



# Database backup clones

## SnapManager Oracle

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SnapManager uses the FlexClone technology to create a writable, space-efficient clone of a database backup. You can modify a clone without changing the backup source.

You might want to clone databases to enable testing or upgrades in nonproduction environments. You can clone a database residing on primary or secondary storage. A clone can be located on the same host or on a different host as the database.

FlexClone technology enables SnapManager to use Snapshot copies of the database to avoid creating an entire physical, disk-to-disk copy. Snapshot copies require less creation time and take up significantly less space than physical copies.

See the Data ONTAP documentation for more information about FlexClone technology.

## Related information

Data ONTAP documentation:

[\[mysupport.netapp.com/documentation/productsatoz/index.html\]](https://mysupport.netapp.com/documentation/productsatoz/index.html)(<https://mysupport.netapp.com/documentation/productsatoz/index.html>)

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