



Freeing backups

SnapManager Oracle

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You can free backups, which deletes the Snapshot copies without deleting the backup metadata. This function frees the space occupied by the backup. You can use the `smo backup free` command to free the backups.

For a backup to be eligible for freeing, you must ensure the following:

- Backup was successful
- Backup is not to be mounted
- Backup does not have clones
- Backup is not to be retained by using an unlimited retention policy
- Backup is not already freed

You can specify the `-dump` option as an optional parameter to collect the dump files after the successful or failed backup free operation.

1. Enter the following command: `smo backup free -profileprofile_name {-labellabel [data | -archive] | -idid | -all} -force [-dump] [-quiet] [-force]`

Related information

[The `smo backup free` command](#)

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