



BlueXP cloud ops documentation

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Release notes

What's new

Learn what's new with BlueXP cloud ops.

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Navigation between Cloud Manager and Spot

It's now easier to navigate between Cloud Manager and Spot.

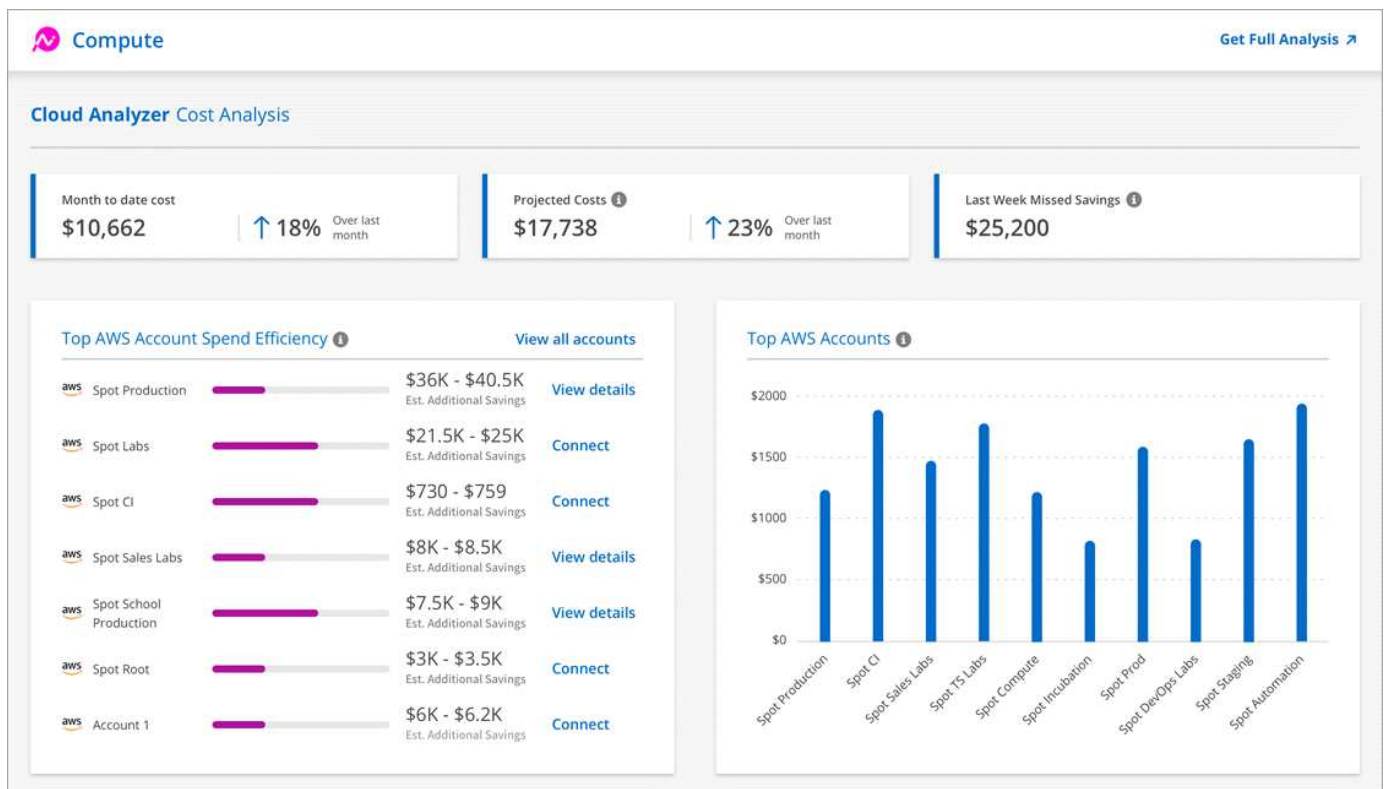
A new **Storage Operations** section in Spot enables you to navigate directly to Cloud Manager. After you're done, you can get back to Spot from the **Compute** tab in Cloud Manager.

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Introducing the Compute service

By leveraging [Spot's Cloud Analyzer](#), Cloud Manager can now provide a high-level cost analysis of your cloud compute spending and identify potential savings. This information is available from the **Compute** service in Cloud Manager.

