



Getting started

Cloud Manager

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Getting started

You use Cloud Manager to deploy the Global File Cache Management Server and Global File Cache Core software in the working environment.

Enable Global File Cache using Cloud Manager

In this configuration you will deploy the Global File Cache Management Server and Global File Cache Core in the same working environment where you created your Cloud Volumes ONTAP system using Cloud Manager.

Watch [this video](#) to see the steps from start to finish.

Quick start

Get started quickly by following these steps or scroll down to the remaining sections for full details:



Deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP

Deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP in Azure or AWS and configure SMB file shares. For more information, see [Launching Cloud Volumes ONTAP in Azure](#) or [Launching Cloud Volumes ONTAP in AWS](#).



Deploy the Global File Cache Management Server

Deploy an instance of the Global File Cache Management Server in the same working environment as the instance of Cloud Volumes ONTAP.



Deploy the Global File Cache Core

Deploy an instance, or multiple instances, of the Global File Cache Core in the same working environment as the instance of Cloud Volumes ONTAP and join it to your Active Directory domain.



License Global File Cache

Configure the Global File Cache License Management Server (LMS) service on a Global File Cache Core instance. You will need your NSS Credentials or a customer ID provided by NetApp to activate your subscription.

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Deploy the Global File Cache Edge instances

See [Deploying Global File Cache Edge instances](#) to deploy the Global File Cache Edge instances in each remote location. This step is not done using Cloud Manager.

Deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP as your storage platform

In the current release, Global File Cache supports Cloud Volumes ONTAP deployed in Azure or AWS. For detailed prerequisites, requirements, and deployment instructions, see [Launching Cloud Volumes ONTAP in Azure](#) or [Launching Cloud Volumes ONTAP in AWS](#).

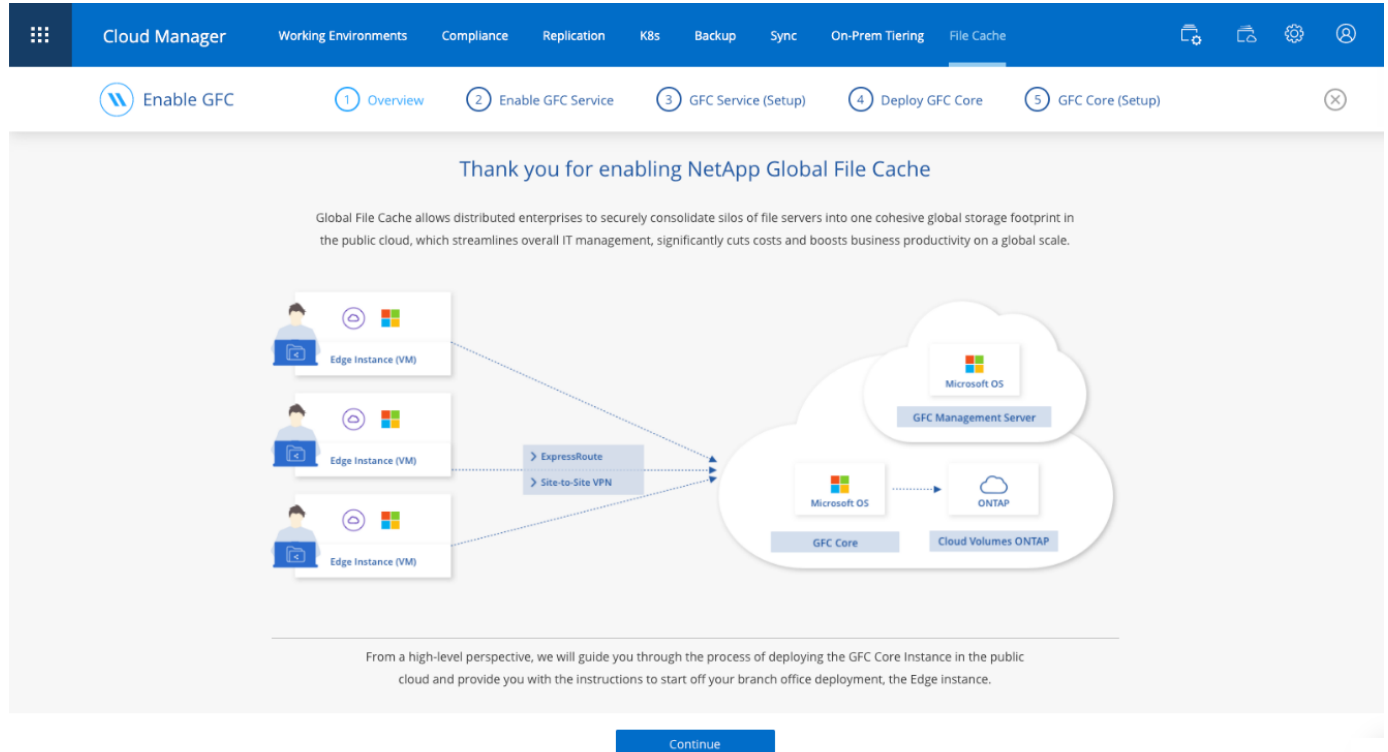
Note the following additional Global File Cache requirement:

- You should configure SMB file shares on the instance of Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

If no SMB file shares are set up on the instance, then you are prompted to configure the SMB shares during the installation of the Global File Cache components.

Enable Global File Cache in your working environment

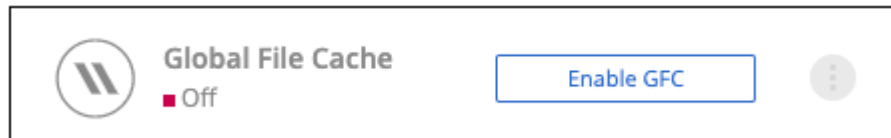
The Global File Cache wizard walks you through the steps to deploy the Global File Cache Management Server instance and the Global File Cache Core instance, as highlighted below.



Steps

1. Select the working environment where you deployed Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

2. In the Services panel, click **Enable GFC**.



3. Read the Overview page and click **Continue**.
4. If no SMB shares are available on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance, you are prompted to enter the SMB Server and SMB Share details to create the share now. For details about the SMB configuration, see [Storage platform](#).

When finished, click **Continue** to create the SMB share.

A screenshot of the 'SMB Setup' configuration page. The page is divided into two main sections: 'SMB Server' on the left and 'SMB Share' on the right. Under 'SMB Server', there are four fields: 'Active Directory Domain' (containing 'gfc.netapp.com'), 'Name Server IP Address' (containing '10.0.2.4'), 'Active Directory Admin User' (containing 'cvoadmin'), and 'Active Directory Admin Password' (containing masked characters). Under 'SMB Share', there are three fields: 'Volume Name' (containing 'Enter Volume Name'), 'Volume Size(GB)' (an empty field), and 'Select Aggregate' (a dropdown menu with 'Select Aggregate' and a downward arrow). Below these fields, there are two rows of settings: 'Thin provisioning' and 'Deduplication', both of which are set to 'Enabled' with an information icon to the right of each.

5. On the Global File Cache Service page, enter the number of Global File Cache Edge instances you plan to deploy, and then make sure your system meets the requirements for Network Configuration and Firewall Rules, Active Directory settings, and Antivirus exclusions. See [Prerequisites](#) for more details.

Enable Global File Cache Service

Licensing Global File Cache:

Once you've completed this deployment process, you will need your NSS Credentials to activate your subscription. If you haven't purchased or received your NetApp Global File Cache licenses, which are available as an Edge-based license, they can be purchased through your NetApp Partner or NetApp Sales Representative.

How many edge instances are you planning to deploy?

