



Requirements for deploying SCV

SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere

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Requirements for deploying SCV

Deployment planning and requirements

You should be aware of the deployment requirements before you deploy the virtual appliance. The deployment requirements are listed in the following tables.

Host requirements

Before you begin deployment of SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere (SCV), you should be familiar with the host requirements.

- The SnapCenter VMware plug-in is deployed as a Linux VM regardless of whether you use the plug-in to protect data on Windows systems or Linux systems.
- You should deploy the SnapCenter VMware plug-in on the vCenter Server.

Backup schedules are executed in the time zone in which the SnapCenter VMware plug-in is deployed. vCenter reports data in the time zone in which the vCenter is located. Therefore, if the SnapCenter VMware plug-in and vCenter are in different time zones, data in the SnapCenter VMware plug-in Dashboard might not be the same as the data in the reports.

- You must not deploy the SnapCenter VMware plug-in in a folder that has a name with special characters.

The folder name should not contain the following special characters: \$!@#%^&()_+{}';,.*?"<>|

- You must deploy and register a separate, unique instance of the SnapCenter VMware plug-in for each vCenter Server.
 - Each vCenter Server, whether or not it is in Linked Mode, must be paired with a separate instance of the SnapCenter VMware plug-in.
 - Each instance of the SnapCenter VMware plug-in must be deployed as a separate Linux VM.

For example, if you want to perform backups from six different instances of the vCenter Server, then you must deploy the SnapCenter VMware plug-in on six hosts and each vCenter Server must be paired with a unique instance of the SnapCenter VMware plug-in.

- To protect vVol VMs (VMs on VMware vVol datastores), you must first deploy ONTAP tools for VMware vSphere. ONTAP tools provisions and configures storage for vVols on ONTAP and on the VMware web client.

For more information, see [ONTAP tools for VMware vSphere](#)

For the latest information about supported versions of ONTAP tools, see the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#).

- The SnapCenter VMware plug-in provides limited support of shared PCI or PCIe devices (for example, NVIDIA Grid GPU) due to a limitation of the virtual machines in supporting Storage vMotion. For more information, see the vendor's document Deployment Guide for VMware.

- What is supported:

Creating resource groups

Creating backups without VM consistency

Restoring a complete VM when all the VMDKs are on an NFS datastore and the plug-in does not need to use Storage vMotion

Attaching and detaching VMDKs

Mounting and unmounting datastores

Guest file restores

- What is not supported:

Creating backups with VM consistency

Restoring a complete VM when one or more VMDKs are on a VMFS datastore.

- For a detailed list of the SnapCenter VMware plug-in limitations, see the [SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere Release Notes](#).

License requirements

You must provide licenses for...	License requirement
ONTAP	One of these: SnapMirror or SnapVault (for secondary data protection regardless of the type of relationship)
Additional products	vSphere Standard, Enterprise, or Enterprise Plus A vSphere license is required to perform restore operations, which use Storage vMotion. vSphere Essentials or Essentials Plus licenses do not include Storage vMotion.
Primary destinations	SnapCenter Standard: required to perform application-based protection over VMware SnapRestore: required to perform restore operations for VMware VMs and datastores only FlexClone: used for mount and attach operations on VMware VMs and datastores only
Secondary destinations	SnapCenter Standard: used for failover operations for application-based protection over VMware FlexClone: used for mount and attach operations on VMware VMs and datastores only

Software support

Item	Supported versions
vCenter vSphere	7.0U1 and above
ESXi	7.0U1 and above
IP addresses	IPv4, IPv6
VMware TLS	1.2, 1.3

Item	Supported versions
TLS on the SnapCenter Server	1.2, 1.3 The SnapCenter Server uses this to communicate with the SnapCenter VMware plug-in for application over VMDK data protection operations.
VMware application vStorage API for Array Integration (VAAI)	SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere uses this to improve performance for restore operations. It also improves performance in NFS environments.
ONTAP tools for VMware	SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere uses this to manage vVol datastores (VMware virtual volumes). For supported versions, see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool .

For the latest information about supported versions, see the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#).

Space and sizing requirements

Item	Requirements
Operating system	Linux
Minimum CPU count	4 cores
Minimum RAM	Minimum: 12 GB Recommended: 16 GB
Minimum hard drive space for the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere, logs, and MySQL database	100 GB

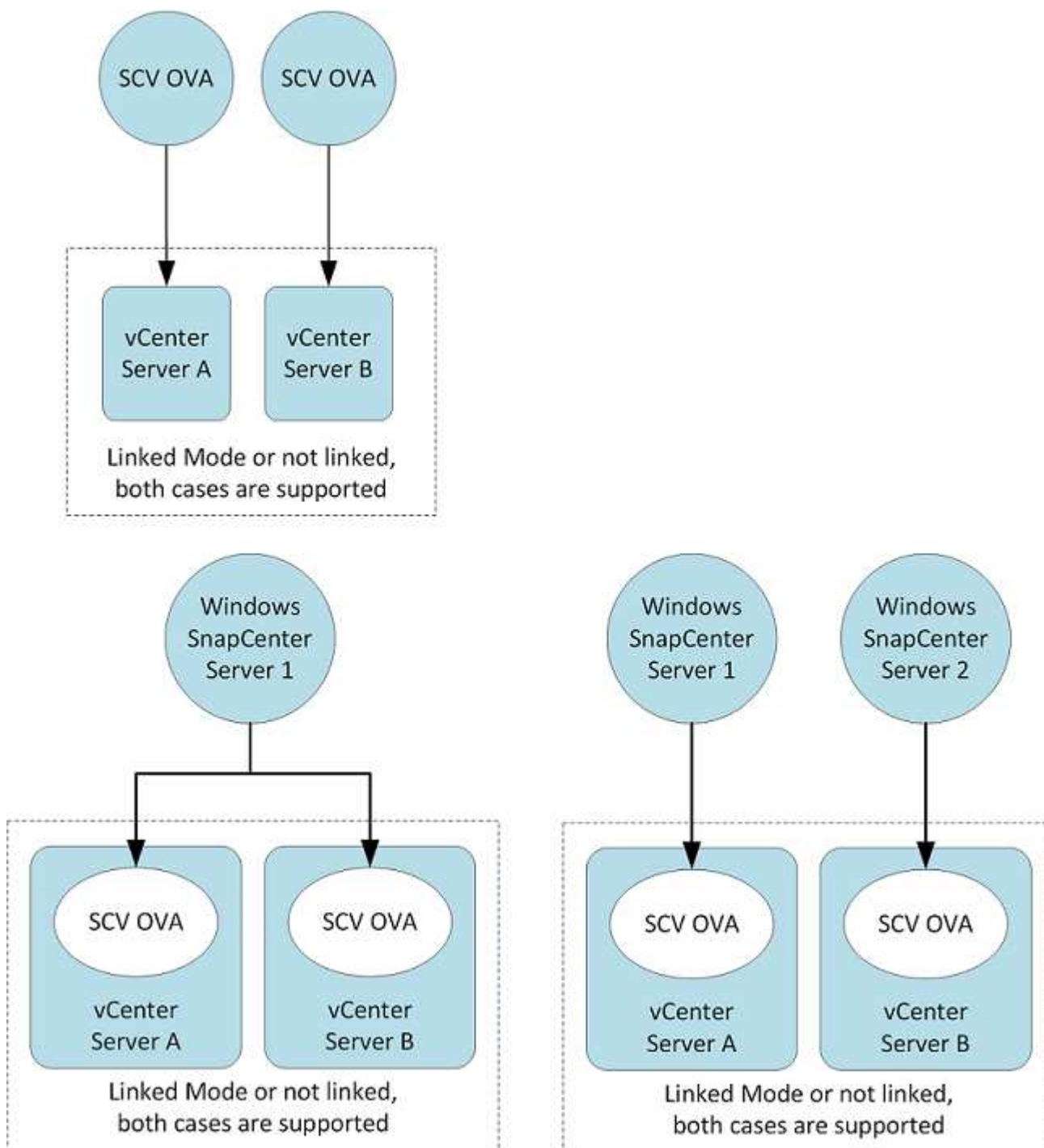
Connection and port requirements

Type of port	Preconfigured port
VMware ESXi Server port	443 (HTTPS), bidirectional The Guest File Restore feature uses this port.
SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere port	8144 (HTTPS), bidirectional The port is used for communications from the VMware vSphere client and from the SnapCenter Server. 8080 bidirectional This port is used to manage the virtual appliance. Note: Custom port for addition of SCV host to SnapCenter is supported.
VMware vSphere vCenter Server port	You must use port 443 if you are protecting vVol VMs.

Type of port	Preconfigured port
Storage cluster or storage VM port	443 (HTTPS), bidirectional 80 (HTTP), bidirectional The port is used for communication between the virtual appliance and the storage VM or the cluster that contains the storage VM.

Configurations supported

Each plug-in instance supports only one vCenter Server. vCenters in linked mode are supported. Multiple plug-in instances can support the same SnapCenter Server as shown in the following figure.



RBAC privileges required

The vCenter administrator account must have the required vCenter privileges, as listed in the following table.

To do this operation...	You must have these vCenter privileges...
Deploy and register the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere in vCenter	Extension: Register extension
Upgrade or remove the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere	Extension <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update extension• Unregister extension
Allow the vCenter Credential user account registered in SnapCenter to validate user access to the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere	sessions.validate.session
Allow users to access the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere	SCV Administrator SCV Backup SCV Guest File Restore SCV Restore SCV View The privilege must be assigned at the vCenter root.

AutoSupport

The SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere provides a minimum of information for tracking its usage, including the plug-in URL. AutoSupport includes a table of installed plug-ins that is displayed by the AutoSupport viewer.