[Learn more about the Compute service.](#)



Get started

Learn about BlueXP cloud ops

By leveraging [Spot's Cloud Analyzer service](#), BlueXP can provide a high-level cost analysis of your cloud compute spending and identify potential savings.

Cloud Analyzer is a cloud infrastructure management solution that uses advanced analytics to provide visibility and insights into your cloud costs. It shows you where you can optimize those costs and lets you implement that optimization using Spot's portfolio of continuous optimization products in just a few clicks.

Features

- A cost analysis that shows current cost for the month, projected monthly costs, and missed savings
- A view of spend efficiency by account, including the estimated additional savings
- A link to Spot's Cloud Analyzer for more in-depth details about the spending for all accounts

Supported cloud providers

This service is supported with AWS.

Cost

There's no cost to use this service through BlueXP.

How Cloud Analyzer works with BlueXP

At a high-level, Cloud Analyzer integration with BlueXP works like this:

1. You click **Extensions > Cloud ops** and connect your AWS management account.
2. NetApp configures your environment as follows:
 - a. Creates an organization in the Spot platform.
 - b. Sends an email welcoming you to Spot.

You can log in to the Spot service using the same single-sign on credentials that you use with BlueXP.

- c. Cloud Analyzer starts processing your AWS account data.
3. In BlueXP, the cloud ops page refreshes and you use the information to gain insights on past, current, and future cloud costs.
 4. You click **Get Full Analysis** at any time to go to Spot's Cloud Analyzer, which provides a full analysis of your cloud spend and savings opportunities.

Data security

Cloud Analyzer data is encrypted at rest and no credentials are stored for any account.

Connect your AWS account

Connect Cloud Analyzer to your AWS payer account so that you can start optimizing your cloud compute costs.

Steps

1. From the navigation menu, select **Extensions > Cloud ops**.
2. Click **Add AWS Credentials to Start**.
3. Follow the steps on the page to connect your AWS account:
 - a. Log in to your AWS management account.
 - b. Set up cost and usage reports on the AWS account.
 - c. Run the CloudFormation template.
 - d. Paste the Spot RoleARN.

[View more details about these steps.](#)

Connect your AWS Account to Optimize Costs

Connecting your billing data will allow Cloud Analyzer to access your Cost and Usage data.

Step 1
Log in to your AWS Master Payer account.

Step 2
Set up your Cost and Usage Reports on your AWS account.
([Learn How](#) or skip this if the report is already enabled.)
Enter the bucket name where the report is located:

Step 3
Open CloudFormation with Spot template.
Under capabilities, mark "I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources" and click 'Create'.

Step 4
Copy the Spot RoleARN from the Output tab and paste below.

Result

Cloud Analyzer starts processing your AWS account data. If you have multiple accounts, Cloud Analyzer starts with read-only capabilities for all linked accounts under the management account. If you want to get more details about the potential savings for those accounts, then you'll need to connect them, as well. You can find

more details about connecting accounts when you [analyze your compute costs](#).

