



# **Configure DNS services**

## **ONTAP 9**

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# Configure DNS services

You must configure DNS services for the SVM before creating an NFS or CIFS server. Generally, the DNS name servers are the Active Directory-integrated DNS servers for the domain that the NFS or CIFS server will join.

## About this task

Active Directory-integrated DNS servers contain the service location records (SRV) for the domain LDAP and domain controller servers. If the SVM cannot find the Active Directory LDAP servers and domain controllers, NFS or CIFS server setup fails.

SVMs use the hosts name services ns-switch database to determine which name services to use and in which order when looking up information about hosts. The two supported name services for the hosts database are `files` and `dns`.

You must ensure that `dns` is one of the sources before you create the CIFS server.



To view the statistics for DNS name services for the mgwd process and SecD process, use the Statistics UI.

## Steps

1. Determine what the current configuration is for the `hosts` name services database.

In this example, the hosts name service database uses the default settings.

```
vserver services name-service ns-switch show -vserver vs1 -database hosts
```

```
Vserver: vs1
Name Service Switch Database: hosts
Name Service Source Order: files, dns
```

2. Perform the following actions, if required.
  - a. Add the DNS name service to the hosts name service database in the desired order, or reorder the sources.

In this example, the hosts database is configured to use DNS and local files in that order.

```
vserver services name-service ns-switch modify -vserver vs1 -database hosts
-sources dns,files
```

- b. Verify that the name services configuration is correct.

```
vserver services name-service ns-switch show -vserver vs1 -database hosts
```

3. Configure DNS services.

```
vserver services name-service dns create -vserver vs1 -domains
example.com,example2.com -name-servers 10.0.0.50,10.0.0.51
```



The vserver services `name-service dns create` command performs an automatic configuration validation and reports an error message if ONTAP is unable to contact the name server.

4. Verify that the DNS configuration is correct and that the service is enabled.

```
Vserver: vs1
Domains: example.com, example2.com Name
Servers: 10.0.0.50, 10.0.0.51
Enable/Disable DNS: enabled Timeout (secs): 2
Maximum Attempts: 1
```

5. Validate the status of the name servers.

```
vserver services name-service dns check -vserver vs1
```

Vserver	Name Server	Status	Status Details
vs1	10.0.0.50	up	Response time (msec): 2
vs1	10.0.0.51	up	Response time (msec): 2

## Configure dynamic DNS on the SVM

If you want the Active Directory-integrated DNS server to dynamically register the DNS records of an NFS or SMB server in DNS, you must configure dynamic DNS (DDNS) on the SVM.

### Before you begin

DNS name services must be configured on the SVM. If you are using secure DDNS, you must use Active Directory-integrated DNS name servers and you must have created either an NFS or SMB server or an Active Directory account for the SVM.

### About this task

The specified fully qualified domain name (FQDN) must be unique:

- For NFS, the value specified in `-vserver-fqdn` as part of the `vserver services name-service dns dynamic-update` command becomes the registered FQDN for the LIFs.
- For SMB/CIFS, the values specified as the CIFS server NetBIOS name and the CIFS server fully qualified domain name become the registered FQDN for the LIFs. This is not configurable in ONTAP. In the following scenario, the LIF FQDN is "CIFS\_VS1.EXAMPLE.COM":

```
cluster1::> cifs server show -vserver vs1
```

```

Vserver: vs1
CIFS Server NetBIOS Name: CIFS_VS1
NetBIOS Domain/Workgroup Name: EXAMPLE
Fully Qualified Domain Name: EXAMPLE.COM
Organizational Unit: CN=Computers
Default Site Used by LIFs Without Site Membership:
Workgroup Name: -
Kerberos Realm: -
Authentication Style: domain
CIFS Server Administrative Status: up
CIFS Server Description:
List of NetBIOS Aliases: -
```



To avoid a configuration failure of an SVM FQDN that is not compliant to RFC rules for DDNS updates, use an FQDN name that is RFC compliant. For more information, see [RFC 1123](#).

## Steps

1. Configure DDNS on the SVM:

```
vserver services name-service dns dynamic-update modify -vserver vserver_name
-is-enabled true [-use-secure {true|false} -vserver-fqdn
FQDN_used_for_DNS_updates
```

```
vserver services name-service dns dynamic-update modify -vserver vs1 -is
-enabled true - use-secure true -vserver-fqdn vs1.example.com
```

Asterisks cannot be used as part of the customized FQDN. For example, `*.netapp.com` is not valid.

2. Verify that the DDNS configuration is correct:

```
vserver services name-service dns dynamic-update show
```

Vserver	Is-Enabled	Use-Secure	Vserver FQDN	TTL
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
vs1	true	true	vs1.example.com	24h

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