

Perform volume operations

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Perform volume operations

Learn about the features Astra Trident provides for managing your volumes.

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Use CSI Topology

Astra Trident can selectively create and attach volumes to nodes present in a Kubernetes cluster by making use of the CSI Topology feature. Using the CSI Topology feature, access to volumes can be limited to a subset of nodes, based on regions and availability zones. Cloud providers today enable Kubernetes administrators to spawn nodes that are zone based. Nodes can be located in different regions within an availability zone, or across various availability zones. To facilitate the provisioning of volumes for workloads in a multi-zone architecture, Astra Trident uses CSI Topology.



Learn more about the CSI Topology feature here.

Kubernetes provides two unique volume binding modes:

- With VolumeBindingMode set to Immediate, Astra Trident creates the volume without any topology awareness. Volume binding and dynamic provisioning are handled when the PVC is created. This is the default VolumeBindingMode and is suited for clusters that do not enforce topology constraints. Persistent Volumes are created without having any dependency on the requesting pod's scheduling requirements.
- With VolumeBindingMode set to WaitForFirstConsumer, the creation and binding of a Persistent Volume for a PVC is delayed until a pod that uses the PVC is scheduled and created. This way, volumes are created to meet the scheduling constraints that are enforced by topology requirements.



The WaitForFirstConsumer binding mode does not require topology labels. This can be used independent of the CSI Topology feature.

What you'll need

To make use of CSI Topology, you need the following:

A Kubernetes cluster running 1.17 or later.

```
$ kubectl version
Client Version: version.Info{Major:"1", Minor:"19",
GitVersion:"v1.19.3",
GitCommit:"lel1e4a2108024935ecfcb2912226cedeafd99df",
GitTreeState:"clean", BuildDate:"2020-10-14T12:50:19Z",
GoVersion:"go1.15.2", Compiler:"gc", Platform:"linux/amd64"}
Server Version: version.Info{Major:"1", Minor:"19",
GitVersion:"v1.19.3",
GitCommit:"lel1e4a2108024935ecfcb2912226cedeafd99df",
GitTreeState:"clean", BuildDate:"2020-10-14T12:41:49Z",
GoVersion:"go1.15.2", Compiler:"gc", Platform:"linux/amd64"}
```

Nodes in the cluster should have labels that introduce topology awareness
 (topology.kubernetes.io/region and topology.kubernetes.io/zone). These labels should
 be present on nodes in the cluster before Astra Trident is installed for Astra Trident to be topology
 aware.

```
$ kubectl get nodes -o=jsonpath='{range .items[*]}[{.metadata.name},
{.metadata.labels}]{"\n"}{end}' | grep --color "topology.kubernetes.io"
[node1,
{"beta.kubernetes.io/arch": "amd64", "beta.kubernetes.io/os": "linux", "kube
rnetes.io/arch": "amd64", "kubernetes.io/hostname": "node1", "kubernetes.io/
os":"linux", "node-
role.kubernetes.io/master":"","topology.kubernetes.io/region":"us-
east1","topology.kubernetes.io/zone":"us-east1-a"}]
[node2,
{"beta.kubernetes.io/arch": "amd64", "beta.kubernetes.io/os": "linux", "kube
rnetes.io/arch": "amd64", "kubernetes.io/hostname": "node2", "kubernetes.io/
os":"linux", "node-
role.kubernetes.io/worker":"","topology.kubernetes.io/region":"us-
east1","topology.kubernetes.io/zone":"us-east1-b"}]
[node3,
{"beta.kubernetes.io/arch": "amd64", "beta.kubernetes.io/os": "linux", "kube
rnetes.io/arch": "amd64", "kubernetes.io/hostname": "node3", "kubernetes.io/
os":"linux", "node-
role.kubernetes.io/worker":"","topology.kubernetes.io/region":"us-
east1","topology.kubernetes.io/zone":"us-east1-c"}]
```

Step 1: Create a topology-aware backend

Astra Trident storage backends can be designed to selectively provision volumes based on availability zones. Each backend can carry an optional supportedTopologies block that represents a list of zones and regions that must be supported. For StorageClasses that make use of such a backend, a volume would only be created if requested by an application that is scheduled in a supported region/zone.

