



## **Create a Connector**

### **BlueXP setup and administration**

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# Create a Connector

## AWS

### Connector installation options in AWS

There are a few different ways to create a Connector in AWS. Directly from BlueXP is the most common way.

The following installation options are available:

- [Create the Connector directly from BlueXP](#) (this is the standard option)

This action launches an EC2 instance running Linux and the Connector software in a VPC of your choice.

- [Create a Connector from the AWS Marketplace](#)

This action also launches an EC2 instance running Linux and the Connector software, but the deployment is initiated directly from the AWS Marketplace, rather than from BlueXP.

- [Download and manually install the software on your own Linux host](#)

The installation option that you choose impacts how you prepare for installation. This includes how you provide BlueXP with the required permissions that it needs to authenticate and manage resources in AWS.

### Create a Connector in AWS from BlueXP

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to create a Connector in AWS directly from BlueXP. To create a Connector in AWS from BlueXP, you need to set up your networking, prepare AWS permissions, and then create the Connector.

#### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

#### Step 1: Set up networking

Ensure that the network location where you plan to install the Connector supports the following requirements. Meeting these requirements enables the Connector to manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment.

#### VPC and subnet

When you create the Connector, you need to specify the VPC and subnet where the Connector should reside.

#### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems

or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

## Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

## Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
AWS services (amazonaws.com): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CloudFormation</li><li>• Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)</li><li>• Identity and Access Management (IAM)</li><li>• Key Management Service (KMS)</li><li>• Security Token Service (STS)</li><li>• Simple Storage Service (S3)</li></ul>	To manage resources in AWS. The exact endpoint depends on the AWS region that you're using. <a href="#">Refer to AWS documentation for details</a>
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
<a href="https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.  Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.bluexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

## Endpoints contacted from the BlueXP console

As you use the BlueXP web-based console that's provided through the SaaS layer, it contacts several endpoints to complete data management tasks. This includes endpoints that are contacted to deploy the Connector from the BlueXP console.

[View the list of endpoints contacted from the BlueXP console.](#)

## Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation.

Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

## Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

## Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

You'll need to implement this networking requirement after you create the Connector.

## Step 2: Set up AWS permissions

BlueXP needs to authenticate with AWS before it can deploy the Connector instance in your VPC. You can choose one of these authentication methods:

- Let BlueXP assume an IAM role that has the required permissions
- Provide an AWS access key and secret key for an IAM user who has the required permissions

With either option, the first step is to create an IAM policy. This policy contains only the permissions needed to launch the Connector instance in AWS from BlueXP.

If needed, you can restrict the IAM policy by using the IAM `Condition` element. [AWS documentation: Condition element](#)

## Steps

1. Go to the AWS IAM console.
2. Select **Policies > Create policy**.
3. Select **JSON**.
4. Copy and paste the following policy:

This policy contains only the permissions needed to launch the Connector instance in AWS from BlueXP. When BlueXP creates the Connector, it applies a new set of permissions to the Connector instance that enables the Connector to manage AWS resources. [View permissions required for the Connector instance](#)

itself.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "iam:CreateRole",
        "iam:DeleteRole",
        "iam:PutRolePolicy",
        "iam:CreateInstanceProfile",
        "iam:DeleteRolePolicy",
        "iam:AddRoleToInstanceProfile",
        "iam:RemoveRoleFromInstanceProfile",
        "iam:DeleteInstanceProfile",
        "iam:PassRole",
        "iam:ListRoles",
        "ec2:DescribeInstanceStatus",
        "ec2:RunInstances",
        "ec2:ModifyInstanceAttribute",
        "ec2:CreateSecurityGroup",
        "ec2:DeleteSecurityGroup",
        "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
        "ec2:RevokeSecurityGroupEgress",
        "ec2:AuthorizeSecurityGroupEgress",
        "ec2:AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress",
        "ec2:RevokeSecurityGroupIngress",
        "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface",
        "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
        "ec2:DeleteNetworkInterface",
        "ec2:ModifyNetworkInterfaceAttribute",
        "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
        "ec2:DescribeVpcs",
        "ec2:DescribeDhcpOptions",
        "ec2:DescribeKeyPairs",
        "ec2:DescribeRegions",
        "ec2:DescribeInstances",
        "ec2:CreateTags",
        "ec2:DescribeImages",
        "ec2:DescribeAvailabilityZones",
        "ec2:DescribeLaunchTemplates",
        "ec2:CreateLaunchTemplate",
        "cloudformation:CreateStack",
        "cloudformation:DeleteStack",
        "cloudformation:DescribeStacks",
```

```

        "cloudformation:DescribeStackEvents",
        "cloudformation:ValidateTemplate",
        "ec2:AssociateIamInstanceProfile",
        "ec2:DescribeIamInstanceProfileAssociations",
        "ec2:DisassociateIamInstanceProfile",
        "iam:GetRole",
        "iam:TagRole",
        "kms:ListAliases",
        "cloudformation:ListStacks"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
},
{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "ec2:TerminateInstances"
    ],
    "Condition": {
        "StringLike": {
            "ec2:ResourceTag/OCCMInstance": "*"
        }
    },
    "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:ec2:*:*:instance/*"
    ]
}
]
}

```

5. Select **Next** and add tags, if needed.
6. Select **Next** and enter a name and description.
7. Select **Create policy**.
8. Either attach the policy to an IAM role that BlueXP can assume or to an IAM user so that you can provide BlueXP with access keys:
  - (Option 1) Set up an IAM role that BlueXP can assume:
    - a. Go to the AWS IAM console in the target account.
    - b. Under Access Management, select **Roles > Create Role** and follow the steps to create the role.
    - c. Under **Trusted entity type**, select **AWS account**.
    - d. Select **Another AWS account** and enter the ID of the BlueXP SaaS account: 952013314444
    - e. Select the policy that you created in the previous section.
    - f. After you create the role, copy the Role ARN so that you can paste it in BlueXP when you create the Connector.
  - (Option 2) Set up permissions for an IAM user so that you can provide BlueXP with access keys:

- a. From the AWS IAM console, select **Users** and then select the user name.
- b. Select **Add permissions > Attach existing policies directly**.
- c. Select the policy that you created.
- d. Select **Next** and then select **Add permissions**.
- e. Ensure that you have the access key and secret key for the IAM user.

## Result

You should now have an IAM role that has the required permissions or an IAM user that has the required permissions. When you create the Connector from BlueXP, you can provide information about the role or access keys.

## Step 3: Create the Connector

Create the Connector directly from the BlueXP web-based console.

### About this task

- Creating the Connector from BlueXP deploys an EC2 instance in AWS using a default configuration. After you create the Connector, you should not change to a smaller EC2 instance type that has less CPU or RAM. [Learn about the default configuration for the Connector](#).
- When BlueXP creates the Connector, it creates an IAM role and an instance profile for the instance. This role includes permissions that enables the Connector to manage AWS resources. You need to ensure that the role is kept up to date as new permissions are added in subsequent releases. [Learn more about the IAM policy for the Connector](#).

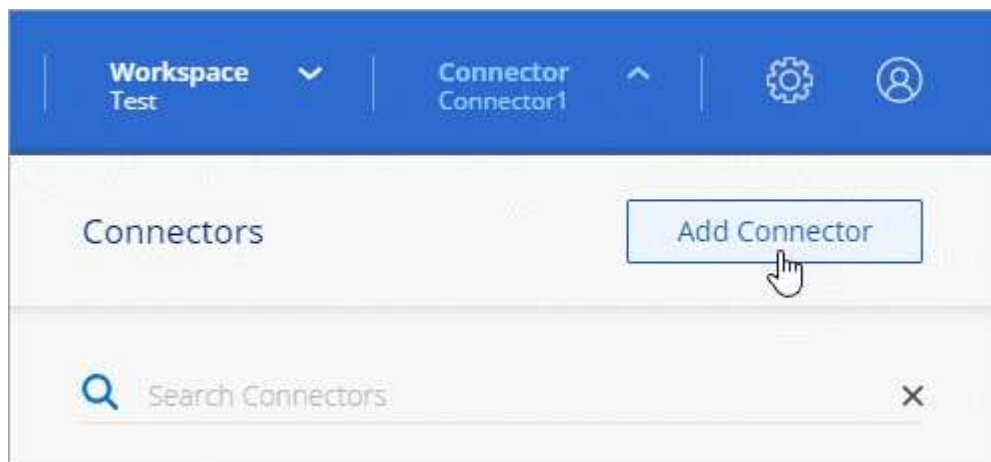
### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- An AWS authentication method: either an IAM role or access keys for an IAM user with the required permissions.
- A VPC and subnet that meets networking requirements.
- A key pair for the EC2 instance.
- Details about a proxy server, if a proxy is required for internet access from the Connector.

### Steps

1. Select the **Connector** drop-down and select **Add Connector**.





2. Choose **Amazon Web Services** as your cloud provider and select **Continue**.
3. On the **Deploying a Connector** page, review the details about what you'll need. You have two options:
  - a. Select **Continue** to prepare for deployment by using the in-product guide. Each step in the in-product guide includes the information that's contained on this page of the documentation.
  - b. Select **Skip to Deployment** if you already prepared by following the steps on this page.
4. Follow the steps in the wizard to create the Connector:
  - **Get Ready:** Review what you'll need.
  - **AWS Credentials:** Specify your AWS region and then choose an authentication method, which is either an IAM role that BlueXP can assume or an AWS access key and secret key.



If you choose **Assume Role**, you can create the first set of credentials from the Connector deployment wizard. Any additional set of credentials must be created from the Credentials page. They will then be available from the wizard in a drop-down list. [Learn how to add additional credentials.](#)

- **Details:** Provide details about the Connector.
  - Enter a name for the instance.
  - Add custom tags (metadata) to the instance.
  - Choose whether you want BlueXP to create a new role that has the required permissions, or if you want to select an existing role that you set up with [the required permissions](#).
  - Choose whether you want to encrypt the Connector's EBS disks. You have the option to use the default encryption key or to use a custom key.
- **Network:** Specify a VPC, subnet, and key pair for the instance, choose whether to enable a public IP address, and optionally specify a proxy configuration.

Make sure that you have the correct key pair to use with the Connector. Without a key pair, you will not be able to access the Connector virtual machine.

- **Security Group:** Choose whether to create a new security group or whether to select an existing security group that allows the required inbound and outbound rules.

[View security group rules for AWS.](#)

- **Review:** Review your selections to verify that your set up is correct.

## 5. Select **Add**.

The instance should be ready in about 7 minutes. You should stay on the page until the process is complete.

## Result

After the process is complete, the Connector is available for use from BlueXP.

If you have Amazon S3 buckets in the same AWS account where you created the Connector, you'll see an Amazon S3 working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage S3 buckets from BlueXP](#)

## Create a Connector from the AWS Marketplace

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to create a Connector in AWS directly from the AWS Marketplace. To create a Connector from the AWS Marketplace, you need to set up your networking, prepare AWS permissions, review instance requirements, and then create the Connector.

### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

### Step 1: Set up networking

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#### VPC and subnet

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Endpoints	Purpose
https://support.netapp.com https://mysupport.netapp.com	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
https://*.api.blueexp.netapp.com https://api.blueexp.netapp.com https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com	To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.  Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.blueexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.
https://*.blob.core.windows.net https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

### Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

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### Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

You'll need to implement this networking requirement after you create the Connector.

## Step 2: Set up AWS permissions

To prepare for a marketplace deployment, create IAM policies in AWS and attach them to an IAM role. When you create the Connector from the AWS Marketplace, you'll be prompted to select that IAM role.

### Steps

1. Log in to the AWS console and navigate to the IAM service.
2. Create a policy:
  - a. Select **Policies > Create policy**.
  - b. Select **JSON** and copy and paste the contents of the [IAM policy for the Connector](#).
  - c. Finish the remaining steps to create the policy.

Depending on the BlueXP services that you're planning to use, you might need to create a second policy. For standard regions, the permissions are spread across two policies. Two policies are required due to a maximum character size limit for managed policies in AWS. [Learn more about IAM policies for the Connector](#).

3. Create an IAM role:
  - a. Select **Roles > Create role**.
  - b. Select **AWS service > EC2**.
  - c. Add permissions by attaching the policy that you just created.
  - d. Finish the remaining steps to create the role.

### Result

You now have an IAM role that you can associate with the EC2 instance during deployment from the AWS Marketplace.

## Step 3: Review instance requirements

When you create the Connector, you need to choose an EC2 instance type that meets the following requirements.

### CPU

8 cores or 8 vCPUs

### RAM

32 GB

### AWS EC2 instance type

An instance type that meets the CPU and RAM requirements above. We recommend t3.2xlarge.

## Step 4: Create the Connector

Create the Connector directly from the AWS Marketplace.

### About this task

Creating the Connector from the AWS Marketplace deploys an EC2 instance in AWS using a default configuration. [Learn about the default configuration for the Connector](#).

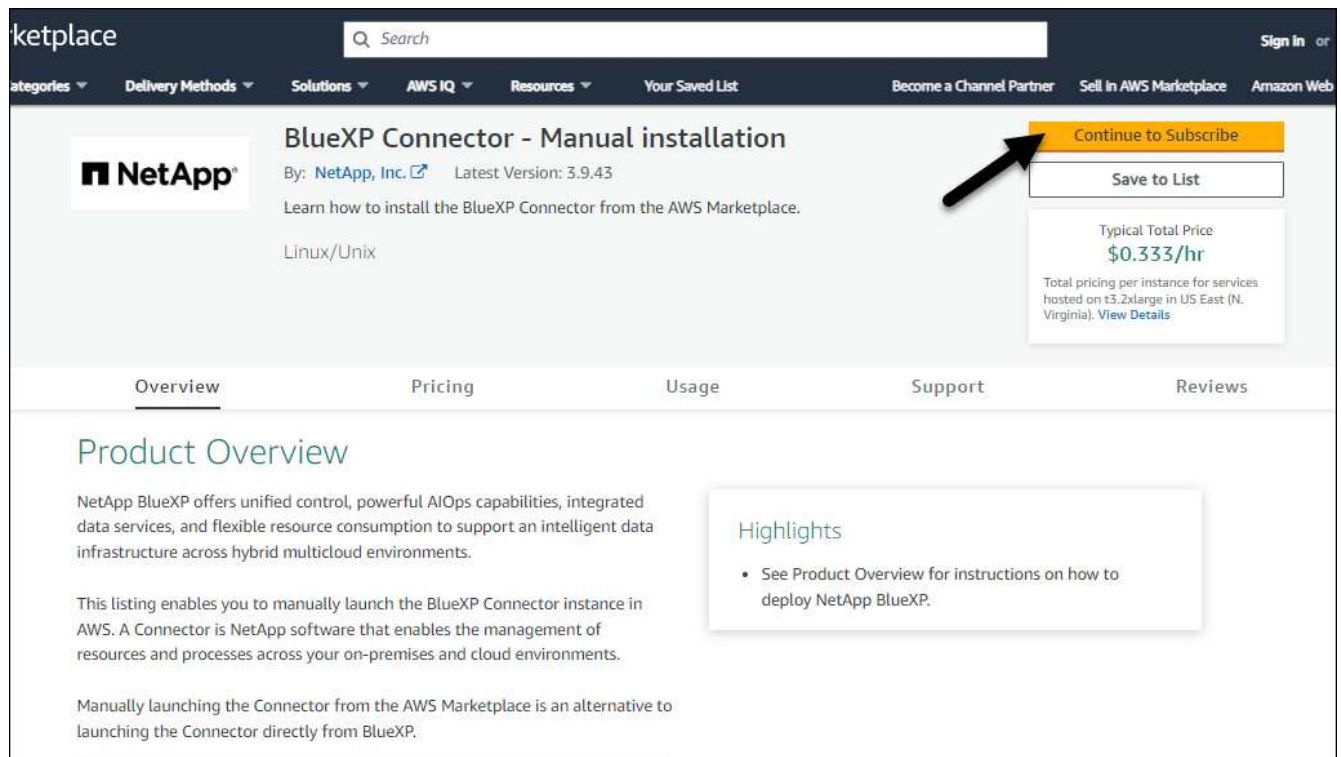
### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- A VPC and subnet that meets networking requirements.
- An IAM role with an attached policy that includes the required permissions for the Connector.
- Permissions to subscribe and unsubscribe from the AWS Marketplace for your IAM user.
- An understanding of CPU and RAM requirements for the instance.
- A key pair for the EC2 instance.

## Steps

1. Go to the [BlueXP Connector listing on the AWS Marketplace](#)
2. On the Marketplace page, select **Continue to Subscribe**.

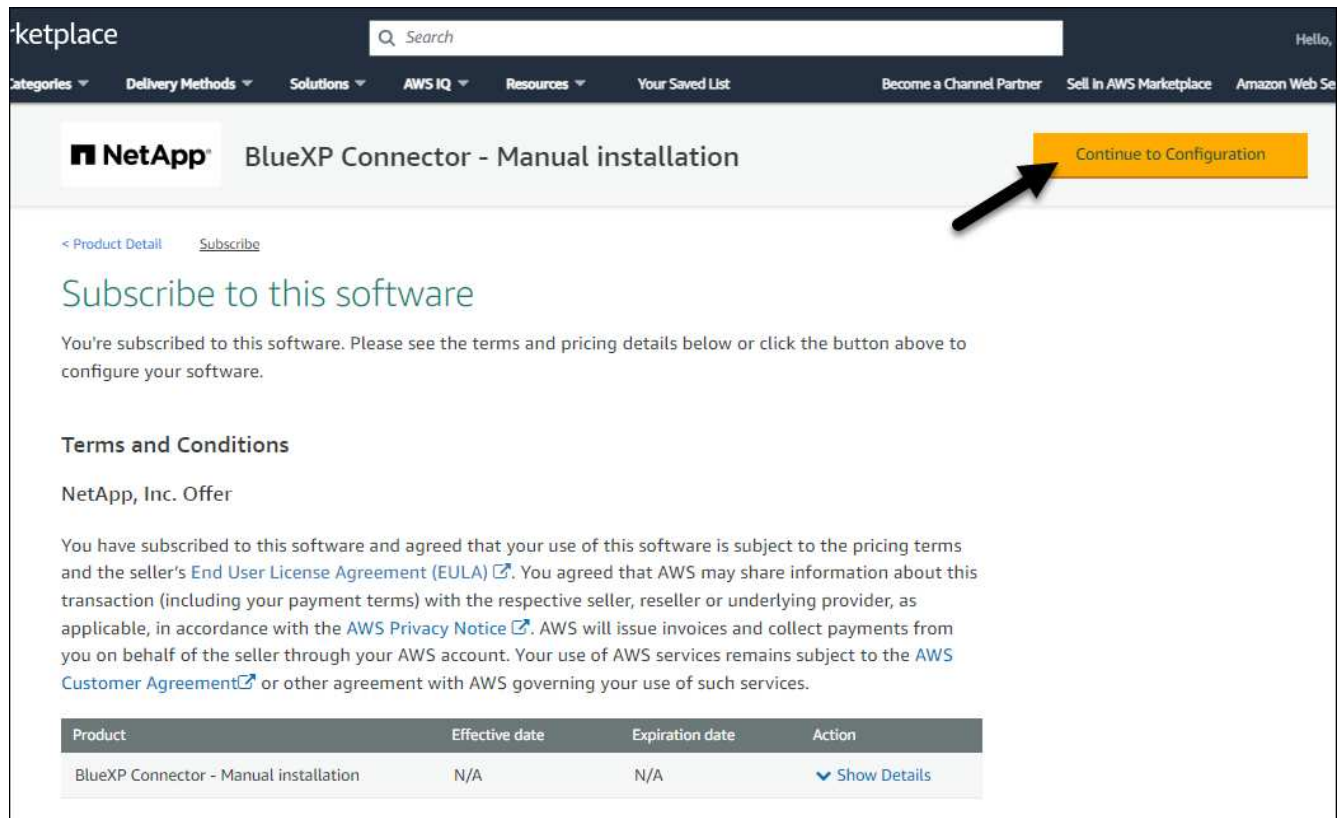


The screenshot displays the AWS Marketplace listing for NetApp BlueXP Connector - Manual installation. The header includes the marketplace logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The product title is 'BlueXP Connector - Manual installation' by NetApp, Inc., with the latest version being 3.9.43. A prominent yellow 'Continue to Subscribe' button is highlighted with a black arrow. Below this button is a 'Save to List' button and a pricing box indicating a typical total price of \$0.333/hr. The page features tabs for Overview, Pricing, Usage, Support, and Reviews. The 'Product Overview' section provides details about the software's capabilities and how to manually launch the connector from the AWS Marketplace.

3. To subscribe to the software, select **Accept Terms**.

The subscription process can take a few minutes.

4. After the subscription process is complete, select **Continue to Configuration**.



5. On the **Configure this software** page, ensure that you've selected the correct region and then select **Continue to Launch**.
6. On the **Launch this software** page, under **Choose Action**, select **Launch through EC2** and then select **Launch**.

These steps describe how to launch the instance from the EC2 Console because the console enables you to attach an IAM role to the Connector instance. This isn't possible using the **Launch from Website** action.

7. Follow the prompts to configure and deploy the instance:
  - **Name and tags:** Enter a name and tags for the instance.
  - **Application and OS Images:** Skip this section. The Connector AMI is already selected.
  - **Instance type:** Depending on region availability, choose an instance type that meets RAM and CPU requirements (t3.2xlarge is preselected and recommended).
  - **Key pair (login):** Select the key pair that you want to use to securely connect to the instance.
  - **Network settings:** Edit the network settings as needed:
    - Choose the desired VPC and subnet.
    - Specify whether the instance should have a public IP address.
    - Specify security group settings that enable the required connection methods for the Connector instance: SSH, HTTP, and HTTPS.
  - **Configure storage:** Keep the default size and disk type for the root volume.

[View security group rules for AWS.](#)

If you want to enable Amazon EBS encryption on the root volume, select **Advanced**, expand **Volume**

1, select **Encrypted**, and then choose a KMS key.

- **Advanced details:** Under **IAM instance profile**, choose the IAM role that includes the required permissions for the Connector.
- **Summary:** Review the summary and select **Launch instance**.

AWS launches the software with the specified settings. The Connector instance and software should be running in approximately five minutes.

8. Open a web browser from a host that has a connection to the Connector virtual machine and enter the following URL:

`https://ipaddress`

9. After you log in, set up the Connector:

- Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.
- Enter a name for the system.
- Under **Are you running in a secured environment?** keep restricted mode disabled.

You should keep restricted mode disabled because these steps describe how to use BlueXP in standard mode. You should enable restricted mode only if you have a secure environment and want to disconnect this account from BlueXP backend services. If that's the case, [follow steps to get started with BlueXP in restricted mode](#).

- Select **Let's start**.

## Result

The Connector is now installed and set up with your BlueXP organization.

Open a web browser and go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

If you have Amazon S3 buckets in the same AWS account where you created the Connector, you'll see an Amazon S3 working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage S3 buckets from BlueXP](#)

## Manually install the Connector in AWS

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to manually install the Connector software on a Linux host running in AWS. To manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, you need to review host requirements, set up your networking, prepare AWS permissions, install the Connector, and then provide the permissions that you prepared.

### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

### Step 1: Review host requirements

The Connector software must run on a host that meets specific operating system requirements, RAM



requirements, port requirements, and so on.

### Dedicated host

The Connector is not supported on a host that is shared with other applications. The host must be a dedicated host.

### Hypervisor

A bare metal or hosted hypervisor that is certified to run a supported operating system is required.

### Operating system and container requirements

BlueXP supports the Connector with the following operating systems when using BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode. A container orchestration tool is required before you install the Connector.

Operating system	Supported OS versions	Supported Connector versions	Required container tool	SELinux
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	9.1 to 9.4 8.6 to 8.10	3.9.40 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Podman version 4.6.1 or 4.9.4 <a href="#">View Podman configuration requirements.</a>	Supported in enforcing mode or permissive mode <sup>1</sup>
Ubuntu	24.04 LTS	3.9.45 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Docker Engine 26.0.0	Not supported
	22.04 LTS	3.9.29 or later	Docker Engine 23.0.6 to 26.0.0  26.0.0 is supported with <i>new</i> Connector 3.9.44 or later installations	Not supported

Notes:

1. Management of Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems is not supported by Connectors that have SELinux enabled on the operating system.
2. The Connector is supported on English-language versions of these operating systems.
3. For RHEL, the host must be registered with Red Hat Subscription Management. If it's not registered, the host can't access repositories to update required 3rd-party software during Connector installation.

### CPU

8 cores or 8 vCPUs

### RAM

32 GB



## AWS EC2 instance type

An instance type that meets the CPU and RAM requirements above. We recommend t3.2xlarge.

## Key pair

When you create the Connector, you'll need to select an EC2 key pair to use with the instance.

## PUT response hop limit when using IMDSv2

If IMDSv2 is enabled on the EC2 instance (this is the default setting for new EC2 instances), you must change the PUT response hop limit on the instance to 3. If you don't change the limit on the EC2 instance, you'll receive a UI initialization error when you try to set up the Connector.

- [Require the use of IMDSv2 on Amazon EC2 instances](#)
- [AWS documentation: Change the PUT response hop limit](#)

## Disk space in /opt

100 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP uses `/opt` to install the `/opt/application/netapp` directory and its contents.

## Disk space in /var

20 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP requires this space in `/var` because Docker or Podman are architected to create the containers within this directory. Specifically, they will create containers in the `/var/lib/containers/storage` directory. External mounts or symlinks do not work for this space.

## Step 2: Install Podman or Docker Engine

Depending on your operating system, either Podman or Docker Engine is required before you install the Connector.

- Podman is required for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and 9.

[View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

- Docker Engine is required for Ubuntu.

[View the Docker Engine versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

## Example 1. Steps

### Podman

Follow these steps to install Podman and configure it to meet the following requirements:

- The podman.socket service must be enabled and started
- python3 must be installed
- The podman-compose package version 1.0.6 must be installed
- podman-compose must be added to the PATH environment variable

### Steps

1. Remove the podman-docker package if it's installed on the host.