Analyze your compute costs

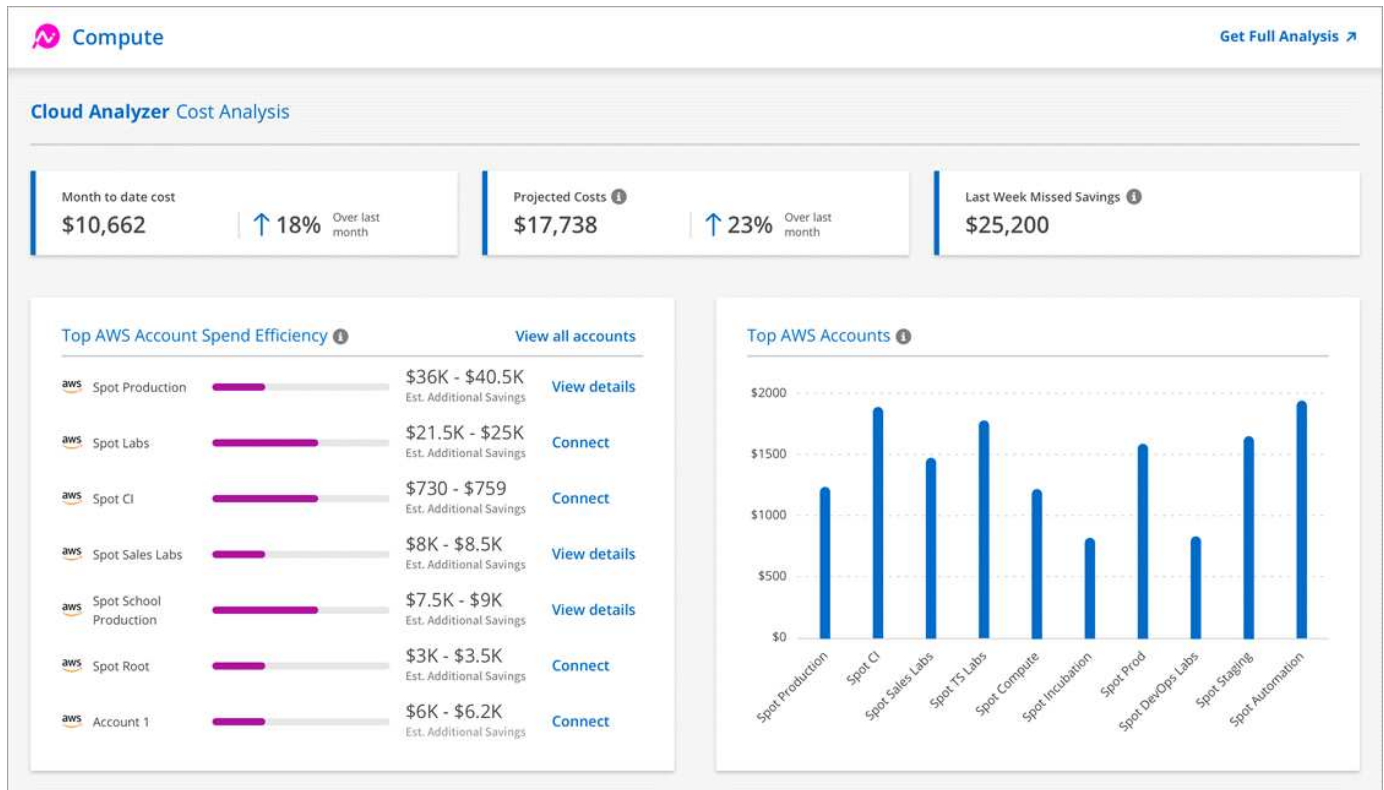
After you connect your account, you can view a cost analysis directly from BlueXP and then click a link to get a full analysis from Cloud Analyzer.

View a cost analysis

View an analysis of your cloud compute costs to get insights into past, current, and future cloud costs.

Steps

1. Click **Extensions > Cloud ops**.
2. View the cost analysis to gain insights into your compute costs.



Month to date cost

The total cost of your workloads from the beginning of the current month to present.

Projected Costs

The forecasted cost at the end of the month based on analysis of your usage pattern.

Last Week Missed Savings

Savings that could have been achieved in the previous seven days using optimization of spot instances and reservations.

Top AWS Account Spend Efficiency

The top 10 accounts according to the greatest amount of estimated additional savings.

Each account is assigned an efficiency score based on current and additional potential savings. The

estimated additional savings indicates how much can be further saved by leveraging the use of spot and reserved instances.

You can take the following actions to further optimize your accounts:

- **View details:** View your cost optimization opportunities by going to Spot's Cloud Analyzer.
- **Connect:** Connect an account that is not yet managed. You will be directed to the wizard that connects the account.

Top AWS Accounts

This is a bar graph showing your top ten accounts by cost. The graph is based on the last 30 days of spend activity.

