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Release notes

What's new with NetApp Workload Factory administration features

Learn what's new with Workload Factory administration features: cloud provider credentials, Codebox enhancements, and more.

01 February 2026

Well-architected updates

NetApp Workload Factory includes the well-architected assessment for Elastic VMware Service (EVS) workloads, and adds new configurations for Storage and Database workloads.

- **VMware workloads** NetApp Workload Factory provides best practices and recommendations for operating well-architected Amazon Elastic VMware Service (EVS) workloads.

  Implement well-architected EVS configurations

- **Storage workloads** Several new configurations have been added to well-architected feature in the Storage workload so that you have more insight into storage performance and costs.
  - Storage VM logical reporting
  - Optimize cache volume size
  - Orphaned block devices

    Implement well-architected file system configurations for Storage workloads

- **Database workloads** Workload Factory for Databases includes new storage configuration for Oracle for enabling and setting up Direct NFS (dNFS) to improve I/O performance and decrease the load on the host and the storage system.
  - dNFS enablement
  - dNFS consistent IP resolution
  - dNFS configuration file
  - dNFS `nosharecache`

    Implement well-architected database workloads

New permissions for Storage

New permissions have been added to the Storage workload for enhancements to managing S3 access points.

Permissions reference change log

04 January 2026

Ask me AI assistant home page integration

The Workload Factory console home page embeds the Ask me AI assistant, enabling you to ask questions about your own storage estate, get personalized insights directly from your environment, and refer to previous conversations. You can interact with Ask me to understand your workloads, troubleshoot issues, and learn more about Workload Factory — all without leaving the console.

27 November 2025

Permissions update for Storage

The FSx for ONTAP EMS events analyzer uses the following Amazon Bedrock permissions in the *operations and remediation* permission policy to fetch events data for the Storage workload.

- `bedrock:ListInferenceProfiles`
- `bedrock:GetInferenceProfile`
- `bedrock:InvokeModelWithResponseStream`
- `bedrock:InvokeModel`

Permissions reference change log

06 October 2025

BlueXP workload factory now NetApp Workload Factory

BlueXP has been renamed and redesigned to better reflect the role it has in managing your data infrastructure. As a result, BlueXP workload factory has been renamed to NetApp Workload Factory.

Ask Me integration with MCP

Ask Me, Workload Factory's AI assistant, is integrated with the Model Context Protocol (MCP). Using MCP, Ask Me securely interfaces with external environments and queries API tools to deliver responses tailored to your specific storage environment.

05 October 2025

New notification for Storage

The NetApp Workload Factory notification service includes the notification for well-architected issues for Storage.

Notifications for NetApp Workload Factory

09 September 2025

New notification for Storage

The BlueXP workload factory notification service includes the notification for automatic capacity management for Storage.

Notifications for BlueXP workload factory

29 June 2025

Permissions update for Databases

The following permission is now available in *read-only* mode for Databases: `cloudwatch:GetMetricData`.

Permissions reference change log

BlueXP workload factory notification service support

The BlueXP workload factory notification service enables workload factory to send notifications to the BlueXP alerts service or to an Amazon SNS topic. Notifications sent to BlueXP alerts appear in the BlueXP alerts panel. When workload factory publishes notifications to an Amazon SNS topic, subscribers to the topic (such as people or other applications) receive the notifications at the endpoints configured for the topic (such as email or SMS messages).

Configure BlueXP workload factory notifications

04 May 2025

CloudShell autocomplete support

When using BlueXP workload factory CloudShell, you can start typing a command and press the Tab key to view available options. If multiple possibilities exist, the CLI will display a list of suggestions. This feature enhances productivity by minimizing errors and speeding up command execution.

Updated permissions terminology

The workload factory user interface and documentation now use "read-only" to refer to read permissions and "read/write" to refer to automate permissions.

30 March 2025

CloudShell reports AI-generated error responses for ONTAP CLI commands

When using CloudShell, each time you issue an ONTAP CLI command and an error occurs, you can get AI-generated error responses that include a description of the failure, the cause of the failure, and a detailed resolution.

Use CloudShell

iam:SimulatePermissionPolicy permission update

Now you can manage the `iam:SimulatePrincipalPolicy` permission from the workload factory console when you add additional AWS account credentials or add a new workload capability such as the GenAI workload.

Permissions reference change log

02 February 2025

CloudShell available in BlueXP workload factory console

CloudShell is available from anywhere in the BlueXP workload factory console. CloudShell allows you to use the AWS and ONTAP credentials that you've provided in your BlueXP account and execute AWS CLI commands or ONTAP CLI commands in a shell-like environment.

Use CloudShell

Permissions update for Databases

The following permission is now available in *read* mode for Databases: `iam:SimulatePrincipalPolicy`.

Permissions reference change log

22 January 2025

BlueXP workload factory permissions

You can now view the permissions that BlueXP workload factory uses to execute various operations starting from the discovery of your storage environments to deploying AWS resources such as file systems in Storage or knowledge bases for GenAI workloads. You can view IAM policies and permissions for Storage, Databases, VMware, and GenAI workloads.

BlueXP workload factory permissions

5 January 2025

Support for service accounts in BlueXP workload factory

Service accounts are now supported in BlueXP workload factory. You can create service accounts to act as machine users that automate infrastructure operations.

