

Oracle Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery on VMware Hybrid Multi-Clouds

REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE

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Executive Summary

Business Case

Customers have successfully run their business-critical Oracle workloads with high-performance demands on VMware vSphere® for many years. Virtualization of mission-critical databases adds layers of complexity to the infrastructure, however, making common operations like backup and recovery, cloning, disaster recovery and other day-to-day activities difficult. The most efficient storage operations for mission-critical databases are offloaded to the storage array.

Concerns that often delay virtualization of business-critical database workloads include:

- Rapid database growth and the need to reduce backup windows to meet performance and business SLAs
- The size of modern databases makes it harder to regularly clone and refresh data from production to QA and other environments
- Correct choice of business continuity plan to ensure rapid recovery from significant disruption to the operations
- Correct choice of disaster recovery technology to ensure business needs of RTO and RPO are met

A business continuity plan is a detailed strategy and set of systems for ensuring an organization's ability to prevent or rapidly recover from a significant disruption to its operations. The plan is essentially a playbook for how any type of organization will continue its day-to-day business during a disaster scenario or otherwise abnormal conditions.

Disaster recovery (DR) is an organization's method of regaining access and functionality to its IT infrastructure after events like a natural disaster, cyber-attack, or even business disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. DR is one aspect of business continuity. Disaster recovery relies upon the replication of data and computer processing in an off-premises location not affected by the disaster.

On-Premises with VMware vSphere

VMware vSphere provides many tools for customers to successfully ensure business continuity and disaster recovery for their business-critical databases.

VMware snapshots preserve the state and data of a VM at the time the snapshot is taken. When a VM snapshot is captured, an image of the VM in a given state is copied and stored.

VMware Clone creates a VM that is a copy of the original VM. The new VM is configured with the same virtual hardware, installed software, and other properties that were configured for the original VM.

VMware Site Recovery Manager™ is a business continuity and disaster recovery solution that helps you plan, test, and run the recovery of virtual machines between a protected VMware vCenter Server® site and a recovery vCenter Server site. One can use Site Recovery Manager to implement different types of recovery from the protected site to the recovery site.

VMware vSphere® Replication™ is an extension to VMware vCenter Server that provides hypervisor-based virtual machine replication and recovery. vSphere Replication is an alternative to storage-based replication. It protects virtual machines from partial or complete site failures by replicating the virtual machines between sites.

Site Recovery Manager can also protect VMs in a datastore by using third-party disk replication mechanisms to configure array-based replication. Array-based replication surfaces replicated datastores to recover virtual machine workloads.

Migrating to VMware Cloud

Enterprise IT infrastructure and operations organizations are looking for ways to provide business continuity and disaster recovery for on-premises vSphere-based workloads to the public cloud, consolidate and extend data center capacities, and optimize, simplify and modernize their disaster recovery solutions.

VMware Cloud™ on AWS is an on-demand service that enables customers to run applications across vSphere-based cloud environments with access to a broad range of AWS services.

VMware Site Recovery brings VMware enterprise-class SDDC disaster recovery-as-a-service to the AWS Cloud. VMware Site Recovery works in conjunction with VMware Site Recovery Manager 8.0 and VMware vSphere Replication 8.0 to automate the process of recovering, testing, re-protecting, and failing-back virtual machine workloads.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery is an on-demand disaster recovery service that provides an easy-to-use software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution and offers cloud economics to keep your disaster recovery costs under control. You can use VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery to protect your vSphere virtual machines by replicating them to the cloud and recovering them as needed to a target VMware Cloud SDDC. You can create the target SDDC immediately prior to performing a recovery, and it does not need to be provisioned to support replications in the steady state.

Solution Overview

This paper describes the configuration and implementation of various business continuity and disaster recovery options across the application, VMware platform, and storage levels of Oracle single instance and Real Application Cluster (RAC) workloads on the VMware vSphere hybrid multi-cloud platform. This includes on-premises and VMware clouds, with an emphasis on VMware Cloud™ on AWS.

Key Results

The following highlights validate the capability of the VMware vSphere hybrid multi-cloud platform, including on-premises and VMware clouds with a special emphasis on VMware Cloud on AWS, to provide business continuity and disaster recovery to business-critical Oracle single-instance and RAC workloads across application, VMware platform, and storage levels using native Oracle tools and VMware vSphere products.

Introduction

Purpose

The following highlights validate the capability of the VMware vSphere hybrid multi-cloud platform, including on-premises and VMware clouds with a special emphasis on VMware Cloud on AWS, to provide business continuity and disaster recovery to business-critical Oracle single instance and RAC workloads across application, VMware platform, and storage levels using native Oracle tools and VMware vSphere products.

Audience

This reference architecture is intended for Oracle database administrators (DBAs) as well as virtualization and storage architects involved in planning, architecting, and administering business continuity and disaster recovery processes for business-critical Oracle environments on the VMware SDDC platform.

Terminology

The following terms are used throughout this paper:

TERM	DEFINITION
Oracle Single Instance	An Oracle single-instance database consists of a set of memory structures, background processes, and physical database files, which serves the database users.
Oracle Clusterware	Oracle Clusterware is a portable cluster software that allows clustering of independent servers so that they cooperate as a single system.
Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM)	Oracle ASM is a volume manager and a file system for Oracle database files that support single-instance Oracle Database and RAC configurations.

Oracle ASMLIB and Oracle ASMFD	Oracle ASMLIB maintains permissions and disk labels that are persistent on the storage device, so that the label is available even after an operating system upgrade. Oracle ASMFD helps prevent corruption in Oracle ASM disks and files within the disk group.
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TABLE 1: Terminology

Technology Overview

Overview

This section provides an overview of the technologies used in this solution:

- VMware vSphere®
- VMware Datastores
- VMware vSAN™
- VMware vSphere® Virtual Volumes™
- VMware Virtual Disks
- VMware Virtual Machine Snapshots
- VMware Virtual Machine Clones
- VMware Multi-Writer Attribute for Shared VMDKs
- VMware Site Recovery Manager™
- VMware vSphere® Replication™
- Hybrid and Multi-Cloud as the VMware Cloud
- VMware Cloud™ on AWS
- VMware Cloud on Dell EMC
- Google Cloud VMware Engine
- Azure VMware Solution
- Oracle Cloud VMware Solution
- VMware Site Recovery
- VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery
- VMware Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication for other VMware Multi-Clouds
- Oracle Database Architecture
- Oracle ASM, ASMLIB and ASMFD
- Oracle Backup and Recovery
- Oracle User Managed Database Backup
- Oracle Crash-Consistent Backup
- Oracle RMAN
- Oracle Database Cloning
- Oracle Real Application Clusters on VMware vSphere
- Oracle Data Guard

VMware vSphere

VMware vSphere®, the industry-leading virtualization and cloud platform, is the efficient and secure platform for hybrid clouds, accelerating digital transformation by delivering simple and efficient management at scale, comprehensive built-in security, a universal application platform, and a seamless hybrid cloud experience. The result is a scalable, secure infrastructure that provides enhanced application performance and can be the foundation of any cloud.

As the next-generation infrastructure for next-generation applications, vSphere 7.0 has been rearchitected with native Kubernetes, enabling IT admins to use VMware vCenter Server® to operate Kubernetes clusters through namespaces. VMware vSphere with Tanzu allows IT admins to leverage their existing skillset to deliver self-service infrastructure access to their DevOps teams, while providing observability and troubleshooting of Kubernetes workloads. vSphere 7 provides an enterprise platform for both traditional and modern applications, enabling customers and partners to deliver a developer-ready infrastructure, scale without compromise, and simplify operations.

Learn more about [VMware vSphere 7.0](#).

VMware Datastores

VMware datastores are logical containers, analogous to file systems, that hide specifics of physical storage and provide a uniform model for storing virtual machine files. Datastores can also be used for storing ISO images, virtual machine templates, and floppy images.

To store virtual disks, VMware ESXi™ uses datastores. The datastores are logical containers that hide specifics of physical storage from virtual machines (VM) and provide a uniform model for storing the VM files. The datastores that you deploy on block storage devices use the native vSphere virtual machine file system (VMFS) format. It is a special high-performance file system format that is optimized for storing VMs.

Depending on the storage you use, datastores can be of different types. VMware vCenter Server® and ESXi support the following types of datastores:

- VMFS (version 5 and 6)
- NFS (version 3 and 4.1)
- vSAN
- vVols

Learn more about [VMware Datastores](#).

VMware vSAN

VMware vSAN™ is VMware's software-defined storage solution, built from the ground up for vSphere virtual machines.

It abstracts and aggregates locally attached disks in a vSphere cluster to create a storage solution that can be provisioned and managed from vCenter and the vSphere client. vSAN is embedded within the hypervisor, hence storage and compute for VMs are delivered from the same x86 server platform running the hypervisor.

VMware vSAN-backed hyperconverged infrastructure (HCI) provides a wide array of deployment options, ranging from a two-node setup to a standard cluster with up to 64 hosts in a cluster. Also, vSAN accommodates a stretched cluster topology to serve as an active-active disaster recovery solution. vSAN incorporates HCI mesh, allowing customers to remotely mount a vSAN datastore to other vSAN clusters, disaggregating storage and compute. This allows greater flexibility to scale storage and compute independently.

Learn more about [VMware vSAN](#).

VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes

Historically, vSphere storage management used a datastore-centric approach. The datastore then is the lowest granularity level at which data management occurs from a storage perspective. However, a single datastore contains multiple virtual machines, all of which may have differing requirements. Using a traditional approach, it is difficult to meet the storage requirements of an individual VM.

With VMware vSphere® Virtual Volumes™ (vVols), an individual VM, not the datastore, becomes a unit of storage management, while storage hardware gains complete control over virtual disk content, layout, and management.

vVols functionality helps to improve granularity. It helps to differentiate VM services on a per-application level by offering a new approach to storage management. Rather than arranging storage around features of a storage system, vVols arranges storage around the needs of individual virtual machines, making storage VM-centric.

More information on vVols datastores can be found on [VMware Docs](#) and [Core.vmware.com/vVols](#).

VMware Virtual Disks

It's possible to add large-capacity virtual disks to virtual machines and add more space to existing disks, even when the VM is running. Most virtual disk parameters can be set during VM creation or after the guest operating system is installed.

VM data can be stored in a new virtual disk, an existing virtual disk, or a mapped SAN LUN. A virtual disk appears as a single hard disk to the guest operating system. The virtual disk is composed of one or more files on the host file system. You can copy or move virtual disks on the same hosts or between hosts.

Virtual disks (VMDKs) can be provisioned on the above VMware datastores types. The concept of VMDK remains the same regardless of the underlying datastore types, the difference being in the way the underlying storage for the datastore is provisioned.

Learn more about [VMware virtual disks](#).

VMware Virtual Machine Snapshots

Snapshots preserve the state and data of a VM at the time the snapshot is taken. When a VM snapshot is captured, an image of the VM in a given state is copied and stored. Snapshots are useful when frequently reverting to a particular VM state and creating multiple VMs is undesirable.

VMware snapshots are point-in-time (PIT) snapshots and therefore write-order fidelity is guaranteed for all VMDKs of the VM.

Snapshots for Oracle databases on VMware vSphere can be performed in three ways:

- **Database** – using Oracle ACFS snapshots, for example, which is an online, read-only or read-write point-in-time copy of an Oracle ACFS file system. See [About Oracle ACFS Snapshots](#) for detailed information.
- **vSphere VM** – using VMware snapshots.
- **Storage** – using LUN-based snapshots available in a traditional storage array.

VMware vSphere, using VM snapshots, enables users to capture point-in-time state and data of a VM. This includes the VM's storage, memory, and other devices, such as virtual NICs.

Snapshots are useful for creating point-in-time state and data of a VM for backup or archival purposes and for creating test and rollback environments for applications.

For further information about using VM snapshots in a vSphere environment, see [Using Snapshots To Manage Virtual Machines](#).

A VM snapshot can be taken through:

- Web Client GUI – see [Taking a Snapshot](#) for detailed information.
- PowerCLI commands – see [PowerCLI Reference: New Snapshot](#) for detailed information.

VMware Virtual Machine Clones

Cloning a VM creates a VM that is a copy of the original. The new VM is configured with the same virtual hardware, installed software, and other properties that were configured for the original VM.

Clones for Oracle databases on VMware vSphere can be performed in three ways:

- **Database** – using Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, for example, or classic cloning using RMAN backups. See [Cloning Oracle Databases and Pluggable Databases](#) for more information.
- **vSphere** – using VMware cloning technology.
- **Storage** – using traditional storage-array-based cloning.

There are two types of cloning operations performed in this guide:

- Cloning of an entire VM containing all VMDKs, including the operating system, Oracle binaries, and Oracle data VMDKs.
- Cloning the database VMDKs of a VM alone.

For further information about VM cloning in a vSphere environment, see [Clone a Virtual Machine](#).

VMware Multi-Writer Attribute for Shared VMDKs

VMFS is a clustered file system that disables (by default) multiple VMs from opening and writing to the same virtual disk (.vmdk file). This prevents more than one VM from inadvertently accessing the same .vmdk file. The multi-writer option allows VMFS-backed disks to be shared by multiple VMs. An Oracle RAC cluster using shared storage is a common use case.

VMware vSphere on VMFS, VVols (beginning with ESXi 6.5), network files system (NFS) datastores and VMware vSAN prevents multiple VMs from opening the same virtual disk (VMDK) in read-write mode.

Current restrictions of the multi-writer attribute documented in [KB 1034165](#) include:

- VMware vSphere® Storage vMotion® is disallowed.
- Snapshots are not supported (snapshots of VMs with independent-persistent disks are supported, however).
- Changed-block tracking (CBT) is not supported.
- Cloning, hot-extend virtual disk are not supported.

Independent-persistent mode is **NOT** required for enabling multi-writer attribute.

For further information about multi-writer attribute for shared VMDKs, see [KB 1034165](#).

VMware Site Recovery Manager

VMware Site Recovery Manager™ is a business continuity and disaster recovery solution that helps you plan, test, and run the recovery of virtual machines between a protected vCenter Server site and a recovery vCenter Server site.

You can use Site Recovery Manager to implement different types of recovery from the protected site to the recovery site.

Planned migration is the orderly migration of VMs from the protected site to the recovery site. Planned migration prevents data loss when migrating workloads in an orderly fashion. For planned migration to succeed, both sites must be running and fully functional.

Disaster recovery does not require that both sites be up and running, and it can be initiated in the event of the protected site going offline unexpectedly. During a disaster recovery operation, failure of operations on the protected site is reported, but otherwise ignored.

Site Recovery Manager orchestrates the recovery process with the replication mechanisms, to minimize data loss and system downtime.

See [VMware Site Recovery Manager](#) for more further details.

VMware vSphere Replication

VMware vSphere® Replication™ is an extension to VMware vCenter Server that provides a hypervisor-based virtual machine replication and recovery.

vSphere Replication is an alternative to storage-based replication. It protects virtual machines from partial or complete site failures by replicating the VMs between the following sites:

- From a source site to a target site
- Within a single site from one cluster to another
- From multiple source sites to a shared remote target site

vSphere Replication provides several benefits as compared to storage-based replication:

- Data protection at a lower cost per VM.
- A replication solution that allows flexibility in the storage vendor selection at the source and target sites.
- Lower overall cost per replication.

With vSphere Replication, you can configure the replication of a virtual machine from a source site to a target site, monitor and manage the status of the replication, and recover the VM at the target site.

When you configure a VM for replication, the vSphere Replication agent sends changed blocks in the VM disks from the source site to the target site. The changed blocks are applied to the copy of the VM. This process occurs independently of the storage layer. vSphere Replication performs an initial full synchronization of the source VM and its replica copy. You can use replication seeds to reduce the network traffic that data transfer generates during the initial full synchronization.

During replication configuration, you can set a recovery point objective (RPO) and enable retention of instances from multiple points-in-time (MPIT).

Write-order fidelity is guaranteed with vSphere Replication on the disks or VMDKs that comprise a VM. However, consistency cannot be guaranteed across multiple VMs.

vSphere Replication supports replicating VMs on local, attached, vSAN, FC, iSCSI, or NFS storage. vSphere Replication cannot replicate VMs that are part of an MSCS cluster. vSphere Replication cannot replicate disks in multi-writer mode.

Learn more about [Best Practices for Using and Configuring vSphere Replication](#).

For further information about VMware vSphere Replication, see [VMware vSphere Replication and Array-Based Replication Versus vSphere Replication](#).

Hybrid and Multi-Cloud as the VMware Cloud

The term hybrid cloud describes the use of both private and public cloud platforms, working in conjunction. It can refer to any combination of cloud solutions that work together on-premises and off-site to provide cloud computing services to a company. A hybrid cloud environment allows organizations to benefit from the advantages of both types of cloud platforms and choose which cloud to use based on specific data needs.

A multi-cloud environment is as its name suggests, reflecting multiple and disparate cloud offerings and forms, all of which are part of the ubiquitous VMware cloud.

The VMware [hybrid cloud](#) portfolio offers a combination of solutions that enable organizations to easily extend, protect, or replace on-premises infrastructure. These hybrid cloud offerings are built on an SDDC architecture, leveraging VMware's industry-leading compute, networking, and storage virtualization technologies.

Any combination of clouds powered by VMware creates a common operating environment across VMware-based on-premises private clouds and VMware-based public clouds. Cloud solutions from VMware Cloud Provider™ partners (VCP) include IBM, Oracle, Microsoft, Google, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and others. Native public clouds such as AWS, Azure, Oracle and Google Cloud Platform using VMware technologies including VMware Cloud Foundation™, VMware vRealize® and VMware Cloud™ Services – along with on-premises managed cloud services such as VMware Cloud on DellEMC – form the core of VMware Cloud™ offerings.

This approach enables a diverse set of use cases, including regional capacity expansion, disaster recovery, application migration, data center consolidation, new application development and burst capacity.

Learn more about [VMware Hybrid Cloud](#).

VMware Cloud on AWS

VMware Cloud on AWS is an on-demand service that enables customers to run applications across vSphere-based cloud environments with access to a broad range of AWS services. Powered by VMware Cloud Foundation, this service integrates vSphere, vSAN and VMware NSX® along with VMware vCenter management, and is optimized to run on dedicated, elastic, bare-metal AWS infrastructure.

With VMware Hybrid Cloud Extension™, customers can easily and rapidly perform large-scale bi-directional migrations between on-premises and VMware Cloud on AWS environments.

With the same architecture and operational experience on-premises and in the cloud, IT teams can now quickly derive instant business value from use of the AWS and VMware hybrid cloud experience. VMware Cloud on AWS is ideal for enterprise IT infrastructure and operations organizations looking to migrate on-premises vSphere-based workloads to the public cloud, consolidate and extend data center capacities, and optimize, simplify, and modernize their disaster recovery solutions.

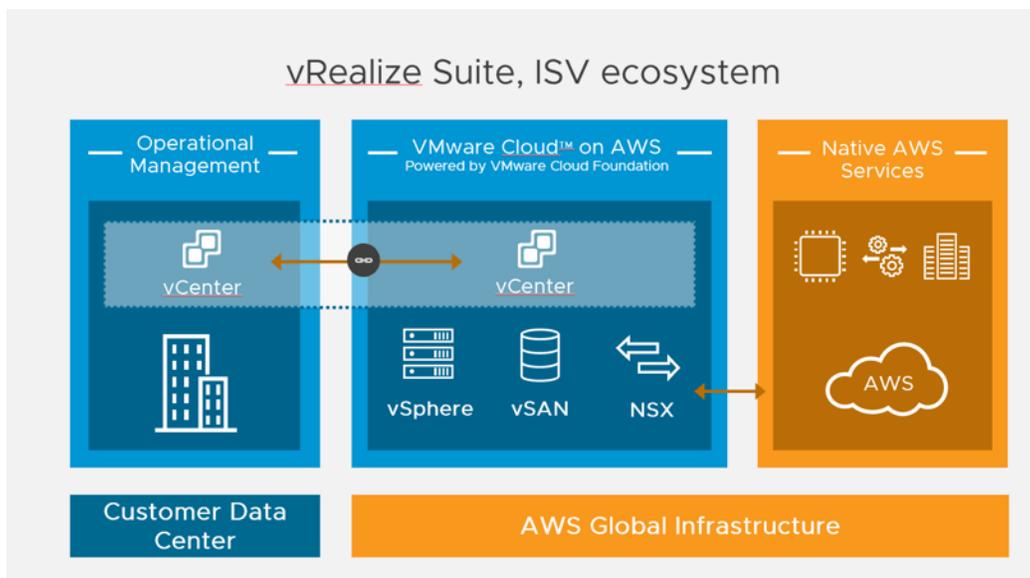


FIGURE 1. VMware Cloud on AWS

Learn more about [VMware Cloud on AWS](#).

VMware Cloud on Dell EMC

VMware Cloud on Dell EMC combines the simplicity and agility of the public cloud with the enhanced security and control of on-premises infrastructure, delivered as-a-service to data center and edge locations. This fully managed VMware Cloud service provides a simple, secure, and scalable infrastructure for customer's on-premises datacenter and edge locations. Industry-leading compute, storage, and networking software from VMware is integrated with enterprise-class Dell EMC VxRail hardware, empowering you to drive any enterprise workload. The unique approach of this service empowers customers to focus on business innovation and differentiation, while VMware operates the entire infrastructure end-to-end.

VMware Cloud on Dell EMC is a fully managed VMware Cloud Service which includes a physical Dell VxRail hyperconverged infrastructure built to a customer’s capacity needs and is delivered onsite preloaded with vSphere, NSX, and vSAN software. Included with this service is full management of the hardware infrastructure, including monitoring, software patching and upgrades, security updates, lifecycle management and break-fix service in the event of a hard failure. This service is backed by an enterprise-grade service-level agreement (SLA).

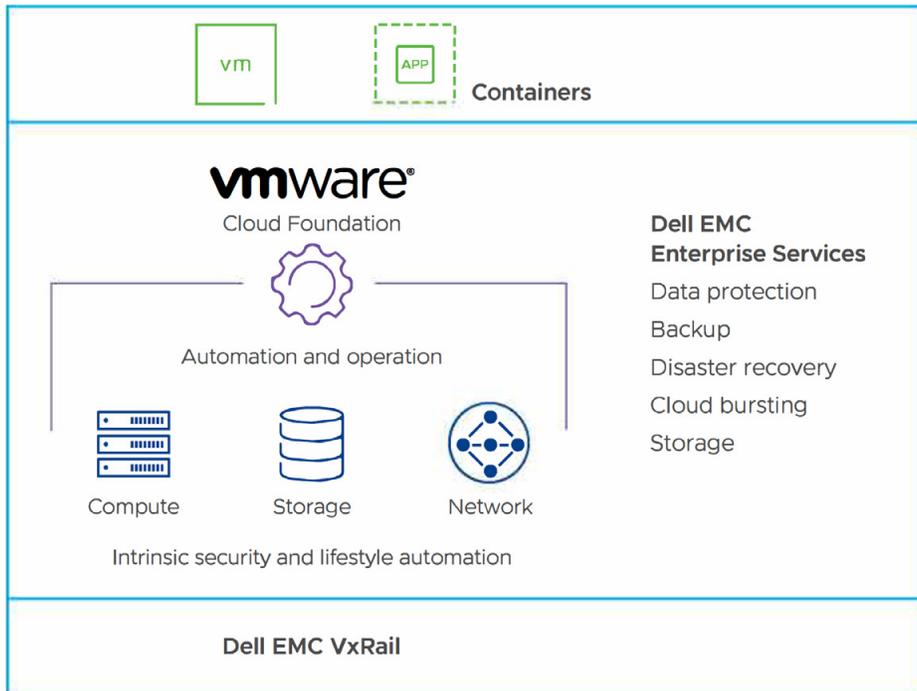


FIGURE 2. VMware Cloud on Dell EMC

Learn more about [VMware Cloud on Dell EMC](#).

Google Cloud VMware Engine

Google Cloud VMware Engine (GCVE) allows organizations to seamlessly migrate and run their VMware workloads to the cloud. This solution offers flexible on-demand capacity and full operational consistency with your existing on-premises environments, allowing you to harness the power of the Google Cloud Platform to modernize your infrastructure, operations, and processes.

By integrating VMware flagship compute, storage, network virtualization, and management technologies with dedicated, elastic, bare-metal infrastructure, Google Cloud VMware Engine allows customers to access the agility, scale, and innovative services of the cloud while maintaining operational consistency and leveraging existing tools and investments.

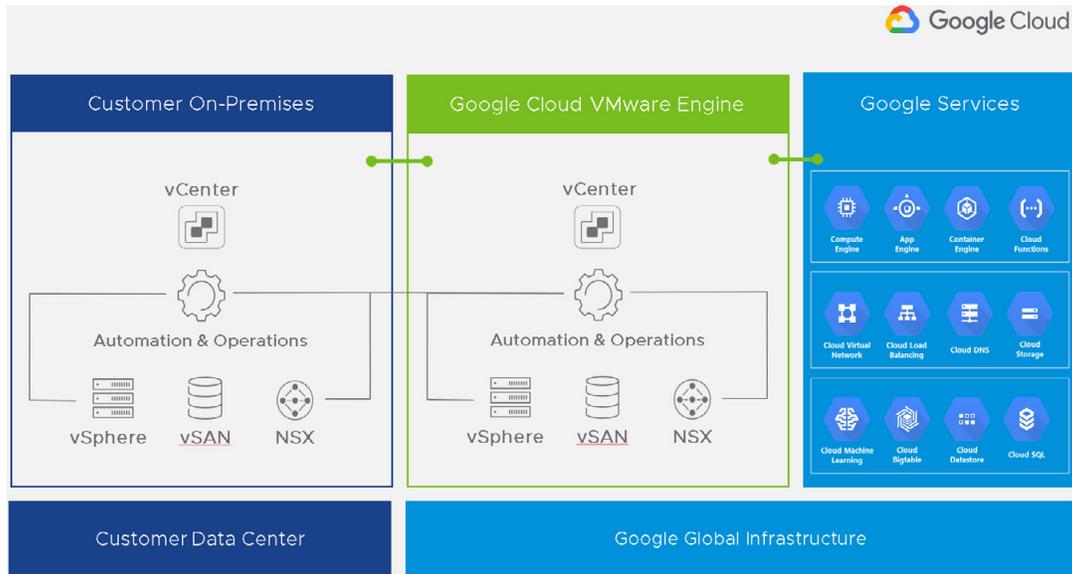


FIGURE 3. Google Cloud VMware Engine

Learn more about [Google Cloud VMware Engine](#).

Azure VMware Solution

Azure VMware Solution (AVS) is a first-party Microsoft service that delivers the VMware SDDC stack as a managed service—sold, operated, and supported by Microsoft—running natively on bare-metal infrastructure in the Microsoft Azure Cloud. Azure VMware Solution is a VMware Cloud-verified platform that offers vSphere, vSAN, NSX-T, and more, while being seamlessly integrated into Microsoft Azure infrastructure and management tools.

With Azure VMware Solution, you can modernize your infrastructure by seamlessly moving vSphere-based workloads directly to Microsoft Azure without application changes. Because Azure VMware Solution uses the same VMware SDDC components you use on-premises, you can leverage the same skills and tools you use every day to build an elastic, hybrid, and scalable platform for your existing or new vSphere applications.

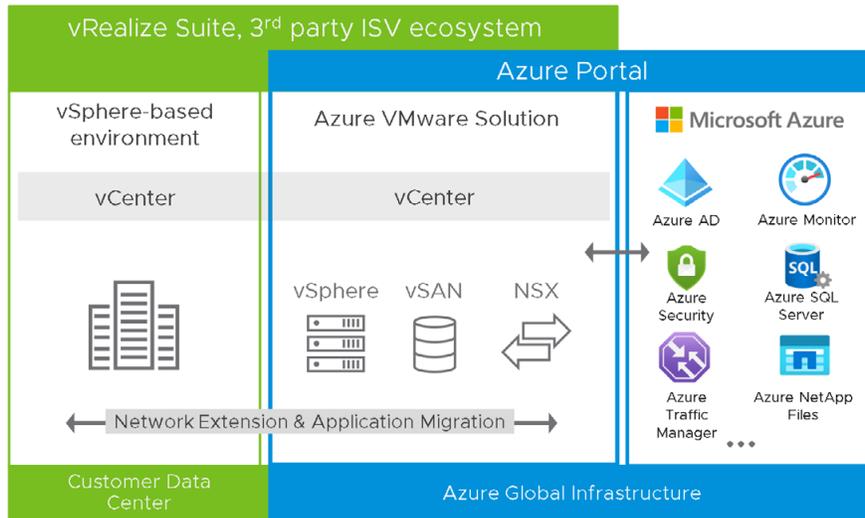


FIGURE 4. Azure VMware Solution

Learn more about [Azure VMware Solution](#).

Oracle Cloud VMware Solution

Oracle Cloud VMware Solution (OCVS) integrates VMware on-premises tools, skillsets, and processes with public Oracle Cloud services. The solution is a customer-managed, native VMware cloud environment based on VMware Validated Design™ for use with the public Oracle Cloud. It allows enterprises to access the scale and agility of the Oracle Cloud while extending VMware-based workloads and applications across the Oracle Cloud. It also empowers enterprises to reduce operational costs and complexity, while mitigating operational risk.

Oracle Cloud VMware Solution leverages VMware Cloud Foundation compute, network virtualization, and storage functions deployed to Oracle bare-metal hosts in the Oracle Cloud. This consistent, unified cloud infrastructure and operations platform will enable your enterprise to migrate and modernize applications faster while seamlessly moving workloads between on-premises environments and Oracle Cloud at scale. Enterprises can now move or extend VMware-based workloads without rearchitecting applications or retooling operations. Your IT teams can also easily leverage Oracle services, such as Oracle Autonomous Database, Exadata Cloud, and Database Cloud, from the same cloud data centers, on the same networks, with consistent portal access and modernized APIs.

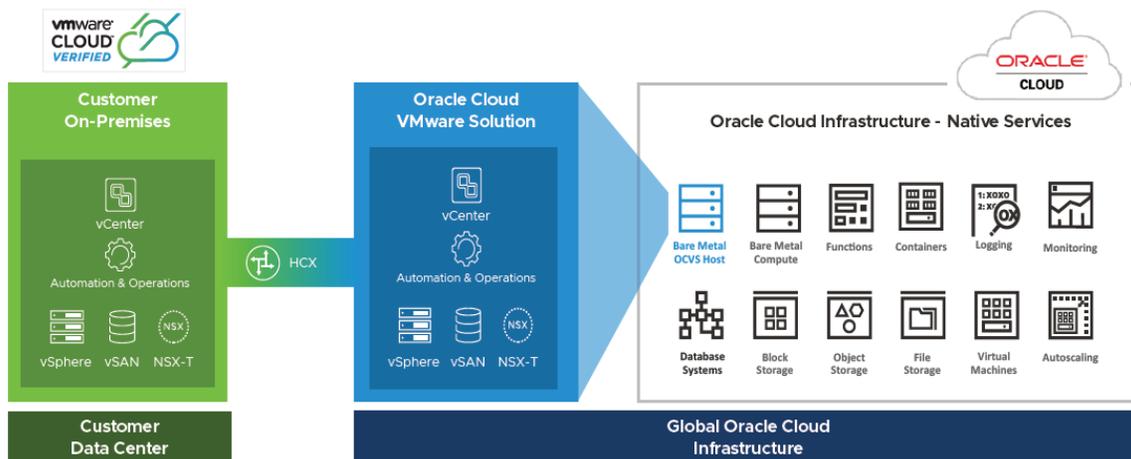


FIGURE 5. Oracle Cloud VMware Solution

Learn more about [Oracle Cloud VMware Solution](#).

VMware Site Recovery

VMware Site Recovery brings VMware enterprise-class SDDC disaster recovery-as-a-service to the AWS Cloud. It enables customers to protect and recover applications without the requirement for a dedicated secondary site. It is delivered, sold, supported, maintained and managed by VMware as an on-demand service. IT teams manage their cloud-based resources with familiar VMware tools—without the difficulties of learning new abilities or utilizing new tools.

VMware Site Recovery is an add-on feature to VMware Cloud on AWS, powered by VMware Cloud Foundation. VMware Cloud on AWS integrates VMware flagship compute, storage, and network virtualization products—VMware vSphere, VMware vSAN, and VMware NSX—along with VMware vCenter Server management. It optimizes them to run on elastic, bare-metal AWS infrastructure. With the same architecture and operational experience on-premises and in the cloud, IT teams can now get instant business value via the AWS and VMware hybrid cloud experience.

VMware Site Recovery works in conjunction with VMware Site Recovery Manager and VMware vSphere Replication to automate the process of recovering, testing, re-protecting, and failing-back virtual machine workloads.

VMware Site Recovery utilizes VMware Site Recovery Manager servers to coordinate the operations of the VMware SDDC. This is so that as VMs at the protected site are shut down, copies of these VMs at the recovery site start up. By using the data replicated from the protected site, these VMs assume responsibility for providing the same services.

VMware Site Recovery can be used between a customer’s datacenter and an SDDC deployed on VMware Cloud on AWS, or it can be used between two SDDCs deployed to different AWS availability zones or regions. The second option allows VMware Site Recovery to provide a fully VMware managed and maintained disaster recovery solution.

For further information about VMware Site Recovery, see [VMware Site Recovery Technical Overview](#).

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery is an on-demand disaster recovery service that provides an easy-to-use software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution and offers cloud economics to keep your disaster recovery costs under control.

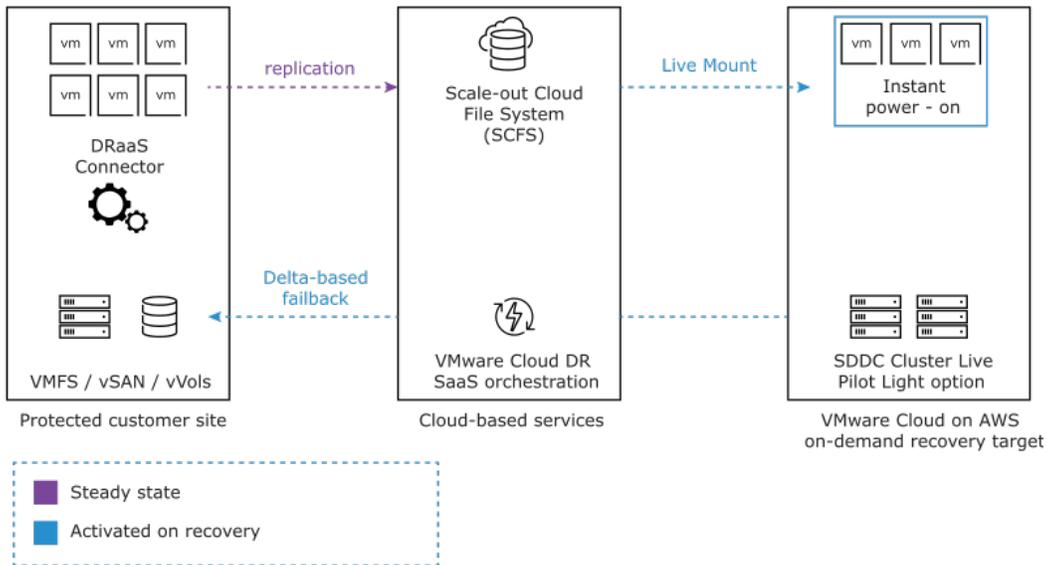


FIGURE 6. VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery

You can use VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery to protect your vSphere VMs by replicating them to the cloud and recovering them as needed to a target VMware Cloud SDDC. You can create the target SDDC immediately prior to performing a recovery, and it does not need to be provisioned to support replications in the steady state.

You can protect VMs in vSphere environments running on any storage with the [DRaaS Connector](#). With the DRaaS Connector in a vSphere environment (on-premises or cloud), you can back up VMs using [protection groups](#) which are replicated to the scale-out cloud file System (SCFS) using regularly scheduled snapshots. You can define which snapshots to use if there is a disaster or planned recovery using [DR plans](#). VMs captured in snapshots are then restarted on the recovery SDDC in VMware Cloud on AWS.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery lets you [deploy a recovery SDDC](#) in VMware Cloud on AWS to use for recovery and testing of your DR plans. You can add hosts, new networks, request public IP addresses, configure NAT rules, and also delete the recovery SDDC. In the event of a disaster or planned recovery operation, you can recover VMs from your protected site to your recovery SDDC.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery uses regularly scheduled snapshots to replicate to the SCFS. VMware snapshots are point-in-time (PIT) snapshots and are therefore crash-consistent.

VMware snapshots are not compatible with disks in multi-writer mode and VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery cannot replicate disks in multi-writer mode. Learn more about [VMware Cloud DR and shared disks](#).

Both VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery and VMware Site Recovery are DRaaS solutions that can be used to protect mission-critical applications. Refer to VMware documentation for the RPO and RTO values for DRaaS solutions.

Learn more about [VMware Cloud DR Backup Considerations](#). For further information about VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery, see VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery Documentation.

VMware Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication for other VMware Multi-Clouds

VMware Site Recovery Manager, along with VMware vSphere Replication, can be used to provide disaster recovery services from on-premises VMware environments to other VMware multi-clouds including VMware Cloud on Dell EMC, Google Cloud VMware Engine, Azure VMware Solutions, or Oracle Cloud VMware Solution.

Information on Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication for VMware Cloud on Dell EMC is the same as on-premises VMware environments.

Further information about Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication for Google Cloud VMware Engine (GCVE) can be found at [Configuring disaster recovery using VMware SRM](#).

Further information about Site Recovery Manager and VMware vSphere Replication for Azure VMware Solution can be found at [Set up Private Cloud as a disaster recovery target with VMware Site Recovery Manager](#).

Further information about Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication for Oracle Cloud VMware Solution can be found at [Implement the VMware Site Recovery Manager](#).

Oracle Database Architecture

Oracle Database 19c, the latest generation of the world's most popular database, provides businesses of all sizes with access to the world's fastest, most scalable, and reliable database technology for secure and cost-effective deployment of transactional and analytical workloads in the cloud, on-premises and in hybrid cloud configurations.

An Oracle database server consists of a database and at least one database instance. In Oracle RAC, an Oracle database will have more than one instance accessing the database.

- A database is a set of files, located on disk, that store data. These files can exist independently of a database instance.
- An instance is a set of memory structures that manage database files. The instance consists of a shared memory area, called the system global area (SGA), and a set of background processes. An instance can exist independently of database files.

The physical database structures that comprise a database are:

- **Data files** – Every Oracle database has one or more physical data files, which contain all database data. The data of logical database structures, such as tables and indexes, is physically stored in the data files.
- **Control files** – Every Oracle database has a control file. A control file contains metadata specifying the physical structure of the database, including the database name, along with the names and locations of the database files.
- **Online redo log files** – Every Oracle database has an online redo log, representing a set of two or more online redo log files. An online redo log is made up of redo entries (also called redo log records), which record all changes made to data.
- Many other files, including parameter files, archived redo files, backup files and networking files, are important to any Oracle database operation.

Learn more about [Oracle database architecture](#).

Oracle ASM, ASMLIB and ASMFD

ASM

Oracle Automatic Storage Management (ASM) is a volume manager and a file system for Oracle database files that supports single-instance Oracle Database and Oracle RAC configurations.

Oracle ASM is Oracle's recommended storage-management solution that can be used for both Oracle RAC and single-instance Oracle databases and provides an alternative to conventional volume managers, file systems, and raw devices.

Oracle ASM uses disk groups to store data files. An Oracle ASM disk group is a collection of disks that Oracle ASM manages as a unit. Users can add or remove disks from a disk group while a database continues to access files from the disk group.

Learn more about [Oracle Automatic Storage management \(ASM\)](#).

ASMLIB

Oracle ASMLIB maintains permissions and disk labels that are persistent on the storage device, so that the label is available even after an operating system upgrade.

The Oracle ASMLIB driver simplifies the configuration and management of block disk devices by eliminating the need to rebind block disk devices used with Oracle ASM each time the system is restarted.

Learn more about [Oracle ASMLIB](#).

ASMFD

Oracle ASMFD helps prevent corruption in Oracle ASM disks and files within the disk group. Oracle ASMFD simplifies the configuration and management of disk devices by eliminating the need to rebind disk devices used with Oracle ASM each time the system is restarted.

Learn more about [Oracle ASMFD](#).

Oracle Backup and Recovery

The purpose of backup and recovery is to protect the database against data loss and reconstruct the database after data loss. Oracle provides different options for database backup and recovery.

Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) is the most popular and preferred backup solution for Oracle Database.

Common Oracle backup and recovery options include:

- User-managed database backup (hot and cold backup)
- Crash-consistent backup using storage-based snapshots
- Oracle RMAN
- Oracle Data Pump export/import

Learn more about [Oracle Backup and Recovery Solutions](#).

Oracle User Managed Database Backup

The user-managed backup and recovery mechanism includes performing backup and recovery with a mixture of host operating system commands and SQL*Plus recovery commands. This strategy does not depend on using Oracle RMAN.

A database-consistent backup is a whole database backup that can be opened with the RESETLOGS option without performing media recovery. It's not necessary to apply redo to this backup to make it consistent. Unless the redo generated is applied after the consistent backup is created, however, all transactions since the time of the consistent backup will be lost.

All datafiles in a consistent backup must:

- Have the same checkpoint system change number (SCN) in their headers, unless they are datafiles in tablespaces that are read-only or offline normal (in which case they will have a clean SCN that is earlier than the checkpoint SCN).
- Contain no changes past the checkpoint SCN (i.e., are not fuzzy).
- Match the data file checkpoint information stored in the control file.

See [Oracle Backup and Recovery User Guide](#) for more information.

Consistent backups can only be taken after a clean shutdown has been completed or by turning on hot backup mode of the database. This is the most trusted backup by DBAs but is also complex, as the admin will need to run scripts to put the database in hot-backup mode, take a snapshot, and then take the database out of the hot-backup mode.

Oracle data pump backups are *logical* database backups in that they extract logical definitions and data from the database to a file.

With a cold backup, it's possible to make a consistent whole database backup of all files in a database after the database is shut down with the **NORMAL**, **IMMEDIATE**, or **TRANSACTIONAL** options.

See [Making User-Managed Backups of the Whole Database](#) for more information.

With a hot backup, this would require:

- Putting the tablespace or database (depending on whether it is a tablespace level or database level backup) in a **BEGIN** backup mode by the **ALTER TABLESPACE/DATABASE BEGIN BACKUP** command.
- Taking an operating system-level backup of the tablespace or database data files.
- Taking the tablespace or database out of the backup mode with the **ALTER TABLESPACE/ DATABASE END BACKUP** command.

There is overhead involved in transitioning a database in and out of backup mode:

- Additional redo data is logged.
- Complete database checkpoint is required.
- More operational steps and complexity during the backup operation

Oracle Crash-Consistent Backup

A crash-consistent backup is the backup of a point-in-time image of an Oracle database that is equivalent to a database crash induced by a power outage, other failures, or a shutdown abort.

When the database is started up, instance recovery (i.e., the process of applying records in the online redo log to data files to reconstruct changes) is performed automatically to bring the database to a consistent state.

This is one of the most common backup methods used for storage-based backups and is fully supported by Oracle as long as the following conditions are met.

As noted in *Supported Backup, Restore and Recovery Operations using Third Party Snapshot Technologies* (Oracle Doc ID 604683.1), third-party vendor snapshots must conform to the following requirements:

- Integrated with Oracle's recommended restore and recovery operations above
- Database crash-consistent at the point of the snapshot
- Write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot

See [Making Backups with Third-Party Snapshot Technologies](#) for more information.

Oracle RMAN

Oracle RMAN is an Oracle Database client that performs backup and recovery tasks on databases and automates administration of backup strategies. It greatly simplifies backing up, restoring, and recovering database files.

The RMAN environment consists of the utilities and databases that play a role in backing up data. Minimally, the environment for RMAN must include the following components:

- **A target database** – An Oracle database to which RMAN is connected with the **TARGET** keyword. A target database is a database on which RMAN is performing backup and recovery operations. RMAN always maintains metadata about its operations on a database in the control file of the database. The RMAN metadata is known as the RMAN repository.
- **The RMAN client** – An Oracle database executable that interprets commands, directs server sessions to execute those commands, and records its activity in the target database control file. The RMAN executable is automatically installed with the database and is typically located in the same directory as the other database executables.

Advantages of Oracle RMAN-based backups include:

- Only used space in the database is backed up
- RMAN does not put tablespaces in backup mode, saving on redo-generation overhead. RMAN will re-read database blocks until it gets a consistent image of it.

Learn more about [Oracle RMAN](#).

Oracle Database Cloning

Cloning of an Oracle database is the process of making an exact copy of another database for various reasons. The cloned database is both fully functional and separate in its own right.

Use cases for cloning include making copies of the production database to use it:

- As a development database for developing new applications or adding new features to existing applications.
- As a QA database for testing existing software for bugs or testing new software features or versions.
- As a test database for backup and recovery scenarios.
- To provision a copy of a database for different business units.
- To test database patching, upgrade, and migration strategies.
- To benchmark for performance.

After cloning, the DBA may choose to mask sensitive data in the cloned database before releasing it for general consumption.

For example, a production database for a credit card company will have real customer data that cannot be revealed for security purposes, so Oracle data-masking is used to mask customer names and social security number.

Examples of database cloning include using Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control or classic cloning using RMAN backups. See [Cloning Oracle Databases and Pluggable Databases](#) for more information.

The database cloning process may also occasionally include making copies of Oracle database home directories, along with a copy of the Oracle database, for those instances when testing database patching, upgrade, or migration strategies is needed.

Oracle Real Application Clusters on VMware vSphere

Oracle Clusterware is portable cluster software that provides comprehensive multi-tiered high availability and resource management for consolidated environments. It supports clustering of independent servers so that they cooperate as a single system.

Oracle Clusterware is the integrated foundation for Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), and the high-availability and resource management framework for all applications on any major platform.

Learn more about [Oracle Clusterware 19c](#).

There are two key requirements for Oracle RAC:

- Shared storage
- Multicast Layer 2 networking

These requirements are fully addressed when running Oracle RAC on VMware vSphere, as both shared storage and Layer 2 networking are natively supported by vSphere.

vSphere high availability (HA) clusters enable a collection of ESXi hosts to work together so that, as a group, they provide higher levels of infrastructure-level availability for VMs than each ESXi host can provide individually.

vSphere HA provides high availability for VMs by pooling the VMs and the hosts they reside on into a cluster. Hosts in the cluster are monitored and, in the event of a failure, the VMs on a failed host are restarted on alternate hosts.

When creating a vSphere HA cluster, a single host is automatically elected as the master host. The master host communicates with vCenter Server and monitors the state of all protected VMs and of the slave hosts.

Learn more about [VMware vSphere HA](#).

Oracle RAC and VMware HA solutions are completely complementary to each other. Running Oracle RAC on a VMware platform provides the application-level HA enabled by Oracle RAC, in addition to the infrastructure-level HA enabled by VMware vSphere.

Learn more about [Oracle RAC on VMware vSphere](#).

Oracle Data Guard

Oracle Data Guard provides a comprehensive set of services that create, maintain, manage, and monitor one or more standby databases to enable production Oracle databases to survive disasters and data corruptions. Oracle Data Guard maintains these standby databases as copies of the production database.

Then, if the production database becomes unavailable because of a planned or an unplanned outage, Oracle Data Guard can switch any standby database to the production role, minimizing the downtime associated with the outage. Oracle Data Guard can be used with traditional backup, restoration, and cluster techniques to provide a high level of data protection and data availability.

Learn more about [Oracle Data Guard](#).

Solution Configuration

This section introduces the resources and configurations for the solution, including:

- Architecture diagram
- Hardware resources
- Software resources
- Network configuration
- Storage configuration
- Pure Storage Plugin for VMware vSphere client
- VM and Oracle configuration
- VMware Site Recovery Manager with vSphere Replication
- VMware Site Recovery Manager with Array-Based Replication (LUN level and vVOL Level)
- VMware Site Recovery
- VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery

Architecture Diagram

This solution architecture relies on a three-site scenario:

- On-premises vSphere cluster on Site A (Santa Clara)
- On-premises vSphere cluster on Site B (Wenatchee)
- VMware Cloud on AWS

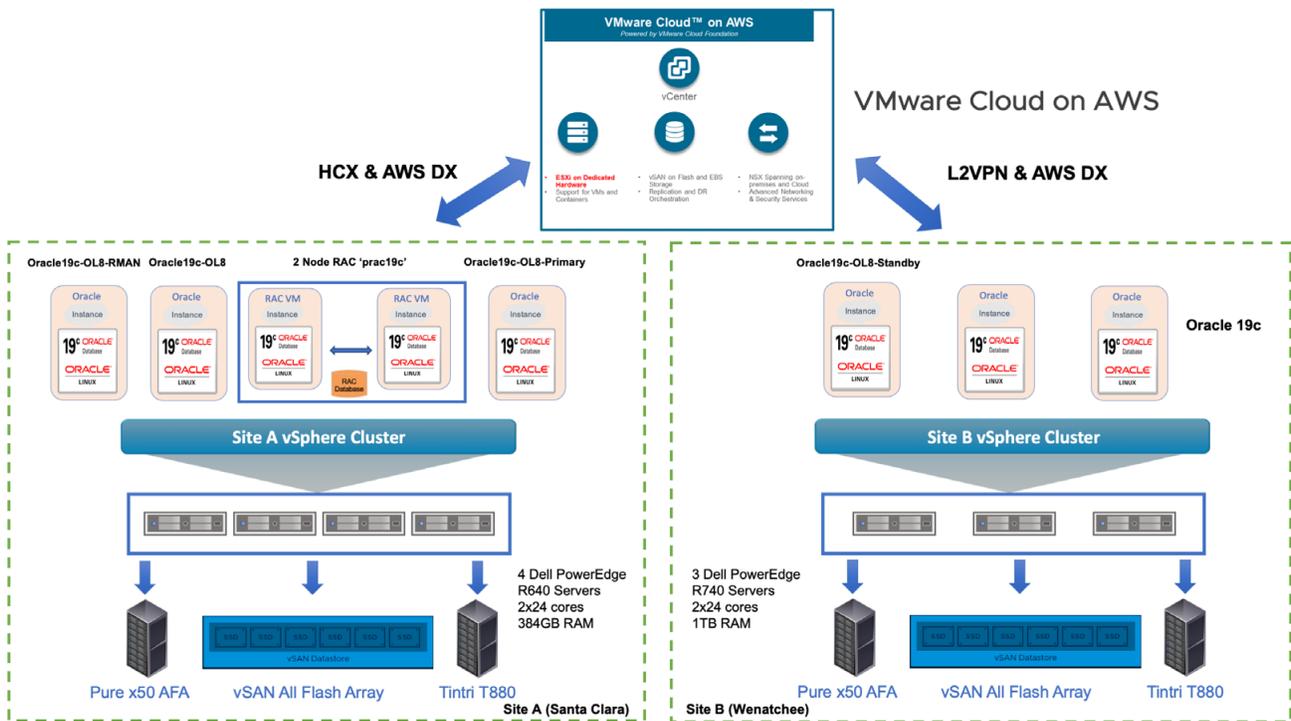


FIGURE 7. Site Architecture Diagram

The on-premises setup features two separate and dedicated vSphere cluster configurations: Site A and Site B.

- Site A is hosting production RAC and single-instance workloads.
- Site B is hosting non-production RAC and non-RAC workloads, including disaster recovery (DR).
- Both sites are connected to VMware Cloud on AWS.

Site A infrastructure details are as follows:

- vCenter **sc2wvc03.vslab.local** version 7.0.2 Build 17694817
- vSphere cluster **BCA-SiteC** with 4-nodes running ESXi version 7.0.2 Build 17867351
- Each ESXi server is a Dell PowerEdge R640 Server with Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8168 CPU @ 2.70GHz with 2x24 cores, and 384GB RAM with hyperthreading
- Each ESXi server has access to a Pure Storage FlashArray//x50 (Purity/FA 6.1.6) for both block FC storage and vVols
- Each ESXi server features:
 - 2 x QLogic ISP2812-based 64/32G Fibre Channel to PCIe Controller for FC storage
 - 2 x Intel® Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GbE SFP+ for network connection

Site B infrastructure details are as follows:

- Virtual Center **az2wvc01.vslab.local** version 7.0.2 Build 17694817
- vSphere cluster **AZ2-DC** with 3-nodes running ESXi version 7.0.2 Build 17867351
- Each ESXi server is a Dell PowerEdge R740 Server with Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8168 CPU @ 2.70GHz with 2x24 cores, and 1TB RAM with hyperthreading
- Each ESXi server has access to a Pure Storage FlashArray//x50 (Purity/FA 6.1.6) for both block FC storage and vVols
- Each ESXi server features:
 - 2 x Emulex LightPulse LPe32000 Gen 6 16/32G PCIe Fibre Channel Adapter for FC storage
 - 2 x Intel® Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GbE SFP+ for network connection

The VMware Cloud on AWS setup has the following configuration:

- Virtual Center vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com Version 7.0.2 Build 18231847
- A two-node cluster for VMware Cloud on AWS setup, each ESXi server version 7.0.2 Build 18226209
- Each ESXi server is an Amazon EC2 i3.metal with 2 sockets, 18 cores each with Intel Xeon processor E5-2686 v4 at 2.30GHz without HyperThreading and 512GB RAM memory
- Storage provided by the HCI vSAN instance

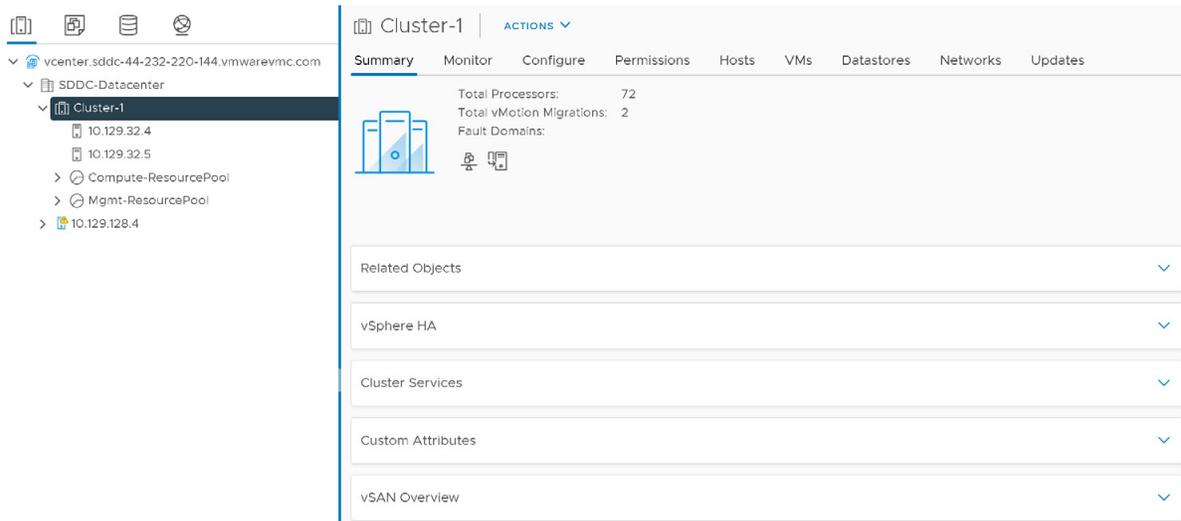


FIGURE 8. VMware Cloud on AWS Setup

Hardware Resources

Below are the hardware resources for the vSphere cluster on Site A:

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
Server	4 x ESXi server
Server Model	Dell PowerEdge R640
CPU	2 sockets with 24 cores each, Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8168 CPU @ 2.70GHz with hyperthreading enabled
RAM	384GB RAM
Storage controller	2 x QLogic ISP2812-based 64/32G Fibre Channel to PCIe Controller for FC storage
Storage Array	Pure x50 AFA (Purity/FA 6.1.6)
Network	2 x Intel® Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GbE SFP+ for network connection
Internal Disk Controller	Dell HBA330 Mini
Internal Disks	Cache—1 x 372.61GB SSD ATA Capacity—2 x 894.25GB SSD ATA
vSAN Disk Group	1 vSAN Disk Group per ESXi server

TABLE 2. Site A Hardware Resources

The following summarizes the vCenter **sc2wvc03.vslab.local**, vSphere cluster **BCA-SiteC** and one of the ESXi servers in the vSphere cluster on Site A:

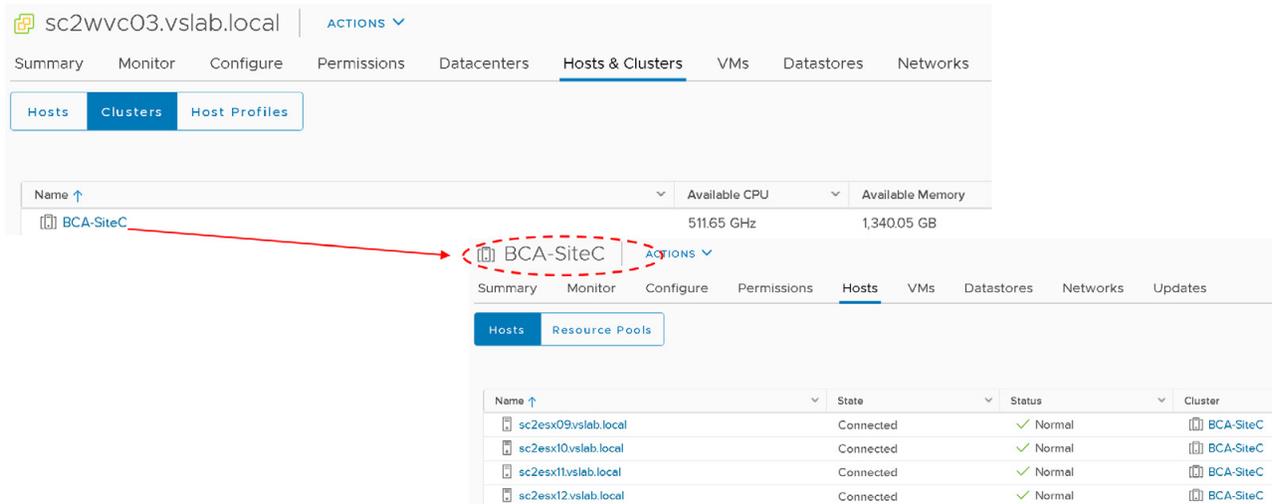


FIGURE 9. Site A vCenter and vSphere Cluster

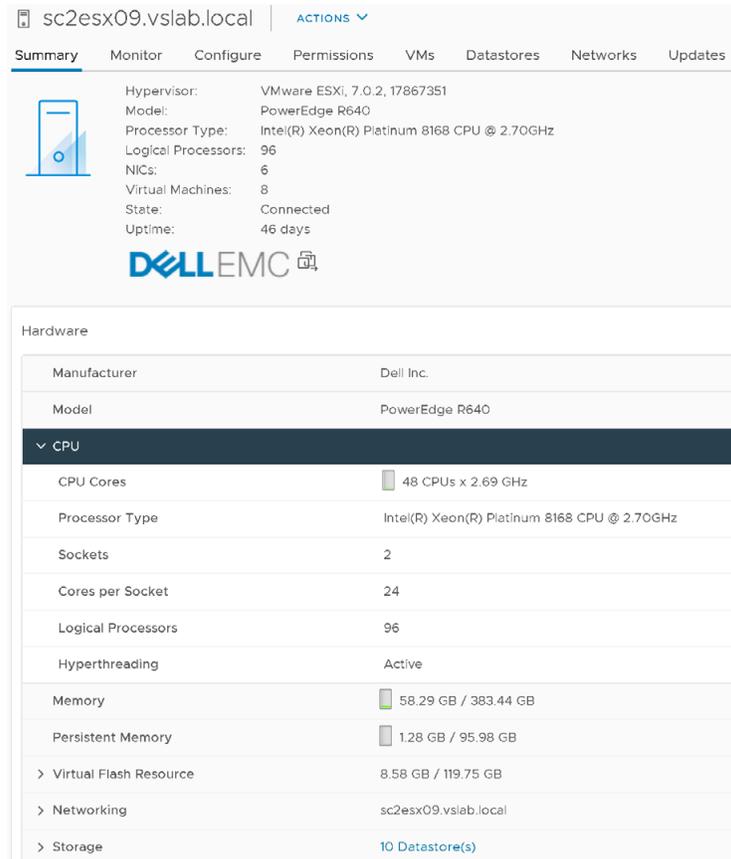


FIGURE 10. Site A VMware ESXI Server Summary

Below are the hardware resources for the vSphere cluster on Site B:

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
Server	3 x ESXi server
Server Model	Dell PowerEdge R740
CPU	2 sockets with 24 cores each, Intel® Xeon® Platinum 8168 CPU @ 2.70GHz with Hyperthreading enabled
RAM	1TB RAM
Storage controller	2 x Emulex LightPulse LPe32000 Gen 6 16/32G PCIe Fibre Channel Adapter for FC storage
Storage Array	Pure x50 AFA (Purity/FA 5.3.10)
Network	2 x Intel® Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GbE SFP+ for network connection
Internal Disk Controller	Dell HBA330 Mini
Internal Disks	Cache—1 x 372.61GB Samsung SSD ATA Capacity—3 x 894.25GB SSD ATA
vSAN Disk Group	1 vSAN Disk Group per ESXi server

TABLE 3. Site B Hardware Resources

The following summarizes the vCenter **az2wvc01.vslab.local**, vSphere cluster **AZ2-DC** and one of the ESXi servers in the vSphere cluster on Site B:

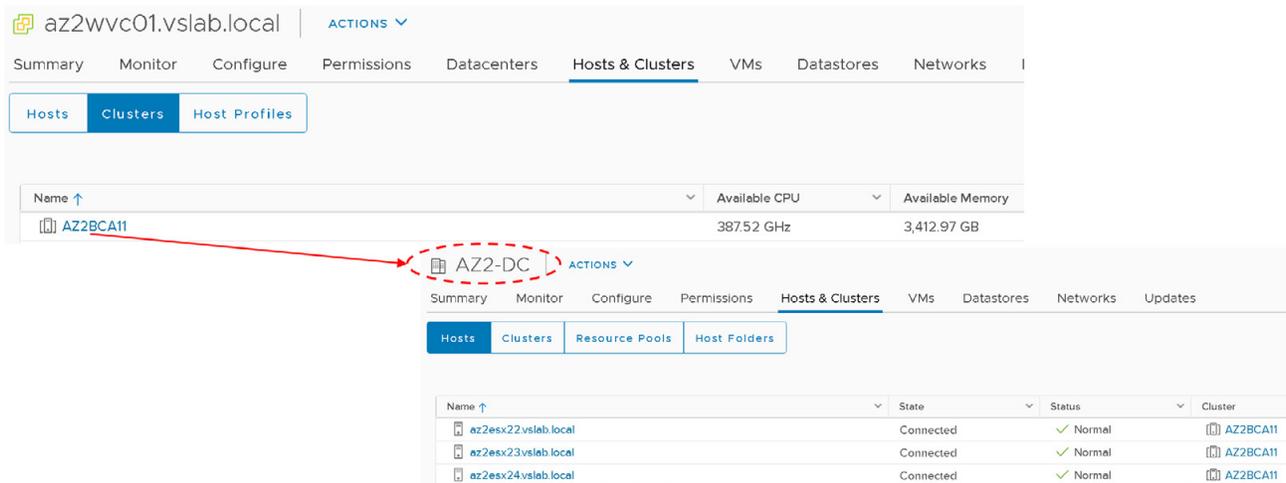


FIGURE 11. Site B vCenter and vSphere Cluster

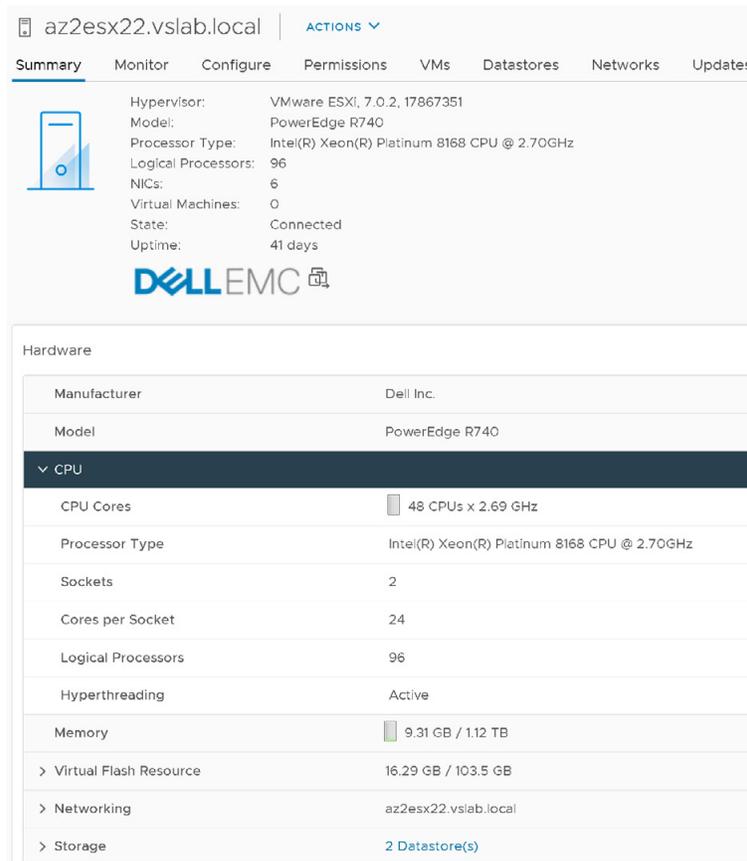


FIGURE 12. Site B VMware Esxi Server Summary

The following hardware resources are utilized for VMware Cloud on AWS:

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
Server	2 x ESXi servers
Server model	Amazon EC2 i3.metal
CPU	Two sockets, 18 cores each, Intel Xeon processor E5-2686 v4 at 2.30GHz without HyperThreading
RAM	512GB
Disks	(8) NVMe drives, each drive 1.73TB across two vSAN disk groups
vSAN disk groups	Two disk groups, each disk group with (1) NVMe for cache and (3) NVMe for capacity
Network	25G Amazon Elastic Network Adapter (ENA)

TABLE 4. VMware Cloud on AWS Hardware Resources

The following summarizes one of the ESXi servers in the VMware Cloud on AWS:

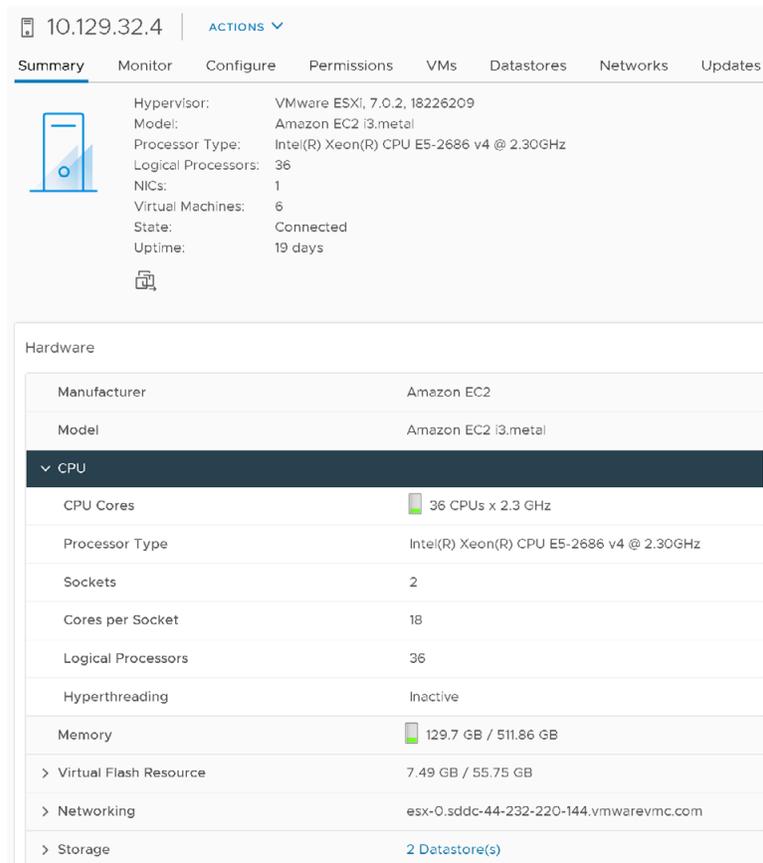


FIGURE 13. VMware Cloud on AWS ESXi Server Summary

Software Resources

The following is a summary of the software resources used:

SOFTWARE	VERSION	PURPOSE
VMware vCenter Server	7.0.2 Build 17694817	VMware vCenter Server provides a centralized platform for managing VMware vSphere environments
VMware ESXi Server	7.0.2 Build 17867351	ESXi servers to host VMs
ESXi Datastores	Purity//FA 6.1.6	Pure AFA provides both VMFS and vVol datastores
Oracle Linux	8.3 UEK	Oracle database server nodes
Oracle Database 19c	19.12.0.0.0	Grid Infrastructure and Oracle Database

TABLE 5. Software Resources

Network Configuration

VMware vSphere® Distributed Switch™ acts as a single virtual switch across all associated hosts in the datacenter. This setup enables VMs to maintain a consistent network configuration as they migrate across multiple hosts.

A port group defines properties regarding security, traffic-shaping, and network adapter-teaming. Jumbo frames (MTU=9000 bytes) are enabled on the vSphere vMotion interface and the default port group setting is used.

For Site A, vSphere Distributed Switch **dvSwitch** uses 2x 10GbE adapter per host:

- 2 x 10GbE uplinks for VM traffic and VMkernel non-VM traffic

The following distributed switch-port groups were created for Oracle RAC and Oracle VM traffic to balance traffic across the available uplinks:

- Port group **APPS-1614** with VLAN ID 1614 (Subnet 172.16.14.1/24) is for VM user traffic
- Port group **APPS-1605** with VLAN ID 1605 (Subnet 172.16.05.1/24) and **APPS-1606** with VLAN ID 1606 (Subnet 172.16.06.1/24) for Oracle RAC interconnect traffic with two active/active uplinks set to **Route based on originating virtual port**.
- Port group **APPS-1631** with VLAN ID 1631 for management traffic
- Port group **APPS-1632** with VLAN ID 1632 for vMotion traffic
- Port group **APPS-1635** with VLAN ID 1635 for vSAN traffic

Name ↑	VLAN ID	NSX Port Group ID	VNI	Port Binding
APPS-1601	VLAN access: 1601			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1602	VLAN access: 1602			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1603	VLAN access: 1603			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1604	VLAN access: 1604			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1605	VLAN access: 1605			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1606	VLAN access: 1606			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1607	VLAN access: 1607			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1608	VLAN access: 1608			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1609	VLAN access: 1609			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1610	VLAN access: 1610			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1611	VLAN access: 1611			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1612	VLAN access: 1612			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1613	VLAN access: 1613			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1614	VLAN access: 1614			Static binding (elastic)

FIGURE 14. Site A vSphere Distributed Switch Port Group Configuration

For Site B, vSphere Distributed Switch **az2-dvSwitch** uses 2x 10GbE adapter per host:

- 2 x 10GbE uplinks for VM traffic and VMkernel non-VM traffic

The following distributed switch-port groups were created for Oracle RAC and Oracle VM traffic to balance traffic across the available uplinks:

- Port group **APPS-1810** with VLAN ID 1810 (Subnet 172.18.10.1/24) is for VM user traffic
- Port group **APPS-1805** with VLAN ID 1805 (Subnet 172.18.05.1/24) and **APPS-1806** with VLAN ID 1806 (Subnet 172.18.06.1/24) for Oracle RAC interconnect traffic with two active/active uplinks set to **Route based on originating virtual port**.

- Port group **APPS-1809** with VLAN ID 1809 (Subnet 172.18.09.1/24) is for Site Recovery Manager test network
- Port group **AZ2-COMP-MGMT** with VLAN ID 1631 for management traffic
- Port group **AZ2-COMP-VMOTION** with VLAN ID 1632 for vMotion traffic
- Port group **AZ2-COMP-NFS** with VLAN ID 1635 for NFS and vSAN traffic

Name ↑	VLAN ID	NSX Port Group ID	VNI	Port Binding
APPS-1801	VLAN access: 1801			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1802	VLAN access: 1802			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1803	VLAN access: 1803			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1804	VLAN access: 1804			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1805	VLAN access: 1805			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1806	VLAN access: 1806			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1807	VLAN access: 1807			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1808	VLAN access: 1808			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1809	VLAN access: 1809			Static binding (elastic)
APPS-1810	VLAN access: 1810			Static binding (elastic)
AZ2-COMP-MGMT	VLAN access: 1631			Static binding (elastic)
AZ2-COMP-NFS	VLAN access: 1635			Static binding (elastic)
AZ2-COMP-VMOTION	VLAN access: 1632			Static binding (elastic)

FIGURE 15. Site B vSphere Distributed Switch Port Group Configuration

For VMware Cloud on AWS, each ESXi server has (1) 25GbE adapter per host.

Device	Actual Speed	Configured Speed	Switch	MAC Address	Observed IP Ranges	Wake on LAN Supported	SR-IOV Status
vmnic0	25 Gbit/s	25 Gbit/s	vmc-hostswitch	0e:93:d7:ad:a4:d9	No networks	No	Not supported

Physical network adapter: vmnic0	
All	Properties
Adapter Name	Amazon, Inc Elastic Network Adapter (VF) vmnic0
Location	PCI 0000:04:00.0
Driver	ene
Status	Connected
Actual speed, Duplex	25 Gbit/s, Full Duplex
Configured speed, Duplex	25 Gbit/s, Full Duplex
Networks	No networks
Network I/O Control Status	Allowed
SR-IOV Status	Not supported
Cisco Discovery Protocol ⓘ Cisco Discovery Protocol is not available on this physical network adapter	
Link Layer Discovery Protocol ⓘ Link Layer Discovery Protocol is not available on this physical network adapter	

FIGURE 16. VMware Cloud on AWS Physical Adapter Configuration

To create a logical segment, navigate to the VMware Cloud on AWS portal and click **Networking & Security**. Click **Segments**, then **Add Segments**. The illustration below is an example:

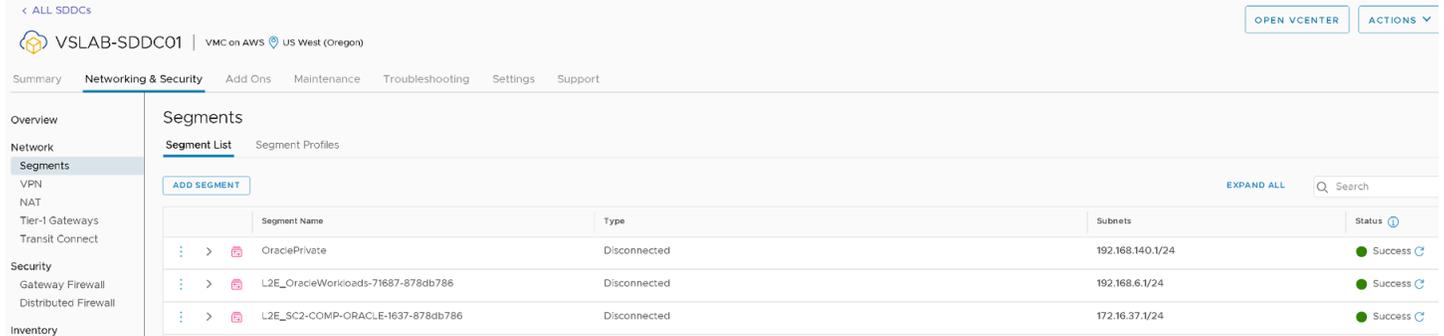


FIGURE 17. Logical Network details

Fill in the required details as shown above. Select the **Disconnected** option and specify the CIDR block of the segment in the **Gateway/Prefix Length** field. Click **Save** when done.

As mentioned before, a disconnected network segment has no uplink and provides an isolated network accessible only to VMs connected to it.

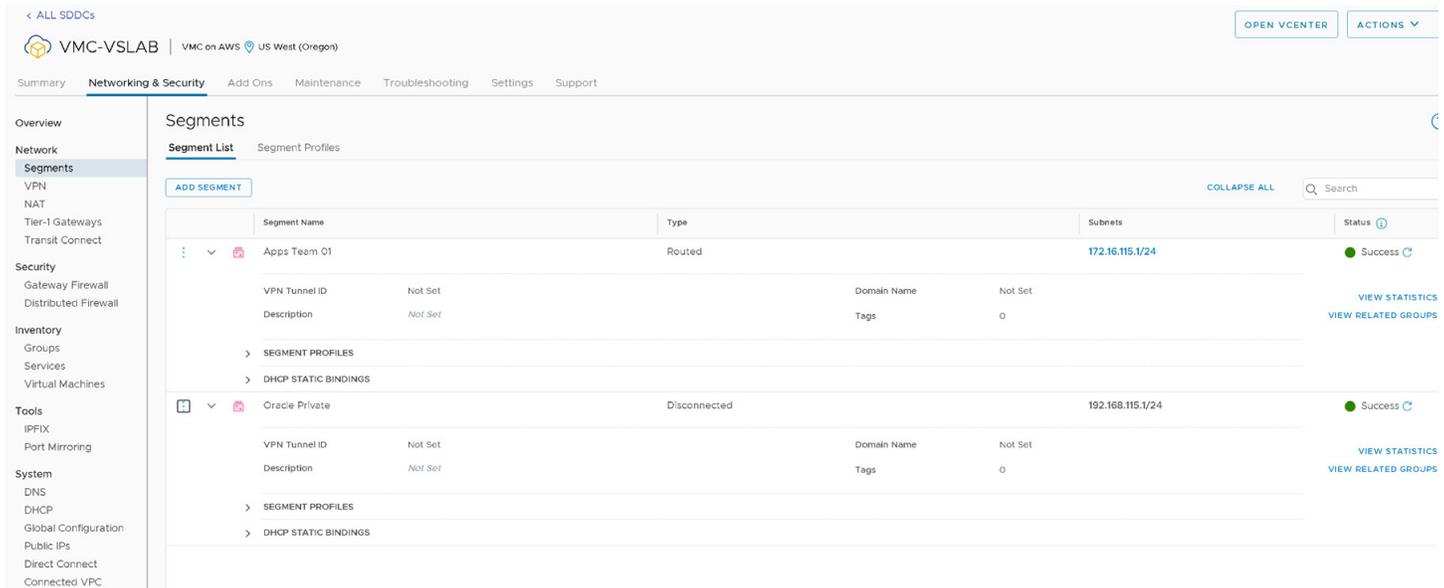


FIGURE 18. Logical Segments for Public and Private network

Learn more about [VMware Cloud on AWS logical networks](#).

