

Backup

Create a backup for the selected resource group

Resource Group

Policy ⓘ



Asynchronous SnapMirror loses data that has not made it to the cloud destination in the database log backup interval in a disaster recovery scenario. To minimize data loss, more frequent log backup can be scheduled. However there is a limit to the log backup frequency that is technically achievable.

4. Select the last log backup on the Secondary Mirror Backup(s), and mount the log backup.

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Oracle Database

Search databases

cdb2 Topology

Manage Copies

Local copies: 185 Backups, 0 Clones

Mirror copies: 185 Backups, 2 Clones

Summary Card

- 370 Backups
- 16 Data Backups
- 354 Log Backups
- 2 Clones

Secondary Mirror Backup(s)

Backup Name	Count	Type	LF	End Date	Verified	Mounted	RMAN Cataloged	SCN
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_18.20.04.1177_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 6:20:13 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5994710
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_18.00.01.2424_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 6:00:09 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5992079
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_17.00.01.1566_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 5:00:20 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5988842

Mount backups

Choose the host to mount the backup:

Mount path : /var/opt/snapcenter/sco/backup_mount/rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_18.20.04.1177_1/cdb2

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Source Volume: svm_onPrem:rhel2_u03

Destination Volume:

5. Select the last full database backup and click Clone to initiate the clone workflow.

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rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_17.00.01.1566_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 5:00:20 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5988842
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_16.00.01.2156_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 4:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5985272
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_15.00.01.1317_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 3:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5982003
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 2:35:21 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5980629
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_0	1	Data		09/17/2021 2:35:12 PM	Unverified	False	Not Cataloged	5980588

Total 3

6. Select a unique clone DB ID on the host.

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Complete Database Clone

Clone SID

cdb2dr

Exclude PDBs

Type to find PDBs

PDB Clone

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Data

Source Volume

svm_onPrem:rhel2_u02

Destination Volume

svm_hybridcvo:rhel2_u02_dr

Logs

Source Volume

svm_onPrem:rhel2_u03

Destination Volume

svm_hybridcvo:rhel2_u03_dr

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7. Provision a log volume and mount it to the target DR server for the Oracle flash recovery area and online logs.

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	Name	Storage VM	Status	Capacity
▼	ora_standby_u01	svm_hybridcvo	Online	12.3 GB used 17.7 GB available 31.6 GB
▼	rhel2_u01_dr	svm_hybridcvo	Online	
▼	rhel2_u02_dr	svm_hybridcvo	Online	
▼	rhel2_u02_dr0917211608119360	svm_hybridcvo	Online	
▼	rhel2_u02_dr0917211703534863	svm_hybridcvo	Online	
▼	rhel2_u03_dr	svm_hybridcvo	Online	
▼	rhel2_u03_dr0917211824574775	svm_hybridcvo	Online	

Add Volume

NAME

ora_standby_u03

CAPACITY

20

GB

More Options

Cancel

Save

4

```

ec2-user@ora-standby:tmp
[ec2-user@ora-standby tmp]$ sudo mkdir /u03_cdb2dr
[ec2-user@ora-standby tmp]$ chown oracle:oinstall /u03_cdb2dr
chown: changing ownership of '/u03_cdb2dr': Operation not permitted
[ec2-user@ora-standby tmp]$ sudo chown oracle:oinstall /u03_cdb2dr
[ec2-user@ora-standby tmp]$ sudo mount -t nfs 10.221.1.6:/ora_standby_u03 /u03_cdb2dr
[ec2-user@ora-standby tmp]$ df -h
Filesystem                                Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
devtmpfs                                  7.6G   0  7.6G   0% /dev
tmpfs                                     7.6G   0  7.6G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                                     7.6G  17M  7.6G   1% /run
tmpfs                                     7.6G   0  7.6G   0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/nvme0n1p2                           10G   9.0G  1.1G  90% /
10.221.1.6:/ora_standby_u01               21G   13G   8G   62% /u01
tmpfs                                     1.6G   0  1.6G   0% /run/user/1000
10.221.1.6:/Sc28182452-3fa8-448c-9e4a-c5a9e465f353 1.6G   0  1.6G   0% /run/user/54321
tmpfs                                     100G   3.1G  97G   4% /u02_cdb2dev
10.221.1.6:/Sc39c05df8-4b00-4b3a-853c-9d6d338e5df7 100G   3.7G  97G   4% /u02_cdb2test
10.221.1.6:/Sccf886a5c-3273-475e-ad97-472b2a8dccee 100G   3.8G  97G   4% /var/opt/snapcenter/sco/backup_mount/rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_18.20.04.1177_1/cdb2/1
10.221.1.6:/ora_standby_u03              21G  320K  20G   1% /u03_cdb2dr
[ec2-user@ora-standby tmp]$

```



The Oracle clone procedure does not create a log volume, which needs to be provisioned on the DR server before cloning.

