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# Quick Recovery overview for Enterprise Vault

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [About Quick Recovery snapshot solutions](#)
- [About snapshot-assisted backups](#)
- [Advantages of Quick Recovery snapshots](#)
- [Quick Recovery process](#)
- [Implementing Quick Recovery snapshots for Enterprise Vault components](#)
- [About the components used in Quick Recovery](#)

## About Quick Recovery snapshot solutions

Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows (SFW) provides the capability to create a point-in-time image of all the volumes associated with an Enterprise Vault component. This image, called a snapshot set, is a complete copy of the Enterprise Vault component at the specific point in time the snapshots are taken.

SFW uses Veritas FlashSnap™ technology along with the Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) framework to quiesce the component and ensure a persistent snapshot of the production data.

Quick recovery is the term for creating and maintaining the SFW snapshot sets that are stored on the host where the snapshot was taken. They are used to quickly recover databases in the event of corruption or an accidental /malicious update. The quick recovery solution provides fast recovery from logical errors and eliminates the time-consuming process of restoring data from tape.

Databases can be recovered to the point in time when the snapshot was taken.

You can create multiple snapshot sets for each Enterprise Vault component and set up schedules for creating and refreshing the snapshot sets. The snapshot sets can be maintained on-host as a Quick Recovery solution.

SFW snapshots use a split-mirror snapshot method. The snapshot is a separate persistent volume that contains an exact duplicate of all the data on the original volume at the time the snapshot is taken. This type of persistent physical snapshot is also known as a Clone (HP) or a BCV (EMC).

Because a snapshot set contains a split-mirror snapshot copy of each of the volumes in the component, the snapshot set requires the same amount of space as the original volumes.

Veritas FlashSnap technology is also integrated into the Veritas NetBackup 6.0 Advanced Client Option and Symantec Backup Exec™ 10d Advanced Disk-based Backup Option. These products are the preferred solution for on and off host snapshot-assisted backup.

## About snapshot-assisted backups

Since a snapshot set created using SFW is an exact copy of the production data, it can be used with a backup application in place of the production volumes to produce regular backups to tape or other media. A snapshot set can be used for backup either on-host or moved to a secondary server.

A snapshot-assisted backup provides the following advantages:

- Reduces backup I/O load on the production volumes in an on-host environment, allowing backup to be completed with less impact to the users
- Eliminates backup I/O load on the production server in an off-host environment

## Advantages of Quick Recovery snapshots

A Quick Recovery solution serves as a first line of defense to recover components that have been subject to accidental or malicious updates. Quick Recovery is designed to augment your traditional backup methodology. Maintaining a snapshot set requires just the few seconds it takes to detach a split-mirror snapshot from its original volume. On-host snapshot recovery is faster than restoring a full backup from tape or other media; on-host snapshot recovery reduces downtime and helps meet service-level agreements for application availability.

In addition to the primary benefit of recovery from logical errors, snapshot sets can be moved over a SAN to another server and used for other purposes including:

- Application tuning and testing—data can be updated and modified in a realistic environment without impacting users.
- Business reporting and decision analysis—up-to-date data is available with minimal impact on the production environment.

## Quick Recovery process

The Quick Recovery process can be broken down into the following phases:

- Creating an initial snapshot set  
This has two stages:
  - Preparing the mirror for the snapshot set  
This stage takes a while and should be scheduled for a time of low activity.
  - Creating the initial snapshot set by splitting the mirror so that it is no longer synchronized with the original volume and becomes a point-in-time copy
- Periodically refreshing (resynchronizing) the split-mirror snapshot with the original volume, and then splitting the mirror again, as needed or according to a pre-set schedule  
This stage is automated by setting up snapshot schedules using the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler wizard.
- Using a snapshot set to recover a corrupted Enterprise Vault component

## Implementing Quick Recovery snapshots for Enterprise Vault components

Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows provides more than one method of implementing Quick Recovery snapshots for Enterprise Vault components.

- Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler
- Enterprise Vault Snapshot and Snapback wizards and the `vxsnap` command line utility

[Table 1-1](#) summarizes the methods and when you would use them.

**Table 1-1** Methods of implementing Quick Recovery snapshots

Tasks	Method	For more information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Add a new snapshot set schedule for a component</li></ul>	From the VEA: Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard	<a href="#">“About the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard”</a> on page 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Create a one-time snapshot as needed</li></ul>	From the VEA: Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard and Enterprise Vault Snapback Wizard  You can also use the <code>vxsnap</code> utility from the CLI.	<a href="#">“About the Enterprise Vault Snapshot and Snapback wizards and the vxsnap utility”</a> on page 13

### About the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard

You can use the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to add a snapshot schedule for a selected component. With the wizard, you can schedule multiple Enterprise Vault components at a time.

The Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard does not prepare the snapshot volume. You need to use the Enterprise Vault Prepare Wizard before running the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to schedule a new snapshot set for Enterprise Vault.

As an example, you may configure a daily snapshot for Quick Recovery use and also add a weekly snapshot on a different disk for backup use.

## About the Enterprise Vault Snapshot and Snapback wizards and the vxsnap utility

If you need to create an individual snapshot set, you can do so either from the command line, using the `vxsnap` command line utility, or from the VEA console using the Enterprise Vault Snapshot and Snapback wizards.

You must prepare the mirror for the snapshot manually, using the Enterprise Vault Prepare Wizard or `vxsnap` utility. In addition, these methods do not include the capability of scheduling periodic refreshing of the snapshot set. Instead you would need to manually reattach the mirror, allowing it to resynchronize, and then create a snapshot set again from the resynchronized mirror.

If you want to keep the snapshot set up to date, you should set up a snapshot schedule using the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard.

For more information about the Enterprise Vault Snapshot and Snapback wizards, see [“Scheduling a new snapshot set”](#) on page 35.

For more information about the `vxsnap` command line utility, see [“Vxsnap keywords”](#) on page 62.

The `vxsnap` command can be invoked from any system which is a part of the EV configuration and where the Enterprise VaultAdmin service is running. The PowerShell script execution policy should be set to unrestricted and the Veritas Scheduler Service should be configured with users having Administrative privileges.

See [“Preparing for Enterprise Vault snapshots”](#) on page 32.

[Table 1-2](#) shows the `vxsnap` command along with the keyword options that perform the same action as the Enterprise Vault wizards.

**Table 1-2** Actions of wizards and vxsnap command

Action	Wizard	vxsnap command line utility
Prepares all dependent components of Enterprise Vault (EV) for a snapshot set	Prepare volumes using the VEA GUI See <a href="#">“Preparing an EV snapshot mirror”</a> on page 33.	Prepare volumes using the CLI See <a href="#">“vxsnap prepare”</a> on page 62.

**Table 1-2** Actions of wizards and vxsnap command (Continued)

Action	Wizard	vxsnap command line utility
Creates a snapshot set consisting of snapshots of all the volumes in the specified Enterprise Vault component.	Enterprise Vault Snapshot wizard See <a href="#">“Creating a one-time EV snapshot set”</a> on page 42.	create See <a href="#">“vxsnap create”</a> on page 63.
Reattaches and resynchronizes a snapshot set to the production database volumes.	Enterprise Vault Snapback wizard See <a href="#">“Reattaching EV snapshot sets”</a> on page 49.	reattach See <a href="#">“vxsnap reattach”</a> on page 65.

## About the components used in Quick Recovery

SFW Quick Recovery snapshots use Veritas FlashSnap and FastResync technology along with the Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service framework.

### FlashSnap and FastResync

Veritas FlashSnap provides the ability to create and maintain the on-host point in time copies of volumes that are integral to the snapshot solutions. Both the original and snapshot volume may consist of multiple physical devices, as in the case of RAID 0+1 (Mirrored Striped) volumes. FlashSnap cannot be used with software RAID-5 volumes.

FastResync is a FlashSnap feature that optimizes the resynchronization of a snapshot volume and its original volume. FlashSnap uses FastResync technology to track the changed blocks in an original volume after a snapshot is detached. A Disk Change Object (DCO) volume is automatically created to store a record of these changes. When the snapshot volume is resynchronized with the original volume, only the changed data blocks are written to the snapshot volume. This greatly reduces the time and performance impact of resynchronization which means that a snapshot set can be refreshed with minimal impact to production.

## Integration with Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service

SFW integrates with the Windows Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) as both a VSS Requestor and a VSS Provider. This integration is provided by FlashSnap.

The Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) process allows the Enterprise Vault components to be frozen before the snapshot operation occurs and then thawed immediately after it. This quiescing allows for Microsoft supported and guaranteed persistent snapshots of your data.

FlashSnap integrates with VSS to create a snapshot set containing snapshot volumes of all the volumes associated with Enterprise Vault without taking the databases offline.

### VSS framework

There are four components to the VSS framework: Requestor, Writer, Provider, and the Volume Shadow Copy Service itself.

**Table 1-3** VSS framework components

Component	Action
Volume Shadow Copy Service	Talks to and coordinates the Requestor, Provider, and Writer.
Requestor	As a Requestor, the vxsnap component of FlashSnap notifies the VSS coordinator to initiate the VSS request to prepare Enterprise Vault for quiescing and later requests that the snap shot process begin.
Writer	As Writers, VSS-enabled applications such as Enterprise Vault respond to requests to prepare and participate in the generation of snapshots, provide success/failure status, and provide information about the application including what is to be backed up and restored, and restore strategy.
Provider	As a Provider, FlashSnap creates the persistent snapshot.

### VSS process

FlashSnap integrates with Volume Shadow Copy Service as both a VSS Requestor and a VSS Provider.

