



# Provision NAS storage for home directories

## ONTAP System Manager

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Create volumes to provide storage for home directories using the SMB/CIFS protocol.

This procedure creates new volumes for home directories on an [existing SMB-enabled storage VM](#).



## Steps

1. In ONTAP System Manager, click **Storage > Volumes** and then click **Add**.
2. Click **Storage > Shares**, click **Add**, and select **Home Directory**.
3. On a Windows client, do the following 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_`  
  
If the share name was created with variables (%w, %d, or %u), be sure to test access with a resolved name.
  - b. On the newly created drive, create a test file, and then delete the file.

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