



Backing up Cloud Volumes ONTAP data to Azure Blob storage

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Backing up Cloud Volumes ONTAP data to Azure Blob storage

Complete a few steps to get started backing up data from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to Azure Blob storage.

Quick start

Get started quickly by following these steps or scroll down to the remaining sections for full details.



Verify support for your configuration

- You're running Cloud Volumes ONTAP 9.7 or later in Azure.
- You have a valid cloud provider subscription for the storage space where your backups will be located.
- You have subscribed to the [Cloud Manager Marketplace Backup offering](#), or you have purchased [and activated](#) a Cloud Backup BYOL license from NetApp.



Enable Cloud Backup on your new or existing system

- New systems: Cloud Backup is enabled by default in the working environment wizard. Be sure to keep the option enabled.
- Existing systems: Select the working environment and click **Enable** next to the Backup & Restore service in the right-panel, and then follow the setup wizard.



Enter the provider details

Select the provider subscription and region, and choose whether you want to create a new resource group or use an already existing resource group. You can also choose your own customer-managed keys for data encryption instead of using the default Microsoft-managed encryption key.

Provider Settings

Azure Subscription

Azure_Subscription_1

Region

Default_CM_Region

Resource Group ?

☒ Create a new
☐ Use an existing

Resource Group Name

Encryption Managed Keys ?

☒ Microsoft-managed
☐ Customer-managed

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Define the backup policy

The default policy backs up volumes every day and retains the most recent 30 backup copies of each volume. Change to hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly backups, or select one of the system-defined policies that provide more options. You can also change the number of backup copies to retain.

Define Policy

Policy - Retention & Schedule

☒ Create a New Policy
☐ Select an Existing Policy

☐ Hourly

Number of backups to retain

24

↑ ↓

☒ Daily

Number of backups to retain

30

↑ ↓

☐ Weekly

Number of backups to retain

52

↑ ↓

☐ Monthly

Number of backups to retain

12

↑ ↓

DP Volumes

Data protection volume backups use the same retention period as defined in the source SnapMirror relationship by default. Use the API if you want to change this value

Storage Account

Cloud Manager will create the storage account after you complete the wizard

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Select the volumes that you want to back up

Identify which volumes you want to back up in the Select Volumes page.

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Restore your data, as needed