```
dnf remove podman-docker
rm /var/run/docker.sock
```

2. Install Podman.

Podman is available from official Red Hat Enterprise Linux repositories.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install podman-2:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install podman-3:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

3. Enable and start the podman.socket service.

```
sudo systemctl enable --now podman.socket
```

4. Install python3.

```
sudo dnf install python3
```

5. Install the EPEL repository package if it's not already available on your system.

This step is required because podman-compose is available from the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-9.noarch.rpm
```

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-8.noarch.rpm
```

#### 6. Install podman-compose package 1.0.6.

```
sudo dnf install podman-compose-1.0.6
```



Using the `dnf install` command meets the requirement for adding podman-compose to the PATH environment variable. The installation command adds podman-compose to `/usr/bin`, which is already included in the `secure_path` option on the host.

### Docker Engine

Follow the documentation from Docker to install Docker Engine.

#### Steps

1. [View installation instructions from Docker](#)

Be sure to follow the steps to install a specific version of Docker Engine. Installing the latest version will install a version of Docker that BlueXP doesn't support.

2. Verify that Docker is enabled and running.

```
sudo systemctl enable docker && sudo systemctl start docker
```

### Step 3: Set up networking

Ensure that the network location where you plan to install the Connector supports the following requirements. Meeting these requirements enables the Connector to manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment.

#### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

## Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

## Endpoints contacted from computers when using the BlueXP web-based console

Computers that access the BlueXP console from a web browser must have the ability to contact several endpoints. You'll need to use the BlueXP console to set up the Connector and for day-to-day use of BlueXP.

[Prepare networking for the BlueXP console.](#)

## Endpoints contacted during manual installation

When you manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, the installer for the Connector requires access to the following URLs during the installation process:

- <https://support.netapp.com>
- <https://mysupport.netapp.com>
- <https://signin.b2c.netapp.com> (this endpoint is the CNAME URL for <https://mysupport.netapp.com>)
- <https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com/tenancy>
- <https://stream.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- <https://production-artifacts.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- [https://\\*.blob.core.windows.net](https://*.blob.core.windows.net)
- <https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io>

The host might try to update operating system packages during installation. The host can contact different mirroring sites for these OS packages.

## Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
AWS services (amazonaws.com): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CloudFormation</li><li>• Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)</li><li>• Identity and Access Management (IAM)</li><li>• Key Management Service (KMS)</li><li>• Security Token Service (STS)</li><li>• Simple Storage Service (S3)</li></ul>	To manage resources in AWS. The exact endpoint depends on the AWS region that you're using. <a href="#">Refer to AWS documentation for details</a>
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	<p>To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.</p> <p>Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.bluexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.</p>
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

### Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

### Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

### Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

### Step 4: Set up permissions

You need to provide AWS permissions to BlueXP by using one of the following options:

- Option 1: Create IAM policies and attach the policies to an IAM role that you can associate with the EC2 instance.

- Option 2: Provide BlueXP with the AWS access key for an IAM user who has the required permissions.

Follow the steps to prepare permissions for BlueXP.

## IAM role

### Steps

1. Log in to the AWS console and navigate to the IAM service.
2. Create a policy:
  - a. Select **Policies > Create policy**.
  - b. Select **JSON** and copy and paste the contents of the [IAM policy for the Connector](#).
  - c. Finish the remaining steps to create the policy.

Depending on the BlueXP services that you're planning to use, you might need to create a second policy. For standard regions, the permissions are spread across two policies. Two policies are required due to a maximum character size limit for managed policies in AWS. [Learn more about IAM policies for the Connector](#).

3. Create an IAM role:
  - a. Select **Roles > Create role**.
  - b. Select **AWS service > EC2**.
  - c. Add permissions by attaching the policy that you just created.
  - d. Finish the remaining steps to create the role.

### Result

You now have an IAM role that you can associate with the EC2 instance after you install the Connector.

## AWS access key

### Steps

1. Log in to the AWS console and navigate to the IAM service.
2. Create a policy:
  - a. Select **Policies > Create policy**.
  - b. Select **JSON** and copy and paste the contents of the [IAM policy for the Connector](#).
  - c. Finish the remaining steps to create the policy.

Depending on the BlueXP services that you're planning to use, you might need to create a second policy.

For standard regions, the permissions are spread across two policies. Two policies are required due to a maximum character size limit for managed policies in AWS. [Learn more about IAM policies for the Connector](#).

3. Attach the policies to an IAM user.
  - [AWS Documentation: Creating IAM Roles](#)
  - [AWS Documentation: Adding and Removing IAM Policies](#)
4. Ensure that the user has an access key that you can add to BlueXP after you install the Connector.

### Result

You now have an IAM user that has the required permissions and an access key that you can provide to BlueXP.

## Step 5: Install the Connector

After the pre-requisites are complete, you can manually install the software on your own Linux host.

### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- Root privileges to install the Connector.
- Details about a proxy server, if a proxy is required for internet access from the Connector.

You have the option to configure a proxy server after installation but doing so requires restarting the Connector.

Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- A CA-signed certificate, if the proxy server uses HTTPS or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

### About this task

The installer that is available on the NetApp Support Site might be an earlier version. After installation, the Connector automatically updates itself if a new version is available.

### Steps

1. If the `http_proxy` or `https_proxy` system variables are set on the host, remove them:

```
unset http_proxy
unset https_proxy
```

If you don't remove these system variables, the installation will fail.

2. Download the Connector software from the [NetApp Support Site](#), and then copy it to the Linux host.

You should download the "online" Connector installer that's meant for use in your network or in the cloud. A separate "offline" installer is available for the Connector, but it's only supported with private mode deployments.

3. Assign permissions to run the script.

```
chmod +x BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version>
```

Where <version> is the version of the Connector that you downloaded.

4. Run the installation script.

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version> --proxy <HTTP or HTTPS proxy server>
--cacert <path and file name of a CA-signed certificate>
```

The `--proxy` and `--cacert` parameters are optional. If you have a proxy server, you will need to enter the parameters as shown. The installer doesn't prompt you to provide information about a proxy.



Here's an example of the command using both optional parameters:

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-v3.9.40--proxy  
https://user:password@10.0.0.30:8080/ --cacert  
/tmp/cacert/certificate.cer
```

--proxy configures the Connector to use an HTTP or HTTPS proxy server using one of the following formats:

- http://address:port
- http://user-name:password@address:port
- http://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port
- https://address:port
- https://user-name:password@address:port
- https://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port

Note the following:

- The user can be a local user or domain user.
- For a domain user, you must use the ASCII code for a \ as shown above.
- BlueXP doesn't support user names or passwords that include the @ character.
- If the password includes any of the following special characters, you must escape that special character by prepending it with a backslash: & or !

For example:

```
http://bxpproxyuser:netapp1\!@address:3128
```

--cacert specifies a CA-signed certificate to use for HTTPS access between the Connector and the proxy server. This parameter is required only if you specify an HTTPS proxy server or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

5. Wait for the installation to complete.

At the end of the installation, the Connector service (occm) restarts twice if you specified a proxy server.

6. Open a web browser from a host that has a connection to the Connector virtual machine and enter the following URL:

```
https://ipaddress
```

7. After you log in, set up the Connector:

- a. Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.
- b. Enter a name for the system.
- c. Under **Are you running in a secured environment?** keep restricted mode disabled.

You should keep restricted mode disabled because these steps describe how to use BlueXP in standard mode. You should enable restricted mode only if you have a secure environment and want to

disconnect this account from BlueXP backend services. If that's the case, [follow steps to get started with BlueXP in restricted mode](#).

- d. Select **Let's start**.

## Result

The Connector is now installed and is set up with your BlueXP organization.

If you have Amazon S3 buckets in the same AWS account where you created the Connector, you'll see an Amazon S3 working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage S3 buckets from BlueXP](#)

## Step 6: Provide permissions to BlueXP

Now that you've installed the Connector, you need to provide BlueXP with the AWS permissions that you previously set up. Providing the permissions enables BlueXP to manage your data and storage infrastructure in AWS.

### IAM role

Attach the IAM role that you previously created to the Connector EC2 instance.

### Steps

1. Go to the Amazon EC2 console.
2. Select **Instances**.
3. Select the Connector instance.
4. Select **Actions > Security > Modify IAM role**.
5. Select the IAM role and select **Update IAM role**.

### Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in AWS on your behalf.

Go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

### AWS access key

Provide BlueXP with the AWS access key for an IAM user that has the required permissions.

### Steps

1. Ensure that the correct Connector is currently selected in BlueXP.
2. In the upper right of the BlueXP console, select the Settings icon, and select **Credentials**.



3. Select **Add Credentials** and follow the steps in the wizard.
  - a. **Credentials Location**: Select **Amazon Web Services > Connector**.
  - b. **Define Credentials**: Enter an AWS access key and secret key.
  - c. **Marketplace Subscription**: Associate a Marketplace subscription with these credentials by subscribing now or by selecting an existing subscription.
  - d. **Review**: Confirm the details about the new credentials and select **Add**.

### Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in AWS on your behalf.

Go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

## Azure

### Connector installation options in Azure

There are a few different ways to create a Connector in Azure. Directly from BlueXP is the most common way.

The following installation options are available:

- [Create a Connector directly from BlueXP](#) (this is the standard option)

This action launches a VM running Linux and the Connector software in a VNet of your choice.

- [Create a Connector from the Azure Marketplace](#)

This action also launches a VM running Linux and the Connector software, but the deployment is initiated directly from the Azure Marketplace, rather than from BlueXP.

- [Download and manually install the software on your own Linux host](#)

The installation option that you choose impacts how you prepare for installation. This includes how you provide BlueXP with the required permissions that it needs to authenticate and manage resources in Azure.

## Create a Connector in Azure from BlueXP

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to create a Connector in Azure directly from BlueXP. To create a Connector in Azure from BlueXP, you need to set up your networking, prepare Azure permissions, and then create the Connector.

### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

### Step 1: Set up networking

Ensure that the network location where you plan to install the Connector supports the following requirements. Meeting these requirements enables the Connector to manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment.

#### Azure region

If you use Cloud Volumes ONTAP, the Connector should be deployed in the same Azure region as the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems that it manages, or in the [Azure region pair](#) for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems. This requirement ensures that an Azure Private Link connection is used between Cloud Volumes ONTAP and its associated storage accounts.

[Learn how Cloud Volumes ONTAP uses an Azure Private Link](#)

#### VNet and subnet

When you create the Connector, you need to specify the VNet and subnet where the Connector should reside.

#### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

#### Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

## Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://management.azure.com">https://management.azure.com</a> <a href="https://login.microsoftonline.com">https://login.microsoftonline.com</a> <a href="https://blob.core.windows.net">https://blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://core.windows.net">https://core.windows.net</a>	To manage resources in Azure public regions.
<a href="https://management.chinacloudapi.cn">https://management.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://login.chinacloudapi.cn">https://login.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://core.chinacloudapi.cn</a>	To manage resources in Azure China regions.
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
<a href="https://*.api.blueexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.blueexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.blueexp.netapp.com">https://api.blueexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.  Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.blueexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

## Endpoints contacted from the BlueXP console

As you use the BlueXP web-based console that's provided through the SaaS layer, it contacts several endpoints to complete data management tasks. This includes endpoints that are contacted to deploy the Connector from the BlueXP console.

[View the list of endpoints contacted from the BlueXP console.](#)

## Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

## Ports

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- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

## Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

You'll need to implement this networking requirement after you create the Connector.

## Step 2: Create a custom role

Create an Azure custom role that you can assign to your Azure account or to a Microsoft Entra service principal. BlueXP authenticates with Azure and uses these permissions to create the Connector instance on your behalf.

Note that you can create an Azure custom role using the Azure portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, or REST API. The following steps show how to create the role using the Azure CLI. If you would prefer to use a different method, refer to [Azure documentation](#)

## Steps

1. Copy the required permissions for a new custom role in Azure and save them in a JSON file.



This custom role contains only the permissions needed to launch the Connector VM in Azure from BlueXP. Don't use this policy for other situations. When BlueXP creates the Connector, it applies a new set of permissions to the Connector VM that enables the Connector to manage Azure resources.

