

# **Enable NAS storage for Windows servers using SMB/CIFS**

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Modify storage VMs to enable SMB servers for serving data to Windows clients.

This procedure enables an existing storage VM. It is assumed that configuration details are available for any authentication or security services required in your environment.



#### Steps

- 1. Enable SMB/CIFS on an existing VM: click **Storage > Storage VMs**, select a storage VM, click **Settings**, and then click **t** under **SMB/CIFS**.
- 2. Open the export policy of the storage VM root volume:
  - a. Click **Storage > Volumes**, select the root volume of the storage VM (which by default is *volume-name\_root*), and then click on the policy that is displayed under **Export Policy**.
  - b. Click Add to add a rule.
    - Client specification = 0.0.0.0/0
    - Access protocols = SMB/CIFS
    - Access details = NTFS Read-Only
- 3. Configure DNS for host-name resolution:
  - a. Click Storage > Storage VMs, select the storage VM, click Settings, and then click 📩 under DNS.
  - b. Switch to the DNS server and map the SMB server.
    - Create forward (A Address record) and reverse (PTR Pointer record) lookup entries to map the SMB server name to the IP address of the data network interface.
    - If you use NetBIOS aliases, create an alias canonical name (CNAME resource record) lookup entry to map each alias to the IP address of the SMB server's data network interface.
- 4. Configure name services as required
  - a. Click **Storage > Storage VMs**, select the storage VM, click **Settings**, and then click **t** under **LDAP** or **NIS**.
  - b. Include any changes in the name services switch file: click / under Name Services Switch.
- 5. Configure Kerberos if required:
  - a. Click Storage > Storage VMs, select the storage VM, and then click Settings.
  - b. Click 
    older Merberos and then click Add.

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