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# Manage event based retention policies

## Manage event based retention policies

An event retention policy consists of a policy-name and a retention-period. The policy can be applied to a single file or files in a directory. Only a user with the security login role vsadmin-snaplock can perform the operation. EBR policies cannot be applied to files under a Legal-Hold.

### Examples

1. Creates an EBR policy policy\_name with a retention period of "10 years":

```
POST "/api/storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/" '{"name":  
"policy_name","retention_period": "P10Y"}'
```

1. Creates an EBR policy policy\_name1 with a retention period of "infinite":

```
POST "/api/storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/" '{"name":  
"policy_name1","retention_period": "infinite"}'
```

## Retrieve event retention policies for an SVM

GET /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies

Introduced In: 9.7

Retrieves all event retention policies for an SVM.

### Related ONTAP commands

- `snaplock event-retention policy show`

### Learn more

- [DOC /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies](#)

### Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
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_timeout	integer	query	False	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default value: 15</li> <li>• Max value: 120</li> <li>• Min value: 0</li> </ul>
return_records	boolean	query	False	<p>The default is true for GET calls. When set to false, only the number of records is returned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default value: 1</li> </ul>
order_by	array[string]	query	False	Order results by specified fields and optional [asc

## Response

Status: 200, Ok

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
num_records	integer	Number of records
records	array[ <a href="#">snaplock_retention_policy</a> ]	

## Example response

```
{
  "_links": {
    "next": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    },
    "self": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    }
  },
  "num_records": 1,
  "records": [
    {
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/resourcelink"
        }
      },
      "name": "string",
      "retention_period": "P30M",
      "svm": {
        "_links": {
          "self": {
            "href": "/api/resourcelink"
          }
        },
        "name": "svm1",
        "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

## Error

Status: Default

### ONTAP Error Response codes

Error code	Description
918253	Incorrect format for the retention period, duration must be in the ISO-8601 format or infinite or unspecified.

Error code	Description
13763280	Only a user with security login role "vsadmin-snaplock" is allowed to perform this operation.

Name	Type	Description
error	<a href="#">returned_error</a>	

### 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	<a href="#">href</a>	
self	<a href="#">href</a>	

\_links

Name	Type	Description
self	<a href="#">href</a>	

svm

SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
name	string	The name of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.

snaplock\_retention\_policy

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
name	string	Specifies the EBR policy name

Name	Type	Description
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".
svm	<a href="#">svm</a>	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

#### error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

#### returned\_error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[ <a href="#">error_arguments</a> ]	Message arguments



Name	Type	Description
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

## Create an EBR policy for an SVM

POST `/storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies`

**Introduced In:** 9.7

Creates an Event Based Retention (EBR) policy for an SVM. The input parameter `retention_period` expects the duration in ISO 8601 format or infinite.

### Required properties

- `name` - Event retention policy name.
- `retention_period` - Retention period of the EBR policy.

### Related ONTAP commands

- `snaplock event-retention policy create`

### Learn more

- [DOC /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies](#)

### 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
name	string	Specifies the EBR policy name

Name	Type	Description
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".</num></num></num></num></num>
svm	svm	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

#### Example request

```
{
  "name": "string",
  "retention_period": "P30M",
  "svm": {
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}
```

## Response

Status: 201, Created

Name	Type	Description
name	string	Specifies the EBR policy name
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".</num></num></num></num></num>
svm	svm	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

## Example response

```
{
  "name": "string",
  "retention_period": "P30M",
  "svm": {
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}
```

## Headers

Name	Description	Type
Location	Useful for tracking the resource location	string

## Error

Status: Default

## ONTAP Error Response codes

Error code	Description
918253	Incorrect format for the retention period, duration must be in the ISO-8601 format or infinite or unspecified.
13763280	Only a user with security login role "vsadmin-snaplock" is allowed to perform this operation.
13763402	Policy name already exists.

## Definitions

## See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

\_links

svm

SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

Name	Type	Description
name	string	The name of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.

snaplock\_retention\_policy

Name	Type	Description
name	string	Specifies the EBR policy name

Name	Type	Description
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".
svm	<a href="#">svm</a>	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

#### error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

#### returned\_error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[ <a href="#">error_arguments</a> ]	Message arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

## Delete an EBR policy

**DELETE** /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/{policy.name}

**Introduced In:** 9.7

Deletes the specified Event Based Retention (EBR) policy.

### Related ONTAP commands

- `snaplock event-retention policy delete`

### Example

Delete the specified Event Based Retention policy "policy\_name":