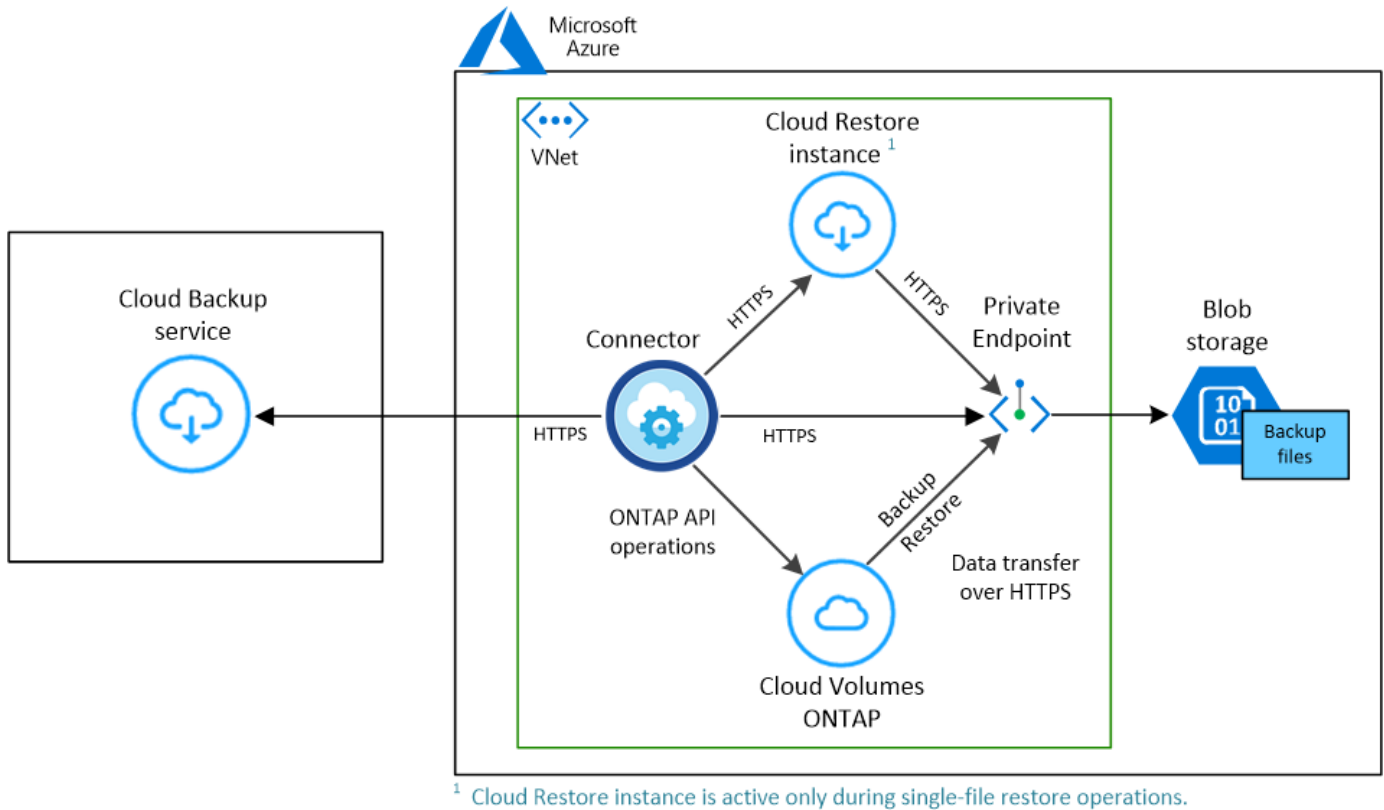
Choose to restore an entire backup to a new volume, or to restore individual files from the backup to an existing volume. You can restore data to a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system in Azure, or to an on-premises ONTAP system.

See [Restoring volume data from backup files](#) for details.

Requirements

Read the following requirements to make sure that you have a supported configuration before you start backing up volumes to Azure Blob storage.

The following image shows each component and the connections that you need to prepare between them:



When the Cloud Restore virtual machine is deployed in the cloud, it is located in the same subnet as the Connector.

Supported ONTAP versions

Cloud Volumes ONTAP 9.7 and later.

License requirements

For Cloud Backup PAYGO licensing, a subscription through the Azure Marketplace is required before you enable Cloud Backup. Billing for Cloud Backup is done through this subscription. [You can subscribe from the Details & Credentials page of the working environment wizard.](#)

For Cloud Backup BYOL licensing, you need the serial number from NetApp that enables you to use the service for the duration and capacity of the license. [Learn how to manage your BYOL licenses.](#)

And you need to have a Microsoft Azure subscription for the storage space where your backups will be located.

Supported Azure regions

Cloud Backup is supported in all Azure regions [where Cloud Volumes ONTAP is supported.](#)

Required setup for creating backups in a different Azure subscription

By default, backups are created using the same subscription as the one used for your Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. If you want to use a different Azure subscription for your backups, you must [log in to the Azure portal and link the two subscriptions](#).

Required information for using customer-managed keys for data encryption

You can use your own customer-managed keys for data encryption in the activation wizard instead of using the default Microsoft-managed encryption keys. In this case you will need to have the Azure Subscription, Key Vault name, and the Key. [See how to use your own keys](#).

Required outbound internet access for Azure deployments

The Cloud Restore virtual machine requires outbound internet access. If your virtual or physical network uses a proxy server for internet access, ensure that the instance has outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints.

| Endpoints | Purpose |
|---|---|
| http://olcentgbl.trafficmanager.net https://olcentgbl.trafficmanager.net | Provides CentOS packages for the Cloud Restore virtual machine. |
| http://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io | Cloud Restore virtual machine image repository. |

Enabling Cloud Backup on a new system

Cloud Backup is enabled by default in the working environment wizard. Be sure to keep the option enabled.



See [Launching Cloud Volumes ONTAP in Azure](#) for requirements and details for creating your Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.