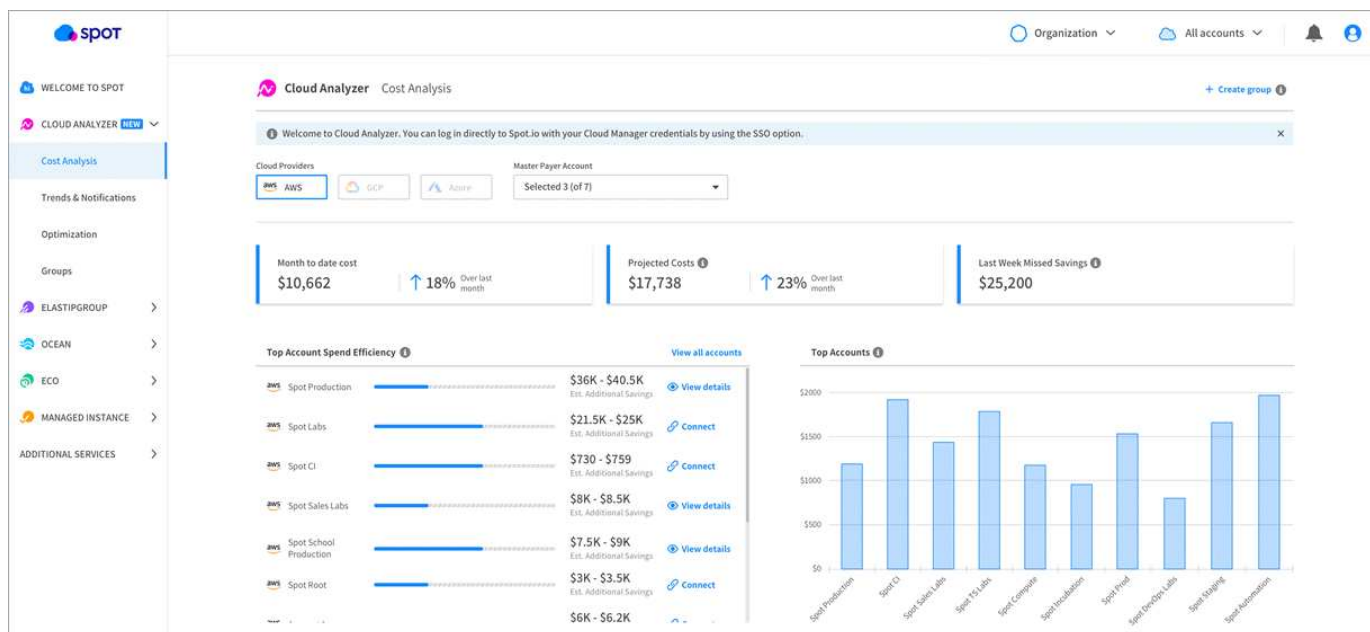
[Learn more about the Cost Analysis page that's available in Spot's Cloud Analyzer.](#)

Get a full analysis

Go to Cloud Analyzer for more analysis and recommendations.

Click **Get Full Analysis** at any time to access more charts and analysis, in-depth recommendations, a use case optimization breakdown (containers, ElasticApps, and reservations), and more.

Here's an example of what you'll see in Cloud Analyzer:



- [View the product page for Cloud Analyzer to learn more about its capabilities](#)
- [View the documentation for Spot to get help using Cloud Analyzer](#)

Knowledge and support

Register for support

Support registration is required to receive technical support specific to BlueXP and its storage solutions and services. Support registration is also required to enable key workflows for Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.

Registering for support does not enable NetApp support for a cloud provider file service. For technical support related to a cloud provider file service, its infrastructure, or any solution using the service, refer to "Getting help" in the BlueXP documentation for that product.

- [Amazon FSx for ONTAP](#)
- [Azure NetApp Files](#)
- [Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud](#)

Support registration overview

There are two forms of registration to activate support entitlement:

- Registering your BlueXP account serial number (your 20 digit 960xxxxxxx serial number located on the Support Resources page in BlueXP).

This serves as your single support subscription ID for any service within BlueXP. Each BlueXP account-level support subscription must be registered.

- Registering the Cloud Volumes ONTAP serial numbers associated with a subscription in your cloud provider's marketplace (these are 20 digit 909201xxxxxxx serial numbers).

These serial numbers are commonly referred to as *PAYGO serial numbers* and get generated by BlueXP at the time of Cloud Volumes ONTAP deployment.

Registering both types of serial numbers enables capabilities like opening support tickets and automatic case generation. Registration is completed by adding NetApp Support Site (NSS) accounts to BlueXP as described below.