```
DELETE "/api/storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/{policy.name}"
```

### Learn more

- [DOC /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies](#)

### Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
policy.name	string	path	True	Name of the retention policy

### Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

## Error

Status: Default

### ONTAP Error Response codes

Error code	Description
13763280	Only a user with security login role "vsadmin-snaplock" is allowed to perform this operation.

Name	Type	Description
error	<a href="#">returned_error</a>	

### 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

returned\_error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[ <a href="#">error_arguments</a> ]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

## Retrieve attributes of an EBR policy

GET /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/{policy.name}

Introduced In: 9.7

Retrieves a list of attributes of the specified Event Based Retention (EBR) policy.

## Related ONTAP commands

- `snaplock event-retention policy show`

## Learn more

- [DOC /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies](#)

## Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
policy.name	string	path	True	Name of the retention policy

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
fields	array[string]	query	False	Specify the fields to return.

## Response

Status: 200, Ok

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
name	string	Specifies the EBR policy name
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".</num></num></num>></num></num>
svm	<a href="#">svm</a>	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

## Example response

```
{
  "_links": {
    "self": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    }
  },
  "name": "string",
  "retention_period": "P30M",
  "svm": {
    "_links": {
      "self": {
        "href": "/api/resourcelink"
      }
    },
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}
```

## Error

Status: Default

### ONTAP Error Response codes

Error code	Description
13763280	Only a user with security login role "vsadmin-snaplock" is allowed to perform this operation.

Name	Type	Description
error	<a href="#">returned_error</a>	

### 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	<a href="#">href</a>	

svm

SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

Name	Type	Description
_links	<a href="#">_links</a>	
name	string	The name of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.

error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

returned\_error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[ <a href="#">error_arguments</a> ]	Message arguments
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

# Update the retention period of an EBR policy

PATCH /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/{policy.name}

Introduced In: 9.7

Updates the retention period of an Event Based Retention (EBR) policy.

## Related ONTAP commands

- `snaplock event-retention policy modify`

## Example

Updates the retention period of an EBR policy "policy\_name":

```
PATCH "/api/storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies/{policy.name}"
'{"retention_period": "P20Y"}'
```

## Learn more

- [DOC /storage/snaplock/event-retention/policies](#)

## Parameters

Name	Type	In	Required	Description
policy.name	string	path	True	Name of the retention policy

## Request Body

Name	Type	Description
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".</num></num></num></num></num>
svm	svm	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

#### Example request

```
{
  "retention_period": "P30M",
  "svm": {
    "name": "svm1",
    "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
  }
}
```

#### Response

Status: 200, Ok

## Error

Status: Default

### ONTAP Error Response codes

Error code	Description
918253	Incorrect format for the retention period, duration must be in the ISO-8601 format or infinite or unspecified.
13763280	Only a user with security login role "vsadmin-snaplock" is allowed to perform this operation.

## Definitions



## See Definitions

href

Name	Type	Description
href	string	

\_links

svm

SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

Name	Type	Description
name	string	The name of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.
uuid	string	The unique identifier of the SVM. This field cannot be specified in a PATCH method.

snaplock\_retention\_policy

Name	Type	Description
retention_period	string	Specifies the retention period of an event based retention policy. The retention period value represents a duration and must be specified in the ISO-8601 duration format. The retention period can be in years, months, days, hours or minutes. A period specified for years, months and days is represented in the ISO-8601 format as "P<num>Y", "P<num>M", "P<num>D" respectively. For example "P10Y" represents a duration of 10 years. Similarly, a duration in hours, minutes is represented by "PT<num>H", "PT<num>M" respectively. The period string must contain only a single time element i.e. either years, months, days, hours or minutes. A duration which combines different periods is not supported, example "P1Y10M" is not supported. Apart from the duration specified in the ISO-8601 format, the retention period field also accepts the strings "infinite" and "unspecified".
svm	<a href="#">svm</a>	SVM, applies only to SVM-scoped objects.

#### error\_arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Argument code
message	string	Message argument

#### returned\_error

Name	Type	Description
arguments	array[ <a href="#">error_arguments</a> ]	Message arguments

Name	Type	Description
code	string	Error code
message	string	Error message
target	string	The target parameter that caused the error.

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