Before you begin:

Here are the most important requirements for your environment before you can deploy the NetApp Global File Cache solution:

Configure the required Network Configuration and Firewall Rules for Global File Cache



Create a "Service Account" in your Active Directory domain: GFC.NETAPP.COM



Update Antivirus Exclusions for your Windows Server infrastructure by committing the required exclusions to your Antivirus services



For more information on all the solution requirements [Click Here](#)

Continue

6. After you have verified that the requirements have been met, or that you have the information to meet these requirements, click **Continue**.
7. Enter the admin credentials you will use to access to the Global File Cache Management Server VM and click **Enable GFC Service**. For Azure you enter the credentials as a user name and password; for AWS you select the appropriate key pair. You can change the VM/instance name if you want.

Global File Cache Service (Setup)

Information

Subscription Name	OCCM Dev
Azure Region	eastus
VNet	Vnet1
Subnet	Subnet2
Resource Group	occm_group_eastus

Credentials & Virtual Machine

Local Admin Name

Local Admin Password

VM Name

Enable GFC Service

8. After the Global File Cache Management Service is successfully deployed, click **Continue**.
9. For the Global File Cache Core, enter the admin user credentials to join the Active Directory domain, and the service account user credentials. Then click **Continue**.
 - The Global File Cache Core instance must be deployed in the same Active Directory domain as the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance.
 - The service account is a domain user and it is part of the BUILTIN\Backup Operators group on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance.

Deploy Global File Cache Core

Active Directory and Admin Credentials

Provide administrative credentials to join the GFC Core instance to the Active Directory domain

Join Active Directory Domain ⓘ

Admin User ⓘ

Admin Password ⓘ

Account User Credentials

Provide Service Account credentials

Service Account User ⓘ

Service Account Password ⓘ

Continue

10. Enter the admin credentials you will use to access to the Global File Cache Core VM and click **Deploy GFC Core**. For Azure you enter the credentials as a user name and password; for AWS you select the appropriate key pair. You can change the VM/instance name if you want.

Global File Cache Core (Setup)

Information

Subscription Name	Subscription_1234567891234...
Region	East US Virginia
VNet	VNet_1234567
Subnet	10.0.0.0/24
Resource Group	Resource Group 1

Credentials & Virtual Machine

Local Admin Name

Admin@netapp.com

Local Admin Password


VM Name

GFC-CORE-1234


Local Admin Name & Password are inherited from the Global File Cache Management Service. The Virtual Machine Name is associated to your Cloud Manager Account

Deploy GFC Core


11. After the Global File Cache Core is successfully deployed, click **Go to Dashboard**.

 Global File Cache

Global File Cache Management Instance

	www.working-environment-1.com	ON
Hostname		Status
141.226.210.219	East US	VNet1
IP Address	Region	VNet
	10.10.10.10/24	RGName
	Subnet	Resource Group
		26%
		CPU Utilization

1 Working Environment

	Working Environment_1	High Availability	ON	2
Name	Type	Status	Core Instances	
<div>Add Core Instance</div>				
Instance Core 1 ON				
www.working-environment-1.com	141.226.210.219	26%	2.5 TB	2.5 TB
Hostname	IP Address	CPU Utilization	Network Inbound	Network Outbound
<div>Deploy GFC Edge</div>				

The Dashboard shows that the Management Server instance and the Core instance are both **On** and working.