Register BlueXP for NetApp support

To register for support and activate support entitlement, one user in your BlueXP organization (or account) must associate a NetApp Support Site account with their BlueXP login. How you register for NetApp support depends on whether you already have a NetApp Support Site (NSS) account.

Existing customer with an NSS account

If you're a NetApp customer with an NSS account, you simply need to register for support through BlueXP.

Steps

1. In the upper right of the BlueXP console, select the Settings icon, and select **Credentials**.
2. Select **User Credentials**.

3. Select **Add NSS credentials** and follow the NetApp Support Site (NSS) Authentication prompt.
4. To confirm that the registration process was successful, select the Help icon, and select **Support**.

The **Resources** page should show that your BlueXP organization is registered for support.



Note that other BlueXP users will not see this same support registration status if they have not associated a NetApp Support Site account with their BlueXP login. However, that doesn't mean that your BlueXP organization is not registered for support. As long as one user in the organization has followed these steps, then your organization has been registered.

Existing customer but no NSS account

If you're an existing NetApp customer with existing licenses and serial numbers but *no* NSS account, you need to create an NSS account and associate it with your BlueXP login.

Steps

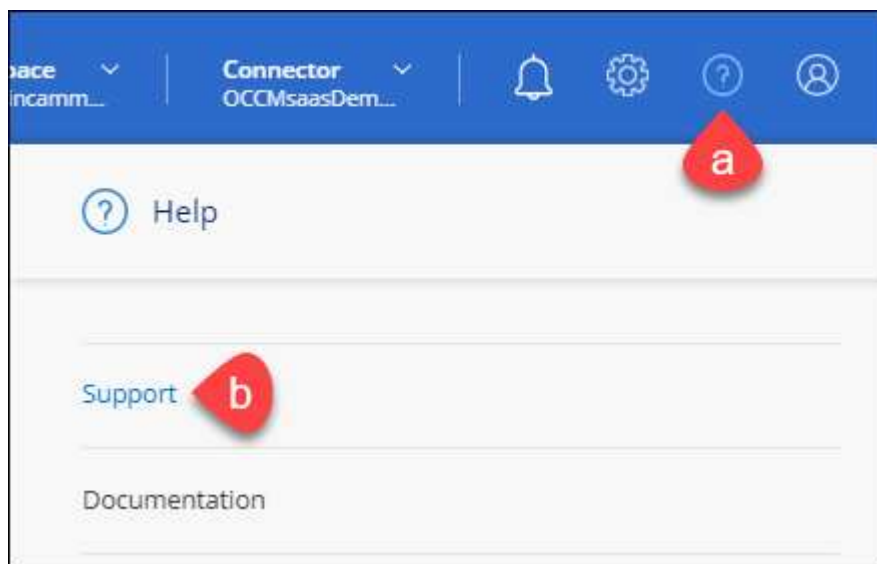
1. Create a NetApp Support Site account by completing the [NetApp Support Site User Registration form](#)
 - a. Be sure to select the appropriate User Level, which is typically **NetApp Customer/End User**.
 - b. Be sure to copy the BlueXP account serial number (960xxxx) used above for the serial number field. This will speed up the account processing.
2. Associate your new NSS account with your BlueXP login by completing the steps under [Existing customer with an NSS account](#).

Brand new to NetApp

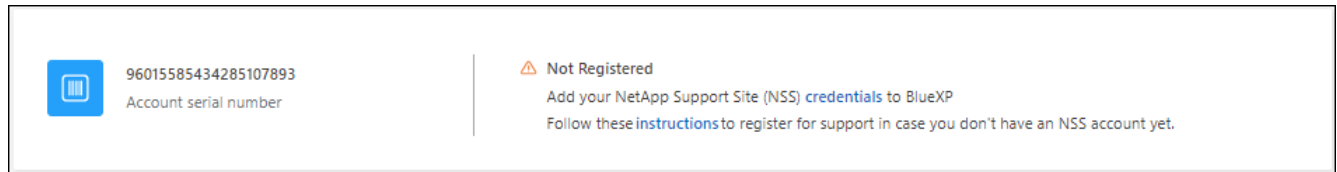
If you are brand new to NetApp and you don't have an NSS account, follow each step below.