The following steps occur, in the order presented, during the snapshot process:

- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap notifies Enterprise Vault to put Enterprise Vault components in to backup mode (readonly mode).

- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap notifies the VSS coordinator service to prepare for a split-mirror snapshot of SQL or a volume.
- The VSS coordinator service calls the SQL Writer to find out which volumes contain the databases and transaction logs (if the snapshot set involves an SQL database).
- The VSS coordinator service notifies the FlashSnap VSS Provider to prepare for the snapshot.
- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap requests that the VSS coordinator service begin the snapshot call.
- The VSS coordinator service notifies the SQL writer to quiesce and freeze the components in preparation for the snapshot (if the snapshot set involves an SQL database).
- The VSS coordinator flushes the file system buffer and then freezes the file system. which ensures that file system metadata is written and that the data is written in a consistent order.
- The VSS coordinator service calls the FlashSnap Provider to create the snapshot by detaching the snapshot volume from the original volume. After the snapshot volume is detached, the FlashSnap Provider informs the VSS coordinator service to proceed.
- The VSS coordinator Service thaws the file system (release the freeze of the file system).
- The VSS coordinator service notifies SQL to thaw (release the freeze) and resume normal I/O (if the snapshot set involves an SQL database).
- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap notifies the Enterprise Vault to clear Enterprise Vault components from backup mode (readonly mode).

The following steps occur, in the order presented, during the restore process:

- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap notifies the Enterprise Vault to put Enterprise Vault components into backup mode (readonly mode).
- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap notifies the VSS coordinator service to prepare for a restore operation.
- The VSS coordinator service calls SQL which prepares for the restore operation (if the snapshot set involves an SQL database).
- The FlashSnap utility restores the snapshot volumes. After the snapback operation completes, the FlashSnap utility informs the VSS coordinator service to proceed.
- The VSS coordinator service notifies SQL to process the post-restore operations (if the snapshot set involves an SQL database)

- Acting as a VSS Requestor, FlashSnap notifies Enterprise Vault to clear all Enterprise Vault components from backup mode (readonly mode).



# Preparing to implement Quick Recovery for Enterprise Vault

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [Tasks for preparing to implement Quick Recovery for Enterprise Vault](#)
- [Reviewing the prerequisites](#)
- [Configuring Enterprise Vault storage with Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows](#)

## Tasks for preparing to implement Quick Recovery for Enterprise Vault

[Table 2-1](#) outlines the high-level objectives and the tasks to complete each objective for preparing to implement Enterprise Vault Quick Recovery.

**Table 2-1** Tasks for preparing to implement Enterprise Vault Quick Recovery

Objective	Tasks
<a href="#">“Reviewing the prerequisites”</a> on page 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Verifying hardware and software prerequisites and storage configuration best practices</li></ul>
<a href="#">“Configuring Enterprise Vault storage with Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows”</a> on page 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Creating a dynamic disk group</li><li>■ Creating dynamic volumes</li><li>■ Configuring Enterprise Vault (EV) and using SFW dynamic volumes to create EV components.</li></ul>

## Reviewing the prerequisites

A Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows (SFW) quick recovery solution can be implemented on either a standalone system or a clustered system.

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**Note:** Quick recovery snapshots of the Enterprise Vault components are supported for Veritas Cluster Server (VCS) on Windows Server 2003 and Windows Server 2008 and for Microsoft Cluster Server (MSCS) on Windows Server 2003.

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This solution assumes that Storage Foundation for Windows (SFW) is already installed and configured.

Refer to the *Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Installation and Upgrade Guide* for installation and configuration information for Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows or Veritas Storage Foundation HA for Windows.

## Supported software

Quick Recovery snapshots require the following software:

- Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows (SFW) with the FlashSnap option.  
or
- Veritas Storage Foundation HA for Windows (SFW HA) with the FlashSnap option.
- SFW 5.1 or SFW HA 5.1, Service Pack 1 (minimum requirement for Enterprise Vault support)
- Any of the following Enterprise Vault Servers and their operating systems.

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**Note:** SFW Quick Recovery snapshots are supported on Enterprise Vault 8.0 SP1 onwards.

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**Table 2-2** Software supported by Enterprise Vault versions

Operating System	EV 8.0 SP1	EV 8.0 SP2	VCS Cluster	MSCS Cluster
Windows Server 2003 SP2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Server 2003 R2 SP2	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Table 2-2** Software supported by Enterprise Vault versions (Continued)

Operating System	EV 8.0 SP1	EV 8.0 SP2	VCS Cluster	MSCS Cluster
Windows Server 2003 x64 edition SP2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Server 2003 x64 edition R2, R2 SP2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Server 2008 x64 edition SP1, SP2	✓	✓	✓	–
Windows Storage Server 2003 SP2	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Note:** Software supportability list shown in the above table is based on Enterprise Vault compatibility list and may change with EV releases. To view a more recent version of this list, visit [ftp://exftpp.symantec.com/pub/support/products/Exchange\\_Mailbox\\_Archiving\\_Unit/276547.pdf](ftp://exftpp.symantec.com/pub/support/products/Exchange_Mailbox_Archiving_Unit/276547.pdf)

## Storage requirements and best practices

Review the following best practices and requirements for snapshot storage:

- The hardware for Quick Recovery should include sufficient storage to be able to create dynamic volumes on separate disks or LUNs for the following purposes:
  - Databases
  - Transaction logs
  - Enterprise Vault Partitions and Index Locations
  - Split-mirror snapshots of the database and transaction log volumes
- For the split-mirror snapshots, make sure to select disks or LUNs that are not used for production data.
- You can create a snapshot of more than one volume on the same disk or LUN as long as there is sufficient space available.

## Configuration requirements and best practices

Review the following configuration requirements and best practices:

- Configuring Enterprise Vault to work with Storage Foundation for Windows 5.1 SP2 requires that Microsoft Windows PowerShell 1.0 or later be installed.
- The system and boot volumes must reside on a separate disk (Harddisk0) from the dynamic volumes used for the Enterprise Vault components and split-mirror snapshots.
- Disk groups must be of a Storage Foundation for Windows 4.0 or later version. Upgrade any disk groups created using an earlier version of Volume Manager for Windows before creating Quick Recovery snapshots.
- Quick Recovery snapshots are supported only on volumes belonging to an SFW dynamic disk group. They are not supported on volumes belonging to a Microsoft Disk Management Disk Group. For more information on Microsoft Disk Management Disk Groups, see *Veritas Storage Foundation Administrator's Guide*.
- Database and transaction logs must be stored on disks within a single dynamic disk group.
- Database and transaction logs should be on separate disks so that disk failure does not affect anyone of these filegroups.
- User-defined database and transaction logs may not be stored in the same volume as the Enterprise Vault program files or system data files.
- Locate snapshot volumes on separate disks from any database and log volumes so that the snapshot process does not interfere with database operations.
- Locate the snapshot volumes for each component on separate disks from snapshots of other components. This is recommended so that the process of creating the snapshot of one component does not interfere with any operations on another component.

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**Warning:** The snapshot XML files must be stored separately from the volumes that are included in snapshots, otherwise a restore will fail.

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- Transaction logs should always be configured in a redundant layout. The preferred software layout is RAID 0+1 (mirrored striped) volumes as this provides better read and write performance than RAID 1 (mirrored) alone. The transaction log will generate the most I/O and thus should use the highest performance disks available.
- The preferred layout for the database is hardware RAID 5, software RAID 1 (mirrored with logging enabled) or software RAID 0+1 (mirrored striped).

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**Note:** FlashSnap is not supported for software RAID 5 volumes.

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## Configuring Enterprise Vault storage with Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows

To use the SFW Quick Recovery snapshot functionality with Enterprise Vault components, you must store the components on Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows (SFW) dynamic volumes. Configuring your Enterprise Vault Server storage with SFW includes the following tasks:

- Creating one or more dynamic disk groups.
- Creating volumes for the databases, transaction logs, Enterprise Vault partitions, index locations, etc.
- Creating new databases, Enterprise Vault partitions, index locations and setting the appropriate paths to point to the new SFW volumes.

If your Enterprise Vault Server environment is already configured with SFW, skip this section.

### Creating dynamic disk groups

Create one or more dynamic disk groups.

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**Note:** Disk groups must be of a Storage Foundation for Windows 4.0 or later version. You must upgrade any disk groups created using an earlier version of Volume Manager for Windows before implementing SFW snapshot solutions. Quick Recovery snapshots are supported only on volumes belonging to an SFW dynamic disk group. They are not supported on volumes belonging to a Microsoft Disk Management Disk Group.

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To create a dynamic disk group from the VEA console

- 1 Click **Start > Programs > Symantec > Veritas Storage Foundation>Veritas Enterprise Administrator** and if prompted to select a profile, select a profile (or Default).
- 2 Click **Connect to a Host or Domain** and in the Connect dialog box, specify the host name and click **Connect**.  
For the local system you can specify **localhost**.
- 3 If prompted to do so, specify the user name, password, and domain for the system.

- 4 In the tree expand the system name and expand the storage agent.
- 5 Right-click **Disk Groups**, and click **New Dynamic Disk Group**.
- 6 On the **Welcome** screen of the New Dynamic Disk Group Wizard, click **Next**.
- 7 Enter a name for the disk group.
- 8 For an off-host or cluster environment, choose from the following:
  - For a cluster environment, check the **Create cluster group** check box.
  - For an off-host environment, check the **Add private group protection** check box.
- 9 Select the appropriate disks in the Available disks list and click the **Add** button to move them to the Selected disks list.
- 10 Click **Next**.
- 11 Click **Next** to upgrade the selected disks.
- 12 Click **Finish** to create the new disk group.