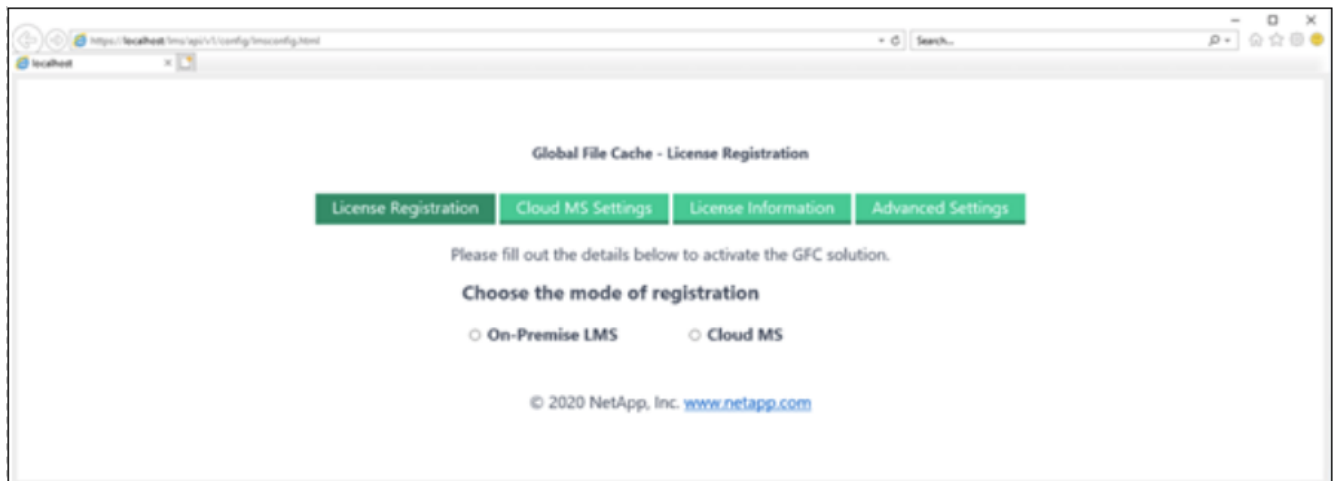
License your Global File Cache installation

Before you can use Global File Cache, you need to configure the Global File Cache License Management Server (LMS) service on a Global File Cache Core instance. You will need your NSS Credentials or a customer ID provided NetApp to activate your subscription.

In this example, we will configure the LMS service on a Core instance that you just deployed in the public cloud. This is a one-time process that sets up your LMS service.

Steps

1. Open the Global File Cache License Registration page on the Global File Cache Core (the Core you are designating as your LMS service) using the following URL. Replace *<ip_address>* with the IP address of the Global File Cache Core:
https://<ip_address>/lms/api/v1/config/lmsconfig.html
2. Click “Continue to this website (not recommended)” to continue. A page that allows you to configure the LMS, or check existing license information, is displayed.



3. Choose the mode of registration by selecting “On-Premise LMS” or “Cloud MS”.
 - “On-Premise LMS” is used for existing or trial customers who have received a Customer ID through NetApp Support.
 - “Cloud MS” is used for customers who have purchased NetApp Global File Cache Edge licenses from NetApp or its certified partners and have their NetApp credentials.
4. For Cloud MS, click **Cloud MS**, enter your NSS Credentials, and click **Submit**.

Global File Cache - License Registration

License Registration | Cloud MS Settings | License Information | Advanced Settings

☐ SPN Information ☒ NSS Credentials

NSS username:

NSS password:

☐ Update

5. For On-Premise LMS, click **On-Premise LMS**, enter your Customer ID, and click **Register LMS**.

Global File Cache - License Registration

License Registration | Cloud MS Settings | License Information | Advanced Settings

Please fill out the details below to activate the GFC solution.

Choose the mode of registration

☒ On-Premise LMS ☐ Cloud MS

Customer ID:

What's Next?

If you have determined that you need to deploy multiple Global File Cache Cores to support your configuration, click **Add Core Instance** from the Dashboard and follow the deployment wizard.

After you have completed your Core deployment, you need to [deploy the Global File Cache Edge instances](#) in each of your remote offices.

