



# **Manage administrator authentication and RBAC**

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# Manage administrator authentication and RBAC

## Learn about administrator authentication and RBAC in ONTAP

You can enable login accounts for ONTAP cluster administrators and storage virtual machine (SVM) administrators. You can also use role-based access control (RBAC) to define the capabilities of administrators.

You can enable local administrator accounts to access an admin storage virtual machine (SVM) or a data SVM with the following types of authentication:

- [Password](#)
- [SSH public key](#)
- [SSL certificate](#)
- [SSH multifactor authentication \(MFA\)](#)

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, authentication with password and public key is supported.

You can enable remote administrator accounts to access an admin SVM or a data SVM with the following types of authentication:

- [Active Directory](#)

Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, you can use an SSH public key as either your primary or secondary authentication method for an Active Directory user.

- [SAML authentication \(only for admin SVM\)](#)

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) authentication can be used for accessing the admin SVM by using any of the following web services: Service Processor Infrastructure, ONTAP APIs, or System Manager.

- [LDAP or NIS](#)

Beginning with ONTAP 9.4, SSH MFA can be used for remote users on LDAP or NIS servers. Authentication with nsswitch and public key is supported.

## ONTAP administrator authentication and RBAC workflow

You can enable authentication for local administrator accounts or remote administrator accounts. The account information for a local account resides on the storage system and the account information for a remote account resides elsewhere. Each account can have a predefined role or a custom role.

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### Complete configuration worksheet

Before creating login accounts and setting up role-based access control (RBAC), you should gather

information for each item in the [configuration worksheets](#).

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### Determine if the administrator account is local or remote

- **If local:** Enable [password](#), [SSH](#), [SSH MFA](#), or [SSL](#) access.
- **If remote:** Determine the type of remote access. Depending on the access type, [enable Active Directory access](#), [enable LDAP or NIS access](#), or [configure SAML authentication \(only for admin SVM\)](#).

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### Set up role-based access

The role assigned to an administrator determines the commands to which the administrator has access. The role is assigned when you create the administrator account and can be [modified](#) later. You can use predefined roles for [cluster](#) and [SVM](#) administrators, or [define custom roles](#) as needed.

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### Manage administrator accounts

Depending on how you have enabled account access, you may need to associate a [public key with a local account](#), manage [public keys and X.509 certificates](#), configure Cisco Duo 2FA for [SSH logins](#), install a [CA-signed server digital certificate](#), or configure [Active Directory](#), [LDAP](#), or [NIS](#) access. You can perform any of these tasks before or after enabling account access.

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### Configure additional security features

- [Manage multi-admin verification](#) if you want to ensure that certain operations require approval from designated administrators.
- [Manage dynamic authorization](#) if you want to dynamically apply additional authorization checks based on a user's trust level.
- [Configure just-in-time \(JIT\) privilege elevation](#) if you want to allow users to temporarily access elevated privileges to perform certain tasks.

## Worksheets for ONTAP administrator authentication and RBAC setup

Before creating login accounts and setting up role-based access control (RBAC), you should gather information for each item in the configuration worksheets.

Learn more about the commands described in this procedure in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Create or modify login accounts

You provide these values with the `security login create` command when you enable login accounts to access a storage VM. Learn more about `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

You provide the same values with the `security login modify` command when you modify how an account accesses a storage VM. Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
-vserver	The name of the storage VM that the account accesses. The default value is the name of the admin storage VM for the cluster.	
-user-or-group-name	The user name or group name of the account. Specifying a group name enables access to each user in the group. You can associate a user name or group name with multiple applications.	
-application	<p>The application that is used to access the storage VM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• http</li> <li>• ontapi</li> <li>• snmp</li> <li>• ssh</li> </ul>	
-authmethod	<p>The method that is used to authenticate the account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cert for SSL certificate authentication</li> <li>• domain for Active Directory authentication</li> <li>• nsswitch for LDAP or NIS authentication</li> <li>• password for user password authentication</li> <li>• publickey for public key authentication</li> <li>• community for SNMP community strings</li> <li>• usm for SNMP user security model</li> <li>• saml for Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) authentication</li> </ul>	

-remote-switch-ipaddress	The IP address of the remote switch. The remote switch can be a cluster switch monitored by the cluster switch health monitor (CSHM) or a Fibre Channel (FC) switch monitored by the MetroCluster health monitor (MCC-HM). This option is applicable only when the application is <code>snmp</code> and the authentication method is <code>usm</code> .	
-role	<p>The access control role that is assigned to the account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the cluster (the admin storage VM), the default value is <code>admin</code>.</li> <li>For a data storage VM, the default value is <code>vsadmin</code>.</li> </ul>	
-comment	(Optional) Descriptive text for the account. You should enclose the text in double quotation marks (").	
-is-ns-switch-group	Whether the account is an LDAP group account or NIS group account (yes or no).	
-second-authentication-method	<p>Second authentication method in case of multifactor authentication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>none</code> if not using multifactor authentication, default value</li> <li><code>publickey</code> for public key authentication when the <code>authmethod</code> is <code>password</code> or <code>nsswitch</code></li> <li><code>password</code> for user password authentication when the <code>authmethod</code> is <code>publickey</code></li> <li><code>nsswitch</code> for user password authentication when the <code>authmethod</code> is <code>publickey</code></li> </ul> <p>The order of authentication is always the public key followed by the password.</p>	

-is-ldap-fastbind	Beginning with ONTAP 9.11.1, when set to true, enables LDAP fast bind for nsswitch authentication; the default is false. To use LDAP fast bind, the -authentication-method value must be set to nsswitch. <b>Use LDAP fast bind for nsswitch authentication for ONTAP NFS SVMs.</b>	
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## Configure Cisco Duo security information

You provide these values with the `security login duo create` command when you enable Cisco Duo two-factor authentication with SSH logins for a storage VM. Learn more about `security login duo create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	The storage VM (referred to as a vserver in the ONTAP CLI) to which the Duo authentication settings apply.	
<code>-integration-key</code>	Your integration key, obtained when registering your SSH application with Duo.	
<code>-secret-key</code>	Your secret key, obtained when registering your SSH application with Duo.	
<code>-api-host</code>	The API hostname, obtained when registering your SSH application with Duo. For example:	<pre>api- &lt;HOSTNAME&gt;.duosecurit y.com</pre>
<code>-fail-mode</code>	On service or configuration errors that prevent Duo authentication, fail safe (allow access) or secure (deny access). The default is <code>safe</code> , which means that Duo authentication is bypassed if it fails due to errors such as the Duo API server being inaccessible.	

<p>-http-proxy</p>	<p>Use the specified HTTP proxy. If the HTTP proxy requires authentication, include the credentials in the proxy URL. For example:</p> <div data-bbox="589 312 1041 566" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <pre>http- proxy=http://username :password@proxy.example.org:8080</pre> </div>	
<p>-autopush</p>	<p>Either true or false. Default is false. If true, Duo automatically sends a push login request to the user's phone, reverting to a phone call if push is unavailable. Note that this effectively disables passcode authentication. If false, the user is prompted to choose an authentication method.</p> <p>When configured with autopush = true, we recommend setting max-prompts = 1.</p>	

<code>-max-prompts</code>	<p>If a user fails to authenticate with a second factor, Duo prompts the user to authenticate again. This option sets the maximum number of prompts that Duo displays before denying access. Must be 1, 2, or 3. The default value is 1.</p> <p>For example, when <code>max-prompts</code> = 1, the user needs to successfully authenticate on the first prompt, whereas if <code>max-prompts</code> = 2, if the user enters incorrect information at the initial prompt, he/she will be prompted to authenticate again.</p> <p>When configured with <code>autopush</code> = <code>true</code>, we recommend setting <code>max-prompts</code> = 1.</p> <p>For the best experience, a user with only publickey authentication will always have <code>max-prompts</code> set to 1.</p>	
<code>-enabled</code>	<p>Enable Duo two-factor authentication. Set to <code>true</code> by default. When enabled, Duo two-factor authentication is enforced during SSH login according to the configured parameters. When Duo is disabled (set to <code>false</code>), Duo authentication is ignored.</p>	
<code>-pushinfo</code>	<p>This option provides additional information in the push notification, such as the name of the application or service being accessed. This helps users verify that they are logging in to the correct service and provides an additional layer of security.</p>	

## Define custom roles

You provide these values with the `security login role create` command when you define a custom role. Learn more about `security login role create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value

-vserver	(Optional) The name of the storage VM (referred to as a vserver in the ONTAP CLI) that is associated with the role.	
-role	The name of the role.	
-cmddirname	The command or command directory to which the role gives access. You should enclose command subdirectory names in double quotation marks (""). For example, "volume snapshot". You must enter DEFAULT to specify all command directories.	
-access	<p>(Optional) The access level for the role. For command directories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none (the default value for custom roles) denies access to commands in the command directory</li> <li>• readonly grants access to the show commands in the command directory and its subdirectories</li> <li>• all grants access to all of the commands in the command directory and its subdirectories</li> </ul> <p>For <i>nonintrinsic commands</i> (commands that do not end in create, modify, delete, or show):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none (the default value for custom roles) denies access to the command</li> <li>• readonly is not applicable</li> <li>• all grants access to the command</li> </ul> <p>To grant or deny access to intrinsic commands, you must specify the command directory.</p>	

-query	(Optional) The query object that is used to filter the access level, which is specified in the form of a valid option for the command or for a command in the command directory. You should enclose the query object in double quotation marks (""). For example, if the command directory is <code>volume</code> , the query object <code>"-aggr aggr0"</code> would enable access for the <code>aggr0</code> aggregate only.	
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## Associate a public key with a user account

You provide these values with the `security login publickey create` command when you associate an SSH public key with a user account. Learn more about `security login publickey create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	(Optional) The name of the storage VM that the account accesses.	
<code>-username</code>	The user name of the account. The default value, <code>admin</code> , which is the default name of the cluster administrator.	
<code>-index</code>	The index number of the public key. The default value is 0 if the key is the first key that is created for the account; otherwise, the default value is one more than the highest existing index number for the account.	
<code>-publickey</code>	The OpenSSH public key. You should enclose the key in double quotation marks ("").	
<code>-role</code>	The access control role that is assigned to the account.	
<code>-comment</code>	(Optional) Descriptive text for the public key. You should enclose the text in double quotation marks ("").	

<p>-x509-certificate</p>	<p>(Optional) Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, enables you to manage X.509 certificate association with the SSH public key.</p> <p>When you associate an X.509 certificate with the SSH public key, ONTAP checks upon SSH login to see if this certificate is valid. If it has expired or been revoked, login is disallowed and the associated SSH public key is disabled.</p> <p>Possible values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>install:</b> Install the specified PEM-encoded X.509 certificate and associate it with the SSH public key. Include the full text for the certificate you want to install.</li> <li>• <b>modify:</b> Update the existing PEM-encoded X.509 certificate with the specified certificate and associate it with the SSH public key. Include the full text for the new certificate.</li> <li>• <b>delete:</b> Remove the existing X.509 certificate association with the SSH public key.</li> </ul>	
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## Configure dynamic authorization global settings

Beginning with ONTAP 9.15.1, you provide these values with the `security dynamic-authorization modify` command. Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	The name of the storage VM for which the trust score setting should be modified. If you omit this parameter, the cluster-level setting is used.	

-state	<p>The dynamic authorization mode. Possible values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disabled: (Default) Dynamic authorization is disabled.</li> <li>• visibility: This mode is useful for testing dynamic authorization. In this mode, the trust score is checked with every restricted activity, but not enforced. However, any activity that would have been denied or subject to additional authentication challenges is logged.</li> <li>• enforced: Intended for use after you have completed testing with visibility mode. In this mode, the trust score is checked with every restricted activity, and activity restrictions are enforced if the restriction conditions are met. The suppression interval is also enforced, preventing additional authentication challenges within the specified interval.</li> </ul>	
-suppression-interval	Prevents additional authentication challenges within the specified interval. The interval is in ISO-8601 format and accepts values from 1 minute to 1 hour inclusive. If set to 0, the suppression interval is disabled and the user is always prompted for an authentication challenge if one is needed.	
-lower-challenge-boundary	The lower multi-factor authentication (MFA) challenge percentage boundary. The valid range is from 0 to 99. The value 100 is invalid, because this causes all requests to be denied. The default value is 0.	

-upper-challenge-boundary	The upper MFA challenge percentage boundary. The valid range is from 0 to 100. This must be equal to or greater than the value of the lower boundary. A value of 100 means that every request will either be denied or subject to an additional authentication challenge; there are no requests that are allowed without a challenge. The default value is 90.	
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## Install a CA-signed server digital certificate

You provide these values with the `security certificate generate-csr` command when you generate a digital certificate signing request (CSR) for use in authenticating an storage VM as an SSL server. Learn more about `security certificate generate-csr` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-common-name</code>	The name of the certificate, which is either a fully qualified domain name (FQDN) or a custom common name.	
<code>-size</code>	The number of bits in the private key. The higher the value, the more secure the key. The default value is 2048. Possible values are 512, 1024, 1536, and 2048.	
<code>-country</code>	The country of the storage VM, in a two-letter code. The default value is US. For a list of codes, see the <a href="#">ONTAP command reference</a> .	
<code>-state</code>	The state or province of the storage VM.	
<code>-locality</code>	The locality of the storage VM.	
<code>-organization</code>	The organization of the storage VM.	
<code>-unit</code>	The unit in the organization of the storage VM.	

-email-addr	The email address of the contact administrator for the storage VM.	
-hash-function	The cryptographic hashing function for signing the certificate. The default value is SHA256. Possible values are SHA1, SHA256, and MD5.	

You provide these values with the `security certificate install` command when you install a CA-signed digital certificate for use in authenticating the cluster or storage VM as an SSL server. Only the options that are relevant to account configuration are shown in the following table. Learn more about security certificate install in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
-vserver	The name of the storage VM on which the certificate is to be installed.	
-type	<p>The certificate type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>server for server certificates and intermediate certificates</li> <li>client-ca for the public key certificate of the root CA of the SSL client</li> <li>server-ca for the public key certificate of the root CA of the SSL server of which ONTAP is a client</li> <li>client for a self-signed or CA-signed digital certificate and private key for ONTAP as an SSL client</li> </ul>	

## Configure Active Directory domain controller access

You provide these values with the `security login domain-tunnel create` command when you have already configured a SMB server for a data storage VM and you want to configure the storage VM as a gateway or *tunnel* for Active Directory domain controller access to the cluster. Learn more about security `login domain-tunnel create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
-vserver	The name of the storage VM for which the SMB server has been configured.	

You provide these values with the `vserver active-directory create` command when you have not configured a SMB server and you want to create an storage VM computer account on the Active Directory domain. Learn more about `vserver active-directory create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	The name of the storage VM for which you want to create an Active Directory computer account.	
<code>-account-name</code>	The NetBIOS name of the computer account.	
<code>-domain</code>	The fully qualified domain name (FQDN).	
<code>-ou</code>	The organizational unit in the domain. The default value is <code>CN=Computers</code> . ONTAP appends this value to the domain name to produce the Active Directory distinguished name.	

## Configure LDAP or NIS server access

You provide these values with the `vserver services name-service ldap client create` command when you create an LDAP client configuration for the storage VM. Learn more about `vserver services name-service ldap client create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Only the options that are relevant to account configuration are shown in the following table:

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	The name of the storage VM for the client configuration.	
<code>-client-config</code>	The name of the client configuration.	
<code>-ldap-servers</code>	A comma-separated list of IP addresses and host names for the LDAP servers to which the client connects.	
<code>-schema</code>	The schema that the client uses to make LDAP queries.	