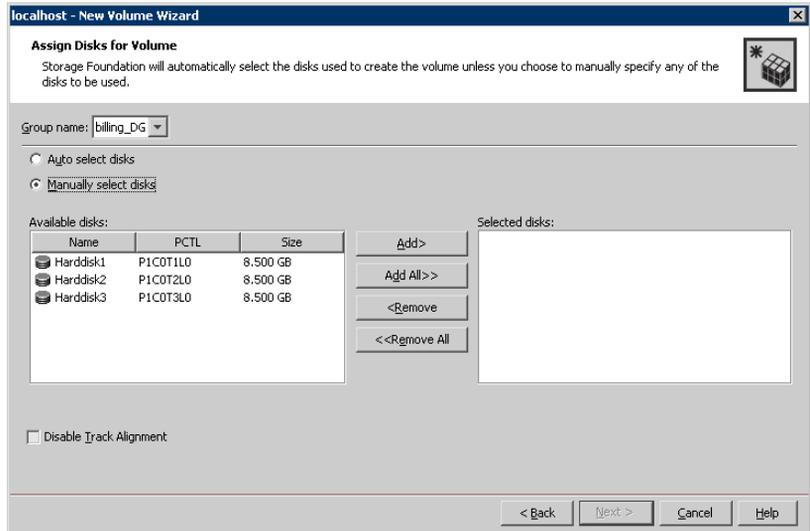
## Creating dynamic volumes

Create volumes for Enterprise Vault (EV) components.

### To create a dynamic volume from the VEA console

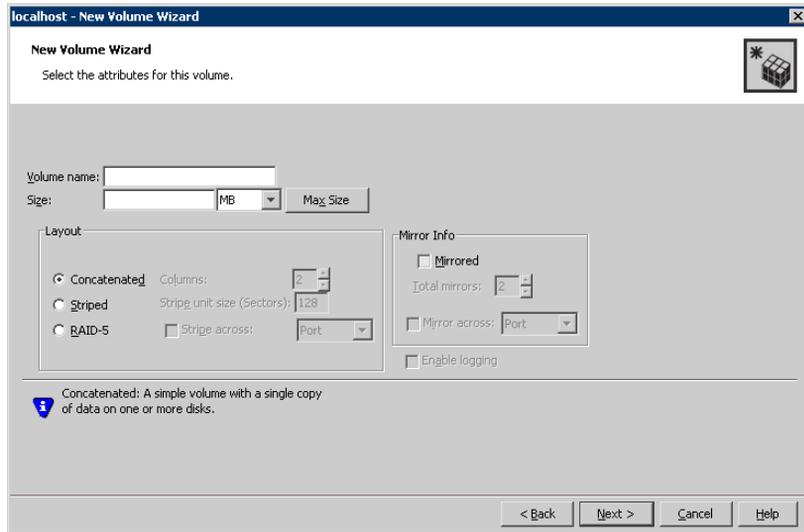
- 1 Start the VEA and connect to the appropriate host.
- 2 In the tree, expand the system name, expand the storage agent, and then expand **Disk Groups**.
- 3 Right-click on the disk group in which to create the volumes, and click **New Volume**.
- 4 In the Welcome panel of the New Volume Wizard, click **Next**.

5 Select the disks for the volume:



- Specify automatic or manual disk selection. Symantec recommends using the **Manually select disks** option.
- Select the appropriate disks in the Available disks list, and click the **Add** button to move them to the Selected disks list.
- You may also check Disable Track Alignment to disable track alignment for the volume. Disabling Track Alignment means that the volume does not store blocks of data in alignment with the boundaries of the physical track of the disk.
- Click **Next**.

6 Specify the parameters of the volume:



- Enter the size.
  - Select the layout.
  - Select the appropriate mirror options.
  - Click **Next**.
- 7 Assign a drive letter to the volume and click **Next**.
- 8 Create an NTFS file system:
- Accept the default **Format this volume**.
  - Click **NTFS**.
  - Select an allocation size.
  - Accept the default file system label, which is the same as the volume name you entered previously or enter a file system label.
  - If desired, select **Perform a quick format**.
  - Click **Next**.
- 9 Review the volume specifications, then click **Finish** to create the new volume.

## Pointing the databases and log paths to the SFW volumes

Create a new database and point the database and log paths to the SFW volumes.

Refer to the Enterprise Vault Server documentation for information about creating a new database and setting the database and log paths.

## Starting VSS Writers and configuration commands

This section describes how to configure Enterprise Vault to work with SFW. To take a snapshot of any of the Enterprise Vault components with SFW for quick recovery, these components need to reside on SFW dynamic volumes. The steps below show you how to start the VSS Writers for SQL and to configure Enterprise Vault.

### To enable VSS Writers

- 1 Start "SQL Server VSS Writer" from Windows Services  
 Ensure to set the service to start automatically on system start up.
- 2 Ensure that the following configured EV services on the EV servers are started:
  - EnterpriseVaultAdminService
  - Enterprise Vault Directory Service
  - Enterprise Vault Storage Service
  - Enterprise Vault Indexing Service
  - Enterprise Vault Task Controller Service
- 3 Verify that the SQL Writer has started by entering the following command in a command window.

```
C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\web
server extensions\12\BIN>vssadmin list writers
```

The output from this command displays status of the VSS Writers on the system.

Sample output from the command is as follows:

```
vssadmin 1.1 - Volume Shadow Copy Service
administrative command-line tool
(C) Copyright 2001 Microsoft Corp.
Writer name: 'SqlServerWriter'
    Writer Id: {a65faa63-5ea8-4ebc-9dbd-a0c4db26912a}
    Writer Instance Id:
{3545eff6-197e-40ef-b48f-891cd251f413}
    State: [1] Stable
    Last error: No error
```



# Scheduling or creating a snapshot set for Enterprise Vault

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [About scheduling or creating a snapshot set](#)
- [Tasks to schedule a new snapshot set](#)
- [Tasks to create a one-time snapshot set](#)
- [Reviewing the prerequisites](#)
- [Preparing for Enterprise Vault snapshots](#)
- [Preparing an EV snapshot mirror](#)
- [Scheduling a new snapshot set](#)
- [Creating a one-time EV snapshot set](#)
- [Refreshing an EV snapshot](#)

## About scheduling or creating a snapshot set

You can use the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to add a snapshot schedule for all volumes of a selected component. The scheduler wizard enables you to automate the refreshing of snapshots according to the schedule that you define.

However, the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard does not prepare the snapshot mirrors. You must use the Prepare command to prepare the snapshot mirrors before running the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard for a

component. One snapshot set can have multiple EV components. You can also select multiple components that you want to add to the snapshot set.

At times you may want to create a one-time snapshot of a specific volume or volumes. You can do so using either the `vxsnap` command line utility or from the Veritas Enterprise Administrator (VEA) console using the Enterprise Vault Snapshot and Snapback Wizards.

## Tasks to schedule a new snapshot set

Table 3-1 outlines the high-level objectives and the tasks to complete each objective.

**Table 3-1** Tasks for scheduling a new snapshot set

Objective	Tasks
“ <a href="#">Reviewing the prerequisites</a> ” on page 32	■ Verifying hardware and software prerequisites
“ <a href="#">Preparing for Enterprise Vault snapshots</a> ” on page 32	■ Preparing Enterprise Vault for snapshots
“ <a href="#">Preparing an EV snapshot mirror</a> ” on page 33	■ Creating snapshot mirrors using the VEA Prepare Wizard or the <code>vxsnap</code> command line utility
“ <a href="#">Scheduling a new snapshot set</a> ” on page 35	■ Using the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to create the initial snapshot set and set up the schedule for keeping it refreshed.

## Tasks to create a one-time snapshot set

Table 3-2 outlines the high-level objectives and the tasks to complete each objective.

**Table 3-2** Tasks for creating a one-time snapshot set

Objective	Tasks
“ <a href="#">Reviewing the prerequisites</a> ” on page 32	■ Verifying hardware and software prerequisites
“ <a href="#">Preparing for Enterprise Vault snapshots</a> ” on page 32	■ Preparing Enterprise Vault for snapshots
“ <a href="#">Preparing an EV snapshot mirror</a> ” on page 33	■ Creating snapshot mirrors using the VEA Prepare Wizard or the <code>vxsnap</code> command line utility

**Table 3-2** Tasks for creating a one-time snapshot set

Objective	Tasks
“ <a href="#">Creating a one-time EV snapshot set</a> ” on page 42	■ Creating the one-time snapshot set using the VEA Snapshot Wizard or the <code>vxsnap</code> command line utility.

## Reviewing the prerequisites

Review the following prerequisites:

- Ensure that your system hardware and software meets the requirements. See [“Reviewing the prerequisites”](#) on page 20.
- Set up Enterprise Vault Server for use with Storage Foundation for Windows (SFW). See [“Configuring Enterprise Vault storage with Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows”](#) on page 23.
- Ensure that you have disks with enough space to store the snapshot volumes. Each snapshot set requires the same amount of space as the original volumes.
- The `vxsnap` command can be invoked from any system which is a part of EV configuration and where the Enterprise Vault Admin service is running. The script execution policy should be set to unrestricted and the Veritas Scheduler Service should be configured with users having Administrative privileges. See [“Prerequisites for creating an EV snapshot”](#) on page 46.

## Preparing for Enterprise Vault snapshots

For taking EV snapshots, you must invoke the Enterprise Vault Management Shell to register PowerShell snap-ins, set the execution policy, and then configure Veritas Scheduler Services.