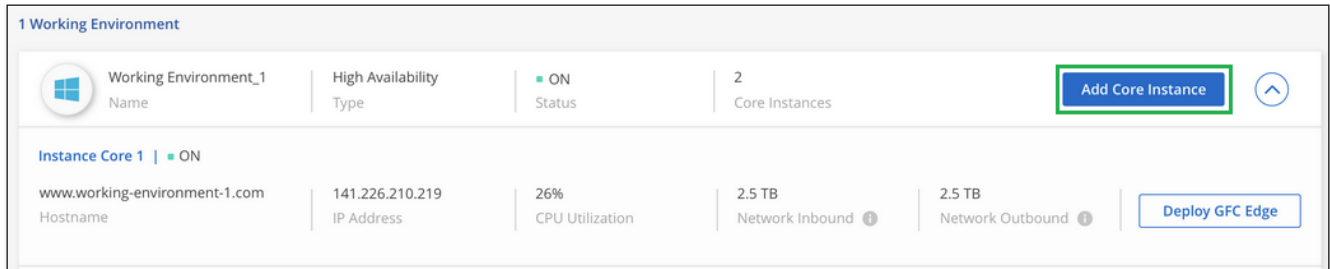
Deploy additional Core instances

If your configuration requires more than one Global File Cache Core to be installed because of a large number of Edge instances, you can add another Core to the working environment.

When deploying Edge instances, you will configure some to connect to the first Core and others to the

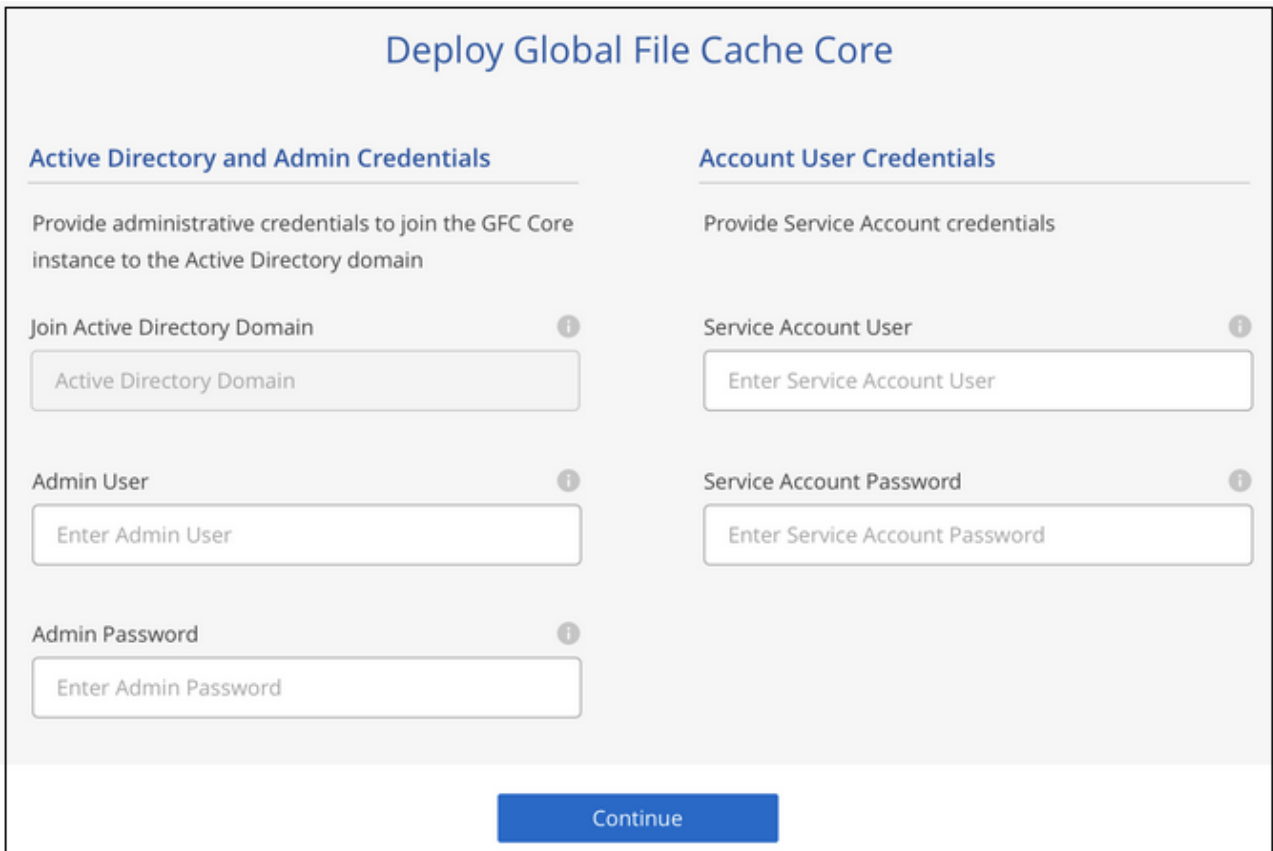
second Core. Both Core instances access the same backend storage (your Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance) in the working environment.