<pre>-use-start-tls</pre>	<p>Whether the client uses Start TLS to encrypt communication with the LDAP server (true or false).</p> <p> Start TLS is supported for access to data storage VMs only. It is not supported for access to admin storage VMs.</p>	
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You provide these values with the `vserver services name-service ldap create` command when you associate an LDAP client configuration with the storage VM. Learn more about `vserver services name-service ldap create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	<p>The name of the storage VM with which the client configuration is to be associated.</p>	
<code>-client-config</code>	<p>The name of the client configuration.</p>	
<code>-client-enabled</code>	<p>Whether the storage VM can use the LDAP client configuration (true or false).</p>	

You provide these values with the `vserver services name-service nis-domain create` command when you create an NIS domain configuration on an storage VM. Learn more about `vserver services name-service nis-domain create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
<code>-vserver</code>	<p>The name of the storage VM on which the domain configuration is to be created.</p>	
<code>-domain</code>	<p>The name of the domain.</p>	
<code>-nis-servers</code>	<p>A comma-separated list of IP addresses and host names for the NIS servers that are used by the domain configuration.</p>	

You provide these values with the `vserver services name-service ns-switch create` command when you specify the look-up order for name service sources. Learn more about `vserver services name-`

service ns-switch create in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
-vserver	The name of the storage VM on which the name service look-up order is to be configured.	
-database	The name service database: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>hosts for files and DNS name services</li><li>group for files, LDAP, and NIS name services</li><li>passwd for files, LDAP, and NIS name services</li><li>netgroup for files, LDAP, and NIS name services</li><li>namemap for files and LDAP name services</li></ul>	
-sources	The order in which to look up name service sources (in a comma-separated list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>files</li><li>dns</li><li>ldap</li><li>nis</li></ul>	

## Configure SAML access

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, you provide these values with the security saml-sp create command to configure SAML authentication. Learn more about `security saml-sp create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Field	Description	Your value
-idp-uri	The FTP address or HTTP address of the Identity Provider (IdP) host from where the IdP metadata can be downloaded.	

-sp-host	The host name or IP address of the SAML service provider host (ONTAP system). By default, the IP address of the cluster-management LIF is used.	
-cert-ca and -cert-serial, or -cert-common-name	The server certificate details of the service provider host (ONTAP system). You can enter either the service provider's certificate issuing certification authority (CA) and the certificate's serial number, or the Server Certificate Common Name.	
-verify-metadata-server	Whether the identity of the IdP metadata server must be validated (true or false). The best practice is to always set this value to true.	

## Create login accounts

### Learn about creating ONTAP login accounts

You can enable local or remote cluster and SVM administrator accounts. A local account is one in which the account information, public key, or security certificate resides on the storage system. AD account information is stored on a domain controller. LDAP and NIS accounts reside on LDAP and NIS servers.

#### Cluster and SVM administrators

A *cluster administrator* accesses the admin SVM for the cluster. The admin SVM and a cluster administrator with the reserved name `admin` are automatically created when the cluster is set up.

A cluster administrator with the default `admin` role can administer the entire cluster and its resources. The cluster administrator can create additional cluster administrators with different roles as needed.

An *SVM administrator* accesses a data SVM. The cluster administrator creates data SVMs and SVM administrators as needed.

SVM administrators are assigned the `vsadmin` role by default. The cluster administrator can assign different roles to SVM administrators as needed.

#### Naming conventions

The following generic names cannot be used for remote cluster and SVM administrator accounts:

- "adm"
- "bin"
- "cli"

- "daemon"
- "ftp"
- "games"
- "halt"
- "lp"
- "mail"
- "man"
- "naroot"
- "netapp"
- "news"
- "nobody"
- "operator"
- "root"
- "shutdown"
- "sshd"
- "sync"
- "sys"
- "uucp"
- "www"

## Merged roles

If you enable multiple remote accounts for the same user, the user is assigned the union of all roles specified for the accounts. That is, if an LDAP or NIS account is assigned the `vsadmin` role, and the AD group account for the same user is assigned the `vsadmin-volume` role, the AD user logs in with the more inclusive `vsadmin` capabilities. The roles are said to be *merged*.

## Enable local account access

### Learn about enabling local ONTAP account access

A local account is one in which the account information, public key, or security certificate resides on the storage system. You can use the `security login create` command to enable local accounts to access an admin or data SVM.

### Related information

- [security login create](#)

### Enable ONTAP account password access

You can use the `security login create` command to enable administrator accounts to access an admin or data SVM with a password. You are prompted for the password after you enter the command.

## About this task

If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Before you begin

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

### Step

1. Enable local administrator accounts to access an SVM using a password:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name  
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment  
comment
```

The following command enables the cluster administrator account `admin1` with the predefined `backup` role to access the `admin` SVM `engCluster` using a password. You are prompted for the password after you enter the command.

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engCluster -user-or-group-name  
admin1 -application ssh -authmethod password -role backup
```

Learn more about `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Enable ONTAP account SSH public key access

You can use the `security login create` command to enable administrator accounts to access an admin or data SVM with an SSH public key.

## About this task

- You must associate the public key with the account before the account can access the SVM.

### [Associating a public key with a user account](#)

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

If you want to enable FIPS mode on your cluster, existing SSH public key accounts without the supported key algorithms must be reconfigured with a supported key type. The accounts should be reconfigured before you enable FIPs or the administrator authentication will fail.

The following table indicates host key type algorithms that are supported for ONTAP SSH connections. These key types do not apply to configuring SSH public authentication.

ONTAP release	Key types supported in FIPS mode	Key types supported in non-FIPS mode
9.11.1 and later	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 rsa-sha2-512 rsa-sha2-256 ssh-ed25519 ssh-dss ssh-rsa
9.10.1 and earlier	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 ssh-ed25519	ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 ssh-ed25519 ssh-dss ssh-rsa



Support for the ssh-ed25519 host key algorithm is removed beginning with ONTAP 9.11.1.

For more information, see [Configure network security using FIPS](#).

### Before you begin

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

### Step

1. Enable local administrator accounts to access an SVM using an SSH public key:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment
comment
```

The following command enables the SVM administrator account `svmadmin1` with the predefined `vsadmin-volume` role to access the `SVMengData1` using an SSH public key:

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engData1 -user-or-group-name
svmadmin1 -application ssh -authmethod publickey -role vsadmin-volume
```

Learn more about `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### After you finish

If you have not associated a public key with the administrator account, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

#### [Associating a public key with a user account](#)

### [Enable multifactor authentication \(MFA\) accounts](#)

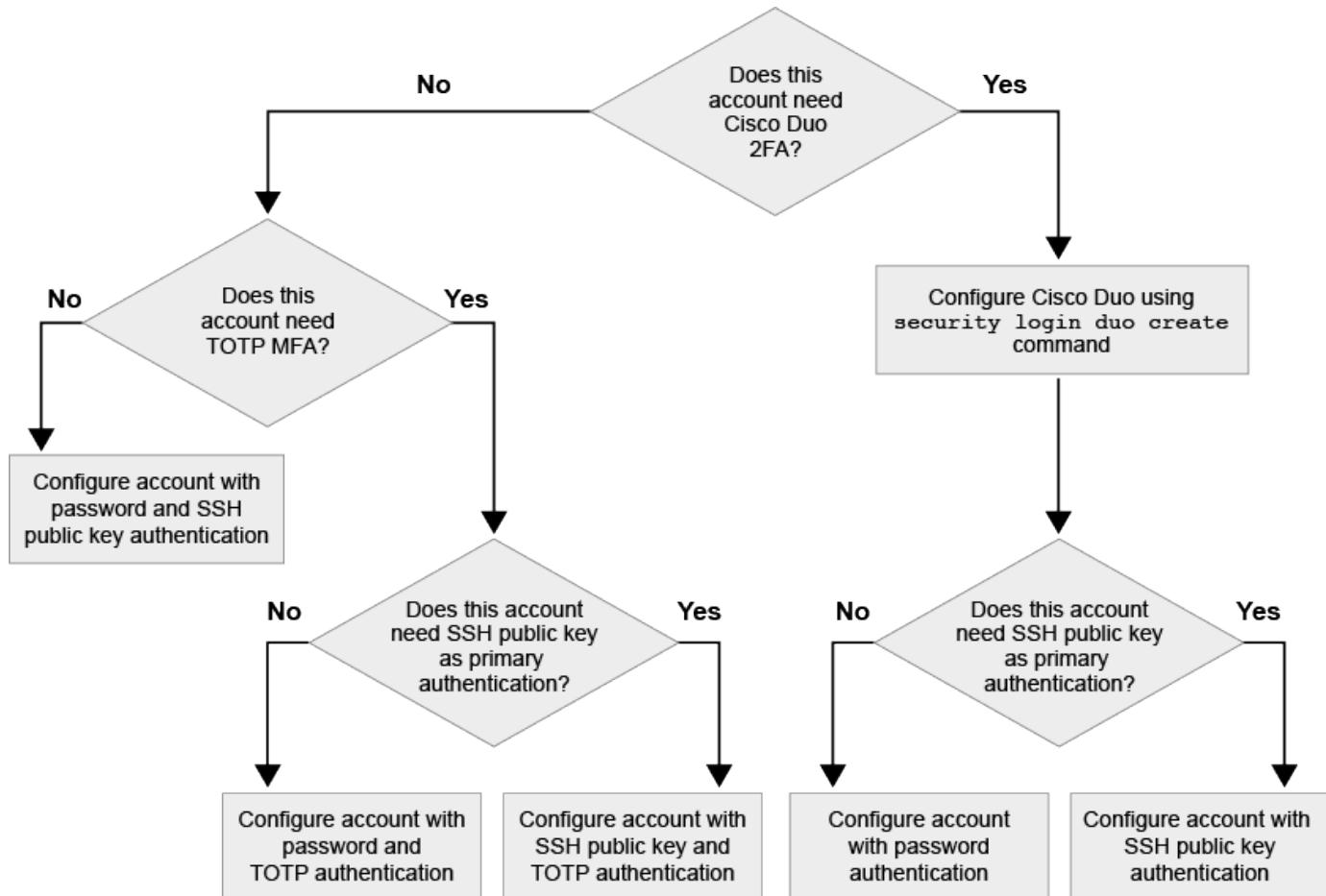
#### [Learn about ONTAP multifactor authentication](#)

Multifactor authentication (MFA) allows you to enhance security by requiring users to provide two authentication methods to log in to an admin or data storage VM.

Depending upon your version of ONTAP, you can use a combination of an SSH public key, a user password, and a time-based one-time password (TOTP) for multifactor authentication. When you enable and configure Cisco Duo (ONTAP 9.14.1 and later), it serves as an additional authentication method, supplementing the existing methods for all users.

Available beginning with...	First authentication method	Second authentication method
ONTAP 9.14.1	SSH public key	TOTP
	User Password	TOTP
	SSH public key	Cisco Duo
	User password	Cisco Duo
ONTAP 9.13.1	SSH public key	TOTP
	User password	TOTP
ONTAP 9.3	SSH public key	User password

If MFA is configured, the cluster administrator must first enable the local user account, then the account must be configured by the local user.



#### Enable ONTAP multifactor authentication with SSH and TOTP

Multifactor authentication (MFA) allows you to enhance security by requiring users to provide two authentication methods to log in to an admin or data SVM.

## About this task

- You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.
- If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Modifying the role assigned to an administrator

- If you are using a public key for authentication, you must associate the public key with the account before the account can access the SVM.

### Associate a public key with a user account

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- Beginning with ONTAP 9.12.1, you can use Yubikey hardware authentication devices for SSH client MFA using the FIDO2 (Fast IDentity Online) or Personal Identity Verification (PIV) authentication standards.

## Enable MFA with SSH public key and user password

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, a cluster administrator can set up local user accounts to log in with MFA using an SSH public key and a user password.

1. Enable MFA on local user account with SSH public key and user password:

```
security login create -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name
<user_name> -application ssh -authentication-method <password|publickey>
-role admin -second-authentication-method <password|publickey>
```

The following command requires the SVM administrator account `admin2` with the predefined `admin` role to log in to the `SVMengData1` with both an SSH public key and a user password:

```
cluster-1::> security login create -vserver engData1 -user-or-group-name
admin2 -application ssh -authentication-method publickey -role admin
-second-authentication-method password

Please enter a password for user 'admin2':
Please enter it again:
Warning: To use public-key authentication, you must create a public key
for user "admin2".
```

Learn more about `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Enable MFA with TOTP

Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, you can enhance security by requiring local users to log in to an admin or data SVM with both an SSH public key or user password and a time-based one-time password (TOTP). After the

account is enabled for MFA with TOTP, the local user must log in to [complete the configuration](#).

TOTP is a computer algorithm that uses the current time to generate a one-time password. If TOTP is used, it is always the second form of authentication after the SSH public key or the user password.

### **Before you begin**

You must be a storage administrator to perform these tasks.

### **Steps**

You can set up MFA to with a user password or an SSH public key as the first authentication method and TOTP as the second authentication method.

## Enable MFA with user password and TOTP

1. Enable a user account for multifactor authentication with a user password and TOTP.

### For new user accounts

```
security login create -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method
password -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment
<comment>
```

### For existing user accounts

```
security login modify -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method
password -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment
<comment>
```

2. Verify that MFA with TOTP is enabled:

```
security login show
```

## Enable MFA with SSH public key and TOTP

1. Enable a user account for multifactor authentication with an SSH public key and TOTP.

### For new user accounts

```
security login create -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method
publickey -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment
<comment>
```

### For existing user accounts

```
security login modify -vserver <svm_name> -user-or-group-name
<user_or_group_name> -application ssh -authentication-method
publickey -second-authentication-method totp -role <role> -comment
<comment>
```

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Verify that MFA with TOTP is enabled:

```
security login show
```

Learn more about `security login show` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## After you finish

- If you have not associated a public key with the administrator account, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

### [Associating a public key with a user account](#)

- The local user must log in to complete MFA configuration with TOTP.

### [Configure local user account for MFA with TOTP](#)

## Related information

- [Multifactor Authentication in ONTAP 9 \(TR-4647\)](#)
- [ONTAP command reference](#)

### [Configure local ONTAP user accounts for MFA with TOTP](#)

Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, user accounts can be configured with multifactor authentication (MFA) using a time-based one-time password (TOTP).

## Before you begin

- The storage administrator must [enable MFA with TOTP](#) as a second authentication method for your user account.
- Your primary user account authentication method should be a user password or public SSH key.
- You must configure your TOTP app to work with your smartphone and create your TOTP secret key.

Microsoft Authenticator, Google Authenticator, Authy and any other TOTP-compatible authenticator is supported.

## Steps

1. Log in to your user account with your current authentication method.

Your current authentication method should be a user password or an SSH public key.

2. Create the TOTP configuration on your account:

```
security login totp create -vserver "<svm_name>" -username  
<account_username >"
```

3. Verify that the TOTP configuration is enabled on your account:

```
security login totp show -vserver "<svm_name>" -username  
<account_username>"
```

## Related information

- [security login totp create](#)
- [security login totp show](#)

### Reset the TOTP secret key for an ONTAP user account

To protect your account security, if your TOTP secret key is compromised or lost, you should disable it and create a new one.

### Reset TOTP if your key is compromised

If your TOTP secret key is compromised, but you still have access to it, you can remove the compromised key and create a new one.

1. Log in to your user account with your user password or SSH public key and your compromised TOTP secret key.
2. Remove the compromised TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp delete -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

3. Create a new TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp create -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

4. Verify that the TOTP configuration is enabled on your account:

```
security login totp show -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

### Reset TOTP if your key is lost

If your TOTP secret key is lost, contact your storage administrator to [have the key disabled](#). After your key is disabled, you can use your first authentication method to log in and configure a new TOTP.

#### Before you begin

The TOTP secret key must be disabled by a storage administrator. If you do not have a storage administrator account, contact your storage administrator to have the key disabled.

#### Steps

1. After the TOTP secret is disabled by a storage administrator, use your primary authentication method to log in into your local account.
2. Create a new TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp create -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

3. Verify that the TOTP configuration is enabled on your account:

```
security login totp show -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username>
```

## Related information

- [security login totp create](#)
- [security login totp delete](#)
- [security login totp show](#)

### Disable the TOTP secret key for an ONTAP user account

If a local user's time-based one-time password (TOTP) secret key is lost, the lost key must be disabled by a storage administrator before the user can create a new TOTP secret key.

#### About this task

This task can only be performed from a cluster administrator account.

#### Step

1. Disable the TOTP secret key:

```
security login totp modify -vserver <svm_name> -username  
<account_username> -enabled false
```

Learn more about `security login totp modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Enable SSL certificate ONTAP account access

You can use the `security login create` command to enable administrator accounts to access an admin or data SVM with an SSL certificate.

#### About this task

- You must install a CA-signed server digital certificate before the account can access the SVM.

[Generating and installing a CA-signed server certificate](#)

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- If you are unsure of the access control role you want to assign to the login account, you can add the role later with the `security login modify` command.

### Modifying the role assigned to an administrator



For cluster administrator accounts, certificate authentication is supported with the `http`, `ontapi`, and `rest` applications. For SVM administrator accounts, certificate authentication is supported only with the `ontapi` and `rest` applications.

#### Step

1. Enable local administrator accounts to access an SVM using an SSL certificate:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment
comment
```

The following command enables the SVM administrator account `svmadmin2` with the default `vsadmin` role to access the `SVMengData2` using an SSL digital certificate.