Make sure the following have been completed before taking Enterprise Vault snapshots:

- [Invoking the Enterprise Vault Management Shell](#)
- [Configuring the Veritas Scheduler Service](#)

## Invoking the Enterprise Vault Management Shell

After completing the Enterprise Vault installation tasks, and before taking Enterprise Vault snapshots, you must invoke the Enterprise Vault Management Shell to register PowerShell snap-ins and set the execution policy.

The Enterprise Vault Management Shell can be invoked either prior to or after performing the Prepare operation for snapshot mirrors.

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**Note:** You need to invoke the Enterprise Vault Management Shell only once on a host where you are performing the snapshot command. As a best practice, it is recommended that you invoke the shell once on all the hosts in the Enterprise Vault configuration.

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#### To invoke the Enterprise Vault Management Shell

- 1 Invoke **Start > All Programs > Enterprise Vault > Enterprise Vault Management Shell**
- 2 Run the following command to set the execution policy:  
`set-executionpolicy unrestricted`

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**Caution:** When execution policy is unrestricted, PowerShell will run any PowerShell script. This is the least secure setting and has considerable security risks.

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## Configuring the Veritas Scheduler Service

Configure the Veritas Scheduler Service with administrative privileges on all nodes where you have configured the Enterprise Vault Server.

Perform the following to configure the services.

#### To launch the Veritas Scheduler Service

- 1 Launch the Veritas Scheduler Service Administrative tool by selecting **Start > All Programs > Administrative Tools > Services > Veritas Scheduler Service**.
- 2 From the Veritas Scheduler Service Properties window, select **Log On**. Disable the **Local System account** option. Enable the **This account** option. Ensure that the user name is set up with administrative privileges. Click **OK**.

## Preparing an EV snapshot mirror

Preparing Enterprise Vault (EV) for snapshot involves preparing all the dependent components of EV. The Prepare operation can be performed at the EV farm, sites, Vault StoreGroups, Vault Stores, or any component level. When you right-click an EV object and select the Enterprise Vault Prepare operation from the context menu, related EV sites, components, etc. within (subordinate to) the EV object are Prepared for snapshot mirrors.

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**Note:** You can have only one snapshot volume on a disk for particular production volume.

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**Note:** If a volume is used for more than one component, it will be snapshot prepared only once when all the components are specified in `vxsnap prepare` command or in Enterprise Vault Prepare Wizard. However, when all the components are separately prepared for snapshot mirrors, then the volume gets prepared many times (once for every component).

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The snapshot mirrors remain attached to the original volumes and continue to be updated until you use the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard, the `vxsnap create` command, or the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to create the snapshot set.

Please note the following:

- When an EV site is Prepared, the Directory database is also Prepared implicitly by the system along with the EV site components.
- When an Vault Store database of a Vault Store is prepared, the Open Partition of that VaultStore is also prepared implicitly by the system.
- When an Open Partition of a Vault Store is prepared, the Vault Store database of that Vault Store is also prepared implicitly by the system.

To prepare the snapshot mirrors, you can use either of the following methods:

- Prepare volumes using the VEA GUI  
You can Prepare volumes for snapshot mirrors using the VEA GUI.  
See [“Preparing an EV snapshot mirror”](#) on page 33.
- Prepare volumes using the CLI  
You can use the `vxsnap prepare` command to prepare volumes for snapshot mirrors.  
See [“vxsnap prepare”](#) on page 62.

**To prepare volumes for EV snapshot mirror using the VEA**

- 1 On the VEA console, navigate to the **Storage Agent** in the tree-view and expand the **Enterprise Vault** nodes, under **Applications**.
- 2 Right-click the desired **Enterprise Vault** component and select **Enterprise Vault Prepare** from the context menu.
- 3 The Enterprise Vault Prepare Wizard is launched.  
Read the information on the Welcome page. Click **Next**.

- 4 From the Select Component page, select the EV components, sites, Vault Store Groups, Vault Stores, or partitions for which you want to Prepare snapshot mirrors.

Additionally, you can also use the keyboard shortcuts to select EV components. **Ctrl+ A** selects the entire EV farm along with sites and components. Use **Ctrl+Click** to select EV components of your choice. Use **Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Up, Down** keys to select components located at the upper and lower hierarchies in the EV farm.

Click **Next**.

- 5 Review the summary page for description of the selected sites and components that are Prepared. Click **Finish** to complete the Prepare operation for the selected components.

## Scheduling a new snapshot set

Before you run the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to schedule a snapshot set for a database, you must prepare a snapshot mirror for each of the volumes in the database.

See [“Preparing for Enterprise Vault snapshots”](#) on page 32.

You can then use the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard to schedule the initial snapshot set and to set up the schedule for keeping it refreshed.

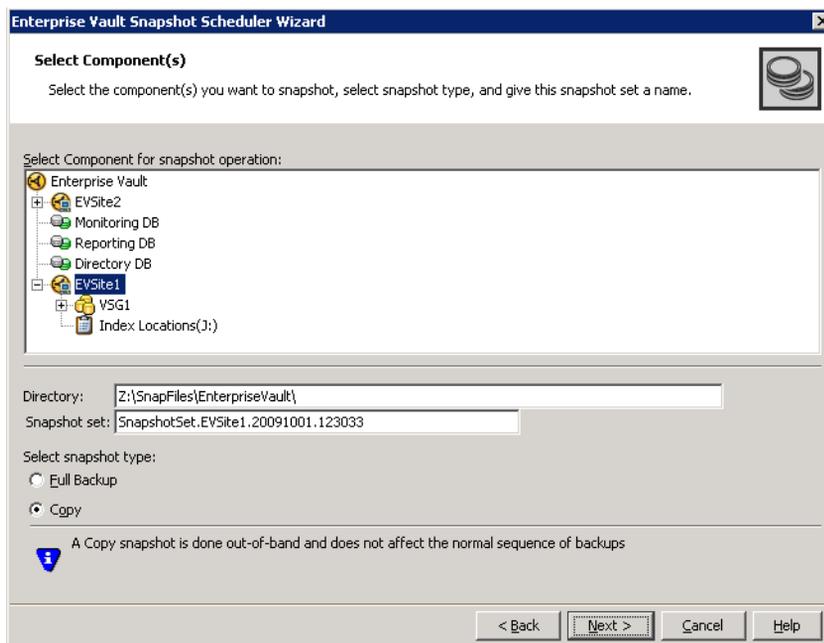
The scheduling of snapshots can be done at the EV farm, sites, Vault Store Groups, Vault Stores, Partitions, or any component level. The Schedule Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard can be launched from any component of EV configuration.

When the scheduled snapshots occur, the snapshot mirrors are detached from the original volumes, creating separate on-host snapshot volumes as well as an XML file to store the snapshot volume metadata. The scheduled process integrates with VSS to quiesce the database and then simultaneously snapshot the volumes for EV components. This snapshot is done while the EV components are online and without disrupting the operations. It also allows the Enterprise Vault PowerShell cmdlet to put Enterprise Vault into backup mode. Backup mode ensures that no writes happen on Enterprise Vault components.

### To schedule a snapshot for a selected component

- 1 On the VEA, navigate to the **Storage Agent** node on the left-hand pane and click to expand **Applications**. Right-click **Enterprise Vault** and select **Schedule Enterprise Vault Snapshot** from the context menu.
- 2 Review the information on the Welcome page. Click **Next**.

- 3 On the Select Components page, select the EV components you want to snapshot. Select the snapshot type and give it a name.



Complete the information on the Select Components page as follows:

Select component for snapshot operation

Select the EV components you want to snapshot. You can select EV Farm, sites, Vault Store Groups, Vault Stores, partitions or any component.

Additionally, you can also use the keyboard shortcuts to select EV components. **Ctrl+ A** selects the entire EV farm along with sites and components. Use **Ctrl+Click** to select EV components of your choice. Use **Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Up, Down** keys to select components located at the upper and lower hierarchies in the EV farm.

## Directory

The XML file is stored by default in the directory shown on the screen.

In a clustered server environment, the XML file must be saved on shared storage to be available from all nodes in the cluster.

**Note:** The XML file for the snapshot must be stored separately from the volumes that are included in the snapshots, otherwise a restore will fail.

The XML file location can be changed in the following two ways:

- First, edit the directory path in the Directory field for this wizard screen.
- Second, change the XML file location. Use a text editor to create a text file named `redirect.txt`. This text file should contain a single text line specifying the full path to the location of the XML file, for example, `G:\BackupSets`. Save the `redirect.txt` file in the default directory `C:\Program Files\Veritas\Veritas Volume Manager 5.1\VSSXML`. If SFW/SFW HA is installed on the D drive, then the path will be the same as above, but on the D drive

**Note:** You must not use the volume name or volume path in the `redirect.txt` file that is involved in the snapshot. If the volume name or path for the snapshot is used, then a restore will fail.

## Snapshot set

Enter a name for the snapshot set, for example, `billing` or accept the default name. The wizard generates a default snapshot set name that includes the term "SnapshotSet", component name, date, and time. Example: **SnapshotSet.EV.20091001.124837**.

**Note:** If multiple components are selected, "EV" is used in the default snapshot set name instead of the component name.

Select snapshot type

You can specify that snapshots be created as either a Full backup or Copy backup type.

■ **Full Backup**

A full snapshot affects the sequence of backups and is used when replay logs are needed while restoring.

If you want to replay logs in SQL Server as part of restoring a database, a Full backup needs to have been created earlier. When replaying logs, you can replay from the time of the last Full backup.

■ **Copy**

A Copy backup does not affect this sequence of log replay and therefore is often used as an "out of band" copy for purposes such as testing or data mining.

