

IBM Spectrum Protect Plus  
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*vSnap Installation and User's Guide*



**Note:**

Before you use this information and the product it supports, read the information in [“Notices” on page 85.](#)

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## About this publication

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This publication provides overview, planning, installation, and user instructions for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

## Who should read this publication

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This publication is intended for administrators and users who are responsible for implementing a backup and recovery solution with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus in one of the supported environments.

In this publication, it is assumed that you have an understanding of the applications that support IBM Spectrum Protect Plus as described in [System requirements](#).

## Publications

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The IBM Spectrum Protect product family includes IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, IBM Spectrum Protect for Virtual Environments, IBM Spectrum Protect for Databases, and several other storage management products from IBM®.

To view IBM product documentation, see [IBM Knowledge Center](#).



## What's new in Version 10.1.6

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IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Version 10.1.6 introduces new features and updates.

For a list of new features and updates in this release and previous Version 10 releases, see [IBM Spectrum Protect Plus updates](#).

If changes were made in the documentation, they are indicated by a vertical bar (|) in the margin.



# Chapter 1. IBM Spectrum Protect Plus overview

IBM Spectrum Protect Plus is a data protection and availability solution for virtual environments and database applications that can be deployed in minutes and protect your environment within an hour.

IBM Spectrum Protect Plus can be implemented as a stand-alone solution or integrated with cloud storage or a repository server such as an IBM Spectrum Protect server for long-term data storage.

## Deployment storyboard for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus

This storyboard can help you to step through the tasks that are required to deploy the product. The *deployment storyboard* is designed to help you to successfully deploy IBM Spectrum Protect Plus in a production environment. The storyboard lists each task in the required sequence and provides links to task instructions, videos, and guidelines in the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Blueprints. The storyboard describes the expected outcome of tasks so that you can verify your progress as you deploy the product.

Before you start, review the system requirements for your environment. For more information, see [System requirements](#).

The steps in [Table 1](#) rely on the information in the [Blueprints](#) and on the functioning of the *Sizer tool*. Video links are provided in [Table 2](#) to help you with these tasks.

| Table 1. Deployment storyboard                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Story                                                                                                       | Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Expected outcome                                                                                                           |
| Prepare for sizing your capacity requirements by downloading the Blueprints and the Sizer Tool spreadsheet. | <p>For sizing guidelines, see Chapters 1-3 of the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Blueprints.</p> <p>For help with using the sizing spreadsheet, see the video links in <a href="#">Table 2</a>.</p> <p>Download the <i>Sizer Tool</i>, which is a sizing spreadsheet, from the following page and complete the following steps: <a href="#">Blueprints</a>.</p> | You have the Sizer Tool spreadsheet and information you need to size your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus capacity requirements. |

Table 1. Deployment storyboard (continued)

| Story                                                                                  | Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Expected outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p>Size the capacity that is required for the primary storage in your environment.</p> | <p>Use the Sizer to size the primary storage.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open the downloaded <i>Sizer Tool</i> spreadsheet and enable macros. Save a copy of the spreadsheet to your local drive for primary storage.</li> <li>2. Complete the <b>Start Here</b> sheet by specifying your choices for global options for the primary storage.</li> <li>3. Open the VMware tab and enter data for the vCenter capacity that includes daily rate change and annual growth.</li> <li>4. Open the HyperV tab and enter data for your HyperV capacity.</li> <li>5. For each application that you are planning to use, open an application tab and enter data for your capacity needs.</li> <li>6. When all the data is entered, click the <b>Sizing Results</b> tab to review the calculated results.</li> <li>7. Set the preferred vSnap server size. To automatically specify the value for the vSnap storage pool size, click <b>Automatic</b>.</li> <li>8. Enter the percentage vSnap server reserve that you require. This reserve is the percentage of the vSnap server storage that is reserved for usage, restore operations, and for any reuse.</li> <li>9. Open IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, and navigate to <b>System Configuration &gt; Global Preferences</b>. Input the global preferences percentages as shown in the <i>Sizer Tool</i>. Use these percentages to set the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Target free space error (percentage)</b></li> <li>• <b>Target free space warning (percentage)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>10. Review the results of the Sizer for your primary storage. Save the Sizer, but leave it open for inputting settings that are required for secondary storage.</li> </ol> | <p>The Sizer Tool spreadsheet helps you to calculate the sizing information for primary storage.</p> <p>You saved a copy of the Sizer sizing spreadsheet. If capacity requirements change, you can update the spreadsheet accordingly.</p> <p>You also have details about required number and size of the vSnap servers and, optionally, the number of required VMware vStorage API for Data Protection proxies.</p> <p>You have details about an eight-year view of growth based on your input into the spreadsheet. You set global preferences for triggering warning and errors from the vSnap when it reaches a specified threshold based on percentage usage.</p> |

Table 1. Deployment storyboard (continued)

| Story                                                                                                                                                                                             | Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Expected outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Size the capacity that is required for the secondary storage in your environment.                                                                                                                 | <p>Use the Sizer to size the secondary storage by following these steps. Refer to Chapter 5 of the Blueprints.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Download the sizing spreadsheet from the Blueprints page and enable macros. Save a copy of the Sizer sheet to your local drive for secondary storage.</li> <li>2. If there are any values, reset the <i>Sizer Tool</i> spreadsheet by clicking <b>Click to reset</b>.</li> <li>3. Complete the <b>Start Here</b> sheet by specifying your choices for global options for the secondary storage.</li> <li>4. Go to the <b>Results</b> tab of the primary storage <i>Sizer Tool</i> spreadsheet you previously saved. Copy the results that are listed in the Replication workload table and enter the values into the Optional Replication Input Workload table on the <b>Start Here</b> tab of the secondary storage Sizer Tool spreadsheet.</li> <li>5. If you plan to protect application data, complete the application tabs. For example, you can specify options for copying data to object storage and replication policies.</li> <li>6. Review the sizing results for your secondary storage. Save and close both Sizer Tool spreadsheets.</li> </ol> | <p>You have the sizing for the capacity for the secondary storage for your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment.</p> <p>You saved a copy of the Sizer for the secondary storage in your environment. If anything changes, you can alter the Sizer and make changes as required.</p> <p>You also have details about the vSnap server quantity for each year, the VADP proxy quantity, and the size of each vSnap server.</p> <p>You have details of an eight-year view of growth based on your inputs into the sizer. You set global preferences for triggering warning and errors from the vSnap when it reaches a percentage of usage.</p> |
| Install or upgrade IBM Spectrum Protect Plus by using the ISO image for the version that you require. If you update the system environment, a new kernel is installed, and a restart is required. | <p>Install IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, follow the instructions in <a href="#">Installing IBM Spectrum Protect Plus as a VMware virtual appliance</a> or <a href="#">Installing IBM Spectrum Protect Plus as a Hyper-V virtual appliance</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus is installed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Install or upgrade the vSnap server by using the ISO image for the version that you require. If you are using data deduplication, the vSnap server restart can take up to 15 minutes.             | <p>Install the vSnap server, follow the instructions in <a href="#">“Installing a physical vSnap server”</a> on page 13. If you are installing a virtual vSnap server, follow the instructions in <a href="#">“Installing a virtual vSnap server in a Hyper-V environment”</a> on page 16.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The vSnap server is installed. To verify that the vSnap server is installed, run the vsnap show command.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Table 1. Deployment storyboard (continued)                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Story                                                                                                          | Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Expected outcome                                                                                |
| Build the vSnap server with capacity that you derived from sizing by using the Blueprints and the Sizing Tool. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create volumes and map vSnap devices.</li> <li>2. Map volumes to VM cluster.</li> <li>3. Refer to the steps for setting up a virtual or physical vSnap server in the Blueprints, <a href="#">Blueprints</a>.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The vSnap server is built.                                                                      |
| Add log space.                                                                                                 | <p>Create a Linux® Multiple Device driver with three partitions to store the vSnap server storage cache, cloud cache, and log files. For the cloud cache, the capacity is set at 128 GB by default. If you plan to copy data to the cloud, you must increase the capacity. For physical vSnap servers copy data to cloud storage, you must create the /opt/vsnap-data file system with the required capacity.</p> <p>For more information about this step, see <i>Configuring a physical vSnap server using storage software provided RAID</i>, and <i>Chapter 7 Configuring Cloud Object Storage</i> in the <a href="#">Blueprints</a>.</p> | You have set up log space for your virtual or physical vSnap servers.                           |
| Register the vSnap server.                                                                                     | Register the vSnap server. For more information and steps, see <a href="#">“Registering a vSnap server as a backup storage provider” on page 25</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The vSnap server is registered and added to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.                          |
| Initialize the vSnap server.                                                                                   | After you install or upgrade IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, and added vSnap servers, you must initialize the vSnap servers. For information and steps, see <a href="#">“Completing a simple initialization” on page 23</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Depending on your choice, the vSnap server is initialized with or without encryption.           |
| Configure the vSnap server.                                                                                    | To configure vSnap server storage options such as adding replication partners, see <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Configuring backup storage options,” on page 33</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | If you configured the data replication feature, replication partners are set up.                |
| (Optional) Configure the vSnap server as a VADP proxy.                                                         | If you are using a VADP proxy to optimize data movement to and from the vSnap server, you must register the vSnap server as a VADP proxy. For more instructions, see <a href="#">“Registering a VADP proxy on a vSnap server” on page 27</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | The vSnap server is configured as a VADP proxy.                                                 |
| Set up the VMware environment that includes creating a vCenter, and registering a hypervisor.                  | To protect VMware data, you must first set up a vCenter server. For more information about setting up the VMware environment, see <a href="#">Backing up and restoring VMware data</a> . Ensure that the required vCenter server privileges are enabled. For more information about the privileges required, see <a href="#">Virtual machine privileges</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | A vCenter is set up with the required permissions so that you can start to protect VMware data. |
| Add users.                                                                                                     | Add the users required to use IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. For more information, see <a href="#">Creating a user account for an individual user by using the <b>Add User</b> form on the page</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The users are added and granted permissions to operate IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.               |

| Table 1. Deployment storyboard (continued)     |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Story                                          | Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Expected outcome                                                                                               |
| Create a service level agreement (SLA) policy. | Set up an SLA policy or policies for your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus workloads. For more information about SLA policies, see <a href="#">Managing SLA policies for backup operations</a> .                  | The SLA policies for your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus workloads are set up and you are ready to run backup jobs. |
| Update global preferences.                     | Administrators can edit the global preferences for all operations such as deduplication or encryption. For more information about global preferences, see <a href="#">Configuring global preferences</a> . | If global preferences are set, they apply to the entire IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment.                 |

## Resources and video library

The blueprints must be used for sizing your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment. The videos that are listed in the following table [Table](#) can help you with that process.

| Table 2. Blueprints and sizing         |                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Task or topic                          | Video link                                                                                                                   |
| Introduction to the Sizer tool         | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer and Blueprints: 1. Sizer introduction - Demo</a>                                 |
| Sizer worksheet overview               | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 2. Sizer Worksheet Overview – Demo</a>                         |
| Sizer Global values                    | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 3. Sizer Global Values – Demo</a>                              |
| Adding a hypervisor                    | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 4. Adding a Hypervisor workload to the sizer – Demo</a>        |
| Adding an application                  | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 5. Adding Application workload to the sizer– Demo</a>          |
| Evaluating the results                 | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 6. Evaluating the sizer’s results – Demo</a>                   |
| Adding secondary storage               | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 7. Adding a secondary site to sizer – Demo</a>                 |
| What if scenarios                      | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 8. What if sizing scenarios – Demo</a>                         |
| What's new in the blueprints           | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprints: 9. What’s new in 10.1.5 sizer – Presentation</a>               |
| Using the Sizer results for deployment | <a href="#">IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Sizer &amp; Blueprint: 10. Tying the blueprints, sizer and install together - Demo</a> |

## Product components

The IBM Spectrum Protect Plus solution is provided as a self-contained virtual appliance that includes storage and data movement components.

**Sizing component requirements:** Some environments might require more instances of these components to support greater workloads. For guidance about sizing, building, and integrating

components in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment, see the [IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Blueprints](#).

The following are the base components of IBM Spectrum Protect Plus:

### **IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server**

This component manages the entire system. The server consists of several catalogs that track various system aspects such as restore points, configuration, permissions, and customizations. Typically, there is one IBM Spectrum Protect Plus service in a deployment, even if the deployment is spread across multiple locations.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server contains an onboard vSnap server and VMware vStorage API for Data Protection (VADP) proxy server. For smaller backup environments, these servers might be sufficient. However, for larger environments, more servers might be required.

The onboard vSnap server can be used to back up and restore a small number of virtual machines and evaluate IBM Spectrum Protect Plus operations. As your requirements for backing up and restoring data grow, your vSnap storage can be expanded by adding external vSnap servers. By adding external vSnap servers to your environment, you can reduce the load on the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance.

### **Site**

This component is an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus policy construct that is used to manage data placement in the environment. A site can be physical, such as a data center, or logical, such as a department or organization. IBM Spectrum Protect Plus components are assigned to sites to localize and optimize data paths. A deployment always has at least one site per physical location. The preferred method is to localize data movement to sites by placing vSnap servers and VADP proxies together at a single site. The placement of backup data to a site is governed by service level agreement (SLA) policies.

### **vSnap server**

This component is a pool of disk storage that receives data from production systems for the purposes of data protection or reuse. The vSnap server consists of one or more disks and can be scaled up (adding disks to increase capacity) or scaled out (introducing multiple vSnap servers to increase overall performance). Each site can include one or more vSnap servers.

### **vSnap pool**

This component is the logical organization of disks into a pool of storage space, which is used by the vSnap server component. This component is also referred to as a storage pool.

### **VADP proxy**

This component is responsible for moving data from vSphere data stores to provide protection for VMware virtual machines and is required only for protection of VMware resources. Each site can include one or more VADP proxies.

## **Example deployment**

The following figure shows IBM Spectrum Protect Plus deployed in two active locations. Each location has inventory that requires protection. Location 1 has a vCenter server and two vSphere datacenters (and an inventory of virtual machines) and Location 2 has a single datacenter (and a smaller inventory of virtual machines).

The IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server is deployed in only one of the sites. VADP proxies and vSnap servers (with their corresponding disks) are deployed in each site to localize data movement in the context of the protected vSphere resources.

Bidirectional replication is configured to take place between the vSnap servers at the two sites.

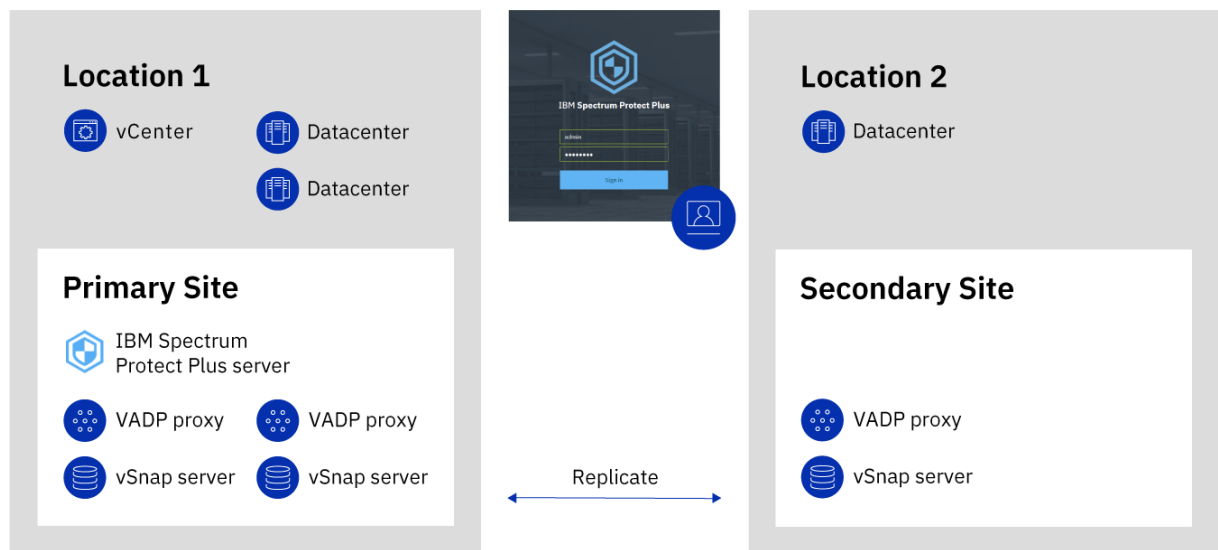


Figure 1. IBM Spectrum Protect Plus deployment across two geographical locations

## Replicate backup-storage data

When you enable replication of backup data, data from one vSnap server is asynchronously replicated to another vSnap server. For example, you can replicate backup data from a vSnap server on a primary site to a vSnap server on a secondary site.

### Enabling replication of backup-storage data

Enable backup-storage data replication by taking the following actions:

1. Establish a replication partnership between vSnap servers. Replication partnerships are established in the Manage pane of a registered vSnap server. In the **Configure Storage Partners** section, select another registered vSnap server as a storage partner to serve as the target of the replication operations.

Ensure that the pool on the partner server is sufficiently large enough to hold replicated data from the primary server's pool.

2. Enable replication of backup-storage data. The replication feature is enabled by using backup policies, which are also referred to as service level agreement (SLA) policies.

You can define the backup storage replication options in the **Operational Protection > Replication Policy** section of an SLA policy. Options include the frequency of the replication, the target site, and the retention of the replication.

### Considerations for enabling replication of backup-storage data

Review the considerations for enabling replication of backup-storage data:

- In environments that contain more than one vSnap server, all of the vSnap servers must have a partnership established.
- If your environment includes a mixture of encrypted and unencrypted vSnap servers, select **Only use encrypted disk storage** to replicate data to encrypted vSnap servers. If this option is selected and no encrypted vSnap servers are available, the associated job will fail.
- To create one-to-many replication scenarios, where a single set of backup data is replicated to multiple vSnap servers, create multiple SLA policies for each replication site.

## Copy snapshots to secondary backup storage

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The vSnap server is the primary backup location for snapshots. All IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environments have at least one vSnap server. Optionally, you can copy snapshots from a vSnap server to secondary backup storage.

**Terminology change:** In previous releases, the process of copying data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to secondary backup storage was known as *offloading* data. Beginning with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Version 10.1.5, the process is known as *copying* data.

The following secondary backup storage targets are available for copy operations:

- IBM Cloud® Object Storage (including IBM Cloud Object Storage Systems)
- Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3)
- Microsoft Azure
- Repository servers (for the current release of IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, the repository server must be an IBM Spectrum Protect server)

These targets support the following storage types. The storage type that you use depends on factors such as your recovery time and security goals.

### Standard object storage

Standard object storage is a method of storing data in which data is stored as discrete units, or objects, in a storage pool or repository that does not use a file hierarchy but that stores all objects at the same level.

Standard object storage is an option when you copy snapshot data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server or a cloud storage system. When snapshot data is copied to standard object storage, only the most recent backup is copied. Previous backups are not transferred during cloud copy operations.

Copying snapshots to standard object storage is useful if you want relatively fast backup and recovery times and do not require the longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits that are provided by tape or cloud archive storage.

### Tape or cloud archive storage

Tape storage means that data is stored on physical tape media or in a virtual tape library (VTL). Tape storage is an option when you copy snapshot data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

Cloud archive storage is long-term storage method that copies data to one of the following storage services: Amazon Glacier, IBM Cloud Object Storage Archive Tier, or Microsoft Azure Archive.

When you copy snapshot data to tape or to a cloud storage system, a full copy of the data is created.

Copying snapshots to tape or cloud object archive storage provides extra cost and security benefits. By storing tape volumes at a secure, offsite location that is not connected to the internet, you can help to protect your data from online threats such as malware and hackers. However, because copying to these storage types requires a full data copy, the time required to copy data increases. In addition, the recovery time can be unpredictable and the data might take longer to process before it is usable.

When you are copying data to tape from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, it is not a good idea to use the IBM Spectrum Protect tiering function. If you are archiving data to tape, you must use a cold cache storage pool. For more information about tiering, see [“How do I tier data to tape or cloud storage?” on page 65](#). For different scenarios and more information about how to set up storage, see [“Configuration for copying or archiving data to IBM Spectrum Protect” on page 10](#).