The following are logical segments of Oracle VM traffic on VMware Cloud on AWS:

- Logical segment **Apps Team 01** (Subnet 172.16.115.1/24) for VM user traffic
- Logical segment **Oracle Private** (Subnet 192.168.115.1/24) for VM private traffic

The following extended segments were created for Oracle VM traffic between on-premises Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS:

- Port group **BCA-L2VPN** for **L2VPN for VM user**: traffic enables VMs to keep the same subnet when migrating from on-premises data centers to the cloud and back.
- Port group **BCA-VPN-Network** for routed VM: traffic enables VMs to communicate—or ping each other—without being on the same subnet.

vSphere vMotion enables live migration of running (i.e., powered on) VMs from an on-premises host to a host in VMware Cloud on AWS, with zero downtime for the application (less than one second switchover time), continuous service availability, and complete transaction integrity. Furthermore, by enabling certain advanced configurations, vSphere vMotion migration between on-premises VMs and VMware Cloud on AWS can be enabled across various vSphere Distributed Switch versions.

VMware Cloud on AWS provides multiple ways to establish network connectivity from on-premises environments, including different types of VPNs and AWS Direct Connect (DX). AWS DX is a service provided by AWS that allows creation of a high-speed, low-latency connection between an on-premises data center and AWS services including VMware Cloud on AWS.

Learn more about [AWS Direct Connect](#).

Learn more about [live vSphere vMotion migration between on-premises data centers and VMware Cloud on AWS](#).

Storage Configuration

Storage Setup on Site A and Site B

Site A has access to a Pure Storage FlashArray//x50 all-flash storage (Purity/FA 6.1.6) for VMFS and vSphere Virtual Volumes named **Pure-X50-BCA**.

The screenshot shows the VMware vSphere Storage Configuration interface for a Pure Storage FlashArray//x50. The main dashboard displays various storage metrics:

- Size: 234431540 M
- Data Reduction: 4.8 to 1
- Unique: 4.50 T
- Replication: 0.00
- Snapshots: 4.70 M
- Shared: 1.31 T
- System: 0.00
- Total: 5.81 T

The Pure-X50-BCA storage view includes the following metrics:

- Hosts: 41
- Host Groups: 11
- Volumes: 128
- Volume Snapshots: 6
- Volume Groups: 36
- Protection Groups: 3
- Protection Group Snapshots: 1
- Pods: 1
- File Systems: 0
- Directories: 0
- Directory Snapshots: 0
- Policies: 2

The Array Connections table shows the following connection:

Name	Status	Type	Version	Management Address	Replication Transport	Replication Address	Throttled
vdc-isa-pure-01	connected	async-replication	6.16	172.16.50.22	Ethernet (IP)	172.16.5114 172.16.5115 172.16.5116 172.16.5117	False

FIGURE 19. Site A Pure Storage

Site B has access to a Pure Storage FlashArray//x50 all-flash storage (Purity/FA 6.1.6) for VMFS and vSphere Virtual Volumes named **wdc-tsa-pure-01**.

The screenshot shows the Pure Storage management interface for the array 'wdc-tsa-pure-01'. It displays various storage metrics and a table of array connections.

Size	Data Reduction	Unique	Replication	Snapshots	Shared	System	Total
51204 G	3.0 to 1	76.30 G	0.00	2.94 G	78.11 G	0.00	157.34 G

Name	Status	Type	Version	Management Address	Replication Transport	Replication Address	Throttled
PureX50-BCA	connected	async-replication	6.16	-	Ethernet (IP)	172.16.5110 172.16.5111 172.16.5112 172.16.5113	False

FIGURE 20. Site B Pure Storage

ESXi Storage Setup on Site A and Site B

On Site A, each of the 4 ESXi servers contains 2 x QLogic ISP2812-based 64/32G Fibre Channel to PCIe Controller for FC storage.

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for the ESXi host 'sc2esx09.vslab.local'. The 'Configure' tab is active, showing the 'Storage Adapters' section. A table lists the configured storage adapters.

Adapter	Type	Status	Identifier	Targets	Devices
Model: Dell BOSS-SI Adapter					
Model: Dell HBA330 Mini					
Model: ISP2812-based 64/32G Fibre Channel to PCIe Controller					
vmhba4	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c0 21:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c0	8	7
vmhba5	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c1 21:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c1	7	7
vmhba64	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c0 21:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c0	0	0
vmhba65	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c1 21:00:34:80:0d:70:36:c1	0	0
Model: Lewisburg SATA AHCI Controller					

Name	LUN	Type	Capacity	Datastore	Operational State	Hardware Acceleration	Drive Type
NFINIDAT Fibre Channel Disk (naa.6742b0f0000006d00000000000000000...)	11	disk	45.47 TB	Orainfinidat	Attached	Supported	HDD
NFINIDAT Fibre Channel RAID Ctlr (naa.6742b0f0000006d00000000000000000...)	0	array control...		Not Consumed	Attached	Not supported	HDD
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370e841b405a3a348ca000118ff)	253	disk	1.00 MB	Not Consumed	Attached	Supported	Flash
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370e841b405a3a348ca000119...)	254	disk	10.00 TB	Not Consumed	Attached	Supported	Flash
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370e841b405a3a348ca00012...)	251	disk	20.00 TB	Not Consumed	Attached	Supported	Flash
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370e841b405a3a348ca00012a...)	252	disk	500.00 GB	Not Consumed	Attached	Supported	Flash
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370e841b405a3a348ca000130...)	250	disk	20.00 TB	OreSC2	Attached	Supported	Flash

FIGURE 21. Site A ESXi Server Storage Adapter

In addition, Site A four-node vSphere cluster has a vSAN datastore **BCA-SiteC-vSAN**.

FIGURE 24. Site A vSAN Datastore

On Site B, each of the four ESXi servers contains 2 x Emulex LightPulse LPe32000 Gen 6 16/32G PCIe Fibre Channel Adapter for FC storage.

Adapter	Type	Status	Identifier	Targets	Devices
Model: Dell BOSS-S1 Adapter					
Model: Dell HBA330 Adapter					
Model: Emulex LightPulse LPe32000 PCIe Fibre Channel Adapter					
vmhba4	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70	8	3
vmhba5	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71	7	3
vmhba64	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70	0	0
vmhba65	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71	0	0
Model: Lewisburg SATA AHCI Controller					
Model: Ultrastar SN100/SN150 NVMe SSD					

Name	LUN	Type	Capacity	Datastore	Operational State	Hardware Acceleration	Drive Type
NFINIDAT Fibre Channel RAID Ctlr (naa.6742b0f0000006d00000...	0	array contro...		Not Consumed	Attached	Not supported	HDD
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624e9370fabf667e849b44c500011...	253	disk	1.00 MB	Not Consumed	Attached	Supported	Flesh
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370fabf667e849b44c50004...	254	disk	30.00 TB	AZ2-OraPu...	Attached	Supported	Flesh

FIGURE 25. Site B ESXi Server Storage Adapter

Adapter	Type	Status	Identifier	Targets	Devices
▶ Model: Dell BOSS-SI Adapter					
▶ Model: Dell HBA330 Adapter					
▶ Model: Emulex LightPulse LPe32000 PCIe Fibre Channel Adapter					
vmhba4	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70	8	3
vmhba5	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71	7	3
vmhba64	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:70	0	0
vmhba65	Fibre Channel	Online	20:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71 10:00:00:10:9b:34:45:71	0	0
▶ Model: Lewisburg SATA AHCI Controller					
▶ Model: Ultrastar SNI100/SNI150 NVMe SSD					

Name	LUN	Type	Capacity	Datastore	Operational State	Hardware Acceleration	Drive Type
NFINIDAT Fibre Channel RAID Ctlr (naa.6742b0f0000006d00000...	0	array contro...		Not Consumed	Attached	Not supported	HDD
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370fabf667e849b44c500011...	253	disk	100 MB	Not Consumed	Attached	Supported	Flash
PURE Fibre Channel Disk (naa.624a9370fabf667e849b44c50004...	254	disk	30.00 TB	AZ2-OraPu...	Attached	Supported	Flash

FIGURE 26. Site B ESXi Server FC Storage Connections

On Site B, on the three-node vSphere cluster, the following VMFS and vSphere Virtual Volumes datastores were created on the Pure x50 array.

AZ2OraPure VMFS6 datastore and **AZ2OraVVOL** vSphere Virtual Volumes datastore on Site B were used in this reference architecture.

Name	Status	Type	Datastore ...	Capacity	Free
AZ2-OraPure	✓ Normal	VMFS 6		30 TB	29.84 TB
AZ2OraVVOL	✓ Normal	vVol		8,192 TB	8,192 TB

FIGURE 27. Site B Datastores

In addition, Site B three-node vSphere cluster also has a vSAN datastore AZ2-vSAN.

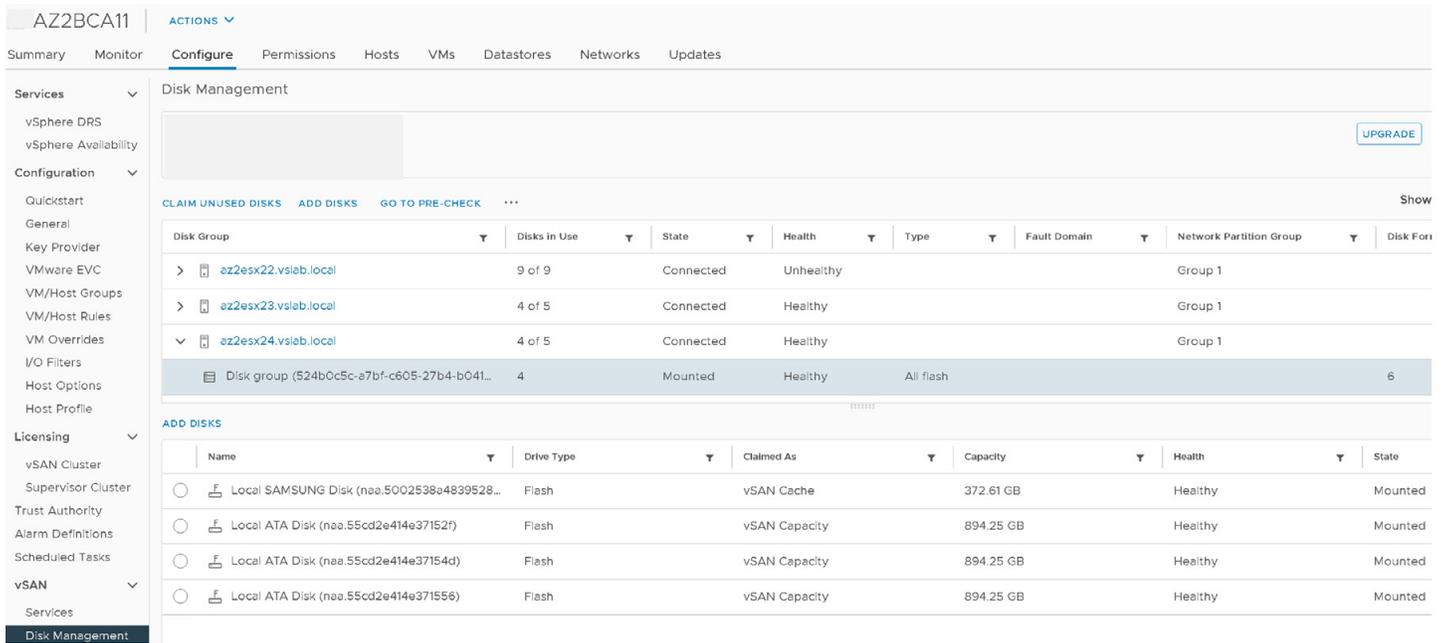


FIGURE 28. Site B vSAN Datastore

Pure Storage Plugin for VMware vSphere Client

The Pure Storage Plugin for the vSphere client enables VMware users to have insight into, and control of, their Pure Storage FlashArray environment while directly logged into the vSphere client.

The Pure Storage Plugin extends the vSphere client interface to include environmental statistics and objects that underpin the VMware objects in use and to provision new resources as needed.

Learn more about [installing the Pure Storage Plugin for the vSphere client](#).

Pure Storage Plugin details are shown below:

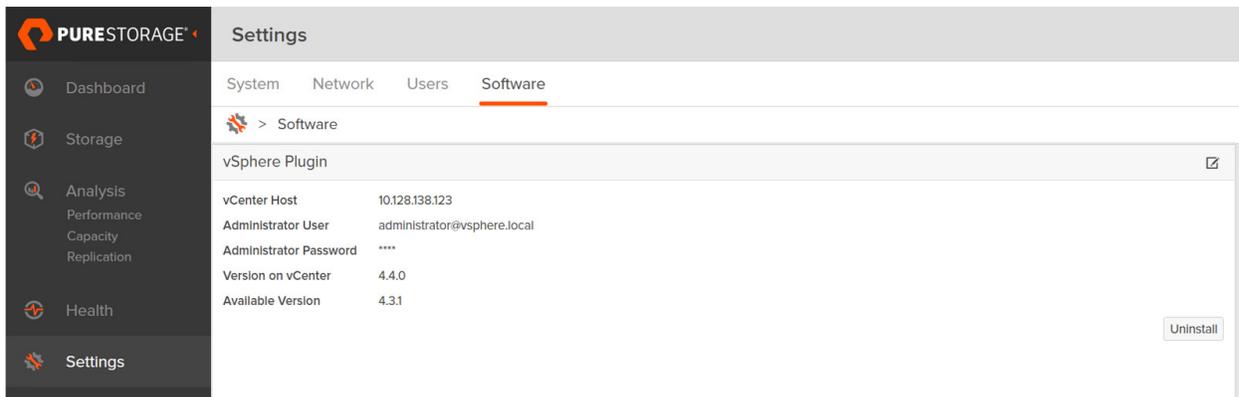


FIGURE 29. Pure Storage Plugin Details

VMware vCenter and Pure Storage Plugin:

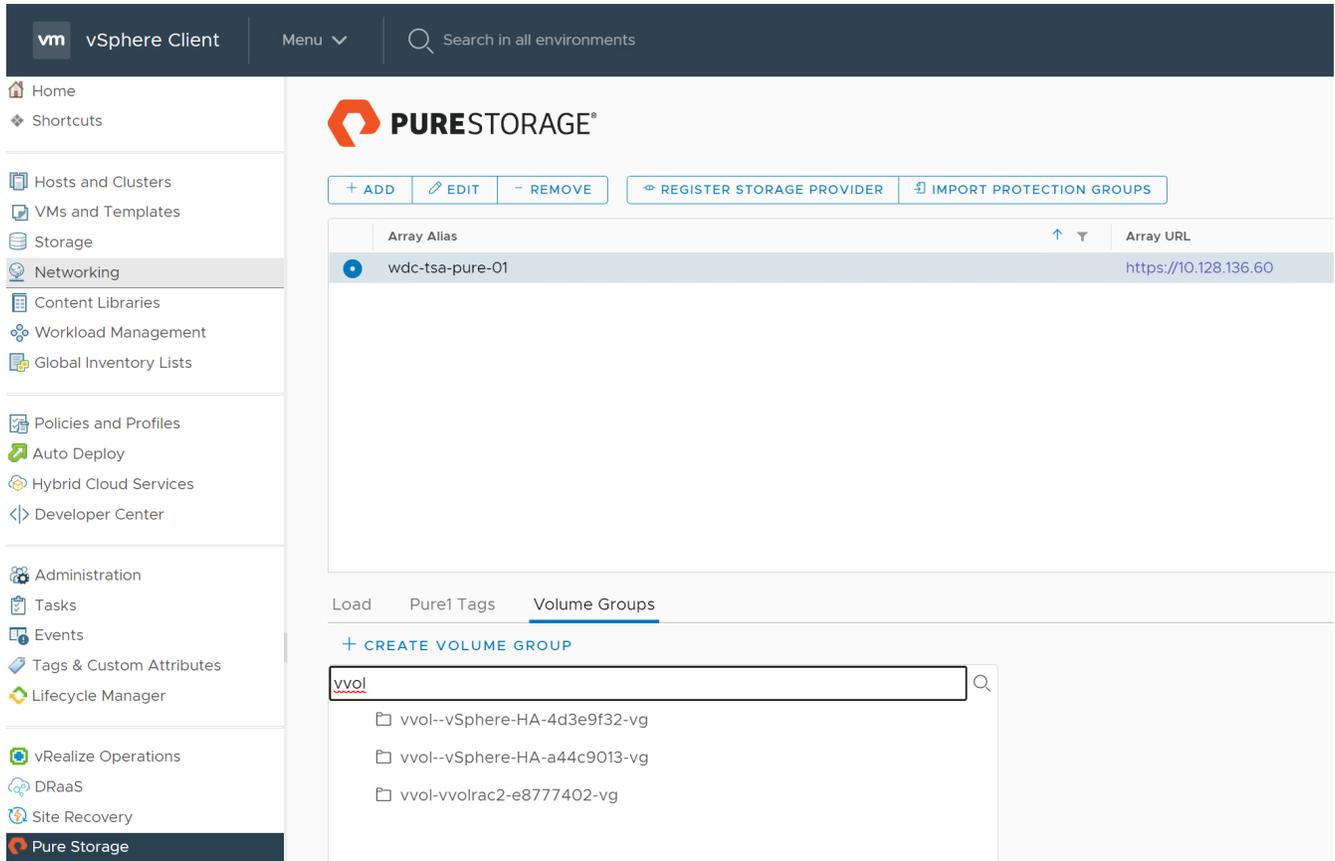


FIGURE 30. VMware vCenter and Pure Storage Plugin

Once the plugin is installed, from the VM **Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL** view and summary tab, there is a FlashArray widget box indicating whether or not the VM has undelete protection. Undelete protection means that there is currently a FlashArray snapshot of the VM's config-virtual volumes.

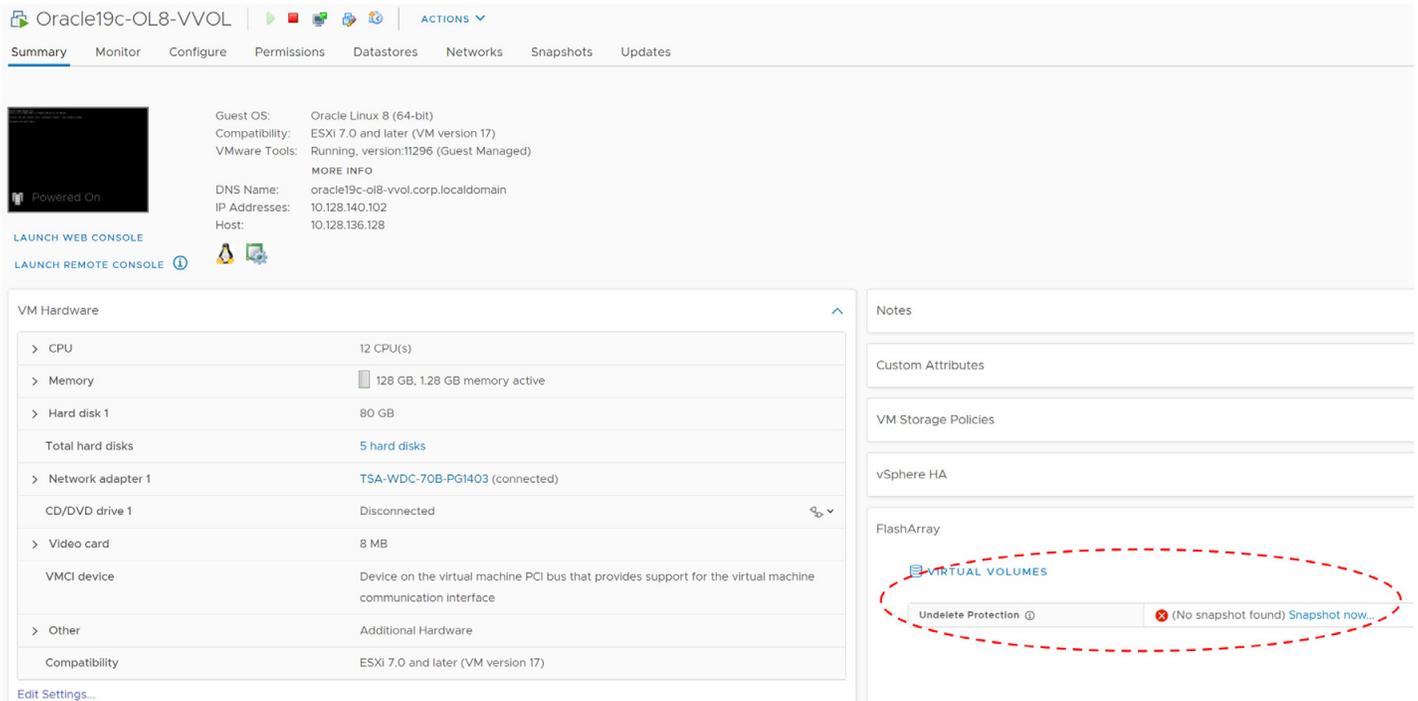


FIGURE 31. Undelete Protection Widget

Navigate to VM **Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL's Configure** tab to see virtual volumes on Pure Storage.

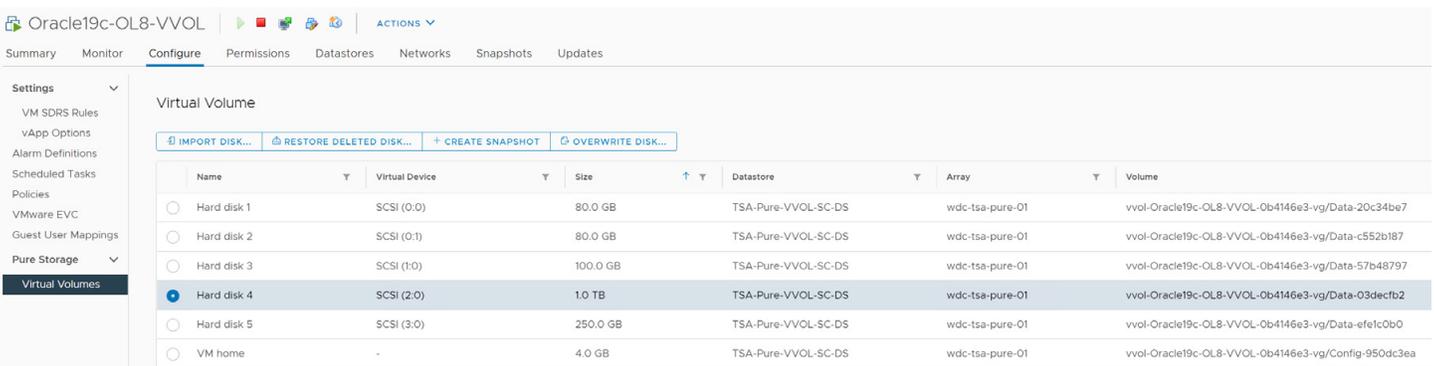


FIGURE 32. Virtual Volumes on Pure Storage

The Pure Storage Plugin enables the following operations:

- Import disk – to import a virtual disk (vVol)
- Restore deleted disk – to restore a destroyed vVol
- Create snapshot – to take a snapshot
- Overwrite disk – to overwrite an existing vVol

Learn more about [Pure Storage Plugin operations](#).

Virtual Machine and Oracle Configuration

Two single-instance VMs were created on Site A as follows:

- VM Oracle19c-OL8
- VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN

Each VM was created with the following tools or characteristics:

- VM version 19 on ESXi 7.0 U2
- Guest operating system Oracle Enterprise Linux 8.3 UEK
- Oracle Grid and RDBMS binaries version 19.8
- ASM disk group for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) named **MGMT_DATA**
- Different names for DATA and FRA ASM disks on VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN**
 - On VM **Oracle19c-OL8**, ASM diskgroup DATA_DG contains a ASM disk **DATA_01** and ASM diskgroup FRA_DG has a ASM disk **FRA_01**
 - On VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN, ASM diskgroup RMAN_DATA_DG contains a ASM disk **RMAN_DATA_01**

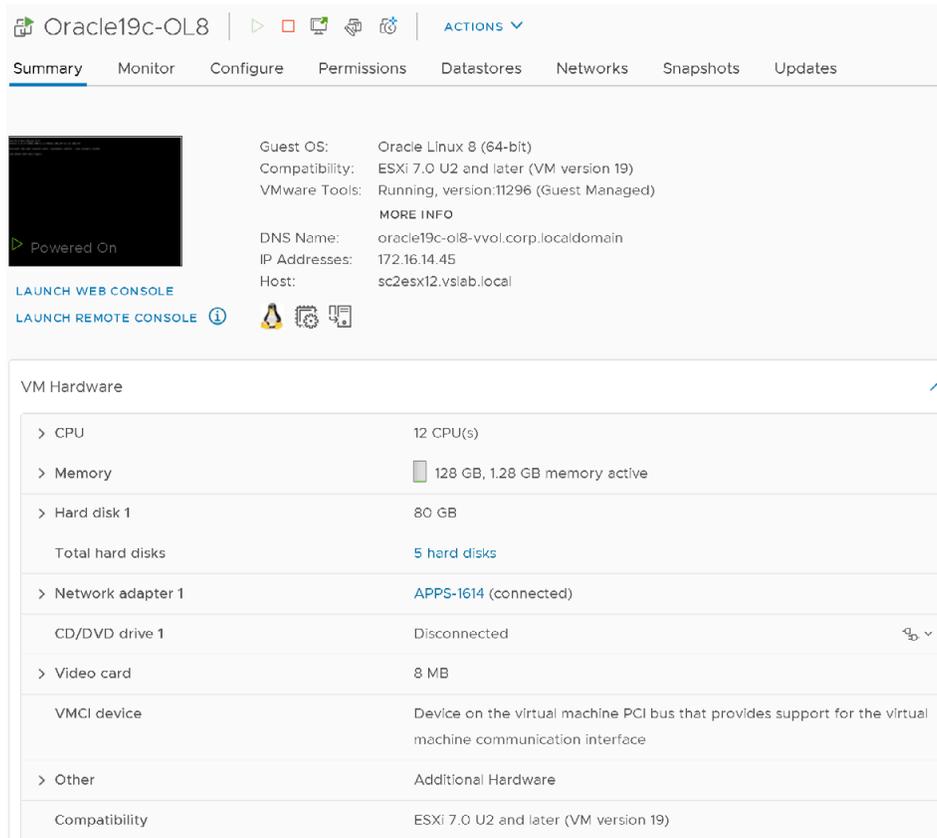
Storage for both VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** was provisioned on the VMFS datastore OraSC2. For all use cases except for storage-based replication using vSphere Virtual Volumes, these two VMs were provisioned on the vSphere Virtual Volumes datastore OraVVOL.

The use cases for application-based replication and VMware-based replication (VMware Site Recovery Manager with VMware vSphere Replication) can be applied to virtual machines with storage on any VMware datastore (NFS, VMFS, vSAN, vSphere Virtual Volumes).

Details for VM Oracle19c-OL8 are as follows:

- 12 vCPUs with 128GB RAM
- Oracle SGA set to 96GB with traditional HugePages and PGA set to 6GB
- VM hosts both Oracle Grid and RDBMS 19.8 multi-tenant production database **vvol19c** with a pluggable database **pdb1**
- 3 ASM disks groups:
 - MGMT_DATA for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) with ASM disk **MGMT_DATA01**
 - DATA_DG for data and redo log files with ASM disk **DATA_01**
 - FRA_DG for archive logs files with ASM disk **FRA_01**
- VM network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1614** and assigned an IP address 172.16.14.45

All Oracle on VMware platform best practices were followed as per the [VMware Hybrid Cloud Best Practices Guide for Oracle Workloads](#).



Oracle19c-OL8 | ACTIONS

Summary | Monitor | Configure | Permissions | Datastores | Networks | Snapshots | Updates

Powered On

LAUNCH WEB CONSOLE
LAUNCH REMOTE CONSOLE

Guest OS: Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit)
Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 U2 and later (VM version 19)
VMware Tools: Running, version:11296 (Guest Managed)

MORE INFO
DNS Name: oracle19c-ol8-vvol.corp.localdomain
IP Addresses: 172.16.14.45
Host: sc2esx12.vslieb.local

VM Hardware

- CPU: 12 CPU(s)
- Memory: 128 GB, 128 GB memory active
- Hard disk 1: 80 GB
Total hard disks: 5 hard disks
- Network adapter 1: APPS-1614 (connected)
- CD/DVD drive 1: Disconnected
- Video card: 8 MB
- VMCI device: Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
- Other: Additional Hardware
- Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 U2 and later (VM version 19)

FIGURE 33. VM Oracle19c-OL8 Summary

VM Oracle19c-OL8 VMDKs are shown below. All SCSI controllers are set to **VMware Paravirtual SCSI Controller** type.

Hard disks		5 total 1.5 TB
> Hard disk 1	80 GB SCSI(0:0)	✓
> Hard disk 2	80 GB SCSI(0:1)	✓
> Hard disk 3	100 GB SCSI(1:0)	✓
> Hard disk 4	1024 GB SCSI(2:0)	✓
> Hard disk 5	250 GB SCSI(3:0)	✓
> SCSI controller 0	VMware Paravirtual	
> SCSI controller 1	VMware Paravirtual	
> SCSI controller 2	VMware Paravirtual	
> SCSI controller 3	VMware Paravirtual	

FIGURE 34. VM Oracle19c-OL8 VMDKs

VMKD details:

- Hard Disk 1 – 80GB for operating system
- Hard Disk 2 – 80GB for Oracle Grid and RDBMS binaries
- Hard Disk 3 – 100GB for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) (Management Database (MGMTDB)) (ASM Disk Group MGMT_DATA)
- Hard Disk 4 – 1TB for database **vvol19c** data and redo log files (ASM Disk Group DATA_DG)
- Hard Disk 5 – 250GB for database **vvol19c** archive logs files (ASM Disk Group FRA_DG)

Oracle ASM disk group details:

```
grid@oracle19c-ol8-vvol1:~$ asmcmd lsdg
State Type Rebal Sector Logical_Sector Block AU Total_MB Free_MB Req_mir_free_MB Usable_file_MB Offline_disks Voting_files Name
MOUNTED EXTERN N 512 512 4096 1048576 1048575 1036823 0 1036823 0 N DATA_DG/
MOUNTED EXTERN N 512 512 4096 1048576 255999 253761 0 253761 0 N FRA_DG/
MOUNTED EXTERN N 512 512 4096 4194304 102396 102296 0 102296 0 N MGMT_DATA/
grid@oracle19c-ol8-vvol1:~$
```

FIGURE 35. Oracle ASM Disk Group

Hard Disk 4 (1TB) details are shown below:

Hard disk 4	1	TB
Maximum Size	20.59 TB	
VM storage policy	Datastore Default	
Type	Thin Provision	
Sharing	No sharing	
Disk File	[OraSC2] Oracle19c-OL8/Oracle19c-OL8_3.vmdk	
Shares	Normal	1000
Limit - IOPs	Unlimited	
Disk Mode	Dependent	
Virtual Device Node	SCSI controller 2	SCSI(2:0) Hard disk 4

FIGURE 36. Hard Disk 4 (1TB)

VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** details are as follows:

- 12 vCPUs with 128GB RAM
- Oracle SGA set to 96GB with traditional HugePages and PGA set to 6GB
- VM hosts both Oracle Grid and RDBMS 19.8 multi-tenant production database **rmandb** with a pluggable database **pdb1** for Oracle RMAN catalog purpose and an xfs file system **/rman** for holding Oracle RMAN backups
- 2 ASM disks groups
 - MGMT_DATA for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) with ASM disk **MGMT_DATA01**
 - RMAN_DATA_DG for data, redo log files and archive log files with ASM disk **RMAN_DATA_01**
- VM network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1614** and assigned an IP address 172.16.14.46

All Oracle on VMware platform best practices were followed as outlined in [VMware Hybrid Cloud Best Practices Guide for Oracle Workloads](#).

Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN | [Summary](#) | [Monitor](#) | [Configure](#) | [Permissions](#) | [Datastores](#) | [Networks](#) | [Snapshots](#) | [Updates](#)

Powered On

[LAUNCH WEB CONSOLE](#)
[LAUNCH REMOTE CONSOLE](#)

Guest OS: Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit)
 Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 U2 and later (VM version 19)
 VMware Tools: Running, version:11296 (Guest Managed)
MORE INFO
 DNS Name: oracle19c-ol8-vvol-rman.corp.localdomain
 IP Addresses: 172.16.14.46
 Host: sc2esx12.vslab.local

VM Hardware

> CPU	12 CPU(s)
> Memory	128 GB, 15.36 GB memory active
> Hard disk 1	100 GB
Total hard disks	5 hard disks
> Network adapter 1	APPS-1614 (connected)
CD/DVD drive 1	Disconnected
> Video card	4 MB
VMCI device	Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
> Other	Additional Hardware
Compatibility	ESXi 7.0 U2 and later (VM version 19)

FIGURE 37. VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Summary

VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** VMDKs are shown below. All SCSI controllers are set to **VMware Paravirtual SCSI Controller** type.

Hard disks		5 total 1.5 TB
> Hard disk 1	80 GB SCSI(0:0)	✓
> Hard disk 2	80 GB SCSI(0:1)	✓
> Hard disk 3	100 GB SCSI(1:0)	✓
> Hard disk 4	250 GB SCSI(2:0)	✓
> Hard disk 5	1024 GB SCSI(3:0)	✓
> SCSI controller 0	VMware Paravirtual	
> SCSI controller 1	VMware Paravirtual	
> SCSI controller 2	VMware Paravirtual	
> SCSI controller 3	VMware Paravirtual	

FIGURE 38. VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN VMDKs

VMDK details:

- Hard Disk 1 - 80GB for operating system
- Hard Disk 2 - 80GB for Oracle Grid and RDBMS binaries
- Hard Disk 3 - 100GB for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) (Management Database (MGMTDB)) (ASM Disk Group MGMT_DATA)
- Hard Disk 4 – 250GB for Oracle Database **rmandb** database, redo log and archive log files (ASM Disk Group DATA_DG)
- Hard Disk 5 – 1TB for XFS filesystem **/rman** mount point for storing physical RMAN backups

Oracle ASM disk group details:

```
grid@oracle19c-ol8-vvol-rman:~$ asmcmd lsdg
State Type Rebal Sector Logical_Sector Block AU Total_MB Free_MB Req_mir_free_MB Usable_file_MB Offline_disks Voting_files Name
MOUNTED EXTERN N 512 512 4096 1048576 255999 223816 0 223816 0 N DATA_DG/
MOUNTED EXTERN N 512 512 4096 4194304 102396 102296 0 102296 0 N MGMT_DATA/
grid@oracle19c-ol8-vvol-rman:~$
```

FIGURE 39. Oracle ASM Disk Group

A two-node Oracle RAC was created on Site A as follows:

- VM prac19c1
- VM prac19c2

The basic steps for a RAC deployment on VMware can be found in [Oracle VMware Hybrid Cloud High Availability Guide Reference Architecture](#).

For simplicity, and for sake of illustration, the RAC cluster was created with one shared VMDK.

Storage for the Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs was provisioned on the VMFS datastore **OraSC2** for all use cases except storage-based replication using vSphere Virtual Volumes. Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs were provisioned on the vSphere Virtual Volumes datastore **OraVVOL**.

The use cases for application-based replication and VMware-based replication (VMware Site Recovery Manager with VMware vSphere Replication) can be applied to virtual machines with storage on any VMware datastore (NFS, VMFS, vSAN, vSphere Virtual Volumes).

Details of Oracle RAC VMs **prac19c1** and **prac19c2** are as follows:

- 12 vCPUs with 128GB RAM
- Oracle SGA set to 96GB with traditional HugePages and PGA set to 6GB
- VM hosts both Oracle Grid and RDBMS 19.8 multi-tenant production database **vvol19c** with a pluggable database **pdb1**
- For purposes of simplicity and illustration, one ASM disk group was created (**DATA_DG**) housing all data files, control files, redo log files, archive log files, CRS and vote disks.
- Separate ASM disk groups are recommended for the RAC and database components as a best practice. Refer to [Oracle VMware Hybrid Cloud High Availability Guide](#) for more information.
- VM **prac19c1** public network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1614** and assigned an IP address 172.16.14.191. The private network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1605** and assigned an IP address 192.168.14.191
- VM **prac19c2** public network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1614** and assigned an IP address 172.16.14.192. The private network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1605** and assigned an IP address 192.168.14.192

All Oracle on VMware platform best practices were followed as described in [VMware Hybrid Cloud Best Practices Guide for Oracle Workloads](#).

Oracle RAC **prac19c** VM's VMDKs are shown below. All SCSI controllers are set to **VMware Paravirtual SCSI Controller** type:

- Two non-shared VMDKs
 - Hard Disk 1 80GB for Operating System with disk mode **Dependent**
 - Hard Disk 1 80GB for Oracle Grid Infrastructure and RDBMS binaries with disk mode **Dependent**
- One shared VMDK (500 GB) with multi-writer attribute and disk mode **Independent-Persistent** for RAC cluster

Details of the shared VMDK with **multi-writer flag** and disk mode **Independent-Persistent** are shown below:

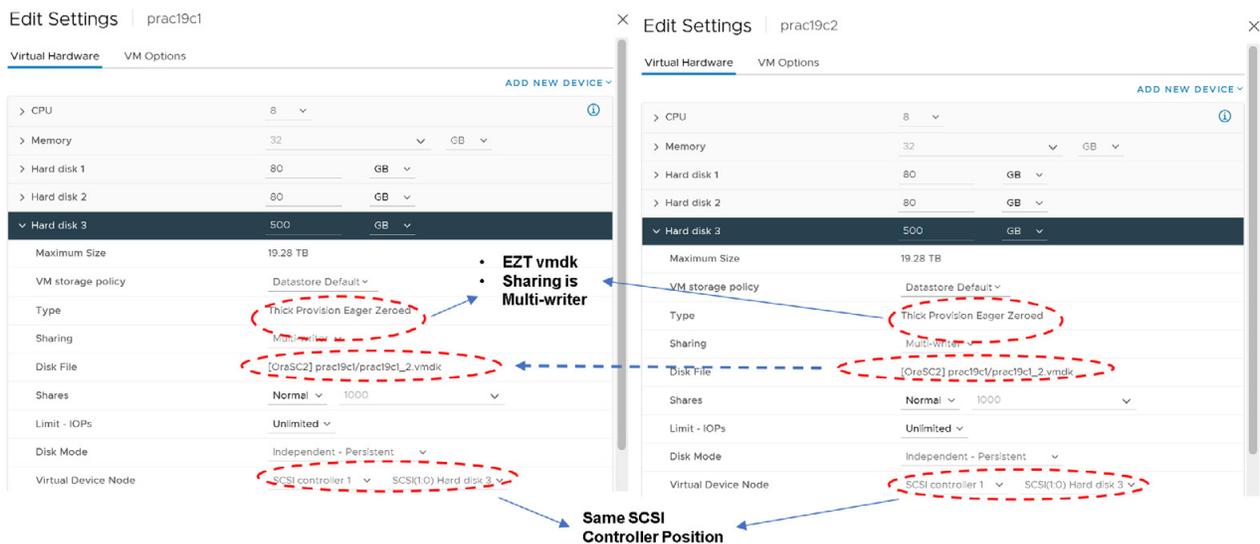


FIGURE 40. Oracle RAC prac19c Shared VMDK Details

Details of the RAC public network and private interconnect are shown below:

SERVER	prac19c1	prac19c2	PORTGROUP
IP	172.16.14.191	172.16.14.192	
Public FDQN	prac19c1.vslab.local	prac19c2.vslab.local	APPS-1614
Public IP	172.16.14.191	172.16.14.192	
Private FDQN	prac19c1-priv1.vslab.local	prac19c2-priv1.vslab.local	APPS-1605
Private IP	192.168.14.191	192.168.14.192	
VIP FDQN	prac19c1-vip.vslab.local	prac19c2-vip.vslab.local	APPS-1605
VIP IP	172.16.14.193	172.16.14.194	
SCAN	prac19c-scan.vslab.local		
	172.16.14.195		
	172.16.14.196		
	172.16.14.197		

TABLE 6. Oracle RAC Public and Private Network Details

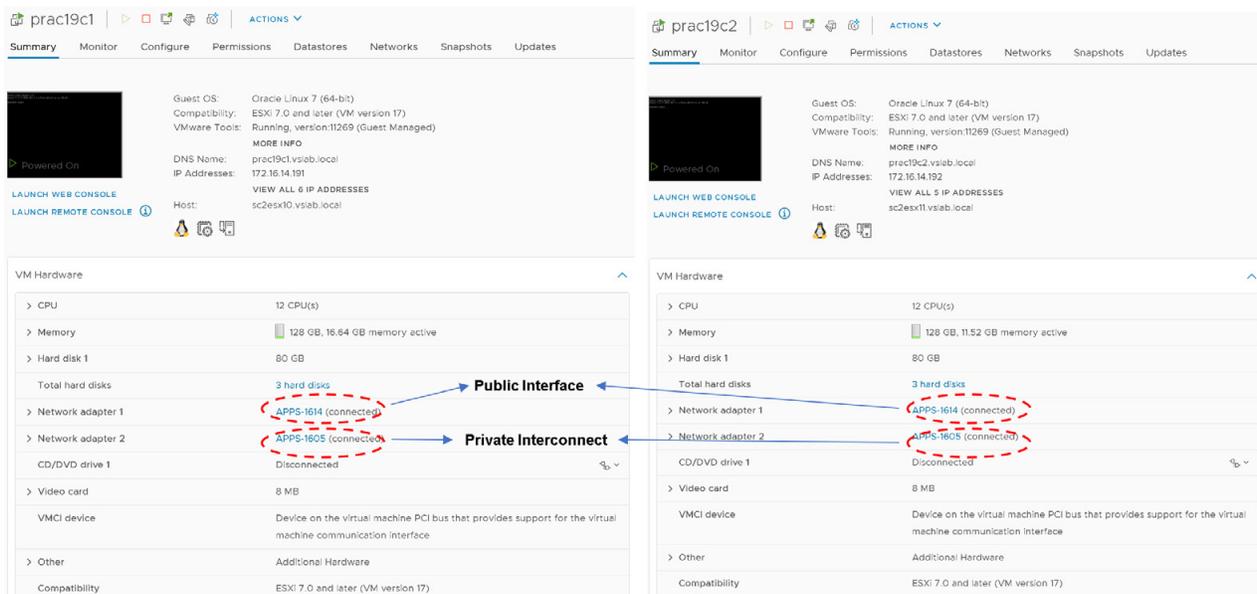


FIGURE 41. Oracle RAC prac19c Public Network and Private Interconnect

Details of the RAC public network, private interconnect, VIP and HAIP IP address are shown below:

```

oracle@prac19c1:~$ ifconfig -a
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.191 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:9c:b8 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 9079 bytes 2762162 (2.6 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 18 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 8789 bytes 1776477 (1.6 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

eth0:1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.196 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:8c:b8 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

eth0:2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.193 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:8c:b8 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

eth0:3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.197 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:8c:b8 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

eth1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.14.191 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:24:11 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 161889 bytes 164505537 (156.8 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 9 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 181098 bytes 186803766 (178.1 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

eth1:1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 169.254.16.7 netmask 255.255.224.0 broadcast 169.254.31.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:24:11 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 64059 bytes 36427436 (34.7 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 64059 bytes 36427436 (34.7 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

oracle@prac19c1:~$

root@prac19c2:~# ifconfig -a
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.192 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:9e:93 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 9610 bytes 1782339 (1.6 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 22 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 7711 bytes 2667387 (2.5 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

eth0:1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.194 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:9e:93 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

eth0:2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.16.14.195 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:9e:93 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

eth1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.14.192 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.14.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:1f:34 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 182377 bytes 187277442 (178.6 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 12 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 157247 bytes 164643134 (157.0 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

eth1:1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 169.254.9.115 netmask 255.255.224.0 broadcast 169.254.31.255
    ether 00:50:56:80:1f:34 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 22136 bytes 7241062 (6.9 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 22136 bytes 7241062 (6.9 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

root@prac19c2:~#
    
```

FIGURE 42. Oracle RAC prac19c Networking Details

Details of the RAC cluster services are shown below:

```
[root@prac19c1 ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target State      Server          State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.LISTENER.lsnr   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.chad            ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.net1.network    ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.ons            ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.ASMNET1LSNR_ASM.lsnr (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
  3 ONLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.DATA_DG.dg (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN1.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN2.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN3.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.MGMTLSNR
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        169.254.16.7 192.168
                  .14.191, STABLE
ora.asm (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        Started, STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        Started, STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.asmnet1.asmnetwork (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.cvu            1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.mgmtpdb
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        Open, STABLE
ora.prac19c.db
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        Open,HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1,STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        Open,HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1,STABLE
ora.prac19c1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.prac19c2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.qosmsserver
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.scan1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.scan2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.scan3.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
-----
[root@prac19c1 ~]#
```

```
[root@prac19c2 ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target State      Server          State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.LISTENER.lsnr   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.chad            ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.net1.network    ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.ons            ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
                   ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.ASMNET1LSNR_ASM.lsnr (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
  3 ONLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.DATA_DG.dg (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN1.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN2.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN3.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.MGMTLSNR
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        169.254.16.7 192.168
                  .14.191, STABLE
ora.asm (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        Started, STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        Started, STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.asmnet1.asmnetwork (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE   prac19c2        STABLE
ora.cvu            1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.mgmtpdb
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        Open, STABLE
ora.prac19c.db
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        Open,HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1,STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        Open,HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1,STABLE
ora.prac19c1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.prac19c2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.qosmsserver
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.scan1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c2        STABLE
ora.scan2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
ora.scan3.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE    prac19c1        STABLE
-----
[root@prac19c2 ~]#
```

FIGURE 43. Oracle RAC prac19c Cluster Services

For the Oracle Data Guard use case, two VMs were created with one VM on Site A and one VM on Site B as follows:

- VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Primary** on Site A with IP address 172.16.14.50
- VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** on Site B with IP address 172.16.14.51

Each VM was created with the following tools or characteristics:

- VM version 19 on ESXi 7.0 U2
- Guest operating system Oracle Enterprise Linux 8.3 UEK
- Oracle Grid and RDBMS binaries version 19.12
- For sake of simplicity and illustration, one ASM disk group was created called DATA_DG which houses all the data files, control files, redo log files and archive log files. Creating separate ASM disk groups for these components is recommended as a best practice.

Storage for VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Primary** was provisioned on the VMFS datastore **OraPure**. Storage for VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** was provisioned on the NFS datastore **AZ2-TINTRI-EC6090**.

Details for VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Primary** are as follows:

- 8 vCPUs with 32 GB RAM
- Oracle SGA set to 16B with traditional HugePages and PGA set to 6GB
- VM hosts both Oracle Grid and RDBMS 19.12 multi-tenant production database **ora19c** with a pluggable database **pdb1**
- For the sake of simplicity and illustration, one ASM disk group was created called DATA_DG which houses all the datafiles, control files, redo log files and archive log files. Creating separate ASM disk groups for these components is recommended as a best practice.
- VM network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1614** and assigned an IP address 172.16.14.50

All Oracle on VMware platform best practices were followed as described in [VMware Hybrid Cloud Best Practices Guide for Oracle Workloads](#).

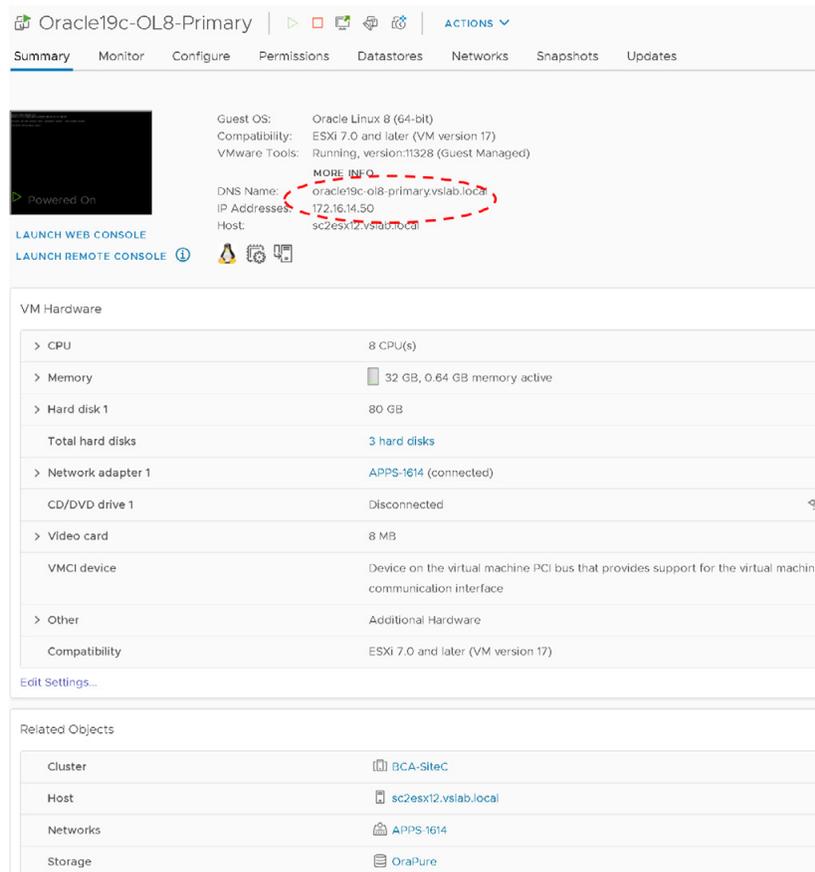


FIGURE 44. Primary Database VM Oracle19c-OL8-Primary

Details of VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** are as follows:

- 8 vCPUs with 32 GB RAM
- Oracle SGA set to 16B with traditional HugePages and PGA set to 6GB
- VM hosts both Oracle Grid and RDBMS 19.12 multi-tenant standby production database ora19c with a pluggable database **pdb1**
- For sake of simplicity and illustration, one ASM disk group was created called DATA_DG which houses all the datafiles, control files, redo log files and archive log files. Creating separate ASM disk groups for these components is recommended as a best practice.
- VM network adapter is connected to port group **APPS-1810** and assigned an IP address 172.18.10.51

All Oracle on VMware platform best practices were followed as outlined in [VMware Hybrid Cloud Best Practices Guide for Oracle Workloads](#).

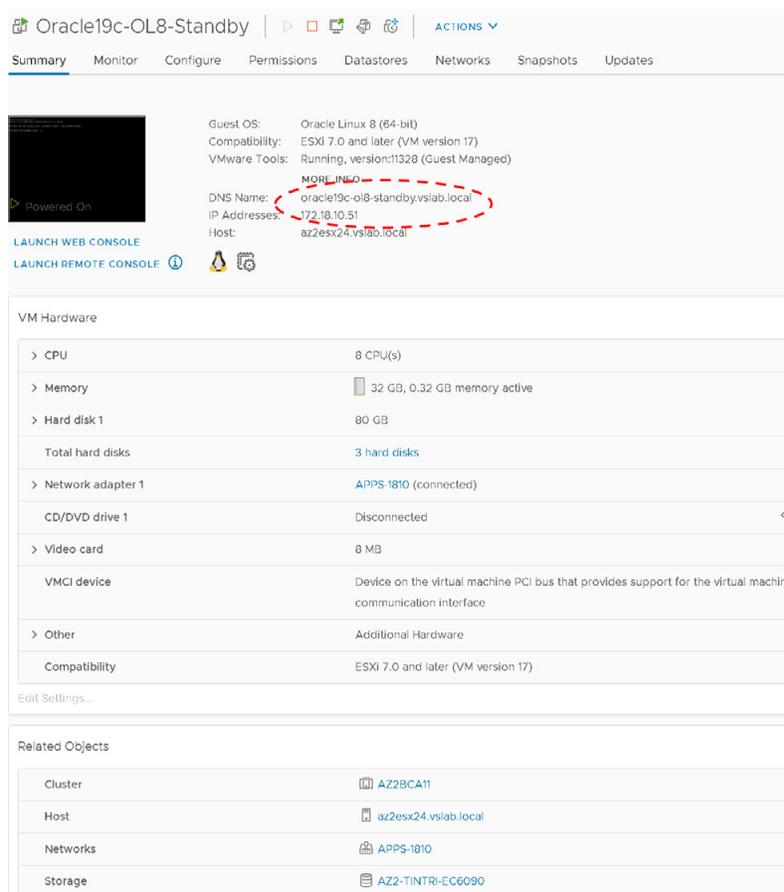


FIGURE 45. Physical Standby VM Oracle19C-OL8-Standby

VMware Site Recovery Manager with vSphere Replication and VMware Site Recovery Manager with Array Based Replication

The Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication Appliance information Site Pair Summary for Site A and Site B are as shown below:

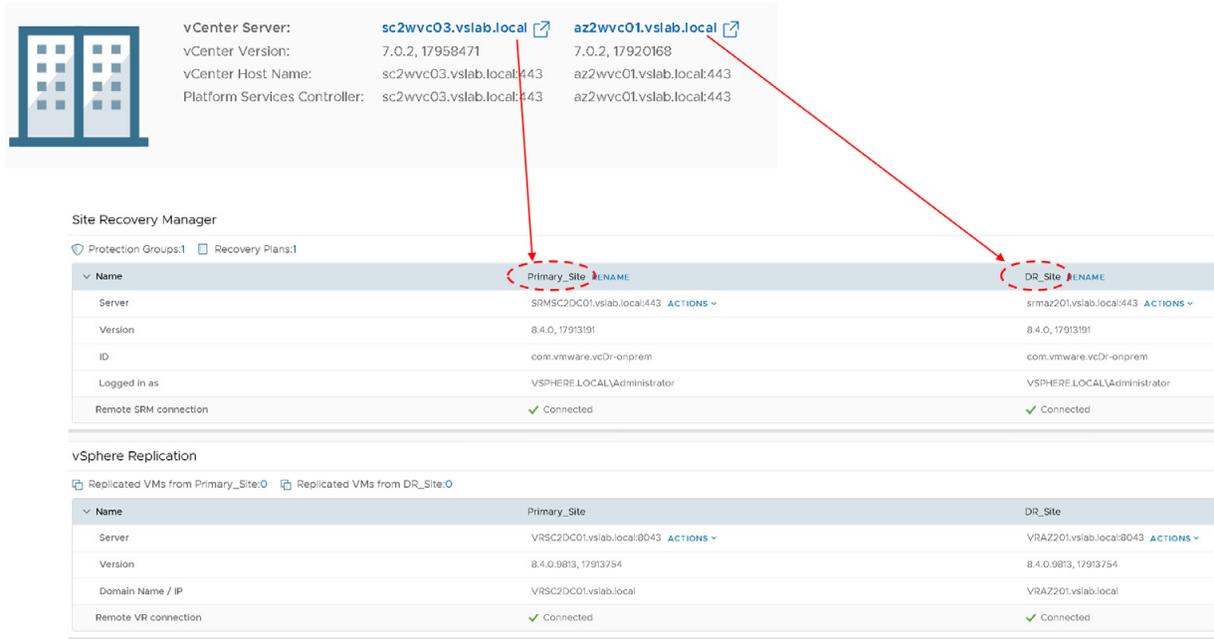


FIGURE 46. Site A and Site B Pairing Summary

The network mappings, folder mappings, resource mappings and placeholder datastore mappings must be setup for both use cases below:

- Site Recovery Manager with vSphere Replication
- Site Recovery Manager with array-based replication (LUN OR vVOL level)

The network-mapping port groups between Site A and Site B is as shown below:

NETWORK	SOURCE SITE	PORT GROUP	DESTINATION SITE	DESTINATION TEST NETWORK	DESTINATION RECOVERY NETWORK
Public Network	Site A	APPS-1614	Site B	APPS-1810	APPS-1810
Private Interconnect	Site A	APPS-1605	Site B	APPS-1809	APPS-1805
Public Network	Site B	APPS-1810	Site A	APPS-1614	APPS-1614
Private Interconnect	Site B	APPS-1805	Site A	APPS-1605	APPS-1605

TABLE 7. Network-Mapping Details between Site A and Site B

The network-mapping for protected site public network **APPS-1614** to recovery site recovery network **APPS-1810** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is also **APPS-1810**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW EDIT DELETE CREATE REVERSE MAPPING ...

	Recovery Network	Reverse Mapping	Test Network
<input type="checkbox"/> sc2wvc03.vslab.local			
<input type="checkbox"/> APPS-1605	APPS-1805	Yes	APPS-1809
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPS-1614	APPS-1810	Yes	APPS-1810

1 EXPORT

IP Customization

	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Site	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Network	APPS-1614	APPS-1810
Subnet	172.16.14.0	172.18.10.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	172.16.14.0	172.18.10.0
Range end	172.16.14.255	172.18.10.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	172.18.10.1
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 47. Network Mapping Between Site A and Site B for Planned Recovery Use Case

The network mapping for protected site private interconnect network **APPS-1605** to recovery site recovery network **APPS-1805** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is **APPS-1809**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW EDIT DELETE CREATE REVERSE MAPPING ...

	Recovery Network	Reverse Mapping	Test Network
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPS-1605	APPS-1805	Yes	APPS-1809
<input type="checkbox"/> APPS-1614	APPS-1810	Yes	APPS-1810

1 EXPORT

IP Customization

	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Site	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Network	APPS-1605	APPS-1805
Subnet	192.168.14.0	192.168.14.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	192.168.14.0	192.168.14.0
Range end	192.168.14.255	192.168.14.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 48. Network Mapping Between Site A and Site B for Test Recovery Use Case

The network mapping for recovery site public network **APPS-1810** to protected site recovery network **APPS-1614** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is **APPS-1614**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW EDIT DELETE CREATE REVERSE MAPPING ...

<input type="checkbox"/>	az2wvc01.vslab.local	↑ ↓	Recovery Network	↓	Reverse Mapping	↓	Test Network	↓	IP Customization
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPS-1805		APPS-1605		Yes		APPS-1605		Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPS-1810		APPS-1614		Yes		APPS-1614		Yes

1 EXPORT

IP Customization

Network	APPS-1810	APPS-1614
Subnet	172.18.10.0	172.16.14.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	172.18.10.0	172.16.14.0
Range end	172.18.10.255	172.16.14.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	172.16.14.1
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 49. Network Mapping Between Site B and Site A for Planned Recovery Use Case

The network mapping for recovery site private interconnect network **APPS-1805** to protected site recovery network **APPS-1605** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is **APPS-1605**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW EDIT DELETE CREATE REVERSE MAPPING ...

<input type="checkbox"/>	az2wvc01.vslab.local	↑ ↓	Recovery Network	↓	Reverse Mapping	↓	Test Network	↓	IP Customization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPS-1805		APPS-1605		Yes		APPS-1605		Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPS-1810		APPS-1614		Yes		APPS-1614		Yes

1 EXPORT

IP Customization

Site	az2wvc01.vslab.local	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
Network	APPS-1805	APPS-1605
Subnet	192.168.14.0	192.168.14.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	192.168.14.0	192.168.14.0
Range end	192.168.14.255	192.168.14.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 50. Network Mapping Between Site B and Site A for Test Recovery Use Case

The folder mapping from Site A to Site B is as shown below:

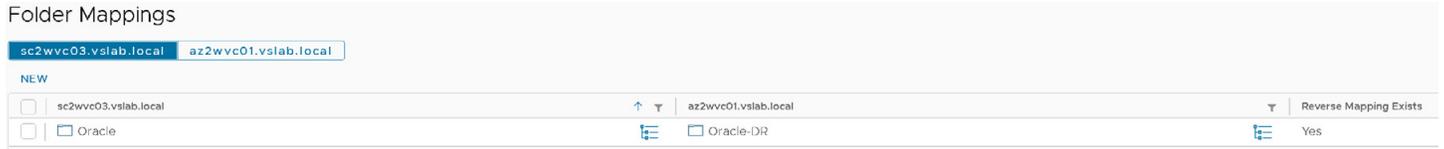


FIGURE 51. Folder Mappings from Site A to Site B

The folder mapping from Site B to Site A is as shown below:



FIGURE 52. Folder Mappings from Site B to Site A

The resource mapping from Site A to Site B is as shown below:



FIGURE 53. Resource Mappings from Site A to Site B

The resource mapping from Site B to Site A is as shown below:



FIGURE 54. Resource Mappings from Site B to Site A

The placeholder datastore mapping between Site A and Site B is as shown below. The placeholder datastore on the recovery site is used by Site Recovery Manager to store placeholder VMs.

Placeholder Datastores

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW

Name	Host/Cluster
HPC02	GPU4, HPC3, GPU2, BCA3, GPU1
OraTintri	BCA-SiteC, BCA-Intel (Reserved)
SC2-TINTRI-EC6090	BCA-SiteC, BCA-Intel (Reserved), GPU2, GPU1, BCA3, GPU4, Legacy Management
SPARK01	BCA3, GPU4

Placeholder Datastores

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW

Name	Host/Cluster
AZ2-OraPure	AZ2BCA11

FIGURE 55. Placeholder Datastore Mappings between Site A and Site B

VMware Site Recovery Manager with vSphere Replication

The graphic below illustrates Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication setup between on-premises Site A and Site B:

vCenter Server: sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

vCenter Version: 7.0.2, 17694817 7.0.2, 17920168

vCenter Host Name: sc2wvc03.vslab.local:443 az2wvc01.vslab.local:443

Platform Services Controller: sc2wvc03.vslab.local:443 az2wvc01.vslab.local:443

Replication Servers

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

REGISTER

Replication Server	Domain Name / IP	Status
VRSC2DC01 (embedded)	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local	Connected

FIGURE 56. Site A Replication Server Details

Replication Servers

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

REGISTER

Replication Server	Domain Name / IP	Status	Replications
VRAZ201 (embedded)	VRAZ201.vslab.local	Connected	2

FIGURE 57. Site B Replication Server Details

Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication pairings and IP addresses for on-premises and VMware Cloud on AWS are shown below:

COMPONENT	SOURCE SITE	APPLIANCE	DESTINATION SITE	APPLIANCE
SRM Appliance	Site A	SRMSC2DC01.vslab.local	Site B	SRMAZ01.vslab.local
IP Address		172.16.31.145		172.16.31.147
vSphere Replication Appliance	Site A	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local	Site B	VRAZ01.vslab.local
IP Address		172.16.31.144		172.16.31.146
SRM Appliance	Site A	SRMSC2DC03.vslab.local	VMware Cloud on AWS	srm.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
IP Address		172.16.31.149		10.129.224.24
vSphere Replication Appliance	Site A	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local	VMware Cloud on AWS	vr.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
IP Address		172.16.31.144		10.129.224.23

TABLE 8. VSPHERE REPLICATION NETWORK PAIRING DETAILS

Setup of Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication is beyond the scope of this paper.

The steps to configure replication are as shown below:

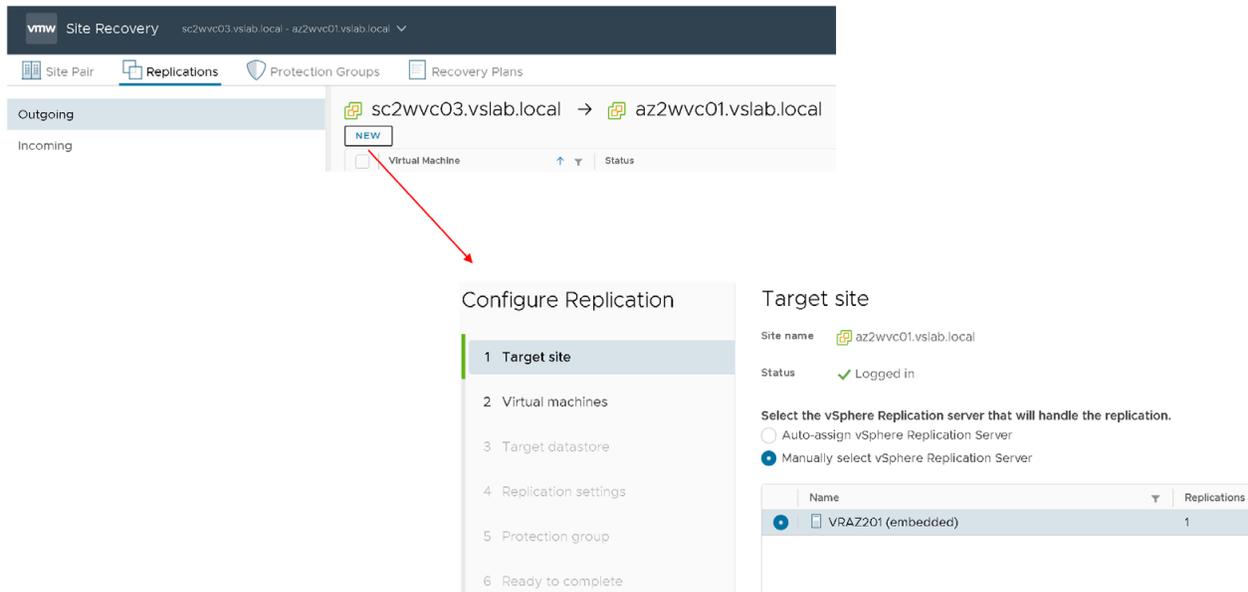


FIGURE 58. SITE A: Configure Replication Start Steps

Choose the VMs to protect.

Configure Replication

- 1 Target site
- 2 Virtual machines
- 3 Target datastore
- 4 Replication settings
- 5 Protection group
- 6 Ready to complete

Virtual machines ✕

Select the virtual machines that you want to protect. Already replicated VMs are not shown in this list.

All Selected (2)
SELECT ALL CLEAR SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	VM Folder	Compute Resource
<input type="checkbox"/>	VSLAB-DC35	Infrastructure	Microsoft Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	VSLAB-DC36	Infrastructure	Microsoft Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	VSLAB-DC37	Infrastructure	Microsoft Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	sc2jump03	JumpBoxes	Jumpservers
<input type="checkbox"/>	sc2jump04	JumpBoxes	Jumpservers
<input type="checkbox"/>	sc2jump09	JumpBoxes	Jumpservers
<input type="checkbox"/>	orac19c1	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	orac19c2	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-BM	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-OL8	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-RMAN	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-PMEM	Oracle	BCA-Intel (Reserved)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-PMEM-RedoTest	Oracle	BCA-Intel (Reserved)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle19c-PMEM-RedoTest0601	Oracle	BCA-Intel (Reserved)
<input type="checkbox"/>	prac19c1	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	prac19c2	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	rac19c1	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	rac19c2	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB-OL76-ORA19C	Oracle	BCA-SiteC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Template-OL8-OL19C	Oracle	BCA-SiteC

2
45 - 66 of 199 VM(s)
|< < 3 / 10 > >|

CANCEL
BACK
NEXT

FIGURE 59. SITE A: Choose VMs to Protect

Choose the target datastore and RPO.

Configure Replication - 4 VMs

1 Target site
2 Virtual machines
3 Target datastore
4 Replication settings
5 Protection group
6 Ready to complete

Target datastore
Select a datastore for the replicated files. Configure datastore per virtual machine

The selected virtual machines are using 1.78 TB. ⓘ

Disk format: Same as source
VM storage policy: Datastore Default

Name	Capacity	Free	Type
<input checked="" type="radio"/> AZ2-OraPure	30 TB	29.94 TB	VMFS
<input type="radio"/> AZ2-TINTRI-EC6090	143.72 TB	76.24 TB	NFS
<input type="radio"/> AZ2OraVVOL	8 PB	8 PB	VVOL

Configure Replication - 4 VMs

1 Target site
2 Virtual machines
3 Target datastore
4 Replication settings
5 Protection group
6 Ready to complete

Replication settings
Configure the replication settings for the virtual machines.

Recovery point objective (RPO) ⓘ

5 minutes 24 hours

Enable point in time instances ⓘ
Instances per day: 3
Days: 5
Keep 3 instances per day for the last 5 days.
If the RPO period is longer than 8 hours, you might want to decrease the RPO value to allow vSphere Replication to create the number of instances that you want to keep.

Enable guest OS quiescing ⓘ

Enable network compression for VR data ⓘ

Enable encryption for VR data ⓘ

FIGURE 60. SITE A: Pick Target Datastore and RPO

Create protection group **SC2-AZ2-SRM-VR-PG** and recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP**.

Configure Replication - Oracle19c-OL8

- 1 Target site
- 2 Virtual machines
- 3 Target datastore
- 4 Replication settings
- 5 Protection group**
- 6 Recovery plan
- 7 Ready to complete

Protection group
You can add these virtual machines to a protection group.

- Add to existing protection group
- Add to new protection group
- Do not add to protection group now

Protection group name: (63 characters remaining)

Configure Replication - Oracle19c-OL8

- 1 Target site
- 2 Virtual machines
- 3 Target datastore
- 4 Replication settings
- 5 Protection group
- 6 Recovery plan**
- 7 Ready to complete

Recovery plan
You can optionally add this protection group to a recovery plan.

- Add to existing recovery plan
- Add to new recovery plan
- Do not add to recovery plan now

Recovery plan name: (63 characters remaining)

FIGURE 61. SITE A: Create Protection Group and Recovery Plan

The replication configuration summary is as shown below:

Configure Replication - 2 VMs

- 1 Target site
- 2 Virtual machines
- 3 Target datastore
- 4 Replication settings
- 5 Protection group
- 6 Recovery plan
- 7 Ready to complete**

Ready to complete
Review your selected settings.

Target site	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Replication server	VRAZ201 (embedded)
Auto-replicate new disks	Enabled
VMs to be replicated	2
Quiescing	Disabled
Network compression	Disabled
Encryption	Disabled
Recovery point objective	5 minutes
Points in time recovery	Disabled
Protection group	SC2-AZ2-SRM-VR-PG (new)
Recovery plan	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP (new)

FIGURE 62. SITE A: Ready to Configure Replication

After the setup completes, vSphere Replication will automatically seed the source data to target as baseline first **OR** we can force a sync.

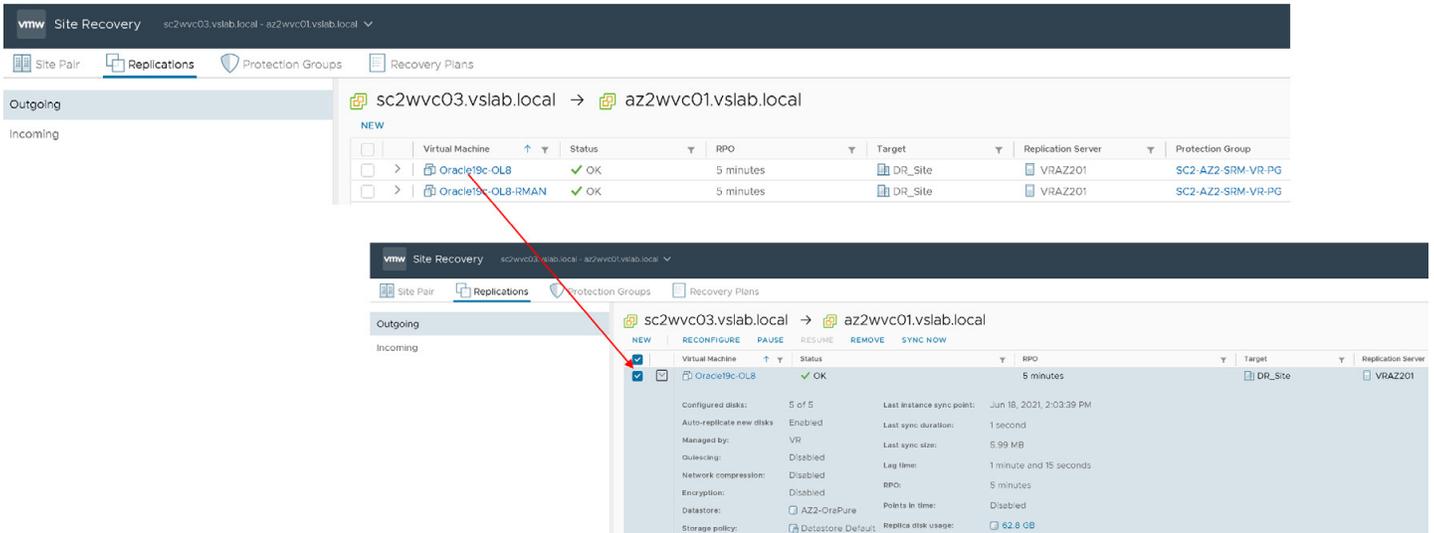


FIGURE 63. SITE A: vSphere Replication Seed Process

The protection group is as shown below:

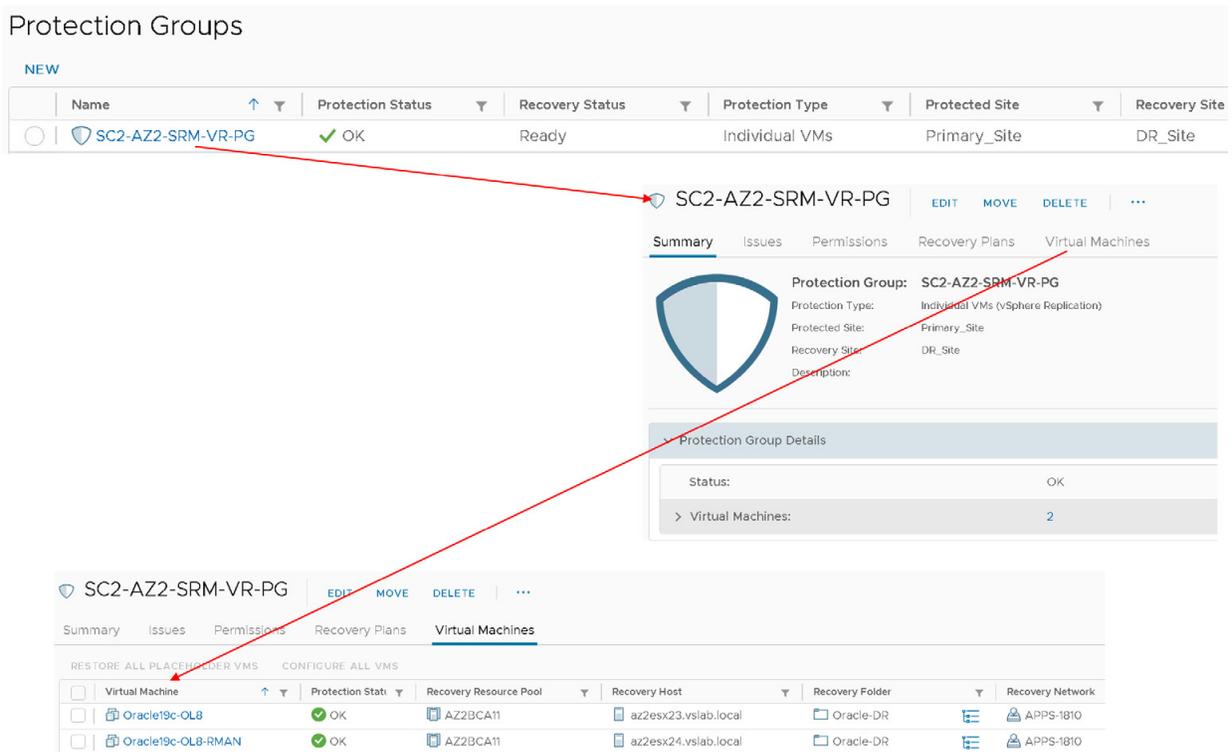


FIGURE 64. SITE A: Protection Group and Virtual Machines

The recovery plan is as shown below:

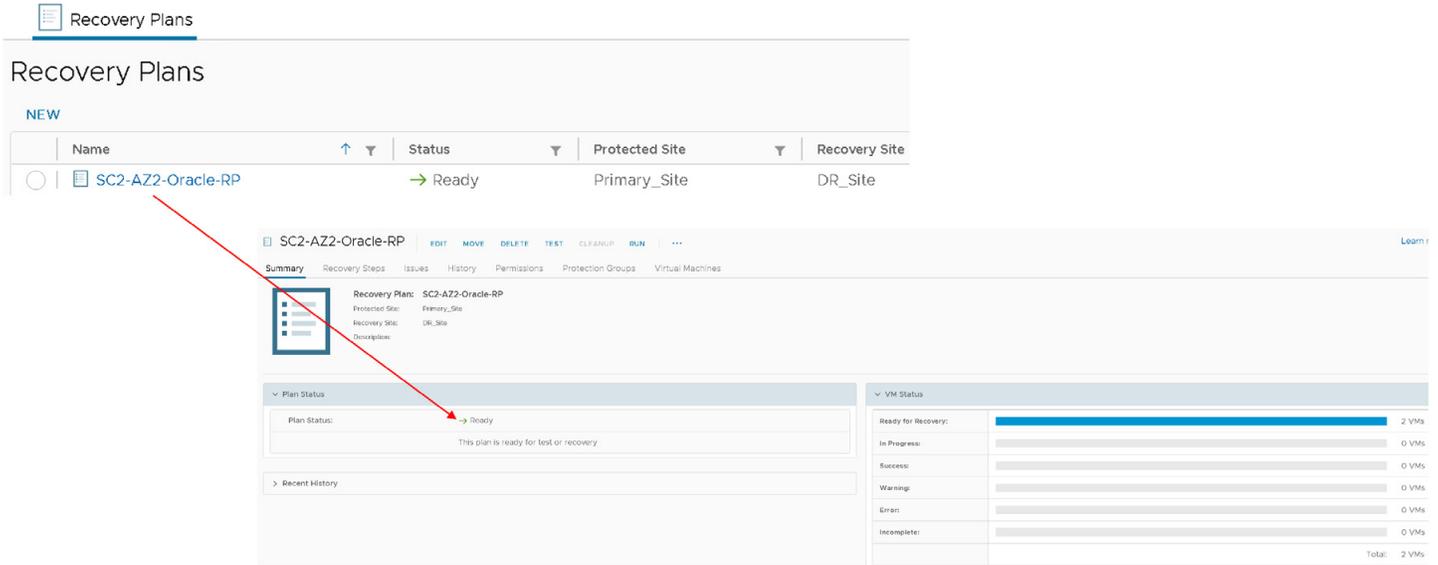


FIGURE 65. SITE A: Recovery Plan

The recovery steps of the recovery plan are as shown below:

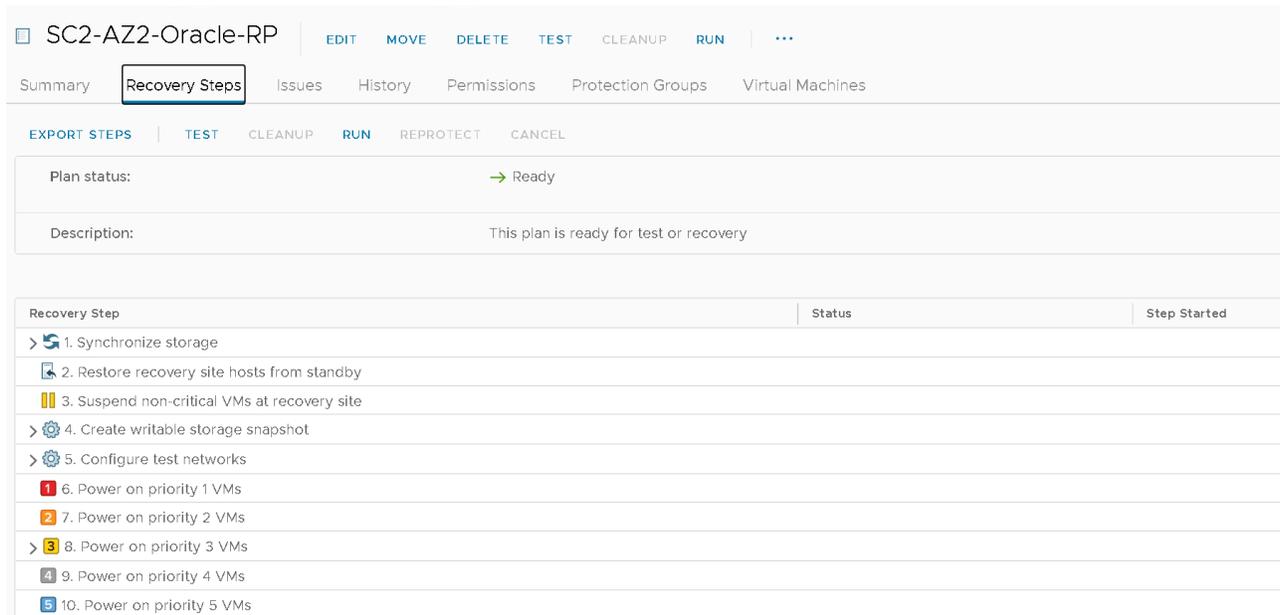


FIGURE 66. SITE A: Recovery Plan Steps

Currently, VMware vSphere Replication 8.4 cannot replicate VMs that share VMDK files. This limitation can be found in [VMware vSphere Replication 8.4 Release Notes](#).

