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What's new in Cloud Manager 3.9

Cloud Manager typically introduces a new release every month to bring you new features, enhancements, and bug fixes.



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Cloud Manager 3.9 (3 Nov 2020)

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Azure Private Link for Cloud Volumes ONTAP

By default, Cloud Manager now enables an Azure Private Link connection between Cloud Volumes ONTAP and its associated storage accounts. A Private Link secures connections between endpoints in Azure.

- [Learn more about Azure Private Links](#)
- [Learn more about using an Azure Private Link with Cloud Volumes ONTAP](#)

Active IQ cluster insights

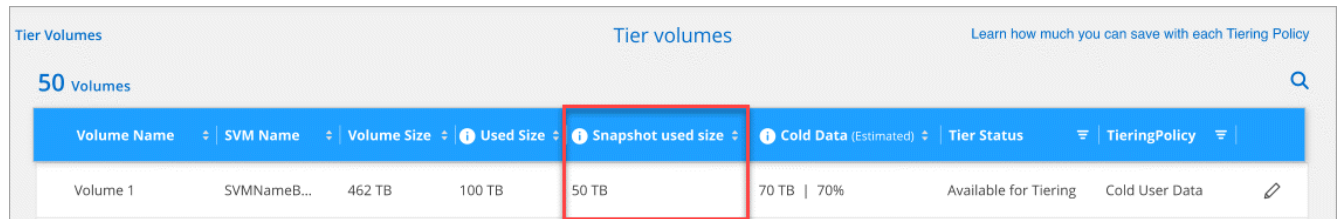
Active IQ cluster insights are now available within Cloud Manager. This initial release provides the following functionality:

- Shows a list of your on-prem clusters based on your NetApp Support Site (NSS) credentials.
- Identifies which of those clusters have been discovered within Cloud Manager, and those that have not been discovered.
- Enables you to view unused Cloud Volumes ONTAP licenses.
- Identifies if any of your discovered ONTAP clusters need to have their shelf or disk firmware updated.

Go to [Monitoring ONTAP clusters](#) for details. This information is provided to Cloud Manager from the [Active IQ Digital Advisor](#).

Cloud Tiering enhancements

- When you set up data tiering from your volumes, Cloud Tiering now identifies the Snapshot used size for each volume. This information can help you decide which type of data to tier to the cloud.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled 'Tier Volumes' with a sub-header 'Tier volumes'. It displays a table of 50 volumes. The table has columns for Volume Name, SVM Name, Volume Size, Used Size, Snapshot used size, Cold Data (Estimated), Tier Status, and TieringPolicy. The 'Snapshot used size' column is highlighted with a red box. The data row shows 'Volume 1' with a size of 462 TB, used size of 100 TB, and snapshot used size of 50 TB. The cold data is 70 TB (70%) and the tier status is 'Available for Tiering'.

Volume Name	SVM Name	Volume Size	Used Size	Snapshot used size	Cold Data (Estimated)	Tier Status	TieringPolicy
Volume 1	SVMNameB...	462 TB	100 TB	50 TB	70 TB 70%	Available for Tiering	Cold User Data

- Cloud Tiering now enables inactive data reporting on HDD aggregates, if the cluster is running ONTAP 9.6 or later.

This enhancement makes it easier for Cloud Tiering to show you the potential savings from tiering cold data.

- Cloud Tiering now prompts you to change thick-provisioned volumes to thin-provisioned volumes, if that's required to enable data tiering on the volumes in an aggregate.

Cloud Manager transition to SaaS

We've introduced a software-as-a-service experience for Cloud Manager. This new experience makes it easier for you to use Cloud Manager and enables us to provide additional features to manage your hybrid cloud infrastructure.

The previous Cloud Manager experience

Cloud Manager software was previously comprised of a user interface and a management layer that sent requests to cloud providers. To get started, you would deploy Cloud Manager in your cloud network or on-premises network and then access the user interface that runs on that instance.

That experience has changed.

The new SaaS experience

The Cloud Manager interface is now accessible through a SaaS-based user interface that you log in to from NetApp Cloud Central. You no longer need to access a user interface from software that runs in your network.