Here is what an example backend definition looks like:



supportedTopologies is used to provide a list of regions and zones per backend. These regions and zones represent the list of permissible values that can be provided in a StorageClass. For StorageClasses that contain a subset of the regions and zones provided in a backend, Astra Trident will create a volume on the backend.

You can define supportedTopologies per storage pool as well. See the following example:

```
{"version": 1,
"storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
"backendName": "nas-backend-us-central1",
"managementLIF": "172.16.238.5",
"svm": "nfs svm",
"username": "admin",
"password": "Netapp123",
"supportedTopologies": [
      {"topology.kubernetes.io/region": "us-central1",
"topology.kubernetes.io/zone": "us-central1-a"},
      {"topology.kubernetes.io/region": "us-central1",
"topology.kubernetes.io/zone": "us-central1-b"}
"storage": [
       "labels": {"workload":"production"},
        "region": "Iowa-DC",
        "zone": "Iowa-DC-A",
        "supportedTopologies": [
            {"topology.kubernetes.io/region": "us-central1",
"topology.kubernetes.io/zone": "us-central1-a"}
    },
        "labels": {"workload":"dev"},
         "region": "Iowa-DC",
         "zone": "Iowa-DC-B",
         "supportedTopologies": [
             {"topology.kubernetes.io/region": "us-central1",
"topology.kubernetes.io/zone": "us-central1-b"}
     }
]
}
```

In this example, the region and zone labels stand for the location of the storage pool. topology.kubernetes.io/region and topology.kubernetes.io/zone dictate where the storage pools can be consumed from.

Step 2: Define StorageClasses that are topology aware

Based on the topology labels that are provided to the nodes in the cluster, StorageClasses can be defined to contain topology information. This will determine the storage pools that serve as candidates for PVC requests made, and the subset of nodes that can make use of the volumes provisioned by Trident.

See the following example:

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
name: netapp-san-us-east1
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
volumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer
allowedTopologies:
- matchLabelExpressions:
- key: topology.kubernetes.io/zone
 values:
  - us-east1-a
  - us-east1-b
- key: topology.kubernetes.io/region
  values:
  - us-east1
parameters:
  fsType: "ext4"
```

In the StorageClass definition provided above, volumeBindingMode is set to WaitForFirstConsumer. PVCs that are requested with this StorageClass will not be acted upon until they are referenced in a pod. And, allowedTopologies provides the zones and region to be used. The netapp-san-us-east1 StorageClass will create PVCs on the san-backend-us-east1 backend defined above.

Step 3: Create and use a PVC

With the StorageClass created and mapped to a backend, you can now create PVCs.

See the example spec below:

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
name: pvc-san
spec:
accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
resources:
   requests:
   storage: 300Mi
storageClassName: netapp-san-us-east1
```

Creating a PVC using this manifest would result in the following:

\$ kubectl create -f pvc.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/pvc-san created \$ kubectl get pvc NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE pvc-san Pending netapp-san-us-east1 2s \$ kubectl describe pvc Name: pvc-san Namespace: default StorageClass: netapp-san-us-east1 Status: Pending Volume: Labels: <none> Annotations: <none> Finalizers: [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection] Capacity: Access Modes: VolumeMode: Filesystem Mounted By: <none> Events: Type Reason Age From Message ____ _____ _____ Normal WaitForFirstConsumer 6s persistentvolume-controller waiting for first consumer to be created before binding

For Trident to create a volume and bind it to the PVC, use the PVC in a pod. See the following example:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: app-pod-1
spec:
  affinity:
    nodeAffinity:
      requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
        nodeSelectorTerms:
        - matchExpressions:
          - key: topology.kubernetes.io/region
            operator: In
            values:
            - us-east1
      preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
      - weight: 1
        preference:
          matchExpressions:
          - key: topology.kubernetes.io/zone
            operator: In
            values:
            - us-east1-a
            - us-east1-b
  securityContext:
    runAsUser: 1000
    runAsGroup: 3000
    fsGroup: 2000
  volumes:
  - name: vol1
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: pvc-san
  containers:
  - name: sec-ctx-demo
    image: busybox
    command: [ "sh", "-c", "sleep 1h" ]
    volumeMounts:
    - name: vol1
      mountPath: /data/demo
    securityContext:
      allowPrivilegeEscalation: false
```

This podSpec instructs Kubernetes to schedule the pod on nodes that are present in the us-east1 region, and choose from any node that is present in the us-east1-a or us-east1-b zones.

See the following output:

```
$ kubectl get pods -o wide
                     STATUS
NAME
            READY
                               RESTARTS
                                           AGE
                                                 ΙP
                                                                    NODE
NOMINATED NODE
                  READINESS GATES
                                                 192.168.25.131
app-pod-1
            1/1
                     Running
                                           19s
                                                                    node2
<none>
                  <none>
$ kubectl get pvc -o wide
NAME
          STATUS
                    VOLUME
                                                                  CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES
                STORAGECLASS
                                       AGE
                                             VOLUMEMODE
                    pvc-ecb1e1a0-840c-463b-8b65-b3d033e2e62b
                                                                  300Mi
pvc-san
          Bound
RWO
               netapp-san-us-east1
                                       48s
                                             Filesystem
```

Update backends to include supportedTopologies

Pre-existing backends can be updated to include a list of supportedTopologies using tridentctl backend update. This will not affect volumes that have already been provisioned, and will only be used for subsequent PVCs.

Find more information

- Manage resources for containers
- nodeSelector
- · Affinity and anti-affinity
- Taints and Tolerations

Work with snapshots

Beginning with the 20.01 release of Astra Trident, you can create snapshots of PVs at the Kubernetes layer. You can use these snapshots to maintain point-in-time copies of volumes that have been created by Astra Trident and schedule the creation of additional volumes (clones). Volume snapshot is supported by the ontap-nas, ontap-san, ontap-san-economy, solidfire-san, aws-cvs, gcp-cvs, and azure-netapp-files drivers.



This feature is available from Kubernetes 1.17 (beta) and is GA from 1.20. To understand the changes involved in moving from beta to GA, see the release blog. With the graduation to GA, the v1 API version is introduced and is backward compatible with v1beta1 snapshots.

What you'll need

 Creating volume snapshots requires an external snapshot controller to be created as well as some Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs). This is the responsibility of the Kubernetes orchestrator that is being used (for example: Kubeadm, GKE, OpenShift).

You can create an external snapshot-controller and snapshot CRDs as follows:

1. Create volume snapshot CRDs:

```
$ cat snapshot-setup.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Create volume snapshot CRDs
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-
3.0/client/config/crd/snapshot.storage.k8s.io_volumesnapshotclasses.yaml
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-
3.0/client/config/crd/snapshot.storage.k8s.io_volumesnapshotcontents.yam
l
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-
3.0/client/config/crd/snapshot.storage.k8s.io_volumesnapshots.yaml
```

2. Create the snapshot-controller in the desired namespace. Edit the YAML manifests below to modify namespace.

```
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-3.0/deploy/kubernetes/snapshot-
controller/rbac-snapshot-controller.yaml
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-3.0/deploy/kubernetes/snapshot-
controller/setup-snapshot-controller.yaml
```



CSI Snapshotter provides a validating webhook to help users validate existing v1beta1 snapshots and confirm they are valid resource objects. The validating webhook automatically labels invalid snapshot objects and prevents the creation of future invalid objects. The validating webhook is deployed by the Kubernetes orchestrator. See the instructions to deploy the validating webhook manually here. Find examples of invalid snapshot manifests here.

The example detailed below explains the constructs required for working with snapshots and shows how snapshots can be created and used.

Step 1: Set up a VolumeSnapshotClass

Before creating a volume snapshot, set up a VolumeSnapshotClass.

```
$ cat snap-sc.yaml
#Use apiVersion v1 for Kubernetes 1.20 and above. For Kubernetes 1.17 -
1.19, use apiVersion v1beta1.
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
metadata:
   name: csi-snapclass
driver: csi.trident.netapp.io
deletionPolicy: Delete
```

The driver points to Astra Trident's CSI driver. deletionPolicy can be Delete or Retain. When set to Retain, the underlying physical snapshot on the storage cluster is retained even when the VolumeSnapshot object is deleted.

Step 2: Create a snapshot of an existing PVC

```
$ cat snap.yaml
#Use apiVersion v1 for Kubernetes 1.20 and above. For Kubernetes 1.17 -
1.19, use apiVersion v1beta1.
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshot
metadata:
   name: pvc1-snap
spec:
   volumeSnapshotClassName: csi-snapclass
   source:
        persistentVolumeClaimName: pvc1
```

The snapshot is being created for a PVC named pvc1, and the name of the snapshot is set to pvc1-snap.

This created a VolumeSnapshot object. A VolumeSnapshot is analogous to a PVC and is associated with a VolumeSnapshotContent object that represents the actual snapshot.

It is possible to identify the VolumeSnapshotContent object for the pvc1-snap VolumeSnapshot by describing it.