8. Select the target clone host and location to place the data files, control files, and redo logs.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Select the host to create a clone

Clone host

ora-standby.demo.netapp.com

Datafile locations

/u02_cdb2dr

Reset

Control files

/u02_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/control/control01.ctl

/u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/control/control02.ctl

Reset

Redo logs

Group	Size	Unit	Number of files
RedoGroup 1	200	MB	1
/u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/redolog/redo03.log			
RedoGroup 2	200	MB	1

Reset

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9. Select the credentials for the clone. Fill in the details of the Oracle home configuration on the target server.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Database Credentials for the clone

Credential name for sys user

None

+

i

Database port

1521

Oracle Home Settings

i

Oracle Home

/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2

Oracle OS User

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10. Specify the scripts to run before cloning. Database parameters can be adjusted if needed.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Specify scripts to run before clone operation

Prescript full path

/var/opt/snapcenter/spl/scripts/

Enter Prescript path

Arguments

Script timeout

60

secs

Database Parameter settings

audit_file_dest	/u01/app/oracle/admin/cdb2dr/adump	X
audit_trail	DB	X
open_cursors	300	X
pga_aggregate_target	1432354816	X

+

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11. Select Until Cancel as the recovery option so that the recovery runs through all available archive logs to recoup the last transaction replicated to the secondary cloud location.

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

☒ Recover Database

☒ Until Cancel

☐ Date and Time

☐ Until SCN (System Change Number)

Date-time format: MM/DD/YYYY hh:mm:ss

Specify external archive log locations

/var/opt/snapcenter/sco/backup_mount/rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_18.20.04.1177_1/cdb2/1/orareco/CDB2/archivelog/

☒ Create new DBID

☒ Create tempfile for temporary tablespace

☐ Enter SQL queries to apply when clone is created

☐ Enter scripts to run after clone operation

12. Configure the SMTP server for email notification if needed.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Provide email settings ⓘ

Email preference

Never

From

From email

To

Email to

Subject

Notification

☐ Attach job report

⚠ If you want to send notifications for Clone jobs, an SMTP server must be configured. Continue to the Summary page to save your information, and then go to Settings>Global Settings>Notification Server Settings to configure the SMTP server.

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13. DR clone summary.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name
2 Locations
3 Credentials
4 PreOps
5 PostOps
6 Notification
7 Summary

Summary

Clone from backup	rhel2_cdb2_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_0
Clone SID	cdb2dr
Clone server	ora-standby.demo.netapp.com
Exclude PDBs	none
Oracle home	/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2
Oracle OS user	oracle
Oracle OS group	oinstall
Datafile mountpaths	/u02_cdb2dr
Control files	/u02_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/control/control01.ctl /u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/control/control02.ctl
Redo groups	RedoGroup =1 TotalSize =200 Path =/u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/redolog/redo03.log RedoGroup =2 TotalSize =200 Path =/u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/redolog/redo02.log RedoGroup =3 TotalSize =200 Path =/u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr/redolog/redo01.log
Recovery scope	Until Cancel
Prescript full path	none
Prescript arguments	
Postscript full path	none
Postscript arguments	

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Finish

- Cloned DBs are registered with SnapCenter immediately after clone completion and are then available for backup protection.

NetApp SnapCenter®								
Oracle Database		View Database Search databases						
	Name	Oracle Database Type	Host/Cluster	Resource Group	Policies	Last Backup	Overall Status	
	cdb2	Single Instance (Multitenant)	rhel2.demo.netapp.com	rhel2_cdb2 rhel2_cdb2_log	Oracle Archive Log Backup Oracle Full Online Backup	09/17/2021 7:00:10 PM	Backup succeeded	
	cdb2dev	Single Instance (Multitenant)	ora-standby.demo.netapp.com				Not protected	
	cdb2dr	Single Instance (Multitenant)	ora-standby.demo.netapp.com				Not protected	
	cdb2test	Single Instance (Multitenant)	ora-standby.demo.netapp.com				Not protected	