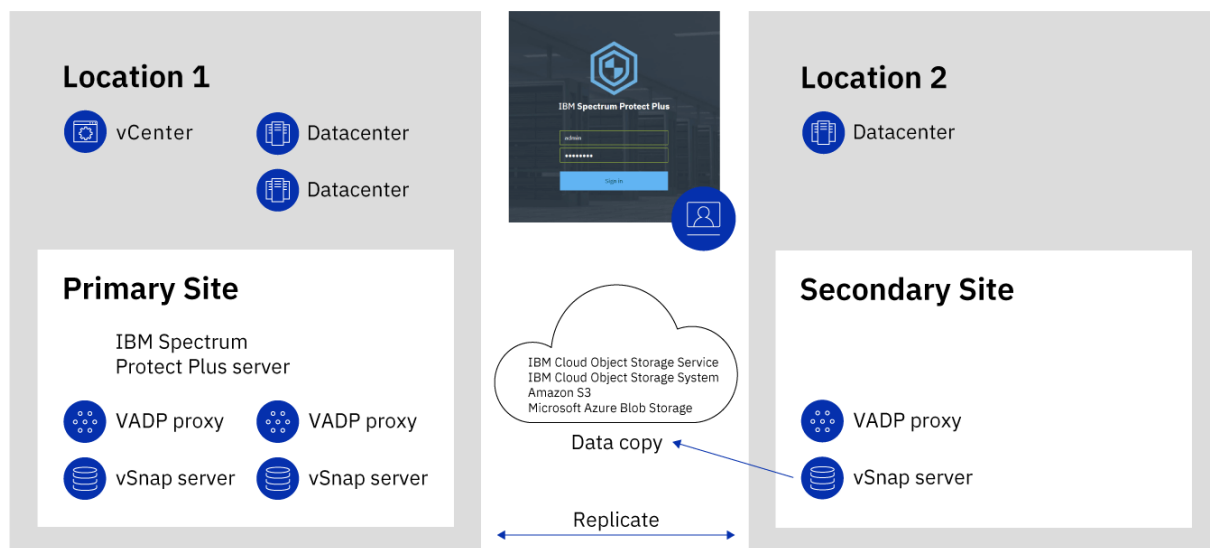
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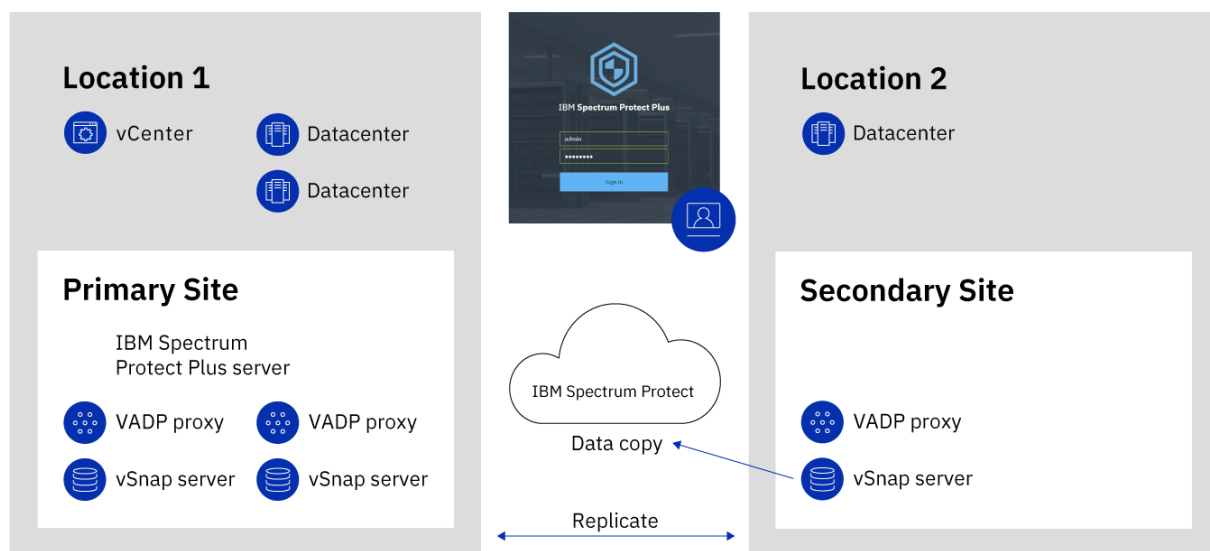
Snapshots are copied from the vSnap server at the secondary site to cloud storage for long-term data protection.



*Figure 2. IBM Spectrum Protect Plus deployment across two geographical locations with copy to cloud storage*

The following figure shows the same deployment as the previous figure.

However, in this deployment, snapshots are copied from the vSnap server at the secondary site to IBM Spectrum Protect for long-term data protection.



*Figure 3. IBM Spectrum Protect Plus deployment across two geographical locations with copy to IBM Spectrum Protect*

## Configuration for copying or archiving data to IBM Spectrum Protect

If you are planning to copy or archive IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server, there are three possible configurations. Choosing which one to configure depends on which scenario applies to your data protection needs. For each scenario, there are steps that are required in both the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and IBM Spectrum Protect server environments to complete the setup.

### Tasks for configuring IBM Spectrum Protect

You must configure the IBM Spectrum Protect server to communicate with the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server, and to enable process requests for backup and restore operations. The Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) protocol enables communication between the two servers.

| User scenario                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Steps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Copying to standard object storage when you are running daily or less frequent copies to standard object storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Copy data to standard object storage. In the first copy operation, a full backup copy is created. Subsequent copies are incremental. Copying data to standard object storage is useful if you want relatively fast backup and recovery times and do not require the longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits that are provided by tape storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | To copy data to standard object storage to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you must create a cloud-container or directory-container storage pool, and set up the object agent component of IBM Spectrum Protect. Adding the object agent is a mandatory step. In addition to setting up the required storage pool, follow steps 2-4 listed, <a href="#">here</a> . |
| Copying to tape when you are creating a weekly or less frequent full-copy of your data to tape storage.<br><br><b>Important:</b> Archiving data to tape cannot be run more frequently than once a week. Recovery time objectives (RTO) should be considered when recovering data from archive copies in your disaster recovery action plan. Therefore, for disaster recovery, recovering from archive data should only be used as a last resort. | When you copy data to tape, a full copy of the data is created at the time of the copy process. Copying data to tape provides extra security benefits. By storing tape volumes at a secure, offsite location that is not connected to the internet, you can help to protect your data from online threats such as malware and hackers. However, because copying to these storage types requires a full data copy, the time that is required to copy data increases. In addition, the recovery time can be unpredictable and the data might take longer to process before it is usable. | To copy data to tape, you must create a cloud-container or directory-container storage pool for tape, and a cold-data-cache storage pool on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. Adding the object agent is a mandatory step. Follow steps 1-4 listed, <a href="#">here</a> .                                                                                           |
| Mixture of both standard object storage and long-term copying to tape                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Secure your data in incremental backups on the IBM Spectrum Protect server, as well as retaining data on tape for longer term security.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | This is a combination of the previous cases: data is stored to tape and data is stored on standard object storage at the IBM Spectrum Protect server. As well as setting up the required data storage pools for both scenarios, the creation of an object agent is mandatory.                                                                                       |

The four steps required to set up and configure the data transfer communication between IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and the IBM Spectrum Protect server are as follows:

1. If you are setting up storage pools for copying data to tape follow Step1. Create storage pools on the IBM Spectrum Protect server by using the IBM Spectrum Protect Operations Center. For instructions, see [“Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape” on page 48](#). This step is required only if you are setting IBM Spectrum Protect for archiving with copies run once a week or less frequently.
2. Create a policy domain that points to the storage pool or pools. The policy domain defines the rules that control the backup services for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. For instructions, see [“Step 2: Configuring an object policy domain” on page 50](#).
3. If you are copying data to a standard storage pool or to tape, you must add standard object storage on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. For instructions, see [“Step 3: Setting up standard object storage” on page 51](#).
4. Add an object agent on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The object agent provides a gateway between the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server and the IBM Spectrum Protect server. For instructions, see [“Step 4: Adding an object agent for copying data ” on page 54](#).
5. To complete the setup, you must add an object client on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The object client identifies the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server and enables it to store objects at the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The same credentials as those that you used for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus are used for the object client, which is the object client that is associated with the policy domain as set up in Step 2. For instructions to set up an object client, see [“Step 5: Adding and configuring an object client for copying data” on page 55](#).

**Tip:** Alternatively, enter the **DEFINE STGPOOL** command to create a storage pool as described in the following topics:

## What to do next

1. After you complete the tasks required for IBM Spectrum Protect storage, you must add the IBM Spectrum Protect server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. For information about how to do this, follow the instructions in [“Registering a repository server as a backup storage provider” on page 57](#).
2. When that is done, you can create an SLA policy that defines the IBM Spectrum Protect server as the backup storage target. For more information to help you choose which type of policy you need, see [Managing SLA policies](#).



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## Chapter 2. Installing vSnap servers

Every installation of IBM Spectrum Protect Plus requires at least one vSnap server, which is the primary backup destination.

In both VMware and Hyper-V environments, one vSnap server with the name localhost is automatically installed when the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance is initially deployed. An onboard vSnap server resides on a partition of the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance and is registered and initialized in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. The embedded vSnap server should only be used for demonstration or testing purposes and not used in a production environment. At least one vSnap server must be deployed in your environment.

In larger enterprise environments, additional vSnap servers might be required. For guidance about sizing, building, and placing vSnap servers and other components in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment, see the [IBM Spectrum Protect Plus Blueprints](#).

Additional vSnap servers can be installed on either virtual or physical appliances any time after the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance is installed and deployed. After installation, some registration and configuration steps are required for these stand-alone vSnap servers.

The process for setting up a stand-alone vSnap server is as follows:

1. Install the vSnap server.
2. Add the vSnap server as Disk Storage in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.
3. Initialize the system and create a storage pool.

### Installing a vSnap server

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When you deploy an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance, a vSnap server is automatically installed. You must have at least one vSnap server installed as part of your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment. This server is the primary backup destination. In larger enterprise environments, additional vSnap servers might be required. The Blueprints will help you determine how many vSnap servers are required.

#### Before you begin

Complete the following steps:

1. Review the vSnap system requirements. For more information, see [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/c\\_spp\\_system\\_reqs.html](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/c_spp_system_reqs.html).
2. Download the installation package. Different installation files are provided for installation on physical or virtual machines. Ensure that you download the correct files for your environment. For more information about downloading files, see [technote 5693313](#).

**Note:** The IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and vSnap appliance is a closed system and anti-virus (AV) installation is not supported on virtual or physical deployments.

**Important:** IBM Spectrum Protect Plus components, including vSnap, should not be installed on the same machine, physical or virtual, as IBM Spectrum Protect Server.

### Installing a physical vSnap server

A Linux operating system that supports physical vSnap installations is required to install a vSnap server on a physical machine.

#### Procedure

1. Install a Linux operating system that supports physical vSnap installations.

See [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/r\\_spp\\_system\\_reqs\\_all.html](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/r_spp_system_reqs_all.html) for supported operating systems.

The minimum installation configuration is sufficient, but you can also install additional packages including a graphical user interface (GUI). The root partition must have at least 8 GB of free space after installation.

2. Edit the `/etc/selinux/config` file to change the SELinux mode to Permissive:

```
SELINUX=permissive
```

3. Issue the `setenforce 0` to apply the setting immediately without requiring a restart:

```
$ setenforce 0
```

4. Download the vSnap installation file `<part_number>.run` from Passport Advantage Online. For information about downloading files, see [technote 5693313](#).

5. Make the file executable and then run the executable.

```
$ chmod +x <part_number>.run
```

6. Run the executable. The vSnap packages are installed, plus all of required components.

```
$ ./<part_number>.run
```

Alternatively, non-interactive installations or updates of vSnap may be initiated using the `noprompt` option. When this option is used, the vSnap installer will skip prompting for responses and assume an answer of "yes" to the following prompts:

- License agreement
- Kernel installation or update
- Reboot at the end of the installation or update if necessary

To use the `noprompt` option, issue the following command. Observe the deliberate space both before and after the double dashes:

```
$ sudo ./<part_number>.run -- noprompt
```

## What to do next

After you install the vSnap server, complete the following action:

| Action                                                                                 | How to                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Add the vSnap server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and configure the vSnap environment. | See <a href="#">Chapter 4, "Managing vSnap servers,"</a> on page 25. |

## Installing a virtual vSnap server in a VMware environment

To install a virtual vSnap server in a VMware environment, deploy an Open Virtualization Format (OVF) template. This creates a machine that contains the vSnap server.

### Before you begin

For easier network administration, use a static IP address for the virtual machine. Assign the address by using the NetworkManager Text User Interface (nmtui) tool.

### Procedure

1. Download the vSnap server template file `<part_number>.ova` from Passport Advantage Online. For information about downloading files, see [technote 5693313](#).
2. Deploy the vSnap server. Using the vSphere Client (HTML5) or the vSphere Web Client (FLEX), click the **Actions** menu and then click **Deploy OVF Template**.

3. Specify the location of the `<part_number>.ova` file and select it. Click **Next**.
4. Provide a meaningful name for the template, which becomes the name of your virtual machine. Identify an appropriate location to deploy the virtual machine. Click **Next**.
5. Select an appropriate destination to compute resource. Click **Next**.
6. Review the template details. Click **Next**.
7. Read and accept the End User License Agreement. Check **I accept all license agreements** for vSphere Client or click **Accept** for vSphere Web Client. Click **Next**.
8. Select the storage to which the virtual appliance is to be installed. The datastore of this storage must be configured with the destination host. The virtual appliance configuration file and the virtual disk files will be stored in it. Ensure the storage is large enough to accommodate the virtual appliance including the virtual disk files associated with it. Select a disk format of the virtual disks. Thick provisioning allows for better performance of the virtual appliance. Thin provisioning uses less disk space at the expense of performance. Click **Next**.
9. Select networks for the deployed template to use. Several available networks on the ESX server may be available by clicking Destination Networks. Select a destination network that allows you to define the appropriate IP address allocation for the virtual machine deployment. Click **Next**.
10. Enter network properties for the virtual machine default gateway, DNS, search domain, IP address, network prefix, and machine host name. If you are using a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) configuration, leave all fields blank.

**Restriction:** A default gateway must be properly configured before deployment of the OVF template. Multiple DNS strings are supported, and must be separated by commas without the use of spaces. The network prefix should be specified by a network administrator. The network prefix must be entered using CIDR notation; valid values are 1 - 24.

11. Click **Next**.
12. Review your template selections. Click **Finish** to exit the wizard and to start deployment of the OVF template. Deployment might take significant time.
13. After the OVF template is deployed, power on your newly created virtual machine. You can power on the VM from the vSphere Client.

**Important:** It is important to keep the VM powered on.

14. Record the IP address of the newly created VM.

The IP address is required to access and register the vSnap server. Find the IP address in vSphere Client by clicking the VM and reviewing the **Summary** tab.

## What to do next

After you install the vSnap server, complete the following action:

| Action                                                                                                                                                                   | How to                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Add the vSnap server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and configure the vSnap environment.                                                                                   | See <a href="#">Chapter 4, “Managing vSnap servers,”</a> on page 25.                                                                            |
| For easier network administration, assign a static IP address for the virtual machine. Use the NetworkManager Text User Interface (nmtui) tool to assign the IP address. | For instructions, see <a href="#">Assigning a static IP address</a> . Work with your network administrator when configuring network properties. |

## Installing a virtual vSnap server in a Hyper-V environment

To install a vSnap server in a Hyper-V environment, import a Hyper-V template. This creates a virtual appliance containing the vSnap server on a Hyper-V virtual machine.

### Before you begin

All Hyper-V servers, including cluster nodes, must have the Microsoft iSCSI initiator service running in their Services list. Set the service to Automatic so that it is available when the machine is restarted.

### Procedure

1. Download the vSnap installation file *<part\_number>.exe* from Passport Advantage Online. For information about downloading files, see [technote 5693313](#).
2. Copy the installation file to your Hyper-V server.
3. Start the installer and complete the installation steps.
4. Open Hyper-V Manager and select the required server.  
For Hyper-V system requirements, see [System requirements for Hyper-V on Windows Server](#).
5. From the **Actions** menu in Hyper-V Manager, click **Import Virtual Machine**, and then click **Next**. The **Locate Folder** dialog opens.
6. Browse to the location of the Virtual Machines folder within the unzipped vSnap folder. Click **Next**. The **Select Virtual Machine** dialog opens.
7. Select vSnap, and then click **Next**. The **Choose Import Type** dialog opens.
8. Choose the following import type: **Register the virtual machine in place**. Click **Next**.
9. If the Connect Network dialog opens, specify the virtual switch to use, and then click **Next**. The Completing Import dialog opens.
10. Review the description, and then click **Finish** to complete the import process and close the **Import Virtual Machine** wizard. The virtual machine is imported.
11. Right-click the newly deployed VM, and then click **Settings**.
12. Under the section named IDE Controller 0, select **Hard Drive**.
13. Click **Edit**, and then click **Next**.
14. In the **Choose Action** screen, choose **Convert** then click **Next**.
15. For the Disk Format, select **VHDX**.
16. For the Disk Type, select **Fixed Size**.
17. For the Configure Disk option, give the disk a new name and optionally, a new location.
18. Review the description, and then click **Finish** to complete the conversion.
19. Click **Browse**, and then locate and select the newly created VHDX.
20. Repeat steps 12 through 18 for each disk under the SCSI Controller section.
21. Power on the VM from **Hyper-V Manager**. If prompted, select the option where the kernel starts in rescue mode.
22. Use Hyper-V Manager to identify the IP address of the new virtual machine if automatically assigned. To assign a static IP to the virtual machine using NetworkManager Text User Interface, see the following section.
23. If the address of the new VM is automatically assigned, use Hyper-V Manager to identify the IP address. To assign a static IP to a VM, use the NetworkManager Text User Interface (nmtui) tool. For instructions, see [Assigning a static IP address](#).

### What to do next

After you install the vSnap server, complete the following action:

| Action                                                                                 | How to                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Add the vSnap server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and configure the vSnap environment. | See <a href="#">Chapter 4, “Managing vSnap servers,”</a> on page 25. |

## Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus

Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to begin using the application and its features.

### Procedure

To start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, complete the following steps:

1. In a supported web browser, enter the following URL:

```
https://host_name
```

Where *host\_name* is the IP address of the virtual machine where the application is deployed. This connects you to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

2. Enter your user name and password to log on.

If this is your first time logging on, the default user name is `admin` and the password is `password`. You are prompted to reset the default user name and password. You cannot reset the user name to `admin`, `root`, or `test`.

3. Click **Sign In**.

4. If you are logging on to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for the first time, you are prompted to complete the following actions:

- Change the `serveradmin` password. The initial password is `sppDP758-SysXyz`. The `serveradmin` user is used to access the administrative console and the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus virtual appliance. The password for `serveradmin` must be changed before accessing the administrative console and IBM Spectrum Protect Plus virtual appliance.

The following rules are enforced when creating a new password:

- The minimum acceptable password length is 15 characters.
- There must be eight characters in the new password that are not present in the previous password.
- The new password must contain at least one character from each of the classes (numbers, uppercase letters, lowercase letters, and other).
- The maximum number of identical consecutive characters that are allowed in the new password is three characters.
- The maximum number of identical consecutive class of characters that are allowed in the new password is four characters.
- Start the initialization process for the onboard vSnap server. Select **Initialize** or **Initialize with encryption enabled** to encrypt data on the server.

## Updating IBM Spectrum Protect Plus components

You can update the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus virtual appliance, vSnap servers, and the VADP proxy servers to get the latest features and enhancements. Software patches and updates are installed by using the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus administrative console or command-line interface for these components.

Before you update IBM Spectrum Protect Plus components, review the hardware and software requirements for the components to confirm any changes that might have occurred from previous versions.

Review the following restrictions and tips:

- You must separately update vSnap servers that are not on IBM Spectrum Protect Plus virtual appliances.
- The update process through the administrative console updates IBM Spectrum Protect Plus features and the underlying infrastructure components including the operating system and file system. Do not use another method to update these components.
- Do not update any of the underlying components for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus unless the component is provided in an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus update package. Infrastructure updates are managed by IBM update facilities. The administrative console is the primary means for updating IBM Spectrum Protect Plus features and underlying infrastructure components including the operating system and file system.

Take the following actions:

- Before you update components, it is important that you back up your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment as described in [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/t\\_spp\\_creating\\_catalog\\_backup\\_job.html](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/t_spp_creating_catalog_backup_job.html).
- After IBM Spectrum Protect Plus is updated, it cannot roll back to a previous version without a virtual machine snapshot. Create a virtual machine snapshot of the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance before you update to a new version of IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. If you later want to roll back IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to an earlier version, you must have a virtual machine snapshot. After the upgrade is completed successfully, remove the virtual machine snapshot.

## Updating vSnap servers

The default vSnap server is updated with the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance. You must update additional vSnap servers that are installed on either virtual or physical appliances separately.

### Before you begin

You can update the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and vSnap servers directly from two previous versions ( $n-2$ ) to the current version ( $n$ ). If you are using an older version, you must update at least to ( $n-2$ ) version and then update to the current version.

Test restore jobs need to complete prior to initiating an update to vSnap. During a vSnap upgrade, a reboot will occur and any clients will experience a temporary disconnection. This disconnection may result in errors for any virtual machines or applications with active test mode restore. Additionally, jobs that are not completed or canceled when an update is initiated will not be visible once the update has completed. If jobs are not visible once the update has completed, re-run test restore jobs.

Review the system requirements before you update the vSnap servers.

To check the current version and operating system for your vSnap servers, complete the following steps:

1. Log on to the vSnap server as the `serveradmin` user. If you are using IBM Spectrum Protect Plus 10.1.1, log in by using the root account.
2. To check the vSnap server version and operating system, use the vSnap command-line interface to issue the following command:

```
$ vsnap system info
```

Ensure that no jobs that use the vSnap server are running during the update procedure. Pause the schedule for any jobs that do not have a status of IDLE or COMPLETED.

### Updating the operating system for a physical vSnap server

If you have installed the vSnap server on a machine that is running Red Hat Enterprise Linux, you must update the operating system to version 7.5 or 7.6 before you update the vSnap server. For instructions about how to update the operating system, see the Red Hat Enterprise Linux documentation.

#### Related tasks

[“Updating a vSnap server” on page 19](#)

The default vSnap server is updated with the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance. You must update additional vSnap servers that are installed on either virtual or physical appliances separately.

## Updating the operating system for a virtual vSnap server

Updating the vSnap server operating system with the ISO file, provides you with the latest available patches and security updates. If the operating system is CentOS Linux version 7.4 or earlier, you must update the operating system before you update the vSnap server software. Updating the operating system is optional for version 7.5 or 7.6. An ISO file is downloaded and used to upgrade virtual vSnap servers.

### Procedure

1. Download the ISO file `<part_number>.iso`. Move the ISO file to the `/tmp` directory on the vSnap server and rename the file to `spp_with_os.iso`.

```
$mv <part_number>.iso /tmp/spp_with_os.iso
```

**Important:** It is critical to rename the downloaded ISO file as described in this step and move it to the `/tmp` directory on the vSnap server if you wish to update the operating system.

2. Proceed with the instructions found in the “[Updating a vSnap server](#)” on page 19 topic. When the `<part_number>.run` file is executed, the installer will optionally update the operating system if `/tmp/spp_with_os.iso` is present.

One of the two following scenarios will occur depending on the presence of the ISO file.

- If the file is present, operating system packages are upgraded, then vSnap software is upgraded.
- If the file is not present, a message is displayed:

```
File /tmp/spp_with_os.iso is not present, skipping update of OS packages.  
To update OS packages, download the ISO file to /tmp/spp_with_os.iso and rerun this  
installer.
```

Then vSnap software is then is upgraded.

