

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot
Version 8.1.11

*Installation and Users Guide
Custom Applications*



Note:

Before you use this information and the product it supports, read the information in [“Notices” on page 149](#).

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About this guide

This guide provides you with information about how to set up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux®. The information brings you through the steps from Planning, through to installing, configuring, administering, and operating the product for your particular setup.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for DB2® is provided as a single installation package for AIX® or Linux. The product runs on the following storage systems:

- IBM® System Storage® DS8000®
- IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller
- IBM XIV® Storage System
- IBM Storwize® family and IBM Storwize V7000 Unified
- IBM FlashSystem family

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot runs online or offline backups of DB2, Oracle databases, or other applications that are on snapshot-oriented storage systems. Optionally, it backs up to IBM Spectrum Protect storage by using IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning, IBM Spectrum Protect for Databases, or IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client.

IBM Spectrum Protect is a client/server licensed product that provides storage management services in a multi-platform computer environment. It is required only if the offload backup function of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is needed.

Who should read this guide

This guide is intended for system programmers and administrators who are responsible for implementing a backup and cloning solution in one of the supported environments.

The following list identifies hardware and software solutions and tasks that can be used with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The information that is presented in this publication assumes that you have an understanding of the following solutions and topics, as applicable.

- Storage systems or file systems that are used for the database or custom application:
 - IBM System Storage DS8000
 - IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller or IBM Storwize family
 - IBM XIV Storage System
 - IBM System Storage N series
 - NetApp systems
 - IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS)
- Oracle or DB2 database administration
- IBM Spectrum Protect

Publications

The IBM Spectrum® Protect product family includes IBM Spectrum Protect Plus, IBM Spectrum Protect for Virtual Environments, IBM Spectrum Protect for Databases, and several other storage management products from IBM.

To view IBM product documentation, see [IBM Knowledge Center](#).

What's new for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications

Learn about new features and enhancements in IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot version 8.1.11.

New in IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot version 8.1.11

Take advantage of a new level of data availability with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot support for IBM HyperSwap technology, which enables mission-critical operations to continue without interruption during a complete site failure. HyperSwap systems support a dual-site, active-active solution that provides continuous availability of data during planned and unplanned outages.

For information on planning a HyperSwap system supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, see the planning topic about [HyperSwap integration](#).

New and changed information in this product documentation is indicated by a vertical bar (|) to the left-hand side of the change.

New in IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot 8.1.4

Specify different backup version retention values

For all storage devices, you can specify different backup retention periods for each device class that is configured. During the configuration process, you can define different values for each device class with the **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter in the profile. For more information about this feature, see [Backup version retention](#).

IBM SAN Volume Controller Dynamic Target Allocation (SVC DTA) incremental backups

Run incremental backups for SVC DTA with the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** option INCR. After the initial FlashCopy backup, incremental FlashCopy backups are run to the same target volume. The ability to run incremental backups to the SVC, results in improvements in how long the backup takes and eases the load on the SVC. For more information about incremental flash copies, see [Incremental backups and MAX_VERSIONS](#).

New and modified parameters or functions

The following parameters are modified for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot 8.1.4:

MAX_VERSIONS for all device classes

Use this parameter in the CLIENT section of the profile for each **DEVICE_CLASS** to create incremental FlashCopies. When **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** is set to INCR, the incremental FlashCopy is refreshed depending on the **MAX_VERSIONS** value set. Specify the maximum number of snapshot backup versions to be kept before the oldest backup is deleted by using **MAX_VERSIONS** to specify the maximum. For SVC DTA, when the version-delete deletes the oldest snapshot backup with an incremental FlashCopy relation, it reuses the target volumes of the expired backup and refreshes the FlashCopy relationship instead of deleting it. For more information about **MAX_VERSIONS**, see [“CLIENT” on page 87](#).

Chapter 1. Overview

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot provides a method to back up and restore data by using the advanced snapshot technologies of storage systems.

The following list identifies the applications that can be protected and cloned with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot:

- Custom Applications (without cloning)
- DB2
- DB2 in an SAP environment
- DB2 in a partitioned database environment. You can back up and restore data from single-partition databases, and logically or physically partitioned DB2 databases.
- Oracle
- Oracle in an SAP environment
- Oracle with Automatic Storage Management (ASM)
- Oracle in a RAC environment.

The following list identifies the storage solutions or file systems that you can use with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software:

- IBM XIV Storage System
- IBM Storwize family
- IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller
- IBM System Storage DS8000
- IBM Spectrum Scale file system.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can back up applications that are on snapshot-oriented storage systems or file systems.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports AIX and Linux operating systems.

Backup operations are based on volume-level copy operations that are provided by the storage system. For GPFS in combination with Custom Applications, the backup operations are based on GPFS file sets. In this scenario, any storage solution that is supported by the GPFS file system can be used. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot takes snapshots at a volume group or GPFS file set level for granular control.

When you use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with other IBM Spectrum Protect products, snapshots can be sent to the server. Transfer snapshots by using IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client. To send snapshot backups to IBM Spectrum Protect, you must configure a backup server or cluster.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Application can be used to protect any generic database application, or applications that are on file systems that are supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

Backup and restore methods with FlashCopy and snapshots

The terms *snapshot* or *FlashCopy* are used differently depending on your hardware storage. Both denote a logical point-in-time copy where the target volume represents an exact copy of the data on a source volume. The term *snapshot* is used generically to apply to all hardware types.

Snapshots and FlashCopies

Depending on the storage hardware you use, the terms *snapshot* or *FlashCopy* are used. Both denote a logical point-in-time copy, where the target volume represents an exact copy of the data on a source volume. Data is transferred to the target volume as the source volume is modified. This action is called

copy-on-write, or redirect-on-write. The logical copy can be transformed into a physical full copy on the target volume. When target volumes must be provided in advance, the target volume must be the same size as the source volume. In addition, the target volume and source volume must have the same logical track format, and must be on the same storage system. When data is restored, it is copied from the target to the source volume. The term *snapshot* is used to signify snapshot and FlashCopy.

For IBM XIV Storage System, and file systems such as GPFS, the term *snapshot* is used. A snapshot represents a point-in-time copy of a volume or set of volumes without having to define a specific target volume. The source volumes and snapshots are on the same storage system. Similarly, a file system snapshot represents a point-in-time copy of a file system or file set within a file system. The space that is required for the snapshot is allocated automatically within the same storage system or file system, and can increase over time.

Types of snapshot backups

Snapshot backups can be either full copy snapshots or space-efficient snapshots. The type of snapshot backups depends on the storage environment. During a full copy snapshot, all blocks of data on the source volume are copied to the target volume. During a space efficient snapshot, only blocks of data that are written on the source volume after the snapshot was created are copied to the target volume.

Transferring snapshots to an IBM Spectrum Protect server

When you use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with IBM Spectrum Protect products, you can transfer snapshots to the IBM Spectrum Protect server. To send these snapshot backups to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you must configure a backup server or cluster.

The following figure shows the relationship among the components in a production environment when you run a backup or restore snapshot.

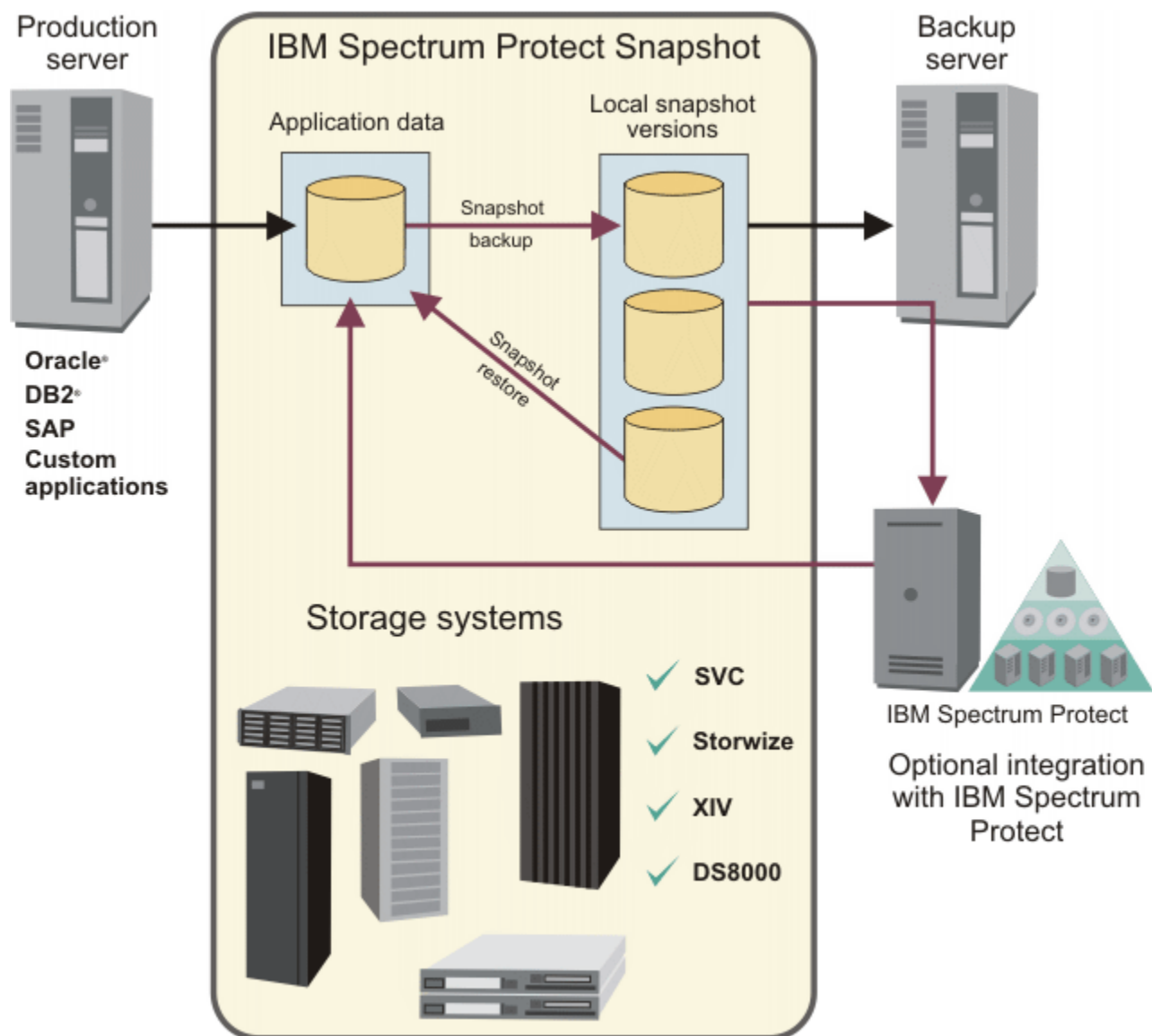


Figure 1. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup and restore environment.

Software components

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is composed of several software components.

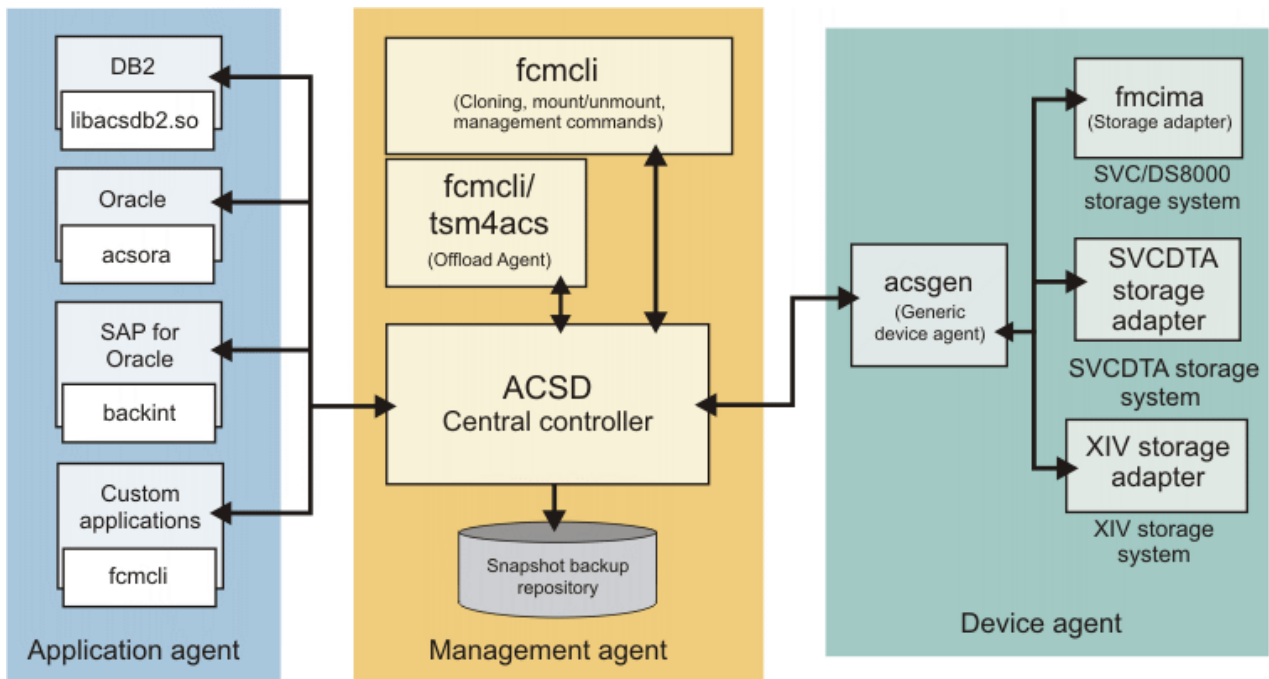


Figure 2. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot system components

Application agent

The application agent provides the necessary support to implement snapshot-based backup and restore operations. This agent interacts with the applications and tracks when an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup is created for a specific application.

Management agent

The management agent acsd coordinates all the components that are involved in backup, restore, and cloning operations. The agent controls the flow of information among the application and device agents, and other daemons. The agent provides access to the snapshot backup repository. This repository contains information about the snapshot backups and their relationships to snapshot-capable storage devices.

Device agent

The acsgen device agent is a generic agent that interacts with specific adapters for each storage device and the management agent. This agent is also used to send and request updates of the progress and usability information that is stored in the local snapshot backup repository.

The following lists the specific agents for each device type that communicate with the acsgen agent:

- The CIM adapter fmcima is used with the generic device agent acsgen. This adapter sends commands to the supported storage device by using the CIM interface. Examples of supported storage include DS8000, Storwize family, and SAN Volume Controller with static target allocation.
- The storage adapter for SVCDTA communicates with the CLI interfaces of SAN Volume Controller and the Storwize family storage systems with dynamic target allocation via Secure Shell.
- The XIV storage adapter is used with the generic device agent acsgen. This adapter communicates with the acsgen agent and issues commands to the XIV Storage System by using the command line interface XCLI.
- Third-party adapters that can communicate with non-IBM devices are available. Third-party adapters are not part of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot product.

Offload agent

The offload agent `fcmlcli` is used to send an existing snapshot to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

This agent also calls the generic device agent for mount and unmount operations on a backup system.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot command line interface

The command line interface `fcmlcli`, is used to issue various commands.

Chapter 2. Planning

Before you install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux, review the system, application, and storage requirements.

Review the *Pre-installation Checklist* that is attached to the technote for the hardware and software requirements for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The detailed hardware and software requirements are published as a part of the *Hardware and Software Requirements* technote which can be found at this link: <http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21427692>. From this technote, select the required software version and then select the required component link. The hardware and software requirements page contains the *Pre-installation Checklist* and an *Installation Planning* worksheet.

Note: The *Pre-installation Checklist* contains the most current requirement information, use this list to validate your environment.

The following conditions are the minimum environment requirements:

- A suitable disk layout of the application on the production server
- Correctly defined storage definitions on the storage system
- Connectivity from the production server to the storage system

The *Pre-installation Checklist* is published here: <http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg214276>

The installation planning sheet helps you to determine the correct type of installation that is required for your environment. The following areas are covered in the planning sheet:

- How to determine the configuration mode for your environment.
- How to decide the parameters and settings for the specific application that you want to protect. The required parameters for each specific software application are outlined in the planning sheet.
- How to determine the parameters and settings for the specific storage system that you use in your environment.
- What passwords are required during the installation.

Capacity planning

Ensure that there is sufficient storage space before you install and use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

The storage space that is required for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be divided into the following categories:

- Space that is required for the global product installation on the system.
- Space that is required to enable each individual database instance or custom application instance with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.
- Space that is required on the storage system or in the GPFS file system to store the snapshot backups.

Space requirement for global product installation

The space that is required for the product installation of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot varies depending on the underlying operating system. The following table shows the default installation paths and the average space requirements.

Table 1. Space requirements for a global product installation of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot		
Operating system	Installation path	Space required (MB)
AIX	/usr/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_version_number	1250

Table 1. Space requirements for a global product installation of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot (continued)

Operating system	Installation path	Space required (MB)
Linux	/opt/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_version_number	500

Space requirement for instances

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must also be installed on each custom application instance that is enabled for snapshot-based data protection. This process is called activation and must be started after the installation. During this process, all necessary files are copied from the installation path to an instance-specific directory. The space that is required for each IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot enabled application is equal to the amount of space that is required for the global product installation. The same amount of space is required for any backup instance.

Extra space is required for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot log files. Log files are written continuously by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot without automatically deleting the older ones. You must monitor periodically the amount of space that is used by these log files and manually delete them if required.

Space requirement for snapshot copies

The snapshot copies of your application data require the most space. The space that is required depends on the following factors:

- The total size of all volumes in the storage system that are part of the volume groups that contain the application data.
- The type of snapshot whether it is a full copy or a space-efficient snapshot.
- The number of backup copies.
- The number of changes that occur on the source volumes after a snapshot is taken. This factor applies to space-efficient snapshots only.
- For IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications, when snapshots are stored in the GPFS file system, that file system must have sufficient space to store all the snapshots. The size of a snapshot depends on the number of changes to the GPFS file system content that occur after the snapshot was taken. As a consequence, space requirements for a single snapshot can increase over time.

For remote mirroring with any of the following storage systems, each backup copy uses space on the remote site storage and on the local site until it is deleted.

XIV

SAN Volume Controller

IBM Storwize family

Use the **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file to limit the number of snapshots that are stored on a storage system or in a GPFS file system.

On SAN Volume Controller, IBM Storwize family, and IBM System Storage DS8000, full snapshot copies require the same amount of space as the corresponding source volumes. If there is not enough storage space available, you can increase the capacity on the requested storage pool, or free up some items that are using existing capacity.

Required communication ports

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux uses ports for communication between its daemon processes on backup systems and the production system, and the storage systems. Port numbers are defined during the installation of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux.

To determine the default port numbers that are used for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux see the following table:

Table 2. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux default port numbers

TCP Port	Initiator: Out-Bound (From Host)	Target: In-Bound (To Host)
57328	Production server and backup server	ACSD port on production system
5989 (HTTPS port) ^[1] 5988 (HTTP port) ^[1]	Production server and backup server	SAN Volume Controller CIM agent, with static target allocation Storwize family cluster CIM agent, with static target allocation
22	Production server and backup server	SSH port on SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family cluster, with dynamic target allocation
6989 (HTTPS port) ^[1] 6988 (HTTP port) ^[1]	Production server and backup server	DS8000 DS8000 CIM Agent
7778	Production server and backup server	XIV XIV CLI
[1] The protocol is specified in the COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL parameter of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile.		

Storage solutions

Before you install and configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software, review the storage solution setup. When the data to be protected is in a GPFS filesystem, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is independent of the underlying storage that is used by the GPFS file system. The storage device and its storage volumes must be accessible from all backup servers in the environment.

IBM XIV Storage System

When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot creates a backup on an IBM XIV Storage System, a snapshot of all source volumes that belong to the protected application is created on the storage system. By default, this snapshot is a space-efficient read-only copy of the application.

If you set the **USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS** parameter to NO, the snapshots are not mounted directly on a backup host. Instead, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot creates duplicates from the snapshots as part of the mount procedure, and these duplicates are removed when the backup is unmounted. The duplicate is a space-efficient logical copy of the snapshot, and this copy is writable. The duplicate is effectively another image, so changes to the duplicate are not reflected in the snapshot. As a result, the mounted image can be altered without affecting the backup image and any subsequent restore operations of that backup. A subsequent mount operation presents the image as created when the snapshot occurred.

The **USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS** parameter specifies whether writable snapshots can be used for mount or restore operations. If writable snapshots are used, no duplicates are created during mount operations and all changes that are applied to the snapshot are preserved. For more information, see [“LVM mirroring environments” on page 46](#). A typical IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile section for IBM XIV Storage System is provided here:

```
>>>
DEVICE_CLASS                XIV01
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE   XIV
PATH_TO_XCLI                 path where XCLI is installed
COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME      xiv_hostname
COPYSERVICES_USERNAME        admin
COPYSERVICES_REMOTE          YES
COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME xiv_hostname
```

```

COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME  xiv_remote_hostname
COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME    admin
USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS          AUTO
BACKUP_HOST_NAME                 backup_host
<<<

```

For remote mirroring with an XIV storage system, each backup copy uses space on the remote site storage and on the local site until it is deleted.

Dependent software packages

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires the IBM XIV Storage System command-line interface (XCLI) to be installed on all hosts. That includes the production and backup servers where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed.

Support for LVM mirroring (AIX only)

If AIX Logical Volume Manager (LVM) mirroring is used in the environment, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can create separate snapshots of either mirror.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses IBM XIV Storage System capabilities to restore writable snapshots. For writable snapshots, a mount operation directly mounts the original snapshot to another host. All changes to the snapshot are preserved, and a subsequent mount or backup operation contains all changes that occurred to the snapshot while mounted. For more information about using writable snapshots, see information about the **USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS** parameter in **DEVICE_CLASS** section.

(AIX only) Support for virtual I/O

IBM XIV Storage System and IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot support virtual I/O with n-port ID virtualization. On the production server, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports virtual I/O with N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) and Virtual I/O Server (VIOS). There is a one-to-one relationship between the virtual I/O logical volume and the storage LUN. On the backup server, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports virtual I/O with NPIV only.

Best practices for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with IBM XIV 11.6 Real-time Compression

You can use IBM XIV 11.6 Real-time Compression with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The usage of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with compressed volumes is not changed. However, when you transform volumes that are managed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot from the uncompressed state to the compressed state (or if you transform from compressed to uncompressed), use the following list of behaviors as a guide:

1. When source volume transformation is in progress (from uncompressed to compressed, or compressed to uncompressed), most IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operations (for example, back up, restore, and mount) fail. The XIV adapter returns the **FMM18137E** message. Run the volume transformation at a time that does not overlap with scheduled backups or other IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot actions that run on the volume that is being transformed.
2. With the XIV system, you can transform a volume from uncompressed to compressed state (or compressed to uncompressed state) by using one of the following options:
 - With the **delete_source=yes** option, delete all volume backups. If you do not delete the volume backups, the transform is unsuccessful. You can use the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to manually delete the backups before the transform operation runs.
 - With the **delete_source=no** option, the volume backups are retained. After the transform completes, the original (source) volume is hidden from the host system. The original volume is replaced by the transformed volume. Any instant restore operation that completes with the backups made before the transformation are restored to the hidden volume on the storage device. The restore is not made to the volume seen by the host. Note the restore to the volume that is seen by the host appears to be successful, but the source volume visible to the host system is unchanged.

When you use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to protect volumes to be transformed, delete the existing snapshot backups, regardless of the `delete_source` option setting.

Related concepts

[“Remote mirror integration” on page 17](#)

When you use storage solutions with mirror technologies in combination with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, certain criteria must be met by the environment to integrate backup and restore operations. For IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller and IBM System Storage DS8000 series, mirror technologies are labeled Global Mirror and Metro Mirror. For IBM XIV Storage System, mirror technologies are labeled Synchronous Remote Mirroring and Asynchronous Remote Mirroring.

SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family storage systems

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restores point-in-time copies from backups on SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family storage systems. You can also mount images on a remote server and back up the images to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

SAN Volume Controller storage adapter device types

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux offers two backup solutions with Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller storage systems.

When you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you can select one of the following device types (**COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE**):

SVCDTA

Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller: dynamic target allocation. During the backup process, target volumes are created dynamically and allocated on demand.

SVC

Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller: static target allocation. You must manually create target volumes on the storage system before the backup process.

The device type (**COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE**) that you select is added to the device class section of the profile. The **COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME** parameter stores the TCP/IP host name of the physical disk storage system.

Restriction: Both SVC and SVCDTA values are considered to be different hardware types, so limitations apply when they are used on the same storage system.

For a predefined target solution, before you start a backup operation you must ensure that the following tasks are completed:

- Target volumes are created on the storage system.
- Target sets for the volumes on the storage system are created.

A *target set* represents the mapping from the production host to the target volume on the storage system. You must specify a new target set for each backup generation to be retained on the storage system.

The following table provides a feature comparison between dynamic target volumes and predefined target volumes.

Table 3. Dynamic target volumes and predefined target volumes feature comparison.		
Feature	Dynamic target volumes	Static target volumes
Command line interface	Storwize family or SAN Volume Controller command-line interface (CLI)	Common Information Model (CIM) interface

Table 3. Dynamic target volumes and predefined target volumes feature comparison. (continued)

Feature	Dynamic target volumes	Static target volumes
Number of snapshot images retained	Specify a value for each device class MAX_VERSIONS parameter. Click here for information about the CLIENT section of the profile and values for MAX_VERSIONS .	Limited by the number of target sets defined
Selectively restore a single FlashCopy [®] snapshot image	Yes	Yes, however any FlashCopy image in the target set that is newer than the FlashCopy restored is deleted

Support for LVM mirroring (AIX only)

If AIX Logical Volume Manager (LVM) mirroring is used in the environment, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can create separate FlashCopy images of either mirror. Each mirror must be located in a different storage system.

Support for virtual I/O (AIX only)

SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family logical unit numbers (LUNs) can be attached to a host directly or by using Virtual I/O (VIO). Both setups are supported, when there is a 1-1 relation between VIO logical volumes and storage LUNs on the storage subsystem.

A VIO is a logical partition (LPAR) on a pSeries system that is controlled by the IBM Hardware Management Console (HMC) or IBM Integrated Virtualization Manager (IVM). It owns the hardware adapters and allows access for other logical partitions. This feature allows the device to be shared. The LPAR associated with the resources is the VIO Server and the logical partitions that use it are VIO Clients. For example, they can share one disk on the VIO Server instead of rebooting each logical partition from a Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) adapter and SCSI disk. This function eliminates the number of required adapters, adapter slots, and disks.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses virtual SCSI adapters to map disks from a VIO to a client LPAR. Physical volumes are required to be mapped from the VIO to the client. However, mapping logical volumes or storage pools is not supported. On the production server, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports virtual I/O with N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) and Virtual I/O Server (VIOS). There is a one-to-one relationship between the virtual I/O logical volume and the storage LUN. On the backup server, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports virtual I/O with NPIV. In addition, VIOS is supported when you configure the **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** parameter to use the **PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES** in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile.

More details about supported combinations of operating system and storage subsystem levels, are available in the *Pre-installation Checklist* that is available at this URL <https://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21427692>. From this technote, select the required software version and then select the required component link. The hardware and software requirement page contains the *Pre-installation Checklist* and an installation planning worksheet.

Remote access to FlashCopy images

For static target allocation, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot allows mounting a FlashCopy backup image to another host. This image is writable and any changes that are made on that image are reflected in the backup and are included in the subsequent restore.

For dynamic target allocation, a writable duplicate is mounted which is dismissed on unmount. As a consequence, the original backup is not altered. For cloning operations, the backup is directly mounted in the same way as for static target allocation.

Related tasks

[“Running the setup script for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications” on page 34](#)
Run the setup script to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications.

Related information

[IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot - All Requirements Document](#)

Incremental backups and MAX_VERSIONS for SVCDTA

When you configure SAN Volume Controller Dynamic target allocation, you can choose to run incremental backups. When the maximum number of backups as defined by **MAX_VERSIONS** is reached for a device class with **FLASHCOPY_TYPE INCR**, the oldest backup is deleted just before the new backup is taken. This new backup refreshes the INCR FlashCopy relation of the previous deleted backup.

For more information about device class settings, see [Device class backup version retention](#).

Related tasks

[“Configuring Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller dynamic target allocation \(SVCDTA\)” on page 39](#)

To allow dynamic volume creation during backup operations, you must enable Secure Shell (SSH) remote access to the storage system command-line interface (CLI) with Secure Shell (SSH) keys. An SSH key pair must be created to authenticate users for a secure connection to SAN Volume Controller.

Dynamic target allocation

This solution creates dynamic target volumes on the storage system during a backup operation.

During the backup process, target volumes are created dynamically and allocated on demand. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses the Storwize family or SAN Volume Controller command line interface (CLI) to communicate with the storage system. You do not need to install a Common Information Model (CIM) server.

Tip: Ensure that OpenSSH is installed on the Production and Backup servers. During the configuration process, you are prompted for the location of the OpenSSH binary.

Important: Using the **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter in the **CLIENT** section of the profile, specify the number of backups to retain. Use a specific number of backups to retain or use the ADAPTIVE option for each **DEVICE_CLASS** for **DEVICE_CLASS<SVCDTA>**.

In SAN Volume Controller environments where the source volumes of a backup are mirrored internally and the copies are in two different SAN Volume Controller storage pools, the storage pool for the target volumes is not automatically determined. You must specify the target storage pool with the **SVC_POOLNAME** parameter in the **DEVICE_CLASS** section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile when the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** is **YES**.

Space-efficient multi-target FlashCopy on SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family

Space-efficient targets that are part of a multi-target FlashCopy cascade might be deleted by SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family if other targets of the same cascade are restored or overwritten by a new snapshot.

In a SAN Volume Controller or a Storwize family environment, the following situations might cause space-efficient targets to be deleted:

Backup operations

An IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation uses the oldest target set that is available for the specified **DEVICE_CLASS**. However, that target set might not be the oldest target set that is associated with the source volumes. This scenario is possible when more than one **DEVICE_CLASS** is specified in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile. When the FlashCopy backup that is available on the target set is not the oldest backup, then the older backups are deleted during the backup operation. The oldest target set is the set that is used for the oldest FlashCopy backup in a multiple target set configuration.

Important: This does not apply if you select SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation.

Restore operation

An IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restore operation deletes any FlashCopy backups that are newer than the backup that is being restored. In addition, the backup that is restored with the current operation can also be deleted.

Important: This does not apply if you select SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation.

Target volume storage space exceeded

When the available storage capacity of a space-efficient FlashCopy target volume is exceeded, the target volume is taken offline. The data on the target volume that is taken offline is deleted.

Static target allocation

When you use SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software can restore FlashCopy backups before completion of a background copy.

When you restore snapshot backups before completion of a background copy, space-efficient volumes can be enabled as backup targets. The background copy rate is set to zero to prevent the snapshot target from becoming fully allocated. When you use either SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family, and IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software in this scenario, use the following guidelines for the environment:

Physical capacity

The physically allocated capacity of a space-efficient target volume must be large enough to contain all changes that occur to your production environment. Specifically, all changes that occur between the current and the subsequent backup. If the capacity is insufficient, the target volume goes offline and the corresponding backup becomes invalid.

SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family support the creation of automatically expanding target volumes. If you create target volumes that automatically expand, more storage is assigned to the target when the level of unused real volume capacity decreases. This additional storage ensures that sufficient capacity is available.

Tip: If you select SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation, all target volumes that were created dynamically will be auto-expandable.

FlashCopy relationships

During a restore, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software stops FlashCopy relationships. These relationships include relationships that are established at the time when the backup is created to any subsequent relationships that are created on the same source LUN. All backups to space-efficient targets that are newer than the backup used for restore, and the backup from which you are restoring, are deleted. If the background copy was not completed, the same restriction applies to full and incremental FlashCopy backups.

To check whether a backup is going to be deleted, query the usability state of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups. If the backup is going to be deleted, during the restore process, the `DESTRUCTIVELY_RESTORABLE` state is set. Otherwise, the state is set to `REPETITIVELY_RESTORABLE`.

Important: This does not apply if you select SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation. With SVCDTA, no backups are deleted during a restore operation.

Target sets

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot cannot reuse a target set for a new snapshot backup unless it corresponds to the last snapshot mapping in a cascaded snapshot relationship. This scenario implies that when IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot reuses a target set, all backups that are created before this point in time are deleted. In a non-mirrored environment, all backups that are created before this point in time are deleted when the following conditions are met:

- The same profile for the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups is used.
- This profile contains only one **DEVICE_CLASS** statement in the `CLIENT` section.

In an LVM mirrored environment, all backups that are created before this point in time are deleted when the `CLIENT` section of the profile contains one **DEVICE_CLASS** statement for each LVM mirror.

If multiple device classes are specified within this statement, each device class must manage the same number of target sets.

Important: This does not apply if you select SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation.

Recommendations for setting up the environment with static target volumes

When you set up the SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family environments for use with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software, the following list identifies guidelines for the environment:

- If space-efficient source volumes are used in combination with space-efficient target volumes, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be configured to use **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** COPY, INCR, or NOCOPY. If fully allocated source volumes are used in combination with space-efficient target volumes, then IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be configured to use **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** NOCOPY only.
- Decide whether you want to use space-efficient or fully allocated backup targets. In mirrored environments, a different choice can be made for each mirror.
- For each mirror, use one **DEVICE_CLASS** statement for disk-only backups. In addition, use one **DEVICE_CLASS** statement for dual backups. A dual backup is a disk backup and tape backup. Make sure that the schedule is defined so that the target sets are reused cyclically across both device classes per mirror.

For example:

- Define three target sets in the **DISK_ONLY** device class. Schedule these disk only backups to occur at 6:00, 12:00, and 18:00.
- Define one target set in a **DUAL_BACKUP** device class. Set this schedule to create a disk and IBM Spectrum Protect backup at 00:15.

If the value for the profile parameter **MAX_VERSIONS** is set to ADAPTIVE all disk-only backups taken before that point in time are deleted. Otherwise, the version policy causes the dual backup to fail if **MAX_VERSIONS** specifies seven versions.

- If a backup that is characterized as DESTRUCTIVELY_RESTORABLE is restored, the backup you are restoring and all backups that are taken after that point in time are deleted. The backup is not deleted when the backup is created with **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** FULL or INCR, and the background copy completed.

DS8000 storage system

For the DS8000 storage system, it is not possible to restore point-in-time copies when you set the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** parameter to *NOCOPY* in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile.

You can mount images on a remote server and back up the images to an IBM Spectrum Protect server when you use DS8000 storage systems.

CIM server

Starting with DS8000 R4.1 the Common Information Model (CIM) server is embedded with the storage device. It is not necessary to install and configure the CIM server separately. For earlier releases of DS8000, a proxy CIM server is required and must be configured to manage the necessary storage clusters. For more information about configuring a proxy CIM server, see the DS8000 documentation.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires that FlashCopy backup target volumes be created in advance on DS8000. To provide a target set definition to IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, organize target volumes into target sets, where each target set represents one backup generation.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot automatically matches source volumes to suitable target volumes. However, each target set must contain at least one suitable target volume for each source volume to be backed up. Additional target volumes in a target set are allowed, but these target volumes are ignored.

Support for LVM mirroring (AIX only)

If AIX Logical Volume Manager (LVM) mirroring is used in the environment, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can create separate FlashCopy images of either mirror.

DS8000 allows one incremental FlashCopy per source volume. When production volumes are mirrored by using Logical Volume Manager (LVM) mirroring, only one FlashCopy backup of this type per volume mirror is created. For incremental snapshots with DS8000 storage, only one target set can be specified in the target volumes file (. fct).

Support for virtual I/O (AIX only)

DS8000 logical unit numbers (LUNs) can be attached to a host directly or by using Virtual I/O (VIO). Both setups are supported, when there is a 1-1 relation between VIO logical volumes and storage LUNs on the storage subsystem.

A VIO is a logical partition (LPAR) on a pSeries system that is controlled by the IBM Hardware Management Console (HMC) or IBM Integrated Virtualization Manager (IVM). It owns the hardware adapters and allows access for other logical partitions. This feature allows the device to be shared. The LPAR associated with the resources is the VIO Server and the logical partitions that use it are VIO Clients. For example, they can share one disk on the VIO Server instead of rebooting each logical partition from a Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) adapter and SCSI disk. This function eliminates the number of required adapters, adapter slots, and disks.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses virtual SCSI adapters to map disks from a VIO to a client LPAR. Physical volumes are required to be mapped from the VIO to the client. However, mapping logical volumes or storage pools is not supported. On the production server, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports virtual I/O with N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) and Virtual I/O Server (VIOS). There is a one to one relationship between the virtual I/O logical volume and the storage LUN. On the backup server, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports virtual I/O with NPIV. In addition, VIOS is supported when you configure the **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** parameter to use the PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file.

More details about supported combinations of operating system and storage subsystem levels, are available in the Pre-installation Checklist that is available at this URL <https://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21427692>. From this technote, select the required software version and then select the required component link. The hardware and software requirement page contains the Pre-installation Checklist and an installation planning worksheet.

