Drive API methods

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AddDrives

You can use the `AddDrives` method to add one or more available drives to the cluster, enabling the drives to host a portion of the data for the cluster.

When you add a storage node to the cluster or install new drives in an existing node, the new drives are marked as available and must be added via AddDrives before they can be utilized. Use the ListDrives method to display drives that are available to be added. When you add a drive, the system automatically determines the type of drive it should be.

The method is asynchronous and returns as soon as the processes for rebalancing the drives in the cluster are started. However, it might take more time for the data in the cluster to be rebalanced using the newly added drives; the rebalancing continues even after the AddDrives method call is complete. You can use the GetAsyncResult method to query the method's returned asyncHandle. After the AddDrives method returns, you can use the ListSyncJobs method to see the progress of the rebalancing of data with the new drives.

When you add multiple drives, it is more efficient to add them in a single AddDrives method call rather than multiple individual methods with a single drive each. This reduces the amount of data balancing that must occur to stabilize the storage load on the cluster.

Parameters

This method has the following input parameters:

Name	Description	Type	Default value	Required
drives	Information about each drive to be added to the cluster. Possible values: • driveID: The ID of the drive to add (integer). • type: The type of drive to add (string). Valid values are "slice", "block", or "volume". If omitted, the system assigns the correct type.	JSON object array	None	Yes (type is optional)

Return value

This method has the following return value:

Name	Description	Type
asyncHandle	Handle value used to obtain the operation result.	integer

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "method": "AddDrives",
  "params": {
    "drives": [
      {
        "driveID": 1,
        "type": "slice"
      },
      {
        "driveID": 2,
        "type": "block"
      },
      {
        "driveID": 3,
        "type": "block"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Response example

This method returns a response similar to the following example:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "result" : {
    "asyncHandle": 1
  }
}
```

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GetDriveHardwareInfo

You can use the `GetDriveHardwareInfo` method to get all the hardware information for the given drive. This generally includes manufacturers, vendors, versions, and other associated hardware identification information.

Parameter

This method has the following input parameter:

Name	Description	Type	Default value	Required
driveID	ID of the drive for the request.	integer	None	Yes

Return value

This method has the following return value:

Name	Description	Type
result	Returned hardware information for the specified driveID.	hardwareInfo

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
   "method": "GetDriveHardwareInfo",
   "params": {
     "driveID": 5
   },
   "id" : 100
}
```

Response example

This method returns a response similar to the following example:

```
{
   "id" : 100,
   "result" : {
     "driveHardwareInfo" : {
       "description" : "ATA Drive",
       "dev" : "8:80",
       "devpath" :
"/devices/pci0000:40/0000:40:01.0/0000:41:00.0/host6/port-6:0/expander-
6:0/port-6:0:4/end_device-6:0:4/target6:0:4/6:0:4:0/block/sdf",
       "driveSecurityAtMaximum" : false,
       "driveSecurityFrozen" : false
       "driveSecurityLocked" : false,
       "logicalname" : "/dev/sdf",
       "product" : "INTEL SSDSA2CW300G3",
       "securityFeatureEnabled" : false,
       "securityFeatureSupported" : true,
       "serial" : "CVPR121400NT300EGN",
       "size" : "300069052416",
       "uuid" : "7e1fd5b9-5acc-8991-e2ac-c48f813a3884",
       "version" : "4PC10362"
     }
   }
}
```


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GetDriveStats

You can use the `GetDriveStats` method to get high-level activity measurements for a single drive. Values are cumulative from the addition of the drive to the cluster. Some values are specific to block drives. Statistical data is returned for either block or metadata drive types when you run this method.

Parameter

This method has the following input parameter:

Name	Description	Type	Default value	Required
driveID	ID of the drive for the request.	integer	None	Yes

Return value

This method has the following return value:

Name	Description	Type
driveStats	Drive activity information for the specified driveID.	driveStats

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
   "method": "GetDriveStats",
   "params": {
     "driveID": 3
   },
   "id" : 1
}
```

Response example (block drive)

This method returns a response similar to the following example for a block drive:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "result": {
    "driveStats": {
      "driveID": 10,
      "failedDieCount": 0,
      "lifeRemainingPercent": 99,
      "lifetimeReadBytes": 26471661830144,
      "lifetimeWriteBytes": 13863852441600,
      "powerOnHours": 33684,
      "readBytes": 10600432105,
      "readOps": 5101025,
      "reallocatedSectors": 0,
      "reserveCapacityPercent": 100,
      "timestamp": "2016-10-17T20:23:45.456834Z",
      "totalCapacity": 300069052416,
      "usedCapacity": 6112226545,
      "usedMemory": 114503680,
      "writeBytes": 53559500896,
      "writeOps": 25773919
    }
  }
}
```


Response example (volume metadata drive)

This method returns a response similar to the following example for a volume metadata drive:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "result": {
    "driveStats": {
      "activeSessions": 8,
      "driveID": 12,
      "failedDieCount": 0,
      "lifeRemainingPercent": 100,
      "lifetimeReadBytes": 2308544921600,
      "lifetimeWriteBytes": 1120986464256,
      "powerOnHours": 16316,
      "readBytes": 1060152152064,
      "readOps": 258826209,
      "reallocatedSectors": 0,
      "reserveCapacityPercent": 100,
      "timestamp": "2016-10-17T20:34:52.456130Z",
      "totalCapacity": 134994670387,
      "usedCapacity": null,
      "usedMemory": 22173577216,
      "writeBytes": 353346510848,
      "writeOps": 86266238
    }
  }
}
```


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ListDrives

You can use the `ListDrives` method to list the drives that exist in the active nodes of the cluster. This method returns drives that have been added as volume metadata or block drives as well as drives that have not been added and are available.

Parameters

This method has no input parameters.

Return value

This method has the following return value:

Name	Description	Type
drives	List of drives in the cluster.	drive array

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
   "method": "ListDrives",
   "params": {},
   "id" : 1
}
```