Once the installer completes, `/tmp/spp_with_os.iso` can be deleted.

### Related tasks

“[Updating a vSnap server](#)” on page 19

The default vSnap server is updated with the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance. You must update additional vSnap servers that are installed on either virtual or physical appliances separately.

## Updating a vSnap server

The default vSnap server is updated with the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance. You must update additional vSnap servers that are installed on either virtual or physical appliances separately.

### Procedure

To update a vSnap server, complete the following steps:

1. Log on to the vSnap server as the `serveradmin` user.
2. From the directory where the `<part_number>.run` file is located, make the file executable by issuing the following command:

```
$ chmod +x <part_number>.run
```

3. Run the installer by issuing the following command:

```
$ sudo ./<part_number>.run
```

Alternatively, non-interactive installations or updates of vSnap may be initiated using the `noprompt` option. When this option is used, the vSnap installer will skip prompting for responses and assume an answer of "yes" to the following prompts:

- License agreement
- Kernel installation or update
- Reboot at the end of the installation or update if necessary

To use the `noprompt` option, issue the following command. Observe the deliberate space both before and after the double dashes:

```
$ sudo ./<part_number>.run -- noprompt
```

The vSnap packages are installed.

4. After the vSnap packages are installed, start the updated version of the vSnap server.
5. In the navigation pane, click **Jobs and Operations**, and then click the **Schedule** tab.  
Find the jobs that you paused.
6. From the **Actions** menu for the paused jobs, select **Release Schedule**.

## Uninstalling a vSnap server

You can remove a vSnap server from your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment.

### Before you begin

When permanently deleting the vSnap server, you must clean up the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server. Items that must be cleaned up in this case, are as follows:

- Records of backups that are stored on the vSnap server.
- Replication relationships to other vSnap servers.
- Ensure that no jobs use SLA policies that define the vSnap server as a backup location.

To view the SLA policies that are associated with jobs, see the **Backup** page for the hypervisor or application that is scheduled for backup. For example, for VMware backup jobs, click **Manage Protection** > **Hypervisors** > **VMware**. You must unregister the vSnap server from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server. See [“Unregistering a vSnap server”](#) on page 30 for more information.



**Attention:** Uninstalling a vSnap server can result in loss of data.

### Procedure

1. Log on to the vSnap server console with the user ID `serveradmin`. The initial password is `sppDP758-SysXyz`. You are prompted to change this password during the first logon. Certain rules are enforced when creating a new password. For more information, see the password requirement rules in [“Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus”](#) on page 17.

You can also use a user ID that has vSnap administrator privileges that you create by using the **vsnap user create** command. For more information about using console commands, see [Chapter 7, “vSnap server administration reference,”](#) on page 59.

2. Run the following commands:

```
$ systemctl stop vsnap  
$ yum remove vsnap
```

3. Optional: If you do not plan to reinstall the vSnap server after it is uninstalled, remove the data and configuration by running the following commands:

```
$ rm -rf /etc/vsnap  
$ rm -rf /etc/nginx
```

```
$ rm -rf /etc/uwsgi.d  
$ rm -f /etc/uwsgi.ini
```

4. Reboot the system to ensure kernel modules are unloaded and detach the data disks containing vSnap pool data.

**Note:** To uninstall IBM Spectrum Protect Plus in a Hyper-V environment, delete the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance from Hyper-V and then delete the installation directory.

## Results

After a vSnap server is uninstalled, the configuration is retained in the `/etc/vsnap` directory. The configuration is reused if the vSnap server is reinstalled. The configuration is removed if you ran the optional commands to remove the configuration data.



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## Chapter 3. Initializing the vSnap server

The initialization process prepares a new vSnap server for use by loading and configuring software components and initializing the internal configuration. This is a one-time process that must be run for new installations.

### About this task

During the initialization process, vSnap creates a storage pool using any available unused disks attached to the system for a physical installation. If no unused disks are found, the initialization process completes without creating a pool. For a virtual deployment of vSnap, a default 100 GB unused virtual disk is defined and used to create the pool.

For information about how to expand, create, and administer storage pools, see [“Storage management” on page 59](#).

You can use the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface or the vSnap command line interface (CLI) to initialize vSnap servers.

For servers that are deployed and added to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface provides a simple method to run the initialization operation.

For servers that are deployed in a physical environment, the vSnap command line interface (CLI) offers more options for initializing the server, including the ability to create a storage pool by using advanced redundancy options and a specific list of disks.

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## Completing a simple initialization

To prepare a vSnap server for use, you must initialize the vSnap server. Use the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to initialize a vSnap server that is deployed in a virtual environment.

### About this task

For the onboard vSnap that is installed as part of an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus installation, you are prompted to start the initialization process the first time you log in to the user interface. No further steps are required. The vSnap server that is in the Demo site included with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus should be used only for testing and demo purposes, it should never be utilized as a backup destination in a production environment.

### Procedure

To initialize a vSnap server by using the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**.
2. From the actions menu icon  that is associated with the server, select the initialization method:

#### **Initialize with Encryption**

Enable encryption of backup data on the vSnap server.

#### **Initialize**

Initialize the vSnap server without encryption enabled.

The initialization process runs in the background and requires no further user interaction. The process might take 5 - 10 minutes to complete.

# Completing an advanced initialization

Use the vSnap server console to initialize a vSnap server that is deployed in your environment. Initializing by using the vSnap server console offers more options for initializing the server, including the ability to create a storage pool by using advanced redundancy options and a specific list of disks.

## Procedure

To initialize a vSnap server by using the vSnap server console, complete the following steps:

1. Log in to the vSnap server console with the user ID `serveradmin` by using SSH. When deployed virtually, the initial password is `sppDP758-SysXyz`. You will be prompted to change this password during the first logon. Certain rules are enforced when creating a new password. For more information, see the password requirement rules in [“Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus” on page 17](#). If deployed physically, use the password that you created for the `serveradmin` account during installation. You can also use a user ID that has vSnap privileges that was previously created using the **vsnap user create** command. For more information about using console commands, see [Chapter 7, “vSnap server administration reference,” on page 59](#).
2. Issue the **\$ vsnap system init** command with the **--skip\_pool** option to initialize the vSnap server without creating a storage pool. The process might take 5 - 10 minutes to complete. Issue the following command:

```
$ vsnap system init --skip_pool
```

## What to do next

After you complete the initialization, complete the following action:

| Action                | How to                                                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Create a storage pool | See <a href="#">“Storage management” on page 59</a> . |

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## Chapter 4. Managing vSnap servers

To enable backup and restore jobs, IBM Spectrum Protect Plus requires at least one vSnap server. The vSnap server is its own appliance, either deployed virtually or installed physically on a system that meets the minimum requirements. Each vSnap server in the environment must be registered in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus so that it is recognized. The vSnap server that is registered to the Demo site that is included with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus should be used only for testing and demo purposes, it should never be utilized as a backup destination in a production environment.

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### Registering a vSnap server as a backup storage provider

The onboard vSnap server is registered in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus when the appliance is deployed. You must add any additional servers that are installed on either virtual or physical appliances so that they are recognized by IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

#### Before you begin

After you add and register a vSnap server as a backup storage provider, you can choose to configure and administer certain aspects of the vSnap, such as network configuration or storage pool management. For more information, see [Chapter 5, “Configuring backup storage options,”](#) on page 33.

If the vSnap server will also be registered as a VADP proxy, the account added in the **Storage Properties** field for the vSnap must have **sudo** privileges for the VADP proxy registration to succeed. For more information, see [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/r\\_spp\\_permission\\_types.html](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/r_spp_permission_types.html).

#### Procedure

To register a vSnap server as a backup storage device, complete the following steps:

1. Log on to the vSnap server console with the user ID `serveradmin`. The initial password is `sppDP758-SysXyz`.  
You are prompted to change this password during the first logon. Certain rules are enforced when creating a new password. For more information, see the password requirement rules in [“Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus”](#) on page 17.
2. Run the **vsnap user create** command to create a user name and password for the vSnap server.
3. Start the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface by entering the host name or IP address of the virtual machine where IBM Spectrum Protect Plus is deployed in a supported browser.
4. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**.
5. Click **Add Disk Storage**.
6. Complete the fields in the **Storage Properties** pane:

##### Hostname/IP

Enter the resolvable IP address or hostname of the backup storage.

##### Site

Select a site for the backup storage. Available options are **Primary**, **Secondary**, or **Add a new site**. If more than one primary, secondary, or user-defined site is available to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, the site with the largest amount of available storage is used first.

##### Username

Enter the user name for the vSnap server that you created in step [“2”](#) on page 25.

##### Password

Enter the password for the user.

**Note:** If the `serveradmin` account is to be used, ensure that the default password is changed through the vSnap server console prior to registering the vSnap server as a backup storage provider in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

7. Click **Save**.

IBM Spectrum Protect Plus confirms a network connection and adds the backup storage device to the database.

## What to do next

After you add a backup storage provider, take the following actions:

| Action                                                                                                                     | How to                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Initialize the vSnap server.                                                                                               | See <a href="#">Chapter 3, “Initializing the vSnap server,” on page 23</a> .    |
| Expand the vSnap storage pool.                                                                                             | See <a href="#">“Configuring backup storage partners” on page 34</a> .          |
| If necessary, configure and administer certain aspects of vSnap, such as network configuration or storage pool management. | See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Configuring backup storage options,” on page 33</a> |

### Related tasks

[“Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus” on page 17](#)

Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to begin using the application and its features.

## Expanding a vSnap storage pool

If IBM Spectrum Protect Plus reports that a vSnap server is reaching its storage capacity, the vSnap storage pool must be expanded. To expand a vSnap storage pool, you must first add virtual or physical disks on the vSnap server, either by adding virtual disks to the vSnap virtual machine or adding physical disks to the vSnap physical server. See the vSphere documentation for information about creating additional virtual disks.

### Before you begin

Virtual or physical disks must be added to the vSnap server prior to this procedure. Expanding existing volumes is not supported.

### Procedure

To expand a vSnap storage pool, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**.
2. Select **Actions > Rescan** for the vSnap server that you want to rescan.
3. Click the manage icon  that is associated with the vSnap server, and then expand the **Add New Disks to Backup Storage** section.
4. Add and save the selected disks. The vSnap pool expands by the size of the disks that are added.

## Establishing a replication partnership for a vSnap server

By using backup storage replication, you can asynchronously backup data from one vSnap server to another.

### Before you begin

All vSnap servers must be at the same version level for replication to function. Replication between different versions is not supported.

## Procedure

To establish a replication partnership, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**.
2. Click the manage icon  that is associated with the vSnap server that you want to add a replication partnership to, and then expand the **Configure Storage Partners** section.
3. Click the add icon .
4. From the **Select Partner** list, select a vSnap server with which to establish a replication partnership.
5. Click **Add Partner**.

## Registering a VADP proxy on a vSnap server

You can install and register a VADP proxy on a physical or virtual vSnap server. When you install and register a VADP proxy on a vSnap server, you can help to optimize data movement by eliminating an NFS mount because the two systems are on the same machine.

### Before you begin

One or more stand-alone vSnap servers must be properly deployed and configured in your environment and added to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus backup storage providers. For instructions, see [“Registering a vSnap server as a backup storage provider” on page 25](#).

For the combined system requirements of a vSnap server and the VADP proxy, see [VADP proxy on vSnap server requirements](#).

Ensure that you have the required user permissions to work with VADP proxies. For instructions about managing VADP proxy permissions, see [Permission types](#).

The identity associated with a vSnap server is the account that is used to register the VADP proxy on the vSnap server. When you register a VADP proxy on a vSnap server, an installer is pushed and requires sudo privileges to successfully install the VADP proxy software. The identity associated with a vSnap server must have sudo privileges.

**Tip:** Use the `serveradmin` User ID when adding a vSnap server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. When you deploy a VADP proxy to a vSnap server, this account is used which already has all of the necessary privileges.

## Procedure

1. In the navigation pane, on **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**. Available vSnap servers are displayed in the table in the Disk Storage pane.
2. Select the vSnap server on which the VADP proxy is to be installed and registered.
3. Click the actions menu icon . Select **Register as VADP Proxy**.
4. In the Confirm dialog box, click **Yes**.

## Results

When the process is complete, a green checkmark will appear in the **VADP Proxy** column in the table of the Disk Storage pane.

## Editing settings for a vSnap server

You can edit the configuration settings for a vSnap server to reflect changes in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment.

### Procedure

To edit the settings for a vSnap server, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**.
2. Click the edit icon  that is associated with a vSnap server.  
The **Edit Storage** pane is displayed.
3. Revise the vSnap server settings, and then click **Save**.

## Removing the Demo environment

The IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance includes an onboard vSnap server that is named localhost, a site for demonstration purposes that is named Demo, and an associated SLA policy that is named Demo. For larger production environments, do not use the onboard vSnap server. Instead use, one or more stand-alone vSnap servers. The Demo SLA policy, Demo site, and onboard vSnap server, collectively as the Demo environment, can be safely removed to conserve disk space.

### Before you begin

For IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliances that are in production, back up the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus application. For instructions, see [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/t\\_spp\\_creating\\_catalog\\_backup\\_job.html](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/t_spp_creating_catalog_backup_job.html). For new deployments, backing up the application is not necessary.

Verify that the data on the localhost vSnap server is not needed.

Ensure that at least one stand-alone vSnap server is deployed as a backup destination.

### About this task

When deployed, an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance has six virtual hard disks. When you remove the Demo configuration and localhost vSnap server from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance, you can free storage through the removal of two of the associated virtual hark disks.

The procedure in this topic must be followed in order to remove the Demo environment from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

### Procedure

1. Disable SLA policies that are assigned to the Demo environment by completing the following steps:
  - a) From a supported browser, log in to the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface.
  - b) View any jobs that are assigned to the Demo SLA. In the navigation pane, click **Jobs and Operations**, and then click the **Schedule** tab. Locate any jobs that follow the naming pattern *Job\_Name\_Demo*, where *Job\_Name* is the name of the job. This naming pattern indicates that the Demo SLA is used.
  - c) Pause the schedule for every Demo job. Click the actions menu icon  and select **Pause Schedule** for each job that ends in *\_Demo*.
2. Delete the Demo SLA by completing the following steps:
  - a) In the navigation pane, click **Manage Protection > Policy Overview**. Scroll down to the table in the SLA Policies pane and locate the Demo policy.
  - b) Click the delete icon  beside the Demo SLA.

- c) Enter the code in the **Confirm** dialog box and click **OK**.
3. Delete the localhost vSnap disk storage by completing the following steps:
  - a) In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**. Locate the localhost vSnap storage that is assigned to the Demo site.
  - b) Click the delete icon  beside the localhost vSnap storage.
  - c) Enter the code in the **Confirm** dialog box and click **DELETE**.
4. Delete the Demo site by completing the following steps:
  - a) In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Site**. Locate the site that is named Demo.
  - b) Click the delete icon  beside the Demo site.
  - c) Click **Yes** in the **Confirm** dialog box to complete the removal of the Demo site.
5. Remove the LocalvSnapAdmin identity by completing the following steps:
  - a) In the navigation panel, click on **Accounts > Identity**.
  - b) Click the delete icon  beside the LocalvSnapAdmin identity.
  - c) Click on **Yes** in the **Confirm** dialog box to remove the identity.
6. Clean up the file system and LVM configurations by completing the following steps:
  - a) Log in to the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus by using the Secure Shell (SSH) protocol or through the hypervisor console by using the `serveradmin` account.
  - b) Obtain the ID of the localhost vSnap storage pool. Issue the following command:

```
$ vsnap pool show
```



**Attention:** To ensure that no data is lost, verify that the ID obtained is the ID of the localhost vSnap storage pool.

- c) Delete the localhost vSnap storage pool. Issue the following command where `<ID>` is the ID obtained in the previous step:

```
$ vsnap pool delete --id <ID>
```

- d) Unmount the localhost vSnap storage cloud cache. Issue the following command:

```
$ sudo umount -f /opt/vsnap-data
```

- e) Edit the `fstab` file to disable the cloud cache from starting. Using `sudo` and a text editor, comment out the line starting with `/dev/mapper/vsnapdata-vsnapdata1v`.
  - f) Deactivate the LVM volume group that is associated with the cloud cache. Issue the following command:

```
$ sudo vgchange -an vsnapdata
```

7. By using vSphere or Hyper-V Manager, detach the virtual hard disks that are no longer needed from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance. Proceed with caution to ensure that the correct disks are detached. The localhost vSnap server has two associated virtual hard disks, which are 100 GB and 128 GB in size. For detailed instructions about detaching or removing virtual hard disks, see the appropriate hypervisor documentation.



**Attention:** Power off the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance before you detach the virtual hard disks. Do not delete the virtual hard disks until proper functionality has been confirmed after powering on the appliance and running a maintenance job.

8. Rescan the SCSI bus and disable the vSnap service by completing the following steps:
  - a) Log in to the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus by using the Secure Shell (SSH) protocol or through the hypervisor console by using the `serveradmin` account.
  - b) Rescan the SCSI bus by issuing the following command:

```
$ sudo rescan-scsi-bus.sh
```

c) Stop the vSnap service by issuing the following command:

```
$ sudo systemctl stop vsnap
```

d) Disable the vSnap service by issuing the following command:

```
$ sudo systemctl disable vsnap
```

## Unregistering a vSnap server

If required, you can unregister a vSnap server that is no longer used in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment.

### Before you begin

When a vSnap server is unregistering, all recovery points that are associated with the vSnap server are purged from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus during the next maintenance job.



**Attention:** Unregistering of a vSnap server can result in loss of data.

Before you unregister a vSnap server, review the scenarios to determine whether unregistering is appropriate or whether other action must be taken.

**Scenario 1:** The vSnap server is temporarily down due to storage or network issues.

- Do not unregister the vSnap server. If you unregister the vSnap server, recovery points that are associated with the server will be purged and backups will be rebased.
- Complete the necessary storage or network maintenance to bring the vSnap server back online.

**Scenario 2:** The vSnap server is assigned a new host name or IP address.

- Do not unregister the vSnap server. If you unregister the vSnap server, recovery points that are associated with the server will be purged and backups will be rebased.
- Edit the settings for the vSnap server to specify the new host name or IP address. To edit the settings for a vSnap server, follow the instructions [“Editing settings for a vSnap server”](#) on page 28.

**Scenario 3:** The vSnap server is not in use, and there are no plans to reuse it.

- Unregister the vSnap server and run a maintenance job to ensure that recovery points that are associated with the vSnap server are purged from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.
  - Incremental backups of the data that was present on the vSnap server will no longer be possible.
  - Recovering data that was present on the vSnap server will no longer be possible.
- Subsequent runs of backup jobs will automatically create new volumes on another vSnap server in the same site and will perform new base backups.

**Scenario 4:** The vSnap pool is lost and you want to build a new pool on the same vSnap server.

1. Unregister the vSnap server and run a maintenance job to ensure that recovery points that are associated with the old vSnap pool are purged from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.
  - Incremental backups of the data that was present in the old pool will no longer be possible.
  - Recovering data that was present in the old pool will no longer be possible.
2. On the vSnap server, create a pool.
3. Add the vSnap server back into IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. To add a vSnap server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, see [“Registering a vSnap server as a backup storage provider”](#) on page 25.
  - Subsequent runs of backup jobs will automatically create volumes on this or another vSnap server in the same site and will perform new base backups.

**Scenario 5:** The vSnap pool or server is lost and you intend to repair it. This can be achieved by replicating data from a vSnap replication server.

- Do not unregister the vSnap server from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. The deletion process will cause backups to be rebased.
- Replace the vSnap server. For information about replacing a failed, primary vSnap server, see this section [Chapter 8, “Troubleshooting vSnap servers,”](#) on page 65.

## Procedure

To unregister a vSnap server, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk**.
2. Click the delete icon  that is associated with a vSnap server.
3. Confirm removal of the vSnap server by entering the code in the text box. Click **DELETE** to delete the server from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.



## Chapter 5. Configuring backup storage options

You can configure additional storage-related options for your primary and secondary backup storage hosts.

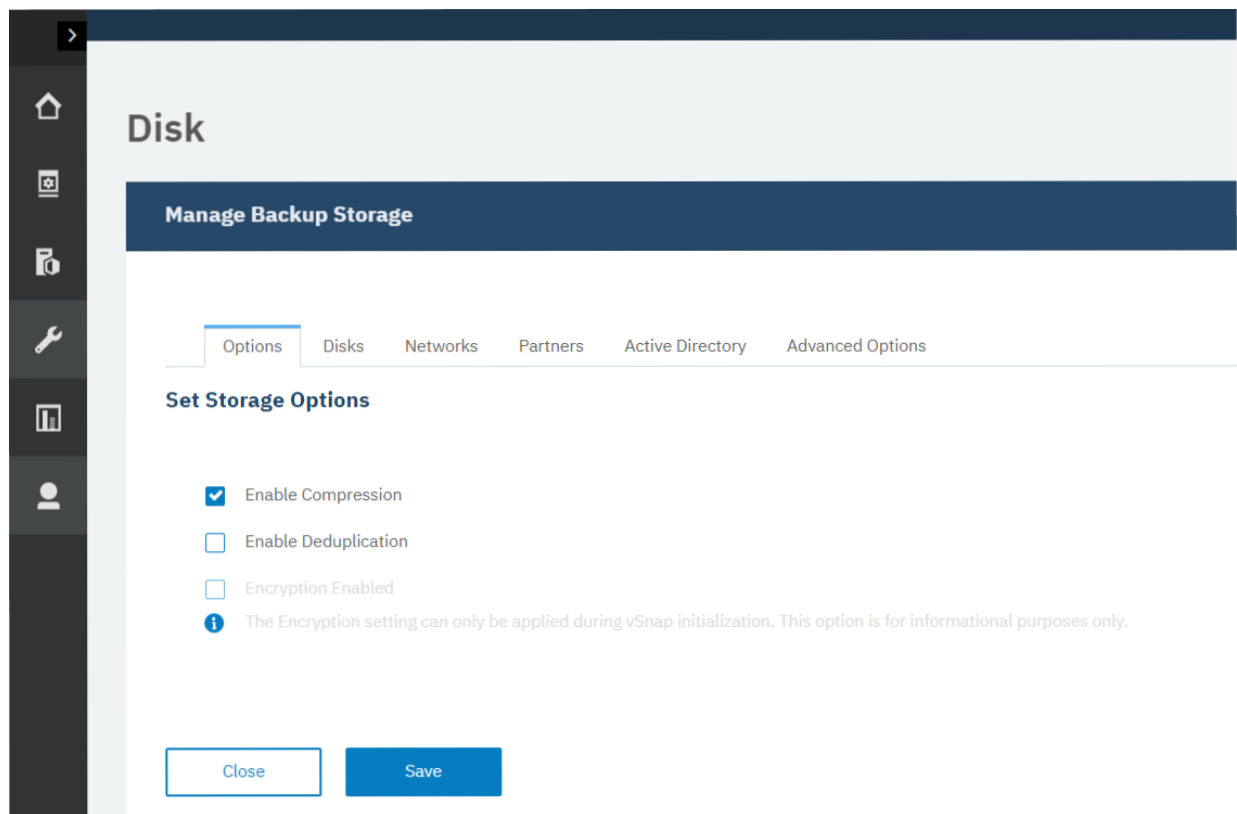
### Procedure

To configure backup storage options for your registered disks, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration** , **Backup Storage** > **Disk**.

