



# **Add, remove, or delete systems**

## **Cloud Volumes ONTAP**

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# Add, remove, or delete systems

## Add an existing Cloud Volumes ONTAP system to NetApp Console

You can discover and add existing Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems to the NetApp Console. You might do this if you deployed a new system.



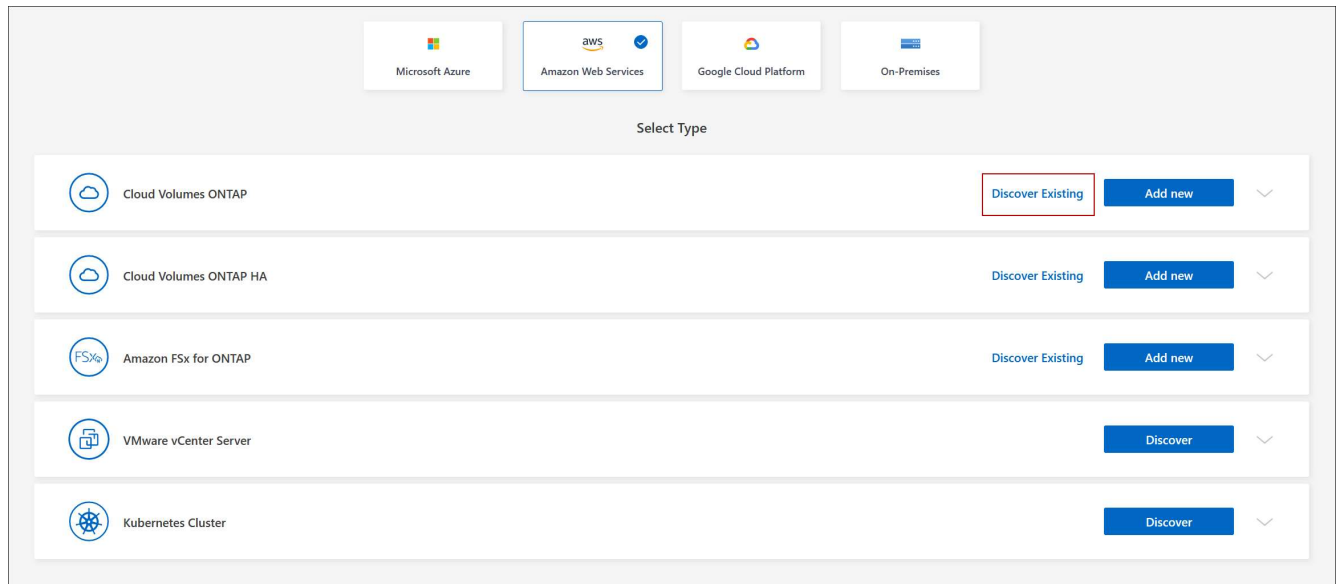
You can only add systems that are registered with the account you used to log in to the Console. If you have multiple accounts or organizations, ensure that you are logged in to the correct account before adding systems. You can't discover, view, or manage systems that are registered with a different account or organization.

### Before you begin

You must know the password for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP admin user account.

### Steps

1. From the left navigation menu, select **Storage > Management**.
2. On the **System** page, click **Add System**.
3. Select the cloud provider in which the system resides.
4. Choose the type of Cloud Volumes ONTAP system to add.
5. Click the link to discover an existing system.



6. On the Region page, select a region. You can see the systems that are running in the selected region.



Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems are represented as instances on this page. From the list, you can select only those instances that are registered with the current account.

7. On the Credentials page, enter the password for the Cloud Volumes ONTAP admin user, and then select **Go**.

## Result

The Console adds the Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems to the **Systems** page.


# Remove a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system from NetApp Console

You can remove a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system to move it to another system or to troubleshoot discovery issues.

## About this task

Removing a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system removes it from the NetApp Console. It does not delete the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system. You can later rediscover the system if you need.

## Steps

1. On the **Systems** page, double-click on the system you want to remove.
2. On the upper right of the Console, click the  icon, and select **Remove from workspace**.
3. In the **Remove from workspace** window, click **Remove**.

## Result

The Console removes the system. Users can rediscover the deleted system from the **Systems** page at any time.

# Delete a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system from NetApp Console

You should always delete Cloud Volumes ONTAP systems from the NetApp Console, rather than from your cloud provider's application. For example, if you terminate a licensed Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance from your cloud provider, then you can't use the license key for another instance. You must delete the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system from the Console to release the license.

When you delete a system, the Console terminates Cloud Volumes ONTAP instances and deletes disks and snapshots.



Other resources, such as backups managed by NetApp Backup and Recovery, and instances for NetApp Data Classification, are not deleted when you delete a system. You'll need to manually delete them. If you don't, then you'll continue to incur charges for these resources.

When the Console deploys Cloud Volumes ONTAP in your cloud provider, it enables termination protection on the instances. This option helps prevent accidental termination.


## Steps

1. If you enabled Backup and Recovery on the system, determine whether the backed up data is still required and then [delete the backups, if necessary](#).

Backup and Recovery is independent from Cloud Volumes ONTAP by design. Backup and Recovery doesn't automatically delete backups when you delete a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system, and there is no current support in the UI to delete the backups after the system has been deleted.

2. If you enabled Data Classification on this system and no other systems use this service, then you need to delete the instance for the service.

[Learn more about the Data Classification instance.](#)

3. Delete the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system.
  - a. On the **Systems** page, double-click the name of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system that you want to delete.
  - b. On the upper right of the Console, click the  icon, and select **Delete**.
  - c. Type the name of the system you want to delete, and then click **Delete**. It can take up to five minutes to delete a system.



Backup and Recovery is free only for Cloud Volumes ONTAP Professional licenses. This free benefit does not apply to deleted environments. If backed up copies of the Cloud Volumes ONTAP environment are retained in a Backup and Recovery instance, you will be charged for the backed up copies until they are deleted.

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