Remote access to FlashCopy images

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot allows mounting a FlashCopy backup image to another host. This image is writable and any changes that are made on that image are reflected in the backup and are included in the subsequent restore.

Related information

Reconciliation of backups

Reconciliation is the process where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot periodically verifies that backups on the storage system are valid.

Depending on the storage system, FlashCopy or snapshot backups can be deleted, withdrawn, or stopped by certain operations on the storage system. When these events occur, it invalidates the FlashCopy or snapshot backup. During reconciliation, FlashCopy or snapshots backups that are no longer present or are invalid on the storage system are removed from the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository.

The reconciliation process removes IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups when the following events occur on storage systems:

All storage systems

Manual intervention causes the following events to occur:

- The source volume or target volume relationship is withdrawn.
- The snapshot or FlashCopy is deleted.
- The FlashCopy mappings are stopped.

The reconciliation process removes IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups when the following events occur on the IBM XIV Storage System

When there is no available space for snapshot backups, the IBM XIV Storage System deletes old snapshots to free space for new snapshots.

The reconciliation process removes IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups when the following events occur on IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller and IBM Storwize family storage systems with static target allocation

- When a FlashCopy backup becomes invalid because it was created after the creation of the original backup that was later restored. This case applies to backups with space efficient target volumes, or if the background copy process is not yet finished. In addition, the backup that is subject to restore can also be invalidated by the storage system.
- When FlashCopy mappings of target volumes are used by the storage system for FlashCopy backups. When they are used in a specific FlashCopy backup, then previous FlashCopy backups can become invalid if they depend on the same mapping. This case applies to backups with space efficient target volumes or if the background copy process is not finished.

The reconciliation process removes IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups when the following event occurs on IBM System Storage DS8000

When a source target relationship is withdrawn backups are removed. This process does not happen automatically.

Remote mirror integration

When you use storage solutions with mirror technologies in combination with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, certain criteria must be met by the environment to integrate backup and restore operations. For IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller and IBM System Storage DS8000 series, mirror technologies are labeled Global Mirror and Metro Mirror. For IBM XIV Storage System, mirror technologies are labeled Synchronous Remote Mirroring and Asynchronous Remote Mirroring.

SAN Volume Controller

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backs up application data consistently on SAN Volume Controller storage solutions with volumes that are simultaneously used as Metro Mirror or Global Mirror sources. You can configure either the sources or the targets of the Remote Mirror to be selected as the sources for the FlashCopy backup. In addition, do not use FlashCopy targets as Global Mirror or Metro Mirror sources.

IBM System Storage DS8000

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backs up DS8000 storage solutions with volumes that are simultaneously used as Global Mirror or Metro Mirror sources. In contrast to SAN Volume Controller, you can configure only the sources of the Global Mirror or Metro Mirror to be selected as the sources of the snapshot backup. When you use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in this environment, do not use snapshot targets as Global Mirror and Metro Mirror sources.

IBM XIV Storage System

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can back up application data consistently on XIV storage solutions with volumes that are simultaneously used as Synchronous Remote Mirroring or Asynchronous Remote Mirroring sources. You can configure either the sources or the targets of the Remote Mirror to be selected as the sources for the FlashCopy backup.

Storage solutions that use mirror technologies with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must have the correct environment. The following list describes the criteria that must be met to ensure mirroring works correctly.

- The connectivity state must be online.

- The cluster partnership between the primary and secondary clusters must be configured before you use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The following list identifies what you must configure when you are setting up the cluster partnership:
 - IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed on the production and backup host on the local site (primary cluster).
 - IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed on all systems, including the takeover and standby servers, running at the remote site (secondary cluster).
 - The local site contains the primary storage cluster for the production hosts. The primary cluster has data that is replicated to a secondary cluster on the remote site or to the same cluster.
 - For intersystem copying, the remote site contains the mirror volumes in another storage cluster. In addition, the remote site also hosts the takeover and standby servers.
 - SAN Volume Controller supports both intrasystem and intersystem Metro and Global Mirror.
 - For XIV Synchronous Remote Mirroring and Asynchronous Remote Mirroring, configure either the source or the targets as a source for the snapshot backup.
- IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses a consistency group on the SAN Volume Controller and XIV storage solutions for the FlashCopy or snapshot. A consistency group is a group of volumes that are associated with a snapshot pair, which is a snapshot group of two corresponding instant copies of data, that is, point-in-time copies of a volume. For the snapshot pair, the logically related data must be kept consistent across the volumes. The snapshot consistency group can be used for a consistent point-in-time copy for an application or database that spans multiple volumes. The following list identifies more information about using consistency groups with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot:

SAN Volume Controller

- A consistency group contains a list of snapshot or Remote Copy relationships.
- The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software creates a snapshot consistency group on the secondary site to build a consistency unit between the source and target of the snapshot.
- You must define the consistency group for the mirror relationships between the master and auxiliary virtual disks.
- For Metro and Global Mirror, the state of the consistency group must be consistently synchronized.

XIV

- The operational state of mirror must be operational.
- A consistency group contains a list of volumes.
- A consistency group that contains all of the remote copy target volumes must exist before you start the snapshot on the remote system. Apply the storage commands to the consistency group to simplify management.
- The mirror relationship between the master and slave volumes must be defined in the consistency group.

The master is where source volumes are located for the remote replication. The slave is where target volumes are located.

- For XIV synchronous mirroring, the state of the consistency group must be consistently synchronized.
- For XIV asynchronous mirroring, the state of the consistency group must be RPO_OK.
- For Metro Mirror and Synchronous Remote Mirroring, the write operation is committed to the host after the data is written to both the source and target volumes.
- For Global Mirror and Asynchronous Remote Mirroring, the write operation is committed to the host immediately after the data is written to the source volume.
- In terms of master and slave sites, the master site is where source volumes are located for the remote replication. The slave site is where target volumes are located. When a disaster occurs or when maintenance is necessary, the roles of master site and slave site can be changed.

The following figure illustrates the hosts and volumes that are involved in remote mirroring that uses Metro and Global mirrors.

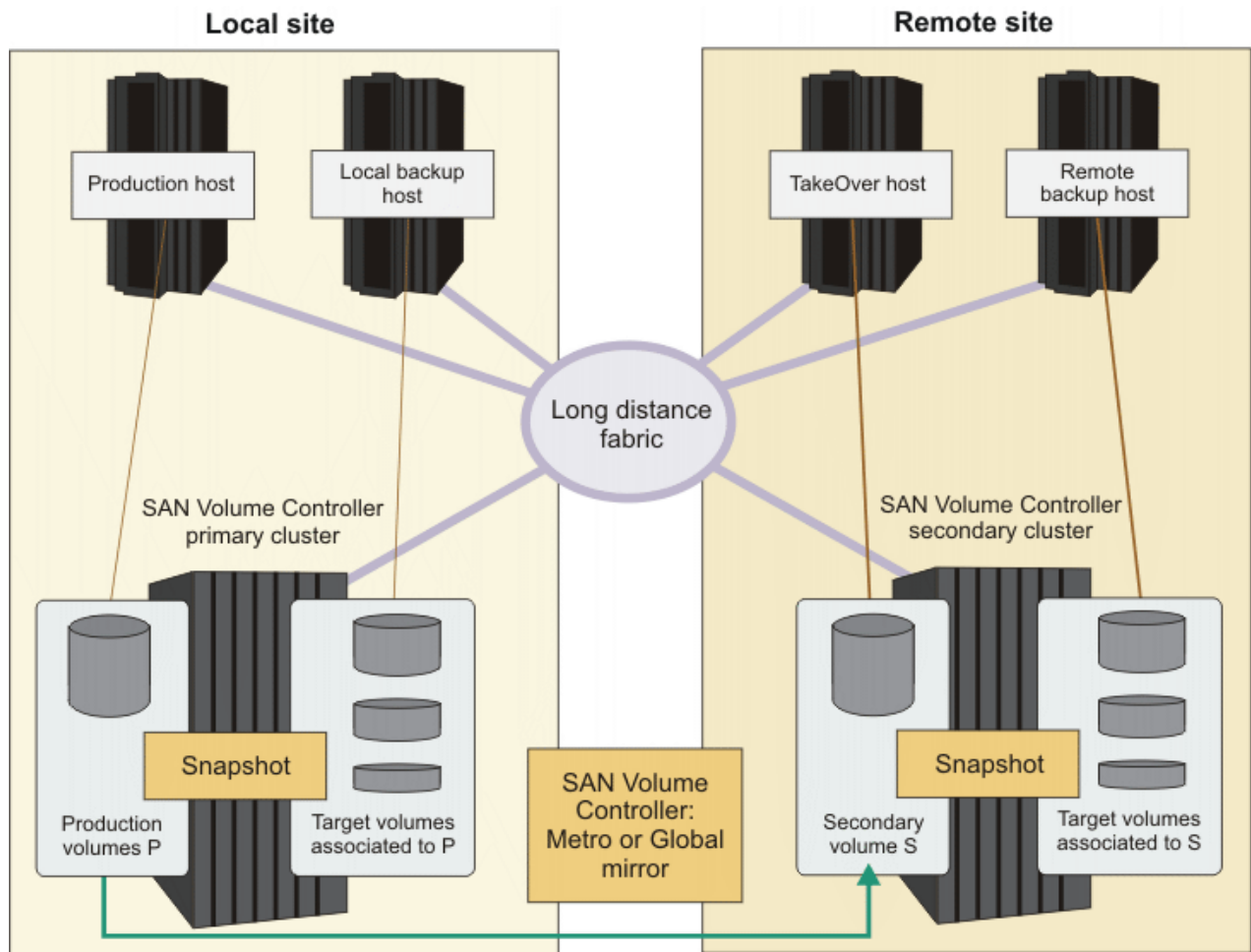


Figure 3. Remote mirroring using Metro Mirror and Global Mirror sources

Remote mirroring and consistency groups

You must verify the configuration of the consistency group on SAN Volume Controller and XIV systems that use mirroring functions before you run IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operations.

A *consistency group* is a group of copy relationships. You can group relationships into a consistency group that manages the consistency of dependent writes by creating a consistent point-in-time copy across multiple volumes or storage systems.

You must ensure that the connectivity state is online and configured for a SAN connection between the primary and secondary storage systems. The primary site contains the primary storage volumes for the production site. The volumes are then replicated to target volumes on the secondary site. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires the following configuration:

- For SAN Volume Controller, you must configure the consistency group:
 - For Metro Mirrors for static and dynamic target allocation, ensure that the state of the consistency group is consistently synchronized.
 - For Global Mirrors with dynamic target allocation, you must configure a *Global Mirror with Change Volumes* relationship:
 - Ensure that the consistency group for the relationship has cycling mode set to *multiple* by selecting the *Global Mirror with Change Volumes* option when you create the relationship between the volumes. Global Mirror with Change Volumes is the name for a point-in-time asynchronous volume replication. You can create change volumes either when you create the

Global Mirror relationships or you can add them to an existing relationship. Cycling mode and change volumes are not needed when you assign target allocation manually.

- The cycle period time set for the cycling mode and the number of I/O operations can influence the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot FlashCopy backup time. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot waits until the volumes at both sites are synchronized before a backup operation is completed. The cycle period is defined in seconds. The higher the cycle period the longer the time that is required for synchronization and to complete a FlashCopy backup. The factors that can influence the time are the number of I/O operations and the spread of the block-level changes across the storage system. The default value is 300 seconds.

Restriction: When you set the cycle period, the initial replication from the primary site change volume to the secondary change volume can take several hours before the volumes are synchronized. If you start an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation during this initial replication, the backup operation can fail due to the amount of time that is taken to complete the synchronization operation. Therefore, wait until the initial replication of change volumes is completed before you start a backup operation.

- For XIV systems, you must configure the consistency groups:
 - The consistency group must contain a list of mirrors.
 - The consistency group must contain a list of all of the remote copy target-volumes and this list must exist before you start the snapshot on the remote system.
 - The mirror relationship between the master (source) and slave (target) volumes must be defined in the consistency group. The master is on the source volume. The slave is on the target volume.
 - For synchronous mirroring, the state of the consistency group must be consistently synchronized.
 - For asynchronous mirroring, the state of the consistency group must be RPO_OK.

HyperSwap integration

HyperSwap systems support a dual-site, active-active solution that provides continuous availability of data during planned and unplanned outages.

A fully independent copy of the data is maintained at each site. When data is written by hosts at either site, both copies are synchronously updated before the write operation is completed. If storage at either site goes offline, HyperSwap will automatically failover storage access to the system at the surviving site. The HyperSwap function automatically re-synchronizes the two copies of the data as soon as possible after the outage.

The HyperSwap solution requires one IBM FlashSystem 9200 control enclosure at each site, or an equivalent system that can support more than one I/O group such as Storwize, V7000 or SAN Volume Controller. IBM FlashSystem 9200 systems are virtualized, Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe), all-flash software-defined storage solution. IBM FlashSystem 9200 runs IBM Spectrum Virtualize, which enables rapid deployment of cloud storage for disaster recovery.

A third FlashSystem 9200 site or an SAN Volume Controller system such as V7000 acts as a tie-breaking quorum device that provides an automatic tie-break in case of a link failure between the two main sites. The tie-breaker site can be implemented as a fiber channel storage area network (FC SAN) or an IP-based quorum application.

The HyperSwap function works with the standard multipathing drivers that are available on a wide variety of host types, with no additional host support required to access the highly available volume. Where multipathing drivers support Asymmetric Logical Unit Access (ALUA), the storage system tells the multipathing driver which nodes are closest to it, and can be used to minimize I/O latency. The HyperSwap topology uses additional system resources to support a full independent cache on each site, allowing full performance even if one site is lost. You simply indicate to the storage system which site a host is connected to, and the storage system configures the optimal host path.

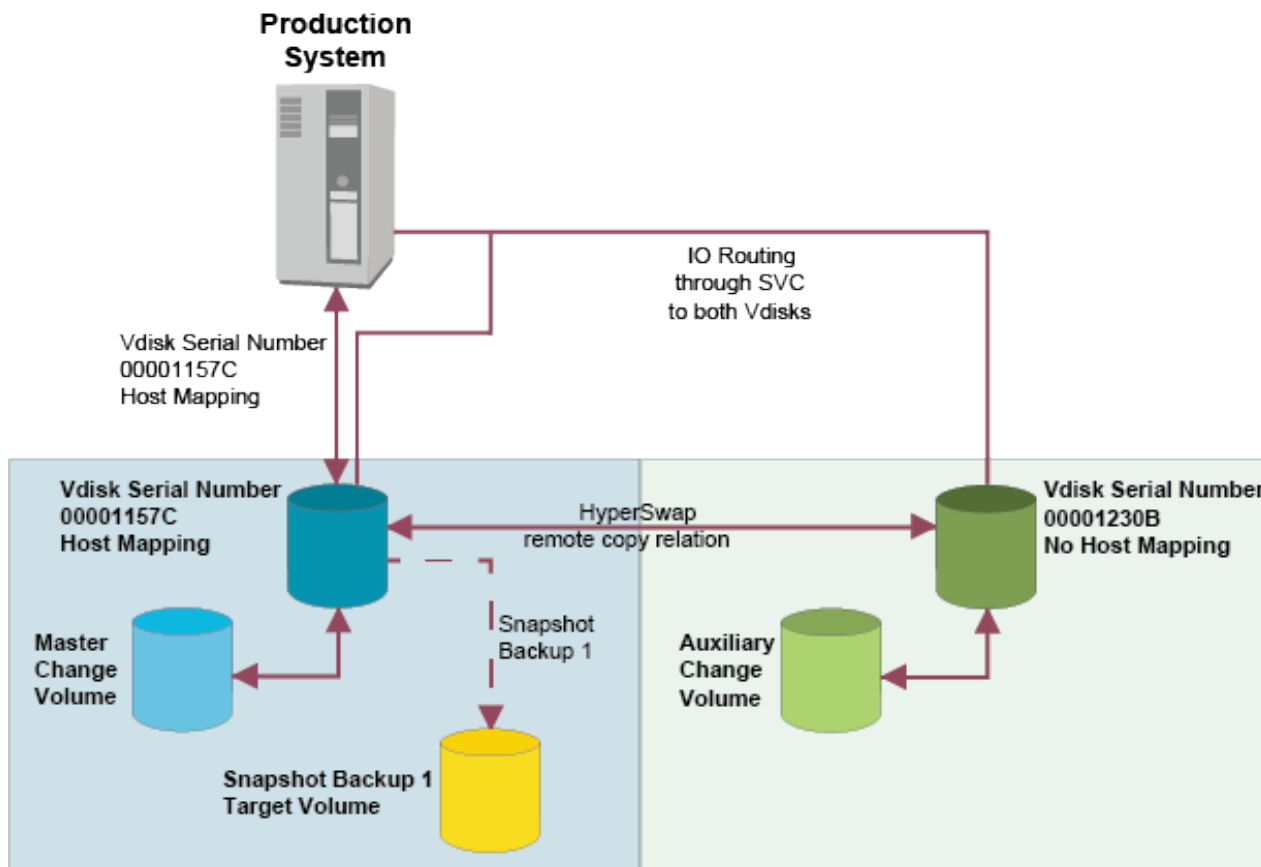


Figure 4. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in a HyperSwap environment

A HyperSwap volume is a single logical entity. From an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot perspective, an SVC-based HyperSwap cluster looks like a normal cluster. Similarly, from the operating system perspective the HyperSwap LUNs that are mapped to a host look like normal SVC vDisks. To the operating system, the LUNs present as a single LUN serial number or UID.

In practice, a HyperSwap volume is realized by using four physical volumes, a set of FlashCopy maps and a remote copy active-active relationship. The master and auxiliary volumes are 2 vDisks residing in storage pools at different sites. The vDisks have different LUN serial numbers or UIDs. Internally the vDisks have different vDisk names. To the SVC GUI the vDisks present themselves with the same vDisk name with the site name added in parentheses. When using the SVC CLI, however, you can see the real vDisk name of the disk on the auxiliary site.


A typical HyperSwap-based production server performs IO routing to the two vDisks, using SVC capabilities. Host mapping is set up between a production system and a vDisk using a LUN serial number. The primary vDisk in turn synchronizes changes with a Master Change Volume.

On the other side of the HyperSwap remote copy relationship, the LUN serial number of the vDisk has no host mapping. This vDisk synchronizes changes with an Auxiliary Change Volume.

SVC handles all internal HyperSwap operations transparently for the operating system and the application, that is using the data on the HyperSwap volumes. If for example one site in SVC has IO problems, then SVC automatically passes all read and write activity over to the vDisks on the second site.

From the operating system perspective nothing has changed. The mapped LUN serial number is the same, even if all IO activity is now handled by the vDisk on site2 (which internally has a different LUN serial number). The only place where such a failover can be seen is the SVC GUI or the SVC CLI when you inspect the Primary Volume column. The column shows the value **Auxiliary** instead of **Master** after a failover.

Note: Because all HyperSwap volumes belonging to an application are in a remote copy consistency group, all volumes failover at the same time, even if the a problem is with a single disk. In the SVC GUI

you can also see a small symbol  next to the state **Consistent Synchronized**, indicating that the Master and Auxiliary are switched. When you hover over the graphic, a pop-up displays the text **Master and Auxiliary are Switched**. This will be relevant when we look at restore scenarios.

Preparing applications that run on VMware or KVM

Before you install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on VMware or KVM virtual machines that run Linux guest operating systems, you must verify the configuration of the application that you want to protect.

Before you begin

Different applications have specific IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot configuration requirements. For more information about application-specific requirements, see [Chapter 2, “Planning,” on page 7](#).

Procedure

VMware

- Before you back up data on VMware virtual machines, ensure that all source LUNs in the backup operations are attached to the virtual machine with one of the following methods:
 - VMware physical mode raw device mapping (pRDM)
 - iSCSI
 - Network file system (NFS)
- Run an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restore operation from a snapshot to an existing pRDM disk. The operation does not create a virtual machine or pRDM definition as part of the restore process.

KVM

- Before you back up data on KVM virtual machines, ensure that all source LUNs in the backup operations are attached to the virtual machine with one of the following methods:
 - Block device mapping (BDM)
 - iSCSI
 - Network file system (NFS)
 - PCI Passthrough
- Run an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restore operation from a snapshot to an existing BDM disk. The restore operation does not create a virtual machine or BDM definition as part of the restore process.

Checking the KVM setup

Ensure that when the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot KVM setup uses Block Device Mapping, the LUNs are mapped to the KVM guest as multipath devices. The LUNs must be visible as multipath devices inside the KVM guest. Run the **multipath** command to check your setup for KVM.

Procedure

- To verify your KVM setup, run the **multipath** command from within the KVM guest. The command output looks similar to the following example:

```
kvm-guest:~ # multipath -ll
mpathat (360050768018205de4000000000001949) dm-7 IBM ,2145
size=2.0G features='1 queue_if_no_path' hwhandler='0' wp=rw
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
   `- 3:0:0:3 sdf 8:80 active ready running
```

In the example, *360050768018205de4000000000001949* is the LUN identifier. It is a unique number that must not be overwritten by the KVM stack. The product storage identifier must be visible inside the KVM guest. In the example, this identifier is *IBM,2145*.

Chapter 3. Installing and setting up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot

To install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot you must follow the installation steps, run the setup script for your component, activate the installation for every application you want to protect, and configure the product. The first step is to install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server. If you choose to, you can upgrade your system from a previous version of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to Version 8.1.4.

About this task

Depending on your environment, a separate installation of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be required on a backup server. The following set of tasks are required to complete the installation process.

Procedure

1. Install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server. During the installation, the product is installed to a global installation directory.

The production server is the server where the application to be protected by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is located.

2. Activate the installation for every application you want to protect with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

During the activation, all the necessary files are copied from the installation directory, to the application-specific installation directory.

3. Configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot by using a dedicated configuration script for the application that you want to protect, and optionally install and configure the product on a backup server.

If Open Secure Shell (OpenSSH) is configured between the production and the backup servers, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be activated and configured on the backup server by using the dedicated configuration script from the production server. Otherwise, a separate installation is required.

The following files and directories are created on the production server, and optionally on the backup servers during the configuration process:

- An ACS_DIR configuration directory, if the ACS_DIR directory is not identical to the instance directory. The path for the ACS_DIR directory is specified in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile.
 - A profile within the ACS_DIR configuration directory.
 - A symbolic link is created from the <instance directory>/profile file that points to the ACS_DIR/profile when the two directories are not identical.
 - A password file in the ACS_DIR/shared directory.
 - IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemon processes are started if requested.
4. If the backup server is not automatically activated and configured by running the setup, set up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on that backup server.

Backup servers are auxiliary hosts that are required by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to mount backup images. A backup server is required to offload backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

If Open Secure Shell (OpenSSH) is configured between the production and backup servers, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be activated and configured automatically. Otherwise, a separate installation on a backup server is required.

Results

The following files and directories are created on the production server, and optionally on the backup or clone servers, during the configuration process:

- When the ACS_DIR directory is not identical to the instance directory, an ACS_DIR configuration directory is created. The path for the ACS_DIR directory is specified in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile.
- A profile in the ACS_DIR configuration directory.
- A symbolic link from the <instance directory>/profile that points to the ACS_DIR/profile when the two directories are not identical is created.
- A password file in the ACS_DIR/shared directory.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemon processes are stopped and restarted if requested.

Preparing for installing

Before you install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, review the hardware, software requirements, and application environment. You must complete the Pre-installation Checklist and Planning Worksheet before you install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux.

The hardware and software requirements for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux are published in the following technote: <http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21427692>. Follow the link to the requirements technote for your specific release or update level. From there you will find the *Pre-installation Checklist* and the *Installation Planning Worksheet* for the most recent version of the product.

Preparing custom applications

Some prerequisites are necessary when you are preparing a custom application environment.

The preparation information is valid for environments on supported storage hardware as well as for environments in GPFS filesystems. For GPFS filesystems, when you see the term *volume group*, read that as *independent fileset*.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot performs snapshot backups of plain file systems on a volume group level. Therefore, ensure that the files you want to protect are stored in dedicated file systems and volume groups.

In addition to storing the data in dedicated volume groups, those volume groups must be on a file system type that is supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. Any other data that is stored on these volume groups, is also processed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, and it is included in the backup images. When the backup image is restored, any additional data in the volume group that is updated or created after the backup is overwritten.



Attention: Do not store any data that you do not want to restore within volume groups that are being processed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. If IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot detects such data in one of the volumes to be backed up, the backup operation can fail.

In situations where files not associated with the application are in a volume group that is used for backup and restore operations, use the **NEGATIVE_LIST** parameter. This IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile parameter can be used to control file processing. For information about the NEGATIVE_LIST profile parameter, see the profile section “CLIENT” on page 87 for details.

Tip: To create a transaction-consistent backup of your custom application, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to run a pre-flash and post-flash command immediately before and after, the creation of the snapshot. These commands can suspend and resume the application to create a consistent backup. For more information about these commands, see “Backup and restore commands for custom applications” on page 119

Preparing a custom application or database instance for configuration

Before you configure the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance on the backup system, you must prepare the instance as the application instance owner of the backup system.

Procedure

1. As the application instance owner of the backup system, copy the `fcmselcert.arm` file from the production server to the backup server `INSTANCE_DIR` directory.
2. Copy the password file from the production system to the backup system. Paste the file into the `$HOME/acs` of the application instance owner. If this directory does not exist, create it with the following command.

```
mkdir -p $HOME/acs/shared
cd $HOME/acs/shared
scp Application_instance_owner@production_system:<ACS_DIR>/shared/pwd.acsd
```

3. Run the setup script as the Application instance owner from the `INSTANCE_DIR` directory. Running the script from this directory, configures the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance.

```
cd Application_instance_owner_$HOME_directory/sqllib/acs
./setup_gen.sh
```

What to do next

You must configure the instance on the backup server, [“Configuring a custom application or database instance” on page 35](#).

Preparing IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications with GPFS

If you plan to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications in a GPFS environment, some prerequisites are required before you start.

Before you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications with a GPFS setup, there are a number of preparatory steps as follows:

1. If you want to use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot from all GPFS nodes in your environment, you must install it into a GPFS file system. You must prepare an independent file set or a GPFS file system for the installation that does not contain other application data that you want to protect. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository, configuration, and binary files are then shared between all nodes of your GPFS cluster.
2. Choose one GPFS management node in the cluster that runs the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons.
3. Choose a GPFS management node for offloading data to an IBM Spectrum Protect server. This can be the same node on which the daemons are running.
4. Choose the GPFS management nodes that participate in offloading operations. You must include the node that is used for offloading data to the IBM Spectrum Protect. Ensure that the IBM Spectrum Protect client is set up on all nodes that you choose.
5. Determine which IBM Spectrum Protect server or servers you are offloading backups to. Ensure that the IBM Spectrum Protect client is set up and configured for each of the IBM Spectrum Protect servers. For information about setting up IBM Spectrum Protect clients for cooperation with the GPFS **mmbackup** command, see http://www-01.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STXKQY_4.1.1/com.ibm.spectrum.scale.v4r11.adm.doc/bl1adm_tsmreqs.htm%23tivolistoragemanagerreqs.
6. If you require different IBM Spectrum Protect settings for various GPFS independent file sets, plan to set up different IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instances. A single instance manages all file sets that share a set of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and IBM Spectrum Protect parameters.
7. Where possible, place all data to be managed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in independent file sets that are different from root file sets of the GPFS file system.

In an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot GPFS setup, there is no backup server. Offload operations to the IBM Spectrum Protect server are run at the production cluster level.

Note: Do not use the GPFS **mmbackup** command manually on data that is managed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

Make sure that all file systems included in a backup are mounted to the default mount point. All file sets must be linked when an offloaded backup to an IBM Spectrum Protect server is run. When you are unlinking file sets or linking file sets to different paths, restrictions for the **mmbackup** command apply. For example, files that are contained in file sets that were unlinked during an offload operation are expired on the IBM Spectrum Protect server.

To send backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server, the GPFS **mmbackup** command is used. Rules and limitations that are documented in the GPFS documentation for the **mmbackup** command apply.

Preparing backup servers

The backup server is an auxiliary host where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can mount backups.

For custom applications on GPFS file systems, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot does not need any backup servers. For all other environments, a backup server is used to offload the backup image to an IBM Spectrum Protect server. Sending data to the IBM Spectrum Protect server happens on the backup server and not on the production server where the protected application is running. You must configure a backup server when you want to offload snapshots to IBM Spectrum Protect. You can share one backup server among multiple applications or you can have multiple backup servers.

However, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot does not allow backup images to be mounted directly on the production server. A backup server must be set up as a separate host.

Determine the number of backup servers in the environment

The number of required IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup servers is determined by the number of servers that are used to access backup images.

To access backup images on either site of a disaster recovery environment, at least two backup servers are needed. A backup server can also simultaneously be used for multiple applications and multiple production servers. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can mount a backup image on a backup server. For the following scenarios, at least one backup server is required.

- Mount backup images on another server.
- When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is used with IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client to offload snapshot backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server
- When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires a mount operation, during a backup operation because the following conditions exist:
 - The database is running in an LVM mirrored environment on AIX.
 - Conditions that require a so called IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot forced mount operation for the different storage subsystem environments:

SAN Volume Controller, Storwize family, and DS8000

A forced mount is required if the option **PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES** is set for the profile parameter **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** and the operating system is Linux.

DS8000

A forced mount is required on AIX if the option **PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES** is set for the profile parameter **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** and a freeze and thaw action was not executed for the file systems.

Installation prerequisites for backup servers

For hosts that are used as a backup server, the operating system version and maintenance level must be the same as the production server

Backup server requirements

To run the software, the following settings are required on the backup server:

- The user name and group name of the application owner on the production server must be available on the backup server. The same user ID (UID) and group ID (GID) must be used.
- A database instance with the same version as the database instance on the production server must be installed on the backup server.

When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is used in an environment with IBM Spectrum Protect, a backup server is required. This backup server is used to offload the backup workload from the production server to the backup server and sends the application critical backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

The IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client is used by these clients and must be installed and configured on both the production and the backup servers.

Update the IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client node password on the production server and all backup servers whenever it changes. When IBM Spectrum Protect is configured to use the **PASSWORDACCESS GENERATE** parameter, the password can change without notification.

- If the IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client is configured to use the **PASSWORDACCESS GENERATE** parameter, use the IBM Spectrum Protect proxy-node capability to avoid authentication errors when the password is reset.
- Create one data node on the IBM Spectrum Protect server where all IBM Spectrum Protect clients from all backup and production servers are sending and retrieving data.
- Create one authentication node for each production server and backup server that is configured as proxy node to this data node.

Backup server prerequisites

When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is used in an environment with IBM Spectrum Protect, a backup server is required. This backup server is used to offload the backup workload from the production server to the backup server, and sends the application critical backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server. Ensure that the required settings are in place before you install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the backup server.

To run the software, the following settings are required on the backup server:

- The user name and group name of the application owner on the production server must be available on the backup server. The same user ID (UID) and group ID (GID) must be used.
- A database instance with the same version as the database instance on the production server must be installed on the backup server.

The IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning client is used by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to start a subsequent backup to an IBM Spectrum Protect server, and must be installed and configured on both the production and the backup servers.

The IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client is used by these clients and must be installed and configured on both the production and the backup servers.

Update the IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client node password on the production server and all backup servers whenever it changes. When IBM Spectrum Protect is configured to use the **PASSWORDACCESS GENERATE** parameter, the password can change without notification.

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- Create one data node on the IBM Spectrum Protect server where all IBM Spectrum Protect clients from all backup and production servers are sending and retrieving data.

- Create one authentication node for each production server and backup server that is configured as proxy node to this data node.

Preparing backup servers for applications running on VMware or KVM virtual machines

If a backup server you are using is a VMware or KVM virtual machine, the storage device must be attached to the virtual machine with either iSCSI or Network file system.

Before you begin

Review “Installation prerequisites for backup servers” on page 29 to ensure that all requirements for backup servers are met. These requirements are also required for backup servers on virtual machines.

Procedure

- Verify that all target LUNs in backup operations are attached to the virtual machine with one of the following attachment methods:
 - iSCSI
 - Network file system (NFS)

Installing and uninstalling IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications

Install or uninstall IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot using the graphical installation wizard, or the console wizard in interactive or silent mode

Installing IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in interactive mode

Install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server by using the graphical installation wizard, or the console wizard in interactive or silent mode.

Before you begin

For the most up-to-date requirements, review the *Hardware and Software Requirements* technote that is associated with the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot release. This technote is available in the *IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot - All Requirement Documents* website at: <https://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21427692>. Follow the link to the requirements technote for your specific release and version, and review the *Pre-Installation Checklist* and *Planning Worksheet*.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installation packages are delivered as individual files. They are provided as an image that is downloaded from [IBM Passport Advantage®](#).

The files are named like

```
<version>-TIV-TSFCM-<platform>.bin
```

Procedure

To install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server, complete these steps.

1. Log on to the production server and use the root user ID. Change to the directory where you downloaded the package file. Use one of the following methods to start the installation:

Graphical user interface with the installation wizard

The installation wizard requires a graphical X Window System installation. Make sure the environment variable *DISPLAY* specifies *host:display*, where *host* identifies the host name of the X Server to be contacted and *display* is the display number. To use the graphical installation wizard, enter this command:

```
./<version>-TIV-TSFCM-<platform>.bin
```

If the graphical X Window System is not present, the installation continues in console mode.

Console mode

To install in console mode, enter the following command:

```
./<version>-TIV-TSFCM-<platform>.bin -i console
```

2. Follow the prompts to install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.
3. In the **Pre-Installation Summary**, review your installation settings.

The installation directory for AIX is `/usr/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_<version>`

The installation directory for Linux is `/opt/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_<version>`

If an error occurs during the installation process, correct the errors and restart the installation procedure. Find the `installation.log` file in the installation directory to troubleshoot installation errors.

What to do next

After the installation you must activate the instance for the applications. When the activation process completes, you must configure each application instance to finalize the installation process.

Related tasks

[“Activating an instance” on page 32](#)

During the activation process, the necessary files are copied from the installation directory to an instance-specific directory. The installer does not activate the instance. In order to activate an instance, follow the procedure.

[“Configuring or reconfiguring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot” on page 33](#)

After the installation and activation procedures complete, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, use the setup script for your environment. The information that you enter is used to create the profile.

[“Setting up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on a backup server” on page 53](#)

To set up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on a backup server separately, complete the following steps on the backup server.

Installing in silent mode

To install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in silent mode, you must create a properties file.

About this task

You can generate a properties file when you are installing the product in interactive mode. You can use this properties file to install similar setups in silent mode.

Procedure

1. Install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in interactive mode and generate a properties file with the following command that is run from the installation directory:

```
./<version>-TIV-TSFCM-<platform>.bin [-i console] -DRECORDFILE=<properties_file>
```

For example,

```
./8.1.0.4-TIV-TSFCM-AIX.bin -DRECORDFILE=/tmp/installation.properties
```

2. Invoke the executable file with the `-i silent` option and the `-f` option to specify the properties file:

```
./<version>-TIV-TSFCM-<platform>.bin -i silent -f <properties_file>
```

The *properties_file* specification must contain a full path.

For example,

```
./8.1.0.4-TIV-TSFCM-AIX.bin -i silent -f /tmp/installation.properties
```

3. Review the `installation.log` file in the installation directory to complete the process.

What to do next

Activation

Uninstalling the software

Complete the uninstallation procedure to uninstall a version of the product from your system.

Procedure

1. Determine the installation path of the version of the product you want to uninstall. The following paths provide the location of the installation files:
 - For AIX operating systems, it is this path, `/usr/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_<version>`.
 - For Linux operating systems, it is this path, `/opt/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_<version>`.
2. Run the appropriate command for your operating system from the installation path:
 - For AIX operating systems, use this command `/usr/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_<version>/uninstall/uninstaller.bin`.
 - For Linux, use this command `/opt/tivoli/tsfcm/acs_<version>/uninstall/uninstaller.bin`.

Activating an instance

During the activation process, the necessary files are copied from the installation directory to an instance-specific directory. The installer does not activate the instance. In order to activate an instance, follow the procedure.

