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SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere

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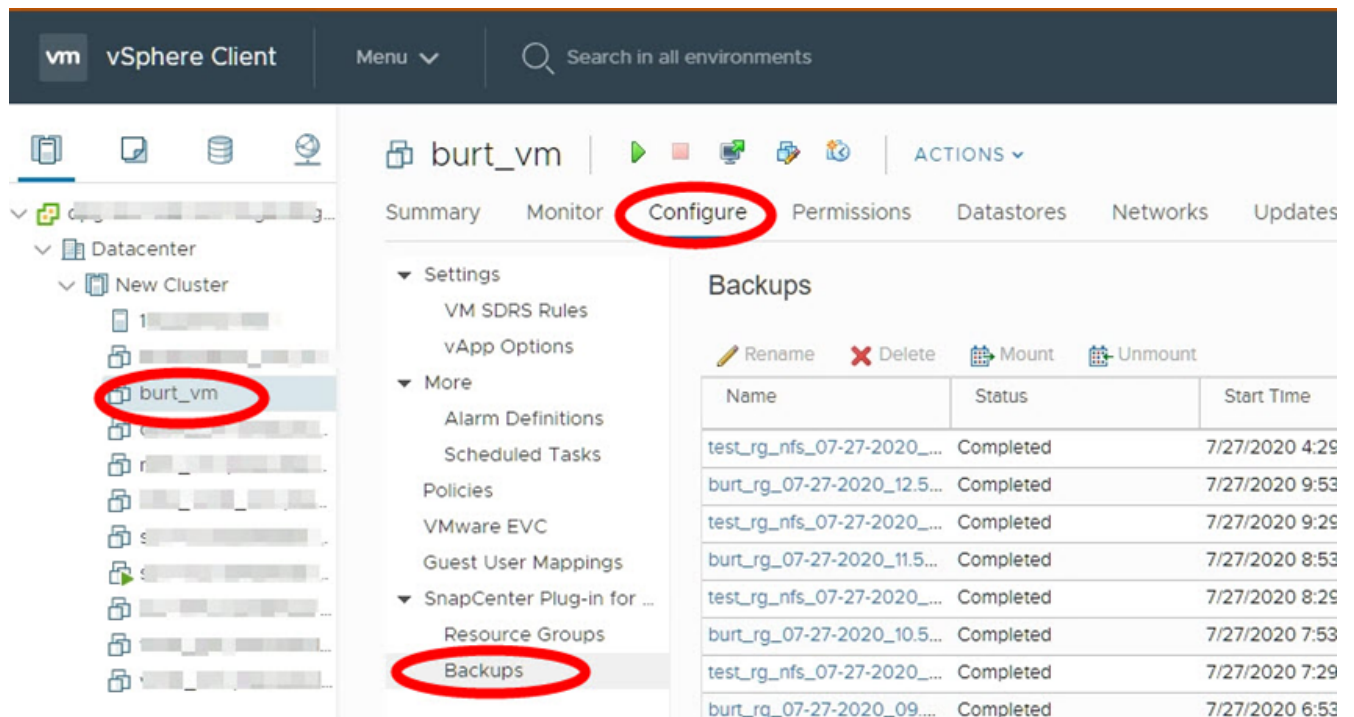
You can rename and delete backups performed by SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere. You can also delete multiple backups simultaneously.

Rename backups

You can rename SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere backups if you want to provide a better name to improve searchability.

Steps

1. Click **Menu** and select the **Hosts and Clusters** menu option, then select a VM, then select the **Configure** tab, and then click **Backups** in the **SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere** section.



2. On the Configure tab, select a backup, and click **Rename**.
3. On the **Rename Backup** dialog box, enter the new name, and click **OK**.

Do not use the following special characters in VM, datastore, policy, backup, or resource group names: & * \$ # @ ! \ / : * ? " < > - | ; ' , . An underscore character (_) is allowed.

Delete backups

You can delete SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere backups if you no longer require the backup for other data protection operations. You can delete one backup or delete multiple backups simultaneously.

