



# **Workflow for dev/test bursting to cloud**

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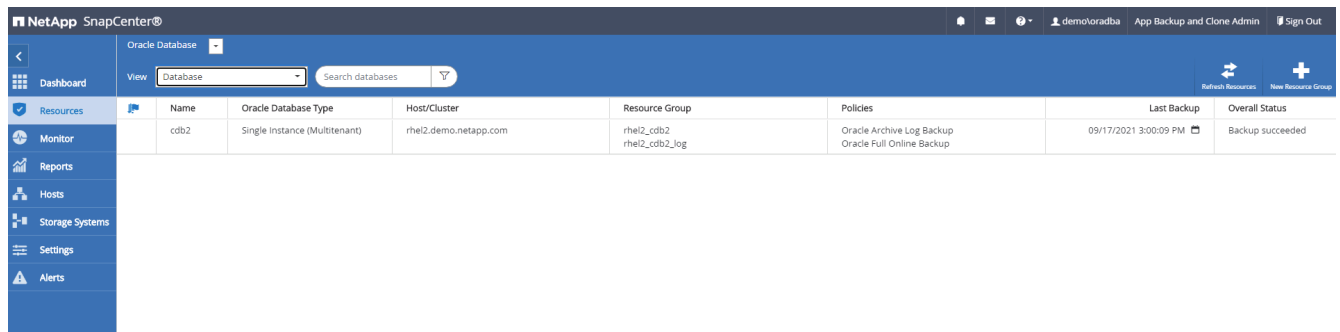
# Workflow for dev/test bursting to cloud

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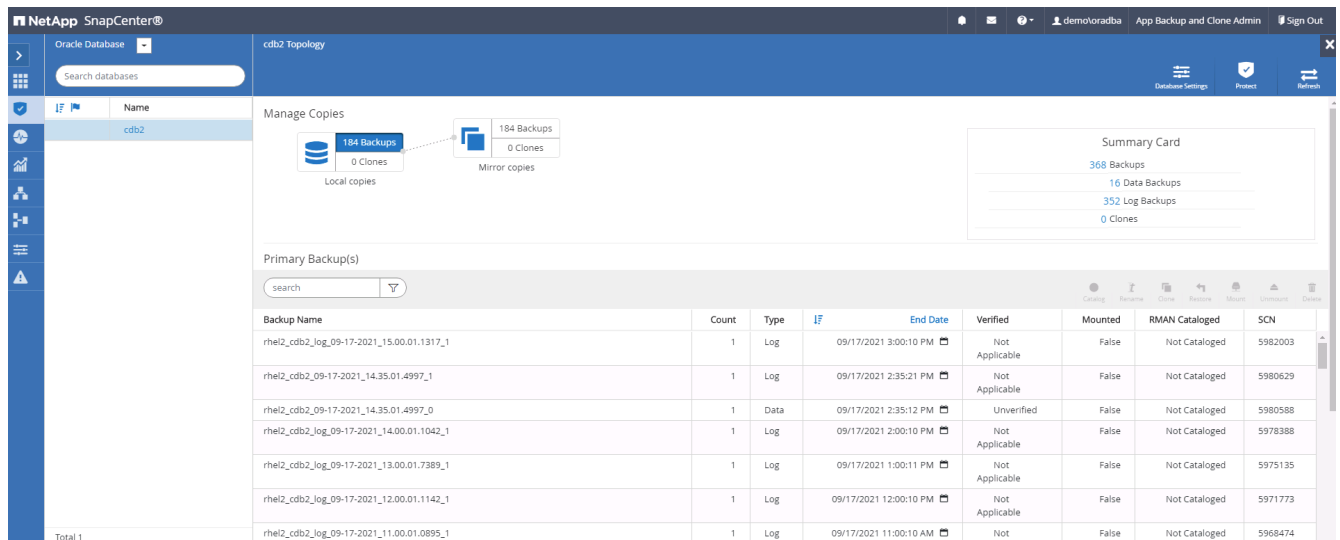
The agility of the public cloud, the time to value, and the cost savings are all meaningful value propositions for enterprises adopting the public cloud for database application development and testing effort. There is no better tool than SnapCenter to make this a reality. SnapCenter can not only protect your production database on-premises, but can also quickly clone a copy for application development or code testing in the public cloud while consuming very little extra storage. Following are details of the step-by-step processes for using this tool.

