



Set up an object store as the cloud tier for FabricPool

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Set up an object store as the cloud tier for FabricPool

Set up an object store as the cloud tier for FabricPool overview

Setting up FabricPool involves specifying the configuration information of the object store (StorageGRID, ONTAP S3, Alibaba Cloud Object Storage, Amazon S3, Google Cloud Storage, IBM Cloud Object Storage, or Microsoft Azure Blob Storage for the cloud) that you plan to use as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

Set up StorageGRID as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.2 or later, you can set up StorageGRID as the cloud tier for FabricPool. When tiering data that is accessed by SAN protocols, NetApp recommends using private clouds, like StorageGRID, due to connectivity considerations.

Considerations for using StorageGRID with FabricPool

- You need to install a CA certificate for StorageGRID, unless you explicitly disable certificate checking.
- You must not enable StorageGRID object versioning on the object store bucket.
- A FabricPool license is not required.
- If a StorageGRID node is deployed in a virtual machine with storage assigned from a NetApp AFF system, confirm that the volume does not have a FabricPool tiering policy enabled.

Disabling FabricPool tiering for volumes used with StorageGRID nodes simplifies troubleshooting and storage operations.



Never use FabricPool to tier any data related to StorageGRID back to StorageGRID itself. Tiering StorageGRID data back to StorageGRID increases troubleshooting and operational complexity.

About this task

Load balancing is enabled for StorageGRID in ONTAP 9.8 and later. When the server's hostname resolves to more than one IP address, ONTAP establishes client connections with all the IP addresses returned (up to a maximum of 16 IP addresses). The IP addresses are picked up in a round-robin method when connections are established.

Procedures

You can set up StorageGRID as the cloud tier for FabricPool with ONTAP System Manager or the ONTAP CLI.

System Manager

1. Click **Storage > Tiers > Add Cloud Tier** and select StorageGRID as the object store provider.
2. Complete the requested information.
3. If you want to create a cloud mirror, click **Add as FabricPool Mirror**.

A FabricPool mirror provides a method for you to seamlessly replace a data store, and it helps to ensure that your data is available in the event of disaster.

CLI

1. Specify the StorageGRID configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type SGWS` parameter.
 - The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if ONTAP cannot access StorageGRID with the provided information.
 - You use the `-access-key` parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the StorageGRID object store.
 - You use the `-secret-password` parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the StorageGRID object store.
 - If the StorageGRID password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in StorageGRID without interruption.

- Setting the `-is-certificate-validation-enabled` parameter to `false` disables certificate checking for StorageGRID.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name mySGWS -provider-type SGWS -server mySGWSserver
-container-name mySGWScontainer -access-key mySGWSkey
-secret-password mySGWSpass
```

2. Display and verify the StorageGRID configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the StorageGRID configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up ONTAP S3 as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.8 or later, you can set up ONTAP S3 as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

What you'll need

You must have the ONTAP S3 server name and the IP address of its associated LIFs on the remote cluster.

There must be intercluster LIFs on the local cluster.

Creating intercluster LIFs for remote FabricPool tiering

About this task

Load balancing is enabled for ONTAP S3 servers in ONTAP 9.8 and later. When the server's hostname resolves to more than one IP address, ONTAP establishes client connections with all the IP addresses returned (up to a maximum of 16 IP addresses). The IP addresses are picked up in a round-robin method when connections are established.

Procedures

You can set up ONTAP S3 as the cloud tier for FabricPool with ONTAP System Manager or the ONTAP CLI.

System Manager

1. Click **Storage > Tiers > Add Cloud Tier** and select ONTAP S3 as the object store provider.
2. Complete the requested information.
3. If you want to create a cloud mirror, click **Add as FabricPool Mirror**.

A FabricPool mirror provides a method for you to seamlessly replace a data store, and it helps to ensure that your data is available in the event of disaster.

CLI

1. Add entries for the S3 server and LIFs to your DNS server.

Option	Description
If you use an external DNS server	Give the S3 server name and IP addresses to the DNS server administrator.
If you use your local system's DNS hosts table	Enter the following command: <pre>dns host create -vserver svm_name -address ip_address -hostname s3_server_name</pre>

2. Specify the ONTAP S3 configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type ONTAP_S3` parameter.
 - The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if the local ONTAP system cannot access the ONTAP S3 server with the information provided.
 - You use the `-access-key` parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the ONTAP S3 server.
 - You use the `-secret-password` parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the ONTAP S3 server.
 - If the ONTAP S3 server password is changed, you should immediately update the corresponding password stored in the local ONTAP system.

Doing so enables access to the data in the ONTAP S3 object store without interruption.

- Setting the `-is-certificate-validation-enabled` parameter to `false` disables certificate checking for ONTAP S3.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create  
-object-store-name myS3 -provider-type ONTAP_S3 -server myS3server  
-container-name myS3container -access-key myS3key  
-secret-password myS3pass
```

3. Display and verify the ONTAP_S3 configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the `ONTAP_S3` configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up Alibaba Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.6 or later, you can set up Alibaba Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

Considerations for using Alibaba Cloud Object Storage with FabricPool

- You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Alibaba Cloud Object Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

- On AFF and FAS systems and ONTAP Select, FabricPool supports the following Alibaba Object Storage Service classes:
 - Alibaba Object Storage Service Standard
 - Alibaba Object Storage Service Infrequent Access

[Alibaba Cloud: Introduction to storage classes](#)

Contact your NetApp sales representative for information about storage classes not listed.