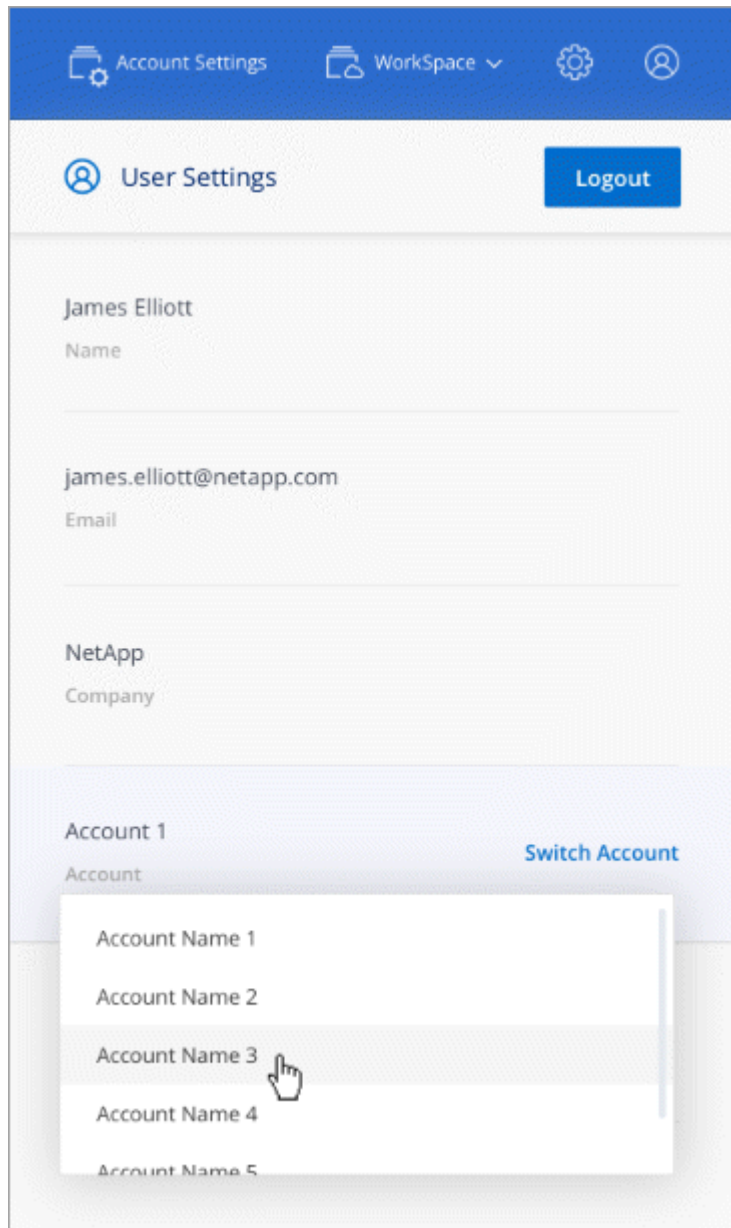
In most cases, you need to deploy a *Connector* in your cloud or on-premises network. The Connector is software that's needed to manage Cloud Volumes ONTAP and other cloud data services. (The Connector is actually the same as the existing Cloud Manager software that you have installed.)

