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Use Astra Trident

Prepare the worker node

All worker nodes in the Kubernetes cluster must be able to mount the volumes you have provisioned for your pods. To prepare the worker nodes, you must install NFS or iSCSI tools based on your driver selection.

Selecting the right tools

If you are using a combination of drivers, you should install NFS and iSCSI tools.

NFS tools

Install the NFS tools if you are using: `ontap-nas`, `ontap-nas-economy`, `ontap-nas-flexgroup`, `azure-netapp-files`, `gcp-cvs`

iSCSI tools

Install the iSCSI tools if you are using: `ontap-san`, `ontap-san-economy`, `solidfire-san`



Recent versions of RedHat CoreOS have NFS and iSCSI installed by default.

Node service discovery

Astra Trident attempts to automatically detect if the node can run iSCSI or NFS services.



Node service discovery identifies discovered services but does not guarantee services are properly configured. Conversely, the absence of a discovered service does not guarantee the volume mount will fail.

Review events

Astra Trident creates events for the node to identify the discovered services. To review these events, run:

```
kubectl get event -A --field-selector involvedObject.name=<Kubernetes node name>
```

Review discovered services

Astra Trident identifies services enabled for each node on the Trident node CR. To view the discovered services, run:

```
tridentctl get node -o wide -n <Trident namespace>
```

NFS volumes

Install the NFS tools using the commands for your operating system. Ensure the NFS service is started up during boot time.

RHEL 8+

```
sudo yum install -y nfs-utils
```

Ubuntu

```
sudo apt-get install -y nfs-common
```



Reboot your worker nodes after installing the NFS tools to prevent failure when attaching volumes to containers.

iSCSI volumes

Astra Trident can automatically establish an iSCSI session, scan LUNs, and discover multipath devices, format them, and mount them to a pod.

iSCSI self-healing capabilities

For ONTAP systems, Astra Trident runs iSCSI self-healing every five minutes to:

1. **Identify** the desired iSCSI session state and the current iSCSI session state.
2. **Compare** the desired state to the current state to identify needed repairs. Astra Trident determines repair priorities and when to preempt repairs.
3. **Perform repairs** required to return the current iSCSI session state to the desired iSCSI session state.



Logs of self-healing activity are located in the `trident-main` container on the respective Daemonset pod. To view logs, you must have set `debug` to "true" during Astra Trident installation.

Astra Trident iSCSI self-healing capabilities can help prevent:

- Stale or unhealthy iSCSI sessions that could occur after a network connectivity issue. In the case of a stale session, Astra Trident waits seven minutes before logging out to reestablish the connection with a portal.



For example, if CHAP secrets were rotated on the storage controller and the network loses connectivity, the old (`stale`) CHAP secrets could persist. Self-healing can recognize this and automatically reestablish the session to apply the updated CHAP secrets.

- Missing iSCSI sessions
- Missing LUNs

Install the iSCSI tools

Install the iSCSI tools using the commands for your operating system.

Before you begin

- Each node in the Kubernetes cluster must have a unique IQN. **This is a necessary prerequisite.**

- If using RHCOS version 4.5 or later, or other RHEL-compatible Linux distribution, with the `solidfire-san` driver and Element OS 12.5 or earlier, ensure that the CHAP authentication algorithm is set to MD5 in `/etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf`. Secure FIPS-compliant CHAP algorithms SHA1, SHA-256, and SHA3-256 are available with Element 12.7.

```
sudo sed -i 's/^\(node.session.auth.chap_algs\)\.*\1 = MD5/'  
/etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf
```

- When using worker nodes that run RHEL/RedHat CoreOS with iSCSI PVs, specify the `discard` mountOption in the StorageClass to perform inline space reclamation. See [RedHat's documentation](#).

RHEL 8+

1. Install the following system packages:

```
sudo yum install -y lsscsi iscsi-initiator-utils sg3_utils device-mapper-multipath
```

2. Check that iscsi-initiator-utils version is 6.2.0.874-2.el7 or later:

```
rpm -q iscsi-initiator-utils
```

3. Set scanning to manual:

```
sudo sed -i 's/^(\node.session.scan\).*'\1 = manual/' /etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf
```

4. Enable multipathing:

```
sudo mpathconf --enable --with_multipathd y --find_multipaths n
```



Ensure `etc/multipath.conf` contains `find_multipaths no` under `defaults`.

5. Ensure that `iscsid` and `multipathd` are running:

```
sudo systemctl enable --now iscsid multipathd
```

6. Enable and start `iscsi`:

```
sudo systemctl enable --now iscsi
```

Ubuntu

1. Install the following system packages:

```
sudo apt-get install -y open-iscsi lsscsi sg3-utils multipath-tools scsitoools
```

2. Check that `open-iscsi` version is 2.0.874-5ubuntu2.10 or later (for bionic) or 2.0.874-7.1ubuntu6.1 or later (for focal):

```
dpkg -l open-iscsi
```

3. Set scanning to manual:

```
sudo sed -i 's/^\\(node.session.scan\\).*/\\1 = manual/'  
/etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf
```

4. Enable multipathing:

```
sudo tee /etc/multipath.conf <<-'EOF'  
defaults {  
    user_friendly_names yes  
    find_multipaths no  
}  
EOF  
sudo systemctl enable --now multipath-tools.service  
sudo service multipath-tools restart
```



Ensure `etc/multipath.conf` contains `find_multipaths no` under `defaults`.

5. Ensure that `open-iscsi` and `multipath-tools` are enabled and running:

```
sudo systemctl status multipath-tools  
sudo systemctl enable --now open-iscsi.service  
sudo systemctl status open-iscsi
```



For Ubuntu 18.04, you must discover target ports with `iscsiadm` before starting `open-iscsi` for the iSCSI daemon to start. You can alternatively modify the `iscsi` service to start `iscsid` automatically.



Reboot your worker nodes after installing the iSCSI tools to prevent failure when attaching volumes to containers.

Configure backends

Configure backends

A backend defines the relationship between Astra Trident and a storage system. It tells Astra Trident how to communicate with that storage system and how Astra Trident should provision volumes from it.

Astra Trident automatically offers up storage pools from backends that match the requirements defined by a storage class. Learn how to configure the backend for your storage system.

- [Configure an Azure NetApp Files backend](#)
- [Configure a Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud Platform backend](#)
- [Configure a NetApp HCI or SolidFire backend](#)
- [Configure a backend with ONTAP or Cloud Volumes ONTAP NAS drivers](#)
- [Configure a backend with ONTAP or Cloud Volumes ONTAP SAN drivers](#)
- [Use Astra Trident with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP](#)

Azure NetApp Files

Configure an Azure NetApp Files backend

You can configure Azure NetApp Files (ANF) as the backend for Astra Trident. You can attach NFS and SMB volumes using an ANF backend.

Considerations

- The Azure NetApp Files service does not support volumes smaller than 100 GB. Astra Trident automatically creates 100-GB volumes if a smaller volume is requested.
- Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only.

Prepare to configure an Azure NetApp Files backend

Before you can configure your Azure NetApp Files backend, you need to ensure the following requirements are met.

Prerequisites for NFS and SMB volumes



If you are using Azure NetApp Files for the first time or in a new location, some initial configuration is required to set up Azure NetApp files and create an NFS volume. Refer to [Azure: Set up Azure NetApp Files and create an NFS volume](#).

To configure and use an Azure NetApp Files backend, you need the following:

- A capacity pool. Refer to [Microsoft: Create a capacity pool for Azure NetApp Files](#).
- A subnet delegated to Azure NetApp Files. Refer to [Microsoft: Delegate a subnet to Azure NetApp Files](#).
- `subscriptionID` from an Azure subscription with Azure NetApp Files enabled.
- `tenantID`, `clientID`, and `clientSecret` from an [App Registration](#) in Azure Active Directory with sufficient permissions to the Azure NetApp Files service. The App Registration should use either:
 - The Owner or Contributor role [predefined by Azure](#).
 - A [custom Contributor role](#) at the subscription level (`assignableScopes`) with the following permissions that are limited to only what Astra Trident requires. After creating the custom role, [assign the role using the Azure portal](#).

{

```
        "id": "/subscriptions/<subscription-id>/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/roleDefinitions/<role-definition-id>",

        "properties": {
            "roleName": "custom-role-with-limited-perms",
            "description": "custom role providing limited permissions",
            "assignableScopes": [
                "/subscriptions/<subscription-id>"
            ],
            "permissions": [
                {
                    "actions": [
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/read",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/write",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/read",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/write",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/delete",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/snapshots/read",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/snapshots/write",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/snapshots/delete",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/subvolumes/read",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/subvolumes/write",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/subvolumes/delete",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/subvolumes/GetMetadata/action",
                        "Microsoft.NetApp/netAppAccounts/capacityPools/volumes/MountTargets/read"
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    }
}
```

```

        "Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/read",
        "Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/subnets/read",

    "Microsoft.Features/featureProviders/subscriptionFeatureRegistrations
    /read",
    "Microsoft.Features/featureProviders/subscriptionFeatureRegistrations
    /write",

    "Microsoft.Features/featureProviders/subscriptionFeatureRegistrations
    /delete",
        "Microsoft.Features/features/read",
        "Microsoft.Features/operations/read",
        "Microsoft.Features/providers/features/read",

    "Microsoft.Features/providers/features/register/action",
    "Microsoft.Features/providers/features/unregister/action",
    "Microsoft.Features/subscriptionFeatureRegistrations/read"
        ],
        "notActions": [],
        "dataActions": [],
        "notDataActions": []
    }
]
}
}

```

- The Azure location that contains at least one **delegated subnet**. As of Trident 22.01, the location parameter is a required field at the top level of the backend configuration file. Location values specified in virtual pools are ignored.

Additional requirements for SMB volumes

To create an SMB volume, you must have:

- Active Directory configured and connected to Azure NetApp Files. Refer to [Microsoft: Create and manage Active Directory connections for Azure NetApp Files](#).
- A Kubernetes cluster with a Linux controller node and at least one Windows worker node running Windows Server 2019. Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only.
- At least one Astra Trident secret containing your Active Directory credentials so Azure NetApp Files can authenticate to Active Directory. To generate secret `smbcreds`:

```
kubectl create secret generic smbcreds --from-literal username=user
--from-literal password='password'
```

- A CSI proxy configured as a Windows service. To configure a `csi-proxy`, refer to [GitHub: CSI Proxy](#) or [GitHub: CSI Proxy for Windows](#) for Kubernetes nodes running on Windows.

Azure NetApp Files backend configuration options and examples

Learn about NFS and SMB backend configuration options for ANF and review configuration examples.

Backend configuration options

Astra Trident uses your backend configuration (subnet, virtual network, service level, and location), to create ANF volumes on capacity pools that are available in the requested location and match the requested service level and subnet.



Astra Trident does not support Manual QoS capacity pools.

ANF backends provide these configuration options.

Parameter	Description	Default
version		Always 1
storageDriverName	Name of the storage driver	"azure-netapp-files"
backendName	Custom name or the storage backend	Driver name + " _ " + random characters
subscriptionID	The subscription ID from your Azure subscription	
tenantID	The tenant ID from an App Registration	
clientID	The client ID from an App Registration	
clientSecret	The client secret from an App Registration	
serviceLevel	One of Standard, Premium, or Ultra	"" (random)
location	Name of the Azure location where the new volumes will be created	
resourceGroups	List of resource groups for filtering discovered resources	"[]" (no filter)
netappAccounts	List of NetApp accounts for filtering discovered resources	"[]" (no filter)
capacityPools	List of capacity pools for filtering discovered resources	"[]" (no filter, random)
virtualNetwork	Name of a virtual network with a delegated subnet	""
subnet	Name of a subnet delegated to Microsoft.Netapp/volumes	""

Parameter	Description	Default
networkFeatures	<p>Set of VNet features for a volume, may be Basic or Standard.</p> <p>Network Features is not available in all regions and might have to be enabled in a subscription. Specifying <code>networkFeatures</code> when the functionality is not enabled causes volume provisioning to fail.</p>	""
nfsMountOptions	<p>Fine-grained control of NFS mount options.</p> <p>Ignored for SMB volumes.</p> <p>To mount volumes using NFS version 4.1, include <code>nfsvers=4</code> in the comma-delimited mount options list to choose NFS v4.1.</p> <p>Mount options set in a storage class definition override mount options set in backend configuration.</p>	"nfsvers=3"
limitVolumeSize	Fail provisioning if the requested volume size is above this value	"" (not enforced by default)
debugTraceFlags	Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, <code>\{"api": false, "method": true, "discovery": true\}</code> . Do not use this unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.	null
nasType	<p>Configure NFS or SMB volumes creation.</p> <p>Options are <code>nfs</code>, <code>smb</code> or <code>null</code>. Setting to <code>null</code> defaults to NFS volumes.</p>	<code>nfs</code>



For more information on Network Features, refer to [Configure network features for an Azure NetApp Files volume](#).

Required permissions and resources

If you receive a “No capacity pools found” error when creating a PVC, it is likely your app registration doesn’t have the required permissions and resources (subnet, virtual network, capacity pool) associated. If debug is enabled, Astra Trident will log the Azure resources discovered when the backend is created. Verify an appropriate role is being used.

The values for `resourceGroups`, `netappAccounts`, `capacityPools`, `virtualNetwork`, and `subnet` can be specified using short or fully-qualified names. Fully-qualified names are recommended in most situations as short names can match multiple resources with the same name.

The `resourceGroups`, `netappAccounts`, and `capacityPools` values are filters that restrict the set of discovered resources to those available to this storage backend and may be specified in any combination. Fully-qualified names follow this format:

Type	Format
Resource group	<code><resource group></code>
NetApp account	<code><resource group>/<netapp account></code>
Capacity pool	<code><resource group>/<netapp account>/<capacity pool></code>
Virtual network	<code><resource group>/<virtual network></code>
Subnet	<code><resource group>/<virtual network>/<subnet></code>

Volume provisioning

You can control default volume provisioning by specifying the following options in a special section of the configuration file. Refer to [Example configurations](#) for details.

Parameter	Description	Default
<code>exportRule</code>	Export rules for new volumes. <code>exportRule</code> must be a comma-separated list of any combination of IPv4 addresses or IPv4 subnets in CIDR notation. Ignored for SMB volumes.	<code>"0.0.0.0/0"</code>
<code>snapshotDir</code>	Controls visibility of the <code>.snapshot</code> directory	<code>"false"</code>
<code>size</code>	The default size of new volumes	<code>"100G"</code>
<code>unixPermissions</code>	The unix permissions of new volumes (4 octal digits). Ignored for SMB volumes.	<code>""</code> (preview feature, requires whitelisting in subscription)

Example configurations

Example 1: Minimal configuration

This is the absolute minimum backend configuration. With this configuration, Astra Trident discovers all of your NetApp accounts, capacity pools, and subnets delegated to ANF in the configured location, and places new volumes on one of those pools and subnets randomly. Because `nasType` is omitted, the `nfs` default applies and the backend will provision for NFS volumes.

This configuration is ideal when you are just getting started with ANF and trying things out, but in practice you are going to want to provide additional scoping for the volumes you provision.

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: azure-netapp-files  
subscriptionID: 9f87c765-4774-fake-ae98-a721add45451  
tenantID: 68e4f836-edc1-fake-bff9-b2d865ee56cf  
clientID: dd043f63-bf8e-fake-8076-8de91e5713aa  
clientSecret: SECRET  
location: eastus
```

Example 2: Specific service level configuration with capacity pool filters

This backend configuration places volumes in Azure's `eastus` location in an `Ultra` capacity pool. Astra Trident automatically discovers all of the subnets delegated to ANF in that location and places a new volume on one of them randomly.

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: azure-netapp-files  
subscriptionID: 9f87c765-4774-fake-ae98-a721add45451  
tenantID: 68e4f836-edc1-fake-bff9-b2d865ee56cf  
clientID: dd043f63-bf8e-fake-8076-8de91e5713aa  
clientSecret: SECRET  
location: eastus  
serviceLevel: Ultra  
capacityPools:  
- application-group-1/account-1/ultra-1  
- application-group-1/account-1/ultra-2
```

Example 3: Advanced configuration

This backend configuration further reduces the scope of volume placement to a single subnet, and also modifies some volume provisioning defaults.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: azure-netapp-files
subscriptionID: 9f87c765-4774-fake-ae98-a721add45451
tenantID: 68e4f836-edc1-fake-bff9-b2d865ee56cf
clientID: dd043f63-bf8e-fake-8076-8de91e5713aa
clientSecret: SECRET
location: eastus
serviceLevel: Ultra
capacityPools:
- application-group-1/account-1/ultra-1
- application-group-1/account-1/ultra-2
virtualNetwork: my-virtual-network
subnet: my-subnet
networkFeatures: Standard
nfsMountOptions: vers=3,proto=tcp,timeo=600
limitVolumeSize: 500Gi
defaults:
  exportRule: 10.0.0.0/24,10.0.1.0/24,10.0.2.100
  snapshotDir: 'true'
  size: 200Gi
  unixPermissions: '0777'
```

Example 4: Virtual pool configuration

This backend configuration defines multiple storage pools in a single file. This is useful when you have multiple capacity pools supporting different service levels and you want to create storage classes in Kubernetes that represent those. Virtual pool labels were used to differentiate the pools based on performance.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: azure-netapp-files
subscriptionID: 9f87c765-4774-fake-ae98-a721add45451
tenantID: 68e4f836-edc1-fake-bff9-b2d865ee56cf
clientID: dd043f63-bf8e-fake-8076-8de91e5713aa
clientSecret: SECRET
location: eastus
resourceGroups:
- application-group-1
networkFeatures: Basic
nfsMountOptions: vers=3,proto=tcp,timeo=600
labels:
  cloud: azure
storage:
- labels:
    performance: gold
    serviceLevel: Ultra
    capacityPools:
    - ultra-1
    - ultra-2
    networkFeatures: Standard
- labels:
    performance: silver
    serviceLevel: Premium
    capacityPools:
    - premium-1
- labels:
    performance: bronze
    serviceLevel: Standard
    capacityPools:
    - standard-1
    - standard-2
```

Storage Class definitions

The following StorageClass definitions refer to the storage pools above.

Example definitions using parameter.selector **field**

Using `parameter.selector` 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.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: gold
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=gold"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: silver
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=silver"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: bronze
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=bronze"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
```

Example definitions for SMB volumes

Using `nasType`, `node-stage-secret-name`, and `node-stage-secret-namespace`, you can specify an SMB volume and provide the required Active Directory credentials.

Example 1: Basic configuration on default namespace

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: anf-sc-smb
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "azure-netapp-files"
  trident.netapp.io/nasType: "smb"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-name: "smbcreds"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-namespace: "default"
```

Example 2: Using different secrets per namespace

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: anf-sc-smb
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "azure-netapp-files"
  trident.netapp.io/nasType: "smb"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-name: "smbcreds"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-namespace: ${pvc.namespace}
```

Example 3: Using different secrets per volume

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: anf-sc-smb
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "azure-netapp-files"
  trident.netapp.io/nasType: "smb"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-name: ${pvc.name}
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-namespace: ${pvc.namespace}
```



nasType: `smb filters for pools which support SMB volumes. nasType: `nfs or nasType: `null filters for NFS pools.

Create the backend

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.

Configure a Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud backend

Learn how to configure NetApp Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud as the backend for your Astra Trident installation using the sample configurations provided.

Learn about Astra Trident support for Cloud Volumes Service for Google Cloud

Astra Trident can create Cloud Volumes Service volumes in one of two [service types](#):

- **CVS-Performance:** The default Astra Trident service type. This performance-optimized service type is best suited for production workloads that value performance. The CVS-Performance service type is a hardware option supporting volumes with a minimum 100 GiB size. You can choose one of [three service levels](#):
 - standard
 - premium
 - extreme
- **CVS:** The CVS service type provides high zonal availability with limited to moderate performance levels. The CVS service type is a software option that uses storage pools to support volumes as small as 1 GiB. The storage pool can contain up to 50 volumes where all volumes share the capacity and performance of the pool. You can choose one of [two service levels](#):
 - standardsw
 - zoneredundantstandardsw

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 Cloud Volumes Service
- Project number of your Google Cloud account
- Google Cloud service account with the `netappcloudvolumes.admin` role

- API key file for your Cloud Volumes Service account

Backend configuration options

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

Parameter	Description	Default
version		Always 1
storageDriverName	Name of the storage driver	"gcp-cvs"
backendName	Custom name or the storage backend	Driver name + "_" + part of API key
storageClass	<p>Optional parameter used to specify the CVS service type.</p> <p>Use software to select the CVS service type. Otherwise, Astra Trident assumes CVS-Performance service type (hardware).</p>	
storagePools	CVS service type only. Optional parameter used to specify storage pools for volume creation.	
projectNumber	Google Cloud account project number. The value is found on the Google Cloud portal home page.	
hostProjectNumber	Required if using a shared VPC network. In this scenario, <code>projectNumber</code> is the service project, and <code>hostProjectNumber</code> is the host project.	
apiRegion	<p>The Google Cloud region where Astra Trident creates Cloud Volumes Service volumes. When creating cross-region Kubernetes clusters, volumes created in an <code>apiRegion</code> can be used in workloads scheduled on nodes across multiple Google Cloud regions.</p> <p>Cross-region traffic incurs an additional cost.</p>	

Parameter	Description	Default
apiKey	<p>API key for the Google Cloud service account with the <code>netappcloudvolumes.admin</code> role.</p> <p>It includes the JSON-formatted contents of a Google Cloud service account's private key file (copied verbatim into the backend configuration file).</p>	
proxyURL	<p>Proxy URL if proxy server required to connect to CVS account. The proxy server can either be an HTTP proxy or an HTTPS proxy.</p> <p>For an HTTPS proxy, certificate validation is skipped to allow the usage of self-signed certificates in the proxy server.</p> <p>Proxy servers with authentication enabled are not supported.</p>	
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	<p>The CVS-Performance or CVS service level for new volumes.</p> <p>CVS-Performance values are <code>standard</code>, <code>premium</code>, or <code>extreme</code>.</p> <p>CVS values are <code>standardsw</code> or <code>zoneredundantstandardsw</code>.</p>	<p>CVS-Performance default is "standard".</p> <p>CVS default is "standardsw".</p>
network	Google Cloud network used for Cloud Volumes Service volumes.	"default"
debugTraceFlags	<p>Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, <code>\{"api":false, "method":true\}</code>.</p> <p>Do not use this unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.</p>	null

Parameter	Description	Default
allowedTopologies	<p>To enable cross-region access, your StorageClass definition for <code>allowedTopologies</code> must include all regions.</p> <p>For example:</p> <pre>- key: topology.kubernetes.io/region values: - us-east1 - europe-west1</pre>	

Volume provisioning options

You can control default volume provisioning in the `defaults` section of the configuration file.

Parameter	Description	Default
exportRule	The export rules for new volumes. Must be a comma-separated list of any combination of IPv4 addresses or IPv4 subnets in CIDR notation.	"0.0.0.0/0"
snapshotDir	Access to the <code>.snapshot</code> directory	"false"
snapshotReserve	Percentage of volume reserved for snapshots	"" (accept CVS default of 0)
size	<p>The size of new volumes.</p> <p>CVS-Performance minimum is 100 GiB.</p> <p>CVS minimum is 1 GiB.</p>	<p>CVS-Performance service type defaults to "100GiB".</p> <p>CVS service type does not set a default but requires a 1 GiB minimum.</p>

CVS-Performance service type examples

The following examples provide sample configurations for the CVS-Performance service type.