```
$ kubectl describe volumesnapshots pvc1-snap
Name:
            pvc1-snap
Namespace:
             default
Spec:
  Snapshot Class Name: pvc1-snap
  Snapshot Content Name: snapcontent-e8d8a0ca-9826-11e9-9807-525400f3f660
  Source:
   API Group:
               PersistentVolumeClaim
   Kind:
               pvc1
   Name:
Status:
  Creation Time: 2019-06-26T15:27:29Z
  Ready To Use: true
  Restore Size: 3Gi
```

The Snapshot Content Name identifies the VolumeSnapshotContent object which serves this snapshot. The Ready To Use parameter indicates that the Snapshot can be used to create a new PVC.

Step 3: Create PVCs from VolumeSnapshots

See the following example for creating a PVC using a snapshot:

```
$ cat pvc-from-snap.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: pvc-from-snap
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  storageClassName: golden
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 3Gi
  dataSource:
    name: pvc1-snap
    kind: VolumeSnapshot
    apiGroup: snapshot.storage.k8s.io
```

dataSource shows that the PVC must be created using a VolumeSnapshot named pvc1-snap as the source of the data. This instructs Astra Trident to create a PVC from the snapshot. After the PVC is created, it can be attached to a pod and used just like any other PVC.



When deleting a Persistent Volume with associated snapshots, the corresponding Trident volume is updated to a "Deleting state". For the Astra Trident volume to be deleted, the snapshots of the volume should be removed.

Find more information

- Volume snapshots
- VolumeSnapshotClass

Expand volumes

Astra Trident provides Kubernetes users the ability to expand their volumes after they are created. Find information about the configurations required to expand iSCSI and NFS volumes.

Expand an iSCSI volume

You can expand an iSCSI Persistent Volume (PV) by using the CSI provisioner.



iSCSI volume expansion is supported by the ontap-san, ontap-san-economy, solidfire-san drivers and requires Kubernetes 1.16 and later.

Overview

Expanding an iSCSI PV includes the following steps:

- Editing the StorageClass definition to set the allowVolumeExpansion field to true.
- Editing the PVC definition and updating the spec.resources.requests.storage to reflect the newly desired size, which must be greater than the original size.
- Attaching the PV must be attached to a pod for it to be resized. There are two scenarios when resizing an iSCSI PV:
 - If the PV is attached to a pod, Astra Trident expands the volume on the storage backend, rescans the device, and resizes the filesystem.
 - When attempting to resize an unattached PV, Astra Trident expands the volume on the storage backend. After the PVC is bound to a pod, Trident rescans the device and resizes the filesystem. Kubernetes then updates the PVC size after the expand operation has successfully completed.

The example below shows how expanding iSCSI PVs work.

Step 1: Configure the StorageClass to support volume expansion

```
$ cat storageclass-ontapsan.yaml
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: ontap-san
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
   backendType: "ontap-san"
allowVolumeExpansion: True
```

For an already existing StorageClass, edit it to include the allowVolumeExpansion parameter.

Step 2: Create a PVC with the StorageClass you created

```
$ cat pvc-ontapsan.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: san-pvc
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
   resources:
     requests:
        storage: 1Gi
   storageClassName: ontap-san
```

Astra Trident creates a Persistent Volume (PV) and associates it with this Persistent Volume Claim (PVC).

```
$ kubectl get pvc
NAME
         STATUS VOLUME
                                                        CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
san-pvc Bound pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671
                                                        1Gi
RWO
             ontap-san
                       8s
$ kubectl get pv
NAME
                                       CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
RECLAIM POLICY STATUS CLAIM
                                       STORAGECLASS
                                                     REASON
                                                             AGE
pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671 1Gi
                                                 RWO
Delete
               Bound default/san-pvc ontap-san
                                                             10s
```

Step 3: Define a pod that attaches the PVC

In this example, a pod is created that uses the san-pvc.

\$ kubectl get pod

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE centos-pod 1/1 Running 0 65s

\$ kubectl describe pvc san-pvc

Name: san-pvc
Namespace: default
StorageClass: ontap-san
Status: Bound

Volume: pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671

Labels: <none>

Annotations: pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: yes

pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: yes

volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner:

csi.trident.netapp.io

Finalizers: [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]

Capacity: 1Gi Access Modes: RWO

VolumeMode: Filesystem Mounted By: centos-pod

Step 4: Expand the PV

To resize the PV that has been created from 1Gi to 2Gi, edit the PVC definition and update the spec.resources.requests.storage to 2Gi.

