



# Management of an LVM and raw entities Snapdrive for Unix

NetApp  
June 20, 2025

This PDF was generated from [https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/snapdrive-unix/aix/concept\\_snapdrive\\_for\\_unix\\_provisioning\\_in\\_an\\_lvma\\_vxvm\\_environment.html](https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/snapdrive-unix/aix/concept_snapdrive_for_unix_provisioning_in_an_lvma_vxvm_environment.html) on June 20, 2025. Always check [docs.netapp.com](https://docs.netapp.com) for the latest.

# Table of Contents

- Management of an LVM and raw entities ..... 1
- SnapDrive for UNIX provisioning in an LVM environment ..... 1
- SnapDrive for UNIX and raw entities ..... 1

# Management of an LVM and raw entities

SnapDrive for UNIX enables you to manage LVM (Logical Volume Manager) and raw entities. SnapDrive for UNIX also provides commands that help in provisioning and managing storage when you create storage entities.

## SnapDrive for UNIX provisioning in an LVM environment

SnapDrive for UNIX storage commands provision LVM entities by creating LVM objects.

If you request a SnapDrive for UNIX storage operation that provisions an LVM entity—for example, a disk group that includes host volumes or file systems—the `snapdrive storage` command works with the LVM to create the LVM objects and file systems that use the storage.

During storage provisioning operation, the following actions occur:

- The host LVM combines LUNs from a storage system into disks, or volume groups.

The storage is then divided into logical volumes, which are used as if they were raw disk devices to hold file systems or raw data.

- SnapDrive for UNIX integrates with the host LVM to determine which NetApp LUNs make up each disk group, host volume, and file system requested for a Snapshot copy.

Because the data from any specified host volume can be distributed across all disks in the disk group, Snapshot copies can be made and restored only for whole disk groups.

## SnapDrive for UNIX and raw entities

SnapDrive for UNIX enables storage operation for a raw entity such as a LUN, or a file system that can be created directly on a LUN, and performs the storage operation without using the host system, LVM.

SnapDrive for UNIX storage commands manage raw entities such as LUNs without activating the LVM. SnapDrive for UNIX enables you to create, delete, connect, and disconnect LUNs, and the file systems that they contain, without activating the LVM.

## Copyright information

Copyright © 2025 NetApp, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Printed in the U.S. No part of this document covered by copyright may be reproduced in any form or by any means—graphic, electronic, or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, taping, or storage in an electronic retrieval system—without prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Software derived from copyrighted NetApp material is subject to the following license and disclaimer:

THIS SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED BY NETAPP “AS IS” AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WHICH ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. IN NO EVENT SHALL NETAPP BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE, DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE.

NetApp reserves the right to change any products described herein at any time, and without notice. NetApp assumes no responsibility or liability arising from the use of products described herein, except as expressly agreed to in writing by NetApp. The use or purchase of this product does not convey a license under any patent rights, trademark rights, or any other intellectual property rights of NetApp.

The product described in this manual may be protected by one or more U.S. patents, foreign patents, or pending applications.

LIMITED RIGHTS LEGEND: Use, duplication, or disclosure by the government is subject to restrictions as set forth in subparagraph (b)(3) of the Rights in Technical Data -Noncommercial Items at DFARS 252.227-7013 (FEB 2014) and FAR 52.227-19 (DEC 2007).

Data contained herein pertains to a commercial product and/or commercial service (as defined in FAR 2.101) and is proprietary to NetApp, Inc. All NetApp technical data and computer software provided under this Agreement is commercial in nature and developed solely at private expense. The U.S. Government has a non-exclusive, non-transferrable, nonsublicensable, worldwide, limited irrevocable license to use the Data only in connection with and in support of the U.S. Government contract under which the Data was delivered. Except as provided herein, the Data may not be used, disclosed, reproduced, modified, performed, or displayed without the prior written approval of NetApp, Inc. United States Government license rights for the Department of Defense are limited to those rights identified in DFARS clause 252.227-7015(b) (FEB 2014).

## Trademark information

NETAPP, the NETAPP logo, and the marks listed at <http://www.netapp.com/TM> are trademarks of NetApp, Inc. Other company and product names may be trademarks of their respective owners.