Post DR clone validation and configuration for Oracle

- Validate the last test transaction that has been flushed, replicated, and recovered at the DR location in the cloud.

```

oracle@ora-standby:/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2/dbs
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.3.0.0.0

SQL> set lin 200
SQL> select instance_name, host_name from v$instance;

INSTANCE_NAME      HOST_NAME
-----
cdb2dr             ora-standby.demo.netapp.com

SQL> alter pluggable database cdb2_pdb1 open;

Pluggable database altered.

SQL> alter session set container=cdb2_pdb1;

Session altered.

SQL> select * from pdbadmin.dr_test;

      ID
-----
EVENT
-----
DT
-----
1
testing DB clone for DR and roll forward DB to last available log
17-SEP-21 02.12.13.000000 PM

SQL>

```

2. Configure the flash recovery area.

```

oracle@ora-standby:/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2/dbs
[oracle@ora-standby: dbs]$ sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Fri Sep 17 22:07:11 2021
Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to:
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.3.0.0.0

SQL> show parameter db_recovery_file_dest

NAME                                 TYPE      VALUE
-----
db_recovery_file_dest                string    /u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr
db_recovery_file_dest_size           big integer 17208M
SQL> alter system set db_recovery_file_dest='/u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr' scope=both;

System altered.

SQL> show parameter db_recovery_file_dest

NAME                                 TYPE      VALUE
-----
db_recovery_file_dest                string    /u03_cdb2dr/cdb2dr
db_recovery_file_dest_size           big integer 17208M
SQL>

```

3. Configure the Oracle listener for user access.
4. Split the cloned volume off of the replicated source volume.
5. Reverse replication from the cloud to on-premises and rebuild the failed on-premises database server.



Clone split may incur temporary storage space utilization that is much higher than normal operation. However, after the on-premises DB server is rebuilt, extra space can be released.

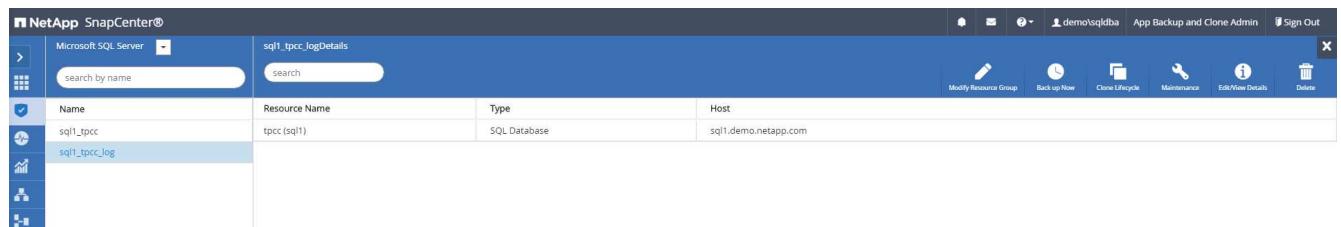
Clone an on-premises SQL production DB to cloud for DR

1. Similarly, to validate that the SQL clone recovery ran through last available log, we created a small test table and inserted a row. The test data would be recovered after a full recovery to the last available log.