Example 1: Minimal configuration

This is the minimum backend configuration using default CVS-Performance service type with the default "standard" service level.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: gcp-cvs
projectNumber: '012345678901'
apiRegion: us-west2
apiKey:
  type: service_account
  project_id: my-gcp-project
  private_key_id: "<id_value>"
  private_key: |
    -----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
    znHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzlzZE4jK3b1/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m
    XsYg6gyxy4zq7OlwWgLwGa==
    -----END PRIVATE KEY-----
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: Service level configuration

This sample illustrates backend configuration options, including service level, and volume defaults.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: gcp-cvs
projectNumber: '012345678901'
apiRegion: us-west2
apiKey:
  type: service_account
  project_id: my-gcp-project
  private_key_id: "<id_value>"
  private_key: |
    -----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
    znHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzlzZE4jK3b1/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m
    XsYg6gyxy4zq7OlwWgLwGa==
    -----END PRIVATE KEY-----
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
proxyURL: http://proxy-server-hostname/
nfsMountOptions: vers=3,proto=tcp,timeo=600
limitVolumeSize: 10Ti
serviceLevel: premium
defaults:
  snapshotDir: 'true'
  snapshotReserve: '5'
  exportRule: 10.0.0.0/24,10.0.1.0/24,10.0.2.100
  size: 5Ti
```

Example 3: Virtual pool configuration

This sample uses storage to configure virtual pools and the StorageClasses that refer back to them. Refer to [Storage class definitions](#) to see how the storage classes were defined.

Here, specific defaults are set for all virtual pools, which set the `snapshotReserve` at 5% and the `exportRule` to 0.0.0.0/0. The virtual pools are defined in the `storage` section. Each individual virtual pool defines its own `serviceLevel`, and some pools overwrite the default values. Virtual pool labels were used to differentiate the pools based on performance and protection.

```
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----  
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
```

Storage class definitions

The following StorageClass definitions apply to the virtual pool configuration example. Using `parameters.selector`, you can specify for each StorageClass the virtual pool used to host a volume. The volume will have the aspects defined in the chosen pool.

Storage class example

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

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

CVS service type examples

The following examples provide sample configurations for the CVS service type.

Example 1: Minimum configuration

This is the minimum backend configuration using `storageClass` to specify the CVS service type and default `standardsw` service level.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: gcp-cvs
projectNumber: '012345678901'
storageClass: software
apiRegion: us-east4
apiKey:
  type: service_account
  project_id: my-gcp-project
  private_key_id: "<id_value>"
  private_key: |
    -----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
    znHczZsrrtHisIsAbOguSaPIKeyAZNchRAGzlzZE4jK3b1/qp8B4Kws8zX5ojY9m
    XsYg6gyxy4zq70lwWgLwGa==
    -----END PRIVATE KEY-----
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  
serviceLevel: standardsw
```

Example 2: Storage pool configuration

This sample backend configuration uses `storagePools` to configure a storage pool.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: gcp-cvs
backendName: gcp-std-so-with-pool
projectNumber: '531265380079'
apiRegion: europe-west1
apiKey:
  type: service_account
  project_id: cloud-native-data
  private_key_id: "<id_value>"
  private_key: |-
    -----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEvAIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAASCBKYwggSiAgEAAoIBAQDaT+Oui9FBAw19
L1AGEkrYU5xd9K5N105jMkIFND5wCD+Nv+jd1GvtFRLaLK5RvXyF5wzvztmODNS+
qtScpQ+5cFpQkuGtv9U9+N6qtuVYYO3b504Kp5CtqVPJCgMJaK2j8pZTIqUiMum/
5/Y9oTbZrjAHSMgJm2nHzFq2X0rqVMAhghI6ATm4DOuWx8XGWKTGIP1c0qPqJ1qS
LLaWOH4VIZQZCAyW5IUp9CAmwqHgdG0uhFNfCgMmED6PBUVVlsLvcq86X+QSWR9k
ETqElj/sGCenPF7ti1DhGBFaf9hPnxg9PZY29ArEZwY9G/ZjZQX7WPgs0VvxinR
DxZRC3GXAgMBAAEcggEACn5c59bG/qnVEVI1CwMAalM5M2z09JFh1L1jKwntNPj
Vilw2eTW2+UE7HbJru/S7KQgA5Dnn9kvCraEahPRuddUMrD0vG4kT1/IODV6uFuk
Y0sZfbqd4jMUQ21smvGsqFzwloYWS5qz01W83ivXH/HW/iqkmY2eW+EPRS/hwSSu
SscR+SojI7PB0BWSJh1V4yqYf3vcD/D95e12CVhfRCKL85DKumeZ+yHENpiXGZAE
t8xSs4a500Pm6NHhevCw2a/UQ95/foXNUR450HtbjieJo5o+FF6EYZQGFU2ZH208
37FBKuaJkdGW5xqaI9TL7aqkGkFMF4F2qvOZM+vy8QKBgQD4oVuOkJD1hkTHP86W
esFlw1kpWyJR9ZA7LI0g/rVpslnX+XdDq0WQf4umdLNau5hYEH9LU6ZSGs1Xk3/B
NHwR6OXFuqEKNiu83d0zS1HhTy7PZpOZdj5a/vVvQfPDMz70vsqLRd7YCAbdzuQ0
+Ahq0Ztwvg0HQ64hdW0ukpYRRwKBgQDgyHj98oqsw0YuIa+pP1yS0pPwLmjwKyNm
/HayzCp+Qjiyy7Tzg8AUqlH1Ou83XbV428jvg7kDh07PCCKFq+mMmfqHmTpb0Maq
KpKnZg4ipsqP1yHNNEoRmcailXbwIhCLewMqMrggUiLOmCw4PscL5nK+4GKu2XE1
jLqjWAZFMQKBgFhkQ9XXRAJ1kR3XpGhoGN890pZOkCVSrqju6aUef/5KY1FCt8ew
F/+aIxM2iQsvmWQY0vVCnhuY/F2GFa7d0om3decuwI0CX/xy7PjHMkLXa2uaZs4
WR17sLduj62RqXRLX0c0QkwBiNFyHbRcpdkZJQujbYMHBa+7j7SxT4BtAoGAWMWT
UucocRXZm/pdvz9wteNH3YDwJLMxm1KC06qMXbBoYrliY4sm3ywJWMC+iCd/H8A
Gecxd/xVu5mA2L2N3KMq18Zh8Th0G5DwKyDRJgOQ0Q46yuNXOoYEj1o4Wjyk8Me
+tlQ8iK98E0UmZnhTgfSpSNElbz2AqnzQ3MN9uECgYAqdvdVPnKGfvdtZ2DjyMoJ
E89UIC41WjjJGmHsd8W65+3X0RwMzKMT6aZc5tK9J5dHvmWIEtnbM+1TIimdBBFga
NWOC6f3r2xbGXhaWS1+nobpTuvlo56ZRJVvVk71FMsidzMuHH8pxfgNJeawA4P
ThDHCejuv035NNV6KyoO0tA==
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----
client_email: cloudvolumes-admin-sa@cloud-native-
data.iam.gserviceaccount.com
client_id: '107071413297115343396'
```

```
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%40cloud-native-data.iam.gserviceaccount.com
storageClass: software
zone: europe-west1-b
network: default
storagePools:
- 1bc7f380-3314-6005-45e9-c7dc8c2d7509
serviceLevel: Standardsw
```

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.

Configure a NetApp HCI or SolidFire backend

Learn about how to create and use an Element backend with your Astra Trident installation.

Before you begin

You'll need the following before creating an Element backend.

- A supported storage system that runs Element software.
- Credentials to a NetApp HCI/SolidFire cluster admin or tenant user that can manage volumes.
- All of your Kubernetes worker nodes should have the appropriate iSCSI tools installed. See [worker node preparation information](#).

Volume modes

The `solidfire-san` storage driver supports both volume modes: file and block. For the `Filesystem` `volumeMode`, Astra Trident creates a volume and creates a filesystem. The filesystem type is specified by the

StorageClass.

Driver	Protocol	VolumeMode	Access modes supported	File systems supported
solidfire-san	iSCSI	Block	RWO,ROX,RWX	No Filesystem. Raw block device.
solidfire-san	iSCSI	Block	RWO,ROX,RWX	No Filesystem. Raw block device.
solidfire-san	iSCSI	Filesystem	RWO,ROX	xfs, ext3, ext4
solidfire-san	iSCSI	Filesystem	RWO,ROX	xfs, ext3, ext4



Astra Trident uses CHAP when functioning as an enhanced CSI Provisioner. If you're using CHAP (which is the default for CSI), no further preparation is required. It is recommended to explicitly set the `UseCHAP` option to use CHAP with non-CSI Trident. Otherwise, see [here](#).



Volume access groups are only supported by the conventional, non-CSI framework for Astra Trident. When configured to work in CSI mode, Astra Trident uses CHAP.

If neither `AccessGroups` or `UseCHAP` are set, one of the following rules applies:

- If the default `trident` access group is detected, access groups are used.
- If no access group is detected and Kubernetes version is 1.7 or later, then CHAP is used.

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	Always "solidfire-san"
<code>backendName</code>	Custom name or the storage backend	"solidfire_" + storage (iSCSI) IP address
<code>Endpoint</code>	MVIP for the SolidFire cluster with tenant credentials	
<code>SVIP</code>	Storage (iSCSI) IP address and port	
<code>labels</code>	Set of arbitrary JSON-formatted labels to apply on volumes.	""
<code>TenantName</code>	Tenant name to use (created if not found)	

Parameter	Description	Default
InitiatorIFace	Restrict iSCSI traffic to a specific host interface	“default”
UseCHAP	Use CHAP to authenticate iSCSI	true
AccessGroups	List of Access Group IDs to use	Finds the ID of an access group named “trident”
Types	QoS specifications	
limitVolumeSize	Fail provisioning if requested volume size is above this value	“” (not enforced by default)
debugTraceFlags	Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, {“api”:false, “method”:true}	null



Do not use `debugTraceFlags` unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.

Example 1: Backend configuration for `solidfire-san` driver with three volume types

This example shows a backend file using CHAP authentication and modeling three volume types with specific QoS guarantees. Most likely you would then define storage classes to consume each of these using the `IOPS` storage class parameter.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: solidfire-san
Endpoint: https://<user>:<password>@<mvip>/json-rpc/8.0
SVIP: "<svip>:3260"
TenantName: "<tenant>"
labels:
  k8scluster: dev1
  backend: dev1-element-cluster
UseCHAP: true
Types:
- Type: Bronze
  Qos:
    minIOPS: 1000
    maxIOPS: 2000
    burstIOPS: 4000
- Type: Silver
  Qos:
    minIOPS: 4000
    maxIOPS: 6000
    burstIOPS: 8000
- Type: Gold
  Qos:
    minIOPS: 6000
    maxIOPS: 8000
    burstIOPS: 10000
```

Example 2: Backend and storage class configuration for solidfire-san driver with virtual pools

This example shows the backend definition file configured with virtual pools along with StorageClasses that refer back to them.

Astra Trident copies labels present on a storage pool to the backend storage LUN at provisioning. For convenience, storage administrators can define labels per virtual pool and group volumes by label.

In the sample backend definition file shown below, specific defaults are set for all storage pools, which set the type at Silver. The virtual pools are defined in the storage section. In this example, some of the storage pools set their own type, and some pools override the default values set above.

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: solidfire-san
Endpoint: https://<user>:<password>@<mvip>/json-rpc/8.0
SVIP: "<svip>:3260"
TenantName: "<tenant>"
UseCHAP: true
```

```

Types:
- Type: Bronze
  QoS:
    minIOPS: 1000
    maxIOPS: 2000
    burstIOPS: 4000
- Type: Silver
  QoS:
    minIOPS: 4000
    maxIOPS: 6000
    burstIOPS: 8000
- Type: Gold
  QoS:
    minIOPS: 6000
    maxIOPS: 8000
    burstIOPS: 10000
type: Silver
labels:
  store: solidfire
  k8scluster: dev-1-cluster
region: us-east-1
storage:
- labels:
    performance: gold
    cost: '4'
    zone: us-east-1a
    type: Gold
- labels:
    performance: silver
    cost: '3'
    zone: us-east-1b
    type: Silver
- labels:
    performance: bronze
    cost: '2'
    zone: us-east-1c
    type: Bronze
- labels:
    performance: silver
    cost: '1'
    zone: us-east-1d

```

The following StorageClass definitions refer to the above virtual pools. Using the `parameters.selector` field, each StorageClass calls out which virtual pool(s) can be used to host a volume. The volume will have the aspects defined in the chosen virtual pool.

The first StorageClass (`solidfire-gold-four`) will map to the first virtual pool. This is the only pool offering gold performance with a Volume Type QoS of Gold. The last StorageClass (`solidfire-silver`) calls out any storage pool which offers a silver performance. Astra Trident will decide which virtual pool is selected and will ensure the storage requirement is met.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: solidfire-gold-four
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=gold; cost=4"
  fsType: "ext4"
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: solidfire-silver-three
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=silver; cost=3"
  fsType: "ext4"
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: solidfire-bronze-two
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=bronze; cost=2"
  fsType: "ext4"
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: solidfire-silver-one
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=silver; cost=1"
  fsType: "ext4"
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: solidfire-silver
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  selector: "performance=silver"
  fsType: "ext4"
```

Find more information

- [Volume access groups](#)

ONTAP SAN drivers

ONTAP SAN driver overview

Learn about configuring an ONTAP backend with ONTAP and Cloud Volumes ONTAP SAN drivers.

Important information about ONTAP SAN drivers

Astra Control provides seamless protection, disaster recovery, and mobility (moving volumes between Kubernetes clusters) for volumes created with the `ontap-nas`, `ontap-nas-flexgroup`, and `ontap-san` drivers. See [Astra Control replication prerequisites](#) for details.

- You must use `ontap-nas` for production workloads that require data protection, disaster recovery, and mobility.
- Use `ontap-san-economy` when anticipated volume usage is expected to be much higher than what ONTAP supports.
- Use `ontap-nas-economy` only where anticipated volume usage is expected to be much higher than what ONTAP supports, and the `ontap-san-economy` driver cannot be used.
- Do not use `ontap-nas-economy` if you anticipate the need for data protection, disaster recovery, or mobility.

User permissions

Astra Trident expects to be run as either an ONTAP or SVM administrator, typically using the `admin` cluster user or a `vsadmin` SVM user, or a user with a different name that has the same role. For Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP deployments, Astra Trident expects to be run as either an ONTAP or SVM administrator, using the cluster `fsxadmin` user or a `vsadmin` SVM user, or a user with a different name that has the same role. The `fsxadmin` user is a limited replacement for the cluster admin user.



If you use the `limitAggregateUsage` parameter, cluster admin permissions are required. When using Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP with Astra Trident, the `limitAggregateUsage` parameter will not work with the `vsadmin` and `fsxadmin` user accounts. The configuration operation will fail if you specify this parameter.

While it is possible to create a more restrictive role within ONTAP that a Trident driver can use, we don't recommend it. Most new releases of Trident will call additional APIs that would have to be accounted for, making upgrades difficult and error-prone.

Prepare to configure backend with ONTAP SAN drivers

Understand the requirements and authentication options for configuring an ONTAP backend with ONTAP SAN drivers.

Requirements

For all ONTAP backends, Astra Trident requires at least one aggregate assigned to the SVM.

Remember that you can also run more than one driver, and create storage classes that point to one or the other. For example, you could configure a `san-dev` class that uses the `ontap-san` driver and a `san-default` class that uses the `ontap-san-economy` one.

All your Kubernetes worker nodes must have the appropriate iSCSI tools installed. Refer to [Prepare the worker node](#) for details.

Authenticate the ONTAP backend

Astra Trident offers two modes of authenticating an ONTAP backend.

- Credential-based: The username and password to an ONTAP user with the required permissions. It is recommended to use a pre-defined security login role, such as `admin` or `vsadmin` to ensure maximum compatibility with ONTAP versions.
- Certificate-based: Astra Trident can also communicate with an ONTAP cluster using a certificate installed on the backend. Here, the backend definition must contain Base64-encoded values of the client certificate, key, and the trusted CA certificate if used (recommended).

You can update existing backends to move between credential-based and certificate-based methods. However, only one authentication method is supported at a time. To switch to a different authentication method, you must remove the existing method from the backend configuration.



If you attempt to provide **both credentials and certificates**, backend creation will fail with an error that more than one authentication method was provided in the configuration file.

Enable credential-based authentication

Astra Trident requires the credentials to an SVM-scoped/cluster-scoped admin to communicate with the ONTAP backend. It is recommended to make use of standard, pre-defined roles such as `admin` or `vsadmin`. This ensures forward compatibility with future ONTAP releases that might expose feature APIs to be used by future Astra Trident releases. A custom security login role can be created and used with Astra Trident, but is not recommended.

A sample backend definition will look like this:

YAML

```
---
version: 1
backendName: ExampleBackend
storageDriverName: ontap-san
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
svm: svm_nfs
username: vsadmin
password: password
```

JSON

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "backendName": "ExampleBackend",
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "managementLIF": "10.0.0.1",
  "svm": "svm_nfs",
  "username": "vsadmin",
  "password": "password"
}
```

Keep in mind that the backend definition is the only place the credentials are stored in plain text. After the backend is created, usernames/passwords are encoded with Base64 and stored as Kubernetes secrets. The creation or update of a backend is the only step that requires knowledge of the credentials. As such, it is an admin-only operation, to be performed by the Kubernetes/storage administrator.

Enable certificate-based authentication

New and existing backends can use a certificate and communicate with the ONTAP backend. Three parameters are required in the backend definition.

- clientCertificate: Base64-encoded value of client certificate.
- clientPrivateKey: Base64-encoded value of associated private key.
- trustedCACertificate: Base64-encoded value of trusted CA certificate. If using a trusted CA, this parameter must be provided. This can be ignored if no trusted CA is used.

A typical workflow involves the following steps.

Steps

1. Generate a client certificate and key. When generating, set Common Name (CN) to the ONTAP user to authenticate as.

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 1095 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout k8senv.key  
-out k8senv.pem -subj "/C=US/ST=NC/L=RTP/O=NetApp/CN=admin"
```

2. Add trusted CA certificate to the ONTAP cluster. This might be already handled by the storage administrator. Ignore if no trusted CA is used.

```
security certificate install -type server -cert-name <trusted-ca-cert-name> -vserver <vserver-name>  
ssl modify -vserver <vserver-name> -server-enabled true -client-enabled true -common-name <common-name> -serial <SN-from-trusted-CA-cert> -ca <cert-authority>
```

3. Install the client certificate and key (from step 1) on the ONTAP cluster.

```
security certificate install -type client-ca -cert-name <certificate-name> -vserver <vserver-name>  
security ssl modify -vserver <vserver-name> -client-enabled true
```

4. Confirm the ONTAP security login role supports cert authentication method.

```
security login create -user-or-group-name admin -application ontapi  
-authentication-method cert  
security login create -user-or-group-name admin -application http  
-authentication-method cert
```

5. Test authentication using certificate generated. Replace <ONTAP Management LIF> and <vserver name> with Management LIF IP and SVM name.

```
curl -X POST -Lk https://<ONTAP-Management-LIF>/servlets/netapp.servlets.admin.XMLrequest_filer --key k8senv.key  
--cert ~/k8senv.pem -d '<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><netapp  
xmlns="http://www.netapp.com/filer/admin" version="1.21"  
vfiler="<vserver-name>"><vserver-get></vserver-get></netapp>'
```

6. Encode certificate, key and trusted CA certificate with Base64.

```
base64 -w 0 k8senv.pem >> cert_base64  
base64 -w 0 k8senv.key >> key_base64  
base64 -w 0 trustedca.pem >> trustedca_base64
```

7. Create backend using the values obtained from the previous step.

```

cat cert-backend.json
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "backendName": "SanBackend",
  "managementLIF": "1.2.3.4",
  "svm": "vserver_test",
  "clientCertificate": "Faaaakkkeeee...Vaaalllluuuueeee",
  "clientPrivateKey": "LS0tFaKE...0VaLuES0tLS0K",
  "trustedCACertificate": "QNFinfo...SiqOyN",
  "storagePrefix": "myPrefix_"
}

tridentctl create backend -f cert-backend.json -n trident
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
|     NAME      | STORAGE DRIVER |                         UUID                         |
STATE | VOLUMES | 
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
| SanBackend | ontap-san      | 586b1cd5-8cf8-428d-a76c-2872713612c1 |
online |          0 | 
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+

```

Update authentication methods or rotate credentials

You can update an existing backend to use a different authentication method or to rotate their credentials. This works both ways: backends that make use of username/password can be updated to use certificates; backends that utilize certificates can be updated to username/password based. To do this, you must remove the existing authentication method and add the new authentication method. Then use the updated `backend.json` file containing the required parameters to execute `tridentctl backend update`.

```

cat cert-backend-updated.json
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "backendName": "SanBackend",
  "managementLIF": "1.2.3.4",
  "svm": "vserver_test",
  "username": "vsadmin",
  "password": "password",
  "storagePrefix": "myPrefix_"
}

#Update backend with tridentctl
tridentctl update backend SanBackend -f cert-backend-updated.json -n
trident
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
|     NAME      | STORAGE DRIVER |                         UUID                         |
STATE | VOLUMES | 
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
| SanBackend | ontap-san      | 586b1cd5-8cf8-428d-a76c-2872713612c1 |
online |         9 | 
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+

```

 When rotating passwords, the storage administrator must first update the password for the user on ONTAP. This is followed by a backend update. When rotating certificates, multiple certificates can be added to the user. The backend is then updated to use the new certificate, following which the old certificate can be deleted from the ONTAP cluster.

Updating a backend does not disrupt access to volumes that have already been created, nor impact volume connections made after. A successful backend update indicates that Astra Trident can communicate with the ONTAP backend and handle future volume operations.

Authenticate connections with bidirectional CHAP

Astra Trident can authenticate iSCSI sessions with bidirectional CHAP for the `ontap-san` and `ontap-san-economy` drivers. This requires enabling the `useCHAP` option in your backend definition. When set to `true`, Astra Trident configures the SVM's default initiator security to bidirectional CHAP and set the username and secrets from the backend file. NetApp recommends using bidirectional CHAP to authenticate connections. See the following sample configuration:

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-san  
backendName: ontap_san_chap  
managementLIF: 192.168.0.135  
svm: ontap_iscsi_svm  
useCHAP: true  
username: vsadmin  
password: password  
chapInitiatorSecret: c19qxIm36DKyawxy  
chapTargetInitiatorSecret: rqxigXgkesIpwxyz  
chapTargetUsername: iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz  
chapUsername: uh2aNCLSd6cNwxyz
```

 The `useCHAP` parameter is a Boolean option that can be configured only once. It is set to false by default. After you set it to true, you cannot set it to false.

In addition to `useCHAP=true`, the `chapInitiatorSecret`, `chapTargetInitiatorSecret`, `chapTargetUsername`, and `chapUsername` fields must be included in the backend definition. The secrets can be changed after a backend is created by running `tridentctl update`.

How it works

By setting `useCHAP` to true, the storage administrator instructs Astra Trident to configure CHAP on the storage backend. This includes the following:

- Setting up CHAP on the SVM:
 - If the SVM's default initiator security type is none (set by default) **and** there are no pre-existing LUNs already present in the volume, Astra Trident will set the default security type to `CHAP` and proceed to configuring the CHAP initiator and target username and secrets.
 - If the SVM contains LUNs, Astra Trident will not enable CHAP on the SVM. This ensures that access to LUNs that are already present on the SVM isn't restricted.
- Configuring the CHAP initiator and target username and secrets; these options must be specified in the backend configuration (as shown above).

After the backend is created, Astra Trident creates a corresponding `tridentbackend` CRD and stores the CHAP secrets and usernames as Kubernetes secrets. All PVs that are created by Astra Trident on this backend will be mounted and attached over CHAP.

Rotate credentials and update backends

You can update the CHAP credentials by updating the CHAP parameters in the `backend.json` file. This will require updating the CHAP secrets and using the `tridentctl update` command to reflect these changes.

 When updating the CHAP secrets for a backend, you must use `tridentctl` to update the backend. Do not update the credentials on the storage cluster through the CLI/ONTAP UI as Astra Trident will not be able to pick up these changes.