```
{
  "Name": "Azure SetupAsService",
  "Actions": [
    "Microsoft.Compute/disks/delete",
    "Microsoft.Compute/disks/read",
    "Microsoft.Compute/disks/write",
    "Microsoft.Compute/locations/operations/read",
    "Microsoft.Compute/operations/read",
    "Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/instanceView/read",
    "Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/read",
```

```

"Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/write",
"Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/delete",
"Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/extensions/write",
"Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/extensions/read",
"Microsoft.Compute/availabilitySets/read",
"Microsoft.Network/locations/operationResults/read",
"Microsoft.Network/locations/operations/read",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/join/action",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/read",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/write",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/delete",
"Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/join/action",
"Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/read",
"Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/write",

"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/checkIpAddressAvailability/read",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/read",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/subnets/join/action",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/subnets/read",

"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/subnets/virtualMachines/read",
"Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/virtualMachines/read",
"Microsoft.Network/publicIPAddresses/write",
"Microsoft.Network/publicIPAddresses/read",
"Microsoft.Network/publicIPAddresses/delete",
"Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/securityRules/read",
"Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/securityRules/write",
"Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/securityRules/delete",
"Microsoft.Network/publicIPAddresses/join/action",

"Microsoft.Network/locations/virtualNetworkAvailableEndpointServices/read",
"Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/ipConfigurations/read",
"Microsoft.Resources/deployments/operations/read",
"Microsoft.Resources/deployments/read",
"Microsoft.Resources/deployments/delete",
"Microsoft.Resources/deployments/cancel/action",
"Microsoft.Resources/deployments/validate/action",
"Microsoft.Resources/resources/read",
"Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/operationresults/read",
"Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourceGroups/delete",
"Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourceGroups/read",

"Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourcegroups/resources/read",
"Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourceGroups/write",
"Microsoft.Authorization/roleDefinitions/write",

```

```

        "Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments/write",

        "Microsoft.MarketplaceOrdering/offertypes/publishers/offers/plans/agreements/read",

        "Microsoft.MarketplaceOrdering/offertypes/publishers/offers/plans/agreements/write",
        "Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups/delete",
        "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/delete",
        "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/write",
        "Microsoft.Resources/deployments/write",
        "Microsoft.Resources/deployments/operationStatuses/read",
        "Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments/read"
    ],
    "NotActions": [],
    "AssignableScopes": [],
    "Description": "Azure SetupAsService",
    "IsCustom": "true"
}

```

2. Modify the JSON by adding your Azure subscription ID to the assignable scope.

#### Example

```

"AssignableScopes": [
  "/subscriptions/d333af45-0d07-4154-943d-c25fbzzzzzzz"
],

```

3. Use the JSON file to create a custom role in Azure.

The following steps describe how to create the role by using Bash in Azure Cloud Shell.

- a. Start [Azure Cloud Shell](#) and choose the Bash environment.
- b. Upload the JSON file.





c. Enter the following Azure CLI command:

```
az role definition create --role-definition  
Policy_for_Setup_As_Service_Azure.json
```

You should now have a custom role called *Azure SetupAsService*. You can now apply this custom role to your user account or to a service principal.

### Step 3: Set up authentication

When creating the Connector from BlueXP, you need to provide a login that enables BlueXP to authenticate with Azure and deploy the VM. You have two options:

1. Sign in with your Azure account when prompted. This account must have specific Azure permissions. This is the default option.
2. Provide details about a Microsoft Entra service principal. This service principal also requires specific permissions.

Follow the steps to prepare one of these authentication methods for use with BlueXP.

## Azure account

Assign the custom role to the user who will deploy the Connector from BlueXP.

### Steps

1. In the Azure portal, open the **Subscriptions** service and select the user's subscription.
2. Click **Access control (IAM)**.
3. Click **Add > Add role assignment** and then add the permissions:
  - a. Select the **Azure SetupAsService** role and click **Next**.



Azure SetupAsService is the default name provided in the Connector deployment policy for Azure. If you chose a different name for the role, then select that name instead.

- b. Keep **User, group, or service principal** selected.
- c. Click **Select members**, choose your user account, and click **Select**.
- d. Click **Next**.
- e. Click **Review + assign**.

### Result

The Azure user now has the permissions required to deploy the Connector from BlueXP.

### Service principal

Rather than logging in with your Azure account, you can provide BlueXP with the credentials for an Azure service principal that has the required permissions.

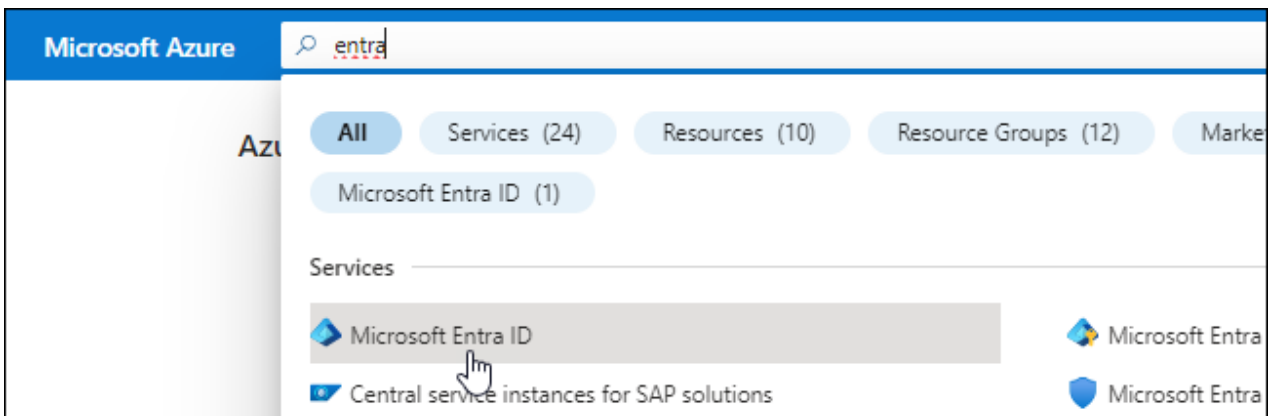
Create and set up a service principal in Microsoft Entra ID and obtain the Azure credentials that BlueXP needs.

### Create a Microsoft Entra application for role-based access control

1. Ensure that you have permissions in Azure to create an Active Directory application and to assign the application to a role.

For details, refer to [Microsoft Azure Documentation: Required permissions](#)

2. From the Azure portal, open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.

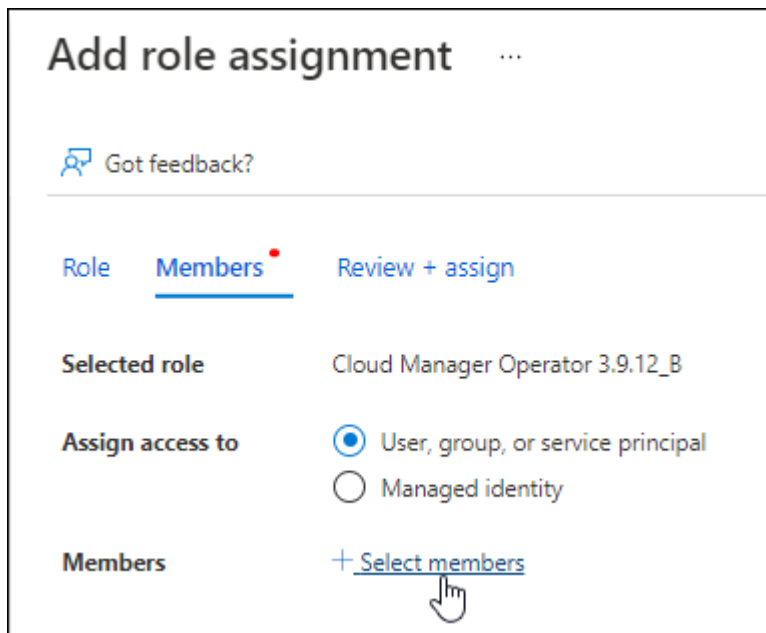


3. In the menu, select **App registrations**.
4. Select **New registration**.
5. Specify details about the application:
  - **Name**: Enter a name for the application.
  - **Account type**: Select an account type (any will work with BlueXP).
  - **Redirect URI**: You can leave this field blank.
6. Select **Register**.

You've created the AD application and service principal.

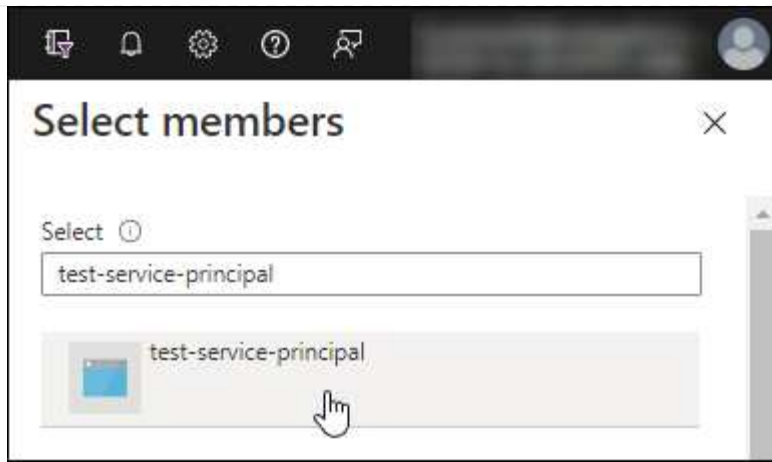
#### Assign the custom role to the application

1. From the Azure portal, open the **Subscriptions** service.
2. Select the subscription.
3. Click **Access control (IAM) > Add > Add role assignment**.
4. In the **Role** tab, select the **BlueXP Operator** role and click **Next**.
5. In the **Members** tab, complete the following steps:
  - a. Keep **User, group, or service principal** selected.
  - b. Click **Select members**.



- c. Search for the name of the application.

Here's an example:



- d. Select the application and click **Select**.
- e. Click **Next**.
6. Click **Review + assign**.

The service principal now has the required Azure permissions to deploy the Connector.

If you want to manage resources in multiple Azure subscriptions, then you must bind the service principal to each of those subscriptions. For example, BlueXP enables you to select the subscription that you want to use when deploying Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

#### **Add Windows Azure Service Management API permissions**

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Select **API permissions > Add a permission**.
3. Under **Microsoft APIs**, select **Azure Service Management**.

## Request API permissions

### Select an API

Microsoft APIs APIs my organization uses My APIs

#### Commonly used Microsoft APIs

##### Microsoft Graph

Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Azure AD, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.



##### Azure Batch

Schedule large-scale parallel and HPC applications in the cloud

##### Azure Data Catalog

Programmatic access to Data Catalog resources to register, annotate and search data assets

##### Azure Data Explorer

Perform ad-hoc queries on terabytes of data to build near real-time and complex analytics solutions

##### Azure Data Lake

Access to storage and compute for big data analytic scenarios

##### Azure DevOps

Integrate with Azure DevOps and Azure DevOps server

##### Azure Import/Export

Programmatic control of import/export jobs

##### Azure Key Vault

Manage your key vaults as well as the keys, secrets, and certificates within your Key Vaults

##### Azure Rights Management Services

Allow validated users to read and write protected content

##### Azure Service Management

Programmatic access to much of the functionality available through the Azure portal

##### Azure Storage

Secure, massively scalable object and data lake storage for unstructured and semi-structured data

##### Customer Insights

Create profile and interaction models for your products

##### Data Export Service for Microsoft Dynamics 365

Export data from Microsoft Dynamics CRM organization to an external destination

4. Select **Access Azure Service Management as organization users** and then select **Add permissions**.

## Request API permissions

[< All APIs](#)



Azure Service Management

<https://management.azure.com/> [Docs](#) [🔗](#)

What type of permissions does your application require?

### Delegated permissions

Your application needs to access the API as the signed-in user.

### Application permissions

Your application runs as a background service or daemon without a signed-in user.

Select permissions

[expand all](#)

Type to search

PERMISSION

ADMIN CONSENT REQUIRED



user\_impersonation

Access Azure Service Management as organization users (preview) ⓘ

## Get the application ID and directory ID for the application

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Copy the **Application (client) ID** and the **Directory (tenant) ID**.



When you add the Azure account to BlueXP, you need to provide the application (client) ID and the directory (tenant) ID for the application. BlueXP uses the IDs to programmatically sign in.

## Create a client secret

1. Open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.
2. Select **App registrations** and select your application.
3. Select **Certificates & secrets > New client secret**.
4. Provide a description of the secret and a duration.
5. Select **Add**.
6. Copy the value of the client secret.

## Client secrets

A secret string that the application uses to prove its identity when requesting a token. Also can be referred to as application password.

[+ New client secret](#)

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRES	VALUE	Copy to clipboard
test secret	8/16/2020	*sZ1jSe2By:D*-ZRoV4NLfdAcY7:+0vA	

You now have a client secret that BlueXP can use it to authenticate with Microsoft Entra ID.

### Result

Your service principal is now setup and you should have copied the application (client) ID, the directory (tenant) ID, and the value of the client secret. You need to enter this information in BlueXP when you create the Connector.

## Step 4: Create the Connector

Create the Connector directly from the BlueXP web-based console.

### About this task

- Creating the Connector from BlueXP deploys a virtual machine in Azure using a default configuration. After you create the Connector, you should not change to a smaller VM type that has less CPU or RAM. [Learn about the default configuration for the Connector.](#)
- When BlueXP deploys the Connector, it creates a custom role and assigns it to the Connector VM. This role includes permissions that enables the Connector to manage Azure resources. You need to ensure that the role is kept up to date as new permissions are added in subsequent releases. [Learn more about the custom role for the Connector.](#)

### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- An Azure subscription.
- A VNet and subnet in your Azure region of choice.
- Details about a proxy server, if your organization requires a proxy for all outgoing internet traffic:
  - IP address
  - Credentials
  - HTTPS certificate
- An SSH public key, if you want to use that authentication method for the Connector virtual machine. The other option for the authentication method is to use a password.

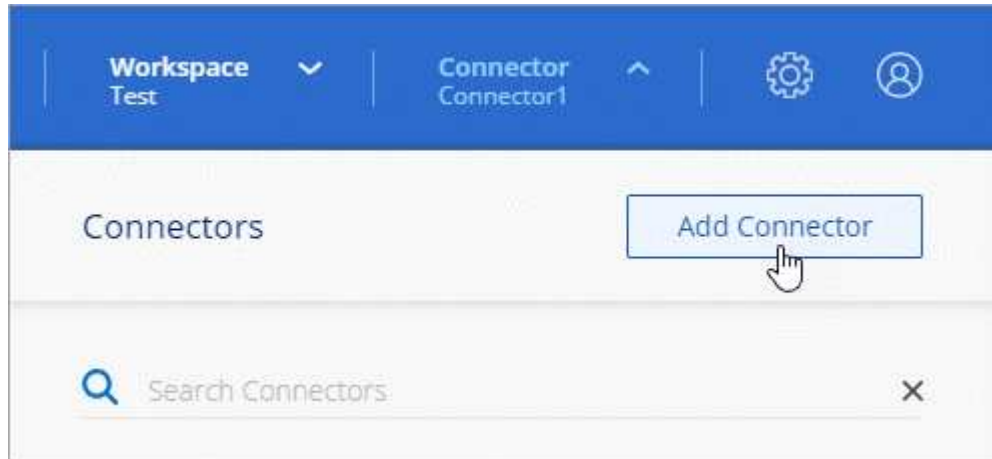
[Learn about connecting to a Linux VM in Azure](#)

- If you don't want BlueXP to automatically create an Azure role for the Connector, then you'll need to create your own [using the policy on this page.](#)

These permissions are for the Connector instance itself. It's a different set of permissions than what you previously set up to deploy the Connector VM.

## Steps

1. Select the **Connector** drop-down and select **Add Connector**.



2. Choose **Microsoft Azure** as your cloud provider.
3. On the **Deploying a Connector** page:
  - a. Under **Authentication**, select the authentication option that matches how you set up Azure permissions:
    - Select **Azure user account** to log in to your Microsoft account, which should have the required permissions.

The form is owned and hosted by Microsoft. Your credentials are not provided to NetApp.



If you're already logged in to an Azure account, then BlueXP will automatically use that account. If you have multiple accounts, then you might need to log out first to ensure that you're using the right account.

- Select **Active Directory service principal** to enter information about the Microsoft Entra service principal that grants the required permissions:
  - Application (client) ID
  - Directory (tenant) ID
  - Client Secret

[Learn how to obtain these values for a service principal.](#)

4. Follow the steps in the wizard to create the Connector:
  - **VM Authentication:** Choose an Azure subscription, a location, a new resource group or an existing resource group, and then choose an authentication method for the Connector virtual machine that you're creating.

The authentication method for the virtual machine can be a password or an SSH public key.

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- **Details:** Enter a name for the instance, specify tags, and choose whether you want BlueXP to create a new role that has the required permissions, or if you want to select an existing role that you set up with [the required permissions](#).



Note that you can choose the Azure subscriptions associated with this role. Each subscription that you choose provides the Connector permissions to manage resources in that subscription (for example, Cloud Volumes ONTAP).

- **Network:** Choose a VNet and subnet, whether to enable a public IP address, and optionally specify a proxy configuration.
- **Security Group:** Choose whether to create a new security group or whether to select an existing security group that allows the required inbound and outbound rules.

[View security group rules for Azure.](#)

- **Review:** Review your selections to verify that your set up is correct.

5. Click **Add**.

The virtual machine should be ready in about 7 minutes. You should stay on the page until the process is complete.

## Result

After the process is complete, the Connector is available for use from BlueXP.

If you have Azure Blob storage in the same Azure subscription where you created the Connector, you'll see an Azure Blob storage working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage Azure Blob storage from BlueXP](#)

## Create a Connector from the Azure Marketplace

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to create a Connector in Azure directly from the Azure Marketplace. To create a Connector from the Azure Marketplace, you need to set up your networking, prepare Azure permissions, review instance requirements, and then create the Connector.

### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

### Step 1: Set up networking

Ensure that the network location where you plan to install the Connector supports the following requirements. Meeting these requirements enables the Connector to manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment.

### Azure region

If you use Cloud Volumes ONTAP, the Connector should be deployed in the same Azure region as the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems that it manages, or in the [Azure region pair](#) for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems. This requirement ensures that an Azure Private Link connection is used between Cloud Volumes ONTAP and its associated storage accounts.

[Learn how Cloud Volumes ONTAP uses an Azure Private Link](#)

## VNet and subnet

When you create the Connector, you need to specify the VNet and subnet where the Connector should reside.

## Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

## Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

## Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://management.azure.com">https://management.azure.com</a> <a href="https://login.microsoftonline.com">https://login.microsoftonline.com</a> <a href="https://blob.core.windows.net">https://blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://core.windows.net">https://core.windows.net</a>	To manage resources in Azure public regions.
<a href="https://management.chinacloudapi.cn">https://management.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://login.chinacloudapi.cn">https://login.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://core.chinacloudapi.cn</a>	To manage resources in Azure China regions.
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
<a href="https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.  Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.bluexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

## Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation.

Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

## Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

## Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

You'll need to implement this networking requirement after you create the Connector.

## Step 2: Review VM requirements

When you create the Connector, you need to choose a virtual machine type that meets the following requirements.

### CPU

8 cores or 8 vCPUs

### RAM

32 GB

### Azure VM size

An instance type that meets the CPU and RAM requirements above. We recommend Standard\_D8s\_v3.

## Step 3: Set up permissions

You can provide permissions in the following ways:

- Option 1: Assign a custom role to the Azure VM using a system-assigned managed identity.
- Option 2: Provide BlueXP with the credentials for an Azure service principal that has the required permissions.

Follow these steps to set up permissions for BlueXP.

## Custom role

Note that you can create an Azure custom role using the Azure portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, or REST API. The following steps show how to create the role using the Azure CLI. If you would prefer to use a different method, refer to [Azure documentation](#)

## Steps

1. If you're planning to manually install the software on your own host, enable a system-assigned managed identity on the VM so that you can provide the required Azure permissions through a custom role.

[Microsoft Azure documentation: Configure managed identities for Azure resources on a VM using the Azure portal](#)

2. Copy the contents of the [custom role permissions for the Connector](#) and save them in a JSON file.
3. Modify the JSON file by adding Azure subscription IDs to the assignable scope.

You should add the ID for each Azure subscription that you want to use with BlueXP.

## Example