1. From the Global File Cache Dashboard, click **Add Core Instance**.



The screenshot shows the '1 Working Environment' section of the Global File Cache Dashboard. It displays details for 'Working Environment_1', including its name, type (High Availability), status (ON), and the number of core instances (2). A green box highlights the 'Add Core Instance' button. Below this, the 'Instance Core 1' details are shown, including its hostname (www.working-environment-1.com), IP address (141.226.210.219), CPU utilization (26%), and network bandwidth (2.5 TB inbound and 2.5 TB outbound). A 'Deploy GFC Edge' button is also visible.

2. Enter the admin user credentials to join the Active Directory domain, and the service account user credentials. Then click **Continue**.
 - The Global File Cache Core instance must be in the same Active Directory domain as the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance.
 - The service account is a domain user and it is part of the BUILTIN\Backup Operators group on the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance.



The screenshot shows the 'Deploy Global File Cache Core' form. It is divided into two main sections: 'Active Directory and Admin Credentials' and 'Account User Credentials'. The 'Active Directory and Admin Credentials' section includes fields for 'Join Active Directory Domain' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Active Directory Domain'), 'Admin User' (with a text input field 'Enter Admin User'), and 'Admin Password' (with a text input field 'Enter Admin Password'). The 'Account User Credentials' section includes fields for 'Service Account User' (with a text input field 'Enter Service Account User') and 'Service Account Password' (with a text input field 'Enter Service Account Password'). A blue 'Continue' button is located at the bottom of the form.

3. Enter the admin credentials you will use to access to the Global File Cache Core VM and click **Deploy GFC Core**. For Azure you enter the credentials as a user name and password; for AWS you select the appropriate key pair. You can change the VM name if you want.

Global File Cache Core (Setup)

Information

Subscription Name	Subscription_1234567891234...
Region	East US Virginia
VNet	VNet_1234567
Subnet	10.0.0.0/24
Resource Group	Resource Group 1

Credentials & Virtual Machine

Local Admin Name

Local Admin Password

VM Name

Local Admin Name & Password are inherited from the Global File Cache Management Service. The Virtual Machine Name is associated to your Cloud Manager Account

[Deploy GFC Core](#)

4. After the Global File Cache Core is successfully deployed, click **Go to Dashboard**.

1 Working Environment

Working Environment_1

Name

High Availability

Type

ON

Status

2

Core Instances

Add Core Instance

Instance Core 1 | ON

www.working-environment-1.com

Hostname

141.226.210.219

IP Address

26%

CPU Utilization

2.5 TB

Network Inbound

2.5 TB

Network Outbound

Deploy GFC Edge

Instance Core 1 | ON

www.working-environment-1.com

Hostname

141.226.210.219

IP Address

26%

CPU Utilization

2.5 TB

Network Inbound

2.5 TB

Network Outbound

Deploy GFC Edge

The Dashboard reflects the second Core instance for the working environment.

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