



# Summary of deployment best practices

## ONTAP System Manager

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There are several best practices that you should consider as part of planning an SnapMirror Business Continuity deployment.

## SAN

The SnapMirror Business Continuity solution supports only SAN workloads. You should follow the SAN best practices in all cases.

In addition:

- Replicated LUNs in the secondary cluster must be mapped to the host and the IO paths must be discovered at the time of configuration.
- After an out of sync (OOS) event exceeds 80 seconds, or after an automatic unplanned failover, it is important to rescan the host to ensure that there is not any I/O path loss. For more information, see the Host Documentation on Rescan of IO Paths.

## Mediator

To be fully functional and to enable automatic unplanned failover, the external ONTAP mediator should be provisioned and configured with ONTAP clusters.

When installing the mediator, you should replace the self-signed certificate with a valid certificate signed by a mainstream reliable CA.

## SnapMirror

You should terminate an SnapMirror relationship in the following order:

1. Perform `snapmirror delete` at the destination cluster
2. Perform `snapmirror release` at the source cluster

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