## Provision NAS storage for Windows servers using SMB/CIFS

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# Provision NAS storage for Windows servers using SMB/CIFS

Create volumes to provide storage for Windows servers using the SMB/CIFS protocol.

This procedure creates new volumes on an existing SMB-enabled storage VM.

#### Steps

1. Create a new volume: click **Storage** > **Volumes** and then click **Add**.

The default share grants full access to all users. You can modify the Access Control List (ACL) later.

- 2. Switch to a Windows client to verify that the share is accessible.
  - a. In Windows Explorer, map a drive to the share in the following format: \\ SMB Server Name Share Name
  - b. On the newly created drive, create a test file, write text to it, and then delete the file.

After verifying access, you might want to restrict client access with the share ACL and set any desired security properties on the mapped drive.

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