Procedure

1. Log in to the production server and use the root user ID. Change to the global installation directory.
2. To activate any additional custom applications, complete the following steps:

To activate a custom application, complete the following steps:

- a. Run one of the following commands to activate the custom application instance:

Environments other than GPFS

The default installation directory is `$HOME/acs`. The home directory of the application backup user is `$HOME`. The following command creates the `$HOME/acs` directory:

```
./setup_gen.sh -a install  
-d <Application_owner_$HOME_directory>
```

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```
./setup_gen.sh -a install  
-d <Application_owner_$HOME_directory>  
-t <directory_in_shared_file_system>
```

The `-t` parameter specifies a target directory in a shared file system to ensure that IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot binary files are copied to the shared file system. These files are then available on all nodes of the GPFS cluster. Use a directory in an independent file set or a GPFS file system that does not contain other application data that you intend to protect with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. A link that is named `$HOME/acs` is created that targets the specified directory. `$HOME` is the home directory of the application backup user. The link is only created on the local node and on the node that is used as a backup server. You must manually create that link on other GPFS cluster nodes to operate IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot from other nodes.

What to do next

After the installation you must activate the instance for the applications. When the activation process completes, you must configure each application instance to finalize the installation process.

Related concepts

[“Preparing backup servers” on page 28](#)

The backup server is an auxiliary host where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can mount backups.

Related tasks

[“Configuring or reconfiguring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot” on page 33](#)

After the installation and activation procedures complete, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, use the setup script for your environment. The information that you enter is used to create the profile.

[“Running the setup script for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications” on page 34](#)

Run the setup script to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications.

Configuring or reconfiguring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot

After the installation and activation procedures complete, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, use the setup script for your environment. The information that you enter is used to create the profile.

Before you begin

Ensure that you complete the *Installation Planning Worksheet*. See the Planning section, for more information about the *Installation Planning worksheet*.

About this task

Configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot by [Running the setup script](#).

When you run the setup script to configure the product, you are asked for instance-specific information as follows.

- The type of instance, whether it is a production or a backup system.
- If the functionality is backup, or for offloading backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.
- Configuration information for the behavior of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.
- Settings for integration with other products such as an IBM Spectrum Protect server or IBM Spectrum Protect clients.
- Connection information and definitions for backup instances if they are required.
- Connection information and settings for storage hardware. For more information about storage, see [Configuring storage environments](#).

The *Installation Planning Worksheet* is available here <http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21427692>. It contains a list of parameters that are requested when you run the setup script in basic mode. For more information about profile parameters, see [Profile](#). For more information about configuring the product for specific environments, see [Backing up data](#). For more information about the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons, see [Setting up daemons](#).

Related concepts

[“Planning” on page 7](#)

Before you install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux, review the system, application, and storage requirements.

Running the setup script for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications

Run the setup script to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications.

Before you begin

In most cases, it is sufficient to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in basic mode rather than advanced mode.

- In basic mode, a subset of parameters is editable and can be modified. For all other parameters, default values are used. The daemons are started automatically.
- In advanced mode, you can configure all parameters. You choose whether IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons are started automatically or not.

For more information about configuration files and different profile parameters, see [Configuration files](#). To read about the profile contents and which parameters are editable in advanced mode, see [Profile](#).

If this general information on the instance needs to be changed at a later point in time, the setup script must be called in advanced mode.

Depending on your environment and the functionality to be used, extra configuration files might be required when you are configuring the product. The setup script checks that these files exist, but does not verify the contents. They must be complete before you run any IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot functions.

You can create multiple entries with different values for some parameters. To create multiple entries, when the script asks if you want to add another instance of a parameter, enter y. To delete a parameter entry, when prompted for a parameter value enter !d. To display help for a parameter, enter ? at the prompt for the parameter value. The help is best viewed in a window that is set for at least 130 characters.

Procedure

1. From the production database instance on the production server, log on as the application owner, and go to the instance directory.

```
<instance_owner_$HOME>/acs/
```

2. Run the setup script by entering the following command

```
./setup_gen.sh [-advanced]
```

3. Follow the setup script instructions.

When you are configuring the production server, select On-Site Production System configuration with optional remote Backup System configuration. If OpenSSH is available, it is recommended to set up the backup server during the configuration process. To do this, select manage backup systems.

For more information about configuring a backup server separately, see [Setting up separately on backup servers](#).

Results

After you configured an instance, the following changes are made to the production server:

- The ACS_DIR directory is created. The default location is <instance_owner_\$HOME>/acs.
- The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile is created in the ACS_DIR directory. Parameter values reflect values that you set during the configuration process.
- An <ACS_DIR>/shared directory is created for shared information for the production and backup servers.

- The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository for the metadata of each backup is created in the ACS_REPOSITORY directory. The ACS_REPOSITORY directory defaults to <ACS_DIR>/acsrepository
- A logs directory for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot logs and traces is created at <ACS_DIR>/logs.
- For secure communication with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons, IBM Global Security Kit key database files fcmcert.* are created in the instance directory, with an fcmselfcert.arm file that contains a representation of the production server's self-signed public key. For more information about the secure communication, see [Installing the GSKit](#).
- IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons that are required for the configuration, start automatically unless you stated otherwise when you configured the product in advanced mode.

If a backup server is automatically set up during the configuration process, the following changes are applied to the backup server:

- The ACS_DIR directory is created in the same path as on the production server.
- The necessary IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot are copied to the ACS_DIR directory on the backup server.
- The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile for the backup instance is created in the ACS_DIR directory.
- The <ACS_DIR>/shared directory is copied from the production system.
- A directory for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot logs and traces is created at <ACS_DIR>/logs.
- For secure communication with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons, IBM Global Security Kit key database files fcmcert.* are created in the instance directory. Unless standard CA-signed certificates are used for server authentication, the fcmselfcert.arm file of the production system is imported in the keystore.
- The mount agent daemon starts automatically unless you stated otherwise when you configured the product in advanced mode.

Related tasks

[“Setting up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot separately on backup servers” on page 52](#)

When you are configuring the production server, it is recommended that you also set up a backup server as required. Use Open Secure Shell (OpenSSH) to open the backup server on the production server. If you do not have OpenSSH, you must set up the backup server separately. In this case, all upgrades to IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must be done separately on all servers.

Related reference

[“Profile” on page 83](#)

When you complete the setup script, the information you enter is used to create the profile. Do not edit the profile manually, run the setup script to make any amendments to the profile. Each section of the profile includes parameters and options that determine how the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backs up and restores data in your environment. The following information explains the various parameters and options.

Configuring a custom application or database instance

Before you begin

Run the setup script as the owner in the INSTANCE-DIR directory, **./setup_gen.sh**.

Procedure

1. Choose a configuration type.
 - Onsite Production System configuration, with optional remote backup system configuration.
 - Onsite Backup System configuration, to configure an onsite backup system configuration. Provide configuration parameters as required

2. Specify the hostname of the production system, and the port that is configured on the production system for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot communication.

If the default port 57328 is used, then you do not have to specify it and it can be left blank.

```
***** Profile parameters for section GLOBAL :
***** Hostname and port of machine running Management Agent {ACSD}
(<hostname> <port>) = [] utprod2 57328
```

3. Choose to configure the passwords, and enter the device class names that are used for this backup system.

The configuration completes with the installation and starting of the daemons.

Configuring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications for GPFS

Run the setup script to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for custom applications for a GPFS setup.

Before you begin

Before you run the setup script, and offload backups to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you need to ensure IBM Spectrum Protect client is installed and configured on your system. When you are running the setup script, you must know the name of the IBM Spectrum Protect server that you will offload snapshots to. If `dsm.sys` or `dsm.opt` is not stored in the default path, you must specify the **DSM_DIR** during the setup configuration.

About this task

The configuration steps ask for the relevant information that is needed to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications. During the configuration in advanced mode, you are asked specific GPFS questions to differentiate the configuration for a GPFS setup.

For some parameters, you can create multiple entries with different values. To create multiple entries of a particular parameter, when prompted if you want to add another instance of a parameter, choose yes. If you want to delete a parameter entry, enter **!d**.

Procedure

1. When asked if your custom application is running on a GPFS file system, choose yes.
2. Choose to configure an onsite production server with the option of a remote backup server configuration.

This option configures IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server. It also provides the option to remotely activate and synchronize the configuration of one or more backup servers by using the OpenSSH protocol.

3. If you are going to run offloaded backups to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, choose to run offload backups.

When you choose to offload backups to the IBM Spectrum Protect server, you proceed to configure support for offloaded tape backups. Alternatively, you can choose to configure support for running snapshot backups in a GPFS file system only.

4. Choose if you want to start offloaded tape backups immediately after the snapshot completes.

If you choose not to run offload operations immediately after the snapshot completes, you can schedule offload operations to run later by scheduling backups individually. Backups to IBM Spectrum Protect server can be delayed until the necessary server resources are available.

To run the scheduled backup process manually enter the command **fcmlcli -f tape_backup**. You can add a crontab entry to complete this action. The default value is to run `tsm4acs` as a daemon process on the production server.

5. Choose one of the following options:

- In a Linux environment, decide if you want the upstart jobs to be created and started.

- In AIX environments, decide if you want the `inittab` entries created.

If you specify no, the executable files that include command line options are not added to the `/etc/inittab`, and the upstart jobs are not created. In this case, ensure that these items are started by your HA startup scripts, and that they are restarted whenever they are ended. If you choose yes, the daemon processes are entered in the `/etc/inittab` directory, or upstart jobs are created and started.

What to do next

After the configuration completes, you are asked if you want to deploy the configuration to a backup system. In a GPFS environment, a backup system is not required because all actions are carried out in the productive GPFS cluster. However, if you want to run offload backups to a IBM Spectrum Protect server you must configure a system where this operation is initiated. For example, the local node where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is being installed, or any other management node in the GPFS cluster where the IBM Spectrum Protect client is set up and configured to cooperate with the GPFS command **mmbackup**. To configure such an offload system, choose to configure a new backup system.

Related reference

[“Profile” on page 83](#)

When you complete the setup script, the information you enter is used to create the profile. Do not edit the profile manually, run the setup script to make any amendments to the profile. Each section of the profile includes parameters and options that determine how the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backs up and restores data in your environment. The following information explains the various parameters and options.

[“DEVICE_CLASS GPFS parameters” on page 104](#)

The parameters that are defined in the device class section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for use with a General Parallel File System (GPFS). In addition to device classes for storage systems, a device can also be a General Parallel File System.

Configuring storage environments

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires the connection and configuration information for all storage devices where data is to be protected. For IBM System Storage DS8000 environments and IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller with static target allocation, information on the associated volumes is also required.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot organizes information on storage hardware in device classes. A device class is a representation of a specific storage device with its connection information and related configuration. There must be a separate **DEVICE_CLASS** defined for each storage device. If the same storage device is used with various functions and configurations, a separate device class must be defined for each configuration. An example of a different function, can be running full and incremental backups on different days of the week.

Device classes are documented as **DEVICE_CLASS** sections in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile. Parameters in a **DEVICE_CLASS** section describe the characteristics of a storage device. Therefore, they are independent of the protected application, but different parameters are required for the various types of supported storage hardware.

Each **DEVICE_CLASS** can have specific version retention that is controlled through the profile parameter **MAX_VERSIONS**, which is set during configuration. For more information about **DEVICE_CLASS** version control with **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter, see [Device class backup version retention](#).

Not all of the configuration topics are applicable to each storage system. For a list of storage environments and their associated configuration topics, see the following table.

Storage environment	Topics
IBM System Storage DS8000	“Configuring the CIM adapter for SP 800-131A compliant encryption” on page 41

Storage environment	Topics
	“Select the FLASHCOPY_TYPE” on page 42 “Target set definitions” on page 44 “LVM mirroring environments” on page 46
IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller or IBM Storwize family with dynamic target set allocation	“Configuring Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller dynamic target allocation (SVCDTA)” on page 39 “Select the FLASHCOPY_TYPE” on page 42 “LVM mirroring environments” on page 46 “Configuring for remote mirroring” on page 49
IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller or IBM Storwize family with static target set allocation	“Configuring the CIM adapter for SP 800-131A compliant encryption” on page 41 “Select the FLASHCOPY_TYPE” on page 42 “Target set definitions” on page 44 “LVM mirroring environments” on page 46 “Configuring for remote mirroring” on page 49
IBM XIV Storage System	“LVM mirroring environments” on page 46 “Configuring for remote mirroring” on page 49

For a complete list of parameters for each type of storage hardware, see [“DEVICE_CLASS device” on page 92](#).

Backup version retention

Specify the number backups to be retained by using the **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter when you are configuring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

When you run the setup script, specify how many backup versions to be retained for each device class that is defined. Each device class can have a specific retention rate rather than one defined for all device classes. During configuration, you are asked for the **MAX_VERSIONS** for each **DEVICE_CLASS**.

For example, if two device classes are configured and the first has a **MAX_VERSIONS** set to 2 there are always two versions that are kept for that device class. The oldest version is deleted once a new backup is made. If you configure another device class with **MAX_VERSIONS** set to 3, it always retains three backup versions for that device class. If you do not specify a **USE_FOR** device class option, and you have two device classes in use with a **MAX_VERSIONS** set to 2, there are four versions that are kept in total.

Example of MAX_VERSIONS for different device classes profile

In the following example, there are four backup versions to be kept when backups are taken with **DC_XIV1** and four backup versions to be kept when backups are taken with **DC_XIV2**. Three backup versions are kept for backups that are taken with device class **STANDARD**. All other device classes have a **MAX_VERSIONS** value of two, in this case **SOME_OTHER_DC**. That means that 13 backup versions are kept with this profile: two for **SOME_OTHER_DC**, three for **STANDARD**, and four each for **DC_XIV1** and **DC_XIV2**. Thirteen backups are retained for this sample profile.

```
>>> CLIENT
MAX_VERSIONS 2
MAX_VERSIONS 3 USE_FOR STANDARD
MAX_VERSIONS 4 USE_FOR DC_XIV1
MAX_VERSIONS 4 USE_FOR DC_XIV2
DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD DC_XIV1 DC_XIV2 SOME_OTHER_DC
APPLICATION_TYPE GENERIC
```

```

TSM_BACKUP NO
NEGATIVE_LIST NO_CHECK
<<<

>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
...
<<<

>>> DEVICE_CLASS SOME_OTHER_DC
...
<<<

>>> DEVICE_CLASS DC_XIV1
...
<<<

>>> DEVICE_CLASS DC_XIV2
...
<<<

```

In the following example, **MAX_VERSIONS** is set to 2. There are four backup versions retained, two for each device class as there is no USE_FOR device class option specified.

```

MAX_VERSIONS 2

>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
...
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS SOME_OTHER_DC
...
<<<

is the same like:

MAX_VERSIONS 2 USE_FOR STANDARD
MAX_VERSIONS 2 USE_FOR SOME_OTHER_DC

>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
...
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS SOME_OTHER_DC
...
<<<

```

Configuring Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller dynamic target allocation (SVCDTA)

To allow dynamic volume creation during backup operations, you must enable Secure Shell (SSH) remote access to the storage system command-line interface (CLI) with Secure Shell (SSH) keys. An SSH key pair must be created to authenticate users for a secure connection to SAN Volume Controller.

Before you begin

Verify that the OpenSSH client is installed on the production server, and the backup or clone server where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed. The OpenSSH client is installed by default on most AIX and Linux distributions. If it is not installed on your system, consult your AIX or Linux installation documentation.

About this task

SSH is used to remotely enter commands on the SAN Volume Controller CLI. The following steps are required to enable CLI access with SSH keys:

- Generate a public and a private key pair
- Import the public key to the storage system
- Configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to authenticate with the private key.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot user must have a unique SSH key at the SAN Volume Controller. After you generate the key pair, import the public key and add a key file for the SAN Volume Controller user as specified in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile. The parameters are

COPYSERVICES_USERNAME and **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME**. The user at the remote site also needs a key file.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot user owns the private key and has RW access to that key file.

The full path to the private key file is specified in the profile. By default, the path is `$HOME/.ssh/svc_sshkey`. The public counterpart of the private key file must be imported to the SAN Volume Controller and associated to the user.

Procedure

1. Generate an RSA key pair on the production server for the storage user name to access the storage system by entering the following command from the `$HOME/.ssh` directory.

Ensure to enter the command as the database instance owner or application backup user from the `$HOME/.ssh` directory.

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

This command generates two files, which you are prompted to name. If you select the name `svc_sshkey`, the private key is named `svc_sshkey`, and the public key is named `svc_sshkey.pub`.

Tip: Do not enter a passphrase for the file when prompted. For SVCDTA dynamic target allocation, the passphrase must be empty.

2. If you do not remotely install the backup or cloning servers with SSH, you must copy the key pair to the backup and clone servers. Ensure that the key pair is stored in the same path as on the production server.
3. Upload the public key to the storage system for the SAN Volume Controller user that is specified by **COPYSERVICES_USERNAME** in the profile.

For instructions about how to upload to the storage system, see the documentation that is provided for your storage system. The documentation is available in IBM SAN Volume Controller Knowledge Center <http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STPVGU/welcome?lang=en>.

4. Switch to the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance directory and run the setup script in advanced mode:

```
./setup_gen.sh [-advanced]
```

Note: If you do not want to use an alternative SSH binary and the private key file is named `svc_sshkey` in the default path `$HOME/.ssh`, you can proceed to run the setup script in basic mode.

5. When prompted to specify a **SSH_DIR** path, enter the path where the Secure Shell protocols and executable files are installed.

The default location is `/usr/bin`.

6. When prompted to specify a **SVC_SSHKEY_FULLPATH** path, enter the path and the file name for the private keyfile.

The following example shows the default path and file name:

```
SVC_SSHKEY_FULLPATH    $HOME/.ssh/svc_sshkey
```

7. Continue configuring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for SAN Volume Controller with the setup script for your component. When you are configuring SAN Volume Controller Dynamic Target Allocation, the profile that is created is saved with the necessary parameters.
8. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons are automatically restarted by running the setup script either in basic mode or in advanced mode.

What to do next

If you are using SAN Volume Controller remote mirroring, the setup script asks if you want to create another SSH key to facilitate mirroring with the remote cluster. The key file

SVC_REMOTE_SSHKEY_FULLPATH parameter specifies the private key file that is used for connecting to

the secondary SAN Volume Controller site, and is specified by **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME**. The remote site user is the one specified by the parameter **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME**.

Migrating SVC with static target allocation to SVCDTA (dynamic target allocation)

Change an existing configuration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux to use SVC dynamic target allocation (DTA) without losing older backups. Change the value of **COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE**: **SVC** to **SVCDTA** to update the profile and complete the migration.

About this task

Use the following information to modify an existing IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile and reconfigure the product to SVCDTA.

Procedure

1. To start the configuration process, run the setup script.
2. Choose (m) to modify the profile.
3. Change the value of **COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE** from SVC to SVCDTA.
4. If **MAX_VERSIONS** is set to ADAPTIVE, you must return to the CLIENT section, and change the **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter from ADAPTIVE to a fixed number.
5. Enter the existing server information for the storage system host name **COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME**<TCP/IP host name>.
6. Enter the user name for the primary storage device **COPYSERVICES_USERNAME**.
The default value is superuser.
7. Enter the path and the file name of the private SSH key file in parameter **SVC_SSHKEY_FULLPATH**.
For example,

```
SVC_SSHKEY_FULLPATH    $HOME/.ssh/svc_sshkey
```

8. Accept the defaults for the remaining parameters, or change the values where required.

Note: Do not change the FlashCopy type.

Results

The updated profile is saved, and if required you can specify a backup system or quit the configuration. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux is configured to use the SAN Volume Controller storage adapter with dynamic target allocation.

After reconfiguring the profile for SVCDTA, all backups are managed by the new dynamic target allocation adapter, including all backups that were taken with the CIM adapter. Continue to mount, restore, delete, and expire backups as usual. When **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** is set to INCR, you can also refresh backups as required.

Configuring the CIM adapter for SP 800-131A compliant encryption

CIM agents are provided by IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller, IBM Storwize, and IBM System Storage DS8000 systems. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux communicates with a CIM agent through the CIM interface. You must configure the CIM adapter to use the security standards, as defined in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publications (SP) 800-131A for encryption.

Before you begin

Ensure that the storage system is enabled for SP 800-131A standard encryption. For instructions about how to identify if the system is enabled, see the documentation that is provided for your storage system. For the SVC adapter with dynamic target allocation (type SVCDTA), compliance with SP 800-131A is provided by the OpenSSH client version that is installed on the same host as the product.

Note: For IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller and IBM Storwize family, this configuration applies only in the case of static target allocation (type SVC); the SVC adapter with dynamic target allocation (type SVCDDTA) uses the CLI interface via Secure Shell (SSH) rather than the CIMOM interface.

Procedure

1. Extract the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate from the IBM storage system cluster. The certificate must be in the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) format. From any Linux or UNIX system with a LAN connection to the storage system, run the following shell command,

```
echo | openssl s_client -connect <IBM_storage_cluster_IP>:5989 2>&1
| sed -ne '/-BEGIN CERTIFICATE-/,/-END CERTIFICATE-/p'
```

where *ibm_storage_cluster_ip* specifies the IP address of the storage system, and *5989* specifies the port number for the HTTPS connection.

2. Save the output to a text file and place the file in a secure location on the production and backup servers.
3. Run the setup script in advanced mode.
4. When prompted for the **COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE** parameter for the storage system device class, enter the fully qualified path to the certificate file.
For example:

```
COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE    <ACS_DIR>/truststore/svc_cluster.cert
```

5. Follow the setup script instructions to save the profile and restart the daemons.

Select the FLASHCOPY_TYPE

DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family storage solutions support various FlashCopy types that provide different capabilities for your backup strategy.

Using different FlashCopy types for different backup generations is a valid strategy for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. To implement such a backup strategy, define multiple DEVICE_CLASS sections in the profile, where each section specifies the same storage device. The only difference is that each section specifies a different FlashCopy type. These DEVICE_CLASS section definitions allow rules to be defined in the CLIENT profile section. The rules allow IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to select the appropriate DEVICE_CLASS section for the next backup. For more information about the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter, see the CLIENT section.

If the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** is changed for one DEVICE_CLASS, complete the following steps:

1. Unmount the backup if it is mounted on a backup system.
2. Delete the backup with the delete force option.
3. Change the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** in the DEVICE_CLASS and run a new backup with the new **FLASHCOPY_TYPE**.

Note: If you use SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation you do not have to delete any old backups.

Table 4. Selecting the FLASHCOPY_TYPE for DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family		
FLASHCOPY_TYPE	DS8000	SAN Volume Controller Storwize family
COPY	Can be used for backup and restore. Protects from physical failures of the source volumes when the background copy completes.	Can be used for backup and restore. Protects from physical failures of the source volumes when the background copy completes. For more information, see Note 1 in this table.

Table 4. Selecting the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** for DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family (continued)

FLASHCOPY_TYPE	DS8000	SAN Volume Controller Storwize family
INCR	Same characteristics as COPY FLASHCOPY_TYPE but with fewer COPY activities in the background. DS8000 allows at most 1 incremental FlashCopy per source volume. In mirroring environments, this setting allows it to retain 1 backup generation per mirror. For DS8000, there must be only one target set specified in the target volumes file (.fct) for incremental snapshots. CIM errors might occur when more than 1 target set is specified.	Same characteristics as COPY FlashCopy but with fewer COPY activities in the background. For more information, see Note 1 and Note 2 in this table.
NOCOPY	Can be mounted remotely, but cannot be restored.	Can be mounted remotely and can be restored. Can be used to create a FlashCopy to a space-efficient target, but does not offer protection from physical failures to the source volume. Space-efficient target volumes can reach capacity limits in which case they go offline. In this scenario, you lose the current backup and all older backups that are not at FULL_COPY. You can choose to create space-efficient targets with the AUTOEXPAND option. In this scenario, the target is allocated more physical storage to prevent it going offline.

Note 1: If space-efficient source volumes are used in combination with space-efficient target volumes, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be configured to use **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** COPY, INCR, or NOCOPY. If fully allocated source volumes are used in combination with space-efficient target volumes, then IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be configured to use **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** COPY, INCR, or NOCOPY. These options are available when the profile parameter **ALLOW_ALL_FLASHCOPY_TYPES** is set to YES. The default value of **ALLOW_ALL_FLASHCOPY_TYPES** is NO. When the default value is used, only **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** NOCOPY is possible.

Note 2: The information in Note 1 only applies if you use SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family static target allocation. If you use SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation, the profile parameter **ALLOW_ALL_FLASHCOPY_TYPES** is not available.

The types of snapshots that are supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, depending on the storage solution and operating system, are indicated in the following table.

Table 5. Supported storage subsystems and FlashCopy types

Device	COPY	INCR	NOCOPY	Space-efficient snapshots	Changes made to a mounted snapshot backup
IBM System Storage DS8000	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Remains persistent and alters the content of the backup.

Table 5. Supported storage subsystems and FlashCopy types (continued)					
Device	COPY	INCR	NOCOPY	Space-efficient snapshots	Changes made to a mounted snapshot backup
IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller IBM Storwize family with static target allocation	Yes	Yes	Yes Includes space-efficient copies if configured so.	N/A	Remains persistent and alters the content of the backup.
IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller IBM Storwize family with dynamic target allocation	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Reverted during unmount and does not alter the backup.
IBM XIV Storage System	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Reverted during unmount and does not alter the backup or remains persistent and alters the content of the backup. See parameter USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS in XIV System DEVICE_CLASS in the Reference section.

Target set definitions

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires target sets to be defined for SAN Volume Controller, Storwize family, and DS8000. A target set contains volumes that are allocated in the same storage subsystem, and are of the same size as the volumes that contain the data to be protected. The number of target sets determines the number of backup versions that can be kept at a time.

Define targets by using target set definition files, as follows:

- SAN Volume Controller
- Storwize family
- DS8000

Alternatively, use a naming convention for SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family only. This convention determines the name of the target for both the source volume name and the target set name as specified for the current operation.

Tip: There is no requirement to define target volumes, if you select SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family dynamic target allocation.

Target set definition files

A target set definition file contains a list of target volumes that are organized into target sets.

During the backup process, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software matches source volumes to suitable targets within a target set. To determine source target relations, associate a source name with a target name in a target set definition file. In this scenario, the relationship between the source and target is required. Backup processing fails if one of the targets is unavailable for the specified source. For details on the target selection algorithms, see [“Target set and target volumes files” on page 112](#).

If IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot attempts to mount the target set, the volumes within the target set must be assigned to a backup host. For example, the target set is mounted to create a backup to IBM Spectrum Protect. Because all target volumes within a single target are mounted to the same host, assign all target volumes within a target set to the same host. When you use multiple backup servers within your environment, use multiple target set definition files.

For SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family storage solutions, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can assign the target volumes dynamically during the mount operation. In this case, you must not assign the target volumes in advance of the mount operation.

```
>>> TARGET_SET SET_1 # IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot determines
                        a suitable target for every source
TARGET_VOLUME 40913158
TARGET_VOLUME 40A13158
TARGET_VOLUME 40B13158
<<<
>>> TARGET_SET SET_2 # For every source the target is mandated in the target set
                        # definition (source name following target name)
TARGET_VOLUME 40C13158 40613158
TARGET_VOLUME 40D13158 40713158
TARGET_VOLUME 40E13158 40813158
<<<
```

Referring to target set definitions from the profile

The following example is a section from an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file that shows the association between **TARGET_SETS**, **VOLUMES_FILE**, and *name of target set definition file* parameters.

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE DS8000
COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME <hostname> #
TARGET_SETS VOLUMES_FILE
VOLUMES_FILE name of target set definition file
FLASHCOPY_TYPE INCR
<<<
```

If multiple **DEVICE_CLASS** configuration sections are specified within the profile, each **DEVICE_CLASS** section must be associated with a unique target set definition file. The target set names must be unique across all target set definition files. If all target sets within the target set definition file are assigned to the same host and associated with one **DEVICE_CLASS**, they are mounted on the same host.

Target set definitions using the naming convention

Target set definitions can also be provided by using a naming convention on SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports using a naming convention, instead of a definition file, for target set definitions on SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family storage systems. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot determines the target volume names from the name of the target set, used for the current backup, and the name of the source volume.

Target sets are specified directly in the **DEVICE_CLASS** configuration section of the profile for example, **TARGET_SETS 1 2 3**. The names are generated from **TARGET_SETS** and are sequentially numbered, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, and so on. When target sets are defined in the profile, the target set name must be unique in the entire profile. For example, you cannot have the **TARGET_SETS** parameter, set to **t1** for more than one device class. The following example shows multiple device classes that are named in the **DEVICE_CLASS** configuration section of the profile:

```
>>> Device_Class SVC_01
.
.
TARGET_SETS t1 t2
.
<<<
>>> Device_Class SVC_02
.
.
TARGET_SETS t3 t4
.
.
<<<
>>> Device_Class SVC_03
.
.
TARGET_SETS t5 t6
.
```

```
.  
<<<
```

A TARGET_NAMING rule is also specified to determine the name of the target volume from the name of the source. For example, TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_bt%TARGETSET. If the application is stored on a volume named *db_vol*, the targets required by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot are *db_vol_bt1*, *db_vol_bt2*, and *db_vol_bt3*. These targets depend on the target set that is selected for the current backup.

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD  
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC  
COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME <hostname>  
TARGET_SETS 1 2 3  
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_bt%TARGETSET  
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY  
<<<
```

The given TARGET_SETS or TARGET_NAMING definition results in the following target volume names:

```
name of source volume_bt1  
name of source volume_bt2  
name of source volume_bt3
```

LVM mirroring environments

In a Logical Volume Manager (LVM) mirroring on AIX, multiple DEVICE_CLASS configuration sections are required. One section per storage subsystem or LVM mirror is required.

The **LVM_MIRRORING** parameter must be specified in the DEVICE_CLASS configuration section with a value of YES. This example shows the configuration,

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRR_1  
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE          DS8000  
COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME      DS8000_1  
LVM_MIRRORING                        YES  
TARGET_SETS                          VOLUMES_FILE  
VOLUMES_FILE                         <name of target set definition file 1>  
FLASHCOPY_TYPE                       INCR  
<<<  
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRR_2  
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE          DS8000  
COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME      DS8000_2  
LVM_MIRRORING                        YES  
TARGET_SETS                          VOLUMES_FILE  
VOLUMES_FILE                         <name of target set definition file 2>  
FLASHCOPY_TYPE                       INCR  
<<<
```

Configuring a HyperSwap environment

Run the setup script to modify HyperSwap parameters.

```
./setup_gen.sh -advanced
```

Obtain the relevant pool name and IO group settings from your storage administrator. At least one device class is required and the pool name and IO group of the HyperSwap master site must be added to this device class.

Modify the SVC_POOLNAME and SVC_IOGROUP settings when prompted by the setup script.

Specify HyperSwap pool names and IO groups with the SVC_POOLNAME and SVC_IOGROUP parameters when you are configuring IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in your HyperSwap environment.

The SVC_POOLNAME parameter indicates the name of the IBM Storwize family or IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller storage pool that is used to create target volumes for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backups:

- If a value is not specified, then an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup will fail.
- If one value is specified, the target disk will be located in the storage pool that equals this value.

- If two values are specified, the target disk will be located in the storage pool equal to the first value, and the vDisk mirror will be created in the storage pool equal to the second value.

The SVC_IOGROUP parameter specifies the input and output (IO) group with which to associate the target volumes of the Snapshot relationships.

The HyperSwap parameters are maintained in the DEVICE_CLASS section in the profile shown in this example.

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS SVC05_SITE1
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVCDTA
COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME svc05
COPYSERVICES_USERNAME superuser
BACKUP_HOST_NAME AIX2
SVC_POOLNAME standard_pool
SVC_IOGROUP io_grp0
...
```

In this example, change the SVC_POOLNAME setting to the pool name supplied by the HyperSwap administrator. Allocate the IO group name SVC_IOGROUP to the group where this pool belongs.

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS SVC05_SITE2
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVCDTA
COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME svc05
COPYSERVICES_USERNAME superuser
BACKUP_HOST_NAME AIX2
SVC_POOLNAME hyperswap_pool
SVC_IOGROUP io_grp1
...
```

Backup server assignment

Mount backup images with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software. Each backup image is mounted on a server; you cannot mount a backup image on more than one server at one time.

A IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot mount operation can be started by one of the following methods:

- By issuing a mount command from the command-line interface.
- By issuing a backup command in environments where a forced mount is required during a backup operation.
- When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is used with IBM Spectrum Protect and you offload backups to IBM Spectrum Protect.

The information that you enter during the installation and configuration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is used to create a profile. The DEVICE_CLASS section of the profile specifies the backup host name where the backup images are mounted. There can be multiple DEVICE_CLASS sections. The CLIENT section specifies the DEVICE_CLASS to use for backup and offload operations.

FlashCopy or snapshot target volumes are mounted and assigned to selected backup server. Depending on the storage system and profile configuration the following assignments occur:

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The assignment automatically occurs during the mount request.

SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family

If the **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** parameter is specified as *backup_server_hostname* in the DEVICE_CLASS section, the target volumes are mapped dynamically from the storage system to the backup server.

DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family

If the **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** parameter is specified as *PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES* in the DEVICE_CLASS section, the target volumes must be preassigned to a specific backup server before you issue a mount command. Ensure that the target volumes of all target sets associated with a specific DEVICE_CLASS are assigned to the same hosts. This setting ensures that targets associated with a single device class are mounted from the same backup server.

For all IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot mount operations, there can be only one backup server for each device class. If the identified servers have not mounted a backup image, the mount request is propagated to those servers. The backup is then mounted.

Managing backups with the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter

Use the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter in the **CLIENT** section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file to select the storage device configuration for backups.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot **DEVICE_CLASS** profile parameter can be used as a filter to determine these backup criteria:

- Partition number
- Day of week
- Time of backup

When used in this manner, the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter provides access to a specific storage device. This device is identified by the copy services type, user name, and storage server name that is defined by the corresponding **DEVICE_CLASS** profile section. It also provides a backup policy that is device-specific. For example, this device-specific backup policy might be defined by these factors:

- List of target sets on DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, or Storwize family
- The type of snapshot backup to be completed (for example, incremental or copy)
- The mount location of the backup
- Whether a snapshot backup should be offloaded to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

The **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter is specified in the client section of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file. The settings for this parameter can be overridden with a command-line option during backup operations. Use the following command-line option:

```
-s device class on the fcmcli -f backup command.
```

The **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter cannot be specified with the **restore**, **mount**, **unmount**, and **delete** commands. You can specify the backup ID, if it is not specified the latest backup is used. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot automatically uses the **DEVICE_CLASS** that was used for the selected backup at backup time.

Examples of how to use **DEVICE_CLASS** filters

This example creates alternating backups to each mirror. Device classes **MIRROR_1** and **MIRROR_2** refer to two separate storage clusters. Only those backups that are created to **MIRROR_2** are offloaded to the IBM Spectrum Protect server:

```
>>> CLIENT
TSM_BACKUP LATEST USE_FOR MIRROR_2
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1 MIRROR_2
[...]
```

This example creates backups to **MIRROR_1** on Monday (1), Wednesday (3), and Friday (5). It creates backups to **MIRROR_2** on Sunday (0), Tuesday (2), and Thursday (4), and Saturday (6). All backups are stored on the IBM Spectrum Protect server:

```
>>> CLIENT
TSM_BACKUP LATEST
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1 USE_AT Mon Wed Fri
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_2 USE_AT Sun Tue Thu Sat
[...]
```

This example creates disk only backups during the specified period of the day. These disk only backups are considered space-efficient. A full backup is also created at midnight that is stored on the IBM Spectrum Protect server. Although the **DAYTIME** and **MIDNIGHT** device classes might have the same

configuration, two different device classes are used. This setting is used even if both device classes point to the same SAN Volume Controller cluster:

```
>>> CLIENT
TSM_BACKUP LATEST USE FOR MIDNIGHT
DEVICE_CLASS DAYTIME FROM 1:00 TO 23:59
DEVICE_CLASS MIDNIGHT FROM 0:00 TO 0:59
[...]
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS DAYTIME
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY
[...]
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIDNIGHT
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE INCR
SVC_COPY_RATE 80
[...]
<<<
```

Note: The time period that is specified cannot span midnight for a device class. If a device class time period is required to span midnight, you must specify two time periods for the device class. The first time period must end with a value 1 minute before midnight and the second time period must start at midnight. The following example shows how to specify a time period that spans midnight for a device class:

```
DEVICE_CLASS myClass FROM 20:00 TO 23:59
DEVICE_CLASS myClass FROM 00:00 TO 06:00
```

Configuring for remote mirroring

When you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you can set the configuration parameters to create snapshots by using target volumes of remote mirroring relationships. These target volumes are used to create application consistent snapshot backups.

Before you begin

Before you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to use target volumes that are associated with remote mirroring one of the following technologies must be deployed:

- SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family Global Mirror and Metro Mirror
- IBM XIV Storage System Synchronous Remote Mirroring and Asynchronous Remote Mirroring

Configuring for remote mirroring on SVC

When you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you can set the configuration parameters to create snapshots by using target volumes of remote mirroring relationships. These target volumes are used to create application consistent snapshot backups.

About this task

To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family Global Mirror and Metro Mirror, complete the following steps:

Procedure

1. On the SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family system, create a partnership between the primary and secondary clusters.

For example, you can run the following commands from the command-line interface:

```
ssh -i/dir/ssh-identity username@hostname or ip_primary_cluster
svctask mkpartnership -bandwidth bandwidth_in_mbps remote_cluster_name
or remote_cluster_id
```

2. Start the Global Mirror and Metro Mirror relationship by using either the graphical user interface or command-line interface.

If you use the command-line interface, the following commands are provided as an example:

```
ssh -i/dir/ssh-identity username@hostname or ip_primary_cluster  
svctask chpartnership -start remote_cluster_name or remote_cluster_id
```

3. Verify that the following information is true for the environment:

- The production volumes are on the primary storage system.
- The production volumes are in a remote mirror relationship with the remote volumes that are either in the secondary cluster, or in the same cluster.
- All the remote mirror relationships are defined in a consistency group.