Click **Next**.

- 4 In the Schedule Information panel, specify Schedule information for snapshots. This panel has the General Options, Days of Week, Days of Month, and Specific Dates tabs. You can select either one of these or the combination of all these tabs in order to specify the scheduling information for snapshot sets.

Complete the information on this page as follows:

- Select the **General Options** tab and specify the following. Times entered on the General tab are times for the host.

The screenshot shows the 'Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler Wizard' dialog box. The 'Schedule information' tab is active, with a sub-tab 'General Options' selected. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Name of this schedule:** EnterpriseVault.1
- Description of this schedule:** e created by Enterprise Vault Snapshot Scheduler
- Start time:** 12:00:00 AM
- End time:** 11:59:59 PM
- Schedule takes effect on:** 2009/10/01
- Restart task every** 10 **minutes on each run day.**
- Every** 1 **days. Start on:** 2009/10/01
- Pre Command:** Full path of command to run before snapshot.
- Post Command:** Full path of command to run after snapshot.

At the bottom of the dialog are buttons for '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

Name of this schedule	Enter a unique name for the snapshot set schedule. This name identifies the snapshot schedule if you later want to view information about the snapshot status. A default name consists of the VSS writer name, the component name and a numbered suffix that increments with each schedule.
Description of this schedule	Optionally, enter a description to help you identify the schedule when you view information about the snapshot status.
Start Time	The time of the day to begin taking snapshots.
End Time	The time of day to end taking snapshots. If a snapshot is in progress it is completed but a new one is not started after the end time.
Schedule takes effect on	The date on which the specified schedule takes effect. The default is the current date.

Restart task every	The interval between snapshots, in minutes.  For example, if the interval is 360 minutes and you schedule a snapshot start time of 12 P.M. and an end time of 7 P.M, the snapshot occurs twice. If no interval is specified the snapshot occurs once.
Every	Enable the <b>Every</b> option to have the snapshot schedule continue to occur. Otherwise the schedule applies only for one day.  Specify the number of days before restarting the snapshot schedule.  For example, 1 day would mean the schedule takes effect daily, 2 days would mean every other day.
Start On	If you enable the Every option, specify the starting date.
Pre Command	Optionally, specify the full path of a command script to run before the scheduled snapshot occurs.
Post Command	Optionally, specify the full path of a command script to run after the snapshot is complete.

- Select the **Days of the Week** tab:  
Complete the information on this page as follows:

Days of Week	Select one or more days on one or more weeks of the month.  You can click a button at the top of the column to select the entire column or a button to the left of a row to select the entire row. For example, clicking <b>First</b> schedules the snapshots to occur on the first occurrence of all the week days for the month.  Selecting the <b>Select All</b> button to select all days in a week and number of schedules available. <b>Deselect All</b> option will disable all selections made on this tab.
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- Select the **Days of Month** tab on the Schedule Information page.

Complete the information on this page as follows:

Days of Month

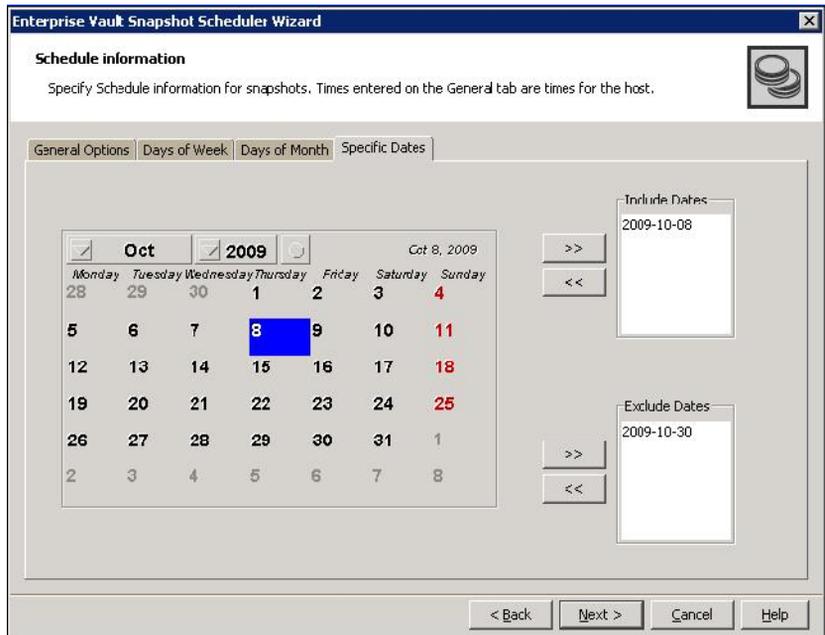
Select one or more days of the month.

The **Select All** button selects all days in a month and schedules. **Deselect All** option will disable all selections.

You can also check the **Last Day** checkbox to schedule the snapshot for the last day of each month.

If two schedules overlap for the same snapshot set, only one snapshot is taken. For example, if you select every Thursday plus the last day of the month, and the last day of the month occurs on Thursday, only one snapshot is taken on Thursday

- 5 Select the **Specific Dates** tab on the Schedule Information page.



Complete the information on this page as follows:

Specific Dates

Select one or more specific dates to include or exclude from the schedule. The dates are available in *yyyy-mm-dd* format. Example:

**2009-10-09**

Excluding a date takes precedence over days scheduled on the other tabs, i.e, the General Options, Days of Week, and Days of Month. For example, if you schedule every Monday on the Days of Week tab, and you exclude Monday October 9 on the Specific Dates tab, the snapshots are not taken on October 9.

Include Dates

Click Forward (>>) arrow keys to add the selected date/dates in the **Include Dates** box. To remove the selected dates, click the Backward arrow keys (<<)

Exclude Dates

Click Forward arrow (>>) keys to add the selected date/dates in the **Exclude Dates** box on the lower right corner. To remove the selected dates, click the Backward arrow keys (<<).

Click **Next**.

- 6 Review the schedule snapshot set specifications on the summary page. click **Finish** to complete the schedule operation for selected snapshot sets.

## Creating a one-time EV snapshot set

SFW provides support for creating snapshots for the Enterprise Vault farm, sites, Vault StoreGroups, Vault Stores, or any component level. The Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard integrates with Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) to allow you to create snapshots of all volumes associated with the EV components without taking the databases offline and disrupting the database operations. The resulting snapshot set provides a complete picture of the database at a point in time the snapshot was taken.

You can create a snapshot using either the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard or the `vxsnap create` command.

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**Note:** The Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard and the `vxsnap` utility can be invoked from any node that has the Enterprise VaultAdmin service running in the Enterprise Vault Configuration.

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The create snapshot operation can be performed at any EV farm, site, Vault StoreGroups, Vault Stores, or component level. When you right-click an EV object and select Enterprise Vault Snapshot from the context menu, the EV objects and components within (subordinate to) the selected EV object are all included in the snapshot. You can also add more Enterprise Vault objects from the objects shown in Enterprise Vault Snapshot wizard.

Please note the following:

- When an EV site is snapshotted, the Directory database is also snapshotted implicitly by the system.
- When an Vault Store database is snapshotted, the Open Partition is also snapshotted implicitly by the system.
- When an Open Partition is snapshotted, the Vault Store database is also snapshotted implicitly by the system.

Creating a one-time snapshot or snapshot set is a two-step process:

- The first step is to prepare the snapshot mirrors for the database volume or volumes. If you are creating a snapshot set after a snapback to refresh existing snapshot mirrors, you can skip this step. See “[Preparing an EV snapshot mirror](#)” on page 33.
- The second step uses either the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard or the `vxsnap create` command to create the snapshot set by detaching the snapshot mirrors from the original volumes. This step creates separate on-host snapshot volumes as well as a snapshot set XML file to store the application and snapshot volume metadata.

The Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard and `vxsnap create` command integrate with VSS to quiesce the component and then simultaneously snapshot the volumes in the database. This snapshot is done while the component is online and without disrupting the component operations. The resulting snapshot set provides a complete picture of the component at the point in time the command is issued.

The following Enterprise Vault (EV) components are supported by SFW:



Directory Database

The Enterprise Vault Directory database holds configuration information for each site in the Directory (EnterpriseVaultDirectory).



Monitoring Database

Enterprise Vault has a Monitoring agent on each Enterprise Vault server. The Monitoring agents collect monitoring data at the scheduled intervals, usually every few minutes, and store it in the Enterprise Vault Monitoring database. If multiple EV sites share a Directory database, then they must also share a Monitoring database (EnterpriseVaultMonitoring).



Reporting database

The Reporting database stores reporting information that is generated from the collected Monitoring data. There is one Reporting database named EnterpriseVaultFSAReporting corresponding to the Directory database.



Auditing database

The Auditing database stores audit information. There is one Auditing database named EnterpriseVaultAudit corresponding to the Directory database.

	Site	<p>A site comprises of one or more Enterprise Vault servers running one or more Enterprise Vault services and tasks to archive items from specified targets.</p> <p>In addition a site also has a collection of vault stores, archiving policies that define how and when items are to be archived, and Retention Categories that define the duration for which the data can be stored before being deleted.</p>
	Index	<p>The Indexing Service indexes items as they are archived. There is one Index for each archive.</p>
	Vault Store Group	<p>Vault Store Group (VSG) is a collection of Vault Stores that are configured to share data.</p>
	Fingerprint database	<p>A Vault Store Group contains one or more Fingerprint Catalog databases (FDB) to hold a shared item's metadata.</p>
	Vault Store	<p>Enterprise Vault organizes archives in entities called Vault Stores. Vault Stores contain one or more Enterprise vault Partitions. A partition can reside on any of the supported storage media.</p>
	Vault Store database	<p>The Vault Store SQL databases contain information about every archive operation processed for all archives within a Vault Store. Both the Vault Store's database and the Vault Store's files must be complete to be able to retrieve messages from an archive.</p>



Open Partition

In each Vault Store, there can be only one Open partition. This is the partition in which Enterprise Vault archives data. An Open Partition is the current active Partition in which Enterprise Vault data is being written.