```

cat backend-san.json
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "backendName": "ontap_san_chap",
  "managementLIF": "192.168.0.135",
  "svm": "ontap_iscsi_svm",
  "useCHAP": true,
  "username": "vsadmin",
  "password": "password",
  "chapInitiatorSecret": "c19qxUpDaTeD",
  "chapTargetInitiatorSecret": "rqxigXgkeUpDaTeD",
  "chapTargetUsername": "iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz",
  "chapUsername": "uh2aNCLSD6cNwxyz",
}

./tridentctl update backend ontap_san_chap -f backend-san.json -n trident
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
|   NAME          | STORAGE DRIVER |          UUID          |
STATE | VOLUMES |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
| ontap_san_chap | ontap-san      | aa458f3b-ad2d-4378-8a33-1a472ffbeb5c |
online |      7 |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+

```

Existing connections will remain unaffected; they will continue to remain active if the credentials are updated by Astra Trident on the SVM. New connections will use the updated credentials and existing connections continue to remain active. Disconnecting and reconnecting old PVs will result in them using the updated credentials.

ONTAP SAN configuration options and examples

Learn about how to create and use ONTAP SAN drivers with your Astra Trident installation. This section provides backend configuration examples and details about how to map backends to StorageClasses.

Backend configuration options

See the following table for the backend configuration options:

Parameter	Description	Default
version		Always 1

Parameter	Description	Default
storageDriverName	Name of the storage driver	ontap-nas, ontap-nas-economy, ontap-nas-flexgroup, ontap-san, ontap-san-economy
backendName	Custom name or the storage backend	Driver name + “_” + dataLIF
managementLIF	<p>IP address of a cluster or SVM management LIF</p> <p>For seamless MetroCluster switchover, you must specify an SVM management LIF.</p> <p>A fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) can be specified.</p> <p>Can be set to use IPv6 addresses if Astra Trident was installed using the --use-ipv6 flag. IPv6 addresses must be defined in square brackets, such as [28e8:d9fb:a825:b7bf:69a8:d02f:9e7b:3555].</p>	“10.0.0.1”, “[2001:1234:abcd::fefe]”
dataLIF	<p>IP address of protocol LIF.</p> <p>Do not specify for iSCSI. Astra Trident uses ONTAP Selective LUN Map to discover the iSCSI LIFs needed to establish a multi path session. A warning is generated if dataLIF is explicitly defined.</p>	Derived by the SVM
useCHAP	<p>Use CHAP to authenticate iSCSI for ONTAP SAN drivers [Boolean].</p> <p>Set to true for Astra Trident to configure and use bidirectional CHAP as the default authentication for the SVM given in the backend. Refer to Prepare to configure backend with ONTAP SAN drivers for details.</p>	false
chapInitiatorSecret	CHAP initiator secret. Required if useCHAP=true	“”
labels	Set of arbitrary JSON-formatted labels to apply on volumes	“”
chapTargetInitiatorSecret	CHAP target initiator secret. Required if useCHAP=true	“”

Parameter	Description	Default
chapUsername	Inbound username. Required if useCHAP=true	""
chapTargetUsername	Target username. Required if useCHAP=true	""
clientCertificate	Base64-encoded value of client certificate. Used for certificate-based auth	""
clientPrivateKey	Base64-encoded value of client private key. Used for certificate-based auth	""
trustedCACertificate	Base64-encoded value of trusted CA certificate. Optional. Used for certificate-based authentication.	""
username	Username needed to communicate with the ONTAP cluster. Used for credential-based authentication.	""
password	Password needed to communicate with the ONTAP cluster. Used for credential-based authentication.	""
svm	Storage virtual machine to use	Derived if an SVM managementLIF is specified
storagePrefix	Prefix used when provisioning new volumes in the SVM. Cannot be modified later. To update this parameter, you will need to create a new backend.	trident
limitAggregateUsage	Fail provisioning if usage is above this percentage. If you are using an Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP backend, do not specify limitAggregateUsage. The provided fsxadmin and vsadmin do not contain the permissions required to retrieve aggregate usage and limit it using Astra Trident.	"" (not enforced by default)
limitVolumeSize	Fail provisioning if requested volume size is above this value. Also restricts the maximum size of the volumes it manages for qtrees and LUNs.	"" (not enforced by default)
lunsPerFlexvol	Maximum LUNs per Flexvol, must be in range [50, 200]	100

Parameter	Description	Default
debugTraceFlags	<p>Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, <code>{"api":false, "method":true}</code></p> <p>Do not use unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.</p>	null
useREST	<p>Boolean parameter to use ONTAP REST APIs. Tech preview</p> <p>useREST is provided as a tech preview that is recommended for test environments and not for production workloads. When set to true, Astra Trident will use ONTAP REST APIs to communicate with the backend. This feature requires ONTAP 9.11.1 and later. In addition, the ONTAP login role used must have access to the <code>ontap</code> application. This is satisfied by the pre-defined <code>vsadmin</code> and <code>cluster-admin</code> roles.</p> <p>useREST is not supported with MetroCluster.</p>	false

Backend configuration options for provisioning volumes

You can control default provisioning using these options in the `defaults` section of the configuration. For an example, see the configuration examples below.

Parameter	Description	Default
spaceAllocation	Space-allocation for LUNs	“true”
spaceReserve	Space reservation mode; “none” (thin) or “volume” (thick)	“none”
snapshotPolicy	Snapshot policy to use	“none”

Parameter	Description	Default
qosPolicy	<p>QoS policy group to assign for volumes created. Choose one of qosPolicy or adaptiveQosPolicy per storage pool/backend.</p> <p>Using QoS policy groups with Astra Trident requires ONTAP 9.8 or later. We recommend using a non-shared QoS policy group and ensuring the policy group is applied to each constituent individually. A shared QoS policy group will enforce the ceiling for the total throughput of all workloads.</p>	""
adaptiveQosPolicy	Adaptive QoS policy group to assign for volumes created. Choose one of qosPolicy or adaptiveQosPolicy per storage pool/backend	""
snapshotReserve	Percentage of volume reserved for snapshots “0”	If snapshotPolicy is “none”, else “”
splitOnClone	Split a clone from its parent upon creation	“false”
encryption	<p>Enable NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) on the new volume; defaults to <code>false</code>. NVE must be licensed and enabled on the cluster to use this option.</p> <p>If NAE is enabled on the backend, any volume provisioned in Astra Trident will be NAE enabled.</p> <p>For more information, refer to: How Astra Trident works with NVE and NAE.</p>	“false”
luksEncryption	Enable LUKS encryption. Refer to Use Linux Unified Key Setup (LUKS) .	""
securityStyle	Security style for new volumes	unix
tieringPolicy	Tiering policy to use “none”	“snapshot-only” for pre-ONTAP 9.5 SVM-DR configuration

Volume provisioning examples

Here's an example with defaults defined:

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-san
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
svm: trident_svm
username: admin
password: <password>
labels:
  k8scluster: dev2
  backend: dev2-sanbackend
storagePrefix: alternate-trident
debugTraceFlags:
  api: false
  method: true
defaults:
  spaceReserve: volume
  qosPolicy: standard
  spaceAllocation: 'false'
  snapshotPolicy: default
  snapshotReserve: '10'
```

 For all volumes created using the `ontap-san` driver, Astra Trident adds an extra 10 percent capacity to the FlexVol to accommodate the LUN metadata. The LUN will be provisioned with the exact size that the user requests in the PVC. Astra Trident adds 10 percent to the FlexVol (shows as Available size in ONTAP). Users will now get the amount of usable capacity they requested. This change also prevents LUNs from becoming read-only unless the available space is fully utilized. This does not apply to `ontap-san-economy`.

For backends that define `snapshotReserve`, Astra Trident calculates the size of volumes as follows:

```
Total volume size = [(PVC requested size) / (1 - (snapshotReserve percentage) / 100)] * 1.1
```

The 1.1 is the extra 10 percent Astra Trident adds to the FlexVol to accommodate the LUN metadata. For `snapshotReserve = 5%`, and `PVC request = 5GiB`, the total volume size is 5.79GiB and the available size is 5.5GiB. The `volume show` command should show results similar to this example:

Vserver	Volume	Aggregate	State	Type	Size	Available	Used%
	_pvc_89f1c156_3801_4de4_9f9d_034d54c395f4		online	RW	10GB	5.00GB	0%
	_pvc_e42ec6fe_3baa_4af6_996d_134adb8e6d		online	RW	5.79GB	5.50GB	0%
	_pvc_e8372153_9ad9_474a_951a_08ae15e1c0ba		online	RW	1GB	511.8MB	0%
3 entries were displayed.							

Currently, resizing is the only way to use the new calculation for an existing volume.

Minimal configuration examples

The following examples show basic configurations that leave most parameters to default. This is the easiest way to define a backend.



If you are using Amazon FSx on NetApp ONTAP with Astra Trident, we recommend you specify DNS names for LIFs instead of IP addresses.

ONTAP SAN minimal configuration example

This is a basic configuration using the `ontap-san` driver.

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-san  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
svm: svm_iscsi  
labels:  
  k8scluster: test-cluster-1  
  backend: testcluster1-sanbackend  
username: vsadmin  
password: <password>
```

ONTAP SAN economy minimal configuration example

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-san-economy  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
svm: svm_iscsi_eco  
username: vsadmin  
password: <password>
```

Certificate-based authentication example

In this basic configuration example `clientCertificate`, `clientPrivateKey`, and `trustedCACertificate` (optional, if using trusted CA) are populated in `backend.json` and take the base64-encoded values of the client certificate, private key, and trusted CA certificate, respectively.

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-san  
backendName: DefaultSANBackend  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
svm: svm_iscsi  
useCHAP: true  
chapInitiatorSecret: c19qxIm36DKyawxy  
chapTargetInitiatorSecret: r qxigXgkesIpwxyz  
chapTargetUsername: iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz  
chapUsername: uh2aNCLSd6cNwxyz  
clientCertificate: ZXROZXJwYXB...ICMgJ3BhcGVyc2  
clientPrivateKey: vciwKIyAgZG...0cnksIGRlc2NyaX  
trustedCACertificate: zcyBbaG...b3Igb3duIGNsYXNz
```

Bidirectional CHAP examples

These examples create a backend with `useCHAP` set to `true`.

ONTAP SAN CHAP example

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-san
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
svm: svm_iscsi
labels:
  k8scluster: test-cluster-1
  backend: testcluster1-sanbackend
useCHAP: true
chapInitiatorSecret: cl9qxIm36DKyawxy
chapTargetInitiatorSecret: rqxigXgkesIpwxyz
chapTargetUsername: iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz
chapUsername: uh2aNCLSd6cNwxyz
username: vsadmin
password: <password>
```

ONTAP SAN economy CHAP example

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-san-economy
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
svm: svm_iscsi_eco
useCHAP: true
chapInitiatorSecret: cl9qxIm36DKyawxy
chapTargetInitiatorSecret: rqxigXgkesIpwxyz
chapTargetUsername: iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz
chapUsername: uh2aNCLSd6cNwxyz
username: vsadmin
password: <password>
```

Examples of backends with virtual pools

In these sample backend definition files, specific defaults are set for all storage pools, such as `spaceReserve` at `none`, `spaceAllocation` at `false`, and `encryption` at `false`. The virtual pools are defined in the `storage` section.

Astra Trident sets provisioning labels in the “Comments” field. Comments are set on the FlexVol. Astra Trident copies all labels present on a virtual pool to the storage volume at provisioning. For convenience, storage administrators can define labels per virtual pool and group volumes by label.

In these examples, some of the storage pools set their own `spaceReserve`, `spaceAllocation`, and `encryption` values, and some pools override the default values.

ONTAP SAN example

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-san
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
svm: svm_iscsi
useCHAP: true
chapInitiatorSecret: cl9qxIm36DKyawxy
chapTargetInitiatorSecret: rqxigXgkesIpwxyz
chapTargetUsername: iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz
chapUsername: uh2aNCLSd6cNwxyz
username: vsadmin
password: <password>
defaults:
  spaceAllocation: 'false'
  encryption: 'false'
  qosPolicy: standard
labels:
  store: san_store
  kubernetes-cluster: prod-cluster-1
region: us_east_1
storage:
- labels:
    protection: gold
    creditpoints: '40000'
    zone: us_east_1a
    defaults:
      spaceAllocation: 'true'
      encryption: 'true'
      adaptiveQosPolicy: adaptive-extreme
- labels:
    protection: silver
    creditpoints: '20000'
    zone: us_east_1b
    defaults:
      spaceAllocation: 'false'
      encryption: 'true'
      qosPolicy: premium
- labels:
    protection: bronze
    creditpoints: '5000'
    zone: us_east_1c
    defaults:
      spaceAllocation: 'true'
      encryption: 'false'
```

ONTAP SAN economy example

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-san-economy  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
svm: svm_iscsi_eco  
useCHAP: true  
chapInitiatorSecret: cl9qxIm36DKyawxy  
chapTargetInitiatorSecret: rqxigXgkesIpwxyz  
chapTargetUsername: iJF4heBRT0TCwxyz  
chapUsername: uh2aNCLSd6cNwxyz  
username: vsadmin  
password: <password>  
defaults:  
  spaceAllocation: 'false'  
  encryption: 'false'  
labels:  
  store: san_economy_store  
region: us_east_1  
storage:  
- labels:  
  app: oracledb  
  cost: '30'  
  zone: us_east_1a  
  defaults:  
    spaceAllocation: 'true'  
    encryption: 'true'  
- labels:  
  app: postgresdb  
  cost: '20'  
  zone: us_east_1b  
  defaults:  
    spaceAllocation: 'false'  
    encryption: 'true'  
- labels:  
  app: mysqldb  
  cost: '10'  
  zone: us_east_1c  
  defaults:  
    spaceAllocation: 'true'  
    encryption: 'false'  
- labels:  
  department: legal  
  creditpoints: '5000'  
  zone: us_east_1c
```

```
defaults:
  spaceAllocation: 'true'
  encryption: 'false'
```

Map backends to StorageClasses

The following StorageClass definitions refer to the [Examples of backends with virtual pools](#). Using the parameters.selector field, each StorageClass calls out which virtual pools can be used to host a volume. The volume will have the aspects defined in the chosen virtual pool.

- The `protection-gold` StorageClass will map to the first virtual pool in the `ontap-san` backend. This is the only pool offering gold-level protection.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: protection-gold
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "protection=gold"
  fsType: "ext4"
```

- The `protection-not-gold` StorageClass will map to the second and third virtual pool in `ontap-san` backend. These are the only pools offering a protection level other than gold.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: protection-not-gold
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "protection!=gold"
  fsType: "ext4"
```

- The `app-mysqldb` StorageClass will map to the third virtual pool in `ontap-san-economy` backend. This is the only pool offering storage pool configuration for the `mysqldb` type app.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: app-mysqldb
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "app=mysqldb"
  fsType: "ext4"
```

- The `protection-silver-creditpoints-20k` StorageClass will map to the second virtual pool in `ontap-san` backend. This is the only pool offering silver-level protection and 20000 creditpoints.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: protection-silver-creditpoints-20k
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "protection=silver; creditpoints=20000"
  fsType: "ext4"
```

- The `creditpoints-5k` StorageClass will map to the third virtual pool in `ontap-san` backend and the fourth virtual pool in the `ontap-san-economy` backend. These are the only pool offerings with 5000 creditpoints.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: creditpoints-5k
provisioner: netapp.io/trident
parameters:
  selector: "creditpoints=5000"
  fsType: "ext4"
```

Astra Trident will decide which virtual pool is selected and will ensure the storage requirement is met.

ONTAP NAS drivers

ONTAP NAS driver overview

Learn about configuring an ONTAP backend with ONTAP and Cloud Volumes ONTAP NAS drivers.

Important information about ONTAP NAS drivers

Astra Control provides seamless protection, disaster recovery, and mobility (moving volumes between Kubernetes clusters) for volumes created with the `ontap-nas`, `ontap-nas-flexgroup`, and `ontap-san` drivers. See [Astra Control replication prerequisites](#) for details.

- You must use `ontap-nas` for production workloads that require data protection, disaster recovery, and mobility.
- Use `ontap-san-economy` when anticipated volume usage is expected to be much higher than what ONTAP supports.
- Use `ontap-nas-economy` only where anticipated volume usage is expected to be much higher than what ONTAP supports, and the `ontap-san-economy` driver cannot be used.
- Do not use `ontap-nas-economy` if you anticipate the need for data protection, disaster recovery, or mobility.

User permissions

Astra Trident expects to be run as either an ONTAP or SVM administrator, typically using the `admin` cluster user or a `vsadmin` SVM user, or a user with a different name that has the same role.

For Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP deployments, Astra Trident expects to be run as either an ONTAP or SVM administrator, using the cluster `fsxadmin` user or a `vsadmin` SVM user, or a user with a different name that has the same role. The `fsxadmin` user is a limited replacement for the cluster admin user.

If you use the `limitAggregateUsage` parameter, cluster admin permissions are required. When using Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP with Astra Trident, the `limitAggregateUsage` parameter will not work with the `vsadmin` and `fsxadmin` user accounts. The configuration operation will fail if you specify this parameter.

While it is possible to create a more restrictive role within ONTAP that a Trident driver can use, we don't recommend it. Most new releases of Trident will call additional APIs that would have to be accounted for, making upgrades difficult and error-prone.

Prepare to configure a backend with ONTAP NAS drivers

Understand the requirements, authentication options, and export policies for configuring an ONTAP backend with ONTAP NAS drivers.

Requirements

- For all ONTAP backends, Astra Trident requires at least one aggregate assigned to the SVM.
- You can run more than one driver, and create storage classes that point to one or the other. For example, you could configure a Gold class that uses the `ontap-nas` driver and a Bronze class that uses the `ontap-nas-economy` one.
- All your Kubernetes worker nodes must have the appropriate NFS tools installed. See [here](#) for more details.
- Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only. Refer to [Prepare to provision SMB volumes](#) for details.

Authenticate the ONTAP backend

Astra Trident offers two modes of authenticating an ONTAP backend.

- Credential-based: The username and password to an ONTAP user with the required permissions. It is recommended to use a pre-defined security login role, such as `admin` or `vsadmin` to ensure maximum compatibility with ONTAP versions.
- Certificate-based: Astra Trident can also communicate with an ONTAP cluster using a certificate installed on the backend. Here, the backend definition must contain Base64-encoded values of the client certificate, key, and the trusted CA certificate if used (recommended).

You can update existing backends to move between credential-based and certificate-based methods. However, only one authentication method is supported at a time. To switch to a different authentication method, you must remove the existing method from the backend configuration.



If you attempt to provide **both credentials and certificates**, backend creation will fail with an error that more than one authentication method was provided in the configuration file.

Enable credential-based authentication

Astra Trident requires the credentials to an SVM-scoped/cluster-scoped admin to communicate with the ONTAP backend. It is recommended to make use of standard, pre-defined roles such as `admin` or `vsadmin`. This ensures forward compatibility with future ONTAP releases that might expose feature APIs to be used by future Astra Trident releases. A custom security login role can be created and used with Astra Trident, but is not recommended.

A sample backend definition will look like this:

YAML

```
---
version: 1
backendName: ExampleBackend
storageDriverName: ontap-nas
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
dataLIF: 10.0.0.2
svm: svm_nfs
username: vsadmin
password: password
```

JSON

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "backendName": "ExampleBackend",
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
  "managementLIF": "10.0.0.1",
  "dataLIF": "10.0.0.2",
  "svm": "svm_nfs",
  "username": "vsadmin",
  "password": "password"
}
```

Keep in mind that the backend definition is the only place the credentials are stored in plain text. After the backend is created, usernames/passwords are encoded with Base64 and stored as Kubernetes secrets. The creation/updation of a backend is the only step that requires knowledge of the credentials. As such, it is an admin-only operation, to be performed by the Kubernetes/storage administrator.

Enable certificate-based Authentication

New and existing backends can use a certificate and communicate with the ONTAP backend. Three parameters are required in the backend definition.

- clientCertificate: Base64-encoded value of client certificate.
- clientPrivateKey: Base64-encoded value of associated private key.
- trustedCACertificate: Base64-encoded value of trusted CA certificate. If using a trusted CA, this parameter must be provided. This can be ignored if no trusted CA is used.

A typical workflow involves the following steps.

Steps

1. Generate a client certificate and key. When generating, set Common Name (CN) to the ONTAP user to authenticate as.

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 1095 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout k8senv.key  
-out k8senv.pem -subj "/C=US/ST=NC/L=RTP/O=NetApp/CN=vsadmin"
```

2. Add trusted CA certificate to the ONTAP cluster. This might be already handled by the storage administrator. Ignore if no trusted CA is used.

```
security certificate install -type server -cert-name <trusted-ca-cert-name> -vserver <vserver-name>  
ssl modify -vserver <vserver-name> -server-enabled true -client-enabled true -common-name <common-name> -serial <SN-from-trusted-CA-cert> -ca <cert-authority>
```

3. Install the client certificate and key (from step 1) on the ONTAP cluster.

```
security certificate install -type client-ca -cert-name <certificate-name> -vserver <vserver-name>  
security ssl modify -vserver <vserver-name> -client-enabled true
```

4. Confirm the ONTAP security login role supports cert authentication method.

```
security login create -user-or-group-name vsadmin -application ontapi  
-authentication-method cert -vserver <vserver-name>  
security login create -user-or-group-name vsadmin -application http  
-authentication-method cert -vserver <vserver-name>
```

5. Test authentication using certificate generated. Replace <ONTAP Management LIF> and <vserver name> with Management LIF IP and SVM name. You must ensure the LIF has its service policy set to default-data-management.

```
curl -X POST -Lk https://<ONTAP-Management-LIF>/servlets/netapp.servlets.admin.XMLrequest_filer --key k8senv.key  
--cert ~/k8senv.pem -d '<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><netapp  
xmlns="http://www.netapp.com/filer/admin" version="1.21"  
vfiler="<vserver-name>"><vserver-get></vserver-get></netapp>'
```

6. Encode certificate, key and trusted CA certificate with Base64.

```
base64 -w 0 k8senv.pem >> cert_base64  
base64 -w 0 k8senv.key >> key_base64  
base64 -w 0 trustedca.pem >> trustedca_base64
```

7. Create backend using the values obtained from the previous step.

```
cat cert-backend-updated.json
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
  "backendName": "NasBackend",
  "managementLIF": "1.2.3.4",
  "dataLIF": "1.2.3.8",
  "svm": "vserver_test",
  "clientCertificate": "Faaaakkkeeee...Vaaalllluuuuueeee",
  "clientPrivateKey": "LS0tFaKE...0VaLuES0tLS0K",
  "storagePrefix": "myPrefix_"
}

#Update backend with tridentctl
tridentctl update backend NasBackend -f cert-backend-updated.json -n
trident
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
|     NAME      | STORAGE DRIVER |                         UUID          |
STATE  | VOLUMES  |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
| NasBackend | ontap-nas      | 98e19b74-aec7-4a3d-8dcf-128e5033b214 |
online |          9 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
```

Update authentication methods or rotate credentials

You can update an existing backend to use a different authentication method or to rotate their credentials. This works both ways: backends that make use of username/password can be updated to use certificates; backends that utilize certificates can be updated to username/password based. To do this, you must remove the existing authentication method and add the new authentication method. Then use the updated backend.json file containing the required parameters to execute `tridentctl update backend`.

```

cat cert-backend-updated.json
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
  "backendName": "NasBackend",
  "managementLIF": "1.2.3.4",
  "dataLIF": "1.2.3.8",
  "svm": "vserver_test",
  "username": "vsadmin",
  "password": "password",
  "storagePrefix": "myPrefix_"
}

#Update backend with tridentctl
tridentctl update backend NasBackend -f cert-backend-updated.json -n
trident
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+-----+-----+
|     NAME      | STORAGE DRIVER |          UUID          |
STATE | VOLUMES |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
| NasBackend | ontap-nas      | 98e19b74-aec7-4a3d-8dcf-128e5033b214 |
online |         9 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+

```

When rotating passwords, the storage administrator must first update the password for the user on ONTAP. This is followed by a backend update. When rotating certificates, multiple certificates can be added to the user. The backend is then updated to use the new certificate, following which the old certificate can be deleted from the ONTAP cluster.