## Clone an Oracle Database for dev/test from a replicated snapshot backup

1. Log into SnapCenter with a database management user ID for Oracle. Navigate to the Resources tab, which shows the Oracle databases being protected by SnapCenter.



2. Click the intended on-premises database name for the backup topology and the detailed view. If a secondary replicated location is enabled, it shows linked mirror backups.



3. Toggled to the mirrored backups view by clicking mirrored backups. The secondary mirror backup(s) is then displayed.

NetApp SnapCenter®

Oracle Database cdb2 Topology

Search databases

Manage Copies

184 Backups 0 Clones Local copies

184 Backups 0 Clones Mirror copies

Summary Card

368 Backups

16 Data Backups

352 Log Backups

0 Clones

Secondary Mirror Backup(s)

search

Backup Name	Count	Type	IF	End Date	Verified	Mounted	RMAN Cataloged	SCN
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_15.00.01.1317_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 3:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5982003
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 2:35:21 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5980629
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_0	1	Data		09/17/2021 2:35:12 PM	Unverified	False	Not Cataloged	5980588
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.00.01.1042_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 2:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5978388
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_13.00.01.7389_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 1:00:11 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5975135
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_12.00.01.1142_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 12:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5971773
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_11.00.01.0895_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 11:00:10 AM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5968474
Total 1								

- Choose a mirrored secondary database backup copy to be cloned and determine a recovery point either by time and system change number or by SCN. Generally, the recovery point should be trailing the full database backup time or SCN to be cloned. After a recovery point is decided, the required log file backup must be mounted for recovery. The log file backup should be mounted to target DB server where the clone database is to be hosted.

Mount backups

Choose the host to mount the backup

ora-standby.demo.netapp.com

Mount path : /var/opt/snapcenter/sco/backup\_mount/rhel2\_cdb2\_09-17-2021\_14.35.01.4997\_1/cdb2

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Source Volume

svm\_onPrem:rhel2\_u03

Destination Volume

svm\_hybridcvo:rhel2\_u03\_dr

Mount Cancel

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Oracle Database

Search databases

cdb2 Topology

Manage Copies

184 Backups  
0 Clones  
Local copies

184 Backups  
1 Clone  
Mirror copies

Summary Card

368 Backups  
16 Data Backups  
352 Log Backups  
1 Clone

Secondary Mirror Backup(s)

search

Backup Name	Count	Type	IF	End Date	Verified	Mounted	RMAN Cataloged	SCN
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_16.00.01.2156_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 4:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5985272
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_15.00.01.1317_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 3:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5982003
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 2:35:21 PM	Not Applicable	True	Not Cataloged	5980629
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_0	1	Data		09/17/2021 2:35:12 PM	Unverified	False	Not Cataloged	5980588
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.00.01.1042_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 2:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5978388



If log pruning is enabled and the recovery point is extended beyond the last log pruning, multiple archive log backups might need to be mounted.

- Highlight the full database backup copy to be cloned, and then click the clone button to start the DB clone Workflow.

cdb2 Topology

search

Clone

Backup Name	Count	Type	IF	End Date	Verified	Mounted	RMAN Cataloged	SCN
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_16.00.01.2156_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 4:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5985272
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_15.00.01.1317_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 3:00:10 PM	Not Applicable	False	Not Cataloged	5982003
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_1	1	Log		09/17/2021 2:35:21 PM	Not Applicable	True	Not Cataloged	5980629
rhel2_cdb2_log_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_0	1	Data		09/17/2021 2:35:12 PM	Unverified	False	Not Cataloged	5980588
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- Choose a proper clone DB SID for a complete container database or CDB clone.