Attempting to use vSphere Replication of Oracle RAC **prac19c** results in two shadow VMs created at the DR site, each with three standalone VMDKs (two 80GB VMDKs and one 500GB VMDK), which is inconsistent with the Oracle RAC VMDK layout. The 500GB VMDK is shared between the two Oracle RAC VMs.

Configure Replication - 2 VMs

- 1 Target site
- 2 Virtual machines
- 3 Target datastore
- 4 Replication settings
- 5 Protection group
- 6 Missing network mappings
- 7 Ready to complete

Ready to complete
Review your selected settings.

Target site	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Replication server	Auto-assign
Auto-replicate new disks	Enabled
VMs to be replicated	2
Quiescing	Disabled
Network compression	Disabled
Encryption	Disabled
Recovery point objective	5 minutes
Points in time recovery	Disabled
Protection group	SC2-AZ2-SRM-VR-PG
Total network mappings	1

FIGURE 67. Limitations with Clustered VMDKs

Keep in mind, both Oracle RAC VMs **prac19c1** and **prac19c2** contain three VMDKs:

- Two non-shared VMDKs
 - Hard Disk 1 80GB for operating system with disk mode **Dependent**
 - Hard Disk 1 80GB for Oracle Grid Infrastructure and RDBMS binaries with disk mode **Dependent**
- One shared VMDK (500GB) with multi-writer attribute and disk mode **Independent-Persistent**

VMware Site Recovery Manager with Array-Based Replication (LUN Level)

The Site Recovery Manager and Pure Storage Array pairings between on-premises Site A and Site B are shown below:

COMPONENT	SOURCE SITE	APPLIANCE	DESTINATION SITE	APPLIANCE
SRM Appliance	Site A	SRMSC2DC01.vslab.local	Site B	SRMAZ01.vslab.local
IP Address		172.16.31.145		172.16.31.147
Pure Storage	Site A	Pure-X50-BCA	Site B	wdc-tsa-pure-01

TABLE 9. Site Recovery Manager Site A and B Network Pairing

Site A Pure Storage **Pure-X50-BCA** and Site B Pure Storage **wdc-tsa-pure-01** are paired as indicated below:

Array Hosts Volumes Pods File Systems Policies

> Array

Size: 234431540 M Data Reduction: 4.8 to 1 Unique: 4.50 T Replication: 0.00 Snapshots: 3.22 M Shared: 131 T System: 0.00 Total: 5.81 T

Pure-X50-BCA ID: a84b405-a3a3-48ca-a637-bf977355c9a

Hosts	Host Groups	Volumes	Volume Snapshots	Volume Groups	Protection Groups	Protection Group Snapshots	Pods	File Systems	Directories	Directory Snapshots	Policies
41	11	128	6	36	3	1	1	0	0	0	2

Array Connections

Name	Status	Type	Version	Management Address	Replication Transport	Replication Address	Throttled
wdc-tsa-pure-01	connected	async-replication	6.16	172.16.50.22	Ethernet (iP)	172.16.5114 172.16.5115 172.16.5116 172.16.5117	False

FIGURE 68. SITE A: Pure Storage Pure-X50-BCA

Array Hosts Volumes Pods File Systems Policies

> Array

Size: 51204 G Data Reduction: 4.8 to 1 Unique: 35.67 G Replication: 0.00 Snapshots: 2.58 G Shared: 129.66 G System: 0.00 Total: 167.91 G

wdc-tsa-pure-01 ID: fabf667e-849b-44c5-bd42-85c681aee44b

Hosts	Host Groups	Volumes	Volume Snapshots	Volume Groups	Protection Groups	Protection Group Snapshots	Pods	File Systems	Directories	Directory Snapshots	Policies
3	1	3	582	1	2	97	1	0	0	0	3

Array Connections

Name	Status	Type	Version	Management Address	Replication Transport	Replication Address	Throttled
Pure-X50-BCA	connected	async-replication	6.16	-	Ethernet (iP)	172.16.5110 172.16.5111 172.16.5112 172.16.5113	False

FIGURE 69. SITE B: Pure Storage wdc-tsa-pure-01

Site A Pure Storage **Pure-X50-BCA** and Site B Pure Storage **wdc-tsa-pure-01** Replication links are as shown below:

Array Connections							
Array		Status	Replication Transport				
wdc-tsa-pure-01		connected	Ethernet (IP)				
Remote Array	Local Array	ETH2: 172.16.5112	CT1	ETH3: 172.16.5113			
CT0	ETH2: 172.16.5114	↓	↓				
	ETH3: 172.16.5115	↓	↓				
CT1	ETH2: 172.16.5116	↓	↓				
	ETH3: 172.16.5117	↓	↓				

Array Ports ^							
FC Port	Name	Speed	Fallover	FC Port	Name	Speed	Fallover
CT0.FC0	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:00	16 Gb/s		CT1.FC0	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:10	0	
CT0.FC1	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:01	0		CT1.FC1	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:11	0	
CT0.FC2	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:02	16 Gb/s		CT1.FC2	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:12	16 Gb/s	
CT0.FC3	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:03	0		CT1.FC3	52:4A:93:7C:A6:64:FA:13	0	

FIGURE 70. SITE A: Pure Storage Pure-X50-BCA Replication Links

Array Connections							
Array		Status	Replication Transport				
Pure-X50-BCA		connected	Ethernet (IP)				
Remote Array	Local Array	ETH2: 172.16.5114	CT0	ETH3: 172.16.5115	ETH2: 172.16.5116	CT1	ETH3: 172.16.5117
CT1	ETH2: 172.16.5112	↓	↓	↓	↓		
	ETH3: 172.16.5113	↓	↓	↓	↓		

Array Ports ^							
FC Port	Name	Speed	Fallover	FC Port	Name	Speed	Fallover
CT0.FC0	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:00	16 Gb/s		CT1.FC0	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:10	16 Gb/s	
CT0.FC1	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:01	0		CT1.FC1	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:11	0	
CT0.FC2	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:02	0		CT1.FC2	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:12	16 Gb/s	
CT0.FC3	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:03	0		CT1.FC3	52:4A:93:7A:50:46:BC:13	0	

FIGURE 71. SITE B: Pure Storage wdc-tsa-pure-01 Replication Links

Follow steps in the [FlashRecover Replication Configuration and Best Practices Guide](#) to connect the two Pure Storage arrays for replication.

Site A Pure Storage **Pure-X50-BCA** has storage pod **SC2POD** and protection group **SC2PG**. Volume **OraSC2** (20TB) is part of the storage pod **SC2POD**.

The screenshot displays the Pure Storage management interface. At the top, navigation tabs include Array, Hosts, Volumes, Pods, File Systems, and Policies. The breadcrumb path is > Pods > SC2POD (promoted). A summary table shows: Size 20 T, Data Reduction 18.3 to 1, Unique 8.12 G, Replication 0.00, Snapshots 0.00, Shared 65.70 M, System -, Total 8.18 G.

The **Arrays** section shows a table with one entry: Name Pure-X50-BCA, Status online, Frozen At -, Mediator Status online.

The **Pod Replica Links** section shows a table with one entry: Local Pod SC2POD (promoted), Direction →, Remote Pod AZ2POD, Remote Array wdc-isa-pure-01, Status replicating, Recovery Point 2021-06-18 19:53. This entry is circled in red.

The **Volumes** section shows a table with one entry: Name SC2POD::OraSC2, Size 20 T, Volumes 8.12 G, Snapshots 0.00, Reduction 18.3 to 1.

The **Protection Groups** section shows a table with one entry: Name SC2POD::SC2PG, Snapshots 0.00.

The **Protection Groups** details page for SC2POD::SC2PG is shown below. It includes tabs for Snapshots, Policies, Protection Groups, ActiveDR, and ActiveCluster. The breadcrumb path is > Protection Groups > SC2POD::SC2PG. A red arrow points from the Protection Groups entry in the previous section to this page. The **Members** section shows a table with one entry: Name SC2POD::OraSC2. The **Targets** section shows "No targets found." On the right, there are sections for **Snapshot Schedule** and **Replication Schedule**, both with "Enabled: False" and specific scheduling details.

FIGURE 72. SITE A: Pure Storage POD, Protection Group and Protected Volume

Site B Pure Storage **wdc-tsa-pure-01** has storage pod **AZ2POD**. Volume **AZ2POD::OraSC2** is the corresponding recovery volume in the storage pod **AZ2POD**.

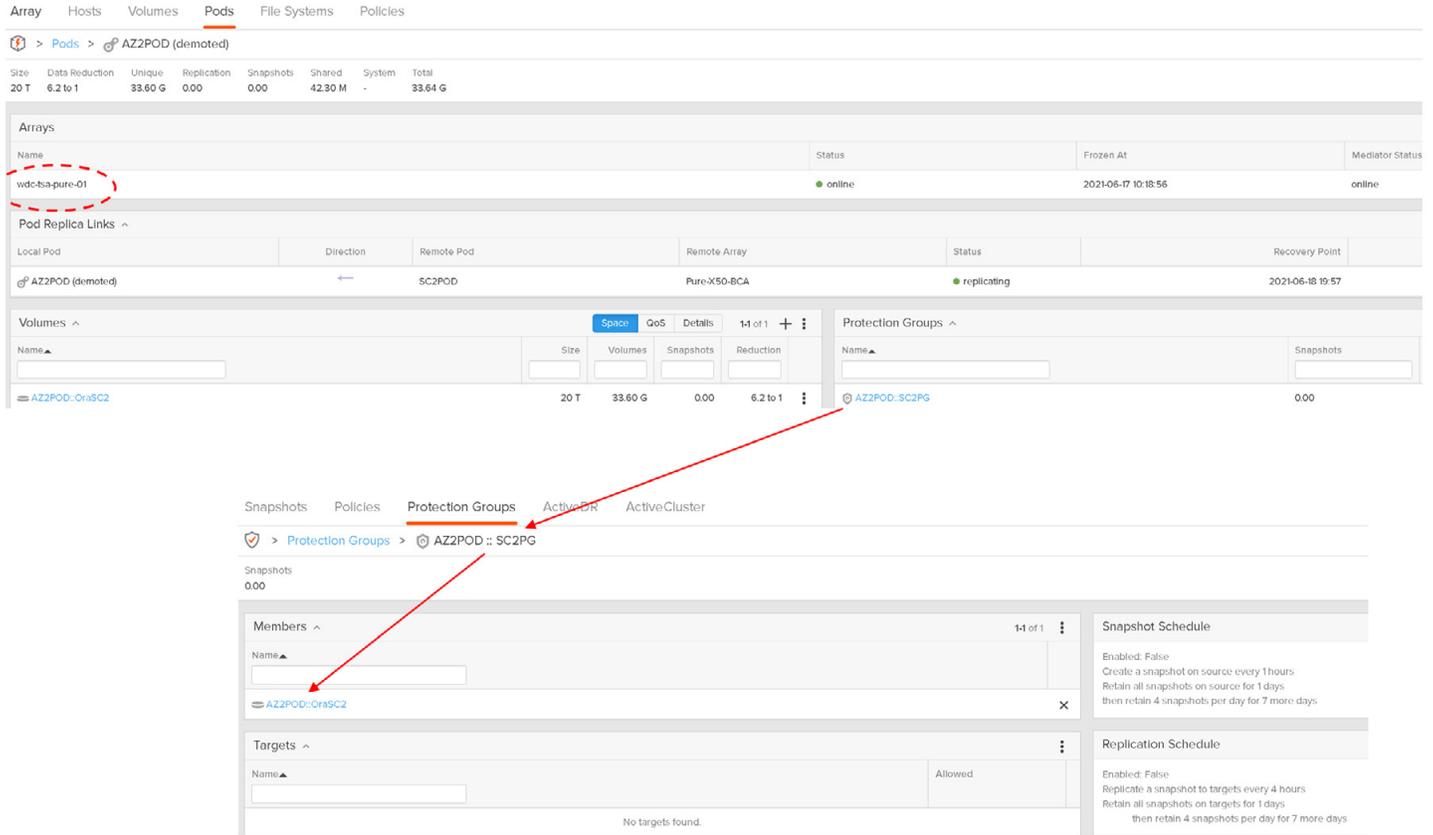


FIGURE 73. SITE B: Pure Storage POD, Protection Group and Protected Volume

A replica link is created between Site A storage pod **SC2POD** and Site B storage pod **AZ2POD**.

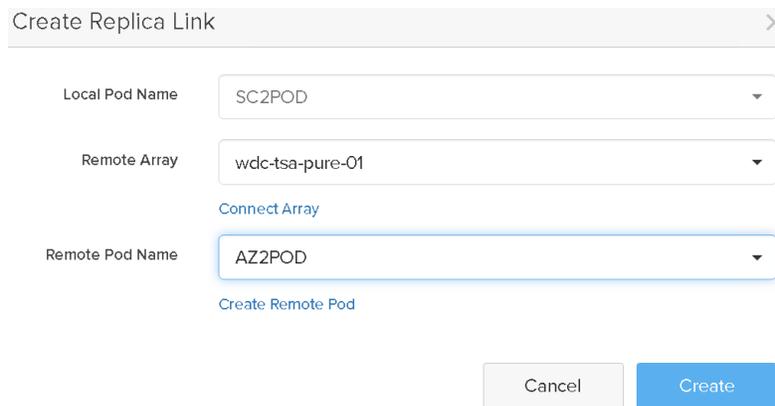


FIGURE 74. Pure Storage Replica Link Between Site A and Site B

Information on configuring the replica link can be found in [SRM User Guide: FlashArray Continuous Replication \(ActiveDR\) Workflows guide](#).

Site Recovery Manager includes two important features that allow discovery of the Pure Storage replication environment—the Pure Storage SRA and Array Managers.

Storage Replication Adapters

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

RESCAN ADAPTERS

Pure Storage FlashArray SRA

Status	✓ OK
Version	4.1.0
Vendor	Pure Storage
Install Location	puresra:latest
Vendor URL	http://support.purestorage.com
Supported Array Models	Pure Storage, FA-400 series Pure Storage, FlashArray//m MORE
Supported Software	Purity Operating Environment 4.10.0 or higher
Stretched Storage	Supported

Storage Replication Adapters

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

RESCAN ADAPTERS

Pure Storage FlashArray SRA

Status	✓ OK
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Vendor	Pure Storage
Install Location	puresra:latest
Vendor URL	http://support.purestorage.com
Supported Array Models	Pure Storage, FA-400 series Pure Storage, FlashArray//m MORE
Supported Software	Purity Operating Environment 4.10.0 or higher
Stretched Storage	Supported

FIGURE 75. Site A and Site B Storage Replication Adapters

Details regarding configuration of Pure Storage SRA can be found in [SRM User Guide: Installing the FlashArray Storage Replication Adapter](#).

After the protected site and recovery site are paired up, the array managers are configured so that Site Recovery Manager can discover replicated devices, compute datastore groups, and initiate storage operations.

Array Pairs

ADD ARRAY PAIR ▾ ARRAY MANAGER PAIR ▾

Array Pair	Array Manager Pair	Last Array Manager Ping
<input type="radio"/> > ✓ Pure-X50-BCA ↔ wdc-tsa-pure-01	PureProtectedSite ↔ PureRecoverySite	✓ Success, 6/18/21, 12:50:05 PM -0700
<input checked="" type="radio"/> > ✓ SC2POD ↔ AZ2POD	PureProtectedSite ↔ PureRecoverySite	✓ Success, 6/18/21, 12:50:05 PM -0700

EXPORT ▾

DISCOVER DEVICES

Device (sc2wvc03.vslab.local)	Datastore	Status	Device (az2wvc01.vslab.local)	Protection Group	Local Consistency Group
OraSC2	Local: [OraSC2]	→ Forward	Replica of SC2POD:OraSC2		SC2POD

Figure 76. Site A and Site B Array Managers

Additional array managers details are shown below:

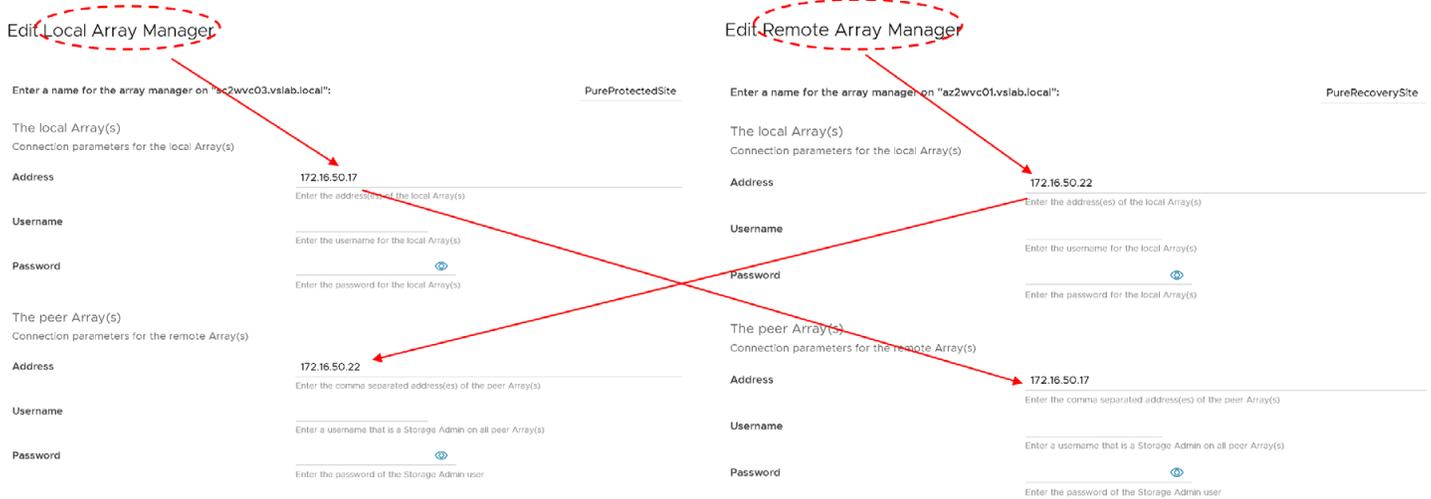


FIGURE 77. Site A and Site B Array Managers Details

Information regarding configuration of Pure Storage Array Manager can be found in [SRM User Guide: Configuring the FlashArray SRA Array Managers](#).

Installing Pure Storage SRA and Pure Storage Array Manager is beyond the scope of this paper.

Site A protection group **SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG** for array-based replication is created as shown below. The steps to create the protection group for array-based replication are as shown below:

New Protection Group

1 Name and direction
2 Type
3 Datastore groups
4 Recovery plan
5 Ready to complete

Name and direction

Name: SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG
62 characters remaining

Description: SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG
4078 characters remaining

Direction: Primary_Site → DR_Site
 DR_Site → Primary_Site

Location: Search...
Protection Groups

New Protection Group

1 Name and direction
2 Type
3 Datastore groups
4 Recovery plan
5 Ready to complete

Type

Select the type of protection group you want to create:

- Datastore groups (array-based replication)**
Protect all virtual machines which are on specific datastores.
- Individual VMs (vSphere Replication)
Protect specific virtual machines, regardless of the datastores.
- Virtual Volumes (VVol replication)
Protect virtual machines which are on replicated vVol storage.
- Storage policies (array-based replication)
Protect virtual machines with specific storage policies.

Select array pair

Array Pair	Array Manager Pair
<input type="radio"/> Pure-XS0-BCA ↔ wdc-tsa-pure-01	PureProtectedSite ↔ PureRecoverySite
<input checked="" type="radio"/> SC2POD ↔ AZ2POD	PureProtectedSite ↔ PureRecoverySite

FIGURE 78. SITE A: Array Based Replication Create Protection Group

Choose the protected datastore and create a new recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP**.

The screenshot displays the 'New Protection Group' wizard in the vSphere interface. The main window is at step 3, 'Datastore groups', where the 'OraSC2' datastore group is selected. A red arrow indicates the transition to step 4, 'Recovery plan', shown in a smaller inset window. In this inset, the 'Add to new recovery plan' radio button is selected, and the 'Recovery plan name' is set to 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP'.

FIGURE 79. SITE A: Pick Protected Datastore and Create New recovery plan

The protection group summary and recovery plan details are as shown below:

The 'Ready to complete' screen provides a summary of the protection group and recovery plan details. The protection group name is SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG, and the recovery plan is SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP (new). The summary table is as follows:

Name	SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG
Description	SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Location	Protection Groups
Protection group type	Datastore groups (array-based replication)
Array pair	SC2POD ↔ AZ2POD (PureProtectedSite ↔ PureRecoverySite)
Datastore groups	OraSC2
Total virtual machines	4
Recovery plan	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP (new)

FIGURE 80. Protection Group and Recovery Plan Details

The details of protection group **SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG** are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Protection Groups' management interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'NEW', 'EDIT', 'MOVE', and 'DELETE'. Below this is a table listing protection groups. The first entry is 'SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG' with a status of 'OK', 'Ready' recovery status, 'Datastore groups' protection type, 'Primary_Site' protected site, and 'DR_Site' recovery site. A red arrow points from this entry to a detailed view of the same protection group.

The detailed view for 'SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG' includes the following information:

- Protection Group:** SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG
- Protection Type:** Datastore groups (array-based replication)
- Protected Site:** Primary_Site
- Recovery Site:** DR_Site
- Array Pair:** SC2POD ↔ AZ2POD
- Array Managers:** PureProtectedSite ↔ PureRecoverySite
- Description:** SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG

Below this, the 'Protection Group Details' section shows:

- Status:** OK
- Datastores:** 1
- Virtual Machines:** 4

FIGURE 81. Protection Group Details

Protection group **SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG** for array-based replication is protecting both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** and Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs.

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Machines' tab for the protection group 'SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG'. It displays a table of protected VMs:

Virtual Machine	Protection Status	Recovery Resource Pool	Recovery Host	Recovery Folder	Recovery Network
Oracle19c-OL8	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx23.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx22.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810
prac19c1	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx22.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810,APPS-1805
prac19c2	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx24.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810,APPS-1805

FIGURE 82. Protection Group Virtual Machine Details

The discovered devices are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Devices' tab for the protection group 'SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-PG'. It displays a table of discovered devices:

Device (sc2wvc03.vslab.local)	Datastore	Status	Device (az2wvc01.vslab.local)	Local Consistency Group
OraSC2	Local: [OraSC2]	→ Forward	Replica of SC2POD:OraSC2	SC2POD

FIGURE 83. Site A Discovered Devices

Information regarding discovered devices can be found in [SRM User Guide: Discovering Replicated Devices with the FlashArray SRA](#).

Recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP** for array-based replication is as shown below:

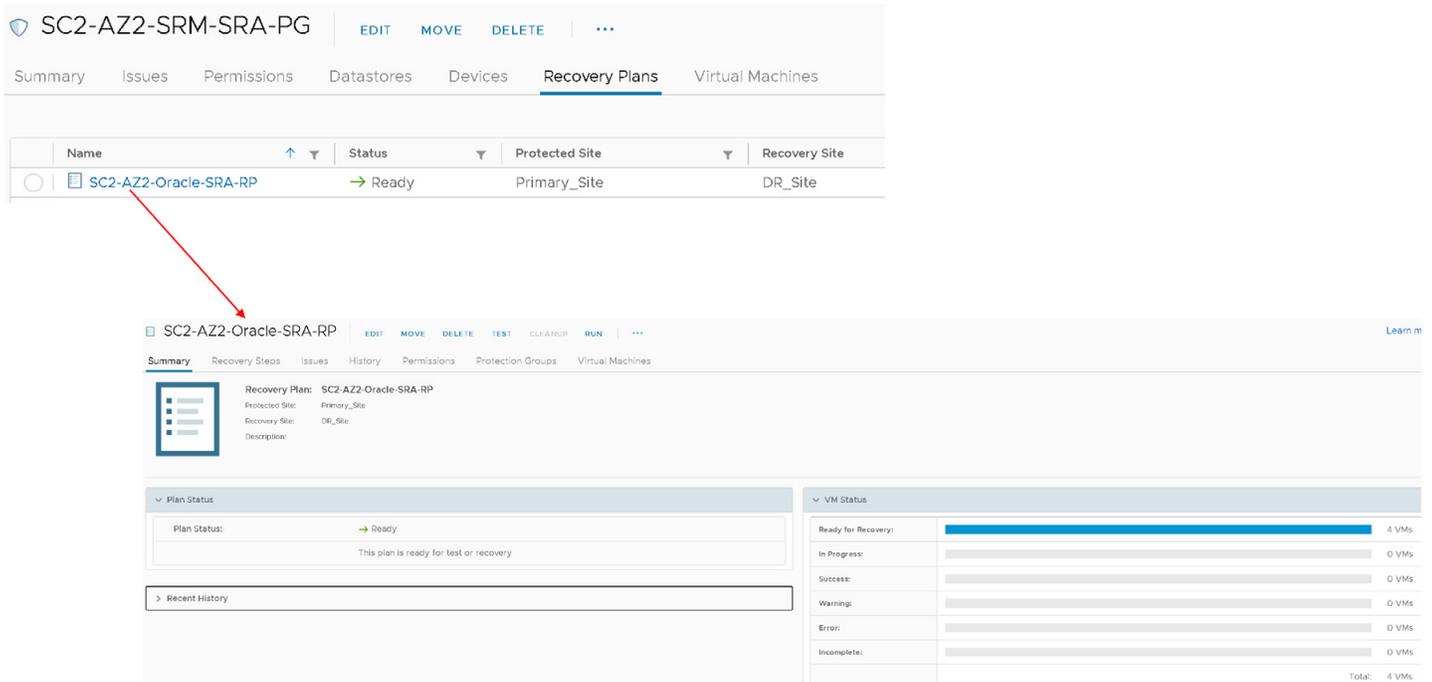


FIGURE 84. Array-Based Replication Recovery Plan Details

More information regarding testing a recovery plan can be found in [SRM User Guide: FlashArray Continuous Replication \(ActiveDR\) Workflows](#).

Further information regarding Site Recovery Manager with array-based replication can be found in [Using Array-Based Replication with Site Recovery Manager](#).

VMware Site Recovery Manager with Array-Based Replication (vVOL Level)

Details of Site A Pure Storage **Pure-X50-BCA** vVOL storage providers are as shown below:

The screenshot displays the Pure Storage configuration interface. At the top, there are buttons for '+ ADD', 'EDIT', 'REMOVE', 'REGISTER STORAGE PROVIDER', and 'IMPORT PROTECTION GROUPS'. Below this is a table of storage providers:

Array Alias	Array URL
Pure-X50-BCA	https://172.16.50.19

The main interface shows the 'Storage Providers' configuration page for 'sc2wvc03.vslab.local'. A table lists several providers, with 'Pure-X50-BCA-ct0' highlighted and circled in red. A red arrow points from this entry to the detailed configuration view below.

Storage Provider/Storage Sys...	Status	Active/Standby	Priority	URL	Last Rescan Time
5f72b21c-1d59-eb9e-499e-...	Active	--	1		
IOFILTER Provider sc2esx64.v...	Offline	--	--	https://sc2esx64.vslab.local:9080/v...	10/19/2020, 8:59:25 PM
IOFILTER Provider sc2esx65.v...	Offline	--	--	https://sc2esx65.vslab.local:9080/v...	12/23/2020, 7:17:45 AM
IOFILTER Provider sc2esx66.v...	Offline	--	--	https://sc2esx66.vslab.local:9080/v...	10/09/2020, 6:09:24 PM
IOFILTER Provider sc2vesx01...	Online	--	--	https://sc2vesx01.vslab.local:9080/...	05/04/2021, 12:05:36 PM
IOFILTER Provider sc2vesx02...	Online	--	--	https://sc2vesx02.vslab.local:9080/...	05/04/2021, 12:05:36 PM
Pure-X50-BCA-ct0	Online	--	--	https://172.16.50.17:8084/version.xml	03/09/2021, 10:45:20 AM
Pure-X50-BCA (2/2 online)		Standby	200		
Pure-X50-BCA-ct1	Online	--	--	https://172.16.50.18:8084/version.xml	05/24/2021, 11:41 PM
Pure-X50-BCA (2/2 online)		Active	200		
VMware vSAN	Online	--	--	http://localhost:1080/vsan-health/vs...	06/14/2021, 5:30:06 AM

The detailed configuration for 'Pure-X50-BCA-ct0' is shown below:

General	Supported Vendor IDs	Certificate Info
Provider name	Pure-X50-BCA-ct0	
Provider status	Online	
Active/standby status	--	
Activation	Automatic	
URL	https://172.16.50.17:8084/version.xml	
Provider version	1.1.1	
VASA API version	3.0	
Default namespace	com.purestorage	
Provider ID	a841b405-e3a3-48ca-a637-b73977355c9e-0	
Supported profiles	Storage Profile Based Management ReplicationProfile	

FIGURE 85. SITE A: Storage Provider Details—ct0

The screenshot shows the Pure Storage vSphere Client interface. At the top, there are buttons for '+ ADD', 'EDIT', 'REMOVE', 'REGISTER STORAGE PROVIDER', and 'IMPORT PROTECTION GROUPS'. Below this is a table with columns for 'Array Alias' and 'Array URL'. The first entry is 'Pure-X50-BCA' with the URL 'https://172.16.50.19'. A red arrow points from this entry to the 'Storage Providers' section of the configuration page for 'sc2wvc03.vslab.local'. The 'Storage Providers' table lists several providers, including 'Pure-X50-BCA (2/2 online)' in a Standby state and 'Pure-X50-BCA-ct1' in an Online state. A red circle highlights the 'Pure-X50-BCA-ct1' entry. Below the table is a 'General' section with details for the selected provider: Provider name: Pure-X50-BCA-ct1, Provider status: Online, Active/standby status: --, Activation: Automatic, URL: https://172.16.50.18:8084/version.xml, Provider version: 1.1.1, and VASA API version: 3.0.

FIGURE 86. SITE A: Storage Provider Details—ct1

Details of Site B Pure Storage **wdc-tsa-pure-01** vVOL storage providers are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the Pure Storage vSphere Client interface for site B. At the top, there are buttons for '+ ADD', 'EDIT', 'REMOVE', 'REGISTER STORAGE PROVIDER', and 'IMPORT PROTECTION GROUPS'. Below this is a table with columns for 'Array Alias' and 'Array URL'. The first entry is 'wdc-tsa-pure-01' with the URL 'https://172.16.50.22'. A red arrow points from this entry to the 'Storage Providers' section of the configuration page for 'az2wvc01.vslab.local'. The 'Storage Providers' table lists several providers, including 'wdc-tsa-pure-01-ct1' in an Online state and 'wdc-tsa-pure-01-ct0' in an Online state. A red circle highlights the 'wdc-tsa-pure-01-ct1' entry. Below the table is a 'General' section with details for the selected provider: Provider name: wdc-tsa-pure-01-ct1, Provider status: Online, Active/standby status: --, Activation: Automatic, URL: https://172.16.50.20:8084/version.xml, Provider version: 12.0, VASA API version: 3.0, Default namespace: com.purestorage, Provider ID: f6b167e-849b-44c5-bd42-85c8f80ca44b-0, Storage Profile: Storage Profile Based Management, and Supported profiles: ReplicationProfile.

FIGURE 87. SITE B: Storage Provider Details

Site A Pure Storage vVOL datastore **OraVVOL** is as shown below:

OraVVOL | ACTIONS

Summary | Monitor | Configure | Permissions | Files | Hosts | VMs

Type: vVol
URL: ds:///vmfs/volumes/vvol:3209833ef6833000-9b879e832d2b5158/

Storage
Used: 1.17 TB

Details

Location	ds:///vmfs/volumes/vvol:3209833ef6833000-9b879e832d2b5158/
Type	vVol
Hosts	11
Virtual machines	12
VM templates	0
Active storage provider	Pure-X50-BCA-ct1

FlashArray

Array	Pure-X50-BCA
Active Storage Provider	Pure-X50-BCA-ct1
Protocol Endpoint	pure-protocol-endpoint AB41B405A3A348CA000118FF
Volume Groups In Use	34
Volumes In Use	95

FIGURE 88. SITE A: vVOL Datastore

Site B Pure Storage vVOL datastore **AZ2OraVVOL** is as shown below:

AZ2OraVVOL | ACTIONS

Summary | Monitor | Configure | Permissions | Files | Hosts | VMs

Type: vVol
URL: ds:///vmfs/volumes/vvol:52cc3c9e587e393e-a20e901fef033899/

Storage
Used: 5 MB

Details

Location	ds:///vmfs/volumes/vvol:52cc3c9e587e393e-a20e901fef033899/
Type	vVol
Hosts	3
Virtual machines	0
VM templates	0
Active storage provider	wdc-tsa-pure-01-ct0

FlashArray

Array	wdc-tsa-pure-01
Active Storage Provider	wdc-tsa-pure-01-ct0
Protocol Endpoint	pure-protocol-endpoint FABF667E849B44C50001018
Volume Groups In Use	1
Volumes In Use	1

FIGURE 89. SITE B: vVOL Datastore

Create a Pure Storage protection group **SC2vVOLPG** on Site A. We do not need to create a Pure Storage protection group on Site B.



FIGURE 90. SITE A: Storage Protection Group

Create the VMware replication-based VM storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** for Site A.

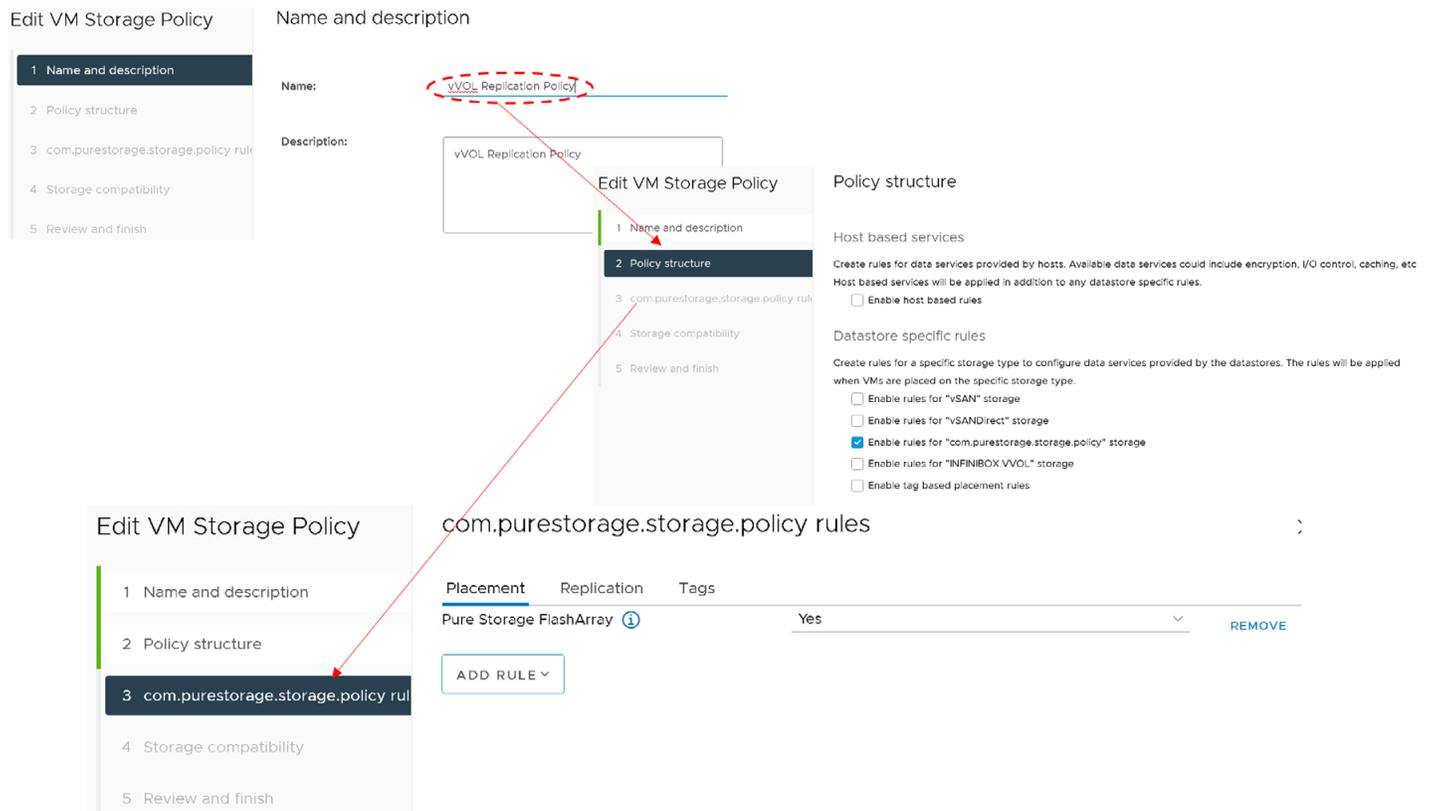


FIGURE 91. Site A vVOL Storage Replication Policy

The following is a continuation of the steps needed to create VMware replication-based VM storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** for Site A.

The screenshot displays the configuration of a VMware storage policy. On the left, a sidebar titled "Edit VM Storage Policy" shows a list of steps: 1. Name and description, 2. Policy structure, 3. com.purestorage.storage.policy rule (highlighted), 4. Storage compatibility, and 5. Review and finish.

The main area is titled "com.purestorage.storage.policy rules" and has three tabs: Placement, Replication, and Tags. The "Replication" tab is active. It shows:

- Options: Disabled (radio button), Custom (radio button, selected).
- Provider: com.purestorage.storage.replication (circled in red).
- Target sites: wdc-tsa-pure-01 (circled in red).
- Buttons: ADD ROW, REMOVE, REMOVE.

Below this, there is a smaller "Edit VM Storage Policy" window showing the same sidebar, with step 3 highlighted.

The "Storage compatibility" section is also visible, with:

- Buttons: COMPATIBLE (selected), INCOMPATIBLE.
- Checkbox: Expand datastore clusters (unchecked).
- Text: Compatible storage 8 PB (8 PB free).
- Filter: Filter.

A table lists storage resources:

Name	Datacenter	Type	Free Space	Capacity	Warnings
OraVVOL	SC2-DC	vVol	8.00 PB	8.00 PB	

FIGURE 92. SITE A: vVOL Storage Replication Policy Continued

The vVOL storage replication policy is created as shown below:

Edit VM Storage Policy

- Name and description
- Policy structure
- com.purestorage.storage.policy rule
- Storage compatibility
- Review and finish**

Review and finish

General

Name	vVOL Replication Policy
Description	vVOL Replication Policy
vCenter Server	sc2wvc03.vslab.local

com.purestorage.storage.policy rules

Placement

Pure Storage FlashArray	Yes
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Replication

Provider	com.purestorage.storage.replication
Target-sites	wdc-tsa-pure-01

VM Storage Policies

CREATE EDIT CLONE CHECK REAPPLY DELETE

Name	VC
management-storage-policy - Encryption	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
Performanceflash	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
performancensfs	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
VM Encryption Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
vSAN Default Storage Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
vVol No Requirements Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
vVOL Replication Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
Host-local PMem Default Storage Policy	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Management Storage policy - Encryption	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Management Storage Policy - Large	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Management Storage Policy - Regular	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Management Storage Policy - Single Node	az2wvc01.vslab.local
Management Storage Policy - Stretched	az2wvc01.vslab.local

Rules VM Compliance VM Template Storage Compatibility

General

Name	vVOL Replication Policy
Description	vVOL Replication Policy

Rule-set 1: com.purestorage.storage.policy

Placement

Storage Type	com.purestorage.storage.policy
Pure Storage FlashArray	Yes

Replication > Custom

Provider	com.purestorage.storage.replication
Target sites	wdc-tsa-pure-01

FIGURE 93. SITE A: vVOL Storage Replication Policy Complete

Create the VMware replication-based VM storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** for Site B in the same way.

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere VM Storage Policies interface. At the top, there are action buttons: CREATE, EDIT, CLONE, CHECK, REAPPLY, and DELETE. Below these is a table listing various storage policies. The policy 'vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2' is selected, and its details are shown in the lower section of the interface.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	VC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Large	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	VVol No Requirements Policy	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Stretch...	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	VM Encryption Policy	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage policy - Encrypt...	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Single ...	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host-local PMem Default Storage Poli...	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	vSAN Default Storage Policy	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Regular	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage policy - This...	az2wvc01.vslab.local

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Rules VM Compliance VM Template Storage Compatibility

General

Name	vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2
Description	vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2

Rule-set 1: com.purestorage.storage.policy

Placement

Storage Type	com.purestorage.storage.policy
Pure Storage FlashArray	Yes

Replication > Custom

Provider	com.purestorage.storage.replication
Target sites	Pure-X50-BCA

FIGURE 94. SITE B: vVOL Storage Replication Policy Details

On Site A, we need to assign the VMware replication-based VM storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** to both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** and Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs to be protected by FlashArray periodic replication.

Steps to assign the VMware replication-based VM storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** to single-instance Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** are shown below:

The figure shows two screenshots from the vSphere Client interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Edit VM Storage Policies' dialog for 'Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL'. The 'VM storage policy' dropdown is set to 'VVOL No Requirements Policy'. A list of storage policies is shown, with 'vVOL Replication Policy' highlighted in blue. The bottom screenshot shows the same dialog after the policy has been changed to 'vVOL Replication Policy'. A 'Replication groups' section indicates 'Not configured' with a 'CONFIGURE' button. A table below the dialog lists the VM disks and their associated storage policies.

Name	Disk Size	Datastore	Datastore Type
VM home	-	OraVVVOL	vVol
Hard disk 1	80 GB	OraVVVOL	vVol
Hard disk 2	80 GB	OraVVVOL	vVol
Hard disk 3	100 GB	OraVVVOL	vVol
Hard disk 4	1 TB	OraVVVOL	vVol
Hard disk 5	250 GB	OraVVVOL	vVol

FIGURE 95. SITE A: Assign Storage Policy vVOL Replication Policy to VMs

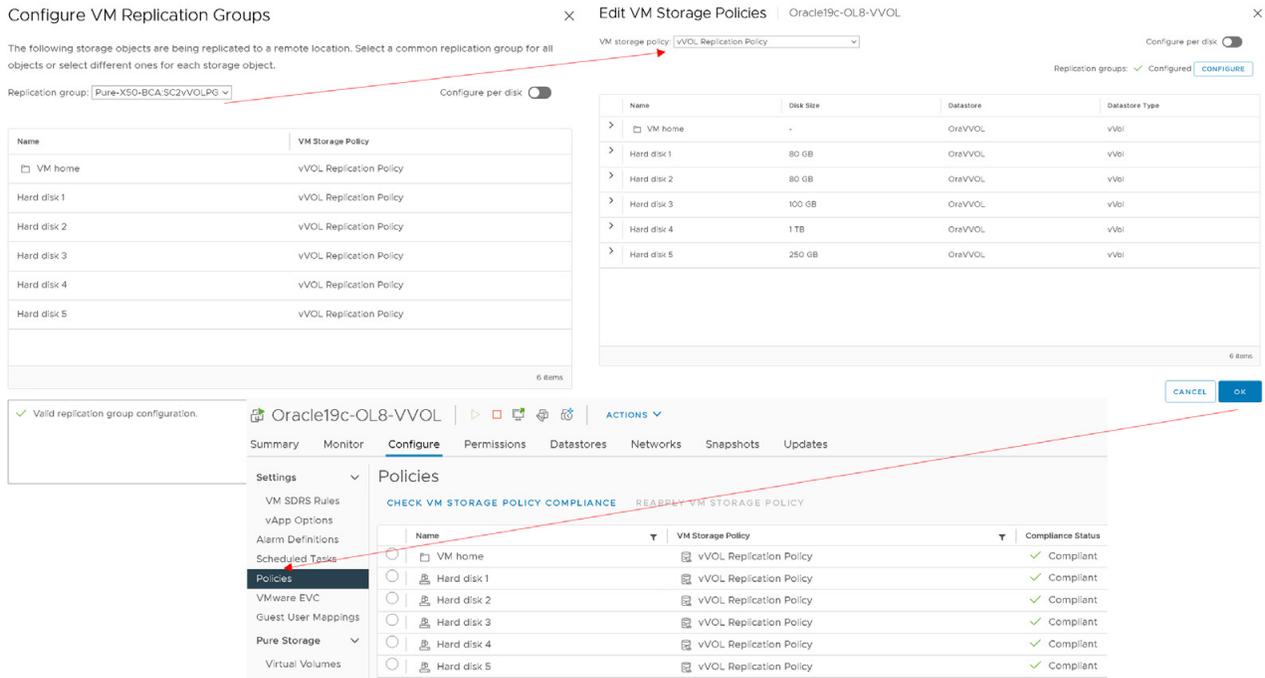


FIGURE 96. SITE A: Assign Storage Policy vVOL Replication Policy to VMs Continued

Steps to assign the replication-based VM to single-instance Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** and Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs are the same as shown above.

Single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** now have storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** applied.

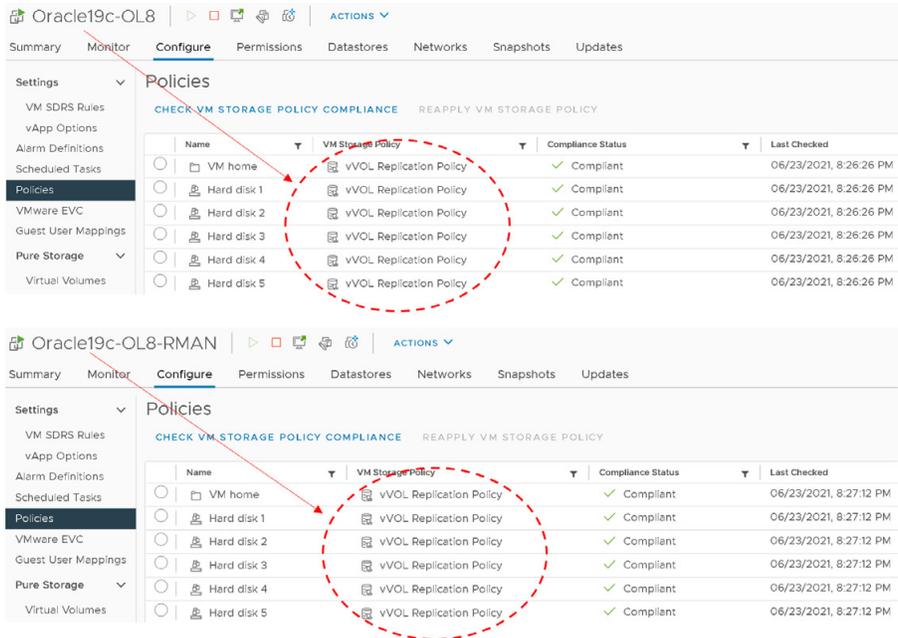


FIGURE 97. SITE A: Single-Instance VM's Storage Policy vVOL Replication Policy

Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs now have storage policy **vVOL Replication Policy** applied.

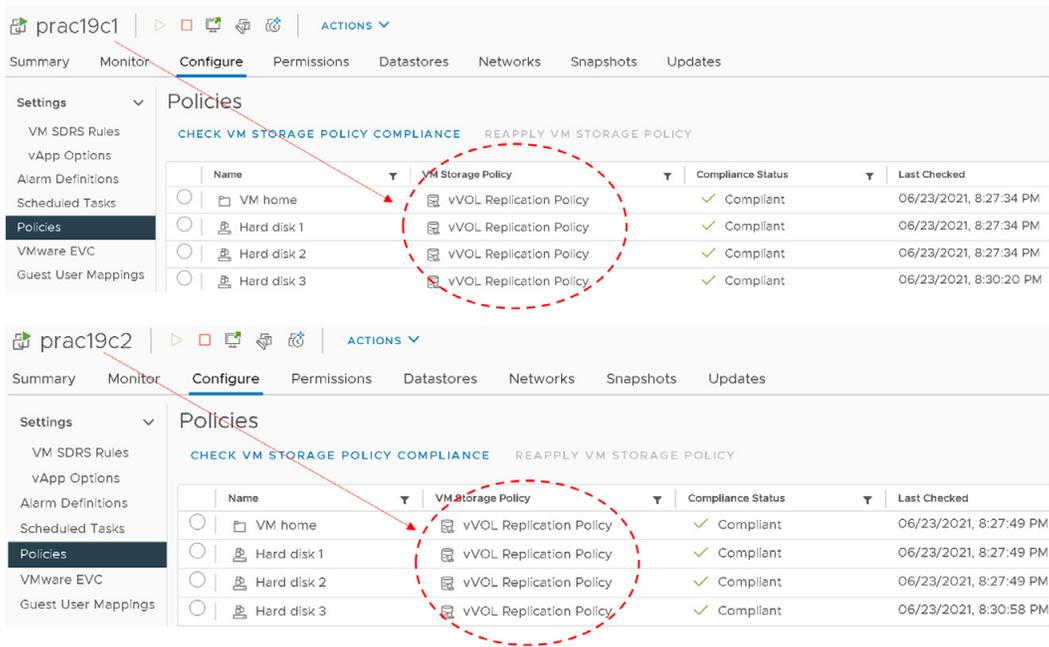


FIGURE 98. SITE A: Oracle RAC VM's Storage Policy vVOL Replication Policy

VM Storage Policies

CREATE EDIT CLONE CHECK REAPPLY DELETE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	VC
<input type="checkbox"/>	management storage policy - thin	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performanceflash	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	performancenf5	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	VM Encryption Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	vSAN Default Storage Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	VVol No Requirements Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vVOL Replication Policy	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host-local PMem Default Storage Policy	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage policy - Encryption	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Large	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Regular	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Single Node	az2wvc01.vslab.local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Management Storage Policy - Stretched	az2wvc01.vslab.local

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rules	VM Compliance	VM Template	Storage Compatibility
General			
Name	vVOL Replication Policy		
Description	vVOL Replication Policy		
Rule-set 1: com.purestorage.storage.policy			
Placement			
Storage Type	com.purestorage.storage.policy		
Pure Storage FlashArray	Yes		
Replication > Custom			
Provider	com.purestorage.storage.replication		
Target sites	wdc-tsa-pure-01		

FIGURE 99. SITE B: Storage Policy vVOL Replication Policy

The single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** VM and the Oracle RAC **vvolrac** VMs to be protected by FlashArray periodic replication are now part of the Site A Pure Storage protection group **SC2vVOLPG**.

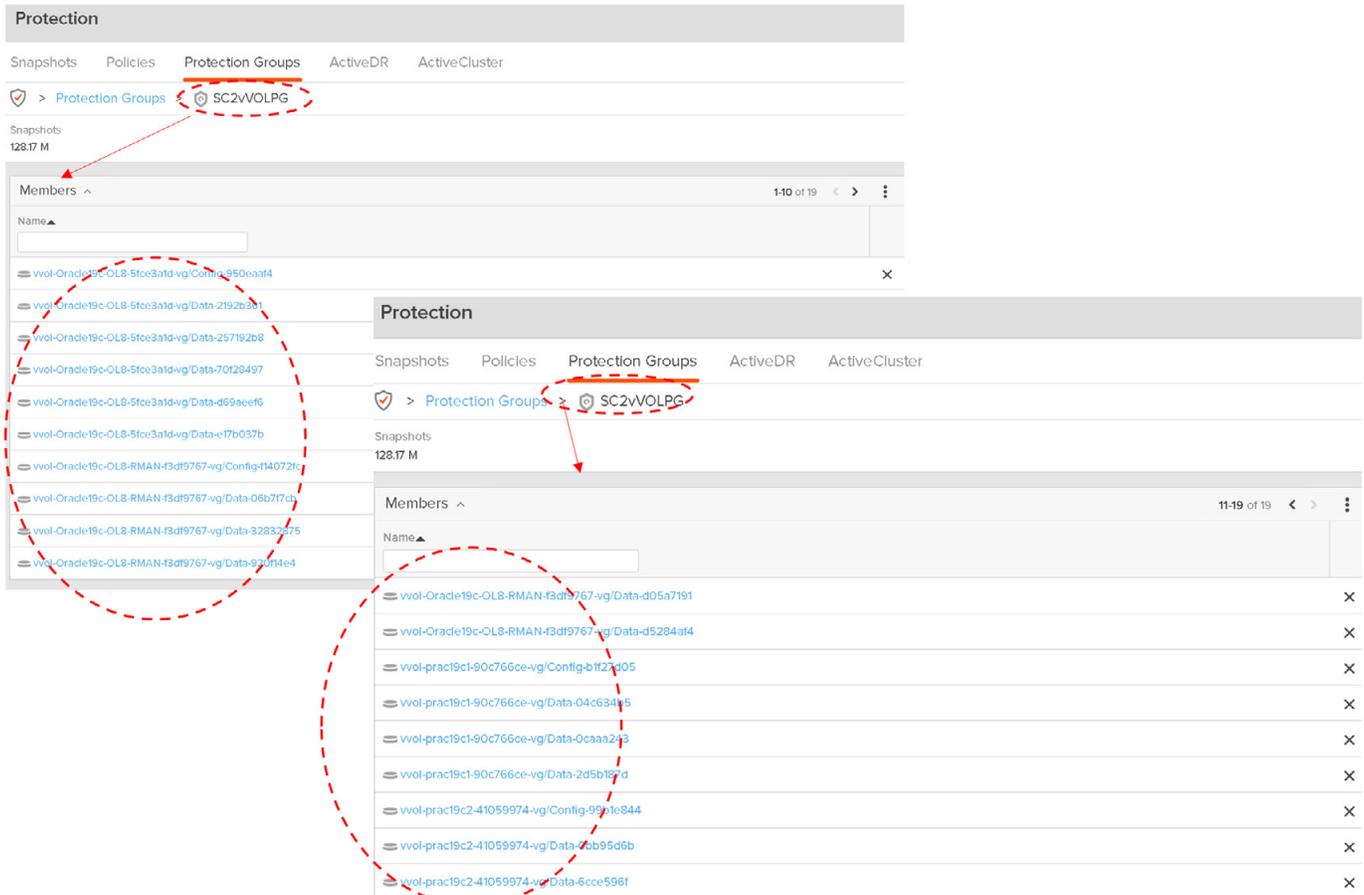


FIGURE 100. SITE B: Storage Protection Groups and vVOLS

Create vSphere Virtual Volumes replication storage policy mappings between Site A and Site B.

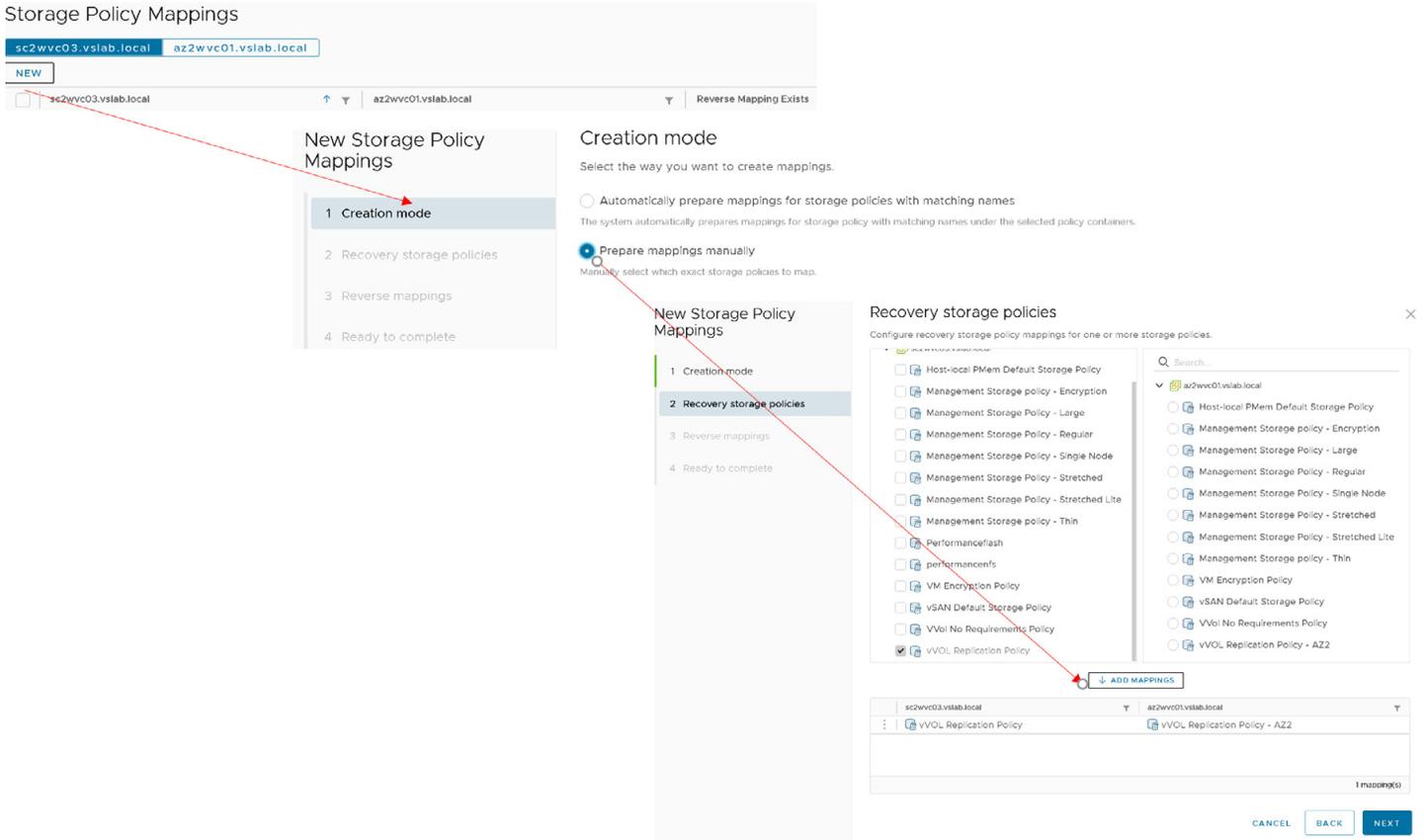


FIGURE 101. vVOL Replication Storage Policy Mapping Between Site A and B

Further steps to create vSphere Virtual Volumes replication storage policy mappings between Site A and Site B are as shown below:

Reverse mappings

Select configured mappings for which to automatically create reverse mappings. This might overwrite existing mappings.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	az2wvc01.vslab.local	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2	vVOL Replication Policy

Ready to complete

Review your settings before finishing the wizard

sc2wvc03.vslab.local	az2wvc01.vslab.local	Reverse Mapping
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vVOL Replication Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2	Yes

Storage Policy Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW			
<input type="checkbox"/>	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	az2wvc01.vslab.local	Reverse Mapping Exists
<input type="checkbox"/>	vVOL Replication Policy	vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2	Yes

Storage Policy Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local az2wvc01.vslab.local

NEW			
<input type="checkbox"/>	az2wvc01.vslab.local	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	Reverse Mapping Exists
<input type="checkbox"/>	vVOL Replication Policy - AZ2	vVOL Replication Policy	Yes

FIGURE 102. vVOL Replication Storage Policy Mapping Between Site A and B Continued

Create a new VMware Site Recovery Manager protection group **SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-VVOL-PG** on Site A for vVOL-based replication.

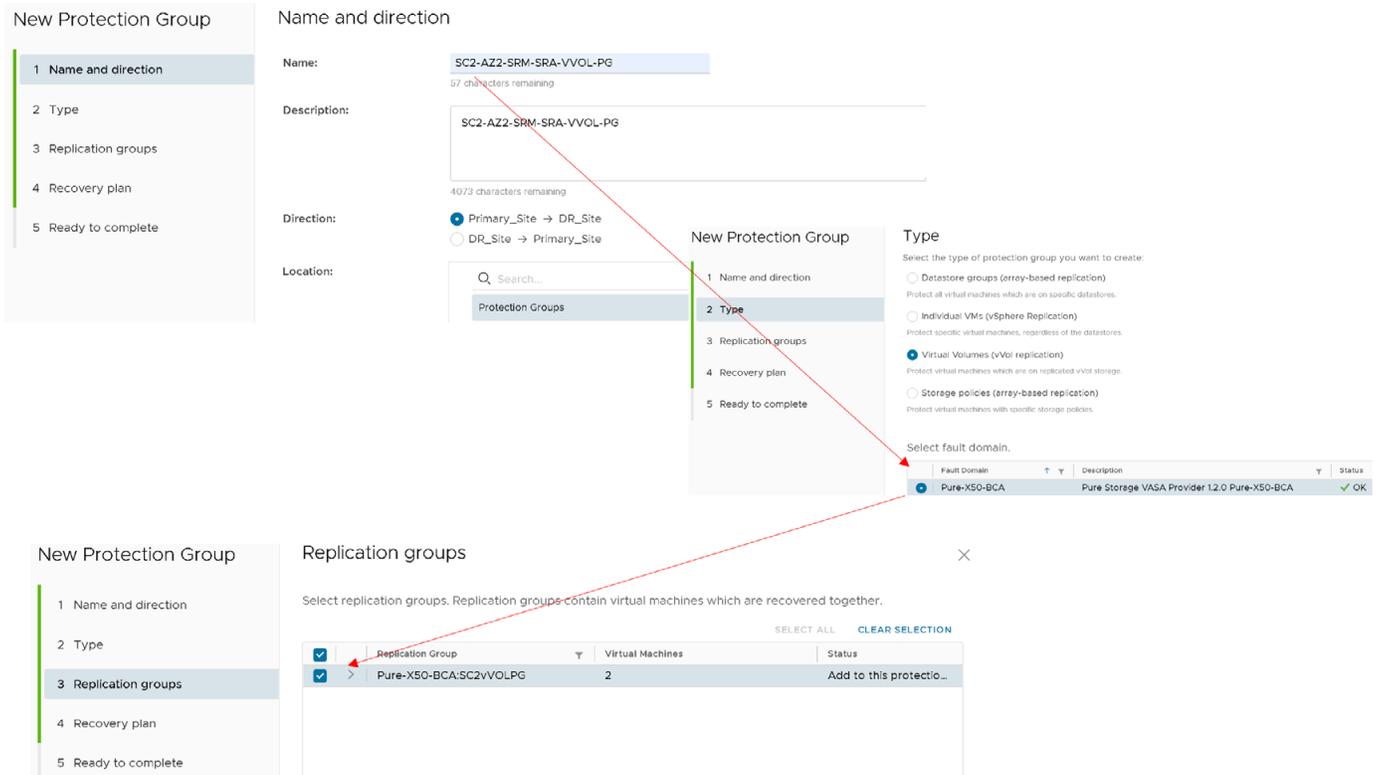


FIGURE 103. SITE A: Site Recovery Manager Protection Group for vVOL

Create a new VMware Site Recovery Manager recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VV** on Site A for vVOL-based replication.

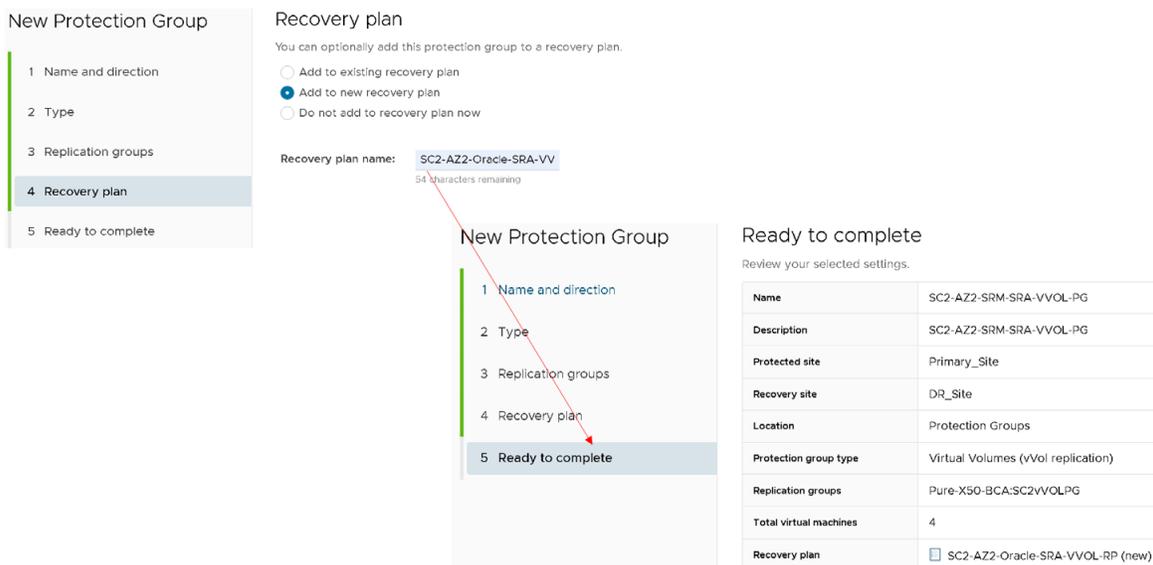


FIGURE 104. SITE A: Site Recovery Manager Protection Group for vVOL Continued

The Site Recovery Manager protection group on Site A **SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-VVOL-PG** and the protected VMs are shown below:

The screenshot displays the Site Recovery Manager (SRM) interface for the protection group **SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-VVOL-PG**. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Protection Group Summary:** Shows the group name, protection type (Virtual Volumes (vVol replication)), protected site (Primary_Site), recovery site (DR_Site), and description (SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-VVOL-PG). The status is **OK**.
- Replication Groups:** A table showing the replication group **Pure-X50-BCA:SC2vVOLPG** with 2 virtual machines.
- Recovery Plans:** A table showing a recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** with a status of **Ready**, protected site **Primary_Site**, and recovery site **DR_Site**.
- Virtual Machines:** A table listing the protected VMs with their protection status, recovery resource pool, recovery host, recovery folder, recovery network, and vVol replication group.

Virtual Machine	Protection Status	Recovery Resource Pool	Recovery Host	Recovery Folder	Recovery Network	vVol Replication Group
Oracle19c-OL8	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx22.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810	Pure-X50-BCA:SC2vVOLPG
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx22.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810	Pure-X50-BCA:SC2vVOLPG
prac19c1	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx23.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810,APPS-1805	Pure-X50-BCA:SC2vVOLPG
prac19c2	OK	AZ2BCA11	az2esx24.vslab.local	Oracle-DR	APPS-1810,APPS-1805	Pure-X50-BCA:SC2vVOLPG

FIGURE 105. SITE A: Site Recovery Manager Protection Group and Protected VMs

The Site Recovery Manager recovery plan on Site A **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** is shown below:

The screenshot displays the Site Recovery Manager (SRM) interface for a recovery plan named **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP**. The plan is currently in a **Ready** state, as indicated by the green arrow icon and the text "This plan is ready for test or recovery".

The **Recovery Steps** section is expanded, showing a list of 10 steps:

1. Synchronize storage
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site
4. Create writable storage snapshot
 - 4.1. Protection Group SC2-AZ2-SRM-SRA-VVOL-PG
 - 4.2. pract9c2
 - 4.3. Oracle9c-OL8
 - 4.4. Oracle9c-OL8-RMAN
 - 4.5. pract9c1
5. Configure test networks
 - 5.1. pract9c2
 - 5.2. Oracle9c-OL8
 - 5.3. Oracle9c-OL8-RMAN
 - 5.4. pract9c1
6. Power on priority 1 VMs
7. Power on priority 2 VMs
8. Power on priority 3 VMs
 - 8.1. pract9c2
 - 8.2. Oracle9c-OL8
 - 8.3. Oracle9c-OL8-RMAN
 - 8.4. pract9c1
9. Power on priority 4 VMs
10. Power on priority 5 VMs

FIGURE 106. SITE A: Site Recovery Manager Recovery Plan

VMware Site Recovery

The Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication appliance information site pairing summary for Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS are as shown below:

Summary

vCenter Server: [sc2wvc03.vslab.local](#) | [vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com](#)
 vCenter Version: 7.0.2, 1795847 | 7.0.2, 18231847
 vCenter Host Name: sc2wvc03.vslab.local:443 | vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com:443
 Platform Services Controller: sc2wvc03.vslab.local:443 | vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com:443

Site Recovery Manager

Protection Groups:1 | Recovery Plans:1

Name	Primary-Site <i>RENAME</i>	VMC-DR-Site <i>RENAME</i>
Server	srm-sc2dc03.vslab.local:443 ACTIONS	srm.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com:443 ACTIONS
Version	8.4.0, 17913191	8.4.0, 18048862
ID	com.vmware.vcDr	com.vmware.vcDr
Logged in as	VSPHERE.LOCAL\Administrator	VMC.LOCAL\cloudadmin
Remote SRM connection	✓ Connected	✓ Connected

vSphere Replication

Replicated VMs from Primary_Site:2 | Replicated VMs from vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com:0

Name	Primary_Site	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
Server	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local:8043 ACTIONS	vr.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com:8043 ACTIONS
Version	8.4.0.9813, 17913754	8.4.0.9982, 18008606
Domain Name / IP	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local	vr.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
Remote VR connection	✓ Connected	✓ Connected

FIGURE 107. Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS Pairing Summary

The network mappings, folder mappings, resource mappings and placeholder datastore mappings must be setup for Site Recovery Manager with vSphere Replication.

The network mapping port groups between Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS are as shown below:

NETWORK	SOURCE SITE	PORT GROUP	DESTINATION SITE	DESTINATION TEST NETWORK	DESTINATION RECOVERY NETWORK
Public Network	Site A	APPS-1614	VMware Cloud on AWS	Apps Team 01	Apps Team 01
Private Interconnect	Site A	APPS-1605	VMware Cloud on AWS	Oracle Private	Oracle Private
Public Network	VMware Cloud on AWS	Apps Team 01	Site A	APPS-1614	APPS-1614
Private Interconnect	VMware Cloud on AWS	Oracle Private	Site A	APPS-1605	APPS-1605

TABLE 10. Network Mapping Details between Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS

The network mapping for protected site public network **APPS-1614** to recovery site **Recovery Network Apps Team 01** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is also **Apps Team 01**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW EDIT DELETE CREATE REVERSE MAPPING ...

	Recovery Network	Reverse Mapping	Test Network
<input type="checkbox"/> sc2wvc03.vslab.local			
<input type="checkbox"/> APPS-1605	Oracle Private	Yes	Oracle Private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPS-1614	Apps Team 01	Yes	Apps Team 01

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IP Customization

Site	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
Network	APPS-1614	Apps Team 01
Subnet	172.16.14.0	172.16.115.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	172.16.14.0	172.16.115.0
Range end	172.16.14.255	172.16.115.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	172.16.115.1
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 108. Network Mapping Between Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS for Planned Recovery Use Case

The network mapping for protected site private interconnect network **APPS-1605** to recovery site **Recovery Network Oracle Private** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is **Oracle Private**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW EDIT DELETE CREATE REVERSE MAPPING ...

	Recovery Network	Reverse Mapping	Test Network
<input type="checkbox"/> sc2wvc03.vslab.local			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPS-1605	Oracle Private	Yes	Oracle Private
<input type="checkbox"/> APPS-1614	Apps Team 01	Yes	Apps Team 01

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IP Customization

Site	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
Network	APPS-1605	Oracle Private
Subnet	172.16.5.0	192.168.14.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	172.16.5.0	192.168.14.0
Range end	172.16.5.255	192.168.14.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 109. Network Mapping Between Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS For Test Recovery Use Case

The network mapping for recovery site **Public Network Apps Team 01** to protected site **Recovery Network APPS-1614** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is **APPS-1614**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

Site	Recovery Network	Reverse Mapping	Test Network
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apps Team 01	APPS-1614	Yes	APPS-1614
<input type="checkbox"/> Oracle Private	APPS-1605	Yes	APPS-1605

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IP Customization

Site	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
Network	Apps Team 01	APPS-1614
Subnet	172.16.115.0	172.16.14.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	172.16.115.0	172.16.14.0
Range end	172.16.115.255	172.16.14.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	172.16.14.1
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 110. Network Mapping Between VMware Cloud on AWS and Site A for Planned Recovery Use Case

The network mapping for recovery site private network **Oracle Private** to protected site **Recovery Network APPS-1605** is as shown below. The recovery site test network is **APPS-1605**.

Network Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

Site	Recovery Network	Reverse Mapping	Test Network	IP Customization
<input type="checkbox"/> Apps Team 01	APPS-1614	Yes	APPS-1614	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oracle Private	APPS-1605	Yes	APPS-1605	Yes

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IP Customization

Site	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com	sc2wvc03.vslab.local
Network	Oracle Private	APPS-1605
Subnet	192.168.14.0	172.16.5.0
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Range start	192.168.14.0	172.16.5.0
Range end	192.168.14.255	172.16.5.255

Network settings to be applied to the recovery site network

Gateway	
DNS addresses	172.16.31.6; 172.16.31.7
DNS suffixes	vslab.local
Primary WINS server	
Secondary WINS server	

FIGURE 111. Network Mapping Between VMware Cloud on AWS and Site A for Test Recovery Use Case

The folder mapping from Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS is as shown below:

Folder Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW

<input type="checkbox"/>	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	↑	▼	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com	▼	Reverse Mapping Exists
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oracle	☰		Workloads	☰	Yes

FIGURE 112. Folder Mappings from Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS

Folder mapping from VMware Cloud on AWS to Site A is as shown below:

Folder Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW

<input type="checkbox"/>	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com	↑	▼	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	▼	Reverse Mapping Exists
<input type="checkbox"/>	Workloads	☰		Oracle	☰	Yes

FIGURE 113. Folder Mappings from VMware Cloud on AWS to Site A

Resource mapping from Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS is as shown below:

Resource Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW

<input type="checkbox"/>	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	↑	▼	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com	▼	Reverse Mapping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oracle-RP			Compute-ResourcePool		Yes

FIGURE 114. Resource Mappings from Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS

The Resource mapping from VMware Cloud on AWS to Site A is as shown below:

Resource Mappings

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW

<input type="checkbox"/>	vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com	↑	▼	sc2wvc03.vslab.local	▼	Reverse Mapping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compute-ResourcePool			Oracle-RP		Yes

FIGURE 115. Resource Mappings from VMware Cloud on AWS to Site A

The placeholder datastore mapping between Site A and Site B is as shown below. The placeholder datastore on the recovery site is used by Site Recovery Manager to store placeholder VMs.

Placeholder Datastores

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Host/Cluster
<input type="checkbox"/>	HPC02	GPU4, BCA3, GPU2, GPU1, HPC3
<input type="checkbox"/>	OraTintri	BCA-SiteC, BCA-Intel (Reserved)
<input type="checkbox"/>	SC2-TINTRI-EC6090	BCA-SiteC, Legacy Management, GPU4, BCA-Intel (Reserved), GPU2, GPU1, BCA3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPARK01	BCA3, GPU4

FIGURE 116. Placeholder Datastore Mappings from Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS

Placeholder Datastores

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

NEW

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Host/Cluster
<input type="checkbox"/>	vsanDatastore	Cluster-1

FIGURE 117. Placeholder Datastore Mappings from VMware Cloud on AWS and Site B

The graphic below illustrates vSphere Replication setup between on-premises Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS.

Replication Servers

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

REGISTER | UNREGISTER | RECONNECT | CONFIGURE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Replication Server	Domain Name / IP	Status	Replications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VRSC2DC01 (embedded)	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local	Connected	0

FIGURE 118. SITE A: Replication Server Details

Replication Servers

sc2wvc03.vslab.local vcenter.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com

REGISTER | UNREGISTER | RECONNECT | CONFIGURE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Replication Server	Domain Name / IP	Status	Replications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vr (embedded)	vr.sddc-44-232-220-144...	Connected	2

FIGURE 119. VMware Cloud on AWS Replication Server Details

Site Recovery Manager and Sphere Replication pairings and IP addresses for Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS are as shown below:

COMPONENT	SOURCE SITE	APPLIANCE	DESTINATION SITE	APPLIANCE
SRM Appliance	Site A	SRMSC2DC03.vslab.local	VMware Cloud on AWS	srm.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
IP Address		172.16.31.149		10.129.224.24
vSphere Replication Appliance	Site A	VRSC2DC01.vslab.local	VMware Cloud on AWS	vr.sddc-44-232-220-144.vmwarevmc.com
IP Address		172.16.31.144		10.129.224.23

TABLE 11. vSphere Replication Network Pairing Details

Setup of Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication is beyond the scope of this paper.

The steps to set up replication between Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS are the same as those required to set up replication between Site A and Site B.

To enable site recovery on VMware Cloud in an AWS SDDC environment that uses VMware NSX-T, firewall rules must be created between on-premises and VMware Cloud on AWS management gateway. After the initial firewall rules configuration, one can add, edit or delete any rules as needed. [Learn more about firewall rules.](#)

After setup is complete, vSphere Replication will automatically seed the source data to target as baseline first **OR** we can force a sync.

