Manage home directory search paths

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Protocols CIFS home-directory search-paths endpoint overview

Overview

ONTAP home directory functionality can be used to create home directories for SMB users on the CIFS server and automatically offer each user a dynamic share to their home directory without creating an individual SMB share for each user.

The home directory search path is a set of absolute paths from the root of an SVM that directs ONTAP to search for home directories. If there are multiple search paths, ONTAP tries them in the order specified until it finds a valid path. To use the CIFS home directories feature, at least one home directory search path must be added for an SVM.

Examples

Creating a home directory search path

To create a home directory search path, use the following API. Note the *return_records=true* query parameter used to obtain the newly created entry in the response.

```
# The API:
POST /api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

# The call:
curl -X POST "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-
paths?return_records=true" -H "accept: applicaion/json" -H "Content-Type:
application/json" -d "{ \"path\": \"/\", \"svm\": { \"name\": \"vs1\",
\"uuid\": \"a41fd873-ecf8-11e8-899d-0050568e9333\" }}"

# The response:
{
"num_records": 1,
"records": [
  {
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "a41fd873-ecf8-11e8-899d-0050568e9333",
      "name": "vs1"
    },
  "path": "/"
  }
]
}
```

Retrieving the CIFS home directory search paths configuration for all SVMs in the cluster

```
# The API:
GET /protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

# The call:
curl -X GET "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-
paths?fields=*&return_records=true&return_timeout=15" -H "accept:
application/json"

# The response:
{
"records": [
  {
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "2d96f9aa-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e",
      "name": "vs1"
    },
    "index": 1,
    "path": "/"
  },
  {
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "2d96f9aa-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e",
      "name": "vs1"
    },
      "index": 2,
      "path": "/a"
  },
  {
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "4f23449b-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e",
      "name": "vs2"
    },
    "index": 1,
    "path": "/"
  },
  {
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "4f23449b-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e",
      "name": "vs2"
    },
    "index": 2,
    "path": "/1"
  }
],
```

```
"num_records": 4
}
```

Retrieving a specific home directory searchpath configuration for an SVM

The configuration returned is identified by the UUID of its SVM and the index (position) in the list of search paths that is searched to find a home directory of a user.

```
# The API:
GET /api/protocols/home-directory/search-paths/{svm.uuid}/{index}

# The call:
curl -X GET "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-
paths/2d96f9aa-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e/2" -H "accept:
application/json"

# The response:
{
"svm": {
  "uuid": "2d96f9aa-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e",
  "name": "vs1"
},
"index": 2,
"path": "/a"
}
```

Reordering a specific home drectory search path in the list

An entry in the home directory search path list can be reordered to a new positin by specifying the 'new_index' field. The reordered configuration is identified by the UUID of its SVM and the index.

```
# The API:
PATCH /api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths/{svm.uuid}/{index}

# The call:
curl -X PATCH "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-
paths/2d96f9aa-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e/2?new_index=1" -H "accept:
application/json"
```

Removing a specific home directory search path for an SVM

The entry being removed is identified by the UUID of its SVM and the index.

```
# The API:
DELETE /api/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths/{svm.uuid}/{index}

# The call:
curl -X DELETE "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/protocols/cifs/home-
directory/search-paths/2d96f9aa-f4ce-11e8-b075-0050568e278e/2" -H "accept:
application/json"
```

Retrieve CIFS home directory search paths

GET `/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths`

Introduced In: 9.6

Retrieves CIFS home directory search paths.

Related ONTAP commands

- `cifs server home-directory search-path show`

Learn more

- DOC /protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
path	string	query	False	Filter by path
svm.uuid	string	query	False	Filter by svm.uuid
svm.name	string	query	False	Filter by svm.name
index	integer	query	False	Filter by index
fields	array[string]	query	False	Specify the fields to return.
max_records	integer	query	False	Limit the number of records returned.

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
return_records	boolean	query	False	The default is true for GET calls. When set to false, only the number of records is returned. • Default value: 1
return_timeout	integer	query	False	The number of seconds to allow the call to execute before returning. When iterating over a collection, the default is 15 seconds. ONTAP returns earlier if either max records or the end of the collection is reached. • Default value: 1 • Max value: 120 • Min value: 0
order_by	array[string]	query	False	Order results by specified fields and optional [asc

Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

Name	Type	Description
_links	_links	
num_records	integer	Number of records
records	array[cifs_search_path]	

Example response


```
{
  "_links": {
    "next": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    },
    "self": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    }
  },
  "records": [
    {
      "index": 0,
      "path": "/HomeDirectory/EngDomain",
      "svm": {
        "_links": {
          "self": {
            "href": "/api/resourcelink"
          }
        },
        "name": "svm1",
        "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```


Error

```
Status: Default, Error
```

Name	Type	Description
error	error	

Example error


