



Configure a CVS for GCP backend

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Learn about how to configure NetApp Cloud Volumes Service (CVS) for Google Cloud Platform (GCP) as the backend for your Astra Trident installation using the sample configurations provided.



NetApp Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud does not support CVS-Performance volumes less than 100 GiB in size, or CVS volumes less than 300 GiB in size. Astra Trident automatically creates volumes of the minimum size if a the volume requested is smaller than the minimum size.

What you'll need

To configure and use the [Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud](#) backend, you need the following:

- A Google Cloud account configured with NetApp CVS
- Project number of your Google Cloud account
- Google Cloud service account with the `netappcloudvolumes.admin` role
- API key file for your CVS service account

Astra Trident now includes support for smaller volumes with the default [CVS service type on GCP](#). For backends created with `storageClass=software`, volumes will now have a minimum provisioning size of 300 GiB. CVS currently provides this feature under Controlled Availability and does not provide technical support. Users must sign up for access to sub-1TiB volumes [here](#). NetApp recommends customers consume sub-1TiB volumes for **non-production** workloads.



When deploying backends using the default CVS service type (`storageClass=software`), users must obtain access to the sub-1TiB volumes feature on GCP for the Project Number(s) and Project ID(s) in question. This is necessary for Astra Trident to provision sub-1TiB volumes. If not, volume creations will fail for PVCs that are lesser than 600 GiB. Obtain access to sub-1TiB volumes using [this form](#).

Volumes created by Astra Trident for the default CVS service level will be provisioned as follows:

- PVCs that are smaller than 300 GiB will result in Astra Trident creating a 300 GiB CVS volume.
- PVCs that are between 300 GiB to 600 GiB will result in Astra Trident creating a CVS volume of the requested size.
- PVCs that are between 600 GiB and 1 TiB will result in Astra Trident creating a 1TiB CVS volume.
- PVCs that are greater than 1 TiB will result in Astra Trident creating a CVS volume of the requested size.

Backend configuration options

See the following table for the backend configuration options:

Parameter	Description	Default
<code>version</code>		Always 1
<code>storageDriverName</code>	Name of the storage driver	"gcp-cvs"
<code>backendName</code>	Custom name or the storage backend	Driver name + "_" + part of API key

Parameter	Description	Default
storageClass	Type of storage. Choose from hardware (performance optimized) or software (CVS service type)	
projectNumber	Google Cloud account project number. The value is found on the Google Cloud portal's Home page.	
apiRegion	CVS account region. It is the region where the backend will provision the volumes.	
apiKey	API key for the Google Cloud service account with the <code>netappcloudvolumes.admin</code> role. It includes the JSON-formatted contents of a Google Cloud service account's private key file (copied verbatim into the backend configuration file).	
proxyURL	Proxy URL if proxy server required to connect to CVS Account. The proxy server can either be an HTTP proxy or an HTTPS proxy. For an HTTPS proxy, certificate validation is skipped to allow the usage of self-signed certificates in the proxy server. Proxy servers with authentication enabled are not supported.	
nfsMountOptions	Fine-grained control of NFS mount options.	"nfsvers=3"
limitVolumeSize	Fail provisioning if the requested volume size is above this value	"" (not enforced by default)
serviceLevel	The CVS service level for new volumes. The values are "standard", "premium", and "extreme".	"standard"
debugTraceFlags	Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, <code>\{"api":false, "method":true}</code> . Do not use this unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.	null

If using a shared VPC network, both `projectNumber` and `hostProjectNumber` must be specified. In that case, `projectNumber` is the service project, and `hostProjectNumber` is the host project.

The `apiRegion` represents the GCP region where Astra Trident creates CVS volumes. Astra Trident can

mount and attach volumes on Kubernetes nodes that belong to the same GCP region. When creating a backend, it is important to ensure `apiRegion` matches the region Kubernetes nodes are deployed in. When creating cross-region Kubernetes clusters, CVS volumes that are created in a given `apiRegion` can only be used in workloads scheduled on nodes that are in the same GCP region.



`storageClass` is an optional parameter that you can use to select the desired [CVS service type](#). You can choose from the base CVS service type (`storageClass=software`) or the CVS-Performance service type (`storageClass=hardware`), which Trident uses by default. Make sure you specify an `apiRegion` that provides the respective CVS `storageClass` in your backend definition.



Astra Trident's integration with the base CVS service type on Google Cloud is a **beta feature**, not meant for production workloads. Trident is **fully supported** with the CVS-Performance service type and uses it by default.

Each backend provisions volumes in a single Google Cloud region. To create volumes in other regions, you can define additional backends.

You can control how each volume is provisioned by default by specifying the following options in a special section of the configuration file. See the configuration examples below.

Parameter	Description	Default
<code>exportRule</code>	The export rule(s) for new volumes	"0.0.0.0/0"
<code>snapshotDir</code>	Access to the <code>.snapshot</code> directory	"false"
<code>snapshotReserve</code>	Percentage of volume reserved for snapshots	"" (accept CVS default of 0)
<code>size</code>	The size of new volumes	"100Gi"

The `exportRule` value must be a comma-separated list of any combination of IPv4 addresses or IPv4 subnets in CIDR notation.