4. Run the setup script to configure a dedicated device class for the snapshot backups on the remote cluster. When you configure the new **DEVICE_CLASS** section with the setup script, look for the following prompt:

```
Is the FlashCopy/Snapshot taken from the mirror volumes {COPYSERVICES_REMOTE}.
```

Enter **yes**. The **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME**, **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME**, and **TAKEOVER_HOST_NAME** parameters are also required for remote mirroring.

5. The SSH parameter **SVC_SSHKEY_FULLPATH** specifies the path and the file name to the private SSH key file required for SAN Volume Controller. For remote mirroring, **SVC_REMOTE_SSHKEY_FULLPATH** specifies the second SSH key file to be used for authentication on the remote site storage device. The key file is used to authenticate to the storage system with the user name specified for the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME** parameter. If you do not want to create a new key pair for the remote site, one key can be shared for both storage sites.

6. If you are using SAN Volume Controller with static target allocation, you must allocate target volumes. On the remote cluster of the SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family, specify the corresponding snapshot target volumes for each source.

To specify the snapshot target volumes, use one of the following options:

- Parameter **TARGET_SETS** with **VOLUMES_FILE**. For example:

```
TARGET_SETS VOLUMES_FILE  
VOLUMES_FILE /<component database>/DS0/acs/volumes/STANDARD_gm.fct
```

- Parameter **TARGET_SETS** with **TARGET_NAMING**. For example:

```
TARGET_SETS dc2 dc3 dc4 dc5  
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCEx%TARGETSET
```

7. At the end of the setup script configuration process, verify the user name and password.

When you see the following prompt, enter **yes**:

```
Do you want to continue by specifying passwords for the defined sections?
```

Configuring for remote mirroring on XIV

When you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you can set the configuration parameters to create snapshots by using target volumes of remote mirroring relationships. These target volumes are used to create application consistent snapshot backups.

About this task

To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with XIV Synchronous Remote Mirroring and Asynchronous Remote Mirroring, complete the following steps:

Procedure

1. Define a coupling between peer volumes on the master and subordinate XIV systems, which creates a mirror relationship between the two.
2. Activate the XIV remote mirror couplings.

3. Define a coupling between peer consistency groups on the master and subordinate XIV systems, which creates a mirror relationship between the two.
4. Add volume mirror couplings to the consistency group couplings.
5. Run the setup script to configure a dedicated device class for the snapshot backups on the remote cluster. When you configure the new `DEVICE_CLASS` section with the setup script, look for the following prompt:

Is the FlashCopy/Snapshot taken from the mirror volumes {COPYSERVICES_REMOTE}.

Enter *yes*. The **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME**, **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME**, and **TAKEOVER_HOST_NAME** parameters are also required for remote mirroring.

Example

The following information is provided as an example of how a team can complete asynchronous remote mirror configuration across two sites:

To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with IBM XIV Storage System with Asynchronous Remote Mirroring at both sites, certain ports must be open within the firewalls:

- On the production system, the production host, backup host, and primary XIV system must have ports open within the firewall.
- On the takeover system, the takeover host, backup host, and secondary XIV system must have ports open within the firewall.

For both the primary and secondary sites, the following ports must be open within the firewall:

- TCP port 3260 (iSCSI) open within firewalls for iSCSI replication
- Ports: http, https, ssh, and telnet
- TCP/IP ports: 55697, 5997, 5998, and 7778

All ports must be bidirectional.

Setting up daemons

By default, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot daemons are started and restarted automatically. If you need to stop and start the daemon processes for any reason, you can do this as required.

About this task

Important: If you want to configure the background daemons in a clustered environment, add the commands that are listed here to the High Availability (HA) startup scripts on the production system.

- `<instance directory>/acsd`
- `<instance directory>/acsgen -D`
- `<instance directory>/fcmcli -D` (optional)

The following daemons are started for the productive instance:

- The management agent, `acsd`
- The generic device agent, `acsgen -D`
- The offload agent, `fcmcli -D`, if offloaded backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server are to be started after a snapshot backup.

For each backup or clone instance, a mount agent, `acsgen -D -M`, must be started.

- `<instance directory>/acsgen -D -M -s <deviceclass>[,<deviceclass>...]`
- `<clone instance directory>/acsgen -D -M -s <clone_deviceclass>[,<clone_deviceclass>...]`

When you run the setup script in advanced mode, you can request that the daemons are not to be started automatically by the operating system. In this case, daemons must be started and set up to be restarted by other means.

Results

Two or more device classes are specified in a list, separated by comma.

For more information about daemons, see [“Administrative commands” on page 124](#)

Postinstallation and post-configuration tasks

After you install and configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you can set up extra backup servers.

Use the setup script to update the profile and configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on multiple backup servers from the production server when you install Open Secure Shell (OpenSSH) to enable backup servers for remote installation and configuration from the production server. NFS shares between the production server and backup server are not required for this type of remote installation.

Upgrades and reconfiguration must be run only from the master production server node.

If OpenSSH is not available, follow the instructions for `t_fcmu_ca_set_sepbcintro.dita` and run the setup script. Choose **On-site Backup server configuration** as the configuration type. Before you run the setup script on a backup server, stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server. For details about how to stop an activated IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance, see IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot commands and scripts.

Typically, it is not necessary to run the setup script on the backup server after the initial configuration. Exceptions to this rule include:

- The use of alternative storage hardware might require a reconfiguration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the backup server.
- Changes to the scheduling policy for offloaded IBM Spectrum Protect backups might require you to configure the backup server again.
- If self-signed certificates are used, all changes to the certificates require a reconfiguration of the backup server.
- If OpenSSH is not used, you must copy the `fcmselfcert.arm` file to the backup server before the setup script is run to configure the backup server again.

In these cases, stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server before reconfiguring the backup server. Otherwise, you are prompted to stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production server.

Setting up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot separately on backup servers

When you are configuring the production server, it is recommended that you also set up a backup server as required. Use Open Secure Shell (OpenSSH) to open the backup server on the production server. If you do not have OpenSSH, you must set up the backup server separately. In this case, all upgrades to IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must be done separately on all servers.

Before you begin

Ensure that you installed the product, and activated and configured the instance. Take a note of the hostname of the production server and the device classes that the backup servers are to use. If the default names were changed, ensure that you know the port of the IBM Spectrum Protect management agent (ACSD), and the ACS_DIR directory name. The default ACS_DIR directory is `<instance owner> $HOME>/acs`.

Locate the following items on the production server before you proceed.

- The shared directory in the ACS_DIR directory.

- The `fcmselcert.arm` file in the instance directory. This file is needed when standard CA-signed certificates are not used for server authentication. To find out more about setting up Secure Socket Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS), see [IBM Global Security Kit configuration](#)

Setting up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on a backup server

To set up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on a backup server separately, complete the following steps on the backup server.

Procedure

Prepare the instance that is to be configured.

1. Install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the backup server.
For more information about how to install the product, see [Installing in interactive mode](#).
2. Activate the instance on the backup server.
For more information about how to activate an instance, see [Activating an instance](#).
3. Log on to the backup system with the instance owner user ID.
4. If standard CA-signed certificates are not used for server authentication, copy the `fcmselcert.arm` file of the production system to the instance directory on the backup system.

```
cd <instance directory>
scp <instance owner>@<production server>:<instance directory>/fcmselcert.arm .
```

5. Check the backup server for the `ACS_DIR` directory. Use the following command to create the directory:

```
mkdir -p <ACS_DIR>
```

6. Copy the `<ACS_DIR>/shared` directory on the production system to the `ACS_DIR` directory on the backup system:

```
cd <ACS_DIR>
scp -r <instance owner>@<production server>:<ACS_DIR>/shared .
```

7. From the instance directory, run the setup script.

```
cd <instance directory>
./setup_gen.sh
```

8. Follow the prompts, ensuring to select **On-Site Backup System configuration**.
9. When you are asked for the **Hostname and port of machine running Management Agent (ACSD)**, enter the hostname of the production server, and the port of the management agent.

If the default port 57328 is used, entering the hostname is sufficient. When asked for the device classes to use for this backup system, enter the backup device classes that the server is to be used for.

Upgrading IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on a backup server

Backup and clone instances must always be kept on the same IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot version and level. When you upgrade the software on the production server, you must upgrade the corresponding backup or clone servers.

Procedure

1. Install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.
This procedure is described in [Installing in interactive mode](#).
2. Activate the backup or clone instance.
This procedure is described in [Activating an instance](#).

What to do next

Typically, it is not necessary to run the setup script on a backup server after the initial configuration. Some exceptions to this rule exist that require a reconfiguration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. These exceptions are as follows.

- If any changes were made to the production server or to the port of the management agent, a reconfiguration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the backup server is required.
- If changes were made to the device classes.
- If self-signed certificates are used and were changed. All changes to the certificates require a reconfiguration of the backup server. To do this reconfiguration, you must copy the `fcmselfcert.arm` file from the production server before you run the setup script.

In all cases, you must copy the `<ACS_DIR>/shared` directory from the production server to the backup server that is being configured.

Upgrading

To upgrade to a newer version of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you must install that newer version. The updates are effective for instances only after you activate them with the new version of the product.

Before you begin

When you are upgrading an instance, make sure to update its backup system.

Procedure

1. Install the new version of the product as described here, [t_fcmu_ca_ins_prod.dita](#).
2. After the product is installed successfully, the application-specific instances must be activated with the new version.
[t_fcmu_ca_ins_afterprod.dita](#)
3. Run the setup script from within each activated application instance, and choose the option to modify the profile. Step through the parameters in the wizard.

This action updates the profile with new parameters and removes deprecated parameters, or renames them if required. If the backup system was not installed, activated, and configured separately, upgrade to the new version on your backup or clone system by selecting it from the wizard and choosing the option to **update IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installation**. Follow the instructions to run the setup script as described here, [t_fcmu_ca_cfg_setup.dita](#).

If the backup or clone system was installed, activated, and configured separately, follow the instructions in [Setting up separately on backup servers](#).

4. Uninstall the older version of the product.
Follow the instructions described here, [t_fcmu_ca_uninst.dita](#)

Upgrading from IBM Tivoli Storage FlashCopy Manager version 3.1

The use of consistency groups is required for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The profile parameter **USE_CONSISTENCY_GROUPS** is no longer supported and is removed automatically from an IBM Tivoli Storage FlashCopy Manager v3.1 profile when the upgraded instance is configured.

Before you begin

Use the setup script to migrate a profile that was created for IBM Tivoli Storage FlashCopy Manager V3.1 to IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

Procedure

1. Log in to the production server with the instance owner ID and go to the instance directory.

```
./setup_gen.sh
```

2. Follow the setup script instructions.

What to do next

For each IBM Tivoli Storage FlashCopy Manager Version 3.1 profile that has the **USE_CONSISTENCY_GROUPS** parameter, repeat the steps to automatically remove the parameter.

Chapter 4. Protecting your data with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot

Backing up data

Create snapshot backups of your databases and applications with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. Integrated the product with IBM Spectrum Protect clients to offload backups to an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

Backing up file systems or custom applications

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software provides an application agent, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications to back up file systems and custom applications.

You can use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to create a consistent snapshot image of a file system and custom application on a production system. Custom applications are applications that are on-file systems that are supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The applications are not explicitly supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. Examples of custom applications are Domino®, MAX DB, and WebSphere®. The snapshots are managed as backup versions by using the version management policies of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The snapshots can be used as a source for snapshot restore operations.

Except for backups in a GPFS environment, you can mount snapshot backups on a secondary server. In an IBM Spectrum Protect environment, you can use the backup archive client installed and configured on the secondary server to initiate offload backups to the IBM Spectrum Protect server.

Use the `fcmccli -f backup` command to protect any application on a file system that is supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The `fcmccli -f backup` operation must be issued from the production system.

The following scenario explains the backup of an IBM Spectrum Protect server. In this scenario, the custom application is the IBM Spectrum Protect server:

1. Create a list of files and directories that you want to back up. Save the list to a file that is later used by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot as an input *infile* file. This file can contain a list of the directories for the DB2 table spaces, and the online redo logs. If the storage device supports space-efficient snapshots, include the IBM Spectrum Protect disk storage pools. For example, include file pools and the active storage pool. This solution provides you with a consistent image of the system as of the time when the snapshot is created.
2. Create a `preflash.sh` and `postflash.sh` script files to shut down and restart the IBM Spectrum Protect server. Use the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot configuration setup script to add these scripts to the `CLIENT` section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile as values for the **PRE_FLASH_CMD** and **POST_FLASH_CMD** parameters.
3. Enter the following command to create a snapshot backup of the environment:

```
fcmccli -f backup -I infile -p profile
```

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot calls the `preflash.sh` script. After the snapshot is created on the storage system, it calls the `postflash.sh` script to restart the IBM Spectrum Protect server. The snapshot represents an offline backup of the IBM Spectrum Protect database. The IBM Spectrum Protect server is offline only for a short time.

4. Depending on the value of the parameter **TSM_BACKUP** in the profile file, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can start an IBM Spectrum Protect backup of the snapshot image by using the backup-archive client.

The snapshot must be backed up to another IBM Spectrum Protect server to obtain a useful backup.

Important: Using some storage systems, the snapshot backup requires a certain amount of available space on the target storage pool, so that it can create the snapshot. If there is not enough storage space available, you can increase the capacity on the requested storage pool, or free up some items that are using existing capacity. Check the message for the exact amount of storage space that is required.

Snapshot backup of individual mirrors

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports mirroring.

Mirroring by using the AIX logical volume manager (LVM mirroring)

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot provides LVM mirroring support for the following storage devices:

- DS8000
- IBM XIV Storage System
- Storwize family
- SAN Volume Controller

For those devices, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot creates a snapshot backup where only one of the mirrors is copied during the backup. When LVM is used to mirror the database across sites, you can create offloaded tape backups on either site with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. In this situation, you do not have to transfer the backup image across sites. To complete this task, a backup server is required on either site where backup images can be mounted to transfer them to secondary backup media.

For DS8000, you can create at most one INCREMENTAL snapshot per source volume. However, in LVM environments, each source volume is mirrored. Therefore, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can create two INCREMENTAL snapshot backups for DS8000.

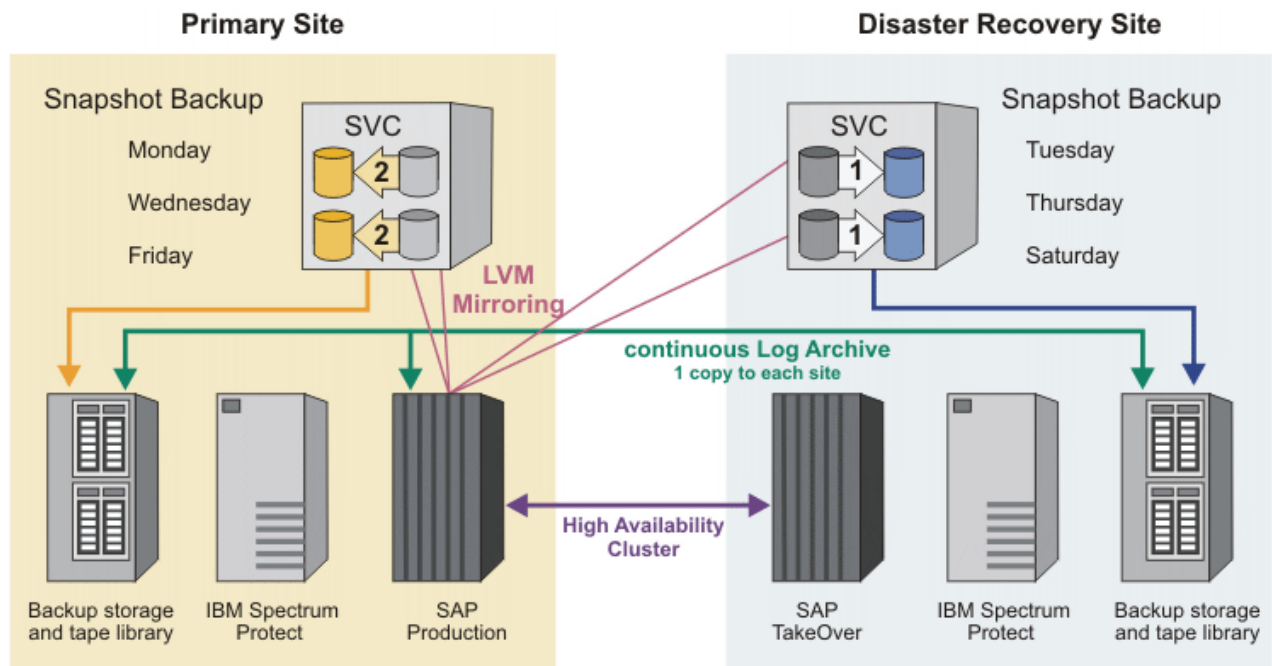


Figure 5. Cross-site mirrored SAP database that is protected with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and an IBM Spectrum Protect server.

AIX LVM mirroring advantages

- Only one of the two LVM mirrors are used for the snapshot. Using one mirror saves the number of needed target volumes and reduces the time that is needed for creating the snapshot.
- Avoids unnecessary performance degradation within the storage system.
- All LVM mirrors on the production system remain synchronized when the snapshot is created.

- Online or offline snapshot backups can be created in both LVM mirrored and non-LVM mirrored environments. The backup and restore procedures as provided in the applicable documentation remain unchanged.
- The snapshot backup process at no time compromises the high-availability purpose for which the mirrors were set up. It is not necessary to resynchronize the logical volumes after the snapshot backup request.
- IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot provides information about asymmetrical LVM mirror setups when they are encountered. The snapshot backup can fail in such environments, indicating a general deficiency of the high-availability setup.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires that the LVM mirroring sets are in different storage subsystems. For example, different SAN Volume Controller clusters. Complete mirrors must be stored on both storage clusters. If this setting is not possible, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot continues processing for those clusters where a complete image of the application can be found.

To configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for LVM mirroring, define both storage subsystems within the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile. Use the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter to allow IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to select the storage subsystem. At least one backup server is required so that IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can mount a snapshot backup to verify the consistency of the backup and split the LVM mirrors.

During a restore operation, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot runs all the commands that are required to prepare the LVM environment again for the second mirror. The administrator is informed by message FMM0755I in the detailed restore log file that the volume groups are ready for synchronization. The administrator can run this operation at a more suitable time for instance after completion of the database recovery.

Note: The administrator must examine the log files for these messages. They do not display on the screen.

Support of AIX enhanced concurrent capable volume groups

To support high-availability environments, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot supports enhanced concurrent capable volume groups.

Heterogeneous device mirroring

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot does not require the storage devices of different mirrors to be at the same version level.

Backing up data with remote mirroring

When you back up data with remote mirroring, you can create local and remote snapshot backups.

About this task

The local and remote snapshot backups can be created for Custom applications that use a generic backup agent. This agent creates snapshots of other applications or databases that are on file systems that are supported by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

These steps can be applied to the following scenarios:

- SAN Volume Controller snapshot backup at the auxiliary cluster with either Metro Mirror or Global Mirror.
- XIV snapshot backup at the remote site with either Synchronous Remote Mirroring or Asynchronous Remote Mirroring.

To create local application-consistent snapshot backups with the source volumes of the system that is running remote mirroring, verify that one **DEVICE_CLASS** section is configured for the primary cluster. The production volumes are on the primary cluster. You can run the setup script to create or change **DEVICE_CLASS** sections. From the production host, start the local snapshot backup. There are no additional requirements.

To create application-consistent remote snapshot backups with the target volumes of the storage system that is running remote mirroring, complete the following steps. The first few steps do not include all details that are needed to complete the step. These steps are usually completed before you start the following procedure. The information is provided for your convenience. You can verify that you have the environment set up completely before the backup begins.

Procedure

1. Verify IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed in a supported environment.

You must have custom application that is running on the primary cluster. The primary cluster is mirrored to a remote cluster with the storage feature for remote mirroring.

2. Use the setup script to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for remote mirroring.

When you configure for remote mirroring, the following parameters are set in the `DEVICE_CLASS` section:

- **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** YES
- **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME** <SERVER_NAME>
- **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME** <USER_NAME>
- **TAKEOVER_HOST_NAME** <HOST_NAME>

3. At the end of the setup script, the following question is displayed:

```
Do you want to continue by specifying passwords for the defined sections?
```

Enter `y` for yes.

4. Verify that the `DEVICE_CLASS` section that was created for remote mirroring during the configuration process, is selected. To verify, go to the `CLIENT` section of the profile. In the `CLIENT` section, the `DEVICE_CLASS` that is in use is selected.
5. From the production host, start the remote snapshot backup by typing in the following command:

Custom application agent, remote snapshot backup

```
fcmcli -f backup
```

When a snapshot backup is attempted, but the remote mirroring relationships are not synchronized, the backup fails and an error message is displayed. Before you can back up data, the mirroring relationships must be in the consistent synchronized state.

A snapshot consistency group is created in the remote cluster. The target of the mirroring relationships is the source of this new snapshot consistency group.

Important: Using some storage systems, the snapshot backup requires available space on the target storage pool so that it can create the snapshot. Increase the capacity on the requested storage pool, or free up items that are using existing capacity, if there is not enough space. Check the message for the exact amount of storage space that is required.

6. To verify that the backup is complete, from a command prompt window, enter the following command:

```
fcmcli -f inquire_detail
```

What to do next

When you complete the steps, you can mount and unmount the backup with the following commands:

- Mount the backup, from a command prompt window, by entering the following command: **fcmcli -f mount**
- Unmount the backup, from a command prompt window, by entering the following command: **fcmcli -f unmount**

Related tasks

[“Updating DEVICE_CLASS device for mirroring” on page 92](#)

To use the mirroring technologies, a `DEVICE_CLASS` section specific to the storage solution used for mirroring needs to be added to the profile configuration file. There is one exception to this statement: If remote backups are run, the existing `DEVICE_CLASS` section for the device is sufficient. No additional `DEVICE_CLASS` section is needed.

Related reference

“Mounting and unmounting snapshots on a secondary system” on page 134

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot commands are available to mount or unmount a snapshot backup on a secondary system.

Logical Volume Manager support (AIX only)

You can use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in environments where volume groups are mirrored between two storage clusters by using Logical Volume Manager (LVM) mirroring on AIX.

This support is provided on IBM System Storage DS8000, IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller, IBM Storwize family, and IBM XIV Storage System. When LVM mirroring is used to mirror volume groups between two storage clusters, a snapshot backup is created such that only one mirror is being copied.

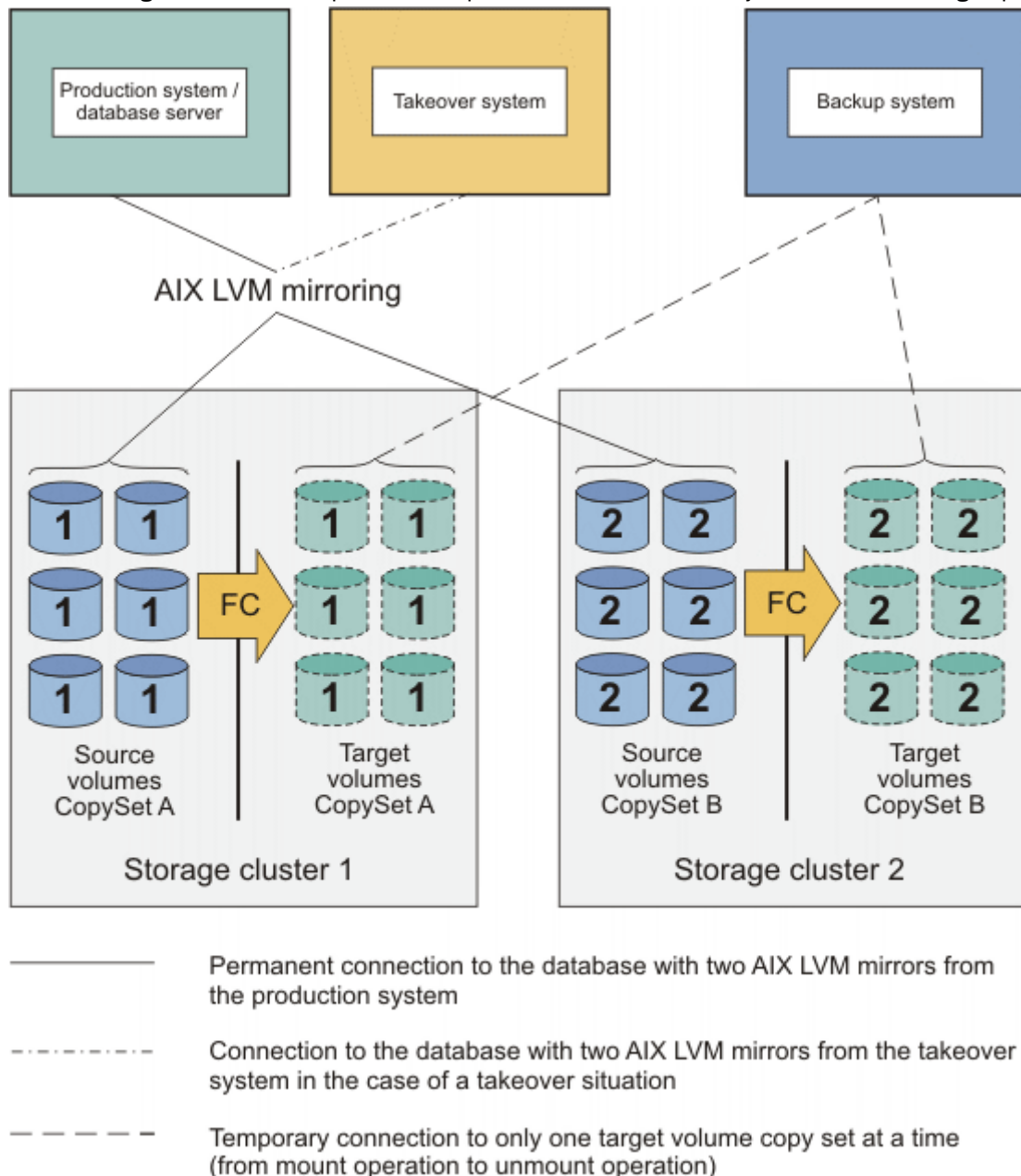


Figure 6. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in an LVM environment

Using Snapshot backup in a HyperSwap environment

Take advantage of a new level of data availability by backing up storage with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot support for IBM HyperSwap technology.

Backing up data to a HyperSwap pool works the same way as backing up to a non-HyperSwap pool. Backing up is carried out using the master site of the HyperSwap pairing. The auxiliary pool is used only to implement HyperSwap high availability.

You can use the relevant commands described in the topic [Backing up file systems or custom applications](#).

Restoring data

Restore databases with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot by restoring from a snapshot on the storage subsystem, or restoring data from IBM Spectrum Protect.

Restoring file systems or custom applications

You can use the `fccli -f restore` command to restore a file system or custom application that you backed up.

The following examples illustrate the processes that are involved in restoring file systems and custom applications.

Before you begin a restore operation, query IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for all of the snapshot backups that are taken, use the `fccli -f inquire` command. To restore a file system or custom application, complete the following steps:

1. Specify what data you want to query. Use one of the following methods:
 - Specify `#NULL` to query IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for a list of all backups.
 - Specify a backup ID to query the details of a particular snapshot backup.
 - Use the `fccli -f inquire_detail` function to query extra information about the backup. For example, the type of snapshot or the background copy progress.
2. After you run the query, use the `fccli -f restore` command to perform a full or partial snapshot restore of the data that was backed up.
 - To perform a full snapshot restore, provide IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot with a backup ID from the query that you ran. If you want to restore the latest backup, you can specify `#NULL`.
 - To restore only a portion of the data, specify a list of files explicitly by using the `-I <infile>` option, where the *infile* file contains a list of files or directories that you want to restore. Although IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot performs restores at a volume level, extra data might be restored as part of the volume restore operation. You can use the **NEGATIVE_LIST** parameter to specify what actions IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot takes in these situations.

You can use the backup-archive client to query and restore data from the IBM Spectrum Protect server. Although IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot assists in creating an IBM Spectrum Protect backup from a snapshot, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot cannot be used for the restore operation. You can use the following options to facilitate the restore:

MODE FULL or MODE DIFF

You can correlate an IBM Spectrum Protect backup with the corresponding FlashCopy backup. Compare the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup ID with the name of the file list that is backed up as part of the IBM Spectrum Protect backup.

MODE ARCHIVE

You can correlate an IBM Spectrum Protect backup with the corresponding FlashCopy backup. Compare the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup ID with the name of the archive description of the IBM Spectrum Protect backup.

Restore files from GPFS snapshots from the IBM Spectrum Protect

File retrieval from the IBM Spectrum Protect server is done with the BA Client. The files that are offloaded from the GPFS file set snapshot are not grouped on the server by their snapshot IDs as other custom application backups are. A restore operation of all files in a file set can be done based on the file set junction path within the file system.

File backup dates in IBM Spectrum Protect show the date when the offloaded tape backup operation was run. This date is not the date that the file set snapshot was created by the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation. There are two types of restore operation as follows:

- Restoring a specific version of a single file that is earlier than the latest one available. Use the B/A client GUI to access the date when the file was last modified or accessed.
- Restoring files in bulk from a specific snapshot version that is earlier than the latest snapshot version. Use the point-in-time date `pitdate` and point-in-time time `pittime` options of the B/A client.

Use the IBM Spectrum Protect backup log file in `ACS_DIR/logs/details` directory to identify the time stamp when the **mmbackup** command finished moving the required file set. Identify a message such as: `mmbackup: Backup of <fileset_path> completed successfully at <timestamp>`.

When you want to restore data in a specific backup that was created by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and that consists of various GPFS file systems or file sets, look for message FMM9096I in the backup log file in the `ACS_DIR/logs/details` dir. This message states that the offloading of the backup you are looking for, which is identified by `<backup_ID>`, to a defined IBM Spectrum Protect was successful at *timestamp*. Here is an example of the message to look for:

```
FMM9096I Offloading of backup with ID <backup_ID> to IBM Spectrum Protect
server(s) <server_list> ended successfully on <timestamp>.
```

The *timestamp* shows the client date. The IBM Spectrum Protect server date can differ according to the clock difference between the client and the server. Calculate the IBM Spectrum Protect server time stamp from the *timestamp* in the log file. Use this time stamp to specify `pitdate` and `pittime` options to restore a specific GPFS snapshot from IBM Spectrum Protect.

Restoring data with remote mirroring

Restore data on a remote site with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

Before you begin

The restore operations for the remote site must meet the following environment conditions:

- Data is successfully backed up and the backup copy of data is accessible on the remote site.
- A takeover host is running with the same operating system level as the production host.
- The takeover host is configured on the remote side.
- IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software is installed on the takeover host. The software level on the production host and on the takeover host are the same.

Restoring custom application agent data with remote mirroring

About this task

The takeover operation is complete, and the reversal of roles and remote relationships are already in place. If not already included in the takeover operation, stop the `acsd` daemon on the primary production host, and transfer all the repository files from the primary production host to the takeover host. The repository files are in the directory defined by the parameter **ACS_REPOSITORY** in the ACSD section of the profile.

Note: The snapshot restore operation requires sufficient available space on the target storage pool so that it can restore the necessary volume. Increase the capacity on the requested storage pool or free up some items that are using existing capacity in cases where there is insufficient space.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot snapshot local repository is restored to the takeover host at a point in time after the remote backup. When you are recovering data for maintenance, not disaster recovery, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository can be shared by NFS. Complete the following steps:

Procedure

1. Update the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot configuration parameters with the setup script wizard. Specifically, set the **ACSD** parameter to use the acsd on the takeover host in the GLOBAL section. Do not use the acsd of the production host.
2. Start the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot acsd daemon on the takeover host.
3. From the backups that are displayed, select the remote backup to use for the restore. The backups are displayed when you enter the query command on the takeover host.
For example, **fcmcli -f inquire_detail**
4. Start the restore by entering the following command:

```
fcmcli -f restore -b <backup_id>
```

Results

The remote mirroring relationships are stopped. The volume groups with the file systems that contain the table spaces are restored from the FlashCopy targets to the remote mirroring targets. The file systems that contain the table spaces are mounted.

You must restart the remote relationships before taking another snapshot of remote mirroring targets. For IBM XIV Storage System, the remote relationships are removed. You must re-create the remote relationships before taking another snapshot of remote mirroring targets.

Using Snapshot restore in a HyperSwap environment

Take advantage of a new level of data availability by restoring storage with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot support for IBM HyperSwap technology.

You can use the relevant commands described in the section [Restoring data](#).

HyperSwap restore limitations

Snapshot restore operations on master and auxiliary volumes are not possible without interrupting HyperSwap relations. During the interruption, high availability is lost. This is because current HyperSwap implementations do not support the creation of a FlashCopy mapping when the FlashCopy target volume is a master or auxiliary volume in a HyperSwap or remote copy relationship. Furthermore, current HyperSwap implementations do not support pausing or stopping a HyperSwap relationship. To create a FlashCopy mapping, the HyperSwap volume copy on the auxiliary site must be removed. At this point, the FlashCopy mappings for the change volumes and dual IO routing are also removed.

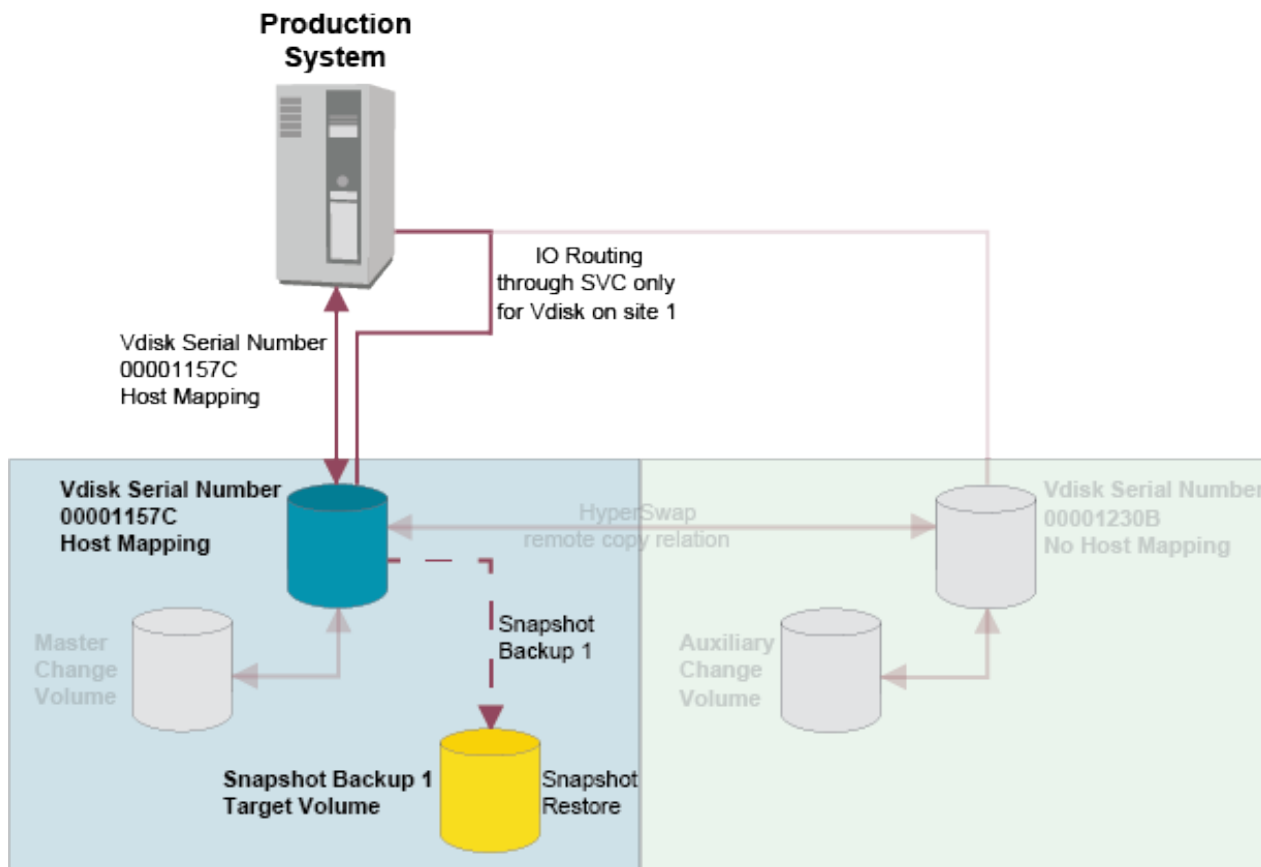


Figure 7. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot after a HyperSwap restore.

After a Snapshot HyperSwap restore, all HyperSwap settings must be reconfigured to a consistent and synchronized state. Current HyperSwap implementations do not support the creation of a remote copy relationship on master or auxiliary volumes that are the target of a FlashCopy mapping. When synchronization is complete, you can use a dynamically created shell script to automatically reconfigure the required relationships and IO settings. The reconfiguration script is named `<timestamp>_hyperrel.sh`, where `<timestamp>` is the current date and time. Run the reconfiguration script from the `acs` directory that is created when Snapshot is installed.