Updating a backend does not disrupt access to volumes that have already been created, nor impact volume connections made after. A successful backend update indicates that Astra Trident can communicate with the ONTAP backend and handle future volume operations.

Manage NFS export policies

Astra Trident uses NFS export policies to control access to the volumes that it provisions.

Astra Trident provides two options when working with export policies:

- Astra Trident can dynamically manage the export policy itself; in this mode of operation, the storage administrator specifies a list of CIDR blocks that represent admissible IP addresses. Astra Trident adds node IPs that fall in these ranges to the export policy automatically. Alternatively, when no CIDRs are specified, any global-scoped unicast IP found on the nodes will be added to the export policy.
- Storage administrators can create an export policy and add rules manually. Astra Trident uses the default

export policy unless a different export policy name is specified in the configuration.

Dynamically manage export policies

The 20.04 release of CSI Trident provides the ability to dynamically manage export policies for ONTAP backends. This provides the storage administrator the ability to specify a permissible address space for worker node IPs, rather than defining explicit rules manually. It greatly simplifies export policy management; modifications to the export policy no longer require manual intervention on the storage cluster. Moreover, this helps restrict access to the storage cluster only to worker nodes that have IPs in the range specified, supporting a fine-grained and automated management.



The dynamic management of export policies is only available for CSI Trident. It is important to ensure that the worker nodes are not being NATed.

Example

There are two configuration options that must be used. Here's an example backend definition:

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-nas
backendName: ontap_nas_auto_export
managementLIF: 192.168.0.135
svm: svm1
username: vsadmin
password: password
autoExportCIDRs:
- 192.168.0.0/24
autoExportPolicy: true
```



When using this feature, you must ensure that the root junction in your SVM has a previously created export policy with an export rule that permits the node CIDR block (such as the default export policy). Always follow NetApp's recommended best practice of dedicating a SVM for Astra Trident.

Here is an explanation of how this feature works using the example above:

- `autoExportPolicy` is set to `true`. This indicates that Astra Trident will create an export policy for the `svm1` SVM and handle the addition and deletion of rules using `autoExportCIDRs` address blocks. For example, a backend with UUID `403b5326-8482-40db-96d0-d83fb3f4daec` and `autoExportPolicy` set to `true` creates an export policy named `trident-403b5326-8482-40db-96d0-d83fb3f4daec` on the SVM.
- `autoExportCIDRs` contains a list of address blocks. This field is optional and it defaults to `["0.0.0.0/0", "::/0"]`. If not defined, Astra Trident adds all globally-scoped unicast addresses found on the worker nodes.

In this example, the `192.168.0.0/24` address space is provided. This indicates that Kubernetes node IPs that fall within this address range will be added to the export policy that Astra Trident creates. When Astra Trident registers a node it runs on, it retrieves the IP addresses of the node and checks them against the address blocks provided in `autoExportCIDRs`. After filtering the IPs, Astra Trident creates export policy rules

for the client IPs it discovers, with one rule for each node it identifies.

You can update `autoExportPolicy` and `autoExportCIDRs` for backends after you create them. You can append new CIDRs for a backend that is automatically managed or delete existing CIDRs. Exercise care when deleting CIDRs to ensure that existing connections are not dropped. You can also choose to disable `autoExportPolicy` for a backend and fall back to a manually created export policy. This will require setting the `exportPolicy` parameter in your backend config.

After Astra Trident creates or updates a backend, you can check the backend using `tridentctl` or the corresponding `tridentbackend` CRD:

```
./tridentctl get backends ontap_nas_auto_export -n trident -o yaml
items:
- backendUUID: 403b5326-8482-40db-96d0-d83fb3f4daec
  config:
    aggregate: ""
    autoExportCIDRs:
    - 192.168.0.0/24
    autoExportPolicy: true
    backendName: ontap_nas_auto_export
    chapInitiatorSecret: ""
    chapTargetInitiatorSecret: ""
    chapTargetUsername: ""
    chapUsername: ""
    dataLIF: 192.168.0.135
    debug: false
    debugTraceFlags: null
    defaults:
      encryption: "false"
      exportPolicy: <automatic>
      fileSystemType: ext4
```

As nodes are added to a Kubernetes cluster and registered with the Astra Trident controller, export policies of existing backends are updated (provided they fall in the address range specified in `autoExportCIDRs` for the backend).

When a node is removed, Astra Trident checks all backends that are online to remove the access rule for the node. By removing this node IP from the export policies of managed backends, Astra Trident prevents rogue mounts, unless this IP is reused by a new node in the cluster.

For previously existing backends, updating the backend with `tridentctl update backend` will ensure that Astra Trident manages the export policies automatically. This will create a new export policy named after the backend's UUID and volumes that are present on the backend will use the newly created export policy when they are mounted again.

 Deleting a backend with auto-managed export policies will delete the dynamically created export policy. If the backend is re-created, it is treated as a new backend and will result in the creation of a new export policy.

If the IP address of a live node is updated, you must restart the Astra Trident pod on the node. Astra Trident will then update the export policy for backends it manages to reflect this IP change.

Prepare to provision SMB volumes

With a little additional preparation, you can provision SMB volumes using `ontap-nas` drivers.

 You must configure both NFS and SMB/CIFS protocols on the SVM to create an `ontap-nas-economy` SMB volume for ONTAP on-premises. Failure to configure either of these protocols will cause SMB volume creation to fail.

Before you begin

Before you can provision SMB volumes, you must have the following.

- A Kubernetes cluster with a Linux controller node and at least one Windows worker node running Windows Server 2019. Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only.
- At least one Astra Trident secret containing your Active Directory credentials. To generate secret `smbcreds`:

```
kubectl create secret generic smbcreds --from-literal username=user  
--from-literal password='password'
```

- A CSI proxy configured as a Windows service. To configure a `csi-proxy`, refer to [GitHub: CSI Proxy](#) or [GitHub: CSI Proxy for Windows](#) for Kubernetes nodes running on Windows.

Steps

1. For on-premises ONTAP, you can optionally create an SMB share or Astra Trident can create one for you.



SMB shares are required for Amazon FSx for ONTAP.

You can create the SMB admin shares in one of two ways either using the [Microsoft Management Console Shared Folders snap-in](#) or using the ONTAP CLI. To create the SMB shares using the ONTAP CLI:

- a. If necessary, create the directory path structure for the share.

The `vserver cifs share create` command checks the path specified in the `-path` option during share creation. If the specified path does not exist, the command fails.

- b. Create an SMB share associated with the specified SVM:

```
vserver cifs share create -vserver vserver_name -share-name  
share_name -path path [-share-properties share_properties,...]  
[other_attributes] [-comment text]
```

- c. Verify that the share was created:

```
vserver cifs share show -share-name share_name
```



Refer to [Create an SMB share](#) for full details.

2. When creating the backend, you must configure the following to specify SMB volumes. For all FSx for ONTAP backend configuration options, refer to [FSx for ONTAP configuration options and examples](#).

Parameter	Description	Example
smbShare You can specify one of the following: the name of an SMB share created using the Microsoft Management Console or ONTAP CLI; a name to allow Astra Trident to create the SMB share; or you can leave the parameter blank to prevent common share access to volumes. This parameter is optional for on-premises ONTAP. This parameter is required for Amazon FSx for ONTAP backends and cannot be blank.	smb-share	nasType
Must set to smb. If null, defaults to nfs.	smb	securityStyle
Security style for new volumes. Must be set to ntfs or mixed for SMB volumes.	ntfs or mixed for SMB volumes	unixPermissions

ONTAP NAS configuration options and examples

Learn how to create and use ONTAP NAS drivers with your Astra Trident installation. This section provides backend configuration examples and details about how to map backends to StorageClasses.

Backend configuration options

See the following table for the backend configuration options:

Parameter	Description	Default
version		Always 1
storageDriverName	Name of the storage driver	“ontap-nas”, “ontap-nas-economy”, “ontap-nas-flexgroup”, “ontap-san”, “ontap-san-economy”
backendName	Custom name or the storage backend	Driver name + “_” + dataLIF

Parameter	Description	Default
managementLIF	<p>IP address of a cluster or SVM management LIF</p> <p>For seamless MetroCluster switchover, you must specify an SVM management LIF.</p> <p>A fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) can be specified.</p> <p>Can be set to use IPv6 addresses if Astra Trident was installed using the <code>--use-ipv6</code> flag. IPv6 addresses must be defined in square brackets, such as [28e8:d9fb:a825:b7bf:69a8:d02f:9e7b:3555].</p>	“10.0.0.1”, “[2001:1234:abcd::fefe]”
dataLIF	<p>IP address of protocol LIF.</p> <p>We recommend specifying <code>dataLIF</code>. If not provided, Astra Trident fetches data LIFs from the SVM. You can specify a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) to be used for the NFS mount operations, allowing you to create a round-robin DNS to load-balance across multiple data LIFs.</p> <p>Can be changed after initial setting. Refer to Update dataLIF after initial configuration.</p> <p>Can be set to use IPv6 addresses if Astra Trident was installed using the <code>--use-ipv6</code> flag. IPv6 addresses must be defined in square brackets, such as [28e8:d9fb:a825:b7bf:69a8:d02f:9e7b:3555].</p>	Specified address or derived from SVM, if not specified (not recommended)
autoExportPolicy	<p>Enable automatic export policy creation and updating [Boolean].</p> <p>Using the <code>autoExportPolicy</code> and <code>autoExportCIDRs</code> options, Astra Trident can manage export policies automatically.</p>	false

Parameter	Description	Default
autoExportCIDRs	<p>List of CIDRs to filter Kubernetes' node IPs against when <code>autoExportPolicy</code> is enabled.</p> <p>Using the <code>autoExportPolicy</code> and <code>autoExportCIDRs</code> options, Astra Trident can manage export policies automatically.</p>	[“0.0.0.0/0”, “::/0”]
labels	Set of arbitrary JSON-formatted labels to apply on volumes	“”
clientCertificate	Base64-encoded value of client certificate. Used for certificate-based auth	“”
clientPrivateKey	Base64-encoded value of client private key. Used for certificate-based auth	“”
trustedCACertificate	Base64-encoded value of trusted CA certificate. Optional. Used for certificate-based auth	“”
username	Username to connect to the cluster/SVM. Used for credential-based auth	
password	Password to connect to the cluster/SVM. Used for credential-based auth	
svm	Storage virtual machine to use	Derived if an SVM <code>managementLIF</code> is specified
storagePrefix	Prefix used when provisioning new volumes in the SVM. Cannot be updated after you set it	“trident”
limitAggregateUsage	<p>Fail provisioning if usage is above this percentage.</p> <p>Does not apply to Amazon FSx for ONTAP</p>	“” (not enforced by default)
limitVolumeSize	Fail provisioning if requested volume size is above this value.	“” (not enforced by default)
limitVolumeSize	<p>Fail provisioning if requested volume size is above this value.</p> <p>Also restricts the maximum size of the volumes it manages for qtrees and LUNs, and the <code>qtreesPerFlexvol</code> option allows customizing the maximum number of qtrees per FlexVol.</p>	“” (not enforced by default)

Parameter	Description	Default
lunsPerFlexvol	Maximum LUNs per Flexvol, must be in range [50, 200]	“100”
debugTraceFlags	Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, {“api”:false, “method”:true} Do not use debugTraceFlags unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.	null
nasType	Configure NFS or SMB volumes creation. Options are nfs, smb or null. Setting to null defaults to NFS volumes.	nfs
nfsMountOptions	Comma-separated list of NFS mount options. The mount options for Kubernetes-persistent volumes are normally specified in storage classes, but if no mount options are specified in a storage class, Astra Trident will fall back to using the mount options specified in the storage backend’s configuration file. If no mount options are specified in the storage class or the configuration file, Astra Trident will not set any mount options on an associated persistent volume.	“”
qtreesPerFlexvol	Maximum Qtrees per FlexVol, must be in range [50, 300]	“200”

Parameter	Description	Default
smbShare	<p>You can specify one of the following: the name of an SMB share created using the Microsoft Management Console or ONTAP CLI; a name to allow Astra Trident to create the SMB share; or you can leave the parameter blank to prevent common share access to volumes.</p> <p>This parameter is optional for on-premises ONTAP.</p> <p>This parameter is required for Amazon FSx for ONTAP backends and cannot be blank.</p>	smb-share
useREST	<p>Boolean parameter to use ONTAP REST APIs. Tech preview</p> <p>useREST is provided as a tech preview that is recommended for test environments and not for production workloads. When set to true, Astra Trident will use ONTAP REST APIs to communicate with the backend. This feature requires ONTAP 9.11.1 and later. In addition, the ONTAP login role used must have access to the <code>ontap</code> application. This is satisfied by the pre-defined <code>vsadmin</code> and <code>cluster-admin</code> roles.</p> <p>useREST is not supported with MetroCluster.</p>	false

Backend configuration options for provisioning volumes

You can control default provisioning using these options in the `defaults` section of the configuration. For an example, see the configuration examples below.

Parameter	Description	Default
spaceAllocation	Space-allocation for LUNs	“true”
spaceReserve	Space reservation mode; “none” (thin) or “volume” (thick)	“none”
snapshotPolicy	Snapshot policy to use	“none”

Parameter	Description	Default
qosPolicy	QoS policy group to assign for volumes created. Choose one of qosPolicy or adaptiveQosPolicy per storage pool/backend	“”
adaptiveQosPolicy	Adaptive QoS policy group to assign for volumes created. Choose one of qosPolicy or adaptiveQosPolicy per storage pool/backend. Not supported by ontap-nas-economy.	“”
snapshotReserve	Percentage of volume reserved for snapshots “0”	If <code>snapshotPolicy</code> is “none”, else “”
splitOnClone	Split a clone from its parent upon creation	“false”
encryption	Enable NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) on the new volume; defaults to <code>false</code> . NVE must be licensed and enabled on the cluster to use this option. If NAE is enabled on the backend, any volume provisioned in Astra Trident will be NAE enabled. For more information, refer to: How Astra Trident works with NVE and NAE .	“false”
tieringPolicy	Tiering policy to use “none”	“snapshot-only” for pre-ONTAP 9.5 SVM-DR configuration
unixPermissions	Mode for new volumes	“777” for NFS volumes; empty (not applicable) for SMB volumes
snapshotDir	Controls visibility of the <code>.snapshot</code> directory	“false”
exportPolicy	Export policy to use	“default”
securityStyle	Security style for new volumes. NFS supports <code>mixed</code> and <code>unix</code> security styles. SMB supports <code>mixed</code> and <code>ntfs</code> security styles.	NFS default is <code>unix</code> . SMB default is <code>ntfs</code> .

 Using QoS policy groups with Astra Trident requires ONTAP 9.8 or later. It is recommended to use a non-shared QoS policy group and ensure the policy group is applied to each constituent individually. A shared QoS policy group will enforce the ceiling for the total throughput of all workloads.

Volume provisioning examples

Here's an example with defaults defined:

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-nas
backendName: customBackendName
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
dataLIF: 10.0.0.2
labels:
  k8scluster: dev1
  backend: dev1-nasbackend
svm: trident_svm
username: cluster-admin
password: <password>
limitAggregateUsage: 80%
limitVolumeSize: 50Gi
nfsMountOptions: nfsvers=4
debugTraceFlags:
  api: false
  method: true
defaults:
  spaceReserve: volume
  qosPolicy: premium
  exportPolicy: myk8scluster
  snapshotPolicy: default
  snapshotReserve: '10'
```

For `ontap-nas` and `ontap-nas-flexgroups`, Astra Trident now uses a new calculation to ensure that the FlexVol is sized correctly with the `snapshotReserve` percentage and PVC. When the user requests a PVC, Astra Trident creates the original FlexVol with more space by using the new calculation. This calculation ensures that the user receives the writable space they requested for in the PVC, and not lesser space than what they requested. Before v21.07, when the user requests a PVC (for example, 5GiB), with the `snapshotReserve` to 50 percent, they get only 2.5GiB of writeable space. This is because what the user requested for is the whole volume and `snapshotReserve` is a percentage of that. With Trident 21.07, what the user requests for is the writeable space and Astra Trident defines the `snapshotReserve` number as the percentage of the whole volume. This does not apply to `ontap-nas-economy`. See the following example to see how this works:

The calculation is as follows:

```
Total volume size = (PVC requested size) / (1 - (snapshotReserve percentage) / 100)
```

For `snapshotReserve` = 50%, and PVC request = 5GiB, the total volume size is $2/5 = 10$ GiB and the available size is 5GiB, which is what the user requested in the PVC request. The `volume show` command should show results similar to this example:

Vserver	Volume	Aggregate	State	Type	Size	Available	Used%
	_pvc_89f1c156_3801_4de4_9f9d_034d54c395f4		online	RW	10GB	5.00GB	0%
	_pvc_e8372153_9ad9_474a_951a_08ae15e1c0ba		online	RW	1GB	511.8MB	0%

2 entries were displayed.

Existing backends from previous installs will provision volumes as explained above when upgrading Astra Trident. For volumes that you created before upgrading, you should resize their volumes for the change to be observed. For example, a 2GiB PVC with `snapshotReserve=50` earlier resulted in a volume that provides 1GiB of writable space. Resizing the volume to 3GiB, for example, provides the application with 3GiB of writable space on a 6 GiB volume.

Minimal configuration examples

The following examples show basic configurations that leave most parameters to default. This is the easiest way to define a backend.



If you are using Amazon FSx on NetApp ONTAP with Trident, the recommendation is to specify DNS names for LIFs instead of IP addresses.

Minimal configuration for `ontap-nas-economy`

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas-economy  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
dataLIF: 10.0.0.2  
svm: svm_nfs  
username: vsadmin  
password: password
```

Minimal configuration for ontap-nas-flexgroup

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas-flexgroup  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
dataLIF: 10.0.0.2  
svm: svm_nfs  
username: vsadmin  
password: password
```

Minimal configuration for SMB volumes

```
---  
version: 1  
backendName: ExampleBackend  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
nasType: smb  
securityStyle: ntfs  
unixPermissions: ""  
dataLIF: 10.0.0.2  
svm: svm_nfs  
username: vsadmin  
password: password
```

Certificate-based authentication

This is a minimal backend configuration example. `clientCertificate`, `clientPrivateKey`, and `trustedCACertificate` (optional, if using trusted CA) are populated in `backend.json` and take the base64-encoded values of the client certificate, private key, and trusted CA certificate, respectively.

```
---  
version: 1  
backendName: DefaultNASBackend  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
dataLIF: 10.0.0.15  
svm: nfs_svm  
clientCertificate: ZXROZXJwYXB...ICMgJ3BhcGVyc2  
clientPrivateKey: vciwKIyAgZG...0cnksIGRlc2NyaX  
trustedCACertificate: zcyBbaG...b3Igb3duIGNsYXNz  
storagePrefix: myPrefix_
```

Auto export policy

This example shows you how you can instruct Astra Trident to use dynamic export policies to create and manage the export policy automatically. This works the same for the `ontap-nas-economy` and `ontap-nas-flexgroup` drivers.

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
dataLIF: 10.0.0.2  
svm: svm_nfs  
labels:  
  k8scluster: test-cluster-east-1a  
  backend: test1-nasbackend  
autoExportPolicy: true  
autoExportCIDRs:  
- 10.0.0.0/24  
username: admin  
password: password  
nfsMountOptions: nfsvers=4
```

Using IPv6 addresses

This example shows `managementLIF` using an IPv6 address.

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas  
backendName: nas_ipv6_backend  
managementLIF: "[5c5d:5edf:8f:7657:bef8:109b:1b41:d491]"  
labels:  
  k8scluster: test-cluster-east-1a  
  backend: test1-ontap-ipv6  
svm: nas_ipv6_svm  
username: vsadmin  
password: password
```

Amazon FSx for ONTAP using SMB volumes

The `smbShare` parameter is required for FSx for ONTAP using SMB volumes.

```
---  
version: 1  
backendName: SMBBackend  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas  
managementLIF: example.mgmt.fqdn.aws.com  
nasType: smb  
dataLIF: 10.0.0.15  
svm: nfs_svm  
smbShare: smb-share  
clientCertificate: ZXR0ZXJwYXB...ICMgJ3BhcGVyc2  
clientPrivateKey: vciwKIyAgZG...0cnksIGRlc2NyaX  
trustedCACertificate: zcyBbaG...b3Igb3duIGNsYXNz  
storagePrefix: myPrefix_
```

Examples of backends with virtual pools

In the sample backend definition files shown below, specific defaults are set for all storage pools, such as `spaceReserve` at `none`, `spaceAllocation` at `false`, and `encryption` at `false`. The virtual pools are defined in the storage section.

Astra Trident sets provisioning labels in the “Comments” field. Comments are set on FlexVol for `ontap-nas` or FlexGroup for `ontap-nas-flexgroup`. Astra Trident copies all labels present on a virtual pool to the storage volume at provisioning. For convenience, storage administrators can define labels per virtual pool and group volumes by label.

In these examples, some of the storage pools set their own `spaceReserve`, `spaceAllocation`, and `encryption` values, and some pools override the default values.