ONTAP privileges required

The minimum ONTAP privileges that are required vary according to the SnapCenter plug-ins you are using for data protection.



Beginning with SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware (SCV) 5.0, you need to add applications of type HTTP and ONTAPI as user login methods for any ONTAP users with customized role-based access to the SCV. Without access to these applications, backups will fail. You need to restart the SCV service to recognize changes to ONTAP user login methods.

Minimum ONTAP privileges required

All SnapCenter plug-ins require the following minimum privileges.

All-access commands: Minimum privileges required for ONTAP 8.3 and later
cluster identity show
event generate-autosupport-log

job history show

job show

job stop

lun

lun create

lun delete

lun igroup add

lun igroup create

lun igroup delete

lun igroup rename

lun igroup show

lun mapping add-reporting-nodes

lun mapping create

lun mapping delete

lun mapping remove-reporting-nodes

lun mapping show

lun modify

lun move-in-volume

lun offline

lun online

lun persistent-reservation clear

lun resize

lun serial

lun show

snapmirror list-destinations

snapmirror policy add-rule

snapmirror policy modify-rule

snapmirror policy remove-rule

snapmirror policy show

snapmirror restore

snapmirror show

snapmirror show-history

snapmirror update

snapmirror update-ls-set

Version

volume clone create
volume clone show
volume clone split start
volume clone split stop
volume create
volume delete
volume destroy
volume file clone create
volume file show-disk-usage
volume offline
volume online
volume modify
volume qtree create
volume qtree delete
volume qtree modify
volume qtree show
volume restrict
volume show
volume snapshot create
volume snapshot delete
volume snapshot modify
volume snapshot rename
volume snapshot restore
volume snapshot restore-file
volume snapshot show
volume unmount

vserver cifs
vserver cifs share create
vserver cifs share delete
vserver cifs shadowcopy show
vserver cifs share show
vserver cifs show
vserver export-policy
vserver export-policy create
vserver export-policy delete
vserver export-policy rule create
vserver export-policy rule show
vserver export-policy show
vserver iscsi
vserver iscsi connection show
vserver show
network interface
network interface failover-groups
network interface show

Read-only Commands: Minimum Privileges Required for ONTAP 8.3 and Later

vserver
vserver peer



You can ignore the warning messages about the unsupported vServer commands.