If successful, the reconfiguration script terminates silently. If for example the volume has copies in two sites using HyperSwap already or if other errors from the storage system are reported, the script will display those.

You can automate the execution of the reconfiguration script after a timeout interval defined by the `HYPERSWAP_RESTORE_TIMEOUT` parameter in the Snapshot configuration file. However, this approach runs the risk of the failure of the reconfiguration operation if the Snapshot restore is late finishing. If the time required to perform a resynch is unpredictable, run the reconfiguration script manually.

Resynchronizing the HyperSwap pools and restoring FlashCopy relationships can take from minutes to hours, depending on the size of the data and the available bandwidth on storage network connections.

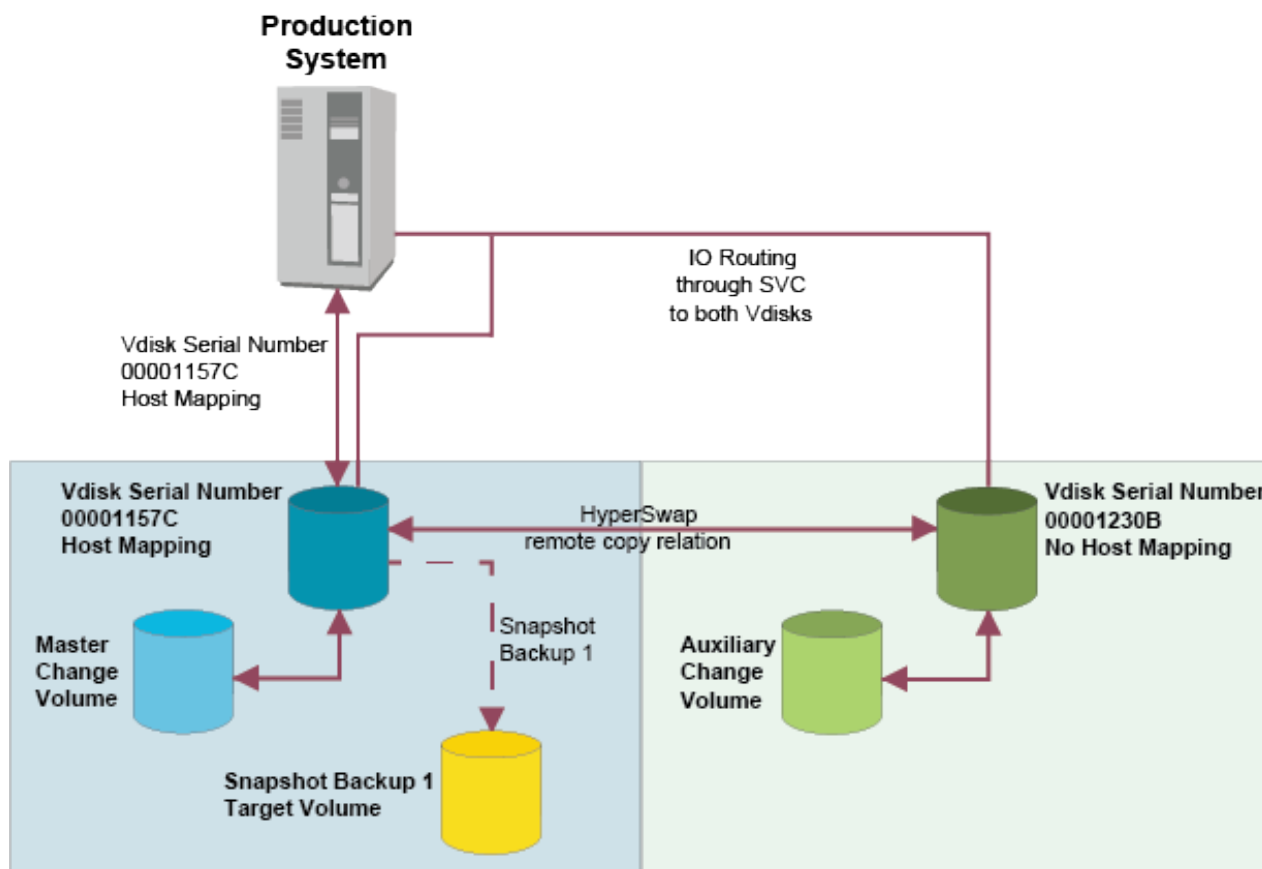


Figure 8. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot after running the reconfiguration script.

Usability states of snapshot backup operations

To view the usability states of a snapshot backup, use the **-f inquire_detail** command option with the application-specific command **fccli**.

Table 6. Usability states	
Usability state value	Meaning
REMOTELY_MOUNTABLE	Backup data can be mounted from a remote system.
REPETITIVELY_RESTOREABLE	Backup data can be restored. The image can be used multiple times.
DESTRUCTIVELY_RESTOREABLE	Data can be restored. After the restore, other backups and possibly the backup to be restored can potentially be deleted.
SWAP_RESTOREABLE	Restore is possible by using the backup volumes directly rather than copying the data back to the source volumes.

Table 6. Usability states (continued)

Usability state value	Meaning
PHYSICAL_PROTECTION	The snapshot ensures protection from physical failures on the source volumes, there is no longer a dependency on the source volumes. This state does not necessarily mean that a FULL_COPY must be created with each snapshot. For example, block-level continuous data protection (CDP) mechanisms typically replicate the data only once, and then record changes only.
FULL_COPY	A full copy of the data was generated.
INCOMPLETE	A portion of the data that was backed up is deleted and can no longer be restored. This situation can happen, for example, after a partial restore of an old backup that is only DESTRUCTIVELY_RESTORABLE .
MOUNTING	A mount operation was requested on the backup server.
MOUNTED	This backup is mounted on a backup server.
DELETING	Indicates that a backup is marked for deletion. The deletion was requested.
DELETED	Indicates that the backup was deleted.
BACKGROUND_MONITOR_PENDING	Indicates that a required background copy process is not yet active or not yet finished. The device agent checks for backups with this state and monitors the associated volumes until the background copy is finished. This state is then replaced by FULL_COPY .
TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING	Indicates that a requested tape backup is not yet started or is not yet finished successfully. The offload agent checks for backups with this state, and runs the requested tape backup. After the tape backup finishes successfully, this state is reset. If the tape backup stops with an error, the TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING state remains set, TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS is reset, and a <i>retry</i> counter is incremented.
TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS	Indicates that the requested tape backup was started by the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot offload agent. If the backup fails, this state is reset.
TAPE_BACKUP_COMPLETE	Indicates that the requested tape backup is finished by the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot offload agent.
TAPE_BACKUP_FAILED	Indicates that the tape backup of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot offload agent was not successful.
RESTORING	Indicates that an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restore operation was run.

Usability state diagrams

The following usability state diagrams show the state changes during different operations. The green arrows are used for actions that you can start. The blue arrows are used for actions that are done automatically by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. The black arrows indicate IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operations that you can use to change usability states.

Snapshot backup

The first state diagram shows the usability state changes during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation. Depending on the storage system that is used some states differ.

For example, on XIV, the snapshot backup is immediately restorable and the restore can be repeated multiple times. After successfully processing on DS8000, and SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family devices, the **BACKGROUND_MONITOR_PENDING** usability state is changed to **FULL_COPY** and **PHYSICAL_PROTECTION** by a monitoring daemon (**acsgen -D**) when a COPY snapshot backup was requested.

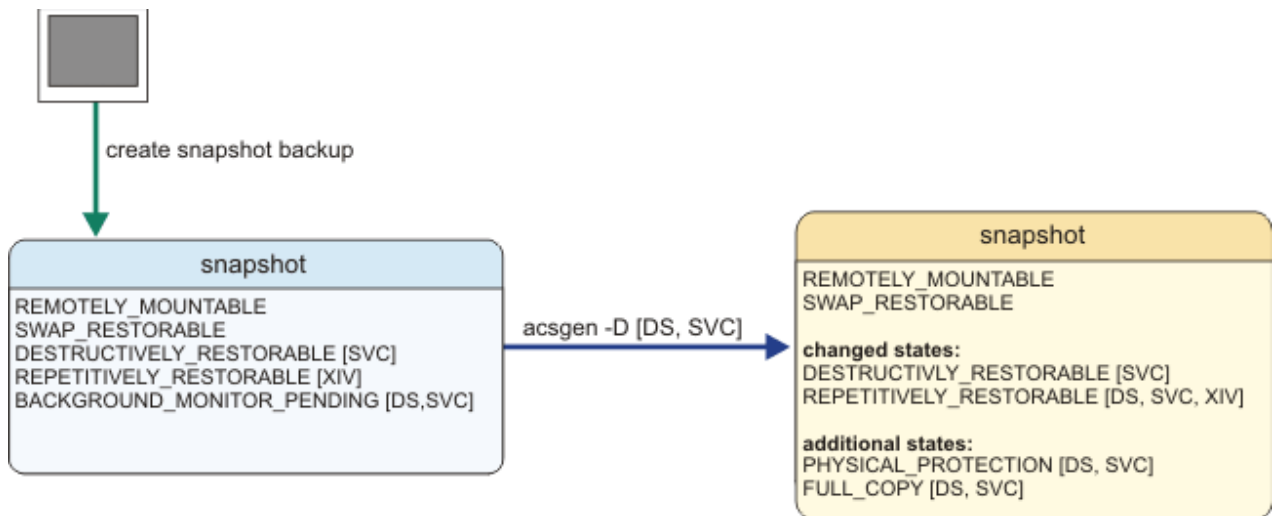


Figure 9. Usability States during snapshot backup

Snapshot restore

The second state diagram shows the usability state changes during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restore operation. On the DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller storage systems, the usability states change during a snapshot restore operation.

For DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller systems, the **BACKGROUND_MONITOR_PENDING** state is turned on in a **RESTORING** state. The background monitor daemon (**acsgen -D**) resets both states when the copy process in the storage system finishes.

For XIV there is no usability state change during restore processing.

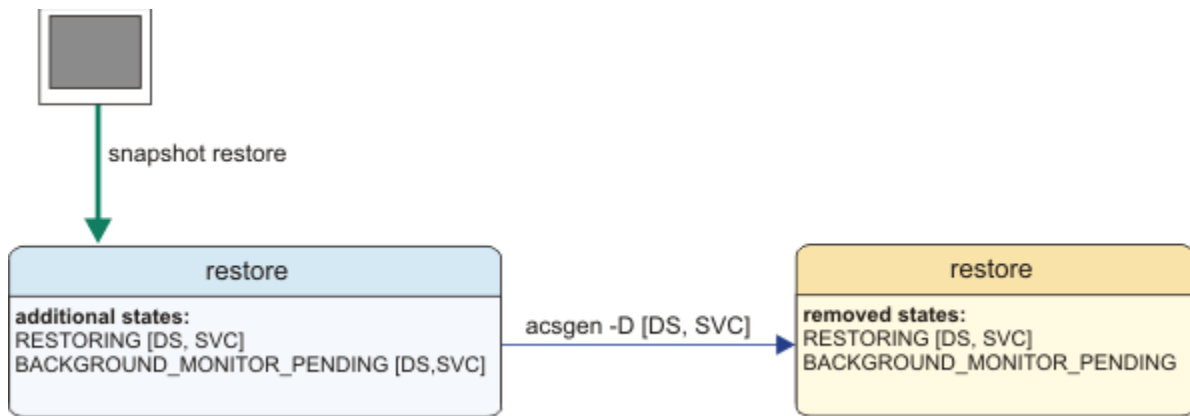


Figure 10. Usability states during snapshot restore

Snapshot delete

The next state diagram shows the usability state changes during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot delete operation. There are two types of delete operations: delete and delete with force option. For both types, the snapshot backup is set to the **DELETING** state. After processing completes, the background monitor daemon (**acsngen -D**), switches the states to **DELETED**.

Snapshots on XIV systems are deleted, and the snapshot backup is removed from the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository by the background monitor daemon.

On the DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller storage systems, the snapshot relations are not deleted by the background monitor operation unless the delete force option was used on the delete command. For these systems, the snapshot backup is not deleted from the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository. Instead, the FlashCopy relations of a deleted snapshot backup can be reused when a new backup is created.

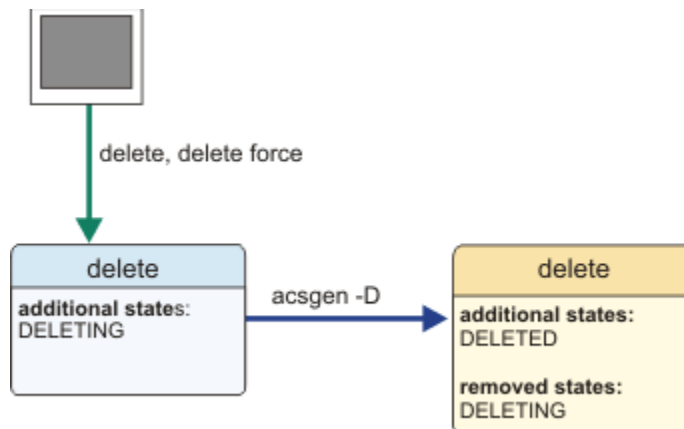


Figure 11. Usability states during snapshot delete

Snapshot mount

The next state diagram shows the usability state changes during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot mount operation. You can start a snapshot mount operation by using the mount function of the command-line interface or start it automatically during the creation of a snapshot backup. In the latter case, it is named a forced mount operation. In either case, the mount operation first changes the state to **MOUNTING**. If the mount operation finishes successfully, the state changes from **MOUNTING** to **MOUNTED**. If the mount operation fails, the state stays **MOUNTING**. The only operation that is allowed to remove a **MOUNTING** or **MOUNTED** state is a successful IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot unmount operation. If the unmount operation finishes successfully, the **MOUNTING** or **MOUNTED** state is removed. If the unmount operation fails, the state remains as **MOUNTING** or **MOUNTED**. An unmount force operation is not needed for unmounting unless an offloaded tape backup is in progress.

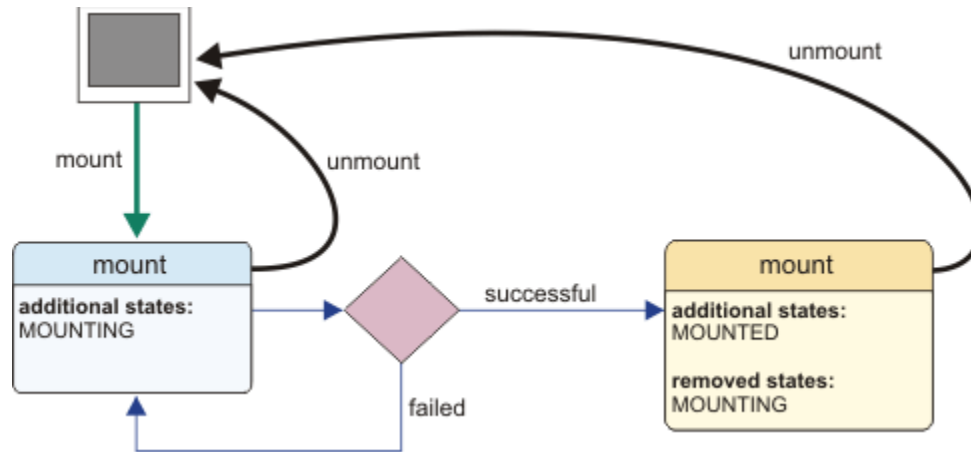


Figure 12. Usability states during snapshot mount

Snapshot offload

The last state diagram shows the usability state change during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot offload operation. You can start a snapshot offload operation with the **tape_backup** function of the command-line interface. Alternatively, run it automatically with the offload agent that is running in the background (**fcmcli -D**). If the snapshot backup is not already mounted successfully, a mount operation is started automatically. The mount operation changes the state first to **MOUNTING** and then to **MOUNTED**. After that or in case that the snapshot backup was already mounted, the offload operation adds the state **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** and runs the offloaded tape backup. If this operation is successful, the state switches from **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** to **TAPE_BACKUP_COMPLETE**. Otherwise, the **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** state switches to a **TAPE_BACKUP_FAILED** state and the **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** state persists. In either case, the automatic unmount operation is started and the **MOUNTED** state is removed when the operation completes successfully. If the mount operation fails, or the tape backup operation stops then the **MOUNTED** or **MOUNTING** state remains. The only operation that can remove these states is a successful IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot unmount operation. If the unmount operation finishes successfully, the **MOUNTED** or **MOUNTING** state is removed. If the unmount operation fails, the states are not removed. An unmount force operation is only needed for unmounting when an offloaded tape backup is in progress (**TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** is still set). The unmount force operation resets the **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** state when it successfully completes the unmount operation.

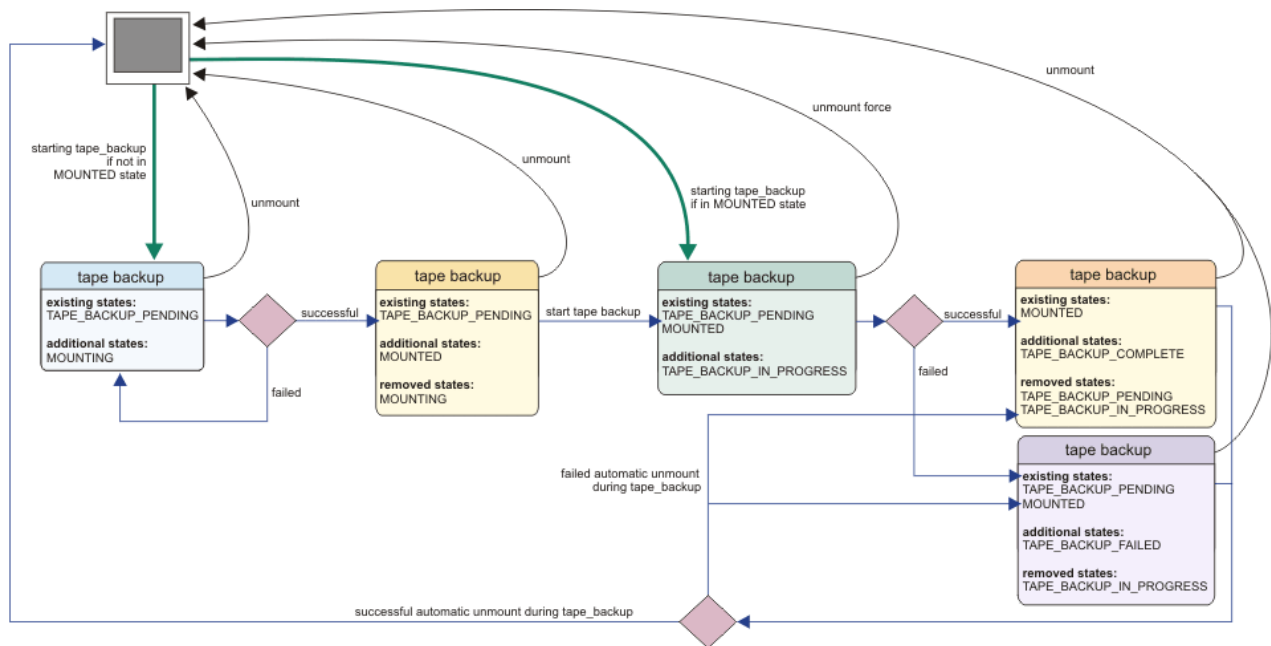


Figure 13. Usability states during snapshot offload

The usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** can be removed by using the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot function **fcmlcli -f update_status** with the option **-S TSM_BACKUP=NO**. This state is also removed by starting a new snapshot backup with the option **TSM_BACKUP[_FROM_SNAPSHOT] LATEST**. This option automatically removes the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** from all snapshot backups that exist in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository.

Chapter 5. Troubleshooting

There are multiple resources for support.

The following list identifies the various ways that you can find information online:

- [IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot wiki](#) on the developerWorks® site.
- [Service Management Connect](#)
- [IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot product support](#). Enter the search term, such as an authorized program analysis report (APAR) number, release level, or operating system to narrow the search criteria for your support need.

General troubleshooting procedure

This procedure is valid for all IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot applications.

The starting point for problem determination is the summary log file located in the <ACS_DIR>/logs directory. The summary log file name is summary.<timestamp>.log where <timestamp> is an entry that represents the four-digit year, month, and day (for example, summary.20090817.log). A new log file is created each day. This file contains a list of all operations and the most important messages. Each line begins with one of these prefixes to indicate the type of operation:

Table 7. Message prefixes used in the summary log file	
Prefix	Operation
GEN	Generic message
DB	Database backup or restore; inquire or delete of FlashCopy backups
MON	Monitoring of the background copy that is performed by the storage device
TSM	Off-loaded backup to IBM Spectrum Protect
MNT	Mount and unmount services
CLO	FlashCopy cloning operations

The summary log file only contains the information about operations that were performed and whether they completed successfully. Error messages are also logged when they occur. A dedicated log file is created for each operation in the <ACS_DIR>/logs/details. These files should be checked for detailed information when an error occurs.

This summary log file example shows a FlashCopy backup of a database. Messages with the DB prefix are issued by the database client. This is the application that requests the backup operation.

```
GEN 00:10:00 (70a)
=====
New backup operation started for database instance db2h51, database H51.
=====
DB 00:10:00 (70a) FMM1510I New connection received.
DB 00:10:00 (70a) FMM1513I *****> Database client connected: db2s95, database S95,
                                     partition NODE0000
DB 00:10:00 (70a) FMM1574I Backup for db2s95.S95.DEVICE_CLASS:STANDARD.NODE0000 is
                                     created using DEVICE_CLASS
    DEVICE_CLASS:STANDARD.
DB 00:10:01 (80c) FMM1510I New connection received.
DB 00:10:01 (80c) FMM1514I *****> Device client connected.
DB 00:10:01 (80c) FMM6219I Backup to TSM: NO
DB 00:10:01 (80c) FMM1582I The target set 1 will be used for the current backup.
DB 00:10:44 (70a) FMM1014I Operation backup completed successful.
```

Logging and tracing files

Log and trace files are updated during IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operations.

Log and trace files are written to during backup and restore processing by these products:

- IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot
- Storage system
- CIM
- General Parallel File System (GPFS) for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications.
- IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning
- Operating system

Log files and trace files

Refer to these examples of the log and trace files that are maintained by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot document each operation in log files. In addition, trace files can be requested with the TRACE parameter in the profile. Do not activate tracing unless requested by IBM Support. If TRACE is set to YES, each IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot component creates an extra trace file in the log directory.

Tip: Ensure to look for, and manage the amount of free space of the file system that contains the ACS_DIR/logs directory.

The following tables list the log and trace files that are maintained by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. These files are in ACS_DIR/logs.

Table 8. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot log files	
Purpose	File
Overview of operations and their result.	summary.timestamp.log
Overview about the monitoring of the background copy that is done by the storage device.	monitor.timestamp.log
Detailed log of a particular operation.	details/function.longtimestamp
Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>timestamp</i> is the date (yyyymmdd) • <i>longtimestamp</i> is the date and time (yyyymmddHHMMSS) • <i>function</i> is a value of backup, restore, inquire, delete, mount, unmount, tsm, or clone <p>The summary log file is always used as an entry point. All major events, such as the start of a new operation or errors, are recorded in this file. A new summary log file is created for every day and records all operations of one day within a single file.</p>	

Table 9. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot trace files	
Component	File
Management Agent (acsd)	acsd.id.trace

Table 9. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot trace files (continued)	
Component	File
Application client (for DB2, the Snapshot Backup Library)	client.instance.db name.node.id.trace
Generic Device Agent (acsgen)	acsgen.hostname.device class.node num.id.trace acsgen.hostname.function.id.trace acsgend.hostname.id.trace
Device Agent for IBM XIV® Storage System Devices	xivadapter_id_function.trace
Device Agent for CIM Devices (DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, Storwize family)	fmcima.hostname.function.id.trace fmcima.hostname.device class.node num.id.trace
Offload Agent (tsm4acs)	tsm4acs.host.id.trace
fcmcli	fcmcli.host.id.trace
RMAN (when started by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot)	rman.SID.id.log
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Names ending in -d are daemon processes (started with -D option). id is the date (yyyymmdd) for log files written by daemon processes, date, and process ID (yyyymmdd.xxxxxx) for trace files written by daemon processes or a timestamp (yyyymmddHHMMSS) for log and trace files for other processes. device class can be a device class specified in the profile or all if no command-line parameter -s device class was specified for the device agent. It can also be omitted for traces of the device agent. instance and db hostname can be undef for query and delete requests that are started with db2acsutil. node num is the DB2 partition number in the case of DB2 and SAP with DB2. It is 0 for Oracle and SAP with Oracle or it can also be omitted for Oracle and SAP with Oracle. function is backup, delete, restore, mount, unmount, or reconcile. 	

Table 10. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot return codes		
Reason code	Explanation	User response
0	Operation is successful	None
1	Operation terminated successfully with warnings	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation was successful but warning messages were reported. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file and the therein referenced detail log files for more information.
2	Operation terminated with error	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file and the therein referenced detail log files for more information.

Table 11. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installer exit codes

Exit Code	Explanation	User Response
0	The operation completed successfully	The installation completed successfully without any warnings or errors.
1	The operation completed successfully with warnings.	The installation completed successfully, but one or more of the actions from the installation sequence caused a warning or a non-fatal error. See the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installer log file installation.log in the installation directory for details.
-1	The operation terminated with error	One or more of the actions from the installation sequence caused a unrecoverable error. See the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installer log file installation.log in the installation directory for details.
>=1000	The operation terminated with error Note: There more error codes with numbers greater than or equal to 1000 which all mean that some kind of error occurred.	One or more of the actions from the installation sequence caused a unrecoverable error. See the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installer log file installation.log in the installation directory for details.

Table 12. DB2 vendor reason codes

Reason Code	Explanation	User Response
0	The operation is successful.	None
2	Communication error with device	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed. Check the db2diag.log and the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
3	The DB2 and vendor products are incompatible	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed during initialization of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot vendor library. The DB2 API version does not match the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot vendor library version. Check the db2diag.log for details.
6	Object specified cannot be found	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed because the requested object cannot be found in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository. Check the db2diag.log and the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
8	Invalid user ID specified	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed because an invalid user ID was specified on the db2 command line. Check the db2diag.log.

Table 12. DB2 vendor reason codes (continued)

Reason Code	Explanation	User Response
9	Invalid password provided	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed because an invalid password was specified on the db2 command line. Check the db2diag.log.
10	Invalid options specified	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed because an invalid db2 command-line option was specified. Check the db2diag.log.
11	Initialization failed	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed because the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot vendor library cannot be initialized. Check the db2diag.log and the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
14	End of data reached	Not an error condition.
18	Device error	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
19	Warning	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation is successful with warning messages. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
21	More data to come	Not an error condition.
26	Delete object fails	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot delete operation failed. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
29	Abort request failed	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot abort request failed. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
30	Unexpected Error	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed. Check the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.
31	No data has been returned	Not an error condition.
32	Object not under Backup Adapter control	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operation failed because the object specified for a restore or query is not under the control of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. It might be under control of IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning, for example. Check the db2diag.log and the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.

Table 12. DB2 vendor reason codes (continued)

Reason Code	Explanation	User Response
34	Another database or application is using the same storage groups	The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot snapshot backup operation failed because another database or application is using the same storage group. Check the db2diag.log and the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot summary log file for details.

Storage system log and trace files

Storage system log and trace files are updated during IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operations.

Consult the documentation for the configured storage system.

CIM log and trace files

CIM log and trace files are updated during IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operations.

For more information about log and trace files for CIM, see the CIM documentation. The DS8000 Open API, SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family master console produce log and trace output.

GPFS log files

IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS) log files are updated during IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, or IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot Custom Applications operations.

The GPFS log files are in `/var/adm/ras` directory on each GPFS node, and start with the prefix `mmfs.log`. The most current GPFS log file can be found by using the symbolic link `/var/adm/ras/mmfs.log.latest`. See the information about GPFS log files and troubleshooting procedures in the *IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS) for Clusters: Problem Determination Guide (GA76-0415-08)*.

IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning log and trace files

IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning log and trace files are updated during backup and restore operations.

See the section *How to find files containing message output (log files)* in the IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning *Installation and User's Guide* for details concerning logs and traces within IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning.

Important: A trace file can be requested by specifying the `TRACEFILE` parameter in the IBM Spectrum Protect for Enterprise Resource Planning profile. However, do not place this file on NFS, because this might cause network problems due to the high volume of trace entries being written.

Troubleshooting mirroring relationships

There are some questions that might arise when implementing IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and storage systems with mirroring technologies. The following information is provided to help you answer questions unique to your environment.

Question

Why are some remote mirroring relationships missing?

Answer

The target volumes that are referenced in this solution are part of the remote mirror relationship. The target volumes are used as the source for the snapshot operation.

Before you start the snapshot backup that uses the target volumes, verify that the remote mirroring relationships are established. You can verify the relationships by using either the graphical user

interface or the command-line interface. For example, if using SAN Volume Controller global mirror, you can enter the following command to verify the mirroring relationship:

```
ssh -i/<dir>/ssh-identity <username>@<hostname>  
svctask mkrcrelationship -master <vdiskname local> -aux <vdiskname remote>  
-cluster <clusterid> -name <relation name> -consistgrp <consgrp name>  
-global
```

Question

The remote mirroring relationships are not in the state `consistent_synchronized`. How does the state for remote mirroring relationship get updated?

Answer

Go to the storage solution. Synchronize the consistency groups. For more information about synchronizing consistency groups, see the documentation that is provided with the storage hardware.

Question

(SAN Volume Controller only) One or more of the FlashCopy target volumes for the remote site are missing. Where is the FlashCopy target volume?

Answer

Use either the graphical user interface or command-line interface to start the Metro Mirror or Global Mirror consistency group. For example, you can enter the following command from the command-line interface:

```
ssh -i/<di>/ssh-identity <username>@<hostname of the cluster> svctask  
starttrcconsistgrp consist group id
```

Question

(XIV only) One of the following issues exists.

- The remote mirroring is not operational.
- For XIV synchronous mirroring, the state of the consistency group is not `consistent_synchronized`.
- For XIV asynchronous mirroring, the state of the consistency group is not `RPO_OK`.

How are these issues resolved?

Answer

Verify that the consistency groups meet the following requirements:

- Consistency groups need to be enabled and synchronized.
- The volumes that are assigned to the consistency groups need to be correctly identified and enabled.

One consistency group per database partition is needed.

Troubleshooting storage solutions

There are some common problems that might occur when using IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and storage solutions. These problems and the solutions are provided to help you complete problem determination activities.

Question

During the backup or cloning on a storage solution running a supported AIX operating system, the mount of one or more file systems fails on the auxiliary host with the following message:

```
FMM0644E Error on running command: mount: 0506-334  
/oracle/C21/mirrlog2 is not a known file system.
```

How can this error be resolved?

Answer

When the storage solution running a supported AIX operating system imports a volume group, use the label of the logical volume for the new mount point. Check the production system to determine the

labels of the logical volumes that support backup and clone operations. The fields **mount point** and **label** should have identical values. For example:

```
# lslv lvDS1data1
LOGICAL VOLUME: lvDS1data1 VOLUME GROUP: DS1data1vg
...
MOUNT POINT: /db2/DS1/db2ds1/NODE0001 LABEL: /db2/DS1/db2ds1/NODE0001
```

Troubleshooting connectivity problems

This information covers a problem that can occur with connectivity. The problem and the solution are provided to help you complete problem determination activities.

When the production server and backup server are separated by a firewall, socket connections might time out

Question

After a successful snapshot backup operation, why is it not possible to mount or unmount this snapshot backup on a backup or clone server?

Answer

The socket connection failure can result from a mismatch between the firewalls connection timeout setting and the operating systems frequency of sending keep alive network packets. When a firewall or other network devices such as a router or switch exists between the production and backup server, the daemon connection can time out. A similar situation can exist between a production and clone server. To prevent connections from timing out, the management agent `acsd` on the production server, requests that the operating system sends out network packets. These packets keep the connection between the servers alive.

The **`tcp_keepidle`** operating system parameter specifies the interval of inactivity. Depending on the operating system, this parameter might vary. After this interval of inactivity, the TCP generates a keep alive transmission for the application that requests it. This interval is measured in half seconds. For AIX operating systems, the keep alive default value for this parameter is 14400 (2 hours). This frequency is sufficient for many environments. Decrease this value when the following conditions exist:

- A firewall or other network device exists between the production and backup or clone server.
- If the device connection timeout is less than 2 hours.

For AIX operating systems, issue the following network command to reduce the **`tcp_keepidle`** parameter value and send a keep alive transmission every 5 minutes:

```
no -o tcp_keepidle=600
```

This change remains in effect until you restart the production server. To permanently modify this parameter, add the command to the `/etc/rc.net` file.

Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) support

The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux software operates in IPv4, IPv6, and mixed environments.

The network configuration determines which protocol is used by the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software. The `acsd` service listens for IPv4 and IPv6 connection requests. Connection requests to the `acsd` service are made for the addresses that are returned by the system for the respective port on the local host. Connection requests to other systems are made for the addresses that are specified by the user. When TCP/IP addresses are set from a command-line interface, or when you are configuring the product, IPv6 addresses are supported. When an IP address and a port are specified in the following format:

```
<IPv4 address>:<service or port>
```

the format needs to be changed for IPv environments only:

```
<service or port>@<IP address>
```

In pure IPv4 environments, the traditional format can be used.

Appendix A. Configuration files

When you complete the setup script, the information you enter is used to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses the following configuration files:

- Profile
- Target volumes file
- Password file

Profile

When you complete the setup script, the information you enter is used to create the profile. Do not edit the profile manually, run the setup script to make any amendments to the profile. Each section of the profile includes parameters and options that determine how the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backs up and restores data in your environment. The following information explains the various parameters and options.

When you use IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot executable commands, the profile is identified by the value that is specified for option -p.

The profile is divided into the following sections:

- GLOBAL
- ACSD
- CLIENT
- DEVICE_CLASS *device*
- OFFLOAD

In some cases, there are multiple DEVICE_CLASS sections. Each DEVICE_CLASS section must have a unique *device* instance name.

The profile must be available on all custom application nodes and on the system where the management agent, acsd, is running. In addition, the GLOBAL section of the profile is required on all backup systems.

GLOBAL

The GLOBAL section contains information that is required and used by all IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot components. The components reference the information in the GLOBAL section during the startup process. Changes to this section require a restart of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be installed on multiple systems within a custom applications environment. For example, when a database is distributed among multiple application hosts or when a backup server is used to transfer snapshot backups to IBM Spectrum Protect server. When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed on multiple systems within a custom applications environment, there is only one active management agent. The location of this management agent is specified in GLOBAL section by using the **ACSD** parameter.

Other parameters in the GLOBAL section specify the location for logging, tracing, and password files. On the backup server, the only section of profile that is referenced is GLOBAL.

ACSD

The ACSD section contains information that is used exclusively by the management agent, acsd. The ACSD section includes the **ACS_REPOSITORY** parameter. The **ACS_REPOSITORY** parameter specifies the directory where the management agent stores its backup repository. This repository is the most important collection of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot data. If the repository is lost, any previously created backup cannot be restored.

CLIENT

The CLIENT section contains all parameters that relate to back up operations, including parameters for database applications, whether an IBM Spectrum Protect backup is to be created from the snapshot, how many snapshot backup generations to retain, and which DEVICE_CLASS section is used during snapshot creation. The CLIENT section is used by the snapshot backup library that is loaded to start backup or restore processing.

DEVICE_CLASS

The DEVICE_CLASS section contains parameters that are related to the storage device, or for file system snapshots, to the file system. A DEVICE_CLASS section describes the characteristics of a storage device or file system that can be used to create a snapshot backup. The parameters and options that are used in the DEVICE_CLASS section depend on the storage solution.

Each storage solution that is used in the environment must have a DEVICE_CLASS section and must have a unique *<device>* instance name. At least one DEVICE_CLASS section is required for the configuration of the management agent.

The DEVICE_CLASS section that is used is determined by the value of the DEVICE_CLASS parameter in the CLIENT section of the profile for backup operation. For cloning operations, this value is determined by the DEVICE_CLASS parameter in the CLONING section of the profile. The same DEVICE_CLASS value cannot be specified in the CLIENT and CLONING sections at the same time.

During backup, the value of the DEVICE_CLASS parameter that is used is recorded in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository. The same DEVICE_CLASS must be used when you are restoring the backup. Therefore, use caution when you delete or rename DEVICE_CLASS sections. If the appropriate section cannot be found, then the data that is backed up cannot be restored.

For each DEVICE_CLASS section, a password is required. This password is used by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to authenticate to the management interface of the storage device that is represented by the DEVICE_CLASS section. You can specify the password during configuration with the setup script, or by using the following **fcmcli** command:

```
fcmcli -f password
```

OFFLOAD

The parameters and options in the OFFLOAD section determine how a snapshot is transferred to IBM Spectrum Protect server. The information is sent to the offload agent, (**fcmcli -D**).

When the offload agent is started, it connects to the management agent and queries for snapshot backups that are backed up with the **TSM_BACKUP** parameter set to YES. If this parameter and option is found, the offload agent mounts the snapshot on a backup server and initiates an IBM Spectrum Protect backup by using IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client.

