



Perform a failback to Element

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Learn about performing a failback to Element

When the issue on the primary side has been mitigated, you must resynchronize the original source volume and fail back to NetApp Element software. The steps you perform vary depending on whether the original source volume still exists or whether you need to failback to a newly created volume.

SnapMirror failback scenarios

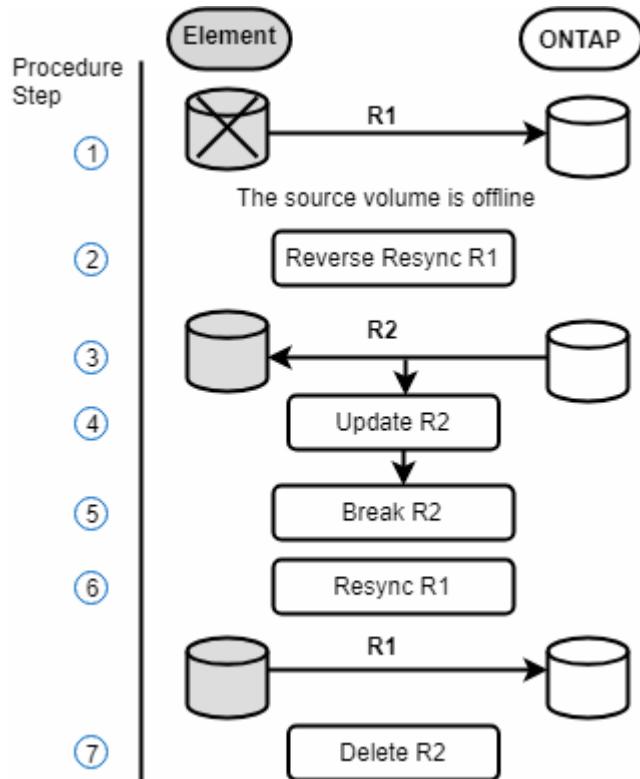
The SnapMirror disaster recovery functionality is illustrated in two failback scenarios. These assume the original relationship has been failed over (broken).

The steps from the corresponding procedures are added for reference.

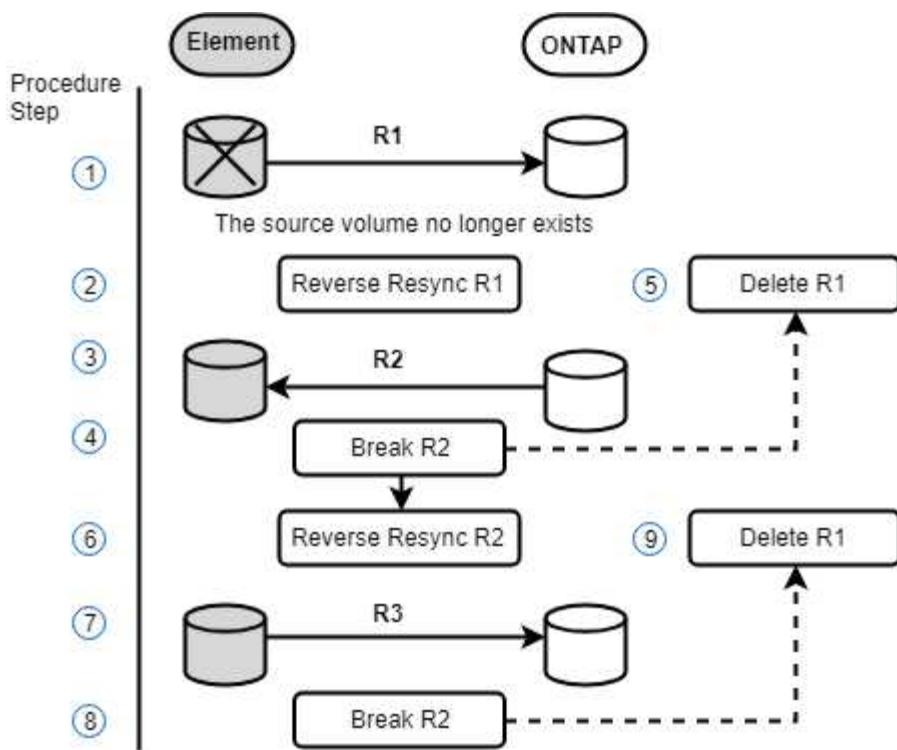


In the examples here, R1 = the original relationship in which the cluster running NetApp Element software is the original source volume (Element) and ONTAP is the original destination volume (ONTAP). R2 and R3 represent the inverse relationships created through the reverse resync operation.