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engData2 -user-or-group-name
svmadmin2 -application ontapi -authmethod cert
```

Learn more about `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

#### After you finish

If you have not installed a CA-signed server digital certificate, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

### Generating and installing a CA-signed server certificate

Learn more about the commands described in this procedure in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Enable Active Directory ONTAP account access

You can use the `security login create` command to enable Active Directory (AD) user or group accounts to access an admin or data SVM. Any user in the AD group can access the SVM with the role that is assigned to the group.

#### About this task

- You must configure AD domain controller access to the cluster or SVM before the account can access the SVM.

### Configuring Active Directory domain controller access

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, you can use an SSH public key as either your primary or secondary

authentication method with an AD user password.

If you choose to use an SSH public key as your primary authentication, no AD authentication takes place.

- Beginning with ONTAP 9.11.1, you can use [Use LDAP fast bind for nsswitch authentication for ONTAP NFS SVMs](#) if it is supported by the AD LDAP server.
- If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

#### Modifying the role assigned to an administrator



AD group account access is supported only with the `SSH`, `ontapi`, and `rest` applications. AD groups are not supported with SSH public key authentication which is commonly used for multifactor authentication.

#### Before you begin

- The cluster time must be synchronized to within five minutes of the time on the AD domain controller.
- You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

#### Step

- Enable AD user or group administrator accounts to access an SVM:

##### For AD users:

ONTAP Version	Primary authentication	Secondary authentication	Command
9.13.1 and later	Public key	None	<pre>security login create -vserver &lt;svm_name&gt; -user-or-group-name &lt;user_name&gt; -application ssh -authentication-method publickey -role &lt;role&gt;</pre>

ONTAP Version	Primary authentication	Secondary authentication	Command
9.13.1 and later	Domain	Public key	<p><b>For a new user</b></p> <pre>security login create -vserver &lt;svm_name&gt; -user-or-group-name &lt;user_name&gt; -application ssh -authentication-method domain -second -authentication-method publickey -role &lt;role&gt;</pre> <p><b>For an existing user</b></p> <pre>security login modify -vserver &lt;svm_name&gt; -user-or-group-name &lt;user_name&gt; -application ssh -authentication-method domain -second -authentication-method publickey -role &lt;role&gt;</pre>
9.0 and later	Domain	None	<pre>security login create -vserver &lt;svm_name&gt; -user-or-group-name &lt;user_name&gt; -application &lt;application&gt; -authentication-method domain -role &lt;role&gt; -comment &lt;comment&gt; [-is-ldap- fastbind true]</pre>

**For AD groups:**

ONTAP version	Primary authentication	Secondary authentication	Command
9.0 and later	Domain	None	<pre>security login create -vserver &lt;svm_name&gt; -user-or-group-name &lt;user_name&gt; -application &lt;application&gt; -authentication-method domain -role &lt;role&gt; -comment &lt;comment&gt; [-is-ldap- fastbind true]</pre>

## After you finish

If you have not configured AD domain controller access to the cluster or SVM, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

### Configuring Active Directory domain controller access

#### Related information

- [security login create](#)

## Enable LDAP or NIS ONTAP account access

You can use the `security login create` command to enable LDAP or NIS user accounts to access an admin or data SVM. If you have not configured LDAP or NIS server access to the SVM, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

#### About this task

- Group accounts are not supported.
- You must configure LDAP or NIS server access to the SVM before the account can access the SVM.

### Configuring LDAP or NIS server access

You can perform this task before or after you enable account access.

- If you are unsure of the access control role that you want to assign to the login account, you can use the `security login modify` command to add the role later.

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Modifying the role assigned to an administrator

- Beginning with ONTAP 9.4, multifactor authentication (MFA) is supported for remote users over LDAP or NIS servers.
- Beginning with ONTAP 9.11.1, you can use [Use LDAP fast bind for nsswitch authentication for ONTAP NFS SVMs](#) if it is supported by the LDAP server.
- Because of a known LDAP issue, you should not use the ' : ' (colon) character in any field of LDAP user account information (for example, gecos, userPassword, and so on). Otherwise, the lookup operation will fail for that user.

## Before you begin

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

## Steps

1. Enable LDAP or NIS user or group accounts to access an SVM:

```
security login create -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_name
-application application -authmethod nsswitch -role role -comment comment -is
-ns-switch-group yes|no [-is-ldap-fastbind true]
```

### Creating or modifying login accounts

The following command enables the LDAP or NIS cluster administrator account `guest2` with the

predefined backup role to access the admin SVMengCluster.

```
cluster1::>security login create -vserver engCluster -user-or-group-name guest2 -application ssh -authmethod nsswitch -role backup
```

Learn more about `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## 2. Enable MFA login for LDAP or NIS users:

```
security login modify -user-or-group-name rem_usr1 -application ssh -authentication-method nsswitch -role admin -is-ns-switch-group no -second -authentication-method publickey
```

The authentication method can be specified as `publickey` and second authentication method as `nsswitch`.

The following example shows the MFA authentication being enabled:

```
cluster-1::*> security login modify -user-or-group-name rem_usr2 -application ssh -authentication-method nsswitch -vserver cluster-1 -second-authentication-method publickey"
```

### After you finish

If you have not configured LDAP or NIS server access to the SVM, you must do so before the account can access the SVM.

[Configuring LDAP or NIS server access](#)

### Related information

- [security login](#)

## Manage access-control roles

### Learn about managing ONTAP access-control roles

The role assigned to an administrator determines the commands to which the administrator has access. You assign the role when you create the account for the administrator. You can assign a different role or define custom roles as needed.

### Modify the role assigned to an ONTAP administrator

You can use the `security login modify` command to change the role of a cluster or SVM administrator account. You can assign a predefined or custom role.

#### Before you begin

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

## Step

1. Change the role of a cluster or SVM administrator:

```
security login modify -vserver SVM_name -user-or-group-name user_or_group_name
-application application -authmethod authentication_method -role role -comment
comment
```

### Creating or modifying login accounts

The following command changes the role of the AD cluster administrator account DOMAIN1\guest1 to the predefined `readonly` role.

```
cluster1::>security login modify -vserver engCluster -user-or-group-name
DOMAIN1\guest1 -application ssh -authmethod domain -role readonly
```

The following command changes the role of the SVM administrator accounts in the AD group account DOMAIN1\adgroup to the custom `vol_role` role.

```
cluster1::>security login modify -vserver engData -user-or-group-name
DOMAIN1\adgroup -application ssh -authmethod domain -role vol_role
```

Learn more about `security login modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Define custom roles for ONTAP administrators

You can use the `security login role create` command to define a custom role. You can execute the command as many times as necessary to achieve the exact combination of capabilities that you want to associate with the role.

### About this task

- A role, whether predefined or custom, grants or denies access to ONTAP commands or command directories.

A command directory (volume, for example) is a group of related commands and command subdirectories. Except as described in this procedure, granting or denying access to a command directory grants or denies access to each command in the directory and its subdirectories.

- Specific command access or subdirectory access overrides parent directory access.

If a role is defined with a command directory, and then is defined again with a different access level for a specific command or for a subdirectory of the parent directory, the access level that is specified for the command or subdirectory overrides that of the parent.

 You cannot assign an SVM administrator a role that gives access to a command or command directory that is available only to the `admin` cluster administrator—for example, the `security` command directory.

## Before you begin

You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

### Step

1. Define a custom role:

```
security login role create -vserver SVM_name -role role -cmddirname
command_or_directory_name -access access_level -query query
```

The following commands grant the `vol_role` role full access to the commands in the `volume` command directory and read-only access to the commands in the `volume snapshot` subdirectory.

```
cluster1::>security login role create -role vol_role -cmddirname
"volume" -access all

cluster1::>security login role create -role vol_role -cmddirname "volume
snapshot" -access readonly
```

The following commands grant the `SVM_storage` role read-only access to the commands in the `storage` command directory, no access to the commands in the `storage encryption` subdirectory, and full access to the `storage aggregate plex offline` nonintrinsic command.

```
cluster1::>security login role create -role SVM_storage -cmddirname
"storage" -access readonly

cluster1::>security login role create -role SVM_storage -cmddirname
"storage encryption" -access none

cluster1::>security login role create -role SVM_storage -cmddirname
"storage aggregate plex offline" -access all
```

Learn more about `security login role create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Related information

- [security login role create](#)
- [storage aggregate plex offline](#)
- [storage encryption](#)

## Predefined roles for ONTAP cluster administrators

The predefined roles for cluster administrators should meet most of your needs. You can create custom roles as necessary. By default, a cluster administrator is assigned the predefined `admin` role.

The following table lists the predefined roles for cluster administrators:

This role...	Has this level of access...	To the following commands or command directories
admin	all	All command directories (DEFAULT)
admin-no-fsa (available beginning with ONTAP 9.12.1)	Read/Write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All command directories (DEFAULT)</li> <li>• security login rest-role</li> <li>• security login role</li> </ul>
	Read only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• security login rest-role create</li> <li>• security login rest-role delete</li> <li>• security login rest-role modify</li> <li>• security login rest-role show</li> <li>• security login role create</li> <li>• security login role create</li> <li>• security login role delete</li> <li>• security login role modify</li> <li>• security login role show</li> <li>• volume activity-tracking</li> <li>• volume analytics</li> </ul>
	None	volume file show-disk-usage
autosupport	all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set</li> <li>• system node autosupport</li> </ul>
	none	All other command directories (DEFAULT)

backup	all	vserver services ndmp
	readonly	volume
	none	All other command directories (DEFAULT)
readonly	all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• security login password For managing own user account local password and key information only</li> <li>• set</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, readonly</li> <li>• Prior to ONTAP 9.8, none</li> </ul>	security
	readonly	All other command directories (DEFAULT)
snaplock	all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set</li> <li>• volume create</li> <li>• volume modify</li> <li>• volume move</li> <li>• volume show</li> </ul>
	none	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volume move governor</li> <li>• volume move recommend</li> </ul>
	none	All other command directories (DEFAULT)
none	none	All command directories (DEFAULT)

 The `autosupport` role is assigned to the predefined `autosupport` account, which is used by AutoSupport OnDemand. ONTAP prevents you from modifying or deleting the `autosupport` account. ONTAP also prevents you from assigning the `autosupport` role to other user accounts.

## Related information

- [security login](#)
- [set](#)
- [volume](#)
- [vserver services ndmp](#)

## Predefined roles for ONTAP SVM administrators

The predefined roles for SVM administrators should meet most of your needs. You can create custom roles as necessary. By default, an SVM administrator is assigned the predefined `vsadmin` role.

The following table lists the predefined roles for SVM administrators:

Role name	Capabilities
vsadmin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing own user account local password and key information</li> <li>• Managing volumes, except volume moves</li> <li>• Managing quotas, qtrees, snapshots, and files</li> <li>• Managing LUNs</li> <li>• Performing SnapLock operations, except privileged delete</li> <li>• Configuring protocols: NFS, SMB, iSCSI, FC, FCoE, NVMe/FC and NVMe/TCP</li> <li>• Configuring services: DNS, LDAP, and NIS</li> <li>• Monitoring jobs</li> <li>• Monitoring network connections and network interface</li> <li>• Monitoring the health of the SVM</li> </ul>
vsadmin-volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing own user account local password and key information</li> <li>• Managing volumes, except volume moves</li> <li>• Managing quotas, qtrees, snapshots, and files</li> <li>• Managing LUNs</li> <li>• Configuring protocols: NFS, SMB, iSCSI, FC, FCoE, NVMe/FC and NVMe/TCP</li> <li>• Configuring services: DNS, LDAP, and NIS</li> <li>• Monitoring network interface</li> <li>• Monitoring the health of the SVM</li> </ul>

vsadmin-protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing own user account local password and key information</li> <li>• Configuring protocols: NFS, SMB, iSCSI, FC, FCoE, NVMe/FC and NVMe/TCP</li> <li>• Configuring services: DNS, LDAP, and NIS</li> <li>• Managing LUNs</li> <li>• Monitoring network interface</li> <li>• Monitoring the health of the SVM</li> </ul>
vsadmin-backup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing own user account local password and key information</li> <li>• Managing NDMP operations</li> <li>• Making a restored volume read/write</li> <li>• Managing SnapMirror relationships and snapshots</li> <li>• Viewing volumes and network information</li> </ul>
vsadmin-snaplock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing own user account local password and key information</li> <li>• Managing volumes, except volume moves</li> <li>• Managing quotas, qtrees, snapshots, and files</li> <li>• Performing SnapLock operations, including privileged delete</li> <li>• Configuring protocols: NFS and SMB</li> <li>• Configuring services: DNS, LDAP, and NIS</li> <li>• Monitoring jobs</li> <li>• Monitoring network connections and network interface</li> </ul>
vsadmin-readonly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing own user account local password and key information</li> <li>• Monitoring the health of the SVM</li> <li>• Monitoring network interface</li> <li>• Viewing volumes and LUNs</li> <li>• Viewing services and protocols</li> </ul>

## Manage ONTAP administrator access with System Manager

The role assigned to an administrator determines which functions the administrator can perform with System Manager. Predefined roles for cluster administrators and storage VM administrators are provided by System Manager. You assign the role when you create

the administrator's account, or you can assign a different role later.

Depending on how you have enabled account access, you might need to perform any of the following:

- Associate a public key with a local account.
- Install a CA-signed server digital certificate.
- Configure AD, LDAP, or NIS access.

You can perform these tasks before or after enabling account access.

## Assigning a role to an administrator

Assign a role to an administrator, as follows:

### Steps

1. Select **Cluster > Settings**.
2. Select  next to **Users and Roles**.
3. Select  **Add** under **Users**.
4. Specify a user name, and select a role in the drop-down menu for **Role**.
5. Specify a login method and password for the user.

## Changing an administrator's role

Change the role for an administrator, as follows:

### Steps

1. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
2. Select the name of user whose role you want to change, then click the  that appears next to the user name.
3. Click **Edit**.
4. Select a role in the drop-down menu for **Role**.

## Access JIT privilege elevation in ONTAP

Beginning with ONTAP 9.17.1, cluster administrators can [configure just-in-time \(JIT\) privilege elevation](#) to allow ONTAP users to temporarily elevate their privileges to perform certain tasks. When JIT is configured for a user, they can temporarily elevate their privilege to a role that has the necessary permissions to perform a task. After the session expires, the user returns to their original access level.

Cluster administrators can configure the duration for which a user can access JIT elevation. For example, cluster administrators can configure user access to JIT elevation with a 30 minute per-session limit (the *session validity period*) for a 30-day period (the *JIT validity period*). During the 30-day period, the user can elevate their privilege as many times as needed, but each session is limited to 30 minutes.

### About this task

- JIT privilege elevation is only available to users accessing ONTAP with SSH. Elevated privilege is only available within the current SSH session, but you can elevate privileges within as many concurrent SSH

sessions as needed.

- JIT privilege elevation is only supported for users using password, nsswitch, or domain authentication to log in. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is not supported for JIT privilege elevation.
- A user's JIT session will be terminated if the configured session or JIT validity period expires, or if a cluster administrator revokes JIT access for the user.

## Before you begin

- To access JIT privilege elevation, a cluster administrator must configure JIT access for your account. The cluster administrator determines the role to which you can elevate your privileges, and the duration for which you can access elevated privileges.

## Steps

1. Temporarily elevate your privileges to the configured role:

```
security jit-privilege elevate
```

After entering this command, you are prompted to enter your login password. If JIT access is configured for your account, you will be granted elevated access for the configured session duration. After the session duration expires, you will return to your original access level. You can elevate your privileges as many times as needed within the configured JIT validity period.

2. View the remaining time in your JIT session:

```
security jit-privilege show-remaining-time
```

If you are currently in a JIT session, this command displays the remaining time.

3. If needed, end your JIT session early:

```
security jit-privilege reset
```

If you are currently in a JIT session, this command ends the JIT session and restores your original access level.

## Configure JIT privilege elevation in ONTAP

Beginning with ONTAP 9.17.1, cluster administrators can configure just-in-time (JIT) privilege elevation to allow ONTAP users to temporarily elevate their privileges to perform certain tasks. When JIT is configured for a user, they can temporarily [elevate their privilege](#) to a role that has the necessary permissions to perform a task. After the session duration expires, the user returns to their original access level.

Cluster administrators can configure the duration for which a user can access JIT elevation. For example, you can configure user access to JIT elevation with a 30 minute per-session limit (the *session validity period*) for a 30-day period (the *JIT validity period*). During the 30-day period, the user can elevate their privilege as many times as needed, but each session is limited to 30 minutes.

JIT privilege elevation supports the principle of least privilege, allowing users to perform tasks that require elevated privileges without permanently granting them those privileges. This helps reduce the risk of unauthorized access or accidental changes to the system. The following examples describe some common use cases for JIT privilege elevation:

- Allow temporary access to the `security login create` and `security login delete` commands to enable onboarding and offboarding of users.
- Allow temporary access to `system node image update` and `system node upgrade-revert` during an update window. After the update is complete, command access is revoked.
- Allow temporary access to `cluster add-node`, `cluster remove-node`, and `cluster modify` to enable cluster expansion or reconfiguration. Once the cluster changes are complete, command access is revoked.
- Allow temporary access to `volume snapshot restore` to enable restore operations and backup target management. Once the restore or configuration is complete, command access is revoked.
- Allow temporary access to `security audit log show` to enable audit log review and export during a compliance check.

For a more expansive list of common JIT use cases, refer to [Common JIT use cases](#).

Cluster administrators can set up JIT access for ONTAP users, and configure the default JIT validity periods either globally across the cluster or for specific SVMs.

#### About this task

- JIT privilege elevation is only available to users accessing ONTAP with SSH. Elevated privileges are only available within the user's current SSH session, but they can elevate privileges within as many concurrent SSH sessions as needed.
- JIT privilege elevation is only supported for users using password, nsswitch, or domain authentication to log in. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is not supported for JIT privilege elevation.

#### Before you begin

- You must be an ONTAP cluster administrator at the `admin` privilege level to perform the following tasks.

#### Modify global JIT settings

You can modify the default JIT settings globally across the ONTAP cluster or for a specific SVM. These settings determine the default session validity period and the maximum JIT validity period for users who are configured for JIT access.

#### About this task

- The default `default-session-validity-period` value is one hour. This setting determines how long a user can access elevated privileges in a JIT session before needing to re-elevate.
- The default `max-jit-validity-period` value is 90 days. This setting determines the maximum period during which a user can access JIT elevation after the configured start date. You can configure the JIT validity period for individual users, but it cannot exceed the maximum JIT validity period.

#### Steps

1. Check the current JIT settings:

```
security jit-privilege show -vserver <svm_name>
```

`-vserver` is optional. If you don't specify a SVM, the command shows the global JIT settings.

## 2. Modify the JIT settings globally or for an SVM:

```
security jit-privilege modify -vserver <svm_name> -default-session  
-validity-period <period> -max-jit-validity-period <period>
```

If you don't specify a SVM, the command modifies the global JIT settings. The following example will set the default JIT session duration to 45 minutes and the maximum JIT duration to 30-days for SVM `svm1`:

```
security jit-privilege modify -vserver svm1 -default-session-validity-period  
45m -max-jit-validity-period 30d
```

In this example, users will be able to access JIT elevation for 45 minutes at a time and can initiate JIT sessions for a maximum of 30-days after their configured start date.

## Configure JIT privilege elevation access for a user

You can assign JIT privilege elevation access to ONTAP users.

### Steps

#### 1. Check the current JIT access for a user:

```
security jit-privilege user show -username <username>
```

`-username` is optional. If you don't specify a username, the command shows the JIT access for all users.

#### 2. Assign new JIT access for a user:

```
security jit-privilege create -username <username> -vserver <svm_name>  
-role <rbac_role> -session-validity-period <period> -jit-validity-period  
<period> -start-time <date>
```

- If `-vserver` is not specified, JIT access is assigned at the cluster level.
- `-role` is the RBAC role that the user will be elevated to. If not specified, `-role` defaults to `admin`.
- `-session-validity-period` is the duration for which the user can access the elevated role before needing to start a new JIT session. If not specified, the global or SVM `default-session-validity-period` is used.
- `-jit-validity-period` is the maximum duration for which a user can initiate JIT sessions after the configured start date. If not specified, the `session-validity-period` is used. This parameter cannot exceed the global or SVM `max-jit-validity-period`.
- `-start-time` is the date and time after which the user can initiate JIT sessions. If not specified, the

current date and time is used.

The following example will allow `ontap_user` to access the `admin` role for 1 hour before needing to start a new JIT session. `ontap_user` will be able to initiate JIT sessions for a 60-day period starting at 1PM on July 1, 2025:

```
security jit-privilege user create -username ontap_user -role admin -session -validity-period 1h -jit-validity-period 60d -start-time "7/1/25 13:00:00"
```

3. If needed, revoke a user's JIT access:

```
security jit-privilege user delete -username <username> -vserver <svm_name>
```

This command will revoke a user's JIT access, even if their access has not expired. If `-vserver` is not specified, the JIT access is revoked at the cluster level. If the user is in an active JIT session, the session will be terminated.

## Common JIT use cases

The following table contains common use cases for JIT privilege elevation. For each use case, an RBAC role would need to be configured to provide access to the relevant commands. Each command links to the ONTAP command reference, with more information about the command and its parameters.

Use case	Commands	Details
User and role management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>security login create</code></li><li><code>security login delete</code></li></ul>	Temporarily elevate to add/remove users or change roles during onboarding or offboarding.
Certificate management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>security certificate create</code></li><li><code>security certificate install</code></li></ul>	Grant short-term access for certificate installation or renewal.
SSH/CLI access control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>security login create -application ssh</code></li></ul>	Temporarily grant SSH access for troubleshooting or vendor support.
License management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>system license add</code></li><li><code>system license delete</code></li></ul>	Grant rights to add or remove licenses during feature activation or deactivation.
System upgrades and patching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>system node image update</code></li><li><code>system node upgrade-revert</code></li></ul>	Elevate for the upgrade window, then revoke.

Use case	Commands	Details
Network security settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>security login role create</code></li> <li>• <code>security login role modify</code></li> </ul>	Allow temporary changes to network-related security roles.
Cluster management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cluster add-node</code></li> <li>• <code>cluster remove-node</code></li> <li>• <code>cluster modify</code></li> </ul>	Elevate for cluster expansion or reconfiguration.
SVM management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>vserver create</code></li> <li>• <code>vserver delete</code></li> <li>• <code>vserver modify</code></li> </ul>	Temporarily grant an SVM admin rights for provisioning or decommissioning.
Volume management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>volume create</code></li> <li>• <code>volume delete</code></li> <li>• <code>volume modify</code></li> </ul>	Elevate for volume provisioning, resizing, or removal.
Snapshot management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>volume snapshot create</code></li> <li>• <code>volume snapshot delete</code></li> <li>• <code>volume snapshot restore</code></li> </ul>	Elevate for snapshot deletion or restore during recovery.
Network configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>network interface create</code></li> <li>• <code>network port vlan create</code></li> </ul>	Grant rights for network changes during maintenance windows.
Disk/aggregate management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>storage disk assign</code></li> <li>• <code>storage aggregate create</code></li> <li>• <code>storage aggregate add-disks</code></li> </ul>	Elevate for adding or removing disks or managing aggregates.
Data protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>snapmirror create</code></li> <li>• <code>snapmirror modify</code></li> <li>• <code>snapmirror restore</code></li> </ul>	Temporarily elevate for configuring or restoring SnapMirror relationships.

Use case	Commands	Details
Performance tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>qos policy-group create</code></li> <li><code>qos policy-group modify</code></li> </ul>	Elevate for performance troubleshooting or tuning.
Audit log access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>security audit log show</code></li> </ul>	Temporarily elevate for audit log review or export during compliance checks.
Event and alert management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>event notification create</code></li> <li><code>event notification modify</code></li> </ul>	Elevate for configuring or testing event notifications or SNMP traps.
Compliance-driven data access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>volume show</code></li> <li><code>security audit log show</code></li> </ul>	Grant temporary read-only access for auditors to review sensitive data or logs.
Privileged access reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>security login show</code></li> <li><code>security login role show</code></li> </ul>	Temporarily elevate to review and report on privileged access. Grant read-only elevated access for a limited time.

#### Related information

- [cluster](#)
- [event notification](#)
- [network](#)
- [qos policy-group](#)
- [security](#)
- [snapmirror](#)
- [storage](#)
- [system](#)
- [volume](#)
- [vserver](#)

## Manage administrator accounts

### Learn about managing ONTAP administrator accounts

Depending on how you have enabled account access, you may need to associate a public key with a local account, install a CA-signed server digital certificate, or configure AD, LDAP, or NIS access. You can perform all of these tasks before or after enabling account access.

## Associate a public key with an ONTAP administrator account

For SSH public key authentication, you must associate the public key with an administrator account before the account can access the SVM. You can use the security login publickey create command to associate a key with an administrator account.

### About this task

If you authenticate an account over SSH with both a password and an SSH public key, the account is authenticated first with the public key.

### Before you begin

- You must have generated the SSH key.
- You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

### Steps

1. Associate a public key with an administrator account:

```
security login publickey create -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index -publickey certificate -comment comment
```

Learn more about `security login publickey create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Verify the change by viewing the public key:

```
security login publickey show -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index
```

Learn more about `security login publickey show` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Example

The following command associates a public key with the SVM administrator account `svadmin1` for the SVM `engData1`. The public key is assigned index number 5.

```
cluster1::> security login publickey create -vserver engData1 -username svadmin1 -index 5 -publickey "<key text>"
```

## Manage SSH public keys and X.509 certificates for ONTAP administrators

For increased SSH authentication security with administrator accounts, you can use the `security login publickey` set of commands to manage the SSH public key and its association with X.509 certificates.

### Associate a public key and X.509 certificate with an administrator account

Beginning with ONTAP 9.13.1, you can associate an X.509 certificate with the public key that you associate with the administrator account. This gives you the added security of certificate expiration or revocation checks

upon SSH login for that account.

## About this task

If you authenticate an account over SSH with both an SSH public key and an X.509 certificate, ONTAP checks the validity of the X.509 certificate before authenticating with the SSH public key. SSH login will be refused if that certificate is expired or revoked, and the public key will be automatically disabled.

## Before you begin

- You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.
- You must have generated the SSH key.
- If you only need the X.509 certificate to be checked for expiration, you can use a self-signed certificate.
- If you need the X.509 certificate to be checked for expiration and revocation:
  - You must have received the certificate from a certificate authority (CA).
  - You must install the certificate chain (intermediate and root CA certificates) using `security certificate install` commands. Learn more about `security certificate install` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).
  - You need to enable OCSP for SSH. Refer to [Verify digital certificates are valid using OCSP](#) for instructions.

## Steps

1. Associate a public key and an X.509 certificate with an administrator account:

```
security login publickey create -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index -publickey certificate -x509-certificate install
```

Learn more about `security login publickey create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Verify the change by viewing the public key:

```
security login publickey show -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index
```

Learn more about `security login publickey show` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Example

The following command associates a public key and X.509 certificate with the SVM administrator account `svadmin2` for the SVM `engData2`. The public key is assigned index number 6.

```
cluster1::> security login publickey create -vserver engData2 -username svadmin2 -index 6 -publickey "<key text>" -x509-certificate install
Please enter Certificate: Press <Enter> when done
<certificate text>
```

## Remove the certificate association from the SSH public key for an administrator account

You can remove the current certificate association from the account's SSH public key, while retaining the public

key.

### Before you begin

You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

### Steps

1. Remove the X.509 certificate association from an administrator account, and retain the existing SSH public key:

```
security login publickey modify -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index -x509-certificate delete
```

Learn more about `security login publickey modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Verify the change by viewing the public key:

```
security login publickey show -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index
```

### Example

The following command removes the X.509 certificate association from the SVM administrator account `svadmin2` for the SVM `engData2` at index number 6.

```
cluster1::> security login publickey modify -vserver engData2 -username svadmin2 -index 6 -x509-certificate delete
```

## Remove the public key and certificate association from an administrator account

You can remove the current public key and certificate configuration from an account.

### Before you begin

You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

### Steps

1. Remove the public key and an X.509 certificate association from an administrator account:

```
security login publickey delete -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index
```

Learn more about `security login publickey delete` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Verify the change by viewing the public key:

```
security login publickey show -vserver SVM_name -username user_name -index index
```

### Example

The following command removes a public key and X.509 certificate from the SVM administrator account `svadmin3` for the SVM `engData3` at index number 7.

```
cluster1::> security login publickey delete -vserver engData3 -username svadmin3 -index 7
```

#### Related information

- [security login publickey](#)

## Configure Cisco Duo 2FA for ONTAP SSH logins

Beginning with ONTAP 9.14.1, you can configure ONTAP to use Cisco Duo for two-factor authentication (2FA) during SSH logins. You configure Duo at the cluster level, and it applies to all user accounts by default. Alternatively, you can configure Duo at the level of the storage VM (previously referred to as vserver), in which case it applies only to users for that storage VM. If you enable and configure Duo, it serves as an additional authentication method, supplementing the existing methods for all users.

If you enable Duo authentication for SSH logins, users will need to enroll a device the next time they log in using SSH. For enrollment information, refer to the Cisco Duo [enrollment documentation](#).

You can use the ONTAP command line interface to perform the following tasks with Cisco Duo:

- [Configure Cisco Duo](#)
- [Change Cisco Duo configuration](#)
- [Remove Cisco Duo configuration](#)
- [View Cisco Duo configuration](#)
- [Remove a Duo group](#)
- [View Duo groups](#)
- [Bypass Duo authentication for users](#)

### Configure Cisco Duo

You can create a Cisco Duo configuration for either the entire cluster or for a specific storage VM (referred to as a vserver in the ONTAP CLI) using the `security login duo create` command. When you do this, Cisco Duo is enabled for SSH logins for this cluster or storage VM. Learn more about `security login duo create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

#### Steps

1. Log in to the Cisco Duo Admin Panel.
2. Go to **Applications > UNIX Application**.
3. Record your integration key, secret key, and API hostname.
4. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
5. Enable Cisco Duo authentication for this storage VM, substituting information from your environment for the values in brackets:

```
security login duo create \
-vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME> \
-integration-key <INTEGRATION_KEY> \
-secret-key <SECRET_KEY> \
-apihost <API_HOSTNAME>
```

## Change Cisco Duo configuration

You can change the way Cisco Duo authenticates users (for example, how many authentication prompts are given, or what HTTP proxy is used). If you need to change the Cisco Duo configuration for a storage VM (referred to as a vserver in the ONTAP CLI), you can use the `security login duo modify` command. Learn more about `security login duo modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Log in to the Cisco Duo Admin Panel.
2. Go to **Applications > UNIX Application**.
3. Record your integration key, secret key, and API hostname.
4. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
5. Change the Cisco Duo configuration for this storage VM, substituting updated information from your environment for the values in brackets:

```
security login duo modify \
-vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME> \
-integration-key <INTEGRATION_KEY> \
-secret-key <SECRET_KEY> \
-apihost <API_HOSTNAME> \
-pushinfo true|false \
-http-proxy <HTTP_PROXY_URL> \
-autopush true|false \
-max-prompts 1|2|3 \
-is-enabled true|false \
-fail-mode safe|secure
```

## Remove Cisco Duo configuration

You can remove the Cisco Duo configuration, which will remove the need for SSH users to authenticate using Duo upon login. To remove the Cisco Duo configuration for a storage VM (referred to as a vserver in the ONTAP CLI), you can use the `security login duo delete` command. Learn more about `security login duo delete` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
2. Remove the Cisco Duo configuration for this storage VM, substituting your storage VM name for `<STORAGE_VM_NAME>`:

```
security login duo delete -vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME>
```

This permanently deletes the Cisco Duo configuration for this storage VM.

## View Cisco Duo configuration

You can view the existing Cisco Duo configuration for a storage VM (referred to as a vserver in the ONTAP CLI) by using the `security login duo show` command. Learn more about `security login duo show` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
2. Show the Cisco Duo configuration for this storage VM. Optionally, you can use the `vserver` parameter to specify a storage VM, substituting the storage VM name for `<STORAGE_VM_NAME>`:

```
security login duo show -vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME>
```

You should see output similar to the following:

```
Vserver: testcluster
Enabled: true

Status: ok
INTEGRATION-KEY: DI89811J9JWMJCC07IOH
SKEY SHA Fingerprint:
b79ffa4b1c50b1c747fbacdb34g671d4814
API Host: api-host.duosecurity.com
Autopush: true
Push info: true
Failmode: safe
Http-proxy: 192.168.0.1:3128
Prompts: 1
Comments: -
```

## Create a Duo group

You can instruct Cisco Duo to include only the users in a certain Active Directory, LDAP, or local user group in the Duo authentication process. If you create a Duo group, only the users in that group are prompted for Duo authentication. You can create a Duo group by using the `security login duo group create` command. When you create a group, you can optionally exclude specific users in that group from the Duo authentication process. Learn more about `security login duo group create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.

2. Create the Duo group, substituting information from your environment for the values in brackets. If you omit the `-vserver` parameter, the group is created at the cluster level:

```
security login duo group create -vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME> -group-name
<GROUP_NAME> -excluded-users <USER1, USER2>
```

The name of the Duo group must match an Active Directory, LDAP, or local group. Users you specify with the optional `-excluded-users` parameter will not be included in the Duo authentication process.

## View Duo groups

You can view existing Cisco Duo group entries by using the `security login duo group show` command. Learn more about `security login duo group show` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
2. Show the Duo group entries, substituting information from your environment for the values in brackets. If you omit the `-vserver` parameter, the group is shown at the cluster level:

```
security login duo group show -vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME> -group-name
<GROUP_NAME> -excluded-users <USER1, USER2>
```

The name of the Duo group must match an Active Directory, LDAP, or local group. Users you specify with the optional `-excluded-users` parameter will not be displayed.

## Remove a Duo group

You can remove a Duo group entry using the `security login duo group delete` command. If you remove a group, the users in that group are no longer included in the Duo authentication process. Learn more about `security login duo group delete` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
2. Remove the Duo group entry, substituting information from your environment for the values in brackets. If you omit the `-vserver` parameter, the group is removed at the cluster level:

```
security login duo group delete -vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME> -group-name
<GROUP_NAME>
```

The name of the Duo group must match an Active Directory, LDAP, or local group.

## Bypass Duo authentication for users

You can exclude all users or specific users from the Duo SSH authentication process.

## Exclude all Duo users

You can disable Cisco Duo SSH authentication for all users.

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
2. Disable Cisco Duo authentication for SSH users, substituting the Vserver name for <STORAGE\_VM\_NAME>:

```
security login duo modify -vserver <STORAGE_VM_NAME> -is-enabled false
```

## Exclude Duo group users

You can exclude certain users that are part of a Duo group from the Duo SSH authentication process.

### Steps

1. Log in to your ONTAP account using SSH.
2. Disable Cisco Duo authentication for specific users in a group. Substitute the group name and list of users to exclude for the values in brackets:

```
security login duo group modify -group-name <GROUP_NAME> -excluded-users <USER1, USER2>
```

The name of the Duo group must match an Active Directory, LDAP, or local group. Users you specify with the `-excluded-users` parameter will not be included in the Duo authentication process.

Learn more about `security login duo group modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Exclude local Duo users

You can exclude specific local users from using Duo authentication by using the Cisco Duo Admin Panel. For instructions, refer to the [Cisco Duo documentation](#).

## Generate and install a CA-signed server certificate in ONTAP

On production systems, it is a best practice to install a CA-signed digital certificate for use in authenticating the cluster or SVM as an SSL server. You can use the `security certificate generate-csr` command to generate a certificate signing request (CSR), and the `security certificate install` command to install the certificate you receive back from the certificate authority. Learn more about `security certificate generate-csr` and `security certificate install` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Generate a certificate signing request

You can use the `security certificate generate-csr` command to generate a certificate signing request (CSR). After processing your request, the certificate authority (CA) sends you the signed digital

certificate.

## Before you begin

You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

## Steps

1. Generate a CSR:

```
security certificate generate-csr -common-name FQDN_or_common_name -size  
512|1024|1536|2048 -country country -state state -locality locality  
-organization organization -unit unit -email-addr email_of_contact -hash  
-function SHA1|SHA256|MD5
```

The following command creates a CSR with a 2048-bit private key generated by the SHA256 hashing function for use by the Software group in the IT department of a company whose custom common name is server1.companyname.com, located in Sunnyvale, California, USA. The email address of the SVM contact administrator is web@example.com. The system displays the CSR and the private key in the output.

### Example of creating a CSR

```
cluster1::>security certificate generate-csr -common-name  
server1.companyname.com -size 2048 -country US -state California  
-locality Sunnyvale -organization IT -unit Software -email-addr  
web@example.com -hash-function SHA256
```

```
Certificate Signing Request :  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----  
<certificate_value>  
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
```

```
Private Key :  
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----  
<key_value>  
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
NOTE: Keep a copy of your certificate request and private key for  
future reference.
```

2. Copy the certificate request from the CSR output, and send it in electronic form (such as email) to a trusted third-party CA for signing.

After processing your request, the CA sends you the signed digital certificate. You should keep a copy of the private key and the CA-signed digital certificate.

## Install a CA-signed server certificate

You can use the `security certificate install` command to install a CA-signed server certificate on an SVM. ONTAP prompts you for the certificate authority (CA) root and intermediate certificates that form the certificate chain of the server certificate. Learn more about [security certificate install](#) in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Before you begin

You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

### Step

1. Install a CA-signed server certificate:

```
security certificate install -vserver SVM_name -type certificate_type
```



ONTAP prompts you for the CA root and intermediate certificates that form the certificate chain of the server certificate. The chain starts with the certificate of the CA that issued the server certificate, and can range up to the root certificate of the CA. Any missing intermediate certificates result in the failure of server certificate installation.

The following command installs the CA-signed server certificate and intermediate certificates on SVM `engData2`.

## Example of installing a CA-signed server certificate intermediate certificates

```
cluster1::>security certificate install -vserver engData2 -type
server
```

```
Please enter Certificate: Press <Enter> when done
```

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
<certificate_value>
```

```
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
Please enter Private Key: Press <Enter> when done
```

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
<key_value>
```

```
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
Do you want to continue entering root and/or intermediate
certificates {y|n}: y
```

```
Please enter Intermediate Certificate: Press <Enter> when done
```

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
<certificate_value>
```

```
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
Do you want to continue entering root and/or intermediate
certificates {y|n}: y
```

```
Please enter Intermediate Certificate: Press <Enter> when done
```

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
<certificate_value>
```

```
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
Do you want to continue entering root and/or intermediate
certificates {y|n}: n
```

```
You should keep a copy of the private key and the CA-signed digital
certificate for future reference.
```

### Related information

- [security certificate generate-csr](#)

## Manage ONTAP certificates with System Manager

Beginning with ONTAP 9.10.1, you can use System Manager to manage trusted certificate authorities, client/server certificates, and local (onboard) certificate authorities.

With System Manager, you can manage the certificates received from other applications so you can authenticate communications from those applications. You can also manage your own certificates that identify your system to other applications.

### View certificate information

With System Manager, you can view trusted certificate authorities, client/server certificates, and local certificate authorities that are stored on the cluster.

#### Steps

1. In System Manager, select **Cluster > Settings**.

2. Scroll to the **Security** area.

In the **Certificates** section, the following details are displayed:

- The number of stored trusted certificate authorities.
- The number of stored client/server certificates.
- The number of stored local certificate authorities.

3. Select any number to view details about a category of certificates, or select → to open the **Certificates** page, which contains information about all categories.

The list displays the information for the entire cluster. If you want to display information for only a specific storage VM, perform the following steps:

- Select **Storage > Storage VMs**.
- Select the storage VM.
- Switch to the **Settings** tab.
- Select a number shown in the **Certificate** section.

#### What to do next

- From the **Certificates** page, you can [Generate a certificate signing request](#).
- The certificate information is separated into three tabs, one for each category. You can perform the following tasks from each tab:
  - Install (add) a trusted certificate authority
  - Delete a trusted certificate authority
  - Renew a trusted certificate authority

On this tab...	You can perform these procedures...
<b>Trusted certificate authorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install (add) a trusted certificate authority</li><li>Delete a trusted certificate authority</li><li>Renew a trusted certificate authority</li></ul>
<b>Client/server certificates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install (add) a client/server certificate</li><li>Generate (add) a self-signed client/server certificate</li><li>Delete a client/server certificate</li><li>Renew a client/server certificate</li></ul>

<b>Local certificate authorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Create a new local certificate authority</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Sign a certificate using a local certificate authority</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Delete a local certificate authority</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Renew a local certificate authority</a></li></ul>
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## Generate a certificate signing request

You can generate a certificate signing request (CSR) with System Manager from any tab of the **Certificates** page. A private key and a corresponding CSR are generated, which can be signed using a certificate authority to generate a public certificate.

### Steps

1. View the **Certificates** page. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select **+Generate CSR**.
3. Complete the information for the subject name:
  - a. Enter a **common name**.
  - b. Select a **country**.
  - c. Enter an **organization**.
  - d. Enter an **organization unit**.
4. If you want to override defaults, select **More Options** and provide additional information.

## Install (add) a trusted certificate authority

You can install additional trusted certificate authorities in System Manager.

### Steps

1. View the **Trusted Certificate Authorities** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select **+ Add**.
3. On the **Add Trusted Certificate Authority** panel, perform the following:
  - Enter a **name**.
  - For the **scope**, select a storage VM.
  - Enter a **common name**.
  - Select a **type**.
  - Enter or import **certificate details**.

## Delete a trusted certificate authority

With System Manager, you can delete a trusted certificate authority.



You cannot delete trusted certificate authorities preinstalled with ONTAP.

### Steps

1. View the **Trusted Certificate Authorities** tab. See [View certificate information](#).

2. Select the name of the trusted certificate authority.
3. Select  next to the name, then select **Delete**.

## Renew a trusted certificate authority

With System Manager, you can renew a trusted certificate authority that has expired or is about to expire.

### Steps

1. View the **Trusted Certificate Authorities** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select the name of the trusted certificate authority.
3. Select  next to the certificate name then **Renew**.

## Install (add) a client/server certificate

With System Manager, you can install additional client/server certificates.

### Steps

1. View the **Client/Server Certificates** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select  .
3. On the **Add Client/Server Certificate** panel, perform the following:
  - Enter a **certificate name**.
  - For the **scope**, select a storage VM.
  - Enter a **common name**.
  - Select a **type**.
  - Enter or import **certificate details**.  
You can either write in or copy and paste in the certificate details from a text file or you can import the text from a certificate file by clicking **Import**.
  - Enter the **private key**.  
You can either write in or copy and paste in the private key from a text file or you can import the text from a private key file by clicking **Import**.

## Generate (add) a self-signed client/server certificate

With System Manager, you can generate additional self-signed client/server certificates.

### Steps

1. View the **Client/Server Certificates** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select **+Generate Self-signed Certificate**.
3. On the **Generate Self-Signed Certificate** panel, perform the following:
  - Enter a **certificate name**.
  - For the **scope**, select a storage VM.
  - Enter a **common name**.
  - Select a **type**.
  - Select a **hash function**.

- Select a **key size**.
- Select a **storage VM**.

## Delete a client/server certificate

With System Manager, you can delete client/server certificates.

### Steps

1. View the **Client/Server Certificates** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select the name of the client/server certificate.
3. Select  next to the name, then click **Delete**.

## Renew a client/server certificate

With System Manager, you can renew a client/server certificate that has expired or is about to expire.

### Steps

1. View the **Client/Server Certificates** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select the name of the client/server certificate.
3. Select  next to the name, then click **Renew**.

## Create a new local certificate authority

With System Manager, you can create a new local certificate authority.

### Steps

1. View the **Local Certificate Authorities** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select  .
3. On the **Add Local Certificate Authority** panel, perform the following:
  - Enter a **name**.
  - For the **scope**, select a storage VM.
  - Enter a **common name**.
4. If you want to override defaults, select **More Options** and provide additional information.

## Sign a certificate using a local certificate authority

In System Manager, you can use a local certificate authority to sign a certificate.

### Steps

1. View the **Local Certificate Authorities** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select the name of the local certificate authority.
3. Select  next to the name then **Sign a certificate**.
4. Complete the **Sign a Certificate Signing Request** form.
  - You can either paste in the certificate signing content or import a certificate signing request file by clicking **Import**.

- Specify the number of days for which the certificate will be valid.

## Delete a local certificate authority

With System Manager, you can delete a local certificate authority.

### Steps

1. View the **Local Certificate Authority** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select the name of the local certificate authority.
3. Select  next to the name then **Delete**.

## Renew a local certificate authority

With System Manager, you can renew a local certificate authority that has expired or is about to expire.

### Steps

1. View the **Local Certificate Authority** tab. See [View certificate information](#).
2. Select the name of the local certificate authority.
3. Select  next to the name, then click **Renew**.

## Configure Active Directory domain controller access in ONTAP

You must configure AD domain controller access to the cluster or SVM before an AD account can access the SVM. If you have already configured a SMB server for a data SVM, you can configure the SVM as a gateway, or *tunnel*, for AD access to the cluster. If you have not configured an SMB server, you can create a computer account for the SVM on the AD domain.

ONTAP supports the following domain controller authentication services:

- Kerberos
- LDAP
- Netlogon
- Local Security Authority (LSA)

ONTAP supports the following session key algorithms for secure Netlogon connections:

Session key algorithm	Available beginning with...
HMAC-SHA256, based on the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)  If your cluster is running ONTAP 9.9.1 or earlier and your domain controller enforces AES for secure Netlogon services, the connection fails. In this case, you need to reconfigure your domain controller to instead accept strong key connections with ONTAP.	ONTAP 9.10.1
DES and HMAC-MD5 (when strong key is set)	All ONTAP 9 releases

If you want to use AES session keys during Netlogon secure channel establishment, you need to verify that AES is enabled on your SVM.

- Beginning with ONTAP 9.14.1, AES is enabled by default when you create an SVM, and you don't need to modify the security settings of your SVM to use AES session keys during Netlogon secure channel establishment.
- In ONTAP 9.10.1 through 9.13.1, AES is disabled by default when you create an SVM. You need to enable AES using the following command:

```
cifs security modify -vserver vs1 -aes-enabled-for-netlogon-channel true
```

 When you upgrade to ONTAP 9.14.1 or later, the AES setting for existing SVMs that were created with older ONTAP releases will not automatically change. You still need to update the value for this setting to enable AES on these SVMs.

## Configure an authentication tunnel

If you have already configured a SMB server for a data SVM, you can use the `security login domain-tunnel create` command to configure the SVM as a gateway, or *tunnel*, for AD access to the cluster.

Prior to ONTAP 9.16.1, you must use an authentication tunnel to manage cluster administrator accounts with AD.

### Before you begin

- You must have configured a SMB server for a data SVM.
- You must have enabled an AD domain user account to access the admin SVM for the cluster.
- You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.10.1, if you have an SVM gateway (domain tunnel) for AD access, you can use Kerberos for admin authentication if you have disabled NTLM in your AD domain. In earlier releases, Kerberos was not supported with admin authentication for SVM gateways. This functionality is available by default; no configuration is required.

 Kerberos authentication is always attempted first. In case of failure, NTLM authentication is then attempted.

### Steps

1. Configure a SMB-enabled data SVM as an authentication tunnel for AD domain controller access to the cluster:

```
security login domain-tunnel create -vserver <svm_name>
```

Learn more about `security login domain-tunnel create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).



The SVM must be running for the user to be authenticated.

The following command configures the SMB-enabled data SVM `engData` as an authentication tunnel.

```
cluster1::>security login domain-tunnel create -vserver engData
```

## Create an SVM computer account on the domain

If you have not configured an SMB server for a data SVM, you can use the `vserver active-directory create` command to create a computer account for the SVM on the domain.

### About this task

After you enter the `vserver active-directory create` command, you are prompted to provide the credentials for an AD user account with sufficient privileges to add computers to the specified organizational unit in the domain. The password of the account cannot be empty.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.16.1, you can use this procedure to manage cluster administrator accounts with AD.

### Before you begin

You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

### Steps

1. Create a computer account for an SVM on the AD domain:

```
vserver active-directory create -vserver <SVM_name> -account-name  
<NetBIOS_account_name> -domain <domain> -ou <organizational_unit>
```

Beginning with ONTAP 9.16.1, the `-vserver` parameter accepts the admin SVM. Learn more about `vserver active-directory create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

The following command creates a computer account named `ADSERVER1` on the domain `example.com` for SVM `engData`. You are prompted to enter the AD user account credentials after you enter the command.