ONTAP NAS example

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
svm: svm_nfs  
username: admin  
password: <password>  
nfsMountOptions: nfsvers=4  
defaults:  
  spaceReserve: none  
  encryption: 'false'  
  qosPolicy: standard  
labels:  
  store: nas_store  
  k8scluster: prod-cluster-1  
region: us_east_1  
storage:  
- labels:  
  app: msoffice  
  cost: '100'  
  zone: us_east_1a  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: volume  
    encryption: 'true'  
    unixPermissions: '0755'  
    adaptiveQosPolicy: adaptive-premium  
- labels:  
  app: slack  
  cost: '75'  
  zone: us_east_1b  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: none  
    encryption: 'true'  
    unixPermissions: '0755'  
- labels:  
  department: legal  
  creditpoints: '5000'  
  zone: us_east_1b  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: none  
    encryption: 'true'  
    unixPermissions: '0755'  
- labels:  
  app: wordpress
```

```
cost: '50'
zone: us_east_1c
defaults:
  spaceReserve: none
  encryption: 'true'
  unixPermissions: '0775'
- labels:
  app: mysql
  cost: '25'
  zone: us_east_1d
  defaults:
    spaceReserve: volume
    encryption: 'false'
    unixPermissions: '0775'
```

ONTAP NAS FlexGroup example

```
---
```

```
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-nas-flexgroup
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
svm: svm_nfs
username: vsadmin
password: <password>
defaults:
  spaceReserve: none
  encryption: 'false'
labels:
  store: flexgroup_store
  k8scluster: prod-cluster-1
region: us_east_1
storage:
- labels:
    protection: gold
    creditpoints: '50000'
    zone: us_east_1a
    defaults:
      spaceReserve: volume
      encryption: 'true'
      unixPermissions: '0755'
- labels:
    protection: gold
    creditpoints: '30000'
    zone: us_east_1b
    defaults:
      spaceReserve: none
      encryption: 'true'
      unixPermissions: '0755'
- labels:
    protection: silver
    creditpoints: '20000'
    zone: us_east_1c
    defaults:
      spaceReserve: none
      encryption: 'true'
      unixPermissions: '0775'
- labels:
    protection: bronze
    creditpoints: '10000'
    zone: us_east_1d
    defaults:
```

```
spaceReserve: volume
encryption: 'false'
unixPermissions: '0775'
```

ONTAP NAS economy example

```
---  
version: 1  
storageDriverName: ontap-nas-economy  
managementLIF: 10.0.0.1  
svm: svm_nfs  
username: vsadmin  
password: <password>  
defaults:  
  spaceReserve: none  
  encryption: 'false'  
labels:  
  store: nas_economy_store  
region: us_east_1  
storage:  
- labels:  
  department: finance  
  creditpoints: '6000'  
  zone: us_east_1a  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: volume  
    encryption: 'true'  
    unixPermissions: '0755'  
- labels:  
  protection: bronze  
  creditpoints: '5000'  
  zone: us_east_1b  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: none  
    encryption: 'true'  
    unixPermissions: '0755'  
- labels:  
  department: engineering  
  creditpoints: '3000'  
  zone: us_east_1c  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: none  
    encryption: 'true'  
    unixPermissions: '0775'  
- labels:  
  department: humanresource  
  creditpoints: '2000'  
  zone: us_east_1d  
  defaults:  
    spaceReserve: volume
```

```
  encryption: 'false'  
  unixPermissions: '0775'
```

Map backends to StorageClasses

The following StorageClass definitions refer to [Examples of backends with virtual pools](#). Using the `parameters.selector` field, each StorageClass calls out which virtual pools can be used to host a volume. The volume will have the aspects defined in the chosen virtual pool.

- The `protection-gold` StorageClass will map to the first and second virtual pool in the `ontap-nas-flexgroup` backend. These are the only pools offering gold level protection.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1  
kind: StorageClass  
metadata:  
  name: protection-gold  
provisioner: netapp.io/trident  
parameters:  
  selector: "protection=gold"  
  fsType: "ext4"
```

- The `protection-not-gold` StorageClass will map to the third and fourth virtual pool in the `ontap-nas-flexgroup` backend. These are the only pools offering protection level other than gold.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1  
kind: StorageClass  
metadata:  
  name: protection-not-gold  
provisioner: netapp.io/trident  
parameters:  
  selector: "protection!=gold"  
  fsType: "ext4"
```

- The `app-mysqldb` StorageClass will map to the fourth virtual pool in the `ontap-nas` backend. This is the only pool offering storage pool configuration for `mysqldb` type app.

```

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: app-mysqldb
  provisioner: netapp.io/trident
  parameters:
    selector: "app=mysqldb"
    fsType: "ext4"

```

- The protection-silver-creditpoints-20k StorageClass will map to the third virtual pool in the ontap-nas-flexgroup backend. This is the only pool offering silver-level protection and 20000 creditpoints.

```

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: protection-silver-creditpoints-20k
  provisioner: netapp.io/trident
  parameters:
    selector: "protection=silver; creditpoints=20000"
    fsType: "ext4"

```

- The creditpoints-5k StorageClass will map to the third virtual pool in the ontap-nas backend and the second virtual pool in the ontap-nas-economy backend. These are the only pool offerings with 5000 creditpoints.

```

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: creditpoints-5k
  provisioner: netapp.io/trident
  parameters:
    selector: "creditpoints=5000"
    fsType: "ext4"

```

Astra Trident will decide which virtual pool is selected and will ensure the storage requirement is met.

Update dataLIF after initial configuration

You can change the data LIF after initial configuration by running the following command to provide the new backend JSON file with updated data LIF.

```
tridentctl update backend <backend-name> -f <path-to-backend-json-file-with-updated-dataLIF>
```



If PVCs are attached to one or multiple pods, you must bring down all corresponding pods and then bring them back up in order for the new data LIF to take effect.

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Use Astra Trident with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

[Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP](#) is a fully managed AWS service that enables customers to launch and run file systems powered by the NetApp ONTAP storage operating system. FSx for ONTAP enables you to leverage NetApp features, performance, and administrative capabilities you are familiar with, while taking advantage of the simplicity, agility, security, and scalability of storing data on AWS. FSx for ONTAP supports ONTAP file system features and administration APIs.

Overview

A file system is the primary resource in Amazon FSx, analogous to an ONTAP cluster on premises. Within each SVM you can create one or multiple volumes, which are data containers that store the files and folders in your file system. With Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP, Data ONTAP will be provided as a managed file system in the cloud. The new file system type is called **NetApp ONTAP**.

Using Astra Trident with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP, you can ensure Kubernetes clusters running in Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS) can provision block and file persistent volumes backed by ONTAP.

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP uses [FabricPool](#) to manage storage tiers. It enables you to store data in a tier, based on whether the data is frequently accessed.

Considerations

- SMB volumes:
 - SMB volumes are supported using the `ontap-nas` driver only.
 - Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only.
- Volumes created on Amazon FSx file systems that have automatic backups enabled cannot be deleted by Trident. To delete PVCs, you need to manually delete the PV and the FSx for ONTAP volume. To prevent this issue:
 - Do not use **Quick create** to create the FSx for ONTAP file system. The quick create workflow enables automatic backups and does not provide an opt-out option.
 - When using **Standard create**, disable automatic backup. Disabling automatic backups allows Trident to successfully delete a volume without further manual intervention.

▼ Backup and maintenance - *optional*

Daily automatic backup [Info](#)

Amazon FSx can protect your data through daily backups

- Enabled
- Disabled

Drivers

You can integrate Astra Trident with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP using the following drivers:

- `ontap-san`: Each PV provisioned is a LUN within its own Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP volume.
- `ontap-san-economy`: Each PV provisioned is a LUN with a configurable number of LUNs per Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP volume.
- `ontap-nas`: Each PV provisioned is a full Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP volume.
- `ontap-nas-economy`: Each PV provisioned is a qtree, with a configurable number of qtrees per Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP volume.
- `ontap-nas-flexgroup`: Each PV provisioned is a full Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP FlexGroup volume.

For driver details, see [ONTAP drivers](#).

Authentication

Astra Trident offers two modes of authentication.

- Certificate-based: Astra Trident will communicate with the SVM on your FSx file system using a certificate installed on your SVM.
- Credential-based: You can use the `fsxadmin` user for your file system or the `vsadmin` user configured for your SVM.



Astra Trident expects to be run as a `vsadmin` SVM user or as a user with a different name that has the same role. Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP has an `fsxadmin` user that is a limited replacement of the ONTAP `admin` cluster user. We strongly recommend using `vsadmin` with Astra Trident.

You can update backends to move between credential-based and certificate-based methods. However, if you attempt to provide **credentials and certificates**, backend creation will fail. To switch to a different authentication method, you must remove the existing method from the backend configuration.

For details on enabling authentication, refer to the authentication for your driver type:

- [ONTAP NAS authentication](#)
- [ONTAP SAN authentication](#)

Find more information

- [Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP documentation](#)
- [Blog post on Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP](#)

Integrate Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

You can integrate your Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file system with Astra Trident to ensure Kubernetes clusters running in Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS) can provision block and file persistent volumes backed by ONTAP.

Requirements

In addition to [Astra Trident requirements](#), to integrate FSx for ONTAP with Astra Trident, you need:

- An existing Amazon EKS cluster or self-managed Kubernetes cluster with `kubectl` installed.
- An existing Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file system and storage virtual machine (SVM) that is reachable from your cluster's worker nodes.
- Worker nodes that are prepared for [NFS or iSCSI](#).



Ensure you follow the node preparation steps required for Amazon Linux and Ubuntu [Amazon Machine Images](#) (AMIs) depending on your EKS AMI type.

- Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only. Refer to [Prepare to provision SMB volumes](#) for details.

ONTAP SAN and NAS driver integration



If you are configuring for SMB volumes, you must read [Prepare to provision SMB volumes](#) before creating the backend.

Steps

1. Deploy Astra Trident using one of the [deployment methods](#).
2. Collect your SVM management LIF DNS name. For example, using the AWS CLI, find the `DNSName` entry under `Endpoints` → `Management` after running the following command:

```
aws fsx describe-storage-virtual-machines --region <file system region>
```

3. Create and install certificates for [NAS backend authentication](#) or [SAN backend authentication](#).



You can log in to your file system (for example to install certificates) using SSH from anywhere that can reach your file system. Use the `fsxadmin` user, the password you configured when you created your file system, and the management DNS name from `aws fsx describe-file-systems`.

4. Create a backend file using your certificates and the DNS name of your management LIF, as shown in the sample below:

YAML

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-san
backendName: customBackendName
managementLIF: svm-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.fs-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.fsx.us-
east-2.aws.internal
svm: svm01
clientCertificate: ZXR0ZXJwYXB...ICMgJ3BhcGVyc2
clientPrivateKey: vciwKIyAgZG...0cnksIGRlc2NyaX
trustedCACertificate: zcyBbaG...b3Igb3duIGNsYXNz
```

JSON

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "backendName": "customBackendName",
  "managementLIF": "svm-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.fs-
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.fsx.us-east-2.aws.internal",
  "svm": "svm01",
  "clientCertificate": "ZXR0ZXJwYXB...ICMgJ3BhcGVyc2",
  "clientPrivateKey": "vciwKIyAgZG...0cnksIGRlc2NyaX",
  "trustedCACertificate": "zcyBbaG...b3Igb3duIGNsYXNz"
}
```

For information about creating backends, see these links:

- [Configure a backend with ONTAP NAS drivers](#)
- [Configure a backend with ONTAP SAN drivers](#)

Results

After deployment, you can create a [storage class](#), [provision a volume](#), and [mount the volume in a pod](#).

Prepare to provision SMB volumes

You can provision SMB volumes using the `ontap-nas` driver. Before you complete [ONTAP SAN and NAS driver integration](#) complete the following steps.

Before you begin

Before you can provision SMB volumes using the `ontap-nas` driver, you must have the following.

- A Kubernetes cluster with a Linux controller node and at least one Windows worker node running Windows Server 2019. Astra Trident supports SMB volumes mounted to pods running on Windows nodes only.

- At least one Astra Trident secret containing your Active Directory credentials. To generate secret `smbcreds`:

```
kubectl create secret generic smbcreds --from-literal username=user
--from-literal password='password'
```

- A CSI proxy configured as a Windows service. To configure a `csi-proxy`, refer to [GitHub: CSI Proxy](#) or [GitHub: CSI Proxy for Windows](#) for Kubernetes nodes running on Windows.

Steps

1. Create SMB shares. You can create the SMB admin shares in one of two ways either using the [Microsoft Management Console Shared Folders snap-in](#) or using the ONTAP CLI. To create the SMB shares using the ONTAP CLI:
 - a. If necessary, create the directory path structure for the share.

The `vserver cifs share create` command checks the path specified in the `-path` option during share creation. If the specified path does not exist, the command fails.

- b. Create an SMB share associated with the specified SVM:

```
vserver cifs share create -vserver vserver_name -share-name
share_name -path path [-share-properties share_properties,...]
[other_attributes] [-comment text]
```

- c. Verify that the share was created:

```
vserver cifs share show -share-name share_name
```



Refer to [Create an SMB share](#) for full details.

2. When creating the backend, you must configure the following to specify SMB volumes. For all FSx for ONTAP backend configuration options, refer to [FSx for ONTAP configuration options and examples](#).

Parameter	Description	Example
<code>smbShare</code>	<p>You can specify one of the following: the name of an SMB share created using the Microsoft Management Console or ONTAP CLI or a name to allow Astra Trident to create the SMB share.</p> <p>This parameter is required for Amazon FSx for ONTAP backends.</p>	<code>smb-share</code>

Parameter	Description	Example
nasType	Must set to smb. If null, defaults to nfs.	smb
securityStyle	Security style for new volumes. Must be set to ntfs or mixed for SMB volumes.	ntfs or mixed for SMB volumes
unixPermissions	Mode for new volumes. Must be left empty for SMB volumes.	""

FSx for ONTAP configuration options and examples

Learn about backend configuration options for Amazon FSx for ONTAP. This section provides backend configuration examples.

Backend configuration options

See the following table for the backend configuration options:

Parameter	Description	Example
version		Always 1
storageDriverName	Name of the storage driver	ontap-nas, ontap-nas-economy, ontap-nas-flexgroup, ontap-san, ontap-san-economy
backendName	Custom name or the storage backend	Driver name + “_” + dataLIF
managementLIF	<p>IP address of a cluster or SVM management LIF</p> <p>For seamless MetroCluster switchover, you must specify an SVM management LIF.</p> <p>A fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) can be specified.</p> <p>Can be set to use IPv6 addresses if Astra Trident was installed using the --use-ipv6 flag. IPv6 addresses must be defined in square brackets, such as [28e8:d9fb:a825:b7bf:69a8:d02f:9e7b:3555].</p>	“10.0.0.1”, “[2001:1234:abcd::fefe]”

Parameter	Description	Example
dataLIF	<p>IP address of protocol LIF.</p> <p>ONTAP NAS drivers: We recommend specifying dataLIF. If not provided, Astra Trident fetches data LIFs from the SVM. You can specify a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) to be used for the NFS mount operations, allowing you to create a round-robin DNS to load-balance across multiple data LIFs. Can be changed after initial setting. Refer to Update dataLIF after initial configuration.</p> <p>ONTAP SAN drivers: Do not specify for iSCSI. Astra Trident uses ONTAP Selective LUN Map to discover the iSCSI LIFs needed to establish a multi path session. A warning is generated if dataLIF is explicitly defined.</p> <p>Can be set to use IPv6 addresses if Astra Trident was installed using the <code>--use-ipv6</code> flag. IPv6 addresses must be defined in square brackets, such as <code>[28e8:d9fb:a825:b7bf:69a8:d02f:9e7b:3555]</code>.</p>	
autoExportPolicy	<p>Enable automatic export policy creation and updating [Boolean].</p> <p>Using the <code>autoExportPolicy</code> and <code>autoExportCIDRs</code> options, Astra Trident can manage export policies automatically.</p>	false
autoExportCIDRs	<p>List of CIDRs to filter Kubernetes' node IPs against when <code>autoExportPolicy</code> is enabled.</p> <p>Using the <code>autoExportPolicy</code> and <code>autoExportCIDRs</code> options, Astra Trident can manage export policies automatically.</p>	"[“0.0.0.0/0”, “::/0”]"
labels	Set of arbitrary JSON-formatted labels to apply on volumes	""

Parameter	Description	Example
clientCertificate	Base64-encoded value of client certificate. Used for certificate-based auth	""
clientPrivateKey	Base64-encoded value of client private key. Used for certificate-based auth	""
trustedCACertificate	Base64-encoded value of trusted CA certificate. Optional. Used for certificate-based authentication.	""
username	Username to connect to the cluster or SVM. Used for credential-based authentication. For example, vsadmin.	
password	Password to connect to the cluster or SVM. Used for credential-based authentication.	
svm	Storage virtual machine to use	Derived if an SVM managementLIF is specified.
storagePrefix	Prefix used when provisioning new volumes in the SVM. Cannot be modified after creation. To update this parameter, you will need to create a new backend.	trident
limitAggregateUsage	Do not specify for Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP. The provided fsxadmin and vsadmin do not contain the permissions required to retrieve aggregate usage and limit it using Astra Trident.	Do not use.
limitVolumeSize	Fail provisioning if requested volume size is above this value. Also restricts the maximum size of the volumes it manages for qtrees and LUNs, and the qtreesPerFlexvol option allows customizing the maximum number of qtrees per FlexVol.	"" (not enforced by default)
lunsPerFlexvol	Maximum LUNs per Flexvol, must be in range [50, 200]. SAN only.	100

Parameter	Description	Example
debugTraceFlags	<p>Debug flags to use when troubleshooting. Example, <code>{"api":false, "method":true}</code></p> <p>Do not use debugTraceFlags unless you are troubleshooting and require a detailed log dump.</p>	null
nfsMountOptions	<p>Comma-separated list of NFS mount options.</p> <p>The mount options for Kubernetes-persistent volumes are normally specified in storage classes, but if no mount options are specified in a storage class, Astra Trident will fall back to using the mount options specified in the storage backend's configuration file.</p> <p>If no mount options are specified in the storage class or the configuration file, Astra Trident will not set any mount options on an associated persistent volume.</p>	""
nasType	<p>Configure NFS or SMB volumes creation.</p> <p>Options are <code>nfs</code>, <code>smb</code>, or <code>null</code>.</p> <p>Must set to <code>smb</code> for SMB volumes. Setting to <code>null</code> defaults to NFS volumes.</p>	<code>nfs</code>
qtreesPerFlexvol	Maximum Qtrees per FlexVol, must be in range [50, 300]	200
smbShare	<p>You can specify one of the following: the name of an SMB share created using the Microsoft Management Console or ONTAP CLI or a name to allow Astra Trident to create the SMB share.</p> <p>This parameter is required for Amazon FSx for ONTAP backends.</p>	<code>smb-share</code>

Parameter	Description	Example
useREST	<p>Boolean parameter to use ONTAP REST APIs. Tech preview</p> <p>useREST is provided as a tech preview that is recommended for test environments and not for production workloads. When set to true, Astra Trident will use ONTAP REST APIs to communicate with the backend.</p> <p>This feature requires ONTAP 9.11.1 and later. In addition, the ONTAP login role used must have access to the <code>ontap</code> application. This is satisfied by the pre-defined <code>vsadmin</code> and <code>cluster-admin</code> roles.</p>	false

Update dataLIF after initial configuration

You can change the data LIF after initial configuration by running the following command to provide the new backend JSON file with updated data LIF.

```
tridentctl update backend <backend-name> -f <path-to-backend-json-file-with-updated-dataLIF>
```



If PVCs are attached to one or multiple pods, you must bring down all corresponding pods and then bring them back up in order for the new data LIF to take effect.

Backend configuration options for provisioning volumes

You can control default provisioning using these options in the `defaults` section of the configuration. For an example, see the configuration examples below.

Parameter	Description	Default
spaceAllocation	Space-allocation for LUNs	true
spaceReserve	Space reservation mode; “none” (thin) or “volume” (thick)	none
snapshotPolicy	Snapshot policy to use	none

Parameter	Description	Default
qosPolicy	<p>QoS policy group to assign for volumes created. Choose one of qosPolicy or adaptiveQosPolicy per storage pool or backend.</p> <p>Using QoS policy groups with Astra Trident requires ONTAP 9.8 or later.</p> <p>We recommend using a non-shared QoS policy group and ensuring the policy group is applied to each constituent individually. A shared QoS policy group will enforce the ceiling for the total throughput of all workloads.</p>	""
adaptiveQosPolicy	<p>Adaptive QoS policy group to assign for volumes created. Choose one of qosPolicy or adaptiveQosPolicy per storage pool or backend.</p> <p>Not supported by ontap-nas-economy.</p>	""
snapshotReserve	Percentage of volume reserved for snapshots "0"	If snapshotPolicy is none, else ""
splitOnClone	Split a clone from its parent upon creation	false
encryption	<p>Enable NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) on the new volume; defaults to false. NVE must be licensed and enabled on the cluster to use this option.</p> <p>If NAE is enabled on the backend, any volume provisioned in Astra Trident will be NAE enabled.</p> <p>For more information, refer to: How Astra Trident works with NVE and NAE.</p>	false
luksEncryption	<p>Enable LUKS encryption. Refer to Use Linux Unified Key Setup (LUKS).</p> <p>SAN only.</p>	""
tieringPolicy	Tiering policy to use none	snapshot-only for pre-ONTAP 9.5 SVM-DR configuration

Parameter	Description	Default
unixPermissions	Mode for new volumes. Leave empty for SMB volumes.	""
securityStyle	Security style for new volumes. NFS supports <code>mixed</code> and <code>unix</code> security styles. SMB supports <code>mixed</code> and <code>ntfs</code> security styles.	NFS default is <code>unix</code> . SMB default is <code>ntfs</code> .

Example

Using `nasType`, `node-stage-secret-name`, and `node-stage-secret-namespace`, you can specify an SMB volume and provide the required Active Directory credentials. SMB volumes are supported using the `ontap-nas` driver only.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: nas-smb-sc
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-nas"
  trident.netapp.io/nasType: "smb"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-name: "smbcreds"
  csi.storage.k8s.io/node-stage-secret-namespace: "default"
```

Create backends with `kubectl`

A backend defines the relationship between Astra Trident and a storage system. It tells Astra Trident how to communicate with that storage system and how Astra Trident should provision volumes from it. After Astra Trident is installed, the next step is to create a backend. The `TridentBackendConfig` Custom Resource Definition (CRD) enables you to create and manage Trident backends directly through the Kubernetes interface. You can do this by using `kubectl` or the equivalent CLI tool for your Kubernetes distribution.

`TridentBackendConfig`

`TridentBackendConfig` (`tbc`, `tbconfig`, `tbackendconfig`) is a frontend, namespaced CRD that enables you to manage Astra Trident backends using `kubectl`. Kubernetes and storage admins can now create and manage backends directly through the Kubernetes CLI without requiring a dedicated command-line utility (`tridentctl`).

Upon the creation of a `TridentBackendConfig` object, the following happens:

- A backend is created automatically by Astra Trident based on the configuration you provide. This is represented internally as a `TridentBackend` (`tbe`, `tridentbackend`) CR.
- The `TridentBackendConfig` is uniquely bound to a `TridentBackend` that was created by Astra Trident.

Each `TridentBackendConfig` maintains a one-to-one mapping with a `TridentBackend`. The former is the interface provided to the user to design and configure backends; the latter is how Trident represents the actual backend object.

