



Expand FlexGroup volumes in a SnapMirror relationship

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Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, you can expand the source FlexGroup volume and destination FlexGroup volume that are in a SnapMirror relationship by adding new constituents to the volumes. You can expand the destination volumes either manually or automatically.

About this task

- This task is not applicable to SVM-DR relationships, which automatically manage the expansion of the FlexGroup volume.
- After expansion, the number of constituents in the source FlexGroup volume and destination FlexGroup volume of a SnapMirror relationship must match.

If the number of constituents in the volumes does not match, the SnapMirror transfers fail.

- You should not perform any SnapMirror operation when the expansion process is in progress.
- If a disaster strikes before the expansion process is complete, you must break the SnapMirror relationship and wait until the operation succeeds.



You should break the SnapMirror relationship when the expansion process is in progress only in the case of a disaster. In the case of a disaster, the break operation can take some time to complete. You should wait for the break operation to get completed successfully before performing a resync operation. If the break operation fails, you must retry the break operation. If the break operation fails, some of the new constituents might remain in the destination FlexGroup volume after the break operation. It is best to delete these constituents manually before proceeding further.

Expand the source ONTAP FlexGroup volume of a SnapMirror relationship

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, you can expand the source FlexGroup volume of a SnapMirror relationship by adding new constituents to the source volume. You can expand the source volume in the same way that you expand a regular FlexGroup volume (read-write volume).

Steps

1. Expand the source FlexGroup volume: `volume expand -vserver vserver_name -volume fg_src -aggr-list aggregate_name, ... [-aggr-list-multiplier constituents_per_aggr]`

```
cluster1::> volume expand -volume src_fg -aggr-list aggr1 -aggr-list
-multiplier 2 -vserver vs_src

Warning: The following number of constituents of size 50GB will be added
to FlexGroup "src_fg": 2.

Expanding the FlexGroup will cause the state of all Snapshot copies to
be set to "partial".

Partial Snapshot copies cannot be restored.

Do you want to continue? {y|n}: Y
[Job 146] Job succeeded: Successful
```

The state of all of the snapshots that are taken before the volume is expanded changes to partial.

Expand the destination ONTAP FlexGroup volume of a SnapMirror relationship

You can expand the destination FlexGroup volume and reestablish the SnapMirror relationship either automatically or manually. By default, the SnapMirror relationship is set for automatic expansion, and the destination FlexGroup volume expands automatically if the source volume expands.

Before you begin

- The source FlexGroup volume must have been expanded.
- The SnapMirror relationship must be in the SnapMirrored state.

The SnapMirror relationship must not be broken or deleted.

About this task

- When the destination FlexGroup volume is created, the volume is set up for automatic expansion by default.

You can modify the destination FlexGroup volume for manual expansion, if required.



The best practice is to expand the destination FlexGroup volume automatically.

- All SnapMirror operations fail until both the source FlexGroup volume and destination FlexGroup volume have expanded and have the same number of constituents.
- If you expand the destination FlexGroup volume after the SnapMirror relationship is broken or deleted, you cannot resync the original relationship again.

If you intend to reuse the destination FlexGroup volume, do not expand the volume after deleting the SnapMirror relationship.

Choices

- Perform an update transfer to expand the destination FlexGroup volume automatically:

- a. Perform a SnapMirror update transfer: `snapmirror update -destination-path svm:vol_name`
- b. Verify that the status of the SnapMirror relationship is in the SnapMirrored state: `snapmirror show`

```
cluster2::> snapmirror show

Progress
Source          Destination Mirror  Relationship  Total
Last
Path           Type   Path        State   Status      Progress
Healthy Updated
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```

vs_src:src_fg

XDP	vs_dst:dst_fg	Snapmirrored	Idle	-	true

Based on the size and availability of aggregates, the aggregates are automatically selected, and new constituents that match the constituents of the source FlexGroup volume are added to the destination FlexGroup volume. After expansion, a resynchronization operation is automatically triggered.

- Expand the destination FlexGroup volume manually:
 - a. If the SnapMirror relationship is in the auto-expand mode, set the SnapMirror relationship to the manual expand mode: `snapmirror modify -destination-path svm:vol_name -is-auto-expand -enabled false`

```
cluster2::> snapmirror modify -destination-path vs_dst:dst_fg -is  
-auto-expand-enabled false  
Operation succeeded: snapmirror modify for the relationship with  
destination "vs_dst:dst_fg".
```

b. Quiesce the SnapMirror relationship: `snapmirror quiesce -destination-path svm:vol name`

```
cluster2::> snapmirror quiesce -destination-path vs_dst:dst_fg
Operation succeeded: snapmirror quiesce for destination
"vs_dst:dst_fg".
```

- c. Expand the destination FlexGroup volume: `volume expand -vserver vserver_name -volume fg_name -aggr-list aggregate name, ... [-aggr-list-multiplier constituents per aggr]`

```
cluster2::> volume expand -volume dst_fg -aggr-list aggr1 -aggr-list  
-multiplier 2 -vserver vs_dst  
  
Warning: The following number of constituents of size 50GB will be  
added to FlexGroup "dst_fg": 2.  
Do you want to continue? {y|n}: y  
[Job 68] Job succeeded: Successful
```

d. Resynchronize the SnapMirror relationship: `snapmirror resync -destination-path svm:vol name`

```
cluster2::> snapmirror resync -destination-path vs_dst:dst_fg
Operation is queued: snapmirror resync to destination
"vs dst:dst fg".
```

e. Verify that the status of the SnapMirror relationship is SnapMirrored: snapmirror show

Related information

- snapmirror quiesce
- snapmirror resync
- snapmirror show

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