Benefits

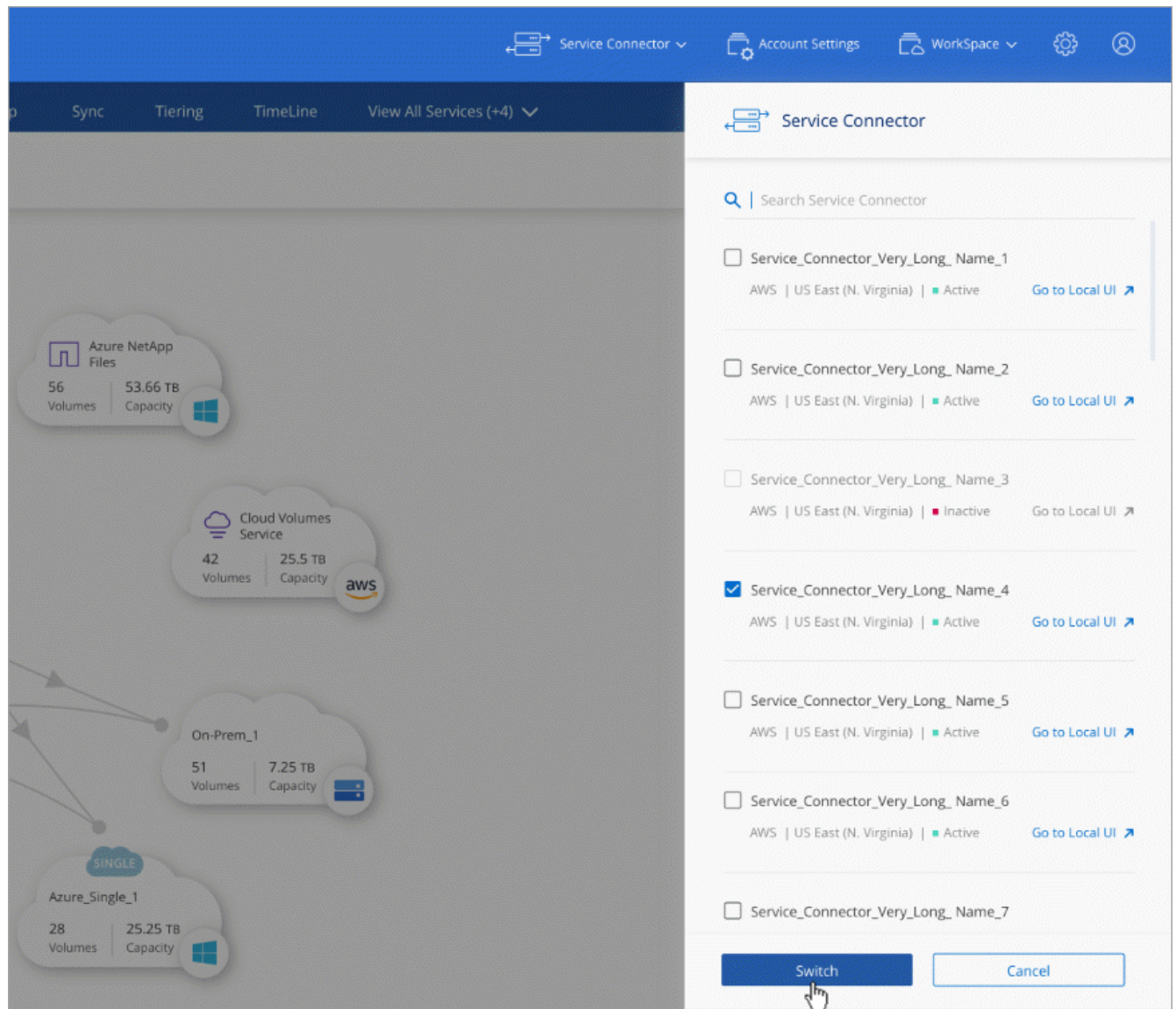
This SaaS-based approach provides several benefits:

- It enables us to offer additional management capabilities for Azure NetApp Files and Cloud Volumes Service without needing to deploy software in your environment.
- You can easily switch between your Cloud Central accounts.

If a user is associated with multiple Cloud Central accounts, they can change to a different account at any time from the User Settings menu. They can then see the Connectors and working environments that are associated with that account.



- You can easily switch between Connectors (what you know today as the Cloud Manager software) that are installed in different networks or different cloud providers.

