



# **Disable BranchCache on SMB shares**

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# Disable BranchCache on SMB shares

## Learn about disabling BranchCache on ONTAP SMB shares

If you do not want to provide BranchCache caching services on certain SMB shares but you might want to provide caching services on those shares later, you can disable BranchCache on a share-by-share basis. If you have BranchCache configured to offer caching on all shares but you want to temporarily disable all caching services, you can modify the BranchCache configuration to stop automatic caching on all shares.

If BranchCache on an SMB share is subsequently disabled after first being enabled, ONTAP stops sending metadata to the requesting client. A client that needs data retrieves it directly from the content server (CIFS server on the storage virtual machine (SVM)).

### Related information

[Learn about configuring BranchCache-enabled shares](#)

## Disable BranchCache on a single ONTAP SMB share

If you do not want to offer caching services on certain shares that previously offered cached content, you can disable BranchCache on an existing SMB share.

### Step

1. Enter the following command: `vserver cifs share properties remove -vserver vserver_name -share-name share_name -share-properties branchcache`

The BranchCache share property is removed. Other applied share properties remain in effect.

### Example

The following command disables BranchCache on an existing SMB share named “data2”:

```
cluster1::> vservice cifs share show -vservice vs1 -share-name data2
```

```

    Vservice: vs1
    Share: data2
CIFS Server NetBIOS Name: VS1
    Path: /data2
    Share Properties: oplocks
                     browsable
                     changenotify
                     attributecache
                     branchcache
    Symlink Properties: -
    File Mode Creation Mask: -
    Directory Mode Creation Mask: -
    Share Comment: -
    Share ACL: Everyone / Full Control
File Attribute Cache Lifetime: 10s
    Volume Name: -
    Offline Files: manual
Vscan File-Operations Profile: standard
```

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data2 -share-properties branchcache
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# Stop automatic caching on all ONTAP SMB shares

If your BranchCache configuration automatically enables caching on all SMB shares on each storage virtual machine (SVM), you can modify the BranchCache configuration to stop automatically caching content for all SMB shares.

## About this task

To stop automatic caching on all SMB shares, you change the BranchCache operating mode to per-share caching.

## Steps

1. Configure BranchCache to stop automatic caching on all SMB shares: `vserver cifs branchcache modify -vserver vserver_name -operating-mode per-share`
2. Verify that the BranchCache configuration is correct: `vserver cifs branchcache show -vserver vserver_name`

## Example

The following command changes the BranchCache configuration on storage virtual machine (SVM, formerly known as Vserver) vs1 to stop automatic caching on all SMB shares:

```
cluster1::> vserver cifs branchcache modify -vserver vs1 -operating-mode per-share
```

```
cluster1::> vserver cifs branchcache show -vserver vs1
```

```

                                Vserver: vs1
    Supported BranchCache Versions: enable_all
                        Path to Hash Store: /hash_data
    Maximum Size of the Hash Store: 20GB
Encryption Key Used to Secure the Hashes: -
    CIFS BranchCache Operating Modes: per_share
```

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