If you want to pick the name of the resource group, **disable** Cloud Backup when deploying Cloud Volumes ONTAP. Follow the steps for [enabling Cloud Backup on an existing system](#) to enable Cloud Backup and choose the resource group.

Steps

1. Click **Create Cloud Volumes ONTAP**.
2. Select Microsoft Azure as the cloud provider and then choose a single node or HA system.
3. In the Define Azure Credentials page, enter the credentials name, client ID, client secret, and directory ID, and click **Continue**.
4. Fill out the Details & Credentials page and be sure that an Azure Marketplace subscription is in place, and click **Continue**.
5. On the Services page, leave the service enabled and click **Continue**.

 Backup to Cloud 

Integrated backup for Cloud Volumes ONTAP based on SnapMirror and Snapshot technologies. Backup copies are maintained in Storage Accounts. Backups stored in Storage Accounts are charged separately from Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

ADVANTAGES

- ✓ Automatically back up all volumes.
- ✓ Creates new backup copy every day.
- ✓ Retains backups for 30 days.

CLARIFICATIONS

- > Backup settings are editable after working environment creation.

6. Complete the pages in the wizard to deploy the system.

Result

Cloud Backup is enabled on the system and backs up volumes every day and retains the most recent 30 backup copies.

What's next?

You can [start and stop backups for volumes](#) or [change the backup schedule](#) and you can [restore entire volumes or individual files from a backup file](#).

Enabling Cloud Backup on an existing system

Enable Cloud Backup at any time directly from the working environment.

Steps

1. Select the working environment and click **Enable** next to the Backup & Restore service in the right-panel.



2. Select the provider details and click **Next**:
 - a. The Azure subscription used to store the backups. This can be a different subscription than where the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system resides.

If you want to use a different Azure subscription for your backups, you must [log in to the Azure portal and link the two subscriptions](#).
 - b. The region where the backups will be stored. This can be a different region than where the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system resides.
 - c. The resource group that manages the Blob container - you can create a new resource group or select an existing resource group.
 - d. Whether you'll use the default Microsoft-managed encryption key or choose your own customer-managed keys to manage encryption of your data. ([See how to use your own keys](#)).

Provider Settings

Azure Subscription

Azure_Subscription_1

Resource Group ?

☒ Create a new ☐ Use an existing

Resource Group Name

Region

Default_CM_Region

Encryption Managed Keys ?

☒ Microsoft-managed ☐ Customer-managed

3. In the *Define Policy* page, select the backup schedule and retention value and click **Next**.

Define Policy

Policy - Retention & Schedule ☒ Create a New Policy ☐ Select an Existing Policy

☐ Hourly
☒ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly

Number of backups to retain

24

Number of backups to retain

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Number of backups to retain

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Storage Account Cloud Manager will create the storage account after you complete the wizard

See [the list of existing policies](#).

4. Select the volumes that you want to back up and click **Activate Backup**.

Select Volumes

57 Volumes ?

| ✓ | Volume Name | Volume Type | SVM Name | Used Capacity | Allocated Capacity | Backup Status |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Volume_Name_1 | RW | SVM_Name_1 | 0.25 TB | 10 TB | ⊖ Not Active |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Volume_Name_2 | RW | SVM_Name_2 | 0.25 TB | 10 TB | ⊖ Not Active |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Volume_Name_3 | RW | SVM_Name_3 | 0.25 TB | 10 TB | ⊖ Not Active |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Volume_Name_4 | DP | SVM_Name_4 | 0.25 TB | 10 TB | ⊖ Not Active |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Volume_Name_5 | RW | SVM_Name_5 | 0.25 TB | 10 TB | ⊖ Not Active |

- To back up all volumes, check the box in the title row (☒ Volume Name).
- To back up individual volumes, check the box for each volume (☒ Volume_1).

Result

Cloud Backup starts taking the initial backups of each selected volume and the Backup Dashboard is displayed so you can monitor the state of the backups.

What's next?

You can [start and stop backups for volumes or change the backup schedule](#) and you can [restore entire volumes or individual files from a backup file](#).

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