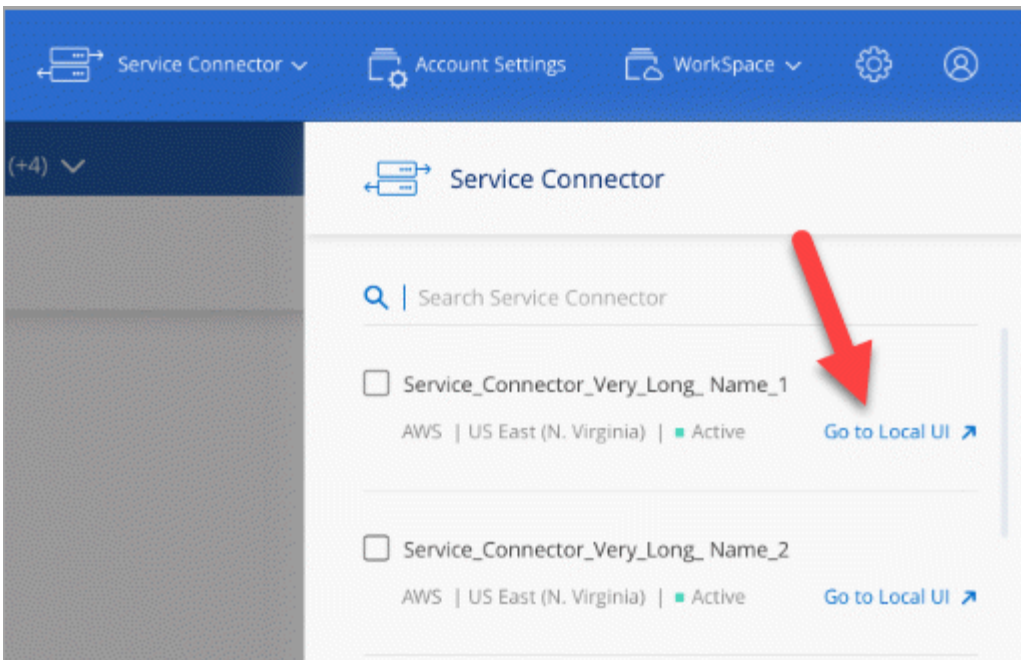


The local user interface

While you should perform almost all tasks from the SaaS user interface, a local user interface is still available on the Connector. This interface is needed for a few tasks that need to be performed from the Connector itself:

- Setting a proxy server
- Installing a patch
- Downloading AutoSupport messages

You can access the local user interface directly from the SaaS user interface:



Instance, VM, and machine type changes

To ensure that adequate resources are available for new and upcoming features in Cloud Manager, we've changed the minimum required instance, VM, and machine type as follows:

- AWS: t3.xlarge
- Azure: DS3 v2
- GCP: n1-standard-4

When you upgrade the machine type, you'll get access to features like a new Kubernetes experience, Global File Cache, Monitoring, and more.

These default sizes are the minimum supported [based on CPU and RAM requirements](#).

Cloud Manager will prompt you with instructions to change the machine type of the Connector.

Known issues

Known issues identify problems that might prevent you from using this release of the product successfully.

There are no known issues in this release of Cloud Manager.

You can find known issues for Cloud Volumes ONTAP in the [Cloud Volumes ONTAP Release Notes](#) and for ONTAP software in general in the [ONTAP Release Notes](#).

Known limitations

Known limitations identify platforms, devices, or functions that are not supported by this release of the product, or that do not interoperate correctly with it. Review these limitations carefully.

Connectors should remain running

A Connector should remain running at all times. It's important for the continued health and operation of the services that you enable.

For example, a Connector is a key component in the health and operation of Cloud Volumes ONTAP PAYGO systems. If a Connector is powered down, Cloud Volumes ONTAP PAYGO systems will shut down after losing communication with a Connector for longer than 14 days.

SaaS platform is disabled for Government regions

If you deploy a Connector in an AWS GovCloud region, an Azure Gov region, or an Azure DoD region, access to Cloud Manager is available only through a Connector's host IP address. Access to the SaaS platform is disabled for the entire account.

This means that only privileged users who can access the end-user internal VPC/VNet can use Cloud Manager's UI or API.

It also means that the following services aren't available from Cloud Manager:

- Cloud Compliance
- Kubernetes
- Cloud Tiering
- Global File Cache
- Monitoring (Cloud Insights)

The SaaS platform is required to use these services.

Shared Linux hosts are not supported

The Connector isn't supported on a host that is shared with other applications. The host must be a dedicated host.

Cloud Manager does not support FlexGroup volumes

While Cloud Volumes ONTAP supports FlexGroup volumes, Cloud Manager does not. If you create a FlexGroup volume from System Manager or from the CLI, then you should set Cloud Manager's Capacity Management mode to Manual. Automatic mode might not work properly with FlexGroup volumes.

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