Examples

All parameters in a section are indicated by a section start notation, **>>> <section_name>**, and a section end notation, **<<< <section_name>**. The name is optional on the section end notation. Comments can be used at any place within the profile. Comments start with a **#** character and extend to the end of the line. Tab characters are permitted. The following example provides an example of the profile:

```
# Global section
>>> GLOBAL
parametername1 value1
parametername2 value1 value2
....
<<<
# ACSD section
>>> ACSD
parametername1 value1
parametername2 value1 value2
....
<<<
# CLIENT section
>>> CLIENT
parametername1 value1
```

```

parametername2 value1 value2
....
<<<
# DEVICE_CLASS device section
>>> DEVICE_CLASS device
parametername1 value1
parametername2 value1 value2
....
<<<
# DEVICE_CLASS device2 section
>>> DEVICE_CLASS device2
parametername1 value1
parametername2 value1 value2
....
<<<
# OFFLOAD section
>>> OFFLOAD
parametername1 value1
parametername2 value1 value2
....
<<<

```

GLOBAL

The profile parameters in the GLOBAL section contain basic configuration information. Examples of the type of information that is specified by the parameters are the port that is used by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and the location of log files. The parameters are independent of the storage solution, and database application.

The following list provides the parameters, a description of each parameter, and default values for the GLOBAL section of the profile configuration file.

ACS_DIR

Path to the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot configuration directory. This parameter is required. The following subdirectories are included in this directory:

logs

The subdirectory contains all log and trace information for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

shared

The subdirectory contains information that is shared among all IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot components.

When the subdirectory is initially created, the only file that is stored in the directory is the password file: `pwd.acsd`. This file contains the passwords for all devices that are specified within the profile. The file also contains a master password that is used from all components for authentication when they are connecting to the management agent. When you run remote configuration tasks from the production system with the setup script, the information in these directories is promoted to all systems that belong to the instance where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is configured. When you run configuration tasks separately, you must promote the information manually.

Default

`<instance_owner_${HOME}>/acs`

Advanced mode only

Yes

ACSD

The host name and port of the system where the management agent is running. The following format is used for **ACSD**: `<hostname> <port>`

This parameter must be identical on all systems where IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is installed for a custom application instance that is to be protected. While the parameter must be identical, each custom application instance can be managed by an individual management agent.

Default

`hostname 57328`

Advanced mode only

Yes

ENFORCE_TLS12

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses the security suite, IBM Global Security Kit (GSKit) for Secure Socket Layer / Transport Layer Security (SSL/TLS) TCP/IP connections. GSKit is able to provide SP800-131 compliant encryption by using the TLS protocol V1.2. To enforce the use of this protocol, select the option YES, otherwise the TLS version 1.0 and 1.1 is enabled by default.

Default

NO

Advanced mode only

Yes

TRACE

There are two options for **TRACE**: YES and NO. YES means that tracing is enabled. NO means that tracing is not enabled.

Only use this parameter when advised to do so by IBM Support.

Default

NO

Advanced mode only

Yes

ACSD

Except where noted, the profile parameters in the ACSD section are independent of the storage device or application.

ACS_REPOSITORY

This parameter denotes the directory of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository. This directory is used for all operations, and must be in a secure location. If the repository is lost, all backups become unavailable to IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot even if they remain in the storage device.

The directory that is referenced by the **ACS_REPOSITORY** parameter cannot be in a file system that participates in snapshot backup operations. If the directory is part of a file system that is used for snapshot backup operations, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot reports a failure. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository cannot be in the main IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot directory that is specified by the **ACS_DIR** parameter. Ideally, the **ACS_REPOSITORY** directory is a subdirectory of the **ACS_DIR** directory. For example:

```
<ACS_DIR>/acsrepository
```

Before you configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, the path to the **ACS_REPOSITORY** is set, but the directory does not exist. The **ACS_REPOSITORY** directory is created during the configuration process. If the directory specified for the **ACS_REPOSITORY** parameter exists, an error is reported.

Default

<ACS_DIR>/acsrepository.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

REPOSITORY_LABEL

When this parameter is set, a prefix is added to each volume name on the IBM XIV Storage System. The prefix contains 3 characters in one of the following ranges:

```
[a-z]  
[A-Z]  
[0-9]
```

Note: If the repository label changes, backups that are created with the prior repository label are excluded from reconciliation.

Default*TSM***Advanced mode only**

Yes.

SYNCHRONOUS_RECONCILE

This parameter is used to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to synchronously reconcile and delete snapshot backups. The following options are possible for this parameter.

NO

Specify this option when you do not want to start a synchronous delete and reconcile operation.

YES

Use this option to start a synchronous delete and reconcile process as part of a backup, restore, and delete operation. This process is useful for storage systems that delete snapshot backups during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup or cloning operation. SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family storage systems can delete backups during a restore operation.

RESTORE_AND_DELETE

Use the RESTORE_AND_DELETE option to start a synchronous delete and reconcile process as part of a restore and delete operation. This option is useful for storage systems that can delete snapshot backups during an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot restore process. For example, the Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller storage systems can delete backups during a restore and delete operation. The RESTORE_AND_DELETE option is also useful if you manually delete snapshot backups and use the force option (-f) on DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, or Storwize family storage systems.

Default

The default for this parameter is RESTORE_AND_DELETE.

Advanced mode only

YES

CLIENT

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses specific custom application parameters to configure custom application backup and restore operations. These parameters are defined in the client section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile configuration file.

Custom applications**APPLICATION_TYPE**

For this parameter, specify the environment. For IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications, the GENERIC parameter must be specified.

GENERIC

This parameter specifies that the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup is a custom application backup.

Default

None. When you use the setup script, the option for this parameter is entered.

Advanced mode only

No

DEVICE_CLASS

This parameter specifies the device classes to use. The following sample identifies the syntax that can be used with the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter:

```
DEVICE_CLASS <list_of_device_classes> [<conditions>]
```

When a list of device classes is specified, the software determines which device class matches the device class in the environment. When multiple device classes are specified, separate the device classes names with a space. The condition statement is optional. When you use the condition statement, use the following syntax:

```
[USE_AT <days of week>] [FROM <time> TO <time>]
```

The time period that is specified cannot span midnight for a device class. If a device class time period is required to span midnight, you must specify two time periods for the device class. The first time period must end with a value 1 minute before midnight and the second time period must start at midnight. The following example shows how to specify a time period that spans midnight for a device class:

```
DEVICE_CLASS myClass FROM 20:00 TO 23:59  
DEVICE_CLASS myClass FROM 00:00 TO 06:00
```

When there are different devices, multiple sections can be used. Each section provides information about a particular device. To select a particular section, use the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter. When the software restores data, the software uses the **DEVICE_CLASS** value that is specified when the data was backed up.

The setup script automatically adds **DEVICE_CLASS** sections to the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile when you add more instances of the **DEVICE_CLASS** parameter to the CLIENT section of the profile.

Default

STANDARD

Advanced mode only

No

ENHANCED_PARTITIONING

The **ENHANCED_PARTITIONING** parameter is used to control processing of the application file systems during the backup or restore operation. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot fails, when a file system contains symbolic links that point to a file system on a different volume group that is not part of the snapshot operation. Set the **ENHANCED_PARTITIONING** parameter to NO to ensure that symbolic links if present are not processed. With this setting, there is no check for additional files that are not associated with the application. If you use this setting, the run time of the backup operation is likely to decrease depending on the file system structure. The following list identifies the possible options:

YES

Use this option to ensure that IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot processes all symbolic links of files or directories.

NO

Use this option to ensure that IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot does not process symbolic links of files or directories.

Default

YES

Advanced mode only

Yes.

INFILE

This parameter is used when the **APPLICATION_TYPE** parameter is set to GENERIC. This parameter identifies the file that contains a list of all objects to be processed. The file must meet the following requirements:

- Each line specifies only one file or directory to be backed up.
- A directory, including all subdirectories, is recursively processed. When the directory is expanded, links are followed.
- When a link to a file is specified, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot protects the file system where the file is located. However, the file system where the link is located is disregarded.

The **INFILE** parameter can be overridden by an entry from the command-line interface. If the **INFILE** parameter is not specified in the profile configuration file, the parameter must be specified from the command-line interface.

Default

There is no default for this required parameter.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

LVM_FREEZE_THAW

This parameter specifies when to enable file system freeze and thaw actions. The following list identifies the possible options:

YES

Enable file system freeze before the snapshot operation and the thaw after the snapshot operation. For AIX, the YES value can be used only when all file systems included in the backup are JFS2 file systems.

NO

Do not freeze the file system. To set this parameter to NO, a licensed version of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is needed and a backup server is required for mounting the snapshot to ensure file system consistency.

The value NO is required if at least one file system that does not support freeze or thaw actions, such as JFS, is involved.

AUTO

If the **TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND** parameter is set to YES, then this parameter is set with the following option: **LVM_FREEZE_THAW YES**. If the file system does not support freeze actions, the AUTO value sets the parameter to **LVM_FREEZE_THAW NO**.

For more information, see [“Interdependency of LVM_FREEZE_THAW and TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND”](#) on page 111.

Default

AUTO

Advanced mode only

Yes

MAX_VERSIONS

This parameter specifies the number of snapshot versions to store for each device class. The following list identifies the possible options:

```
MAX_VERSIONS ADAPTIVE
MAX_VERSIONS 2
MAX_VERSIONS 3 USE_FOR DC_TEST
```

ADAPTIVE

The maximum number varies depending on the available space. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot reuses the oldest target set as the target for the current backup.

n

Where *n* is the maximum number of snapshot versions to be stored per device class. The amount of space that is required depends on the following factors:

- The number of snapshots.
- For each snapshot, the number of changes to the file system content since the snapshot was taken.

When this limit is reached, the oldest version is deleted.

Optional

When you use value *n* you can add a device class after it **USE_FOR <device class>** to specify that **MAX_VERSIONS n** is valid for that device class only.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No

When you add another **MAX_VERSIONS** parameter, specify values based on the following criteria:

- **MAX_VERSIONS** with a specific value for a specific device class.
- **MAX_VERSIONS** with a default value for all device classes that have no **MAX_VERSIONS** already specified.
- **MAX_VERSIONS** with an adaptive value. This value must be used only when there are no other values set for any **MAX_VERSIONS** for any device classes.

NEGATIVE_LIST

This parameter is used to control file processing. This processing occurs when files that are not associated with the database are stored within the same file system that is used for the backup and restore operations. This parameter is required. The following list identifies the possible options:

NO_CHECK

This is the default value, and it means that there are no checks for extra files. The operation ignores any additional files that are identified. When you use the default value and data is restored, all files on the file system or volume group are overwritten.

WARN

Use this option to receive a warning message for each file that is identified on the volume, but not part of the snapshot operation. The processing continues. When you use this option and data is restored, all files on the file system or volume group are overwritten.

ERROR

Use this option to receive an error message for each file that is discovered on the volume, but not part of the snapshot operation. The processing ends.

filename

Where *filename* is a name of a file that contains a list of fully qualified names of files and directories, each name requires a new line. Only files or directories that are not associated with the database but are stored within the file system that is used for backup operations are listed. Any file that is identified by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot that is not part of the database files or is not in the **NEGATIVE_LIST** file, causes processing to end. Any directory that is listed in the **NEGATIVE_LIST** file is processed recursively. For example, all files within the directory, including subdirectories, are processed during a backup or restore request.

When you are restoring data with remote mirroring, the value of this parameter is forced to **NO_CHECK**. This value is used because at the time after the takeover operation there are no file systems mounted on the takeover host.

Default

NO_CHECK

Advanced mode only

Yes

POST_FLASH_CMD

This parameter identifies the command script or executable file that is used to resume the application after the snapshot operation. Arguments can be specified and are separated by blanks. This parameter is used when the **APPLICATION_TYPE** parameter is set to **GENERIC**.

This parameter can be set in the profile configuration file, or the parameter can be set from the command-line interface. If set from the command-line interface, the parameter setting overrides the corresponding parameter in the profile configuration file.

Default

There is no default for this required parameter.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

PRE_FLASH_CMD

This parameter identifies the command script or executable file that is used to immediately quiesce the application before the snapshot operation begins. Arguments can be specified and are

separated by blanks. This parameter is used when the **APPLICATION_TYPE** parameter is set to **GENERIC**.

This parameter can be set in the profile configuration file, or the parameter can be set from the command-line interface. If set from the command-line interface, the parameter setting overrides the corresponding parameter in the profile configuration file.

Default

There is no default for this required parameter.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

TSM_BACKUP

This parameter specifies whether to create an IBM Spectrum Protect backup from a snapshot. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must be installed on a backup server. When the **TSM_BACKUP** parameter is set to **YES**, **MANDATE**, or **LATEST**, and after the offload agent runs, an IBM Spectrum Protect backup is created from the snapshot. The following list identifies the possible options:

YES

This option creates an IBM Spectrum Protect backup from a snapshot. If the IBM Spectrum Protect backup operation does not successfully complete, the target set can be reused.

MANDATE

This option creates an IBM Spectrum Protect backup from a snapshot. However, the target set cannot be reused until the IBM Spectrum Protect backup successfully completes.

LATEST

This option removes a backup request to IBM Spectrum Protect from a previous backup. When a new snapshot with **TSM_BACKUP** set to **LATEST**, **YES**, or **MANDATE** is created, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot removes any unsuccessful backup request that were previously created with the **TSM_BACKUP** option set to **LATEST**. This option prevents backup requests to IBM Spectrum Protect from queuing if they are not completed in time.

NO

Keeps the snapshot backup but the snapshot is not used as a source for a subsequent tape backup operation.

TSM_ONLY

After the IBM Spectrum Protect backup is completed, during the unmount operation, the backup is automatically marked for deletion. This action occurs regardless of whether the backup is successful or not.

USE_FOR <list of device classes>

To create an IBM Spectrum Protect backup from snapshots that are run with particular device classes, as specified in the profile, combine this attribute with other options. When you list device classes, separate device classes with the space character. There is no limit of the number of device classes.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No

TIMEOUT_FLASH

This parameter specifies the maximum time, in seconds, that the database agent waits for a response to the management agent call during the *flash* phase. If the database agent does not receive a response within the specified time, an error message is displayed. This parameter allows the maximum time to be specified for a database to be suspended. This parameter also implies the maximum time when JFS2 file systems can be frozen. When the timeout is reached, the file systems thaw, the database is resumed, and the backup operation ends with an error. If the **LVM_FREEZE_THAW** parameter is set to either **AUTO** or **YES**, the minimal value for **TIMEOUT_FLASH** is 5 seconds. In other scenarios, the minimal value is 1 second.

Default

The default value is 120 seconds.

Advanced mode only

Yes

TIMEOUT_<PHASE>

This parameter specifies the maximum time, in seconds, that the database agent waits for a response to the management agent call during a specific operation phase. If the database agent does not receive a response within the specified time, either the backup or restore operation ends and an error message is shown.

Specify one of the following phase values for a snapshot backup:

- **PARTITION**
- **PREPARE**
- **FLASH** (this parameter has a separate description)
- **VERIFY**
- **CLOSE**

For example, **TIMEOUT_PREPARE**.

Specify one of the following phase values for a snapshot restore:

- **PREPARERESTORE**
- **FLASHRESTORE**
- **COMPLETERESTORE**
- **CLOSE**

For example, **TIMEOUT_FLASHRESTORE**.

Default

The default value is 3600 seconds.

Advanced mode only

Yes

DEVICE_CLASS *device*

The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile configuration file can contain one or more **DEVICE_CLASS** sections. The device class section configures IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for use with a particular storage or file system solution. The parameters do not depend on the custom application that is protected.

Use care when you rename or delete a **DEVICE_CLASS** section from the profile, as you cannot access backups that were taken with the original **DEVICE_CLASS** section. Therefore, first remove backups and clones that are associated with the **DEVICE_CLASS** before you rename or delete the **DEVICE_CLASS** section.

A *device* refers to supported IBM XIV Storage System, IBM Storwize family, IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller, and IBM System Storage DS8000 series.

For more information about setting different device class **MAX_VERSIONS**, see [Backup version retention](#).

In addition to these storage systems, a device can also be a General Parallel File System (GPFS) file system.

Updating DEVICE_CLASS *device* for mirroring

To use the mirroring technologies, a **DEVICE_CLASS** section specific to the storage solution used for mirroring needs to be added to the profile configuration file. There is one exception to this statement: If

remote backups are run, the existing `DEVICE_CLASS` section for the device is sufficient. No additional `DEVICE_CLASS` section is needed.

About this task

When creating a `DEVICE_CLASS` section for the storage solution used for mirroring, the section includes the same parameters as the device class for the local site, specific values for the remote site, and the parameters that are required to connect and send requests to the remote cluster. The parameters required to connect and send requests to the remote cluster are identified in the following list:

COPYSERVICES_REMOTE

The option set for this parameter determines if the backup is taken at the remote site. The options are YES and NO. The default option is set to NO.

COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME

This parameter specifies the IP address or hostname for the secondary cluster. If the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** parameter is set to YES, the parameter is required. If the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** parameter is set to NO, the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME** parameter cannot be used.

COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME

This parameter specifies the user name used to connect to the secondary cluster. The default option is `superuser`. If the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** parameter is set to NO, the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME** parameter cannot be used.

TAKEOVER_HOST_NAME

This parameter is required when restoring a remote mirroring backup after a takeover procedure on the remote side. The value for this parameter is the host name of the takeover host and is only used in combination with the secondary cluster defined by the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_SERVERNAME** parameter. The value specified for this parameter needs to match the value defined in the storage system. If the values do not match, an error occurs.

The following `DEVICE_CLASS` parameters need to be common to both clusters:

- **COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL**
- **COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE**
- **COPYSERVICES_SERVERPORT**

DEVICE_CLASS IBM XIV Storage System Storage System parameters

The parameters that are defined in the device class section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for use with the IBM XIV Storage System.

BACKUP_HOST_NAME

This parameter specifies the name of the backup host that is used during offloaded tape backups only. The following list identifies the possible options:

backup_server_hostname

Enter the host name or cluster name of the backup server as configured on the IBM XIV Storage System.

None

This option is used if you do not have a backup server.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No.

CLONE_DATABASE

This parameter indicates whether the device class is used for cloning. The following list identifies the possible options:

YES

Use the device class for cloning. When the parameter is set to YES, the device class is unavailable for non-cloning backup or restore operations. The device class is ignored during backup expiration and reconciliation processing.

NO

Do not use the device class for cloning.

The following example shows the **CLONE_DATABASE** parameter that is specified in the **DEVICE_CLASS** section for **DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD**.

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
CLONE_DATABASE YES
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE XIV
PATH_TO_XCLI /home/xivtest/XCLI
COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME nextra
COPYSERVICES_USERNAME admin
# RECON_INTERVAL 12
# USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS AUTO
BACKUP_HOST_NAME acsback5
<<<
```

Default

NO

Advanced mode only

No.

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE

This parameter is required. Only one device can be specified.

XIV

Specify the XIV option, when the database is stored on the IBM XIV Storage System.

On the console, any notifications that refer to IBM XIV Storage System operations and

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE are displayed as

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE=GENERIC. Similarly, when you view the log or trace files in the ACS_DIR/logs directory, any references that are related to the

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE for the IBM XIV Storage System are displayed as COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE=GENERIC.

Default

Not available.

Advanced mode only

No.

COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME

This parameter identifies the TCP/IP host name of the storage system where the data to protect is located.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No.

COPYSERVICES_USERNAME

This parameter identifies the user name. Use the XIV *user* name that you use to log on to the IBM XIV Storage System.

Default

superuser

Advanced mode only

No.

RECON_INTERVAL

This parameter specifies the interval, in hours, between two subsequent reconciliation operations. The options are whole numbers between 0 and 24 inclusive.

Default

12

Advanced mode only

Yes.

LVM_MIRRORING

Set this parameter to YES if your volume groups use AIX Logical Volume Manager mirroring.

Default

No.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

PATH_TO_XCLI

This parameter specifies the path where the IBM XIV command-line interface, XCLI, is installed. There is no default value. This parameter is only valid when **COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE** specifies XIV.

Default

None.

Advanced mode only

No.

USE_WRITABLE_SNAPSHOTS

This parameter determines whether writable snapshots are used. Writable snapshots are required in LVM mirrored environments. The following list identifies the options:

YES

Writable snapshots are used.

NO

Writable snapshots are not used.

AUTO

Based on the environment, the value is automatically selected.

Default

AUTO

Advanced mode only

Yes

Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller Storage System parameters

The parameters that are defined in the device class section of the profile file, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux for use with the IBM Storwize family or IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller storage systems.

When you configure, you have a choice of Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller device types. Depending on which device type you select, the parameter values that are required vary.

Specify SVCDDTA or SVC when prompted by the setup script with a choice of storage system types (**COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE**). You can select one of the following device types:

Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller dynamic target allocation (SVCDDTA)

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for UNIX and Linux dynamically allocates target volumes on the storage system during the backup process.

Storwize family and SAN Volume Controller static target allocation (SVC)

Before you start the backup process, you must manually create target volumes on the storage system. Also, predefined volumes must be defined in an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot configuration file or must match a specific naming pattern.

DEVICE_CLASS parameters for static target allocation

The device class parameters for static target allocation are defined in the **DEVICE_CLASS** section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile. These parameters configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to use static target allocation with the IBM Storwize family or IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller storage systems.

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE

This parameter is required. Only one device can be specified.

SVC

Specify the SVC option, when the database is stored on either the SAN Volume Controller or the Storwize family storage system.

Tip: You must manually create backup target volumes in advance on the storage system.

Default

Not available

Advanced mode only

No

COPYSERVICES_USERNAME

This parameter identifies the user name. Use the *SVC user* name that you use to log on to the SAN Volume Controller master console or cluster. For Storwize family, use the *Storwize V7000 user* name that you use to log on to the Storwize family.

Default

superuser

Advanced mode only

No

RECON_INTERVAL

This parameter specifies the interval, in hours, between two subsequent reconciliation operations. The options are whole numbers between 0 and 24 inclusive.

Default

12

Advanced mode only

Yes

LVM_MIRRORING

Set this parameter to YES if your volume groups use AIX Logical Volume Manager mirroring.

Default

No.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL

This parameter identifies the protocol to be used for communication with the CIM Agent. The options are HTTP, for communication in a non-secure mode, and HTTPS, for communication in a secure mode.

Default

HTTPS

Advanced mode only

Yes

COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE

When **COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL** is set to HTTPS, there are two options:

certificate_filename

Name of a certificate file that is created for secure communication between the CIM Client and the CIM Agent.

NO_CERTIFICATE

Select for null trust provider mode.

By default, the CIM Agent for IBM Storwize family or IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller requires communication in secure mode. For this scenario, clients such as IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must connect by using HTTPS instead of HTTP. This connection requires that the CIM Client obtain the public key that is used for encryption from the *truststore* certificate in the CIM Agent. After the client obtains the public key, the CIM Client is authenticated by using the user name and password.

To enable the HTTPS protocol, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile parameter **COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL** must specify HTTPS. For this scenario, the **COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE** parameter can define a certificate file name, and IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot exports the certificate by using this file.

The CIM Agent also provides another communication mode that is known as *null trust provider*. In this scenario, the CIM Agent does not verify that the certificate passed by the client matches a known certificate. Rather, it accepts any certificate from the client, including a null string for the file name. To enable this mode, the value of **COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE** must be NO_CERTIFICATE. This mode is used only if the production and backup systems, and the storage system, are protected by a firewall. If NO_CERTIFICATE is used, the `cimom.properties` parameter **DigestAuthentication** must be set to false.

Default

NO_CERTIFICATE

Advanced mode only

Yes

COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME

This parameter identifies the server name or address that defines the TCP/IP address of the host that is running the CIM Agent. This host manages the SAN Volume Controller master console or the embedded CIM Agent in the Storwize family storage system.

For SAN Volume Controller, the **COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME** parameter, if specified, must point directly to the SAN Volume Controller cluster with the embedded CIM server. For Storwize family, the **COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME** parameter must point to the Storwize family cluster.

Default

localhost

Advanced mode only

No

COPYSERVICES_SERVERPORT

This parameter identifies the server port number on the CIM Agent. This information is used to manage the primary and secondary Copy Services servers of the SAN Volume Controller master console or the embedded CIM Agent on the Storwize family storage system.

Default

The default port number depends on the settings of **COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE** and **COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL**:

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE	COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL	Default Port
SVC	HTTPS	5989
	HTTP	5988

Advanced mode only

Yes

COPYSERVICES_TIMEOUT

This parameter identifies the maximum length of time, in minutes, that the CIM Client waits for a response to a call put to the CIMOM (CIM Agent). If the CIM Client does not receive a response within this time, an error message is displayed.

Default

6

Advanced mode only

Yes

FLASHCOPY_TYPE

This parameter specifies whether the storage solution does a bit-level copy of data from one logical volume to another. This parameter applies to any FlashCopy storage system. The following options are available:

COPY

Directs the storage system to run a bit-level copy of the data from one physical volume to another. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- A fast snapshot restore of a backed-up database is required.
- A complete copy of the database data on the target volume is required.

NOCOPY

Directs the storage system to run a bit-level copy of a track if the data is modified after the initial FlashCopy request. This technique is typically referred as copy-on-write. This option applies only to FlashCopy devices. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- A complete copy of the source volumes that contain the database files is not required on the target volumes.
- Backup time constraints are a concern.

INCR

This option is similar to the COPY option but the INCR option copies only those tracks that were modified since the previous incremental FlashCopy was created. This option applies only to FlashCopy devices. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- IBM Spectrum Protect backups are taken from disk copies. This type of backup creates less burden on the storage system than for the COPY option.
- A snapshot restore operation of the backed up database is to be completed.
- More frequent backups for the database are scheduled.

The **SVC_COPY_RATE** parameter is forced to 0 when the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** parameter is specified as NOCOPY.

Default

COPY

Advanced mode only

No

RESTORE_FORCE

This parameter specifies whether to force a restore. During a rerun of a snapshot restore, the message FMM0200E can be generated. This problem occurs if the background copy process of the previous snapshot restore is still running and the **RESTORE_FORCE** parameter is set to NO. There are two ways to resolve the issue that is identified by the message:

- Wait until the background copy process ends.
- Set the **RESTORE_FORCE** parameter to YES in the profile and try the snapshot restore again. This option withdraws all existing source and target relationships, and creates new source and target relationships. A full copy is completed. If you want to set **RESTORE_FORCE** to YES for a specific restore, you can create a temporary profile.

Default

NO

Advanced mode only

Yes

TARGET_SETS

This parameter indicates how target volumes are specified. The following options are available:

VOLUMES_FILE

This parameter specifies that a file is used to specify the target volumes. The name of the file must be specified in the **VOLUMES_FILE** parameter.

list_of_target_set_names

A list of target set names. For example: TARGET_SETS 1 2 3

To define the naming convention for the target volumes, specify the **TARGET_NAMING** parameter. For example: TARGET_NAMING *string_with_wildcards_%SOURCE_and_%TARGETSET*

This parameter and option define the naming convention for target volumes. When a backup volume is required, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot determines the name of the target set for the operation and the name of the source volume to be backed up. The name of the target volume that stores the backup is the name that is specified after the following strings are replaced with the respective values in the operation: *%SOURCE_and_%TARGETSET*.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No

VOLUMES_FILE

Specify **VOLUMES_FILE** if the target sets are passed in a target volumes file (.fct). Its actual name must be given in parameter **VOLUMES_FILE**. Specify the fully qualified file name.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No

ALLOW_ALL_FLASHCOPY_TYPES

Use this parameter when IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is configured with **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** COPY, or **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** INCR. Use the parameter when the source volumes are fully allocated and the target volumes are space efficient. The following list identifies the available options:

YES

Allows IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to be configured to use **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** COPY, or **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** INCR when the source volumes are fully allocated and the target volumes are space efficient.

NO

If the source volumes are fully allocated and the target volumes are space efficient, you can set the parameter **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** to NOCOPY only.

Default

NO

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_CLEAN_RATE

This parameter specifies the cleaning rate for the FlashCopy mapping. A value from 1 to 100 can be entered.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_COPY_RATE

This parameter specifies the priority that the SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family gives to the FlashCopy background process for the current backup or restore. A value from 0 to 100 can be entered.

A value of 100 indicates the highest priority, but places the greatest burden on the responsiveness of the storage system. A value of 0 indicates the lowest priority, but suppresses the background copy process and forces the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** parameter to have the NOCOPY option.

Default

50

Advanced mode only

No

SVC_GRAIN_SIZE

This parameter specifies the grain size, in KB, for FlashCopy mapping for space-efficient virtual disks on SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family. The grain size of the space-efficient virtual disk must match the grain size of the FlashCopy. The options for this parameter are 64, and 256.

After the parameter is set, the value cannot be changed until the backup is deleted with the option -F to remove the mappings.

Default

256

Advanced mode only

Yes

DEVICE_CLASS parameters for dynamic target allocation

The device class parameters for dynamic target allocation are defined in the **DEVICE_CLASS** section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile. These parameters configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to use dynamic target allocation with IBM Storwize family or IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller storage systems.

CLONE_DATABASE

This parameter indicates whether the device class is used for cloning. The following list identifies the possible options:

YES

Use the device class for cloning. When the parameter is set to YES, the device class is unavailable for non-cloning backup or restore operations. The device class is ignored during backup expiration and reconciliation processing.

NO

Do not use the device class for cloning.

Default

No

Advanced mode only

No

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE

This parameter is required. Only one device can be specified.

SVCDTA

Specify the SVCDTA option when the storage system is SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family and you require the target volumes to be dynamically allocated during the backup process.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No

COPYSERVICES_SERVERNAME

Defines the TCP/IP host name of the storage system where the application data to protect is allocated.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

No

COPYSERVICES_USERNAME

Identifies the user name. Specify the user name that is used to log on to the SAN Volume Controller cluster. For Storwize family, specify the Storwize family user name.

Default

superuser

Advanced mode only

No

SVC_SSHKEY_FULLPATH

Specifies the path and the file name to the private SSH key file. The key file is used to authenticate to the storage system with the user name that is specified for the **COPYSERVICES_USERNAME** parameter.

Default

<\$HOME>/ .ssh/svc_sshkey

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_REMOTE_SSHKEY_FULLPATH

This parameter specifies the second SSH key file to be used for authentication on the remote site storage device. The key file is used to authenticate to the storage system with the user name that is specified for the **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE_USERNAME** parameter. If you do not want to create a new key pair for the remote site, one key can be shared for both storage sites.

Default

<\$HOME>/ .ssh/svc_sshkey

Advanced mode only

Yes

SSH_DIR

Specifies the path to the Secure Shell protocols and executable files.

Default

/usr/bin

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_COPY_RATE

Specifies the priority that the storage system gives to the FlashCopy background process for the current backup or restore operation. Enter a value from the range 1 - 100.

The **SVC_COPY_RATE** parameter applies only for full copy backups (FLASHCOPY_TYPE COPY). For space-efficient backups (FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY), the copy rate is implicitly set to 0.

Default

0

Advanced mode only

Yes

LVM_MIRRORING

Set this parameter to YES if your volume groups use AIX Logical Volume Manager mirroring.

Default

No.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

FLASHCOPY_TYPE

Specifies whether the storage solution does a bit-level copy of data from one logical volume to another. This parameter applies to any FlashCopy storage system. The following options are available:

COPY

Directs the storage system to run a bit-level copy of the data from one physical volume to another. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- A fast snapshot restore of a backed-up database is required.
- A complete copy of the database data on the target volume is required.

NOCOPY

Directs the storage system to run a bit-level copy of a track if the data is modified after the initial FlashCopy request. This technique is typically referred as copy-on-write. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- A complete copy of the source volumes that contain the database files is not required on the target volumes.
- A fast snapshot restore of a backed-up database is required.
- Backup time constraints are a concern.

INCR

This option is similar to the COPY option but the INCR option copies only those tracks that were modified since the previous incremental FlashCopy was created. This option applies only to FlashCopy devices. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- IBM Spectrum Protect backups are taken from disk copies. This type of backup creates less burden on the storage system than for the COPY option.
- A snapshot restore operation of the backed up database is to be completed.
- More frequent backups for the database are scheduled.

Default

NOCOPY

Advanced mode only

No

SVC_GRAIN_SIZE

Specifies the grain size, in KB, for FlashCopy mapping for space-efficient virtual disks on SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family. The grain size of the space-efficient virtual disk must match the grain size of the FlashCopy. The options for this parameter are 64, and 256.

After the parameter is set, the value cannot be changed until the backup is deleted with the option -F to remove the mappings.

Note: When you are migrating from the SVC adapter with static target allocation, you must ensure that the grain size for the new SVC DTA device classes is set to the same value as it was for the device classes for SVC.

Default

256

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_POOLNAME

This parameter specifies the name of the storage pool that is used to create target volumes for the FlashCopy backups. A value must be assigned if a source volume has two copies in the SVC, and these

copies are in two different storage pools. If the **DEVICE_CLASS** is configured for remote site backup **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** YES, the specified pool name is related to the remote site storage device.

Default

Name of the storage pool where the source volume is located.

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_IOGROUP

Specifies the name of the input and output (IO) group, which is used to create target volumes for the FlashCopy backups. If the **DEVICE_CLASS** is configured for remote site backup **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** YES, the specified IO group is related to the remote site storage device.

Default

Name of the IO group on the source volume where the FlashCopy relationship is established.

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_MOUNT_POOLNAME

Specifies the name of the storage pool that is used to create temporary duplicates of the target volumes of a FlashCopy backup, which then mounts to a host. If the **DEVICE_CLASS** is configured for remote site backup **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** YES, the specified pool name is related to the remote site storage device.

Default

Name of the storage pool that is used to create target volumes.

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_MOUNT_IOGROUP

Specifies the name of the IO group, which is used to create duplicate volumes for the mount operation. If the **DEVICE_CLASS** is configured for remote site backup **COPYSERVICES_REMOTE** YES, the specified IO group is related to the remote site storage device.

Default

Name of the IO group on the storage system that is used to create target volumes.

Advanced mode only

Yes

SVC_TARGET_VOLUME_REAL_SIZE

Specify the percentage of the source volume size to allocate, which is used to create the actual target volumes during the backup operation.

The **SVC_TARGET_VOLUME_REAL_SIZE** parameter applies only to **FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY**.

Default

10

Advanced mode only

Yes

RECON_INTERVAL

This parameter specifies the interval, in hours, between two subsequent reconciliation operations. The options are whole numbers between 0 and 24 inclusive.

Default

12

Advanced mode only

Yes

DEVICE_CLASS GPFS parameters

The parameters that are defined in the device class section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for use with a General Parallel File System (GPFS). In addition to device classes for storage systems, a device can also be a General Parallel File System.

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE

This parameter is required.

GPFS

Specify the GPFS option, when the database is a Custom Application database on a GPFS file system.

Default

Not available.

Advanced mode only

No

NUMBER_GPFS_CONCURRENT_TASKS

This parameter specifies the number of concurrent threads to use during a GPFS operation, for example during a tape backup operation. Use this parameter only when the **COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE** has GPFS as the assigned device value.

The following example shows a typical GPFS device class section from a profile file where the number of GPFS concurrent tasks is set to 10.