```
"AssignableScopes": [  
  "/subscriptions/d333af45-0d07-4154-943d-c25fbzzzzzzz",  
  "/subscriptions/54b91999-b3e6-4599-908e-416e0zzzzzzz",  
  "/subscriptions/398e471c-3b42-4ae7-9b59-ce5bbzzzzzzz"
```

4. Use the JSON file to create a custom role in Azure.

The following steps describe how to create the role by using Bash in Azure Cloud Shell.

- a. Start [Azure Cloud Shell](#) and choose the Bash environment.
- b. Upload the JSON file.



c. Use the Azure CLI to create the custom role:

```
az role definition create --role-definition Connector_Policy.json
```

## Result

You should now have a custom role called BlueXP Operator that you can assign to the Connector virtual machine.

## Service principal

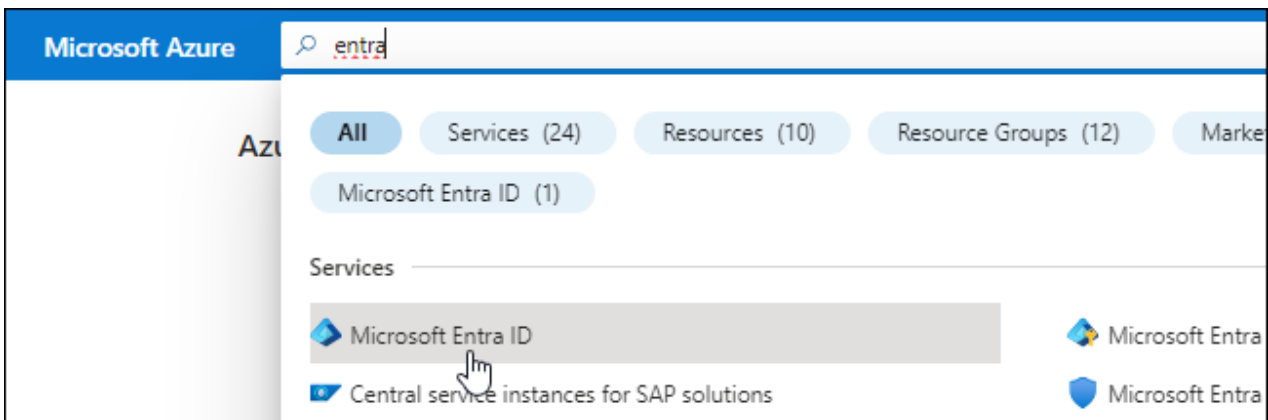
Create and set up a service principal in Microsoft Entra ID and obtain the Azure credentials that BlueXP needs.

### Create a Microsoft Entra application for role-based access control

1. Ensure that you have permissions in Azure to create an Active Directory application and to assign the application to a role.

For details, refer to [Microsoft Azure Documentation: Required permissions](#)

2. From the Azure portal, open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.



3. In the menu, select **App registrations**.
4. Select **New registration**.
5. Specify details about the application:
  - **Name**: Enter a name for the application.
  - **Account type**: Select an account type (any will work with BlueXP).
  - **Redirect URI**: You can leave this field blank.
6. Select **Register**.

You've created the AD application and service principal.

### Assign the application to a role

1. Create a custom role:

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prefer to use a different method, refer to [Azure documentation](#)

- a. Copy the contents of the [custom role permissions for the Connector](#) and save them in a JSON file.
- b. Modify the JSON file by adding Azure subscription IDs to the assignable scope.

You should add the ID for each Azure subscription from which users will create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.

### Example

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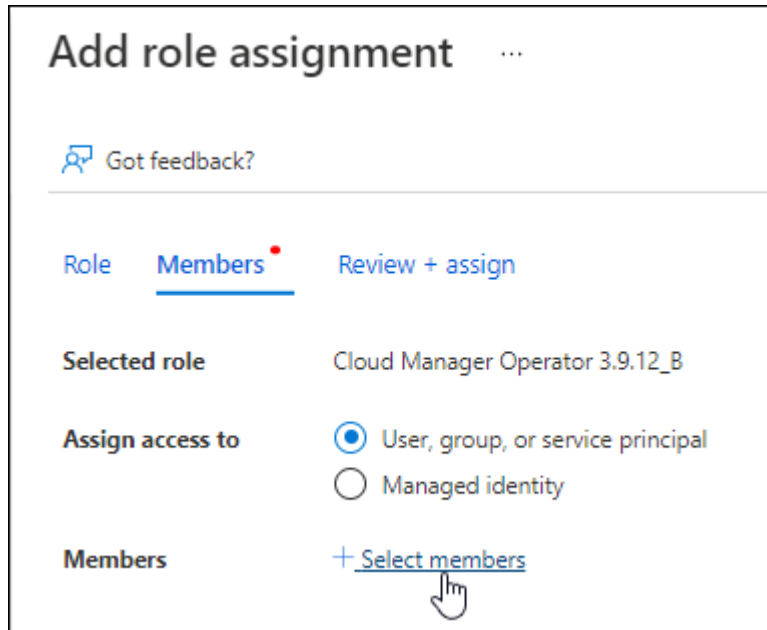
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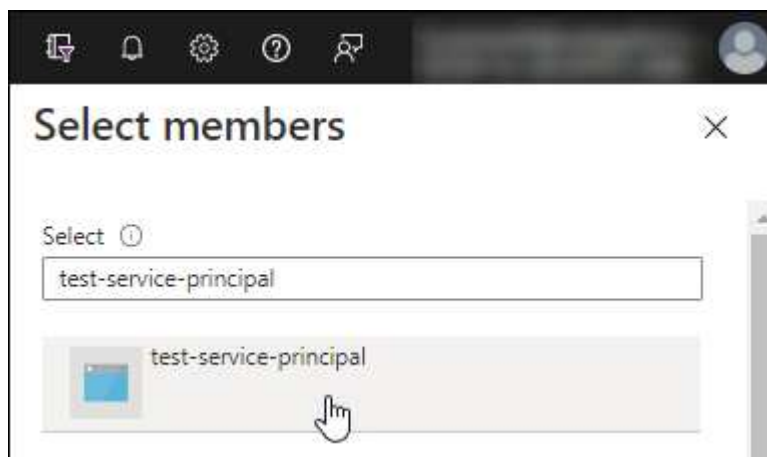
2. Assign the application to the role:

- a. From the Azure portal, open the **Subscriptions** service.
- b. Select the subscription.
- c. Select **Access control (IAM) > Add > Add role assignment**.
- d. In the **Role** tab, select the **BlueXP Operator** role and select **Next**.
- e. In the **Members** tab, complete the following steps:
  - Keep **User, group, or service principal** selected.
  - Select **Select members**.



- Search for the name of the application.

Here's an example:



- Select the application and select **Select**.
  - Select **Next**.
- f. Select **Review + assign**.

The service principal now has the required Azure permissions to deploy the Connector.

If you want to deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP from multiple Azure subscriptions, then you must bind the service principal to each of those subscriptions. BlueXP enables you to select the subscription that you want to use when deploying Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

### Add Windows Azure Service Management API permissions

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Select **API permissions > Add a permission**.
3. Under **Microsoft APIs**, select **Azure Service Management**.













#### Request API permissions

Select an API

Microsoft APIs APIs my organization uses My APIs

#### Commonly used Microsoft APIs

**Microsoft Graph**  
Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Azure AD, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.

 <b>Azure Batch</b> Schedule large-scale parallel and HPC applications in the cloud	 <b>Azure Data Catalog</b> Programmatic access to Data Catalog resources to register, annotate and search data assets	 <b>Azure Data Explorer</b> Perform ad-hoc queries on terabytes of data to build near real-time and complex analytics solutions
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4. Select **Access Azure Service Management as organization users** and then select **Add permissions**.



## Request API permissions

[← All APIs](#)



Azure Service Management

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## Get the application ID and directory ID for the application

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Copy the **Application (client) ID** and the **Directory (tenant) ID**.



When you add the Azure account to BlueXP, you need to provide the application (client) ID and the directory (tenant) ID for the application. BlueXP uses the IDs to programmatically sign in.

## Create a client secret

1. Open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.
2. Select **App registrations** and select your application.
3. Select **Certificates & secrets > New client secret**.
4. Provide a description of the secret and a duration.
5. Select **Add**.
6. Copy the value of the client secret.

## Client secrets

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Copy to clipboard

You now have a client secret that BlueXP can use it to authenticate with Microsoft Entra ID.

### Result

Your service principal is now setup and you should have copied the application (client) ID, the directory (tenant) ID, and the value of the client secret. You need to enter this information in BlueXP when you add an Azure account.

## Step 4: Create the Connector

Launch the Connector directly from the Azure Marketplace.

### About this task

Creating the Connector from the Azure Marketplace deploys a virtual machine in Azure using a default configuration. [Learn about the default configuration for the Connector.](#)

### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- An Azure subscription.
- A VNet and subnet in your Azure region of choice.
- Details about a proxy server, if your organization requires a proxy for all outgoing internet traffic:
  - IP address
  - Credentials
  - HTTPS certificate
- An SSH public key, if you want to use that authentication method for the Connector virtual machine. The other option for the authentication method is to use a password.

[Learn about connecting to a Linux VM in Azure](#)

- If you don't want BlueXP to automatically create an Azure role for the Connector, then you'll need to create your own [using the policy on this page](#).

These permissions are for the Connector instance itself. It's a different set of permissions than what you previously set up to deploy the Connector VM.

### Steps

1. Go to the NetApp Connector VM page in the Azure Marketplace.

[Azure Marketplace page for commercial regions](#)

2. Select **Get it now** and then select **Continue**.
3. From the Azure portal, select **Create** and follow the steps to configure the virtual machine.

Note the following as you configure the VM:

- **VM size:** Choose a VM size that meets CPU and RAM requirements. We recommend Standard\_D8s\_v3.
- **Disks:** The Connector can perform optimally with either HDD or SSD disks.
- **Network security group:** The Connector requires inbound connections using SSH, HTTP, and HTTPS.

[View security group rules for Azure.](#)

- **Identity:** Under **Management**, select **Enable system assigned managed identity**.

This setting is important because a managed identity allows the Connector virtual machine to identify itself to Microsoft Entra ID without providing any credentials. [Learn more about managed identities for Azure resources.](#)

4. On the **Review + create** page, review your selections and select **Create** to start the deployment.

Azure deploys the virtual machine with the specified settings. The virtual machine and Connector software should be running in approximately five minutes.

5. Open a web browser from a host that has a connection to the Connector virtual machine and enter the following URL:

`https://ipaddress`

6. After you log in, set up the Connector:
  - a. Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.
  - b. Enter a name for the system.
  - c. Under **Are you running in a secured environment?** keep restricted mode disabled.

You should keep restricted mode disabled because these steps describe how to use BlueXP in standard mode. You should enable restricted mode only if you have a secure environment and want to disconnect this account from BlueXP backend services. If that's the case, [follow steps to get started with BlueXP in restricted mode](#).

- d. Select **Let's start**.

## Result

The Connector is now installed and is set up with your BlueXP organization.

If you have Azure Blob storage in the same Azure subscription where you created the Connector, you'll see an Azure Blob storage working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage Azure Blob storage from BlueXP](#)

## Step 5: Provide permissions to BlueXP

Now that you've created the Connector, you need to provide BlueXP with the permissions that you previously set up. Providing the permissions enables BlueXP to manage your data and storage infrastructure in Azure.

## Custom role

Go to the Azure portal and assign the Azure custom role to the Connector virtual machine for one or more subscriptions.

### Steps

1. From the Azure Portal, open the **Subscriptions** service and select your subscription.

It's important to assign the role from the **Subscriptions** service because this specifies the scope of the role assignment at the subscription level. The *scope* defines the set of resources that the access applies to. If you specify a scope at a different level (for example, at the virtual machine level), your ability to complete actions from within BlueXP will be affected.

[Microsoft Azure documentation: Understand scope for Azure RBAC](#)

2. Select **Access control (IAM) > Add > Add role assignment**.
3. In the **Role** tab, select the **BlueXP Operator** role and select **Next**.



BlueXP Operator is the default name provided in the BlueXP policy. If you chose a different name for the role, then select that name instead.

4. In the **Members** tab, complete the following steps:
  - a. Assign access to a **Managed identity**.
  - b. Select **Select members**, select the subscription in which the Connector virtual machine was created, under **Managed identity**, choose **Virtual machine**, and then select the Connector virtual machine.
  - c. Select **Select**.
  - d. Select **Next**.
  - e. Select **Review + assign**.
  - f. If you want to manage resources in additional Azure subscriptions, switch to that subscription and then repeat these steps.

## Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in Azure on your behalf.

## What's next?

Go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

## Service principal

### Steps

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



2. Select **Add Credentials** and follow the steps in the wizard.
  - a. **Credentials Location**: Select **Microsoft Azure > Connector**.

- b. **Define Credentials:** Enter information about the Microsoft Entra service principal that grants the required permissions:
  - Application (client) ID
  - Directory (tenant) ID
  - Client Secret
- c. **Marketplace Subscription:** Associate a Marketplace subscription with these credentials by subscribing now or by selecting an existing subscription.
- d. **Review:** Confirm the details about the new credentials and select **Add**.

#### Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in Azure on your behalf.

## Manually install the Connector in Azure

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to manually install the Connector software on a Linux host running in Azure. To manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, you need to review host requirements, set up your networking, prepare Azure permissions, install the Connector, and then provide the permissions that you prepared.

#### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

#### Step 1: Review host requirements

The Connector software must run on a host that meets specific operating system requirements, RAM requirements, port requirements, and so on.

#### Dedicated host

The Connector is not supported on a host that is shared with other applications. The host must be a dedicated host.

#### Hypervisor

A bare metal or hosted hypervisor that is certified to run a supported operating system is required.

#### Operating system and container requirements

BlueXP supports the Connector with the following operating systems when using BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode. A container orchestration tool is required before you install the Connector.

Operating system	Supported OS versions	Supported Connector versions	Required container tool	SELinux
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	9.1 to 9.4 8.6 to 8.10	3.9.40 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Podman version 4.6.1 or 4.9.4 <a href="#">View Podman configuration requirements.</a>	Supported in enforcing mode or permissive mode <sup>1</sup>
Ubuntu	24.04 LTS	3.9.45 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Docker Engine 26.0.0	Not supported
	22.04 LTS	3.9.29 or later	Docker Engine 23.0.6 to 26.0.0  26.0.0 is supported with <i>new</i> Connector 3.9.44 or later installations	Not supported

Notes:

1. Management of Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems is not supported by Connectors that have SELinux enabled on the operating system.
2. The Connector is supported on English-language versions of these operating systems.
3. For RHEL, the host must be registered with Red Hat Subscription Management. If it's not registered, the host can't access repositories to update required 3rd-party software during Connector installation.

## CPU

8 cores or 8 vCPUs

## RAM

32 GB

## Azure VM size

An instance type that meets the CPU and RAM requirements above. We recommend Standard\_D8s\_v3.

## Disk space in /opt

100 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP uses /opt to install the /opt/application/netapp directory and its contents.

## Disk space in /var

20 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP requires this space in /var because Docker or Podman are architected to create the containers within this directory. Specifically, they will create containers in the /var/lib/containers/storage

directory. External mounts or symlinks do not work for this space.

## Step 2: Install Podman or Docker Engine

Depending on your operating system, either Podman or Docker Engine is required before you install the Connector.

- Podman is required for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and 9.

[View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

- Docker Engine is required for Ubuntu.

[View the Docker Engine versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

## Example 2. Steps

### Podman

Follow these steps to install Podman and configure it to meet the following requirements:

- The podman.socket service must be enabled and started
- python3 must be installed
- The podman-compose package version 1.0.6 must be installed
- podman-compose must be added to the PATH environment variable

### Steps

1. Remove the podman-docker package if it's installed on the host.

```
dnf remove podman-docker
rm /var/run/docker.sock
```

2. Install Podman.

Podman is available from official Red Hat Enterprise Linux repositories.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install podman-2:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install podman-3:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

3. Enable and start the podman.socket service.

```
sudo systemctl enable --now podman.socket
```

4. Install python3.

```
sudo dnf install python3
```

5. Install the EPEL repository package if it's not already available on your system.



This step is required because podman-compose is available from the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-9.noarch.rpm
```

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-8.noarch.rpm
```

#### 6. Install podman-compose package 1.0.6.

```
sudo dnf install podman-compose-1.0.6
```



Using the `dnf install` command meets the requirement for adding podman-compose to the PATH environment variable. The installation command adds podman-compose to `/usr/bin`, which is already included in the `secure_path` option on the host.

### Docker Engine

Follow the documentation from Docker to install Docker Engine.

#### Steps

1. [View installation instructions from Docker](#)

Be sure to follow the steps to install a specific version of Docker Engine. Installing the latest version will install a version of Docker that BlueXP doesn't support.

2. Verify that Docker is enabled and running.