The following image shows the failback scenario when the source volume still exists:



The following image shows the failback scenario when the source volume no longer exists:



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Perform a failback when source volume still exists

You can resynchronize the original source volume and fail back using the NetApp Element UI. This procedure applies to scenarios where the original source volume still exists.

1. In the Element UI, find the relationship that you broke to perform the failover.
2. Click the Actions icon and click **Reverse Resync**.
3. Confirm the action.



The Reverse Resync operation creates a new relationship in which the roles of the original source and destination volumes are reversed (this results in two relationships as the original relationship persists). Any new data from the original destination volume is transferred to the original source volume as part of the reverse resync operation. You can continue to access and write data to the active volume on the destination side, but you will need to disconnect all hosts to the source volume and perform a SnapMirror update before redirecting back to the original primary.

4. Click the Actions icon of the inverse relationship that you just created and click **Update**.

Now that you have completed the reverse resync and ensured that there are no active sessions connected

to the volume on the destination side and that the latest data is on the original primary volume, you can perform the following steps to complete the failback and reactivate the original primary volume:

5. Click the Actions icon of the inverse relationship and click **Break**.
6. Click the Actions icon of the original relationship and click **Resync**.



The original primary volume can now be mounted to resume production workloads on the original primary volume. The original SnapMirror replication resumes based on the policy and schedule configured for the relationship.

7. After you confirm that the original relationship status is “snapmirrored”, click the Actions icon of the inverse relationship and click **Delete**.

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Perform a failback when source volume no longer exists

You can resynchronize the original source volume and fail back using the NetApp Element UI. This section applies to scenarios in which the original source volume has been lost but the original cluster is still intact. For instructions about how to restore to a new cluster, see the documentation on the NetApp Support Site.

What you'll need

- You have a broken-off replication relationship between Element and ONTAP volumes.
- The Element volume is irretrievably lost.
- The original volume name shows as NOT FOUND.

Steps

1. In the Element UI, find the relationship that you broke to perform the failover.

Best Practice: Make note of the SnapMirror policy and schedule details of the original broken-off relationship. This information will be required when recreating the relationship.

2. Click the **Actions** icon and click **Reverse Resync**.
3. Confirm the action.



The Reverse Resync operation creates a new relationship in which the roles of the original source volume and the destination volume are reversed (this results in two relationships as the original relationship persists). Because the original volume no longer exists, the system creates a new Element volume with the same volume name and volume size as the original source volume. The new volume is assigned a default QoS policy called sm-recovery and is associated with a default account called sm-recovery. You will want to manually edit the account and QoS policy for all volumes that are created by SnapMirror to replace the original source volumes that were destroyed.

Data from the latest snapshot is transferred to the new volume as part of the reverse resync operation. You can continue to access and write data to the active volume on the destination side, but you will need to disconnect all hosts to the active volume and perform a SnapMirror update before reinstating the original

primary relationship in a later step. After you complete the reverse resync and ensure that there are no active sessions connected to the volume on the destination side and that the latest data is on the original primary volume, continue with the following steps to complete the failback and reactivate the original primary volume:

4. Click the **Actions** icon of the inverse relationship that was created during the Reverse Resync operation and click **Break**.
5. Click the **Actions** icon of the original relationship, in which the source volume does not exist, and click **Delete**.
6. Click the **Actions** icon of the inverse relationship, which you broke in step 4, and click **Reverse Resync**.
7. This reverses the source and destination and results in a relationship with the same volume source and volume destination as the original relationship.
8. Click the **Actions** icon and **Edit** to update this relationship with the original QoS policy and schedule settings you took note of.
9. Now it is safe to delete the inverse relationship that you reverse resynced in step 6.

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