```
>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
COPY_SERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE GPFS
NUMBER_OF_GPFS_CONCURRENT_TASKS 10
<<<
```

Default

3

Advanced mode only

No

DEVICE_CLASS DS8000 Storage System parameters

The parameters that are defined in the device class section of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile, configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for use with the IBM System Storage DS8000.

BACKUP_HOST_NAME

This parameter specifies the name of the backup host that is used during offloaded tape backups only. The following list identifies the possible options:

PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES

Specify this option when the target volumes are preassigned to a specific backup server.

None

This option is used if you do not have a backup server.

Default

None.

Advanced mode only

No.

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE

This parameter is required. Only one device can be specified.

DS8000

Specify the DS8000 option, when the database is stored on any supported IBM DS8000 storage device.

Default

None.

Advanced mode only

No.

COPYSERVICES_USERNAME

This parameter identifies the user name, use the *cim user* of the CIM Agent for DS Open API. The CIM Agent for DS Open API manages the primary and secondary copy services servers of the DS8000 cluster.

Default

superuser

Advanced mode only

No.

RECON_INTERVAL

This parameter specifies the interval, in hours, between two subsequent reconciliation operations. The options are whole numbers between 0 and 24 inclusive.

Default

12

Advanced mode only

Yes

LVM_MIRRORING

Set this parameter to YES if your volume groups use AIX Logical Volume Manager mirroring.

Default

No.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL

This parameter identifies the protocol to be used for communication with the CIM Agent. The options are HTTP, for communication in a non-secure mode, and HTTPS, for communication in a secure mode.

Default

HTTPS

Advanced mode only

Yes.

COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE

When **COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL** is set to HTTPS, there are two options:

certificate_filename

Name of a certificate file that is created for secure communication between the CIM Client and the CIM Agent.

NO_CERTIFICATE

Select for null trust provider mode.

By default, the CIM Agent for DS8000, which is preinstalled on the HMC, requires communication in secure mode. For this scenario, clients such as IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must connect by using HTTPS instead of HTTP. This connection requires that the CIM Client obtain the public key that is used for encryption from the *truststore* certificate in the CIM Agent. After the client obtains the public key, the CIM Client is authenticated by using the user name and password.

To enable the HTTPS protocol, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile parameter

COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL must specify HTTPS. For this scenario, the

COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE parameter can define a certificate file name, and IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot exports the certificate by using this file.

The CIM Agent also provides another communication mode that is known as *null trust provider*. In this scenario, the CIM Agent does not verify that the certificate passed by the client matches a known certificate. Rather, it accepts any certificate from the client, including a null string for the file name. To

enable this mode, the value of **COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE** must be NO_CERTIFICATE. This mode should not be used unless the production and backup systems, and the storage system, are protected by a firewall. If NO_CERTIFICATE is used, the cimom.properties parameter **DigestAuthentication** must be set to false.

Default

NO_CERTIFICATE

Advanced mode only

Yes.

COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME

This parameter identifies the server name or address that defines the TCP/IP address of the host that is running the CIM Agent for DS Open API. This host manages the primary and secondary copy services servers of the DS8000 cluster.

Default

localhost

Advanced mode only

No.

COPYSERVICES_SECONDARY_SERVERNAME

This parameter identifies the name of the backup Copy Services server that is located within a snapshot devices cluster. Specify either the IP address or the server DNS name. This parameter can be used only in environments with DS8000 in combination with the proxy CIM Agent.

Default

None

Advanced mode only

Yes.

COPYSERVICES_SERVERPORT

This parameter identifies the server port number of the host that is running the CIM Agent for DS Open API.

Default

The default port number depends on the settings of **COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE** and **COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL**:

COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE	COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL	Default Port
DS8000	HTTPS	6989
	HTTP	6988

Advanced mode only

Yes.

COPYSERVICES_TIMEOUT

This parameter identifies the maximum length of time, in minutes, that the CIM Client waits for a response to a call sent to the CIMOM (CIM Agent). If the CIM Client does not receive a response within this time, an error message is sent.

Default

6

Advanced mode only

Yes.

FLASHCOPY_TYPE

This parameter specifies whether the storage solution does a bit-level copy of data from one logical volume to another. This parameter applies to any FlashCopy storage system. The following options are available:

COPY

Directs the storage system to run a bit-level copy of the data from one physical volume to another. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- A fast snapshot restore of a backed-up database is required.
- A complete copy of the database data on the target volume is required.

NOCOPY

Directs the storage system to run a bit-level copy of a track if the data is modified after the initial FlashCopy request. This technique is typically referred as copy-on-write. This option applies only to FlashCopy devices. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- A complete copy of the source volumes that contain the database files is not required on the target volumes.
- Backup time constraints are a concern.

INCR

This option is similar to the COPY option but the INCR option copies only those tracks that were modified since the previous incremental FlashCopy was created. This option applies only to FlashCopy devices. Specify this value when the following conditions are true:

- IBM Spectrum Protect backups are taken from disk copies. This type of backup creates less burden on the storage system than for the COPY option.
- A snapshot restore operation of the backed up database is to be completed.
- More frequent backups for the database are scheduled.

There must be only one target set specified in the target volumes file (.fct) for incremental snapshots. CIM errors might occur when more than one target set is specified. A successful backup of the database to the IBM Spectrum Protect server is possible even if the parameter is set to NOCOPY.

Default

COPY

Advanced mode only

No.

RESTORE_FORCE

This parameter specifies whether to force a restore. During a rerun of a snapshot restore, the message FMM0200E can be generated. This problem occurs if the background copy process of the previous snapshot restore is still running and the **RESTORE_FORCE** parameter is set to NO. There are two ways to resolve the issue that is identified by the message:

- Wait until the background copy process ends.
- Set the **RESTORE_FORCE** parameter to YES in the profile and try the snapshot restore again. This option withdraws all existing source and target relationships, and creates new source and target relationships. A full copy is completed. If you want to set **RESTORE_FORCE** to YES for a specific restore, you can create a temporary profile.

Default

NO

Advanced mode only

Yes

TARGET_SETS

This parameter indicates how target volumes are specified. The following list identifies the possible options:

VOLUMES_FILE

Specify **VOLUMES_FILE** if the **BACKUP_HOSTNAME** is set to PREASSIGNED_VOLUMES. The actual file name of the target volumes file (.fct) is specified in parameter **VOLUMES_FILE**.

Default

None.

Advanced mode only

No.

VOLUMES_FILE

This parameter specifies the name of the target volumes file (.fct). Specify the fully qualified file name.

Default

None.

Advanced mode only

No.

OFFLOAD

The OFFLOAD section of the profile configuration contains information that is related to IBM Spectrum Protect backups from a snapshot.

File names that are specified in the offload section, typically point to files that are on a backup server. There is an exception for GPFS. The file names point to files in the cluster node where the offload agent is running. The parameters do not depend on the storage device. There are different parameter sets for environments in GPFS clusters and other environments.

The following list provides the parameters, a description of each parameter, and default values applicable for custom applications.

BACKUP_METHOD

This parameter is preset by the setup script (the profile configuration wizard). The setup script value depends on the environment where the setup script is running:

If the **BACKUP_METHOD** is set to TSM_CLIENT for custom applications, as set in the CLIENT section, the **APPLICATION_TYPE** is set to GENERIC.

The **BACKUP_METHOD** is automatically set to MMBACKUP for custom applications in a GPFS environment.

Default

Preset by the setup script, according to the environment.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

Custom Applications OFFLOAD parameters

The following list provides the parameters, a description of each parameter, and default values applicable in custom application environments:

MODE

This parameter determines which of the following backup-archive client backup functions to use when an IBM Spectrum Protect offloaded backup is created:

ARCHIVE

Creates an archive backup of all files and directories that are specified in the backup request. Directories are processed recursively.

The ARCHIVE mode is similar to the FULL mode, except that the archive management class is used instead of a backup management class. One advantage of the archive management class is that IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot does not need to resend all data after a failure during an archive operation. The remainder of the data is sent after the failure occurs.

FULL

Creates a full backup of all files and directories that are specified in the backup request. Directories are processed recursively.

DIFF

Creates a differential backup of all files and directories that are specified in the backup request. Directories are processed recursively. This operation backs up changes since the most recent full backup.

USE_FOR *device class*

Allows the backup mode to be changed based on the device class that is used to create the snapshot. Use this option to define rules that create a weekly full backup and daily incremental backups.

Tip: You can use the USE_FOR option to define multiple **MODE** statements within the OFFLOAD section.

Default

FULL

Advanced mode only

No.

ASNODENAME *nodename*

This required parameter identifies the name of the node where data is stored during an IBM Spectrum Protect offloaded backup.

The ASNODENAME parameter can be set in the `dsm.sys` file.

Default

None. This parameter is required.

Advanced mode only

No.

RUN_OFFLOAD_BACKUP_AS_ROOT

This parameter defines the user ID that runs the offloaded backup to the server on the backup system.

- AUTO

The offloaded backup to the IBM Spectrum Protect server runs with the application backup user. If the application backup user does not have the permissions to back up the files on the input list, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot automatically switches to the root user ID. The offloaded backup then runs with the root user ID.

- YES

The offloaded backup to the IBM Spectrum Protect server always runs with the root user ID.

Default

AUTO.

Advanced mode

Yes.

VIRTUALFSNAME *name*

This parameter identifies the virtual file space name of a backup group. The parameter is available when the **MODE** parameter specifies a value of FULL or DIFF. VIRTUALFSNAME is optional.

Default

fcm

Advanced mode only

Yes.

DSM_DIR

This optional parameter identifies the path that is used for the *DSM_DIR* environment variable. For UNIX and Linux operating systems, this value specifies the path where the executable file `dsmc`, the resource files, and the `dsm.sys` file are stored.

Default

The default value is an empty string.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

DSM_CONFIG

This optional parameter identifies the path and file name of the IBM Spectrum Protect client options file: `dsm.config`.

Default

The default value is the path of the IBM Spectrum Protect client installation directory.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

DSM_LOG

This optional parameter identifies the path that is used for the IBM Spectrum Protect client error log file: `dsmerror.log`.

Default

The default value is an empty string.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

OFFLOAD parameters for custom applications in a GPFS cluster

The following offload parameters apply to GPFS environments:

MMBACKUP_SERVER

MMBACKUP_SERVER is a required parameter that identifies an IBM Spectrum Protect server where backup data is sent during an offloaded backup. Server names must be listed in the appropriate `dsm.sys` file. If data is to be sent to multiple IBM Spectrum Protect servers, multiple instances of this parameter can be specified. Snapshots are sent to each of the specified servers when a backup is requested.

Default

There is no default value.

Advanced mode only

No.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot initiates incremental backup operations that use the GPFS **mmbackup** command. If a full backup was not completed to a particular IBM Spectrum Protect server, a full backup is created.

An offload operation fails when data is offloaded to two or more IBM Spectrum Protect servers when one server has data while another does not. If you want to add an IBM Spectrum Protect server to the list, create an offloaded backup to the new server first. Afterward, offloaded backups can be done to all servers.

MMBACKUP_OPTIONS

Use this optional parameter to add options to the **mmbackup** command. For a list of **mmbackup** options, see [IBM Spectrum Scale mmbackup command](#).

The following options are used by IBM Spectrum Protect, and cannot be set with this parameter: `-t`, `-S`, `-v`, `-L`, `--scope`, `--tsm-servers`, `--rebuild`.

The `-q` option is used by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in certain circumstances, but can also be specified with the **MMBACKUP_OPTIONS** parameter. An offload operation fails if the backup contains a root file set and option `-q` is specified.

If the options string contains a blank character, it must be in quotation marks.

Default

No options are specified.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

MMBACKUP_MAX_RETRIES

In a GPFS environment, the value for the **MMBACKUP_MAX_RETRIES** parameter indicates the maximum number of times the **mmbackup** command is retried after it returns an exit code 1.

Default

2

Advanced mode only

Yes.

DSM_DIR

This optional parameter applies to GPFS environments also. It identifies the path for the **DSM_DIR** environment variable. The **DSM_DIR** value shows the path where the executable file **dsmc**, resource files, and the **dsm.sys** file are stored.

Default

The default value is an empty string.

Advanced mode only

Yes.

Changing profile parameters

Except for the GLOBAL and ACSD sections, changes to the profile take effect immediately and do not require restarting IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. Updates to the GLOBAL and ACSD sections require a restart of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

About this task

To change the GLOBAL, ACSD, or any other sections of the profile, complete the following steps:

Procedure

1. Start the setup script by entering the following command:

```
cd <instance directory>
./setup_gen.sh
```

To run the setup script in advanced mode, use the **-advanced** option with the setup script command. If you run the setup script in advanced mode, you can change all parameters and override default values.

2. Follow the setup script instructions that are displayed.
3. When you run the setup script, select **manage backup systems** or **manage clone instances** as required.

This step is required when changes were made to the GLOBAL or ACSD sections so that all backup and clone systems are updated.

Interdependency of LVM_FREEZE_THAW and TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND

The **LVM_FREEZE_THAW** and **TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND** parameters are interdependent.

These two IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile parameters are interdependent in the following manner:

- If **LVM_FREEZE_THAW** is set to YES, the database must be suspended. Otherwise, write operations to the database might time out and leave the database in an inconsistent state. A specified value of YES for **TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND** prevents this situation.
- If **LVM_FREEZE_THAW** is set to NO, the user might want to suspend the database without freezing the file system. Also, if JFS is used, freeze and thaw are not supported.
- If **LVM_FREEZE_THAW** is set to AUTO, and the file systems support the freeze function, the effect of AUTO is described in the following table. If the file systems do not support the freeze function, the AUTO value resolves to NO.

The following table summarizes the actions taken depending on the values of the two parameters:

Table 13. Actions taken depending on values of LVM_FREEZE_THAW and TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND			
Value of LVM_FREEZE_THAW	Value of TARGET_DATABASE_SUSPEND		
	YES	NO	OFFLINE
YES	Suspend and freeze	Terminate with an appropriate error message. Conflicting parameters.	Offline with freeze
NO	Suspend, no freeze	No suspend, no freeze	Offline without freeze
AUTO	Treat as LVM_FREEZE_THAW YES	Treat as LVM_FREEZE_THAW NO	Offline with freeze

Target set and target volumes files

Snapshot backups on DS8000, SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family with static target allocation, require a target set for each set of source volumes to be backed up. The target set is a set of target volumes, and several target sets can be defined for use in different snapshot backups. The target volumes file, with extension `.fct`, identifies the target volumes to be used for an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup.

The volumes in each target set that are used in a backup, must be specified in a separate target set. These target sets are specified in a target volumes file, the `.fct` file. The target set section name begins with the prefix **TARGET_SET** and is appended with a target set name. The target set name differentiates different target set sections. The target set name can be any alphanumeric value.

In the **TARGET_SET**, use the **TARGET_VOLUME** parameter for every target volume in the target set as shown in the following example:

```
>>> TARGET_SET 1
TARGET_VOLUME ...
.
.
.
TARGET_VOLUME ...
<<<
```

To specify multiple target sets in the target volumes file, add the next target set section with a unique target set name as shown in this example:

```
>>> TARGET_SET 2
TARGET_VOLUME ...
.
.
.
TARGET_VOLUME ...
<<<
```

Comments can be entered before the first target set section only, and are indicated by a `#` character in the first column of each line. Tab characters can be entered.

When **VOLUMES_FILE** is specified in the profile, the target volumes file can have any file name and does not conform to any naming convention.

Related concepts

[“Examples” on page 143](#)

Refer to these IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot examples when you are configuring, updating, or following product tasks.

Manage target volumes files for your storage system

Different storage systems require different methods of target volume mapping. Use the **VOLUMES_FILE** parameter to share a target volume file between multiple device classes.

DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller, and Storwize family storage systems, need the **TARGET_SETS** parameter to specify the target volumes file, **VOLUMES_FILE**. The details are shown in the following table:

Table 14. Managing target volume LUNs by storage system	
DS8000	SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family
Manual target LUN creation with the target volumes file (.fct) that defines the VOLUMES_FILE parameter.	Manual target LUN creation with the target volumes file (.fct) that defines the VOLUMES_FILE parameter. Or, Naming convention that defines the TARGET_NAMING parameter.

For IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to associate a target volume to a source volume, the following criteria must be met:

- The source volume and target volume must be in the same storage system.
- The source volume and target volume must be the same size.

A target volume is selected for validation as a suitable target volume for the source volume depending on the value of the parameter **TARGET_SETS**.

VOLUMES_FILE

The **VOLUMES_FILE** parameter is used to share a target volume file between multiple device classes by restricting a target set to a specific **DEVICE_CLASS**. The target volume is validated as suitable for the source volume based on the value of the **TARGET_SETS** parameter. The following criteria must be in place for a valid target volume:

- A target volumes file, .fct, must be specified.
- A list of target volumes must be specified in the target volumes file. The source volumes and the size are optional.

This example shows the syntax of target volumes files that are specified by the **VOLUMES_FILE** parameter:

```
>>> TARGET_SET <target set name>

DEVICE_CLASS <device class name> # this parameter is optional and allows to
                                # restrict the use of this target set to a
                                # specific device class

TARGET_VOLUME <target> [<source>] [<size>]
[...]
```

If no source is specified in the **TARGET_SETS** parameter and a FlashCopy relation exists between target volumes and a source volume, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot checks for each of the specified target volumes. If a FlashCopy relation exists, it is reused for the next FlashCopy backup. However, if no FlashCopy relation exists to a source volume, a new relation between one source volume and the target is created with the next FlashCopy backup. In this case, the created source-target pairs are unpredictable because they depend on the order of the target volumes as listed in the target volumes file. There is also a

dependency on the order of the source volumes as they occur in the operating system. If you want predefined source-target pairs, you must specify the dedicated source volume for each of the target volumes in the target volumes file. Alternatively you can ensure that all FlashCopy relations exist in the storage system before the start of the FlashCopy backup.

Related reference

[“DS8000 target volume parameter settings ” on page 114](#)

Each target volume that is planned for use must be specified by its serial number for a DS8000 configuration.

[“SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family target volume parameter settings ” on page 115](#)

Each target volume that is used, must be specified by the corresponding virtual disk name. A snapshot backup operation looks for either a source volume and target volume correlation, or a target-volume-only specification.

Changing target set definitions system

You can extend an existing target set definition file by either adding a target set or by adding another target volume to an existing target set.

If you want to remove a volume from an existing target set, ensure that backups on the affected target set are deleted first. All FlashCopy relations of volumes in the target set must also be withdrawn. If you want to remove a target set from a target set definition file, ensure that backups on the affected target set are deleted first. All FlashCopy relations of volumes in the target set must be withdrawn.

DS8000 target volume parameter settings

Each target volume that is planned for use must be specified by its serial number for a DS8000 configuration.

A snapshot backup operation looks for either a source volume and target volume correlation, or a target-volume-only specification. A target set definition file contains a list of target volumes that are organized into target sets. IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot attempts to match source volumes to suitable targets within a target set during backup.

Table 15. TARGET_VOLUME parameters	
Parameter Name	Value
TARGET_VOLUME <target volume serial number> <source volume serial number> <source volume size>	<p>Specify a source serial number with a target serial number in the target set definition file. This action determines source target relations. The relation between the source and target is required. Backup processing fails if one of the targets is unavailable for the specified source.</p> <p>This example shows a configuration where the DS8000 source volume with serial 75924811011 must be used in a FlashCopy with the target volume with serial number 75924811001.</p> <pre>TARGET_VOLUME 75924811001 75924811011 Size=2.0_GB</pre> <p>The source serial number and the size can be omitted or dashes can be entered in both fields as placeholders, as shown in the following example:</p> <pre>TARGET_VOLUME 75924811001 - -</pre> <p>Target volumes must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size of the target volume must be the same as the size of the source volume. • The source and target volumes that are listed in one TARGET_SET must be in the same storage system. • The order of the parameters, target volume serial number, source volume serial number, and size of source volume must not be changed.

SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family target volume parameter settings

Each target volume that is used, must be specified by the corresponding virtual disk name. A snapshot backup operation looks for either a source volume and target volume correlation, or a target-volume-only specification.

Changing or deleting target volume or target set definitions

A target set definition file contains a list of target volumes that are organized into target sets. During the backup process, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software attempts to match source volumes to suitable targets within a target set.

Table 16. TARGET_VOLUME parameters (SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family)	
Parameter Name	Value
TARGET_VOLUME <target volume virtual disk name> <source volume virtual disk name> <source volume size>	<p>Specify a source virtual disk name with a target virtual disk name in the target set definition file. This action determines source target relations. The relationship between the source and target is required. Backup processing fails if one of the targets is unavailable for the specified source.</p> <p>This example shows a configuration where the SAN Volume Controller source volume with virtual disk name <i>svdfsrc4</i> must be used in a FlashCopy with the target volume with virtual disk name <i>svdftgt4</i>.</p> <pre>TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt4 svdfsrc4 Size=2.0_GB</pre> <p>The source virtual disk name and the size can be omitted or dashes can be entered in both fields as placeholders, as shown in the following example:</p> <pre>TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt4 - -</pre> <p>Target volumes must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size of the target volume must be the same or greater than the size of the source volume. • The source and target volumes that are listed in one TARGET_SET must be in the same SAN Volume Controller cluster. • The order of the parameters must not be changed.

For more information about the criteria that are used to associate a target volume to a source volume, see [“Target set and target volumes files” on page 112](#).

The following actions are possible with target sets:

- Change the **FLASHCOPY_TYPE** value of an existing target set.
- Remove a target volume from an existing target set.
- Remove a complete target set.

To complete these types of changes, use the sequence of commands that are described in [“Deleting snapshot backups” on page 122](#) with the force option.

For SAN Volume Controller 6.1 or later and Storwize family, with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software you can delete FlashCopy mappings that are not dependent on other FlashCopy mappings. Only the source and target FlashCopy mappings of the oldest backup can be deleted. If multiple backup generations are used and you want to delete a backup that is not the oldest backed up version, the background operation that deletes the mappings is delayed until all older backups are deleted or are reused by a new backup request.

The following example presents a typical Multiple Target FlashCopy (MTFC) cascade:

```
S->T4->T3->T2->T1
S = Source volume
T1-T4 = Snapshots taken at t1, t2, t3, t4 where T1 is the oldest,
      T4 the most recent snapshot

T1 depends on T2,T3,T4,S
T2 depends on T3,T4,S
and so on...
```

Following the path from *S* to *T4* is called *downstream*. The opposite direction is called *upstream*.

Example 1: T2 is restored

All upstream snapshot mappings are stopped: *T3,T4*

Example 2: T2 is overwritten by a new backup

All downstream snapshot mappings are stopped: *T1*

Related reference

[“SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family target volumes file example ” on page 143](#)

Refer to this example when you are editing the target volumes file for an SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family storage system configuration.

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot password file

To access the storage system where the database volumes are stored, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot requires a password file.

The password file contains a *master password* that is required by the agents such as application agents or offload agents, when they are authenticating or connecting to the Management Agent. When IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot agents are running in a distributed environment across multiple servers, separate password file instances can be used for different nodes. In a distributed environment, you must ensure that each local password file instance contains all the passwords that are needed by the agents that are running on the node. The master password must be included in all instances. When backup server is set up with the setup script, the passwords are automatically made available on that server.

A password file is created during the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot configuration process. The setup script that is used for the configuration also updates information that is stored in the `/etc/inittab` directory. An example of the path to the password file follows:

```
<ACS_DIR>/shared/pwd.acsd
```

where, `<ACS_DIR>` is the value of the **ACS_DIR** parameter in the profile. In basic mode, the master password is not prompted as it is generated automatically if it is not set earlier. A generated password is available as the default password in advanced mode.

The minimum length of the master password is 8 characters. The password must contain at least one number and one letter. The use of special symbols increases the strength of the password.

Appendix B. Commands and scripts

A list of various commands and scripts that are used with IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot operations is provided.

About this task

You can issue various commands for example to trigger a snapshot backup or snapshot restore. In addition, administrative tasks such as to start or stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot can be issued from the command line.

Example

-B identifies the specific backup

Backup, restore, cloning commands, and utilities

You can issue commands to trigger a snapshot backup or snapshot restore, and to inquire and delete snapshot backups in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository. You can create and manage database clones from the command-line interface.

Backup and restore commands for custom applications

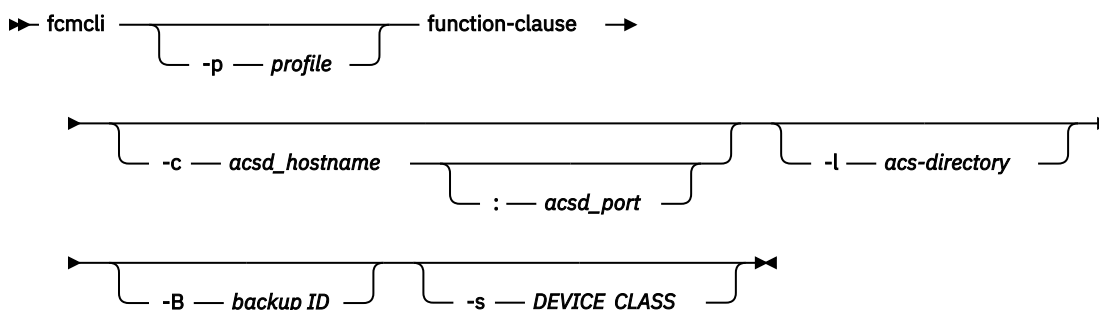
The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot command line interface, **fccli**, is used to create snapshot backups, snapshot restores, inquire, and delete operations for applications when a native backup adapter does not exist.

When you run the **fccli** command, provide a list of files for which a snapshot backup is created. You can specify the list of files either through the configuration file or through the command line interface. Optionally, you can provide **fccli** with the following scripts:

- A script to prepare your environment before the snapshot is created. For instance, provide a script to quiesce or shutdown the applications that are backed up.
- A script to resume your environment after the snapshot is complete.

If specified, the scripts are started immediately before and after the snapshot is created to minimize application downtime.

fccli command

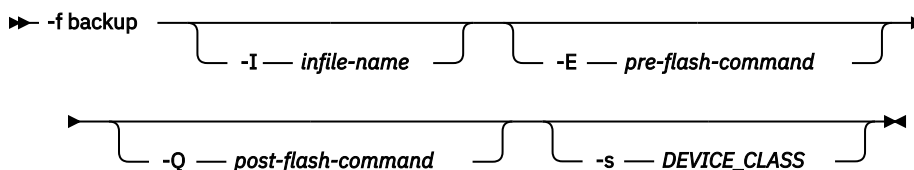


The values for the **function-clause** parameter are described in the following sections.

FlashCopy operations of custom applications: function-clause:

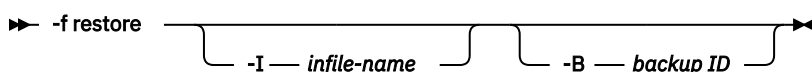
The following functions are supported by the **fccli** command option **-f 'function'** for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications backups of custom applications:

fcmlcli command functions



The following functions are supported by the **fcmlcli** command option **-f** function for FlashCopy restores, inquire, and delete of custom applications:

fcmlcli command functions



fcmlcli command functions

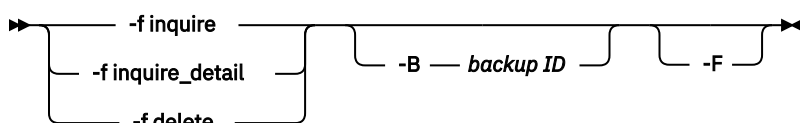


Table 17. Options for the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot **fcmlcli** command for custom applications

Option	Description	Default
-p profile	Full profile name.	INSTANCE_DIR/profile
-c acsd-hostname	Name of the server where the management agent, acsd, is running.	localhost
acsd-port	TCP/IP port number or service name on which the management agent, acsd, is listening.	57328
-l acs-directory	Directory where the logs and shared directories can be found.	ACS_DIR
-f backup	Back up a custom application.	
-f restore	Restore a regular DB2 snapshot backup (with advanced restore options) or restore a custom application backup.	

Table 17. Options for the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot **fcmcli** command for custom applications (continued)

Option	Description	Default
-E preflash command	<p>Overrides the value of the PRE_FLASH_CMD parameter as specified in the CLIENT section of the profile. The preflash command is run on the production server and can be a script. The return code of the preflash command is evaluated as follows:</p> <p>0</p> <p>Successful. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation continues.</p> <p>Any value other than 0</p> <p>Unsuccessful. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation stops.</p>	
-Q postflash command	<p>Overrides the value of the POST_FLASH_CMD parameter as specified in the CLIENT section of the profile. The postflash command is run on the production server and can be a script. The return code of the postflash command is evaluated as follows:</p> <p>0</p> <p>Successful. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation continues.</p> <p>Any value other than 0</p> <p>Unsuccessful. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot backup operation stops.</p>	
-I infile	<p>Overrides the value of the INFILE parameter as specified in the CLIENT section of the profile. The fcmcli functions inquire, inquireDetails, and delete do not recognize the infile parameter. The function restore accepts infile as an optional parameter.</p>	

Table 17. Options for the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot **fcmccli** command for custom applications (continued)

Option	Description	Default
-F	Use the force option with the inquire , inquire_detail , or delete functions. When used with inquire or inquire_detail , all available backups and all backups marked for deletion are displayed. When used with the delete function, the force option withdraws the source target FlashCopy relations on DS8000 or SAN Volume Controller.	None.
-v	Display version.	
-h	Display help text.	
-B	The Backup ID as displayed by fcmccli -f inquire [_detail] or db2acsutil .	None.
-s <i>DEVICE_CLASS</i>	The name of the <i>DEVICE_CLASS</i> section in the profile that is used for the backup operation.	As specified in the profile.

- The return code of the **fcmccli** command is 0 if it finishes the request without an error or if there were no candidates for the request.
- The return code is 1 if one or more minor issues occur that are not critical but must be checked to prevent major issues later.
- The return code is 2 indicating that an error occurred during the command execution.

The following sections describe the details of the various functions that are specified with the -f option of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot command, **fcmccli**.

Deleting snapshot backups

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot snapshot backups can be deleted from the snapshot repository.

Before you begin

Optionally, you can delete snapshot backups on DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller storage subsystems that contain a dedicated set of target volumes in one or more target sets. With IBM XIV Storage System solutions you can create as many snapshot backups as needed, and old backups are manually deleted. Old backups can also be deleted automatically by using the **MAX_VERSIONS** (**MAX_SNAPSHOT_VERSIONS**) parameter.

About this task

Manually delete an IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot snapshot backup by following the procedure.

Procedure

1. Run the following command to unmount the file systems and export the volume groups on a backup system. This method is used when the backup that is using this target set is currently mounted. This step can be omitted if the backup is not currently mounted.


```
fcmcli -f unmount [-B <backupID>]
```

2. Based on the use of this target set, any existing source, and target snapshot relationships (such as INCR or NOCOPY) must be withdrawn. Run the following command:

```
fcmcli -f delete -B <backupID>
```

Results

Note: For IBM XIV Storage System, these commands delete the snapshot backup in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository, and the snapshot on the storage system is also deleted.

Note: (DS8000 or SAN Volume Controller): These commands delete the snapshot backup in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository only. The source and target relations on DS8000 or SAN Volume Controller are not withdrawn.

Deleting a target volume or target set

To remove a target volume from a target set or to remove a complete target set, run the following steps to free up the target volumes:

Procedure

1. Run the following command to unmount the file systems and export the volume groups on a backup system. If the backup is not mounted, do not run this step.

```
fcmcli -f unmount [-B <backupID>]
```

This method is used when the backup that is using this target set is mounted

2. Based on the use of this target set, any existing source, and target FlashCopy relationships (such as INCR or NOCOPY) must be withdrawn. Run the following command:

```
fcmcli -f delete -B <backupID> -F
```

Results

The withdrawal of the source and target FlashCopy relationship is done by the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot generic device agent, acsgen, as a background operation. This process can take up to 10 minutes. Do not try to reuse the target volumes before the actual process completes successfully.

Snapshot backup status in the repository

Ensure that you routinely check the status of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository.

To check the status of snapshot backups in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot repository, use one of the following commands:

For custom applications, `fcmcli -f inquire[_detail]`

When using the `inquire_detail` command with the appropriate tool, output similar to the following displays:

```
Type Partition Backup-ID TSM Backup-ID State
DevClass TargetSet Background Copy BytestobeFlashcopied
#BACKUP NODE0000 C01__A0FY303K6B IN-PROGRESS MIRROR1 1 3.000GB of
3.000GB
3.000GB
```

```
UsabilityStates :
REMOTELY_MOUNTABLE, REPETITIVELY_RESTORABLE, SWAP-
RESTORABLE, PHYSICAL_PROTECTION,
FULL_COPY, TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING
```

Administrative commands

You can use commands to administer IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

Administrative commands are available for you to do the following tasks:

- Start, stop, or configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.
- Mount or unmount a snapshot backup on a secondary system.
- Create a backup to IBM Spectrum Protect from a snapshot if you have IBM Spectrum Protect configured in your environment

To use the commands to automate operations for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, add entries to the `cron` table (`crontab`) file. Because there are so many ways to implement IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software, there are no templates. To automate operations, either specify the commands in the `crontab` file, or create scripts and add the scripts to the `crontab` file.

Configuration commands

Use configuration commands to run the setup script, maintain IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot passwords, and query the amount of storage space that is used for backups.

Installation setup script

The setup script provides instructions for configuration. The setup script is used by the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installation program. The setup script can also be used to manually set up IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, and to complete a basic configuration.

The setup script uses the following command syntax:

```
setup_type.sh -a action -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>
```

For the *type* parameter, in the setup script name, the following values can be specified:

- `setup_gen.sh`

You can use the setup script for the following purposes:

- Upgrade of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for one instance-specific installation, as root user:

```
setup_type.sh -a install -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>
```

The setup script is run from the installation directory.

- Initial configuration and reconfiguration:

```
setup_type.sh
```

The setup script must be run as the database instance owner.

- Initial configuration and reconfiguration in advanced mode:

```
setup_type.sh -advanced
```

- Stopping an activated instance:

```
setup_type.sh -a stop -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>
```

The command must run as the database instance owner.

- Starting an activated instance:

```
setup_type.sh -a start -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>
```

The command must be run as the database instance owner.

- Disabling a stopped instance:

```
setup_type.sh -a disable -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>
```

The command must be run as the database instance owner.

For a typical configuration, these commands are run on a production system. There are some scenarios where these commands need to be run on a backup system. If you are running the commands on both systems, when you stop or disable IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, run the command on the production system before the backup system.

The setup script can be used to install IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on multiple backup nodes from the production server. As a prerequisite, Open Secure Shell (OpenSSH) must be installed on all of the nodes in the backup server. NFS shares between the production server and backup server nodes are not required for this type of remote installation. OpenSSH is the preferred method for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

The default action, `setup`, is run and the instance is configured.

For IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications, there is no database instance-specific directory. The script must be run from the `$HOME` directory of the backup user. The backup user needs to be able to access all file systems that are going to be protected.

If the script is called without parameters, it can be issued as the instance owner. The script creates a profile or changes an existing profile, and updates the daemon jobs according to the current profile (production system) or user preference (backup system).

If IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot cannot be stopped, stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production system before you run the script with the `-a install -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>` options.

Setup script values

The following values are available for `setup_type.sh`.

The following values are available for `action`. The instance directory name `-d` option, is required for all explicit actions.

Use `setup_gen.sh` to configure IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications.

disable

This call can be issued as the root or instance owner. It stops IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot and removes all daemon jobs. To reactivate IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, call the script without parameters.

If IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot cannot be stopped, stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production system before running `setup_type.sh -a install -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>`.

install

This call needs to be issued with the root user ID. When issued, the following actions are completed:

1. Stops IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot (`setup_type.sh -a stop -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>`) For DB2 databases, change `<INSTANCE owner $HOME directory>` to `<INSTANCE owner $HOME directory>/sqllib`.
2. Copies all binary files from the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installation directory to the instance-specific installation directory (`<instance directory>`)
3. Sets the appropriate access rights for the binary files.
4. Restarts IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot (`setup_type.sh -a start -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>`).

The steps to start and stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot are skipped if it is not configured.

If IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot cannot be stopped, stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production system before running `setup_type.sh -a install -d <Instance owner $HOME directory>`.

start

This call can be issued as the root or instance owner. The call starts a previously installed and configured version of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. This call starts the configured daemon jobs.

stop

This call can be issued as the root or instance owner. It stops the version of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot that is currently running. This call updates the configured daemon jobs and checks that IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is stopped successfully (a write lock can be acquired for the .lock file that is located in the instance-specific installation directory).

This call fails on the backup system in environments where the instance-specific installation directory is shared between the production and backup systems, if IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot is running on the production system. To successfully stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot in those environments, stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on the production system.

This option is not required for the default setup function.

Setting or changing passwords with the Configuration Wizard

You can set or change passwords with the **Configuration Wizard**.

Use the command in this example:

```
setup_type.sh
```

Running the `setup_ora.sh` command to launch the **Configuration Wizard**.

When this command is issued, the profile wizard starts. You can use the profile wizard to edit the profile, and to set or change passwords. Using this wizard to administer passwords is preferred because the wizard updates changed passwords on the backup systems. To update passwords on the backup system, specify **YES** at the following prompt:

```
Select the backup system to update or delete:
1) acsback5
n) configure a new backup system
b) return to previous menu
q) quit configuration
Select one of the options.
1
The selected backup system is acsback5
The backup system on acsback5 is configured with the device class(es) DISK_ONLY.
Select the action you want to take on the backup system acsback5:
1) update IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot installation
2) start IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot services
3) stop IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot
4) uninstall IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot
5) setup the SSH key authentication
b) return to backup system selection
q) quit the configuration
Select one of the options.
1
Do you want to update the Backup System installation on acsback5? [y|n] [y]
```

Password administration

You can use the `setup_<type>.sh` script or the `fcmdi -f password` command to change the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot passwords.

The `fcmdi -f password` command supports an interactive and a non-interactive mode. To use the interactive mode, do not enter a password when you issue the command and you are prompted to enter the following passwords:

- The master password, which is the password of the acsd management agent. By default, a 32 character password is automatically generated. However, you can enter an alternative password.
- The passwords for the disk storage subsystems that are referenced by the `DEVICE_CLASS` sections in the specified profile.

GSKit commands

If you are not using SSH for remote installation and configuration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot on backup and cloning systems, use GSKit commands to manually import a self-signed certificate. If you decide to use a CA signed certificate, use GSKit commands to complete a manual setup.

Manually importing the self-signed certificate

The self-signed certificate is automatically created by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. When the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot setup script is run on the production server, it automatically creates the `fcmselcert.arm` file. It is stored on the production server in the default installation path. The `fcmselcert.arm` file is automatically imported on the backup and cloning servers from the production server with the SSH remote deployment mechanisms of the setup script. When remote deployment is not used and you separately run the setup script on the backup or cloning server, the `fcmselcert.arm` file if present is automatically imported to the local key database and then deleted. To use this automation, copy the `fcmselcert.arm` file from the production server to either the backup or cloning server before you start the setup routines on the backup or cloning server.

Alternatively, you can import the self-signed certificate by using the following GSKit command. However, in most scenarios this step is not necessary as the file is automatically imported as part of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot setup process.

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -add -db fmcdb -stashed -label "FCM server  
certificate" -file <path to fcmselcert.arm> -format ascii
```

This command fails if the key database already contains a certificate with the label `FCM server certificate`. To remove the certificate with the label `FCM server certificate`, you can use the following command:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -delete -db fmcdb -stashed -label "FCM server  
certificate"
```

CA Certificate

You can use a CA signed certificate for IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot. If the certificate that is assigned by a CA has no built-in GSKit support, import the CA root certificate into the key database file (`fmcdb`). Use the GSKit command-line utilities to update the file on the production system, the backup system, and the cloning system. The root certificate of a trusted CA certificate is in the key database. GSKit has the following trusted root certificates:

- Entrust.net Global Secure Server Certification Authority
- Entrust.net Global Client Certification Authority
- Entrust.net Client Certification Authority
- Entrust.net Certification Authority (2048)
- Entrust.net Secure Server Certification Authority
- VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority
- VeriSign Class 2 Public Primary Certification Authority
- VeriSign Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority
- VeriSign Class 4 Public Primary Certification Authority - G2
- VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G2
- VeriSign Class 2 Public Primary Certification Authority - G2
- VeriSign Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority - G2
- VeriSign Class 4 Public Primary Certification Authority - G3
- VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G3
- VeriSign Class 2 Public Primary Certification Authority - G3
- VeriSign Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority - G3

- Thawte Personal Premium CA
- Thawte Personal Freemail CA
- Thawte Personal Basic CA
- Thawte Premium Server CA
- Thawte Server CA
- RSA Secure Server Certification Authority
- Secure Server Certification Authority

The following example shows the command to request that a CA signed certificate is included:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -certreq -create -db fcmcert.kdb -stashed -label "FCM server
certificate request" -dn dist_name -target fcmservercertreq.arm
```

For SP800-131 compliance, when the **ENFORCE_TLS12** parameter is set to YES in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile, ensure that the certificate meets the minimum requirement by adding the following two options:

- -size 2048 (or higher)
- -sigalg sha224 (or higher)

Note: IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot creates a self-signed certificate that is signed with SHA512, and the size is 4086 bits.