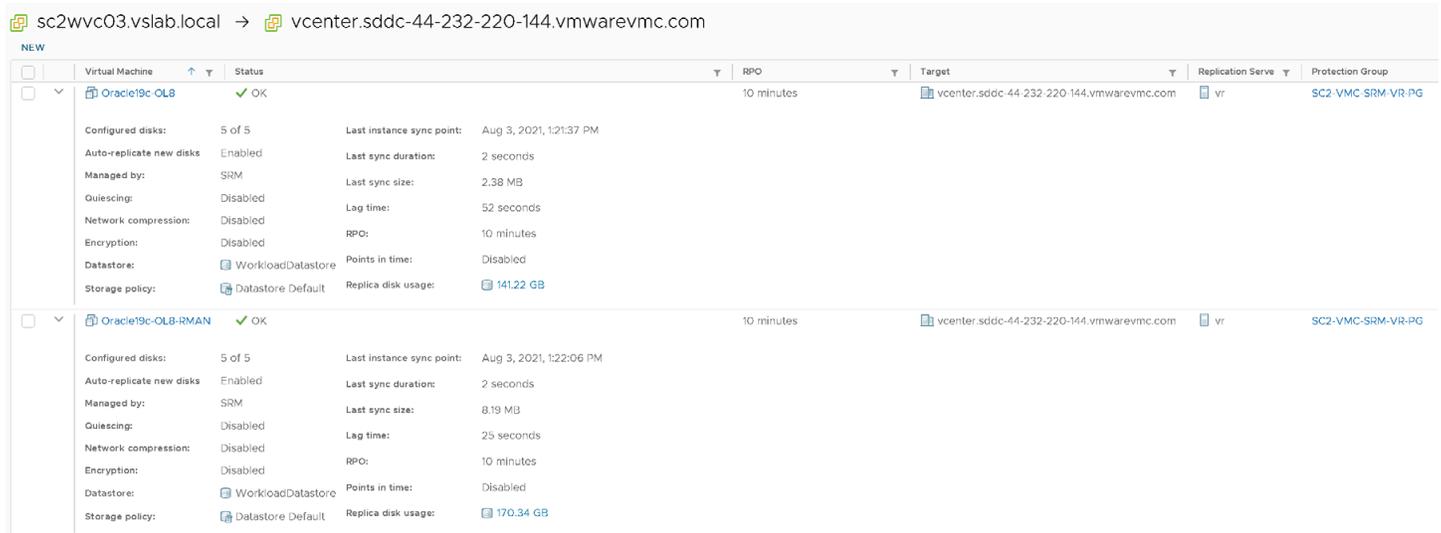


FIGURE 120. vSphere Replication Source Data Seeding

The protection group and VMs are as shown below:

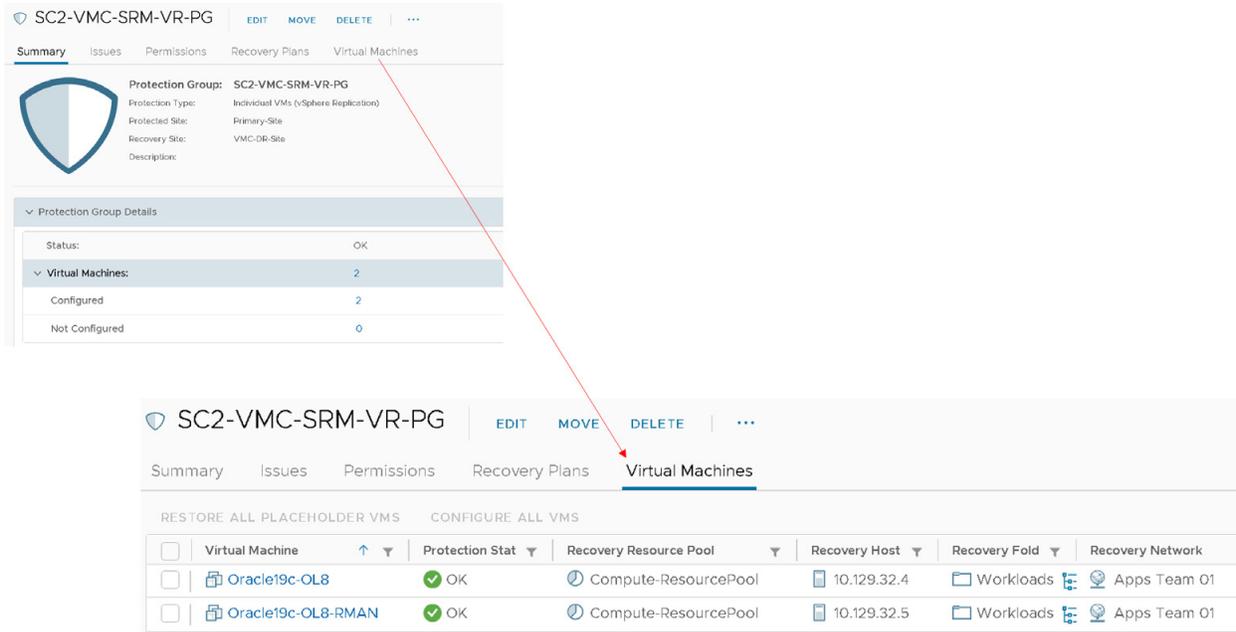


FIGURE 121. Site A Protection Group and Virtual Machines

The recovery plan is as shown below:

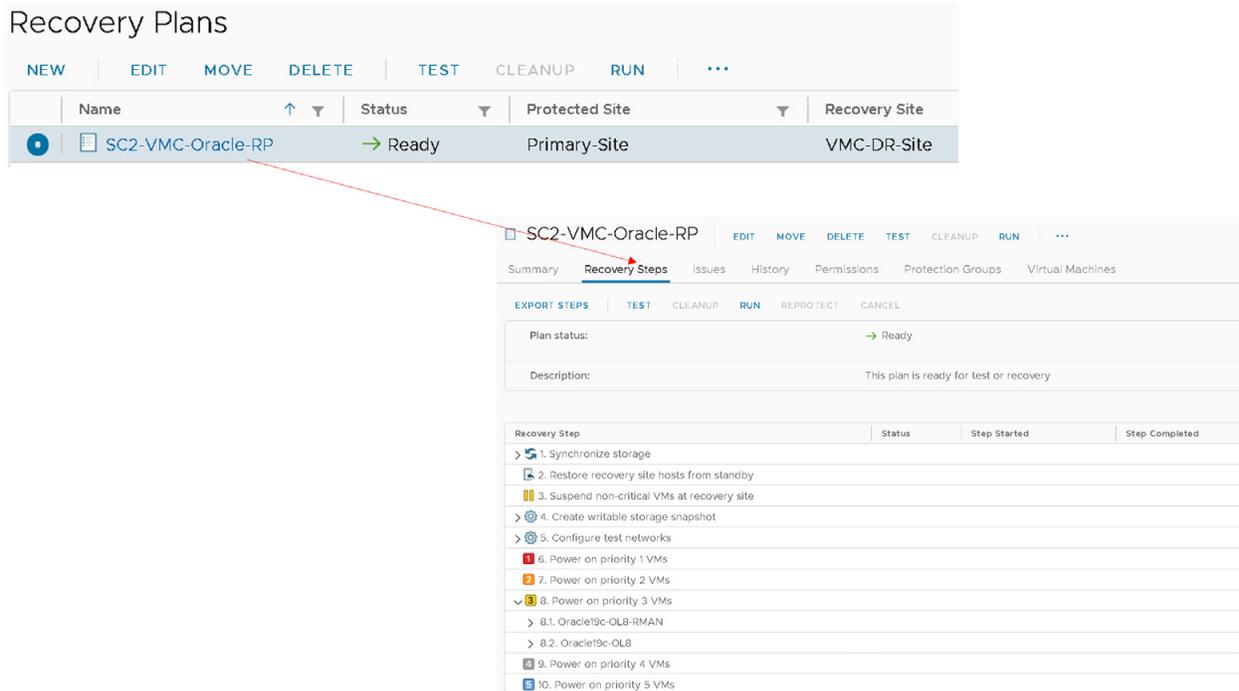


FIGURE 122. Site A Recovery Plan and Recovery Steps

As mentioned before, vSphere Replication 8.4 cannot replicate VMs that share VMDK files. This limitation can be found in [VMware vSphere Replication 8.4 Release Notes](#).

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery

The illustration below shows VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery setup between Site A and VMware Cloud on AWS.

The dashboard for VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery is as shown below. Using VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery with VMware Cloud on AWS, the recovery SDDC is already provisioned and configured.

Setting up the recovery SDDC is beyond the scope of this paper. Learn more about [Deploying a Recovery SDDC](#).



FIGURE 123. VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery Dashboard

Cloud backup (Oregon) is as shown below:

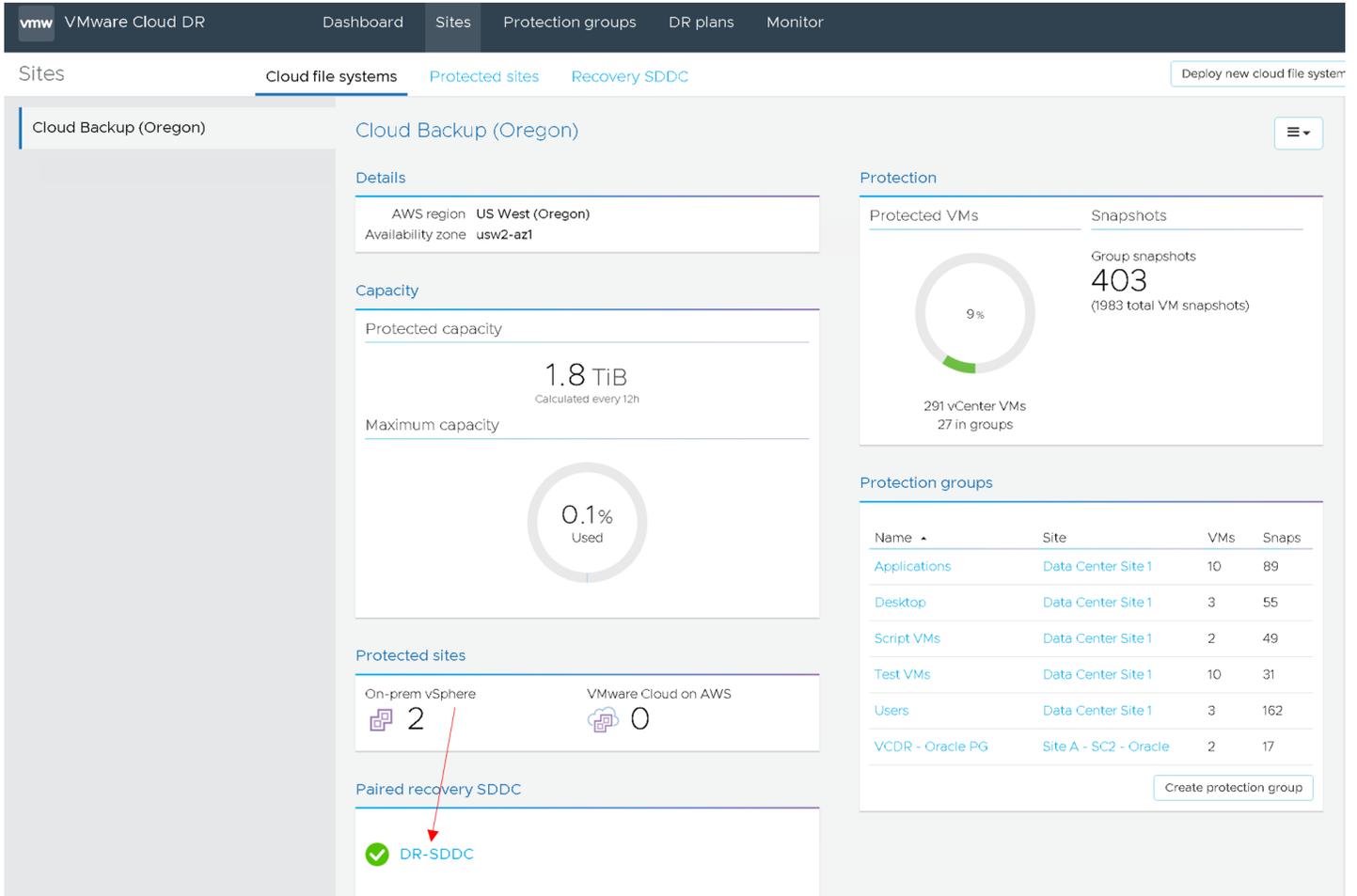


FIGURE 124. VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery Cloud Backup

On the recovery VMware Cloud on AWS SDDC, there are three datastores. Datastore **ds01** is scale-out cloud file system (SCFS) storage mounted as an NFS datastore on the recovery VMware Cloud on AWS SDDC. This datastore should only be used by VMware Cloud DR.

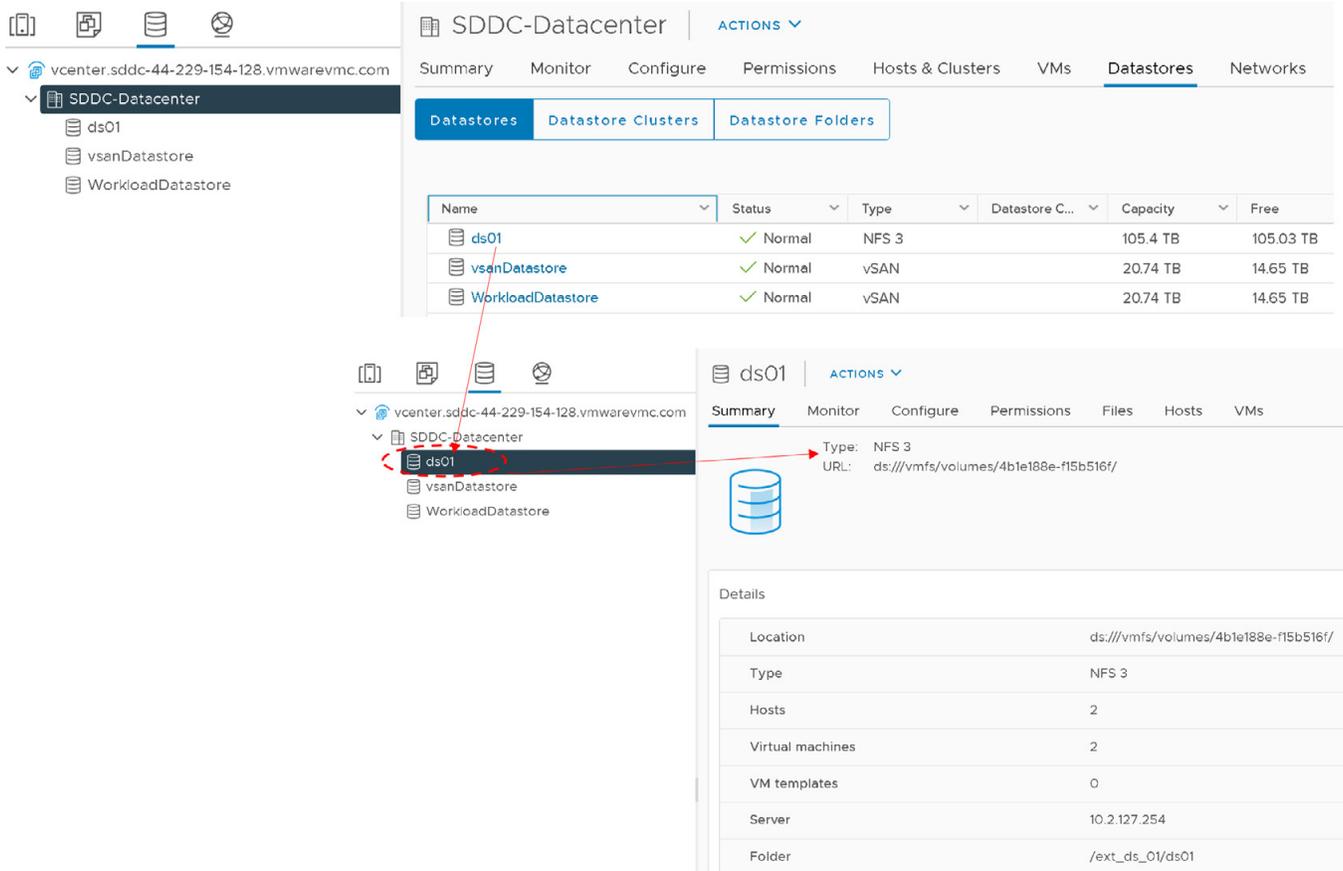


FIGURE 125. VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery SCFS Storage

The **vsanDatastore** and **WorkloadDatastore** are part of the basic VMware Cloud on AWS storage.

The protected site **Site A - SC2 - Oracle** is as shown below:

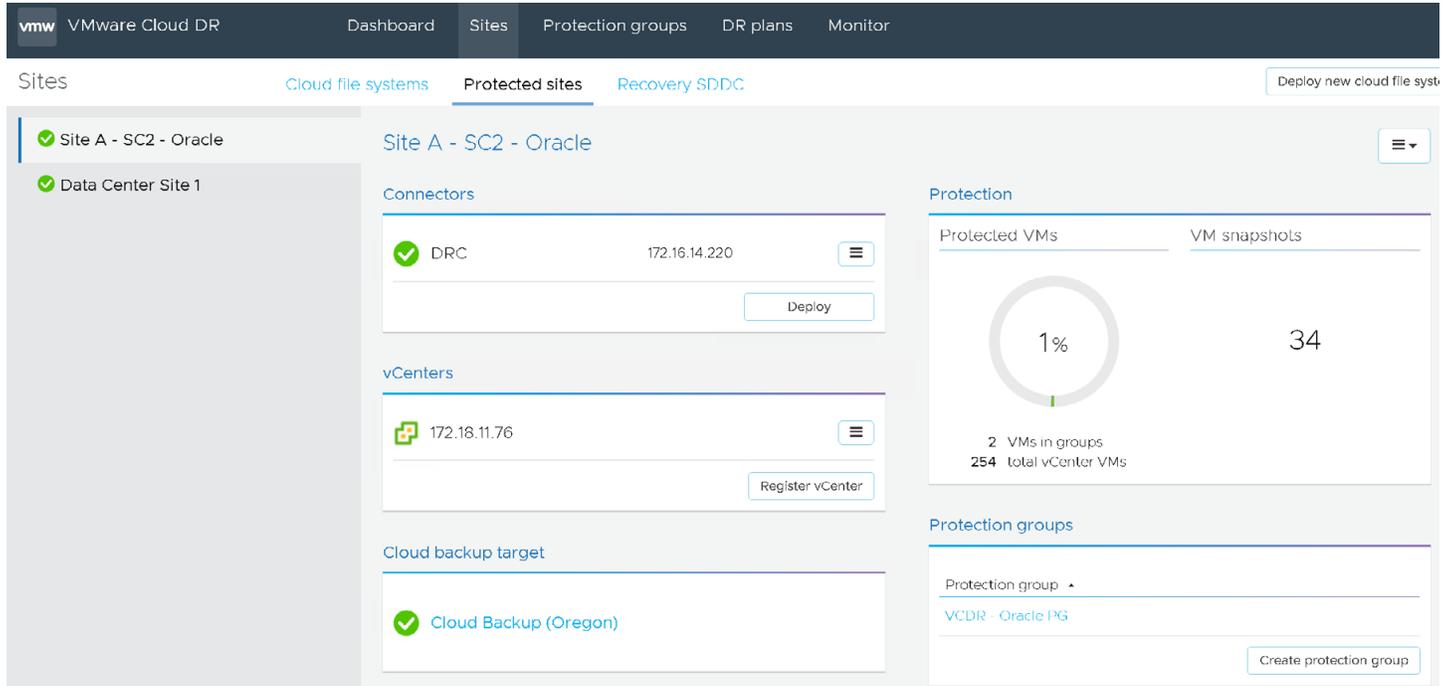


FIGURE 126. VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery Protected Site

The DRaaS connector appliance is deployed on protected Site A with IP address 172.16.14.220 as shown below:

The screenshot displays the vSphere interface for a virtual machine named 'da-drc-Release'. The 'Summary' tab is active, showing various configuration details. A red dashed circle highlights the IP address '172.16.14.220' under the 'IP Addresses' field. Another red dashed circle highlights the network adapter 'APPS-1614 (connected)' under the 'Network adapter 1' field in the 'VM Hardware' section.

Field	Value
Guest OS:	Other 4.x or later Linux (64-bit)
Compatibility:	ESXi 6.5 and later (VM version 13)
VMware Tools:	Running, version:2147483647 (Guest Managed)
DNS Name:	vcdr_00:50:56:80:8a:ab
IP Addresses:	172.16.14.220
Host:	sc2esx10.vslab.local

Hardware Component	Configuration
CPU	8 CPU(s)
Memory	12 GB, 1.08 GB memory active
Hard disk 1	100 GB
Network adapter 1	APPS-1614 (connected)
CD/DVD drive 1	Connected
Video card	4 MB
VMCI device	Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
Other	Additional Hardware
Compatibility	ESXi 6.5 and later (VM version 13)

FIGURE 127. Site A: DRaaS Connector Appliance

The protection group **VCDR - Oracle PG** is created as shown below:

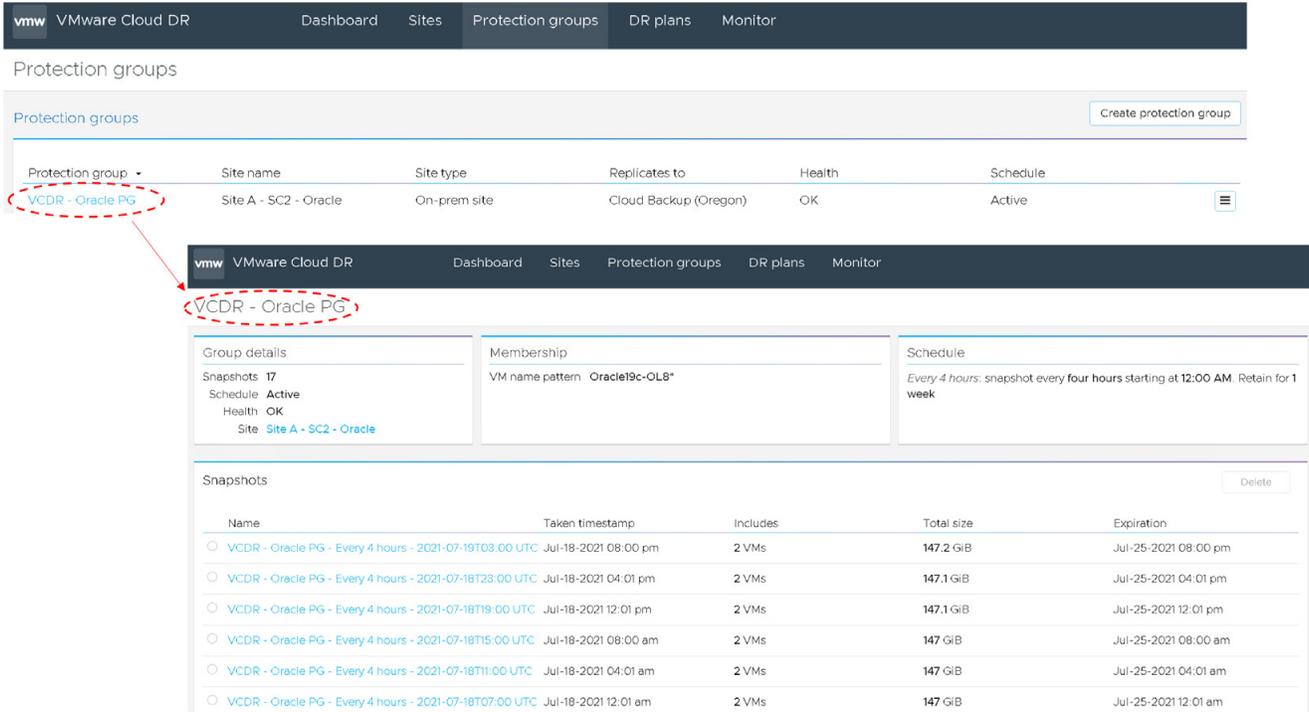


FIGURE 128. Site A VMware Cloud DR Protection Group

The protection group **VCDR - Oracle PG** details with VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is as shown below:

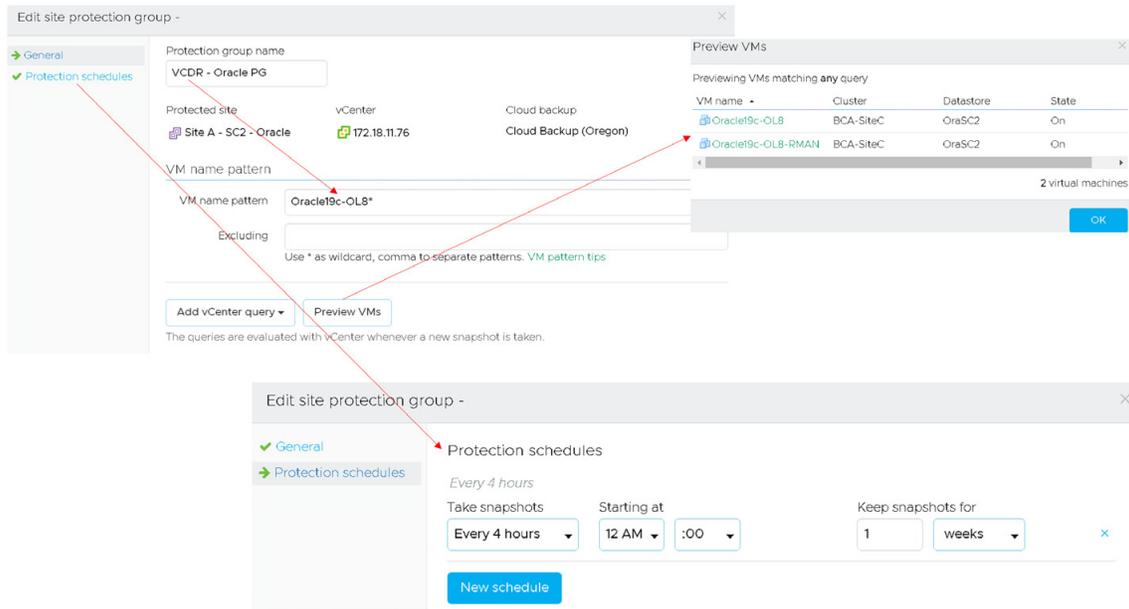


FIGURE 129. SITE A: VMware Cloud DR Protection Group and Protected VMs

Details of snapshot **VCDR - Oracle PG - Every 4 hours - 2021-07-19T03:00 UTC** are as shown below for VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN**:

VCDR - Oracle PG - Every 4 hours - 2021-07-19T03:00 UTC

Snapshot details	
Taken timestamp	Jul-18-2021 08:00 pm (16h ago)
Expiration	Jul-25-2021 08:00 pm (in 6d)
Origin	Cloud Backup (Oregon)
Trigger	Automatic
Site	Site A - SC2 - Oracle
Group	VCDR - Oracle PG
Includes	2 VMs
Total size	147.2 GiB

Virtual machines		
Name	Origin vCenter	
Oracle19c-OL8	172.18.11.76	Restore
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	172.18.11.76	Restore

FIGURE 130. VMware Cloud DR Protection Group Snapshots Details

The snapshot can also be viewed on the protected site **Site A - SC2 – Oracle**. This snapshot is temporary during the protection group cycle and will be removed as soon as the changed block data has been successfully replicated to the SCFS.

The snapshot of VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is as shown below:

Oracle19c-OL8 | ACTIONS

Summary Monitor Configure Permissions Datastores Networks Snapshots Updates

TAKE SNAPSHOT... REVERT EDIT DELETE DELETE ALL

vcdr-internal-snap-ad26ed24-d9ed-460e-9da1-03917a440c93	Name	vcdr-internal-snap-ad26ed24-d9ed-460e-9da1-03917a440c93
You are here	Description	Temporary snapshot taken by VMware Cloud DR as part of a backup operation. It will be automatically deleted when the backup task finishes. Do NOT delete manually.
	Timestamp	7/20/21, 8:15 AM
	Size	66.49 GB
	Snapshot the virtual machine's memory	No
	Quiesce guest file system	No

FIGURE 131. Site A: Protected VM Oracle19c-OL8 Snapshots Details

The snapshot of VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is as shown below:

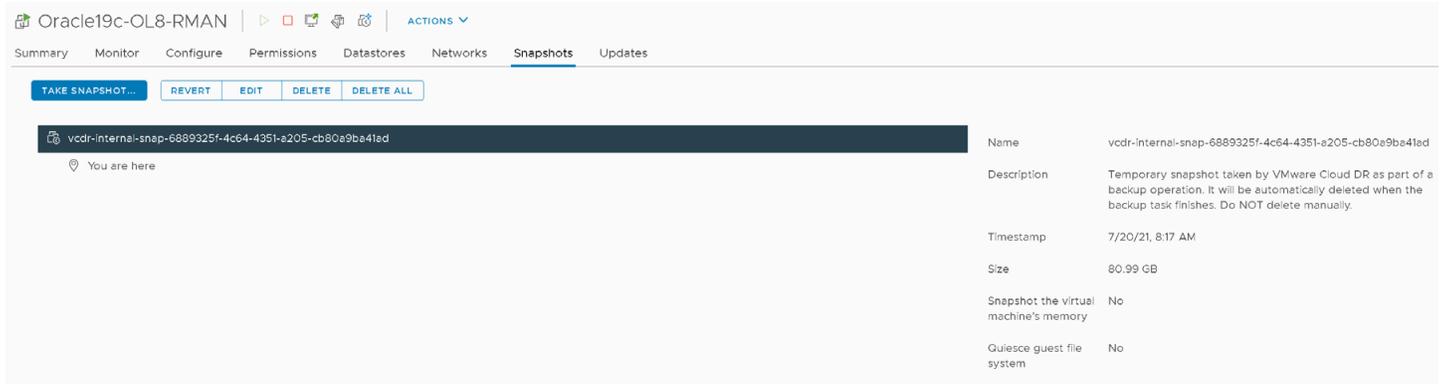


FIGURE 132. Site A: Protected VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Snapshots Details

The recovery SDDC **DR-SDDC** is as shown below:

The network mapping port groups between Site A and VMware Cloud DR on VMware Cloud on AWS is as shown below:

NETWORK	SOURCE SITE	PORT GROUP	DESTINATION SITE	DESTINATION TEST NETWORK	DESTINATION RECOVERY NETWORK
Public Network	Site A	APPS-1614	VMware Cloud DR Recovery VMware Cloud on AWS	Oracle Test	Oracle Failover

TABLE 12. Network Mappings between Site A and Recovery SDDC

Two networks have been created on the recovery SDDC **DR-SDDC**:

- **Oracle Failover** with network subnet 192.168.14.1 / 24 for all **Failover** testing
- **Oracle Test** with network subset 192.168.15.1 / 24 for all **Test** testing

DR-SDDC

Details

- SDDC name: DR-SDDC
- Type: VMware Cloud on AWS
- Seller: VMware
- AWS region: US_WEST_2
- Zone ID: us-west-2b
- Cloud backup: Cloud Backup (Oregon)
- Uptime: 24d 13h

Capacity and usage

- Hosts: 2
- Physical capacity: 20.7 TiB
- Total CPU: 165.6 GHz (72 cores)
- Total memory: 1099.5 GB

Clusters (1 cluster)

Cluster	Hosts	Storage	Host type	Status
Cluster-1	2	20.7 TiB	I3	Ready

Networks (7 networks)

Name	Gateway / bits	DHCP IP range	DHCP DNS suffix	DHCP DNS servers
AppPrivateNetwork	172.10.10.1 / 24	172.10.10.100 - 172.10.10...	--	--
DR Network	192.168.20.1 / 24	192.168.20.100 - 192.16...	--	--
IsolatedTestNetwork	172.30.30.1 / 24	172.30.30.100 - 172.30...	--	--
Oracle Failover	192.168.14.1 / 24	--	--	--
Oracle Test	192.168.15.1 / 24	--	--	--
sddc-cgw-network-1	192.168.1.1 / 24	192.168.1.2 - 192.168.1.2...	--	--
sddc-cloud-dr-proxy-...	10.68.97.1 / 28	--	vmc.local	--

Public IP addresses: No public IPs
 NAT rules: No NAT rules
 Firewall rules: 4 firewall rules

FIGURE 133. VMware Cloud DR Failover and Test Network Details

The two networks on the recovery SDDC are as shown below:

SDDC-Datacenter | ACTIONS

Summary | Monitor | Configure | Permissions | Hosts & Clusters | VMs | Datastores | **Networks** | Updates

Networks | Distributed Switches | Distributed Port Groups | Uplink Port Groups | Network Folders

Name	Type	Network P...	VMs	Hosts	VC
Oracle Failover	NSX network		0	2	vcenter.sddc-44-229-154-128.vmwarevmc.com
Oracle Test	NSX network		2	2	vcenter.sddc-44-229-154-128.vmwarevmc.com

FIGURE 134. Recovery SDDC Failover and Test Network Port Group Details

The DR plan **Oracle Recovery Plan** is as shown below:

The screenshot shows the VMware Cloud DR console. At the top, there are navigation tabs: vmw, VMware Cloud DR, Dashboard, Sites, Protection groups, DR plans, and Monitor. Below this, the 'DR plans' section is active, displaying a table of plans:

Plan	Status	Protected site	Recovery site	Groups	Compliance
Failback - Oracle Recovery Plan	Ready (not testable)	DR-SDDC	Site A - SC2 - Oracle	1	10m ago
Oracle Recovery Plan	Ready	Site A - SC2 - Oracle	DR-SDDC	1	11m ago

The 'Oracle Recovery Plan' row is highlighted with a red dashed circle. A red arrow points from this row to a detailed view of the plan. This view includes:

- Plan:** Oracle Recovery Plan, Site A - SC2 - Oracle → DR-SDDC, Oracle Recovery Plan.
- Protected groups:** VCDR - Oracle PG.
- Continuous compliance:** 18 / 18 checks passed < 1m ago, with a green checkmark and a 'Show' button.
- Status:** Ready, with buttons for 'Failover', 'Test plan', and 'Deactivate'.

FIGURE 135. VMware Cloud DR Recovery Plan

Details of the DR plan **Oracle Recovery Plan** are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit plan - Oracle Recovery Plan' configuration window. On the left is a sidebar with a tree view of configuration categories: General, Sites, Groups, vCenters, vCenter folders, Compute resources, Virtual networks, IP addresses, Script VM, Recovery steps, and Alerts. The main area is titled 'Add a new plan' and contains the following fields:

- Plan name:** Oracle Recovery Plan
- Description:** Oracle Recovery Plan (optional)
- Recovery site:** Where do you plan to failover?
 - Existing recovery SDDC: Failover to the recovery SDDC deployed by VMware Cloud DR.
 - Recovery SDDC deployed in case of disaster: Lower cost but increased recovery time. Resource mapping will be done after the recovery SDDC is deployed.

A diagram illustrates the failover process: a 'Protected site' (represented by a server icon) has a 'replication' arrow pointing to a 'Cloud backup' (represented by a cloud icon), and a 'failover' arrow pointing to a 'Recovery SDDC' (represented by a server icon).

On the right side of the configuration window, there are sections for 'Sites' and 'Protected site':

- Sites:** Failover to VMware Cloud on AWS settings.
- Protected site:** Which site has the protection groups that will be protected?
 - Protected site:** Site A - SC2 - Oracle (highlighted with a red dashed circle).
 - Protected vCenter:** 172.18.11.76
- Recovery SDDC:** Failover to the deployed recovery SDDC.
- DR-SDDC:** (highlighted with a red dashed circle).

FIGURE 136. VMware Cloud DR Recovery Plan Protected and Recovery Site

Details of the VMware Cloud DR recovery plan protection group and vCenter mappings are as shown below:

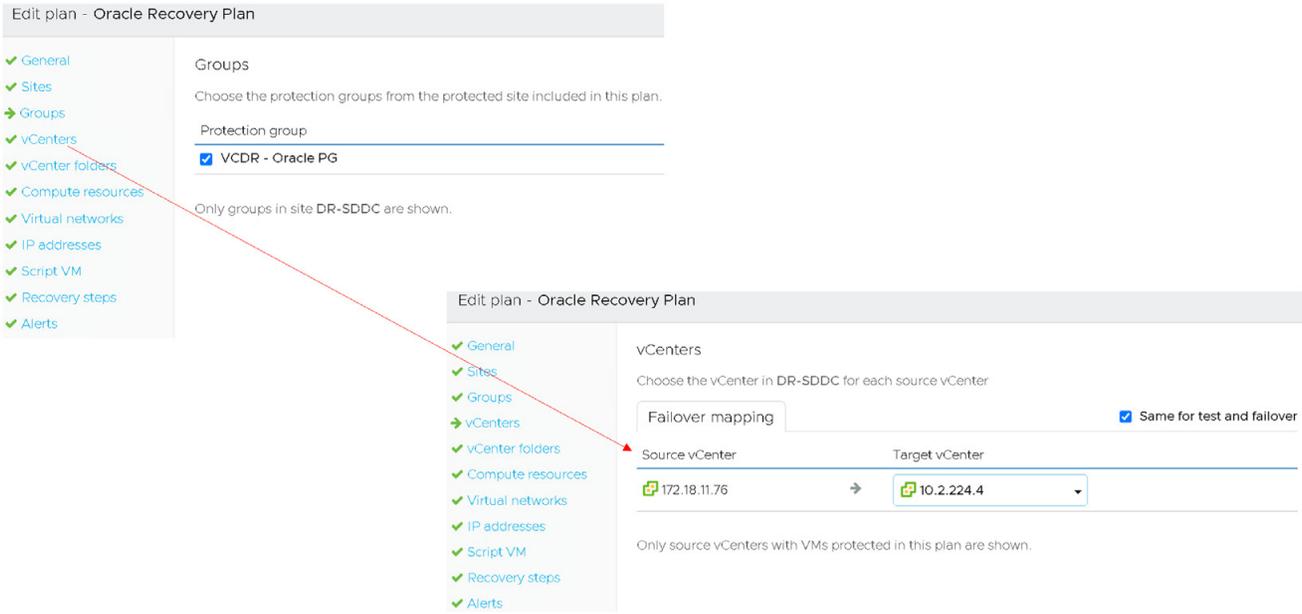


FIGURE 137. VMware Cloud DR Recovery Plan Protection Group and vCenter Mappings

Details of the VMware Cloud DR vCenter folders and compute mappings are as shown below:

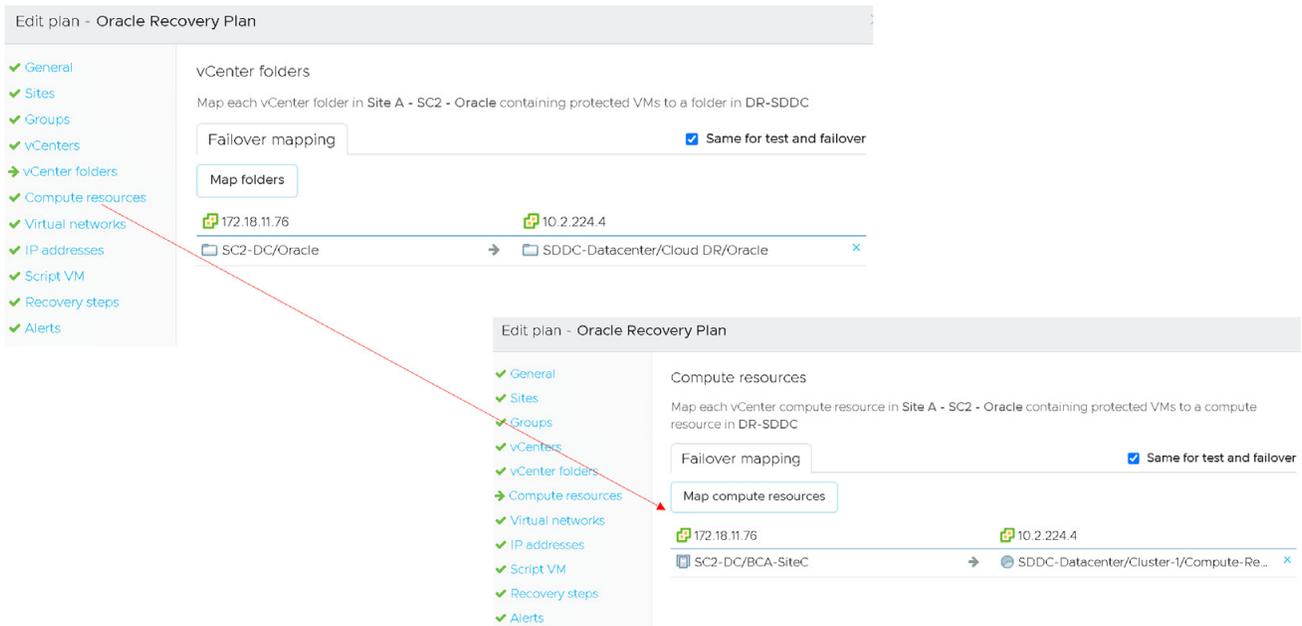


FIGURE 138. VMware Cloud DR Recovery vCenter Folders and Compute Mappings

Details of the VMware Cloud DR failover and test network mappings are as shown below:

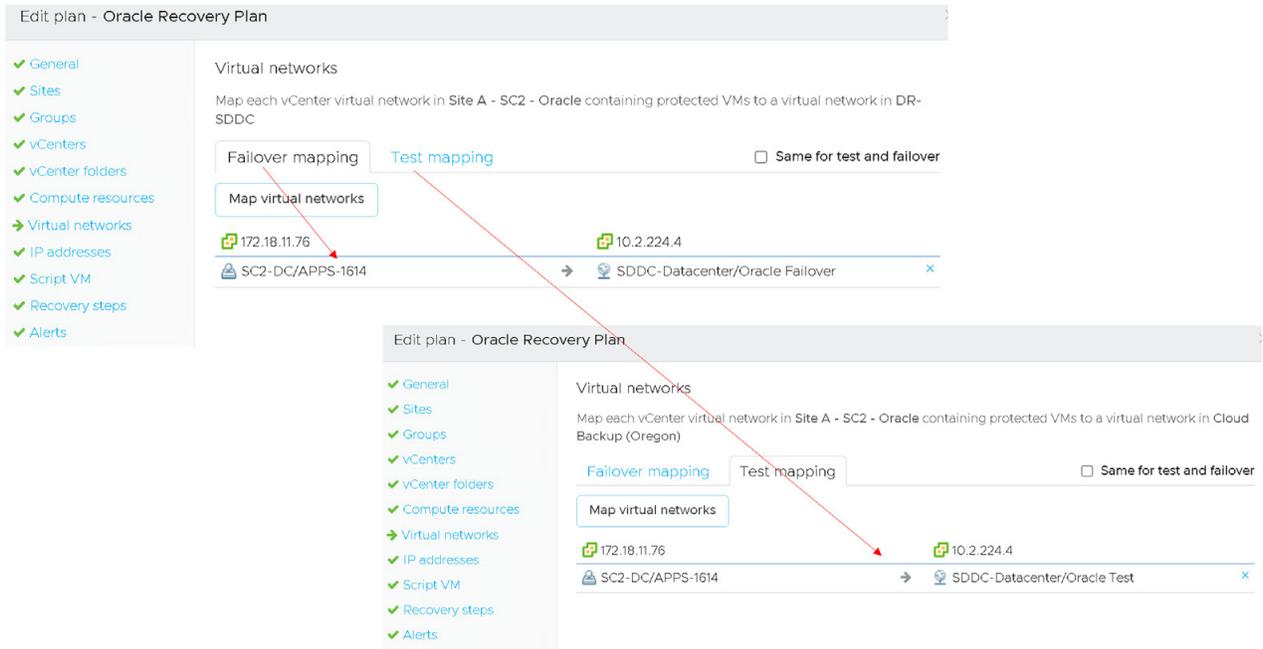


FIGURE 139. VMware Cloud DR Failover and Test Network Mappings

Details of the VMware Cloud DR failover network mappings are as shown below:

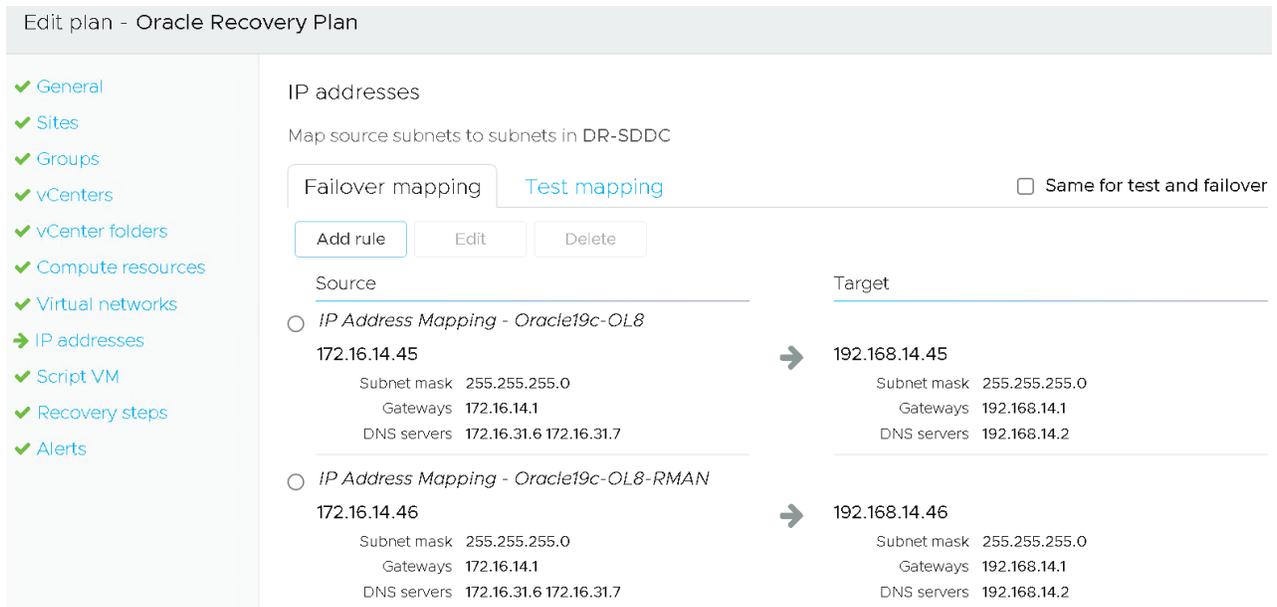


FIGURE 140. VMware Cloud DR Failover Network Mappings Details

Details of the VMware Cloud DR test network mappings are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit plan - Oracle Recovery Plan' interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options like General, Sites, Groups, vCenters, vCenter folders, Compute resources, Virtual networks, IP addresses, Script VM, Recovery steps, and Alerts. The main area is titled 'IP addresses' and contains the instruction 'Map source subnets to subnets in Cloud Backup (Oregon)'. There are two tabs: 'Failover mapping' and 'Test mapping', with 'Test mapping' selected. A checkbox 'Same for test and failover' is present. Below the tabs are 'Add rule', 'Edit', and 'Delete' buttons. The mapping table is as follows:

Source	Target
<input type="radio"/> <i>IP Address Test Mapping - Oracle19c-OL8</i> 172.16.14.45 Subnet mask 255.255.255.0 Gateways 172.16.14.1 DNS servers 172.16.31.6 172.16.31.7	→ 192.168.15.45 Subnet mask 255.255.255.0 Gateways 192.168.15.1 DNS servers 192.168.15.2
<input type="radio"/> <i>IP Address Test Mapping - Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN</i> 172.16.14.46 Subnet mask 255.255.255.0 Gateways 172.16.14.1 DNS servers 172.16.31.6 172.16.31.7	→ 192.168.15.46 Subnet mask 255.255.255.0 Gateways 192.168.15.1 DNS servers 192.168.15.2

FIGURE 141. VMware Cloud DR Test Network Mappings Details

Details of the VMware Cloud DR recovery plan optional script are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit plan - Oracle Recovery Plan' interface for the 'Script VM' section. The left navigation menu is the same as in Figure 141. The main area is titled 'Script VM' and contains the following text: 'The script VM is where the custom scripts specified in the recovery steps are run. Both Windows and Linux are supported; the VM must have VMware Tools installed. When running the plan, you will need to enter the credentials to run the scripts. Learn more about [using a script VM](#).' Below this text are two radio button options: 'Do not run custom scripts' (which is selected) and 'Run scripts on a VM'. At the bottom, there are four input fields: 'Script VM name' (text input), 'vCenter' (dropdown menu showing '10.2.224.4'), 'Test script VM name' (text input), and 'Test vCenter' (dropdown menu showing '10.2.224.4'). There is also a checkbox 'Use failover settings for test' which is unchecked.

FIGURE 142. VMware Cloud DR Recovery Plan Optional Script

Steps for creating the VMware Cloud DR recovery plan are continued below:

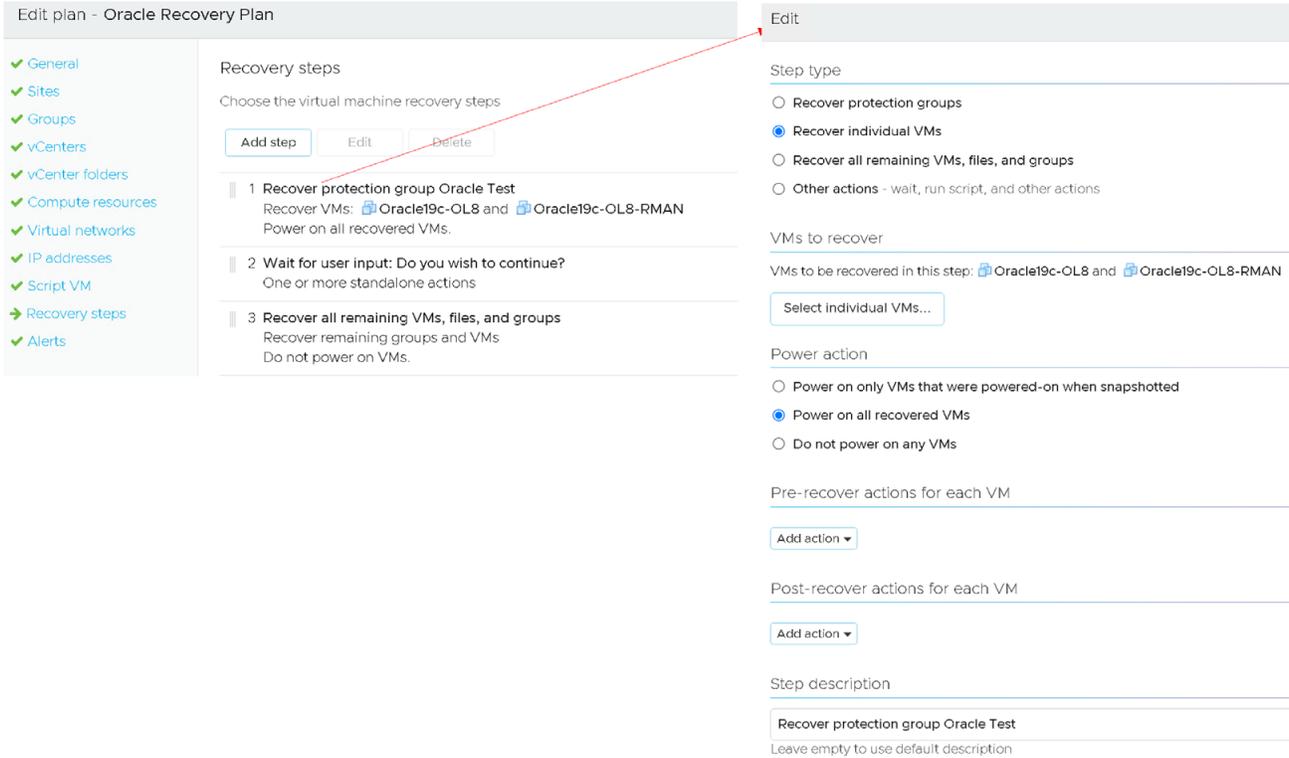


FIGURE 143. VMware Cloud DR Recovery Plan Steps

Complete the VMware Cloud DR recovery plan configuration.

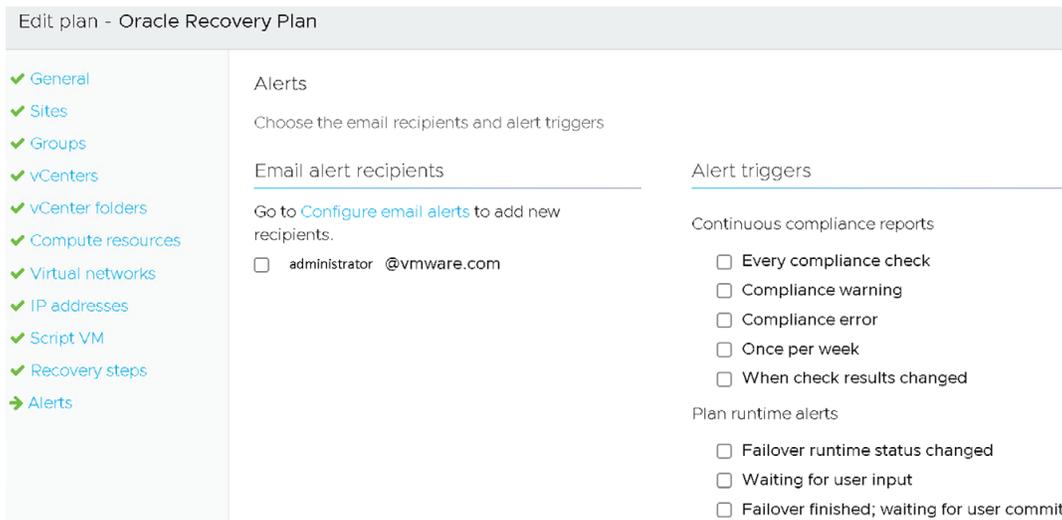


FIGURE 144. VMware Cloud DR Recovery Plan Configure Complete

The DR plan **Failback - Oracle Recovery Plan** is as shown below:

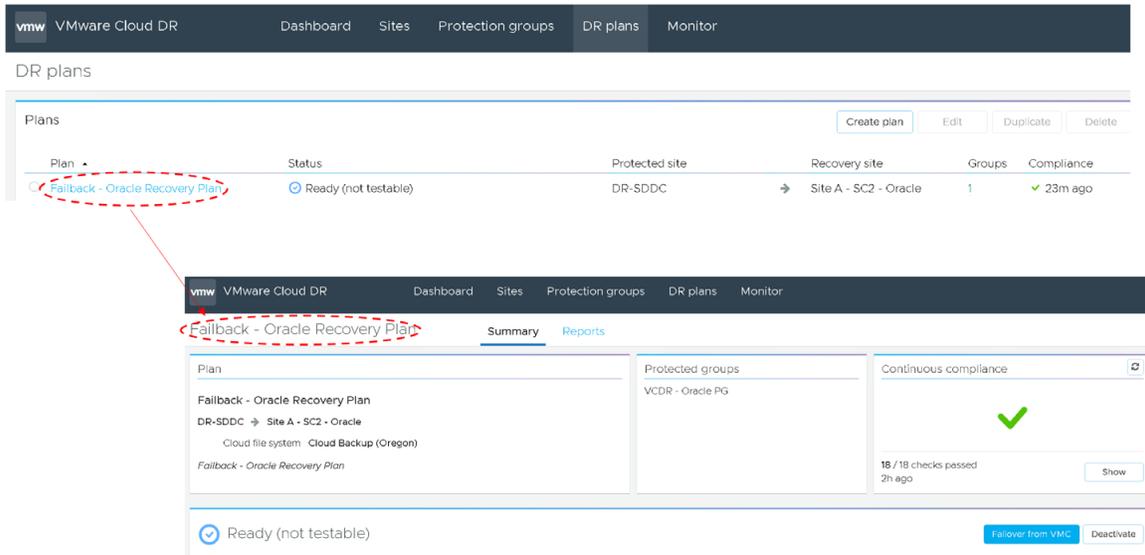


FIGURE 145. VMware Cloud DR Failback Plan Details

Details of DR plan **Failback - Oracle Recovery Plan** are as shown below.

The details of DR plan **Failback - Oracle Recovery Plan** is simply the reverse of those for DR plan **Oracle Recovery Plan**.

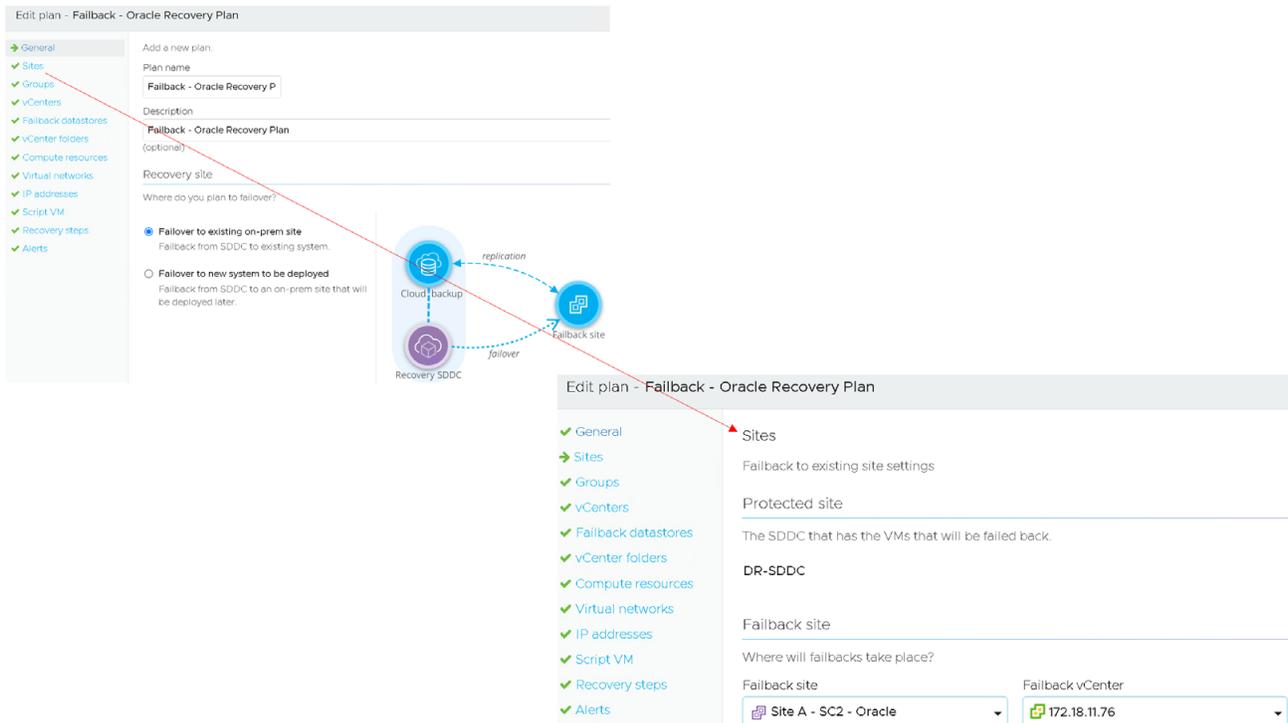


FIGURE 146. VMware Cloud DR Failback Plan Protected and Failback Site

Details of the VMware Cloud DR failback plan failover and datastore mappings are as shown below:

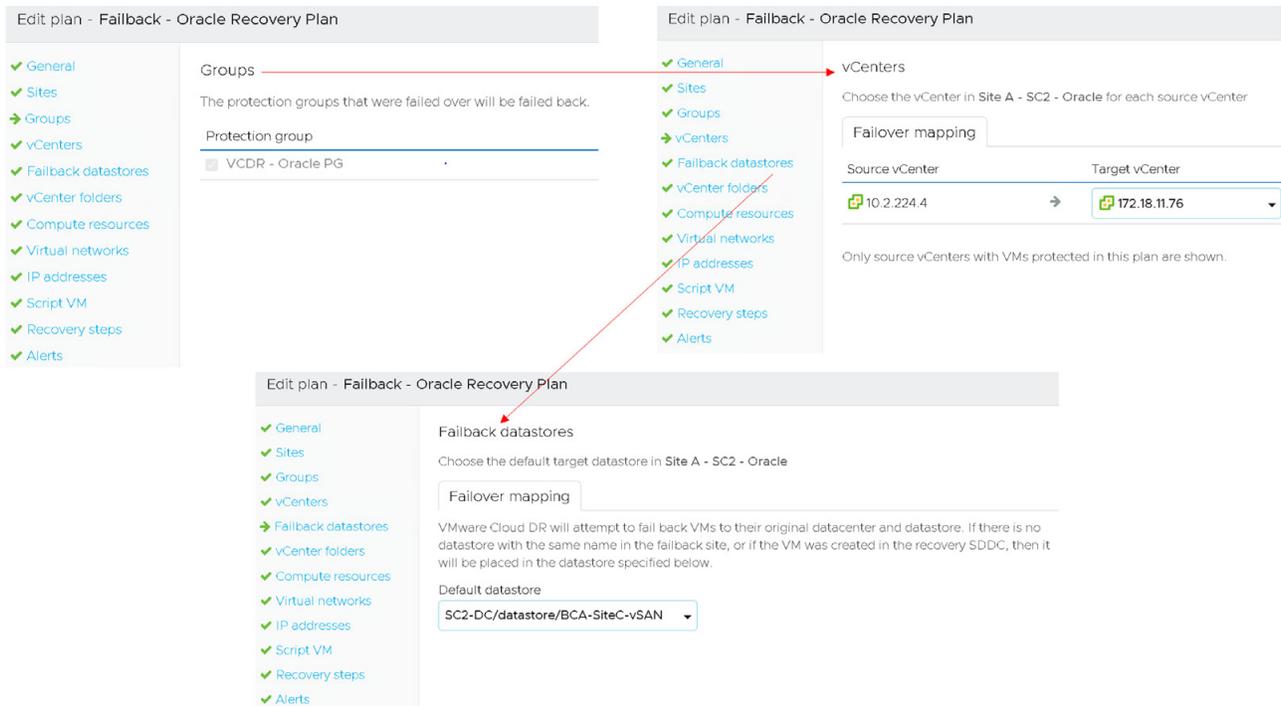


FIGURE 147. VMware Cloud DR Failback Plan Failover and Datastore Mappings

Details of the VMware Cloud DR failback plan folder and compute mappings are as shown below:

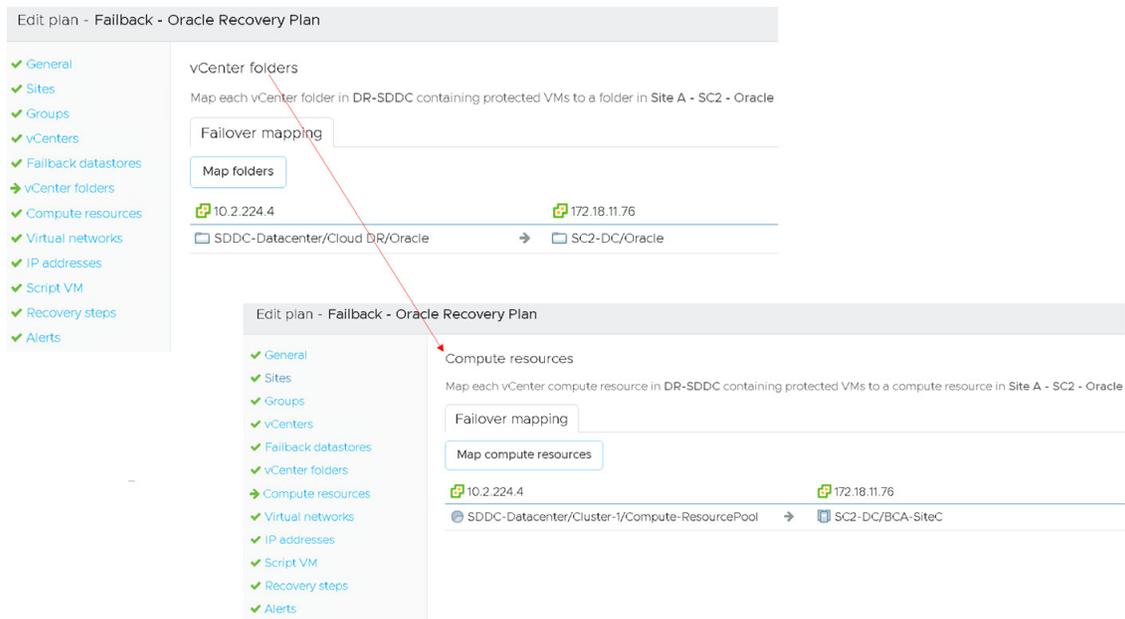


FIGURE 148. VMware Cloud DR Failback Plan Folder and Compute Mappings

Details of the VMware Cloud DR failback network mappings are as shown below:

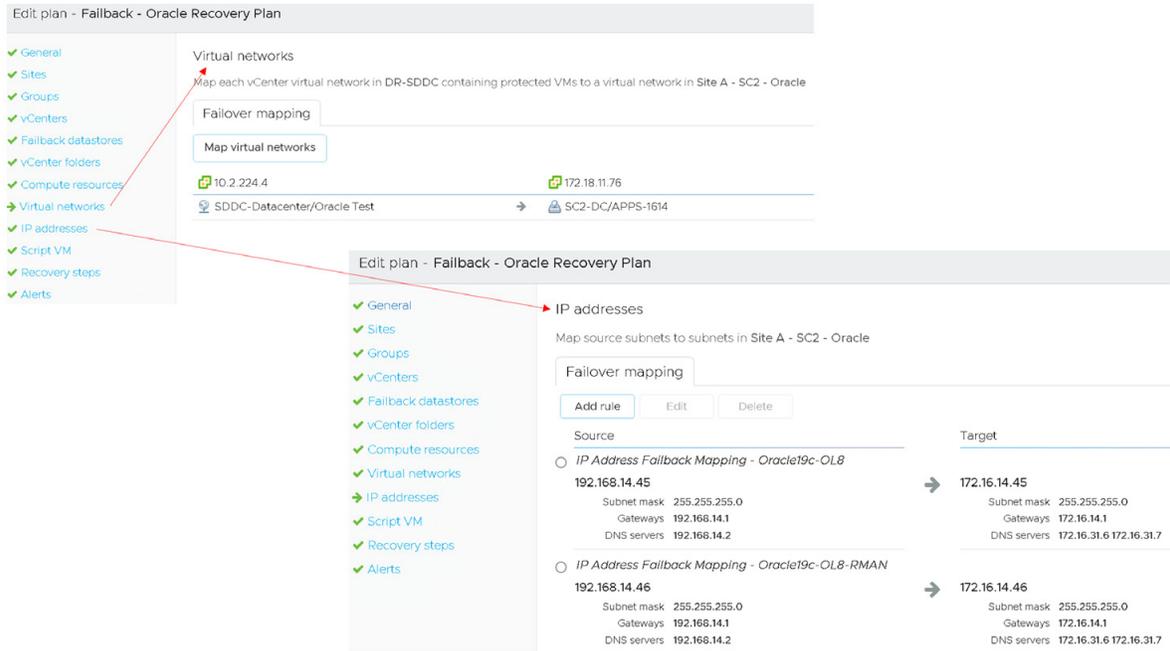


FIGURE 149. VMware Cloud DR Failback Network Mappings

Details of the VMware Cloud DR failback recovery plan optional script are as shown below:

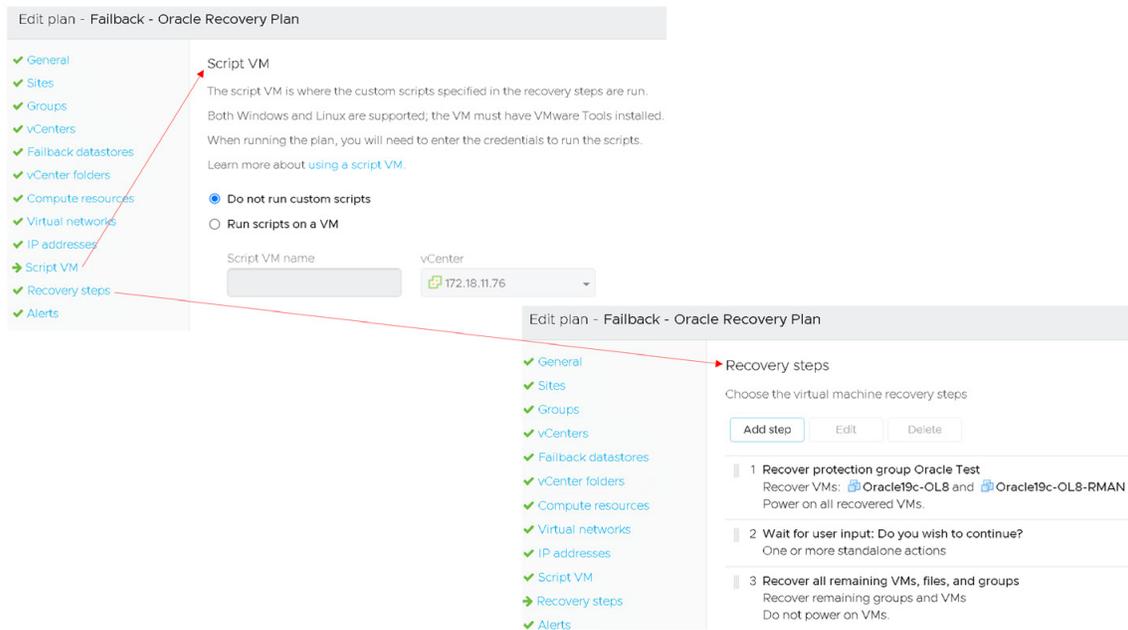


FIGURE 150. VMware Cloud DR Failback Recovery Plan Optional Script

Complete the VMware Cloud DR failback recovery plan configuration.

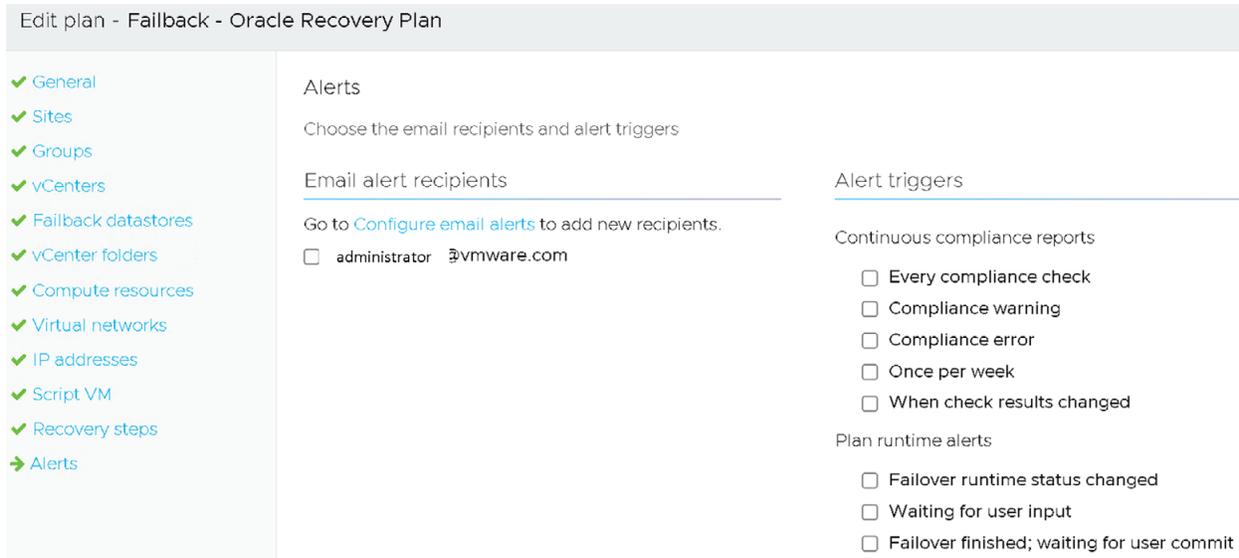


FIGURE 151. VMware Cloud DR Failback Recovery Plan Configuration Complete

As VMware Cloud DR uses regularly scheduled snapshots to replicate to the SCFS and VMware snapshots are not compatible with disks in multi-writer mode, VMware Cloud DR cannot replicate disks in multi-writer mode. VMware snapshots are a point-in-time (PIT) snapshot and therefore are crash-consistent.

More information regarding VMware Cloud DR components can be found in [VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery Documentation](#).

Solution Validation

This solution primarily validated the business continuity and disaster recovery functionality of Oracle single-instance and Oracle RAC deployments on VMFS and vSphere Virtual Volumes storage backed by Pure x50 Storage.

Site A was chosen for all business continuity validations. Site B was chosen for on-premises disaster recovery validation and VMware Cloud on AWS was chosen for cloud-based disaster recovery validation.

Solution Test Overview

This solution validates the business continuity and disaster recovery functionality of Oracle single-instance and Oracle RAC deployments using Pure x50 Storage on-premises and in VMware clouds, at each of the three levels referenced below:

- Business Continuity
 - Application level
 - vSphere level
 - Storage level

- Disaster Recovery
 - Application level
 - vSphere level
 - Storage level

The choice of a business continuity or disaster recovery solution is dependent on application needs, SLAs, RTO, RPO and various other factors.

The focus of the solution was to ensure that for all business continuity and disaster recovery use cases, database data was always consistent.

Performance testing was not included as part of this reference architecture. Any performance data is a result of the combination of hardware configuration, software configuration, test methodology, test tool, and workload profile used in the testing.

Performance testing can be conducted by using the SLOB tool against Oracle single instance and RAC, and generating a load on the database. Oracle AWR and Linux SAR reports can be captured to compare the performance and validate the testing use cases.

Oracle Business Continuity

This section validates Oracle business continuity using Oracle application-based tools, VMware-based tools and storage-based tools for an Oracle single instance and Oracle RAC using Pure x50 Storage.

On-premises and VMware clouds may have different choices of storage offerings but the type of underlying storage (VMFS, RDM, iSCSI, NFS, vSAN, vSphere Virtual Volumes) is transparent to the Oracle layer, whether its on-premises or on VMware clouds.

Once VM disks are carved from any of these storage technologies and added to a VM, the guest operating system sees them as a regular Linux block device (/dev/sdX). The remaining steps to create ASM disks or create filesystems are the same as one would execute on physical architecture.

Application-Level Business Continuity

Recovery Manager (RMAN) is an Oracle Database client that performs backup and recovery tasks on the databases and automates administration of the backup strategies.

Other Oracle Database backup tools includes data pump, user managed backups (i.e., cold backup by shutting down the database OR hot backup by DB BEGIN/END backup commands), and database flashback.

All of these Oracle utilities operate at an Oracle application level and are therefore completely transparent to the underlying physical infrastructure.

On-premises

This use case focusses on leveraging the Oracle RMAN utility to back up single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and the two-node Oracle RAC **prac19c** using RMAN catalog database **rmandb**.

Two VMs are employed for this use case:

- Production VM **Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL**
- RMAN VM **Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-RMAN** with RMAN catalog

RMAN utility is used to back up the database data to:

- Oracle FRA (i.e., fast recovery area), a disk location in which the database can store and manage files related to backup and recovery
- A filesystem (ext3 / ext4 / zfs / xfs) which can then be further backed up by third-party products to media
- Interact directly with media management software to write to sequential media devices such as tape libraries

Learn more about [Oracle RMAN Backup](#).

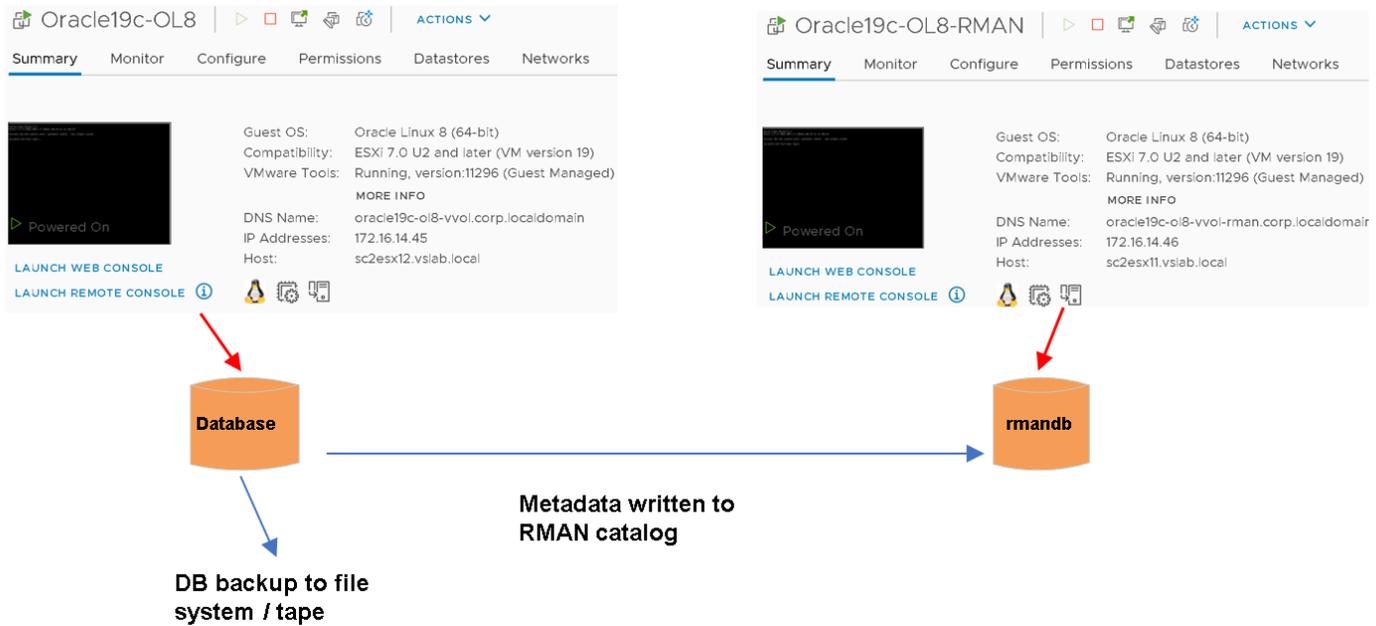


FIGURE 152. Oracle RMAN Backup Using RMAN Catalog

Setting up RMAN backup and RMAN catalog is beyond the scope of this paper. Learn more about [Oracle RMAN](#).

Using the Pure Storage Plugin and vSphere Virtual Volumes, the different use cases of Oracle RMAN utility with vSphere Virtual Volumes to back up a single instance VM and Oracle RAC cluster can be found in [Virtualizing Oracle Workloads with VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes on VMware Hybrid Cloud](#).

Using the Oracle RMAN utility, the steps required to back up the two-node Oracle RAC **prac19c** using RMAN catalog database **rmandb** are the same as those employed for single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL**.

More information regarding use of Oracle RMAN to backup an Oracle RAC can be found in [Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide Managing Backup and Recovery](#).

VMware Clouds

The above use case, using the Oracle RMAN utility to back up the single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and the two-node Oracle RAC **prac19c** with RMAN catalog database **rmandb**, employs the same steps for all VMware clouds as well as on-premises environments

All of these Oracle utilities operate at an Oracle application level and are therefore completely transparent to the underlying infrastructure, including storage.

vSphere Level Business Continuity

VMware snapshots can be used to take a VM level point-in-time snapshot. Snapshots preserve the state and data of a VM at the time the snapshot is taken.

A VMware clone of the VM can be created from this VM snapshot, or one can simply create a VM-level clone from an existing VM without taking a VM-level snapshot.

A VMware snapshot of an Oracle VM can be taken before any database operation. The state of the VM can then be reverted back to that VM-level snapshot in case there are issues with the database operation.

Both web client and PowerCLI can be leveraged for taking a VMware snapshot and clone.

VM operations like VMware snapshots and VMware clones constructs are the same across all underlying VMware storage layers, even though there may be subtle differences in the ways some of the VM components are represented on these various storage layers.

On-premises

This use case focusses on the use of VMware snapshot and VMware Clone utility to:

- Snapshot a single instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8** for purpose of reverting to it in case of any application issue
- Clone a new single instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Clone** directly from VM **Oracle19c-OL8** or from a point-in-time snapshot of the single instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8**

VMware Snapshot

The VM snapshot can be taken either as a:

- Crash-consistent database snapshot (without placing the database in a backup mode)
- Hot backup database snapshot by placing the database in a backup mode using **BEGIN/END Backup** commands.
- Cold backup database snapshot by shutting down the database

VMware Snapshot with Crash-Consistent Database Backup

The steps below illustrate the use of VMware Snapshot to take a crash-consistent snapshot of an Oracle single-instance database VM using the web client and reverting back to the snapshot.