```
cluster1::>vserver active-directory create -vserver engData -account  
-name ADSERVER1 -domain example.com
```

In order to create an Active Directory machine account, you must supply the name and password of a Windows account with sufficient privileges to add computers to the "CN=Computers" container within the "example.com" domain.

Enter the user name: Administrator

Enter the password:

## Configure LDAP or NIS server access in ONTAP

You must configure LDAP or NIS server access to an SVM before LDAP or NIS accounts

can access the SVM. The switch feature lets you use LDAP or NIS as alternative name service sources.

## Configure LDAP server access

You must configure LDAP server access to an SVM before LDAP accounts can access the SVM. You can use the `vserver services name-service ldap client create` command to create an LDAP client configuration on the SVM. You can then use the `vserver services name-service ldap create` command to associate the LDAP client configuration with the SVM.

### About this task

Most LDAP servers can use the default schemas provided by ONTAP:

- MS-AD-BIS (the preferred schema for most Windows 2012 and later AD servers)
- AD-IDMU (Windows 2008, Windows 2016 and later AD servers)
- AD-SFU (Windows 2003 and earlier AD servers)
- RFC-2307 (UNIX LDAP servers)

It is best to use the default schemas unless there is a requirement to do otherwise. If so, you can create your own schema by copying a default schema and modifying the copy. For more information, see:

- [NFS configuration](#)
- [NetApp Technical Report 4835: How to Configure LDAP in ONTAP](#)

### Before you begin

- You must have installed a [CA-signed server digital certificate](#) on the SVM.
- You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

### Steps

1. Create an LDAP client configuration on an SVM:

```
vserver services name-service ldap client create -vserver <SVM_name> -client
-config <client_configuration> -servers <LDAP_server_IPs> -schema <schema>
-use-start-tls <true|false>
```



Start TLS is supported for access to data SVMs only. It is not supported for access to admin SVMs.

Learn more about `vserver services name-service ldap client create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

The following command creates an LDAP client configuration named `corp` on SVM `engData`. The client makes anonymous binds to the LDAP servers with the IP addresses `172.160.0.100` and `172.16.0.101`. The client uses the RFC-2307 schema to make LDAP queries. Communication between the client and server is encrypted using Start TLS.

```
cluster1::> vserver services name-service ldap client create  
-vserver engData -client-config corp -servers 172.16.0.100,172.16.0.101  
-schema RFC-2307 -use-start-tls true
```



The `-ldap-servers` field replaces the `-servers` field. You can use the `-ldap-servers` field to specify either a hostname or an IP address for the LDAP server.

2. Associate the LDAP client configuration with the SVM: `vserver services name-service ldap create -vserver <SVM_name> -client-config <client_configuration> -client -enabled <true|false>`

Learn more about `vserver services name-service ldap create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

The following command associates the LDAP client configuration `corp` with the SVM `engData`, and enables the LDAP client on the SVM.

```
cluster1::>vserver services name-service ldap create -vserver engData  
-client-config corp -client-enabled true
```



The `vserver services name-service ldap create` command performs an automatic configuration validation and reports an error message if ONTAP is unable to contact the name server.

3. Validate the status of the name servers by using the `vserver services name-service ldap check` command.

The following command validates LDAP servers on the SVM `vs0`.

```
cluster1::> vserver services name-service ldap check -vserver vs0  
| Vserver: vs0  
| Client Configuration Name: c1  
| LDAP Status: up  
| LDAP Status Details: Successfully connected to LDAP server  
"10.11.12.13".
```

You can use the `name service check`` command to validate the status of the name servers.

## Configure NIS server access

You must configure NIS server access to an SVM before NIS accounts can access the SVM. You can use the `vserver services name-service nis-domain create` command to create an NIS domain configuration on an SVM.

### Before you begin

- All configured servers must be available and accessible before you configure the NIS domain on the SVM.
- You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to perform this task.

## Step

1. Create an NIS domain configuration on an SVM:

```
vserver services name-service nis-domain create -vserver <SVM_name> -domain
<client_configuration> -nis-servers <NIS_server_IPs>
```

Learn more about `vserver services name-service nis-domain create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).



The `-nis-servers` field replaces the `-servers` field. You can use the `-nis-servers` field to specify either a hostname or an IP address for the NIS server.

The following command creates an NIS domain configuration on SVM `engData`. The NIS domain `nisdomain` communicates with an NIS server with the IP address `192.0.2.180`.

```
cluster1::>vserver services name-service nis-domain create
-vserver engData -domain nisdomain -nis-servers 192.0.2.180
```

## Create a name service switch

The name service switch feature lets you use LDAP or NIS as alternative name service sources. You can use the `vserver services name-service ns-switch modify` command to specify the look-up order for name service sources.

### Before you begin

- You must have configured LDAP and NIS server access.
- You must be a cluster administrator or SVM administrator to perform this task.

## Step

1. Specify the lookup order for name service sources:

```
vserver services name-service ns-switch modify -vserver <SVM_name> -database
<name_service_switch_database> -sources <name_service_source_order>
```

Learn more about `vserver services name-service ns-switch modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

The following command specifies the lookup order of the LDAP and NIS name service sources for the `passwd` database on SVM `engData`.

```
cluster1::>vserver services name-service ns-switch
modify -vserver engData -database passwd -source files ldap,nis
```

## Change an ONTAP administrator password

You should change your initial password immediately after logging into the system for the first time. If you are an SVM administrator, you can use the `security login password` command to change your own password. If you are a cluster administrator, you can use the `security login password` command to change any administrator's password.

### About this task

The new password must observe the following rules:

- It cannot contain the user name
- It must be at least eight characters long
- It must contain at least one letter and one number
- It cannot be the same as the last six passwords



You can use the `security login role config modify` command to modify the password rules for accounts associated with a given role.

### Before you begin

- You must be a cluster or SVM administrator to change your own password.
- You must be a cluster administrator to change another administrator's password.

### Step

1. Change an administrator password: `security login password -vserver svm_name -username user_name`

The following command changes the password of the administrator `admin1` for the `SVMvs1.example.com`. You are prompted to enter the current password, then enter and reenter the new password.

```
vs1.example.com::>security login password -vserver engData -username  
admin1  
Please enter your current password:  
Please enter a new password:  
Please enter it again:
```

### Related information

- [security login role config modify](#)
- [security login password](#)

## Lock and unlock an ONTAP administrator account

You can use the `security login lock` command to lock an administrator account, and the `security login unlock` command to unlock the account.

## Before you begin

You must be a cluster administrator to perform these tasks.

## Steps

1. Lock an administrator account:

```
security login lock -vserver SVM_name -username user_name
```

The following command locks the administrator account admin1 for the SVM vs1.example.com:

```
cluster1::>security login lock -vserver engData -username admin1
```

Learn more about `security login lock` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Unlock an administrator account:

```
security login unlock -vserver SVM_name -username user_name
```

The following command unlocks the administrator account admin1 for the SVM vs1.example.com:

```
cluster1::>security login unlock -vserver engData -username admin1
```

Learn more about `security login unlock` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Related information

- [security login](#)

## Manage failed login attempts in ONTAP

Repeated failed login attempts sometimes indicate that an intruder is attempting to access the storage system. You can take a number of steps to ensure that an intrusion does not take place.

### How you will know that login attempts have failed

The Event Management System (EMS) notifies you about failed login attempts every hour. You can find a record of failed login attempts in the `audit.log` file.

### What to do if repeated login attempts fail

In the short term, you can take a number of steps to prevent an intrusion:

- Require that passwords be composed of a minimum number of uppercase characters, lowercase characters, special characters, and/or digits
- Impose a delay after a failed login attempt
- Limit the number of allowed failed login attempts, and lock out users after the specified number of failed attempts

- Expire and lock out accounts that are inactive for a specified number of days

You can use the `security login role config modify` command to perform these tasks. Learn more about `security login role config modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

Over the long term, you can take these additional steps:

- Use the `security ssh modify` command to limit the number of failed login attempts for all newly created SVMs. Learn more about `security ssh modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).
- Migrate existing MD5-algorithm accounts to the more secure SHA-512 algorithm by requiring users to change their passwords.

## Enforce SHA-2 on ONTAP administrator account passwords

Administrator accounts created prior to ONTAP 9.0 continue to use MD5 passwords after the upgrade, until the passwords are manually changed. MD5 is less secure than SHA-2. Therefore, after upgrading, you should prompt users of MD5 accounts to change their passwords to use the default SHA-512 hash function.

### About this task

The password hash functionality enables you to do the following:

- Display user accounts that match the specified hash function.
- Expire accounts that use a specified hash function (for example, MD5), forcing the users to change their passwords in their next login.
- Lock accounts whose passwords use the specified hash function.
- When reverting to a release earlier than ONTAP 9, reset the cluster administrator's own password for it to be compatible with the hash function (MD5) that is supported by the earlier release.

ONTAP accepts pre-hashed SHA-2 passwords only by using NetApp Manageability SDK (`security-login-create` and `security-login-modify-password`).

### Steps

#### 1. Migrate the MD5 administrator accounts to the SHA-512 password hash function:

- Expire all MD5 administrator accounts: `security login expire-password -vserver * -username * -hash-function md5`

Doing so forces MD5 account users to change their passwords upon next login.

- Ask users of MD5 accounts to log in through a console or SSH session.

The system detects that the accounts are expired and prompts users to change their passwords. SHA-512 is used by default for the changed passwords.

#### 2. For MD5 accounts whose users do not log in to change their passwords within a period of time, force the account migration:

- Lock accounts that still use the MD5 hash function (advanced privilege level): `security login expire-password -vserver * -username * -hash-function md5 -lock-after integer`

After the number of days specified by `-lock-after`, users cannot access their MD5 accounts.

- b. Unlock the accounts when the users are ready to change their passwords: `security login unlock -vserver svm_name -username user_name`
- c. Have users log in to their accounts through a console or SSH session and change their passwords when the system prompts them to do so.

#### Related information

- [security login expire-password](#)
- [security login unlock](#)

## Diagnose and correct ONTAP file access issues with System Manager

Beginning with ONTAP 9.8, you can trace and view file access concerns.

#### Steps

1. In System Manager, select **Storage > Storage VMs**.
2. Select the storage VM on which you want to perform a trace.
3. Click  **More**.
4. Click **Trace File Access**.
5. Provide the user name and client IP address, then click **Start Tracing**.

The trace results are displayed in a table. The **Reasons** column provides the reason why a file could not be accessed.

6. Click  in the left column of the results table to view the file access permissions.

## Manage multi-admin verification

### Learn about ONTAP multi-admin verification

Beginning with ONTAP 9.11.1, you can use multi-admin verification (MAV) to ensure that certain operations, such as deleting volumes or snapshots, can be executed only after approvals from designated administrators. This prevents compromised, malicious, or inexperienced administrators from making undesirable changes or deleting data.

Configuring multi-admin verification consists of:

- [Creating one or more administrator approval groups](#).
- [Enabling multi-admin verification functionality](#).
- [Adding or modifying rules](#).

After initial configuration, these elements can be modified only by administrators in a MAV approval group (MAV administrators).

When multi-admin verification is enabled, the completion of every protected operation requires these steps:

1. When a user initiates the operation, a [request is generated](#).

2. Before the operation can be executed, at least one [MAV administrator must approve](#).

3. Upon approval, the user is prompted and completes the operation.



If you need to disable multi-admin verification functionality without MAV administrator approval, contact NetApp Support and mention the following [NetApp Knowledge Base: How to disable Multi-Admin Verification if MAV admin is unavailable](#).

Multi-admin verification is not intended for use with volumes or workflows that involve heavy automation, because each automated task would require approval before the operation could be completed. If you want to use automation and MAV together, it's recommended that you use queries for specific MAV operations. For example, you could apply `volume delete` MAV rules only to volumes where automation is not involved, and you could designate those volumes with a particular naming scheme.



Multi-admin verification is not available with Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

## How multi-admin verification works

Multi-admin verification consists of:

- A group of one or more administrators with approval and veto powers.
- A set of protected operations or commands in a *rules table*.
- A *rules engine* to identify and control execution of protected operations.

MAV rules are evaluated after role-based access control (RBAC) rules. Therefore, administrators who execute or approve protected operations must already possess the minimum RBAC privileges for those operations.

[Learn more about RBAC](#).

### System-defined rules

When multi-admin verification is enabled, system-defined rules (also known as *guard-rail* rules) establish a set of MAV operations to contain the risk of circumventing the MAV process itself. These operations cannot be removed from the rules table. Once MAV is enabled, operations designated by an asterisk ( \* ) require approval by one or more administrators before execution, except for **show** commands.

- `security multi-admin-verify modify operation *`

Controls the configuration of multi-admin verification functionality.

- `security multi-admin-verify approval-group operations *`

Control membership in the set of administrators with multi-admin verification credentials.

- `security multi-admin-verify rule operations *`

Control the set of commands requiring multi-admin verification.

- `security multi-admin-verify request operations`

Control the approval process.

## Rule-protected commands

In addition to system-defined operations, the following commands are protected by default when multi-admin verification is enabled, but you can modify the rules to remove protection for these commands:

- [security login password](#)
- [security login unlock](#)
- [set](#)

Each ONTAP version provides more commands you can choose to protect with multi-admin verification rules. Choose your ONTAP release for the full list of commands available for protection.

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- vserver vscan disable <sup>3</sup>
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- vserver peer delete
- vserver security file-directory apply<sup>3</sup>

- vserver security file-directory remove-slag<sup>3</sup>
- vserver vscan disable<sup>3</sup>
- vserver vscan on-access-policy create<sup>3</sup>
- vserver vscan on-access-policy delete<sup>3</sup>
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- vserver vscan on-access-policy modify<sup>3</sup>
- vserver vscan scanner-pool create<sup>3</sup>
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- event config modify
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- security anti-ransomware volume event-log modify<sup>2</sup>
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- security login delete
- security login modify
- security login publickey create
- security login publickey delete
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- system node run
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- volume snapshot policy delete \*
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- volume snapshot policy modify

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- volume snapshot policy remove-schedule
- volume snapshot restore
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- security login modify
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- security login publickey delete
- security login publickey modify
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- system node systemshell
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- volume snapshot policy modify
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\*This command is only available with CLI and is unavailable for System Manager in some releases.

## How multi-admin approval works

Any time a protected operation is entered on a MAV-protected cluster, an operation execution request is sent to the designated MAV administrator group.

You can configure:

- The names, contact information, and number of administrators in the MAV group.  
A MAV administrator should have an RBAC role with cluster administrator privileges.
- The number of MAV administrator groups.
  - A MAV group is assigned for each protected operation rule.
  - For multiple MAV groups, you can configure which MAV group approves a given rule.
- The number of MAV approvals required to execute a protected operation.
- An *approval expiry* period within which a MAV administrator must respond to an approval request.
- An *execution expiry* period within which the requesting administrator must complete the operation.

Once these parameters are configured, MAV approval is required to modify them.

MAV administrators cannot approve their own requests to execute protected operations. Therefore:

- MAV should not be enabled on clusters with only one administrator.
- If there is only one person in the MAV group, that MAV administrator cannot initiate protected operations; regular administrators must initiate protected operations, and the MAV administrator can only approve.
- If you want MAV administrators to be able to execute protected operations, the number of MAV administrators must be one greater than the number of approvals required.  
For example, if two approvals are required for a protected operation, and you want MAV administrators to execute them, there must be three people in the MAV administrators group.

MAV administrators can receive approval requests in email alerts (using EMS) or they can query the request queue. When they receive a request, they can take one of three actions:

- Approve
- Reject (veto)
- Ignore (no action)

Email notifications are sent to all approvers associated with a MAV rule when:

- A request is created.
- A request is approved or vetoed.
- An approved request is executed.

If the requestor is in the same approval group for the operation, they will receive an email when their request is approved.

 A requestor can't approve their own requests even if they are in the approval group (although they can get email notifications for their own requests). Requestors who are not in approval groups (that is, who are not MAV administrators) don't receive email notifications.

## How protected operation execution works

If execution is approved for a protected operation, the requesting user continues with the operation when prompted. If the operation is vetoed, the requesting user must delete the request before proceeding.

MAV rules are evaluated after RBAC permissions. As a result, a user without sufficient RBAC permissions for operation execution cannot initiate the MAV request process.

MAV rules are evaluated before the protected operation is executed. This means that rules are enforced based on the current state of the system. For example, if a MAV rule is created for `volume modify` with a query of `-size 5GB`, using `volume modify` to resize a 5GB volume to 2GB will require MAV approval, but resizing a 2GB volume to 5GB will not.

## Related information

- [cluster](#)
- [lun](#)
- [security](#)
- [snaplock legal-hold end](#)
- [storage aggregate](#)
- [storage encryption](#)
- [system](#)

## Manage ONTAP administrator approval groups for MAV

Before enabling multi-admin verification (MAV), you must create an admin approval group containing one or more administrators to be granted approve or veto authority. Once you have enabled multi-admin verification, any modifications to approval group membership requires approval from one of the existing qualified administrators.

### About this task

You can add existing administrators to a MAV group or create new administrators.

MAV functionality honors existing role-based access control (RBAC) settings. Potential MAV administrators must have sufficient privilege to execute protected operations before they are added to MAV administrator groups. [Learn more about RBAC](#).

You can configure MAV to alert MAV administrators that approval requests are pending. To do so, you must configure email notifications—in particular, the `Mail From` and `Mail Server` parameters—or you can clear these parameters to disable notification. Without email alerts, MAV administrators must check the approval queue manually.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.15.1, you can configure Active Directory (AD) users as MAV administrators. The AD user must be [configured as an ONTAP administrator](#).

### System Manager procedure

If you want to create a MAV approval group for the first time, see the System Manager procedure to [enable multi-admin verification](#).

To modify an existing approval group or create an additional approval group:

1. Identify administrators to receive multi-admin verification.

- a. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
- b. Click  next to **Users and Roles**.
- c. Click  **Add** under **Users**.
- d. Modify the roster as needed.

For more information, see [Control administrator access](#).

2. Create or modify the MAV approval group:

- a. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
- b. Click  next to **Multi-Admin Approval** in the **Security** section.  
(You will see the  icon if MAV is not yet configured.)
  - Name: enter a group name.
  - Approvers: select approvers from a list of users.
  - Email address: enter email address(es).
  - Default group: select a group.

MAV approval is required to edit an existing configuration once MAV is enabled.

## CLI procedure

1. Verify that values have been set for the `Mail From` and `Mail Server` parameters. Enter:

```
event config show
```

The display should be similar to the following:

```
cluster01::> event config show
          Mail From: admin@localhost
          Mail Server: localhost
          Proxy URL: -
          Proxy User: -
Publish/Subscribe Messaging Enabled: true
```

To configure these parameters, enter:

```
event config modify -mail-from email_address -mail-server server_name
```

Learn more about `event config show` and `event config modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

2. Identify administrators to receive multi-admin verification

If you want to...	Enter this command
Display current administrators	<code>security login show</code>

If you want to...	Enter this command
Modify credentials of current administrators	security login modify <parameters>
Create new administrator accounts	security login create -user-or-group -name <i>admin_name</i> -application ssh -authentication-method password

Learn more about `security login show`, `security login modify`, and `security login create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### 3. Create the MAV approval group:

```
security multi-admin-verify approval-group create [ -vserver svm_name] -name group_name -approvers approver1[,approver2...] [ [-email address1], address1...]
```

- `-vserver` - Only the admin SVM is supported in this release.
- `-name` - The MAV group name, up to 64 characters.
- `-approvers` - The list of one or more approvers. For AD users, use the format `domain\user`. For example, `mydomain\pavan`.
- `-email` - One or more email addresses that are notified when a request is created, approved, vetoed, or executed.

**Example:** The following command creates a MAV group with two members and associated email addresses.

```
cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify approval-group create -name mav-grp1 -approvers pavan,julia -email pavan@myfirm.com,julia@myfirm.com
```

### 4. Verify group creation and membership:

```
security multi-admin-verify approval-group show
```

**Example:**

```
cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify approval-group show
Vserver  Name          Approvers        Email
-----  -----  -----
-----  -----
svm-1    mav-grp1      pavan,julia    email
pavan@myfirm.com,julia@myfirm.com
```

Use these commands to modify your initial MAV group configuration.

**Note:** All require MAV administrator approval before execution.

If you want to...	Enter this command
Modify the group characteristics or modify existing member information	<code>security multi-admin-verify approval-group modify [parameters]</code>
Add or remove members	<code>security multi-admin-verify approval-group replace [-vserver svm_name] -name group_name [-approvers-to-add approver1[, approver2...]] [-approvers-to-remove approver1[, approver2...]]</code>
Delete a group	<code>security multi-admin-verify approval-group delete [-vserver svm_name] -name group_name</code>

#### Related information

- [security multi-admin-verify](#)

### Enable or disable multi-admin verification in ONTAP

Multi-admin verification (MAV) must be enabled explicitly. Once you have enabled multi-admin verification, approval by administrators in a MAV approval group (MAV administrators) is required to delete it.

#### About this task

Once MAV is enabled, modifying or disabling MAV requires MAV administrator approval.



If you need to disable multi-admin verification functionality without MAV administrator approval, contact NetApp Support and mention the following [NetApp Knowledge Base: How to disable Multi-Admin Verification if MAV admin is unavailable](#).

When you enable MAV, you can specify the following parameters globally.

#### Approval groups

A list of global approval groups. At least one group is required to enable MAV functionality.



If you are using MAV with Autonomous Ransomware Protection (ARP), define a new or existing approval group that is responsible for approving ARP pause, disable, and clear suspect requests.

#### Required approvers

The number of approvers required to execute a protected operation. The default and minimum number is 1.



The required number of approvers must be less than the total number of unique approvers in the default approval groups.

## Approval expiry (hours, minutes, seconds)

The period within which a MAV administrator must respond to an approval request. The default value is one hour (1h), the minimum supported value is one second (1s), and the maximum supported value is 14 days (14d).

## Execution expiry (hours, minutes, seconds)

The period within which the requesting administrator must complete the:: operation. The default value is one hour (1h), the minimum supported value is one second (1s), and the maximum supported value is 14 days (14d).

You can also override any of these parameters for specific [operation rules](#).

## System Manager procedure

1. Identify administrators to receive multi-admin verification.

- a. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
- b. Click  next to **Users and Roles**.
- c. Click  **Add** under **Users**.
- d. Modify the roster as needed.

For more information, see [Control administrator access](#).

2. Enable multi-admin verification by creating at least one approval group and adding at least one rule.

- a. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
- b. Click  next to **Multi-Admin Approval** in the **Security** section.
- c. Click  **Add** to add at least one approval group.
  - Name – Enter a group name.
  - Approvers – Select approvers from a list of users.
  - Email address – Enter email address(es).
  - Default group – Select a group.
- d. Add at least one rule.
  - Operation – Select a supported command from the list.
  - Query – Enter any desired command options and values.
  - Optional parameters; leave blank to apply global settings, or assign a different value for specific rules to override the global settings.
    - Required number of approvers
    - Approval groups
- e. Click **Advanced Settings** to view or modify defaults.
  - Required number of approvers (default: 1)
  - Execution request expiry (default: 1 hour)
  - Approval request expiry (default: 1hour)
  - Mail server\*
  - From email address\*

\*These update the email settings managed under "Notification Management". You are prompted to set them if they have not yet been configured.

- f. Click **Enable** to complete MAV initial configuration.

After initial configuration, the current MAV status is displayed in the **Multi-Admin Approval** tile.

- Status (enabled or not)
- Active operations for which approvals are required
- Number of open requests in pending state

You can display an existing configuration by clicking . MAV approval is required to edit an existing configuration.

To disable multi-admin verification:

1. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
2. Click  next to **Multi-Admin Approval** in the **Security** section.
3. Click the Enabled toggle button.

MAV approval is required to complete this operation.

## CLI procedure

Before enabling MAV functionality at the CLI, at least one [MAV administrator group](#) must have been created.

If you want to...	Enter this command
Enable MAV functionality	<pre>security multi-admin-verify modify -approval-groups group1[,group2...] [- -required-approvers nn] -enabled true [ -execution-expiry [nnh] [nnm] [nns]] [ -approval-expiry [nnh] [nnm] [nns]]</pre> <p><b>Example :</b> the following command enables MAV with 1 approval group, 2 required approvers, and default expiry periods.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"><pre>cluster-1::&gt; security multi-admin- verify modify -approval-groups mav-grp1 -required-approvers 2 -enabled true</pre></div> <p>Complete initial configuration by adding at least one <a href="#">operation rule</a>.</p>

If you want to...	Enter this command
Modify a MAV configuration (requires MAV approval)	<pre>security multi-admin-verify approval-group modify [-approval-groups <i>group1</i> [, <i>group2</i>...]] [-required-approvers <i>nn</i>] [-execution-expiry [<i>nnh</i>] [<i>nnm</i>] [<i>nns</i>]] [-approval-expiry [<i>nnh</i>] [<i>nnm</i>] [<i>nns</i>]])</pre>
Verify MAV functionality	<pre>security multi-admin-verify show</pre> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>cluster-1::&gt; security multi-admin-verify show Is Required Execution Approval Approval Enabled Approvers Expiry Expiry Groups ----- ----- true 2 1h 1h mav-grp1</pre>
Disable MAV functionality (requires MAV approval)	<pre>security multi-admin-verify modify -enabled false</pre>

#### Related information

- [security multi-admin-verify](#)

## Manage multi-admin verification rules for protected operations in ONTAP

You create multi-admin verification (MAV) rules to designate operations requiring approval. Whenever an operation is initiated, protected operations are intercepted and a request for approval is generated.

Rules can be created before enabling MAV by any administrator with appropriate RBAC capabilities, but once MAV is enabled, any modification to the rule set requires MAV approval.

Only one MAV rule can be created per operation; for example, you cannot make multiple volume-snapshot-delete rules. Any desired rule constraints must be contained within one rule.

You can create rules to protect [these commands](#). You can protect each command beginning with the ONTAP version in which protection capability for the command first became available.

The rules for MAV system-default commands, the `security multi-admin-verify` [commands](#), cannot be altered.

In addition to system-defined operations, the following commands are protected by default when multi-admin

verification is enabled, but you can modify the rules to remove protection for these commands:

- [security login password](#)
- [security login unlock](#)
- [set](#)

## Rule constraints

When you create a rule, you can optionally specify the `-query` option to limit the request to a subset of the command functionality. The `-query` option can also be used to limit configuration elements, such as the SVM, the volume, and snapshot names.

For example, in the `volume snapshot delete` command, `-query` can be set to `-snapshot !hourly*,!daily*,!weekly*`, meaning that volume snapshots prefixed with hourly, daily, or weekly attributes are excluded from MAV protections.

```
smci-vsimg20::> security multi-admin-verify rule show
                                         Required Approval
Vserver Operation                         Approvers Groups
-----
vs01      volume snapshot delete          -           -
          Query: -snapshot !hourly*,!daily*,!weekly*
```



Any excluded configuration elements would not be protected by MAV, and any administrator could delete or rename them.

By default, rules specify that a corresponding `security multi-admin-verify request create "protected_operation"` command is generated automatically when a protected operation is entered. You can modify this default to require that the `request create` command be entered separately.

By default, rules inherit the following global MAV settings, although you can specify rule-specific exceptions:

- Required Number of Approvers
- Approval Groups
- Approval Expiry period
- Execution Expiry period

## System Manager procedure

If you want to add a protected operation rule for the first time, see the System Manager procedure to [enable multi-admin verification](#).

To modify the existing rule set:

1. Select **Cluster > Settings**.
2. Select next to **Multi-Admin Approval** in the **Security** section.
3. Select **Add** to add at least one rule; you can also modify or delete existing rules.

- Operation – Select a supported command from the list.
- Query – Enter any desired command options and values.
- Optional parameters – Leave blank to apply global settings, or assign a different value for specific rules to override the global settings.
  - Required number of approvers
  - Approval groups

## CLI procedure



All security multi-admin-verify rule commands require MAV administrator approval before execution except security multi-admin-verify rule show.

If you want to...	Enter this command
Create a rule	<code>security multi-admin-verify rule create -operation "protected_operation" [-query operation_subset] [parameters]</code>
Modify credentials of current administrators	<code>security login modify &lt;parameters&gt;</code>  <b>Example:</b> the following rule requires approval to delete the root volume.  <code>security multi-admin-verify rule create -operation "volume delete" -query "-vserver vs0"</code>
Modify a rule	<code>security multi-admin-verify rule modify -operation "protected_operation" [parameters]</code>
Delete a rule	<code>security multi-admin-verify rule delete -operation "protected_operation"</code>
Show rules	<code>security multi-admin-verify rule show</code>

### Related information

- [security multi-admin-verify rule](#)
- [security login modify](#)

## Request execution of MAV protected operations in ONTAP

When you initiate a protected operation or command on a cluster enabled for multi-admin verification (MAV), ONTAP automatically intercepts the operation and asks to generate a request, which must be approved by one or more administrators in a MAV approval group (MAV administrators). Alternatively, you can create a MAV request without the dialog.

If approved, you must then respond to the query to complete the operation within the request expiry period. If vetoed, or if the request or expiry periods are exceeded, you must delete the request and resubmit.

MAV functionality honors existing RBAC settings. That is, your administrator role must have sufficient privilege to execute a protected operation without regard to MAV settings. [Learn more about RBAC](#).

If you are a MAV administrator, your requests to execute protected operations must also be approved by a MAV administrator.

### System Manager procedure

When a user clicks on a menu item to initiate an operation and the operation is protected, a request for approval is generated and the user receives a notification similar to the following:

Approval request to delete the volume was sent.  
Track the request ID 356 from Events & Jobs > Multi-Admin Requests.

The **Multi-Admin Requests** window is available when MAV is enabled, showing pending requests based on the user's login ID and MAV role (approver or not). For each pending request, the following fields are displayed:

- Operation
- Index (number)
- Status (Pending, Approved, Rejected, Executed, or Expired)

If a request is rejected by one approver, no further actions are possible.

- Query (any parameters or values for the requested operation)
- Requesting User
- Request Expires On
- (Number of) Pending Approvers
- (Number of) Potential Approvers

When the request is approved, the requesting user can retry the operation within the expiry period.

If the user retries the operation without approval, a notification is displayed similar to the following:

Request to perform delete operation is pending approval.  
Retry the operation after request is approved.

### CLI procedure

1. Enter the protected operation directly or using the MAV request command.

**Examples – to delete a volume, enter one of the following commands:**

◦ volume delete

```
cluster-1::*> volume delete -volume vol1 -vserver vs0

Warning: This operation requires multi-admin verification. To create
a
    verification request use "security multi-admin-verify
request
    create".

