



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 familiar with the following requirements before you begin deploying the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere (SCV).

Host requirements

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

- SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere is deployed as a Linux VM regardless of whether it is used to protect data on Windows or Linux systems.
- You should deploy the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere on the vCenter Server.

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

- You must not deploy the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere in a folder with a name that contains special characters.

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

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

For example, suppose you want to perform backups from six different instances of the vCenter Server. In that case, you must deploy the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere on six hosts, and each vCenter Server must be paired with a unique instance of the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere.

- 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, refer to the ONTAP tools for VMware vSphere documentation. Additionally, refer to [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) for latest information about the supported versions on ONTAP tools.

- SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere 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 Plug-in for VMware vSphere limitations, refer to [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 using 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 Server	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 Plug-in for VMware vSphere 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, refer to NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool .

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

Requirements for NVMe over TCP and NVMe over FC protocols

The minimum software requirements for NVMe over TCP and NVMe over FC protocol support are:

- vCenter vSphere 7.0U3
- ESXi 7.0U3
- ONTAP 9.10.1

Space, sizing, and scaling requirements

Item	Requirements
Recommended CPU count	8 cores
Recommended RAM	24 GB
Minimum hard drive space for the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere, logs, and MySQL database	100 GB

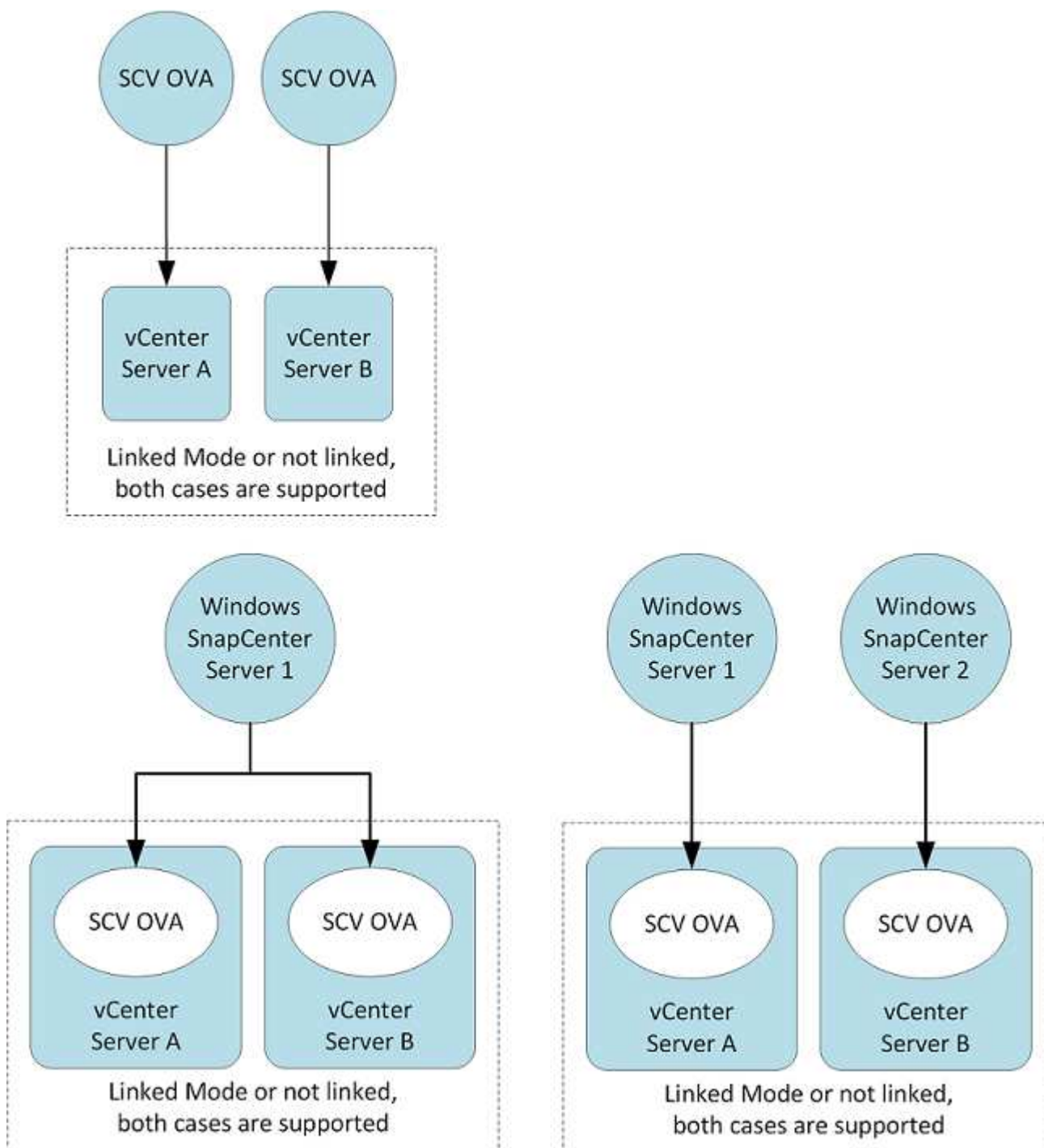
Connection and port requirements

Type of port	Pre-configured 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 the SnapCenter Server. 8080 bidirectional This port is used to manage virtual appliances. 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	Pre-configured port
Storage cluster or storage VM port	443 (HTTPS), bidirectional 80 (HTTP), bidirectional The port is used to communicate between the virtual appliance and the storage VM or the cluster containing the storage VM.

Configurations supported

Each plug-in instance supports only one vCenter Server, which is in linked mode. However, 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 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 • 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

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 ONTAP privileges.
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 status
volume clone split stop
volume create
volume delete
volume destroy
volume file clone create
volume file show-disk-usage
volume offline
volume online
volume managed-feature
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 modify-snaplock-expiry-time
volume snapshot rename
volume snapshot restore
volume snapshot restore-file
volume snapshot show
volume snapshot show-delta
volume unmount

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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 nvme subsystem controller
vserver nvme subsystem controller show
vserver nvme subsystem create
vserver nvme subsystem delete
vserver nvme subsystem host
vserver nvme subsystem host show
vserver nvme subsystem host add
vserver nvme subsystem host remove
vserver nvme subsystem map
vserver nvme subsystem map show
vserver nvme subsystem map add
vserver nvme subsystem map remove
vserver nvme subsystem modify
vserver nvme subsystem show
vserver nvme namespace create
vserver nvme namespace delete
vserver nvme namespace modify
vserver nvme namespace show
network interface
network interface failover-groups

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Read-only Commands: Minimum ONTAP Privileges

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cluster identity show
network interface show
vserver
vserver peer
vserver show

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All-access commands: Minimum ONTAP privileges

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consistency-group
storage-unit show

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You can ignore the *cluster identity show* cluster level command when creating a role to associate with the data vServer.



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

Additional ONTAP information

- You need ONTAP 9.12.1 or later versions to use SnapMirror active sync 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 NVMe over TCP and NVMe over FC protocol you need ONTAP 9.10.1 and later.



Beginning with ONTAP version 9.11.1, 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. Refer to KB article, [How to use RestAPI to edit configuration parameters in SCV](#) for more information.

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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