# Provide client access with name services

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Enable ONTAP to look up host, user, group, or netgroup information using LDAP or NIS to authenticate NAS clients.

This procedure creates or modifies LDAP or NIS configurations on an existing storage VM enabled for NFS or SMB. For LDAP configurations, it is assumed that the LDAP configuration details required in your environment are available and that you are using a default ONTAP LDAP schema.

#### Steps

- 1. Configure the required service: click **Storage** > **Storage VMs**, select the storage VM, click **Settings**, and then click **\$\frac{1}{2}\$** for LDAP or NIS.
- 2. Include any changes in the name services switch: click 🧪 under Name Services Switch.

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