Before you begin

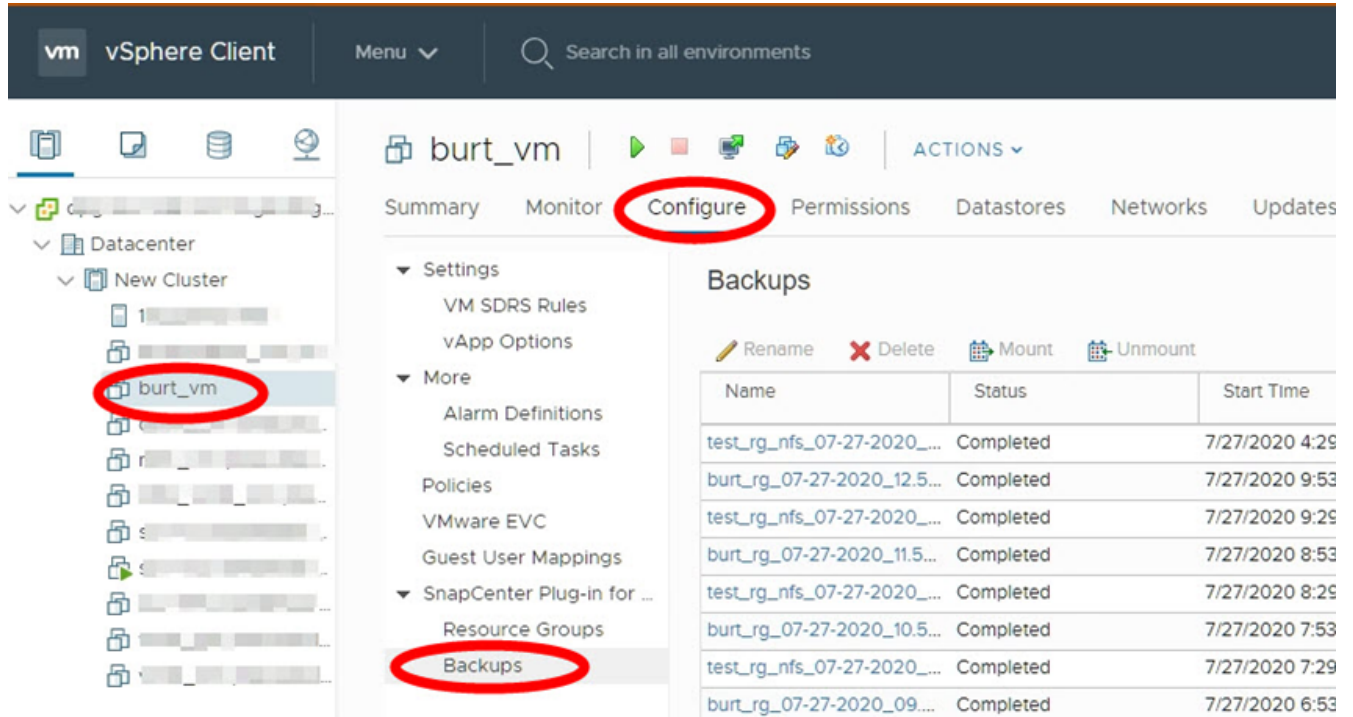
You cannot delete backups that are mounted. You must unmount a backup before you can delete it.

About this task

Snapshot copies on secondary storage are managed by your ONTAP retention settings, not by the SnapCenter

VMware plug-in. Therefore, when you use the SnapCenter VMware plug-in to delete a backup, Snapshot copies on primary storage are deleted but Snapshot copies on secondary storage are not deleted. If a Snapshot copy still exists on secondary storage, the SnapCenter VMware plug-in retains the metadata associated with the backup to support restore requests. When the ONTAP retention process deletes the secondary Snapshot copy, then the SnapCenter VMware plug-in deletes the metadata using a purge job, which is executed at regular intervals.

1. Click **Menu** and select the **Hosts and Clusters** menu option, then select a VM, then select the **Configure** tab, and then click **Backups** in the **SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere** section.



2. Select one or more backups and click **Delete**.

You can select a maximum of 40 backups to delete.

3. Click **OK** to confirm the delete operation.
4. Refresh the backup list by clicking the refresh icon on the left vSphere menu bar.

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