



SnapMirror labels

Element Software

NetApp
November 12, 2025

This PDF was generated from https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/element-software/storage/concept_snapmirror_labels.html on November 12, 2025. Always check docs.netapp.com for the latest.

Table of Contents

SnapMirror labels	1
SnapMirror labels	1
Add SnapMirror labels to snapshots	1
Add SnapMirror labels to snapshot schedules	1
Find more information	2

SnapMirror labels

SnapMirror labels

A SnapMirror label serves as a marker for transferring a specified snapshot according to the retention rules of the relationship.

Applying a label to a snapshot marks it as a target for SnapMirror replication. The role of the relationship is to enforce the rules upon data transfer by selecting the matching labeled snapshot, copying it to the destination volume, and ensuring the correct number of copies are kept. It refers to the policy to determine the keep count and the retention period. The policy can have any number of rules and each rule has a unique label. This label serves as the link between the snapshot and the retention rule.

It is the SnapMirror label that indicates which rule is applied for the selected snapshot, group snapshot, or schedule.

Add SnapMirror labels to snapshots

SnapMirror labels specify the snapshot retention policy on the SnapMirror endpoint. You can add labels to snapshots and group snapshots.

You can view available labels from an existing SnapMirror relationship dialog box or the NetApp ONTAP System Manager.



When you add a label to a group snapshot, any existing labels to individual snapshots are overwritten.

What you'll need

- SnapMirror is enabled on the cluster.
- The label you want to add already exists in ONTAP.

Steps

1. Click **Data Protection > Snapshots or Group Snapshots** page.
2. Click the **Actions** icon for the snapshot or group snapshot you want to add a SnapMirror label to.
3. In the **Edit Snapshot** dialog box, enter text in the **SnapMirror Label** field. The label must match a rule label in the policy applied to the SnapMirror relationship.
4. Click **Save Changes**.

Add SnapMirror labels to snapshot schedules

You can add SnapMirror labels to snapshot schedules to ensure that a SnapMirror policy is applied. You can view available labels from an existing SnapMirror relationship dialog box or the NetAppONTAP System Manager.

What you'll need

- SnapMirror must be enabled at the cluster level.

- The label you want to add already exists in ONTAP.

Steps

1. Click **Data Protection > Schedules**.
2. Add a SnapMirror label to a schedule in one of the following ways:

Option	Steps
Creating a new schedule	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Select Create Schedule. b. Enter all other relevant details. c. Select Create Schedule.
Modifying existing schedule	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Click the Actions icon for the schedule you want to add a label to and select Edit. b. In the resulting dialog box, enter text in the SnapMirror Label field. c. Select Save Changes.

Find more information

[Create a snapshot schedule](#)

Copyright information

Copyright © 2025 NetApp, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Printed in the U.S. No part of this document covered by copyright may be reproduced in any form or by any means—graphic, electronic, or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, taping, or storage in an electronic retrieval system—without prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Software derived from copyrighted NetApp material is subject to the following license and disclaimer:

THIS SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED BY NETAPP “AS IS” AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WHICH ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. IN NO EVENT SHALL NETAPP BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE, DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE.

NetApp reserves the right to change any products described herein at any time, and without notice. NetApp assumes no responsibility or liability arising from the use of products described herein, except as expressly agreed to in writing by NetApp. The use or purchase of this product does not convey a license under any patent rights, trademark rights, or any other intellectual property rights of NetApp.

The product described in this manual may be protected by one or more U.S. patents, foreign patents, or pending applications.

LIMITED RIGHTS LEGEND: Use, duplication, or disclosure by the government is subject to restrictions as set forth in subparagraph (b)(3) of the Rights in Technical Data -Noncommercial Items at DFARS 252.227-7013 (FEB 2014) and FAR 52.227-19 (DEC 2007).

Data contained herein pertains to a commercial product and/or commercial service (as defined in FAR 2.101) and is proprietary to NetApp, Inc. All NetApp technical data and computer software provided under this Agreement is commercial in nature and developed solely at private expense. The U.S. Government has a non-exclusive, non-transferrable, nonsublicensable, worldwide, limited irrevocable license to use the Data only in connection with and in support of the U.S. Government contract under which the Data was delivered. Except as provided herein, the Data may not be used, disclosed, reproduced, modified, performed, or displayed without the prior written approval of NetApp, Inc. United States Government license rights for the Department of Defense are limited to those rights identified in DFARS clause 252.227-7015(b) (FEB 2014).

Trademark information

NETAPP, the NETAPP logo, and the marks listed at <http://www.netapp.com/TM> are trademarks of NetApp, Inc. Other company and product names may be trademarks of their respective owners.