



Aggregate administration

Cloud Volumes ONTAP

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Aggregate administration

Create aggregates

You can create aggregates yourself or let BlueXP do it for you when it creates volumes. The benefit of creating aggregates yourself is that you can choose the underlying disk size, which enables you to size your aggregate for the capacity or the performance that you need.



All disks and aggregates must be created and deleted directly from BlueXP. You should not perform these actions from another management tool. Doing so can impact system stability, hamper the ability to add disks in the future, and potentially generate redundant cloud provider fees.

Steps

1. From the left navigation menu, select **Storage > Canvas**.
2. On the Canvas page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance on which you want to manage aggregates.
3. On the Aggregates tab, click **Add Aggregate** and then specify details for the aggregate.

AWS

- If you're prompted to choose a disk type and disk size, refer to [Plan your Cloud Volumes ONTAP configuration in AWS](#).
- If you're prompted to enter the aggregate's capacity size, then you're creating an aggregate on a configuration that supports the Amazon EBS Elastic Volumes feature. The following screenshot shows an example of a new aggregate comprised of gp3 disks.

The screenshot shows the AWS console interface for creating an aggregate. At the top, there are four steps: 1 Disk Type (active), 2 Aggregate details, 3 Tiering Data, and 4 Review. The main heading is 'Select Disk Type'. Below this, there is a 'Disk Type' dropdown menu with 'GP3 - General Purpose SSD Dynamic Performance' selected. Below the dropdown is a box titled 'General Purpose SSD (gp3) Disk Properties' with a database icon. Inside this box, there is a 'Description' field with the text: 'General purpose SSD volume that balances price and performance (performance level is independent of storage capacity)'. Below the description are two input fields: 'IOPS Value' with a value of 12000 and 'Throughput MB/s' with a value of 250. Both fields have information icons (i) to their right.

[Learn more about support for Elastic Volumes.](#)

4. Click **Go**, and then click **Approve and Purchase**.

Manage aggregates

Manage aggregates yourself by adding disks, viewing information about the aggregates, and by deleting them.



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Before you begin

If you want to delete an aggregate, you must have first deleted the volumes in the aggregate.

About this task

If an aggregate is running out of space, you can move volumes to another aggregate by using System Manager.


Steps

1. From the left navigation menu, select **Storage > Canvas**.
2. On the Canvas page, double-click the Cloud Volumes ONTAP working environment on which you want to manage aggregates.
3. In the working environment, click the **Aggregates** tab.
4. On the Aggregates tab, navigate to the desired title and then click the ... (ellipse icon).

The screenshot displays the 'aggr1' aggregate details. At the top, there's a header with three disk icons, the name 'aggr1', a green 'ONLINE' status indicator, and an ellipse icon (three dots) enclosed in a red box. Below this, the details are organized into two columns: 'INFO' and 'CAPACITY'. The 'INFO' column lists 'Disk Type' as 'GP3 3000 IOPS', 'Disks' as '4', 'Volumes' as '2', 'Elastic Volumes' as 'Enabled', and 'S3 Tiering' as 'Enabled'. The 'CAPACITY' column lists 'Provisioned size' as '907.12 GiB', 'EBS Used' as '1.13 GiB', and 'S3 Used' as '0 GiB'.

5. Manage your aggregates:

Task	Action
View information about an aggregate	Under the ... (ellipse icon) menu, click View aggregate details .
Create a volume on a specific aggregate	Under the ... (ellipse icon) menu, click Add volume .

Task	Action
Add disks to an aggregate	<p>a. Under the ... (ellipse icon) menu, click Add disks.</p> <p>b. Select the number of disks that you want to add and click Add.</p> <div>  <p>All disks in an aggregate must be the same size.</p> </div>
Increase the capacity of an aggregate that supports Amazon EBS Elastic Volumes	<p>a. Under the ... (ellipse icon) menu, click Increase capacity.</p> <p>b. Enter the additional capacity that you'd like to add and then click Increase.</p> <p>Note that you must increase the capacity of the aggregate by a minimum of 256 GiB or 10% of the aggregate's size.</p> <p>For example, if you have a 1.77 TiB aggregate, 10% is 181 GiB. That's lower than 256 GiB, so the size of the aggregate must be increased by the 256 GiB minimum.</p>
Delete an aggregate	<p>a. Select an aggregate tile that does not contain any volumes click the ... (ellipse icon) > Delete.</p> <p>b. Click Delete again to confirm.</p>

Manage capacity settings on a Connector

Each Connector has settings that determines how it manages aggregate capacity for Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

These settings affect all Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems managed by a Connector. If you have another Connector, it can be configured differently.

Required permissions

Account Admin privileges are required to modify Connector settings.

Steps

1. In the upper right of the BlueXP console, click the Settings icon, and select **Connector Settings**.



2. Under **Capacity**, modify any of the following settings:

Capacity Management Mode

Choose whether BlueXP notifies you of storage capacity decisions or whether BlueXP automatically manages capacity requirements for you.

[Learn how Capacity Management Mode works.](#)

Aggregate Capacity Threshold - Free Space Ratio

Triggers a notification when the free space ratio on an aggregate drops below the specified threshold.

The free space ratio is calculated as follows:

$$(\text{aggregate capacity} - \text{total used capacity on the aggregate}) / \text{aggregate capacity}$$

Aggregate Capacity Thresholds - Free Space Ratio for Data Tiering

Defines how much free space is required on the performance tier (disks) when tiering data to a capacity tier (object storage).

The ratio is important for disaster recovery scenarios. As data is read from the capacity tier, Cloud Volumes ONTAP moves data to the performance tier to provide better performance. If there isn't sufficient space, then Cloud Volumes ONTAP can't move the data.

3. Click **Save**.

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