Steps

1. Specify the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type AliCloud` parameter.
 - The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if ONTAP cannot access Alibaba Cloud Object Storage with the provided information.
 - You use the `-access-key` parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage object store.
 - If the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Alibaba Cloud Object Storage without interruption.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create my_ali_oss_store_1
-provider-type AliCloud -server oss-us-east-1.aliyuncs.com
-container-name my-ali-oss-bucket -access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

2. Display and verify the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the Alibaba Cloud Object Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up Amazon S3 as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.2 or later, you can set up Amazon S3 as the cloud tier for FabricPool. If you are running ONTAP 9.5 or later, you can set up Amazon Commercial Cloud Services (C2S) for FabricPool.

Considerations for using Amazon S3 with FabricPool

- You might need a FabricPool license.
 - Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool.

If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Amazon S3 on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

If you order FabricPool for the first time for an existing cluster, a FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available.

- It is recommended that the LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the Amazon S3 object server be on a 10 Gbps port.
- On AFF and FAS systems and ONTAP Select, FabricPool supports the following Amazon S3 storage classes:
 - Amazon S3 Standard
 - Amazon S3 Standard - Infrequent Access (Standard - IA)
 - Amazon S3 One Zone - Infrequent Access (One Zone - IA)
 - Amazon S3 Intelligent-Tiering
 - Amazon Commercial Cloud Services

[Amazon Web Services Documentation: Amazon S3 Storage Classes](#)

Contact your sales representative for information about storage classes not listed.

- On Cloud Volumes ONTAP, FabricPool supports tiering from General Purpose SSD (gp2) and Throughput Optimized HDD (st1) volumes of Amazon Elastic Block Store (EBS).

Steps

1. Specify the Amazon S3 configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type AWS_S3` parameter.
 - You use the `-auth-type CAP` parameter to obtain credentials for C2S access.

When you use the `-auth-type CAP` parameter, you must use the `-cap-url` parameter to specify the full URL to request temporary credentials for C2S access.

- The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if ONTAP cannot access Amazon S3 with the provided information.
- You use the `-access-key` parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the Amazon S3 object store.
- You use the `-secret-password` parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the Amazon S3 object store.

- If the Amazon S3 password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Amazon S3 without interruption.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name my_aws_store -provider-type AWS_S3
-server s3.amazonaws.com -container-name my-aws-bucket
-access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create -object
-store-name my_c2s_store -provider-type AWS_S3 -auth-type CAP -cap
-url
https://123.45.67.89/api/v1/credentials?agency=XYZ&mission=TESTACCT&r
ole=S3FULLACCESS -server my-c2s-s3server-fqdn -container my-c2s-s3-
bucket
```

2. Display and verify the Amazon S3 configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the Amazon S3 configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up Google Cloud Storage as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.6 or later, you can set up Google Cloud Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

Additional considerations for using Google Cloud Storage with FabricPool

- You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Google Cloud Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

- It is recommended that the LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the Google Cloud Storage object server be on a 10 Gbps port.
- On AFF and FAS systems and ONTAP Select, FabricPool supports the following Google Cloud Object storage classes:
 - Google Cloud Multi-Regional
 - Google Cloud Regional
 - Google Cloud Nearline
 - Google Cloud Coldline

Steps

1. Specify the Google Cloud Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type GoogleCloud` parameter.
 - The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if ONTAP cannot access Google Cloud Storage with the provided information.
 - You use the `-access-key` parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the Google Cloud Storage object store.
 - If the Google Cloud Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Google Cloud Storage without interruption.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create my_gcp_store_1 -provider
-type GoogleCloud -container-name my-gcp-bucket1 -access-key
GOOGAUZZZUV2USCFGHGQ511I8
```

2. Display and verify the Google Cloud Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the Google Cloud Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up IBM Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.5 or later, you can set up IBM Cloud Object Storage as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

Considerations for using IBM Cloud Object Storage with FabricPool

- You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use IBM Cloud Object Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

If you order FabricPool for the first time for an existing cluster, a FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available.

- It is recommended that the LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the IBM Cloud object server be on a 10 Gbps port.

Steps

1. Specify the IBM Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type IBM_COS` parameter.
 - The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if ONTAP cannot

access IBM Cloud Object Storage with the provided information.