```
$ kubectl edit pvc san-pvc
# Please edit the object below. Lines beginning with a '#' will be
ignored,
# and an empty file will abort the edit. If an error occurs while saving
this file will be
# reopened with the relevant failures.
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  annotations:
    pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: "yes"
    pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: "yes"
    volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
  creationTimestamp: "2019-10-10T17:32:29Z"
  finalizers:
  - kubernetes.io/pvc-protection
 name: san-pvc
 namespace: default
  resourceVersion: "16609"
  selfLink: /api/v1/namespaces/default/persistentvolumeclaims/san-pvc
  uid: 8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671
spec:
 accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
 resources:
   requests:
      storage: 2Gi
```

Step 5: Validate the expansion

You can validate the expansion worked correctly by checking the size of the PVC, PV, and the Astra Trident volume:

```
$ kubectl get pvc san-pvc
NAME
      STATUS
          VOLUME
                                     CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS
                 AGE
san-pvc Bound
          pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671
                                     2Gi
RWO
        ontap-san
                  11m
$ kubectl get pv
NAME
                          CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
RECLAIM POLICY STATUS CLAIM
                          STORAGECLASS REASON
                                         AGE
pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671 2Gi
                                RWO
Delete
         Bound default/san-pvc ontap-san
                                         12m
$ tridentctl get volumes -n trident
+----
+----+
            NAME
                          | SIZE | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |
             BACKEND UUID
                             | STATE | MANAGED |
+----+
+----+
| pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671 | 2.0 GiB | ontap-san
block | a9b7bfff-0505-4e31-b6c5-59f492e02d33 | online | true
+----
+----+
```

Expand an NFS volume

Astra Trident supports volume expansion for NFS PVs provisioned on ontap-nas, ontap-nas-economy, ontap-nas-flexgroup, aws-cvs, gcp-cvs, and azure-netapp-files backends.

Step 1: Configure the StorageClass to support volume expansion

To resize an NFS PV, the admin first needs to configure the storage class to allow volume expansion by setting the allowVolumeExpansion field to true:

```
$ cat storageclass-ontapnas.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: ontapnas
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
   backendType: ontap-nas
allowVolumeExpansion: true
```

If you have already created a storage class without this option, you can simply edit the existing storage class by using kubectl edit storageclass to allow volume expansion.

Step 2: Create a PVC with the StorageClass you created

```
$ cat pvc-ontapnas.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: ontapnas20mb
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
   resources:
     requests:
     storage: 20Mi
storageClassName: ontapnas
```

Astra Trident should create a 20MiB NFS PV for this PVC:

```
$ kubectl get pvc
NAME
             STATUS VOLUME
CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
                         STORAGECLASS AGE
ontapnas20mb Bound pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
                                                              20Mi
RWO
             ontapnas
                            9s
$ kubectl get pv pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
NAME
                                        CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
RECLAIM POLICY STATUS CLAIM
                                             STORAGECLASS REASON
AGE
pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
                                       20Mi
                                                  RWO
Delete
              Bound
                       default/ontapnas20mb
                                             ontapnas
2m42s
```

Step 3: Expand the PV

To resize the newly created 20MiB PV to 1GiB, edit the PVC and set <code>spec.resources.requests.storage</code> to 1GB:

```
$ kubectl edit pvc ontapnas20mb
# Please edit the object below. Lines beginning with a '#' will be
ignored,
# and an empty file will abort the edit. If an error occurs while saving
this file will be
# reopened with the relevant failures.
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  annotations:
    pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: "yes"
    pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: "yes"
    volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
  creationTimestamp: 2018-08-21T18:26:44Z
  finalizers:
  - kubernetes.io/pvc-protection
 name: ontapnas20mb
 namespace: default
  resourceVersion: "1958015"
  selfLink: /api/v1/namespaces/default/persistentvolumeclaims/ontapnas20mb
  uid: c1bd7fa5-a56f-11e8-b8d7-fa163e59eaab
spec:
 accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
 resources:
   requests:
      storage: 1Gi
```

Step 4: Validate the expansion

You can validate the resize worked correctly by checking the size of the PVC, PV, and the Astra Trident volume:

```
$ kubectl get pvc ontapnas20mb
NAME
         STATUS VOLUME
CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
                STORAGECLASS
                          AGE
             pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
ontapnas20mb
         Bound
RWO
         ontapnas
                   4m44s
$ kubectl get pv pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
                           CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
RECLAIM POLICY STATUS
                CLAIM
                              STORAGECLASS
                                        REASON
AGE
pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
                                 RWO
Delete
          Bound default/ontapnas20mb
                              ontapnas
5m35s
$ tridentctl get volume pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7 -n
trident
+----+
                           | SIZE | STORAGE CLASS |
            NAME
PROTOCOL |
              BACKEND UUID
                              | STATE | MANAGED |
+----+
| pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7 | 1.0 GiB | ontapnas
     | c5a6f6a4-b052-423b-80d4-8fb491a14a22 | online | true
+----+
```

Import volumes

You can import existing storage volumes as a Kubernetes PV using tridentctl import.

Drivers that support volume import

This table depicts the drivers that support importing volumes and the release they were introduced in.

Driver	Release
ontap-nas	19.04
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Why should I import volumes?

There are several use cases for importing a volume into Trident:

- · Containerizing an application and reusing its existing data set
- Using a clone of a data set for an ephemeral application
- · Rebuilding a failed Kubernetes cluster
- · Migrating application data during disaster recovery

How does the import work?

The Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) file is used by the volume import process to create the PVC. At a minimum, the PVC file should include the name, namespace, accessModes, and storageClassName fields as shown in the following example.

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: my_claim
   namespace: my_namespace
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
   storageClassName: my_storage_class
```

The tridentctl client is used to import an existing storage volume. Trident imports the volume by persisting volume metadata and creating the PVC and PV.

```
$ tridentctl import volume <backendName> <volumeName> -f <path-to-pvc-
file>
```

To import a storage volume, specify the name of the Astra Trident backend containing the volume, as well as the name that uniquely identifies the volume on the storage (for example: ONTAP FlexVol, Element Volume, CVS Volume path). The storage volume must allow read/write access and be accessible by the specified Astra Trident backend. The -f string argument is required and specifies the path to the YAML or JSON PVC file.

When Astra Trident receives the import volume request, the existing volume size is determined and set in the PVC. After the volume is imported by the storage driver, the PV is created with a ClaimRef to the PVC. The

reclaim policy is initially set to retain in the PV. After Kubernetes successfully binds the PVC and PV, the reclaim policy is updated to match the reclaim policy of the Storage Class. If the reclaim policy of the Storage Class is delete, the storage volume will be deleted when the PV is deleted.

When a volume is imported with the <code>--no-manage</code> argument, Trident does not perform any additional operations on the PVC or PV for the lifecycle of the objects. Because Trident ignores PV and PVC events for <code>--no-manage</code> objects, the storage volume is not deleted when the PV is deleted. Other operations such as volume clone and volume resize are also ignored. This option is useful if you want to use Kubernetes for containerized workloads but otherwise want to manage the lifecycle of the storage volume outside of Kubernetes.

An annotation is added to the PVC and PV that serves a dual purpose of indicating that the volume was imported and if the PVC and PV are managed. This annotation should not be modified or removed.

Trident 19.07 and later handle the attachment of PVs and mounts the volume as part of importing it. For imports using earlier versions of Astra Trident, there will not be any operations in the data path and the volume import will not verify if the volume can be mounted. If a mistake is made with volume import (for example, the StorageClass is incorrect), you can recover by changing the reclaim policy on the PV to retain, deleting the PVC and PV, and retrying the volume import command.

ontap-nas and ontap-nas-flexgroup imports

Each volume created with the <code>ontap-nas</code> driver is a FlexVol on the ONTAP cluster. Importing FlexVols with the <code>ontap-nas</code> driver works the same. A FlexVol that already exists on an ONTAP cluster can be imported as a <code>ontap-nasPVC</code>. Similarly, FlexGroup vols can be imported as <code>ontap-nas-flexgroupPVCs</code>.