Steps

1. In the upper right of the BlueXP console, select the Help icon, and select **Support**.



2. Locate your account ID serial number from the Support Registration page.



3. Navigate to [NetApp's support registration site](#) and select **I am not a registered NetApp Customer**.
4. Fill out the mandatory fields (those with red asterisks).
5. In the **Product Line** field, select **Cloud Manager** and then select your applicable billing provider.
6. Copy your account serial number from step 2 above, complete the security check, and then confirm that you read NetApp's Global Data Privacy Policy.

An email is immediately sent to the mailbox provided to finalize this secure transaction. Be sure to check your spam folders if the validation email doesn't arrive in few minutes.

7. Confirm the action from within the email.

Confirming submits your request to NetApp and recommends that you create a NetApp Support Site account.

8. Create a NetApp Support Site account by completing the [NetApp Support Site User Registration form](#)
 - a. Be sure to select the appropriate User Level, which is typically **NetApp Customer/End User**.
 - b. Be sure to copy the account serial number (960xxxx) used above for the serial number field. This will speed up processing.

After you finish

NetApp should reach out to you during this process. This is a one-time onboarding exercise for new users.

Once you have your NetApp Support Site account, associate the account with your BlueXP login by completing the steps under [Existing customer with an NSS account](#).

Associate NSS credentials for Cloud Volumes ONTAP support

Associating NetApp Support Site credentials with your BlueXP organization is required to enable the following key workflows for Cloud Volumes ONTAP:

- Registering pay-as-you-go Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems for support

Providing your NSS account is required to activate support for your system and to gain access to NetApp technical support resources.

- Deploying Cloud Volumes ONTAP when you bring your own license (BYOL)

Providing your NSS account is required so that BlueXP can upload your license key and to enable the subscription for the term that you purchased. This includes automatic updates for term renewals.

- Upgrading Cloud Volumes ONTAP software to the latest release

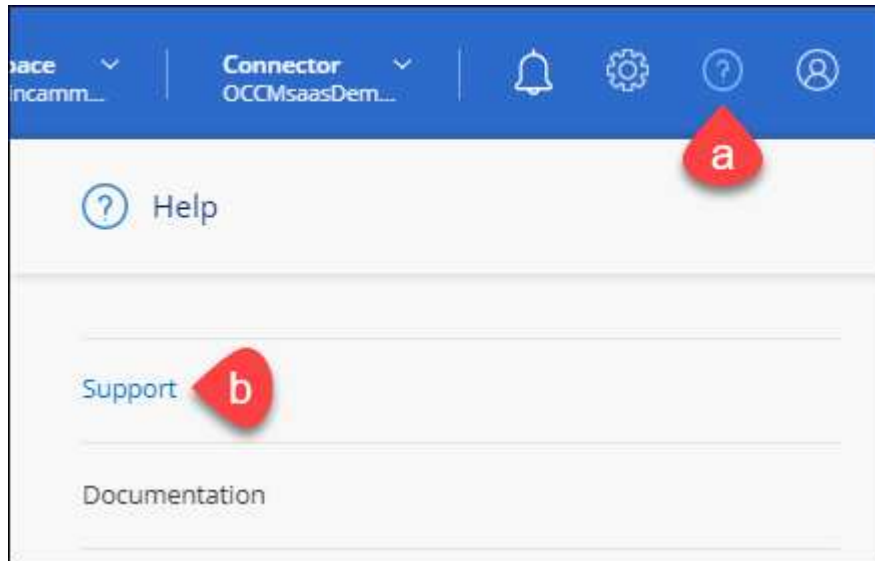
Associating NSS credentials with your BlueXP organization is different than the NSS account that is associated with a BlueXP user login.

These NSS credentials are associated with your specific BlueXP organization ID. Users who belong to the BlueXP organization can access these credentials from **Support > NSS Management**.

- If you have a customer-level account, you can add one or more NSS accounts.
- If you have a partner or reseller account, you can add one or more NSS accounts, but they can't be added alongside customer-level accounts.

Steps

1. In the upper right of the BlueXP console, select the Help icon, and select **Support**.



2. Select **NSS Management > Add NSS Account**.
3. When you're prompted, select **Continue** to be redirected to a Microsoft login page.