```
{
  "error": {
    "arguments": [
      {
        "code": "string",
        "message": "string"
      }
    ],
    "code": "4",
    "message": "entry doesn't exist",
    "target": "uuid"
  }
}
```


Definitions

See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

_links

Name	Type	Description
next	href	
self	href	

_links

Name	Type	Description
self	href	

svm

Name	Type	Description
_links	_links	
name	string	The name of the SVM.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM.

cifs_search_path

This is a list of CIFS home directory search paths. When a CIFS client connects to a home directory share, these paths are searched in the order indicated by the position field to find the home directory of the connected CIFS client.

Name	Type	Description
index	integer	The position in the list of paths that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client. Not available in POST.
path	string	The file system path that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client.
svm	svm	

error_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

Create a home directory search path

POST `/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths`

Introduced In: 9.6

Creates a home directory search path.

Required properties

- `svm.uuid` or `svm.name` - Existing SVM in which to create the home directory search path.
- `path` - Path in the owning SVM namespace that is used to search for home directories.

Related ONTAP commands

- `cifs server home-directory search-path add`

Learn more

- DOC /protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
return_records	boolean	query	False	The default is false. If set to true, the records are returned. • Default value:

Request Body

Name	Type	Description
index	integer	The position in the list of paths that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client. Not available in POST.
path	string	The file system path that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client.
svm	svm	

Example request

```
{
  "index": 0,
  "path": "/HomeDirectory/EngDomain",
  "svm": {
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}
```

Response

```
Status: 201, Created
```

Name	Type	Description
num_records	integer	Number of records
records	array[cifs_search_path]	

Example response


```
{
  "records": [
    {
      "index": 0,
      "path": "/HomeDirectory/EngDomain",
      "svm": {
        "name": "svm1",
        "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```


Error

```
Status: Default
```

ONTAP Error Response Codes

Error Code	Description
655551	Invalid home-directory search-path path
655462	The specified path is an invalid file-type

Definitions

See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

_links

svm

Name	Type	Description
_links	_links	
name	string	The name of the SVM.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM.

cifs_search_path

This is a list of CIFS home directory search paths. When a CIFS client connects to a home directory share, these paths are searched in the order indicated by the position field to find the home directory of the connected CIFS client.

Name	Type	Description
index	integer	The position in the list of paths that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client. Not available in POST.
path	string	The file system path that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client.
svm	svm	

error_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

Delete a CIFS home directory search path

DELETE `/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths/{svm.uuid}/{index}`

Introduced In: 9.6

Deletes a CIFS home directory search path.

Related ONTAP commands

- `cifs server home-directory search-path remove`

Learn more

- DOC /protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
index	integer	path	True	Home directory search path index
svm.uuid	string	path	True	UUID of the SVM to which this object belongs.

Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

Error

```
Status: Default, Error
```

Name	Type	Description
error	error	

Example error


```
{
  "error": {
    "arguments": [
      {
        "code": "string",
        "message": "string"
      }
    ],
    "code": "4",
    "message": "entry doesn't exist",
    "target": "uuid"
  }
}
```


Definitions

See Definitions

error_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

Retrieve a CIFS home directory search path for an SVM

GET `/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths/{svm.uuid}/{index}`

Introduced In: 9.6

Retrieves a CIFS home directory search path of an SVM.

Related ONTAP commands

- `cifs server home-directory search-path show`

Learn more

- DOC /protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
index	integer	path	True	Home directory search path index

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
svm.uuid	string	path	True	UUID of the SVM to which this object belongs.
fields	array[string]	query	False	Specify the fields to return.

Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

Name	Type	Description
index	integer	The position in the list of paths that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client. Not available in POST.
path	string	The file system path that is searched to find the home directory of the CIFS client.
svm	svm	

Example response


```
{
  "index": 0,
  "path": "/HomeDirectory/EngDomain",
  "svm": {
    "_links": {
      "self": {
        "href": "/api/resourcelink"
      }
    },
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}
```

Error

```
Status: Default, Error
```

Name	Type	Description
error	error	

Example error


```
{
  "error": {
    "arguments": [
      {
        "code": "string",
        "message": "string"
      }
    ],
    "code": "4",
    "message": "entry doesn't exist",
    "target": "uuid"
  }
}
```


Definitions

See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

_links

Name	Type	Description
self	href	

svm

Name	Type	Description
_links	_links	
name	string	The name of the SVM.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM.

error_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

Re-order a CIFS home directory search path

PATCH `/protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths/{svm.uuid}/{index}`

Introduced In: 9.6

Reorders a CIFS home directory search path.

Related ONTAP commands

- `cifs server home-directory search-path reorder`

Learn more

- DOC /protocols/cifs/home-directory/search-paths

Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
index	integer	path	True	Home directory search path index
new_index	integer	query	False	New position for the home directory search path
svm.uuid	string	path	True	UUID of the SVM to which this object belongs.

Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

Error

```
Status: Default
```

ONTAP Error Response Codes

Error Code	Description
655463	Failed to reorder the search-path because the new-index is invalid. It cannot be '0' and it cannot go beyond the current entries

Definitions

See Definitions

error_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[error_arguments]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

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