Ready Partition

Each Vault Store can have a number of Ready Partitions. A Ready Partition is the next available partition to be used.



Closed Partition

Each Vault Store can have any number of Closed Vault Store Partitions. Enterprise Vault does not archive content into Partitions that are closed.

## Prerequisites for creating an EV snapshot

Review the following prerequisites before proceeding with the create snapshot operation for EV:

- Check whether the Enterprise Vault Management Shell is invoked to set the execution policy to unrestricted.  
See [“Invoking the Enterprise Vault Management Shell”](#) on page 32.
- Configure the Veritas Scheduler Service on all Enterprise Vault servers in the Enterprise Vault configuration.  
See [“Configuring the Veritas Scheduler Service”](#) on page 33.
- Check whether you have Prepared all component volumes or database and partition volumes for snapshot mirrors. If you are creating a snapshot set after a snapback to refresh existing snapshot mirror, you can skip this step.  
See [“Preparing an EV snapshot mirror”](#) on page 33.

### To create snapshots using the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard

- 1 On the VEA console, navigate to the **Storage Agent** in the tree-view and expand the **Enterprise Vault** nodes under **Applications**.
- 2 Select the desired EV node for which you want to create a snapshot. Right-click and select **Enterprise Vault Snapshot** from the context menu. The menu option is also available at the EV site and any component level.

- 3 The Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard is launched. Read the information on the Welcome page and click **Next**.
- 4 On the Select Component page is select components for snapshot sets. Complete the information on this page as follows:

Select Component for snapshot operation

Select the component for the snapshot set. Additionally, you can also use the keyboard shortcuts to select EV components. **Ctrl+ A** selects the entire EV farm along with sites and components. Use **Ctrl+Click** to select EV components of your choice. Use **Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Up, Down** keys to select components located at the upper and lower hierarchies in the EV farm.

Directory

The wizard creates the snapshot set metadata XML file. The XML metadata file is stored by default in the directory shown on the screen.

**Note:** The XML file for the snapshot must be stored separately from the volumes that are included in the snapshots, otherwise a restore will fail.

The XML file location can be changed in the following two ways:

- First, edit the directory path in the Directory field for this wizard screen.
- Second, change the XML file location. Use a text editor to create a text file named `redirect.txt`. This text file should contain a single text line specifying the full path to the location of the XML file, for example, `G:\BackupSets`. Save the `redirect.txt` file in the default directory `C:\Program Files\Veritas\Veritas Volume Manager 5.1\VSSXML`. If SFW/SFWHA is installed on the D drive, then the path will be the same as above, but on the D drive.

**Note:** You must not use the volume name or volume path in the `redirect.txt` file that is involved in the snapshot. If the volume name or path for the snapshot is used, then a restore will fail.

Select snapshot type

Select the snapshot type. You can specify that snapshots to be created as either a Full Backup or Copy.

- **Full Backup**  
 Full Backup is used to restore an Enterprise Vault component. If you want a replay log for restoring a component, you should select the Full Backup option. When replaying logs, it replays from the last time of the last Full Backup.
- **Copy**  
 A Copy does not affect the sequence of log replay and therefore is often used as an "out of band" copy for purposes such as testing or data mining.

Click **Next**.

- 5 The summary page is displayed.  
 Review the specifications of the snapshot set and click **Finish** to complete the snapshot operation for the selected components.

#### To create the snapshot set from the command line

- ◆ Type the command, as in the following examples:

```
> vxsnap -x test.xml create
  writer=EnterpriseVault
  site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1
  site=site2
  /component=(Index Locations (V:))
```

This example creates a snapshot of vault store "vs1" of site1/vsg1, "Index Location (V:)" of site2 and component "Directory DB". The XML file, test.xml, is used to store the VSS metadata that identifies the snapshot. This file is used in the command to reattach the snapshot to resynchronize it and in the command to recover the database using the snapshot.

```
> vxsnap -x test.xml create
  writer=EnterpriseVault
  site=site1
```

This example makes a complete snapshot of site1 (including the directory database).

The complete syntax of the vxsnap create command is:

```
vxsnap -x filename create writer=WriterName
[site=<SiteName>[/VSG=<VSGName>[VS=<VSName>]]]
[[/]component=ComponentName][backuptype=FULL|COPY] [-o]
```

The *WriterName* and *ComponentName* are required. The component name is the name of the Enterprise Vault component. You can use either a Full backup or

Copy backup for restoring from a snapshot (recovery). However, if you want to replay logs as part of restoring a database, a Full backup needs to have been created earlier. When replaying logs, you can replay from the time of the last Full backup. A Copy backup does not affect this sequence of log replay and therefore is often used as an "out of band" copy for purposes such as testing or data mining.

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**Note:** Any text string that contains spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks.

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## Refreshing an EV snapshot

Once a snapshot set has been created, it can be refreshed quickly since you do not have to prepare a mirror in order to refresh it. The reattach or snapback snapshot operation can be done using the GUI or CLI.

You can use the `vxsnap reattach` command to reattach volumes for snapshot mirrors.

See [“vxsnap reattach”](#) on page 65.

To refresh the snapshot set you need to perform the following tasks:

- [“Reattaching EV snapshot sets”](#) on page 49
- [“Creating the refreshed snapshot set”](#) on page 52

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**Note:** The Enterprise Vault Refresh option available in the VEA console from the Application object refreshes the display of the application and components. It does not refresh the snapshot set.

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## Reattaching EV snapshot sets

The Enterprise Vault Snapback Wizard reattaches and resynchronizes an existing snapshot set so that it matches the current set of its original database.

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**Note:** The Enterprise Vault Snapback option is available only on the Enterprise Vault node in the Application view. Other EV nodes such as the Vault Store Group, Vault Store, Partition, Index etc. do not have this option.

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To reattach the snapshot set you need to do the following:

### To snapback EV snapshot set using VEA

- 1 Except the VEA GUI, close all Explorer windows, applications, or any third-party system management tools that may be accessing the snapshot set.
- 2 On the VEA console, navigate to the **Storage Agent** node in the tree-view and expand the **Enterprise Vault** node under **Applications**.
- 3 Right-click the **Enterprise Vault** node and select **Enterprise Vault Snapback** from the context menu.
- 4 The Enterprise Vault Snapback Wizard is displayed. Review the information on the Welcome page and click **Next**.
- 5 On the Select Snapshot Set page, select the snapshot set that needs to be snapbacked or reattached.

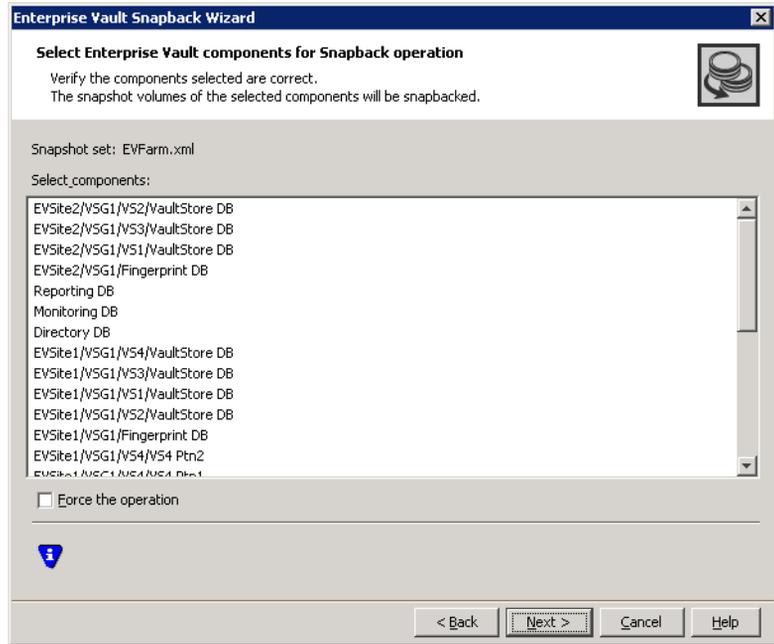
Complete the information on this page as follows:

Directory	Displays the directory where snapshot sets are stored. It shows the XML files from either the default XML file location or path mentioned in the redirect.txt. However, if you want to change the directory then specify the directory and click <b>Update</b> to refresh the XML or snapshot set files.
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Snapshot Sets	The XML metadata file contains all required information needed to snapback the snapshot set, including the names of the database and transaction log volumes. Click the appropriate header to sort the list of available files by <b>File Name</b> or <b>Creation Time</b> . This file is deleted after the snapback operation has completed successfully for all components. If there is partial snapback, the file will get updated with rest of the components.
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Click **Next**.

6 From the Select Components page, select the components.



Complete the information on this page as follows:

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Snapshot set        | The selected snapshot set name is displayed.<br>Example: <b>EVFarm.xml</b>   |
| Select components   | Select the components that needs to be snapbacked. The volumes of selected components are snapbacked.  |
| Force the Operation | Enable this checkbox: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ to override open handles of the volumes in the selected components.</li> <li>■ if any of the selected volumes overlaps with the non-selected components in the snapshot.</li> </ul> |

7 Verify that the snapback specifications are correct on the summary page and click **Finish** to complete the reattach operation.