The **Disk Storage** table lists the hostname of primary and secondary sites with the version and the capacity usage.

2. In the **Disk Storage** pane, click the settings icon  that is associated with the disk that you want to update.
3. Select from the storage options as shown.



**Enable Compression:** Select this option to compress each incoming block of data by using a compression algorithm before the data is written to the storage pool. Compression consumes a moderate amount of additional CPU resources.

**Enable Deduplication:** Select this option so that each incoming block of data is hashed and compared against existing blocks in the storage pool. If compression is enabled, the data is compared after it is compressed. Duplicate blocks are skipped instead of being written to the pool. Deduplication is deselected by default because it consumes a large amount of memory resources (proportional to the amount of data in the pool) to maintain the deduplication table of block hashes.

**Encryption Enabled:** This option displays the encryption status of the primary or secondary backup storage host. Encryption can be enabled only during vSnap initialization. This option cannot be changed in this pane.

4. Click **Save**.

# Adding new disks to backup storage

If you require more space for backup operations in a selected storage pool, you can add unused disk storage. This applies to primary and secondary backup storage.

## Procedure

To add new unused disks to a disk storage pool, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation, click **System Configuration** , **Backup Storage** > **Disk**.
2. In the **Disk Storage** pane, click the manage icon  that is associated with the server that you want to edit.
3. Select a disk to add to your storage environment from the list of available disks in the **Add New Disks to Backup Storage** table.

Disk

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Add New Disks to Backup Storage

Select one or more unused disks to add to the storage pool

| Select                   | Disk      | Size    | Vendor | Model           |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | /dev/sdaj | 9.1 TiB | HGST   | HUH721010AL5200 |

Close

Save

4. Click **Save**.

# Configuring backup storage partners

You can configure your backup storage primary and secondary sites to establish replication partnerships with other sites to extend your environment. After you configure replication partners, you can copy data from one site to another for an added layer of data protection.

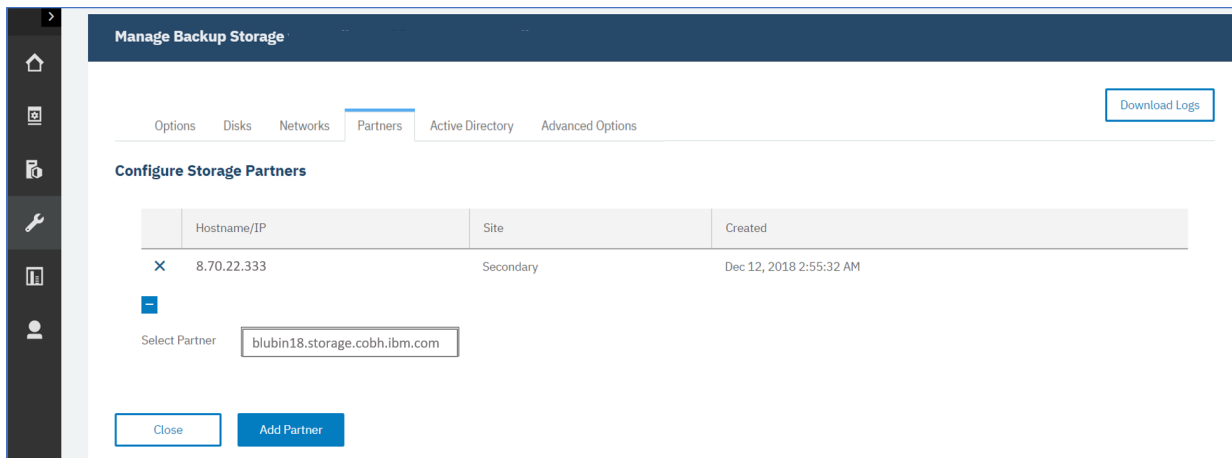
## Before you begin

All vSnap servers must be at the same version level for replication to function. Replication between different versions is not supported.

## Procedure

To add partners to a server in your storage environment, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation, click **System Configuration** , **Backup Storage** > **Disk**.  
Configured partners that are already added are listed in the table.
2. In the **Partners** pane, select a partner to add to you primary or secondary backup storage host from the drop-down menu.



3. Click **Add Partner** to add the partner and close the window.

## Configuring network interface controllers

You can configure your primary and secondary backup storage to use multiple network interface controllers (NICs) for different specific functions. The NICs in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment can be configured to transfer data for backup, restore, and replication operations. You can configure a NIC for backup, restore, and replication data transfers, or for either backup and restore or replication data transfers. When you configure separate NICs, you can dedicate one network to replication operations and another network to backup and restore operations.

### Before you begin

Versions of the vSnap server prior to V10.1.6 do not support this feature. To update a vSnap server, follow the instructions in [“Updating vSnap servers” on page 18](#).

### About this task

The network that is dedicated to sending management commands from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the vSnap server is indicated by the following icon in the **Network** page, .

Connections can be established between the vSnap server and a range of clients, including application servers, hypervisor hosts, VADP proxies, and any other component in your environment that transfers data to and from backup storage.

### Procedure

To configure a NIC for backup and replication operations, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration** , **Backup Storage > Disk**.
2. On the **Networks** tab, select the configuration that you want for your listed NICs:
  - To configure an NIC for transfers of data for backup and restore operations only, select **Backup**. During backup and restore operations, connections are established to the vSnap server by using the IP address of this NIC. If the **Backup** option is specified by multiple NICs, the first one that connects successfully is used.
  - To configure an NIC for transfers of data for replication purposes only, select **Replication**. During incoming replication operations to a vSnap server, connections are established using the IP address of this NIC on the target vSnap server. If the **Replication** option is specified for multiple NICs on the target vSnap server, the first target IP address that connects successfully from the source vSnap server is used.
  - To configure a NIC for both replication, and backup and restore data transfers, select both **Backup** and **Replication**.

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Options

Disks

Networks

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Download Logs

Configure Network Interface Controllers

Configure a specific network interface controller to function as the backup or replication network. [Learn More](#)

| Name    | MAC Address       | IP Address   | Backup                              | Replication                         |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ailcash | 12:50:33:88:99:bc | 199.12.4.222 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Close

Save

3. Click **Save**.

## Configuring an Active Directory

You can associate your primary and secondary backup storage with an active directory domain. When the primary or secondary host is added to a domain, any Microsoft SQL Server log backup jobs that are associated with that host will use domain authentication to mount the log backup volume. In this way, you can avoid the requirement to use a local staging area on the application server when for log backup operations.

### Before you begin

You might have to configure the Domain Name System (DNS) server so that the domain controller is available to the network and can be associated with the primary or secondary host.

### Procedure

To add an Active Directory for backup and restore operations, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration**, **Backup Storage** > **Disk**.
2. On the **Active Directory** tab, click the manage icon that is associated with the primary or secondary host that you want to edit.
3. Enter the domain name of the Active Directory, along with the user name and password for the Active Directory administrator as shown in the following picture.

Disk

Manage Backup Storage veguardian-ce12.storage.tucson.ibm.com

Options Disks Networks Partners Active Directory Advanced Options

Download Logs

Join Active Directory

Domain Name cupoftea\_aib.storage.n.com

Domain Administrator Username admin

Domain Administrator Password \*\*\*\*\*

Close Join

4. Click **Join**.

## Configuring advanced storage options

You can set advanced storage-related options for the primary or secondary backup storage in your environment.

### Procedure

To configure advanced options for your backup storage, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration** , **Backup Storage** > **Disk**.
2. In the **Manage Backup Storage** pane, click the settings icon  that is associated with the host that you are managing.
3. On the **Advanced Options** tab, configure advanced options as shown in the following example:

**Disk**

**Manage Backup Storage**

Options Disks Networks Partners Active Directory **Advanced Options**

**Set Advanced Options**

|                                                                           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Concurrent stream limit for copy to archive object storage                | 5         |
| Concurrent stream limit for copy to standard object storage               | 5         |
| Concurrent stream limit for replication                                   | 5         |
| Rate limit per stream in bytes/second for copy to standard object storage | 536870912 |
| Rate limit per stream in bytes/second for replication                     | 536870912 |

Close

Figure 4. Manage backup storage advanced options.

- **Concurrent stream limit for copy to archive object storage:** This value defines the maximum number of concurrent streams that are used by this backup host when you are copying data to archive Object Storage.
- **Concurrent stream limit for copy to standard object storage:** This value defines the maximum number of concurrent streams that are used by this backup host when you are copying data to standard Object Storage.
- **Concurrent stream limit for replication:** This value defines the maximum number of concurrent streams that are used by this backup host when you are replicating data to other backup hosts.
- **Rate limit per stream in bytes/second for copy to standard object storage:** This value defines the maximum transfer rate in bytes per second that the backup host uses for each data stream when you are copying data to standard Object Storage. The specified value is the maximum in the absence of any other limiting factors. The actual rate of each data stream can be less than this value and depends on available system resources, network conditions, and any bandwidth throttling defined in site options.
- **Rate limit per stream in bytes/second for replication:** This value defines the maximum transfer rate in bytes per second that the backup host uses for each data stream when you are replicating. The specified value is the maximum in the absence of any other limiting factors. The actual rate of each data stream can be less than this value and depends on available system resources, network conditions, and any bandwidth throttling defined in site options.
- **Retrieval tier for restore from AWS archive object storage (Bulk, Standard, or Expedited):** This value specifies the retrieval tier that is used by this backup host during restore operations from Amazon Glacier archive Object Storage. This value must be specified as Bulk, Standard, or Expedited. The retrieval tier can be modified to achieve faster restore operation times at the cost of higher data charges. For information about the available retrieval tier options and associated pricing, see the Amazon Web Services documentation.
- **Concurrent Backup:** This option specifies the maximum number of parallel backup streams to the host when multiple jobs that run concurrently. For application backup operations, each database is treated as a single stream. For hypervisor backup operations, each virtual disk is treated as a single

stream. The concurrent backup options can be used to prevent multiple or large SLA policies from sending too many data streams to a small backup host that cannot accommodate the load. To reduce processing time for backup operations, set this option to one of the following options:

**Unlimited:** an unlimited number of concurrent backup streams can run.

**Pause:** to pause the use of this backup host. Jobs attempting to utilize this backup host will pause while this setting is selected. This option should be used in situations where the backup host requires emergency maintenance and will temporarily prevent it from being used by any jobs.

**Limit:** to set a maximum limit on the number of backup streams that can run concurrently. Enter a numerical value specifying the maximum number of concurrent streams.

**Tip:** When you change an option value, the new value is applied when you click into the next option field. Alongside the updated option, the following message is displayed,  **Updated**.

4. Click **Close**.

## Changing the throughput rate

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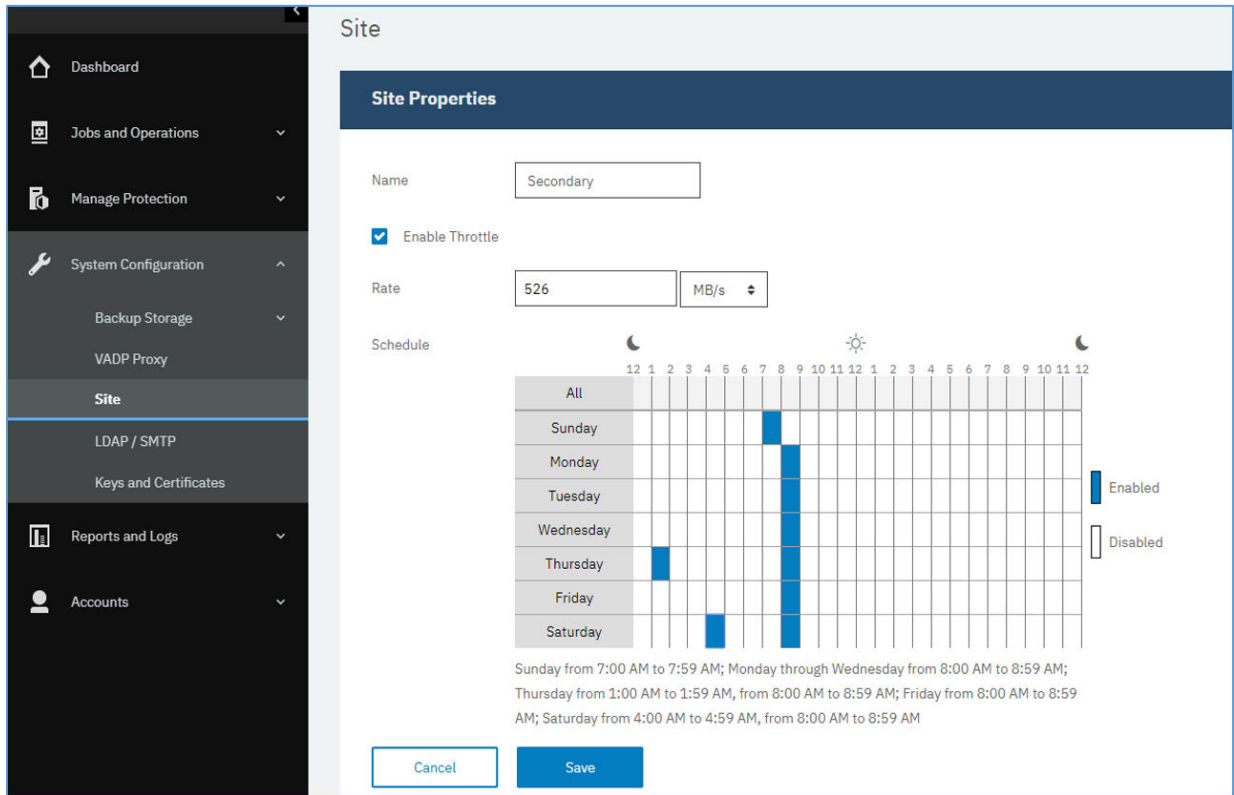
Change the throughput for site replication and copy operations so that you can manage your network activity on a defined schedule.

### Procedure

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Site** to open the **Site Properties** pane.
2. Click the edit icon  that is associated with the site for which you want to change the throughput.
3. Click **Enable Throttle**.

The rate of the throughput is displayed in MB/s.

4. Adjust the throughput:
  - Change the rate of throughput with the up and down arrows.
  - Change the data value. The choices include Bytes/s, KB/s, MB/s, or GB/s.



*Figure 5. Enabling different throttles for different times to improve throughput*

5. Select times for the changed throughput in the weekly schedule table, or specify a day and time for the changed rate.

**Note:** To clear a timeslot, click the timeslot. The scheduled selections are listed underneath the schedule table.

6. Click **Save** to commit the changes and close the panel.

## Chapter 6. Managing secondary backup storage

The vSnap server is the primary backup location for snapshots. All IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environments have at least one vSnap server. Optionally, you can copy snapshots from a vSnap server to a cloud storage system or a repository server.

For information about copying snapshot data to secondary storage, see [“Copy snapshots to secondary backup storage” on page 8](#).

### Managing cloud storage

You can copy snapshot data to cloud storage for longer-term data protection.

#### Configuration for copying or archiving data to cloud

If you are planning to copy or archive IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data to cloud storage for long-term retention or for snapshot storage, you must configure secondary storage.

#### Tasks for configuring cloud storage

You must configure IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for backup and restore operations to cloud storage as shown in Table 1.

| User scenario                                                                                                         | Purpose                                                                                                                    | Steps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Store deduplicated data and non-deduplicated data in a cloud-container storage pool and restore the data as required. | Copy data to cloud storage. In the first copy operation, a full backup copy is created. Subsequent copies are incremental. | Choose one of the following providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">“Adding Amazon S3 Object Storage” on page 41</a></li><li>• <a href="#">“Adding IBM Cloud Object Storage as a backup storage provider” on page 42</a></li><li>• <a href="#">“Adding Microsoft Azure cloud storage as a backup storage provider” on page 44</a></li><li>• <a href="#">“Adding S3 compatible object storage” on page 44</a></li></ul> |

#### Adding Amazon S3 Object Storage

You can add Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) as a backup storage provider to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to enable copy operations to Amazon S3 storage.

#### Before you begin

Configure the key that is required for the cloud object. For instructions, see [Adding an access key](#).

Ensure that cloud storage buckets are created for the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data. For instructions about creating buckets, see [Amazon Simple Storage Service Documentation](#).

#### Procedure

To add Amazon S3 cloud storage as a backup Object Storage provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Object Storage**.
2. Click **Add Object Storage**.

3. From the **Provider** list, select **Amazon S3**.
4. Complete the fields in the **Object Storage Registration** form:

**Name**

Enter a meaningful name that helps you to identify the cloud storage.

**Region**

Select the Amazon Web Services (AWS) regional endpoint of the cloud storage.

**Use existing key**

Enable this option to select a previously entered key for the storage, and then select the key from the **Select a key** list.

If you do not select this option, complete the following fields to add a key:

**Key name**

Enter a meaningful name to help to identify the key.

**Access key**

Enter the AWS access key. Access keys are created in the AWS Management Console.

**Secret key**

Enter the AWS secret key. Secret keys are created in the AWS Management Console.

**Enable Deep Archive**

Optionally select this option to enable the Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive storage class.

5. Click **Get Buckets** to connect IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to AWS to retrieve the list of available buckets.
6. Select the bucket that you plan to use as the copy target.  
The **Standard object storage bucket** and **Archive object storage bucket** fields are displayed.
7. In the **Standard object storage bucket** field, select a bucket to serve as the copy target.
8. Optional: In the **Archive object storage bucket** field, select a cloud storage resource to serve as the archive target.  
Archiving data creates a full data copy and can provide longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits.
9. Select **Deep Archive** to register Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive Buckets for long-term archiving.
10. Click **Register** to complete the operation.  
The cloud storage is added to the cloud servers table.

## Adding IBM Cloud Object Storage as a backup storage provider

Add IBM Cloud Object Storage to enable IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to copy data to IBM Cloud.

### Before you begin

When creating a bucket on IBM Cloud Object Storage (COS), ensure that both **Add Archive rule** and **Add Expiration rules** are not selected when creating buckets that are to be used for copy or archive. This can result in a failure with the “bucket has an unsupported lifecycle configuration” error when the job attempts to run in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. The **Add Retention policy** option may be set for a bucket to be used for copy, but should not be set for a bucket that will be used for archiving.

The Cold Vault bucket of type should only be used when archiving, as it is the lowest-cost option and is described as ideal for long-term retention of data that will be minimally accessed.

When adding IBM Cloud Object Storage (COS), the method for obtaining the access and secret key will depend on the deployment model. If on-premise, keys can be obtained from the IBM COS Manager Console. For IBM COS IaaS, keys are created when a service account is created and can be obtained from the softlayer portal. If using IBM COS (COS as a Service), the access and secret key are not created by default; when a service account is created, check the **Include HMAC Credential** box, and add `{“HMAC”: true}` to the **Add Inline Configuration Parameters** text area.

## Procedure

To add IBM Cloud Object Storage as a backup storage provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Object Storage**.
2. Click **Add Object Storage**.
3. From the **Provider** list, select **IBM Cloud Object Storage**.
4. Complete the fields in the **Object Storage Registration** pane:

### **Name**

Enter a meaningful name to help identify the cloud storage.

### **Endpoint**

Select the endpoint of the cloud storage.

### **Use existing key**

Enable to select a previously entered key for the storage, and then select the key from the **Select a key** list.

If you do not select this option, complete the following fields to add a key:

### **Key name**

Enter a meaningful name to help to identify the key.

### **Access key**

Enter the access key.

### **Secret key**

Enter the secret key.

### **Certificate**

Select a method of associating a certificate with the resource:

#### **Upload**

Select and click **Browse** to locate the certificate, then click **Upload**.

#### **Copy and paste**

Select to enter the name of the certificate, copy and paste the contents of the certificate, then click **Create**.

#### **Use existing**

Select to use a previously uploaded certificate.

A certificate is not required if you are adding public IBM Cloud Object Storage.

5. Click **Get Buckets**, and then select a bucket to serve as the copy target.

After the buckets are generated, the **Standard object storage bucket** and **Archive object storage bucket** fields are displayed.

6. In the **Standard object storage bucket** field, select a bucket to serve as the copy target.
7. Optional: In the **Archive object storage bucket** field, select a cloud storage resource to serve as the archive target.

Archiving data creates a full data copy and can provide longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits. For more information about archiving data, see the information about copying data to cloud archive storage in [“Copy snapshots to secondary backup storage” on page 8](#).

8. Click **Register**.

The cloud storage is added to the cloud servers table.

## Adding Microsoft Azure cloud storage as a backup storage provider

Add Microsoft Azure cloud storage to enable IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to copy data to Microsoft Azure Blob storage.