- You use the `-access-key` parameter to specify the access key for authorizing requests to the IBM Cloud Object Storage object store.
- You use the `-secret-password` parameter to specify the password (secret access key) for authenticating requests to the IBM Cloud Object Storage object store.
- If the IBM Cloud Object Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in IBM Cloud Object Storage without interruption.

```
storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name MyIBM -provider-type IBM_COS
-server s3.us-east.objectstorage.softlayer.net
-container-name my-ibm-cos-bucket -access-key DXJRXHPXHYXA9X31X3JX
```

2. Display and verify the IBM Cloud Object Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the IBM Cloud Object Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up Azure Blob Storage for the cloud as the cloud tier

If you are running ONTAP 9.4 or later, you can set up Azure Blob Storage for the cloud as the cloud tier for FabricPool.

Considerations for using Microsoft Azure Blob Storage with FabricPool

- You might need a FabricPool license.

Newly ordered AFF systems come with 10 TB of free capacity for using FabricPool. If you need additional capacity on an AFF system, if you use Azure Blob Storage on a non-AFF system, or if you upgrade from an existing cluster, you need a FabricPool license.

If you order FabricPool for the first time for an existing cluster, a FabricPool license with 10 TB of free capacity is available.

- A FabricPool license is not required if you are using Azure Blob Storage with Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- It is recommended that the LIF that ONTAP uses to connect with the Azure Blob Storage object server be on a 10 Gbps port.
- FabricPool currently does not support Azure Stack, which is on-premises Azure services.
- At the account level in Microsoft Azure Blob Storage, FabricPool supports only hot and cool storage tiers.

FabricPool does not support blob-level tiering. It also does not support tiering to Azure's archive storage tier.

About this task

FabricPool currently does not support Azure Stack, which is on-premises Azure services.

Steps

1. Specify the Azure Blob Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config create` command with the `-provider-type Azure_Cloud` parameter.
 - The `storage aggregate object-store config create` command fails if ONTAP cannot access Azure Blob Storage with the provided information.
 - You use the `-azure-account` parameter to specify the Azure Blob Storage account.
 - You use the `-azure-private-key` parameter to specify the access key for authenticating requests to Azure Blob Storage.
 - If the Azure Blob Storage password is changed, you should update the corresponding password stored in ONTAP immediately.

Doing so enables ONTAP to access the data in Azure Blob Storage without interruption.

```
cluster1::> storage aggregate object-store config create
-object-store-name MyAzure -provider-type Azure_Cloud
-server blob.core.windows.net -container-name myAzureContainer
-azure-account myAzureAcct -azure-private-key myAzureKey
```

2. Display and verify the Azure Blob Storage configuration information by using the `storage aggregate object-store config show` command.

The `storage aggregate object-store config modify` command enables you to modify the Azure Blob Storage configuration information for FabricPool.

Set up object stores for FabricPool in a MetroCluster configuration

If you are running ONTAP 9.7 or later, you can set up a mirrored FabricPool on a MetroCluster configuration to tier cold data to object stores in two different fault zones.

About this task

- FabricPool in MetroCluster requires that the underlying mirrored aggregate and the associated object store configuration must be owned by the same MetroCluster configuration.
- You cannot attach an aggregate to an object store that is created in the remote MetroCluster site.
- You must create object store configurations on the MetroCluster configuration that owns the aggregate.

Before you begin

- The MetroCluster configuration is set up and properly configured.
- Two objects stores are set up on the appropriate MetroCluster sites.
- Containers are configured on each of the object stores.
- IP spaces are created or identified on the two MetroCluster configurations and their names match.

Step

1. Specify the object store configuration information on each MetroCluster site by using the `storage`

object-store config create command.

In this example, FabricPool is required on only one cluster in the MetroCluster configuration. Two object store configurations are created for that cluster, one for each object store bucket.

```
storage aggregate
  object-store config create -object-store-name mcc1-ostore-config-s1
-provider-type SGWS -server
  <SGWS-server-1> -container-name <SGWS-bucket-1> -access-key <key>
-secret-password <password> -encrypt
  <true|false> -provider <provider-type> -is-ssl-enabled <true|false>
ipspace
  <IPSpace>
```

```
storage aggregate object-store config create -object-store-name mcc1-
ostore-config-s2
  -provider-type SGWS -server <SGWS-server-2> -container-name <SGWS-
bucket-2> -access-key <key> -secret-password <password> -encrypt
<true|false> -provider <provider-type>
  -is-ssl-enabled <true|false> ipspace <IPSpace>
```

This example sets up FabricPool on the second cluster in the MetroCluster configuration.

```
storage aggregate
  object-store config create -object-store-name mcc2-ostore-config-s1
-provider-type SGWS -server
  <SGWS-server-1> -container-name <SGWS-bucket-3> -access-key <key>
-secret-password <password> -encrypt
  <true|false> -provider <provider-type> -is-ssl-enabled <true|false>
ipspace
  <IPSpace>
```

```
storage aggregate
  object-store config create -object-store-name mcc2-ostore-config-s2
-provider-type SGWS -server
  <SGWS-server-2> -container-name <SGWS-bucket-4> -access-key <key>
-secret-password <password> -encrypt
  <true|false> -provider <provider-type> -is-ssl-enabled <true|false>
ipspace
  <IPSpace>
```

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