```
sudo systemctl enable docker && sudo systemctl start docker
```

### Step 3: Set up networking

Ensure that the network location where you plan to install the Connector supports the following requirements. Meeting these requirements enables the Connector to manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment.

#### Azure region

If you use Cloud Volumes ONTAP, the Connector should be deployed in the same Azure region as the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems that it manages, or in the [Azure region pair](#) for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems. This requirement ensures that an Azure Private Link connection is used between Cloud Volumes

ONTAP and its associated storage accounts.

[Learn how Cloud Volumes ONTAP uses an Azure Private Link](#)

### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

### Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

### Endpoints contacted from computers when using the BlueXP web-based console

Computers that access the BlueXP console from a web browser must have the ability to contact several endpoints. You'll need to use the BlueXP console to set up the Connector and for day-to-day use of BlueXP.

[Prepare networking for the BlueXP console.](#)

### Endpoints contacted during manual installation

When you manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, the installer for the Connector requires access to the following URLs during the installation process:

- <https://support.netapp.com>
- <https://mysupport.netapp.com>
- <https://signin.b2c.netapp.com> (this endpoint is the CNAME URL for <https://mysupport.netapp.com>)
- <https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com/tenancy>
- <https://stream.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- <https://production-artifacts.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- [https://\\*.blob.core.windows.net](https://*.blob.core.windows.net)
- <https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io>

The host might try to update operating system packages during installation. The host can contact different mirroring sites for these OS packages.

### Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://management.azure.com">https://management.azure.com</a> <a href="https://login.microsoftonline.com">https://login.microsoftonline.com</a> <a href="https://blob.core.windows.net">https://blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://core.windows.net">https://core.windows.net</a>	To manage resources in Azure public regions.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://management.chinacloudapi.cn">https://management.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://login.chinacloudapi.cn">https://login.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://core.chinacloudapi.cn</a>	To manage resources in Azure China regions.
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
<a href="https://*.api.blueexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.blueexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.blueexp.netapp.com">https://api.blueexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	<p>To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.</p> <p>Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.blueexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.</p>
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

## Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

## Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

## Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification

system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

#### **Step 4: Set up permissions**

You need to provide Azure permissions to BlueXP by using one of the following options:

- Option 1: Assign a custom role to the Azure VM using a system-assigned managed identity.
- Option 2: Provide BlueXP with the credentials for an Azure service principal that has the required permissions.

Follow the steps to prepare permissions for BlueXP.

## Custom role

Note that you can create an Azure custom role using the Azure portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, or REST API. The following steps show how to create the role using the Azure CLI. If you would prefer to use a different method, refer to [Azure documentation](#)

## Steps

1. If you're planning to manually install the software on your own host, enable a system-assigned managed identity on the VM so that you can provide the required Azure permissions through a custom role.

[Microsoft Azure documentation: Configure managed identities for Azure resources on a VM using the Azure portal](#)

2. Copy the contents of the [custom role permissions for the Connector](#) and save them in a JSON file.
3. Modify the JSON file by adding Azure subscription IDs to the assignable scope.

You should add the ID for each Azure subscription that you want to use with BlueXP.

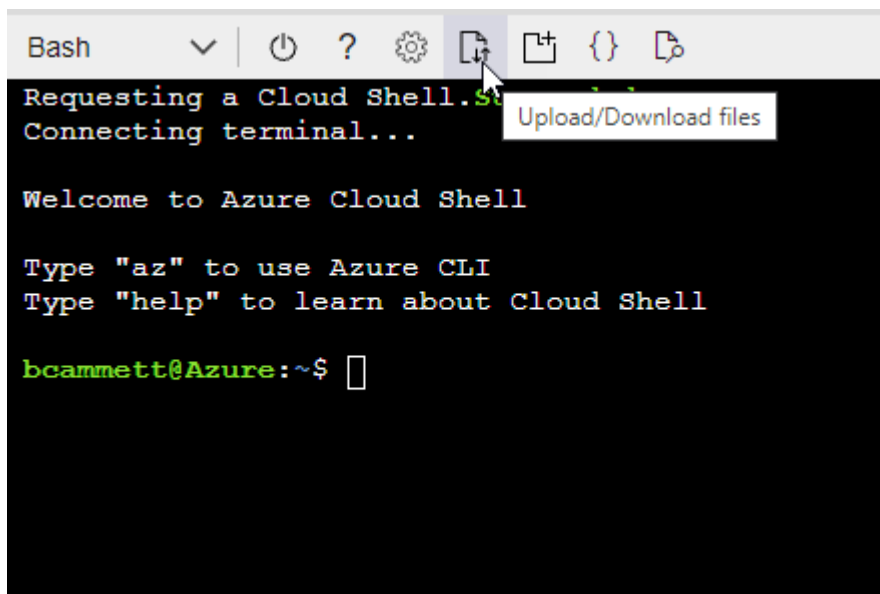
## Example

```
"AssignableScopes": [  
  "/subscriptions/d333af45-0d07-4154-943d-c25fbzzzzzzz",  
  "/subscriptions/54b91999-b3e6-4599-908e-416e0zzzzzzz",  
  "/subscriptions/398e471c-3b42-4ae7-9b59-ce5bbzzzzzzz"
```

4. Use the JSON file to create a custom role in Azure.

The following steps describe how to create the role by using Bash in Azure Cloud Shell.

- a. Start [Azure Cloud Shell](#) and choose the Bash environment.
- b. Upload the JSON file.



c. Use the Azure CLI to create the custom role:

```
az role definition create --role-definition Connector_Policy.json
```

## Result

You should now have a custom role called BlueXP Operator that you can assign to the Connector virtual machine.

## Service principal

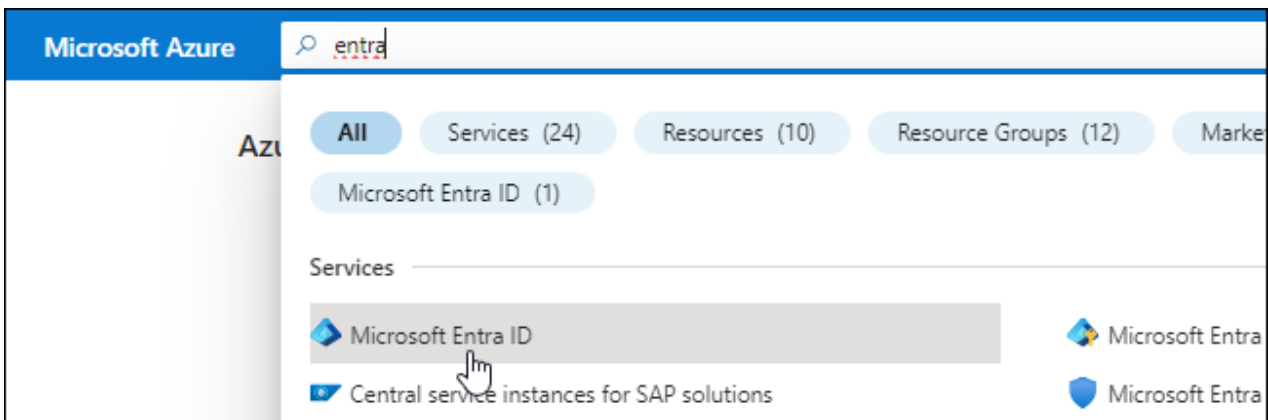
Create and set up a service principal in Microsoft Entra ID and obtain the Azure credentials that BlueXP needs.

### Create a Microsoft Entra application for role-based access control

1. Ensure that you have permissions in Azure to create an Active Directory application and to assign the application to a role.

For details, refer to [Microsoft Azure Documentation: Required permissions](#)

2. From the Azure portal, open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.



3. In the menu, select **App registrations**.
4. Select **New registration**.
5. Specify details about the application:
  - **Name**: Enter a name for the application.
  - **Account type**: Select an account type (any will work with BlueXP).
  - **Redirect URI**: You can leave this field blank.
6. Select **Register**.

You've created the AD application and service principal.

### Assign the application to a role

1. Create a custom role:

Note that you can create an Azure custom role using the Azure portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, or REST API. The following steps show how to create the role using the Azure CLI. If you would

prefer to use a different method, refer to [Azure documentation](#)

- a. Copy the contents of the [custom role permissions for the Connector](#) and save them in a JSON file.
- b. Modify the JSON file by adding Azure subscription IDs to the assignable scope.

You should add the ID for each Azure subscription from which users will create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.

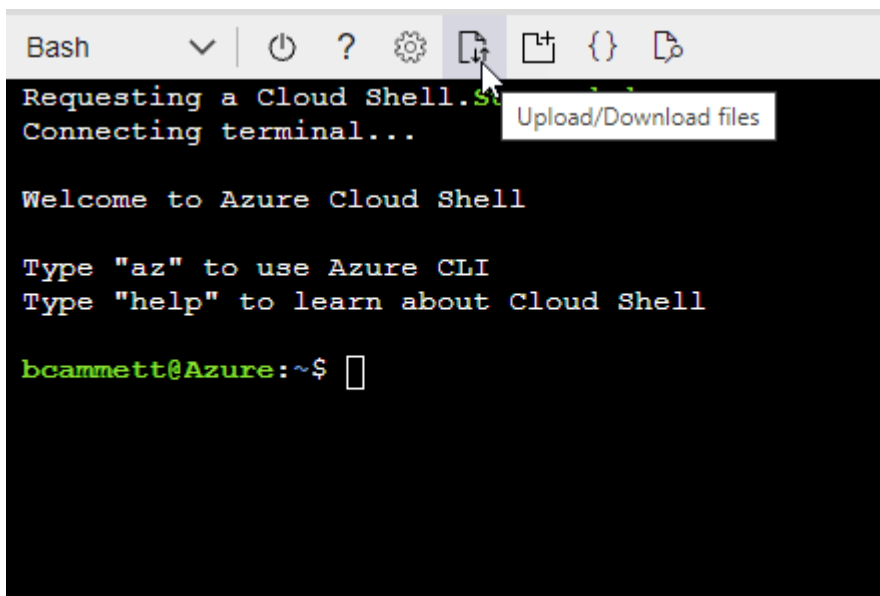
### Example

```
"AssignableScopes": [  
  "/subscriptions/d333af45-0d07-4154-943d-c25fbzzzzzzz",  
  "/subscriptions/54b91999-b3e6-4599-908e-416e0zzzzzzz",  
  "/subscriptions/398e471c-3b42-4ae7-9b59-ce5bbzzzzzzz"
```

- c. Use the JSON file to create a custom role in Azure.

The following steps describe how to create the role by using Bash in Azure Cloud Shell.

- Start [Azure Cloud Shell](#) and choose the Bash environment.
- Upload the JSON file.



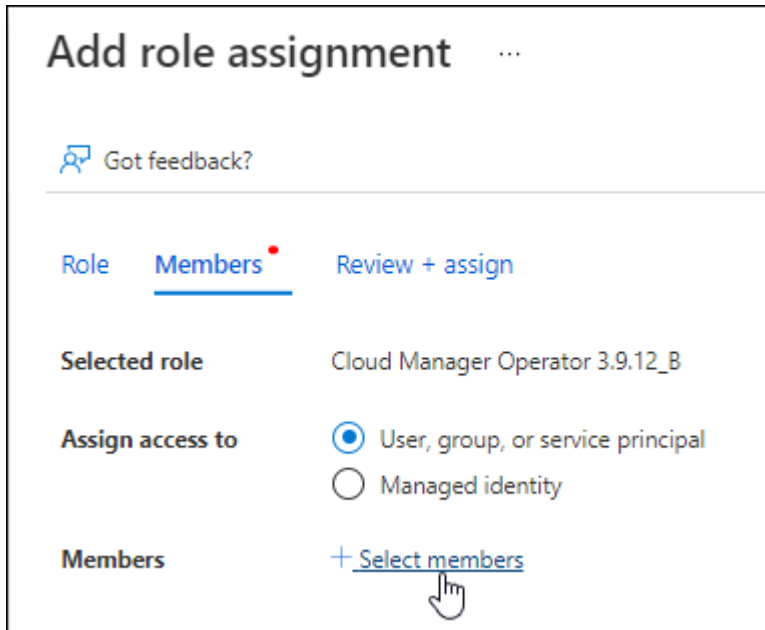
- Use the Azure CLI to create the custom role:

```
az role definition create --role-definition  
Connector_Policy.json
```

You should now have a custom role called BlueXP Operator that you can assign to the Connector virtual machine.

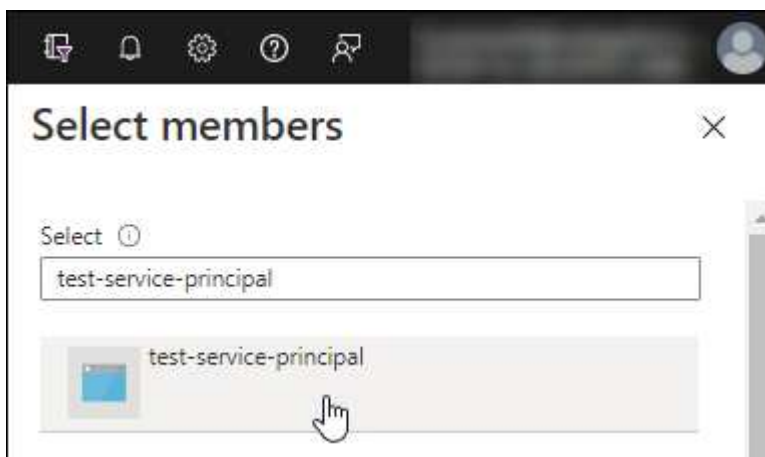
2. Assign the application to the role:

- a. From the Azure portal, open the **Subscriptions** service.
- b. Select the subscription.
- c. Select **Access control (IAM) > Add > Add role assignment**.
- d. In the **Role** tab, select the **BlueXP Operator** role and select **Next**.
- e. In the **Members** tab, complete the following steps:
  - Keep **User, group, or service principal** selected.
  - Select **Select members**.



- Search for the name of the application.

Here's an example:



- Select the application and select **Select**.
  - Select **Next**.
- f. Select **Review + assign**.

The service principal now has the required Azure permissions to deploy the Connector.



If you want to deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP from multiple Azure subscriptions, then you must bind the service principal to each of those subscriptions. BlueXP enables you to select the subscription that you want to use when deploying Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

### Add Windows Azure Service Management API permissions

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Select **API permissions > Add a permission**.
3. Under **Microsoft APIs**, select **Azure Service Management**.













#### Request API permissions

Select an API

Microsoft APIs   **APIs my organization uses**   My APIs

#### Commonly used Microsoft APIs

**Microsoft Graph**  
Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Azure AD, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.

 <b>Azure Batch</b> Schedule large-scale parallel and HPC applications in the cloud	 <b>Azure Data Catalog</b> Programmatic access to Data Catalog resources to register, annotate and search data assets	 <b>Azure Data Explorer</b> Perform ad-hoc queries on terabytes of data to build near real-time and complex analytics solutions
 <b>Azure Data Lake</b> Access to storage and compute for big data analytic scenarios	 <b>Azure DevOps</b> Integrate with Azure DevOps and Azure DevOps server	 <b>Azure Import/Export</b> Programmatic control of import/export jobs
 <b>Azure Key Vault</b> Manage your key vaults as well as the keys, secrets, and certificates within your Key Vaults	 <b>Azure Rights Management Services</b> Allow validated users to read and write protected content	 <b>Azure Service Management</b> Programmatic access to much of the functionality available through the Azure portal
 <b>Azure Storage</b> Secure, massively scalable object and data lake storage for unstructured and semi-structured data	 <b>Customer Insights</b> Create profile and interaction models for your products	 <b>Data Export Service for Microsoft Dynamics 365</b> Export data from Microsoft Dynamics CRM organization to an external destination

4. Select **Access Azure Service Management as organization users** and then select **Add permissions**.

## Request API permissions

[< All APIs](#)



Azure Service Management

<https://management.azure.com/> [Docs](#) [🔗](#)

What type of permissions does your application require?

### Delegated permissions

Your application needs to access the API as the signed-in user.

### Application permissions

Your application runs as a background service or daemon without a signed-in user.

Select permissions

[expand all](#)

Type to search

PERMISSION

ADMIN CONSENT REQUIRED



user\_impersonation

Access Azure Service Management as organization users (preview) ⓘ

## Get the application ID and directory ID for the application

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Copy the **Application (client) ID** and the **Directory (tenant) ID**.



When you add the Azure account to BlueXP, you need to provide the application (client) ID and the directory (tenant) ID for the application. BlueXP uses the IDs to programmatically sign in.

## Create a client secret

1. Open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.
2. Select **App registrations** and select your application.
3. Select **Certificates & secrets > New client secret**.
4. Provide a description of the secret and a duration.
5. Select **Add**.
6. Copy the value of the client secret.

## Client secrets

A secret string that the application uses to prove its identity when requesting a token. Also can be referred to as application password.

[+ New client secret](#)

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRES	VALUE	Copy to clipboard
test secret	8/16/2020	*sZ1jSe2By:D*-ZRoV4NLfdAcY7:+0vA	

You now have a client secret that BlueXP can use it to authenticate with Microsoft Entra ID.

### Result

Your service principal is now setup and you should have copied the application (client) ID, the directory (tenant) ID, and the value of the client secret. You need to enter this information in BlueXP when you add an Azure account.

## Step 5: Install the Connector

After the pre-requisites are complete, you can manually install the software on your own Linux host.

### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- Root privileges to install the Connector.
- Details about a proxy server, if a proxy is required for internet access from the Connector.

You have the option to configure a proxy server after installation but doing so requires restarting the Connector.

Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- A CA-signed certificate, if the proxy server uses HTTPS or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.
- A managed identity enabled on the VM in Azure so that you can provide the required Azure permissions through a custom role.

[Microsoft Azure documentation: Configure managed identities for Azure resources on a VM using the Azure portal](#)

### About this task

The installer that is available on the NetApp Support Site might be an earlier version. After installation, the Connector automatically updates itself if a new version is available.

### Steps

1. If the `http_proxy` or `https_proxy` system variables are set on the host, remove them:

```
unset http_proxy
unset https_proxy
```

If you don't remove these system variables, the installation will fail.

2. Download the Connector software from the [NetApp Support Site](#), and then copy it to the Linux host.

You should download the "online" Connector installer that's meant for use in your network or in the cloud. A separate "offline" installer is available for the Connector, but it's only supported with private mode deployments.

3. Assign permissions to run the script.

```
chmod +x BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version>
```

Where <version> is the version of the Connector that you downloaded.

4. Run the installation script.

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version> --proxy <HTTP or HTTPS proxy server>  
--cacert <path and file name of a CA-signed certificate>
```

The --proxy and --cacert parameters are optional. If you have a proxy server, you will need to enter the parameters as shown. The installer doesn't prompt you to provide information about a proxy.