 `TridentBackend` CRs are created automatically by Astra Trident. You **should not** modify them. If you want to make updates to backends, do this by modifying the `TridentBackendConfig` object.

See the following example for the format of the `TridentBackendConfig` CR:

```
apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentBackendConfig
metadata:
  name: backend-tbc-ontap-san
spec:
  version: 1
  backendName: ontap-san-backend
  storageDriverName: ontap-san
  managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
  dataLIF: 10.0.0.2
  svm: trident_svm
  credentials:
    name: backend-tbc-ontap-san-secret
```

You can also take a look at the examples in the `trident-installer` directory for sample configurations for the desired storage platform/service.

The `spec` takes backend-specific configuration parameters. In this example, the backend uses the `ontap-san` storage driver and uses the configuration parameters that are tabulated here. For the list of configuration options for your desired storage driver, see the [backend configuration information for your storage driver](#).

The `spec` section also includes `credentials` and `deletionPolicy` fields, which are newly introduced in the `TridentBackendConfig` CR:

- `credentials`: This parameter is a required field and contains the credentials used to authenticate with the storage system/service. This is set to a user-created Kubernetes Secret. The credentials cannot be passed in plain text and will result in an error.
- `deletionPolicy`: This field defines what should happen when the `TridentBackendConfig` is deleted. It can take one of two possible values:
 - `delete`: This results in the deletion of both `TridentBackendConfig` CR and the associated backend. This is the default value.

- **retain:** When a TridentBackendConfig CR is deleted, the backend definition will still be present and can be managed with `tridentctl`. Setting the deletion policy to `retain` lets users downgrade to an earlier release (pre-21.04) and retain the created backends. The value for this field can be updated after a TridentBackendConfig is created.



The name of a backend is set using `spec.backendName`. If unspecified, the name of the backend is set to the name of the `TridentBackendConfig` object (`metadata.name`). It is recommended to explicitly set backend names using `spec.backendName`.



Backends that were created with `tridentctl` do not have an associated `TridentBackendConfig` object. You can choose to manage such backends with `kubectl` by creating a `TridentBackendConfig` CR. Care must be taken to specify identical config parameters (such as `spec.backendName`, `spec.storagePrefix`, `spec.storageDriverName`, and so on). Astra Trident will automatically bind the newly-created `TridentBackendConfig` with the pre-existing backend.

Steps overview

To create a new backend by using `kubectl`, you should do the following:

1. Create a [Kubernetes Secret](#). The secret contains the credentials Astra Trident needs to communicate with the storage cluster/service.
2. Create a `TridentBackendConfig` object. This contains specifics about the storage cluster/service and references the secret created in the previous step.

After you create a backend, you can observe its status by using `kubectl get tbc <tbc-name> -n <trident-namespace>` and gather additional details.

Step 1: Create a Kubernetes Secret

Create a Secret that contains the access credentials for the backend. This is unique to each storage service/platform. Here's an example:

```
kubectl -n trident create -f backend-tbc-ontap-san-secret.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: backend-tbc-ontap-san-secret
type: Opaque
stringData:
  username: cluster-admin
  password: password
```

This table summarizes the fields that must be included in the Secret for each storage platform:

Storage platform Secret Fields description	Secret	Fields description
Azure NetApp Files	clientID	The client ID from an app registration
Cloud Volumes Service for GCP	private_key_id	ID of the private key. Part of API key for GCP Service Account with CVS admin role
Cloud Volumes Service for GCP	private_key	Private key. Part of API key for GCP Service Account with CVS admin role
Element (NetApp HCI/SolidFire)	Endpoint	MVIP for the SolidFire cluster with tenant credentials
ONTAP	username	Username to connect to the cluster/SVM. Used for credential-based authentication
ONTAP	password	Password to connect to the cluster/SVM. Used for credential-based authentication
ONTAP	clientPrivateKey	Base64-encoded value of client private key. Used for certificate-based authentication
ONTAP	chapUsername	Inbound username. Required if useCHAP=true. For <code>ontap-san</code> and <code>ontap-san-economy</code>
ONTAP	chapInitiatorSecret	CHAP initiator secret. Required if useCHAP=true. For <code>ontap-san</code> and <code>ontap-san-economy</code>
ONTAP	chapTargetUsername	Target username. Required if useCHAP=true. For <code>ontap-san</code> and <code>ontap-san-economy</code>
ONTAP	chapTargetInitiatorSecret	CHAP target initiator secret. Required if useCHAP=true. For <code>ontap-san</code> and <code>ontap-san-economy</code>

The Secret created in this step will be referenced in the `spec.credentials` field of the `TridentBackendConfig` object that is created in the next step.

Step 2: Create the TridentBackendConfig CR

You are now ready to create your TridentBackendConfig CR. In this example, a backend that uses the ontap-san driver is created by using the TridentBackendConfig object shown below:

```
kubectl -n trident create -f backend-tbc-ontap-san.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentBackendConfig
metadata:
  name: backend-tbc-ontap-san
spec:
  version: 1
  backendName: ontap-san-backend
  storageDriverName: ontap-san
  managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
  dataLIF: 10.0.0.2
  svm: trident_svm
  credentials:
    name: backend-tbc-ontap-san-secret
```

Step 3: Verify the status of the TridentBackendConfig CR

Now that you created the TridentBackendConfig CR, you can verify the status. See the following example:

```
kubectl -n trident get tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san
NAME                  BACKEND NAME          BACKEND UUID
PHASE    STATUS
backend-tbc-ontap-san  ontap-san-backend  8d24fce7-6f60-4d4a-8ef6-
bab2699e6ab8    Bound      Success
```

A backend was successfully created and bound to the TridentBackendConfig CR.

Phase can take one of the following values:

- **Bound:** The TridentBackendConfig CR is associated with a backend, and that backend contains configRef set to the TridentBackendConfig CR's uid.
- **Unbound:** Represented using "". The TridentBackendConfig object is not bound to a backend. All newly created TridentBackendConfig CRs are in this phase by default. After the phase changes, it cannot revert to Unbound again.
- **Deleting:** The TridentBackendConfig CR's deletionPolicy was set to delete. When the TridentBackendConfig CR is deleted, it transitions to the Deleting state.
 - If no persistent volume claims (PVCs) exist on the backend, deleting the TridentBackendConfig

will result in Astra Trident deleting the backend as well as the TridentBackendConfig CR.

- If one or more PVCs are present on the backend, it goes to a deleting state. The TridentBackendConfig CR subsequently also enters deleting phase. The backend and TridentBackendConfig are deleted only after all PVCs are deleted.
- Lost: The backend associated with the TridentBackendConfig CR was accidentally or deliberately deleted and the TridentBackendConfig CR still has a reference to the deleted backend. The TridentBackendConfig CR can still be deleted irrespective of the deletionPolicy value.
- Unknown: Astra Trident is unable to determine the state or existence of the backend associated with the TridentBackendConfig CR. For example, if the API server is not responding or if the `tridentbackends.trident.netapp.io` CRD is missing. This might require the user's intervention.

At this stage, a backend is successfully created! There are several operations that can additionally be handled, such as [backend updates](#) and [backend deletions](#).

(Optional) Step 4: Get more details

You can run the following command to get more information about your backend:

```
kubectl -n trident get tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san -o wide
```

NAME	BACKEND NAME	BACKEND UUID	
PHASE	STATUS	STORAGE DRIVER	DELETION POLICY
backend-tbc-ontap-san	Bound	ontap-san-backend	8d24fce7-6f60-4d4a-8ef6-bab2699e6ab8
	Success	ontap-san	delete

In addition, you can also obtain a YAML/JSON dump of TridentBackendConfig.

```
kubectl -n trident get tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san -o yaml
```

```

apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentBackendConfig
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: "2021-04-21T20:45:11Z"
  finalizers:
  - trident.netapp.io
  generation: 1
  name: backend-tbc-ontap-san
  namespace: trident
  resourceVersion: "947143"
  uid: 35b9d777-109f-43d5-8077-c74a4559d09c
spec:
  backendName: ontap-san-backend
  credentials:
    name: backend-tbc-ontap-san-secret
  managementLIF: 10.0.0.1
  dataLIF: 10.0.0.2
  storageDriverName: ontap-san
  svm: trident_svm
  version: 1
status:
  backendInfo:
    backendName: ontap-san-backend
    backendUUID: 8d24fce7-6f60-4d4a-8ef6-bab2699e6ab8
  deletionPolicy: delete
  lastOperationStatus: Success
  message: Backend 'ontap-san-backend' created
  phase: Bound

```

backendInfo contains the backendName and the backendUUID of the backend that got created in response to the TridentBackendConfig CR. The lastOperationStatus field represents the status of the last operation of the TridentBackendConfig CR, which can be user-triggered (for example, user changed something in spec) or triggered by Astra Trident (for example, during Astra Trident restarts). It can either be Success or Failed. phase represents the status of the relation between the TridentBackendConfig CR and the backend. In the example above, phase has the value Bound, which means that the TridentBackendConfig CR is associated with the backend.

You can run the `kubectl -n trident describe tbc <tbc-cr-name>` command to get details of the event logs.

 You cannot update or delete a backend which contains an associated TridentBackendConfig object using `tridentctl`. To understand the steps involved in switching between `tridentctl` and `TridentBackendConfig`, [see here](#).

Perform backend management with `kubectl`

Learn about how to perform backend management operations by using `kubectl`.

Delete a backend

By deleting a `TridentBackendConfig`, you instruct Astra Trident to delete/retain backends (based on `deletionPolicy`). To delete a backend, ensure that `deletionPolicy` is set to `delete`. To delete just the `TridentBackendConfig`, ensure that `deletionPolicy` is set to `retain`. This will ensure the backend is still present and can be managed by using `tridentctl`.

Run the following command:

```
kubectl delete tbc <tbc-name> -n trident
```

Astra Trident does not delete the Kubernetes Secrets that were in use by `TridentBackendConfig`. The Kubernetes user is responsible for cleaning up secrets. Care must be taken when deleting secrets. You should delete secrets only if they are not in use by the backends.

View the existing backends

Run the following command:

```
kubectl get tbc -n trident
```

You can also run `tridentctl get backend -n trident` or `tridentctl get backend -o yaml -n trident` to obtain a list of all backends that exist. This list will also include backends that were created with `tridentctl`.

Update a backend

There can be multiple reasons to update a backend:

- Credentials to the storage system have changed. To update credentials, the Kubernetes Secret that is used in the `TridentBackendConfig` object must be updated. Astra Trident will automatically update the backend with the latest credentials provided. Run the following command to update the Kubernetes Secret:

```
kubectl apply -f <updated-secret-file.yaml> -n trident
```

- Parameters (such as the name of the ONTAP SVM being used) need to be updated. In this case, `TridentBackendConfig` objects can be updated directly through Kubernetes.

```
kubectl apply -f <updated-backend-file.yaml>
```

Alternatively, make changes to the existing `TridentBackendConfig` CR by running the following command:

```
kubectl edit tbc <tbc-name> -n trident
```

If a backend update fails, the backend continues to remain in its last known configuration. You can view the logs to determine the cause by running `kubectl get tbc <tbc-name> -o yaml -n trident` or `kubectl describe tbc <tbc-name> -n trident`.

After you identify and correct the problem with the configuration file, you can re-run the update command.

Perform backend management with `tridentctl`

Learn about how to perform backend management operations by using `tridentctl`.

Create a backend

After you create a [backend configuration file](#), run the following command:

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

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

```
tridentctl logs -n trident
```

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

Delete a backend

To delete a backend from Astra Trident, do the following:

1. Retrieve the backend name:

```
tridentctl get backend -n trident
```

2. Delete the backend:

```
tridentctl delete backend <backend-name> -n trident
```

 If Astra Trident has provisioned volumes and snapshots from this backend that still exist, deleting the backend prevents new volumes from being provisioned by it. The backend will continue to exist in a “Deleting” state and Trident will continue to manage those volumes and snapshots until they are deleted.

View the existing backends

To view the backends that Trident knows about, do the following:

- To get a summary, run the following command:

```
tridentctl get backend -n trident
```

- To get all the details, run the following command:

```
tridentctl get backend -o json -n trident
```

Update a backend

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

```
tridentctl update backend <backend-name> -f <backend-file> -n trident
```

If backend update fails, something was wrong with the backend configuration or you attempted an invalid update. You can view the logs to determine the cause by running the following command:

```
tridentctl logs -n trident
```

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

Identify the storage classes that use a backend

This is an example of the kind of questions you can answer with the JSON that `tridentctl` outputs for backend objects. This uses the `jq` utility, which you need to install.

```
tridentctl get backend -o json | jq '[.items[] | {backend: .name, storageClasses: [.storage[].storageClasses]|unique}]'
```

This also applies for backends that were created by using `TridentBackendConfig`.

Move between backend management options

Learn about the different ways of managing backends in Astra Trident.

Options for managing backends

With the introduction of `TridentBackendConfig`, administrators now have two unique ways of managing

backends. This poses the following questions:

- Can backends created using `tridentctl` be managed with `TridentBackendConfig`?
- Can backends created using `TridentBackendConfig` be managed using `tridentctl`?

Manage `tridentctl` backends using `TridentBackendConfig`

This section covers the steps required to manage backends that were created using `tridentctl` directly through the Kubernetes interface by creating `TridentBackendConfig` objects.

This will apply to the following scenarios:

- Pre-existing backends, that don't have a `TridentBackendConfig` because they were created with `tridentctl`.
- New backends that were created with `tridentctl`, while other `TridentBackendConfig` objects exist.

In both scenarios, backends will continue to be present, with Astra Trident scheduling volumes and operating on them. Administrators have one of two choices here:

- Continue using `tridentctl` to manage backends that were created using it.
- Bind backends created using `tridentctl` to a new `TridentBackendConfig` object. Doing so would mean the backends will be managed using `kubectl` and not `tridentctl`.

To manage a pre-existing backend using `kubectl`, you will need to create a `TridentBackendConfig` that binds to the existing backend. Here is an overview of how that works:

1. Create a Kubernetes Secret. The secret contains the credentials Astra Trident needs to communicate with the storage cluster/service.
2. Create a `TridentBackendConfig` object. This contains specifics about the storage cluster/service and references the secret created in the previous step. Care must be taken to specify identical config parameters (such as `spec.backendName`, `spec.storagePrefix`, `spec.storageDriverName`, and so on). `spec.backendName` must be set to the name of the existing backend.

Step 0: Identify the backend

To create a `TridentBackendConfig` that binds to an existing backend, you will need to obtain the backend configuration. In this example, let us assume a backend was created using the following JSON definition:

```
tridentctl get backend ontap-nas-backend -n trident
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
|       NAME       | STORAGE DRIVER |           UUID
| STATE | VOLUMES |           |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| ontap-nas-backend | ontap-nas       | 52f2eb10-e4c6-4160-99fc-
96b3be5ab5d7 | online |      25 |
+-----+-----+
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
cat ontap-nas-backend.json

{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
  "managementLIF": "10.10.10.1",
  "dataLIF": "10.10.10.2",
  "backendName": "ontap-nas-backend",
  "svm": "trident_svm",
  "username": "cluster-admin",
  "password": "admin-password",

  "defaults": {
    "spaceReserve": "none",
    "encryption": "false"
  },
  "labels": {"store": "nas_store"},
  "region": "us_east_1",
  "storage": [
    {
      "labels": {"app": "msoffice", "cost": "100"},
      "zone": "us_east_1a",
      "defaults": {
        "spaceReserve": "volume",
        "encryption": "true",
        "unixPermissions": "0755"
      }
    },
    {
      "labels": {"app": "mysqldb", "cost": "25"},
      "zone": "us_east_1d",
      "defaults": {
        "spaceReserve": "volume",
        "encryption": "false",
        "unixPermissions": "0775"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Step 1: Create a Kubernetes Secret

Create a Secret that contains the credentials for the backend, as shown in this example:

```
cat tbc-ontap-nas-backend-secret.yaml

apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: ontap-nas-backend-secret
type: Opaque
stringData:
  username: cluster-admin
  password: admin-password

kubectl create -f tbc-ontap-nas-backend-secret.yaml -n trident
secret/backend-tbc-ontap-san-secret created
```

Step 2: Create a TridentBackendConfig CR

The next step is to create a `TridentBackendConfig` CR that will automatically bind to the pre-existing `ontap-nas-backend` (as in this example). Ensure the following requirements are met:

- The same backend name is defined in `spec.backendName`.
- Configuration parameters are identical to the original backend.
- Virtual pools (if present) must retain the same order as in the original backend.
- Credentials are provided through a Kubernetes Secret and not in plain text.

In this case, the `TridentBackendConfig` will look like this:

```

cat backend-tbc-ontap-nas.yaml
apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentBackendConfig
metadata:
  name: tbc-ontap-nas-backend
spec:
  version: 1
  storageDriverName: ontap-nas
  managementLIF: 10.10.10.1
  dataLIF: 10.10.10.2
  backendName: ontap-nas-backend
  svm: trident_svm
  credentials:
    name: mysecret
  defaults:
    spaceReserve: none
    encryption: 'false'
  labels:
    store: nas_store
  region: us_east_1
  storage:
    - labels:
        app: msoffice
        cost: '100'
        zone: us_east_1a
        defaults:
          spaceReserve: volume
          encryption: 'true'
          unixPermissions: '0755'
    - labels:
        app: mysqldb
        cost: '25'
        zone: us_east_1d
        defaults:
          spaceReserve: volume
          encryption: 'false'
          unixPermissions: '0775'

kubectl create -f backend-tbc-ontap-nas.yaml -n trident
tridentbackendconfig.trident.netapp.io/tbc-ontap-nas-backend created

```

Step 3: Verify the status of the TridentBackendConfig CR

After the TridentBackendConfig has been created, its phase must be Bound. It should also reflect the same backend name and UUID as that of the existing backend.

```

kubectl get tbc tbc-ontap-nas-backend -n trident
NAME                  BACKEND NAME      BACKEND UUID
PHASE    STATUS
tbc-ontap-nas-backend  ontap-nas-backend  52f2eb10-e4c6-4160-99fc-
96b3be5ab5d7    Bound    Success

#confirm that no new backends were created (i.e., TridentBackendConfig did
#not end up creating a new backend)
tridentctl get backend -n trident
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
|       NAME      | STORAGE DRIVER |          UUID
| STATE  | VOLUMES | 
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| ontap-nas-backend | ontap-nas      | 52f2eb10-e4c6-4160-99fc-
96b3be5ab5d7 | online |      25 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+

```

The backend will now be completely managed using the `tbc-ontap-nas-backend` TridentBackendConfig object.

Manage TridentBackendConfig backends using `tridentctl`

`tridentctl` can be used to list backends that were created using `TridentBackendConfig`. In addition, administrators can also choose to completely manage such backends through `tridentctl` by deleting `TridentBackendConfig` and making sure `spec.deletionPolicy` is set to `retain`.

Step 0: Identify the backend

For example, let us assume the following backend was created using `TridentBackendConfig`:

```

kubectl get tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san -n trident -o wide
NAME                  BACKEND NAME      BACKEND UUID
PHASE    STATUS      STORAGE DRIVER  DELETION POLICY
backend-tbc-ontap-san  ontap-san-backend  81abcb27-ea63-49bb-b606-
0a5315ac5f82    Bound    Success    ontap-san      delete

tridentctl get backend ontap-san-backend -n trident
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
|      NAME      | STORAGE DRIVER |          UUID
| STATE | VOLUMES |          |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| ontap-san-backend | ontap-san      | 81abcb27-ea63-49bb-b606-
0a5315ac5f82 | online |      33 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+

```

From the output, it is seen that `TridentBackendConfig` was created successfully and is bound to a backend [observe the backend's UUID].

Step 1: Confirm `deletionPolicy` is set to retain

Let us take a look at the value of `deletionPolicy`. This needs to be set to `retain`. This will ensure that when a `TridentBackendConfig` CR is deleted, the backend definition will still be present and can be managed with `tridentctl`.

```

kubectl get tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san -n trident -o wide
NAME                  BACKEND NAME      BACKEND UUID
PHASE    STATUS      STORAGE DRIVER  DELETION POLICY
backend-tbc-ontap-san  ontap-san-backend  81abcb27-ea63-49bb-b606-
0a5315ac5f82    Bound    Success    ontap-san      delete

# Patch value of deletionPolicy to retain
kubectl patch tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san --type=merge -p
'{"spec":{"deletionPolicy":"retain"}}' -n trident
tridentbackendconfig.trident.netapp.io/backend-tbc-ontap-san patched

#Confirm the value of deletionPolicy
kubectl get tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san -n trident -o wide
NAME                  BACKEND NAME      BACKEND UUID
PHASE    STATUS      STORAGE DRIVER  DELETION POLICY
backend-tbc-ontap-san  ontap-san-backend  81abcb27-ea63-49bb-b606-
0a5315ac5f82    Bound    Success    ontap-san      retain

```



Do not proceed to the next step unless `deletionPolicy` is set to `retain`.

Step 2: Delete the TridentBackendConfig CR

The final step is to delete the `TridentBackendConfig` CR. After confirming the `deletionPolicy` is set to `retain`, you can go ahead with the deletion:

```
kubectl delete tbc backend-tbc-ontap-san -n trident
tridentbackendconfig.trident.netapp.io "backend-tbc-ontap-san" deleted

tridentctl get backend ontap-san-backend -n trident
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
|       NAME       | STORAGE DRIVER |          UUID
| STATE | VOLUMES | 
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| ontap-san-backend | ontap-san       | 81abcb27-ea63-49bb-b606-
0a5315ac5f82 | online |      33 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
```

Upon the deletion of the `TridentBackendConfig` object, Astra Trident simply removes it without actually deleting the backend itself.

Manage storage classes

You can create a storage class, delete a storage class, and view existing storage classes.

Design a storage class

See [here](#) for more information on what storage classes are and how you configure them.

Create a storage class

After you have a storage class file, run the following command:

```
kubectl create -f <storage-class-file>
```

`<storage-class-file>` should be replaced with your storage class file name.

Delete a storage class

To delete a storage class from Kubernetes, run the following command:

```
kubectl delete storageclass <storage-class>
```

<storage-class> should be replaced with your storage class.

Any persistent volumes that were created through this storage class will remain untouched, and Astra Trident will continue to manage them.



Astra Trident enforces a blank `fsType` for the volumes it creates. For iSCSI backends, it is recommended to enforce `parameters.fsType` in the `StorageClass`. You should delete existing `StorageClasses` and re-create them with `parameters.fsType` specified.

View the existing storage classes

- To view existing Kubernetes storage classes, run the following command:

```
kubectl get storageclass
```

- To view Kubernetes storage class detail, run the following command:

```
kubectl get storageclass <storage-class> -o json
```

- To view Astra Trident's synchronized storage classes, run the following command:

```
tridentctl get storageclass
```

- To view Astra Trident's synchronized storage class detail, run the following command:

```
tridentctl get storageclass <storage-class> -o json
```

Set a default storage class

Kubernetes 1.6 added the ability to set a default storage class. This is the storage class that will be used to provision a Persistent Volume if a user does not specify one in a Persistent Volume Claim (PVC).

- Define a default storage class by setting the annotation `storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class` to true in the storage class definition. According to the specification, any other value or absence of the annotation is interpreted as false.
- You can configure an existing storage class to be the default storage class by using the following command:

```
kubectl patch storageclass <storage-class-name> -p '{"metadata": {"annotations":{"storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class":"true"}}}'
```

- Similarly, you can remove the default storage class annotation by using the following command:

```
kubectl patch storageclass <storage-class-name> -p '{"metadata": {"annotations":{"storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class":"false"}}}'
```

There are also examples in the Trident installer bundle that include this annotation.



You should only have one default storage class in your cluster at any given time. Kubernetes does not technically prevent you from having more than one, but it will behave as if there is no default storage class at all.

Identify the backend for a storage class

This is an example of the kind of questions you can answer with the JSON that `tridentctl` outputs for Astra Trident backend objects. This uses the `jq` utility, which you may need to install first.