### To snapback EV snapshot set using the command line

- 1 Close all Explorer windows, applications, or third-party system management tools that may be accessing the snapshot set
- 2 Type the command, as in the following example:

```
>vxsnap -x snapdata.xml reattach  
writer=EnterpriseVault  
site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1 site=site2  
/component=(Index Locations (V:))  
/component="Directory DB"
```

This command uses the information in the XML file to reattach and resynchronize all the volumes for the vault store vs1 of site1/vsg1, "Index Locations (V:)" of site2 and "Directory DB".

---

**Note:** To reattach all the components in the snapshot set, use `vxsnap -x snapdata.xml reattach writer=EnterpriseVault`. The XML file is deleted after the reattach operation has reattached all the components in the snapshot set.

---

The snapshot volumes remain synchronized with the original volumes until the `vxsnap create` command is issued.

The complete syntax for the `vxsnap reattach` command is:

```
vxsnap -x Filename [-f] [-b] reattach writer=WriterName  
[site=<SiteName>[/VSG=<VSGName>[VS=<VSName>]]]  
[/component=<ComponentName>]
```

## Creating the refreshed snapshot set

After you have reattached and resynchronized the snapshot set mirrors with the original volumes, using the Enterprise Vault Snapback Wizard or from the command line, create a new snapshot set of the database using either the Enterprise Vault Snapshot Wizard or the `vxsnap create` command.

See “[Creating a one-time snapshot set](#)” on page 64.

# Recovering Enterprise Vault components

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [About recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component](#)
- [Tasks for recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component](#)
- [Prerequisites for recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component](#)
- [Types of recovery](#)
- [Recovering using snapshots without log replay](#)
- [Restoring snapshots and manually applying logs](#)
- [Post-recovery steps](#)

## About recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component

You can use the on-host Quick Recovery snapshot set to quickly recover a component after logical corruption.

You can also use a snapshot set to recover a component after production volumes are lost due to hardware failure. This recovery assumes that the failure does not affect the disk or disks where the snapshot set volumes are located.

You can use either the Enterprise Vault Restore Wizard from the Veritas Enterprise Administrator (VEA) console or the `vxsnap restore` command. Both of these methods integrate with VSS and Enterprise Vault (EV) for putting EV into backup mode. It takes the help of Enterprise Vault PowerShell cmdlet to put EV into backup mode. Backup mode ensures that no writes happen on EV components.

## Tasks for recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component

**Table 4-1** outlines the high-level objectives and the tasks to complete each objective. The particular task required depends on the type of recovery you are using.

**Table 4-1** Tasks for recovery using Quick Recovery snapshots

Objective	Tasks
<a href="#">“Prerequisites for recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component”</a> on page 55	■ Verifying the prerequisites for using Enterprise Vault recovery
<a href="#">“Types of recovery”</a> on page 55	■ Understanding the types of recovery
<a href="#">“Recovering using snapshots without log replay”</a> on page 56	■ Recovering to a specified point in time using the Enterprise Vault Restore Wizard or the <code>vxsnap restore</code> utility
<a href="#">“Restoring snapshots and manually applying logs”</a> on page 58	■ Recovering to the time of the snapshot set using the Enterprise Vault Restore wizard or the <code>vxsnap restore</code> utility
<a href="#">“Post-recovery steps”</a> on page 60	■ Refreshing the snapshot set

# Prerequisites for recovering an Enterprise Vault Server component

You can use the Enterprise Vault Restore Wizard or `vxsnap restore` command line utility to recover EV components from a snapshot set. Both the snapshot set and the snapshot set XML metadata file should be available.

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**Note:** In case of hardware failure, ensure that the snapshot volumes are available for implementing recovery procedures on EV components.

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## Types of recovery

Table 4-2 gives an overview of the options you can select for recovery. The options are available from either the Enterprise Vault Restore Wizard or the `vxsnap restore` command.

**Table 4-2** Recovery options

Selected option	Database state after recovery	Description
Recovery without logs	online	Restore to the time of the snapshot set.  Database and transaction log volumes are restored from the specified snapshot set database and log volumes. No additional transaction logs are applied.
No Recovery	loading	Restore the snapshot set and then manually apply logs in SQL.  Restores the database and transaction log volumes from the specified snapshot set and leaves the database in a loading state. To bring the database back to an operational state, you must manually apply your backup transaction logs within SQL Server to the desired point in time.  Before using this option, you must back up your transaction logs within SQL Server. This log operation requires that at least one Full backup was created earlier.

## Recovering using snapshots without log replay

The following procedure uses the Recovery option. It restores the component database from the snapshot set volumes to the time of the snapshot set. The component database and transaction log volumes are restored but no additional transaction logs are applied.

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**Note:** The Recovery option is applicable only for EV database components and not for EV Index and Partitions.

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### To recover EV components without log replay using the VEA

- 1 Close the SQL GUI, Explorer windows, applications, consoles (except the VEA), or any third-party system management tools that may be accessing the EV component volumes.

It is recommended to bring the database offline.

- 2 On the VEA, navigate to the **Storage Agent** node on the left-hand pane and click to expand **Applications**. Right-click **Enterprise Vault** and select **Enterprise Vault Restore** from the context menu.

- 3 Review the information on the Welcome page and click **Next**.

- 4 Select the snapshot set XML metadata file to be used for this operation and click **Next**.

The XML metadata file contains all required information needed to restore the snapshot set. Click the appropriate header to sort the list of available files by **File Name** or **Creation Time**.

- 5 On the Select Restore Type panel, select **Recovery**.



Complete the information on this page as follows:

Recovery with missing original volumes	Enable the checkbox if one or more original volumes are missing.
Forcefully close any open handles	Enable the checkbox if some EV component volumes have open handles. This will forcefully close any open handles of the volumes to be restored.

Click **Next**.

- 6 On the Select Enterprise Vault components for Restore operation page, select the component or components that you want to restore using the Recovery option.  
The original volumes of selected components are restored from the snapshot volumes. Click **Next**.
- 7 Verify the snapshot restore specifications on the summary page and click **Finish**.  
The database is restored to the time the snapshot set was created or last refreshed. If you took it offline earlier, bring it back online.

#### To recover EV components without log replay using the `vxsnap restore` command

- 1 Close the SQL Enterprise Manager GUI and all Explorer windows, applications, consoles, or third-party system management tools that may be accessing the volumes.  
It is also recommended to bring the component database offline.
- 2 Type the command as in the following example:  

```
vxsnap -x billing_DB.xml restore RestoreType=RECOVERY  
Writer=EnterpriseVault site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1  
component="Directory DB"
```

where `billing_DB.xml` is the name of the metadata file generated by the `vxsnap create` command. The volumes in the snapshot set are restored and the component database is left in an operational state. The component database is restored to the time the snapshot set was created or last refreshed. If you took it offline earlier, bring it back online.

## Restoring snapshots and manually applying logs

The following procedure uses the **No Recovery** option to restore the component database from the component database and log snapshot volumes. Selecting this option leaves the component database in a loading state. You can then manually apply backed up transaction logs to recover the component database to the desired point in time.

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**Note:** The No Recovery option is applicable only for EV database components and not for EV Index and Partitions.

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You can use either the Enterprise Vault Restore Wizard from the VEA console or the `vxsnap restore` command.

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**Warning:** Before you begin, use your preferred method to backup the transaction logs within SQL Server. You must use the “overwrite existing media” option to create uniquely-named backup files.

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### To restore EV components using the No Recovery option in the VEA

- 1 Ensure that you have backed up the transaction logs within SQL Server using the “overwrite existing media” option to create uniquely-named backup files.
- 2 Close the SQL GUI, all Explorer windows, applications, consoles (except the VEA console), or any third-party system management tools that may be accessing the EV component volumes.  
It is also recommended to bring the database offline.
- 3 On the VEA, navigate to the **Storage Agent** on the left-hand pane and click to expand **Applications**. Right-click **Enterprise Vault** and select **Enterprise Vault Restore** from the context menu.
- 4 Review the information on the Welcome page and click **Next**.
- 5 Select the snapshot set XML metadata file to be used for this operation and click **Next**.

The XML metadata file contains all required information needed to restore the snapshot set, including the names of the database and transaction logs volumes. Click the appropriate header to sort the list of available files by **File Name** or **Creation Time**.

- 6 On the Select Restore Type panel, select **No\_Recovery**.



Complete the information on this page as follows:

Forcefully close any open handles	Enable this checkbox if some EV component volumes have open handles. This will forcefully close any open handles of the volumes to be restored.
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Click **Next**.

- 7 On the Select Enterprise Vault components for Restore operation page, select the EV component or components that you want to restore. The original volumes of selected components are restored from the snapshot volumes.
- 8 Verify the snapshot restore specifications for No Recovery option on the summary page and click **Finish**. The component database and log snapshot volumes are restored and the component database is left in a loading state.
- 9 Use your preferred method to manually restore the backup transaction logs to the desired point in time and then bring the component database back online.

**To restore using the No Recovery option with the `vxsnap restore` command**

- 1 Ensure that you have backed up the transaction logs within SQL Server using the “overwrite existing media” option to create uniquely-named backup files.
- 2 Close the SQL GUI and all Explorer windows, applications, consoles or third-party system management tools that may be accessing the database volumes. It is also recommended to bring the database offline.
- 3 Type the command as in the following example:  

```
> vxsnap -x billing_DB.xml restore RestoreType=NO_RECOVERY  
Writer=EnterpriseVault site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1  
component="Directory DB"
```

where `billing_DB.xml` is the name of the metadata file generated by the `vxsnap create` command.  
The component database and log snapshot volumes are restored and the component database is left in a loading state.
- 4 Use your preferred method to manually restore the backup transaction logs to the desired point-in-time and bring the database online.