Here's an example of the command using both optional parameters:

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-v3.9.40--proxy  
https://user:password@10.0.0.30:8080/ --cacert  
/tmp/cacert/certificate.cer
```

--proxy configures the Connector to use an HTTP or HTTPS proxy server using one of the following formats:

- http://address:port
- http://user-name:password@address:port
- http://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port
- https://address:port
- https://user-name:password@address:port
- https://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port

Note the following:

- The user can be a local user or domain user.
- For a domain user, you must use the ASCII code for a \ as shown above.
- BlueXP doesn't support user names or passwords that include the @ character.
- If the password includes any of the following special characters, you must escape that special character by prepending it with a backslash: & or !

For example:

`http://bxpproxyuser:netapp1!@address:3128`

--cacert specifies a CA-signed certificate to use for HTTPS access between the Connector and the proxy server. This parameter is required only if you specify an HTTPS proxy server or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

5. Wait for the installation to complete.

At the end of the installation, the Connector service (occm) restarts twice if you specified a proxy server.

6. Open a web browser from a host that has a connection to the Connector virtual machine and enter the following URL:

`https://ipaddress`

7. After you log in, set up the Connector:
  - a. Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.
  - b. Enter a name for the system.
  - c. Under **Are you running in a secured environment?** keep restricted mode disabled.

You should keep restricted mode disabled because these steps describe how to use BlueXP in standard mode. You should enable restricted mode only if you have a secure environment and want to disconnect this account from BlueXP backend services. If that's the case, [follow steps to get started with BlueXP in restricted mode](#).

- d. Select **Let's start**.

## Result

The Connector is now installed and is set up with your BlueXP organization.

If you have Azure Blob storage in the same Azure subscription where you created the Connector, you'll see an Azure Blob storage working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage Azure Blob storage from BlueXP](#)

## Step 6: Provide permissions to BlueXP

Now that you've installed the Connector, you need to provide BlueXP with the Azure permissions that you previously set up. Providing the permissions enables BlueXP to manage your data and storage infrastructure in Azure.

## Custom role

Go to the Azure portal and assign the Azure custom role to the Connector virtual machine for one or more subscriptions.

### Steps

1. From the Azure Portal, open the **Subscriptions** service and select your subscription.

It's important to assign the role from the **Subscriptions** service because this specifies the scope of the role assignment at the subscription level. The *scope* defines the set of resources that the access applies to. If you specify a scope at a different level (for example, at the virtual machine level), your ability to complete actions from within BlueXP will be affected.

[Microsoft Azure documentation: Understand scope for Azure RBAC](#)

2. Select **Access control (IAM) > Add > Add role assignment**.
3. In the **Role** tab, select the **BlueXP Operator** role and select **Next**.



BlueXP Operator is the default name provided in the BlueXP policy. If you chose a different name for the role, then select that name instead.

4. In the **Members** tab, complete the following steps:
  - a. Assign access to a **Managed identity**.
  - b. Select **Select members**, select the subscription in which the Connector virtual machine was created, under **Managed identity**, choose **Virtual machine**, and then select the Connector virtual machine.
  - c. Select **Select**.
  - d. Select **Next**.
  - e. Select **Review + assign**.
  - f. If you want to manage resources in additional Azure subscriptions, switch to that subscription and then repeat these steps.

## Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in Azure on your behalf.

## What's next?

Go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

## Service principal

### Steps

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



2. Select **Add Credentials** and follow the steps in the wizard.
  - a. **Credentials Location**: Select **Microsoft Azure > Connector**.

- b. **Define Credentials:** Enter information about the Microsoft Entra service principal that grants the required permissions:
  - Application (client) ID
  - Directory (tenant) ID
  - Client Secret
- c. **Marketplace Subscription:** Associate a Marketplace subscription with these credentials by subscribing now or by selecting an existing subscription.
- d. **Review:** Confirm the details about the new credentials and select **Add**.

#### Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in Azure on your behalf.

## Google Cloud

### Connector installation options in Google Cloud

There are a few different ways to create a Connector in Google Cloud. Directly from BlueXP is the most common way.

The following installation options are available:

- [Create the Connector directly from BlueXP](#) (this is the standard option)

This action launches a VM instance running Linux and the Connector software in a VPC of your choice.

- [Create the Connector using gcloud](#)

This action also launches a VM instance running Linux and the Connector software, but the deployment is initiated directly from Google Cloud, rather than from BlueXP.

- [Download and manually install the software on your own Linux host](#)

The installation option that you choose impacts how you prepare for installation. This includes how you provide BlueXP with the required permissions that it needs to authenticate and manage resources in Google Cloud.

### Create a Connector in Google Cloud from BlueXP or gcloud

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. The available installation options include creating the Connector in AWS directly from BlueXP or by using gcloud. To create a Connector in Google Cloud from BlueXP or by using gcloud, you need to set up your networking, prepare Google Cloud permissions, enable Google Cloud APIs, and then create the Connector.

#### Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

## Step 1: Set up networking

Set up your networking so the Connector can manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment. For example, you need to ensure that connections are available to target networks and that outbound internet access is available.

### VPC and subnet

When you create the Connector, you need to specify the VPC and subnet where the Connector should reside.

### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

### Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

### Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/">https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/</a> <a href="https://compute.googleapis.com/compute/v1/">https://compute.googleapis.com/compute/v1</a> <a href="https://cloudresourcemanager.googleapis.com/v1/projects">https://cloudresourcemanager.googleapis.com/v1/projects</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/compute/beta">https://www.googleapis.com/compute/beta</a> <a href="https://storage.googleapis.com/storage/v1">https://storage.googleapis.com/storage/v1</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/storage/v1">https://www.googleapis.com/storage/v1</a> <a href="https://iam.googleapis.com/v1">https://iam.googleapis.com/v1</a> <a href="https://cloudkms.googleapis.com/v1">https://cloudkms.googleapis.com/v1</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/deploymentmanager/v2/projects">https://www.googleapis.com/deploymentmanager/v2/projects</a>	To manage resources in Google Cloud.
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
<a href="https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.  Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.bluexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.



Endpoints	Purpose
https://*.blob.core.windows.net	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.
https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io	

### Endpoints contacted from the BlueXP console

As you use the BlueXP web-based console that's provided through the SaaS layer, it contacts several endpoints to complete data management tasks. This includes endpoints that are contacted to deploy the Connector from the BlueXP console.

[View the list of endpoints contacted from the BlueXP console.](#)

### Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

### Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

### Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

You'll need to implement this networking requirement after you create the Connector.

## Step 2: Set up permissions to create the Connector

Before you can deploy a Connector from BlueXP or by using gcloud, you need to set up permissions for the Google Cloud user who will deploy the Connector VM.

### Steps

1. Create a custom role in Google Cloud:

a. Create a YAML file that includes the following permissions:

```
title: Connector deployment policy
description: Permissions for the user who deploys the Connector from
BlueXP
stage: GA
includedPermissions:
- compute.disks.create
- compute.disks.get
- compute.disks.list
- compute.disks.setLabels
- compute.disks.use
- compute.firewalls.create
- compute.firewalls.delete
- compute.firewalls.get
- compute.firewalls.list
- compute.globalOperations.get
- compute.images.get
- compute.images.getFromFamily
- compute.images.list
- compute.images.useReadOnly
- compute.instances.attachDisk
- compute.instances.create
- compute.instances.get
- compute.instances.list
- compute.instances.setDeletionProtection
- compute.instances.setLabels
- compute.instances.setMachineType
- compute.instances.setMetadata
- compute.instances.setTags
- compute.instances.start
- compute.instances.updateDisplayDevice
- compute.machineTypes.get
- compute.networks.get
- compute.networks.list
- compute.networks.updatePolicy
- compute.projects.get
- compute.regions.get
- compute.regions.list
- compute.subnetworks.get
- compute.subnetworks.list
- compute.zoneOperations.get
- compute.zones.get
- compute.zones.list
- deploymentmanager.compositeTypes.get
- deploymentmanager.compositeTypes.list
```

```
- deploymentmanager.deployments.create
- deploymentmanager.deployments.delete
- deploymentmanager.deployments.get
- deploymentmanager.deployments.list
- deploymentmanager.manifests.get
- deploymentmanager.manifests.list
- deploymentmanager.operations.get
- deploymentmanager.operations.list
- deploymentmanager.resources.get
- deploymentmanager.resources.list
- deploymentmanager.typeProviders.get
- deploymentmanager.typeProviders.list
- deploymentmanager.types.get
- deploymentmanager.types.list
- resourcemanager.projects.get
- compute.instances.setServiceAccount
- iam.serviceAccounts.list
```

- b. From Google Cloud, activate cloud shell.
- c. Upload the YAML file that includes the required permissions.
- d. Create a custom role by using the `gcloud iam roles create` command.

The following example creates a role named "connectorDeployment" at the project level:

```
gcloud iam roles create connectorDeployment --project=myproject --file=connector-deployment.yaml
```

[Google Cloud docs: Creating and managing custom roles](#)

2. Assign this custom role to the user who will deploy the Connector from BlueXP or by using `gcloud`.

[Google Cloud docs: Grant a single role](#)

## Result

The Google Cloud user now has the permissions required to create the Connector.

## Step 3: Set up permissions for the Connector

A Google Cloud service account is required to provide the Connector with the permissions that BlueXP needs to manage resources in Google Cloud. When you create the Connector, you'll need to associate this service account with the Connector VM.

It's your responsibility to update the custom role as new permissions are added in subsequent releases. If new permissions are required, they will be listed in the release notes.

## Steps

1. Create a custom role in Google Cloud:
  - a. Create a YAML file that includes the contents of the [service account permissions for the Connector](#).
  - b. From Google Cloud, activate cloud shell.

- c. Upload the YAML file that includes the required permissions.
- d. Create a custom role by using the `gcloud iam roles create` command.

The following example creates a role named "connector" at the project level:

```
gcloud iam roles create connector --project=myproject --file=connector.yaml
```

[Google Cloud docs: Creating and managing custom roles](#)

2. Create a service account in Google Cloud and assign the role to the service account:
  - a. From the IAM & Admin service, select **Service Accounts > Create Service Account**.
  - b. Enter service account details and select **Create and Continue**.
  - c. Select the role that you just created.
  - d. Finish the remaining steps to create the role.

[Google Cloud docs: Creating a service account](#)

3. If you plan to deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in different projects than the project where the Connector resides, then you'll need to provide the Connector's service account with access to those projects.

For example, let's say the Connector is in project 1 and you want to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in project 2. You'll need to grant access to the service account in project 2.

- a. From the IAM & Admin service, select the Google Cloud project where you want to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.
- b. On the **IAM** page, select **Grant Access** and provide the required details.
  - Enter the email of the Connector's service account.
  - Select the Connector's custom role.
  - Select **Save**.

For more details, refer to [Google Cloud documentation](#)

## Result

The service account for the Connector VM is set up.

## Step 4: Set up shared VPC permissions

If you are using a shared VPC to deploy resources into a service project, then you'll need to prepare your permissions.

This table is for reference and your environment should reflect the permissions table when IAM configuration is complete.

## View shared VPC permissions

Identity	Creator	Hosted in	Service project permissions	Host project permissions	Purpose
Google account to deploy the Connector	Custom	Service Project	<a href="#">Connector deployment policy</a>	compute.network User	Deploying the Connector in the service project
Connector service account	Custom	Service project	<a href="#">Connector service account policy</a>	compute.network User deploymentmanager.editor	Deploying and maintaining Cloud Volumes ONTAP and services in the service project
Cloud Volumes ONTAP service account	Custom	Service project	storage.admin  member: BlueXP service account as serviceAccount.user	N/A	(Optional) For data tiering and BlueXP backup and recovery
Google APIs service agent	Google Cloud	Service project	(Default) Editor	compute.network User	Interacts with Google Cloud APIs on behalf of deployment. Allows BlueXP to use the shared network.
Google Compute Engine default service account	Google Cloud	Service project	(Default) Editor	compute.network User	Deploys Google Cloud instances and compute infrastructure on behalf of deployment. Allows BlueXP to use the shared network.

### Notes:

1. deploymentmanager.editor is only required at the host project if you are not passing firewall rules to the deployment and are choosing to let BlueXP create them for you. BlueXP will create a deployment in the host project which contains the VPC0 firewall rule if no rule is specified.
2. firewall.create and firewall.delete are only required if you are not passing firewall rules to the deployment and are choosing to let BlueXP create them for you. These permissions reside in the BlueXP account .yaml file. If you are deploying an HA pair using a shared VPC, these permissions will be used to create the firewall rules for VPC1, 2 and 3. For all other deployments, these permissions will also be used to create rules for VPC0.
3. For data tiering, the tiering service account must have the serviceAccount.user role on the service account, not just at the project level. Currently if you assign serviceAccount.user at the project level, the permissions don't show when you query the service account with getIAMPolicy.

## Step 5: Enable Google Cloud APIs

Several Google Cloud APIs must be enabled before you can deploy the Connector and Cloud Volumes ONTAP in Google Cloud.

### Step

1. Enable the following Google Cloud APIs in your project:

- Cloud Deployment Manager V2 API
- Cloud Logging API
- Cloud Resource Manager API
- Compute Engine API
- Identity and Access Management (IAM) API
- Cloud Key Management Service (KMS) API

(Required only if you are planning to use BlueXP backup and recovery with customer-managed encryption keys (CMEK))

[Google Cloud documentation: Enabling APIs](#)

## Step 6: Create the Connector

Create a Connector directly from the BlueXP web-based console or by using gcloud.

### About this task

Creating the Connector deploys a virtual machine instance in Google Cloud using a default configuration. After you create the Connector, you should not change to a smaller VM instance that has less CPU or RAM. [Learn about the default configuration for the Connector.](#)

## BlueXP

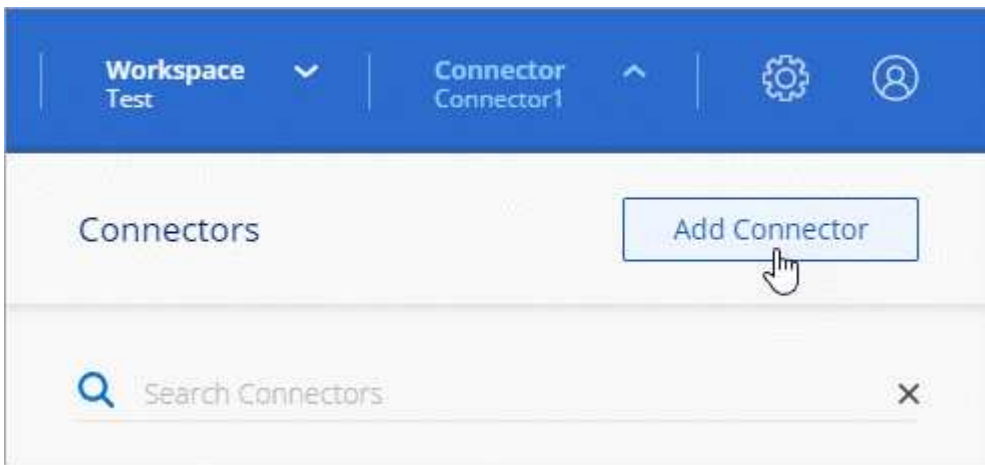
### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- The required Google Cloud permissions to create the Connector and a service account for the Connector VM.
- A VPC and subnet that meets networking requirements.
- Details about a proxy server, if a proxy is required for internet access from the Connector.

### Steps

1. Select the **Connector** drop-down and select **Add Connector**.



2. Choose **Google Cloud Platform** as your cloud provider.
3. On the **Deploying a Connector** page, review the details about what you'll need. You have two options:
  - a. Select **Continue** to prepare for deployment by using the in-product guide. Each step in the in-product guide includes the information that's contained on this page of the documentation.
  - b. Select **Skip to Deployment** if you already prepared by following the steps on this page.
4. Follow the steps in the wizard to create the Connector:
  - If you're prompted, log in to your Google account, which should have the required permissions to create the virtual machine instance.

The form is owned and hosted by Google. Your credentials are not provided to NetApp.

- **Details:** Enter a name for the virtual machine instance, specify tags, select a project, and then select the service account that has the required permissions (refer to the section above for details).
- **Location:** Specify a region, zone, VPC, and subnet for the instance.
- **Network:** Choose whether to enable a public IP address and optionally specify a proxy configuration.
- **Firewall Policy:** Choose whether to create a new firewall policy or whether to select an existing firewall policy that allows the required inbound and outbound rules.

[Firewall rules in Google Cloud](#)

- **Review:** Review your selections to verify that your set up is correct.

## 5. Select **Add**.

The instance should be ready in about 7 minutes. You should stay on the page until the process is complete.

### Result

After the process is complete, the Connector is available for use from BlueXP.

If you have Google Cloud Storage buckets in the same Google Cloud account where you created the Connector, you'll see a Google Cloud Storage working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage Google Cloud Storage from BlueXP](#)

### gcloud

#### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- The required Google Cloud permissions to create the Connector and a service account for the Connector VM.
- A VPC and subnet that meets networking requirements.
- An understanding of VM instance requirements.
  - **CPU:** 8 cores or 8 vCPUs
  - **RAM:** 32 GB
  - **Machine type:** We recommend n2-standard-8.

The Connector is supported in Google Cloud on a VM instance with an OS that supports Shielded VM features.

### Steps

1. Log in to the gcloud SDK using your preferred methodology.

In our examples, we'll use a local shell with the gcloud SDK installed, but you could use the native Google Cloud Shell in the Google Cloud console.

For more information about the Google Cloud SDK, visit the [Google Cloud SDK documentation page](#).

2. Verify that you are logged in as a user who has the required permissions that are defined in the section above:

```
gcloud auth list
```

The output should show the following where the \* user account is the desired user account to be logged in as:



## Credentialed Accounts

ACTIVE ACCOUNT

some\_user\_account@domain.com

\* desired\_user\_account@domain.com

To set the active account, run:

```
$ gcloud config set account `ACCOUNT`
```

Updates are available for some Cloud SDK components. To install them,

please run:

```
$ gcloud components update
```

### 3. Run the `gcloud compute instances create` command:

```
gcloud compute instances create <instance-name>
  --machine-type=n2-standard-8
  --image-project=netapp-cloudmanager
  --image-family=cloudmanager
  --scopes=cloud-platform
  --project=<project>
  --service-account=<service-account>
  --zone=<zone>
  --no-address
  --tags <network-tag>
  --network <network-path>
  --subnet <subnet-path>
  --boot-disk-kms-key <kms-key-path>
```

#### **instance-name**

The desired instance name for the VM instance.

#### **project**

(Optional) The project where you want to deploy the VM.

#### **service-account**

The service account specified in the output from step 2.

#### **zone**

The zone where you want to deploy the VM

#### **no-address**

(Optional) No external IP address is used (you need a cloud NAT or proxy to route traffic to the public internet)

#### **network-tag**

(Optional) Add network tagging to link a firewall rule using tags to the Connector instance

**network-path**

(Optional) Add the name of the network to deploy the Connector into (for a Shared VPC, you need the full path)

**subnet-path**

(Optional) Add the name of the subnet to deploy the Connector into (for a Shared VPC, you need the full path)

**kms-key-path**

(Optional) Add a KMS key to encrypt the Connector's disks (IAM permissions also need to be applied)

For more information about these flags, visit the [Google Cloud compute SDK documentation](#).

Running the command deploys the Connector using the NetApp golden image. The Connector instance and software should be running in approximately five minutes.

4. Open a web browser from a host that has a connection to the Connector instance and enter the following URL:

`https://ipaddress`

5. After you log in, set up the Connector:
  - a. Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.

[Learn about BlueXP identity and access management.](#)

- b. Enter a name for the system.

**Result**

The Connector is now installed and set up with your BlueXP organization.

Open a web browser and go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

## Manually install the Connector in Google Cloud

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. One of the available installation options is to manually install the Connector software on a Linux host running in Google Cloud. To manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, you need to review host requirements, set up your networking, prepare Google Cloud permissions, enable APIs, install the Connector, and then provide the permissions that you prepared.

**Before you begin**

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

**Step 1: Review host requirements**

The Connector software must run on a host that meets specific operating system requirements, RAM

requirements, port requirements, and so on.

### Dedicated host

The Connector is not supported on a host that is shared with other applications. The host must be a dedicated host.

### Hypervisor

A bare metal or hosted hypervisor that is certified to run a supported operating system is required.

### Operating system and container requirements

BlueXP supports the Connector with the following operating systems when using BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode. A container orchestration tool is required before you install the Connector.

Operating system	Supported OS versions	Supported Connector versions	Required container tool	SELinux
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	9.1 to 9.4 8.6 to 8.10	3.9.40 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Podman version 4.6.1 or 4.9.4 <a href="#">View Podman configuration requirements.</a>	Supported in enforcing mode or permissive mode <sup>1</sup>
Ubuntu	24.04 LTS	3.9.45 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Docker Engine 26.0.0	Not supported
	22.04 LTS	3.9.29 or later	Docker Engine 23.0.6 to 26.0.0  26.0.0 is supported with <i>new</i> Connector 3.9.44 or later installations	Not supported

Notes:

1. Management of Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems is not supported by Connectors that have SELinux enabled on the operating system.
2. The Connector is supported on English-language versions of these operating systems.
3. For RHEL, the host must be registered with Red Hat Subscription Management. If it's not registered, the host can't access repositories to update required 3rd-party software during Connector installation.

### CPU

8 cores or 8 vCPUs

### RAM

32 GB

## Google Cloud machine type

An instance type that meets the CPU and RAM requirements above. We recommend n2-standard-8.

The Connector is supported in Google Cloud on a VM instance with an OS that supports [Shielded VM features](#)

## Disk space in /opt

100 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP uses /opt to install the /opt/application/netapp directory and its contents.

## Disk space in /var

20 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP requires this space in /var because Docker or Podman are architected to create the containers within this directory. Specifically, they will create containers in the /var/lib/containers/storage directory. External mounts or symlinks do not work for this space.

## Step 2: Install Podman or Docker Engine

Depending on your operating system, either Podman or Docker Engine is required before you install the Connector.

- Podman is required for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and 9.

[View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

- Docker Engine is required for Ubuntu.

[View the Docker Engine versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

### Example 3. Steps

#### Podman

Follow these steps to install Podman and configure it to meet the following requirements:

- The podman.socket service must be enabled and started
- python3 must be installed
- The podman-compose package version 1.0.6 must be installed
- podman-compose must be added to the PATH environment variable

#### Steps

1. Remove the podman-docker package if it's installed on the host.