Clone from cdb2

1

Name

2

Locations

3

Credentials

4

PreOps

5

PostOps

6

Notification

7

Summary

☒ Complete Database Clone

Clone SID

cdb2test

Exclude PDBs

Type to find PDBs

☐ PDB Clone

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Data

Source Volume

svm\_onPrem:rhel2\_u02

Destination Volume

svm\_hybridcvo:rhel2\_u02\_dr

Logs

Source Volume

svm\_onPrem:rhel2\_u03

Destination Volume

svm\_hybridcvo:rhel2\_u03\_dr

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7. Select the target clone host in the cloud, and datafile, control file, and redo log directories are created by the clone workflow.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name
2 Locations
3 Credentials
4 PreOps
5 PostOps
6 Notification
7 Summary

Select the host to create a clone

Clone host
ora-standby.demo.netapp.com

Datafile locations ⓘ

/u02\_cdb2test
Reset

Control files ⓘ

/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/control/control01.ctl
/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/control/control02.ctl
Reset

Redo logs ⓘ

Group	Size	Unit	Number of files
<div> RedoGroup 1 </div>	200	MB	1
/u02_cdb2test/cdb2test/redolog/redo03.log			
<div> RedoGroup 2 </div>	200	MB	1

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- The None credential name is used for OS-based authentication, which renders the database port irrelevant. Fill in the proper Oracle Home, Oracle OS User, and Oracle OS Group as configured in the target clone DB server.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Database Credentials for the clone

Credential name for sys user

None

+

i

Database port

1521

Oracle Home Settings

i

Oracle Home

/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2

Oracle OS User

oracle

Oracle OS Group

oinstall

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9. Specify the scripts to run before clone operation. More importantly, the database instance parameter can be adjusted or defined here.



Clone from cdb2

1

Name

2

Locations

3

Credentials

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Specify scripts to run before clone operation

Prescript full path

/var/opt/snapcenter/spl/scripts/

Enter Prescript path

Arguments

Script timeout

60

secs

Database Parameter settings

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- Specify the recovery point either by the date and time or SCN. Until Cancel recovers the database up to the available archive logs. Specify the external archive log location from the target host where the archive log volume is mounted. If target server Oracle owner is different from the on-premises production server, verify that the archive log directory is readable by the target server Oracle owner.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

☒ Recover Database

☐ Until Cancel

☐ Date and Time
 

Date-time format: MM/DD/YYYY hh:mm:ss

☒ Until SCN (System Change Number)
 

5980629

Specify external archive log locations

/var/opt/snapcenter/sco/backup\_mount/rhel2\_cdb2\_09-17-2021\_14.35.01.4997\_1/cdb2/1/orareco/CDB2/archivelog/

☒ Create new DBID
 ☒ Create tempfile for temporary tablespace
 

☐ Enter SQL queries to apply when clone is created
 ☐ Enter scripts to run after clone operation