Response example

This method returns a response similar to the following example:

```
{
   "id" : 1,
   "result" : {
     "drives" : [
       {
         "attributes" : {},
         "capacity" : 299917139968,
         "driveID" : 35,
         "nodeID" : 5,
         "serial" : "scsi-SATA_INTEL_SSDSA2CW6CVPR141502R3600FGN-part2",
         "slot" : 0,
         "status" : "active",
         "type" : "volume"
       },
       {
         "attributes" : {},
         "capacity" : 600127266816,
         "driveID" : 36,
         "nodeID" : 5,
         "serial" : "scsi-SATA_INTEL_SSDSA2CW6CVPR1415037R600FGN",
         "slot" : 6,
         "status" : "active",
         "type" : "block"
       }
     }
   ]
}
```


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You can use the `ListDriveStats` method to list high-level activity measurements for multiple drives in the cluster. By default, this method returns statistics for all drives in the cluster, and these measurements are cumulative from the addition of the drive to the cluster. Some values this method returns are specific to block drives, and some are specific to metadata drives.

Parameter

This method has the following input parameter:

Name	Description	Type	Default value	Required
drives	List of drive IDs (driveID) for which to return drive statistics. If you omit this parameter, measurements for all drives are returned.	integer array	None	No

Return values

This method has the following return values:

Name	Description	Type
driveStats	List of drive activity information for each drive.	driveStats array
errors	This list contains the driveID and associated error message. It is always present, and empty if there are no errors.	JSON object array

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "method": "ListDriveStats",
  "params": {
    "drives":[22,23]
  }
}
```

Response example

This method returns a response similar to the following example:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "result": {
    "driveStats": [
      {
        "driveID": 22,
        "failedDieCount": 0,
        "lifeRemainingPercent": 84,
        "lifetimeReadBytes": 30171004403712,
        "lifetimeWriteBytes": 103464755527680,
        "powerOnHours": 17736,
        "readBytes": 14656542,
         "readOps": 3624,
        "reallocatedSectors": 0,
        "reserveCapacityPercent": 100,
        "timestamp": "2016-03-01T00:19:24.782735Z",
        "totalCapacity": 300069052416,
        "usedCapacity": 1783735635,
        "usedMemory": 879165440,
        "writeBytes": 2462169894,
        "writeOps": 608802
      }
    ],
    "errors": [
      {
        "driveID": 23,
        "exception": {
          "message": "xStatCheckpointDoesNotExist",
          "name": "xStatCheckpointDoesNotExist"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```


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RemoveDrives

You can use the `RemoveDrives` method to proactively remove drives that are part of the cluster. You might use this method when reducing cluster capacity or preparing to replace drives nearing the end of their service life. `RemoveDrives` creates a third copy of the block data on the other nodes in the cluster and waits for syncing to complete before moving the drives to the "Available" list. Drives in the "Available" list are completely removed from the system and have no running services or active data.

`RemoveDrives` is an asynchronous method. Depending on the total capacity of the drives being removed, it might take several minutes to migrate all of the data.

When removing multiple drives, use a single `RemoveDrives` method call rather than multiple individual methods with a single drive each. This reduces the amount of data balancing that must occur to evenly stabilize the storage load on the cluster.

You can also remove drives with a "failed" status using `RemoveDrives`. When you remove a drive with a "failed" status, the drive is not returned to an "available" or “active” status. The drive is unavailable for use in the cluster.

Parameter

This method has the following input parameter:

Name	Description	Type	Default value	Required
drives	List of driveIDs to remove from the cluster.	integer array	None	Yes

Return value

This method has the following return value:

Name	Description	Type
asyncHandle	Handle value used to obtain the operation result.	integer

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
   "method": "RemoveDrives",
   "params": {
      "drives"  : [3, 4, 5]
   },
   "id" : 1
}
```

Response example

This method returns a response similar to the following example:

```
{
   "id": 1,
   "result" : {
     "asyncHandle": 1
   }
}
```

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SecureEraseDrives

You can use the `SecureEraseDrives` method to remove any residual data from drives that have a status of "available". You might use this method when replacing a drive nearing the end of its service life that contained sensitive data. This method uses a Security Erase Unit command to write a predetermined pattern to the drive and resets the encryption key on the drive. This asynchronous method might take several minutes to complete.

Parameter

This method has the following input parameter:

Name	Description	Type	Default value	Required
drives	List of drive IDs to secure erase.	integer array	None	Yes

Return value

This method has the following return value:

Name	Description	Type
asyncHandle	Handle value used to obtain the operation result.	integer

Request example

Requests for this method are similar to the following example:

```
{
   "method": "SecureEraseDrives",
   "params": {
     "drives"  : [3, 4, 5]
   },
   "id" : 1
}
```

Response example

This method returns a response similar to the following example:

```
{
   "id" : 1
   "result" : {
     "asyncHandle" : 1
   }
}
```

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