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Administration

Creating a common Snapshot copy

In addition to the regularly scheduled Snapshot copy operations, you can manually create a common Snapshot copy between the volumes in the primary SnapMirror consistency group and the volumes in the secondary SnapMirror consistency group.

Before you begin

The SnapMirror group relationship must be in sync.

Steps

1. Create a common Snapshot copy:

```
destination::>snapmirror update -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst
```

2. Monitor the progress of the update:

```
destination::>snapmirror show -fields -newest-snapshot
```

Performing a planned failover

You can perform a planned failover to test your disaster recovery configuration or to perform maintenance on the primary cluster.

Before you begin

- The relationship must be in sync
- Nondisruptive operations must not be running
- The ONTAP Mediator must be configured, connected, and in quorum

About this task

A planned failover is initiated by the administrator of the secondary cluster. The operation requires switching the primary and secondary roles so that the secondary cluster takes over from the primary. The new primary cluster can then begin processing input and output requests locally without disrupting client operations.

Steps

1. Start the failover operation:

```
destination::>snapmirror failover start -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst
```

2. Monitor the progress of the failover:

```
destination::>snapmirror failover show
```

- When the failover operation is complete, you can monitor the Synchronous SnapMirror protection relationship status from the destination:

```
destination::>snapmirror show
```

Automatic unplanned failover operations

An automatic unplanned failover (AUFO) operation occurs when the primary cluster is down or isolated. When this occurs, the secondary cluster is converted to the primary and begins serving clients. This operation is performed only with assistance from the ONTAP Mediator.



After the automatic unplanned failover, it is important to rescan the host LUN I/O paths so that there is no loss of I/O paths.

You can monitor the status of the automatic unplanned failover by using the `snapmirror failover show` command.

Basic monitoring

There are several SM-BC components and operations you can monitor.

ONTAP mediator

During normal operation, the Mediator state should be connected. If it is in any other state, this might indicate an error condition. You can review the EMS messages to determine the error and appropriate corrective actions.

EMS Name	Description
sm.mediator.added	Mediator is added successfully
sm.mediator.removed	Mediator is removed successfully
sm.mediator.unusable	Mediator is unusable due to a corrupted mediator server
sm.mediator.misconfigured	Mediator is repurposed or the Mediator package is no longer installed on the Mediator server
sm.mediator.unreachable	Mediator is unreachable
sm.mediator.removed.force	Mediator is removed from the cluster using the "force" option

EMS Name	Description
sm.mediator.cacert.expiring	Mediator certificate authority (CA) certificate is due to expire in 30 days or less
sm.mediator.serverc.expiring	Mediator server certificate is due to expire in 30 days or less
sm.mediator.clientc.expiring	Mediator client certificate is due to expire in 30 days or less
sm.mediator.cacert.expired	Mediator certificate authority (CA) certificate has expired
sm.mediator.serverc.expired	Mediator server certificate has expired
sm.mediator.clientc.expired	Mediator client certificate has expired
sm.mediator.in.quorum	All the SM-BC records are resynchronized with Mediator

Planned failover operations

You can monitor status and progress of a planned failover operation using the `snapmirror failover show` command. For example:

```
ClusterB::> snapmirror failover start -destination-path vs1:/cg/dcg1
```

Once the failover operation is complete, you can monitor the Synchronous SnapMirror protection status from the new destination cluster. For example:

```
ClusterA::> snapmirror show
```

Automatic unplanned failover operations

During an unplanned automatic failover, you can monitor the status of the operation using the `snapmirror failover show` command. For example:

```
ClusterB::> snapmirror failover show -instance
Start Time: 9/23/2020 22:03:29
    Source Path: vs1:/cg/scg3
    Destination Path: vs3:/cg/dcg3
    Failover Status: completed
    Error Reason:
        End Time: 9/23/2020 22:03:30
Primary Data Cluster: cluster-2
Last Progress Update: -
    Failover Type: unplanned
Error Reason codes: -
```

SM-BC availability

You can check the availability of the SM-BC relationship using a series of commands, either on the primary cluster, the secondary cluster, or both.