## Post-recovery steps

After you have performed any of the recovery methods, create a new snapshot set.

See “[Scheduling a new snapshot set](#)” on page 35 or “[Creating a one-time EV snapshot set](#)” on page 42.

# Vxsnap utility command line reference for Enterprise Vault

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [About the Vxsnap utility](#)
- [Vxsnap keywords](#)

## About the Vxsnap utility

The command line utilities are available in the Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows installation directory.

The vxsnap utility integrates with Windows Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) to create split-mirror snapshots of all the volumes in the specified component.

Note the following requirements:

- Disk groups must be of a Storage Foundation for Windows 4.0 or later version. You must upgrade any disk groups created using an earlier version of Volume Manager for Windows before using the vxsnap utility
- The CLI commands run only on the server. They will not run on the Veritas Storage Foundation for Windows client.
- The vxsnap utility can be invoked from any node that has Enterprise Vault Admin service running in the Enterprise Vault Configuration.
- For Windows Server 2008, all CLI commands must run in the command window in the “run as administrator” mode.

## Vxsnap keywords

The `vxsnap` utility has the following keywords:

<code>prepare</code>	Creates snapshot mirrors of the volumes in the specified component. The snapshot mirrors remain attached to and synchronized with the original volumes.  <b>Note:</b> Either the <code>prepare</code> or <code>start</code> keyword may be used in the CLI; however <code>prepare</code> is recommended.
<code>create</code>	Creates simultaneous snapshot of all volumes in the specified component, providing a point-in-time snapshot set.
<code>reattach</code>	Reattaches and resynchronizes an existing snapshot set to the original database volumes.
<code>restore</code>	Restores a database from a snapshot set.

You can view an online description of the command syntax by typing the following:

```
vxsnap keyword -?
```

### vxsnap prepare

Creates snapshot mirrors of the volumes in the specified site, vault store group, vault store, or component. The snapshot mirrors remain attached to and synchronized with the original volumes.

---

**Note:** If a volume is used for more than one component, it will be snapshot prepared only once when all the components are specified in `vxsnap prepare` command. However, when all the components are separately prepared for snapshot mirrors, then the volume gets prepared many times (once for every component).

---

### Syntax

```
vxsnap prepare [-b] writer=<writerName>  
[site=<siteName> [/VSG=<VSGName> [/VS=<VSName>]]]  
[[/]component=<componentName>]
```

## Attributes

The following attributes apply:

<code>[-b]</code>	Run the process as a background process.
<code>writer=<i>WriterName</i></code>	Unique ID of the VSS writer, for example, Enterprise VaultWriter. Required if you specify the component.
<code>site=&lt;<i>SiteName</i>&gt;</code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Site.
<code>server</code>	Name of the sql server
<code>Instance</code>	Name of the sql server instance
<code>VSG=&lt;<i>VSGName</i>&gt;</code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store Group
<code>VS=&lt;<i>VSName</i>&gt;</code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store
<code>component=<i>ComponentName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault component. For example, Vault Store database, Fingerprint database, or Volume Component, such as index, partitions, etc.

---

**Note:** Any text string that contains spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks.

---

## Example

```
vxsnap prepare writer=EnterpriseVault
site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1 site=site2/component="Index
Location (V:)" component="Directory DB"
```

The above command prepares all the volumes for a snapshot for the Vaultstore "vs1" of site1/vsg1, "Index Location (V:)" of site2 and "Directory DB".

## vxsnap create

Creates snapshot of the specified volume(s) or Enterprise Vault component. Allows volumes to be snapshotted simultaneously.

## Syntax

```
vxsnap [-x <filename>] create writer=<writerName>
[site=<siteName> [/VSG=<VSGName> [/VS=<VSName>]]]
```

```
[ [/] component=<componentName> ] [ backuptype=<backuptype> ]  
[-o]
```

## Attributes

The following attributes apply:

<code>-x <i>Filename</i></code>	Indicates the name to be assigned to the XML metadata file that will be created with the command. The file name must include the ".xml" extension. To specify a location other than the default location for the file, you must enter the full path for the file (eg. J:\XML\Image1.xml).
<code>writer=<i>WriterName</i></code>	Unique ID of the VSS writer, for example, Enterprise VaultWriter. Required if you specify the component.
<code>site=<i>SiteName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault site.
<code>VSG=<i>VSGName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store Group.
<code>VS=<i>VSName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store.
<code>component=<i>ComponentName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise vault component. For example, Vault Store database, Fingerprint database, or Volume component, such as index, partitions, etc.
<code>backuptype=FULL   COPY</code>	Specifies the type of backup, either a Full or Copy. If no option is specified then Copy is the default.
<code>-o</code>	Allows an existing XML file of the same name to be overwritten. If -o is not specified, then the vxsnap create command does not overwrite an existing XML file of the same name and the operation fails.

---

**Note:** Any text string that contains spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks.

---

## Examples

```
vxsnap -x snapdata.xml create writer=EnterpriseVault  
site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1 site=site2/component="Index  
Location (V:)" component="Director
```

The above command creates a snapshot of Vaultstore "vs1" of site1/vsg1 , "Index Location (V:)" of site2 and "Directory DB".

To make a snapshot of the complete site1, run the following command:

```
vxsnap -x snapdata.xml create writer=EnterpriseVault  
site=site1
```

The above command makes a complete snapshot of site 1 including the directory database.

## vxsnap reattach

Reattaches and resynchronizes the snapshot volumes in the snapshot set to the original Enterprise Vault component volumes.

### Syntax

```
vxsnap -x <filename> [-f] [-b] reattach  
writer=<writername>  
[site=<siteName>[/VSG=<VSGName>[/VS=<VSName>]]]  
[[/]component=<componentName>]
```

### Attributes

The following attributes apply:

<code>-x</code> <i>Filename</i>	The file created by the vxsnap create command. Each snapshot set must have a unique name for the metadata file.  <b>Note:</b> This file is deleted after the reattach operation has completed successfully.
<code>-f</code>	Forces the reattach. Make sure the volume is not in use by another application before using this command. Use this option with care.
<code>-b</code>	Resynchronizes the volume in the background. A new snapshot cannot be made until the resynchronization is complete.

<code>writer=WriterName</code>	Unique ID of the VSS writer, for example, EnterpriseVault or the GUID for the writer.
<code>site=SiteName</code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault site.
<code>VSG=VSGName</code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store Group.
<code>VS=VSName</code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store.
<code>component=ComponentName</code>	Name of the Enterprise vault component. For example, Vault Store database, Fingerprint database, or volume component such as Index, Partitions, etc.

## Example

```
vxsnap -x snapdata.xml reattach writer=EnterpriseVault  
site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1 site=site2/component="Index  
Location (V:)" component="Direct
```

The above command reattaches all snapshot volumes for Vaultstore "vs1" of site1/vsg1 , "Index Location (V:)" of site2 and "Directory DB".

---

**Note:** Any text string that contains spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks.

---

## vxsnap restore

Uses the snapshot volumes in a snapshot set created by the `vxsnap create` command to recover a corrupted or missing Enterprise Vault component.

Exclusive access to the Enterprise Vault component is required for this operation.

Before using this command verify that the source volumes and the snapshot volumes are not in use.

## Syntax

```
vxsnap -x <filename> [-f] [-b] [-r] [-a] restore  
writer=<writername>  
[site=<siteName> [/VSG=<VSGName> [/VS=<VSName>]]]  
[[/]component=<componentName>  
restoreType={ RECOVERY|NO_RECOVERY}
```

## Attributes

The following attributes apply:

<code>-x <i>Filename</i></code>	The metadata file created by the <code>vxsnap create</code> command. Each snapshot set must have a unique name for the metadata file.
<code>-b</code>	Resynchronizes the volume in the background. A new snapshot cannot be made until the resynchronization is complete.
<code>-f</code>	Forces the operation. Make sure the volume is not in use before using this option.
<code>-r</code>	Recover even if original volume is not present. If this option is selected and the original volume is not present, the snapshot volume of the missing volume is changed from a read-only volume to a read-write volume.
<code>-a</code>	Dismount the databases before the restore operation and then mount the database after the restore operation.
<code>writer=<i>WriterName</i></code>	Unique ID of the VSS writer, for example, EnterpriseVault or the GUID for the writer.
<code>site=<i>SiteName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault site.
<code>VSG=<i>VSGName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store Group.
<code>VS=<i>VSName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise Vault Store.
<code>component=<i>ComponentName</i></code>	Name of the Enterprise vault component. For example, Vault Store database, Fingerprint database, or Volume component, such as index, partitions, etc.

`restoreType={RECOVERY|NO_RECOVERY}` Specifies the type of database recovery, either recovery or no recovery:

With `RECOVERY` database and transaction log files are restored from the snapshot set. No transaction backup logs are applied. The database is left in an operational state.

To back up logs so that you can restore the database using log replay, at least one Full backup must have been created earlier.

`NO_RECOVERY` restores from the specified snapshot set to the time of the snapshot. No logs are applied and the database is left in a loading state so that you can manually replay backup logs to a specific point in time.

### Example

```
vxsnap -x snapdata.xml restore RestoreType=RECOVERY  
writer=EnterpriseVault site=site1/vsg=vsg1/vs=vs1  
component="Directory DB"
```

The above command restores the vault store "vs1" and "Directory DB" from backup set using the metadata from snapdata.xml.

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