# Prepare for mirroring and vaulting

ONTAP System Manager

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You can protect your data by replicating it to a remote cluster for data backup and disaster recovery purposes.

Several default protection policies are available. You must have created your protection policies if you want to use custom policies.



#### Steps

- 1. In the local cluster, click **Protection > Overview**.
- 2. Expand **Intercluster Settings**. Click **Add Network Interfaces** and add intercluster network interfaces for the cluster.

Repeat this step on the remote cluster.

- 3. In the remote cluster, click **Protection > Overview**. Click in the Cluster Peers section and click **Generate Passphrase**.
- 4. Copy the generated passphrase and paste it in the local cluster.
- 5. In the local cluster, under Cluster Peers, click **Peer Clusters** and peer the local and remote clusters.
- 6. Optionally, under Storage VM Peers, click and then **Peer Storage VMs** to peer the storage VMs.
- 7. Click **Protect Volumes** to protect your volumes. To protect your LUNs, click **Storage** > **LUNs**, select a LUN to protect, and then click **Protect**.
  - Select the protection policy based on the type of data protection you need.
- 8. To verify the volumes and LUNs are successfully protected from the local cluster, click **Storage** > **Volumes** or **Storage** > **LUNs** and, expand the volume/LUN view.

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