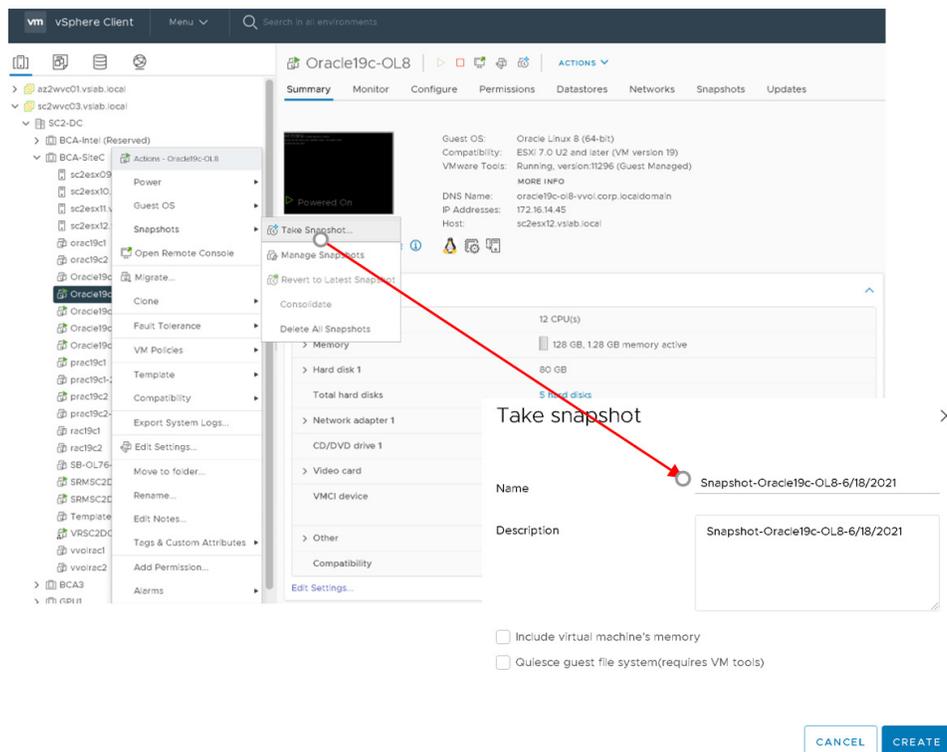


FIGURE 153. Steps to take VMware Snapshot of Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8

VMware snapshot **Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/18/2021** of Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is taken successfully.

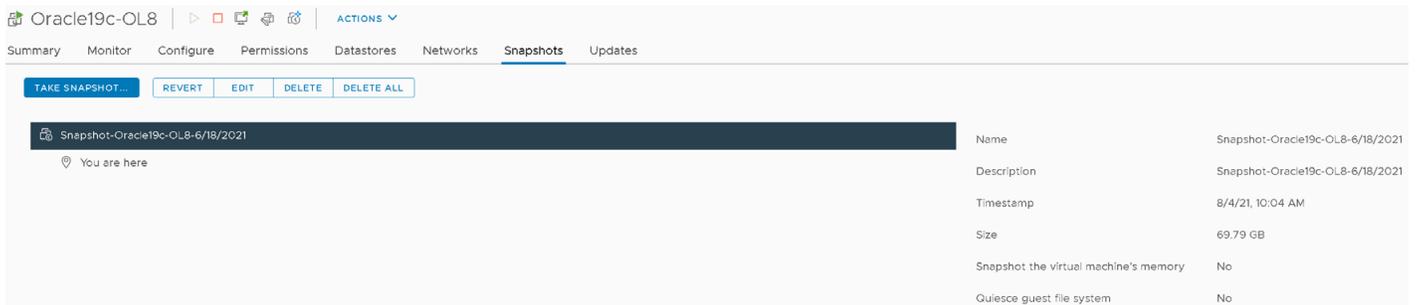


FIGURE 154. VMware Snapshot Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/18/2021 of Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8

The VM **Oracle19c-OL8** contains a point-in-time snapshot to which to revert in the event of an application issue.

To revert to the point-in-time state and data of a VM taken as part of the VM snapshot, follow the steps below.

It's recommended to shut down the database as you would normally in the VM and power off the VM.

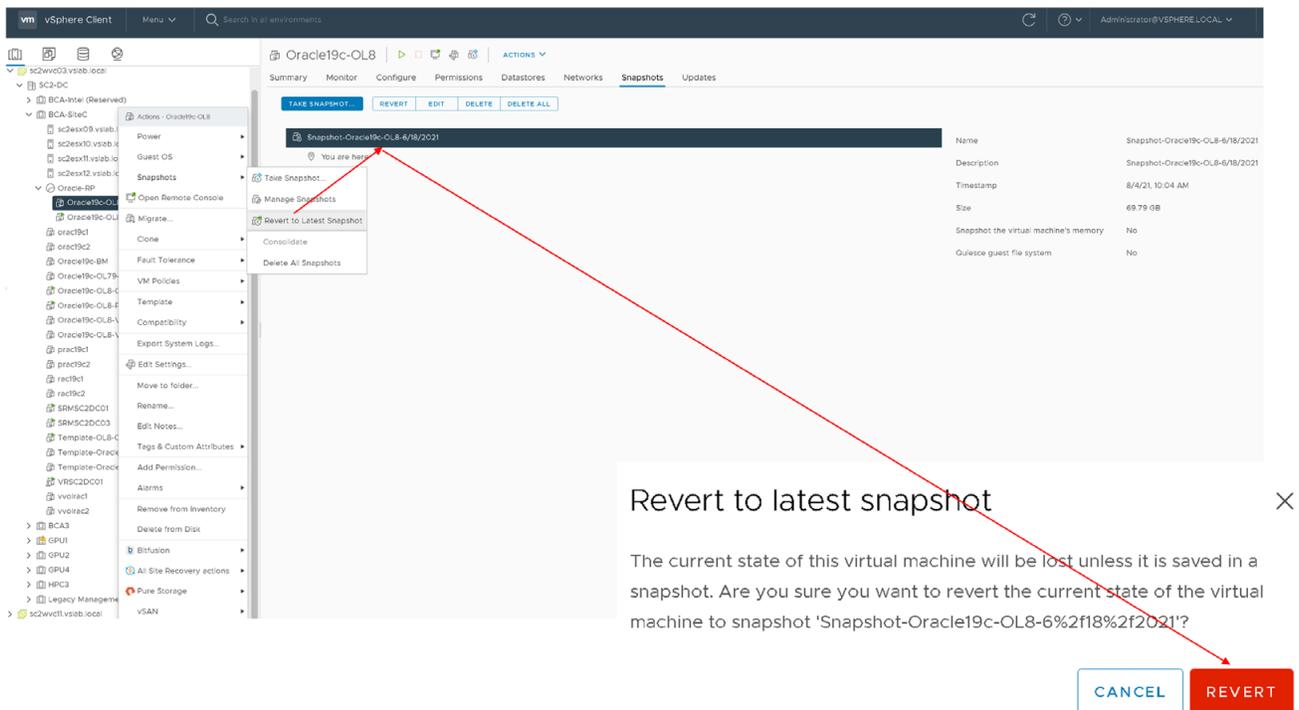


FIGURE 155. Steps to Revert to the VMware Snapshot Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/18/2021

The operation to revert to the snapshot is successful.

Recent Tasks		Alarms			
Task Name	Target	Status	Details	Initiator	Queued F
is inaccessible..					
Revert snapshot	Oracle19c-OL8	Completed		VSPHERE.LOCAL\Administrator	2 ms

FIGURE 156. Revert Back to VMware Snapshot Successful

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.16.14.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database **vvol19c** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **vvol19c** starts up, which is normal and expected.

```

ALTER DATABASE OPEN
Ping without log force is disabled:
  instance mounted in exclusive mode.
Buffer Cache Full DB Caching mode changing from FULL CACHING DISABLED to FULL CACHING ENABLED
2021-08-04T10:37:00.196998-07:00
Crash Recovery excluding pdb 2 which was cleanly closed.
2021-08-04T10:37:00.210214-07:00
Beginning crash recovery of 1 threads
parallel recovery started with 11 processes
Thread 1: Recovery starting at checkpoint rba (logseq 598 block 42), scn 0
2021-08-04T10:37:00.326005-07:00
Started redo scan
2021-08-04T10:37:00.353445-07:00
Completed redo scan
read 52 KB redo, 14 data blocks need recovery
2021-08-04T10:37:00.357529-07:00
Started redo application at
Thread 1: logseq 598, block 42, offset 0
2021-08-04T10:37:00.360061-07:00
Recovery of Online Redo Log: Thread 1 Group 4 Seq 598 Reading mem 0
  Mem# 0: +DATA_DG/vvol19c/group04_redo01.log
  Mem# 1: +DATA_DG/vvol19c/group04_redo02.log
2021-08-04T10:37:00.361248-07:00
Completed redo application of 0.01MB
2021-08-04T10:37:00.385282-07:00
Completed crash recovery at
Thread 1: RBA 598,146,16, nab 146, scn 0x000000000005faa23
14 data blocks read, 14 data blocks written, 52 redo k-bytes read
Endian type of dictionary set to little
2021-08-04T10:37:00.482580-07:00
LGWR (PID:2914): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES
Starting background process ARC0
2021-08-04T10:37:00.494791-07:00
FT00 (PID:3027): Gap Manager starting
2021-08-04T10:37:00.506738-07:00
ARC0 started with pid=54, OS id=3030
2021-08-04T10:37:00.516857-07:00
LGWR (PID:2914): ARC0: Archival started
LGWR (PID:2914): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES COMPLETE
2021-08-04T10:37:00.516973-07:00
ARC0 (PID:3030): Becoming a 'no_FAL' ARCH
ARC0 (PID:3030): Becoming the 'no SRL' ARCH
2021-08-04T10:37:00.520223-07:00
FMON (PID:2965): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES
Starting background process ARC1
2021-08-04T10:37:00.532277-07:00
ARC1 started with pid=56, OS id=3036
Starting background process ARC2
2021-08-04T10:37:00.544423-07:00
ARC2 started with pid=57, OS id=3039
Starting background process ARC3
2021-08-04T10:37:00.556753-07:00
ARC3 started with pid=58, OS id=3042
FMON (PID:2965): ARC1: Archival started
FMON (PID:2965): ARC2: Archival started
FMON (PID:2965): ARC3: Archival started
FMON (PID:2965): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES COMPLETE
2021-08-04T10:37:00.650087-07:00
Thread 1 advanced to log sequence 599 (thread open)
redo log for group 5, sequence 599 is not located on DAX storage
Thread 1 opened at log sequence 599
Current log# 5 seq# 599 mem# 0: +DATA_DG/vvol19c/group05_redo01.log
Current log# 5 seq# 599 mem# 1: +DATA_DG/vvol19c/group05_redo02.log
Successful open of redo thread 1
2021-08-04T10:37:00.880515-07:00
MTTR advisory is disabled because FAST_START_MTTR_TARGET is not set
stopping change tracking
2021-08-04T10:37:00.948982-07:00
NOTE: ASMB mounting group 2 (FRA_DG)
NOTE: Assigning number (2,0) to disk (ORCL:FRA_01)
SUCCESS: mounted group 2 (FRA_DG)
NOTE: grp 2 disk 0: FRA_01 path:ORCL:FRA_01
2021-08-04T10:37:01.019970-07:00
ARC0 (PID:3030): Archived Log entry 535 added for T-1.S-598 ID Oxalba6cfd LAD:1
2021-08-04T10:37:01.033247-07:00
    
```

FIGURE 157. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 Alert Log details

Alternatively, the VM snapshot can also be taken using the VMware PowerCLI command.

```
New-Snapshot -VM Oracle19c-OL8 -Name 'Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/188/2021' -  
Memory $false -description Oracle19c-OL8_Snap
```

VMware Snapshot with Database BEGIN/END Backup Mode with Custom Quiescing Scripts

The steps below illustrate the use of VMware Snapshot of an Oracle single-instance database, by placing the database in a backup mode using **BEGIN/END Backup** commands and reverting back to the snapshot.

Putting the database in backup mode can be done either manually or automatically:

- Manual
 - Use Oracle native tools (e.g., sqlplus to place the database in a **BEGIN backup** mode).
 - Use web client or VMware PowerCLI to take a VM-level snapshot.
 - Use Oracle native tools (e.g., sqlplus to take the database out of the **BEGIN backup** mode).
- Automatic
 - Use custom quiescing scripts to run pre-freeze and post-thaw commands. VMware tools must be installed and running in the guest operating system for this feature to work correctly.

Prerequisites for custom quiescing scripts:

- The scripts have to be created in the /etc/vmware-tools/backupScripts.d directory on Linux VMs.
- The directory may contain one or multiple scripts that will be executed in sequence. The file names of the scripts affect the execution order (e.g., 10-application.sh, then 20-database.sh).
- Each script must be able to handle freeze, freezeFail and thaw arguments passed by the VMware tools during the different phases.
- Ensure that the scripts have correct execute permissions.

An example of a custom quiescing is shown below:

- The main script that invokes the freeze and thaw routines is created in the /etc/vmware-tools/backupScripts.d directory and has correct write permissions for the root user.
- The individual pre-freeze-script and post-thaw-script shell scripts are created under the Oracle user home directory and have correct write permissions.

Example scripts have been provided in the appendix of this document.

The steps below illustrate the use of VMware Snapshot of an Oracle single-instance database, by placing the database in a backup mode using **BEGIN/END Backup** commands and reverting to the snapshot, using Linux custom quiescing scripts.

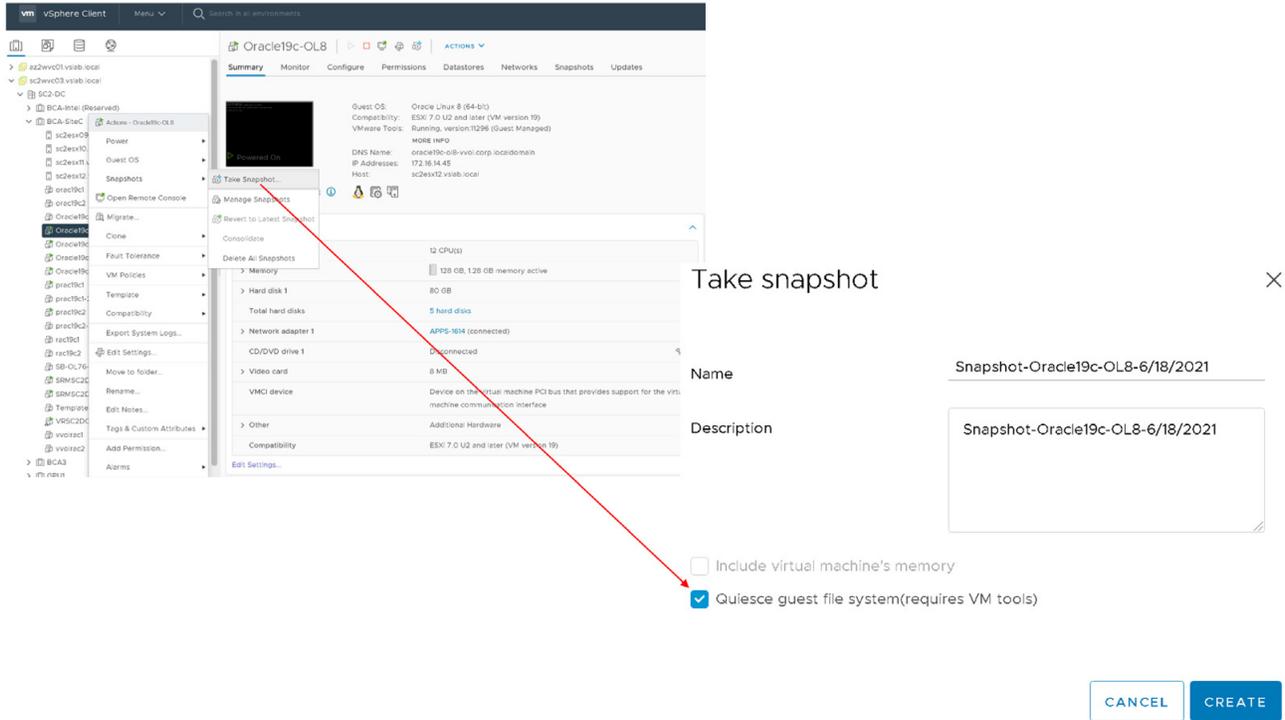


FIGURE 158. Steps to take VMware Snapshot of Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 with Quiescing

VMware snapshot **Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/18/2021** of Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** with quiescing is taken successfully.

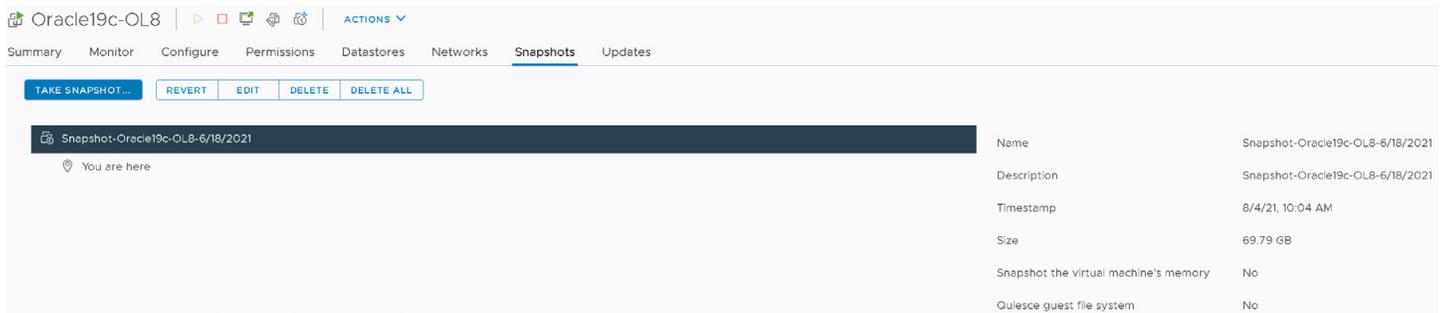


FIGURE 159. VMware Snapshot Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/18/2021 of Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8

The backup steps include:

- The database is placed in a **BEGIN backup** mode as part of the invocation of pre-freeze-script.
- VMware snapshot **Snapshot-Oracle19c-OL8-6/18/2021** of Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is taken successfully.
- The database is taken out of the **BEGIN backup** mode (END mode) as part of the invocation of post-thaw-script.

```
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$ tail -10 alert_vv0119c.log
Current log# 8 seq# 602 mem# 0: +DATA_DG/vv0119c/group08_redo01.log
Current log# 8 seq# 602 mem# 1: +DATA_DG/vv0119c/group08_redo02.log
2021-08-04T19:00:05.880575-07:00
ARC1 (PID:3079): Archived Log entry 538 added for T-1.S-601 ID 0xalba6cfd LAD:1
2021-08-04T19:16:19.238239-07:00
alter database begin backup
Completed: alter database begin backup
2021-08-04T19:16:23.546410-07:00
alter database end backup
Completed: alter database end backup
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$
```

FIGURE 160. ALERT LOG OF DATABASE SHOWING BEGIN/END BACKUP MODES

VMware Snapshot with Cold Database Backup

The steps to take a VMware-level snapshot of an Oracle single-instance database cold by shutting down the database and then reverting back to the snapshot if needed are the same as those required for the two cases above except, in this case, the database is shutdown cold.

VMware Clone

A VMware clone of the Oracle VM can also be accomplished in one of two ways:

- Using PowerCLI command or web client to take a point-in-time VMware snapshot and cloning a VM from this snapshot using VMware PowerCLI.
 - The VMware snapshot can either use database crash-consistent method or database hot backup or database cold backup.
 - An example PowerCLI script using *vSphere API* that contains Clone_VM task and includes the ability to specify a snapshot to clone from using the *VirtualMachineCloneSpec* can be found in the [Oracle Database 12c on VMware vSAN—Day 2 Operations and Management guide](#).
- Clone directly using the web client from an existing Oracle VM
 - Clone either using database crash-consistent or database hot backup or database cold backup before performing the cloning operation.
 - Using the web client to perform the VM cloning operation implicitly takes a temporary snapshot and deletes the snapshot after the cloning operation is completed.

Once the VM clone is created, the database can then be backed up to media for offshore storage and can be restored from, if needed.

VMware **vmkfstools** command can also be used to clone VMDKs using either the snapshot of the Oracle VM or without the snapshot. The steps to clone Oracle VM VMDKs from a VM-level snapshot using VMware **vmkfstools** command can be found in the [Oracle Database 12c on VMware vSAN—Day 2 Operations and Management guide](#).

Using VMware Snapshot, vSphere Virtual Volumes and Pure Storage Plugin, a VM-level or a VMDK-level snapshot can also be taken of the Oracle single-instance VM. The steps to achieve this can be found in the [Virtualizing Oracle Workloads with VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes on VMware Hybrid Cloud guide](#).

The steps for taking a VMware snapshot and clone are the same as those employed for any underlying VMware storage.

In case of snapshot and clone of an Oracle VM using crash-consistent database snapshot, Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected. If and when placing the database in backup mode, database recovery would need to be performed using archivelog, which is normal and expected.

The steps below illustrate the use of VMware Clone to clone a new Oracle VM directly from an existing Oracle VM, using database crash-consistent method from the web client.

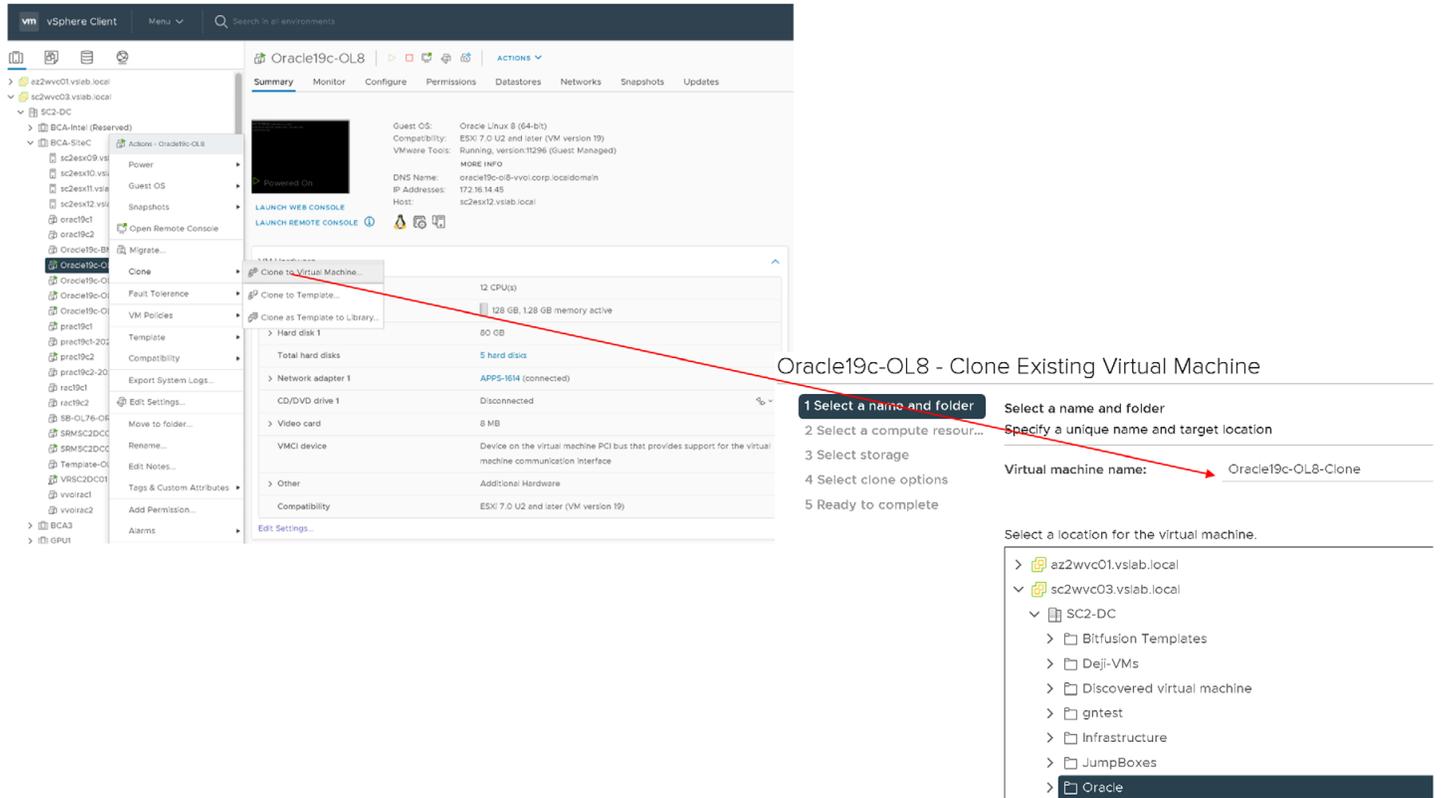


FIGURE 161. VMware Clone of Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8

Select the target compute cluster and datastore for Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-clone**.

The screenshot shows two stages of the VMware Clone wizard. The left stage, 'Oracle19c-OL8 - Clone Existing Virtual Machine', shows a tree view of compute resources under 'SC2-DC'. 'BCA-SiteC' is selected. The right stage shows storage selection options: 'VM storage type' is 'Standard', 'VM virtual disk format' is 'Same format as source', and 'VM Storage Policy' is 'Keep existing VM storage policies'. A table of storage resources is visible at the bottom right:

Name	Storage Con	Capacity	Provisione	Free	Type	Placeme
BCA-SiteC-vs...	--	6.99 TB	2.17 TB	6.25 TB	vSAN	Local
datastore1 (3)	--	95.5 GB	1.41 GB	94.09 GB	VMFS 6	Local
datastore1 (4)	--	95.5 GB	1.41 GB	94.09 GB	VMFS 6	Local
datastore1 (7)	--	95.5 GB	1.41 GB	94.09 GB	VMFS 6	Local
datastore1 (8)	--	95.5 GB	1.41 GB	94.09 GB	VMFS 6	Local
Orainfinidat	--	45.47 TB	12 GB	45.47 TB	VMFS 6	Local
OraPure	--	50 TB	11.47 TB	38.71 TB	VMFS 6	Local
OraSC2	--	20 TB	3.64 TB	18.73 TB	VMFS 6	Local

FIGURE 162. VMware Clone of Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 Pick Compute and Datastore

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-clone** is up with IP address 172.16.14.55 and the copy of the database **vol19c** is up.

The screenshot shows the details page for the Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8-Clone. The VM is powered on. Key details include:

- Guest OS: Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit)
- Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17)
- VMware Tools: Running, version:11296 (Guest Managed)
- DNS Name: oracle19c-ol8.vslab.local
- IP Addresses: 172.16.14.55
- Host: sc2esx09.vslab.local

The VM Hardware section shows:

- CPU: 12 CPU(s)
- Memory: 128 GB, 71.68 GB memory active
- Hard disk 1: 80 GB
- Total hard disks: 5 hard disks
- Network adapter 1: APPS-1614 (connected)
- CD/DVD drive 1: Disconnected
- Video card: 8 MB
- VMCI device: Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
- Other: Additional Hardware
- Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17)

FIGURE 163. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8-Clone Details

The alert log for the database copy **vvoll19c** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database copy **vvoll19c** starts up, which is normal and expected.

```

ALTER DATABASE OPEN
Ping without log force is disabled:
  Instance mounted in exclusive mode.
Buffer Cache Full DB Caching mode changing from FULL CACHING DISABLED to FULL CACHING ENABLED
2021-08-04T09:39:27.649201-07:00
Crash Recovery excluding pdb 2 which was cleanly closed.
2021-08-04T09:39:27.659730-07:00
Beginning crash recovery of 1 threads
parallel recovery started with 11 processes
  Thread 1: Recovery starting at checkpoint rba (logseq 597 block 25841), scn 0
2021-08-04T09:39:27.777098-07:00
Started redo scan
2021-08-04T09:39:27.806595-07:00
Completed redo scan
  read 44 KB redo, 22 data blocks need recovery
2021-08-04T09:39:27.811516-07:00
Started redo application at
  Thread 1: logseq 597, block 25841, offset 0
2021-08-04T09:39:27.815788-07:00
Recovery of Online Redo Log: Thread 1 Group 3 Seq 597 Reading mem 0
  Mem# 0: +DATA_DG/vvoll19c/group03_redo01.log
  Mem# 1: +DATA_DG/vvoll19c/group03_redo02.log
2021-08-04T09:39:27.817081-07:00
Completed redo application of 0.02MB
2021-08-04T09:39:27.837514-07:00
Completed crash recovery at
  Thread 1: RBA 597.25930.16, nab 25930, scn 0x00000000005ff9f26
  22 data blocks read, 22 data blocks written, 44 redo k-bytes read
Endian type of dictionary set to little
2021-08-04T09:39:27.940997-07:00
LGWR (PID:2950): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES
Starting background process ARCO
2021-08-04T09:39:27.953083-07:00
TR00 (PID:3070): Gap Manager starting
2021-08-04T09:39:27.965652-07:00
ARCO started with pid=55, OS id=3073
2021-08-04T09:39:27.976147-07:00
LGWR (PID:2950): ARCO: Archival started
LGWR (PID:2950): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES COMPLETE
2021-08-04T09:39:27.976272-07:00
ARCO (PID:3073): Becoming a 'no FAL' ARCH
ARCO (PID:3073): Becoming the 'no SRL' ARCH
2021-08-04T09:39:27.979825-07:00
TMON (PID:3001): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES
Starting background process ARCL
2021-08-04T09:39:27.992164-07:00
ARCL started with pid=57, OS id=3079
Starting background process ARC2
2021-08-04T09:39:28.005171-07:00
ARC2 started with pid=58, OS id=3082
Starting background process ARC3
2021-08-04T09:39:28.017191-07:00
ARC3 started with pid=59, OS id=3085
TMON (PID:3001): ARCL: Archival started
TMON (PID:3001): ARC2: Archival started
TMON (PID:3001): ARC3: Archival started
TMON (PID:3001): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES COMPLETE
2021-08-04T09:39:28.035230-07:00
Thread 1 advanced to log sequence 598 (thread open)
Redo log for group 4, sequence 598 is not located on DAX storage
Thread 1 opened at log sequence 598
  Current log# 4 seq# 598 mem# 0: +DATA_DG/vvoll19c/group04_redo01.log
  Current log# 4 seq# 598 mem# 1: +DATA_DG/vvoll19c/group04_redo02.log
Successful open of redo thread 1
2021-08-04T09:39:28.262203-07:00
MTRR advisory is disabled because FAST_START_MTRR_TARGET is not set
stopping change tracking
2021-08-04T09:39:28.308865-07:00
NOTE: ASMB mounting group 1 (FRA_DG)
NOTE: Assigning number (1,0) to disk (ORCL:FRA_01)
SUCCESS: mounted group 1 (FRA_DG)
NOTE: grp 1 disk 0: FRA_01 ps@:ORCL:FRA_01
2021-08-04T09:39:28.474871-07:00
Undo initialization recovery: err:0 start: 514804 end: 514834 diff: 30 ms (0.0 seconds)
2021-08-04T09:39:28.515502-07:00
ARCO (PID:3073): Archived Log entry 534 added for T-1.8-597 ID 0xalba6cfd LAD:1
2021-08-04T09:39:28.526415-07:00
ERROR: failed to establish dependency between database vvoll19c and diskgroup resource ora.FRA_DG.dg
2021-08-04T09:39:28.534617-07:00
[3033] Successfully online Undo Tablespace 2.
Undo initialization online undo segments: err:0 start: 514834 end: 514944 diff: 110 ms (0.1 seconds)
Undo initialization finished serial:0 start:514804 end:514951 diff:147 ms (0.1 seconds)
Verifying minimum file header compatibility for tablespace encryption for pdb 1..
Verifying file header compatibility for tablespace encryption completed for pdb 1
Database Characterset is AL32UTF8

```

FIGURE 164. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8-Clone Alert Log Details

In case of Oracle RAC, a current restriction of the multi-writer attribute as documented in [KB 1034165](#) is VMware snapshots and cloning of multi-writer VMDKs are not supported. Currently, the VMware snapshot and cloning utility cannot be used with Oracle RAC to snapshot or clone RAC VMs with multi-writer VMDKs.

For an Oracle RAC cluster, independent-persistent disk mode is not required to enable multi-writer for shared VMDKs. However, default-dependent disk mode causes a *cannot snapshot shared disk* error when a VM-level snapshot is taken of an Oracle RAC VM. Use of independent-persistent disk mode allows taking a snapshot of the non-shared disk or disks (e.g., OS, Oracle binaries, standalone file system), while the shared disk(s) are backed up separately via a storage-level snapshot mechanism (e.g., vVOL-level backup of the shared VMDKs or LUN-level backup of shared VMDKs).

In the case of an Oracle RAC cluster, the snapshot process occurs in two steps:

- VM-level snapshot for non-shared VMDKs with disk mode set to **Dependent** for all RAC VMs
- Application-level (e.g., Oracle RMAN) for the RAC database OR storage-based snapshot for shared RAC VMDKs with disk mode set to **Independent-Persistent** from any RAC VM

More information on backing up Oracle RAC using VMware vVols Storage level can be found in the [Virtualizing Oracle Workloads with VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes on VMware Hybrid Cloud guide](#).

VMware Clouds

The above use case of employs VMware Snapshot and Clone utilities to snapshot or clone the single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8** using the web client or VMware PowerCLI command, following the same steps for all VMware Cloud-supported storage as well as on-premises storage.

VMware **vmkfstools** command capability is not available on VMware clouds, as this command requires access to the ESXi hosts. VMware Cloud is a managed service and does not provide direct access to the ESXi hosts.

Native storage-based snapshot and cloning capability is not available on most VMware clouds as most VMware clouds are managed services and do not provide direct access to the storage layer.

Current restrictions of the multi-writer attribute, disallowing VMware snapshots or cloning as documented in [KB 1034165](#), applies to VMware Cloud as well.

Storage Level Business Continuity

Storage-based snapshots can be used to take a storage LUN-level point-in-time snapshot. A storage clone can then be provisioned from the LUN-level snapshot.

Storage-based snapshots and clones of a VMware datastore are at a storage LUN level, so the granularity of operation is at the storage LUN level and will not provide VM-level granularity.

A storage-based snapshot can be taken before any database operation and if the state of the database has to be reverted back to the snapshot, the state of the storage LUN will be reverted back to the snapshot time. This affects the state of all the VMs on that storage LUN.

Storage-based cloning can also be done by cloning a storage LUN from the storage-based snapshot. The steps to mount a clone of a VMFS datastore with resignaturing can be found in [Mount a VMFS Datastore Copy guide](#).

On the other hand, storage-based snapshots and clones of a VM on vSphere Virtual Volumes is at a vVOL level, so the granularity of operation is likewise at the vVOL level.

As noted in *Supported Backup, Restore and Recovery Operations using Third Party Snapshot Technologies* (Oracle Doc ID 604683.1), third-party storage vendor snapshots must conform to the following requirements:

- Integrated with Oracle's recommended restore and recovery operations above
- Database crash-consistent at the point of the snapshot
- Write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot

On-premises Using vSphere VMFS Storage

This use case focusses on employing storage-based snapshot and cloning to take a storage LUN-level point-in-time snapshot and clone a new storage LUN from the LUN-level snapshot. The storage LUN would then be resigantured before using that as a copy of the original ESXI datastore.

A copy of the original VM **Oracle19c-OL8** would be brought up as VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy** and database contents can be copied from VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy** to original VM **Oracle19c-OL8** in the event any database level restores are needed.

The VMFS datastore **OraSC2** houses two single-instance VMs and one Oracle RAC as shown below:

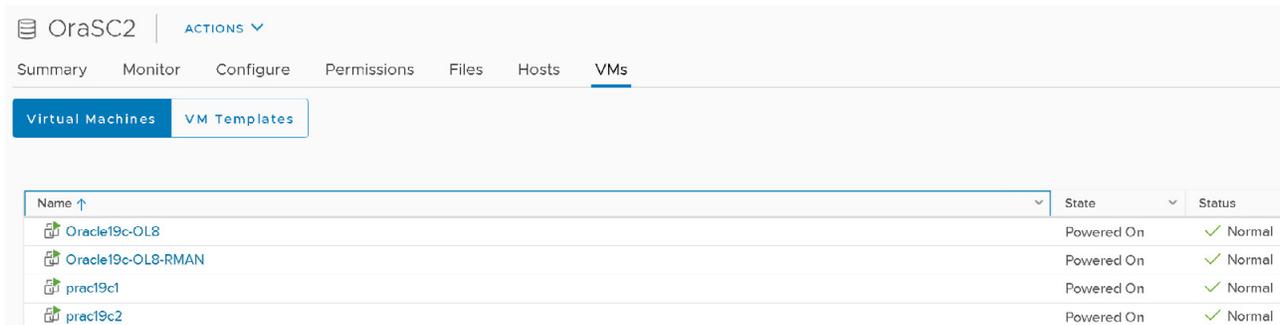


FIGURE 165. VMware VMFS Datastore with Single-Instance and Oracle RAC VMs

Use the Pure Storage GUI to take a storage-based snapshot of the LUN **OraSC2** called **OraSC2-Snap**. A storage-based clone **ORASC2-Copy** is taken from the storage snapshot **OraSC2-Snap**. Delete the storage snapshot after the clone **ORASC2-Copy** is created.

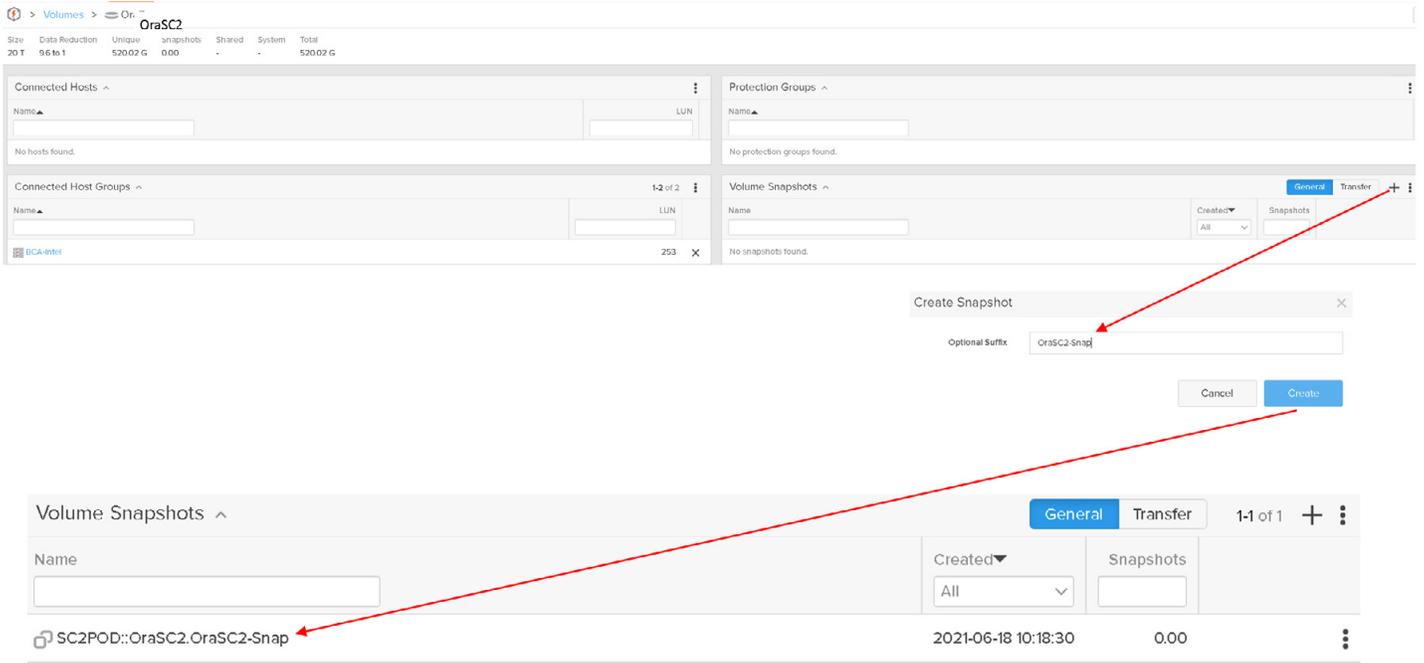


FIGURE 166. Create Storage Level Snapshot

From the storage-based snapshot **OraSC2-Snap**, create storage clone **ORASC2-Copy**.

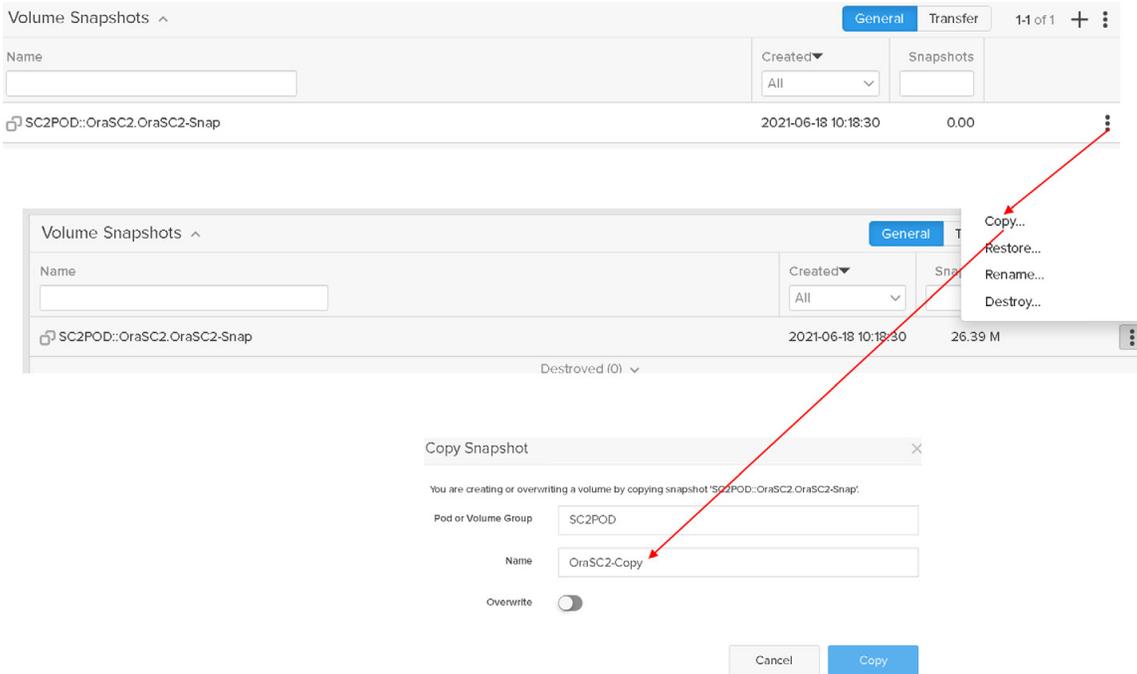


FIGURE 167. Create Storage-Based Clone from Storage-Level Snapshot

The clone **ORASC2-Copy** is attached to the ESXi host which is currently hosting the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8**.

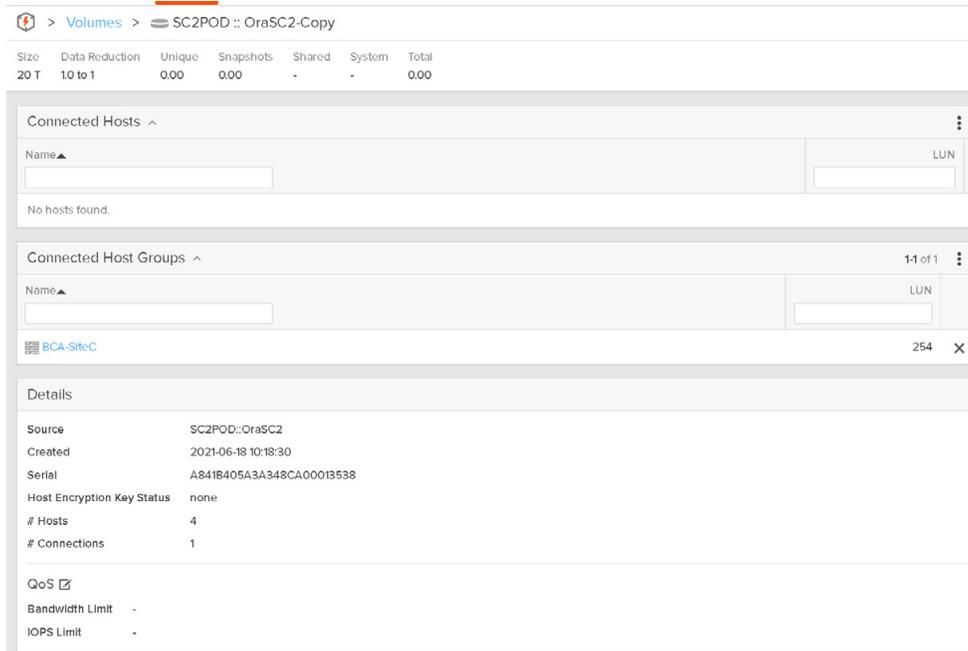


FIGURE 168. Attach Storage-Based Clone to ESXi Host Group

Rescan the ESXi host's storage via the web client to see the new LUN.

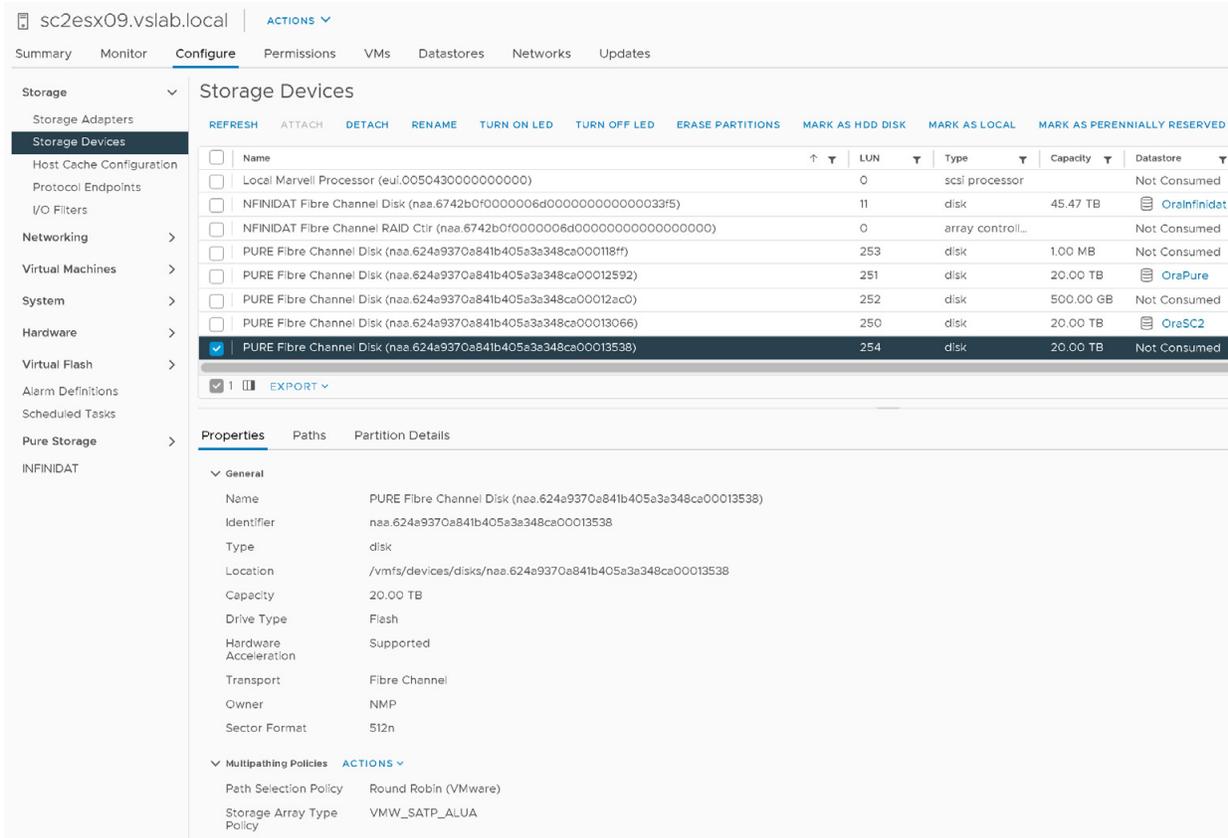


FIGURE 169. New Storage LUN on ESXi Server

The steps to create a new datastore **OraSC2-Copy** with resignaturing are as shown below:

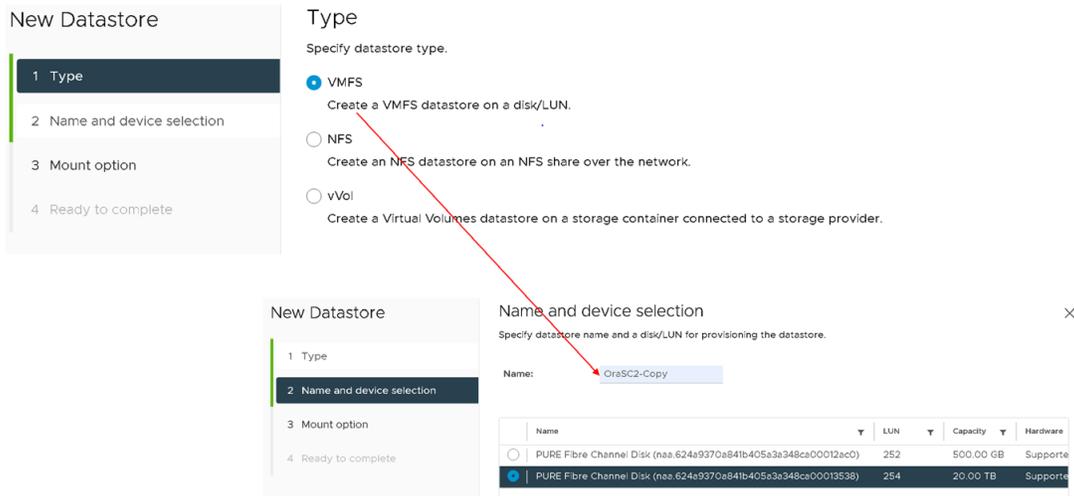


FIGURE 170. New VMFS Datastore

Resignature the new datastore **OraSC2-Copy**.

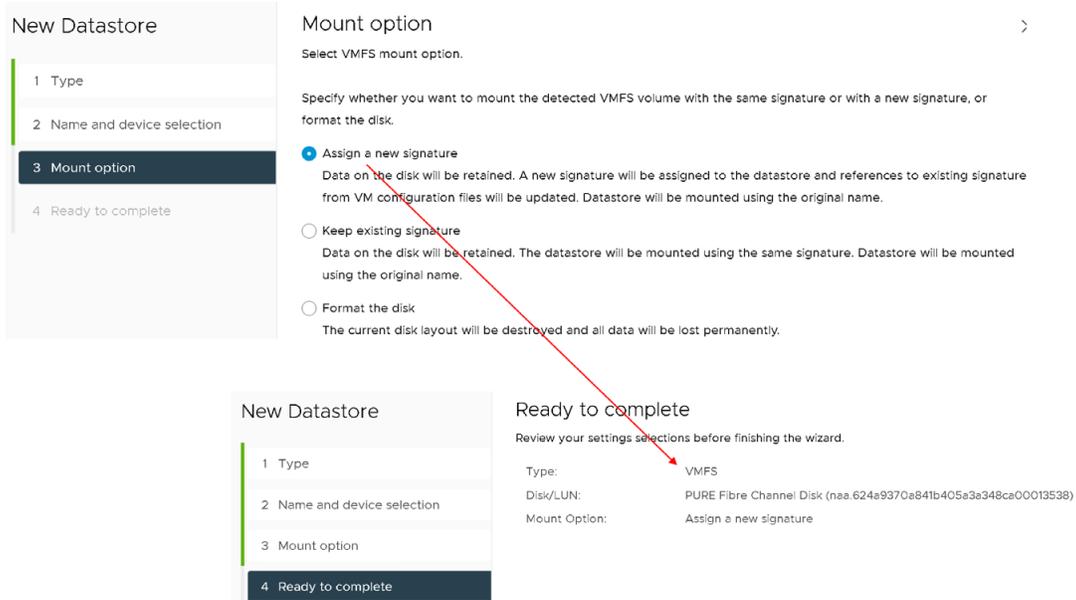


FIGURE 171. Resignature VMFS Datastore and Complete

The new datastore on cloned volumes is created with a cryptic name, not the one we provided to the wizard. Right-click on the name to rename it to a user-friendly name.

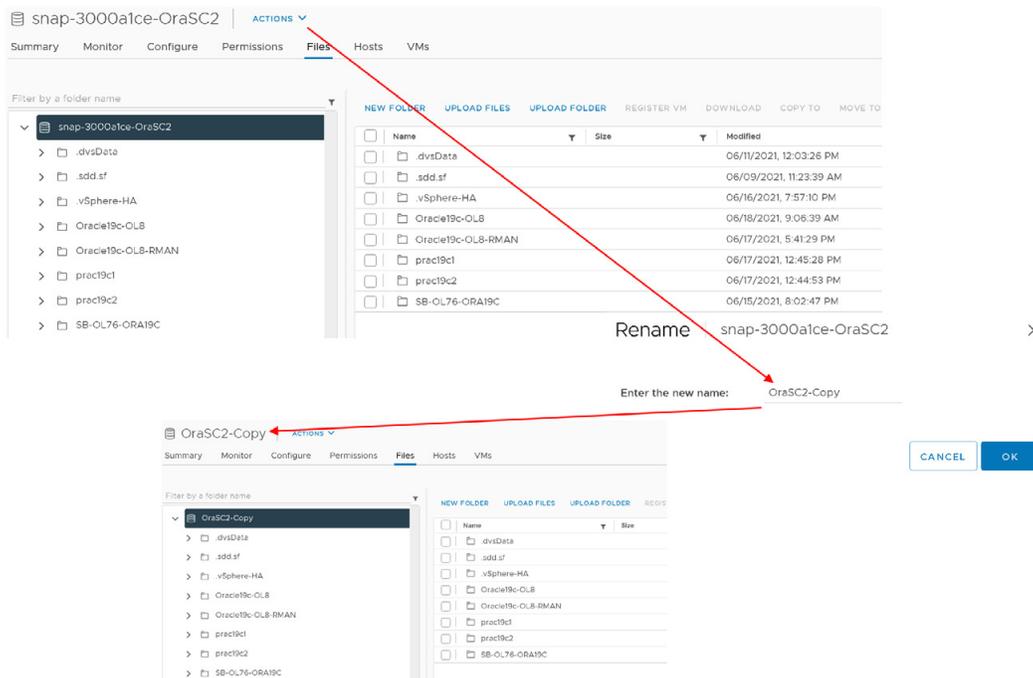


FIGURE 172. Rename VMFS Datastore

Register the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** on the datastore copy **OraSC2-Copy** as **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy**.

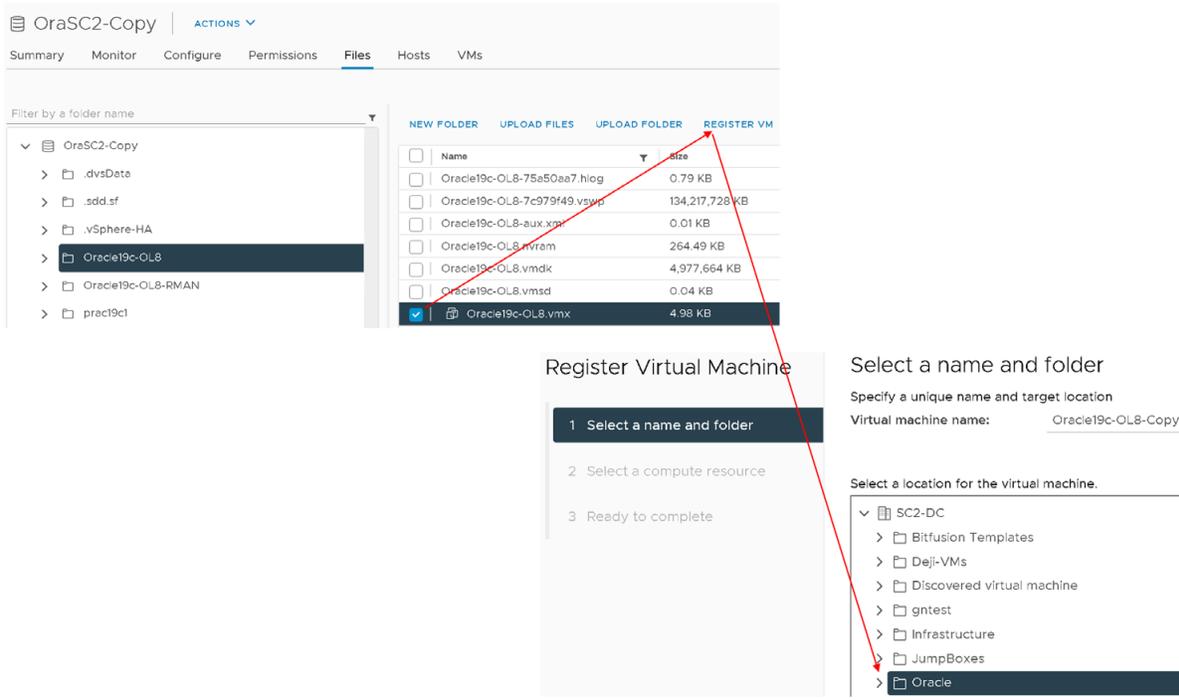


FIGURE 173. Register VM Oracle19c-OL8-Copy

Select the target compute resources and datastore for Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy**.

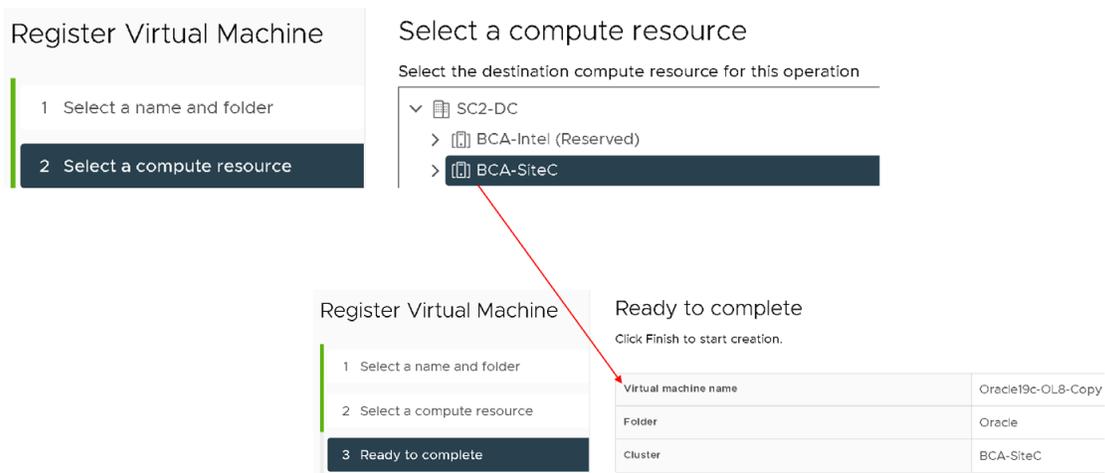
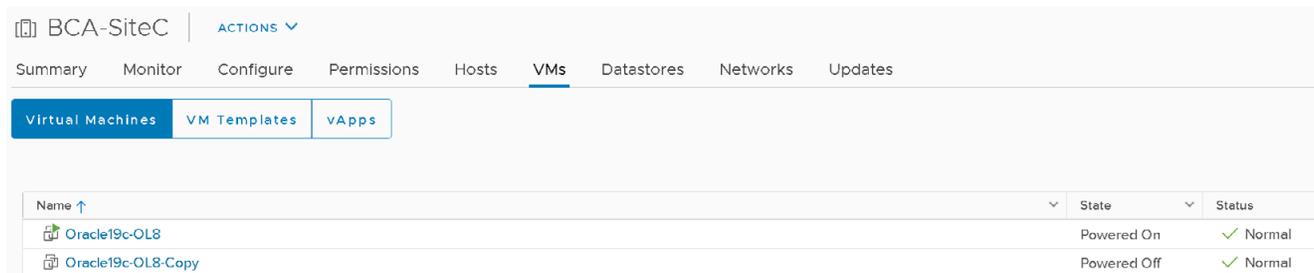


FIGURE 174. VM Oracle19c-OL8-Copy Compute Resource and Complete

A copy of the original Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is brought up as VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy**. Assign a new IP address to the VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy**. The VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy** database has the same name as in the original Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8**.

Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

Perform database operations to restore the database contents as required.



Name ↑	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	✓ Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-Copy	Powered Off	✓ Normal

FIGURE 175. VM Oracle19c-OL8-Copy

When the database restore operation is completed, the VM copy **Oracle19c-OL8-Copy** can be shut down and unregistered from VM. The datastore copy **OraSC2-Copy** can be then unmounted using the web client. Using the Pure Storage GUI, the storage LUN **OraSC2-Copy** can then be deleted.

Similar steps can be followed in the case of Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN**, bringing up a copy of the VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-Copy**.

The steps above for performing storage-based snapshots and cloning of Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** can be used for Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs as well. These can be found in the **Oracle Backup of RAC** section in [Virtualizing Oracle Workloads with VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes on VMware Hybrid Cloud guide](#).

Similar steps for performing storage-based backup/restore of Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** on a VMFS datastore can be found in [Cloning an Oracle Database on VMware VMFS guide](#).

On-premises Using vSphere Virtual Volumes Storage

As mentioned, storage-based snapshots and clones of a VMFS datastore are at a storage LUN level, so the granularity of operation is also at the storage LUN level.

In case of vVOLS datastores, granularity of operation can occur at a VM or VMDK level using vSphere Virtual Volumes

- A traditional VM-level snapshot using the web client
- A VMDK-level snapshot using the Pure Storage Plugin

Details for use of vSphere Virtual Volumes and Pure Storage Plugin with Oracle VM backup and restores can be found in the [Virtualizing Oracle Workloads with VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes on VMware Hybrid Cloud guide](#).

VMware Clouds

Native storage-based snapshot and cloning capability is not available on most VMware clouds as most VMware clouds are managed services and do not provide direct access to the storage layer.

To enable additional storage capacity in VMware Cloud on AWS, the ability to attach external NFS cloud-managed storage to a VMware Cloud SDDC through a managed service provider is offered as well (e.g., Faction Cloud Control Volumes). Learn more about [Faction Managed VMware Cloud](#).

This solution architecture does not focus on third-party provided storage solutions.

Oracle Disaster Recovery

This section validates Oracle disaster recovery using Oracle application-based tools, VMware-based tools and storage-based tools for Oracle single-instance and Oracle RAC using Pure x50 Storage.

On-premises and VMware clouds may have different choices of storage offerings but the type of underlying storage (VMFS, RDM, iSCSI, NFS, vSAN, vSphere Virtual Volumes) is transparent to the Oracle layer, whether its on-premises or on VMware clouds.

Once VM disks are carved from any of these storage technologies and added to a VM, the guest operating system sees them as a regular Linux block device (/dev/sdX). The remaining steps to create ASM disks or filesystems are the same as those one would employ on physical architecture.

Application-Level Disaster Recovery

Oracle Data Guard is an Oracle Database tool that provides a comprehensive set of services that create, maintain, manage, and monitor one or more standby databases, enabling production Oracle databases to survive disasters and data corruptions.

Other Oracle Database DR tools include Oracle GoldenGate. Other third-party DR tools are also available.

All of these Oracle utilities operate at an Oracle application level and are therefore completely transparent to the underlying physical infrastructure.

On-premises

This use case focusses at a high level on the use of Oracle Data Guard to provide disaster recovery to the single-instance primary VM **Oracle19c-OL8** on Site A, using the physical standby VM **Oracle19c-OL8-DG** on Site B.

Two VMs are employed for this use case:

- Primary Database VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Primary** with IP address 172.16.14.50 on Site A
- Physical standby Database VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** with IP address 172.16.14.51 on Site B

Setup of Oracle Data Guard and Oracle GoldenGate is beyond the scope of this paper. Learn more about [Oracle Data Guard](#).

The primary and standby database status is as shown below. There is no archive log gap on the standby database.

Primary Oracle Database VM Oracle19c-OL8-Primary	Standby Oracle Database VM Oracle19c-OL8-Standby
<pre>SQL> SELECT sequence#, first_time, next_time, applied FROM v\$archived_log ORDER BY sequence#; SEQUENCE# FIRST_TIM NEXT_TIME APPLIED ----- 10 28-JUL-21 29-JUL-21 NO 11 29-JUL-21 29-JUL-21 NO 12 29-JUL-21 31-JUL-21 NO 13 31-JUL-21 31-JUL-21 NO 14 31-JUL-21 01-AUG-21 NO 15 01-AUG-21 02-AUG-21 NO 16 02-AUG-21 02-AUG-21 NO 17 02-AUG-21 03-AUG-21 NO 18 03-AUG-21 03-AUG-21 NO 19 03-AUG-21 03-AUG-21 NO 20 03-AUG-21 03-AUG-21 NO 20 03-AUG-21 03-AUG-21 YES 21 03-AUG-21 03-AUG-21 NO ... 48 04-AUG-21 04-AUG-21 NO 48 04-AUG-21 04-AUG-21 YES 49 04-AUG-21 04-AUG-21 YES 49 04-AUG-21 04-AUG-21 NO 70 rows selected. SQL></pre>	<pre>SQL> SELECT ARCH.THREAD# "Thread", ARCH.SEQUENCE# "Last Sequence Received", APPL.SEQUENCE# "Last Sequence Applied", ARCH.SEQUENCE# - APPL.SEQUENCE# "Difference" FROM (SELECT THREAD#,SEQUENCE# FROM V\$ARCHIVED_LOG WHERE (THREAD#,FIRST_TIME) IN (SELECT THREAD#,MAX(FIRST_TIME) FROM V\$ARCHIVED_LOG GROUP BY THREAD#)) ARCH, (SELECT THREAD#,SEQUENCE# FROM V\$LOG_HISTORY WHERE (THREAD#,FIRST_TIME) IN (SELECT THREAD#,MAX(FIRST_TIME) FROM V\$LOG_HISTORY GROUP BY THREAD#)) APPL WHERE ARCH.THREAD# = APPL.THREAD# ORDER BY 1; Thread Last Sequence Received Last Sequence Applied Difference ----- 1 49 49 0 SQL> SQL> SELECT * FROM V\$ARCHIVE_GAP; no rows selected SQL></pre>

FIGURE 176. Primary and Standby Oracle Database Status

The standby Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** alert log for the database **ora19c** shows no errors and shows the redo log application if and when it is generated on the primary database.

```

ARC6 started with pid=50, OS id=3599
Starting background process ARC7
2021-08-04T12:37:59.207328-07:00
ARC7 started with pid=37, OS id=3603
Starting background process ARC8
2021-08-04T12:37:59.219953-07:00
ARC8 started with pid=51, OS id=3607
Starting background process ARC9
2021-08-04T12:37:59.233571-07:00
ARC9 started with pid=53, OS id=3610
2021-08-04T12:37:59.233589-07:00
FMON (PID:3546): ARC1: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC2: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC3: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC4: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC5: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC6: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC7: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC8: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): ARC9: Archival started
FMON (PID:3546): STARTING ARCH PROCESSES COMPLETE
2021-08-04T12:38:03.477307-07:00
rfs (PID:3628): krsr_rfs_atc: Identified database type as 'PHYSICAL STANDBY': Client is Foreground (PID:3584)
2021-08-04T12:38:03.477329-07:00
rfs (PID:3631): krsr_rfs_atc: Identified database type as 'PHYSICAL STANDBY': Client is ASYNC (PID:3632)
rfs (PID:3631): Primary database is in MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE mode
2021-08-04T12:38:03.540775-07:00
rfs (PID:3631): Selected LNO:5 for T-1.S-50 dbid 1132297011 branch 1079108979
2021-08-04T12:38:03.629148-07:00
rfs (PID:3634): krsr_rfs_atc: Identified database type as 'PHYSICAL STANDBY': Client is FAL (PID:3599)
2021-08-04T12:38:03.691470-07:00
rfs (PID:3634): Selected LNO:6 for T-1.S-49 dbid 1132297011 branch 1079108979
2021-08-04T12:38:03.790533-07:00
ARCO (PID:3572): Archived Log entry 32 added for T-1.S-49 ID 0x437cbe33 LAD:1
2021-08-04T12:38:06.387418-07:00
alter database recover managed standby database disconnect from session nodelay
2021-08-04T12:38:06.396206-07:00
Attempt to start background Managed Standby Recovery process (ora19csb)
Starting background process MRP0
2021-08-04T12:38:06.409855-07:00
MRP0 started with pid=57, OS id=3643
2021-08-04T12:38:06.411115-07:00
Background Managed Standby Recovery process started (ora19csb)
2021-08-04T12:38:11.432045-07:00
Started logmerger process
2021-08-04T12:38:11.445963-07:00
PROO (PID:3646): Managed Standby Recovery starting Real Time Apply
max_pdb is 3
2021-08-04T12:38:11.640630-07:00
Parallel Media Recovery started with 8 slaves
2021-08-04T12:38:11.683899-07:00
Stopping change tracking
2021-08-04T12:38:11.746157-07:00
PROO (PID:3646): Media Recovery Log +DATA_DG/ORA19CSB/ARCHIVELOG/2021_08_04/thread_1_seq_49.318.1079699883
PROO (PID:3646): Media Recovery Waiting for T-1.S-50 (in transit)
2021-08-04T12:38:11.881635-07:00
Recovery of Online Redo Log: Thread 1 Group 5 Seq 50 Reading mem 0
  Mem# 0: +DATA_DG/ORA19CSB/standby_group05_redo01.log
  Mem# 1: +DATA_DG/ORA19CSB/standby_group05_redo02.log
2021-08-04T12:38:12.416178-07:00
Completed: alter database recover managed standby database disconnect from session nodelay
2021-08-04T12:38:46:39.424144-07:00

```

FIGURE 177. Alert log for Standby Oracle Database

The steps for setting up Oracle Data Guard for an Oracle RAC cluster **prac19c** are similar to a single instance with certain subtleties. More information can be found in the [Oracle Data Guard and Oracle Real Application Clusters guide](#).

Oracle Data Guard role transitions switchover and failover are the same when applied to physical architecture. Learn more about [role transitions](#).

Using VMware Site Recovery Manager Workflow for Oracle Data Guard Role Transition

Oracle Data Guard facilitates the redo transport in a physical Data Guard setup. A database operates in one of the following mutually exclusive roles: primary or standby.

Oracle Data Guard enables you to change these roles dynamically by using SQL statements, or by using either of the Oracle Data Guard broker’s interfaces.

Oracle Data Guard supports the following role transitions:

- **Switchover** – Allows the primary database to switch roles with one of its standby databases. There is no data loss during a switchover. After a switchover, each database continues to participate in the Oracle Data Guard configuration with its new role.
- **Failover** – Changes a standby database to the primary role in response to a primary database failure. If the primary database was not operating in either maximum protection mode or maximum availability mode before the failure, some data loss may occur. If Flashback database is enabled on the primary database, it can be reinstated as a standby for the new primary database once the reason for the failure is corrected.

Learn more about [role transitions](#).

VMware Site Recovery Manager is a business continuity and disaster recovery solution that helps you plan, test, and run the recovery of virtual machines between a protected vCenter Server site and a recovery vCenter Server site.

A use case could be to combine the workflow capability of VMware Site Recovery Manager to assist with the role transitioning of Oracle Data Guard environments in case of testing a DR scenario or in event of an actual DR.

For example, as part of configuring the recovery plan **SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP**

- One could configure the recovery of a control VM **Oracle19c-Control-VM**
- Control VM **Oracle19c-Control-VM** can have a power-on step with a shell script embedded which is executed once the control VM **Oracle19c-Control-VM** is fully powered up
- The post power-on shell script can run a command on the local control VM or any VM it can ssh to, for example, run a shell script residing locally on standby VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** to perform the database role transition to failover to a standby database.

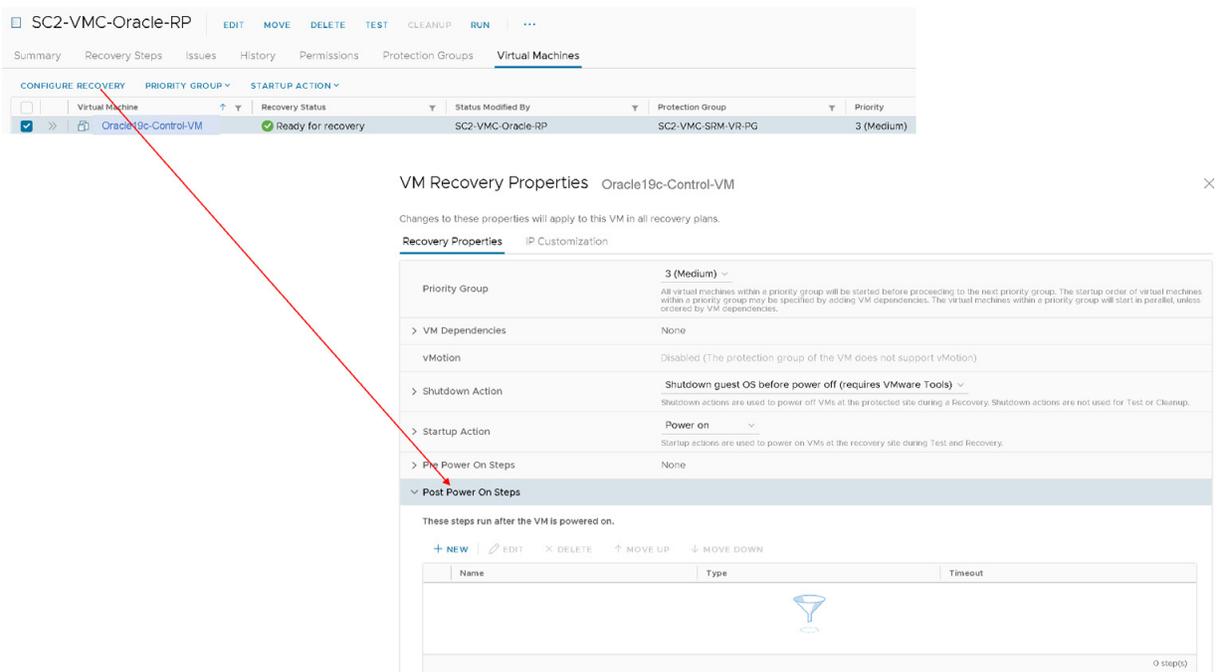


FIGURE 178. Recovery Plan with Post Power-On Configuration

The steps to add the post power-on step to VM **Oracle19c-Control-VM** is as shown below.

The post power-on step contains a call out to a shell script, residing locally on standby VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby**. This shell script could then perform the database role transition to failover to a standby database.

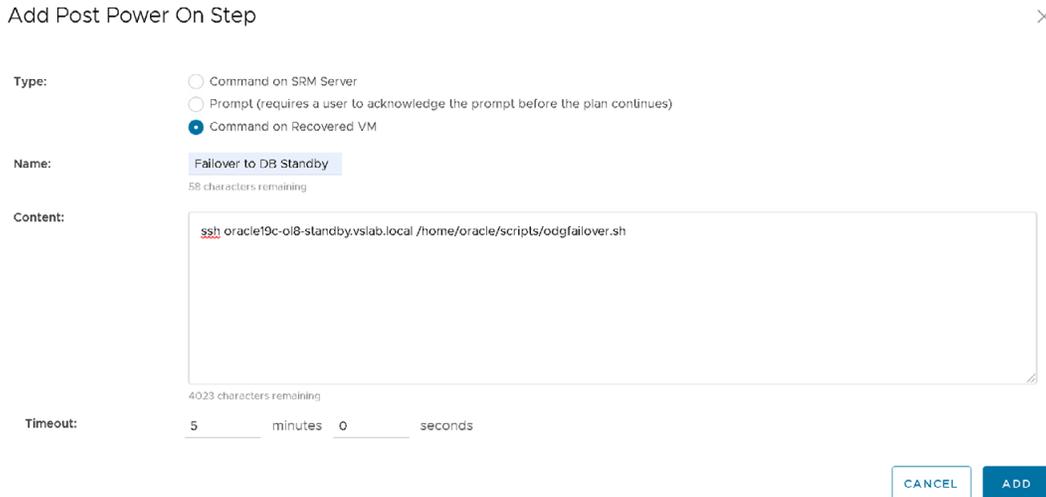


FIGURE 179. Post Power-On Step with Embedded Shell Script

For example, the invocation command could be `ssh oracle19c-ol8-standby.vslab.local /home/oracle/scripts/odgfailover.sh`.

Example of a shell script that could be invoked to perform database role transition to failover to a standby database is as shown below:

```

~ # cat odgfailover.sh

#!/bin/sh
#####
# Author : Sudhir Balasubramanian, VMware
# file name : odgfailover.sh
# location : /home/oracle/scripts
# called from : Application VM on Site B
#####
echo "Job `basename $0` : started at `date`"
#
# Set up standard ORACLE environment variables
ORACLE_HOSTNAME=oracle19c-ol8-primary.vslab.local; export ORACLE_HOSTNAME
ORACLE_UNQNAME=ora19csb; export ORACLE_UNQNAME
export ORACLE_BASE=/u01/app/oracle
export GRID_HOME=/u01/app/19.0.0/grid
DB_HOME=${ORACLE_BASE}/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1;export DB_HOME
export ORACLE_HOME=${DB_HOME}
export ORACLE_SID=ora19csb
PATH=${ORACLE_HOME}/bin:${ORACLE_HOME}/OPatch:${GRID_HOME}/bin:${ORACLE_HOME}/jdk/bin:${BASE_PATH}/admin/GGate/GG; export PATH
PATH=${ORACLE_HOME}/perl/bin/;$PATH ; export PATH
export TNS_ADMIN=${ORACLE_HOME}/network/admin
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${ORACLE_HOME}/lib:/lib:/usr/lib:/usr/include; export LD_LIBRARY_PATH
#
#
# Failover to Standby
${ORACLE_HOME}/bin/sqlplus /nolog <<EOFarch1

connect / as sysdba

ALTER DATABASE RECOVER MANAGED STANDBY DATABASE CANCEL;

SELECT name,open_mode,database_role FROM V$DATABASE;

ALTER DATABASE ACTIVATE PHYSICAL STANDBY DATABASE;

ALTER DATABASE OPEN;

exit
EOFarch1

echo "Job `basename $0` : ended at `date`"
##### end of script
~ #
    
```

FIGURE 180. Example of a Post Power-On Shell Script

More details on post power-on steps are shown below:

VM Recovery Properties · Oracle19c-Control-VM ✕

Changes to these properties will apply to this VM in all recovery plans.