```
dnf remove podman-docker
rm /var/run/docker.sock
```

2. Install Podman.

Podman is available from official Red Hat Enterprise Linux repositories.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install podman-2:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install podman-3:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

3. Enable and start the podman.socket service.

```
sudo systemctl enable --now podman.socket
```

4. Install python3.

```
sudo dnf install python3
```

5. Install the EPEL repository package if it's not already available on your system.

This step is required because podman-compose is available from the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-9.noarch.rpm
```

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-8.noarch.rpm
```

#### 6. Install podman-compose package 1.0.6.

```
sudo dnf install podman-compose-1.0.6
```



Using the `dnf install` command meets the requirement for adding podman-compose to the PATH environment variable. The installation command adds podman-compose to `/usr/bin`, which is already included in the `secure_path` option on the host.

### Docker Engine

Follow the documentation from Docker to install Docker Engine.

#### Steps

1. [View installation instructions from Docker](#)

Be sure to follow the steps to install a specific version of Docker Engine. Installing the latest version will install a version of Docker that BlueXP doesn't support.

2. Verify that Docker is enabled and running.

```
sudo systemctl enable docker && sudo systemctl start docker
```

### Step 3: Set up networking

Set up your networking so the Connector can manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment. For example, you need to ensure that connections are available to target networks and that outbound internet access is available.

#### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

## Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

## Endpoints contacted from computers when using the BlueXP web-based console

Computers that access the BlueXP console from a web browser must have the ability to contact several endpoints. You'll need to use the BlueXP console to set up the Connector and for day-to-day use of BlueXP.

[Prepare networking for the BlueXP console.](#)

## Endpoints contacted during manual installation

When you manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, the installer for the Connector requires access to the following URLs during the installation process:

- <https://support.netapp.com>
- <https://mysupport.netapp.com>
- <https://signin.b2c.netapp.com> (this endpoint is the CNAME URL for <https://mysupport.netapp.com>)
- <https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com/tenancy>
- <https://stream.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- <https://production-artifacts.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- [https://\\*.blob.core.windows.net](https://*.blob.core.windows.net)
- <https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io>

The host might try to update operating system packages during installation. The host can contact different mirroring sites for these OS packages.

## Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/">https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/</a> <a href="https://compute.googleapis.com/compute/v1">https://compute.googleapis.com/compute/v1</a> <a href="https://cloudresourcemanager.googleapis.com/v1/projects">https://cloudresourcemanager.googleapis.com/v1/projects</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/compute/beta">https://www.googleapis.com/compute/beta</a> <a href="https://storage.googleapis.com/storage/v1">https://storage.googleapis.com/storage/v1</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/storage/v1">https://www.googleapis.com/storage/v1</a> <a href="https://iam.googleapis.com/v1">https://iam.googleapis.com/v1</a> <a href="https://cloudkms.googleapis.com/v1">https://cloudkms.googleapis.com/v1</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/deploymentmanager/v2/projects">https://www.googleapis.com/deploymentmanager/v2/projects</a>	To manage resources in Google Cloud.
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	<p>To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.</p> <p>Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.bluexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.</p>
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

### Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

### Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
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- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

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If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

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It's your responsibility to update the custom role as new permissions are added in subsequent releases. If new



permissions are required, they will be listed in the release notes.

## Steps

1. Create a custom role in Google Cloud:
  - a. Create a YAML file that includes the contents of the [service account permissions for the Connector](#).
  - b. From Google Cloud, activate cloud shell.
  - c. Upload the YAML file that includes the required permissions.
  - d. Create a custom role by using the `gcloud iam roles create` command.

The following example creates a role named "connector" at the project level:

```
gcloud iam roles create connector --project=myproject --file=connector.yaml
```

[Google Cloud docs: Creating and managing custom roles](#)

2. Create a service account in Google Cloud and assign the role to the service account:
  - a. From the IAM & Admin service, select **Service Accounts > Create Service Account**.
  - b. Enter service account details and select **Create and Continue**.
  - c. Select the role that you just created.
  - d. Finish the remaining steps to create the role.

[Google Cloud docs: Creating a service account](#)

3. If you plan to deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in different projects than the project where the Connector resides, then you'll need to provide the Connector's service account with access to those projects.

For example, let's say the Connector is in project 1 and you want to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in project 2. You'll need to grant access to the service account in project 2.

- a. From the IAM & Admin service, select the Google Cloud project where you want to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.
- b. On the **IAM** page, select **Grant Access** and provide the required details.
  - Enter the email of the Connector's service account.
  - Select the Connector's custom role.
  - Select **Save**.

For more details, refer to [Google Cloud documentation](#)

## Result

The service account for the Connector VM is set up.

## Step 5: Set up shared VPC permissions

If you are using a shared VPC to deploy resources into a service project, then you'll need to prepare your permissions.

This table is for reference and your environment should reflect the permissions table when IAM configuration is complete.

## View shared VPC permissions

Identity	Creator	Hosted in	Service project permissions	Host project permissions	Purpose
Google account to deploy the Connector	Custom	Service Project	<a href="#">Connector deployment policy</a>	compute.network User	Deploying the Connector in the service project
Connector service account	Custom	Service project	<a href="#">Connector service account policy</a>	compute.network User deploymentmanager.editor	Deploying and maintaining Cloud Volumes ONTAP and services in the service project
Cloud Volumes ONTAP service account	Custom	Service project	storage.admin  member: BlueXP service account as serviceAccount.user	N/A	(Optional) For data tiering and BlueXP backup and recovery
Google APIs service agent	Google Cloud	Service project	(Default) Editor	compute.network User	Interacts with Google Cloud APIs on behalf of deployment. Allows BlueXP to use the shared network.
Google Compute Engine default service account	Google Cloud	Service project	(Default) Editor	compute.network User	Deploys Google Cloud instances and compute infrastructure on behalf of deployment. Allows BlueXP to use the shared network.

### Notes:

1. deploymentmanager.editor is only required at the host project if you are not passing firewall rules to the deployment and are choosing to let BlueXP create them for you. BlueXP will create a deployment in the host project which contains the VPC0 firewall rule if no rule is specified.
2. firewall.create and firewall.delete are only required if you are not passing firewall rules to the deployment and are choosing to let BlueXP create them for you. These permissions reside in the BlueXP account .yaml file. If you are deploying an HA pair using a shared VPC, these permissions will be used to create the firewall rules for VPC1, 2 and 3. For all other deployments, these permissions will also be used to create rules for VPC0.
3. For data tiering, the tiering service account must have the serviceAccount.user role on the service account, not just at the project level. Currently if you assign serviceAccount.user at the project level, the permissions don't show when you query the service account with getIAMPolicy.

## Step 6: Enable Google Cloud APIs

Several Google Cloud APIs must be enabled before you can deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in Google Cloud.

### Step

1. Enable the following Google Cloud APIs in your project:

- Cloud Deployment Manager V2 API
- Cloud Logging API
- Cloud Resource Manager API
- Compute Engine API
- Identity and Access Management (IAM) API
- Cloud Key Management Service (KMS) API

(Required only if you are planning to use BlueXP backup and recovery with customer-managed encryption keys (CMEK))

[Google Cloud documentation: Enabling APIs](#)

## Step 7: Install the Connector

After the pre-requisites are complete, you can manually install the software on your own Linux host.

### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- Root privileges to install the Connector.
- Details about a proxy server, if a proxy is required for internet access from the Connector.

You have the option to configure a proxy server after installation but doing so requires restarting the Connector.

Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- A CA-signed certificate, if the proxy server uses HTTPS or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

### About this task

The installer that is available on the NetApp Support Site might be an earlier version. After installation, the Connector automatically updates itself if a new version is available.

### Steps

1. If the `http_proxy` or `https_proxy` system variables are set on the host, remove them:

```
unset http_proxy
unset https_proxy
```

If you don't remove these system variables, the installation will fail.

2. Download the Connector software from the [NetApp Support Site](#), and then copy it to the Linux host.

You should download the "online" Connector installer that's meant for use in your network or in the cloud. A separate "offline" installer is available for the Connector, but it's only supported with private mode deployments.

3. Assign permissions to run the script.

```
chmod +x BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version>
```

Where <version> is the version of the Connector that you downloaded.

4. Run the installation script.

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version> --proxy <HTTP or HTTPS proxy server>  
--cacert <path and file name of a CA-signed certificate>
```

The --proxy and --cacert parameters are optional. If you have a proxy server, you will need to enter the parameters as shown. The installer doesn't prompt you to provide information about a proxy.

Here's an example of the command using both optional parameters:

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-v3.9.40--proxy  
https://user:password@10.0.0.30:8080/ --cacert  
/tmp/cacert/certificate.cer
```

--proxy configures the Connector to use an HTTP or HTTPS proxy server using one of the following formats:

- http://address:port
- http://user-name:password@address:port
- http://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port
- https://address:port
- https://user-name:password@address:port
- https://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port

Note the following:

- The user can be a local user or domain user.
- For a domain user, you must use the ASCII code for a \ as shown above.
- BlueXP doesn't support user names or passwords that include the @ character.
- If the password includes any of the following special characters, you must escape that special character by prepending it with a backslash: & or !

For example:

`http://bxpproxyuser:netapp1!@address:3128`

--cacert specifies a CA-signed certificate to use for HTTPS access between the Connector and the proxy server. This parameter is required only if you specify an HTTPS proxy server or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

5. Wait for the installation to complete.

At the end of the installation, the Connector service (occm) restarts twice if you specified a proxy server.

6. Open a web browser from a host that has a connection to the Connector virtual machine and enter the following URL:

`https://ipaddress`

7. After you log in, set up the Connector:
  - a. Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.
  - b. Enter a name for the system.
  - c. Under **Are you running in a secured environment?** keep restricted mode disabled.

You should keep restricted mode disabled because these steps describe how to use BlueXP in standard mode. You should enable restricted mode only if you have a secure environment and want to disconnect this account from BlueXP backend services. If that's the case, [follow steps to get started with BlueXP in restricted mode](#).

- d. Select **Let's start**.

## Result

The Connector is now installed and is set up with your BlueXP organization.

If you have Google Cloud Storage buckets in the same Google Cloud account where you created the Connector, you'll see a Google Cloud Storage working environment appear on the BlueXP canvas automatically. [Learn how to manage Google Cloud Storage from BlueXP](#)

## Step 8: Provide permissions to BlueXP

You need to provide BlueXP with the Google Cloud permissions that you previously set up. Providing the permissions enables BlueXP to manage your data and storage infrastructure in Google Cloud.

## Steps

1. Go to the Google Cloud portal and assign the service account to the Connector VM instance.

[Google Cloud documentation: Changing the service account and access scopes for an instance](#)

2. If you want to manage resources in other Google Cloud projects, grant access by adding the service account with the BlueXP role to that project. You'll need to repeat this step for each project.

## Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in Google Cloud on your behalf.

# Install and set up a Connector on-premises

A Connector is NetApp software running in your cloud network or on-premises network that gives you the ability to use all BlueXP features and services. To run the Connector on-premises, you need to review host requirements, set up your networking, prepare cloud permissions, install the Connector, set up the Connector, and then and then provide the permissions that you prepared.

## Before you begin

- You should have an [understanding of Connectors](#).
- You should review [Connector limitations](#).

## Step 1: Review host requirements

The Connector software must run on a host that meets specific operating system requirements, RAM requirements, port requirements, and so on. Ensure that your host meets these requirements before you install the Connector.

### Dedicated host

The Connector is not supported on a host that is shared with other applications. The host must be a dedicated host.

### Hypervisor

A bare metal or hosted hypervisor that is certified to run a supported operating system is required.

### Operating system and container requirements

BlueXP supports the Connector with the following operating systems when using BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode. A container orchestration tool is required before you install the Connector.

Operating system	Supported OS versions	Supported Connector versions	Required container tool	SELinux
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	9.1 to 9.4 8.6 to 8.10	3.9.40 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Podman version 4.6.1 or 4.9.4 <a href="#">View Podman configuration requirements.</a>	Supported in enforcing mode or permissive mode <sup>1</sup>

Operating system	Supported OS versions	Supported Connector versions	Required container tool	SELinux
Ubuntu	24.04 LTS	3.9.45 or later with BlueXP in standard mode or restricted mode	Docker Engine 26.0.0	Not supported
	22.04 LTS	3.9.29 or later	Docker Engine 23.0.6 to 26.0.0  26.0.0 is supported with <i>new</i> Connector 3.9.44 or later installations	Not supported

#### Notes:

1. Management of Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems is not supported by Connectors that have SELinux enabled on the operating system.
2. The Connector is supported on English-language versions of these operating systems.
3. For RHEL, the host must be registered with Red Hat Subscription Management. If it's not registered, the host can't access repositories to update required 3rd-party software during Connector installation.

#### CPU

8 cores or 8 vCPUs

#### RAM

32 GB

#### Disk space in /opt

100 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP uses /opt to install the /opt/application/netapp directory and its contents.

#### Disk space in /var

20 GiB of space must be available

BlueXP requires this space in /var because Docker or Podman are architected to create the containers within this directory. Specifically, they will create containers in the /var/lib/containers/storage directory. External mounts or symlinks do not work for this space.

## Step 2: Install Podman or Docker Engine

Depending on your operating system, either Podman or Docker Engine is required before you install the Connector.

- Podman is required for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and 9.

[View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

- Docker Engine is required for Ubuntu.

[View the Docker Engine versions that BlueXP supports.](#)



## Example 4. Steps

### Podman

Follow these steps to install Podman and configure it to meet the following requirements:

- The podman.socket service must be enabled and started
- python3 must be installed
- The podman-compose package version 1.0.6 must be installed
- podman-compose must be added to the PATH environment variable

### Steps

1. Remove the podman-docker package if it's installed on the host.

```
dnf remove podman-docker
rm /var/run/docker.sock
```

2. Install Podman.

Podman is available from official Red Hat Enterprise Linux repositories.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install podman-2:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install podman-3:<version>
```

Where <version> is the supported version of Podman that you're installing. [View the Podman versions that BlueXP supports.](#)

3. Enable and start the podman.socket service.

```
sudo systemctl enable --now podman.socket
```

4. Install python3.

```
sudo dnf install python3
```

5. Install the EPEL repository package if it's not already available on your system.

This step is required because podman-compose is available from the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository.

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-9.noarch.rpm
```

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8:

```
sudo dnf install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-8.noarch.rpm
```

#### 6. Install podman-compose package 1.0.6.

```
sudo dnf install podman-compose-1.0.6
```



Using the `dnf install` command meets the requirement for adding podman-compose to the PATH environment variable. The installation command adds podman-compose to `/usr/bin`, which is already included in the `secure_path` option on the host.

### Docker Engine

Follow the documentation from Docker to install Docker Engine.

#### Steps

1. [View installation instructions from Docker](#)

Be sure to follow the steps to install a specific version of Docker Engine. Installing the latest version will install a version of Docker that BlueXP doesn't support.

2. Verify that Docker is enabled and running.