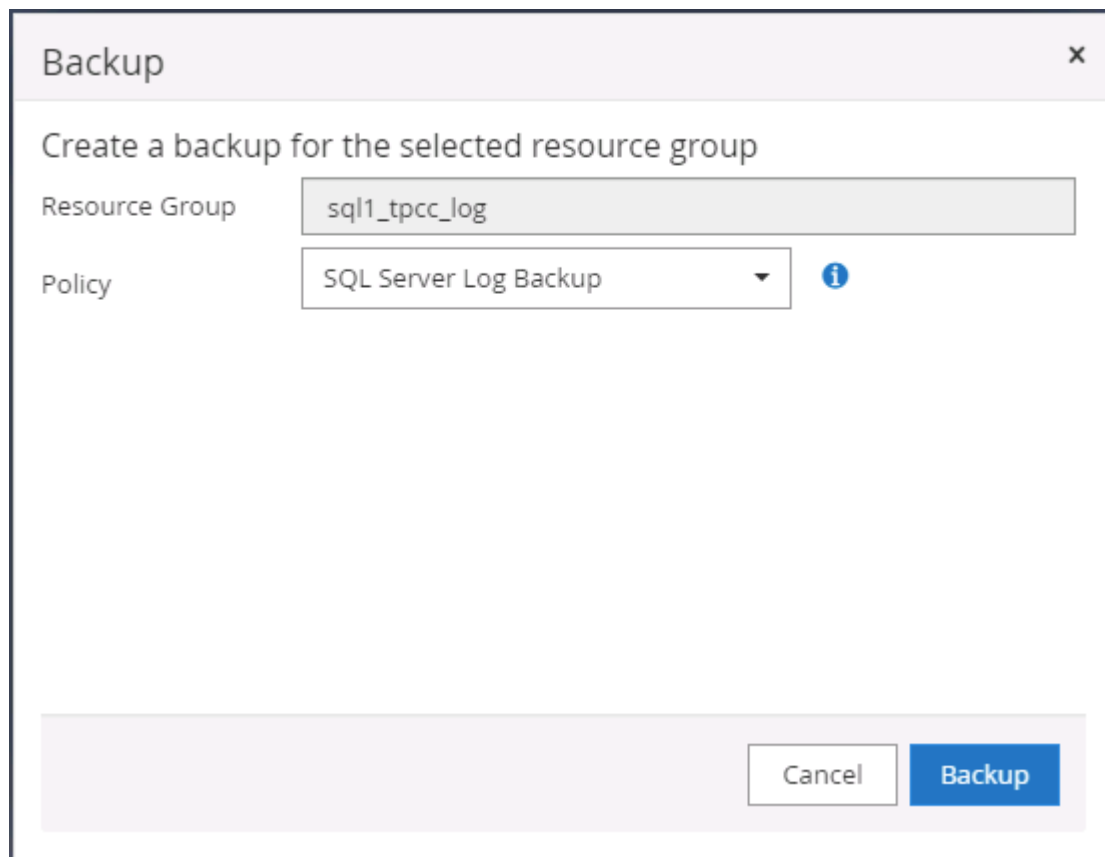
```
Administrator Command Prompt - sqlcmd - SQLCMD
C:\Users\administrator.DEMO>sqlcmd
1> select host_name()
2> go

-----
SQL1
(1 rows affected)
1> use tpcc
2> go
Changed database context to 'tpcc'.
1> insert into snap_sync values ('test snap mirror DR for SQL', getdate())
2> go
(1 rows affected)
1> select * from snap_sync
2> go
event                                         dt
-----
test snap mirror DR for SQL                 2021-09-20 14:23:04.533
(1 rows affected)
1>
```

2. Log into SnapCenter with a database management user ID for SQL Server. Navigate to the Resources tab, which shows the SQL Server protection resources group.



3. Manually run a log backup to flush the last transaction to be replicated to secondary storage in the public cloud.



4. Select the last full SQL Server backup for the clone.

NetApp SnapCenter®

Microsoft SQL Server

tpcc (sql1) Topology

Manage Copies

7 Backups
0 Clones
Local copies

7 Backups
2 Clones
Mirror copies

Summary Card

14 Backups
2 Clones

Secondary Mirror Backup(s)

Backup Name	Count	Type	End Date	Verified
sql1_tpcc_09-19-2021_18.25.01.4134	1	Full backup	09/19/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-18-2021_18.25.01.3963	1	Full backup	09/18/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-17-2021_18.25.01.4218	1	Full backup	09/17/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified

- Set the clone setting such as the Clone Server, Clone Instance, Clone Name, and mount option. The secondary storage location where cloning is performed is auto-populated.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

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Clone settings

Clone server: sql-standby.demo.netapp.com

Clone instance: sql-standby

Clone name: tpcc_dr

Choose mount option

☒ Auto assign mount point

☐ Auto assign volume mount point under path: full file path

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Source Volume	Destination Volume
svm_onPrem:sql1_data	svm_hybridcvo:sql1_data_dr
svm_onPrem:sql1_log	svm_hybridcvo:sql1_log_dr

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- Select all log backups to be applied.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Choose logs

☒ All log backups

☐ By log backups until

9/19/2021 6:25:10 PM

☐ By specific date until

09/19/2021 6:25:05 PM

☐ None

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7. Specify any optional scripts to run before or after cloning.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Specify optional scripts to run before and after performing a clone from backup job

Prescript full path

Prescript arguments

Choose optional arguments...

Postscript full path

Postscript arguments

Choose optional arguments...

Script timeout

60

secs

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8. Specify an SMTP server if email notification is desired.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

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5 Summary

Provide email settings ⓘ

Email preference

Never

From

From email

To

Email to

Subject

Notification

☐ Attach Job Report

⚠ If you want to send notifications for Clone jobs, an SMTP server must be configured. Continue to the Summary page to save your information, and then go to Settings>Global Settings>Notification Server Settings to configure the SMTP server.