NetApp uses Microsoft Entra ID as the identity provider for authentication services specific to support and licensing.

4. At the login page, provide your NetApp Support Site registered email address and password to perform the authentication process.

These actions enable BlueXP to use your NSS account for things like license downloads, software upgrade verification, and future support registrations.

Note the following:

- The NSS account must be a customer-level account (not a guest or temp account). You can have multiple customer-level NSS accounts.
- There can be only one NSS account if that account is a partner-level account. If you try to add customer-level NSS accounts and a partner-level account exists, you'll get the following error message:

"The NSS customer type is not allowed for this account as there are already NSS Users of different type."

The same is true if you have pre-existing customer-level NSS accounts and try to add a partner-level account.

- Upon successful login, NetApp will store the NSS user name.

This is a system-generated ID that maps to your email. On the **NSS Management** page, you can display your email from the **☰** menu.

- If you ever need to refresh your login credential tokens, there is also an **Update Credentials** option in the **☰** menu.

Using this option prompts you to log in again. Note that the token for these accounts expire after 90 days. A notification will be posted to alert you of this.

Get help

NetApp provides support for BlueXP and its cloud services in a variety of ways. Extensive free self-support options are available 24x7, such as knowledgebase (KB) articles and a community forum. Your support registration includes remote technical support via web ticketing.

Get support for a cloud provider file service

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To receive technical support specific to BlueXP and its storage solutions and services, use the support options described below.

Use self-support options

These options are available for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- **Documentation**

The BlueXP documentation that you're currently viewing.

- [Knowledge base](#)

Search through the BlueXP knowledge base to find helpful articles to troubleshoot issues.

- [Communities](#)

Join the BlueXP community to follow ongoing discussions or create new ones.

Create a case with NetApp support

In addition to the self-support options above, you can work with a NetApp Support specialist to resolve any issues after you activate support.

Before you get started

- To use the **Create a Case** capability, you must first associate your NetApp Support Site credentials with your BlueXP login. [Learn how to manage credentials associated with your BlueXP login.](#)
- If you're opening a case for an ONTAP system that has a serial number, then your NSS account must be associated with the serial number for that system.

Steps

1. In BlueXP, select **Help > Support**.
2. On the **Resources** page, choose one of the available options under Technical Support:
 - a. Select **Call Us** if you'd like to speak with someone on the phone. You'll be directed to a page on netapp.com that lists the phone numbers that you can call.
 - b. Select **Create a Case** to open a ticket with a NetApp Support specialist:
 - **Service:** Select the service that the issue is associated with. For example, BlueXP when specific to a technical support issue with workflows or functionality within the service.
 - **Working Environment:** If applicable to storage, select **Cloud Volumes ONTAP** or **On-Prem** and then the associated working environment.


The list of working environments are within scope of the BlueXP organization (or account), project (or workspace), and Connector you have selected in the top banner of the service.

- **Case Priority:** Choose the priority for the case, which can be Low, Medium, High, or Critical.

To learn more details about these priorities, hover your mouse over the information icon next to the field name.

- **Issue Description:** Provide a detailed description of your problem, including any applicable error messages or troubleshooting steps that you performed.
- **Additional Email Addresses:** Enter additional email addresses if you'd like to make someone else aware of this issue.
- **Attachment (Optional):** Upload up to five attachments, one at a time.


Attachments are limited to 25 MB per file. The following file extensions are supported: txt, log, pdf, jpg/jpeg, rtf, doc/docx, xls/xlsx, and csv.

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NetApp Support Site Account

Service Working Enviroment


Select Select

Case Priority 


Low - General guidance



Issue Description

Provide detailed description of problem, applicable error messages and troubleshooting steps taken.

Additional Email Addresses (Optional) 

Type here

Attachment (Optional) Upload 

No files selected  

After you finish

A pop-up will appear with your support case number. A NetApp Support specialist will review your case and get back to you soon.

For a history of your support cases, you can select **Settings > Timeline** and look for actions named "create support case." A button to the far right lets you expand the action to see details.