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```

oracle@ora-standby/tmp$ ls /var/opt/snapcenter/sco/backup_mount/rhel2_cdb2_09-17-2021_14.35.01.4997_1/cdb2/1/orareco/CDB2/archivelog/
2021_08_26 2021_08_28 2021_08_30 2021_09_01 2021_09_03 2021_09_05 2021_09_07 2021_09_09 2021_09_11 2021_09_13 2021_09_15 2021_09_17
2021_08_27 2021_08_29 2021_08_31 2021_09_02 2021_09_04 2021_09_06 2021_09_08 2021_09_10 2021_09_12 2021_09_14 2021_09_16
oracle@ora-standby/tmp$
  
```

11. Configure the SMTP server for email notification if desired.

Clone from cdb2

1 Name

2 Locations

3 Credentials

4 PreOps

5 PostOps

6 Notification

7 Summary

Provide email settings ⓘ

Email preference

Never

From

From email

To

Email to

Subject

Notification

☐ Attach job report

⚠

If you want to send notifications for Clone jobs, an SMTP server must be configured. Continue to the Summary page to save your information, and then go to Settings>Global Settings>Notification Server Settings to configure the SMTP server.

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12. Clone summary.

Clone from cdb2

1

Name

2

Locations

3

Credentials

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PreOps

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PostOps

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Notification

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Summary

Summary

Clone from backup

rhel2\_cdb2\_09-17-2021\_14.35.01.4997\_0

Clone SID

cdb2test

Clone server

ora-standby.demo.netapp.com

Exclude PDBs

none

Oracle home

/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2

Oracle OS user

oracle

Oracle OS group

oinstall

Datafile mountpaths

/u02\_cdb2test

Control files

/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/control/control01.ctl  
/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/control/control02.ctl

Redo groups

RedoGroup =1 TotalSize =200 Path =/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/redolog/redo03.log  
RedoGroup =2 TotalSize =200 Path =/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/redolog/redo02.log  
RedoGroup =3 TotalSize =200 Path =/u02\_cdb2test/cdb2test/redolog/redo01.log

Recovery scope

Until SCN 5980629

Prescript full path

none

Prescript arguments

Postscript full path

none

Postscript arguments

Previous

Finish

13. You should validate after cloning to make sure that the cloned database is operational. Some additional tasks, such as starting up the listener or turning off the DB log archive mode, can be performed on the dev/test database.

```

oracle@ora-standby/tmp
[oracle@ora-standby tmp]$ export ORACLE_SID=cdb2test
[oracle@ora-standby tmp]$ export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19800/cdb2
[oracle@ora-standby tmp]$ export PATH=$PATH:$ORACLE_HOME/bin
[oracle@ora-standby tmp]$ sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Fri Sep 17 17:49:29 2021
Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to:
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.3.0.0.0

SQL> select name, log_mode from v$database;

NAME          LOG MODE
-----
CDB2TEST      ARCHIVELOG

SQL> select instance_name, host_name from v$instance;

INSTANCE_NAME
-----
HOST_NAME
-----
cdb2test
ora-standby.demo.netapp.com

SQL> show pdbs

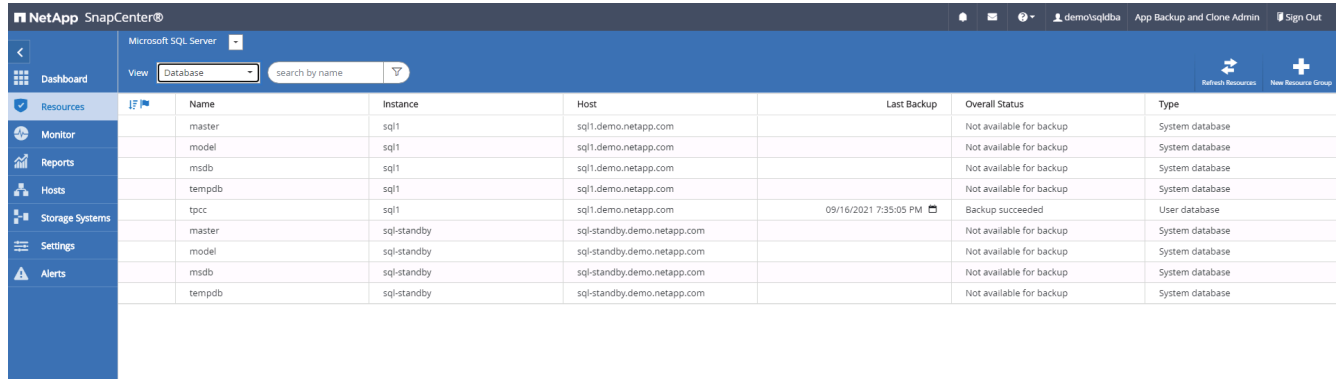
  CON_ID CON_NAME              OPEN MODE  RESTRICTED
  -----
2 PDB$SEED                  READ ONLY  NO
3 CDB2_PDB1                  READ WRITE NO
4 CDB2_PDB2                  READ WRITE NO
5 CDB2_PDB3                  READ WRITE NO