```
tridentctl get storageclass -o json | jq '[.items[] | {storageClass: .Config.name, backends: [.storage]|unique}]'
```

Perform volume operations

Use CSI Topology

Astra Trident can selectively create and attach volumes to nodes present in a Kubernetes cluster by making use of the [CSI Topology feature](#).

Overview

Using the CSI Topology feature, access to volumes can be limited to a subset of nodes, based on regions and availability zones. Cloud providers today enable Kubernetes administrators to spawn nodes that are zone based. Nodes can be located in different availability zones within a region, or across various regions. To facilitate the provisioning of volumes for workloads in a multi-zone architecture, Astra Trident uses CSI Topology.



Learn more about the CSI Topology feature [here](#).

Kubernetes provides two unique volume binding modes:

- With `VolumeBindingMode` set to `Immediate`, Astra Trident creates the volume without any topology awareness. Volume binding and dynamic provisioning are handled when the PVC is created. This is the default `VolumeBindingMode` and is suited for clusters that do not enforce topology constraints. Persistent Volumes are created without having any dependency on the requesting pod's scheduling requirements.
- With `VolumeBindingMode` set to `WaitForFirstConsumer`, the creation and binding of a Persistent Volume for a PVC is delayed until a pod that uses the PVC is scheduled and created. This way, volumes are created to meet the scheduling constraints that are enforced by topology requirements.



The `WaitForFirstConsumer` binding mode does not require topology labels. This can be used independent of the CSI Topology feature.

What you'll need

To make use of CSI Topology, you need the following:

- A Kubernetes cluster running a [supported Kubernetes version](#)

```
kubectl version
Client Version: version.Info{Major:"1", Minor:"19",
GitVersion:"v1.19.3",
GitCommit:"1e11e4a2108024935ecfcb2912226cedead99df",
GitTreeState:"clean", BuildDate:"2020-10-14T12:50:19Z",
GoVersion:"go1.15.2", Compiler:"gc", Platform:"linux/amd64"}
Server Version: version.Info{Major:"1", Minor:"19",
GitVersion:"v1.19.3",
GitCommit:"1e11e4a2108024935ecfcb2912226cedead99df",
GitTreeState:"clean", BuildDate:"2020-10-14T12:41:49Z",
GoVersion:"go1.15.2", Compiler:"gc", Platform:"linux/amd64"}
```

- Nodes in the cluster should have labels that introduce topology awareness (`topology.kubernetes.io/region` and `topology.kubernetes.io/zone`). These labels **should be present on nodes in the cluster** before Astra Trident is installed for Astra Trident to be topology aware.

```
kubectl get nodes -o=jsonpath='{range .items[*]}{{.metadata.name},\n{.metadata.labels}}{"\n"}{end}' | grep --color "topology.kubernetes.io"\n[node1,\n{"beta.kubernetes.io/arch":"amd64","beta.kubernetes.io/os":"linux","kubernetes.io/arch":"amd64","kubernetes.io/hostname":"node1","kubernetes.io/os":"linux","node-\nrole.kubernetes.io/master":"","topology.kubernetes.io/region":"us-\neast1","topology.kubernetes.io/zone":"us-east1-a"}]\n[node2,\n{"beta.kubernetes.io/arch":"amd64","beta.kubernetes.io/os":"linux","kubernetes.io/arch":"amd64","kubernetes.io/hostname":"node2","kubernetes.io/os":"linux","node-\nrole.kubernetes.io/worker":"","topology.kubernetes.io/region":"us-\neast1","topology.kubernetes.io/zone":"us-east1-b"}]\n[node3,\n{"beta.kubernetes.io/arch":"amd64","beta.kubernetes.io/os":"linux","kubernetes.io/arch":"amd64","kubernetes.io/hostname":"node3","kubernetes.io/os":"linux","node-\nrole.kubernetes.io/worker":"","topology.kubernetes.io/region":"us-\neast1","topology.kubernetes.io/zone":"us-east1-c"}]
```

Step 1: Create a topology-aware backend

Astra Trident storage backends can be designed to selectively provision volumes based on availability zones. Each backend can carry an optional `supportedTopologies` block that represents a list of zones and regions that must be supported. For StorageClasses that make use of such a backend, a volume would only be created if requested by an application that is scheduled in a supported region/zone.

Here is an example backend definition:

YAML

```
---
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-san
backendName: san-backend-us-east1
managementLIF: 192.168.27.5
svm: iscsi_svm
username: admin
password: password
supportedTopologies:
- topology.kubernetes.io/region: us-east1
  topology.kubernetes.io/zone: us-east1-a
- topology.kubernetes.io/region: us-east1
  topology.kubernetes.io/zone: us-east1-b
```

JSON

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "backendName": "san-backend-us-east1",
  "managementLIF": "192.168.27.5",
  "svm": "iscsi_svm",
  "username": "admin",
  "password": "password",
  "supportedTopologies": [
    {"topology.kubernetes.io/region": "us-east1",
     "topology.kubernetes.io/zone": "us-east1-a"},
    {"topology.kubernetes.io/region": "us-east1",
     "topology.kubernetes.io/zone": "us-east1-b"}
  ]
}
```



`supportedTopologies` is used to provide a list of regions and zones per backend. These regions and zones represent the list of permissible values that can be provided in a `StorageClass`. For `StorageClasses` that contain a subset of the regions and zones provided in a backend, Astra Trident will create a volume on the backend.

You can define `supportedTopologies` per storage pool as well. See the following example:

```
---
```

```
version: 1
storageDriverName: ontap-nas
backendName: nas-backend-us-central1
managementLIF: 172.16.238.5
svm: nfs_svm
username: admin
password: password
supportedTopologies:
- topology.kubernetes.io/region: us-central1
  topology.kubernetes.io/zone: us-central1-a
- topology.kubernetes.io/region: us-central1
  topology.kubernetes.io/zone: us-central1-b
storage:
- labels:
  workload: production
  region: Iowa-DC
  zone: Iowa-DC-A
  supportedTopologies:
  - topology.kubernetes.io/region: us-central1
    topology.kubernetes.io/zone: us-central1-a
- labels:
  workload: dev
  region: Iowa-DC
  zone: Iowa-DC-B
  supportedTopologies:
  - topology.kubernetes.io/region: us-central1
    topology.kubernetes.io/zone: us-central1-b
```

In this example, the `region` and `zone` labels stand for the location of the storage pool. `topology.kubernetes.io/region` and `topology.kubernetes.io/zone` dictate where the storage pools can be consumed from.

Step 2: Define StorageClasses that are topology aware

Based on the topology labels that are provided to the nodes in the cluster, `StorageClasses` can be defined to contain topology information. This will determine the storage pools that serve as candidates for PVC requests made, and the subset of nodes that can make use of the volumes provisioned by Trident.

See the following example:

```

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: netapp-san-us-east1
  provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
  volumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer
  allowedTopologies:
    - matchLabelExpressions:
    - key: topology.kubernetes.io/zone
      values:
        - us-east1-a
        - us-east1-b
    - key: topology.kubernetes.io/region
      values:
        - us-east1
  parameters:
    fsType: "ext4"

```

In the StorageClass definition provided above, `volumeBindingMode` is set to `WaitForFirstConsumer`. PVCs that are requested with this StorageClass will not be acted upon until they are referenced in a pod. And, `allowedTopologies` provides the zones and region to be used. The `netapp-san-us-east1` StorageClass will create PVCs on the `san-backend-us-east1` backend defined above.

Step 3: Create and use a PVC

With the StorageClass created and mapped to a backend, you can now create PVCs.

See the example spec below:

```

---
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: pvc-san
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 300Mi
  storageClassName: netapp-san-us-east1

```

Creating a PVC using this manifest would result in the following:

```

kubectl create -f pvc.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/pvc-san created
kubectl get pvc
NAME      STATUS      VOLUME      CAPACITY      ACCESS MODES      STORAGECLASS
AGE
pvc-san   Pending
2s
2s
kubectl describe pvc
Name:            pvc-san
Namespace:       default
StorageClass:    netapp-san-us-east1
Status:          Pending
Volume:
Labels:          <none>
Annotations:    <none>
Finalizers:     [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]
Capacity:
Access Modes:
VolumeMode:     Filesystem
Mounted By:    <none>
Events:
  Type  Reason          Age      From          Message
  ----  ----          ----      ----          -----
  Normal  WaitForFirstConsumer  6s      persistentvolume-controller  waiting
for first consumer to be created before binding

```

For Trident to create a volume and bind it to the PVC, use the PVC in a pod. See the following example:

```

apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: app-pod-1
spec:
  affinity:
    nodeAffinity:
      requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
        nodeSelectorTerms:
        - matchExpressions:
          - key: topology.kubernetes.io/region
            operator: In
            values:
            - us-east1
      preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
      - weight: 1
        preference:
          matchExpressions:
          - key: topology.kubernetes.io/zone
            operator: In
            values:
            - us-east1-a
            - us-east1-b
  securityContext:
    runAsUser: 1000
    runAsGroup: 3000
    fsGroup: 2000
  volumes:
  - name: vol1
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: pvc-san
  containers:
  - name: sec-ctx-demo
    image: busybox
    command: [ "sh", "-c", "sleep 1h" ]
    volumeMounts:
    - name: vol1
      mountPath: /data/demo
    securityContext:
      allowPrivilegeEscalation: false

```

This podSpec instructs Kubernetes to schedule the pod on nodes that are present in the us-east1 region, and choose from any node that is present in the us-east1-a or us-east1-b zones.

See the following output:

```

kubectl get pods -o wide
NAME        READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE   IP           NODE
NOMINATED NODE   READINESS GATES
app-pod-1   1/1     Running   0          19s   192.168.25.131   node2
<none>          <none>
kubectl get pvc -o wide
NAME        STATUS    VOLUME
ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS   AGE   VOLUMEMODE
pvc-san     Bound     pvc-ecb1e1a0-840c-463b-8b65-b3d033e2e62b   300Mi
RWO          netapp-san-us-east1   48s   Filesystem

```

Update backends to include supportedTopologies

Pre-existing backends can be updated to include a list of `supportedTopologies` using `tridentctl backend update`. This will not affect volumes that have already been provisioned, and will only be used for subsequent PVCs.

Find more information

- [Manage resources for containers](#)
- [nodeSelector](#)
- [Affinity and anti-affinity](#)
- [Taints and Tolerations](#)

Work with snapshots

You can create Kubernetes VolumeSnapshots (volume snapshot) of Persistent Volumes (PVs) to maintain point-in-time copies of Astra Trident volumes. Additionally, you can create a new volume, also known as a *clone*, from an existing volume snapshot. Volume snapshot is supported by `ontap-nas`, `ontap-nas-flexgroup`, `ontap-san`, `ontap-san-economy`, `solidfire-san`, `gcp-cvs`, and `azure-netapp-files` drivers.

Before you begin

You must have an external snapshot controller and Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs). This is the responsibility of the Kubernetes orchestrator (for example: Kubeadm, GKE, OpenShift).

If your Kubernetes distribution does not include the snapshot controller and CRDs, refer to [Deploying a volume snapshot controller](#).



Don't create a snapshot controller if creating on-demand volume snapshots in a GKE environment. GKE uses a built-in, hidden snapshot controller.

Step 1: Create a VolumeSnapshotClass

This example creates a volume snapshot class.

```
cat snap-sc.yaml
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
metadata:
  name: csi-snapclass
driver: csi.trident.netapp.io
deletionPolicy: Delete
```

The `driver` points to the Astra Trident CSI driver. `deletionPolicy` can be `Delete` or `Retain`. When set to `Retain`, the underlying physical snapshot on the storage cluster is retained even when the `VolumeSnapshot` object is deleted.

For more information, refer to [VolumeSnapshotClass](#).

Step 2: Create a snapshot of an existing PVC

This example creates a snapshot of an existing PVC.

```
cat snap.yaml
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshot
metadata:
  name: pvc1-snap
spec:
  volumeSnapshotClassName: csi-snapclass
  source:
    persistentVolumeClaimName: pvc1
```

In this example, the snapshot is created for a PVC named `pvc1` and the name of the snapshot is set to `pvc1-snap`.

```
kubectl create -f snap.yaml
volumesnapshot.snapshot.storage.k8s.io/pvc1-snap created

kubectl get volumesnapshots
NAME          AGE
pvc1-snap     50s
```

This created a `VolumeSnapshot` object. A `VolumeSnapshot` is analogous to a PVC and is associated with a `VolumeSnapshotContent` object that represents the actual snapshot.

It is possible to identify the `VolumeSnapshotContent` object for the `pvc1-snap` `VolumeSnapshot` by describing it.

```

kubectl describe volumesnapshots pvcl-snap
Name:          pvcl-snap
Namespace:     default
.
.
.

Spec:
  Snapshot Class Name:    pvcl-snap
  Snapshot Content Name:  snapcontent-e8d8a0ca-9826-11e9-9807-525400f3f660
  Source:
    API Group:   -
    Kind:        PersistentVolumeClaim
    Name:        pvcl
Status:
  Creation Time: 2019-06-26T15:27:29Z
  Ready To Use:  true
  Restore Size:  3Gi
.
.
.

```

The Snapshot Content Name identifies the VolumeSnapshotContent object which serves this snapshot. The Ready To Use parameter indicates that the Snapshot can be used to create a new PVC.

Step 3: Create PVCs from VolumeSnapshots

This example creates a PVC using a snapshot.

```

cat pvc-from-snap.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: pvc-from-snap
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  storageClassName: golden
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 3Gi
  dataSource:
    name: pvcl-snap
    kind: VolumeSnapshot
    apiGroup: snapshot.storage.k8s.io

```

dataSource shows that the PVC must be created using a VolumeSnapshot named pvcl-snap as the

source of the data. This instructs Astra Trident to create a PVC from the snapshot. After the PVC is created, it can be attached to a pod and used just like any other PVC.



The PVC must be created in the same namespace as its dataSource.

Deleting a PV with snapshots

When deleting a Persistent Volume with associated snapshots, the corresponding Trident volume is updated to a “Deleting state”. Remove the volume snapshots to delete the Astra Trident volume.

Deploying a volume snapshot controller

If your Kubernetes distribution does not include the snapshot controller and CRDs, you can deploy them as follows.

Steps

1. Create volume snapshot CRDs.

```
cat snapshot-setup.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Create volume snapshot CRDs
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-
6.1/client/config/crd/snapshot.storage.k8s.io_volumesnapshotclasses.yaml
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-
6.1/client/config/crd/snapshot.storage.k8s.io_volumesnapshotcontents.yaml
1
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-
6.1/client/config/crd/snapshot.storage.k8s.io_volumesnapshots.yaml
```

2. Create the snapshot controller.

```
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-6.1/deploy/kubernetes/snapshot-
controller/rbac-snapshot-controller.yaml
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubernetes-
csi/external-snapshotter/release-6.1/deploy/kubernetes/snapshot-
controller/setup-snapshot-controller.yaml
```



If necessary, open `deploy/kubernetes/snapshot-controller/rbac-snapshot-
controller.yaml` and update namespace to your namespace.

Recover volume data using snapshots

The snapshot directory is hidden by default to facilitate maximum compatibility of volumes provisioned using the `ontap-nas` and `ontap-nas-economy` drivers. Enable the `.snapshot` directory to recover data from snapshots directly.

Use the volume snapshot restore ONTAP CLI to to restore a volume to a state recorded in a prior snapshot.

```
cluster1::*> volume snapshot restore -vserver vs0 -volume vol3 -snapshot  
vol3_snap_archive
```



When you restore a snapshot copy, the existing volume configuration is overwritten. Changes made to volume data after the snapshot copy was created are lost.

Related links

- [Volume snapshots](#)
- [VolumeSnapshotClass](#)

Expand volumes

Astra Trident provides Kubernetes users the ability to expand their volumes after they are created. Find information about the configurations required to expand iSCSI and NFS volumes.

Expand an iSCSI volume

You can expand an iSCSI Persistent Volume (PV) by using the CSI provisioner.



iSCSI volume expansion is supported by the `ontap-san`, `ontap-san-economy`, `solidfire-san` drivers and requires Kubernetes 1.16 and later.

Overview

Expanding an iSCSI PV includes the following steps:

- Editing the StorageClass definition to set the `allowVolumeExpansion` field to `true`.
- Editing the PVC definition and updating the `spec.resources.requests.storage` to reflect the newly desired size, which must be greater than the original size.
- Attaching the PV must be attached to a pod for it to be resized. There are two scenarios when resizing an iSCSI PV:
 - If the PV is attached to a pod, Astra Trident expands the volume on the storage backend, rescans the device, and resizes the filesystem.
 - When attempting to resize an unattached PV, Astra Trident expands the volume on the storage backend. After the PVC is bound to a pod, Trident rescans the device and resizes the filesystem. Kubernetes then updates the PVC size after the expand operation has successfully completed.

The example below shows how expanding iSCSI PVs work.

Step 1: Configure the StorageClass to support volume expansion

```
cat storageclass-ontapsan.yaml
---
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontap-san
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-san"
allowVolumeExpansion: True
```

For an already existing StorageClass, edit it to include the `allowVolumeExpansion` parameter.

Step 2: Create a PVC with the StorageClass you created

```
cat pvc-ontapsan.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: san-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: ontap-san
```

Astra Trident creates a Persistent Volume (PV) and associates it with this Persistent Volume Claim (PVC).

```
kubectl get pvc
NAME      STATUS      VOLUME                                     CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES      STORAGECLASS      AGE
san-pvc      Bound      pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671   1Gi
RWO          ontap-san      8s

kubectl get pv
NAME                                     CAPACITY      ACCESS MODES
RECLAIM POLICY      STATUS      CLAIM      STORAGECLASS      REASON      AGE
pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671   1Gi          RWO
Delete      Bound      default/san-pvc      ontap-san      10s
```

Step 3: Define a pod that attaches the PVC

In this example, a pod is created that uses the san-pvc.

```
kubectl get pod
NAME          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
ubuntu-pod    1/1     Running   0          65s

kubectl describe pvc san-pvc
Name:          san-pvc
Namespace:     default
StorageClass:  ontap-san
Status:        Bound
Volume:        pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:   pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: yes
                pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: yes
                volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner:
                csi.trident.netapp.io
Finalizers:    [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]
Capacity:      1Gi
Access Modes:  RWO
VolumeMode:    Filesystem
Mounted By:   ubuntu-pod
```

Step 4: Expand the PV

To resize the PV that has been created from 1Gi to 2Gi, edit the PVC definition and update the spec.resources.requests.storage to 2Gi.

```

kubectl edit pvc san-pvc
# Please edit the object below. Lines beginning with a '#' will be
ignored,
# and an empty file will abort the edit. If an error occurs while saving
this file will be
# reopened with the relevant failures.
#
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  annotations:
    pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: "yes"
    pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: "yes"
    volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
  creationTimestamp: "2019-10-10T17:32:29Z"
  finalizers:
  - kubernetes.io/pvc-protection
  name: san-pvc
  namespace: default
  resourceVersion: "16609"
  selfLink: /api/v1/namespaces/default/persistentvolumeclaims/san-pvc
  uid: 8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 2Gi
...

```

Step 5: Validate the expansion

You can validate the expansion worked correctly by checking the size of the PVC, PV, and the Astra Trident volume:

```

kubectl get pvc san-pvc
NAME      STATUS      VOLUME                                     CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES  STORAGECLASS  AGE
san-pvc    Bound      pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671  2Gi
RWO          ontap-san   11m

kubectl get pv
NAME                                     CAPACITY  ACCESS MODES
RECLAIM POLICY  STATUS      CLAIM      STORAGECLASS  REASON  AGE
pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671  2Gi      RWO
Delete        Bound      default/san-pvc  ontap-san           12m

tridentctl get volumes -n trident
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
|           NAME           |  SIZE  | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE | MANAGED |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-8a814d62-bd58-4253-b0d1-82f2885db671 | 2.0 GiB | ontap-san    |
block     | a9b7bfff-0505-4e31-b6c5-59f492e02d33 | online | true      |
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```

Expand an NFS volume

Astra Trident supports volume expansion for NFS PVs provisioned on `ontap-nas`, `ontap-nas-economy`, `ontap-nas-flexgroup`, `gcp-cvs`, and `azure-netapp-files` backends.

Step 1: Configure the StorageClass to support volume expansion

To resize an NFS PV, the admin first needs to configure the storage class to allow volume expansion by setting the `allowVolumeExpansion` field to `true`:

```

cat storageclass-ontapnas.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontapnas
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: ontap-nas
allowVolumeExpansion: true

```

If you have already created a storage class without this option, you can simply edit the existing storage class by using `kubectl edit storageclass` to allow volume expansion.

Step 2: Create a PVC with the StorageClass you created

```
cat pvc-ontapnas.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: ontapnas20mb
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 20Mi
  storageClassName: ontapnas
```

Astra Trident should create a 20MiB NFS PV for this PVC:

```
kubectl get pvc
NAME           STATUS    VOLUME
CAPACITY      ACCESS MODES  STORAGECLASS      AGE
ontapnas20mb  Bound     pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7  20Mi
RWO           ontapnas  9s

kubectl get pv pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
NAME
RECLAIM POLICY  STATUS    CLAIM           CAPACITY  ACCESS MODES
AGE
pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7  20Mi      RWO
Delete        Bound     default/ontapnas20mb  ontapnas
2m42s
```

Step 3: Expand the PV

To resize the newly created 20MiB PV to 1GiB, edit the PVC and set `spec.resources.requests.storage` to 1GiB:

```
kubectl edit pvc ontapnas20mb
# Please edit the object below. Lines beginning with a '#' will be
ignored,
# and an empty file will abort the edit. If an error occurs while saving
this file will be
# reopened with the relevant failures.
#
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  annotations:
    pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: "yes"
    pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: "yes"
    volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
  creationTimestamp: 2018-08-21T18:26:44Z
  finalizers:
  - kubernetes.io/pvc-protection
  name: ontapnas20mb
  namespace: default
  resourceVersion: "1958015"
  selfLink: /api/v1/namespaces/default/persistentvolumeclaims/ontapnas20mb
  uid: c1bd7fa5-a56f-11e8-b8d7-fa163e59eaab
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
...

```

Step 4: Validate the expansion

You can validate the resize worked correctly by checking the size of the PVC, PV, and the Astra Trident volume:

```

kubectl get pvc ontapnas20mb
NAME           STATUS  VOLUME
CAPACITY      ACCESS MODES  STORAGECLASS      AGE
ontapnas20mb  Bound    pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7  1Gi
RWO           ontapnas  4m44s

kubectl get pv pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7
NAME
RECLAIM POLICY  STATUS  CLAIM
AGE
pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7  1Gi      RWO
Delete        Bound    default/ontapnas20mb  ontapnas
5m35s

tridentctl get volume pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7 -n trident
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+-----+-----+-----+
|           NAME           |  SIZE  | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE | MANAGED |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-08f3d561-b199-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7 | 1.0 GiB | ontapnas      |
file     | c5a6f6a4-b052-423b-80d4-8fb491a14a22 | online | true      |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+

```

Import volumes

You can import existing storage volumes as a Kubernetes PV using `tridentctl import`.

Overview and considerations

You might import a volume into Astra Trident to:

- Containerize an application and reuse its existing data set
- Use a clone of a data set for an ephemeral application
- Rebuild a failed Kubernetes cluster
- Migrate application data during disaster recovery

Considerations

Before importing a volume, review the following considerations.

- Astra Trident can import RW (read-write) type ONTAP volumes only. DP (data protection) type volumes are SnapMirror destination volumes. You should break the mirror relationship before importing the volume into Astra Trident.

- We suggest importing volumes without active connections. To import an actively-used volume, clone the volume and then perform the import.



This is especially important for block volumes as Kubernetes would be unaware of the previous connection and could easily attach an active volume to a pod. This can result in data corruption.

- Though `StorageClass` must be specified on a PVC, Astra Trident does not use this parameter during import. Storage classes are used during volume creation to select from available pools based on storage characteristics. Because the volume already exists, no pool selection is required during import. Therefore, the import will not fail even if the volume exists on a backend or pool that does not match the storage class specified in the PVC.
- The existing volume size is determined and set in the PVC. After the volume is imported by the storage driver, the PV is created with a `ClaimRef` to the PVC.
 - The reclaim policy is initially set to `retain` in the PV. After Kubernetes successfully binds the PVC and PV, the reclaim policy is updated to match the reclaim policy of the Storage Class.
 - If the reclaim policy of the Storage Class is `delete`, the storage volume will be deleted when the PV is deleted.
- By default, Astra Trident manages the PVC and renames the FlexVol and LUN on the backend. You can pass the `--no-manage` flag to import an unmanaged volume. If you use `--no-manage`, Astra Trident does not perform any additional operations on the PVC or PV for the lifecycle of the objects. The storage volume is not deleted when the PV is deleted and other operations such as volume clone and volume resize are also ignored.



This option is useful if you want to use Kubernetes for containerized workloads but otherwise want to manage the lifecycle of the storage volume outside of Kubernetes.

- An annotation is added to the PVC and PV that serves a dual purpose of indicating that the volume was imported and if the PVC and PV are managed. This annotation should not be modified or removed.

Import a volume

You can use `tridentctl import` to import a volume.

Steps

1. Create the Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) file (for example, `pvc.yaml`) that will be used to create the PVC. The PVC file should include `name`, `namespace`, `accessModes`, and `storageClassName`. Optionally, you can specify `unixPermissions` in your PVC definition.

The following is an example of a minimum specification:

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: my_claim
  namespace: my_namespace
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  storageClassName: my_storage_class
```



Don't include additional parameters such as PV name or volume size. This can cause the import command to fail.