Commands you use include the `snapmirror mediator show` command on both the primary and secondary cluster to check the connection and quorum status, the `snapmirror show` command, and the `volume show` command. For example:

```

SMBC_A::*> snapmirror mediator show
Mediator Address Peer Cluster      Connection Status Quorum Status
-----
10.236.172.86    SMBC_B      connected      true

SMBC_B::*> snapmirror mediator show
Mediator Address Peer Cluster      Connection Status Quorum Status
-----
10.236.172.86    SMBC_A      connected      true

SMBC_B::*> snapmirror show -expand

Source          Destination Mirror Relationship Total      Progress
Path            Type  Path          State  Status    Progress Healthy Last
-----
vs0:/cg/cg1 XDP  vs1:/cg/cg1_dp Snapmirrored InSync    -          true   -
vs0:vol1     XDP  vs1:vol1_dp   Snapmirrored InSync    -          true   -
2 entries were displayed.

SMBC_A::*> volume show -fields is-smbc-master,smbc-consensus,is-smbc-failover-capable
-volume vol1
vserver volume is-smbc-master is-smbc-failover-capable smbc-consensus
-----
vs0      vol1    true          false          Consensus

SMBC_B::*> volume show -fields is-smbc-master,smbc-consensus,is-smbc-failover-capable
-volume vol1_dp
vserver volume is-smbc-master is-smbc-failover-capable smbc-consensus
-----
vs1      vol1_dp false          true           No-consensus

```

Adding and removing volumes in a consistency group

If you want to change the composition of the consistency group by adding or removing a volume, you must first delete the original relationship and then create the consistency group again with the new composition.

About this task

- The composition change is not allowed when the consistency group is in the “InSync” state.
- The destination volume should be of type DP.

The new volume you add to expand the consistency group must have a pair of common Snapshot copies between the source and destination volumes.

Steps

1. Delete the zero RTO consistency group relationship:

```
destination::>snapmirror delete -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst
```

2. Release the source side SnapMirror relationship and retain common Snapshot copies:

```
source::>snapmirror release -relationship-info-only true -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst
```

3. Create the new consistency group with the new composition:

```
destination::> snapmirror create -source-path vs1_src:/cg/cg_src -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst -cg-item-mappings vol_src2:@vol_dst2
```

4. Resynchronize the zero RTO consistency group relationship to ensure it is in sync:

```
destination::> snapmirror resync -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst
```

Converting existing relationships to SM-BC relationships

You can convert an existing zero recovery point protection (zero RPO) Synchronous SnapMirror relationship to an SM-BC zero RTO Synchronous SnapMirror consistency group relationship.

Before you begin

- A zero RPO Synchronous SnapMirror relationship exists between the primary and secondary
- All LUNs on the destination volume are unmapped before the zero RTO SnapMirror relationship is created

About this task

- You must be a cluster and SVM administrator on the source and destination.
- You cannot convert zero RPO to zero RTO sync by changing the SnapMirror policy.
- If existing LUNs on the secondary volume are mapped, `snapmirror create` with AutomatedFailover policy triggers an error.

You must ensure the LUNs are unmapped before issuing the `snapmirror create` command.

Steps

1. Quiesce each of the zero RPO synchronous relationships:

```
destination::>snapmirror quiesce -destination-path vs1_dst:vol1
```

```
destination::>snapmirror quiesce -destination-path vs1_dst:vol2
```

2. Delete each of the zero RPO synchronous relationships:


```
destination::>snapmirror delete -destination-path vs1_dst:vol1
```

```
destination::>snapmirror delete -destination-path vs1_dst:vol2
```

3. Release the source SnapMirror relationship but retain the common Snapshot copies:

```
source::>snapmirror release -relationship-info-only true -destination-path vs1_dst:vol1
```

```
source::>snapmirror release -relationship-info-only true -destination-path vs1_dst:vol2
```

4. Create a group zero RTO Synchronous Snapmirror relationship:

```
destination::> snapmirror create -source-path vs1_src:/cg/cg_src -destination-path  
vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst -cg-item-mappings vol1:@vol1,vol2:@vol2 -policy AutomatedFailover
```

5. Resynchronize the zero RTO consistency group:

```
destination::> snapmirror resync -destination-path vs1_dst:/cg/cg_dst
```

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