SQL>

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# Clone a SQL database for dev/test from a replicated Snapshot backup

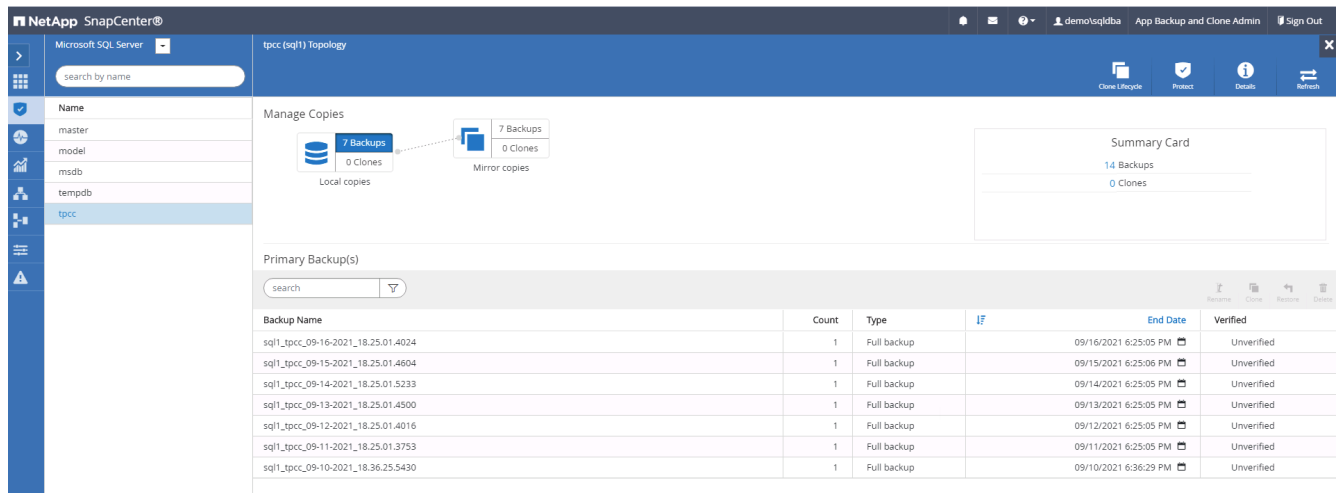
1. Log into SnapCenter with a database management user ID for SQL Server. Navigate to the Resources tab, which shows the SQL Sever user databases being protected by SnapCenter and a target standby SQL instance in the public cloud.



The screenshot shows the NetApp SnapCenter interface with the 'Resources' tab selected. A table lists the following databases:

Name	Instance	Host	Last Backup	Overall Status	Type
master	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
model	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
msdb	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
tempdb	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
tpcc	sql1	sql1.demo.netapp.com	09/16/2021 7:35:05 PM	Backup succeeded	User database
master	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
model	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
msdb	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database
tempdb	sql-standby	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com		Not available for backup	System database

2. Click on the intended on-premises SQL Server user database name for the backups topology and detailed view. If a secondary replicated location is enabled, it shows linked mirror backups.