### Before you begin

Ensure that there are cloud storage buckets created for the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data before you add the cloud storage in the following steps. For information how to create buckets, see Azure documentation.

### Procedure

To add Microsoft Azure cloud storage as backup storage provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation pane, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Object Storage**.
2. Click **Add Object Storage**.
3. From the **Provider** list, select **Microsoft Azure Blob Storage**.
4. Complete the fields in the **Object Storage Registration** pane:

#### **Name**

Enter a meaningful name to help identify the cloud storage.

#### **Endpoint**

Select the endpoint of the cloud storage.

#### **Use existing key**

Enable to select a previously entered key for the storage, and then select the key from the **Select a key** list.

If you do not select this option, complete the following fields to add a key:

#### **Key name**

Enter a meaningful name to help identify the key.

#### **Storage Account Name**

Enter the Microsoft Azure access storage account name. This is from the Azure Management Portal.

#### **Storage Account Shared Key**

Enter the Microsoft Azure key from any one of the key fields in the Azure Management Portal, either key1 or key2.

5. Click **Get Buckets**, and then select a bucket to serve as the copy target.  
After the buckets are generated, the **Standard object storage bucket** and **Archive object storage bucket** fields are displayed.
6. In the **Standard object storage bucket** field, select a bucket to serve as the copy target.
7. Optional: In the **Archive object storage bucket** field, select a cloud storage resource to serve as the archive target.  
Archiving data creates a full data copy and can provide longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits. For more information about archiving data, see the information about copying data to cloud archive storage in [“Copy snapshots to secondary backup storage”](#) on page 8.
8. Click **Register**.  
The cloud storage is added to the cloud servers table.

## Adding S3 compatible object storage

In addition to backing up data to Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) and IBM Cloud Object Storage, you might want to back up data to other S3 compatible object storage providers. Before you back up data in a production environment to any other S3 compatible object storage, ensure that the object storage has been validated for use with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

## Before you begin

### Tip:

For information about compatible object storage providers, see [technote 108714](#).

Configure the key that is required for the cloud object. For instructions, see [Adding an access key](#).

Ensure that cloud storage buckets are available. For more information about cloud storage buckets, see the documentation for the S3 compatible storage provider.

## Procedure

To add S3 compatible cloud storage as a backup target, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Object Storage**.
2. Click **Add Object Storage**.
3. From the **Provider** list, select **S3 Compatible Storage**.
4. Complete the fields in the **Object Storage Registration** pane:

### Name

Enter a meaningful name to help identify the cloud storage.

### Endpoint

Enter the endpoint of the cloud storage.

### Use existing access key

Enable this option to select a previously entered key for the storage, and then select the key from the **Select a key** list.

If you do not select this option, complete the following fields to add a key:

### Key name

Enter a meaningful name to identify the key.

### Access key

Enter the S3 compatible access key. For instructions about obtaining access keys, see the documentation for the S3 compatible storage provider.

### Secret key

Enter the S3 compatible secret key. For instructions about obtaining access keys, see the documentation for the S3 compatible storage provider.

### Certificate

Select the appropriate option to add a certificate for the S3 compatible storage:

### Upload

To upload a certificate, click **Browse** to locate and select the certificate. Click **Upload**.

### Copy and paste

Enter a name for the certificate and paste the certificate into the text area. Click **Create**.

### Use existing

If a certificate exists, select the certificate from the **Select a certificate** list.

5. Click **Get Buckets**, and then select a bucket to serve as the target.

After the buckets are generated, the **Standard object storage bucket** and **Archive object storage bucket** fields are displayed.

6. In the **Standard object storage bucket** field, select a bucket to serve as the backup target.
7. Optional: In the **Archive object storage bucket** field, select a cloud storage resource to serve as the archive target.  
Archiving data creates a full data copy and can provide longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits. For more information about archiving data, see the information about copying data to cloud archive storage in [“Copy snapshots to secondary backup storage”](#) on page 8.
8. Click **Register**.

The cloud storage is added to the cloud servers table.

## Editing settings for cloud storage

Edit the settings for a cloud storage provider to reflect changes in your cloud environment.

### Procedure

To edit a cloud storage provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Object Storage**.
2. Click the edit icon  that is associated with an object storage provider.  
The **Update Object Storage** pane is displayed.
3. Revise the settings for the cloud provider, and then click **Update**.

## Deleting cloud storage

Delete a cloud storage provider to reflect changes in your cloud environment. Ensure that the provider is not associated with any SLA policies before deleting the provider.

### Procedure

To delete a cloud storage provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Object Storage**.
2. Click the delete icon  that is associated with a provider.
3. Click **Yes** to delete the provider.

## Managing repository server storage

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You can copy data to a repository server for longer-term data protection. For the current release of IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, the repository server must be an IBM Spectrum Protect server Version 8.1.7 or later. To copy data to tape, IBM Spectrum Protect server Version 8.1.8 or later is required.

You can choose to replicate the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data that is copied to the IBM Spectrum Protect server to a target server. However, IBM Spectrum Protect Plus is not aware of subsequent IBM Spectrum Protect server replication operations and you cannot restore the replicated data from the target IBM Spectrum Protect server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

## Configuration for copying or archiving data to IBM Spectrum Protect

If you are planning to copy or archive IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server, there are three possible configurations. Choosing which one to configure depends on which scenario applies to your data protection needs. For each scenario, there are steps that are required in both the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and IBM Spectrum Protect server environments to complete the setup.

### Tasks for configuring IBM Spectrum Protect

You must configure the IBM Spectrum Protect server to communicate with the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server, and to enable process requests for backup and restore operations. The Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) protocol enables communication between the two servers.

| User scenario                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Steps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Copying to standard object storage when you are running daily or less frequent copies to standard object storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Copy data to standard object storage. In the first copy operation, a full backup copy is created. Subsequent copies are incremental. Copying data to standard object storage is useful if you want relatively fast backup and recovery times and do not require the longer-term protection, cost, and security benefits that are provided by tape storage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | To copy data to standard object storage to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you must create a cloud-container or directory-container storage pool, and set up the object agent component of IBM Spectrum Protect. Adding the object agent is a mandatory step. In addition to setting up the required storage pool, follow steps 2-4 listed, <a href="#">here</a> . |
| Copying to tape when you are creating a weekly or less frequent full-copy of your data to tape storage.<br><br><b>Important:</b> Archiving data to tape cannot be run more frequently than once a week. Recovery time objectives (RTO) should be considered when recovering data from archive copies in your disaster recovery action plan. Therefore, for disaster recovery, recovering from archive data should only be used as a last resort. | When you copy data to tape, a full copy of the data is created at the time of the copy process. Copying data to tape provides extra security benefits. By storing tape volumes at a secure, offsite location that is not connected to the internet, you can help to protect your data from online threats such as malware and hackers. However, because copying to these storage types requires a full data copy, the time that is required to copy data increases. In addition, the recovery time can be unpredictable and the data might take longer to process before it is usable. | To copy data to tape, you must create a cloud-container or directory-container storage pool for tape, and a cold-data-cache storage pool on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. Adding the object agent is a mandatory step. Follow steps 1-4 listed, <a href="#">here</a> .                                                                                           |
| Mixture of both standard object storage and long-term copying to tape                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Secure your data in incremental backups on the IBM Spectrum Protect server, as well as retaining data on tape for longer term security.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | This is a combination of the previous cases: data is stored to tape and data is stored on standard object storage at the IBM Spectrum Protect server. As well as setting up the required data storage pools for both scenarios, the creation of an object agent is mandatory.                                                                                       |

The four steps required to set up and configure the data transfer communication between IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and the IBM Spectrum Protect server are as follows:

1. If you are setting up storage pools for copying data to tape follow Step1. Create storage pools on the IBM Spectrum Protect server by using the IBM Spectrum Protect Operations Center. For instructions, see [“Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape” on page 48](#). This step is required only if you are setting IBM Spectrum Protect for archiving with copies run once a week or less frequently.
2. Create a policy domain that points to the storage pool or pools. The policy domain defines the rules that control the backup services for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. For instructions, see [“Step 2: Configuring an object policy domain” on page 50](#).

3. If you are copying data to a standard storage pool or to tape, you must add standard object storage on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. For instructions, see [“Step 3: Setting up standard object storage”](#) on page 51.
4. Add an object agent on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The object agent provides a gateway between the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server and the IBM Spectrum Protect server. For instructions, see [“Step 4: Adding an object agent for copying data”](#) on page 54.
5. To complete the setup, you must add an object client on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The object client identifies the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server and enables it to store objects at the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The same credentials as those that you used for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus are used for the object client, which is the object client that is associated with the policy domain as set up in Step 2. For instructions to set up an object client, see [“Step 5: Adding and configuring an object client for copying data”](#) on page 55.

**Tip:** Alternatively, enter the **DEFINE STGPOOL** command to create a storage pool as described in the following topics:

## What to do next

1. After you complete the tasks required for IBM Spectrum Protect storage, you must add the IBM Spectrum Protect server to IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. For information about how to do this, follow the instructions in [“Registering a repository server as a backup storage provider”](#) on page 57.
2. When that is done, you can create an SLA policy that defines the IBM Spectrum Protect server as the backup storage target. For more information to help you choose which type of policy you need, see [Managing SLA policies](#).

## Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a *cold-data-cache storage pool* for copying data to tape

Before you can copy data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server for archiving purposes, you must configure an object agent service. For long-term archiving of data, you must configure a cold data storage pool. If you are not planning to archive data to tape on the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you can skip this step.

## About this task

Before you start, ensure that you have sized your cold cache storage needs by using the sizing tool and the Blueprints. For information about how to do this, see the [Blueprints](#).

Object client data that is specified with an S3 Glacier storage class is not frequently accessed. To enable the copying of this data, which is often called *cold data*, to tape storage, the data is written temporarily to a storage pool that meets the requirements for handling object data. The data is then moved to the tape device or VTL. This storage pool, called a *cold-data-cache storage pool*, is assigned to a policy domain for object clients. Only data from object clients can be written to or restored from a cold-data-cache storage pool.

## Procedure

If you are not using the Operations Center, you can use the **define stgpool** command. The command can be defined as follows:

```
define stgpool NAME
stgtype=colddatacache
```

**Note:** To configure standard pools for object storage, follow these steps but when you define the type of storage pool, select Standard.

To configure the IBM Spectrum Protect server to copy data from an object client to physical tape media or a VTL, complete the following configuration steps:

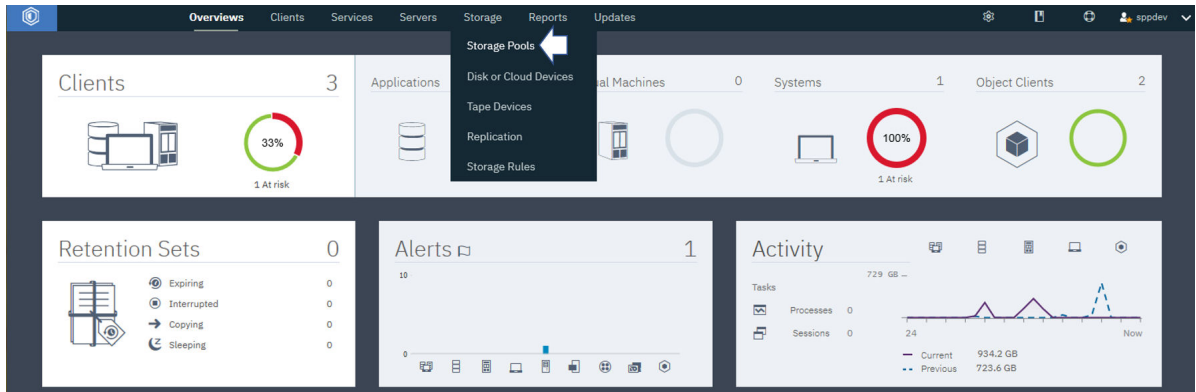
1. On the IBM Spectrum Protect server, configure a primary storage pool that represents a tape device or VTL. This primary storage pool is the destination for the object data that you want to copy.

Later, when you define the cold-data-cache storage pool, you must specify this tape pool as the next storage pool for the cold-data-cache pool.

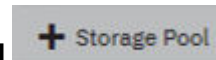
**Restrictions:** The following restrictions apply to the tape storage pool:

- You cannot replicate object client data to or from the tape storage pool.
- The tape storage pool cannot be deduplicated.
- A next storage pool cannot be specified for the tape storage pool.

- a) On the Operations Center menu bar, click **Storage > Storage Pools**.



- b) On the **Storage Pools** page, click **Storage Pool**.



- c) In the **Add Storage Pool** wizard, select **Object Client** to enable object clients to copy data to tape.
2. Step through the wizard steps to configure a cold-data-cache storage pool.

A cold-data-cache storage pool consists of one or more file system directories on disk. It is an intermediary storage pool between the object client and a tape device or VTL and is linked to the primary sequential access storage pool that represents the tape device or VTL. Identify one or more existing file system directories for temporary disk storage and the primary sequential access storage pool that represents the tape device or VTL.

3. On the **Cold Data Cache** page, specify one or more existing file system directories for disk storage. Enter a fully qualified path name that conforms to the syntax that is used by the server operating system.

For example, enter `c:\temp\dir1\` for Microsoft Windows, or `/tmp/dir1/` for UNIX.

The object data is stored in sequential volumes in the file system directories. An object client can copy infrequently accessed data, or cold data, to physical tape media or to a VTL. When an object client copies cold data, the data is first stored in the cold data cache. The data is then migrated, without a migration delay, to the primary tape storage pool that represents the physical tape media or VTL. After the data is migrated to tape, it is deleted from the cold data cache. The cold data cache is used as a staging area for restoring cold data to the object client. During restore operations, the data is copied to the cold data cache. The data remains in the cold data cache for a period that is specified by the object client. Data is restored to the object client from the cold data cache, and not directly from the tape or VTL.

If you specify multiple directories for performance enhancement, ensure that the directories correspond to separate physical volumes. Although the cold data cache is used for temporary storage, it must be large enough to hold the data that is copied from the object client before the data is migrated to tape. It must also be large enough to hold data during restore operations for the period that is specified by the object client.

## What to do next

When you complete the configuration of the cold data cache storage pool, create the object domain. For instructions about how to do that, see [“Step 2: Configuring an object policy domain” on page 50](#).

## Step 2: Configuring an object policy domain

Before you copy data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you must create and configure an object policy domain. The policy domain defines the rules that control the backup services for IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. You must add a standard storage pool which is with a directory or cloud container based storage for copies, and a cold pool if you are copying data to tape or archiving data.

### Procedure

1. Verify the settings for the policy domain that you plan to use for copying data. Object clients that are defined or updated in the IBM Spectrum Protect server V8.1.8 or later must be assigned to policy domains that are created with the **DEFINE OBJECTDOMAIN** command. An object client node is associated with this policy domain when the node is registered or updated with the **REGISTER NODE** or **UPDATE NODE** command.

**Restriction:** Beginning with IBM Spectrum Protect server V8.1.8, all new object client nodes must be assigned to object policy domains.

For object client nodes that were assigned to non-object policy domains before V8.1.8, you do not have to update the assignment after you upgrade the server to IBM Spectrum Protect server V8.1.8. However, if any update to the object client node's domain is required, the node must be assigned to an object policy domain.

2. Review the following considerations for specifying policy domains for copy operations.
  - For IBM Spectrum Protect server, a policy domain can specify management classes for standard storage pools (cloud-container or directory-container storage pools), cold-data-cache storage pools, or both standard and cold-data-cache storage pools.

However, to copy data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, you must specify the following management classes depending on whether you are copying data to a cloud-container or directory-container storage pool or are copying data to a cold-data-cache storage pool for storage on physical tape media or in a virtual tape library (VTL):

- To copy data to a cloud-container or directory-container storage pool, use the **STANDARDPOOL** parameter to define the storage pool for the policy domain as shown in the following example:

```
define objectdomain mydomain standardpool=hotpool
```

- To copy data to a cold-data-cache storage pool, you must specify both a standard pool and a cold pool for the policy domain. A standard pool is required to store metadata that is used for restore and other IBM Spectrum Protect Plus operations. To define a cold-data-cache storage pool for the policy domain, use the **COLDPOOL** parameter, as shown in the following example:

```
define objectdomain mydomain standardpool=hotpool coldpool=coldpool
```

- All objects are uniquely named. There are no inactive versions of objects. When you define a policy domain, the following Storage Management policies are specified automatically:
  - The Versions Data Exists field is set to 1.
  - The Retain Extra Versions and the Retain Only Version fields are set to 0.
- The IBM Spectrum Protect Plus server controls the time when objects are deleted.

### Example: Display detailed information about a policy domain for an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus copy operation

When the policy domain was created, it was assigned management classes and copy groups. You can use the **QUERY COPYGROUP** command to view information about the destination storage pools for the policy

domain. In the following example, the policy domain name is XYZ. The destination storage pools are HOTPOOL and COLDPOOL.

```
query copygroup xyz standard f=d
```

```
Policy Domain Name: XYZ
Policy Set Name: STANDARD
Mgmt Class Name: COLD
Copy Group Name: STANDARD
Copy Group Type: Backup
Versions Data Exists: 1
Versions Data Deleted: 1
Retain Extra Versions: 0
Retain Only Version: 0
Copy Mode: Modified
Copy Serialization: Shared Static
Copy Frequency: 0
Copy Destination: COLDPOOL
Table of Contents (TOC) Destination:
Last Update by (administrator): SERVER_CONSOLE
Last Update Date/Time: 05/22/20 17:03:46
Managing profile:
Changes Pending: No

Policy Domain Name: XYZ
Policy Set Name: STANDARD
Mgmt Class Name: STANDARD
Copy Group Name: STANDARD
Copy Group Type: Backup
Versions Data Exists: 1
Versions Data Deleted: 1
Retain Extra Versions: 0
Retain Only Version: 0
Copy Mode: Modified
Copy Serialization: Shared Static
Copy Frequency: 0
Copy Destination: HOTPOOL
Table of Contents (TOC) Destination:
Last Update by (administrator): SERVER_CONSOLE
Last Update Date/Time: 03/05/20 22:15:18
Managing profile:
Changes Pending: No
```

## What to do next

After you create the object domain, proceed to the next step [“Step 3: Setting up standard object storage”](#) on page 51.

## Step 3: Setting up standard object storage

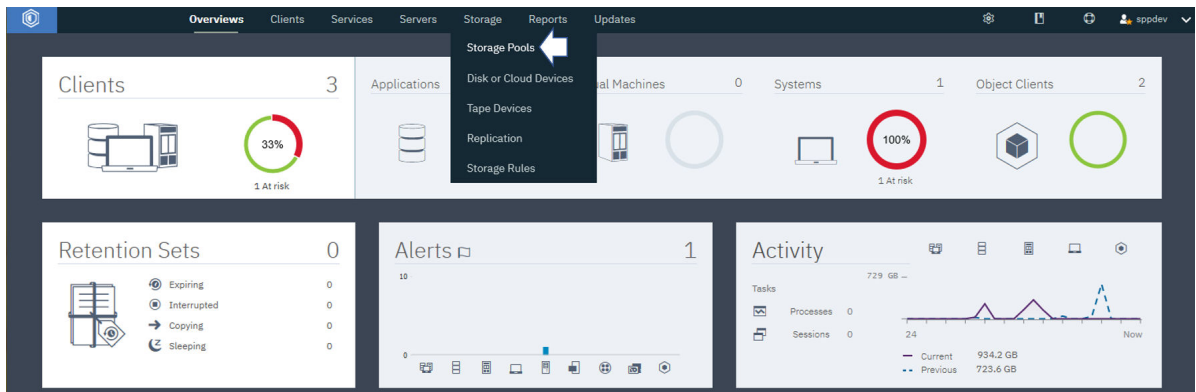
To set up standard object storage for copying data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, log in to the Operations Center and follow the procedure to set up storage pools. Complete the process by following the steps to create an object agent service by using the Operations Center wizard.

## Before you begin

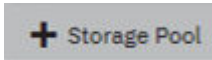
Before you start you must set up storage pools for standard storage or for copying to tape. If you are copying to tape, you must set up the cold data cache storage pool, and for standard object storage you must create and configure storage pools as required. For instructions about how to set up the cold data cache storage pool, see [“Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape”](#) on page 48.

## Procedure

1. Create a directory-container storage pool by completing the following steps:
  - a) On the Operations Center menu bar, click **Storage > Storage Pools**.



b) On the **Storage Pools** page, click **Storage Pool**.



c) Complete the steps in the **Add Storage Pool** wizard.

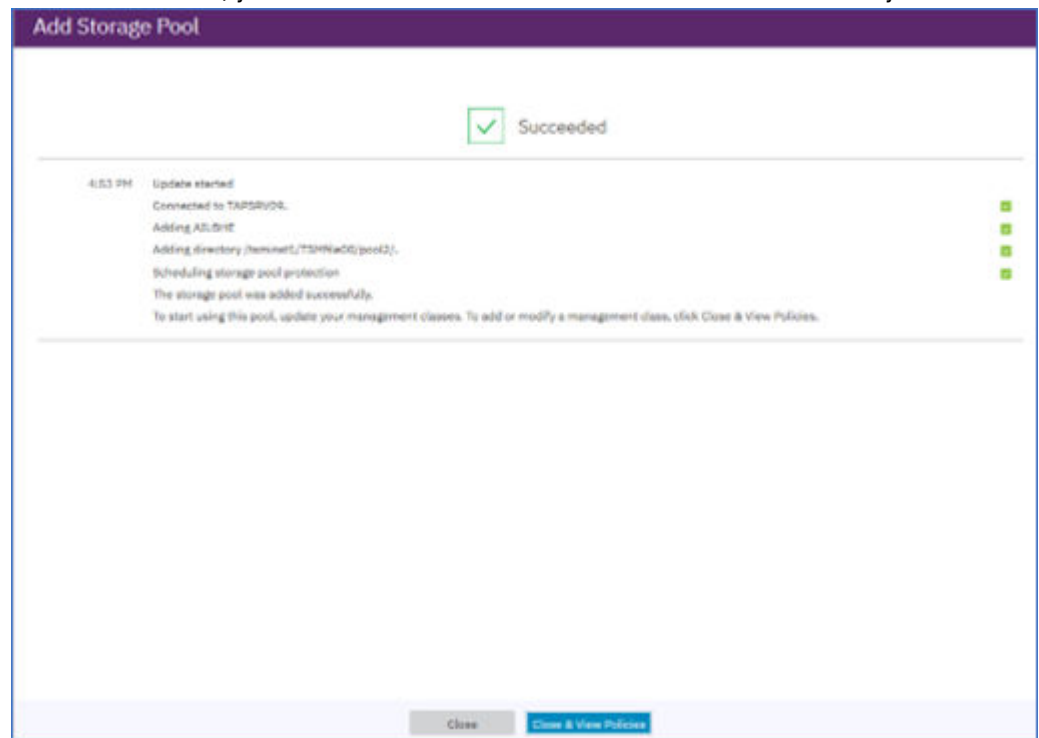
**Tip:** Select **Directory** for the type of container-based storage, and add directories with the + icon. Click **Next** to continue.

d) Review the **Protect Pool** summary, and click **Next**.

e) Specify an overflow pool is that is required.

f) Click **Add Storage Pool** to complete the creation of the storage pool.