Recovery Properties | IP Customization

Priority Group	3 (Medium) ▼ <small>All virtual machines within a priority group will be started before proceeding to the next priority group. The startup order of virtual machines within a priority group may be specified by adding VM dependencies. The virtual machines within a priority group will start in parallel, unless ordered by VM dependencies.</small>
> VM Dependencies	None
vMotion	Disabled (The protection group of the VM does not support vMotion)
> Shutdown Action	Shutdown guest OS before power off (requires VMware Tools) ▼ <small>Shutdown actions are used to power off VMs at the protected site during a Recovery. Shutdown actions are not used for Test or Cleanup.</small>
> Startup Action	Power on ▼ <small>Startup actions are used to power on VMs at the recovery site during Test and Recovery.</small>
> Pre Power On Steps	None
▼ Post Power On Steps	

These steps run after the VM is powered on.

+ NEW
✎ EDIT
✕ DELETE
↑ MOVE UP
↓ MOVE DOWN

	Name	Type	Timeout
•	Failover to DB Standby	Run on Recovered VM	5 min 0 sec
1 step(s)			

CANCEL
OK

FIGURE 181. Post Power-On Process Configuration Details

The above use case is appropriate in the event there are a number of standby databases with role transitions to manage. One could combine the workflow capability of VMware Site Recovery Manager to assist with role transitioning of Oracle Data Guard environments in a testing DR scenario or in event of an actual DR.

The above use case is relevant for both on-premises and VMware clouds.

VMware Clouds

The above use case employing Oracle Data Guard to provide disaster recovery to the single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Primary** using the standby VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** is accomplished with the same steps across all VMware clouds and on-premises environments.

On VMware Cloud on AWS, one could use two SDDC clusters deployed on two different availability zones (AZ), setting up the single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Primary** on AZ1 and standby VM **Oracle19c-OL8-Standby** on AZ2, thereby providing Oracle Data Guard services between the two AZs.

vSphere Level Disaster Recovery

VMware Site Recovery Manager with VMware vSphere Replication can provide disaster recovery to Oracle VMs from on-premises Site A to Site B **OR** from on-premises Site A or Site B to any VMware Cloud.

In a typical Site Recovery Manager installation, the protected site provides business-critical datacenter services. The recovery site is an alternative infrastructure to which Site Recovery Manager can migrate these services.

vSphere Replication replicates at the VM level. This process occurs independently of the storage layer as mentioned earlier, whether the VMDK resides on a NFS, VMFS, vSAN or a vVOL datastore.

As mentioned earlier, **Write-order fidelity is guaranteed with vSphere Replication on the disks or VMDKs that comprise a VM.** However, consistency cannot be guaranteed across multiple VMs. vSphere Replication supports replicating VMs on local, attached, Virtual SAN, FC, iSCSI, or NFS storage. vSphere Replication cannot replicate VMs that are part of an MSCS cluster. vSphere Replication cannot replicate disks in multi-writer mode.

More information regarding VMware Site Recovery Manager and VMware vSphere Replication can be found in [VMware Site Recovery Manager Installation and Configuration](#) and [VMware vSphere Replication](#).

On-premises

This use case focusses on the utilization of VMware Site Recovery Manager with VMware vSphere Replication to provide disaster recovery to Oracle single-instance VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** across on-premises sites A and B.

The steps to configure vSphere Replication for Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** are as shown below. These steps are the same for Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN**.

This use cases provisions the Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** on a VMFS datastore and holds true for NFS, VMFS, vSAN or vVOL datastores. vSphere Replication operates at a VMDK level completely independent from the underlying datastore storage characteristics.

Oracle RAC uses the multi-writer attribute to share VMDKs as part of the RAC cluster. The multi-writer attribute is documented in [KB 1034165](#). Currently, vSphere Replication 8.4 cannot replicate VMs that share VMDK files. This limitation is referenced in [VMware vSphere Replication 8.4 Release Notes](#).

Test Recovery Plan

The recovery plan can be tested before being used for planned migration or for disaster recovery. Testing a recovery plan will ensure the primary VM on the protected site is still replicating with the replica VM disk files on the recovery site. The vSphere Replication server creates redo logs on the VM disk files on the recovery site, so that synchronization can continue normally. During a recovery plan test, there is no impact or disruption to the protected VMs, replication or RPO.

The VMs on the recovery site are run on a test network and on a temporary snapshot of replicated data at the recovery site. No operations are disrupted at the protected site. A snapshot is created on the recovery site of all the disk files of the VMs in the recovery plan.

When running a recovery plan test, recent changes can be replicated to simulate a planned migration, or not replicated to simulate a disaster.

Steps to test the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the configuration for the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP**. The plan status is **Ready**. The description states: "This plan is ready for test or recovery".

The recovery steps are:

1. Synchronize storage
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site
4. Create writable storage snapshot
5. Configure test networks
6. Power on priority 1 VMs
7. Power on priority 2 VMs
8. Power on priority 3 VMs
9. Power on priority 4 VMs
10. Power on priority 5 VMs

The **Confirmation options** dialog is shown, indicating the plan is **Ready to complete**. The **Test confirmation** section includes a warning: "Running this plan in test mode will recover the virtual machines in a test environment on the recovery site." The configuration details are:

- Protected site: Primary_Site
- Recovery site: DR_Site
- Server connection: Connected
- Number of VMs: 2

The **Storage options** section includes a checkbox for **Replicate recent changes to recovery site**, which is checked. A table below summarizes the configuration:

Name	Value
Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	2
Storage synchronization	Replicate recent changes to recovery site

FIGURE 182. Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

The test of the recovery plan completes successfully.

The screenshot shows the completion of the test for the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP**. The plan status is **Test complete**. The description states: "The virtual machines have been recovered in a test environment at the recovery site. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings."

The recovery steps and their completion status are:

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Synchronize storage	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:56 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:56 AM
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:56 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:56 AM
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:56 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:56 AM
4. Create writable storage snapshot	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:53:57 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM
5. Configure test networks	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:02 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM
6. Power on priority 1 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:02 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM
7. Power on priority 2 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:02 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM
8. Power on priority 3 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:57:25 AM
9. Power on priority 4 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:57:25 AM
10. Power on priority 5 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:54:04 AM	Monday, June 28, 2021 10:57:25 AM

FIGURE 183. Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP Completion

VMs on Protected Site A are still powered on.

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	✓ Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On	✓ Normal

FIGURE 184. Test Recovery Plan VM Details

Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** on Recovery Site B are powered on with the IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to test network **APPS-1810**.

Oracle19c-OL8

Guest OS: Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit)
 Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17)
 VMware Tools: Running, version:11296 (Guest Managed)

DNS Name: oracle19c-ol8.corp.localdomain
 IP Address: 172.18.10.46
 Host: az2esx23.vslab.local

VM Hardware

- CPU: 12 CPU(s)
- Memory: 128 GB, 128 GB memory active
- Hard disk 1: 80 GB
- Total hard disks: 5 hard disks
- Network adapter 1: APPS-1810 (connected)
- CD/DVD drive 1: Disconnected
- Video card: 8 MB
- VMCI device: Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
- Other: Additional Hardware
- Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17)

Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN

Guest OS: Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit)
 Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17)
 VMware Tools: Running, version:11296 (Guest Managed)

DNS Name: oracle19c-ol8-rman.corp.localdomain
 IP Address: 172.18.10.46
 Host: az2esx22.vslab.local

VM Hardware

- CPU: 8 CPU(s)
- Memory: 96 GB, 0.96 GB memory active
- Hard disk 1: 80 GB
- Total hard disks: 5 hard disks
- Network adapter 1: APPS-1810 (connected)
- CD/DVD drive 1: Disconnected
- Video card: 4 MB
- VMCI device: Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
- Other: Additional Hardware
- Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17)

FIGURE 185. Test Recovery Plan VM Networking Details

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up.

```
[root@oracle19c-ol8 ~]# ifconfig -a
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.18.10.45 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.18.10.255
    ether 00:19:05:80:70:e7 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 12995 bytes 1300303 (1.2 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 12 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 12468 bytes 972588 (949.7 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 306 bytes 42177 (41.1 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 306 bytes 42177 (41.1 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

[root@oracle19c-ol8 ~]#
```

```
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$ sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Tue Jun 29 12:00:07 2021
Version 19.8.0.0.0

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Connected to:
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.8.0.0.0

SQL> select INSTANCE_NAME , STATUS from v$instance;

INSTANCE_NAME      STATUS
-----
vvol19c            OPEN

SQL> exit
Disconnected from Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.8.0.0.0
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$
```

FIGURE 186. VM Oracl19c-OL8 Networking and Database Details

The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

```
ALTER DATABASE OPEN
Ping without log force is disabled:
  instance mounted in exclusive mode.
Buffer Cache Full DB Caching mode changing from FULL CACHING DISABLED to FULL CACHING ENABLED
2021-06-29T11:35:00.600481-07:00
Crash Recovery excluding pdb 2 which was cleanly closed.
2021-06-29T11:35:00.609986-07:00
Beginning crash recovery of 1 threads
parallel recovery started with 11 processes
Thread 1: Recovery starting at checkpoint rba (logseq 408 block 17682), scn 0
2021-06-29T11:35:00.688371-07:00
Started redo scan
2021-06-29T11:35:00.710576-07:00
Completed redo scan
  read 821 KB redo, 61 data blocks need recovery
2021-06-29T11:35:00.715947-07:00
Started redo application at
Thread 1: logseq 408, block 17682, offset 0
2021-06-29T11:35:00.719756-07:00
Recovery of Online Redo Log: Thread 1 Group 6 Seq 408 Reading mem 0
  Mem# 0: +DATA_DG/vvol19c/group06_redo01.log
  Mem# 1: +DATA_DG/vvol19c/group06_redo02.log
2021-06-29T11:35:00.721756-07:00
Completed redo application of 0.03MB
2021-06-29T11:35:00.742118-07:00
Completed crash recovery at
Thread 1: RBA 408.19324.16, nab 19324, scn 0x0000000000424780
  61 data blocks read, 61 data blocks written, 821 redo k-bytes read
Endian type of dictionary set to little
```

FIGURE 187. VM Oracl19c-OL8 Database Alert Log Details

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

As mentioned earlier, **write-order fidelity is guaranteed with vSphere Replication on the disks or VMDKs that comprise a VM.**

At the successful completion of the test recovery, perform the cleanup of the test recovery as shown below. As part of the cleanup after running a test, the vSphere Replication server removes the redo logs from the disks on the recovery site and discards the changes.

The screenshot displays the Oracle Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery console. At the top, the plan name is **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP**. The **Recovery Steps** section shows a list of steps with their status. A red arrow points from the **CLEANUP** button to the **Cleanup - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** dialog box. This dialog box has two main options: **1 Confirmation options** and **2 Ready to complete**. A second red arrow points from the **Ready to complete** option to a separate **Confirmation options** panel. This panel contains a warning icon and the text: "Running a cleanup operation on this plan will remove the test environment and reset the plan to the Ready state." Below this, it lists: Protected site: Primary_Site, Recovery site: DR_Site, Server connection: Connected, and Number of VMs: 2. At the bottom of this panel, there is a **Force cleanup** checkbox which is currently unchecked. A third red arrow points from the **Ready to complete** option in the dialog box to a table of cleanup options.

Name	Value
Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	2
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

FIGURE 188. Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

The cleanup of test recovery is successful.

The screenshot shows the Oracle Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery console for plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP**. The **Recovery Steps** tab is active, and the plan status is **Ready**. The description states: "This plan is ready for test or recovery". Below this, a table lists the recovery steps:

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Synchronize storage			
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby			
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site			
4. Create writable storage snapshot			
5. Configure test networks			
6. Power on priority 1 VMs			
7. Power on priority 2 VMs			
8. Power on priority 3 VMs			
9. Power on priority 4 VMs			
10. Power on priority 5 VMs			

FIGURE 189. Steps to Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

VMs on Protected Site A are still powered on. We can see the placeholder VMs on recovery Site B are powered off.

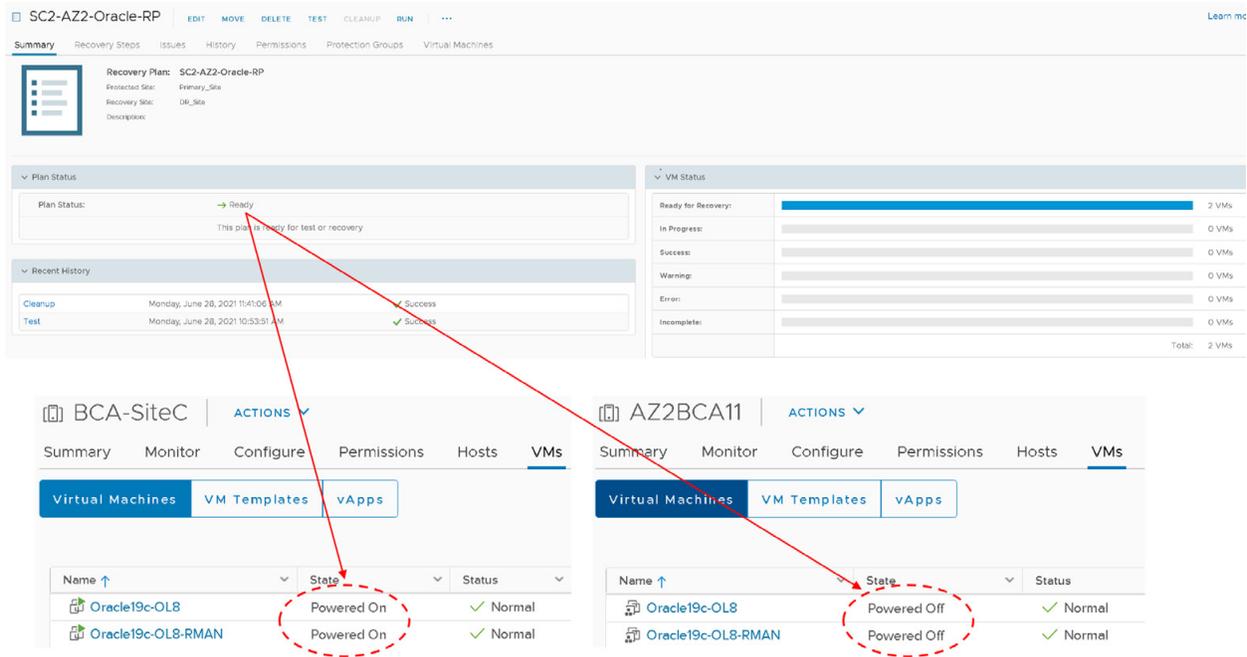


FIGURE 190. Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP Successful

More information regarding testing a recovery plan can be found in the [VMware Site Recovery Manager guide](#).

Run Recovery Plan for Planned Migration

Performing a planned migration or disaster recovery by running a recovery plan will result in VM migration from the protected site to the recovery site. If the protected site suffers an unforeseen event that might result in data loss, the recovery plan can also be run under unplanned circumstances.

Planned migration – During a planned migration, Site Recovery Manager synchronizes the VM data on the recovery site with the VMs on the protected site. Site Recovery Manager attempts to shut down the protected VMs gracefully and performs a final synchronization to prevent data loss, then powers on the VMs on the recovery site. If errors occur during a planned migration, the plan stops so that the errors can be resolved, and the plan rerun.

Steps to run a planned migration of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** are as shown below:

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Plan status: → Ready

Description: This plan is ready for test or recovery

Recovery Step

1. Synchronize storage
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site
4. Create writable storage snapshot
5. Configure test networks
6. Power on priority 1 VMs
7. Power on priority 2 VMs
8. Power on priority 3 VMs
9. Power on priority 4 VMs
10. Power on priority 5 VMs

Confirmation options

Recovery confirmation

Warning: Flushing this plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down the VMs at the protected site and recover the VMs at the recovery site.

Protected site: Primary_Site
 Recovery site: DR_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 2

I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.

Recovery type

Planned migration
Replicates recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. (Sites must be connected and storage replication must be enabled).

Disaster recovery
Attempts to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Ready to complete
 Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	2
Recovery type	Planned migration

FIGURE 191. Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Planned migration of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** completes successfully.

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Plan status: → Recovery in progress (100%)

Description: Recovery in progress

Recovery Step

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started
1. Pre-synchronize storage	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:02:52 PM
2. Shut down VMs at protected site	Running	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:02:52 PM
3. Resume VMs suspended by previous recovery		
4. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:03 PM
5. Restore protected site hosts from standby	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:03 PM
6. Prepare protected site VMs for migration	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:03 PM
7. Synchronize storage	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:12 PM
8. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:12 PM
9. Change recovery site storage to writable	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:12 PM
10. Power on priority 1 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:32 PM
11. Power on priority 2 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:03:32 PM
12. Power on priority 3 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:06:55 PM
13. Power on priority 4 VMs	Success	
14. Power on priority 5 VMs	Success	

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Plan status: → Recovery complete

Description: The recovery has completed. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings. You can now press Reprotect to configure protection in the reverse direction. Note that if you plan to fallback the virtual machines to the original site, you can run the plan in recovery mode to fallback the virtual machines to the original site.

FIGURE 192. Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP in Process

Planned migration of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** is successful. Protected Site A VMs are powered off and Recovery Site B VMs are powered on.

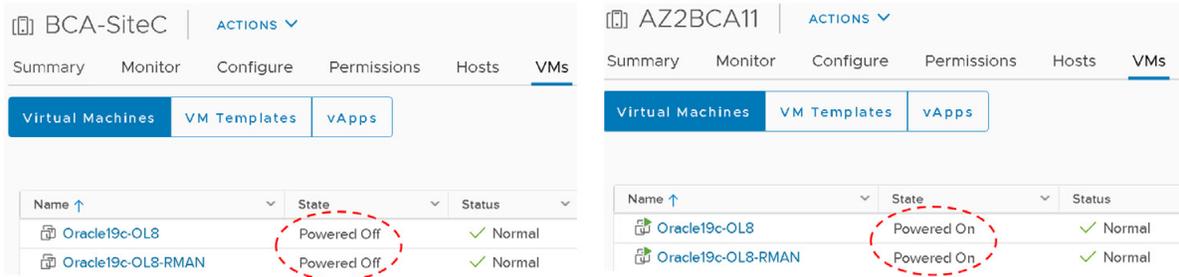


FIGURE 193. Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP VM Status

Recovery Site B Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1810**.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected. The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

As mentioned earlier, **write-order fidelity is guaranteed with vSphere Replication on the disks or VMDKs that comprise a VM.**

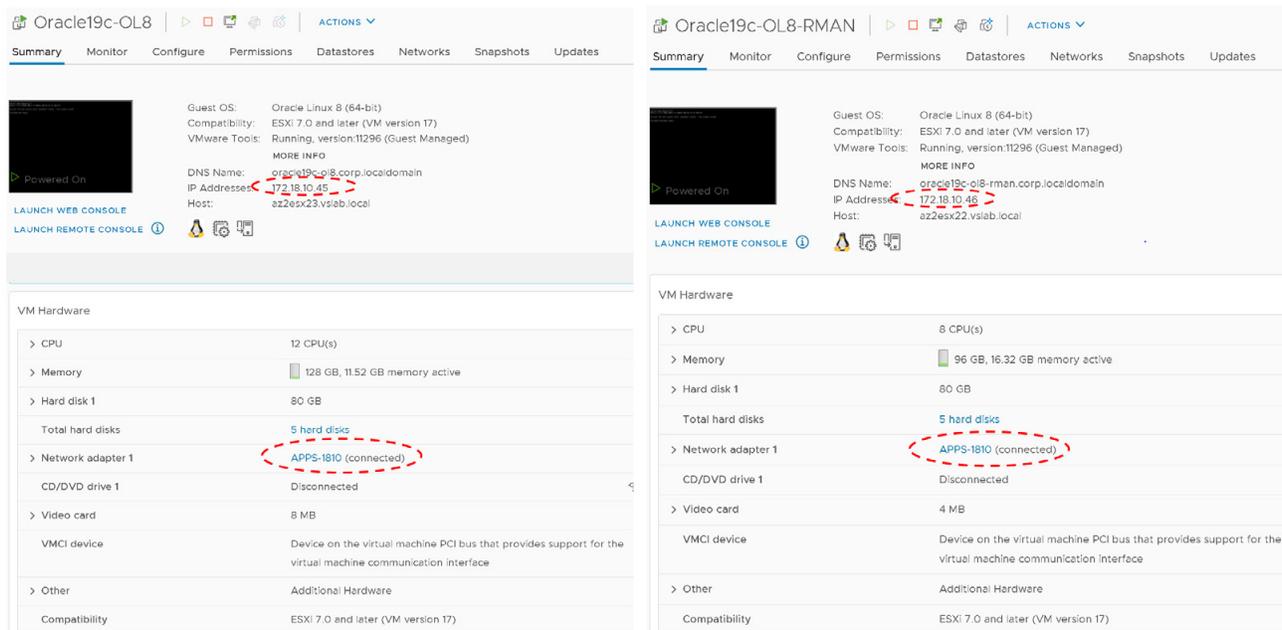


FIGURE 194. After Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP VM Networking

At the successful completion of the planned migration, run **Reprotect** to protect Site B, which is now the new protected site.

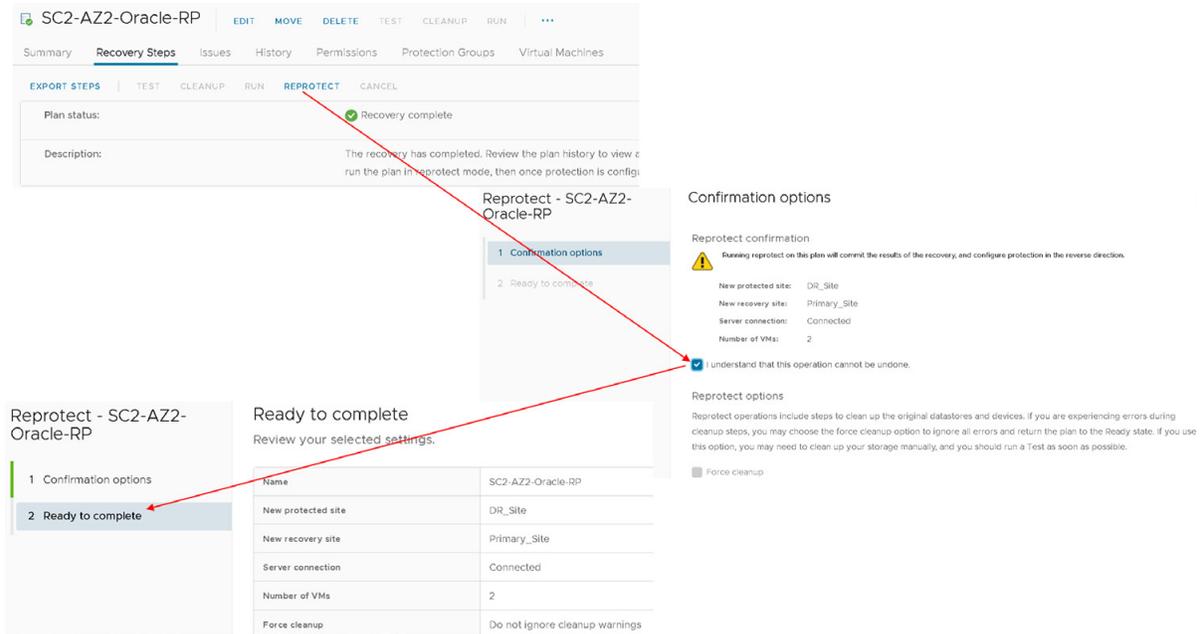


FIGURE 195. Reprotect VMs after Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Reprotection of VMs after planned migration of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** is as shown below:

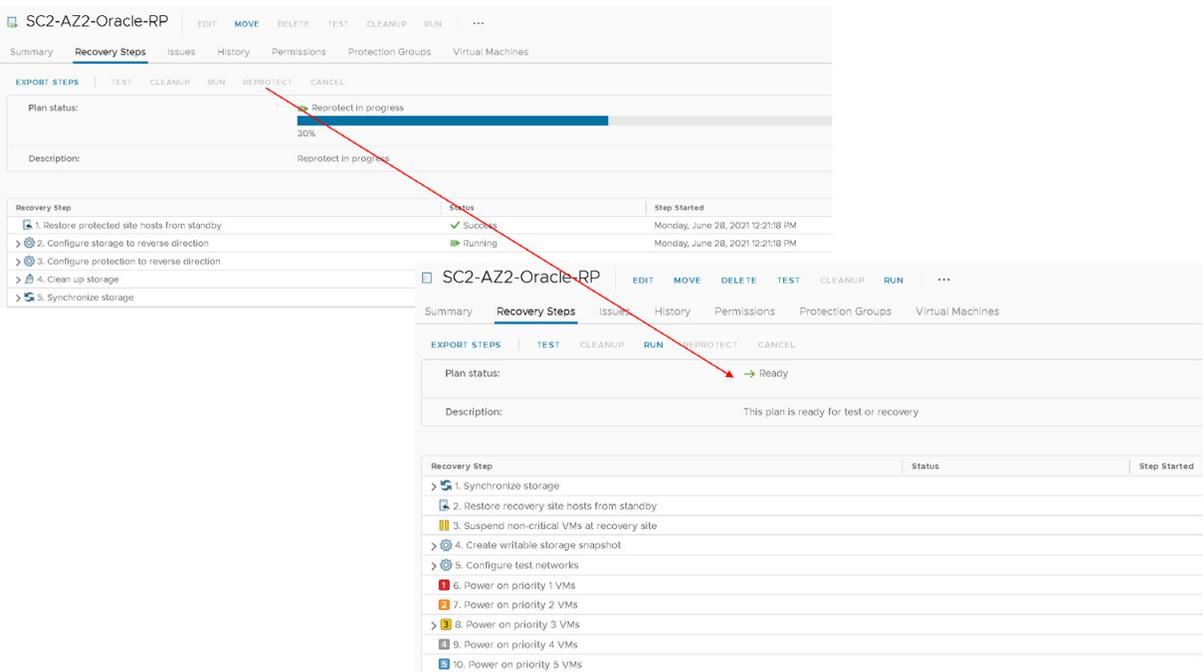


FIGURE 196. Reprotection of VMs after Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP in Progress

The reprotect step to protect the Site B is successful. Now the new protected site is Site B and the DR site is Site A.

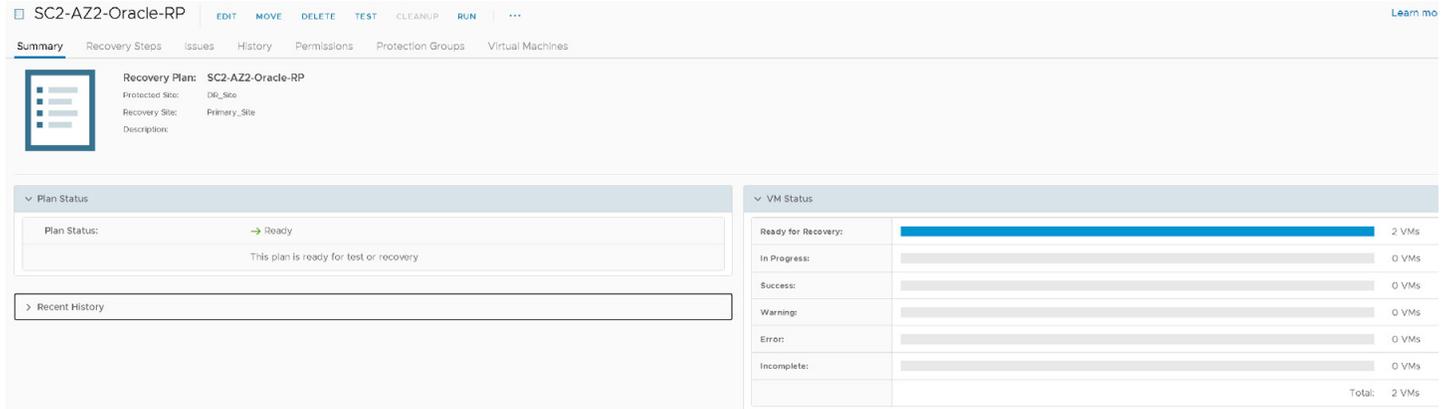


FIGURE 197. Reprotection of VMs after Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP Successful

Run another planned migration to switch the protected site from Site B back to Site A.

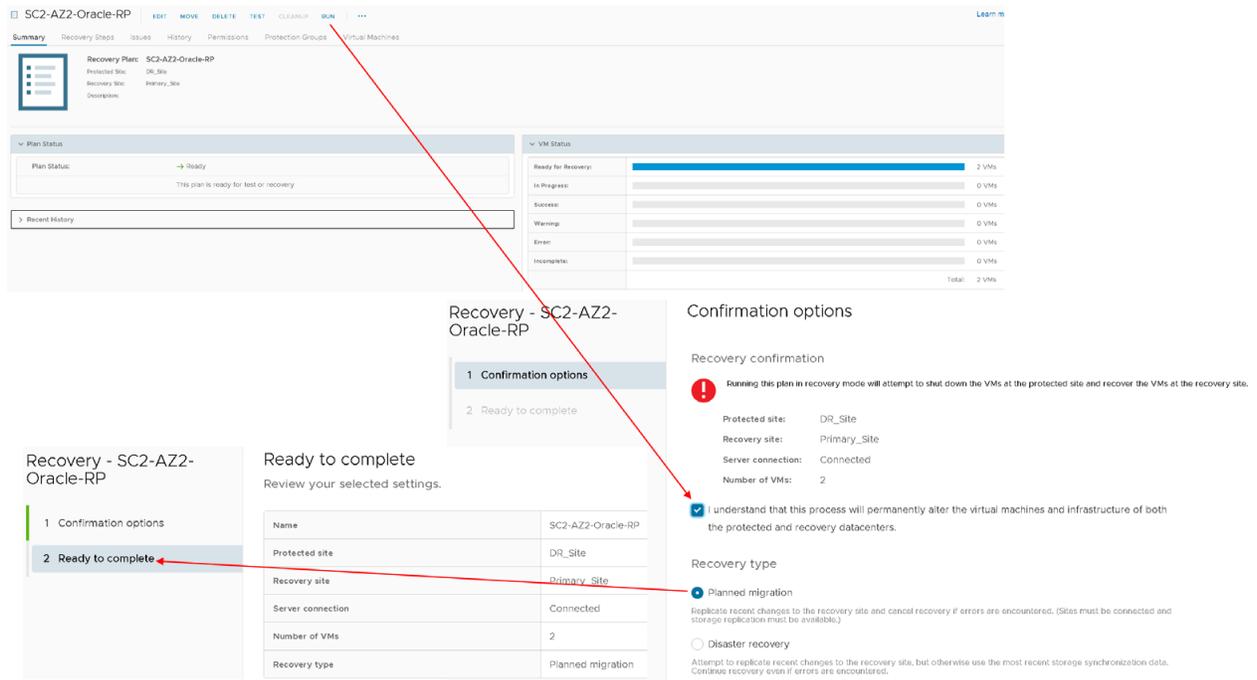


FIGURE 198. Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP from Site B to Site A

The planned migration from Site B to Site A is successful.

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Pre-synchronize storage	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:27:38 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:27:38 PM
2. Shut down VMs at protected site	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:27:38 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM
3. Resume VMs suspended by previous recovery			
4. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM
5. Restore protected site hosts from standby	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM
6. Prepare protected site VMs for migration	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:16 PM
7. Synchronize storage	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:23 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:23 PM
8. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site			
9. Change recovery site storage to writable	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:23 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:45 PM
10. Power on priority 1 VMs			
11. Power on priority 2 VMs			
12. Power on priority 3 VMs	Success	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:29:43 PM	Monday, June 28, 2021 12:33:02 PM
13. Power on priority 4 VMs			
14. Power on priority 5 VMs			

FIGURE 199. Planned Migration of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP from Site B to Site A steps

VMs on Protected Site A vVOL datastore **OraVVOL** are powered back on and we see the VMs on Recovery Site B are powered off.

Recovery Plan: SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP
 Protected Site: DL_Site
 Recovery Site: Primary_Site

Your workloads are not protected. Run reprotect.

Plan Status: Recovery complete

VM Status:

- Ready for Recovery: 0 VMs
- In Progress: 0 VMs
- Success: 2 VMs
- Warning: 0 VMs
- Error: 0 VMs
- Incomplete: 0 VMs
- Total: 2 VMs

BCA-SiteC VMs:

Name	Site	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On	Normal

AZ2BCA11 VMs:

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered Off	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered Off	Normal

FIGURE 200. VM Status after Planned Migration from Site B to Site A

Site A Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to primary network **APPS-1614**.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.16.14.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.16.14.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

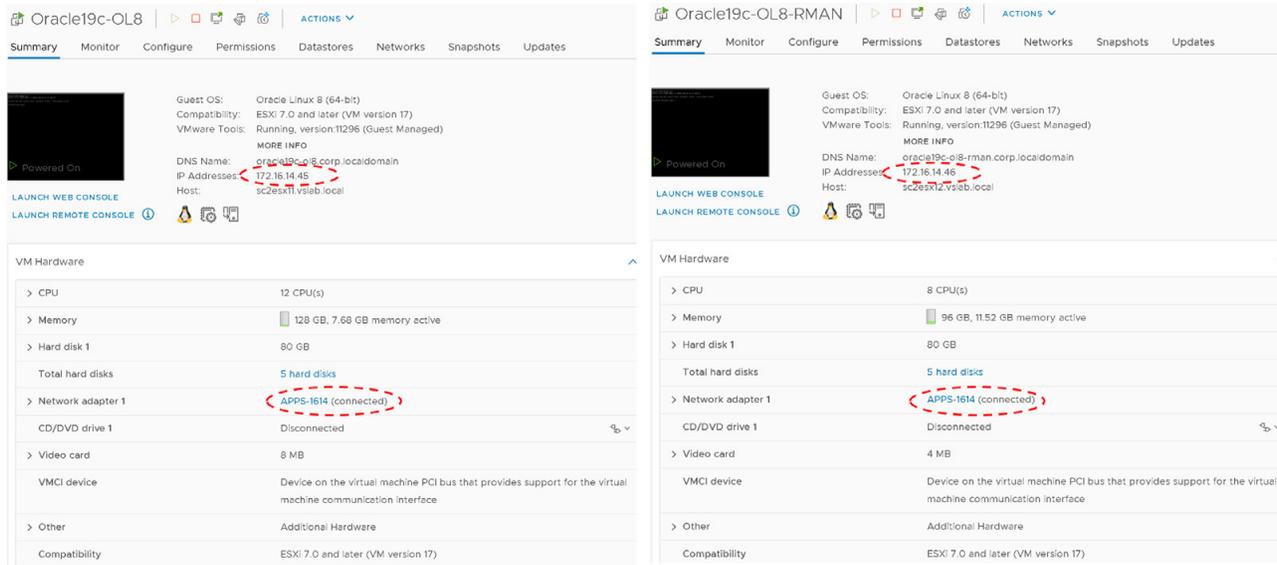


FIGURE 201. VM Networking Details after Planned Migration from Site B to Site A

Run **Reprotect** to protect the VMs on the Protected Site A.

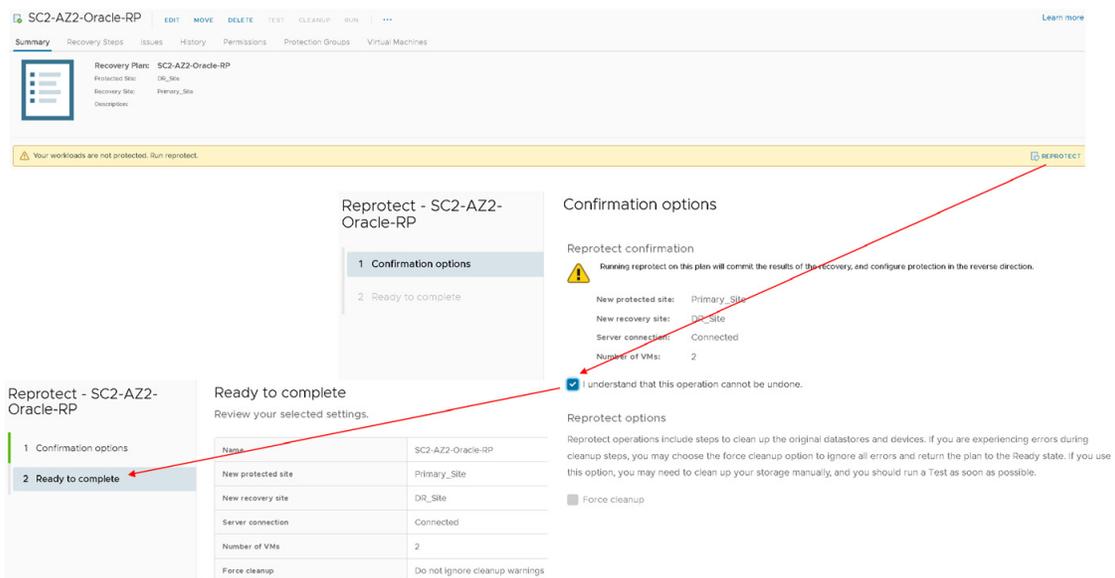


FIGURE 202. Reprotect Site A VMs After Failback

Reprotection of Protected Site A vVOL VMs successful.

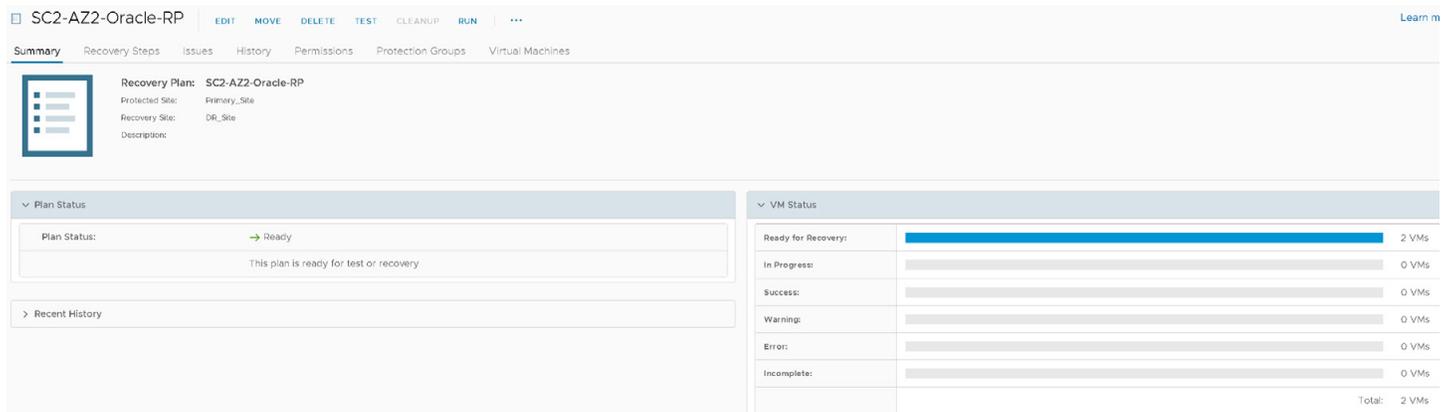


FIGURE 203. Reprotect Site A VMs After Failback Successful

More information regarding running a planned migration can be found in the [VMware Site Recovery Manager guide](#).

Run Recovery Plan for Disaster Recovery

Disaster Recovery – During a disaster recovery, Site Recovery Manager first attempts a storage synchronization. If it succeeds, Site Recovery Manager uses the synchronized storage state to recover VMs on the recovery site to their most recent available state, according to the recovery point objective (RPO) that you set when you configure replication.

When you run a recovery plan to perform a disaster recovery, Site Recovery Manager attempts to shut down the VMs on the protected site. If Site Recovery Manager cannot shut down the VMs, Site Recovery Manager still powers on the copies at the recovery site.

In case the protected site comes back online after disaster recovery, the recovery plan goes into an inconsistent state, where production VMs are running on both sites, known as a split-brain scenario. Site Recovery Manager detects this state, and you can run the plan again to power off the VMs on the protected site. The recovery plan then returns to a consistent state, and you can run reprotect.

If Site Recovery Manager detects that a datastore on the protected site is in all paths down (APD) state and is preventing a VM from shutting down, Site Recovery Manager waits for a period before attempting to shut down the VM again. The APD state is usually transient, so by waiting for a datastore in the APD state to come back online, Site Recovery Manager can gracefully shut down the protected VMs on that datastore.

Steps to run a disaster recovery scenario of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** are as shown below:

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere interface for the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP**. The **Plan Status** section shows the plan is ready for test or recovery. The **VM Status** section indicates that 2 VMs are ready for recovery. The **Confirmation options** section includes a warning that running the plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down VMs at the protected site and recover them at the recovery site. The **Ready to complete** section shows the configuration details for the recovery plan.

Name	Protected site	Recovery site	Server connection	Number of VMs	Recovery type	Forced recovery
SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP	Primary_Site	DR_Site	Connected	2	Disaster recovery	Do not force recovery

FIGURE 204. Disaster Recovery Use Case for Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Disaster recovery of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP** is successful. Protected Site A VMs are powered off and Recovery Site B VMs are powered on.

The screenshot shows the VMware vSphere interface after a successful disaster recovery run. The **Plan Status** section indicates that the recovery is complete. The **VM Status** section shows that 2 VMs are now powered on. The **VMs** section displays the status of the VMs for two sites: **BCA-SiteC** and **AZ2BCA11**.

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered Off	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered Off	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On	Normal

FIGURE 205. VM's Status after Disaster Recovery Run of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

Recovery Site B Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1810**.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database vvol19c is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

As mentioned earlier, **write-order fidelity is guaranteed with vSphere Replication on the disks or VMDKs that comprise a VM.**

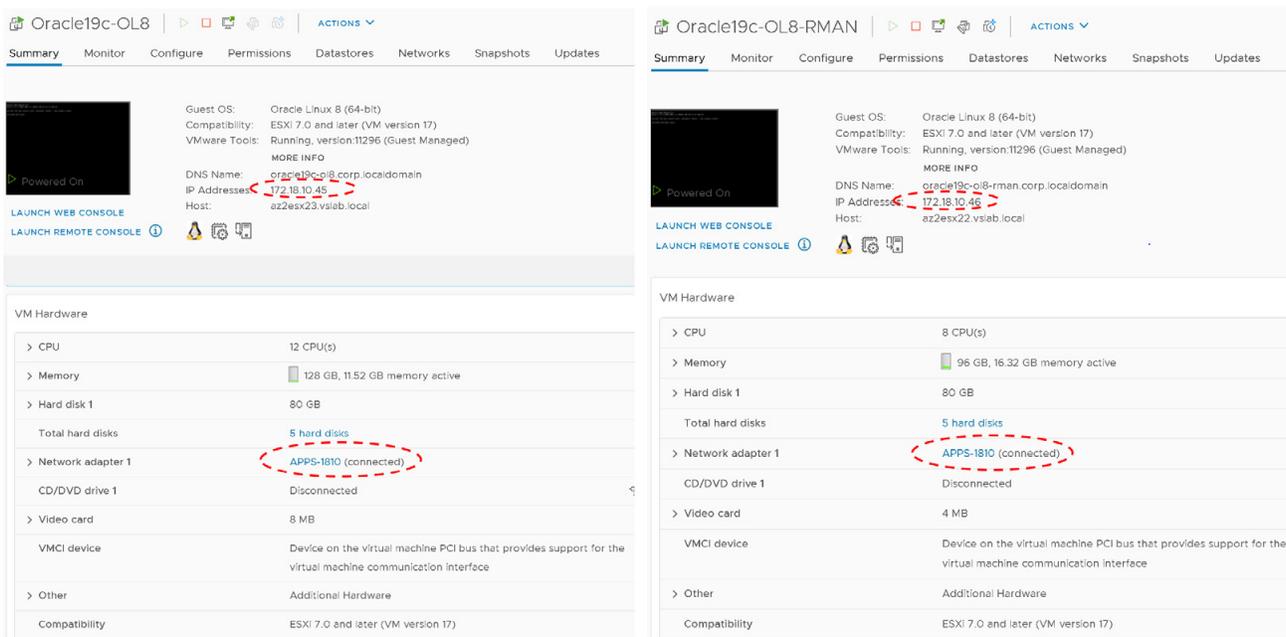


FIGURE 206. VM's Networking Status After Disaster Recovery Run of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

In event of real disaster, Site A may not be available. This use case is a DR exercise, so Site A is available in this instance.

After the successful completion of the disaster recovery exercise and ensuring that Site A is back operationally, run **Reprotect** to protect Site B, which is now the new protected site.

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP
New protected site	DR_Site
New recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	2
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

Confirmation options

Reprotect confirmation

Warning reprotect on this plan will commit the results of the recovery, and configure protection in the reverse direction.

New protected site: DR_Site
 New recovery site: Primary_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 2

I understand that this operation cannot be undone.

Reprotect options

Reprotect operations include steps to clean up the original datastores and devices. If you are experiencing errors during cleanup steps, you may choose the force cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you may need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run a Test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

FIGURE 207. Reprotect Site B VMs

Run a planned migration to switch the protected site from Site B back to Site A.

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP
Protected site	DR_Site
Recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	2
Recovery type	Planned migration

Confirmation options

Recovery confirmation

Warning this plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down the VMs at the protected site and recover the VMs at the recovery site.

Protected site: DR_Site
 Recovery site: Primary_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 2

I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.

Recovery type

Planned migration
 Replicate recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. (Site must be connected and storage replication must be available.)

Disaster recovery
 Attempt to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.

FIGURE 208. Planned Migration from Site B to Site A

Planned migration from Site B to Site A is successful. VMs on Protected Site A are powered back on and we see that VMs on Recovery Site B powered off.

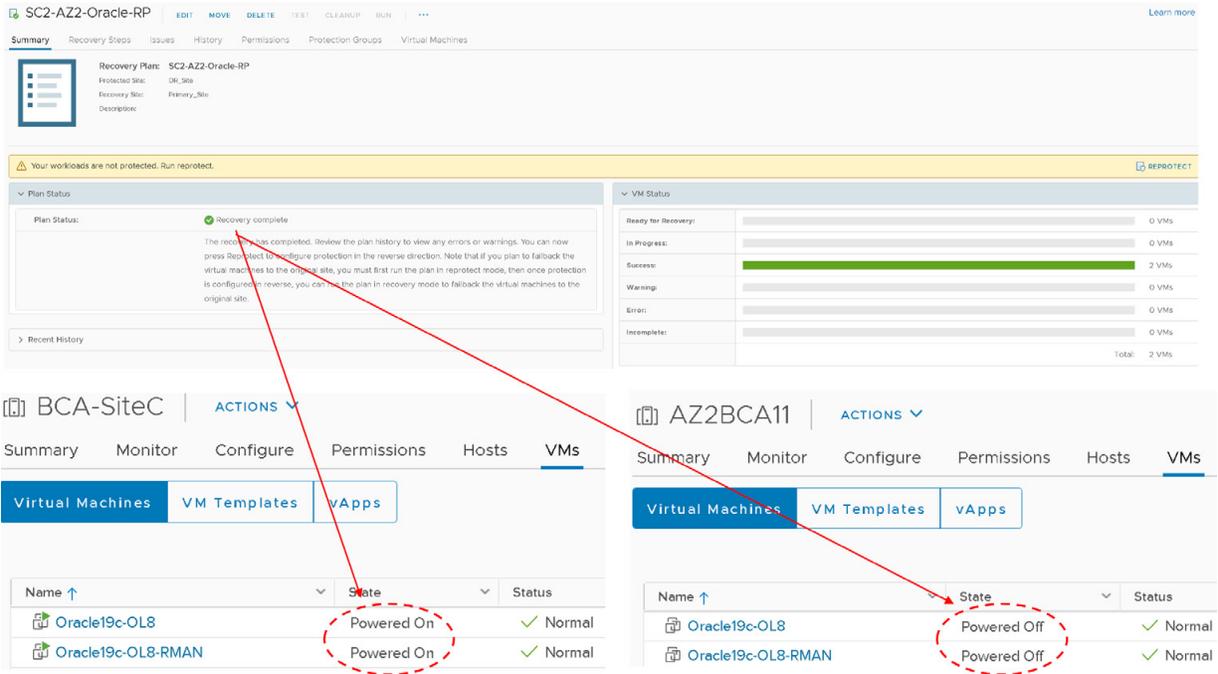


FIGURE 209. Planned Migration from Site B to Site A Successful

Site A Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to primary network **APPS-1614**.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.16.14.45 and the database **vvolf19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.16.14.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

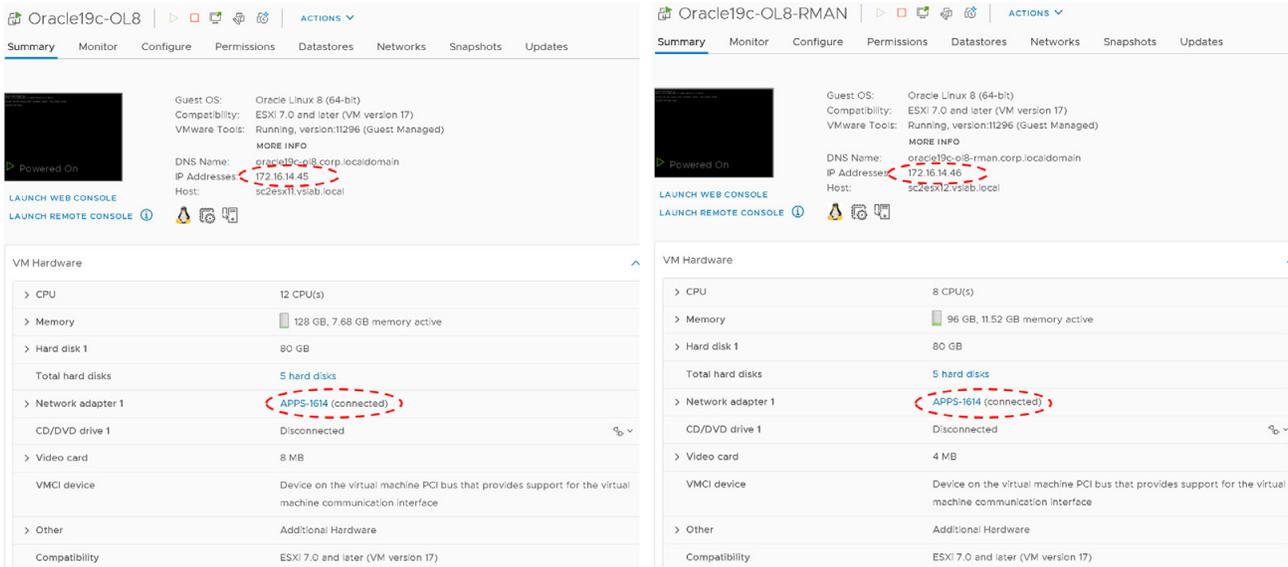


FIGURE 210. VM Networking Status after Planned Migration from Site B to Site A Successful

Run **Reprotect** to reprotect the VMs on the Protected Site A.

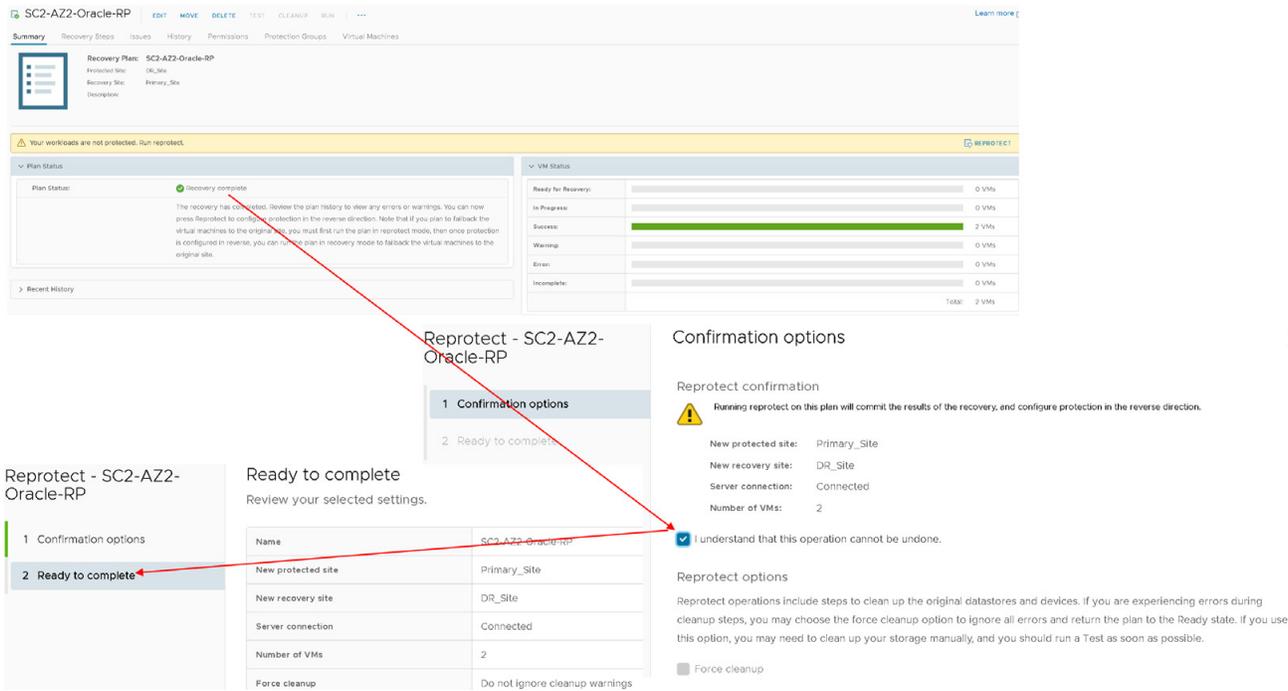


FIGURE 211. Reprotect VM on Site A

Reprotection of Protected Site A VMs is successful.

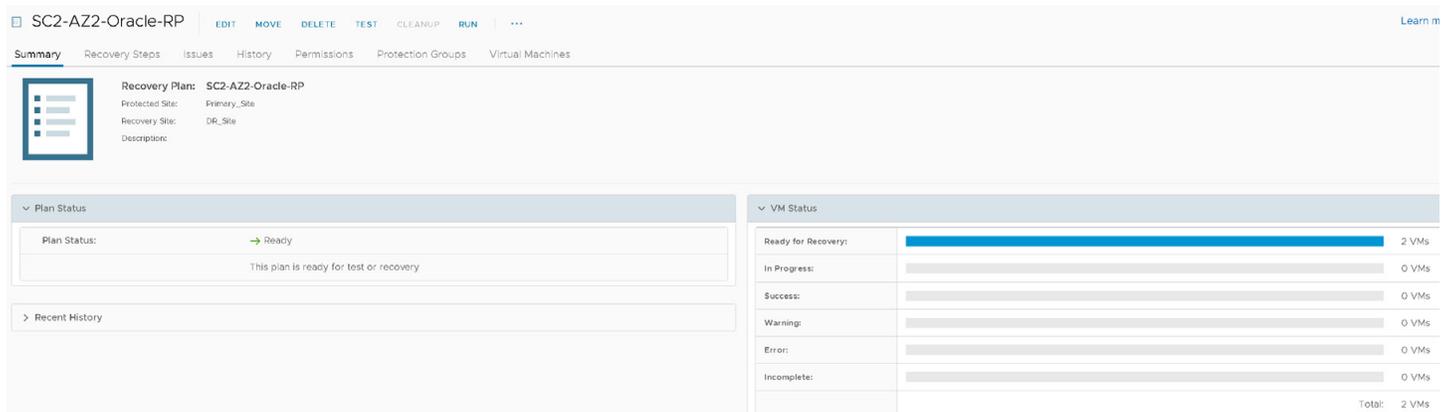


FIGURE 212. Reprotect VM on Site A Successful

More information regarding the disaster recovery steps of a recovery plan can be found in the [VMware Site Recovery Manager guide](#).

VMware Clouds

Site Recovery Manager along with vSphere Replication can be used to provide disaster recovery services from on-premises VMware environment to all other VMware multi-clouds including VMware Cloud on Dell EMC, Google Cloud VMware Engine (GCVE), Azure VMware Solutions (AVS), and Oracle Cloud VMware Solution (OCVS).

VMware site recovery brings VMware enterprise-class SDDC disaster recovery-as-a-service to the AWS Cloud.

This use case focusses on utilizing VMware site recovery to provide disaster recovery to Oracle single-instance VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** from on-premises Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS.

For on-premises, this use case provisions the Oracle VMs Oracle19c-OL8 and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** on a VMFS datastore, and applies as well to NFS, VMFS, vSAN or vVOL datastores. vSphere Replication operates at a VMDK level, completely independent of underlying datastore storage characteristics.

The underlying storage in VMware Cloud on AWS and other VMware Cloud offerings is VMware hyperconverged storage (vSAN).

Test Recovery Plan

Steps to test the recovery plan **SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP** are as shown below:

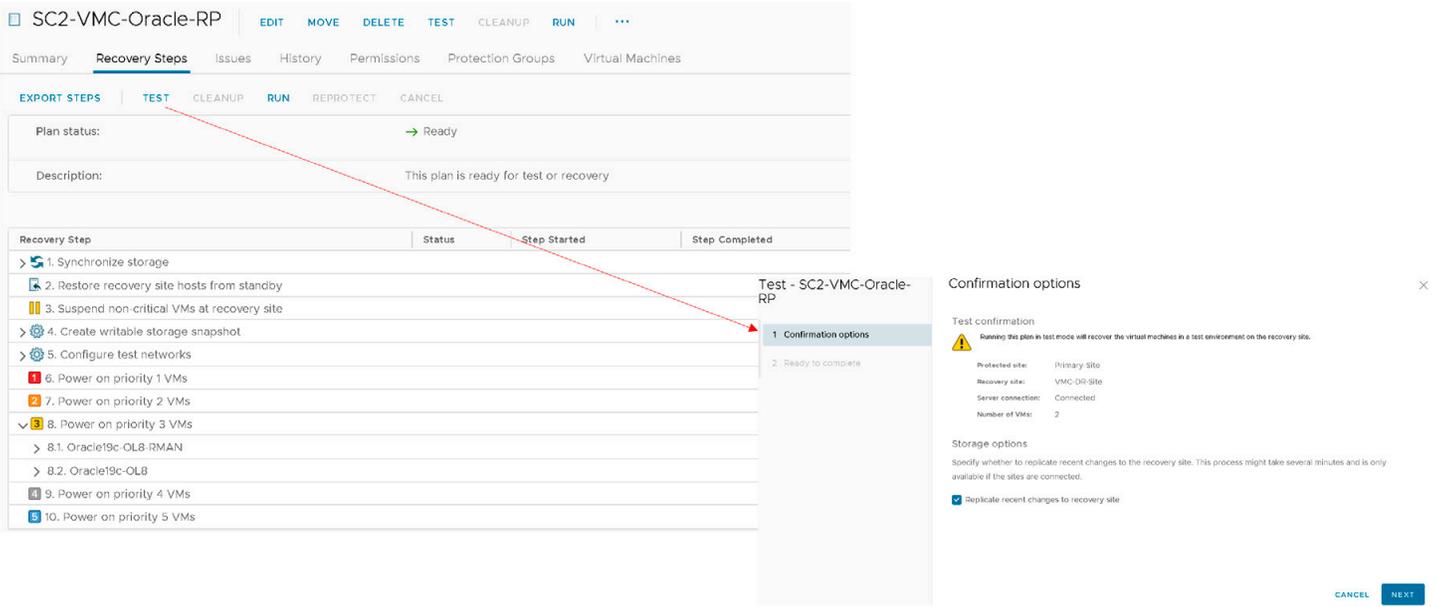


FIGURE 213. Start Test Recovery Plan SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP

Confirmation of test recovery plan **SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP** is as shown below:

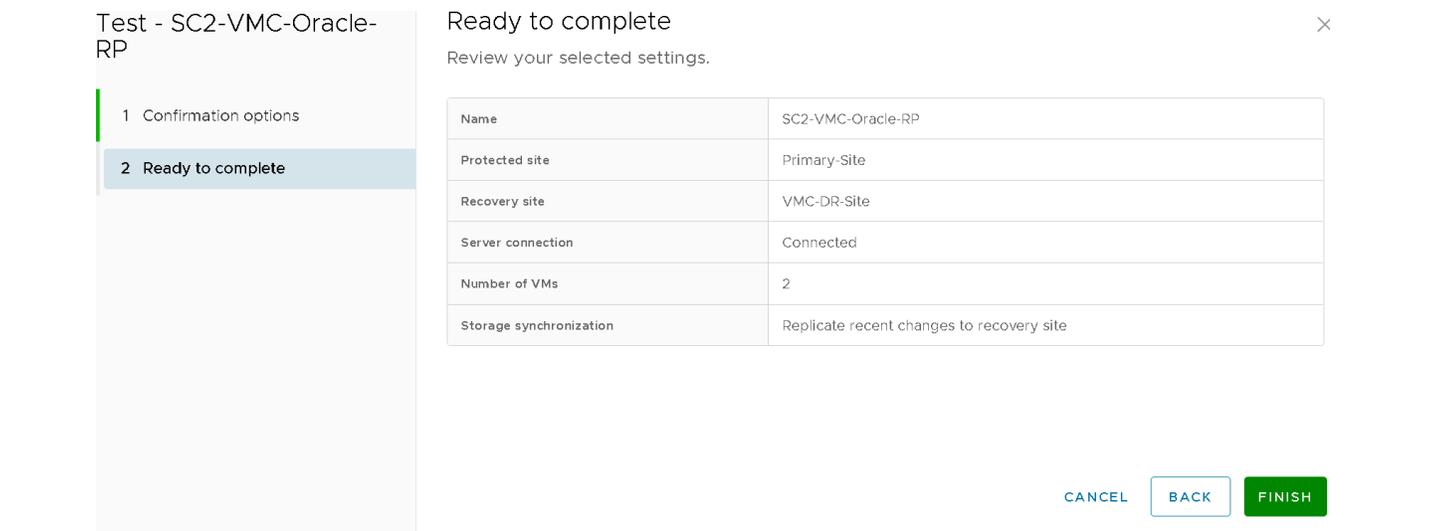


FIGURE 214. Test Recovery Plan SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP Confirmation

The test of the recovery plan completes successfully.

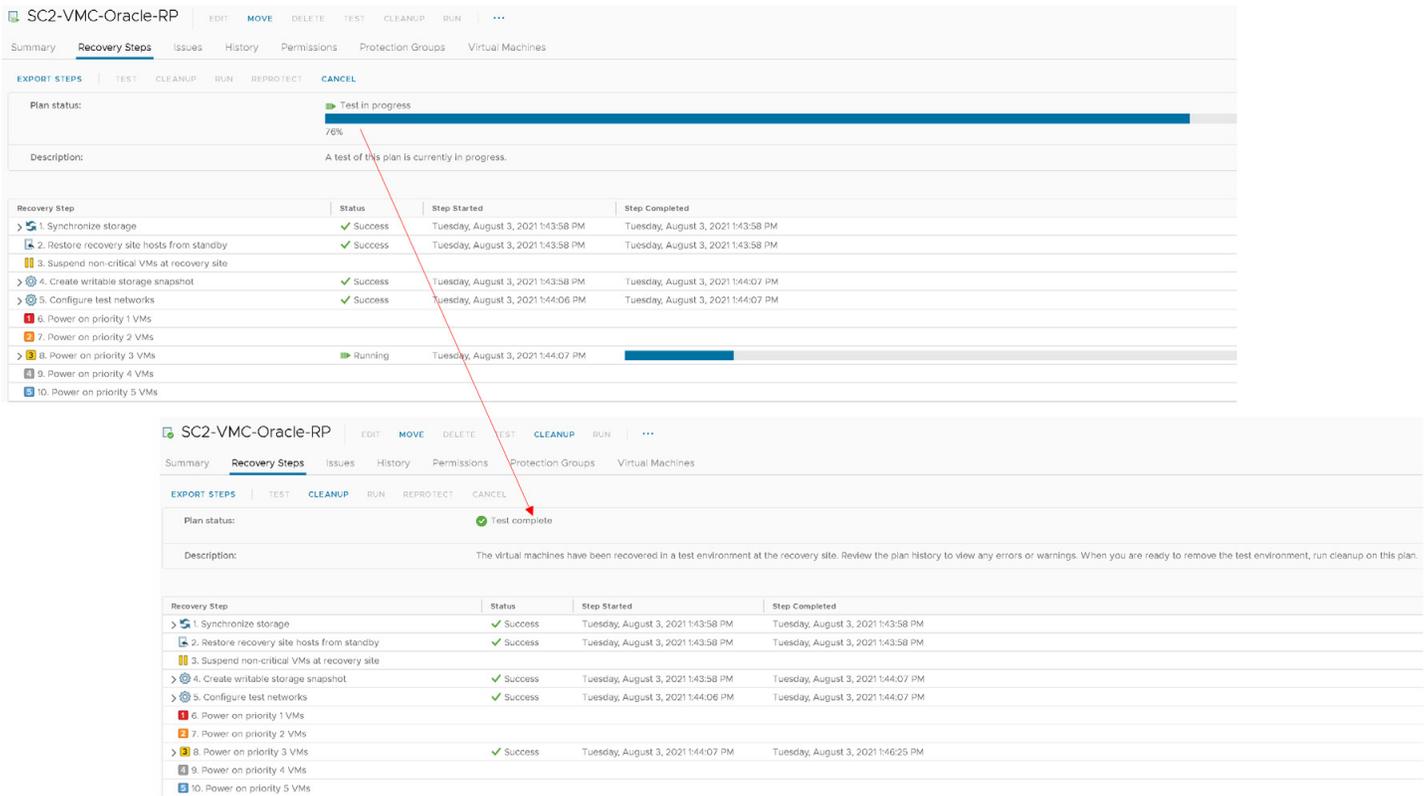


FIGURE 215. Test Recovery Plan SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP Successful

VMs on Protected Site A are still powered on.

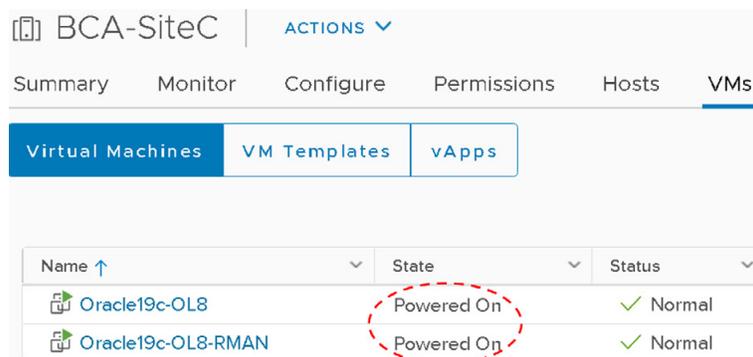


FIGURE 216. Site A VM Details

Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** on recovery VMware Cloud on AWS are powered on with the IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to test network **Apps Team 01**.

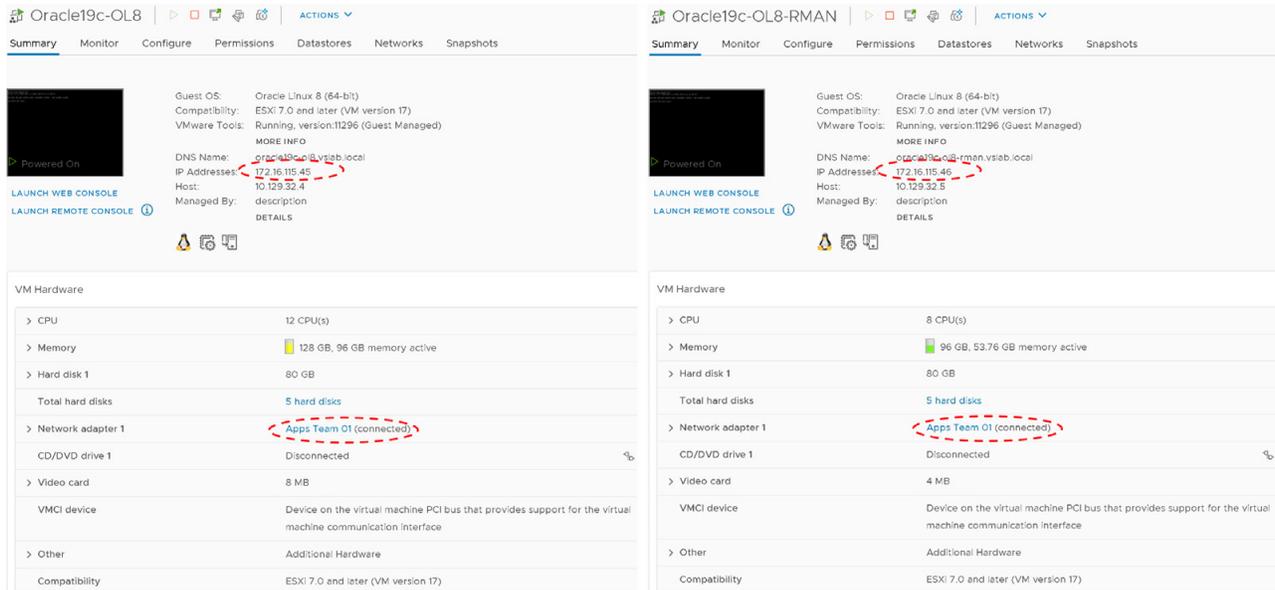


FIGURE 217. Test Recovery Plan VM Networking Details

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.16.115.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.16.115.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

As mentioned earlier, **write-order fidelity is guaranteed with vSphere Replication on the disks or VMDKs that comprise a VM**. At the successful completion of the test recovery, perform the cleanup of the test recovery as shown below. As part of the cleanup after running a test, the vSphere Replication server removes the redo logs from the disks on the recovery site and discards the changes.

Plan status: ✔ Test complete

Description: The virtual machines have been recovered in a test environment at the recovery site. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings. When you are ready to remove the test environment, run cleanup on this plan.

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Synchronize storage	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:43:58 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:43:58 PM
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:43:58 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:43:58 PM
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:43:58 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM
4. Create writable storage snapshot	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:43:58 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM
5. Configure test networks	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:06 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM
6. Power on priority 1 VMs	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:06 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM
7. Power on priority 2 VMs	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:06 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM
8. Power on priority 3 VMs	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:46:29 PM
9. Power on priority 4 VMs	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:46:29 PM
10. Power on priority 5 VMs	✔ Success	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:44:07 PM	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:46:29 PM

Cleanup - SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP

- Confirmation options
- Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Cleanup confirmation

⚠ Running a cleanup operation on this plan will remove the test environment and reset the plan to the Ready state.

Protected site: Primary-Site
Recovery site: VMC-DR-Site
Server connection: Connected
Number of VMs: 2

Cleanup options

If you are experiencing errors during cleanup, you can choose the Force Cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you might need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run another test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

FIGURE 218. Start Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP

Confirmation of cleanup of test recovery plan **SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP** is as shown below:

Cleanup - SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP

- Confirmation options
- Ready to complete

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	Value
Name	SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP
Protected site	Primary-Site
Recovery site	VMC-DR-Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	2
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

FIGURE 219. Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP Confirmation

The cleanup of the test recovery is successful.

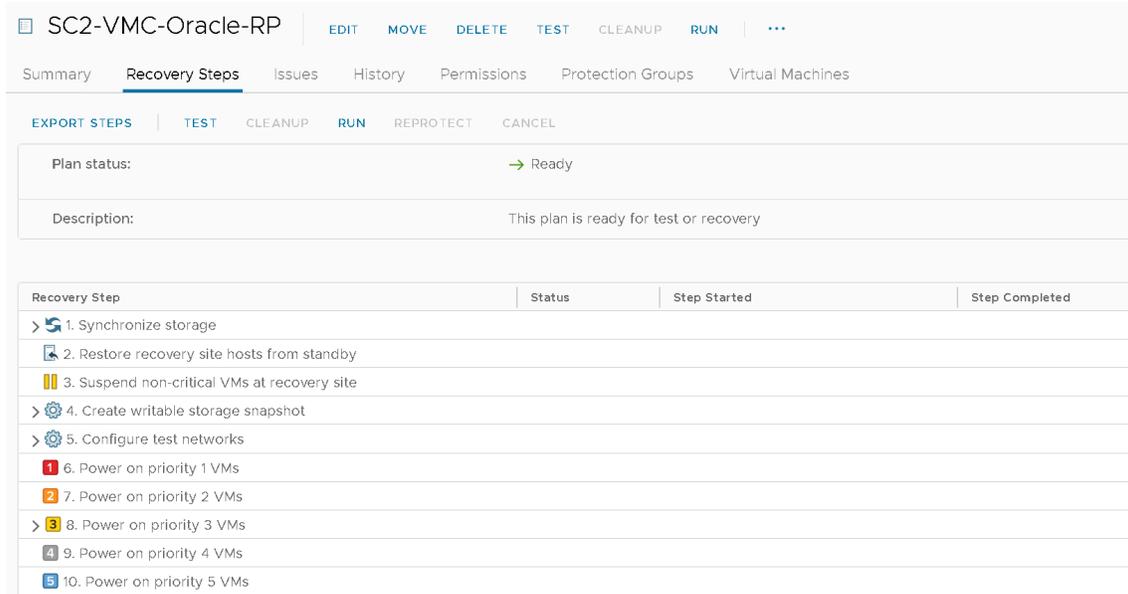


FIGURE 220. Steps to Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-RP

The VMs on Protected Site A are still powered on. We can see the placeholder VMs on recovery site VMware Cloud on AWS are powered off.

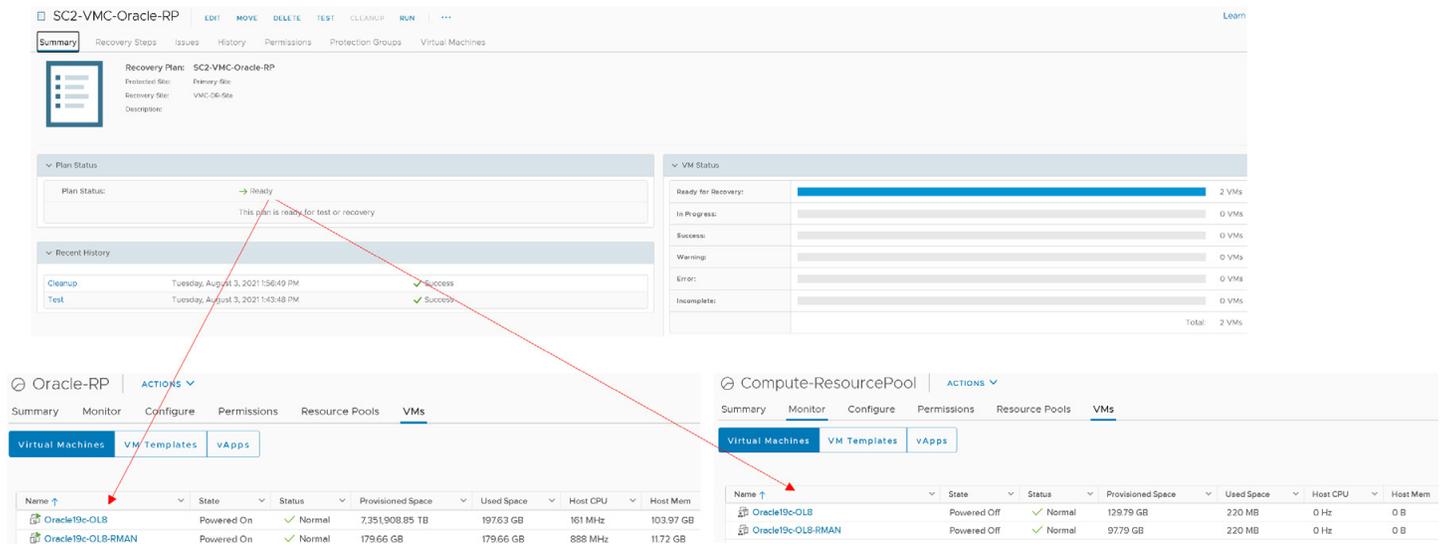


FIGURE 221. Cleanup Test Recovery Plan SC2-VMC-Oracle-RP Successful

More information regarding the testing recovery plan can be found in the [VMware Site Recovery Manager guide](#).

The steps to run the recovery plan for planned migration and the recovery plan for disaster recovery are the same as those employed in on-premises use cases.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery is a VMware on-demand disaster recovery service that is delivered as an easy-to-use SaaS solution, offering cloud economics to help keep disaster recovery costs under control.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery can provide disaster recovery to Oracle workloads from on-premises Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery uses regularly scheduled snapshots to replicate to the SCFS. VMware snapshots are point-in-time (PIT) snapshots and are therefore crash-consistent. Write-order fidelity is guaranteed for all VMDKs of the VM as a result.

VMware snapshots are not compatible with disks in multi-writer mode and VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery cannot replicate disks in multi-writer mode. Learn more about [VMware Cloud DR and shared disks](#).

This use case focusses on the utilization of VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery to provide disaster recovery to two Oracle single-instance VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** from on-premises Site A to VMware Cloud on AWS.

As VMware Cloud DR uses regularly scheduled snapshots to replicate to the SCFS and VMware snapshots are not compatible with disks in multi-writer mode, VMware Cloud DR cannot replicate disks in multi-writer mode. VMware snapshots are a point-in-time snapshot and are therefore crash-consistent.

Failover DR Plan

A DR plan includes a set of recovery steps that capture ordering constraints and action-sequencing instructions for DR operations, which occur when you run the plan.

A failover DR plan can run after a real-life disaster event, or as a test failover before a real disaster occurs. You can run a failover plan in the following ways:

- **Failover** – A failover operation is run following a disaster event when the source site is no longer available. The failover operation orchestrates on the destination site based on previously replicated snapshots. When failing over to a VMware Cloud on AWS SDDC, VMs that belong to the protection groups defined in your DR plan are recovered to the vCenter in a recovery SDDC.
- **Test failover** – A test failover operation is similar to regular failover operation, but runs in the context of its own test execution environment. Another difference is that by default, a test failover stops on the first failure, whereas a regular failover continues to run, even after failures. You can override all default behaviors by custom options prior to starting the failover operation. With a test failover, you have the option to clean up the test plan.

Learn more about [How a Failover DR Plan Runs](#).