For all the volumes created on a CVS Google Cloud backend, Trident copies all the labels present on a storage pool to the storage volume at the time it is provisioned. Storage administrators can define labels per storage pool and group all the volumes created in a storage pool. This provides a convenient way of differentiating volumes based on a set of customizable labels that are provided in the backend configuration.

Example 1: Minimal configuration

This is the absolute minimum backend configuration.

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "gcp-cvs",
  "projectNumber": "012345678901",
  "apiRegion": "us-west2",
  "apiKey": {
```

```

    "type": "service_account",
    "project_id": "my-gcp-project",
    "private_key_id": "1234567890123456789012345678901234567890",
    "private_key": "-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
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srtrHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtrHisI
sAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtrHisIsAbOguSa
PIKeyAZNchRAGzllZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtrHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZN
chRAGzllZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtrHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzll
ZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtrHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllZE4jK3bl
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HczZsrtrHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtr
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guSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrtrHisIsAbOguSaPIKe
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    "client_email": "cloudvolumes-admin-sa@my-gcp-
project.iam.gserviceaccount.com",
    "client_id": "123456789012345678901",
    "auth_uri": "https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth",
    "token_uri": "https://oauth2.googleapis.com/token",
    "auth_provider_x509_cert_url":
"https://www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v1/certs",
    "client_x509_cert_url":
"https://www.googleapis.com/robot/v1/metadata/x509/cloudvolumes-admin-
sa%40my-gcp-project.iam.gserviceaccount.com"
  }
}

```

Example 2: Base CVS service type configuration

This example shows a backend definition that uses the base CVS service type, which is meant for general-purpose workloads and provides light/moderate performance, coupled with high zonal availability.


```

/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kw
s8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY
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ZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGz
llzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3
bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4
Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5o
jY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nzn
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guSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKe
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GzllzZE4jK3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nznHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzllzZE4j
K3bl/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m\nXsYg6gyxy4zq70lwWgLwGa==\n-----END PRIVATE
KEY-----\n",
    "client_email": "cloudvolumes-admin-sa@my-gcp-
project.iam.gserviceaccount.com",
    "client_id": "123456789012345678901",
    "auth_uri": "https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth",
    "token_uri": "https://oauth2.googleapis.com/token",
    "auth_provider_x509_cert_url":
"https://www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v1/certs",
    "client_x509_cert_url":
"https://www.googleapis.com/robot/v1/metadata/x509/cloudvolumes-admin-
sa%40my-gcp-project.iam.gserviceaccount.com"
  },
  "nfsMountOptions": "vers=3,proto=tcp,timeo=600",

  "defaults": {
    "snapshotReserve": "5",
    "exportRule": "0.0.0.0/0"
  },

  "labels": {
    "cloud": "gcp"
  },
  "region": "us-west2",

  "storage": [
    {
      "labels": {
        "performance": "extreme",
        "protection": "extra"
      }
    }
  ]
}

```

```

    },
    "serviceLevel": "extreme",
    "defaults": {
        "snapshotDir": "true",
        "snapshotReserve": "10",
        "exportRule": "10.0.0.0/24"
    }
},
{
    "labels": {
        "performance": "extreme",
        "protection": "standard"
    },
    "serviceLevel": "extreme"
},
{
    "labels": {
        "performance": "premium",
        "protection": "extra"
    },
    "serviceLevel": "premium",
    "defaults": {
        "snapshotDir": "true",
        "snapshotReserve": "10"
    }
},
{
    "labels": {
        "performance": "premium",
        "protection": "standard"
    },
    "serviceLevel": "premium"
},
{
    "labels": {
        "performance": "standard"
    },
    "serviceLevel": "standard"
}
]
}

```

The following StorageClass definitions refer to the storage pools above. By using the `parameters.selector` field, you can specify for each StorageClass the virtual pool that is used to host a volume. The volume will

have the aspects defined in the chosen pool.

The first StorageClass (`cvx-extreme-extra-protection`) maps to the first virtual storage pool. This is the only pool offering extreme performance with a snapshot reserve of 10%. The last StorageClass (`cvx-extra-protection`) calls out any storage pool which provides a snapshot reserve of 10%. Astra Trident decides which virtual storage pool is selected and ensures that the snapshot reserve requirement is met.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: cvx-extreme-extra-protection
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "performance=extreme; protection=extra"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: cvx-extreme-standard-protection
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "performance=premium; protection=standard"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: cvx-premium-extra-protection
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "performance=premium; protection=extra"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: cvx-premium
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "performance=premium; protection=standard"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: cvx-standard
```

```
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "performance=standard"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: cvs-extra-protection
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "protection=extra"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
```

What's next?

After you create the backend configuration file, run the following command:

```
tridentctl create backend -f <backend-file>
```

If the backend creation fails, something is wrong with the backend configuration. You can view the logs to determine the cause by running the following command:

```
tridentctl logs
```

After you identify and correct the problem with the configuration file, you can run the create command again.

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