



Managing annotation types

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Managing annotation types

OnCommand Insight provides some default annotation types, such as asset life cycle (birthday or end of life), building or data center location, and tier, that you can customize to show in your reports. You can define values for default annotation types or create your own custom annotation types. You can later edit those values.

Default annotation types

OnCommand Insight provides some default annotation types. These annotations can be used to filter or group data and to filter data reporting.

You can associate assets with default annotation types such as the following:

- Asset life cycle, such as birthday, sunset, or end of life
- Location information about a device, such as data center, building, or floor
- Classification of assets, such as by quality (tiers), by connected devices (switch level), or by service level
- Status, such as hot (high utilization)

The following table lists the default annotation types. You can edit any of these annotation names to suit your needs.

Annotation types	Description	Type
Alias	User-friendly name for a resource.	Text
Birthday	Date when the device was or will be brought online.	Date
Building	Physical location of host, storage, switch, and tape resources.	List
City	Municipality location of host, storage, switch, and tape resources.	List
Compute Resource Group	Group assignment used by the Host and VM Filesystems data source.	List
Continent	Geographic location of host, storage, switch, and tape resources.	List
Country	National location of host, storage, switch, and tape resources.	List

Data Center	Physical location of the resource and is available for hosts, storage arrays, switches, and tapes.	List
Direct Attached	Indicates (Yes or No) if a storage resource is connected directly to hosts.	Boolean
End of Life	Date when a device will be taken offline, for example, if the lease expired or the hardware is being retired.	Date
Fabric Alias	User-friendly name for a fabric.	Text
Floor	Location of a device on a floor of a building. Can be set for hosts, storage arrays, switches, and tapes.	List
Hot	Devices already in heavy use on a regular basis or at the threshold of capacity.	Boolean
Note	Comments that you want associated with a resource.	Text
Rack	Rack in which the resource resides.	Text
Room	Room within a building or other location of host, storage, switch, and tape resources.	List
SAN	Logical partition of the network. Available on hosts, storage arrays, tapes, switches, and applications.	List
Service Level	A set of supported service levels that you can assign to resources. Provides an ordered options list for internal volumes, qtree, and volumes. Edit service levels to set performance policies for different levels.	List
State/Province	State or province in which the resource is located.	List

Sunset	Threshold set after which no new allocations can be made to that device. Useful for planned migrations and other pending network changes.	Date
Switch Level	Includes predefined options for setting up categories for switches. Typically, these designations remain for the life of the device, although you can edit them, if needed. Available only for switches.	List
Tier	Can be used to define different levels of service within your environment. Tiers can define the type of level, such as speed needed (for example, gold or silver). This feature is available only on internal volumes, qtrees, storage arrays, storage pools, and volumes.	List
Violation Severity	Rank (for example, major) of a violation (for example, missing host ports or missing redundancy), in a hierarchy of highest to lowest importance.	List



Alias, Data Center, Hot, Service Level, Sunset, Switch Level, Service Level, Tier, and Violation Severity are system-level annotations, which you cannot delete or rename; you can change only their assigned values.

How annotations are assigned

You can assign annotations manually or automatically using annotation rules. OnCommand Insight also automatically assigns some annotations on acquisition of assets and by inheritance. Any annotations that you assign to an asset appear in the User Data section of the asset page.

Annotations are assigned in the following ways:

- You can assign an annotation manually to an asset.

If an annotation is assigned directly to an asset, the annotation appears as normal text on an asset page. Annotations that are assigned manually always take precedence over annotations that are inherited or assigned by annotation rules.

- You can create an annotation rule to automatically assign annotations to assets of the same type.

If the annotation is assigned by rule, Insight displays the rule name next to the annotation name on an asset page.

- Insight automatically associates a tier level with a storage tier model to expedite the assignment of storage annotations to your resources on acquisition of assets.

Certain storage resources are automatically associated with a predefined tier (Tier 1 and Tier 2). For example, the Symmetrix storage tier is based on the Symmetrix and VMAX family and is associated with Tier 1. You can change the default values to match your tier requirements. If the annotation is assigned by Insight (for example, Tier), you see “System-defined” when you position your cursor over the annotation’s name on an asset page.

- A few resources (children of an asset) can derive the predefined Tier annotation from their asset (parent).

For example, if you assign an annotation to a storage, the Tier annotation is derived by all the storage pools, internal volumes, volumes, qtrees, and shares belonging to the storage. If a different annotation is applied to an internal volume of the storage, the annotation is subsequently derived by all the volumes, qtrees, and shares. “Derived” appears next to the annotation name on an asset page.

Associating costs with annotations

Prior to running cost-related reports, you should associate costs with the Service Level, Switch Level, and Tier system-level annotations, which enables chargeback to the storage users based on their actual usage of production and replicated capacity. For example, for the Tier level, you might have gold and silver tier values and assign a higher cost to the gold tier than to the silver tier.

Steps

1. Log in to the Insightweb UI.
2. Click Manage and select **Annotations**.

The Annotation page displays.

3. Position your cursor over the Service Level, Switch Level, or Tier annotation, and click .

The Edit Annotation dialog box displays.

4. Enter the values for any existing levels in the **Cost** field.

The Tier and Service Level annotations have Auto Tier and Object Storage values, respectively, which you cannot remove.

5. Click  to add additional levels.
6. Click **Save** when you finish.

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