It's possible that you might encounter the following error message when trying to create a case:

"You are not authorized to Create a Case against the selected service"

This error could mean that the NSS account and the company of record it's associated with is not the same company of record for the BlueXP account serial number (ie. 960xxxx) or the working environment serial number. You can seek assistance using one of the following options:

- Use the in-product chat
- Submit a non-technical case at <https://mysupport.netapp.com/site/help>

Manage your support cases (Preview)

You can view and manage active and resolved support cases directly from BlueXP. You can manage the cases associated with your NSS account and with your company.

Case management is available as a Preview. We plan to refine this experience and add enhancements in upcoming releases. Please send us feedback by using the in-product chat.

Note the following:

- The case management dashboard at the top of the page offers two views:
 - The view on the left shows the total cases opened in the past 3 months by the user NSS account you provided.
 - The view on the right shows the total cases opened in the past 3 months at your company level based on your user NSS account.

The results in the table reflect the cases related to the view that you selected.

- You can add or remove columns of interest and you can filter the contents of columns like Priority and Status. Other columns provide just sorting capabilities.

View the steps below for more details.

- At a per-case level, we offer the ability to update case notes or close a case that is not already in Closed or Pending Closed status.

Steps

1. In BlueXP, select **Help > Support**.
2. Select **Case Management** and if you're prompted, add your NSS account to BlueXP.

The **Case management** page shows open cases related to the NSS account that is associated with your BlueXP user account. This is the same NSS account that appears at the top of the **NSS management** page.

3. Optionally modify the information that displays in the table:
 - Under **Organization's cases**, select **View** to view all cases associated with your company.
 - Modify the date range by choosing an exact date range or by choosing a different time frame.

Search: Cases opened on the last 3 months ▼ Create a case

Date created	Last updated	Priority	Status (5)	
December 22, 2022	December 29, 2022	Medium (P3)	Assigned	...
December 21, 2022	December 28, 2022	Medium (P3)	Active	...
December 15, 2022	December 27, 2022	Medium (P3)	Pending customer	...
December 14, 2022	December 26, 2022	Low (P4)	Solution proposed	...

- Filter the contents of the columns.

Search: Cases opened on the last 3 months ▼ Create a case

Last updated	Priority	Status (5)	
December 29, 2022	Critical (P1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending customer	...
December 28, 2022	High (P2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solution proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending closed	...
December 27, 2022	Medium (P3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed	...
December 26, 2022	Low (P4)	Apply Reset	...

- Change the columns that appear in the table by selecting + and then choosing the columns that you'd like to display.

Search: Cases opened on the last 3 months ▼ Create a case

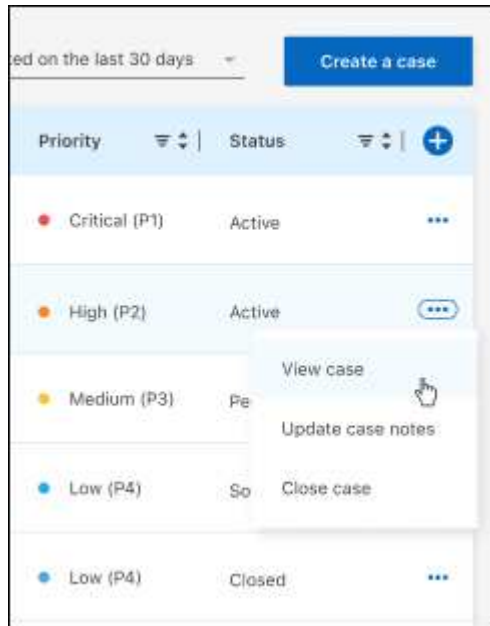
Last updated	Priority	Status (5)	
December 29, 2022	Critical (P1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last updated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority	...
December 28, 2022	High (P2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster name	...
December 27, 2022	Medium (P3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Case owner <input type="checkbox"/> Opened by	...
December 26, 2022	Low (P4)	Apply Reset	...

4. Manage an existing case by selecting **...** and selecting one of the available options:

- **View case:** View full details about a specific case.
- **Update case notes:** Provide additional details about your problem or select **Upload files** to attach up to a maximum of five files.

Attachments are limited to 25 MB per file. The following file extensions are supported: txt, log, pdf, jpg/jpeg, rtf, doc/docx, xls/xlsx, and csv.

- **Close case:** Provide details about why you're closing the case and select **Close case**.



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