The screenshot shows the 'tpcc (sql1) Topology' view in NetApp SnapCenter. It displays a 'Manage Copies' section with '7 Backups' and '0 Clones' for local copies, and '7 Backups' and '0 Clones' for mirror copies. A 'Summary Card' shows '14 Backups' and '0 Clones'. Below, the 'Primary Backup(s)' table lists the following backups:

Backup Name	Count	Type	End Date	Verified
sql1_tpcc_09-16-2021_18.25.01.4024	1	Full backup	09/16/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-15-2021_18.25.01.4604	1	Full backup	09/15/2021 6:25:06 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-14-2021_18.25.01.5233	1	Full backup	09/14/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-13-2021_18.25.01.4500	1	Full backup	09/13/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-12-2021_18.25.01.4016	1	Full backup	09/12/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-11-2021_18.25.01.3753	1	Full backup	09/11/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-10-2021_18.36.25.5430	1	Full backup	09/10/2021 6:36:29 PM	Unverified

3. Toggle to the Mirrored Backups view by clicking Mirrored Backups. Secondary Mirror Backup(s) are then displayed. Because SnapCenter backs up the SQL Server transaction log to a dedicated drive for recovery, only full database backups are displayed here.

NetApp SnapCenter®

Microsoft SQL Server

tpcc (sql1) Topology

search by name

Clone Lifecycle Protect Details Refresh

Manage Copies

Local copies: 7 Backups, 0 Clones

Mirror copies: 7 Backups, 0 Clones

Summary Card

14 Backups

0 Clones

Secondary Mirror Backup(s)

Backup Name	Count	Type	IF	End Date	Verified
sql1_tpcc_09-16-2021_18.25.01.4024	1	Full backup		09/16/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-15-2021_18.25.01.4604	1	Full backup		09/15/2021 6:25:06 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-14-2021_18.25.01.5233	1	Full backup		09/14/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-13-2021_18.25.01.4500	1	Full backup		09/13/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-12-2021_18.25.01.4016	1	Full backup		09/12/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-11-2021_18.25.01.3753	1	Full backup		09/11/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-10-2021_18.36.25.5430	1	Full backup		09/10/2021 6:36:29 PM	Unverified

4. Choose a backup copy, and then click the Clone button to launch the Clone from Backup workflow.

NetApp SnapCenter®

Microsoft SQL Server

tpcc (sql1) Topology

search by name

Clone Lifecycle Protect Details Refresh

Manage Copies

Local copies: 7 Backups, 0 Clones

Mirror copies: 7 Backups, 1 Clone

Summary Card

14 Backups

1 Clone

Secondary Mirror Backup(s)

Backup Name	Count	Type	IF	End Date	Verified
sql1_tpcc_09-19-2021_18.25.01.4134	1	Full backup		09/19/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-18-2021_18.25.01.3963	1	Full backup		09/18/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-17-2021_18.25.01.4218	1	Full backup		09/17/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-16-2021_18.25.01.4024	1	Full backup		09/16/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-15-2021_18.25.01.4604	1	Full backup		09/15/2021 6:25:06 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-14-2021_18.25.01.5233	1	Full backup		09/14/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified
sql1_tpcc_09-13-2021_18.25.01.4500	1	Full backup		09/13/2021 6:25:05 PM	Unverified

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Clone settings

Clone server

Choose

Clone instance

Nothing selected

Clone name

tpcc

Choose mount option

☒ Auto assign mount point

☐ Auto assign volume mount point under path

full file path

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Source Volume	Destination Volume
svm_onPrem:sql1_data	svm_hybridcvo:sql1_data_dr
svm_onPrem:sql1_log	svm_hybridcvo:sql1_log_dr

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Next

5. Select a cloud server as the target clone server, clone instance name, and clone database name. Choose either an auto-assign mount point or a user-defined mount point path.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Clone settings

Clone server

sql-standby.demo.netapp.com

Clone instance

sql-standby

Clone name

tpcc\_clone

Choose mount option

☒ Auto assign mount point

☐ Auto assign volume mount point under path

full file path

Secondary storage location : Snap Vault / Snap Mirror

Source Volume	Destination Volume
svm_onPrem:sql1_data	svm_hybridcvo:sql1_data_dr
svm_onPrem:sql1_log	svm_hybridcvo:sql1_log_dr

Previous

Next

6. Determine a recovery point either by a log backup time or by a specific date and time.



Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Choose logs

☐ All log backups

☒ By log backups until

9/17/2021 6:25:10 PM

☐ By specific date until

09/17/2021 6:25:05 PM

☐ None

Previous

Next

7. Specify optional scripts to run before and after the cloning operation.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Specify optional scripts to run before and after performing a clone from backup job

Prescript full path

Prescript arguments

Choose optional arguments...