Create and manage service accounts

11 November 2024

Workload factory integration in the BlueXP console

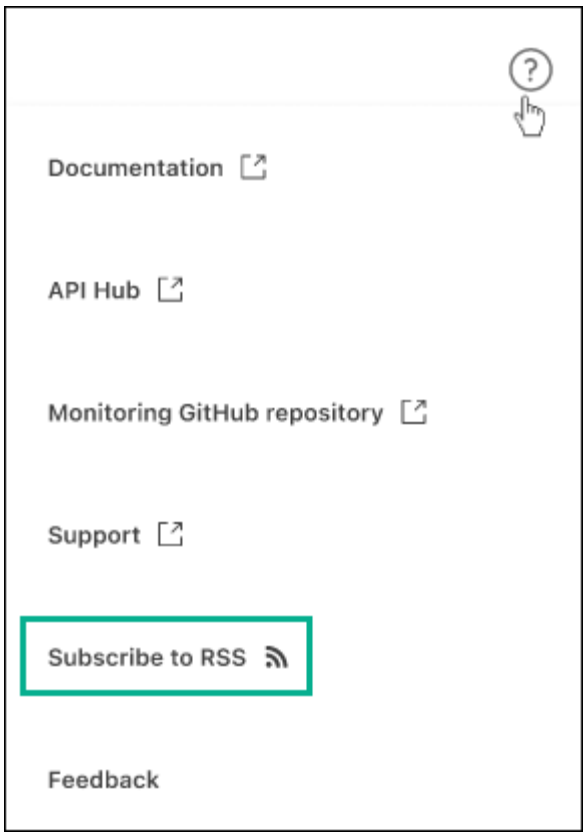
You now have the ability to use workload factory from the BlueXP console. The BlueXP console experience provides the same functionality as the workload factory console.

Learn how to access workload factory from the BlueXP console

1 September 2024

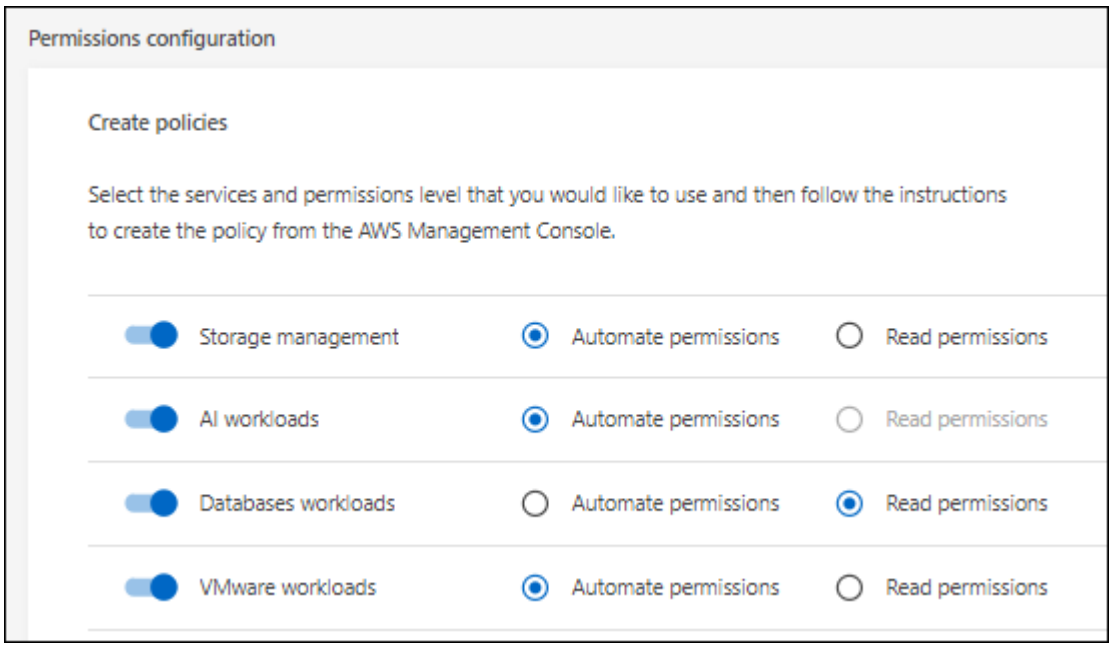
RSS subscription

RSS subscription is available from the workload factory console. Using an RSS feed is an easy way to consume and be aware of changes in BlueXP workload factory.



Support for a single permission policy per workload

When adding AWS credentials in workload factory, you can now select a single permission policy, either read or automate mode, for each workload and storage management.



Add AWS credentials to workload factory

4 August 2024

Terraform support

Terraform support is available for Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file system deployment and storage VM creation. The setup and admin guide now has instructions for how to use Terraform from the Codebox.

Use Terraform from Codebox

7 July 2024

Initial release of BlueXP workload factory

BlueXP workload factory is a powerful life-cycle management platform designed to help you optimize your workloads using Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file systems. Workloads that can be streamlined using workload factory and FSx for ONTAP include databases, VMware migrations to VMware Cloud on AWS, AI chatbots, and more.

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