The **label** parameter can have any value except `FCM server certificate`. This value is already used by the self-signed certificate in the key database.

When you use a certificate that is signed by a CA that has no built-in GSKit support, you must import the CA root certificate. This task must be completed before the certificate is received or imported. The CA root certificate must be imported into the key database (KDB) files on the production system. The CA root certificate must also be imported into the KDB files on the backup and cloning servers. Issue the following command to import the root certificate:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -add -db fcmcert.kdb -stashed -label "FCM server certificate
request" -file path to CARootCertificate.arm
```

Issue the following command to import a signed certificate when it is received from a CA:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -receive -file fcmservercertsigned.arm -db fcmcert.kdb
-stashed
```

Rename the CA signed certificate label to `FCM server certificate`. Usually, the key database still contains the self-signed certificate, it must be deleted before the CA signed certificate can be renamed. To remove the self-signed certificate from the key database, issue the following command:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -delete -db fcmcert.kdb -stashed -label "FCM server
certificate"
```

To rename the CA signed certificate issue the following command:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -rename -db fcmcert.kdb -stashed -label
"FCM server certificate request" -new_label "FCM server certificate"
```

The file `fcmselfcert.arm` is used to export the self-signed certificate. When you use a CA certificate, the `.arm` file is obsolete and must be deleted on the production system. The self-signed certificate is automatically removed from the key database on the backup or cloning system during the next remote update with the setup script. If remote deployment is not used, you can manually remove the self-signed certificate from the key database on the backup and cloning servers. To remove the self-signed certificate, issue the following command:

```
gsk8capicmd_64 -cert -delete -db fcmcert.kdb -stashed -label "FCM server
certificate"
```

Monitoring the expiry date of certificates

When a self-signed certificate is created, an expiry date can be specified. The expiration time of the certificate is specified in days. The default is 365 days. The duration is 1-7300 days (20 years). The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot setup script creates the self-signed certificate for the production, backup, and cloning servers. The expiration time of all self-signed certificates that is generated by the setup script is 20 years. If you are using CA signed certificates, the expiration date is set by the certificate authority. You must monitor certificates for expiry and remove any expired certificates. If the key database does not contain a valid certificate with the label `FCM server certificate` and the setup script is rerun, a new self-signed certificate is generated. The `.kdb`, `.rdb`, `.arm` and `.sth` files are rewritten.

Related information

Query managed capacity

Use the **managed_capacity** command to display information about IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot managed capacity and licensing.

Enter the following command to generate an XML managed capacity and licensing report to a specified directory:

```
fcmcli -f managed_capacity [-p profile] [-o <output_directory>]
```

The report that is generated lists the capacity value that is calculated from source disks that are protected by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for which a FlashCopy or snapshot backup was created. If a volume contains multiple backups, that volume is counted once during the query. Identify the repository from which to list backups by specifying the profile that is associated with the source volume. The output displays the total managed capacity for all source volumes.

Tip: Ensure to regularly delete old copies of managed capacity reports from the output directory.

The **fcmcli -f managed_capacity** syntax is as follows:

```
fcmcli -f managed_capacity [-p profile] [-c] [-o<output_directory>]
```

-p

Specify the name of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile that is associated with the backups on the volume.

-c

Specify this option to display the output as comma-separated values.

-o

Specify this option to print the report to a specified directory as an XML report to view in your browser. When you do not specify a **-o** directory, the report is printed to `ACS_DIR/capacity_reports`.

Example output

This command displays capacity for the profile in `/ca/S01/acs`:

```
fcmcli -f managed_capacity -p /ca/S01/acs/profile
```

Output:

```
FMM0461I Created tracefile '/ca/S01/acs/logs/fmquery.trace' for process ID
'31634'.
FMM1498I Front-End Capacity Report: Total protected size: 108.723 MB
FMM1497I Front-End Capacity Report: Number of managed objects: 1
FMM1496I Back-End Capacity Report: Total protected size: 217.445 MB
FMM1493I Back-End Capacity Report: Number of managed objects: 2
FMM1495I Logical Unit (LUN) Capacity Report: Total protected size: 768.000 MB
FMM1494I Logical Unit (LUN) Capacity Report: Number of managed objects: 2
```

This command displays all volumes for the profile that is in `/ca/S01/acs` as comma-separated values:

```
fcmcli -f managed_capacity -p /ca/S01/acs/profile -c
```


Output:

```
...
tsm_sur_capacity,0
tsm_sur_objects,0
fcm_be_capacity,0
fcm_be_objects,0
fcm_lun_capacity,8589934592
fcm_lun_objects,4
tsm,no
```

For more information about front-end and back-end capacity and how to measure them, see the latest User's Guide at this site ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/storage/tivoli-storage-management/front_end_capacity_measurement_tools/

Background daemons

For IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to work, some background daemon processes are required. Background daemon processes are not started directly. Instead, they are usually added to the `/etc/inittab` through the setup script commands.

To support high availability environments where the `/etc/inittab` cannot be used, add ACSD and ASGEN -d to the high availability scripts to provide you with the exact commands that must be added to your high availability scripts instead of adding entries to `/etc/inittab`.

To support high availability environments where the `/etc/inittab` cannot be used, you can instruct the `setup_db2.sh` scripts to provide you with the exact commands that must be added to your high availability scripts instead of adding entries to `/etc/inittab`.

To support high availability environments where the `/etc/inittab` cannot be used, you can instruct the `setup_orasap.sh` scripts to provide you with the exact commands that must be added to your high availability scripts instead of adding entries to `/etc/inittab`.

To support high availability environments where the `/etc/inittab` cannot be used, you can instruct the `setup_gen.sh` scripts to provide you with the exact commands that must be added to your high availability scripts instead of adding entries to `/etc/inittab`.

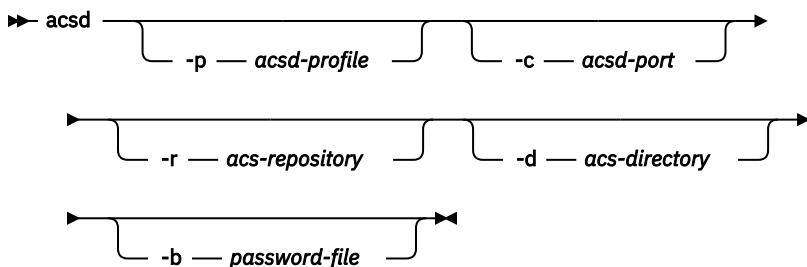
Management agent acsd

The management agent, `acsd`, coordinates the snapshot backup operation. It is a background daemon process that starts automatically.

The management agent, `acsd`, controls the backup flow and mediates between the other agents. The `acsd` agent provides access to the snapshot backup repository, which contains information about the valid snapshot backups and their relationships to snapshot capable storage devices.

If you must deviate from the standard installation, the management agent offers the following command options for customization:

acsd management agent



Syntax for obtaining version or help information:

acsd management agent help

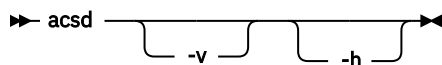


Table 18. Options for starting the management agent, acsd, as a daemon process

Option	Description	Default	Overrides profile parameter
-p acsd-profile	Full path and name of the profile that is used by the management agent. The management agent uses the GLOBAL and acsd sections of the configuration profile.	<instance directory>/profile	
-c acsd-port	TCP/IP port number or service name on which the management agent is listening	57328	ACSD (port number or service name)
-r acs-repository	Directory name where the snapshot backup repository is located	None	ACS_REPOSITORY
-d acs-directory	Name of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot directory	ACS_DIR	
-b password-file	File in which the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot management agent password is stored (in encrypted form). See notes.	ACS_DIR/shared/pwd.acsd	No corresponding profile parameter.
-v	Display version and help information	None	N/A
-h	Display help information only	None	N/A

All parameters override the values that are specified in the acsd profile or the corresponding default values. The shared and logs directories are automatically created in ACS_DIR. If no parameters are entered, acsd starts with the default profile and uses the default parameter values where applicable, or an error message is shown if this profile does not exist.

When acsd is started for the first time, or with a new **ACS_DIR** parameter, the following actions occur:

- Create the subdirectories shared and logs
- Create a password file pwd.acsd in the shared subdirectory
- Generate a master password

When the snapshot backup library uses the same ACS_DIR, it can authenticate itself to acsd with the password provided in the pwd.acsd file. If the snapshot backup library uses a different ACS_DIR, the default password file pwd.acsd must be copied to that directory so that they can read the master password from that directory.

Note: The minimum length of the master password is 8 characters. It must contain at least one number and one letter. The use of special symbols increases the strength of the password.

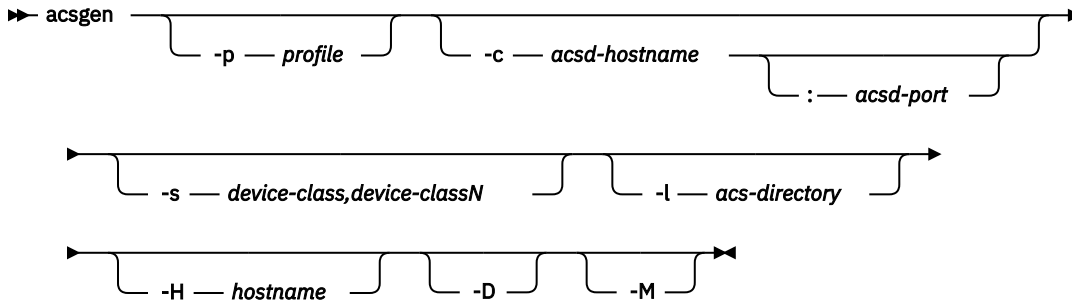
Generic device agent: **acsngen**

The generic device agent, **acsngen**, is the component that uses adapters to start snapshot commands on snapshot-compatible devices.

The generic device agent, **acsngen**, is started as a background daemon so you are not required to manually start it.

If you must deviate from the standard installation, the generic device agent, **acsngen**, offers the following command options for customization:

acsngen generic device agent



Syntax for obtaining version or help information:

acsngen generic device agent help

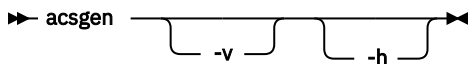


Table 19. Options for starting the generic device agent, <i>acsngen</i> . Description of <i>acsngen</i> options with default values if applicable.		
Option	Description	Default
-p profile	Full profile name.	<instance_directory>/profile
-c acsd-hostname	Name of the server where the management agent, <i>acsd</i> , is running.	localhost
acsd-port	TCP/IP port number or service name on which the management agent, <i>acsd</i> , is listening.	57328
-s device-class	Section in the profile that pertains to the device class. Specify multiple device classes by separating each device class by a space.	STANDARD
-l acs-directory	Directory where the logs and shared directories can be found.	<ACS_DIR>
-D	Start as daemon. The -a option defines the usability states that the device agent responds to. Valid only when started from the following path: /etc/inittab	Run and end.

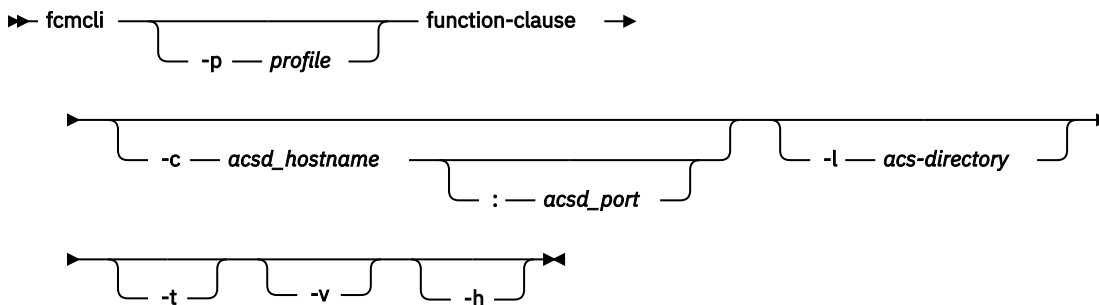
Table 19. Options for starting the generic device agent, *acsgen*. Description of *acsgen* options with default values if applicable. (continued)

Option	Description	Default
-H hostname	The host name where the process is running. The primary use is by the launchpad component to check its partitions in a DB2 multi-partition environment.	The system host name that is displayed by the hostname command.
-M	Start the device agent as a mount agent. This agent is called for mounting or unmounting the target volumes on the backup system when any of the following situations exist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An offloaded backup to IBM Spectrum Protect is requested • Database files on JFS file systems • Database files on AIX LVM mirrored volumes • The database is not suspended • Cloning databases A mount verifies the consistency of the associated file systems.	Start as the monitoring agent.
-v	Display version and help information.	None
-h	Display help information only.	None

Mounting and unmounting snapshots on a secondary system

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot commands are available to mount or unmount a snapshot backup on a secondary system.

fcmcli command



Where:

-p *profile*

Full profile name. Default value: *<instance directory>/profile*

-c *acsd_hostname*

Name of the server where the management agent (acsd) is running. Default value: *localhost*

TCP/IP port number or service name on which the management agent (acsd) is listening. Default value: 57328

Directory where the logs and shared directories are located. Default value: *ACS_DIR*

Start with trace on. Default value: off.

Show version.

Show help text.

The return code of the **fcmcli** command is 0 if it finishes the request without an error or if there were no candidates for the request. Return code 1 indicates one or more minor issues occurred that are not critical but can be checked to prevent major issues later. Return code 2 indicates that an error occurred during the command execution.

The following functions are supported by the **fcmlcli** command option **-f 'function'** for mount and unmount:

► -f mount -B — backup ID ►

-f *mount* -U *client section name* -B *backup ID*

Mount snapshot target set.

Force a reset of **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** usability states for the specified snapshot backup during the unmount force function. This parameter also requires the following -B backup-id argument.

The Backup ID as displayed by `fccli -f inquire [_detail]` command.

➡ -f unmount — -F — -B — *backup ID* ➡

► -f unmount — -U — *client section name* — -F — -B — *backup ID* ◄

Unmount snapshot target set.

-F

Force a reset of **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** usability states for the specified snapshot backup during the unmount force function. This parameter also requires the following **-B backup-id** argument.

-B backup ID

The Backup ID as displayed by `fcmdi -f inquire [_detail]` command.

Where:

-f unmount

Unmount snapshot target set.

-F

Force a reset of **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** usability states for the specified snapshot backup during the unmount force function. This parameter also requires the following **-B backup-id** argument.

-U

`client_section_name` If there is one CLIENT and one CLONING section this value can be omitted. For profiles with multiple CLIENT and CLONING sections, **-U** must be defined.

-B backup ID

The Backup ID as displayed by `fcmdi -f inquire [_detail]` command.

The functions **mount**, **unmount**, or **tape_backup** cannot run in parallel on the same backup server.

-f mount

This command mounts a snapshot backup on a backup system.

Mounting a backup means the following occurs:

1. Configure the target volumes, which might need to be assigned to the offload system (see the profile parameter **BACKUP_HOST_NAME** in “[DEVICE_CLASS device](#)” on page 92 for details).
2. Import the volume groups from the target volumes.
3. Mount all file systems within the volume groups.

The mount is done by one mount agent for each backup server. As a result, a mount agent is started by the launchpad daemon that runs on the respective backup server. By specifying **-B backup-id**, a specific snapshot backup can be selected for mounting on the offload system.

If no backup with the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** exists, the parameter **-B** is mandatory.

Note: If the option **-B** is omitted, the oldest backup still in state *tape_backup_pending* is selected implicitly.

To reflect whether a snapshot backup is being mounted or is mounted, the usability states **MOUNTING** and **MOUNTED**, are set for those backups in the snapshot backup repository. These two state values prevent a duplicate mount request for a backup that is being mounted, or is already mounted, on the backup system. If multiple snapshot backups of a database are candidates to be mounted, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot picks the one with the most recent snapshot backup ID.

-f unmount

This command releases all resources on the offload server that were used by the mount command.

For *normal mode*, the unmount is completed by one mount agent for each backup server. A mount agent is started by the launchpad daemon that runs on the respective backup server. The following steps are completed by the software:

1. Unmount the file system that belongs to the target volumes.
2. Export the assigned volume group.
3. Remove the devices, `vpath/hdisk`, from the offload system.

Use filter argument **-B backup-id** to specify a particular snapshot backup for unmounting from the offload system.

If the unmount does not succeed because of problems that are related to the device agent, the usability state of the backup remains **MOUNTED** in the snapshot backup repository. After resolving the problems on the backup system, the **fcmlcli unmount** command must be issued again. The command is issued again to finalize the unmount of the file systems and update the usability state of the backup in the snapshot backup repository. If an off-loaded tape backup is running, the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** is set and those backups are not be picked by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for unmounting.

Unexpected system failures with offloaded tape backups can lead to an incorrect state of the backup reflected in the snapshot backup repository. The state **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** is set. A built-in force option, -F, for the **fcmlcli unmount** function is used to return the system to a usable state. Besides the normal unmount function, the unmount force option picks backups in the **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** state as candidates to be unmounted and to reset the **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** usability state for those backups. The -B option is specified to uniquely identify the backup that is involved.

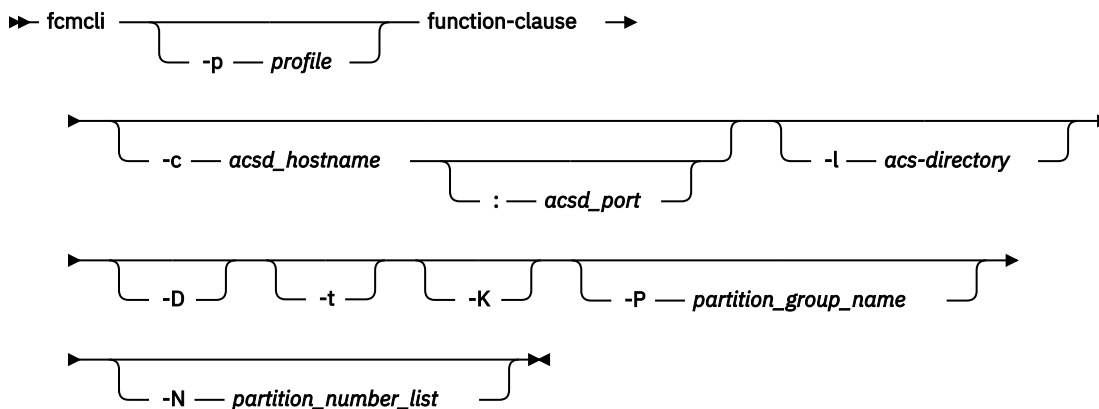
Integration with IBM Spectrum Protect

If IBM Spectrum Protect is set up and configured in your environment, you can create a backup to IBM Spectrum Protect from a snapshot.

The **fcmlcli** offload agent

The offload agent is a daemon process that manages offloaded backups to IBM Spectrum Protect. The agent also provides a command line interface offering functions for managing IBM Spectrum Protect backups.

fcmlcli command



Where:

-p profile

Full profile name. Default value: *<instance directory>/profile*

-c acsd_hostname

Name of the server where the management agent (acsd) is running. Default value: *localhost*.

acsd-port

TCP/IP port number or service name on which the management agent (acsd) is listening. Default value: *57328*.

-l acs-directory

Directory where the logs and shared directories are located. Default value: *ACS_DIR*.

-D

Run as daemon process. Valid only when started from */etc/inittab*. Default value: Run and end.

-t

Start trace on. Default value: Trace off.

-K

In a multi-partition environment, the partitions remain mounted when all participating partitions are successfully offloaded to IBM Spectrum Protect. The offload agent unmounts all partitions after the last partition is successfully offloaded. Default value: Off. The unmount operation is part of every IBM Spectrum Protect backup operation.

-P *partition_group_name*

The name of a partition group as specified in the profile with the **PARTITION_GROUP** parameter.

-N *partition_number_list*

A single number or list of numbers that are separated by a comma that specifies the partitions to apply the action against. When not specified, the action is applied to all partitions.

The values for the function-clause parameter are described in the following sections.

-f *tape_backup*

This offload agent command backs up data to tape storage.

Note: If IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot for Custom Applications is used, the IBM Spectrum Protect backup-archive client must be installed on the backup server.

To create a snapshot backup with a subsequent tape backup, **TSM_BACKUP** or **TAPE_BACKUP_FROM_SNAPSHOT** must be specified either as part of the backup command or as a profile parameter. This setting applies to all backups. The management agent updates the usability state with **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING**. The IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot offload agent then picks up all snapshot backups in the state **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** and backs them up to tape. The `fcmcli -f backup` operation must be issued from the production system.

To start the offload backup to tape, enter the command:

```
fcmcli -f tape_backup
```

By specifying additional options or filter arguments such as

```
-i instance-name  
-d database-name
```

the appropriate backup for the given instance and or database can be selected for offloading to tape. The **-B backup-id** option cannot be specified in conjunction with **-f tape_backup**. The backups should be processed in chronological order. The `tsm4acs` backs up the oldest snapshot eligible for transfer to IBM Spectrum Protect.

By specifying the **-D** option for the offload agent, it acts as a daemon process that periodically checks for outstanding tape backup requests. Furthermore, the offload agent, running as a daemon, tries to offload a snapshot backup to tape only one time. If the first attempt fails for some reason, the snapshot backup is marked accordingly and is not be picked a second time by the `tsm4acs` daemon for offloading to tape. This type of backup must be offloaded to tape manually by issuing the following command:

```
fcmcli -f tape_backup filter_arguments
```

If multiple snapshot backups of a database are candidates for offloading to tape, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot offload agent (whether as a daemon or with the **-f tape_backup** function) always selects the one with the oldest snapshot backup ID. This selection ensures that the IBM Spectrum Protect backups are created in the appropriate sequential order.

Tip: Whenever a new snapshot backup with **TSM_BACKUP** set to YES, MANDATE, or LATEST is created, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot sets the **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** status to NO for all snapshot backups that were previously created with **TSM_BACKUP** set to LATEST. This prevents backup requests to IBM Spectrum Protect from queuing if they cannot be completed in time.

The `tsm4acs` **tape_backup** function internally does the following steps:

1. Mount the file systems on the offload system if they were not previously mounted using `fcmcli` with the 'mount' function or by a forced mount request. If all necessary file systems were mounted, this step is skipped.

2. Update the usability state to **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS** for all partitions that have the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** set.
3. Back up these partitions to tape.
4. Update usability states: For those partitions for which the backup succeeded, reset the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_PENDING** and set **TAPE_BACKUP_COMPLETE**. For those partitions where the backup failed, set the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_FAILED**. For all participating partitions, reset the usability state **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS**.
5. Unmount the file systems from the offload system.

When the usability state for a partition is **TAPE_BACKUP_IN_PROGRESS**, any request to restart the offload of that partition to tape is refused.

If a backup to IBM Spectrum Protect fails, the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot software can try the backup operation again.

-f update_status

This offload agent command updates the usability state of a specified snapshot backup.

The usability state of a specified snapshot backup can be updated to either offload a snapshot to IBM Spectrum Protect (TSM_BACKUP=yes), or to not offload a snapshot (TSM_BACKUP=no). It is possible to offload a snapshot backup to IBM Spectrum Protect even though the TSM_BACKUP or TSM_BACKUP_FROM_SNAPSHOT profile parameter was deactivated during the snapshot backup operation. If there is no longer a need to offload the snapshot backup that was run with the parameter TSM_BACKUP or TSM_BACKUP_FROM_SNAPSHOT activated, the usability state can be reset.

To identify the backup whose state is to be modified, these parameters must also be specified using the **-f update_status** command:

```
-d database-name  
-i instance-name  
-B backup-id
```

Appendix C. IBM Global Security Kit configuration

IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot uses the security suite IBM Global Security Kit (GSKit), for Secure Socket Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) TCP/IP connections. GSKit supports Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS140-2) and also incorporates the security standards as defined in the Special Publications 800131 (SP 800-131). GSKit is automatically installed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot.

This security standard requires longer key lengths, stronger cryptographic algorithms, and incorporates TLS Protocol version 1.2.

During the installation, IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot automatically creates a new key pair and a self-signed certificate if no default certificate exists. The key pair is stored in the local key database file. The self-signed certificate is created from the key pair and automatically distributed to all backup servers by the setup script through the existing SSH remote deployment mechanisms.

If you do not use the SSH remote deployment capabilities of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you must complete the following steps:

1. Globally install GSKit on each server by activating the instance. The required installation files are available in the `gskit_install` subdirectory of the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance directory.
2. Manually copy the `fcmselfcert.arm` file to the backup server. The manually copied certificate is imported automatically when the setup script is run on the backup server.

To install or reinstall GSKit separately, enter the command, `./setup_gen.sh -a install_gskit -d <instance directory>`

Alternatively, use a CA-signed certificate. The signed certificate can be from an internal or external certificate authority (CA). When SP800-131 encryption is enforced by setting the **ENFORCE_TLS12** profile parameter to YES in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile, the signed certificate must comply with the standard as defined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) SP800-131 standard encryption. This standard requires a minimum key size = 2048 bits and a signature algorithm = RSA with SHA-224 or higher. Import the CA-signed certificate to the key database on the production server.

If you use a standard CA-signed certificate, you do not need to handle `fcmselfcert.arm` files. You must import the CA-signed certificate manually into the production server key ring. Use the GSKit command-line utilities to import the certificate to the production server. If the CA-signed certificate is not a standard certificate that GSKit has a root certificate for, you must import the certificate to all sites. No further action is necessary on the auxiliary servers.

The following GSKit files are installed by IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot:

- A key database file, `fcmcert.kdb`, is in the instance directory.

The KDB file on the production server contains a new key pair and a self-signed certificate. On the backup and cloning servers, the KDB file contains the public part of the self-signed certificate.

- A request database file, `fcmcert.rdb`, is in the instance directory.

The request database file is used to store certificate requests that are associated with the key database. This file is automatically created when IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot creates a key database file.

- An encrypted stash file, `fcmcert.sth`.

The password that is protecting the key database file is generated automatically and is stored in the encrypted stash file.

- An ASCII encoded binary file, `fcmselfcert.arm`.

This file is used to export the public part of the self-signed certificate. It is also used to import the public part of the self-signed certificate to the backup and cloning servers.

When you install backup and clone servers separately without the use of SSH, the installation process installs and sets up IBM GSKit. In this scenario, after IBM GSKit installation, manually copy `fcmselfcert.arm` file to the backup and cloning servers.

- A certificate revocation list file, `fcmcert.crl`.

This file contains a list of revoked certificates.

The `.kdb`, `.rdb`, `.crl`, and the `.sth` files contain critical security parameters and these parameters must be protected against unauthorized access by the operating system. It is advisable to back up the key database files regularly, especially if you are using a CA-signed certificate.

Enforcing SP800-131 compliant encryption

The files that are needed for IBM GSKit are automatically installed during the installation. To enforce SP800-131 compliant encryption, during the configuration of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot, you must set the **ENFORCE_TLS12** parameter to YES in the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot profile file. You must use the advanced mode during the configuration to specify this parameter. Otherwise, TLS Protocol version 1.0 and 1.1 is enabled as the default value for the **ENFORCE_TLS12** parameter is NO.

Any existing self-signed certificates that were created by a previous version of IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot must be deleted to allow IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot to create new self-signed certificates. To remove any existing self-signed certificates, go to the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance directory and enter the following command:

```
rm fmcert.*
```

Note: Do not delete certificates signed by certificate authority (CA). However, if the CA-signed certificate does not meet the minimum SP800-131 criteria, you must manually replace it with a new one.

Uninstall GSKit

GSKit must not be uninstalled unless you are sure that no product on the system is using it. When you uninstall GSKit, you remove the entire global GSKit installation from the system.

If required, you can uninstall GSKit with the following steps.

1. Log in with the root user ID.
2. Change to the IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot instance directory.
3. Run the setup script to uninstall GSKit, as follows.

```
./setup_gen.sh -a uninstall_gskit -d <instance_directory>
```

Appendix D. Examples

Refer to these IBM Spectrum Protect Snapshot examples when you are configuring, updating, or following product tasks.

Target volumes file examples

Refer to this example when you are editing the target volumes file for a DS8000 storage subsystem configuration.

The following file is an example of a VOLUMES_FILE .fct file that includes the target set configuration that is used for cloning:

```
#
#***** First sample *****#
#
#=====#
>>> TARGET_SET 1
TARGET_VOLUME 13ABCTA0111 - -
TARGET_VOLUME 13ABCTA0112 - -
TARGET_VOLUME 13ABCTA0113 - -
<<<
<<<
#=====#
```

SAN Volume Controller and Storwize family target volumes file example

Refer to this example when you are editing the target volumes file for an SAN Volume Controller or Storwize family storage system configuration.

```
#***** First sample *****#
#
#=====#
>>> TARGET_SET VOLUMES_SET_1
TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt1 svdfsrc2 -
TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt2 svdfsrc3 -
TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt3 svdfsrc4 -
TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt4 svdfsrc5 -
TARGET_VOLUME svdftgt5 svdfsrc6 -
<<<
#=====#
```

The following sample profile is an example of a profile in a non-mirrored environment. Create three space-efficient disk-only backups and one dual backup, at midnight, per day.

```
>>> CLIENT
...
TSM_BACKUP LATEST USE_FOR DISK_TSM
DEVICE_CLASS DISK_ONLY FROM 5:30 TO 23:59
DEVICE_CLASS DISK_TSM FROM 0:00 TO 05:29
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS DISK_ONLY
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY # space efficient targets
TARGET_SETS 1 2 3
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
...
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS DISK_TSM
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY # space efficient targets
TARGET_SETS DUAL
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
```

```
...
<<<
```

This scenario illustrates a profile in a mirrored environment. On MIRROR_1, two space-efficient FlashCopy backups are created on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The backup that is created at midnight is copied to IBM Spectrum Protect. The backup that is created at noon is retained only on disk. The backup that is created on Monday is retained until the target sets are reused on Wednesday. On MIRROR_2, only one incremental FlashCopy backup was created on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. This backup is also copied to IBM Spectrum Protect. The backup is retained until the next incremental backup is started.

```
>>> CLIENT
...
TSM_BACKUP LATEST USE_FOR MIRROR_1_DISK_TSM MIRROR_2
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1_DISK_ONLY USE_AT Mon Wed Fri FROM 5:30 TO 23:59
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1_DISK_TSM USE_AT Mon Wed Fri FROM 0:00 TO 05:29
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_2 USE_AT SUN Tue Thu Sat
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1_DISK_ONLY
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY # space efficient targets
TARGET_SETS D0
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
...
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1_DISK_TSM
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY # space efficient targets
TARGET_SETS DT
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
...
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_2
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE INCR
TARGET_SETS 1
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
...
<<<
```

This example is like the previous example, but the example does not create IBM Spectrum Protect backups from MIRROR_1. Rather, the example retains the space-efficient FlashCopy images for one week (same schedule).

```
>>> CLIENT
...
TSM_BACKUP LATEST USE_FOR MIRROR_1_DISK_TSM MIRROR_2
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1_DISK_ONLY USE_AT Mon Wed Fri
DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_2 USE_AT Sun Tue Thu Sat
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_1_DISK_ONLY
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE NOCOPY # space efficient targets
TARGET_SETS 1A 1B 3A 3B 5A 5B
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
...
<<<
>>> DEVICE_CLASS MIRROR_2
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
FLASHCOPY_TYPE INCR
TARGET_SETS 1
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
...
<<<
```

Custom applications profile example

This example contains a sample profile for backing up and restoring data in a custom application environment.

```
>>> GLOBAL
# ACS_DIR /home/caauser/acs
ACSD ehonda 61000
# TRACE NO
```

```

<<<

>>> ACSD
ACS_REPOSITORY /home/caauser/acs/repository
# REPOSITORY_LABEL TSM
# SYNCHRONOUS_RECONCILE RESTORE_AND_DELETE
<<<

>>> OFFLOAD
BACKUP_METHOD TSM_CLIENT
# MODE FULL
ASNODENAME CAA_aha_target
# DSM_DIR
# DSM_CONFIG
# VIRTUALFSNAME fcm
<<<

>>> CLIENT
BACKUPIDPREFIX CAA_
APPLICATION_TYPE GENERIC
INFILE /home/caauser/acs/infile
PRE_FLASH_CMD /home/caauser/acs/scripts/preflash.cmd
POST_FLASH_CMD /home/caauser/acs/scripts/postflash.cmd
TSM_BACKUP YES
# MAX_VERSIONS ADAPTIVE
# LVM_FREEZE_THAW AUTO
NEGATIVE_LIST NO_CHECK
# TIMEOUT_FLASH 120
# GLOBAL_SYSTEM_IDENTIFIER
DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
<<<

>>> DEVICE_CLASS STANDARD
COPYSERVICES_HARDWARE_TYPE SVC
COPYSERVICES_PRIMARY_SERVERNAME svc05
# COPYSERVICES_USERNAME superuser
# CLONE_DATABASE NO
SVC_COPY_RATE 90
# SVC_CLEAN_RATE 50
# COPYSERVICES_COMMPROTOCOL HTTPS
# COPYSERVICES_CERTIFICATEFILE NO_CERTIFICATE
# COPYSERVICES_SERVERPORT 5989
FLASHCOPY_TYPE INCR
# COPYSERVICES_TIMEOUT 6
# RESTORE_FORCE NO
# LVM_MIRRORING NO
# RECON_INTERVAL 12
BACKUP_HOST_NAME sagat
TARGET_SETS TS1 TS2 TS3
TARGET_NAMING %SOURCE_%TARGETSET
<<<

```

Appendix E. Accessibility features for the IBM Spectrum Protect product family

Accessibility features assist users who have a disability, such as restricted mobility or limited vision, to use information technology content successfully.

Overview

The IBM Spectrum Protect family of products includes the following major accessibility features:

- Keyboard-only operation
- Operations that use a screen reader

The IBM Spectrum Protect family of products uses the latest W3C Standard, [WAI-ARIA 1.0](http://www.w3.org/TR/wai-aria/) (www.w3.org/TR/wai-aria/), to ensure compliance with [US Section 508](http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-section-508-standards/section-508-standards) (www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-section-508-standards/section-508-standards) and [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/) (www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/). To take advantage of accessibility features, use the latest release of your screen reader and the latest web browser that is supported by the product.

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Keyboard navigation

This product uses standard navigation keys.

Interface information

User interfaces do not have content that flashes 2 - 55 times per second.

Web user interfaces rely on cascading style sheets to render content properly and to provide a usable experience. The application provides an equivalent way for low-vision users to use system display settings, including high-contrast mode. You can control font size by using the device or web browser settings.

Web user interfaces include WAI-ARIA navigational landmarks that you can use to quickly navigate to functional areas in the application.

Vendor software

The IBM Spectrum Protect product family includes certain vendor software that is not covered under the IBM license agreement. IBM makes no representation about the accessibility features of these products. Contact the vendor for accessibility information about its products.

Related accessibility information

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TTY service
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