Running a Test Failover of the DR Plan

Steps to test the failover DR plan **Oracle Recovery Plan** are as shown below:

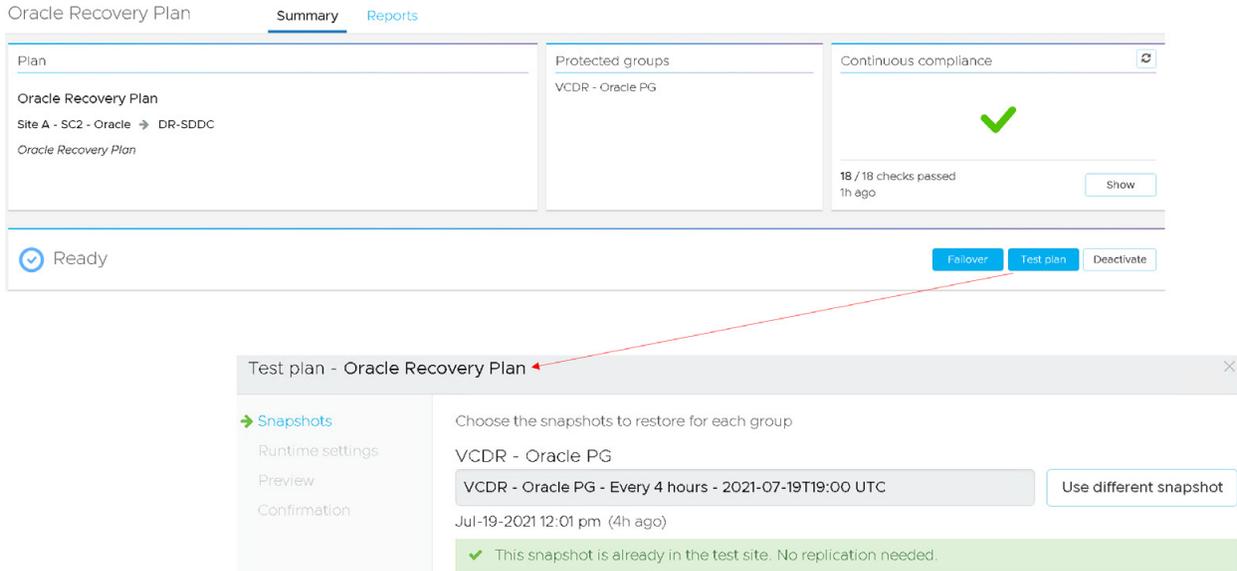


FIGURE 222. Test Failover DR Plan

Test failover operations give you the option of performing a full storage vMotion from the staging datastore to the SDDC datastore to emulate a real failover—or to leave VMs on the staging datastore to cut down on the failover time (preview feature)—and to allow you to test and debug your failover faster.

We can select the storage to migrate VMs to during the failover:

- Full storage migration to SDDC. Select this option to migrate all VMs to vSAN storage on the SDDC. The failover operation requires more time, but this option is optimal for those VMs that need lower latency and higher I/O.
- Leave VMs and files on the cloud file system. Use the cloud backup SCFS as highly available storage and run recovered VMs directly from the cloud file system. If you select this, failover is faster and there is no dependency on SDDC hosts for storage capacity. With this option, the SDDC can be substantially smaller in size because VMs are kept on the cloud file system datastore, eliminating the vSAN storage capacity constraints. This configuration can be more cost-effective.

With this more cost-effective preview feature, the SDDC can be substantially smaller in size because VMs are kept on the cloud file system datastore, eliminating vSAN storage capacity constraints, which can incur costs.

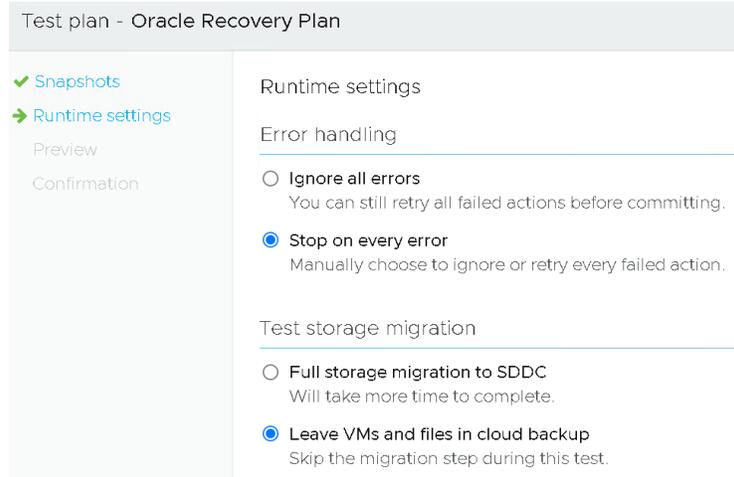


FIGURE 223. Test Failover DR Plan Options

Confirmation of the test failover DR plan is as shown below:

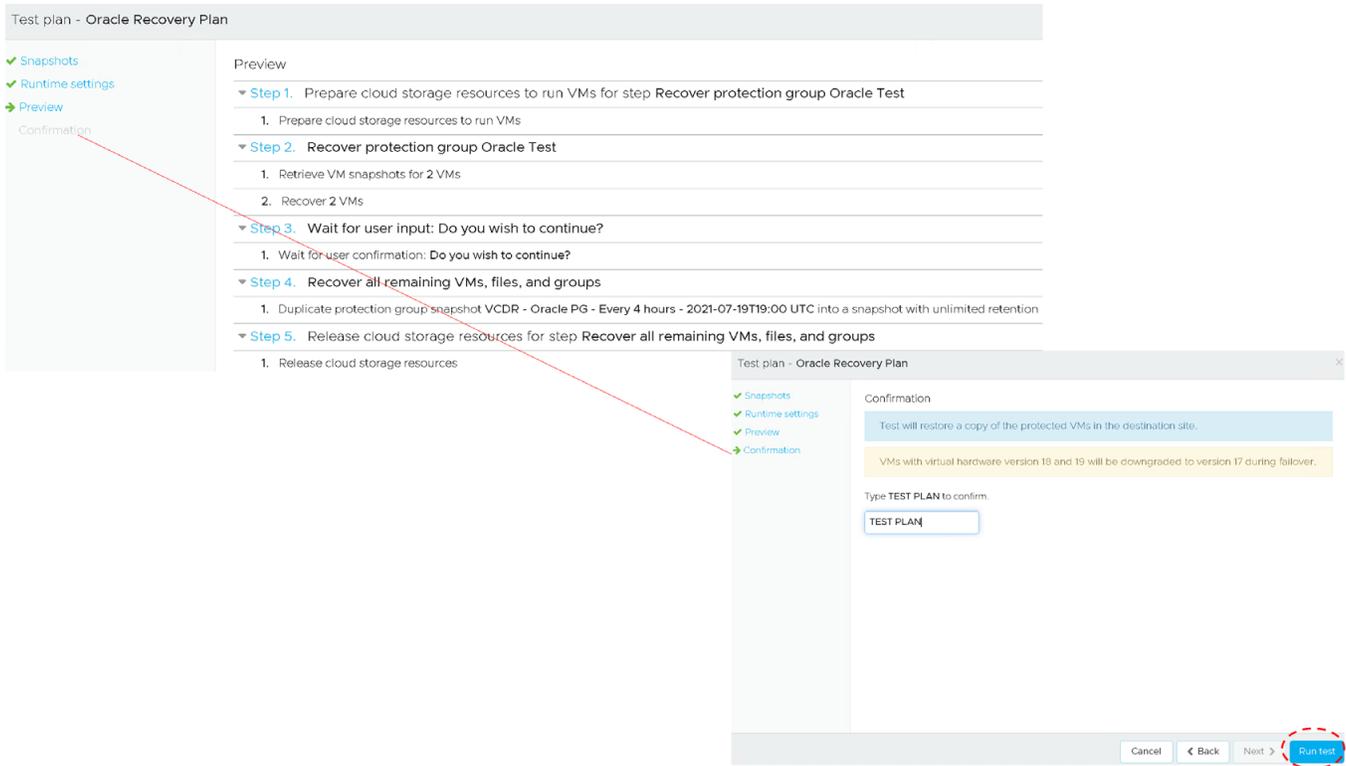


FIGURE 224. Confirm Test Failover DR Plan Run

The test failover is run when the **Run Test** button is clicked.

The screenshot displays the Oracle Recovery Plan interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Summary' and 'Reports'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Plan', 'Protected groups', and 'Continuous compliance'. The 'Plan' section shows 'Oracle Recovery Plan' for 'Site A - SC2 - Oracle' and 'DR-SDDC'. The 'Protected groups' section lists 'VCDR - Oracle PG'. The 'Continuous compliance' section shows a green checkmark and '18 / 18 checks passed 37m ago'. A large green banner at the bottom states 'Test finished with no errors' with a 'Clean up' button. Below this is a 'Success' section with a table of test steps.

Step	Timestamp	Duration	Progress
Step 1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs for step Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:02 pm	< 1m	Finished
1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs	Jul-19 04:02 pm	< 1m	Finished
Step 2. Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:02 pm	3m	Finished
1. Retrieve VM snapshots for 2 VMs	Jul-19 04:02 pm	< 1m	Finished
2. Recover 2 VMs	Jul-19 04:02 pm	3m	Finished
Step 3. Wait for user input: Do you wish to continue?	Jul-19 04:05 pm	4m	Finished
1. Wait for user confirmation: Do you wish to continue?	Jul-19 04:05 pm	4m	Finished
Step 4. Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups	Jul-19 04:09 pm	< 1m	Finished
1. Duplicate protection group snapshot VCDR - Oracle PG - Every 4 hours - 2021-07-19T19:00 UTC into a snapshot with unlimited retention	Jul-19 04:09 pm	< 1m	Finished
Step 5. Release cloud storage resources for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups	Jul-19 04:09 pm	< 1m	Finished
1. Release cloud storage resources	Jul-19 04:09 pm	< 1m	Finished

FIGURE 225. Test Failover DR Plan Completed Successfully

The test completed with no errors.

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the VMware vSphere interface. The left screenshot is for VM 'Oracle19c-OL8' and the right is for 'Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN'. Both show the 'VM Hardware' section with details on CPU, Memory, Hard disk, Network adapter, and VMCI device. The 'Network adapter 1' status is 'Oracle Test (connected)'. The 'IP Addresses' for both VMs are circled in red: '192.168.15.45' for OL8 and '192.168.15.46' for OL8-RMAN. The 'Host' for both is '10.2.32.5'.

FIGURE 226. VM Networking Status After Test Failover DR Plan

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 192.168.15.45 and the database **wo19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 192.168.15.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery uses regularly scheduled snapshots to replicate to the SCFS. VMware snapshots are point-in-time (PIT) snapshots and are therefore crash-consistent. Write-order fidelity is guaranteed for all VMDKs of the VM as a result.

Navigating the files folders on datastore **ds1** shows VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is present. The VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is present on another folder on the same datastore.

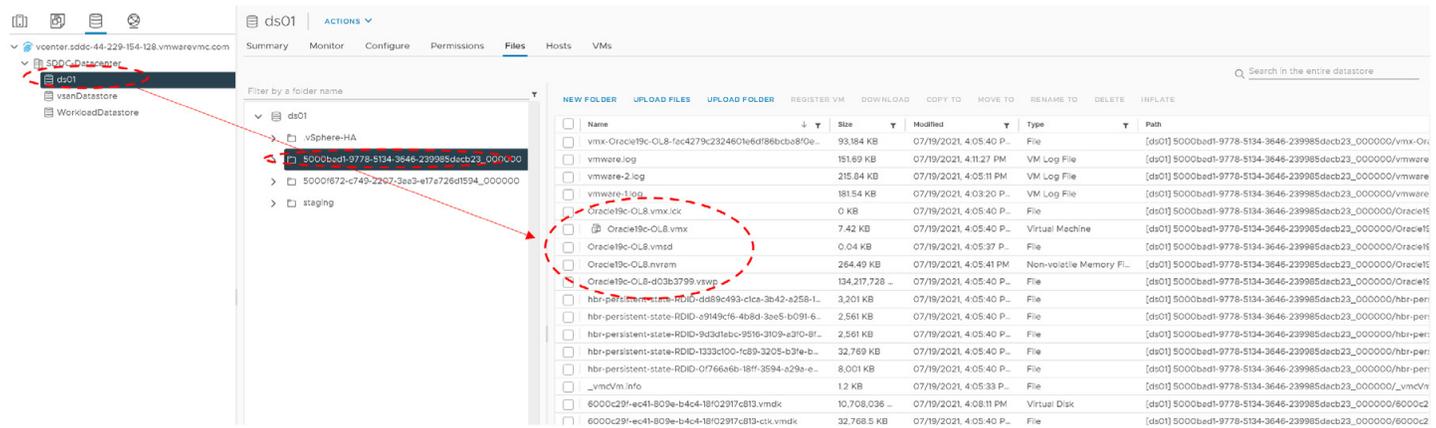


FIGURE 227. VM Oracle19c-OL8 VMDK Details

Run a cleanup of the test failover run.

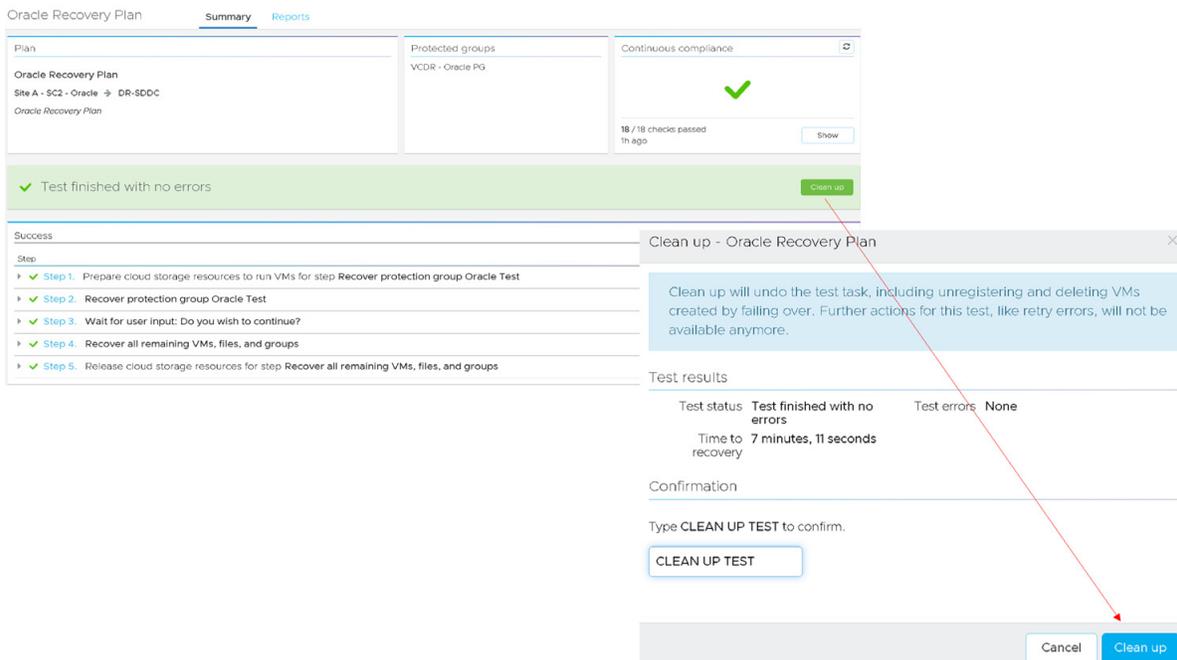


FIGURE 228. Cleanup of DR Plan

Cleanup of the DR Plan completes successfully.

Oracle Recovery Plan Summary Reports

Plan: Oracle Recovery Plan
Site A - SC2 - Oracle → DR-SDDC
Oracle Recovery Plan

Protected groups: VCDR - Oracle PG

Continuous compliance: 18 / 18 checks passed 1h ago

✓ Test cleaned up Acknowledge

Step	Timestamp	Duration	Progress
✓ Step 1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs for step Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:02 pm	< 1m	Finished
✓ Step 2. Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:02 pm	3m	Finished
✓ Step 3. Wait for user input: Do you wish to continue?	Jul-19 04:05 pm	4m	Finished
✓ Step 4. Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups	Jul-19 04:09 pm	< 1m	Finished
✓ Step 5. Release cloud storage resources for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups	Jul-19 04:09 pm	< 1m	Finished

Acknowledge - Oracle Recovery Plan

Test results

Test status: **Test cleaned up** Test errors: **None**

Time to recovery: **7 minutes, 11 seconds** Clean up errors: **--**

Test notes

Cancel Acknowledge

FIGURE 229. Cleanup of DR Plan Completed Successfully

Learn more about [Running a Test Failover](#).

Running a Failover of the DR Plan

A failover operation is run following a disaster event when the source site is no longer available.

Steps to run the failover DR plan **Oracle Recovery Plan** are as shown below. In this use case, we simulated an actual DR event, even though the protected site was available.

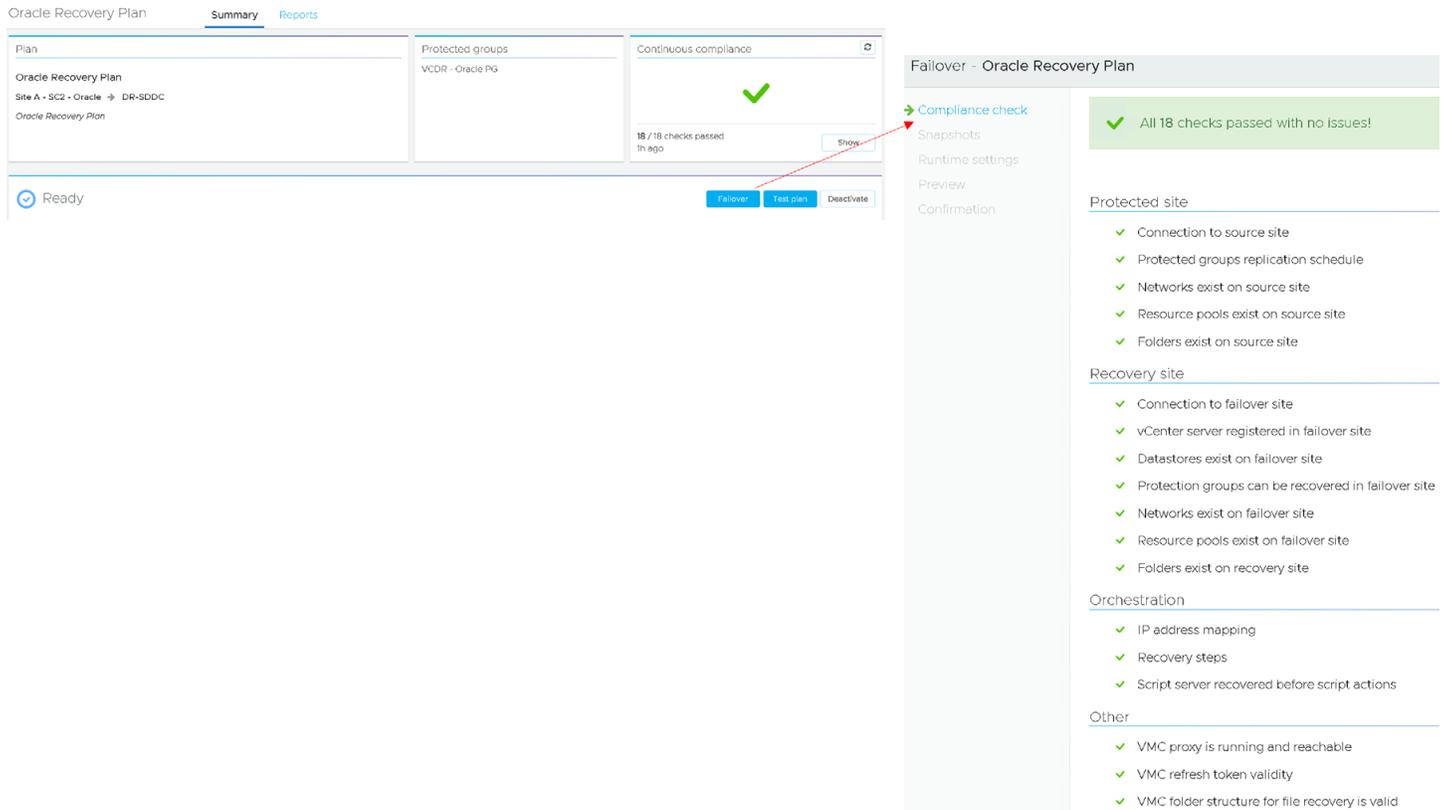


FIGURE 230. Start Failover of DR Plan

The failover plan options are as shown below:

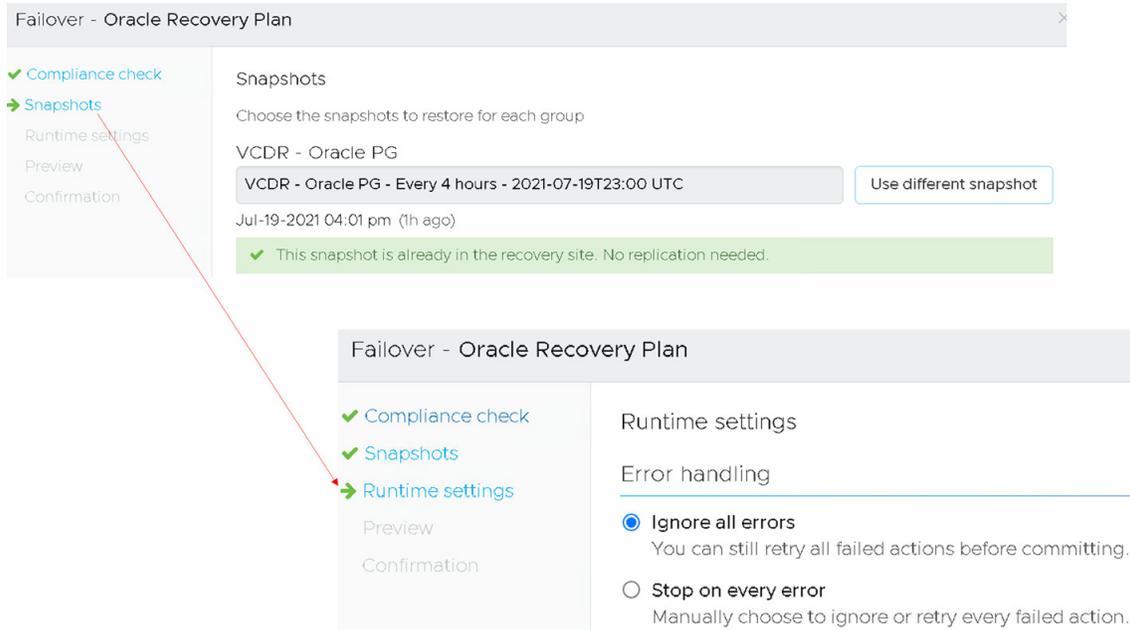


FIGURE 231. Failover of DR Plan Options

The default is **full storage migration to SDDC**. This use case is a simulation of an actual DR event, even though this was a planned DR event.

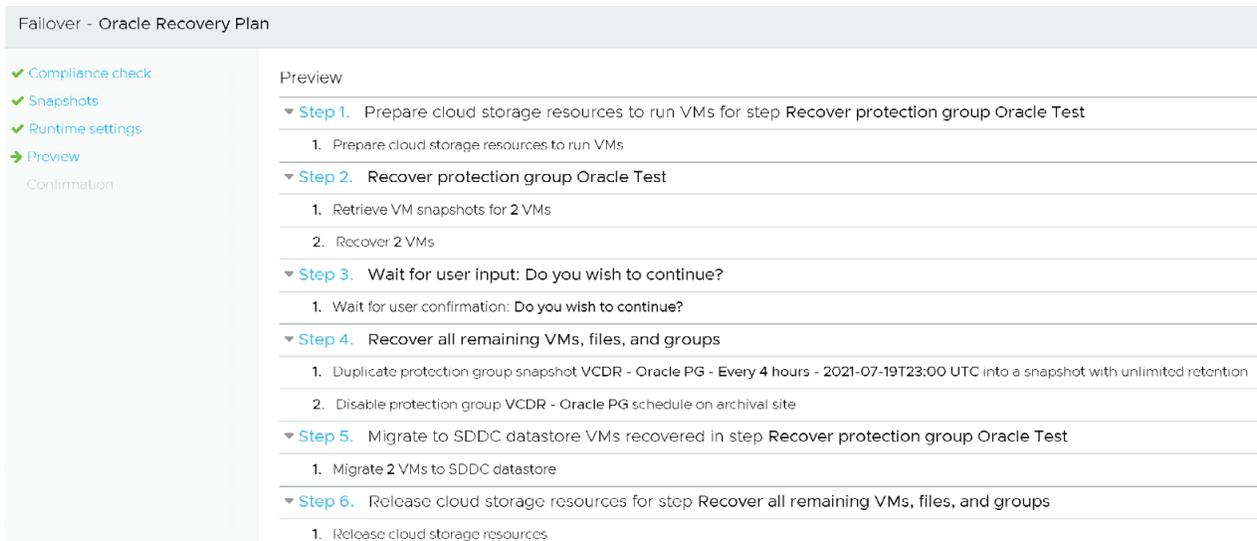


FIGURE 232. Failover of DR Plan Steps

Confirmation of the failover DR plan is as shown below:

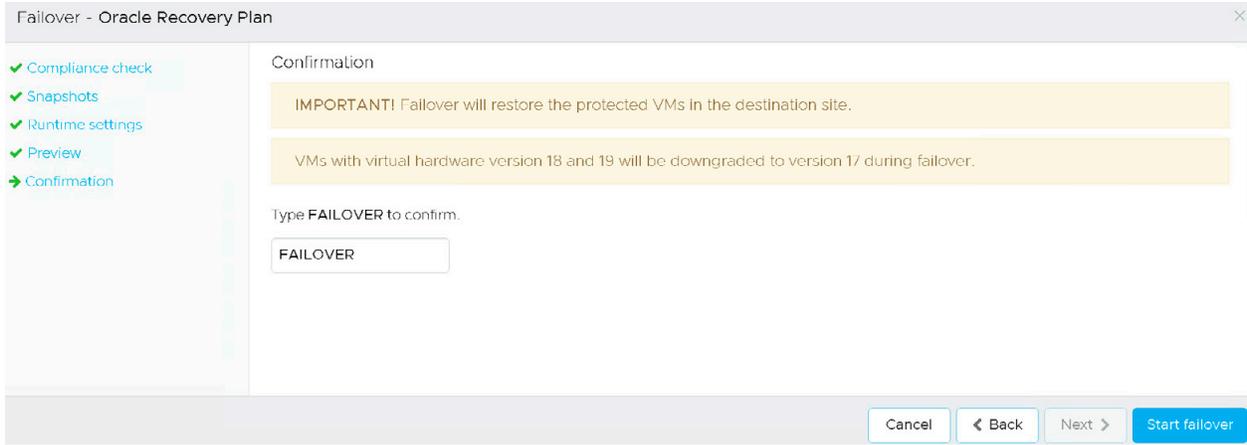


FIGURE 233. Confirmation of Failover of DR Plan

We can see that VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-=RMAN** have been successfully migrated via vSphere Storage vMotion to the vSAN workload datastore.

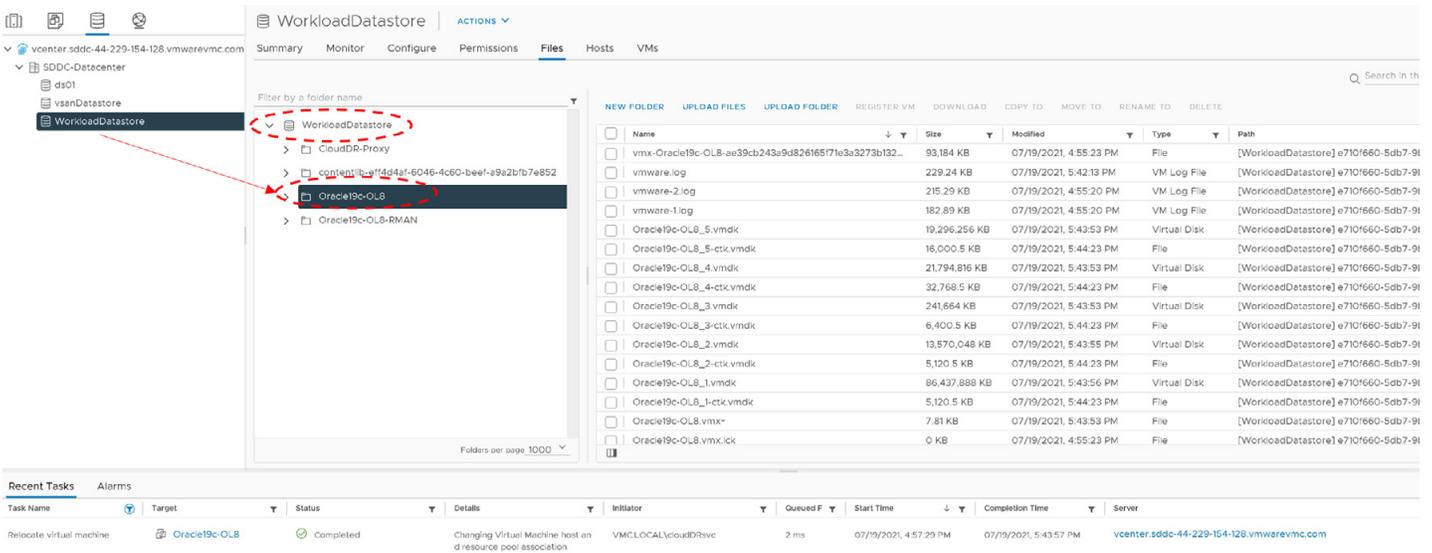


FIGURE 234. VM Oracle19c-OL8 VMDK Details

The failover of the DR plan completed successfully.

The screenshot shows the Oracle Recovery Plan Summary page. At the top, it indicates the plan is 'Failed over with no errors'. Below this, a table lists the steps of the failover process, all of which are marked as 'Finished'.

Step	Timestamp	Duration	Progress
Step 1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs for step Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:52 pm	< 1m	Finished
Step 2. Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:52 pm	4m	Finished
Step 3. Wait for user input: Do you wish to continue?	Jul-19 04:56 pm	1m	Finished
Step 4. Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups	Jul-19 04:57 pm	< 1m	Finished
Step 5. Migrate to SDDC datastore VMs recovered in step Recover protection group Oracle Test	Jul-19 04:57 pm	1h	Finished
Step 6. Release cloud storage resources for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups	Jul-19 05:44 pm	< 1m	Finished

FIGURE 235. Failover of DR Plan Completed Successfully

After a failover finishes, commit the plan to make the effects permanent. When you commit a completed failover plan, the plan transitions to the failover committed state. Commit a failover with extra caution. Until you explicitly commit the failover operation, it can still be rolled back (even following a successful completion). But after commit, there is no rollback.

The screenshot shows the 'Commit - Oracle Recovery Plan' dialog box. It contains a warning message, 'Failover results' section, 'Failback plan' section, and a 'Confirmation' section. A red arrow points from the 'Commit' button at the bottom to the 'Activate' button in the top right corner of the main summary page.

Commit - Oracle Recovery Plan

Commit will finish the failover task. Further actions for this task, like rollback or retry, will not be available anymore.

Failover results

Failover status: **Failed over with no errors** Errors: **None**

Time to recovery: **4 minutes, 51 seconds**

Failover notes:

Failback plan

Create a failback plan
The failback plan reverses source and destination, and the corresponding mappings.

Confirmation

Type **COMMIT FAILOVER** to confirm.

FIGURE 236. Commit Failover of DR Plan

In event of a real DR, the plan should be deactivated so that any further compliance checks will not run and error out. In this case, the recovery plan was left activated as the failover DR was a simulated exercise.

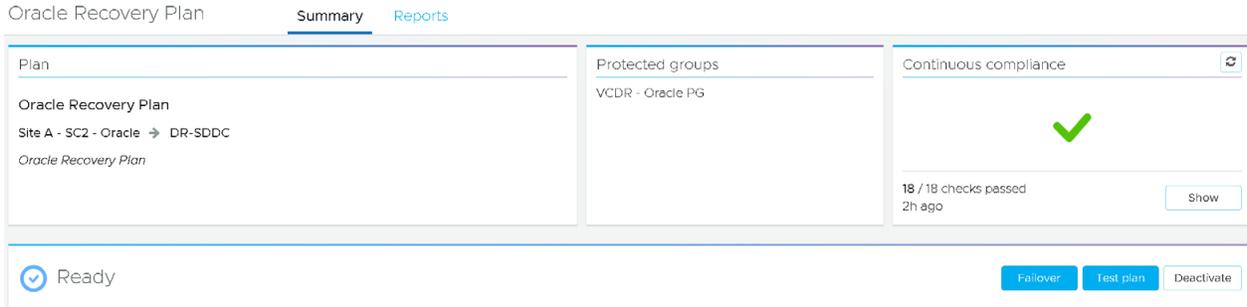


FIGURE 237. Recovery DR Plan Status

The Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are recovered on the DR site as show below:

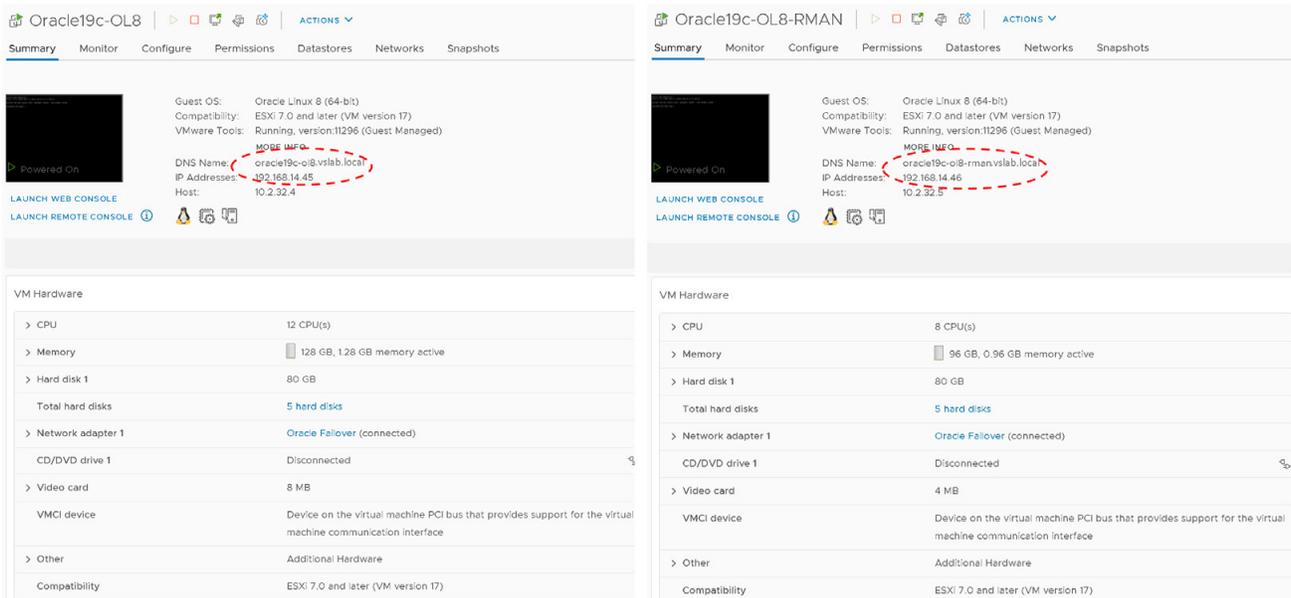


FIGURE 238. VM Oracle19c-OL8 and Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Status

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 192.168.14.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 192.168.14.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

Learn more about [Running a Failover DR Plan](#).

Failback DR Plan

Once the protected site is made available after a disaster event, the steps to run the failback DR plan **Failback-Oracle Recovery Plan** can be employed as shown below.

You can run a DR plan to failback from a VMware Cloud on AWS SDDC to a protected vSphere site. Failback from an SDDC returns only changed data. There is no rehydration, and the data remains in its native compressed and deduplicated form.

Learn more about [Running a Failback DR Plan](#).

As mentioned in the previous section, the failover of the DR plan **Oracle Recovery Plan** was actually a simulated one, so Protected Site A was still available. In this case, power the Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** down before proceeding.

The failback DR plan is as shown below:

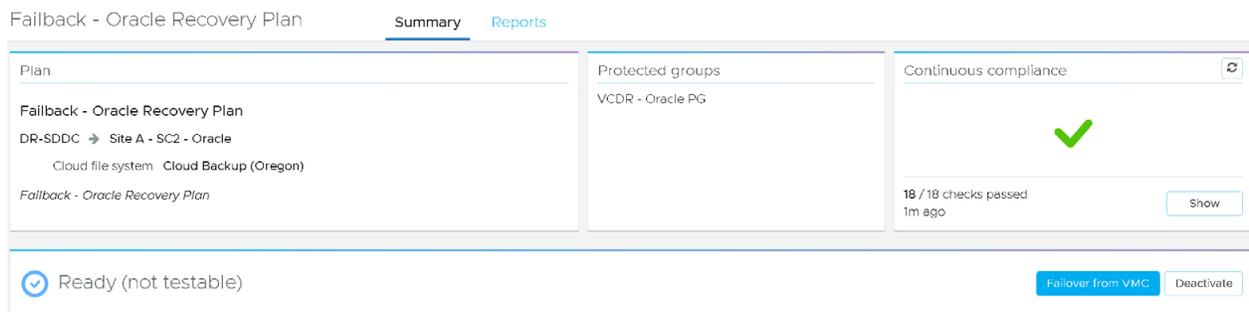


FIGURE 239. Failback DR Plan

The failback DR plan steps pass all validation checks as shown below:

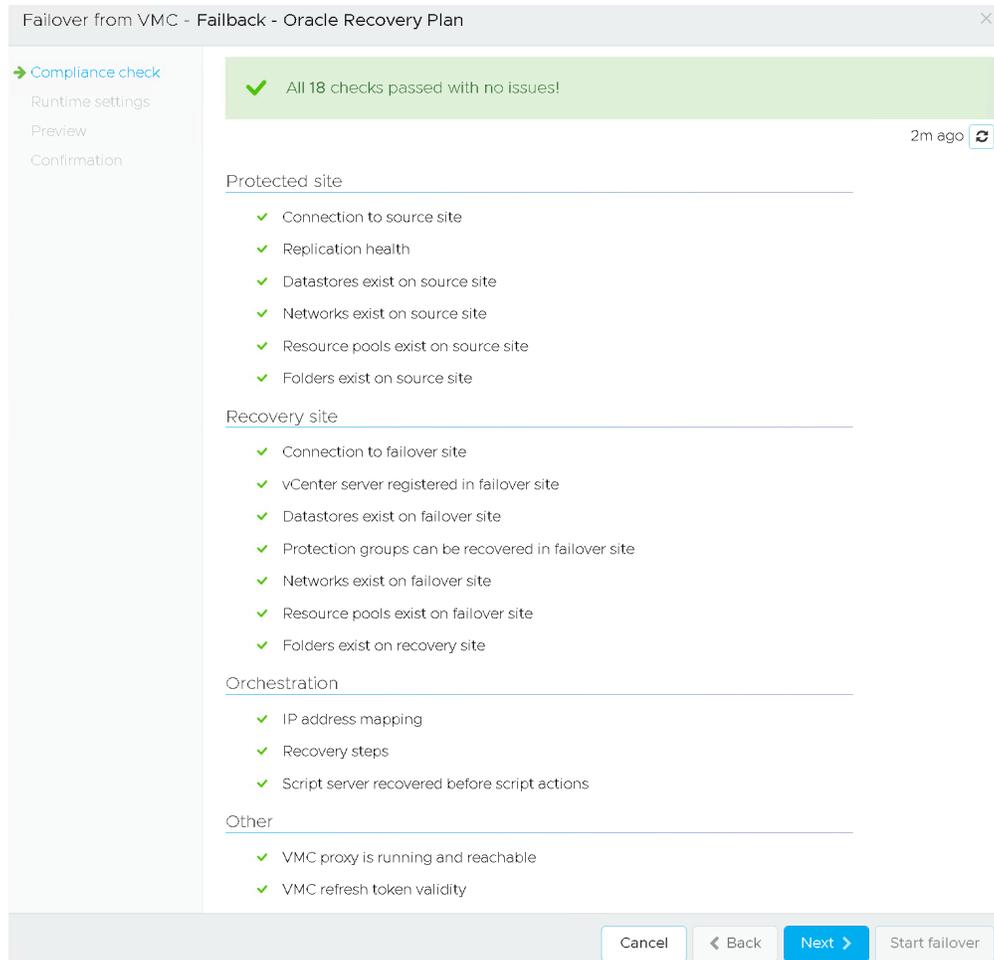


FIGURE 240. Failback DR Plan Steps

Steps of the failback DR plan are continued below:

The image shows two screenshots of the Oracle Recovery Plan configuration interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Runtime settings' section with a message: "When failing over from VMC, all errors are ignored and cannot be retried." The bottom screenshot shows the 'Preview' section with a list of 8 steps:

- Step 1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs for step Recover protection group Oracle Test
 - 1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs
- Step 2. Power off VMs on failover site required for step Recover protection group Oracle Test
 - 1. Power off 2 VMs on failover site
- Step 3. Restore VMs to failover state via DRaaS Connect for step Recover protection group Oracle Test
 - 1. Restore 2 VMs on protected site via DRaaS Connect
- Step 4. Power off VMs required for step Recover protection group Oracle Test
 - 1. Power off 2 VMs on protected site
- Step 5. Synthesize VMC snapshots of VMs for step Recover protection group Oracle Test
 - 1. Synthesize VMC snapshots of 2 VMs
- Step 6. Snapshot VMs required for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
 - 1. Take snapshots of 1 protection groups
- Step 7. Snapshot VMs required for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
 - 1. Take snapshots of 1 protection groups
- Step 8. Applying VM changes from VMC SDDC via DRaaS Connect for step Recover protection group Oracle Test

FIGURE 241. Failback DR Plan Steps Continued

The summary of the failback DR plan steps is shown below:

The image shows a screenshot of the Oracle Recovery Plan configuration interface, specifically the 'Preview' section. It lists 11 steps for the failback process:

- Step 1. Prepare cloud storage resources to run VMs for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 2. Power off VMs on failover site required for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 3. Restore VMs to failover state via DRaaS Connect for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 4. Power off VMs required for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 5. Synthesize VMC snapshots of VMs for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 6. Snapshot VMs required for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 7. Snapshot VMs required for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 8. Applying VM changes from VMC SDDC via DRaaS Connect for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 9. Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 10. Delete from protected site VMs recovered in step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups
- Step 11. Release cloud storage resources for step Recover all remaining VMs, files, and groups

FIGURE 242. Failback DR Plan Steps Summary



FIGURE 243. Confirmation of Planned Failback

The failback completes successfully.

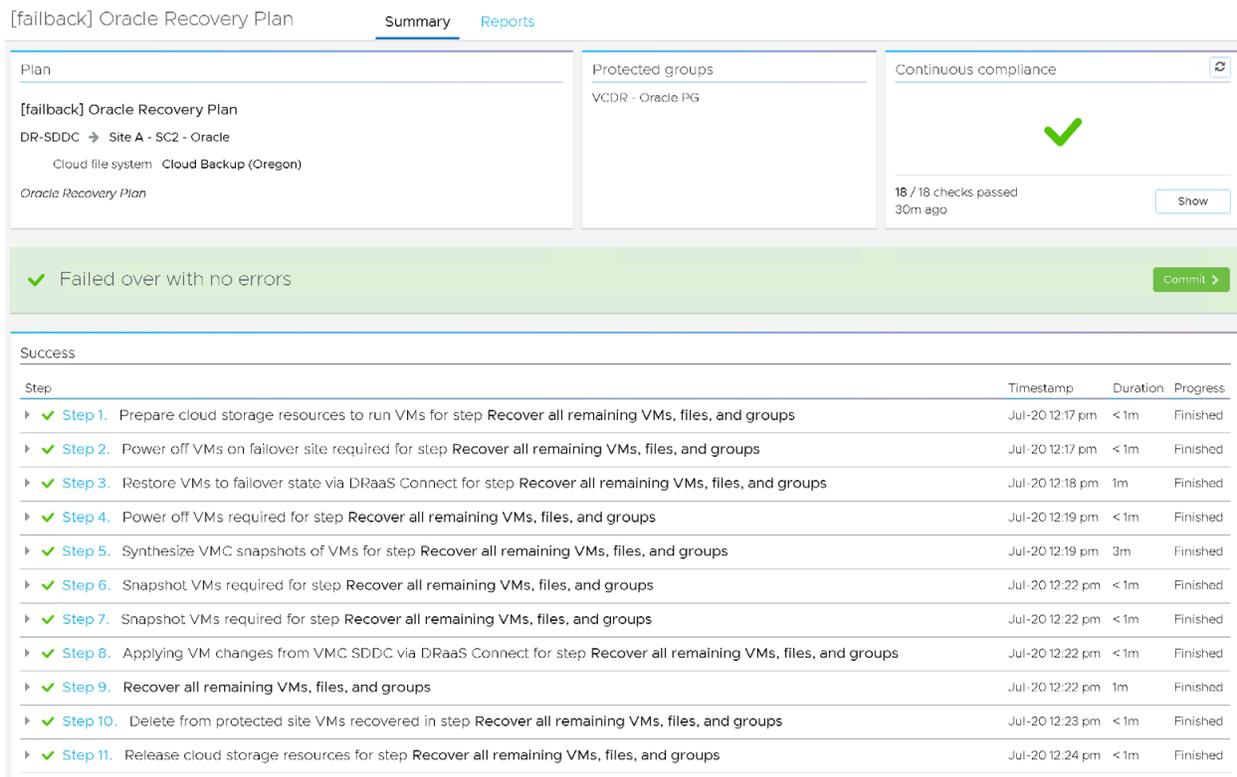


FIGURE 244. Planned Failback Status

As in the case of a failover, after a failback finishes, commit the plan to make the effects permanent. When you commit a completed failback plan, the plan transitions to the committed state.

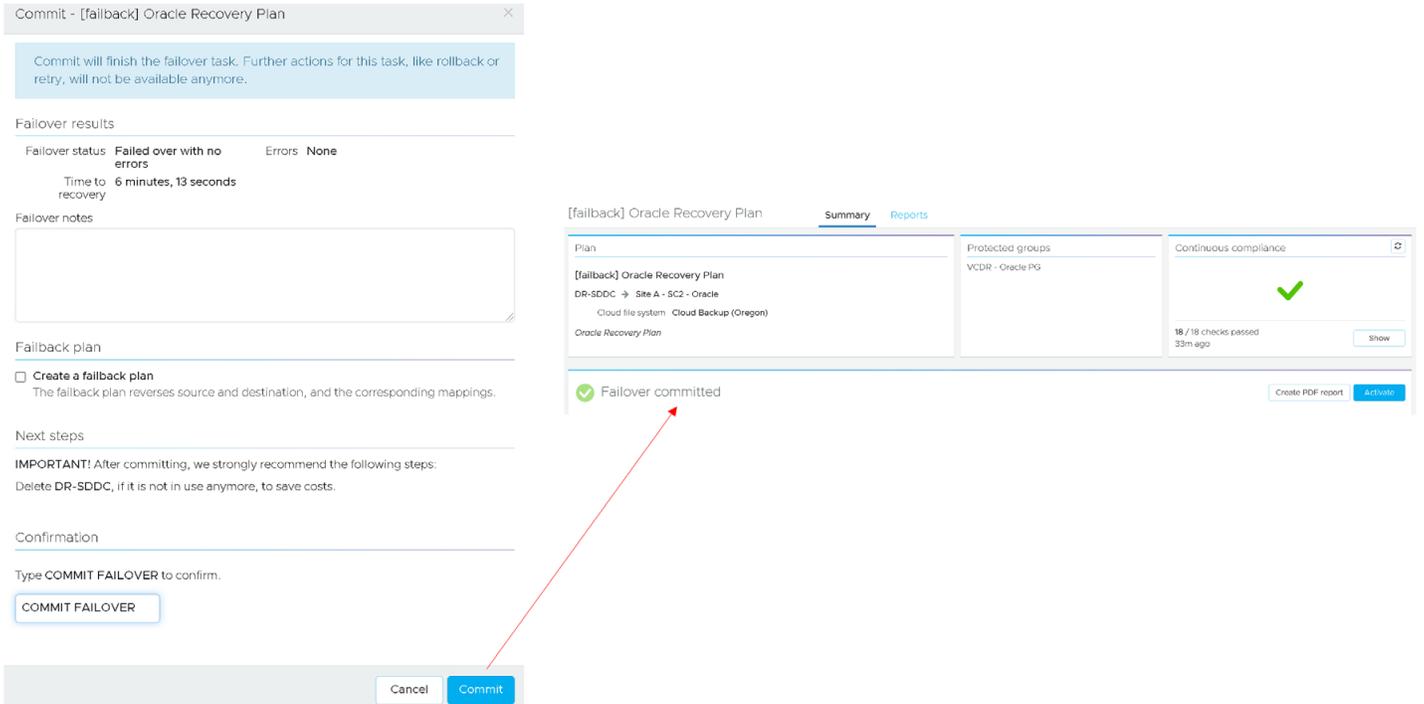


FIGURE 245. Commit to Failover for Planned Failback

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.16.14.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.16.14.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery uses regularly scheduled snapshots to replicate to the SCFS. VMware snapshots are point-in-time (PIT) snapshots and are therefore crash-consistent. Write-order fidelity is guaranteed for all VMDKs of the VM.

The figure displays two side-by-side screenshots of the Oracle VM console interface. The left screenshot is for VM 'Oracle19c-OL8' and the right is for 'Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN'. Both VMs are powered on and running Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit). The 'VM Hardware' section in both screenshots lists: CPU (12 CPU(s)), Memory (128 GB, 128 GB memory active), Hard disk 1 (80 GB), Total hard disks (5 hard disks), Network adapter 1 (APPS-1614 (connected)), CD/DVD drive 1 (Disconnected), Video card (8 MB), VMCI device (Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface), and Other (Additional Hardware). The 'APPS-1614 (connected)' entry for the network adapter is circled in red in both screenshots. The right screenshot also shows a 'Hard disk 1' of 100 GB and a 'Video card' of 4 MB.

FIGURE 246. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 and Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Status

Following a successful failback, you must clean up the failback source site in preparation for subsequent recovery operations.

Specifically, the stale VMs left behind on the datastores of the failback source site must be deleted to avoid conflicts for future recoveries from the protected site. Similarly, you must demote protection groups on the recovery source.

Learn more about [Running a Failback DR Plan](#).

Storage-Level Disaster Recovery

Storage-level disaster recovery can be used to provide storage LUN-level OR vVOLS-level replication from on-premises Site A to Site B.

Using array-based replication with Site Recovery Manager ensures one or more storage arrays at the protected site to replicate data to peer arrays at the recovery site.

With storage replication adapters (SRAs), Site Recovery Manager can be integrated with a wide variety of arrays.

To use array-based replication with Site Recovery Manager, replication must be configured first before one can configure Site Recovery Manager to use it.

As noted in *Supported Backup, Restore and Recovery Operations using Third Party Snapshot Technologies* (Oracle Doc ID 604683.1), third-party storage vendor snapshots must conform to the following requirements:

- Integrated with Oracle's recommended restore and recovery operations above
- Database crash-consistent at the point of the snapshot
- Write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot

On-premises using vSphere VMFS Storage

This use case focusses on the utilization of VMware Site Recovery Manager with storage-based replication using Pure Storage to provide disaster recovery on a storage LUN (VMFS) level, to both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** and Oracle RAC **prac19c**, from on-premises Site A to Site B and vice-versa.

Test Recovery Plan

The recovery plan can be tested before being used for planned migration or for disaster recovery.

With array-based replication, as part of testing a recovery plan, the VMs on the protected site are still replicated to the replica VM disk files on the recovery site. During a test recovery, the array creates a snapshot of the volumes hosting the VM disk files on the recovery site. Array replication continues normally while the test is in progress. When you perform cleanup after running a test, the array removes the snapshots that were created earlier as part of the test recovery workflow.

Steps to test the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP** are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the VMware Site Recovery Manager interface for testing a recovery plan. The main window displays the plan name 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP' and its status as 'Ready'. A 'TEST' button is highlighted with a red arrow. Below the main window, a 'Confirmation options' dialog box is shown, which is also highlighted with a red arrow. The dialog box contains a table of settings and a 'Ready to complete' button.

Confirmation options

Test confirmation

Running this plan in test mode will recover the virtual machines in a test environment on the recovery site.

Protected site: Primary_Site
 Recovery site: DR_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 4

Storage options

Specify whether to replicate recent changes to the recovery site. This process might take several minutes and is only available if the sites are connected.

Replicate recent changes to recovery site

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Storage synchronization	Replicate recent changes to recovery site

FIGURE 247. Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

Testing of the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP** is successful.

The top screenshot shows the 'Recovery Steps' for plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP. The plan status is 'Test in progress' at 68%. A red arrow points from the 'Test in progress' status to the 'Test complete' status in the bottom screenshot.

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Synchronize storage	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:11:37 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:22 AM
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:22 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:22 AM
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:22 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:22 AM
4. Create writable storage snapshot	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:22 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:57 AM
5. Configure test networks	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:55 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:58 AM
6. Power on priority 1 VMs	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:56 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:58 AM
7. Power on priority 2 VMs	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:56 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:58 AM
8. Power on priority 3 VMs	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:56 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:58 AM
9. Power on priority 4 VMs	Success	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:56 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:58 AM
10. Power on priority 5 VMs	Running	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:56 AM	Friday, June 25, 2021 9:12:58 AM

The bottom screenshot shows the same plan, but the status is now 'Test complete'. The description reads: 'The virtual machines have been recovered in a test environment at the recovery site. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings. When you are ready to remove the test environment, run cleanup on this plan.'

FIGURE 248. Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP Successful

The protected VMs are still powered on and running on the protected site.

The screenshot shows the 'VMs' tab in the Oracle console. The list of VMs is as follows:

Name	State
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On
prac19c1	Powered On
prac19c2	Powered On

FIGURE 249. Protected VM Status

During a test recovery, the array creates a snapshot of the volumes hosting the VM's disk files on the recovery site and the datastore on that snapshot is brought up. The VMs on that snapshot's datastores are powered up as below for testing.

The target pod is promoted with the resignature process for VMFS, which includes a mandatory step adding a name prefix in the form of snap-XXXXXXX (e.g., **snap-076af255-OraSC2**).

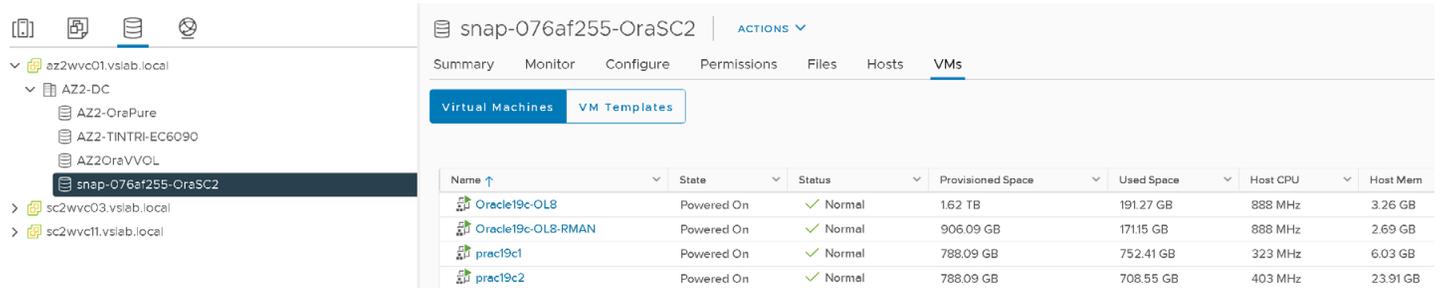


FIGURE 250. Test Recovery Plan Storage Snapshot on Site B

The contents of the Site B storage snapshot are as shown below:

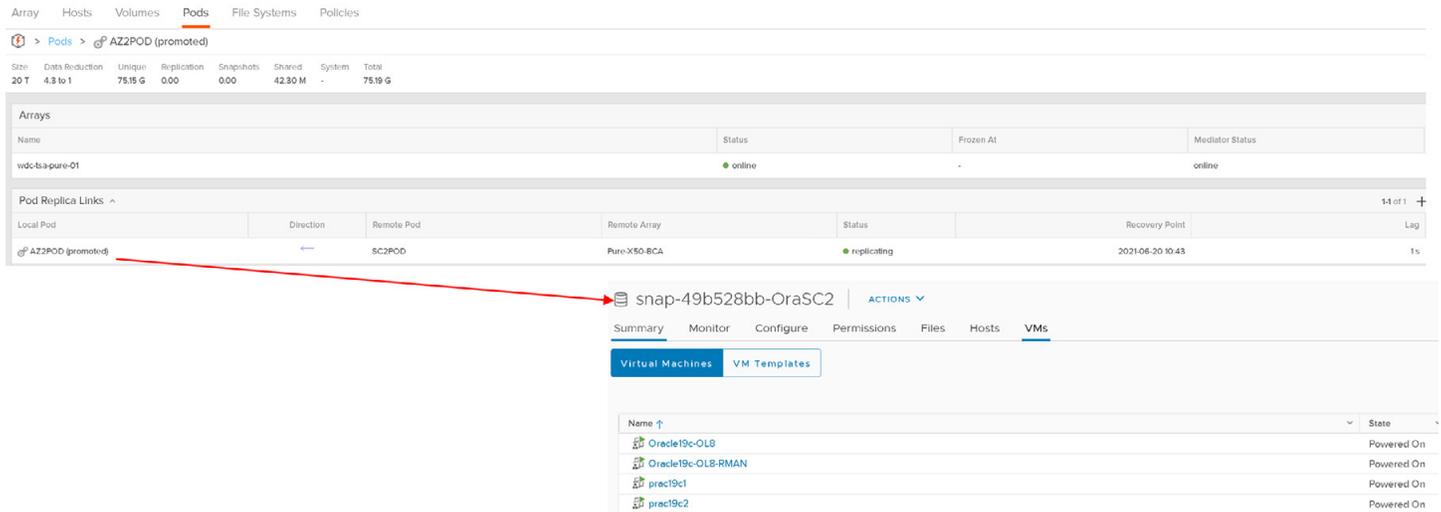


FIGURE 251. Site B Storage Snapshot Contents

Array replication continues normally while the test is in progress.

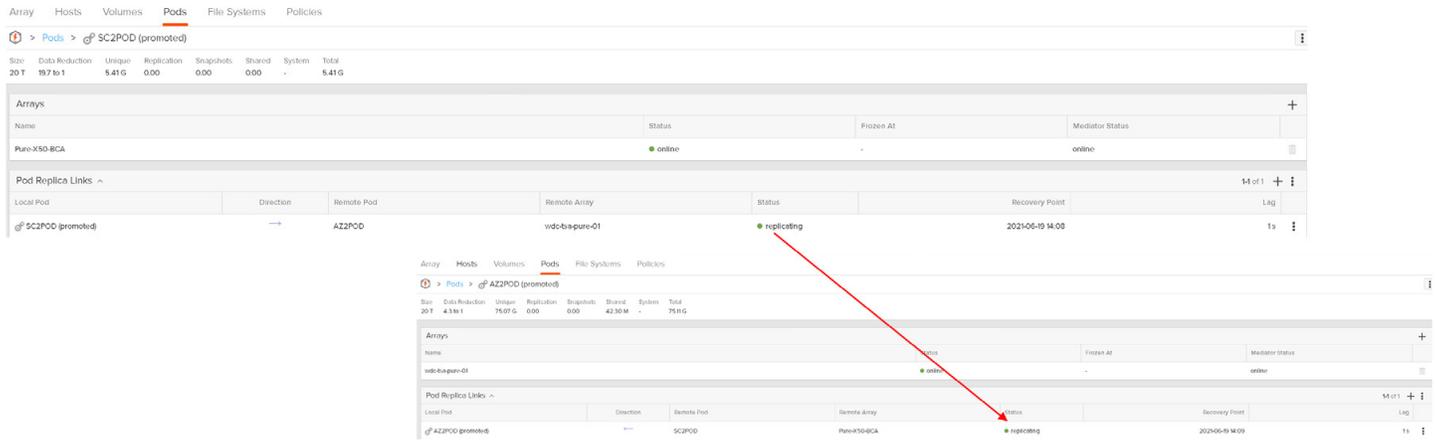


FIGURE 252. Site A and Site B Array Replication in Progress

Both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered up and connected to the recovery site test network **APPS-1810**. The IP addressing scheme is followed as defined in the network mapping section.

Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

The storage-based snapshot is crash-consistent and write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot.

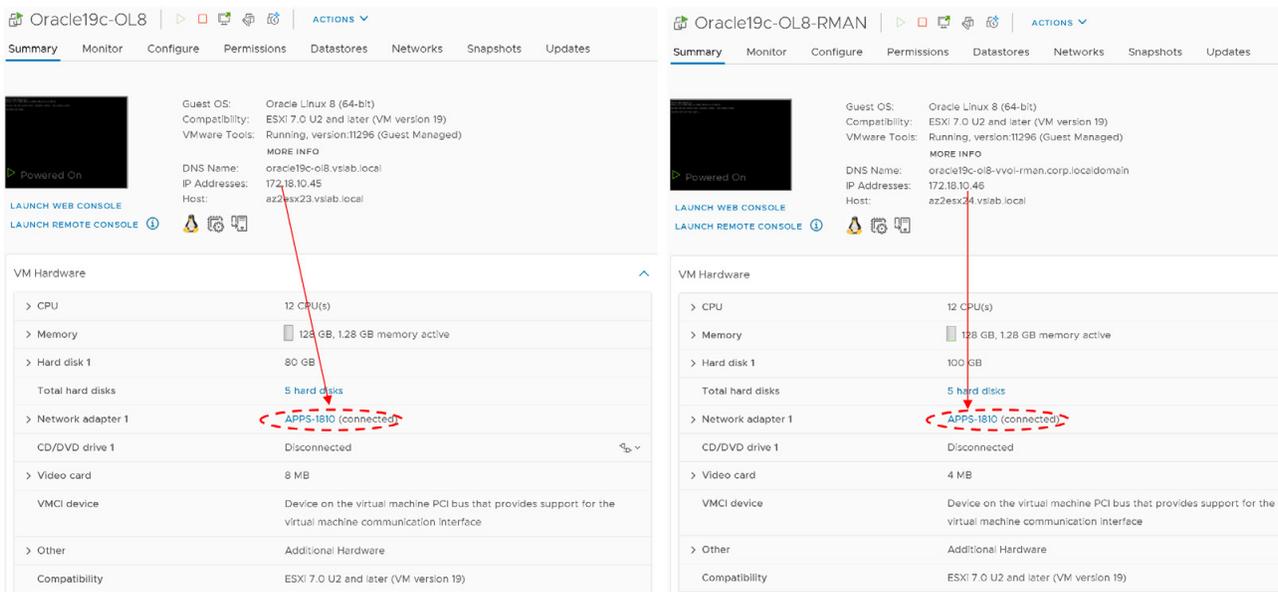


FIGURE 253. Oracle VMs Oracle19c-OL8 and Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Networking Details

All ASM disk groups are online and the ASM and Oracle instance is up.

```
[root@oracle19c-ol8-vvol ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target  State        Server                    State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.DATA_DG.dg      ONLINE ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.FRA_DG.dg       ONLINE ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.LISTENER.lsnr   ONLINE ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.MGMT_DATA.dg    ONLINE ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.REDO_DG.dg      OFFLINE OFFLINE      oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.asm             ONLINE ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       Started,STABLE
ora.ons             OFFLINE OFFLINE      oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.cssd            1       ONLINE  ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.diskmon         1       OFFLINE OFFLINE      oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
ora.evmd            1       ONLINE  ONLINE       oracle19c-ol8-vvol       STABLE
-----
[root@oracle19c-ol8-vvol ~]#
[root@oracle19c-ol8-vvol ~]# ps -aefl | grep -i smon | grep -v grep
0 S grid      2778      1  0  80   0 - 391131 do_sem 14:05 ?    00:00:00 asm_smon_+ASM
0 S oracle    2992      1  0  80   0 - 25284218 do_sem 14:06 ?    00:00:00 ora_smon_vvol19c
[root@oracle19c-ol8-vvol ~]#
```

FIGURE 254. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 Services

The Oracle RAC cluster **prac19c** VMs are also powered up. The public interfaces are connected to the recovery site test network **APPS-1810** and private interconnects are connected to the recovery site test network **APPS-1809**. The IP addressing scheme is followed as defined in the network mapping section.

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere interface for two Oracle RAC VMs, **prac19c1** and **prac19c2**. Both VMs are powered on and running Oracle Linux 7 (64-bit). The network configuration for both VMs is detailed below:

VM	Network Adapter	Connected Network
prac19c1	Network adapter 1	APPS-1810 (connected)
	Network adapter 2	APPS-1809 (connected)
prac19c2	Network adapter 1	APPS-1810 (connected)
	Network adapter 2	APPS-1809 (connected)

Additional VM hardware details for both VMs include 12 CPU(s), 128 GB memory (43.52 GB active for prac19c1, 96 GB active for prac19c2), and 80 GB hard disk. Both VMs are compatible with ESXi 7.0 and later (VM version 17).

FIGURE 255. Oracle RAC VM prac19c Networking Details

As part of testing the recovery plan, the network interfaces of the Oracle RAC **prac19c** will be changed to the appropriate test network as defined in the network mappings.

- The VIP and the SCAN IPs have to be changed to the test/recovery network IP scheme in order for the RAC Clusterware to bring up the RAC services.
- The steps to change the RAC VIP IP address can be found in [Oracle 19c Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#). The steps to change the Oracle private interconnect IP address can be found in the [Changing Oracle Clusterware Private Network Configuration](#).
- The steps to change the RAC SCAN IP addresses can be found in the [My Oracle Support Note How to Update the IP Address of the SCAN VIP Resources \(ora.scan{n}.vip\) \(Doc ID 952903.1\)](#).
- The steps to change the RAC VIP, scan and private interconnect IP addresses are beyond the scope of this paper.

The recovery plans can be configured and IP customization can be performed for VM networking, if needed.

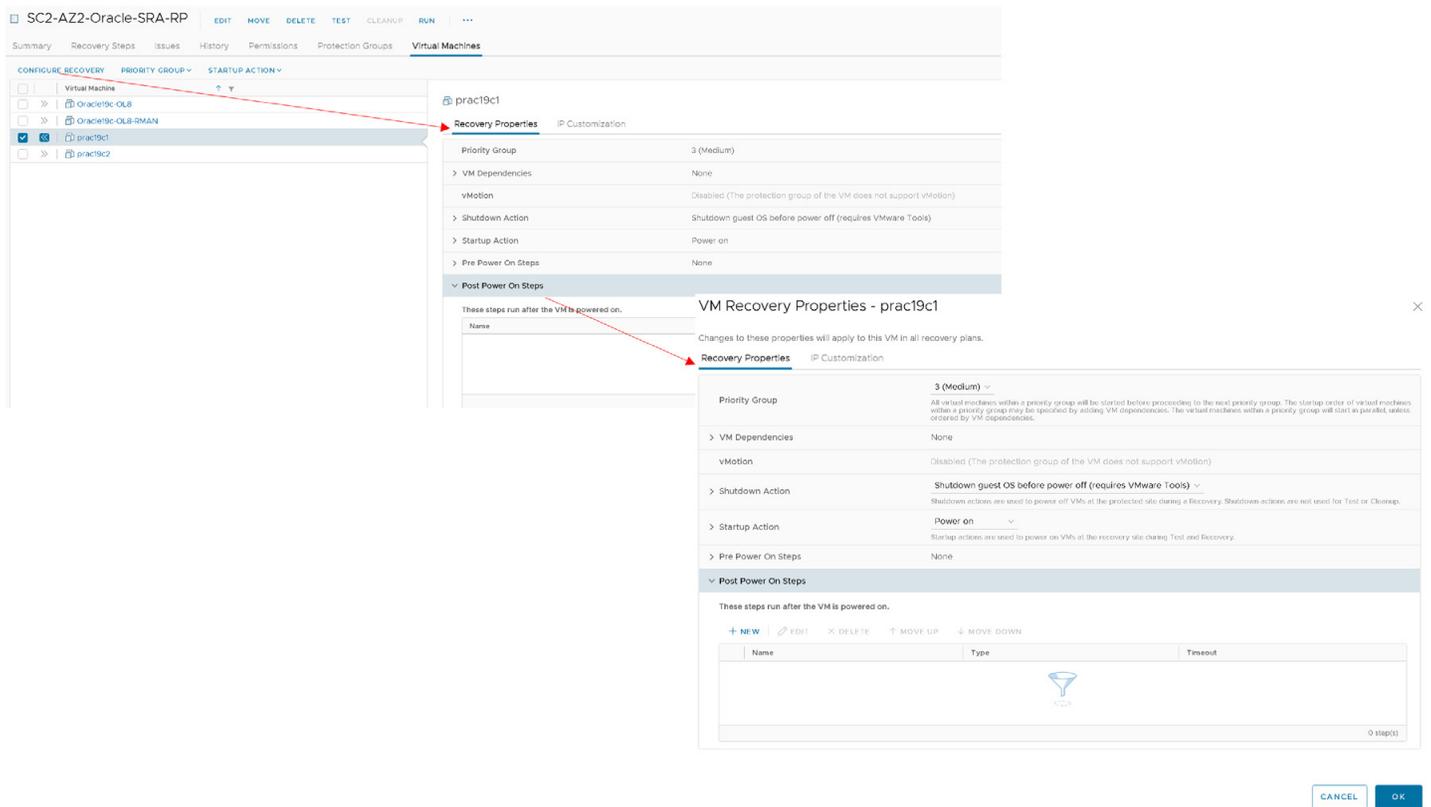


FIGURE 256. Recovery Plan IP Customization

IP customization can be performed for VM NIC1 networking, if needed.

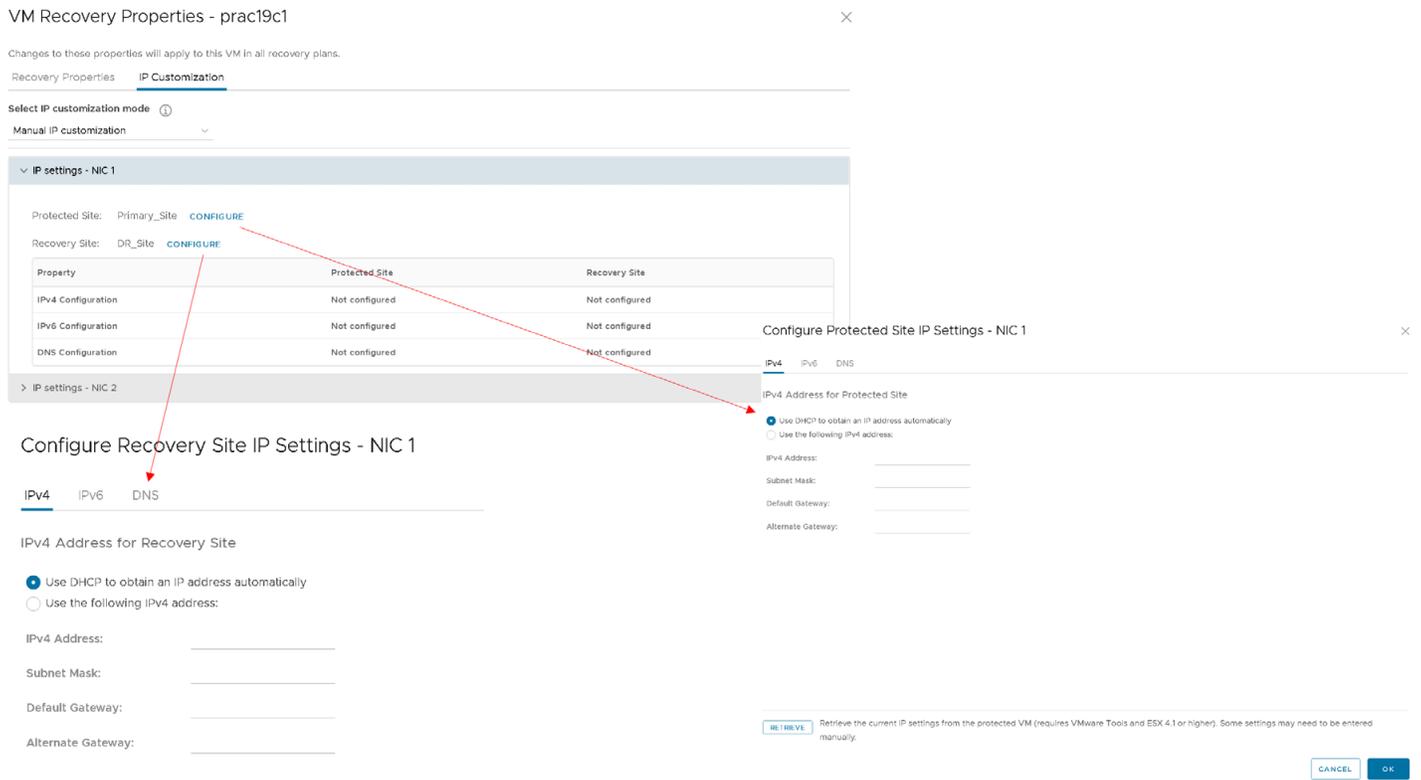


FIGURE 257. Recovery Plan IP Customization Details

When performing cleanup after running a test, the array removes the snapshots that were created earlier as part of the test recovery workflow.

The screenshot displays the VMware Recovery Plan interface for 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP'. The 'Recovery Steps' table shows the following data:

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Synchronize storage	Success	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:50:53 PM	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:51:37 PM
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	Success	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:51:37 PM	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:51:37 PM
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site	Success	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:51:38 PM	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:52:19 PM
4. Create writable storage snapshot	Success	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:52:12 PM	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:52:19 PM
5. Configure test network	Success	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:52:12 PM	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:52:19 PM
6. Power on priority 1 VMs	Success	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:52:12 PM	Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:56:48 PM
7. Power on priority 2 VMs	Success		
8. Power on priority 3 VMs	Success		
9. Power on priority 4 VMs	Success		
10. Power on priority 5 VMs	Success		

The 'Cleanup - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP' dialog box shows the following configuration in the 'Confirmation options' tab:

Field	Value
Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

The 'Confirmation options' panel includes a warning message: 'Running a cleanup operation on this plan will remove the test environment and reset the plan to the Ready state.' and a 'Force cleanup' checkbox.

FIGURE 258. Cleanup the Recovery Plan

As part of the cleanup, the VMs on the snapshot datastore are powered off and the placeholder VMs are then placed on the placeholder datastore **AZ2-OraPure**.

The snapshot datastore **snap-49b528bb-OraSC2** is then removed, and the pod will then be demoted, resetting the environment for another test or recovery.

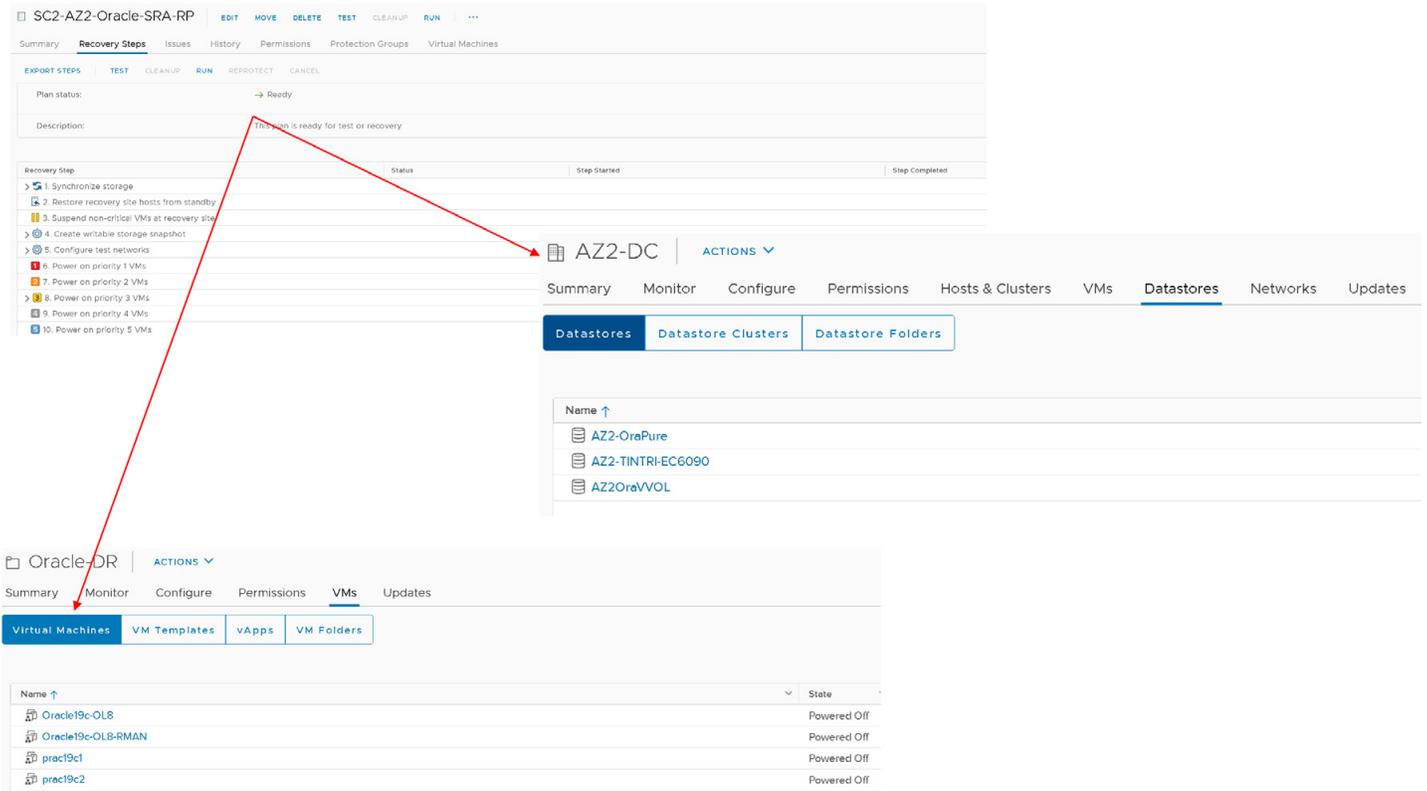


FIGURE 259. Site B Storage and Compute Status

The placeholder datastore with the placeholder VMs are as shown below:

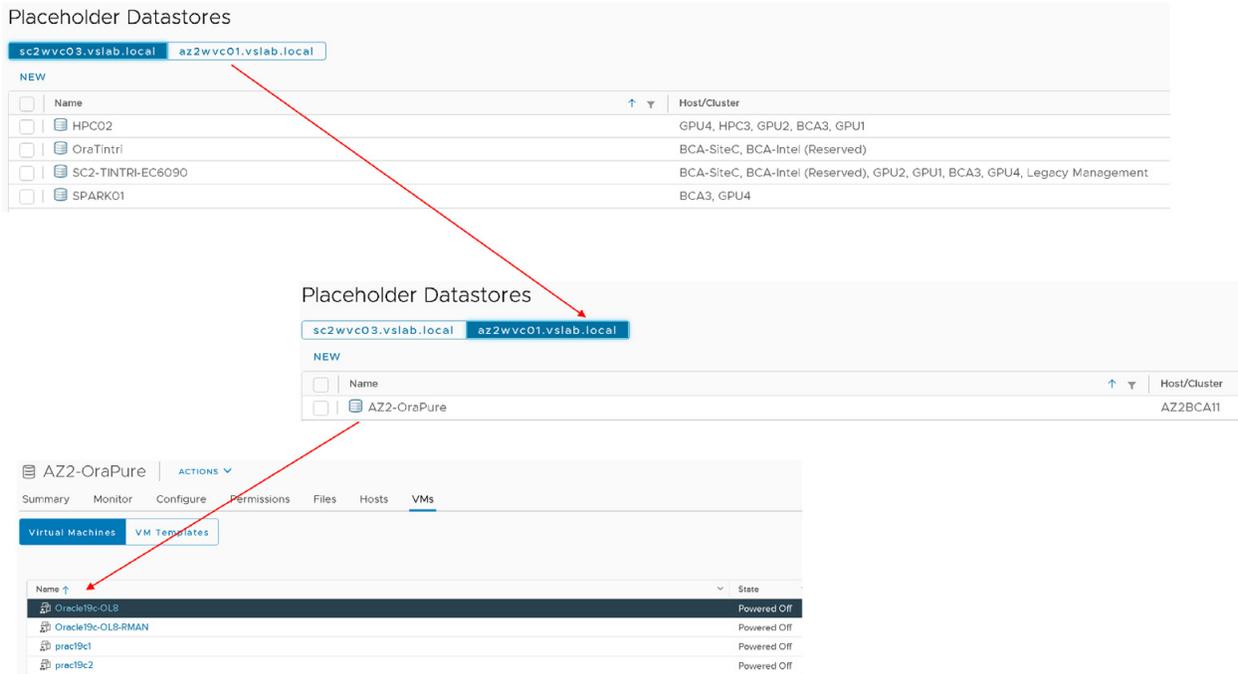


FIGURE 260. Site B Placeholder Datastore and Placeholder VMs

Site B VM status is as shown below:

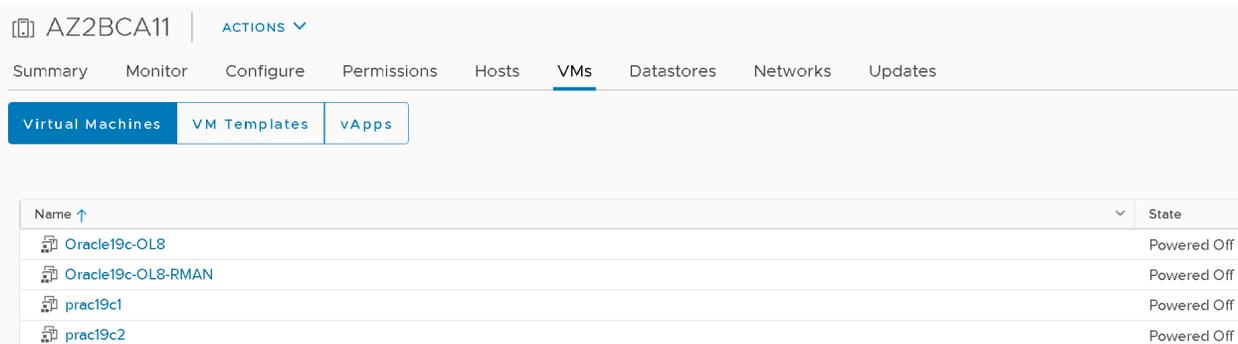


FIGURE 261. Site B VM Status

More information on testing a recovery plan with array-based replication can be found in [Testing a Recovery Plan](#) and [SRM User Guide: FlashArray Continuous Replication \(ActiveDR\) Workflows](#).