If the operation was successful, you will see an icon to indicate success with a summary of the



storage pool.

2. In the **Services > Policies** page, select a policy, and click **Details**.

| Policy Domain      | Server   | Clients | Mgmt Classes | Option Sets | Schedules | Default Mgmt Class | Backup Destination | Archive Destination | Migration |
|--------------------|----------|---------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| IBM_DEPLOY_CLI...  | P9B-AIX1 | 0       | 1            | 0           | 0         | IBM_DEPLOY_CLIENT  |                    | DEDUPPOOL           |           |
| JASON              | P9B-AIX1 | 0       | 2            | 0           | 0         | STANDARD           | DEDUPPOOL          |                     |           |
| P9B-AIX1_DATABA... | P9B-AIX1 | 0       | 4            | 0           | 1         | BACKUP_DISK_KEE... | DEDUPPOOL          |                     |           |
| P9B-AIX1_DB2       | P9B-AIX1 | 0       | 1            | 0           | 0         | BACK_ARCH_DISK     | DEDUPPOOL          | DEDUPPOOL           |           |

- You can edit an existing domain policy by following these steps:
    - Update one or more management classes to use the new pool by editing the **Backup Destination** field of the table.
    - Click **Save**.
  - Or, you can create a new domain by running the **define objectdomain** command. For more information, see the previous step “Step 2: Configuring an object policy domain” on page 50.
3. On the **Details** page, click **Policy Sets**. Click the **Configure** toggle to make the policy sets editable.

**JASON** P9B-AIX1

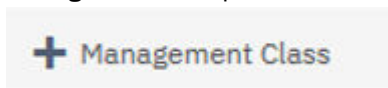
Active policy set: STANDARD Activated: Apr 1, 2020, 8:25 PM

Default management class: STANDARD

| Management Class | Default | Backup Destination |
|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| COLD             |         | (None)             |
| STANDARD         | ✓       | DEDUPPOOL          |

Buttons: Cancel, Save

4. Change the Backup Destination to the newly created storage pool, or add a new management class,



to point to the new storage pool.

5. Click **Activate**.
- Changing the active policy set might result in data loss. A summary of the differences between the active policy set and the new policy set is displayed before the change is made.
- Review the differences between corresponding management classes in the two policy sets, and consider the consequences on client files. Client files that are bound to management classes in the currently active policy set are, after activation, bound to the management classes with the same names in the new policy set.
  - Identify management classes in the currently active policy set that do not have counterparts in the new policy set, and consider the consequences on client files. Client files that are bound to these management classes are, after activation, managed by the default management class in the new policy set.
  - If the changes implemented by the policy set are acceptable, select the **I understand that these updates can cause data loss** checkbox and click **Activate**.

## What to do next

Create and configure an object client for the storage pool or pools you created. For more information, see [“Step 5: Adding and configuring an object client for copying data” on page 55](#)

## Step 4: Adding an object agent for copying data

Before you can copy data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you must add and configure the object agent. This step is the fourth step in setting up IBM Spectrum Protect Plus with the IBM Spectrum Protect server for archiving data or copying data to object storage.

### Before you begin

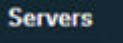
Ensure that the following steps are complete before you start to create the object client.

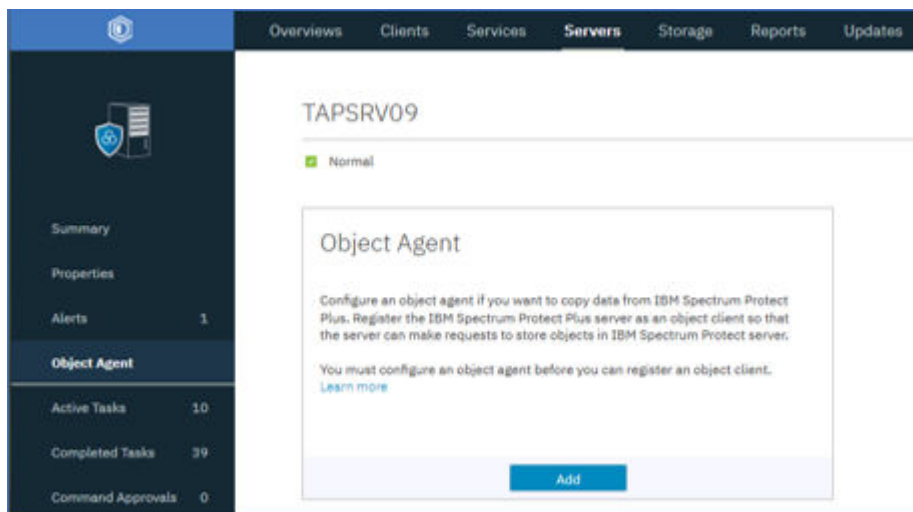
1. Ensure that you are logged in to the IBM Spectrum Protect server with an instance user ID.
2. Ensure that you have set up storage pools either for standard storage or for copying to tape. For instructions, see [“Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape” on page 48](#) or [“Step 3: Setting up standard object storage” on page 51](#).
3. Ensure that you have created an object domain.

### About this task

This procedure is based on an environment where the IBM Spectrum Protect server is installed on an IBM AIX® operating system AIX Version 7.2 TL 1 and SP 4 or later, running on an IBM POWER8® or later server. (LINK TO a previous version)

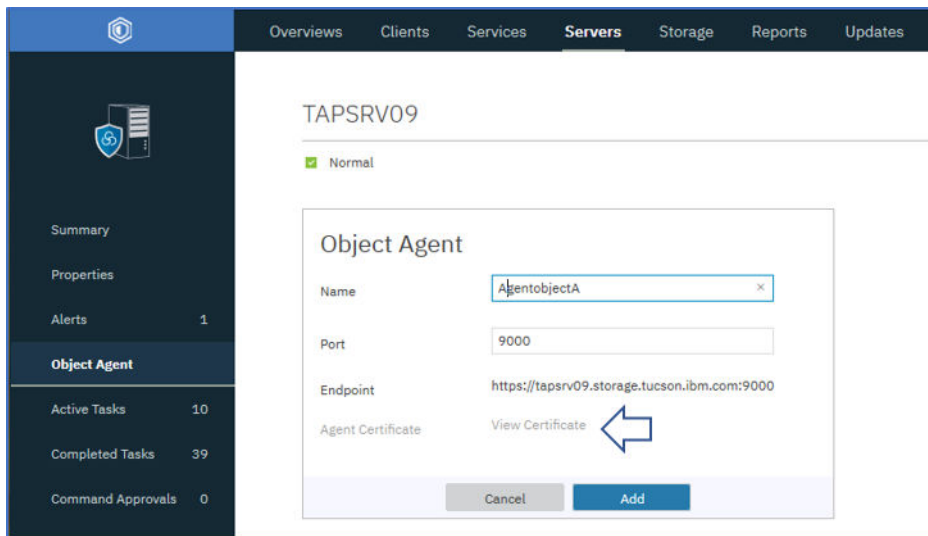
### Procedure

1. On the Operations Center menu bar, click **Servers** .
2. Select a server and click **Details**.
3. From the navigation pane, click **Object Agent**; click **Add** to add an object agent.



**Tip:** If you are using the command line, run the **DEFINE SERVER** command to create an object agent. Specify **OBJECTAGENT=YES**. Follow the instructions in the command output. When these actions are completed, the object agent service automatically starts on the system that is hosting the IBM Spectrum Protect server.

4. To authenticate to the object agent, use the certificate that is generated.



5. Install the object agent service by running the command that can be copied from the wizard like in the following examples:

```
[root@servername-os: /]# /opt/tivoli/tsm/server/bin/spObjectAgent service install
/home/tsminst1/tsminst1/SPPOBJAGENT/spObjectAgent_SPPOBJAGENT_1500.config
2020-03-31 15:50:07.631021 I | Installed and started system service as
nameportnumberobjectagentname
```

Here is an example

```
[root@p9b-aix1: /]# /opt/tivoli/tsm/server/bin/spObjectAgent service install
/home/tsminst1/tsminst1/SPPOBJAGENT/spObjectAgent_SPPOBJAGENT_1500.config
2020-03-31 15:50:07.631021 I | Installed and started system service as spoa9000SPPOBJAGENT
```

6. Complete the configuration by starting an object agent service by running the **startObjectAgent** command. Here is an example for **AGENTOBJECTA** object agent.

```
"/opt/tivoli/tsm/server/bin/spObjectAgent" service install
"/home/tsminst1/tsminst1/AGENTOBJECTA/spObjectAgent_AGENTOBJECTA_1500.config"
```

7. Set up the object agent service to start automatically on startup by running a command similar to the following command for AIX:

```
spobj:2:once:/usr/bin/startsrc -s nameportnumberobjectagentname
```

Here is an example:

```
spobj:2:once:/usr/bin/startsrc -s spoa9000SPPOBJAGENT
```

## Step 5: Adding and configuring an object client for copying data

Before you can copy data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you must configure the object client. This step is the last step in setting up the IBM Spectrum Protect server for archiving and copying of data with the Operations Center.

### Before you begin

Ensure that the following steps are complete before you start to create the object client.

1. Ensure that you are logged in to the IBM Spectrum Protect server with an instance user ID.
2. Ensure that the storage pools for either standard storage or for copying to tape are set up and ready. For instructions, see [“Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape”](#) on page 48 or [“Step 3: Setting up standard object storage”](#) on page 51.
3. Ensure that an object domain and an object agent are created before you start.

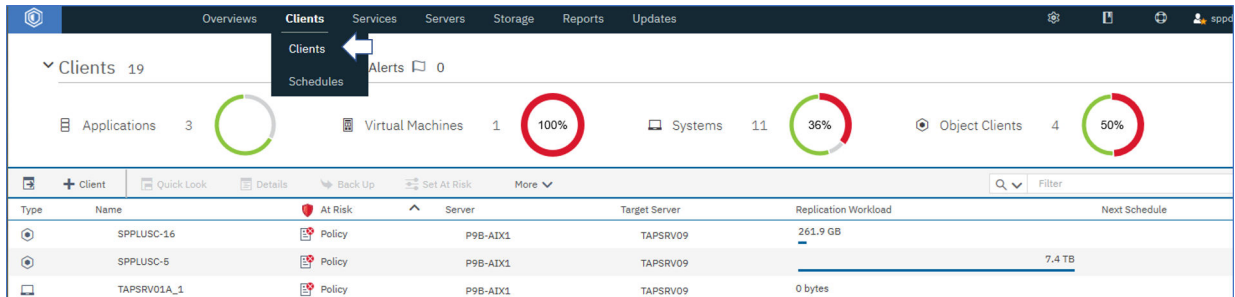
**Tip:** If you create an object client before you create the corresponding object agent, the **Add Client** wizard forces the creation of the object agent.

## About this task

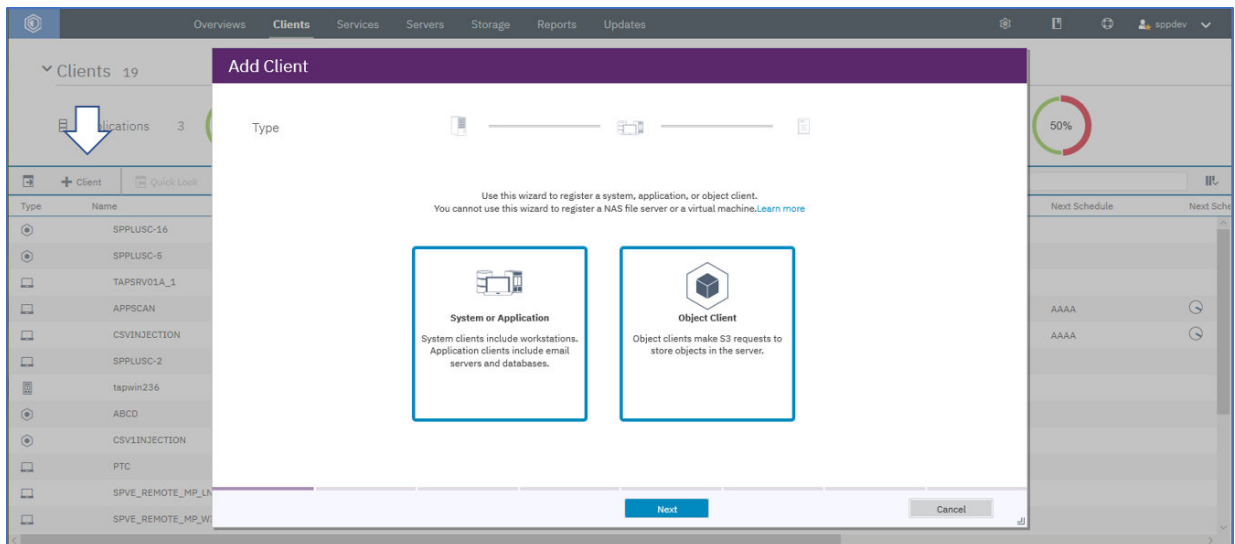
This procedure is based on an environment where the IBM Spectrum Protect server is installed on an IBM AIX operating system AIX Version 7.2 TL 1 and SP 4 or later, running on an IBM POWER8 or later server.

## Procedure

1. On the Operations Center menu bar, click **Clients**.



2. Click **Client** to add a client as shown.



3. Select **Object Client** and click **Next** to start the **Add Client** wizard.

In the wizard screens, you are asked for to make the following choices and definitions for the client you are setting up.

- You can also choose to enable replication for this client.
- You must assign a client name and contact name, and an email address for reporting which you define in the final step of the wizard.
- You must assign a policy domain, which you set up in step 2, “[Step 2: Configuring an object policy domain](#)” on page 50.
- You can define at risk reporting for the client, such as a once-a-day report to the email address that you specified.

4. Click **Add Client**.

### Note:

After the process finishes, you are provided with the endpoint for communicating with the object agent on the server, the access key ID, the secret access key, and the certificate for connecting securely.

When IBM Spectrum Protect Plus is an object client, it directs requests to the endpoint, and uses this information in the form of the access key ID, the secret access key, and the secure certificate.

**Important:** Ensure that a copy of each credential is saved to a secure location.

**Tip:** If you are using the command line, run the **REGISTER NODE** command to create an object client. Specify TYPE=OBJECTCLIENT. The script runs under the instance user ID.

## What to do next

As a next step, you must register the IBM Spectrum Protect server as a repository server. For information about how to do this, see “[Registering a repository server as a backup storage provider](#)” on page 57. Once that is completed, you can create SLA policy jobs to copy data to the IBM Spectrum Protect server for standard storage or for archive to tape.

## Registering a repository server as a backup storage provider

Add and register a repository server to enable IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to copy data to the server.

### Before you begin

Configure the key and certificate that are required for the repository server. For instructions, see [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/t\\_spp\\_key\\_add.dita](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/t_spp_key_add.dita) and [https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ\\_10.1.6/spp/t\\_spp\\_certificate\\_add.dita](https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSNQFQ_10.1.6/spp/t_spp_certificate_add.dita).

For the current release of IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, the repository server must be an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

Configure IBM Spectrum Protect Plus as an object client to the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The object client node transfers and stores copied data. After you complete the setup procedure, the wizard provides you with the endpoint for communicating with the object agent on the server, and the access ID, secret key, and certificate for connecting securely.

Certificates can be obtained from the IBM Spectrum Protect server Operations Center by navigating to the following pane: **Server > Object Agent > Agent Certificate**. Alternatively, the certificate can be obtained from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance by running the following command: `openssl s_client -showcerts -connect <ip-address>:9000 </dev/null 2>/dev/null | openssl x509`

Copy retention settings are fully controlled through associated SLA policies in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. IBM Spectrum Protect server copygroup retention settings are not used for copy operations.

## Procedure

To add and register an IBM Spectrum Protect server as a backup storage provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Repository Server**.
2. Click **Add Repository Server**.
3. Complete the fields in the **Register Repository Server** pane:

#### Name

Enter a meaningful name to help identify the repository server.

#### Hostname

Enter the high-level address (HLA) of the repository server object agent. Running the IBM Spectrum Protect `q serv OBJAGENT f=d` command retrieves this information.

#### Port

Enter the communications port of the repository server.

#### Use existing key

Enable to select a previously entered key for the repository, and then select the key from the **Select a key** list.

If you do not select this option, complete the following fields to add a key:

**Key name**

Enter a meaningful name to help to identify the key.

**Access key**

Enter the access key.

**Secret key**

Enter the secret key.

**Certificate**

Select a method of associating a certificate with the resource. If copying the certificate, the BEGIN and END lines of text must be included.

**Upload**

Select and click **Browse** to locate the certificate, then click **Upload**.

**Copy and paste**

Select to enter the name of the certificate, copy and paste the contents of the certificate, then click **Create**.

**Use existing**

Select to use a previously uploaded certificate.

**4. Click **Register**.**

The IBM Spectrum Protect server is added to the repository servers table.

**Related concepts**

[“Configuration for copying or archiving data to IBM Spectrum Protect” on page 10](#)

If you are planning to copy or archive IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server, there are three possible configurations. Choosing which one to configure depends on which scenario applies to your data protection needs. For each scenario, there are steps that are required in both the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus and IBM Spectrum Protect server environments to complete the setup.

**Editing settings for a repository server**

Edit the settings for a repository server provider to reflect changes in your cloud environment.

**Procedure**

To edit a repository server provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Repository Server**.
2. Click the edit icon  that is associated with a repository server provider.  
The **Update Repository Server** pane is displayed.
3. Revise the settings for the repository server provider, and then click **Update**.

**Deleting a repository server**

Delete a repository server provider to reflect changes in your environment. Ensure that the provider is not associated with any SLA policies before deleting the provider.

**Procedure**

To delete a repository server provider, complete the following steps:

1. In the navigation menu, click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Repository Server**.
2. Click the delete icon  that is associated with a repository server provider.
3. Click **Yes** to delete the provider.

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## Chapter 7. vSnap server administration reference

After the vSnap server is installed, registered, and initialized, IBM Spectrum Protect Plus automatically manages its use as a backup target. Volumes and snapshots are created and managed automatically based on the SLA policies that are defined in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus.

You might have to configure and administer certain aspects of vSnap, such as network configuration or storage pool management.

### Managing vSnap by using the command line interface

The vSnap server can be managed through the command-line interface and is the primary means of administering a vSnap server. Run the **vsnap** command from the vSnap server's interface after connecting through SSH using the user ID `serveradmin` or any other operating system user who has been assigned vSnap admin privileges. The initial `serveradmin` password is `sppDP758-SysXyz`. You are prompted to change this password during the first logon. Certain rules are enforced when creating a new password. For more information, see the password requirement rules in [“Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus” on page 17](#).

The command line interface consists of several commands and sub-commands that manage various aspects of the system. You can also pass the **--help** flag to any command or subcommand to view usage help, for example, **vsnap --help** or **vsnap pool create --help**.

### Managing vSnap by using the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface

Some of the most common operations can also be completed from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface. Log in to the user interface and click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk** in the navigation pane. Click the manage icon  for a vSnap server to edit its settings.

#### Related tasks

[“Managing vSnap servers” on page 25](#)

To enable backup and restore jobs, IBM Spectrum Protect Plus requires at least one vSnap server. The vSnap server is its own appliance, either deployed virtually or installed physically on a system that meets the minimum requirements. Each vSnap server in the environment must be registered in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus so that it is recognized. The vSnap server that is registered to the Demo site that is included with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus should be used only for testing and demo purposes, it should never be utilized as a backup destination in a production environment.

[“Configuring advanced storage options” on page 37](#)

You can set advanced storage-related options for the primary or secondary backup storage in your environment.

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## Storage management

You can configure and administer storage pools for a vSnap server.

### Managing disks

The vSnap creates a storage pool by using the disks provisioned to the vSnap server. In the case of virtual deployments, the disks can be RDM or virtual disks provisioned from datastores on any backing storage. In the case of physical deployments, the disks can be local or SAN storage attached to the physical server. The local disks may already have external redundancy enabled via a hardware RAID controller, but if not, the vSnap can also create RAID-based storage pools for internal redundancy.

Disks that are attached to vSnap servers must be thick provisioned. If disks are thin provisioned, the vSnap server will not have an accurate view of free space in the storage pool, which might lead to data corruption if the underlying datastore runs out of space.



**Attention:** Once a disk has been added to a storage pool, it should not be removed. Removing a disk will corrupt the storage pool.

If the vSnap was deployed as part of a virtual appliance, it already contains a 100 GB starter virtual disk. Review the details in the [Blueprints](#) for information about how to handle this disk and how to remove it. You can add more disks before or after creating a pool and accordingly use them to create a larger pool or expand an existing pool. If job logs report that a vSnap server is reaching its storage capacity, additional disks can be added to the vSnap pool. Alternatively, creating new SLA policies will force backups to use an alternate vSnap.