Would you like to create a request for this operation?
{y|n}: y

Error: command failed: The security multi-admin-verify request (index
3) is
    auto-generated and requires approval.
```

- security multi-admin-verify request create "volume delete"

```
Error: command failed: The security multi-admin-verify request (index
3)
    requires approval.
```

2. Check the status of the request and respond to the MAV notice.

a. If the request is approved, respond to the CLI message to complete the operation.

**Example:**

```
cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify request show 3
```

```
Request Index: 3
    Operation: volume delete
        Query: -vserver vs0 -volume vol1
        State: approved
Required Approvers: 1
Pending Approvers: 0
    Approval Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:32:03
    Execution Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:35:36
        Approvals: admin2
    User Vetoed: -
        Vserver: cluster-1
User Requested: admin
    Time Created: 2/25/2022 13:32:03
    Time Approved: 2/25/2022 13:35:36
        Comment: -
Users Permitted: -
```

```
cluster-1::*> volume delete -volume vol1 -vserver vs0
```

```
Info: Volume "vol1" in Vserver "vs0" will be marked as deleted and
placed in the volume recovery queue. The space used by the volume
will be recovered only after the retention period of 12 hours has
completed. To recover the space immediately, get the volume name
using (privilege:advanced) "volume recovery-queue show vol1_*" and
then "volume recovery-queue purge -vserver vs0 -volume <volume_name>" command.
To recover the volume use the (privilege:advanced) "volume
recovery-queue recover -vserver vs0           -volume <volume_name>" command.
```

```
Warning: Are you sure you want to delete volume "vol1" in Vserver
"vs0" ?
```

```
{y|n}: y
```

b. If the request is vetoed, or the expiry period has passed, delete the request, and either resubmit or contact the MAV administrator.

**Example:**

```

cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify request show 3

    Request Index: 3
        Operation: volume delete
            Query: -vserver vs0 -volume vol1
            State: vetoed
    Required Approvers: 1
    Pending Approvers: 1
        Approval Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:38:47
    Execution Expiry: -
        Approvals: -
    User Vetoed: admin2
        Vserver: cluster-1
    User Requested: admin
        Time Created: 2/25/2022 13:38:47
    Time Approved: -
        Comment: -
    Users Permitted: -

cluster-1::*> volume delete -volume vol1 -vserver vs0

Error: command failed: The security multi-admin-verify request (index
3) hasbeen vetoed. You must delete it and create a new verification
request.
To delete, run "security multi-admin-verify request delete 3".

```

#### Related information

- [security multi-admin-verify](#)

## Manage MAV protected operation requests in ONTAP

When administrators in a MAV approval group (MAV administrators) are notified of a pending operation execution request, they must respond with an approve or veto message within a fixed time (approval expiry). If a sufficient number of approvals are not received, the requester must delete the request and make another.

#### About this task

Approval requests are identified with index numbers, which are included in email messages and displays of the request queue.



multi-admin-verify requests in a terminal state may be overwritten or removed automatically. Use the [audit log](#) to review previous requests.

The following information from the request queue can be displayed:

## **Operation**

The protected operation for which the request is created.

## **Query**

The object (or objects) upon which the user wants to apply the operation.

## **State**

The current state of the request; pending, approved, rejected, expired, executed. If a request is rejected by one approver, no further actions are possible.

## **Required approvers**

The number of MAV administrators that are required to approve the request. A user can set the required-approvers parameter for the operation rule. If a user does not set the required-approvers to the rule, then the required-approvers from the global setting is applied.

## **Pending approvers**

The number of MAV administrators that are still required to approve the request for the request to be marked as approved.

## **Approval expiry**

The period within which a MAV administrator must respond to an approval request. Any authorized user can set the approval-expiry for an operation rule. If approval-expiry is not set for the rule, then the approval-expiry from the global setting is applied.

## **Execution expiry**

The period within which the requesting administrator must complete the operation. Any authorized user can set the execution-expiry for an operation rule. If execution-expiry is not set for the rule, then the execution-expiry from the global setting is applied.

## **Users approved**

The MAV administrators who have approved the request.

## **User vetoed**

The MAV administrators who have vetoed the request.

## **Storage VM (vserver)**

The SVM with which the request is associated with. Only the admin SVM is supported in this release.

## **User requested**

The username of the user who created the request.

## **Time created**

The time when the request is created.

## **Time approved**

The time when the request state changed to approved.

## **Comment**

Any comments that are associated with the request.

## **Users permitted**

The list of users permitted to perform the protected operation for which the request is approved. If `users-permitted` is empty, then any user with appropriate permissions can perform the operation.

## System Manager

MAV administrators receive email messages with details of the approval request, request expiry period, and a link to approve or reject the request. They can access an approval dialog by clicking the link in the email or navigate to **Events & Jobs > Requests** in System Manager.

The **Requests** window is available when multi-admin verification is enabled, showing pending requests based on the user's login ID and MAV role (approver or not).

- Operation
- Index (number)
- Status (Pending, Approved, Rejected, Executed, or Expired)

If a request is rejected by one approver, no further actions are possible.

- Query (any parameters or values for the requested operation)
- Requesting User
- Request Expires On
- (Number of) Pending Approvers
- (Number of) Potential Approvers

MAV administrators have additional controls in this window; they can approve, reject, or delete individual operations, or selected groups of operations. However, if the MAV administrator is the Requesting User, they cannot approve, reject or delete their own requests.

## CLI

1. When notified of pending requests by email, note the request's index number and approval expiry period. The index number can also be displayed using the **show** or **show-pending** options mentioned below.
2. Approve or veto the request.

If you want to...	Enter this command
Approve a request	<code>security multi-admin-verify request approve nn</code>
Veto a request	<code>security multi-admin-verify request veto nn</code>

If you want to...	Enter this command
Show all requests, pending requests, or a single request	<pre>security multi-admin-verify request { show   show-pending } [nn] { -fields field1[,field2...]   [-instance ] }</pre> <p>You can show all requests in the queue or only pending requests. If you enter the index number, only information for that is displayed. You can display information about specific fields (by using the <code>-fields</code> parameter) or about all fields (by using the <code>-instance</code> parameter).</p>
Delete a request	<pre>security multi-admin-verify request delete nn</pre>

**Example:**

The following sequence approves a request after the MAV administrator has received the request email with index number 3, which already has one approval.

```

cluster1::> security multi-admin-verify request show-pending
                                         Pending
Index Operation      Query State    Approvers Requestor
-----
3 volume delete    -      pending 1        julia

cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify request approve 3

cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify request show 3

Request Index: 3
    Operation: volume delete
    Query: -
    State: approved
Required Approvers: 2
    Pending Approvers: 0
    Approval Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:32:03
    Execution Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:35:36
    Approvals: mav-admin2
    User Vetoed: -
    Vserver: cluster-1
    User Requested: julia
    Time Created: 2/25/2022 13:32:03
    Time Approved: 2/25/2022 13:35:36
    Comment: -
    Users Permitted: -

```

### Example:

The following sequence vetoes a request after the MAV administrator has received the request email with index number 3, which already has one approval.

```

cluster1::> security multi-admin-verify request show-pending
                                         Pending
Index Operation      Query State    Approvers Requestor
-----
3 volume delete    -      pending 1          pavan

cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify request veto 3

cluster-1::> security multi-admin-verify request show 3

Request Index: 3
    Operation: volume delete
    Query: -
    State: vetoed
Required Approvers: 2
Pending Approvers: 0
    Approval Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:32:03
    Execution Expiry: 2/25/2022 14:35:36
    Approvals: mav-admin1
    User Vetoed: mav-admin2
    Vserver: cluster-1
    User Requested: pavan
    Time Created: 2/25/2022 13:32:03
    Time Approved: 2/25/2022 13:35:36
    Comment: -
    Users Permitted: -

```

#### Related information

- [security multi-admin-verify](#)

## Manage dynamic authorization

### Learn about ONTAP dynamic authorization

Beginning with ONTAP 9.15.1, administrators can configure and enable dynamic authorization to increase security of remote access to ONTAP while also mitigating potential damage that could be caused by a malicious actor. With ONTAP 9.15.1, dynamic authorization provides an initial framework for assigning a security score to users and, if their activity looks suspicious, challenging them with additional authorization checks or denying an operation completely. Administrators can create rules, assign trust scores, and restrict commands to determine when certain activity is allowed or denied for a user. Administrators can enable dynamic authorization cluster-wide or for individual storage VMs.

## How dynamic authorization works

Dynamic authorization uses a trust scoring system to assign users a different level of trust depending on the authorization policies. Based on the user's trust level, an activity they perform can be allowed or denied, or the user can be prompted for further authentication.

Refer to [Customize dynamic authorization](#) to learn more about how to configure criteria score weights and other dynamic authorization attributes.

### Trusted devices

When dynamic authorization is in use, the definition of a trusted device is a device used by a user to log in to ONTAP using public key authentication as one of the authentication methods. The device is trusted because only that user has possession of the corresponding private key.

### Dynamic authorization example

Take the example of three different users attempting to delete a volume. When they try to perform the operation, the risk rating for each user is examined:

- The first user logs in from a trusted device with very few previous authentication failures, which makes her risk rating low; the operation is allowed without additional authentication.
- The second user logs in from a trusted device with a moderate percentage of previous authentication failures, which makes the risk rating moderate; she is prompted for additional authentication before the operation is allowed.
- The third user logs in from an untrusted device with a high percentage of previous authentication failures, which makes the risk rating high; the operation is not allowed.

### What's next

- [Enable or disable dynamic authorization](#)
- [Customize dynamic authorization](#)

## Enable or disable dynamic authorization in ONTAP

Beginning with ONTAP 9.15.1, administrators can configure and enable dynamic authorization either in `visibility` mode to test the configuration, or in `enforced` mode to activate the configuration for CLI users connecting over SSH. If you no longer need dynamic authorization, you can disable it. When you disable dynamic authorization, the configuration settings remain available and you can use them later if you decide to re-enable it.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Enable dynamic authorization for testing

You can enable dynamic authorization in `visibility` mode, which enables you to test the feature and ensure that users will not be accidentally locked out. In this mode, the trust score is checked with every restricted activity, but not enforced. However, any activity that would have been denied or subject to additional authentication challenges is logged. As a best practice, you should test your intended settings in this mode before enforcing them.



You can follow this step to enable dynamic authorization for the first time even if you haven't yet configured any other dynamic authorization settings. Refer to [Customize dynamic authorization](#) for steps to configure other dynamic authorization settings to customize it to your environment.

## Steps

1. Enable dynamic authorization in visibility mode by configuring global settings and changing the feature state to `visibility`. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Update the values in brackets `<>` to match your environment. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization modify \
<strong>-state visibility</strong> \
-lower-challenge-boundary <percent> \
-upper-challenge-boundary <percent> \
-suppression-interval <interval> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. Check the result by using the `show` command to display the global configuration:

```
security dynamic-authorization show
```

## Enable dynamic authorization in enforced mode

You can enable dynamic authorization in enforced mode. Typically, you use this mode after you have completed testing with visibility mode. In this mode, the trust score is checked with every restricted activity, and activity restrictions are enforced if the restriction conditions are met. The suppression interval is also enforced, preventing additional authentication challenges within the specified interval.



This step assumes that you have previously configured and enabled dynamic authorization in visibility mode, which is strongly recommended.

## Steps

1. Enable dynamic authorization in enforced mode by changing its state to `enforced`. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Update the values in brackets `<>` to match your environment. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization modify \
<strong>-state enforced</strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. Check the result by using the `show` command to display the global configuration:

```
security dynamic-authorization show
```

## Disable dynamic authorization

You can disable dynamic authorization if you no longer need the added authentication security.

### Steps

1. Disable dynamic authorization by changing its state to `disabled`. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Update the values in brackets `<>` to match your environment. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization modify \
<strong>-state disabled</strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. Check the result by using the `show` command to display the global configuration:

```
security dynamic-authorization show
```

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization show` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### What's next

(Optional) Depending on your environment, refer to [Customize dynamic authorization](#) to configure other dynamic authorization settings.

## Customize dynamic authorization in ONTAP

As an administrator, you can customize different aspects of your dynamic authorization configuration to increase the security of remote administrator SSH connections to your ONTAP cluster.

You can customize the following dynamic authorization settings depending on your security needs:

- [Configure dynamic authorization global settings](#)
- [Configure dynamic authorization trust score components](#)
- [Configure a custom trust score provider](#)
- [Configure restricted commands](#)
- [Configure dynamic authorization groups](#)

### Configure dynamic authorization global settings

You can configure global settings for dynamic authorization, including the storage VM to secure, the suppression interval for authentication challenges, and the trust score settings.

Learn more about `security login domain-tunnel create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Configure global settings for dynamic authorization. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment:

```
security dynamic-authorization modify \
-lower-challenge-boundary <percent> \
-upper-challenge-boundary <percent> \
-suppression-interval <interval> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. View the resulting configuration:

```
security dynamic-authorization show
```

## Configure restricted commands

When you enable dynamic authorization, the feature includes a default set of restricted commands. You can modify this list to suit your needs. Refer to the [multi-admin verification \(MAV\) documentation](#) for information on the default list of restricted commands.

### Add a restricted command

You can add a command to the list of commands that are restricted with dynamic authorization.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization rule create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Add the command. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization rule create \
-query <query> \
<strong>-operation <text></strong> \
-index <integer> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. View the resulting list of restricted commands:

```
security dynamic-authorization rule show
```

### Remove a restricted command

You can remove a command from the list of commands that are restricted with dynamic authorization.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization rule delete` in the [ONTAP command](#)

reference.

## Steps

1. Remove the command. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the **-vserver** parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization rule delete \
<strong>-operation <text></strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. View the resulting list of restricted commands:

```
security dynamic-authorization rule show
```

## Configure dynamic authorization groups

By default, dynamic authorization applies to all users and groups as soon as you enable it. However, you can create groups using the `security dynamic-authorization group create` command, so that dynamic authorization only applies to those specific users.

### Add a dynamic authorization group

You can add a dynamic authorization group.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization group create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Steps

1. Create the group. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the **-vserver** parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization group create \
<strong>-name <group-name></strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name> \
-excluded-usernames <user1,user2,user3...>
```

2. View the resulting dynamic authorization groups:

```
security dynamic-authorization group show
```

### Remove a dynamic authorization group

You can remove a dynamic authorization group.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization group delete` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

reference.

## Steps

1. Delete the group. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization group delete \
<strong>-name <group-name></strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. View the resulting dynamic authorization groups:

```
security dynamic-authorization group show
```

## Configure dynamic authorization trust score components

You can configure the maximum score weight to change priority of scoring criteria or to remove certain criteria from risk scoring.



As a best practice, you should leave the default score weight values in place, and only adjust them if needed.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component modify` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

The following are the components that you can modify, along with their default score and percentage weights:

Criteria	Component name	Default raw score weight	Default percentage weight
Trusted device	<code>trusted-device</code>	20	50
User login authentication history	<code>authentication-history</code>	20	50

## Steps

1. Modify trust score components. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component modify \
<strong>-component <component-name></strong> \
<strong>-weight <integer></strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. View the resulting trust score component settings:

```
security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component show
```

### Reset the trust score for a user

If a user is denied access due to system policies and is able to prove their identity, the administrator can reset the user's trust score.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization user-trust-score reset` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Steps

1. Add the command. Refer to [Configure dynamic authorization trust score components](#) for a list of trust score components that you can reset. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization user-trust-score reset \
<strong>-username <username></strong> \
<strong>-component <component-name></strong> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

### Display your trust score

A user can display their own trust score for a login session.

### Steps

1. Display your trust score:

```
security login whoami
```

You should see output similar to the following:

```
User: admin
Role: admin
Trust Score: 50
```

Learn more about `security login whoami` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

### Configure a custom trust score provider

If you already receive scoring methods from an external trust score provider, you can add the custom provider to the dynamic authorization configuration.

#### Before you begin

- The custom trust score provider must return a JSON response. The following syntax requirements must be

met:

- The field that returns the trust score must be a scalar field and not an element of an array.
- The field that returns the trust score can be a nested field, such as `trust_score.value`.
- There must be a field within the JSON response that returns a numeric trust score. If this is not natively available, you can write a wrapper script to return this value.
- The value provided can be either a trust score or a risk score. The difference is that the trust score is in ascending order with a higher score denoting a higher trust level, while the risk score is in descending order. For example, a trust score of 90 for a score range of 0 to 100 indicates that the score is very trustworthy and likely to result in an "allow" without additional challenge, while a risk score of 90 for a score range of 0 to 100 indicates high risk and likely to result in a "deny" without an additional challenge.
- The custom trust score provider must be accessible via the ONTAP REST API.
- The custom trust score provider must be configurable using one of the supported parameters. Custom trust score providers that require configuration that is not in the supported parameter list are not supported.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Steps

1. Add a custom trust score provider. Update the values in brackets `<>` to match your environment. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component create \
-component <text> \
<strong>-provider-uri <text></strong> \
-score-field <text> \
-min-score <integer> \
<strong>-max-score <integer></strong> \
<strong>-weight <integer></strong> \
-secret-access-key "<key_text>" \
-provider-http-headers <list<header,header,header>> \
-vserver <storage_VM_name>
```

2. View the resulting trust score provider settings:

```
security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component show
```

## Configure custom trust score provider tags

You can communicate with external trust score providers using tags. This enables you to send information in the URL to the trust score provider without exposing sensitive information.

Learn more about `security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component create` in the [ONTAP command reference](#).

## Steps

1. Enable trust score provider tags. Update the values in brackets <> to match your environment. If you don't use the `-vserver` parameter, the command is run at the cluster level. Parameters in bold are required:

```
security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component create \  
<strong>-component <component_name></strong> \  
-weight <initial_score_weight> \  
-max-score <max_score_for_provider> \  
<strong>-provider-uri <provider_URI></strong> \  
-score-field <REST_API_score_field> \  
<strong>-secret-access-key "<key_text>"</strong>
```

For example:

```
security dynamic-authorization trust-score-component create -component  
compl -weight 20 -max-score 100 -provider-uri https://<url>/trust-  
scores/users/<user>/<ip>/component1.html?api-key=<access-key> -score  
-field score -access-key "MIIBBjCBrAIBArqyTHFvYdWiOpLkLKHGjUYUNSwfzX"
```

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