Additional ONTAP information

- If you are running ONTAP 8.2.x:

You must login as `vsadmin` on the storage VM to have the appropriate privileges for SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere operations.

- If you are running ONTAP 8.3 and later:

You must login as `vsadmin` or with a role that has the minimum privileges listed in the tables above.

- You need to be the cluster admin to create and manage user roles. You can associate the users either with Cluster storage VM or with storage VM.
- You need ONTAP 9.12.1 or later versions to use SnapMirror Business Continuity (SM-BC) feature.
- To use TamperProof Snapshot (TPS) feature:
 - You need ONTAP 9.13.1 and later versions for SAN
 - You need ONTAP 9.12.1 and later versions for NFS



For ONTAP version 9.11.1 and later, the communication to ONTAP cluster is through REST APIs. The ONTAP user should have http application enabled. However, if there are issues found with ONTAP REST APIs, the configuration key 'FORCE_ZAPI' helps the switchover to traditional ZAPI workflow. You may need to add or update this key using the config APIS and set it to true. See KB article, [How to use RestAPI to edit configuration parameters in SCV](#).

Minimum vCenter privileges required

Before you begin deployment of SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere, you should make sure you have the minimum required vCenter privileges.

Required privileges for vCenter Admin role

Datastore.AllocateSpace
Datastore.Browse
Datastore.Delete
Datastore.FileManagement
Datastore.Move
Datastore.Rename
Extension.Register
Extension.Unregister
Extension.Update
Host.Config.AdvancedConfig
Host.Config.Resources
Host.Config.Settings
Host.Config.Storage
Host.Local.CreateVM
Host.Local.DeleteVM
Host.Local.ReconfigVM
Network.Assign
Resource.ApplyRecommendation
Resource.AssignVMToPool
Resource.ColdMigrate

Resource.HotMigrate
 Resource.QueryVMotion
 System.Anonymous
 System.Read
 System.View
 Task.Create
 Task.Update
 VirtualMachine.Config.AddExistingDisk
 VirtualMachine.Config.AddNewDisk
 VirtualMachine.Config.AdvancedConfig
 VirtualMachine.Config.ReloadFromPath
 VirtualMachine.Config.RemoveDisk
 VirtualMachine.Config.Resource
 VirtualMachine.GuestOperations.Execute
 VirtualMachine.GuestOperations.Modify
 VirtualMachine.GuestOperations.Query
 VirtualMachine.Interact.PowerOff
 VirtualMachine.Interact.PowerOn
 VirtualMachine.Inventory.Create
 VirtualMachine.Inventory.CreateFromExisting
 VirtualMachine.Inventory.Delete
 VirtualMachine.Inventory.Move
 VirtualMachine.Inventory.Register
 VirtualMachine.Inventory.Unregister
 VirtualMachine.State.CreateSnapshot
 VirtualMachine.State.RemoveSnapshot
 VirtualMachine.State.RevertToSnapshot

Required privileges specific to SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vCenter

Privileges	Label
netappSCV.Guest.RestoreFile	Guest File Restore
netappSCV.Recovery.MountUnMount	Mount/Unmount
netappSCV.Backup.DeleteBackupJob	Delete Resource Group/Backup
netappSCV.Configure.ConfigureStorageSystems.Delete	Remove Storage Systems
netappSCV.View	View
netappSCV.Recovery.RecoverVM	Recover VM
netappSCV.Configure.ConfigureStorageSystems.Add Update	Add/Modify Storage Systems
netappSCV.Backup.BackupNow	Backup Now
netappSCV.Guest.Configure	Guest Configuration
netappSCV.Configure.ConfigureSnapCenterServer	Configure SnapCenter Server
netappSCV.Backup.BackupScheduled	Create Resource Group

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