It is essential to protect against corruption caused by a VMware datastore on a vSnap server reaching its capacity. Create a stable environment for virtual vSnap servers that use RAID configurations and utilize thick provisioned VMDKs. Replicating to external vSnap servers provides further protection.

A vSnap server will become invalidated if the vSnap pool is deleted or if a vSnap disk is deleted. All data on the vSnap server will be lost. If your vSnap server becomes invalidated you must unregister the vSnap server using the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus interface, then run the maintenance job. Once complete, the vSnap server can be re-registered.

## Managing encryption

To enable encryption of backup data on a vSnap server, select **Initialize with encryption enabled** when you initialize the server. Encryption settings cannot be changed after the server is initialized and a pool is created. All disks of a vSnap pool use the same encryption key file, which is generated upon pool creation. Data is encrypted when at rest on the vSnap server.

vSnap encryption utilizes the following algorithm:

**Cipher name**

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

**Cipher mode**

xts-plain64

**Key**

256 bits

**Linux Unified Key Setup (LUKS) header hashing**

sha256

## Managing encryption keys

The disk encryption key files generated upon pool creation are stored under the directory `/etc/vsnap/keys/` on each vSnap server. For disaster recovery purposes, back up the key files manually to another location outside of the vSnap server. After a pool is created, use the following commands as the `serveradmin` user to copy the keys to a temporary location and then copy them to a desired, secure backup location outside the vSnap host.

First, create a directory to which the keys will be backed up.

```
$ mkdir /tmp/keybackup-$(hostname)
```

Next, copy the key files to the temporary location.

```
$ sudo cp -r /etc/vsnap/keys /tmp/keybackup-$(hostname)
```

Finally, copy the directory `keybackup-<hostname>` where *<hostname>* is the name assigned to the vSnap server to a secure backup location outside of the vSnap host.

## Detecting disks

If you add disks to a vSnap server, use the command line or the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface to detect the newly attached disks.

**Command line:** Run the `$ vsnap disk rescan` command.

**User interface:** Click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk** in the navigation pane, and then click the actions menu icon  next to the relevant vSnap server and select **Rescan**.

## Showing disks

Run the `$ vsnap disk show` command to list all disks that are on the vSnap system,

The USED AS column in the output shows whether each disk is in use. Any disk that is unformatted and unpartitioned is marked as unused, otherwise they are marked as used by the partition table or file system that is discovered on them.

Only disks that are marked as unused are eligible for creating or adding to a storage pool. If a disk that you plan to add to a storage pool is not seen as unused by vSnap, it might be because it was previously in use and thus contains remnants of an older partition table or file system. You can correct this by using system commands like **parted** or **dd** to wipe the disk partition table.

## Showing storage pool information

Run the `$ vsnap pool show` command to view information about each storage pool.

## Creating a storage pool

If you completed the simple initialization procedure described in [“Completing a simple initialization” on page 23](#), a storage pool was created automatically and the information in this section is not applicable.

To complete an advanced initialization, use the `vsnap pool create` command to create a storage pool manually. Before you run the command, ensure that one or more unused disks are available as described in [“Showing disks” on page 61](#). For information about available options, pass the `--help` option for any command or subcommand.

Specify a user-friendly display name for the pool and a list of one or more disks. If no disks are specified, all available unused disks are used. You can choose to enable compression and deduplication for the pool during creation. You can also update the compression/deduplication settings at a later time by using the `vsnap pool update` command.

The pool type that you specify during the creation of the storage pool dictates the redundancy of the pool:

### raid0

This is the default option when no pool type is specified. In this case vSnap assumes your disks have external redundancy, for example, if you use virtual disks on a datastore backed by redundant storage. In this case, the storage pool will have no internal redundancy.

Once a disk has been added to a raid0 pool it cannot be removed. Disconnecting the disk will result in the pool becoming unavailable, which can be resolved only by destroying and recreating the pool.

### raid5

When you select this option, the pool is comprised of one or more RAID5 groups each consisting of three or more disks. The number of RAID5 groups and the number of disks in each group depends on the total number of disks you specify during pool creation. Based on the number of available disks, vSnap chooses values that maximize total capacity while also ensuring optimal redundancy of vital metadata.

### raid6

When you select this option, the pool is comprised of one or more RAID6 groups each consisting of four or more disks. The number of RAID6 groups and the number of disks in each group depends on the total number of disks that you specify during pool creation. Based on the number of available disks, vSnap chooses values that maximize total capacity while also ensuring optimal redundancy of vital metadata.

## Expanding a storage pool

Before expanding a pool, ensure that one or more unused disks are available as described in [“Showing disks”](#) on page 61.

Use the command line or the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface to expand a storage pool.

**Command line:** Run the **\$ vsnap pool expand** command. For information about available options, pass the **--help** flag for any command or subcommand.

**User interface:** Click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk** in the navigation pane. Click the manage icon  for a vSnap server to manage it, and then expand the **Disks** tab. The tab displays all unused disks discovered on the system. Select one or more disks and click **Save** to add them to the storage pool.

## Installing kernel headers and tools

Kernel headers and tools are not installed by default. If you plan to compile and use custom drivers, modules, or other software, install the appropriate kernel header or tool on the vSnap server.

### About this task

When vSnap is installed or updated, Linux kernel Version 4.19 is installed by default. If you opt out of the kernel upgrade to V4.19 and remain on the V3.10, a kernel V3.10 that is compatible with the vSnap server is installed and used. In both cases, kernel headers and tools associated with the kernel are not installed. If you plan to compile or use custom drivers, modules or other software, you must install the kernel packages. The Red Hat Package Manager (RPM) installers for the kernel headers and tools are available in the vSnap installation directory.

### Procedure

1. Log on to the vSnap server as the `serveradmin` user. The initial password is `sppDP758-SysXyz`. You are prompted to change this password during the first logon. Certain rules are enforced when creating a new password. For more information, see the password requirement rules in [“Start IBM Spectrum Protect Plus”](#) on page 17.
2. To determine the Linux kernel version, open a command line and issue the following command:

```
$ uname -r
```

The output is displayed, where `xxxx` represents the revision number of the kernel:

```
$ 4.19.xxxx
```

3. Navigate to this directory:

```
$ cd /opt/vsnap/config/pkgs/kernel/
```

4. In the directory, locate the `xxxxxxxx.rpm` file, which is the package to be installed. Be sure that the correct package is identified for the installed Linux kernel version. To install the kernel header or tool, issue the following command:

```
$ sudo yum localinstall xxxxxxxx.rpm
```

### Results

The kernel header or tool is installed.

## User management

You can manage vSnap server users by issuing the **vsnap user** command. This command and available options are used to create users, grant and revoke user privileges, query users, and update a user's password.

Users that are created on a vSnap server are operating system users that are added to the vSnap operating system group. Users in the vSnap operating system group are not assigned **sudo** privileges. As a result, these users require a password to run a command.

You can create a vSnap user by issuing the **create** command. In this way, you create an operating system user that is assigned to the **vsnap** group that can run vSnap commands and make API calls. Issue the **create** command:

```
$ vsnap user create
```

If running interactively, you are prompted to enter the username, password, and the password a second time for confirmation. If running non-interactively, the following options are available to the **create** command:

**--username <username>**

Enter the username of the user.

**--password <password>**

Enter the password of the user.

You can grant privileges to an existing operating system account to ensure that the user can run vSnap commands and make API calls. To grant privileges, issue the **grant** command:

```
$ vsnap user grant
```

If running interactively, you are prompted to enter the username, password, and the password a second time for confirmation. If running non-interactively, the following options are available to the **grant** command:

**--username <username>**

Enter the username of the user.

**--password <password>**

Enter the password of the user. This must be the operating system account password if the account already exists on the system.

You can revoke privileges from a user who is assigned to the **vsnap** group. The user will remain as an operating system user but will no longer be able to run vSnap commands or make API calls. To revoke privileges, issue the **revoke** command:

```
$ vsnap user revoke
```

If running interactively, you are prompted to enter the username. If running non-interactively, the following options are available to the **revoke** command:

**--username <username>**

Enter the username of the user.

To display a list of vSnap users who are part of the **vsnap** group on the vSnap server, issue the **show** command:

```
$ vsnap user show
```

A vSnap user can have the account password changed which will update that user's password on the system. Issue the **update** command:

```
$ vsnap user update
```

If running interactively, you are prompted to enter the username, old password, new password, and the new password a second time for confirmation. If running non-interactively, the following options are available to the **update** command:

**--username <username>**

Enter the username of the user.

**--password <old\_password>**

Enter the old password of the user.

**--new\_password <new\_password>**

Enter the new password of the user.

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## Chapter 8. Troubleshooting vSnap servers

The vSnap servers in an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment provide disk storage for protecting data through backup and replication processes. The vSnap server configured in your environment might be used as the target, the source, or both server and target. In order to repair or replace a vSnap server that has failed, there are steps to follow so that the affected vSnap server is brought to a working state first so that backup and replication services can resume. This is to ensure minimum loss of data.

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### Preventing job failures by synchronizing vSnap and CIFS passwords

Communications between a vSnap server and a Common Internet File System (CIFS) share can be disrupted if credentials are shared, but passwords are out of sync. To prevent jobs from failing, you must synchronize the vSnap and CIFS passwords.

#### About this task

For information about how to synchronize passwords, see [“User management” on page 63](#).

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### How do I tier data to tape or cloud storage?

You cannot tier data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to tape storage. You can tier data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to cloud storage, but only to cloud storage classes that support the rapid recall of data. When you are copying data to tape from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, it is not a good idea to use the IBM Spectrum Protect tiering function. If you are archiving data to tape, you must use a cold cache storage pool.

Review the guidelines about tape and cloud storage:

- Although you cannot tier data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to tape, you can archive or copy IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data to tape. To do this, define a cold-data-cache storage pool, as described in [Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape](#).
- You can tier data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to cloud-container storage pools, but only to cloud storage classes that support the rapid recall of data. If you are using Amazon Web Services (AWS) with the Simple Storage Service (S3) protocol to move data to cloud container pools, do not move the data to Amazon S3 Glacier. For scenarios and instructions about copying or archiving data to cloud storage, see [Configuration for copying or archiving data](#). For instructions about tiering data to the cloud, see [Tiering data to cloud or tape storage](#) in the IBM Spectrum Protect product documentation.

You cannot tier data from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus to tape. To store IBM Spectrum Protect Plus data on tape, copy the data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server for storage on physical tape media or in a virtual tape library. For different scenarios and more information about how to set up storage, see [“Configuration for copying or archiving data to IBM Spectrum Protect” on page 10](#) and [“Configuration for copying or archiving data to cloud” on page 41](#). You

To set up a cold cache storage pool for archiving or copying data to tape, see [“Step 1: Creating a tape storage pool and a cold-data-cache storage pool for copying data to tape” on page 48](#).

## Why is the vSnap server still offline?

After you restart the vSnap server, it continues to show a status of offline on the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface.

If data deduplication is enabled or was previously enabled on a vSnap server, the deduplication table (DDT) is preloaded into memory during the vSnap server startup process. The DDT preloading process can introduce a 15-minute delay in the startup of the vSnap server services. During this time, the vSnap server shows with a status of **Offline** is displayed. Wait for at least 15 minutes for the process to be completed and for the vSnap server to return to the **Online** status. You can run the `vsnap_status` command to monitor the vSnap server services.

If any of the vSnap services is in the **activating** state, it means that the vSnap services are starting. When all services are in the **active** state, the vSnap server is back online.

## How do I repair a failed source vSnap?

The vSnap servers in an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment provide disk storage for protecting data through backup and replication processes. You can repair and replace a failed vSnap server that is configured in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment to act as the *source* for backup and replication services. The source vSnap server must be repaired so that backup and replication services can resume.

### Before you begin

**Important:** It is assumed that all vSnap servers in the environment are protected by replication. If a vSnap server is not replicated and it fails, it cannot be recovered to a state that would allow it to continue as a disk storage source or target. In the absence of replication processes, you must create a new vSnap server and set up service level agreement (SLA) policies. When you run the policies, a new full backup process runs to the new vSnap server.

To determine which type of repair process is applicable to your vSnap server, see [technote 1103847](#).

### About this task

**Important:** Do not unregister or delete the failed vSnap server from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. The failed vSnap server must remain registered for the replacement procedure to work correctly.

This procedure establishes a new source vSnap server in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment to replace the failed source vSnap server. The new source vSnap server will contain only the most recent recovery points.

**Note:** The version of the new vSnap server must match the version of the deployed IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance.

### Procedure

1. Log in to the target vSnap server console with the ID `serveradmin` by using Secure Shell (SSH) protocol.

Enter the following command: `$ ssh serveradmin@MGMT_ADDRESS`

For example, `$ ssh serveradmin@10.10.10.2`

2. Obtain the ID of the failed source vSnap server by opening a command prompt and entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap partner show
```

The output is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
MGMT ADDRESS: 10.10.10.1
```

API PORT: 8900  
SSH PORT: 22

3. Verify that the MGMT ADDRESS is the address of the failed source vSnap server. Take note of the failed source vSnap server's ID number.
4. In the environment with the source vSnap server, install a new vSnap server of the same type and version, and with the same storage allocation, as the failed source vSnap server.

For instructions about installing a vSnap server, see [Installing a physical vSnap server](#).

**Important:** Do not register the new vSnap server with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. Do not use the Add Disk Storage wizard.

- a) You will first need to initialize the vSnap server with the following command:

```
$ vsnap system init --skip_pool --id partner_id
```

For example: `$ vsnap system init --skip_pool --id`

`12345678901234567890123456789012` using the failed source vSnap partner ID. A message indicates when the initialization is completed.

**Note:** This command is different to the vSnap initialization command listed in the IBM Knowledge Center and in the Blueprints.

5. Complete the vSnap server and pool creation process as outlined in *Chapter 5: vSnap Server Installation and Setup* in the [Blueprints](#).
6. Place the new source vSnap server into maintenance mode by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap system maintenance begin
```

Placing the vSnap server into maintenance mode suspends operations such as snapshot creation, data restore jobs, and replication operations.

7. Initialize the new source vSnap server with the failed source vSnap server's partner ID. Enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap system init --id partner_id
```

The following command is an example: `$ vsnap system init --id`  
`12345678901234567890123456789012`

8. On the new source vSnap server, add the partner vSnap servers. Each partner must be added separately. To add a partner, enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap partner add --remote_addr remote_ip_address --local_addr  
local_ip_address
```

where, *remote\_ip\_address* specifies the IP address of the source vSnap server, and *local\_ip\_address* specifies the IP address of the new source vSnap server.

The following command is an example:

```
$ vsnap partner add --remote_addr 10.10.10.2 --local_addr 10.10.10.1
```

9. When prompted, enter the user ID and password for the target vSnap server.  
Informational messages indicate when the partners are created and updated successfully.

10. Create a repair task on the new source vSnap server by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair create --async
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012  
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap  
PARTNER ID: abcdef7890abcdef7890abcdef7890ab  
TOTAL VOLUMES: N/A  
SNAPSHOTS RESTORED: N/A  
RETRY: No  
CREATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC  
UPDATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC  
ENDED: N/A
```

```
STATUS: PENDING
MESSAGE: The repair has been scheduled
```

11. Monitor the number of volumes that are involved in the repair operation by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair show
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
PARTNER ID: abcdef7890abcdef7890abcdef7890ab
TOTAL VOLUMES: 3
SNAPSHOTS RESTORED: N/A
RETRY: No
CREATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
UPDATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
ENDED: N/A
STATUS: ACTIVE
MESSAGE: Created 0 volumes. There are 3 primary volumes that have recoverable snapshots,
the latest snapshot of each will be restored. Restoring 3 snapshots: 3 active, 0 pending, 0
completed, and 0 failed
```

The number of volumes that are involved in the repair operation is indicated in the TOTAL VOLUMES field.

12. Monitor the status of the repair task by viewing the repair.log file on the new source vSnap server, in the following directory /opt/vsnap/log/repair.log. Alternatively, you can enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair show
```

The output of this command is similar to the previous example. The following status messages can be displayed during the repair process:

- STATUS: PENDING indicates that the repair job is about to run.
- STATUS: ACTIVE indicates that the repair job is active.
- STATUS: COMPLETED indicates that the repair job is completed.
- STATUS: FAILED indicates that the repair job failed and must be resubmitted.

13. During the repair operation, run the vSnap repair show command to verify when the status is COMPLETED.

```
$ vsnap repair session show
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 1 RELATIONSHIP: 72b19f6a9116a46aae6c642566906b31
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
LOCAL SNAP: 1313
REMOTE SNAP: 311
STATUS: ACTIVE
SENT: 102.15GB
STARTED: 2019-11-01 15:51:18 UTC
ENDED: N/A
Created 0 volumes.
There are 3 replica volumes whose snapshots will be restored on next replication.
```

A session for each volume involved in the repair operation is displayed.

Periodically issue the `$ vsnap repair session show` command to ensure that the amount of data being sent for each volume is increasing in increments. As the sessions finish you will see the status change to COMPLETED. When all the sessions finish, issue the `$ vsnap repair session show` command to verify that the overall status is COMPLETED. A final message indicating the number of volumes for which snapshots were restored is displayed. The message output is similar to the following example:

```
Created 0 volumes.
There are 3 primary volumes that have recoverable snapshots, the latest snapshot of each
```

```
will be restored.  
Restored 3 snapshots.
```

14. For any snapshots that are not restored and that indicate a FAILED status, resubmit the repair process by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair create --async --retry
```

15. When the repair process reports a COMPLETED status, you can resume normal operations for the vSnap server by moving it out of maintenance mode. To resume normal processing, enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap system maintenance complete
```

16. Remove saved SSH host keys from the repaired source vSnap server and the target vSnap servers.

Run the following commands on both the source and target vSnap servers:

```
$ sudo rm -f /home/vsnap/.ssh/known_hosts
```

```
$ sudo rm -f /root/.ssh/known_hosts
```

Removing the SSH keys ensures that subsequent replication transfers do not produce errors that result from the changed host key of the repaired vSnap server.

17. Restart the vSnap service on the replaced server by entering the following command:

```
$ sudo systemctl restart vsnap
```

18. Click **System Configuration** > **Backup Storage** > **Disk** to verify that the new vSnap server is correctly registered, as follows:

- If the new vSnap server is using the same host name or IP address for registration, no change is required.
- If the new vSnap server is using a different host name or IP address for registration, you must update the registration by selecting the pencil icon.

19. To remove recovery points that are no longer available on the source vSnap server, start a maintenance job from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface.

For instructions, see [Creating jobs and job schedules](#).

**Tip:** You might see informational messages that are similar to the following example:

```
CTGGA1843 storage snapshot spp_1004_2102_2_16de41fcbc3 not found on live Storage2101  
Snapshot Type vsnap
```

20. To resume jobs that failed after the vSnap server became unavailable, run a storage server inventory job. For instructions, see [Creating jobs and job schedules](#).

## Results

The source vSnap server has been repaired with only the most recent recovery points. The next backup job that runs as part of an SLA will back up data incrementally. If you create a restore job, only the most recent recovery point will be available in the backup repository. All other recovery points will be available in the replication repositories, and in the object storage and archive storage repositories if applicable to your environment.

## How do I repair a failed target vSnap?

The vSnap servers in an IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment provide disk storage for protecting data through backup and replication processes. You can repair and replace a failed vSnap server that is configured in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment to act as the *target* for backup and replication services. The source vSnap server must be repaired so that backup and replication services can resume.

## Before you begin

**Important:** It is assumed that all vSnap servers in the environment are protected by replication. If a vSnap server is not replicated and it fails, it cannot be recovered to a state that would allow it to continue as a disk storage source or target. In the absence of replication processes, you must create a new vSnap server and set up service level agreement (SLA) policies. When you run the policies, a new full backup process runs to the new vSnap server.

## About this task

**Important:** Do not unregister or delete the failed vSnap server from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. The failed vSnap server must remain registered for the replacement procedure to work correctly.

This procedure establishes a new target vSnap server in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment to replace the failed target vSnap server. The new target vSnap server will not contain any data but will be populated with the most recent recovery points during the next scheduled replication operation.

**Note:** The version of the new vSnap server must match the version of the deployed IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance.

To determine which type of repair process is applicable to your vSnap server, see [technote 1103847](#).

## Procedure

1. Log in to the functioning vSnap server console with the ID `serveradmin` by using Secure Shell (SSH) protocol.

Enter the following command: `$ ssh serveradmin@MGMT_ADDRESS`

For example, `$ ssh serveradmin@10.10.10.1`

2. Obtain the ID of the failed vSnap server by opening a command prompt and entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap partner show
```

The output is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
MGMT ADDRESS: 10.10.10.2
API PORT: 8900
SSH PORT: 22
```

3. Verify that the MGMT ADDRESS is the address of the failed vSnap server. Take note of the failed vSnap server's ID number.
4. In the environment with the target vSnap server, install a new vSnap server of the same type and version, and with the same storage allocation, as the failed target vSnap server.

For instructions about installing a vSnap server, see [Installing a physical vSnap server](#).

**Important:** Do not register the new vSnap server with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. Do not use the Add Disk Storage wizard.

- a) You will first need to initialize the vSnap server with the following command:

```
$ vsnap system init --skip_pool --id <partner_id>
```

For example: `$ vsnap system init --skip_pool --id 12345678901234567890123456789012` using the failed source vSnap partner ID. A message indicates when the initialization is completed.

**Note:** This command is different to the vSnap initialization command listed in the IBM Knowledge Center and in the Blueprints.