```
sudo systemctl enable docker && sudo systemctl start docker
```

## Step 3: Set up networking

Set up your networking so the Connector can manage resources and processes within your hybrid cloud environment. For example, you need to ensure that connections are available to target networks and that outbound internet access is available.

### Connections to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the location where you're planning to create and manage working environments. For example, the network where you plan to create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems or a storage system in your on-premises environment.

## Outbound internet access

The network location where you deploy the Connector must have an outbound internet connection to contact specific endpoints.

## Endpoints contacted from computers when using the BlueXP web-based console

Computers that access the BlueXP console from a web browser must have the ability to contact several endpoints. You'll need to use the BlueXP console to set up the Connector and for day-to-day use of BlueXP.

[Prepare networking for the BlueXP console.](#)

## Endpoints contacted during manual installation

When you manually install the Connector on your own Linux host, the installer for the Connector requires access to the following URLs during the installation process:

- <https://support.netapp.com>
- <https://mysupport.netapp.com>
- <https://signin.b2c.netapp.com> (this endpoint is the CNAME URL for <https://mysupport.netapp.com>)
- <https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com/tenancy>
- <https://stream.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- <https://production-artifacts.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com>
- [https://\\*.blob.core.windows.net](https://*.blob.core.windows.net)
- <https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io>

The host might try to update operating system packages during installation. The host can contact different mirroring sites for these OS packages.

## Endpoints contacted from the Connector

The Connector requires outbound internet access to contact the following endpoints in order to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment for day-to-day operations.

Note that the endpoints listed below are all CNAME entries.

Endpoints	Purpose
<p>AWS services (amazonaws.com):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CloudFormation</li><li>• Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)</li><li>• Identity and Access Management (IAM)</li><li>• Key Management Service (KMS)</li><li>• Security Token Service (STS)</li><li>• Simple Storage Service (S3)</li></ul>	<p>To manage resources in AWS. The exact endpoint depends on the AWS region that you're using. <a href="#">Refer to AWS documentation for details</a></p>

Endpoints	Purpose
<a href="https://management.azure.com">https://management.azure.com</a> <a href="https://login.microsoftonline.com">https://login.microsoftonline.com</a> <a href="https://blob.core.windows.net">https://blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://core.windows.net">https://core.windows.net</a>	To manage resources in Azure public regions.
<a href="https://management.chinacloudapi.cn">https://management.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://login.chinacloudapi.cn">https://login.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://blob.core.chinacloudapi.cn</a> <a href="https://core.chinacloudapi.cn">https://core.chinacloudapi.cn</a>	To manage resources in Azure China regions.
<a href="https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/">https://www.googleapis.com/compute/v1/</a> <a href="https://compute.googleapis.com/compute/v1">https://compute.googleapis.com/compute/v1</a> <a href="https://cloudresourcemanager.googleapis.com/v1/projects">https://cloudresourcemanager.googleapis.com/v1/projects</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/compute/beta">https://www.googleapis.com/compute/beta</a> <a href="https://storage.googleapis.com/storage/v1">https://storage.googleapis.com/storage/v1</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/storage/v1">https://www.googleapis.com/storage/v1</a> <a href="https://iam.googleapis.com/v1">https://iam.googleapis.com/v1</a> <a href="https://cloudkms.googleapis.com/v1">https://cloudkms.googleapis.com/v1</a> <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/deploymentmanager/v2/projects">https://www.googleapis.com/deploymentmanager/v2/projects</a>	To manage resources in Google Cloud.
<a href="https://support.netapp.com">https://support.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://mysupport.netapp.com">https://mysupport.netapp.com</a>	To obtain licensing information and to send AutoSupport messages to NetApp support.
<a href="https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://*.api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://api.bluexp.netapp.com">https://api.bluexp.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://*.cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com">https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com</a> <a href="https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com">https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com</a>	<p>To provide SaaS features and services within BlueXP.</p> <p>Note that the Connector is currently contacting "cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com" but it will start contacting "api.bluexp.netapp.com" in an upcoming release.</p>
<a href="https://*.blob.core.windows.net">https://*.blob.core.windows.net</a> <a href="https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io">https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io</a>	To upgrade the Connector and its Docker components.

## Proxy server

If your business requires deployment of a proxy server for all outgoing internet traffic, obtain the following information about your HTTP or HTTPS proxy. You'll need to provide this information during installation. Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- IP address
- Credentials
- HTTPS certificate

## Ports

There's no incoming traffic to the Connector, unless you initiate it or if the Connector is used as a proxy to send AutoSupport messages from Cloud Volumes ONTAP to NetApp Support.

- HTTP (80) and HTTPS (443) provide access to the local UI, which you'll use in rare circumstances.
- SSH (22) is only needed if you need to connect to the host for troubleshooting.
- Inbound connections over port 3128 are required if you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems in a subnet where an outbound internet connection isn't available.

If Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems don't have an outbound internet connection to send AutoSupport messages, BlueXP automatically configures those systems to use a proxy server that's included with the Connector. The only requirement is to ensure that the Connector's security group allows inbound connections over port 3128. You'll need to open this port after you deploy the Connector.

## Enable NTP

If you're planning to use BlueXP classification to scan your corporate data sources, you should enable a Network Time Protocol (NTP) service on both the BlueXP Connector system and the BlueXP classification system so that the time is synchronized between the systems. [Learn more about BlueXP classification](#)

## Step 4: Set up cloud permissions

If you want to use BlueXP services in AWS or Azure with an on-premises Connector, then you need to set up permissions in your cloud provider so that you can add the credentials to the Connector after you install it.



Why not Google Cloud? When the Connector is installed on your premises, it can't manage your resources in Google Cloud. The Connector must be installed in Google Cloud to manage any resources that reside there.

## AWS

When the Connector is installed on-premises, you need to provide BlueXP with AWS permissions by adding access keys for an IAM user who has the required permissions.

You must use this authentication method if the Connector is installed on-premises. You can't use an IAM role.

### Steps

1. Log in to the AWS console and navigate to the IAM service.
2. Create a policy:
  - a. Select **Policies > Create policy**.
  - b. Select **JSON** and copy and paste the contents of the [IAM policy for the Connector](#).
  - c. Finish the remaining steps to create the policy.

Depending on the BlueXP services that you're planning to use, you might need to create a second policy.

For standard regions, the permissions are spread across two policies. Two policies are required due to a maximum character size limit for managed policies in AWS. [Learn more about IAM policies for the Connector](#).

3. Attach the policies to an IAM user.
  - [AWS Documentation: Creating IAM Roles](#)
  - [AWS Documentation: Adding and Removing IAM Policies](#)
4. Ensure that the user has an access key that you can add to BlueXP after you install the Connector.

### Result

You should now have access keys for an IAM user who has the required permissions. After you install the Connector, you'll need to associate these credentials with the Connector from BlueXP.

## Azure

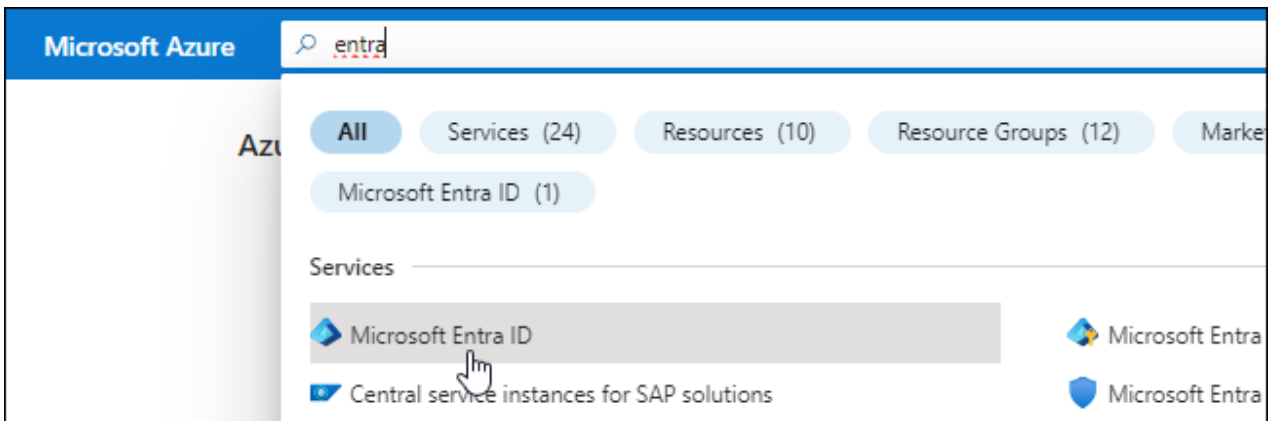
When the Connector is installed on-premises, you need to provide BlueXP with Azure permissions by setting up a service principal in Microsoft Entra ID and obtaining the Azure credentials that BlueXP needs.

### Create a Microsoft Entra application for role-based access control

1. Ensure that you have permissions in Azure to create an Active Directory application and to assign the application to a role.

For details, refer to [Microsoft Azure Documentation: Required permissions](#)

2. From the Azure portal, open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.



3. In the menu, select **App registrations**.
4. Select **New registration**.
5. Specify details about the application:
  - **Name**: Enter a name for the application.
  - **Account type**: Select an account type (any will work with BlueXP).
  - **Redirect URI**: You can leave this field blank.
6. Select **Register**.

You've created the AD application and service principal.

### Assign the application to a role

1. Create a custom role:

Note that you can create an Azure custom role using the Azure portal, Azure PowerShell, Azure CLI, or REST API. The following steps show how to create the role using the Azure CLI. If you would prefer to use a different method, refer to [Azure documentation](#)

- a. Copy the contents of the [custom role permissions for the Connector](#) and save them in a JSON file.
- b. Modify the JSON file by adding Azure subscription IDs to the assignable scope.

You should add the ID for each Azure subscription from which users will create Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems.

### Example

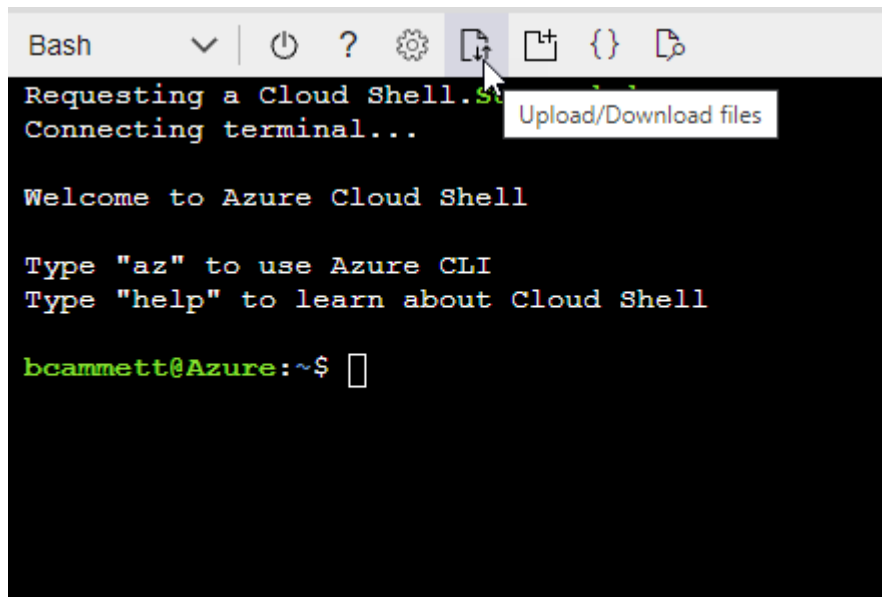
```
"AssignableScopes": [
  "/subscriptions/d333af45-0d07-4154-943d-c25fbzzzzzzz",
  "/subscriptions/54b91999-b3e6-4599-908e-416e0zzzzzzz",
  "/subscriptions/398e471c-3b42-4ae7-9b59-ce5bbzzzzzzz"
```

- c. Use the JSON file to create a custom role in Azure.

The following steps describe how to create the role by using Bash in Azure Cloud Shell.

- Start [Azure Cloud Shell](#) and choose the Bash environment.

- Upload the JSON file.



- Use the Azure CLI to create the custom role:

```
az role definition create --role-definition  
Connector_Policy.json
```

You should now have a custom role called BlueXP Operator that you can assign to the Connector virtual machine.

2. Assign the application to the role:

- a. From the Azure portal, open the **Subscriptions** service.
- b. Select the subscription.
- c. Select **Access control (IAM) > Add > Add role assignment**.
- d. In the **Role** tab, select the **BlueXP Operator** role and select **Next**.
- e. In the **Members** tab, complete the following steps:
  - Keep **User, group, or service principal** selected.
  - Select **Select members**.



**Add role assignment** ...

Got feedback?

Role **Members** Review + assign

**Selected role** Cloud Manager Operator 3.9.12\_B

**Assign access to** ☒ User, group, or service principal  
☐ Managed identity

**Members** [+ Select members](#)

- Search for the name of the application.

Here's an example:

**Select members** ✕

Select ⓘ

test-service-principal

test-service-principal

- Select the application and select **Select**.
  - Select **Next**.
- f. Select **Review + assign**.

The service principal now has the required Azure permissions to deploy the Connector.

If you want to deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP from multiple Azure subscriptions, then you must bind the service principal to each of those subscriptions. BlueXP enables you to select the subscription that you want to use when deploying Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

#### Add Windows Azure Service Management API permissions

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Select **API permissions > Add a permission**.
3. Under **Microsoft APIs**, select **Azure Service Management**.

## Request API permissions

Select an API

Microsoft APIs APIs my organization uses My APIs

### Commonly used Microsoft APIs

#### Microsoft Graph

Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Azure AD, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.



#### Azure Batch

Schedule large-scale parallel and HPC applications in the cloud

#### Azure Data Catalog

Programmatic access to Data Catalog resources to register, annotate and search data assets

#### Azure Data Explorer

Perform ad-hoc queries on terabytes of data to build near real-time and complex analytics solutions

#### Azure Data Lake

Access to storage and compute for big data analytic scenarios

#### Azure DevOps

Integrate with Azure DevOps and Azure DevOps server

#### Azure Import/Export

Programmatic control of import/export jobs

#### Azure Key Vault

Manage your key vaults as well as the keys, secrets, and certificates within your Key Vaults

#### Azure Rights Management Services

Allow validated users to read and write protected content

#### Azure Service Management

Programmatic access to much of the functionality available through the Azure portal

#### Azure Storage

Secure, massively scalable object and data lake storage for unstructured and semi-structured data

#### Customer Insights

Create profile and interaction models for your products

#### Data Export Service for Microsoft Dynamics 365

Export data from Microsoft Dynamics CRM organization to an external destination

4. Select **Access Azure Service Management as organization users** and then select **Add permissions**.

## Request API permissions

[< All APIs](#)



Azure Service Management

<https://management.azure.com/> [Docs](#) [🔗](#)

What type of permissions does your application require?

### Delegated permissions

Your application needs to access the API as the signed-in user.

### Application permissions

Your application runs as a background service or daemon without a signed-in user.

Select permissions

[expand all](#)

Type to search

PERMISSION

ADMIN CONSENT REQUIRED



user\_impersonation

Access Azure Service Management as organization users (preview) ⓘ

## Get the application ID and directory ID for the application

1. In the **Microsoft Entra ID** service, select **App registrations** and select the application.
2. Copy the **Application (client) ID** and the **Directory (tenant) ID**.



When you add the Azure account to BlueXP, you need to provide the application (client) ID and the directory (tenant) ID for the application. BlueXP uses the IDs to programmatically sign in.

## Create a client secret

1. Open the **Microsoft Entra ID** service.
2. Select **App registrations** and select your application.
3. Select **Certificates & secrets > New client secret**.
4. Provide a description of the secret and a duration.
5. Select **Add**.
6. Copy the value of the client secret.

## Client secrets

A secret string that the application uses to prove its identity when requesting a token. Also can be referred to as application password.

[+ New client secret](#)

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRES	VALUE	Copy to clipboard
test secret	8/16/2020	*sZ1jSe2By:D*-ZRoV4NLfdAcY7:+0vA	

You now have a client secret that BlueXP can use it to authenticate with Microsoft Entra ID.

### Result

Your service principal is now setup and you should have copied the application (client) ID, the directory (tenant) ID, and the value of the client secret. After you install the Connector, you'll need to associate these credentials with the Connector from BlueXP.

## Step 5: Install the Connector

Download and install the Connector software on an existing Linux host on-premises.

### Before you begin

You should have the following:

- Root privileges to install the Connector.
- Details about a proxy server, if a proxy is required for internet access from the Connector.

You have the option to configure a proxy server after installation but doing so requires restarting the Connector.

Note that BlueXP does not support transparent proxy servers.

- A CA-signed certificate, if the proxy server uses HTTPS or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

### About this task

The installer that is available on the NetApp Support Site might be an earlier version. After installation, the Connector automatically updates itself if a new version is available.

### Steps

1. If the `http_proxy` or `https_proxy` system variables are set on the host, remove them:

```
unset http_proxy
unset https_proxy
```

If you don't remove these system variables, the installation will fail.

2. Download the Connector software from the [NetApp Support Site](#), and then copy it to the Linux host.

You should download the "online" Connector installer that's meant for use in your network or in the cloud. A separate "offline" installer is available for the Connector, but it's only supported with private mode deployments.

### 3. Assign permissions to run the script.

```
chmod +x BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version>
```

Where <version> is the version of the Connector that you downloaded.

### 4. Run the installation script.

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-<version> --proxy <HTTP or HTTPS proxy server>  
--cacert <path and file name of a CA-signed certificate>
```

The `--proxy` and `--cacert` parameters are optional. If you have a proxy server, you will need to enter the parameters as shown. The installer doesn't prompt you to provide information about a proxy.

Here's an example of the command using both optional parameters:

```
./BlueXP-Connector-Cloud-v3.9.40--proxy  
https://user:password@10.0.0.30:8080/ --cacert  
/tmp/cacert/certificate.cer
```

`--proxy` configures the Connector to use an HTTP or HTTPS proxy server using one of the following formats:

- `http://address:port`
- `http://user-name:password@address:port`
- `http://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port`
- `https://address:port`
- `https://user-name:password@address:port`
- `https://domain-name%92user-name:password@address:port`

Note the following:

- The user can be a local user or domain user.
- For a domain user, you must use the ASCII code for a \ as shown above.
- BlueXP doesn't support user names or passwords that include the @ character.
- If the password includes any of the following special characters, you must escape that special character by prepending it with a backslash: & or !

For example:

```
http://bxpproxyuser:netapp1\!@address:3128
```

`--cacert` specifies a CA-signed certificate to use for HTTPS access between the Connector and the proxy server. This parameter is required only if you specify an HTTPS proxy server or if the proxy is an intercepting proxy.

## Result

The Connector is now installed. At the end of the installation, the Connector service (occm) restarts twice if you specified a proxy server.

## Step 6: Set up the Connector

Sign up or log in and then set up the Connector to work with your BlueXP organization.

### Steps

1. Open a web browser and enter the following URL:

`https://ipaddress`

*ipaddress* can be localhost, a private IP address, or a public IP address, depending on the configuration of the host. For example, if the Connector is in the public cloud without a public IP address, you must enter a private IP address from a host that has a connection to the Connector host.

2. Sign up or log in.
3. After you log in, set up BlueXP:
  - a. Specify the BlueXP organization to associate with the Connector.
  - b. Enter a name for the system.
  - c. Under **Are you running in a secured environment?** keep restricted mode disabled.

You should keep restricted mode disabled because these steps describe how to use BlueXP in standard mode. (In addition, restricted mode isn't supported when the Connector is installed on-premises.)

- d. Select **Let's start**.

## Result

BlueXP is now set up with the Connector that you just installed.

## Step 7: Provide permissions to BlueXP

After you install and set up the Connector, add your cloud credentials so that BlueXP has the required permissions to perform actions in AWS or Azure.

## AWS

### Before you begin

If you just created these credentials in AWS, it might take a few minutes until they are available for use. Wait a few minutes before you add the credentials to BlueXP.

### Steps

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



2. Select **Add Credentials** and follow the steps in the wizard.
  - a. **Credentials Location:** Select **Amazon Web Services > Connector**.
  - b. **Define Credentials:** Enter an AWS access key and secret key.
  - c. **Marketplace Subscription:** Associate a Marketplace subscription with these credentials by subscribing now or by selecting an existing subscription.
  - d. **Review:** Confirm the details about the new credentials and select **Add**.

### Result

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in AWS on your behalf.

You can now go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.

## Azure

### Before you begin

If you just created these credentials in Azure, it might take a few minutes until they are available for use. Wait a few minutes before you add the credentials to BlueXP.

### Steps

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



2. Select **Add Credentials** and follow the steps in the wizard.
  - a. **Credentials Location:** Select **Microsoft Azure > Connector**.
  - b. **Define Credentials:** Enter information about the Microsoft Entra service principal that grants the required permissions:
    - Application (client) ID
    - Directory (tenant) ID
    - Client Secret
  - c. **Marketplace Subscription:** Associate a Marketplace subscription with these credentials by subscribing now or by selecting an existing subscription.
  - d. **Review:** Confirm the details about the new credentials and select **Add**.

**Result**

BlueXP now has the permissions that it needs to perform actions in Azure on your behalf. You can now go to the [BlueXP console](#) to start using the Connector with BlueXP.



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