

Data Disks get Skipped During Encryption_Encryption

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Symptom

When encrypting data disks sometimes they get silently skipped during encryption. Specifically storage space disks and data disks for Windows Server 2012 are at a higher risk of getting skipped. VMs that were already encrypted will not find their disks getting decrypted but new deployments or scale outs of existing VMSS might run into volumes being skipped for encryption. By checking the logs, you will see a message like the following

```
BitlockerOperations::InitializeMachineVolumes Skipping Volume Backed by VHD: VolumeName: H:\, VolumeLabel: Data
BitlockerOperations::InitializeMachineVolumes Skipping Volume Backed by VHD: VolumeName: G:\, VolumeLabel: Data
```

```
2021-03-11T07:24:20.2729355Z [Info]: Disk Location found for volume
2021-03-11T07:24:20.2885663Z [Info]: IsVolumeBackedByVHD: \\?\Volume{4b0c548a-151c-4cb0-b6a0-86b12375f779}\ is backed by a
VHD. Location: NULL
2021-03-11T07:24:20.2885663Z [Info]: EncryptableVolume initialized: VolumeName: H:\, VolumeLabel: DataB1, VolumeLetter: H:,
VolumeId: \\?\Volume{4b0c548a-151c-4cb0-b6a0-86b12375f779}\, BootVolume: False, UseWin32Volume False
2021-03-11T07:24:20.2885663Z [Info]: BitlockerOperations::InitializeMachineVolumes Skipping Volume Backed by VHD: VolumeName:
H:\, VolumeLabel: DataB1, VolumeLetter: H:, VolumeId: \\?\Volume{4b0c548a-151c-4cb0-b6a0-86b12375f779}\, BootVolume: False,
UseWin32Volume False
2021-03-11T07:24:20.3198152Z [Info]: GetDeviceNumbersForVolume for: \\?\Volume{d16bc167-bcb1-4a6d-a2a2-d668ef843672}
2021-03-11T07:24:20.3198152Z [Info]: CreateFile succeeded
```

Cause

A regression has been found in the 2.2.0.37 version of the extension and this leads to data disks sometimes get silently skipped during encryption process.

Mitigation

To help mitigate this issue we have deployed the bug-free previous version (2.2.0.36) to 2.1.0.36 (note that it's 2.1, not 2.2). Customers that run into this issue can mitigate it by:

- Removing the 2.2.0.37 version via the Remove-azVMExtension cmdlet (or its vmss equivalent)
- Adding back the extension with version 2.1 and autoupgrade disabled. (Examples below)

```
Set-AzVmssDiskEncryptionExtension .... -TypeHandlerVersion 2.1 -DisableAutoUpgradeMinorVersion
Set-AzVmDiskEncryptionExtension .... -TypeHandlerVersion 2.1 -DisableAutoUpgradeMinorVersion
```


Steps

1. Run Remove-AzVMDiskEncryptionExtension -ResourceGroupName "MyResourceGroup" -VMName "MyTestVM"
2. Run Encryption script specifying the version 2.1.0.x

```
$KVRGname = 'MyKeyVaultResourceGroup';
$VMRGName = 'MyVirtualMachineResourceGroup';
$vmName = 'MySecureVM';
$KeyVaultName = 'MySecureVault';
$KeyVault = Get-AzKeyVault -VaultName $KeyVaultName -ResourceGroupName $KVRGname;
$diskEncryptionKeyVaultUrl = $KeyVault.VaultUri;
$KeyVaultResourceId = $KeyVault.ResourceId;
$sequenceVersion = [Guid]::NewGuid();
Set-AzVMDiskEncryptionExtension -TypeHandlerVersion 2.1 -DisableAutoUpgradeMinorVersion -ResourceGroupNa
```

For more information, please refer to lCM [Storage pool virtual disk was mistakenly considered backedbyvhd and encryption skipped](#) 

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