5. Complete the vSnap server and pool creation process as outlined in *Chapter 5: vSnap Server Installation and Setup* in the *Blueprints*.
6. Place the new vSnap server into maintenance mode by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap system maintenance begin
```

Placing the vSnap server into maintenance mode suspends operations such as snapshot creation, data restore jobs, and replication operations.

7. Initialize the new target vSnap server with the failed target vSnap server's partner ID. Enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap system init --id <partner_id>
```

The following command is an example:

```
$ vsnap system init --id 12345678901234567890123456789012
```

8. On the new target vSnap server, add the partner vSnap servers. Each partner must be added separately. To add a partner, enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap partner add --remote_addr <remote_ip_address> --local_addr <local_ip_address>
```

where, *<remote\_ip\_address>* specifies the IP address of the source vSnap server, and *<local\_ip\_address>* specifies the IP address of the new target vSnap server.

The following command is an example:

```
$ vsnap partner add --remote_addr 10.10.10.1 --local_addr 10.10.10.2
```

9. When prompted, enter the user ID and password for the source vSnap server.  
Informational messages indicate when the partners are created and updated successfully.
10. Create a repair task on the new source vSnap server by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair create --async
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
PARTNER ID: abcdef7890abcdef7890abcdef7890ab
TOTAL VOLUMES: N/A
SNAPSHOTS RESTORED: N/A
RETRY: No
CREATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
UPDATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
ENDED: N/A
STATUS: PENDING
MESSAGE: The repair has been scheduled
```

11. Monitor the number of volumes that are involved in the repair operation by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair show
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
PARTNER ID: abcdef7890abcdef7890abcdef7890ab
TOTAL VOLUMES: 3
SNAPSHOTS RESTORED: N/A
RETRY: No
CREATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
UPDATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
ENDED: N/A
STATUS: ACTIVE
MESSAGE: Creating 3 volumes for partner 670d61a10f78456bb895b87c45e20999
```

The number of volumes that are involved in the repair operation is indicated in the TOTAL VOLUMES field.

12. Monitor the status of the repair task by viewing the repair.log file on the new source vSnap server, in the following directory /opt/vsnap/log/repair.log . Alternatively, you can enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair show
```

The output of this command is similar to the previous example. The following status messages can be displayed during the repair process:

- STATUS: PENDING indicates that the repair job is about to run.
- STATUS: ACTIVE indicates that the repair job is active.
- STATUS: COMPLETED indicates that the repair job is completed.
- STATUS: FAILED indicates that the repair job failed and must be resubmitted.

13. During the repair operation, run the vSnap repair show command to verify when the status is COMPLETED.

```
$ vsnap repair session show
```

The final message indicates the number of volumes whose snapshots will be restored on the next replication, as follows:

```
Created 0 volumes.  
There are 3 replica volumes whose snapshots will be restored on next replication.
```

14. For any snapshots that are not restored and indicate a FAILED status, resubmit the repair process by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair create --async --retry
```

15. When the repair process reports a COMPLETED status, you can resume normal operations for the vSnap server by moving it out of maintenance mode. To resume normal processing, enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap system maintenance complete
```

16. Remove saved SSH host keys from the repaired source vSnap server and the target vSnap servers.

Run the following commands on both the source and target vSnap servers:

```
$ sudo rm -f /home/vsnap/.ssh/<known_hosts>
```

```
$ sudo rm -f /root/.ssh/<known_hosts>
```

Removing the SSH keys ensures that subsequent replication transfers do not produce errors that result from the changed host key of the repaired vSnap server.

17. Restart the vSnap service on the replaced server by entering the following command.

```
$ sudo systemctl restart vsnap
```

18. Click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk** to verify that the new vSnap is correctly registered, as follows:

- If the new vSnap server is using the same hostname or IP address for registration, no change is required.
- If the new vSnap server is using a different hostname or IP address for registration, you must update the registration by selecting the pencil icon.

19. To remove recovery points that are no longer available on the source vSnap server, start a maintenance job from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface.

**Tip:** You might see informational messages that are similar to the following example:

```
CTGGA1843 storage snapshot spp_1004_2102_2_16de41fcbc3 not found on live Storage2101
Snapshot Type vsnap
```

20. To resume jobs that failed after the vSnap server became unavailable, run a storage server inventory job.

## Results

The target vSnap server has been repaired. A new backup job must be run on the source vSnap server before any additional action is taken on the new target vSnap server.

If a replication job is attempted on the new target vSnap server, a message is displayed as follows:

```
CTGGA0289 - Skipping volume <volume_id> because there are no new snapshots since last backup
```

After a new backup job is run on the source vSnap server, the next scheduled replication job replicates the recovery points that are created by the backup job. At this point, if you create a restore job, only the most recent recovery point will be available in the replication repository. If the target vSnap server was also acting as a copy source to object or archive storage, the replication job must first run on the target vSnap server before any additional copy operations can complete successfully. The first copy of data to object storage will be a full copy.

## How do I repair a failed dual-role vSnap?

You can repair and replace a failed vSnap server that is configured in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment to act as both the *source* and *target* for backup and replication services.

### About this task

**Important:** Do not unregister or delete the failed vSnap server from IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. The failed vSnap server must remain registered for the replacement procedure to work correctly.

This procedure establishes a new vSnap server in your IBM Spectrum Protect Plus environment to replace the failed vSnap server. After the repair process is completed, the new vSnap server is recovered to a point where backup jobs can continue to back up incremental changes (no full backup required) and replication jobs can continue.

To determine which type of repair process is applicable to your vSnap server, see [technote 1103847](#).

**Note:** The version of the new vSnap server must match the version of the deployed IBM Spectrum Protect Plus appliance.

### Procedure

1. Log in to the functioning vSnap server in your environment console with the ID `serveradmin` by using Secure Shell (SSH) protocol.

Enter the following command: `$ ssh serveradmin@MGMT_ADDRESS`

For example, `$ ssh serveradmin@10.10.10.2`

2. Obtain the ID of the failed vSnap server by opening a command prompt and entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap partner show
```

The output is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
MGMT ADDRESS: 10.10.10.1
API PORT: 8900
SSH PORT: 22
```

3. Verify that the MGMT ADDRESS is the address of the failed vSnap server. Take note of the failed vSnap server's ID number.
4. On the target vSnap server, install a new vSnap server of the same type and version, and with the same storage allocation, as the failed source vSnap server.

For instructions about installing a vSnap server, see [Installing a physical vSnap server](#).

**Important:** Do not register the new vSnap server with IBM Spectrum Protect Plus. Do not use the Add Disk Storage wizard.

- a) You will first need to initialize the vSnap server with the following command:

```
$ vsnap system init --skip_pool --id partner_id
```

For example: \$ vsnap system init --skip\_pool --id 12345678901234567890123456789012 using the failed source vSnap partner ID. A message indicates when the initialization is completed.

**Note:** This command is different to the vSnap initialization command listed in the IBM Knowledge Center and in the Blueprints.

5. Complete the vSnap server and pool creation process as outlined in *Chapter 5: vSnap Server Installation and Setup* in the [Blueprints](#).

6. Place the new vSnap server into maintenance mode by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap system maintenance begin
```

Placing the vSnap server into maintenance mode suspends operations such as snapshot creation, data restore jobs, and replication operations.

7. Initialize the new target vSnap server with the failed target vSnap server's partner ID. Enter the following command to initialize the vSnap:

```
$ vsnap system init --id partner_id
```

The following command is an example: \$ vsnap system init --id 12345678901234567890123456789012

8. On the new target vSnap server, add the partner vSnap servers. If there is more than one partner server, each partner must be added separately. To add a partner, enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap partner add --remote_addr remote_ip_address --local_addr local_ip_address
```

where, `remote_ip_address` specifies the IP address of the source vSnap server, and `local_ip_address` specifies the IP address of the new target vSnap server.

The following command is an example:

```
$ vsnap partner add --remote_addr 10.10.10.1 --local_addr 10.10.10.2
```

9. When prompted, enter the user ID and password for the source vSnap server.

Informational messages indicate when the partners are created and updated successfully.

10. Create a repair task on the new source vSnap server by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair create --async
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
PARTNER ID: abcdef7890abcdef7890abcdef7890ab
TOTAL VOLUMES: N/A
SNAPSHOTS RESTORED: N/A
RETRY: No
CREATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
UPDATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
ENDED: N/A
STATUS: PENDING
MESSAGE: The repair has been scheduled
```

11. Monitor the number of volumes that are involved in the repair operation by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair show
```

The output of this command is similar to the following example:

```
ID: 12345678901234567890123456789012
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
PARTNER ID: abcdef7890abcdef7890abcdef7890ab
TOTAL VOLUMES: 6
SNAPSHOTS RESTORED: N/A
RETRY: No
CREATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
UPDATED: 2019-11-01 15:49:31 UTC
ENDED: N/A
STATUS: ACTIVE
MESSAGE: Created 0 volumes
There are 3 replica volumes whose snapshots will be restored on next replication.
There are 3 primary volumes that have recoverable snapshots, the latest snapshot of each
will be restored.
The number of volumes that are involved in the repair operation are indicated in the TOTAL
VOLUMES field
```

12. Monitor the status of the repair task by viewing the repair.log file on the new source vSnap server, in the following directory /opt/vsnap/log/repair.log. Alternatively, you can enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair show
```

13. When the status of the repair operation is in the ACTIVE state, you can view the status of individual repair sessions by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair session show
```

The output is similar to this example:

```
ID: 1
RELATIONSHIP: 72b19f6a9116a46aae6c642566906b31
PARTNER TYPE: vsnap
LOCAL SNAP: 1313
REMOTE SNAP: 311
STATUS: ACTIVE
SENT: 102.15GB
STARTED: 2019-11-01 15:51:18 UTC
ENDED: N/A
```

View a session for each of the source volumes in the repair operation. The amount of data that is sent for each volume shows increasing incremental values until the process completes. The final message indicates the number of volumes whose snapshots will be restored by the next replication operation, as shown in this example:

```
Created 0 volumes. There are 3 replica volumes whose snapshots will be restored on next
replication.
```

14. For any snapshots that are not restored and indicate a FAILED status, resubmit the repair process by entering the following command:

```
$ vsnap repair create --async --retry
```

15. When the repair process reports a COMPLETED status, you can resume normal operations for the vSnap server by moving it out of maintenance mode. To resume normal processing, enter the following command:

```
$ vsnap system maintenance complete
```

16. Optional: To view the total volumes and number of snapshots that were restored during the repair operation, run the show command for the vSnap server.

The output includes the following information:

- **Total volumes** lists the total number of volumes that were inspected during the repair operation. This list includes the source volumes (primary volumes) where the latest recovery point backup was restored, and target volumes (replica volumes) that are repopulated during upcoming replication operations as scheduled in SLAs.
  - **SNAPSHOTS RESTORED** lists the number of source volumes that were restored.
17. Remove saved SSH host keys from the repaired source vSnap server and the target vSnap servers. Run the following commands on both the source and target vSnap servers:

```
$ sudo rm -f /home/vsnap/.ssh/known_hosts
```

```
$ sudo rm -f /root/.ssh/known_hosts
```

Removing the SSH keys ensures that subsequent replication transfers do not produce errors that result from the changed host key of the repaired vSnap server.

18. Restart the vSnap service on the replaced server by entering the following command:

```
$ sudo systemctl restart vsnap
```

19. Click **System Configuration > Backup Storage > Disk** to verify that the new vSnap server is correctly registered, as follows:
- If the new vSnap server is using the same hostname or IP address for registration, no change is required.
  - If the new vSnap server is using a different hostname or IP address for registration, you must update the registration by selecting the pencil icon.
20. To remove recovery points that are no longer available on the source vSnap server, start a maintenance job from the IBM Spectrum Protect Plus user interface. Follow the instructions here to do this, [Creating jobs and job schedules](#).

**Tip:** You might see informational messages that are similar to the following example:

```
CTGGA1843 storage snapshot spp_1005_2102_2_16de41fcbc3 not found on live Storage2101  
Snapshot Type vsnap
```

21. To resume jobs that failed after the vSnap server became unavailable, run a storage server inventory job. For instructions, see [Creating jobs and job schedules](#).

## Results

For primary backup data that is stored on the repaired vSnap server, the latest recovery point for primary backup data is now available. Subsequent backups to the repaired vSnap server continue to send only incremental changes since the last backup. For replicated data stored on the repaired vSnap server, no replicated data is available immediately after the repair. Subsequent replication jobs from the partner vSnap server will repopulate any backups that are created on the partner vSnap server after the repair process was completed. If a replication job is attempted on the partner vSnap server before a backup is completed on the partner vSnap server, a warning message is displayed indicating that there are no new snapshots since the last backup:

```
CTGGA0289 - Skipping volume <volume_id> because there are no new snapshots since last backup
```

If the repaired vSnap server was acting as a copy source to object or archive storage, a backup job must first be run on the repaired vSnap server before any additional copy operations will be successful. The first copy of data to object storage will be a full copy.

## How do I delete and recreate a vSnap storage pool?

When a scenario arises that results in the requirement to delete a vSnap storage pool due to corruption or any other reason, you can follow the steps to delete and recreate the storage pool. This procedure is a destructive operation that discards all data in an existing vSnap storage pool. All backup data in the pool

is lost, and is no longer recoverable so caution is needed before you proceed. After that is done, you can create a replacement empty pool.

## Procedure

1. To prepare for the removal of a storage pool, you must first unregister the vSnap server by removing it.

For more information about unregistering the vSnap server, see [“Unregistering a vSnap server”](#) on page 30.

2. Run a maintenance job on the vSnap server by opening **Job and Operations > Schedule**. Find the



*Maintenance* job in the list. Click the actions icon, and click **Start**.

When the maintenance job completes, all the information about the vSnap server is removed from the SPP catalog. All recovery points and metadata that are associated with the VM backups, and all replica copies that are stored in the unregistered vSnap, are removed. All data is removed and is no longer available for recovery.

For more information about maintenance jobs, see [Job types](#).

3. On the vSnap server, run the following command to initialize the cleaned vSnap server.

```
$ vsnap system init --skip_pool
```

If the system was initialized previously, it is safe to run this command again. This step ensures that required kernel modules are installed and loaded.

4. Identify the existing storage pool identifier by running the following command:

```
$ vsnap pool show
```

If the storage pool is online, the identifier is displayed in the *ID* field. If the storage pool is offline, an error message displays that indicates the pool information cannot be displayed. The identifier of the pool is shown in this error message.

5. Run the delete command for the storage pool identifier to forcibly delete the storage pool.

```
$ vsnap pool delete --id <ID> --force
```

When the command is finished, the following message is displayed:

```
Storage pool was deleted successfully but the pool was not unmounted because the 'force'
option was set.
Reboot the system to ensure disks that were previously in use are released.
```

6. Restart the system to release any disks that are still in use. Enter the following command:

```
$ sudo reboot -n
```

It is important to restart the system after you run this command to ensure that any disks that are still in use by older pools are released.

7. When the restart finishes, run the status command:

```
$ vsnap_status
```

This output of this command shows the status of all vSnap server services. Ensure that all services are active. If one or more services are activating, check the status later until they are all in the active state.

8. Identify the disks that must be added to the pool.

If you are reusing the same set of disks that comprised the old pool, the following command can help you to identify them:

```
$ vsnap disk show
```

In the output of the show command, the **USED AS** column indicates whether a file system or partition table exists on the disk. Disks that were part of the old pool are identified as `vsnap_pool1`. If the old pool was encrypted, some or all disks can be identified as `crypto_LUKS`.

Sample output

| UUID<br>KNAME   NAME                              | TYPE | VENDOR | MODEL        | SIZE     | USED AS     |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|--------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| 6000c299371bdc647c80720602079bc   sda   /dev/sda  | SCSI | VMware | Virtual disk | 70.00GB  | LVM2_member |
| 6000c29b8ea25349e3a884d58f72e640   sdb   /dev/sdb | SCSI | VMware | Virtual disk | 100.00GB | vsnap_pool1 |
| 6000c297cb8078cf9f56ab688a326a24   sdc   /dev/sdc | SCSI | VMware | Virtual disk | 128.00GB | LVM2_member |
| 6000c2950248c5d831b6661ab0ec8843   sdd   /dev/sdd | SCSI | VMware | Virtual disk | 16.00GB  | vsnap_pool1 |
| 6000c29359661cbd915a7f24c8b44cf8   sde   /dev/sde | SCSI | VMware | Virtual disk | 16.00GB  | vsnap_pool1 |

9. **Important:** The command in this step deletes partition tables and file system metadata from the specified disks, and marks them as unused. Use this command with caution, and ensure that you specify only disks that are no longer in use.

Run the following command to specify a comma-separated list of disk names to mark as unused.

```
$ vsnap disk wipe <disk_list>
```

The following command is an example of the disk wipe command: `$ vsnap disk wipe /dev/sdb,/dev/sdd,/dev/sde`.

10. Create the new pool with the following command:

```
$ vsnap pool create --name <pool_name> <options> --disk_list <disk_list>
```

Where *pool\_name* is the name of the new pool; *options* specifies RAID type or encryption options. Leaving this option blank applies the default options. *disk\_list* represents the comma-separated list of disks to be added to the pool. The disks that you specify must have a status of unused when you run the **vsnap disk show** command.

The following command is an example of the create command:

```
$ vsnap pool create --name primary --disk_list /dev/sdb,/dev/sdd
```

.

When you are specifying the list of disks, specify only the disks that you intend to use as the main data disks. Cache or log disks can be added later by running separate commands. For more information about recommendations and instructions for configuring cache and log disks, see the [Blueprints](#).

**Tip:**

To open help, run the `vsnap pool create --help` command.

11. To view the pool information, run the following command:

```
$ vsnap pool show
```

Ensure that the command displays the correct pool information and that the command completes without an error.

12. Register the vSnap server in IBM Spectrum Protect Plus under a chosen site to finalize the setup. For more information about how to register a vSnap server, see [“Registering a vSnap server as a backup storage provider”](#) on page 25.

## Chapter 9. Product messages

IBM Spectrum Protect Plus components send messages with prefixes that help to identify which component they come from. Use the search option to find a particular message by using its unique identifier.

Messages consist of the following elements:

- A five-letter prefix.
- A number to identify the message.
- Message text that is displayed on screen and written to message logs.

**Tip:** Use your browser's search capability by using Ctrl+F to find the message code you are looking for.

The following example contains the Db2® agent prefix. When you click More, extra details that explain the reason for the message are shown.

```
Warning
Apr 16, 2019
9:14:37 AM
GTGGH0098
[myserver1.myplace.irl.ibm.com]
Database AC7 will not be backed up as it is ineligible for the backup operation. More
```

### IBM Spectrum Protect Plus message prefixes

Messages have different prefixes to help you to identify the component that issues the message.

The following table identifies the prefix that is associated with each component.

| Table 3. Messages prefixes by component |                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Prefix                                  | Component                                               |
| CTGGA                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus                               |
| CTGGE                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for Microsoft SQL Server      |
| CTGGF                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for Oracle                    |
| CTGGG                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for Microsoft Exchange Server |
| CTGGH                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for IBM Db2                   |
| CTGGI                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for MongoDB                   |
| CTGGK                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for Containers                |
| CTGGL                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for Amazon EC2                |
| CTGGR                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for Microsoft Office 365      |
| CTGGT                                   | IBM Spectrum Protect Plus for file systems              |

For a list of all messages, see IBM Knowledge Center [here](#).



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## Appendix A. Search guidelines

Use filters to search for an entity such as a file or a restore point.

You can enter a character string to find objects with a name that exactly matches the character string. For example, searching for the term `string.txt` returns the exact match, `string.txt`.

Regular expression search entries are also supported. For more information, see [Search Text with Regular Expressions](#).

You can also include the following special characters in the search. You must use a backslash (\) escape character before any of the special characters:

```
+ - & | ! ( ) { } [ ] ^ " ~ * ? : \
```

For example, to search for the file `string[2].txt`, enter the `string\[2\].txt`.

### Searching with wildcards

You can position wildcards at the beginning, middle, or end of a string, and combine them within a string.

#### Match a character string with an asterisk

The following examples show search text with an asterisk:

- `string*` searches for terms like `string`, `strings`, or `stringency`
- `str*ing` searches for terms like `string`, `straying`, or `straightening`
- `*string` searches for terms like `string` or `shoestring`

You can use multiple asterisk wildcards in a single text string, but multiple wildcards might considerably slow down a large search.

#### Match a single character with a question mark:

The following examples show search text with a question mark:

- `string?` searches for terms like `strings`, `stringy`, or `string1`
- `st??ring` searches for terms like `starring` or `steering`
- `???string` searches for terms like `hamstring` or `bowstring`



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## Appendix B. Accessibility features for the IBM Spectrum Protect product family

Accessibility features assist users who have a disability, such as restricted mobility or limited vision, to use information technology content successfully.

### Overview

The IBM Spectrum Protect family of products includes the following major accessibility features:

- Keyboard-only operation
- Operations that use a screen reader

The IBM Spectrum Protect family of products uses the latest W3C Standard, WAI-ARIA 1.0 ([www.w3.org/TR/wai-aria/](http://www.w3.org/TR/wai-aria/)), to ensure compliance with US Section 508 ([www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-section-508-standards/section-508-standards](http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-section-508-standards/section-508-standards)) and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 ([www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/)). To take advantage of accessibility features, use the latest release of your screen reader and the latest web browser that is supported by the product.

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### Keyboard navigation

This product uses standard navigation keys.

### Interface information

User interfaces do not have content that flashes 2 - 55 times per second.

Web user interfaces rely on cascading style sheets to render content properly and to provide a usable experience. The application provides an equivalent way for low-vision users to use system display settings, including high-contrast mode. You can control font size by using the device or web browser settings.

Web user interfaces include WAI-ARIA navigational landmarks that you can use to quickly navigate to functional areas in the application.

### Vendor software

The IBM Spectrum Protect product family includes certain vendor software that is not covered under the IBM license agreement. IBM makes no representation about the accessibility features of these products. Contact the vendor for accessibility information about its products.

### Related accessibility information

In addition to standard IBM help desk and support websites, IBM has a TTY telephone service for use by deaf or hard of hearing customers to access sales and support services:

TTY service  
800-IBM-3383 (800-426-3383)  
(within North America)

For more information about the commitment that IBM has to accessibility, see [IBM Accessibility](http://www.ibm.com/able) ([www.ibm.com/able](http://www.ibm.com/able)).



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