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9. DR clone summary. Cloned databases are immediately registered with SnapCenter and available for backup protection.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

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Summary

Clone server

sql-standby.demo.netapp.com

Clone instance

sql-standby

Clone name

tpcc_dr

Mount option

Auto Mount

Prescript full path

None

Prescript arguments

Postscript full path

None

Postscript arguments

Send email

No

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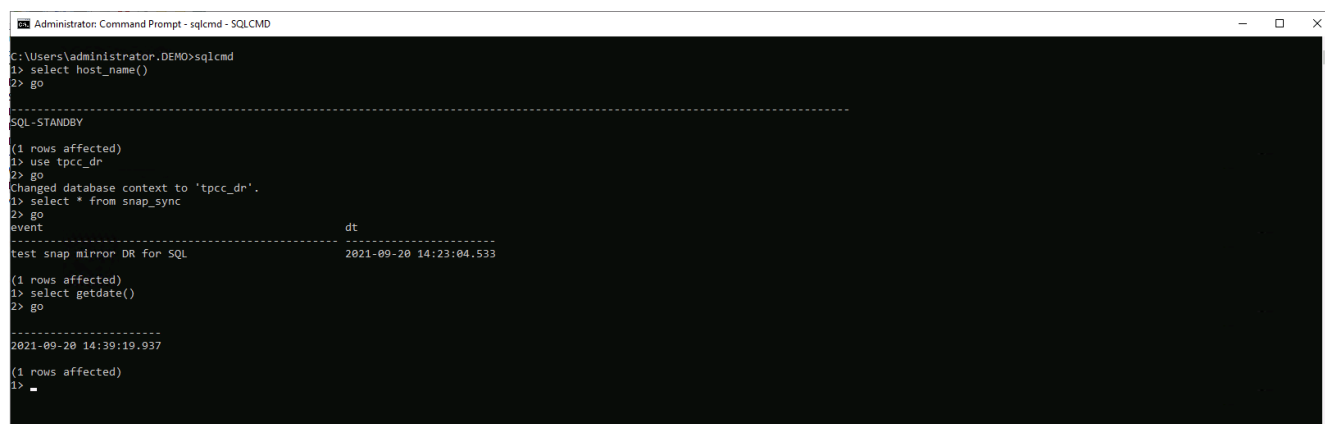
NetApp SnapCenter®							
Microsoft SQL Server							
View Database search by name							
Resources	Name	Instance	Host	Last Backup	Overall Status	Type	
Monitor	master	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
	model	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
	msdb	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
	tempdb	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
Storage Systems	tpcc	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com	09/22/2021 5:35:08 PM	Backup failed, Schedules on hold	User database	
	master	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
	model	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
	msdb	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
Alerts	tempdb	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database	
	tpcc_clone	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not protected	User database	
	tpcc_dev	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not protected	User database	
	tpcc_dr	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not protected	User database	

Post DR clone validation and configuration for SQL

1. Monitor clone job status.

NetApp SnapCenter®							
Jobs Schedules Events Logs							
search by name							
Resources	Jobs - Filter						
Monitor	ID	Status	Name	Start date	End date	Owner	
Reports	1052	✓	Clone from backup 'sql1_tpcc_09-19-2021_18.25.01.4134'	09/20/2021 2:36:17 PM	09/20/2021 2:37:06 PM	demo/sqlqdba	
	1047	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/20/2021 2:35:01 PM	09/20/2021 2:37:08 PM	demo/sqlqdba	
	1045	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/20/2021 2:28:17 PM	09/20/2021 2:30:25 PM	demo/sqlqdba	
	1044	✓	Clone from backup 'sql1_tpcc_09-17-2021_18.25.01.4218'	09/20/2021 1:39:24 PM	09/20/2021 1:40:09 PM	demo/sqlqdba	
Storage Systems	1042	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/20/2021 1:35:01 PM	09/20/2021 1:37:08 PM	demo/sqlqdba	
	1040	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/20/2021 12:35:01 PM	09/20/2021 12:37:08 PM	demo/sqlqdba	

2. Validate that last transaction has been replicated and recovered with all log file clones and recovery.



```
Administrator: Command Prompt - sqlcmd - SQLCMD
C:\Users\administrator.DEMO>sqlcmd
1> select host_name()
2> go

-----
SQL-STANDBY
(1 rows affected)
1> use tpcc_dr
2> go
Changed database context to 'tpcc_dr'.
1> select * from snap_sync
2> go
event                                     dt
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test snap mirror DR for SQL               2021-09-20 14:23:04.533
(1 rows affected)
1> select getdate()
2> go

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2021-09-20 14:39:19.937
(1 rows affected)
1>
```

3. Configure a new SnapCenter log directory on the DR server for SQL Server log backup.
4. Split the cloned volume off of the replicated source volume.
5. Reverse replication from the cloud to on-premises and rebuild the failed on-premises database server.

Where to go for help?

If you need help with this solution and use cases, please join the [NetApp Solution Automation community support Slack channel](#) and look for the solution-automation channel to post your questions or inquiries.

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