2. Use the `tridentctl import` command to specify the name of the Astra Trident backend containing the volume and the name that uniquely identifies the volume on the storage (for example: ONTAP FlexVol, Element Volume, Cloud Volumes Service path). The `-f` argument is required to specify the path to the PVC file.

```
tridentctl import volume <backendName> <volumeName> -f <path-to-pvc-file>
```

Examples

Review the following volume import examples for supported drivers.

ONTAP NAS and ONTAP NAS FlexGroup

Astra Trident supports volume import using the `ontap-nas` and `ontap-nas-flexgroup` drivers.



- The `ontap-nas-economy` driver cannot import and manage qtrees.
- The `ontap-nas` and `ontap-nas-flexgroup` drivers do not allow duplicate volume names.

Each volume created with the `ontap-nas` driver is a FlexVol on the ONTAP cluster. Importing FlexVols with the `ontap-nas` driver works the same. A FlexVol that already exists on an ONTAP cluster can be imported as a `ontap-nas` PVC. Similarly, FlexGroup vols can be imported as `ontap-nas-flexgroup` PVCs.

ONTAP NAS examples

The following show an example of a managed volume and an unmanaged volume import.

Managed volume

The following example imports a volume named `managed_volume` on a backend named `ontap_nas`:

```
tridentctl import volume ontap_nas managed_volume -f <path-to-pvc-file>

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|           NAME           |  SIZE   | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE  | MANAGED |
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+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-bf5ad463-afbb-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7 | 1.0 GiB | standard   |
file      | c5a6f6a4-b052-423b-80d4-8fb491a14a22 | online   | true      |
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+-----+-----+-----+
```

Unmanaged volume

When using the `--no-manage` argument, Astra Trident does not rename the volume.

The following example imports `unmanaged_volume` on the `ontap_nas` backend:

```
tridentctl import volume nas_blog unmanaged_volume -f <path-to-pvc-
file> --no-manage

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|           NAME           |  SIZE   | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE  | MANAGED |
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+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-df07d542-afbc-11e9-8d9f-5254004dfdb7 | 1.0 GiB | standard   |
file      | c5a6f6a4-b052-423b-80d4-8fb491a14a22 | online   | false     |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
```

ONTAP SAN

Astra Trident supports volume import using the `ontap-san` driver.

Astra Trident can import ONTAP SAN FlexVols that contain a single LUN. This is consistent with the `ontap-san` driver, which creates a FlexVol for each PVC and a LUN within the FlexVol. Astra Trident imports the FlexVol and associates it with the PVC definition.

ONTAP SAN examples

The following show an example of a managed volume and an unmanaged volume import.

Managed volume

For managed volumes, Astra Trident renames the FlexVol to the `pvc-uuid` format and the LUN within the FlexVol to `lun0`.

The following example imports the `ontapsan-managed` FlexVol that is present on the `ontap_san_default` backend:

```
tridentctl import volume ontapsan_default ontap-san-managed -f pvc-basic-import.yaml -n trident -d

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|           NAME           |  SIZE  | STORAGE CLASS |
| PROTOCOL | BACKEND UUID      | STATE  | MANAGED   |
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+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-d6ee4f54-4e40-4454-92fd-d00fc228d74a | 20 MiB | basic      |
block    | cd394786-ddd5-4470-adc3-10c5ce4ca757 | online  | true      |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Unmanaged volume

The following example imports `unmanaged_example_volume` on the `ontap_san` backend:

```
tridentctl import volume -n trident san_blog unmanaged_example_volume
-f pvc-import.yaml --no-manage

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|           NAME           |  SIZE  | STORAGE CLASS |
| PROTOCOL | BACKEND UUID      | STATE  | MANAGED   |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-1fc999c9-ce8c-459c-82e4-ed4380a4b228 | 1.0 GiB | san-blog      |
block    | e3275890-7d80-4af6-90cc-c7a0759f555a | online  | false      |
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+-----+-----+-----+
```

If you have LUNS mapped to igroups that share an IQN with a Kubernetes node IQN, as shown in the following example, you will receive the error: LUN already mapped to initiator(s) in this group. You will need to remove the initiator or unmap the LUN to import the volume.



Vserver	Igroup	Protocol	OS	Type	Initiators
svm0	k8s-nodename.example.com-fe5d36f2-cded-4f38-9eb0-c7719fc2f9f3	iscsi	linux	iqn.1994-05.com.redhat:4c2e1cf35e0	
svm0	unmanaged-example-igroup	mixed	linux	iqn.1994-05.com.redhat:4c2e1cf35e0	

Element

Astra Trident supports NetApp Element software and NetApp HCI volume import using the `solidfire-san` driver.



The Element driver supports duplicate volume names. However, Astra Trident returns an error if there are duplicate volume names. As a workaround, clone the volume, provide a unique volume name, and import the cloned volume.

Element example

The following example imports an element-managed volume on backend `element_default`.

```
tridentctl import volume element_default element-managed -f pvc-basic-import.yaml -n trident -d

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|           NAME           |   SIZE   | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE   | MANAGED   |
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+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-970ce1ca-2096-4ecd-8545-ac7edc24a8fe | 10 GiB | basic-element |
block    | d3ba047a-ea0b-43f9-9c42-e38e58301c49 | online | true      |
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+-----+-----+-----+
```

Google Cloud Platform

Astra Trident supports volume import using the `gcp-cvs` driver.



To import a volume backed by the NetApp Cloud Volumes Service in Google Cloud Platform, identify the volume by its volume path. The volume path is the portion of the volume's export path after the `:``/`. For example, if the export path is `10.0.0.1:/adroit-jolly-swift`, the volume path is `adroit-jolly-swift`.

Google Cloud Platform example

The following example imports a `gcp-cvs` volume on backend `gcpcvs_YEppr` with the volume path of `adroit-jolly-swift`.

```
tridentctl import volume gcpcvs_YEppr adroit-jolly-swift -f <path-to-pvc-file> -n trident

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+-----+-----+-----+
|           NAME           |  SIZE  | STORAGE CLASS  |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE  | MANAGED  |
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+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-a46ccab7-44aa-4433-94b1-e47fc8c0fa55 | 93 GiB | gcp-storage  | file
| e1a6e65b-299e-4568-ad05-4f0a105c888f | online | true      |
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```

Azure NetApp Files

Astra Trident supports volume import using the `azure-netapp-files` and `azure-netapp-files-subvolume` drivers.



To import an Azure NetApp Files volume, identify the volume by its volume path. The volume path is the portion of the volume's export path after the `:``/`. For example, if the mount path is `10.0.0.2:/importvol1`, the volume path is `importvol1`.

Azure NetApp Files example

The following example imports an `azure-netapp-files` volume on backend `azurenatappfiles_40517` with the volume path `importvol1`.

```
tridentctl import volume azurenetaappfiles_40517 importvol1 -f <path-to-pvc-file> -n trident

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+-----+-----+-----+
|           NAME           | SIZE   | STORAGE CLASS |
PROTOCOL |           BACKEND UUID           | STATE  | MANAGED   |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| pvc-0ee95d60-fd5c-448d-b505-b72901b3a4ab | 100 GiB | anf-storage |
file     | 1c01274f-d94b-44a3-98a3-04c953c9a51e | online | true      |
+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Share an NFS volume across namespaces

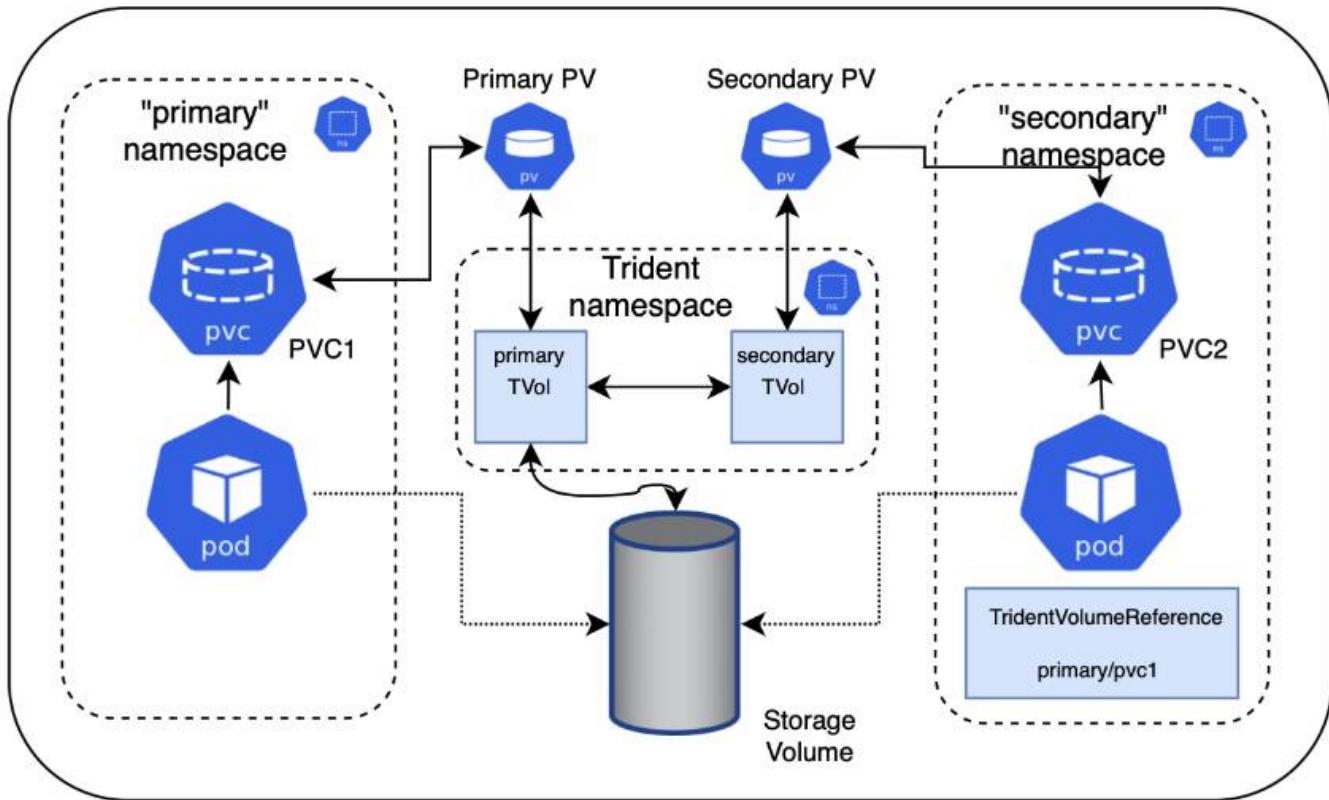
Using Astra Trident, you can create a volume in a primary namespace and share it in one or more secondary namespaces.

Features

The Astra TridentVolumeReference CR allows you to securely share ReadWriteMany (RWX) NFS volumes across one or more Kubernetes namespaces. This Kubernetes-native solution has the following benefits:

- Multiple levels of access control to ensure security
- Works with all Trident NFS volume drivers
- No reliance on tridentctl or any other non-native Kubernetes feature

This diagram illustrates NFS volume sharing across two Kubernetes namespaces.



Quick start

You can set up NFS volume sharing in just a few steps.

1

Configure source PVC to share the volume

The source namespace owner grants permission to access the data in the source PVC.

2

Grant permission to create a CR in the destination namespace

The cluster administrator grants permission to the owner of the destination namespace to create the TridentVolumeReference CR.

3

Create TridentVolumeReference in the destination namespace

The owner of the destination namespace creates the TridentVolumeReference CR to refer to the source PVC.

4

Create the subordinate PVC in the destination namespace

The owner of the destination namespace creates the subordinate PVC to use the data source from the source PVC.

Configure the source and destination namespaces

To ensure security, cross namespace sharing requires collaboration and action by the source namespace owner, cluster administrator, and destination namespace owner. The user role is designated in each step.

Steps

1. **Source namespace owner:** Create the PVC (pvc1) in the source namespace that grants permission to share with the destination namespace (namespace2) using the `shareToNamespace` annotation.

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: pvc1
  namespace: namespace1
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/shareToNamespace: namespace2
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  storageClassName: trident-csi
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 100Gi
```

Astra Trident creates the PV and its backend NFS storage volume.

- You can share the PVC to multiple namespaces using a comma-delimited list. For example, `trident.netapp.io/shareToNamespace: namespace2, namespace3, namespace4`.
- You can share to all namespaces using `*`. For example, `trident.netapp.io/shareToNamespace: *`
- You can update the PVC to include the `shareToNamespace` annotation at any time.



2. **Cluster admin:** Create the custom role and kubeconfig to grant permission to the destination namespace owner to create the TridentVolumeReference CR in the destination namespace.
3. **Destination namespace owner:** Create a TridentVolumeReference CR in the destination namespace that refers to the source namespace pvc1.

```

apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentVolumeReference
metadata:
  name: my-first-tvr
  namespace: namespace2
spec:
  pvcName: pvc1
  pvcNamespace: namespace1

```

4. **Destination namespace owner:** Create a PVC (pvc2) in destination namespace (namespace2) using the `shareFromPVC` annotation to designate the source PVC.

```

kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/shareFromPVC: namespace1/pvc1
  name: pvc2
  namespace: namespace2
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  storageClassName: trident-csi
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 100Gi

```



The size of the destination PVC must be less than or equal than the source PVC.

Results

Astra Trident reads the `shareFromPVC` annotation on the destination PVC and creates the destination PV as a subordinate volume with no storage resource of its own that points to the source PV and shares the source PV storage resource. The destination PVC and PV appear bound as normal.

Delete a shared volume

You can delete a volume that is shared across multiple namespaces. Astra Trident will remove access to the volume on the source namespace and maintain access for other namespaces that share the volume. When all namespaces that reference the volume are removed, Astra Trident deletes the volume.

Use `tridentctl get` to query subordinate volumes

Using the `tridentctl` utility, you can run the `get` command to get subordinate volumes. For more information, refer to [tridentctl commands and options](#).

Usage:

```
tridentctl get [option]
```

Flags:

- `--h, --help`: Help for volumes.
- `--parentOfSubordinate string`: Limit query to subordinate source volume.
- `--subordinateOf string`: Limit query to subordinates of volume.

Limitations

- Astra Trident cannot prevent destination namespaces from writing to the shared volume. You should use file locking or other processes to prevent overwriting shared volume data.
- You cannot revoke access to the source PVC by removing the `shareToNamespace` or `shareFromNamespace` annotations or deleting the `TridentVolumeReference` CR. To revoke access, you must delete the subordinate PVC.
- Snapshots, clones, and mirroring are not possible on subordinate volumes.

For more information

To learn more about cross-namespace volume access:

- Visit [Sharing volumes between namespaces: Say hello to cross-namespace volume access](#).
- Watch the demo on [NetAppTV](#).

Monitor Astra Trident

Astra Trident provides a set of Prometheus metrics endpoints that you can use to monitor Astra Trident performance.

Overview

The metrics provided by Astra Trident enable you to do the following:

- Keep tabs on Astra Trident's health and configuration. You can examine how successful operations are and if it can communicate with the backends as expected.
- Examine backend usage information and understand how many volumes are provisioned on a backend and the amount of space consumed, and so on.
- Maintain a mapping of the amount of volumes provisioned on available backends.
- Track performance. You can take a look at how long it takes for Astra Trident to communicate to backends and perform operations.



By default, Trident's metrics are exposed on the target port 8001 at the `/metrics` endpoint. These metrics are **enabled by default** when Trident is installed.

What you'll need

- A Kubernetes cluster with Astra Trident installed.
- A Prometheus instance. This can be a [containerized Prometheus deployment](#) or you can choose to run Prometheus as a [native application](#).

Step 1: Define a Prometheus target

You should define a Prometheus target to gather the metrics and obtain information about the backends Astra Trident manages, the volumes it creates, and so on. This [blog](#) explains how you can use Prometheus and Grafana with Astra Trident to retrieve metrics. The blog explains how you can run Prometheus as an operator in your Kubernetes cluster and the creation of a ServiceMonitor to obtain Astra Trident's metrics.

Step 2: Create a Prometheus ServiceMonitor

To consume the Trident metrics, you should create a Prometheus ServiceMonitor that watches the `trident-csi` service and listens on the `metrics` port. A sample ServiceMonitor looks like this:

```
apiVersion: monitoring.coreos.com/v1
kind: ServiceMonitor
metadata:
  name: trident-sm
  namespace: monitoring
  labels:
    release: prom-operator
spec:
  jobLabel: trident
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: controller.csi.trident.netapp.io
  namespaceSelector:
    matchNames:
    - trident
  endpoints:
  - port: metrics
    interval: 15s
```

This ServiceMonitor definition retrieves metrics returned by the `trident-csi` service and specifically looks for the `metrics` endpoint of the service. As a result, Prometheus is now configured to understand Astra Trident's metrics.

In addition to metrics available directly from Astra Trident, kubelet exposes many `kubelet_volume_*` metrics via its own metrics endpoint. Kubelet can provide information about the volumes that are attached, and pods and other internal operations it handles. See [here](#).

Step 3: Query Trident metrics with PromQL

PromQL is good for creating expressions that return time-series or tabular data.

Here are some PromQL queries that you can use:

Get Trident health information

- Percentage of HTTP 2XX responses from Astra Trident

```
(sum (trident_rest_ops_seconds_total_count{status_code=~"2.."}) OR on()  
vector(0)) / sum (trident_rest_ops_seconds_total_count)) * 100
```

- Percentage of REST responses from Astra Trident via status code

```
(sum (trident_rest_ops_seconds_total_count) by (status_code) / scalar  
(sum (trident_rest_ops_seconds_total_count))) * 100
```

- Average duration in ms of operations performed by Astra Trident

```
sum by (operation)  
(trident_operation_duration_milliseconds_sum{success="true"}) / sum by  
(operation)  
(trident_operation_duration_milliseconds_count{success="true"})
```

Get Astra Trident usage information

- Average volume size

```
trident_volume_allocated_bytes/trident_volume_count
```

- Total volume space provisioned by each backend

```
sum (trident_volume_allocated_bytes) by (backend_uuid)
```

Get individual volume usage



This is enabled only if kubelet metrics are also gathered.

- Percentage of used space for each volume

```
kubelet_volume_stats_used_bytes / kubelet_volume_stats_capacity_bytes *  
100
```

Learn about Astra Trident AutoSupport telemetry

By default, Astra Trident sends Prometheus metrics and basic backend information to NetApp on a daily cadence.

- To stop Astra Trident from sending Prometheus metrics and basic backend information to NetApp, pass the `--silence-autosupport` flag during Astra Trident installation.
- Astra Trident can also send container logs to NetApp Support on-demand via `tridentctl send autosupport`. You will need to trigger Astra Trident to upload its logs. Before you submit logs, you should accept NetApp's [privacy policy](#).
- Unless specified, Astra Trident fetches the logs from the past 24 hours.
- You can specify the log retention time frame with the `--since` flag. For example: `tridentctl send autosupport --since=1h`. This information is collected and sent via a `trident-autosupport` container that is installed alongside Astra Trident. You can obtain the container image at [Trident AutoSupport](#).
- Trident AutoSupport does not gather or transmit Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or Personal Information. It comes with a [EULA](#) that is not applicable to the Trident container image itself. You can learn more about NetApp's commitment to data security and trust [here](#).

An example payload sent by Astra Trident looks like this:

```
---
items:
- backendUUID: ff3852e1-18a5-4df4-b2d3-f59f829627ed
  protocol: file
  config:
    version: 1
    storageDriverName: ontap-nas
    debug: false
    debugTraceFlags:
    disableDelete: false
    serialNumbers:
    - nwkvzfanek_SN
    limitVolumeSize: ''
  state: online
  online: true
```

- The AutoSupport messages are sent to NetApp's AutoSupport endpoint. If you are using a private registry to store container images, you can use the `--image-registry` flag.
- You can also configure proxy URLs by generating the installation YAML files. This can be done by using `tridentctl install --generate-custom-yaml` to create the YAML files and adding the `--proxy-url` argument for the `trident-autosupport` container in `trident-deployment.yaml`.

Disable Astra Trident metrics

To **disable** metrics from being reported, you should generate custom YAMLs (using the `--generate-custom`

`-yaml` flag) and edit them to remove the `--metrics` flag from being invoked for the `trident-main` container.

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