Postscript full path

Postscript arguments

Choose optional arguments...

Script timeout

60

secs

Previous

Next

8. Configure an SMTP server if email notification is desired.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Provide email settings ⓘ

Email preference

Never

From

From email

To

Email to

Subject

Notification

☐ Attach Job Report

⚠ If you want to send notifications for Clone jobs, an SMTP server must be configured. Continue to the Summary page to save your information, and then go to Settings>Global Settings>Notification Server Settings to configure the SMTP server.

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9. Clone Summary.

Clone from backup

1 Clone Options

2 Logs

3 Script

4 Notification

5 Summary

Summary

Clone server	sql-standby.demo.netapp.com
Clone instance	sql-standby
Clone name	tpcc_dev
Mount option	Auto assign volume mount point under custom path
Prescript full path	None
Prescript arguments	
Postscript full path	None
Postscript arguments	
Send email	No

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Finish

- Monitor the job status and validate that the intended user database has been attached to a target SQL instance in the cloud clone server.

NetApp SnapCenter®						
Jobs - Filter						
ID	Status	Name	Start date	End date	Owner	
766	✓	Clone from backup 'sql1_tpcc_09-16-2021_18.25.01.4024'	09/16/2021 8:05:25 PM	09/16/2021 8:06:17 PM	demo:sqldba	
763	✓	Discover resources for all hosts	09/16/2021 7:56:49 PM	09/16/2021 7:56:54 PM	demo:sqldba	
761	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/16/2021 7:35:00 PM	09/16/2021 7:37:08 PM	demo:sqldba	
760	⚠	Discover resources for all hosts	09/16/2021 7:19:05 PM	09/16/2021 7:19:09 PM	demo:sqldba	
759	⚠	Discover resources for all hosts	09/16/2021 7:18:43 PM	09/16/2021 7:18:48 PM	demo:sqldba	
756	⚠	Discover resources for all hosts	09/16/2021 6:59:51 PM	09/16/2021 6:59:56 PM	demo:sqldba	
753	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/16/2021 6:35:00 PM	09/16/2021 6:37:07 PM	demo:sqldba	
750	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc' with policy 'SQL Server Full Backup'	09/16/2021 6:25:01 PM	09/16/2021 6:27:14 PM	demo:sqldba	
749	✓	Discover resources for host 'sql-standby.demo.netapp.com'	09/16/2021 6:19:00 PM	09/16/2021 6:19:05 PM	Demoadministrator	
745	✓	Backup of Resource Group 'sql1_tpcc_log' with policy 'SQL Server Log Backup'	09/16/2021 5:35:00 PM	09/16/2021 5:37:08 PM	demo:sqldba	

## Post-clone configuration

- An Oracle production database on-premises is usually running in log archive mode. This mode is not necessary for a development or test database. To turn off log archive mode, log into the Oracle DB as sysdba, execute a log mode change command, and start the database for access.
- Configure an Oracle listener, or register the newly cloned DB with an existing listener for user access.
- For SQL Server, change the log mode from Full to Easy so that the SQL Server dev/test log file can be readily shrunk when it is filling up the log volume.

## Refresh clone database

1. Drop cloned databases and clean up the cloud DB server environment. Then follow the previous procedures to clone a new DB with fresh data. It only takes few minutes to clone a new database.
2. Shutdown the clone database, run a clone refresh command by using the CLI. See the following SnapCenter documentation for details: [Refresh a clone](#).

## Where to go for help?

If you need help with this solution and use cases, join the [NetApp Solution Automation community support Slack channel](#) and look for the solution-automation channel to post your questions or inquiries.

Next: [Disaster recovery workflow](#).

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