An ONTAP volume must be of type rw to be imported by Trident. If a volume is of type dp, it is a SnapMirror destination volume; you should break the mirror relationship before importing the volume into Trident.



The ontap-nas driver cannot import and manage qtrees. The ontap-nas and ontap-nas-flexgroup drivers do not allow duplicate volume names.

For example, to import a volume named managed_volume on a backend named ontap_nas, use the following command:

		+
+		
	NAME	SIZE STORAGE CLASS
PROTOCOL	BACKEND UUID	STATE MANAGED
+		+
+		
·	afbb-11e9-8d9f-5254004df	·
, F	f6a4-b052-423b-80d4-8fb4	

To import a volume named unmanaged_volume (on the ontap_nas backend), which Trident will not manage, use the following command:

When using the --no-manage argument, Trident does not rename the volume or validate if the volume was mounted. The volume import operation fails if the volume was not mounted manually.



A previously existing bug with importing volumes with custom UnixPermissions has been fixed. You can specify unixPermissions in your PVC definition or backend configuration, and instruct Astra Trident to import the volume accordingly.

ontap-san import

Astra Trident can also import ONTAP SAN FlexVols that contain a single LUN. This is consistent with the ontap-san driver, which creates a FlexVol for each PVC and a LUN within the FlexVol. You can use the tridentctl import command in the same way as in other cases:

- Include the name of the ontap-san backend.
- Provide the name of the FlexVol that needs to be imported. Remember, this FlexVol contains only one LUN that must be imported.
- Provide the path of the PVC definition that must be used with the -f flag.
- Choose between having the PVC managed or unmanaged. By default, Trident will manage the PVC and rename the FlexVol and LUN on the backend. To import as an unmanaged volume, pass the --no -manage flag.



When importing an unmanaged ontap-san volume, you should make sure that the LUN in the FlexVol is named lun0 and is mapped to an igroup with the desired initiators. Astra Trident automatically handles this for a managed import.

Astra Trident will then import the FlexVol and associate it with the PVC definition. Astra Trident also renames the FlexVol to the pvc-<uuid> format and the LUN within the FlexVol to lun0.



It is recommended to import volumes that do not have existing active connections. If you are looking to import an actively used volume, clone the volume first and then do the import.

Example

To import the ontap-san-managed FlexVol that is present on the ontap_san_default backend, run the tridentctl import command as:



An ONTAP volume must be of type rw to be imported by Astra Trident. If a volume is of type dp, it is a SnapMirror destination volume; you should break the mirror relationship before importing the volume into Astra Trident.

element import

You can import NetApp Element software/NetApp HCI volumes to your Kubernetes cluster with Trident. You need the name of your Astra Trident backend, and the unique name of the volume and the PVC file as the arguments for the tridentctl import command.



The Element driver supports duplicate volume names. If there are duplicate volume names, Trident's volume import process returns an error. As a workaround, clone the volume and provide a unique volume name. Then import the cloned volume.

aws-cvs import



To import a volume backed by the NetApp Cloud Volumes Service in AWS, identify the volume by its volume path instead of its name.

To import an aws-cvs volume on the backend called awscvs_YEppr with the volume path of adroit-jolly-swift, use the following command:



The volume path is the portion of the volume's export path after the :/. For example, if the export path is 10.0.0.1:/adroit-jolly-swift, the volume path is adroit-jolly-swift.

gcp-cvs import

Importing a gcp-cvs volume works the same as importing an aws-cvs volume.

azure-netapp-files import

To import an azure-netapp-files volume on the backend called azurenetappfiles_40517 with the volume path importvol1, run the following command:

	ctl import volume azurenetapp n trident	files_40517 importvol1 -f <path-to-< th=""></path-to-<>
,		+
		SIZE STORAGE CLASS
PROTOCOL		STATE MANAGED
,		+
pvc-0ee	95d60-fd5c-448d-b505-b72901b3	a4ab 100 GiB anf-storage
	1c01274f-d94b-44a3-98a3-04c	953c9a51e online true
·		+



The volume path for the ANF volume is present in the mount path after the :/. For example, if the mount path is 10.0.0.2:/importvol1, the volume path is importvol1.

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