Run Recovery Plan for Planned Migration

Performing a planned migration or disaster recovery by running a recovery plan will result in VM migration from the protected site to the recovery site. If the protected site suffers an unforeseen event that might result in data loss, the recovery plan can also be run under unplanned circumstances.

Planned migration – During a planned migration, Site Recovery Manager synchronizes the VM data on the recovery site with the VMs on the protected site. Site Recovery Manager attempts to shut down the protected VMs gracefully and performs a final synchronization to prevent data loss, then powers on the VMs on the recovery site. If errors occur during a planned migration, the plan stops so that the errors can be resolved, and the plan rerun.

Steps to run recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP** in planned migration mode are as shown below:

The screenshot displays the Site Recovery Manager interface for the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP**. The main view shows the plan's configuration: Protected Site: Primary_Site, Recovery Site: DR_Site. The Plan Status is **Ready**, with a note: "This plan is ready for test or recovery". The Recent History table shows several successful operations:

Operation	Time	Status
Cleanup	Sunday, June 20, 2021 9:18:11 PM	Success
Test	Sunday, June 20, 2021 8:53:05 PM	Success
Cleanup	Sunday, June 20, 2021 2:21:26 PM	Success
Test	Sunday, June 20, 2021 2:12:11 PM	Success
Cleanup	Sunday, June 20, 2021 2:09:58 PM	Success

The interface also shows a confirmation dialog with the following details:

- Recovery confirmation:**
 - Protected site: Primary_Site
 - Recovery site: DR_Site
 - Server connection: Connected
 - Number of VMs: 4
- I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.
- Recovery type:**
 - Planned migration** (Replicate recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. Sites must be connected and storage replication must be available.)
 - Disaster recovery (Attempt to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.)

The bottom left shows the navigation pane with "2 Ready to complete" selected.

FIGURE 262. Run Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

A planned migration is very similar to a test recovery in process. Prior to a recovery, a source pod is in the promoted state and the target pod is in the demoted state.

After the planned migration, the datastore **OraSC2** is disconnected, the protected site pod volume **SC2POD::OraSC2** is disconnected from all protected site hosts, and protected site pod **SC2POD::OraSC2** is demoted. The recovery site pod volume **AZ2POD::OraSC2** is promoted and connected to the recovery site hosts.

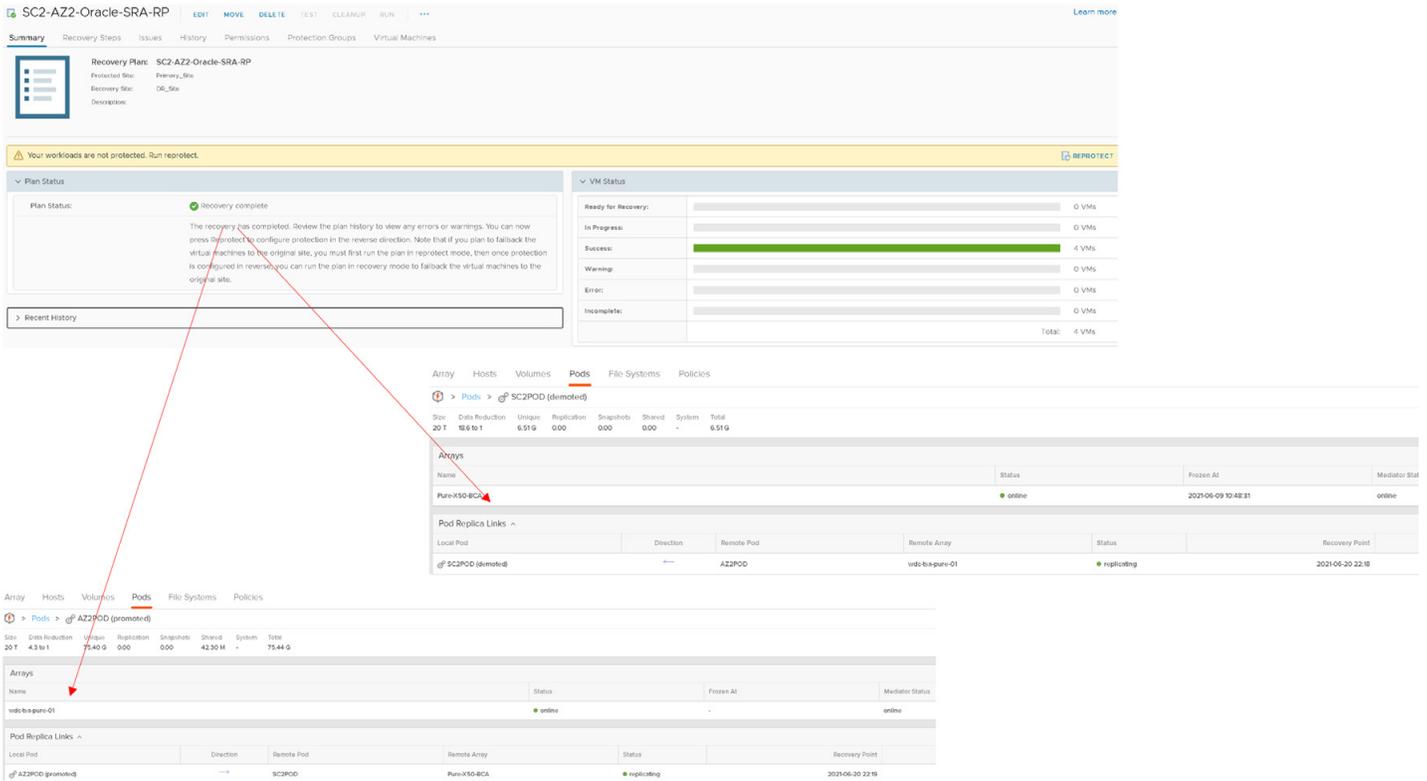


FIGURE 263. Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP in Progress

Site A and Site B storage volumes are as shown below:

The figure displays two screenshots of the vSphere storage volume configuration interface. The left screenshot shows the configuration for 'SC2POD :: OraSC2'. The right screenshot shows the configuration for 'AZ2POD :: OraSC2'. Both screenshots show the 'Volumes' tab selected, and the 'Details' section is expanded to show various attributes.

Attribute	SC2POD :: OraSC2	AZ2POD :: OraSC2
Size	20 T	20 T
Data Reduction	21.0 to 1	9.5 to 1
Unique	3.56 G	6.44 G
Snapshots	0.00	0.00
Shared	-	-
System	-	-
Total	3.56 G	6.44 G
Source	-	-
Created	2021-06-09 11:22:57	2021-06-09 11:22:57
Serial	A841B405A3A348CA00013066	FABF667E849B44C500042326
Host Encryption Key Status	none	none
# Hosts	0	3
# Connections	0	1
QoS	Bandwidth Limit - IOPS Limit -	Bandwidth Limit - IOPS Limit -

FIGURE 264. Site A and Site B Storage Volumes

As part of rescanning the ESXi hosts, the recovery site datastore is resignatured and mounted and the process of resignaturing adds the snap-XXXXXXX prefix to the datastore names. The VMs are then powered on in the resignature process.

The figure shows the vSphere interface during the resignature process. The left pane shows the storage hierarchy with 'snap-46ea4261-OraSC2' selected. The right pane shows the 'Virtual Machines' tab with a list of VMs.

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On	Normal
pracl9c1	Powered On	Normal
pracl9c2	Powered On	Normal

FIGURE 265. Resignature of Recovery Site Datastore

Both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered up and connected to the recovery site recovery network **APPS-1810**. The IP addressing scheme is followed as defined in the network mapping section.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

The storage-based snapshot is crash-consistent and write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot.

Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** network details are as shown below:

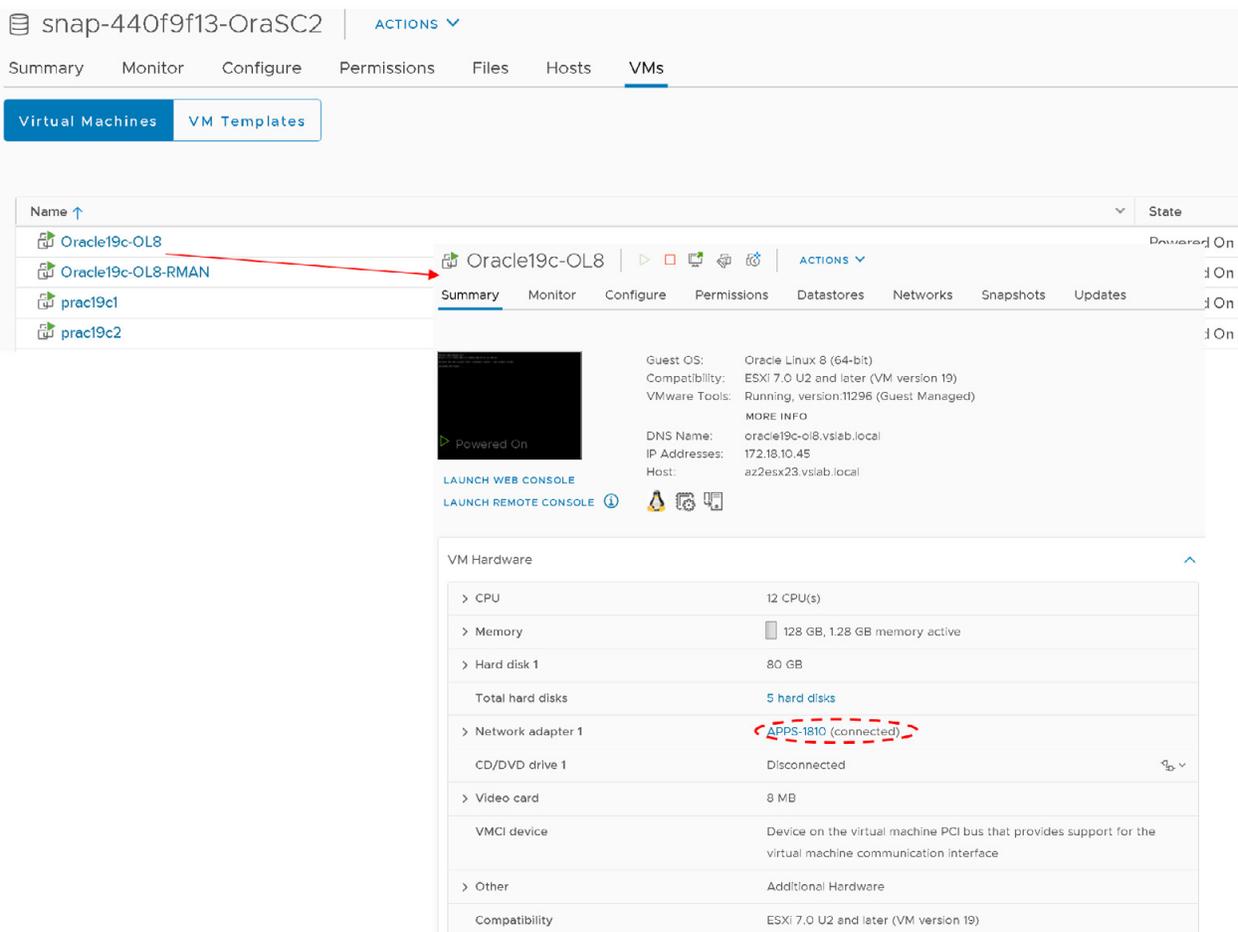


FIGURE 266. Oracle Oracle19c-OL8 Networking Status

Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** network details are as shown below:

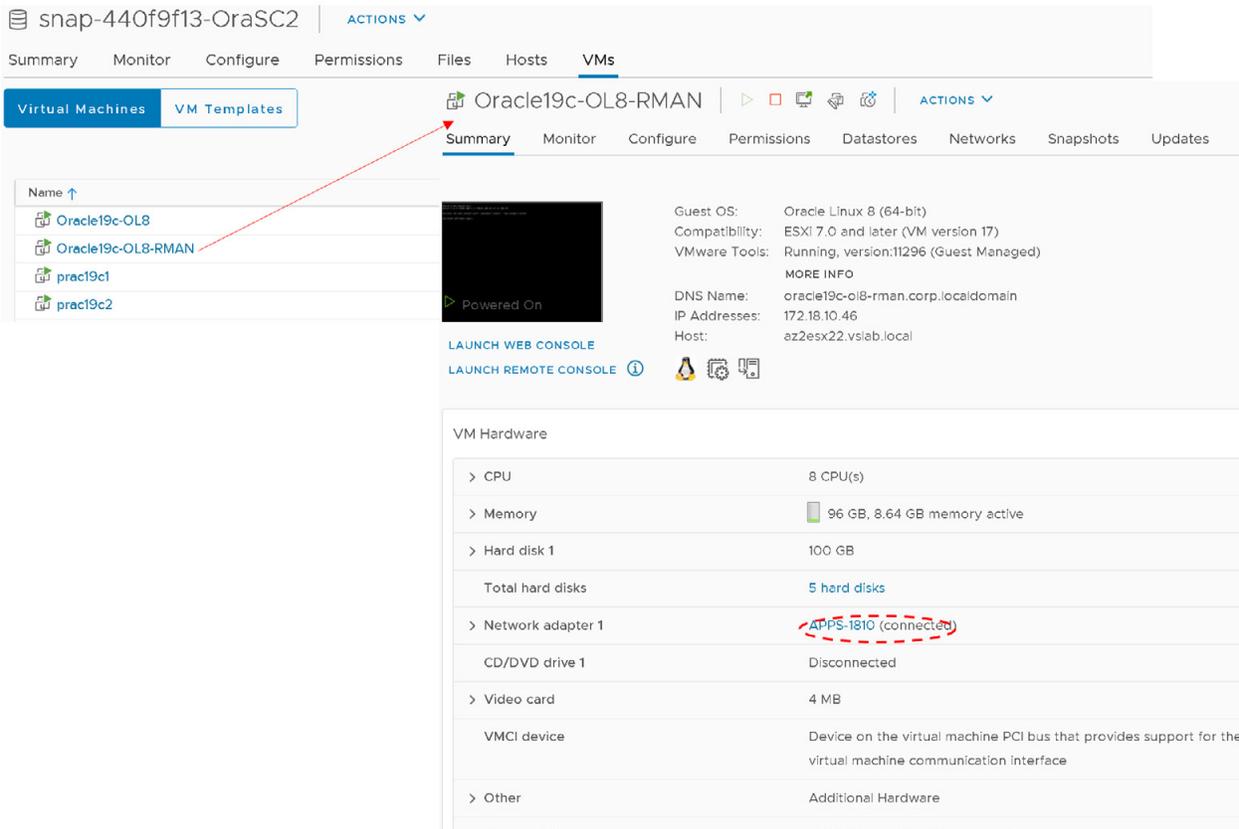


FIGURE 267. Oracle Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Networking Status

Oracle RAC cluster **prac19c** VMs are also powered up. The public interfaces are connected to the recovery site recovery network **APPS-1810** and private interconnects are connected to the recovery site recovery network **APPS-1805**. The IP addressing scheme is followed as defined in the network mapping section.

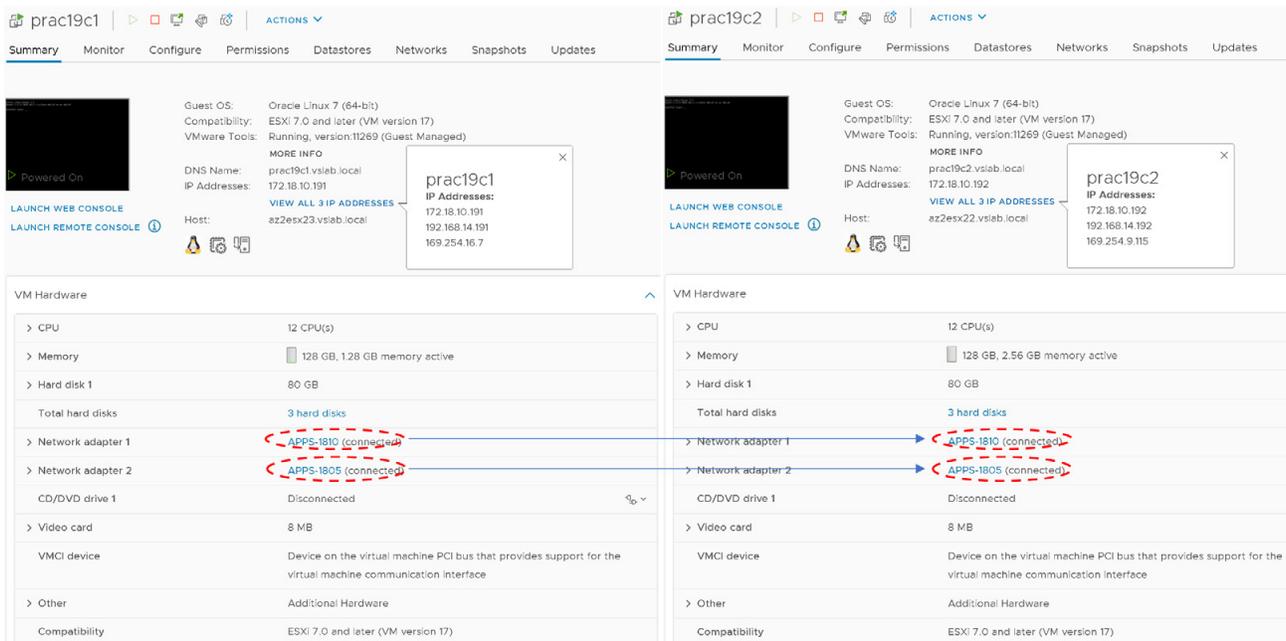


FIGURE 268. Oracle RAC prac19c Networking Status

As part of running a planned migration of the recovery plan, the network interfaces of the Oracle RAC **prac19c** will be changed to the appropriate recovery network as defined in the network mappings.

- The VIP and the SCAN IPs have to be changed to the test/recovery network IP scheme in order for the RAC Clusterware to bring up the RAC services.
- The steps to change the RAC VIP IP address can be found in [Oracle 19c Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#). The steps to change the Oracle private interconnect IP address can be found in the [Changing Oracle Clusterware Private Network Configuration](#).
- The steps to change the RAC SCAN IP addresses can be found in the [My Oracle Support Note How to Update the IP Address of the SCAN VIP Resources \(ora.scan{n}.vip\) \(Doc ID 952903.1\)](#).
- The steps to change the RAC VIP, scan and private interconnect IP addresses are beyond the scope of this paper.

At the end of the recovery process, the Target Site B is replicating to the Source Site A.

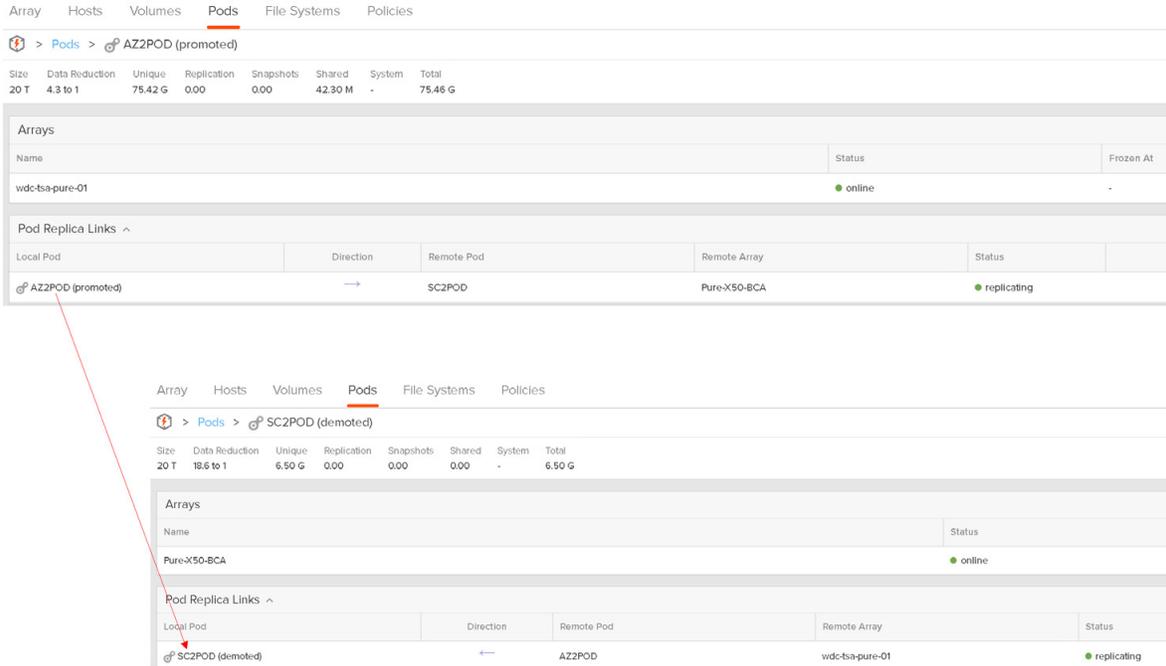


FIGURE 269. Storage Replication from Site B to Site A

A **Reprotect** needs to be run on the target Site B back to source Site A to protect the VMs in the reverse direction.

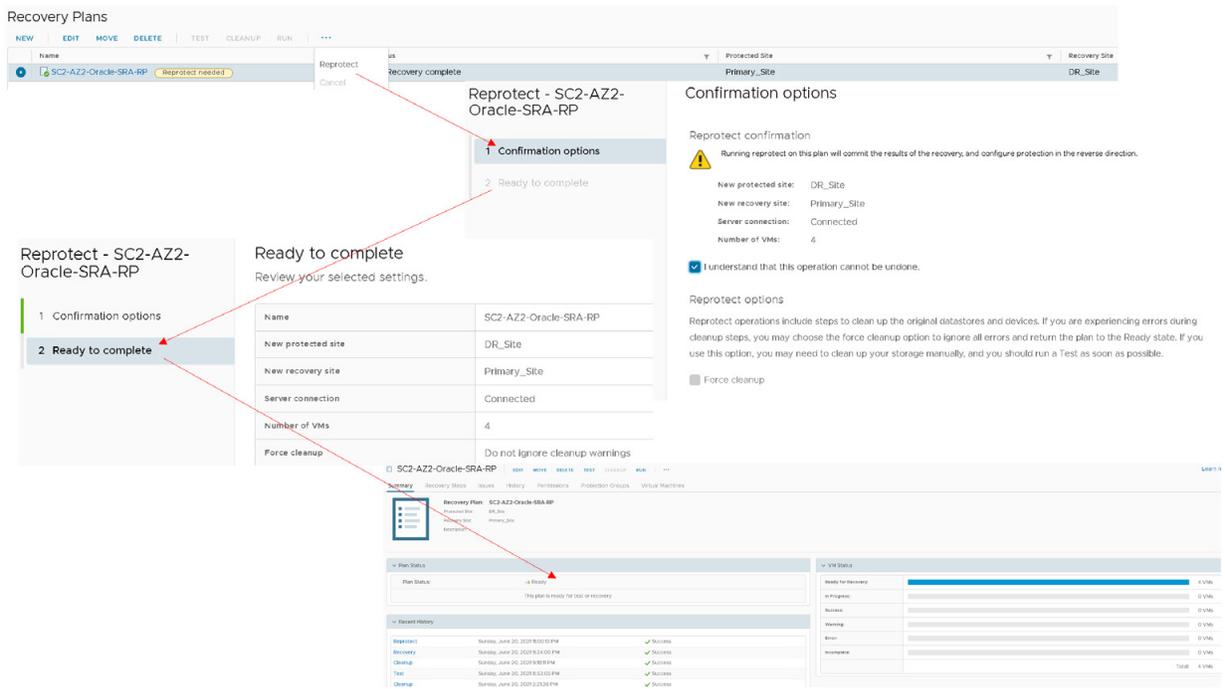


FIGURE 270. Run Reprotect on Site B

In order to switch the protected site from Site B to Site A, we can run another planned migration which will switch the protected site from Site B to Site A. Replication will occur from Site A to Site B.

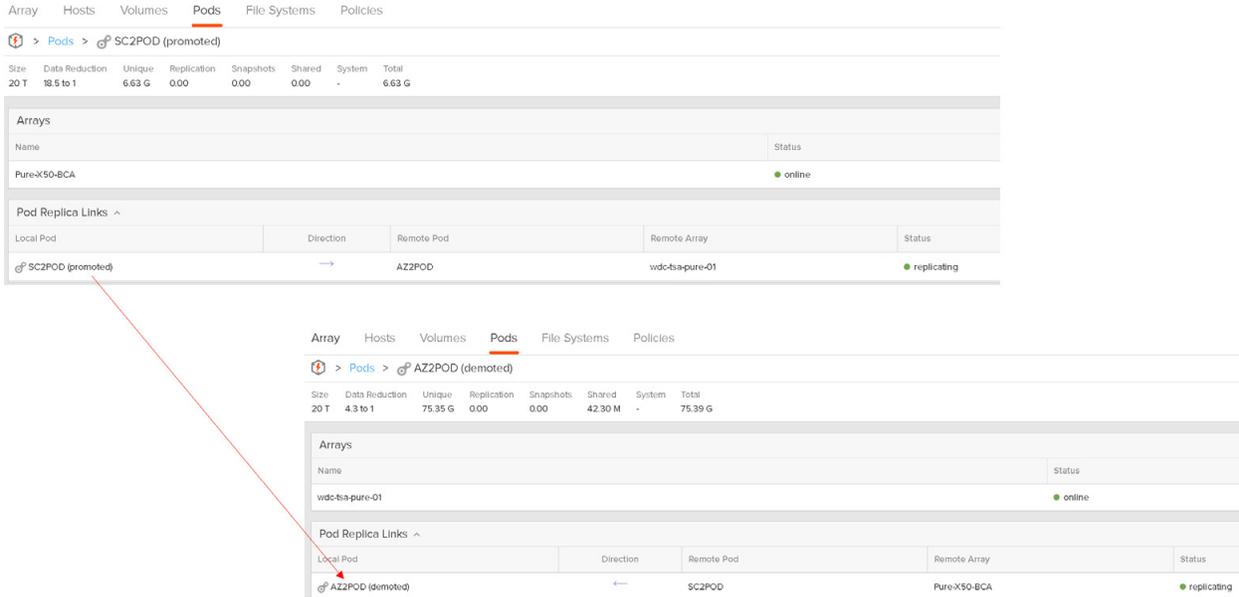


FIGURE 271. Storage Replication from Site A to Site B

Planned migration from Site B to Site A is successful.

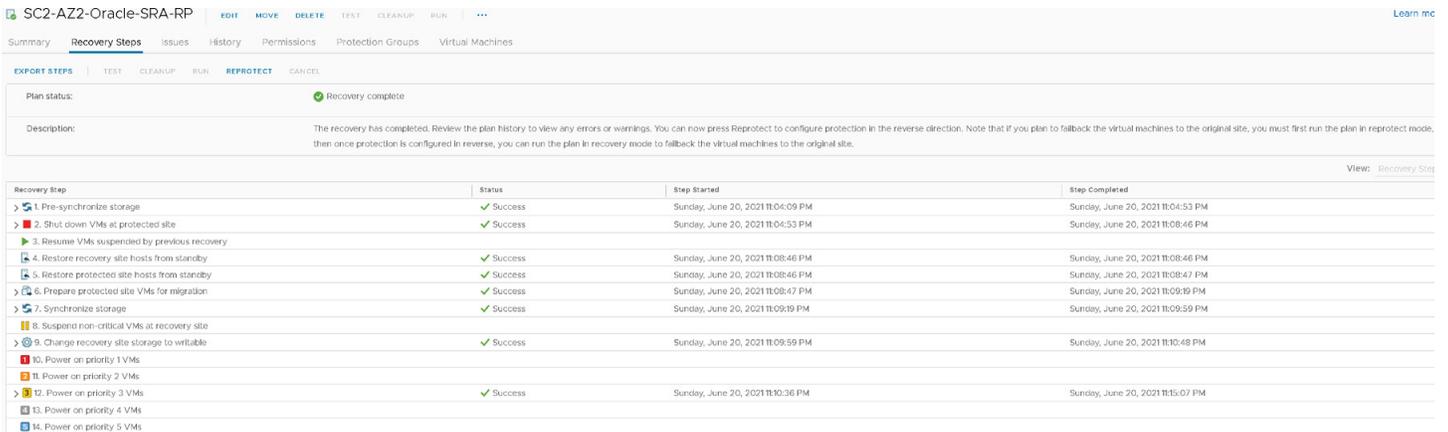


FIGURE 272. Planned Migration from Site A to Site B Successful

Re-run the reprotect process to protect the VMs on the protected Site A.

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

Summary Recovery Steps Issues History Permissions Protection Groups Virtual Machines

EXPORT STEPS TEST CLEANUP RUN REPROTECT CANCEL

Plan status: ✔ Recovery complete

Description: The recovery has completed. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings. You can now press ReproTECT to configure protection in the reverse direction. Note that if you plan to fallback the virtual machines to the original site, you must first run the plan in reprotect mode, and once protection is configured in reverse, you can run the plan in recovery mode to fallback the virtual machines to the original site.

Recovery step	Status	Step Started	Step Completed
1. Pre-synchronize storage	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:04:09 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:04:53 PM
2. Shut down VMs at protected site	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:04:53 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:08:46 PM
3. Resume VMs suspended by previous recovery	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:08:46 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:08:46 PM
4. Restore recovery site hosts from standby	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:08:46 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:08:47 PM
5. Restore protected site hosts from standby	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:08:47 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:19 PM
6. Prepare protected site VMs for migration	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:19 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
7. Synchronize storage	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
8. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
9. Change recovery site storage to writable	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
10. Power on priority 1 VMs	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
11. Power on priority 2 VMs	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
12. Power on priority 3 VMs	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
13. Power on priority 4 VMs	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM
14. Power on priority 5 VMs	✔ Success	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM	Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:09:59 PM

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Reprotect confirmation

⚠ Running reprotect on this plan will commit the results of the recovery, and configure protection in the reverse direction.

New protected site: Primary_Site

New recovery site: DR_Site

Server connection: Connected

Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this operation cannot be undone.

Reprotect options

Reprotect operations include steps to clean up the original datastores and devices. If you are experiencing errors during cleanup steps, you may choose the force cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you may need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run a Test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP
New protected site	Primary_Site
New recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

FIGURE 273. Reprotect Site A

The recovery plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP is ready as shown below:

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

Summary Recovery Steps Issues History Permissions Protection Groups Virtual Machines

EXPORT STEPS TEST CLEANUP RUN REPROTECT CANCEL

Plan status: → Ready

Description: This plan is ready for test or recovery

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started
1. Synchronize storage		
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby		
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site		
4. Create writable storage snapshot		
5. Configure test networks		
6. Power on priority 1 VMs		
7. Power on priority 2 VMs		
8. Power on priority 3 VMs		
9. Power on priority 4 VMs		
10. Power on priority 5 VMs		

FIGURE 274. Recovery Plan Steps

More information on running a planned recovery with array-based replication can be found in the [Run a Recovery Plan](#) and [SRM User Guide: FlashArray Continuous Replication \(ActiveDR\) Workflows](#).

Run Recovery Plan for Disaster Recovery

Disaster Recovery - During a disaster recovery, Site Recovery Manager first attempts a storage synchronization. If it succeeds, Site Recovery Manager uses the synchronized storage state to recover VMs on the recovery site to their most recent available state, according to the recovery point objective (RPO) that you set when you configure replication.

The steps for running the recovery plan for disaster recovery are the same as those employed above with planned migration.

Steps to run the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP** in a disaster recovery mode are as shown below:

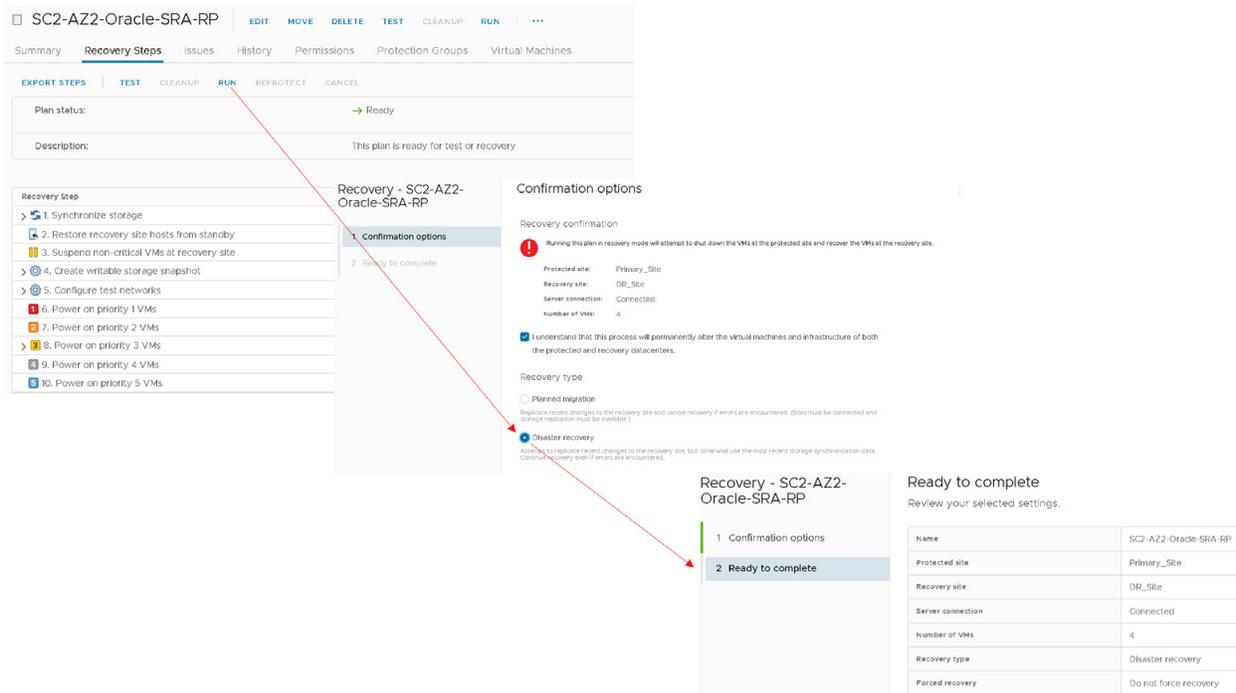


FIGURE 275. Disaster Recovery Use Case for Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

Recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP** in a disaster recovery mode is successful.

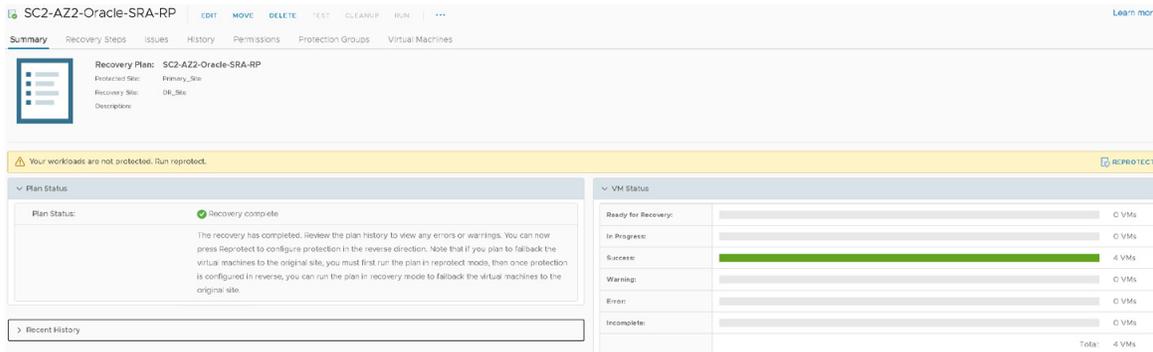


FIGURE 276. Disaster Recovery Use Case for Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP Successful

Site A **SC2POD** is demoted and Site B **AZ2POD** is promoted as shown below:

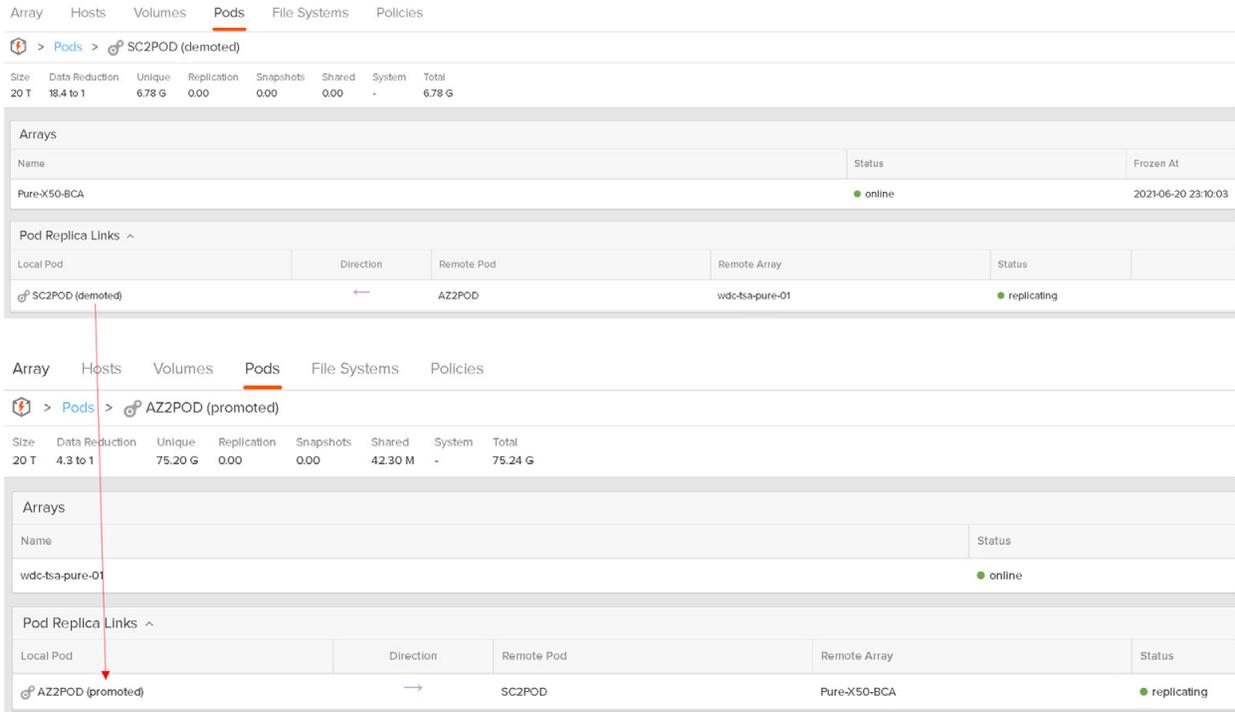


FIGURE 277. Storage Array POD Status on Site A and Site B

Both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered up and connected to the recovery site recovery network APPS-1810. The IP addressing scheme is followed as defined in the network mapping section.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

The storage-based snapshot is crash-consistent and write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot.

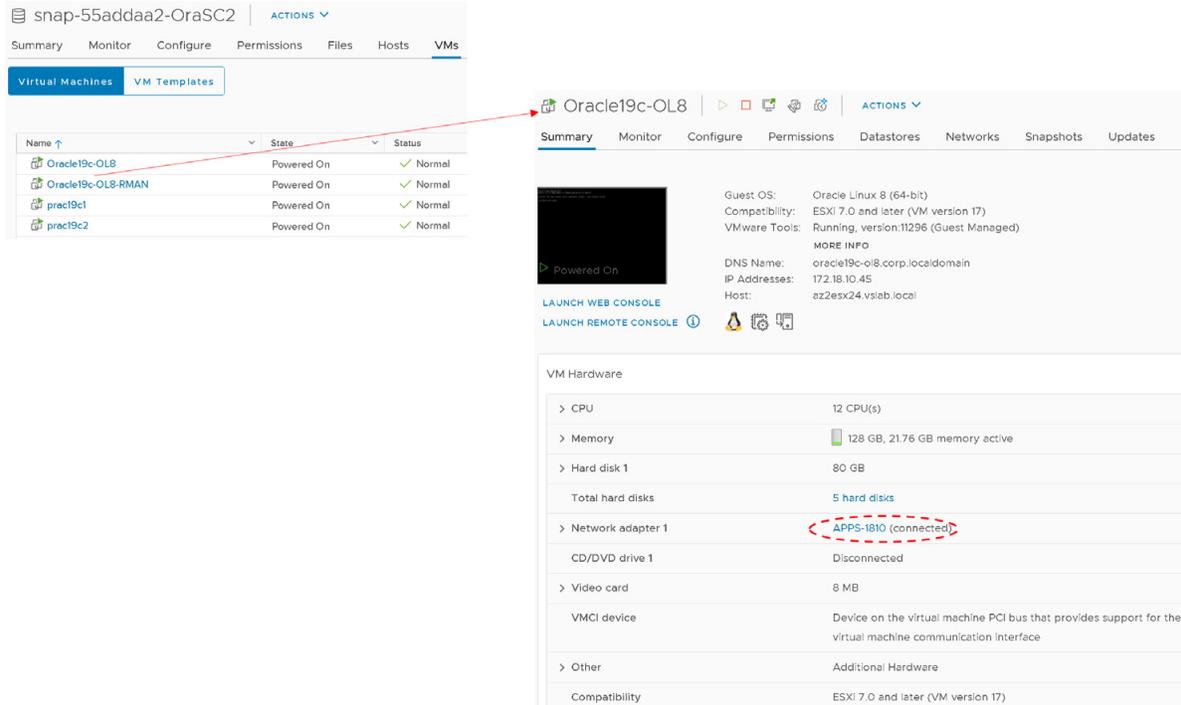


FIGURE 278. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 Networking Status

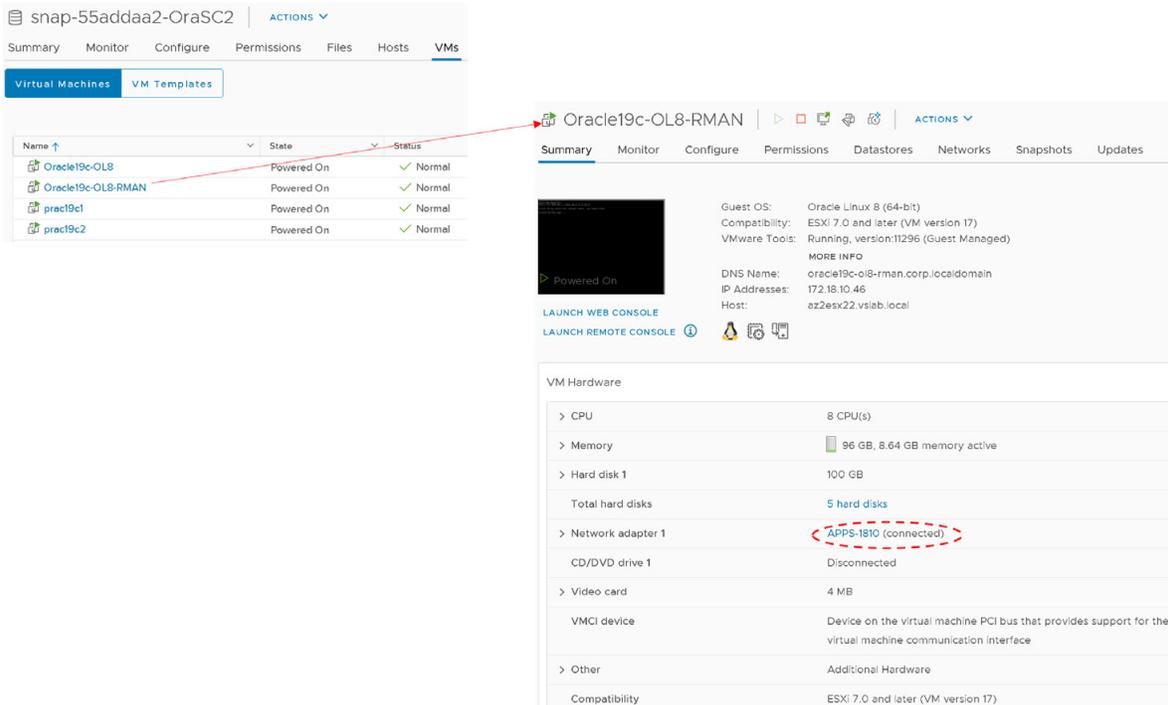


FIGURE 279. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Networking Status

The Oracle RAC cluster **prac19c** VMs are also powered up. The public interfaces are connected to the recovery site recovery network **APPS-1810** and private interconnects are connected to the recovery site recovery network **APPS-1805**. The IP addressing scheme is followed as defined in the network mapping section.

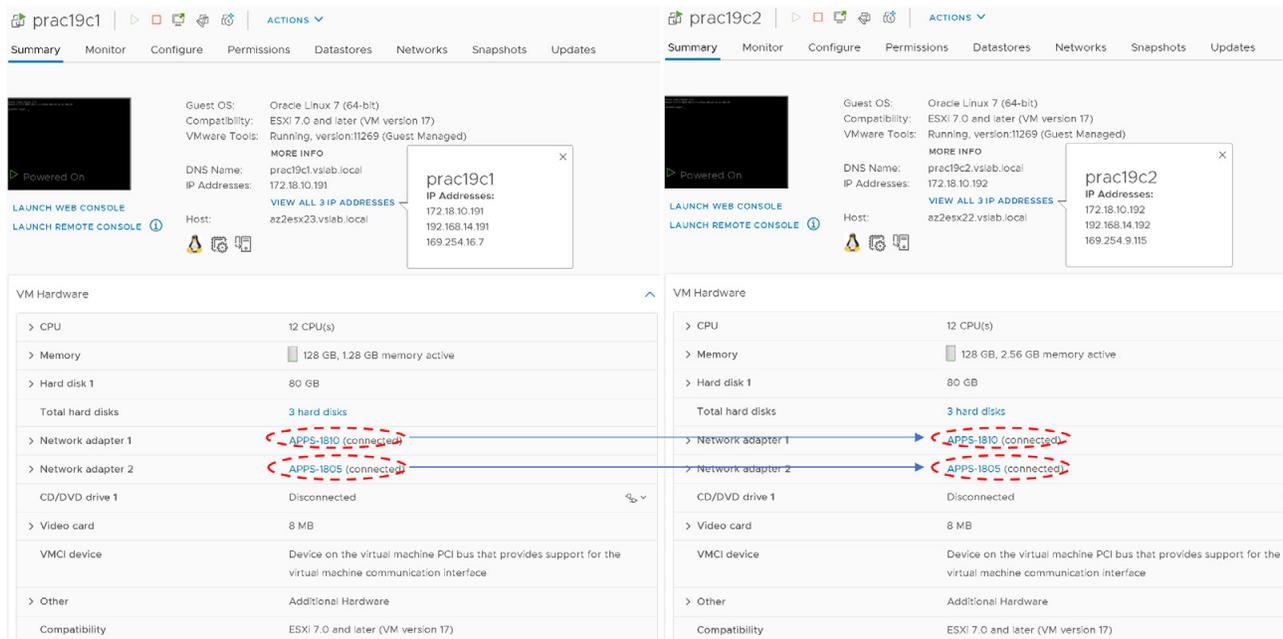


FIGURE 280. Oracle RAC prac19c Networking Status

As part of running a disaster recovery exercise of the recovery plan, the network interfaces of the Oracle RAC **prac19c** will be changed to the appropriate recovery network as defined in the network mappings.

- The VIP and the SCAN IPs have to be changed to the test/recovery network IP scheme in order for the RAC Clusterware to bring up the RAC services.
- The steps to change the RAC VIP IP address can be found in [Oracle 19c Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#). The steps to change the Oracle private interconnect IP address can be found in the [Changing Oracle Clusterware Private Network Configuration](#).
- The steps to change the RAC SCAN IP addresses can be found in the [My Oracle Support Note How to Update the IP Address of the SCAN VIP Resources \(ora.scan{n}.vip\) \(Doc ID 952903.1\)](#).
- The steps to change the RAC VIP, scan and private interconnect IP addresses are beyond the scope of this paper.

At the end of running the recovery plan in disaster recovery mode Target Site B is replicating to the Source Site A.

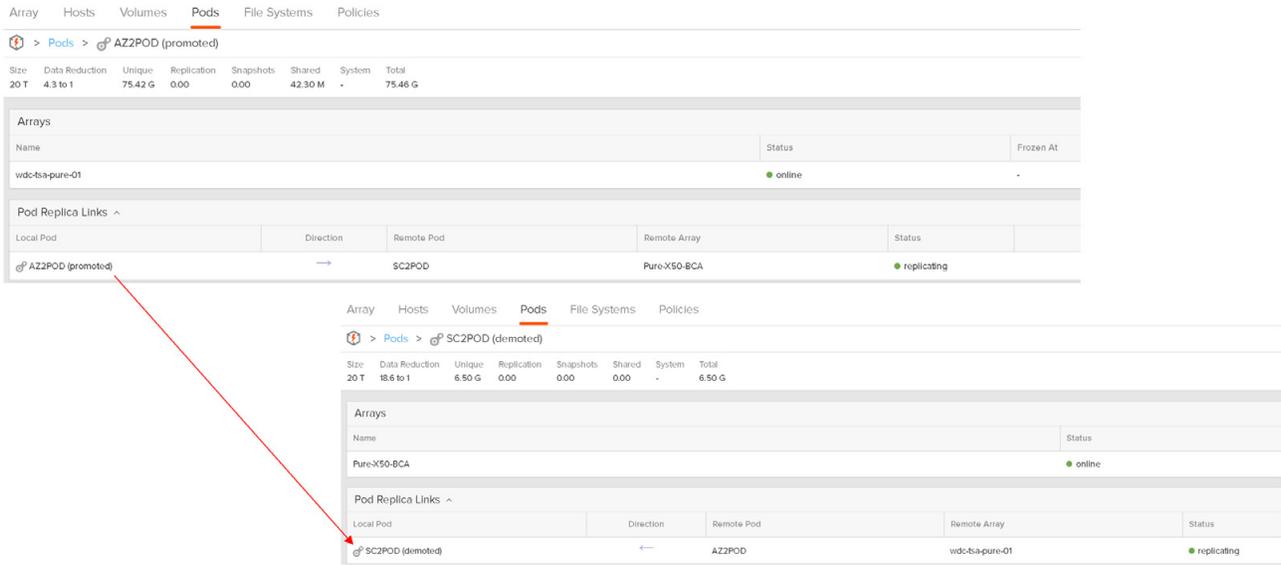


FIGURE 281. Site B Replicating to Site A

The VMs are powered up on the protected Site B.

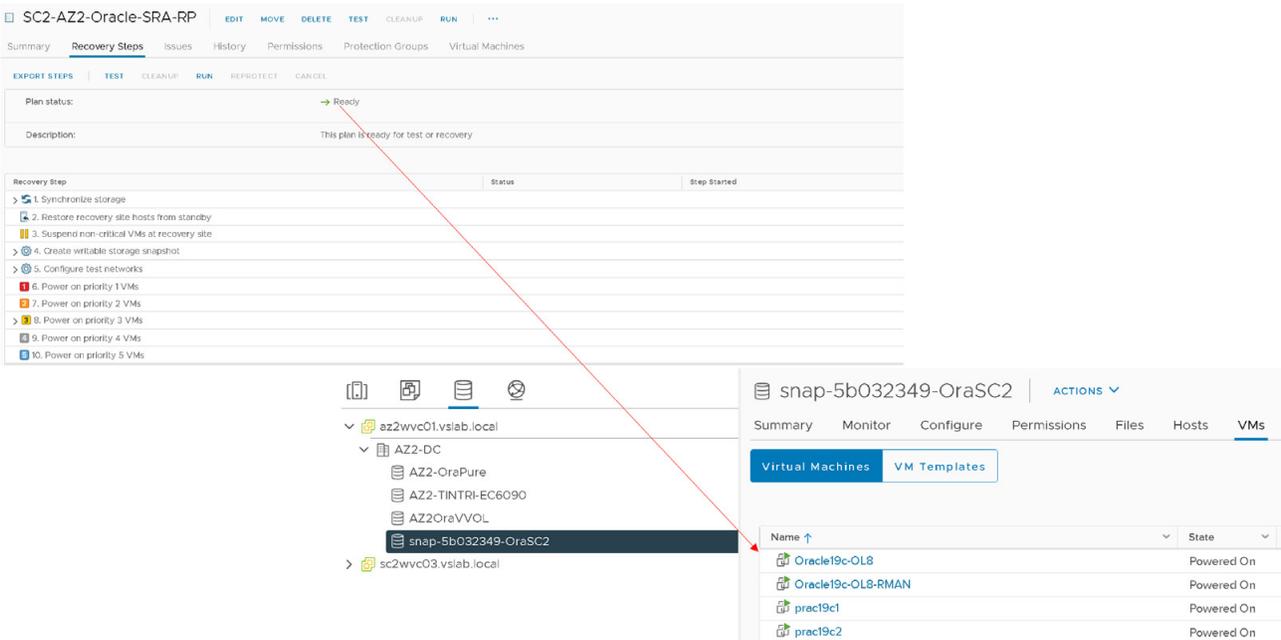


FIGURE 282. Site B VM Status

Reprotect needs to be run on Target Site B back to Source Site A to protect the VMs in the reverse direction.

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Reprotect confirmation

Running reprotect on this plan will commit the results of the recovery, and configure protection in the reverse direction.

New protected site: DR_Site
 New recovery site: Primary_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this operation cannot be undone.

Reprotect options

Reprotect operations include steps to clean up the original datastores and devices. If you are experiencing errors during cleanup steps, you may choose the force cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you may need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run a Test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP
New protected site	DR_Site
New recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

FIGURE 283. RUN REPROTECT ON SITE B

Once Source Site A is back online, re-run the workflow in planned migration mode, which will reverse the replication direction.

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Recovery confirmation

Running this plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down the VMs at the protected site and recover the VMs at the recovery site.

Protected site: DR_Site
 Recovery site: Primary_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.

Recovery type

Planned migration
 Replicates recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. (Sites must be connected and storage replication must be available.)

Disaster recovery
 Attempt to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP
Protected site	DR_Site
Recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Recovery type	Planned migration

FIGURE 284. Run Planned Migration from Site B to Site A

Site A and Site B storage POD status is as shown below:

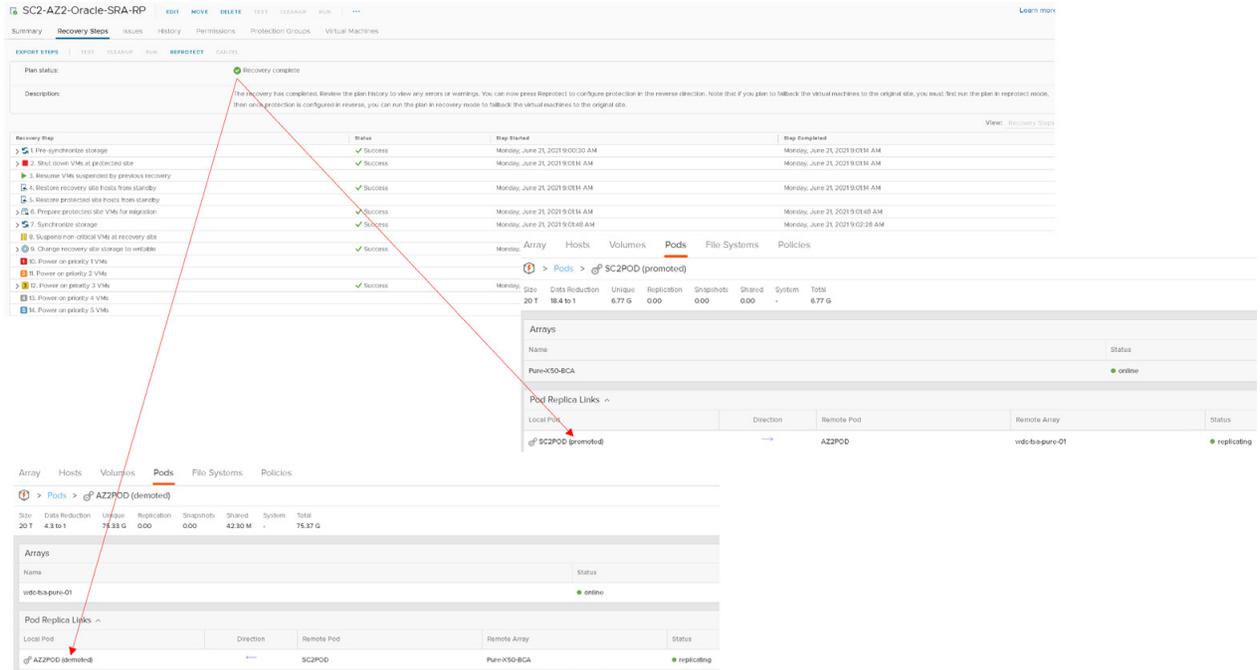


FIGURE 285. Site A and Site B Storage POD Status

Reprotect needs to be run on Source Site A back to Target Site B to protect the VMs.

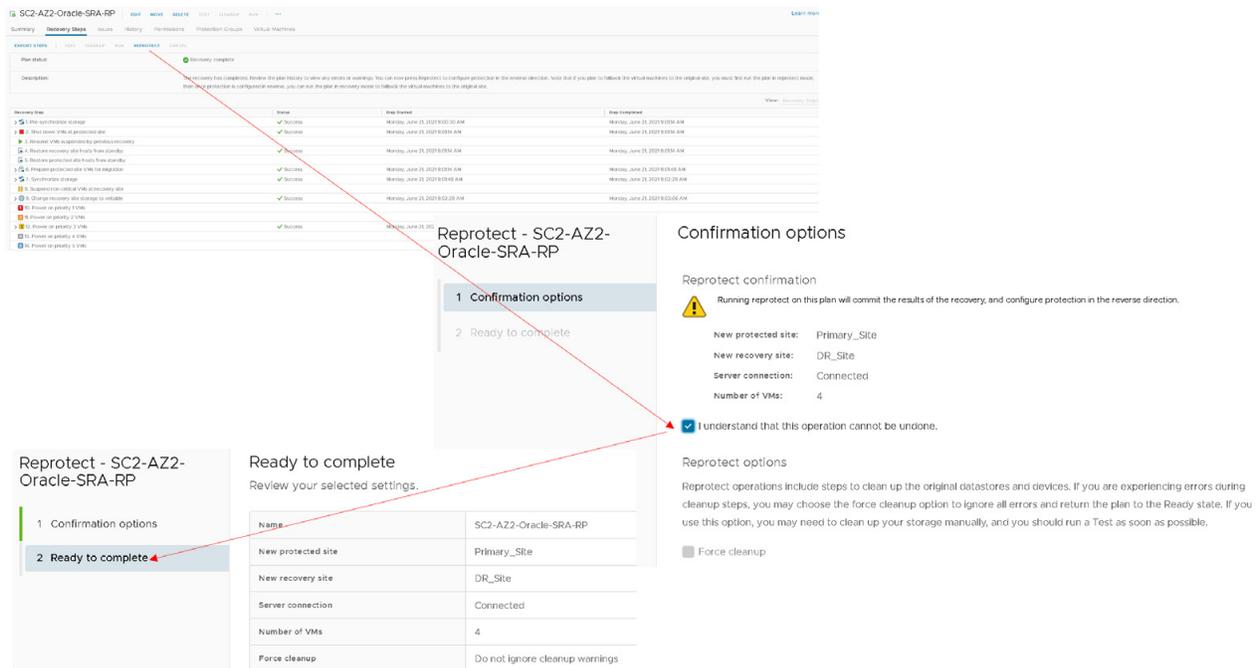


FIGURE 286. Run Reprotect on Site A

The recovery plan steps for Site A are as shown below:

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-RP

Summary Recovery Steps Issues History Permissions Protection Groups Virtual Machines

EXPORT STEPS TEST CLEANUP RUN REPROTECT CANCEL

Plan status: → Ready

Description: This plan is ready for test or recovery

Recovery Step	Status	Step Started
> 1. Synchronize storage		
2. Restore recovery site hosts from standby		
3. Suspend non-critical VMs at recovery site		
> 4. Create writable storage snapshot		
> 5. Configure test networks		
1 6. Power on priority 1 VMs		
2 7. Power on priority 2 VMs		
> 3 8. Power on priority 3 VMs		
4 9. Power on priority 4 VMs		
5 10. Power on priority 5 VMs		

FIGURE 287. Recovery Plan Steps on Site A

Single-instance Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is powered up and connected to protected site network **APPS-1614**.

snap-797ecd77-OraSC2

Summary Monitor Configure Permissions Files Hosts VMs

Virtual Machines VM Templates

Name	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	
prac19c1	
prac19c2	

Oracle19c-OL8

Summary Monitor Configure Permissions Datastores Networks Snapshots Updates

Guest OS: Oracle Linux 8 (64-bit)
 Compatibility: ESXi 7.0 U2 and later (VM version 19)
 VMware Tools: Running, version:11296 (Guest Managed)

DNS Name: oracle19c-ol8.vsiab.local
 IP Addresses: 172.16.14.45
 Host: sc2esx09.vsiab.local

VM Hardware

CPU	12 CPU(s)
Memory	128 GB, 128 GB memory active
Hard disk 1	80 GB
Total hard disks	5 hard disks
Network adapter 1	APPS-1614 (connected)
CD/DVD drive 1	Disconnected
Video card	8 MB
VMCI device	Device on the virtual machine PCI bus that provides support for the virtual machine communication interface
Other	Additional Hardware
Compatibility	ESXi 7.0 U2 and later (VM version 19)

FIGURE 288. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8 Status

Single-instance Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is powered up and connected to protected site network **APPS-1614**.

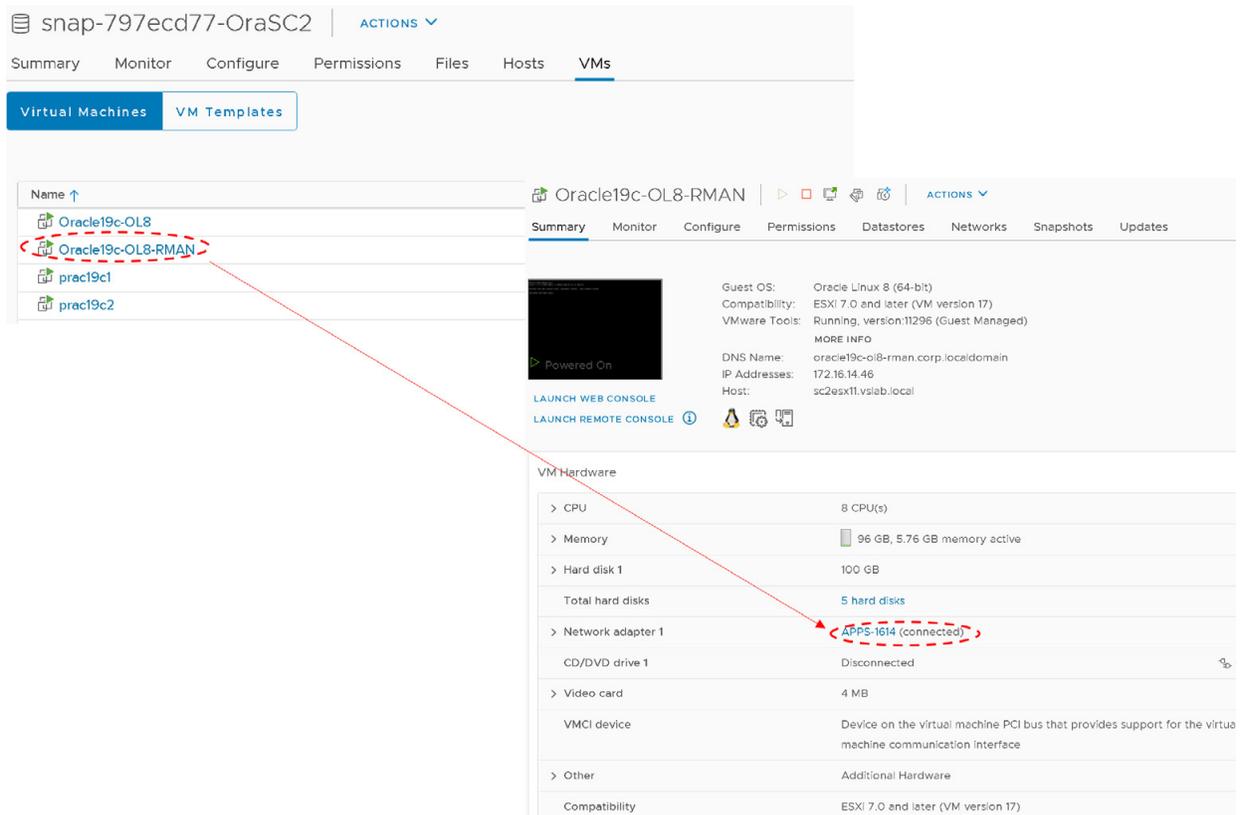


FIGURE 289. Oracle VM Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Status

The Oracle RAC cluster **prac19c** VMs are also powered up. The public interfaces are connected to the protected site network **APPS-1614** and private interconnects are connected to the protected site network **APPS-1605**.

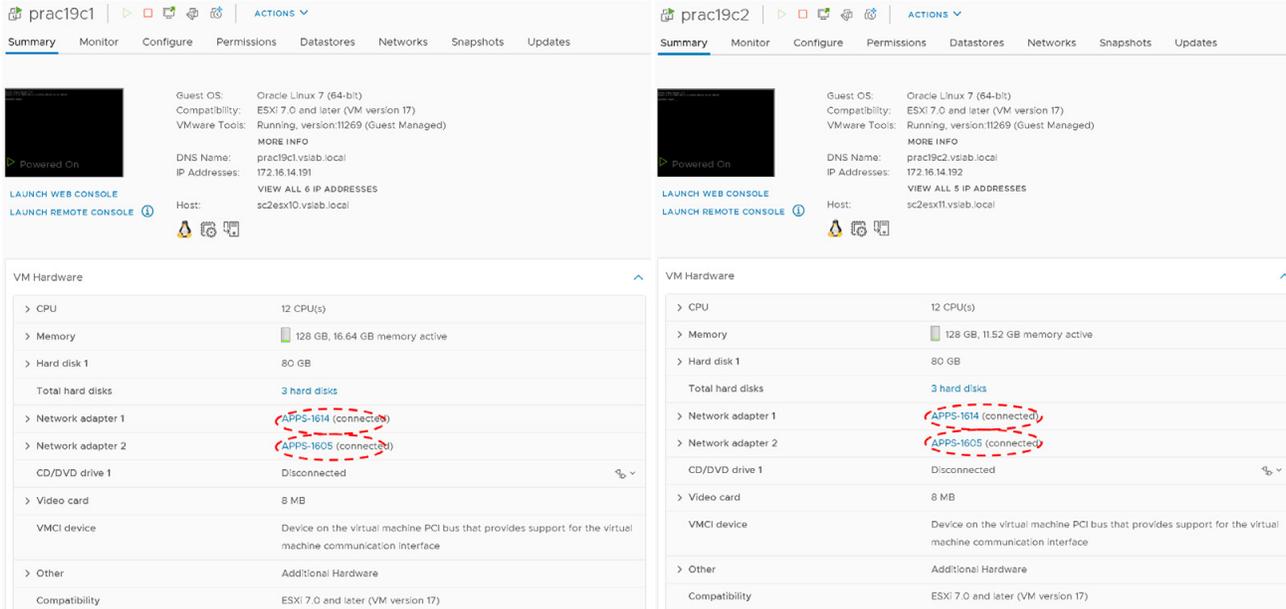


FIGURE 290. Oracle RAC VMs prac19c Status

More information on running a disaster recovery with array-based replication can be found in the [Performing a Planned Migration or Disaster Recovery By Running a Recovery Plan](#) and [SRM User Guide: FlashArray Continuous Replication \(ActiveDR\) Workflows](#).

On-premises Using vSphere Virtual Volumes Storage

This use case focusses on the utilization of Site Recovery Manager with storage-based replication using Pure Storage to provide disaster recovery on a **vVOL level**, to both single-instance Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** and Oracle RAC **prac19c**, from on-premises Site A to Site B and vice-versa.

Test Recovery Plan

The steps to test a recovery plan, planned migration of a recovery plan, and actual disaster recovery of a recovery plan for vVOLs, are the same in the case of a storage LUN.

Steps to test the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** are as shown below:

Confirmation options

Test confirmation

Running this plan in test mode will recover the virtual machines in a test environment on the recovery site.

Protected site: Primary_Site
 Recovery site: DR_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 4

Storage options

Specify whether to replicate recent changes to the recovery site. This process might take several minutes and is only available if the sites are connected.

Replicate recent changes to recovery site

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Storage synchronization	Replicate recent changes to recovery site

FIGURE 291. Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP for vVOL

The steps to test the recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** continue as shown below. The test completes successfully.

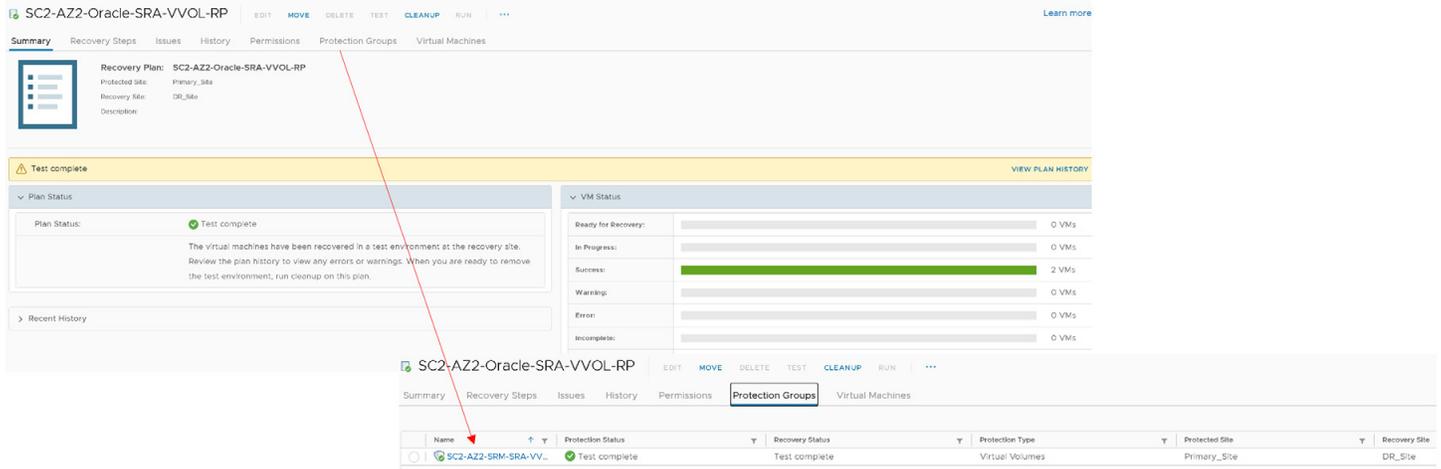


FIGURE 292. Test Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP for vVOL Successful

VMs on Protected Site A vVOL datastore **OraVVOL** are still powered on.

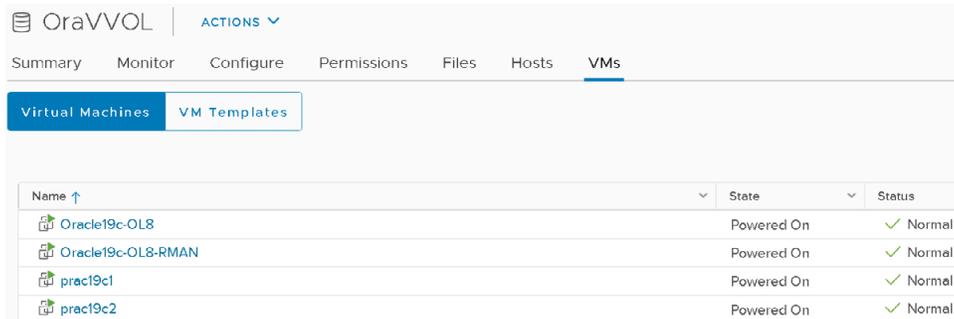


FIGURE 293. Protected Site A VMs Status

Both Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** on Recovery Site B vVOL datastore **AZ2OraVVOL** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to test network **APPS-1810**.

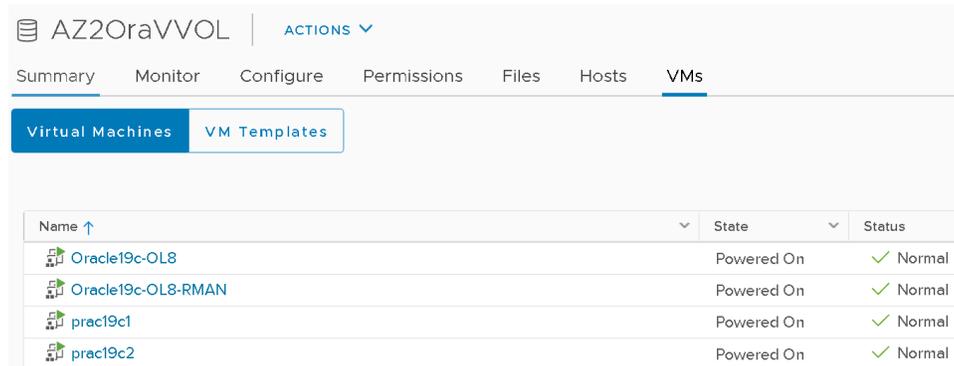


FIGURE 294. Recovery Site B VMs Status

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

The storage vVOL-based snapshot is crash-consistent and write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot.

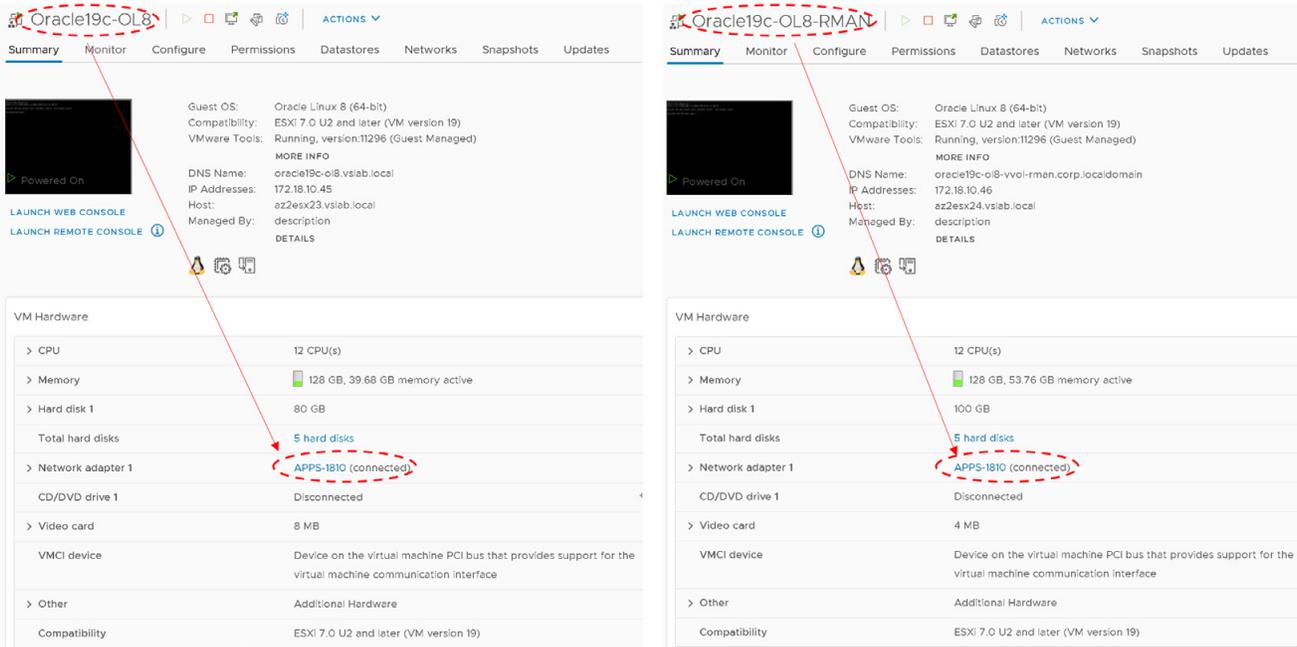


FIGURE 295. Recovery Site B VMs Networking Details

Oracle RAC **prac19c** VMs on Recovery Site B vVOL datastore **AZ2OraVVOL** are powered on with the public IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to test network **APPS-1810** and the private IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to test network **APPS-1809**.

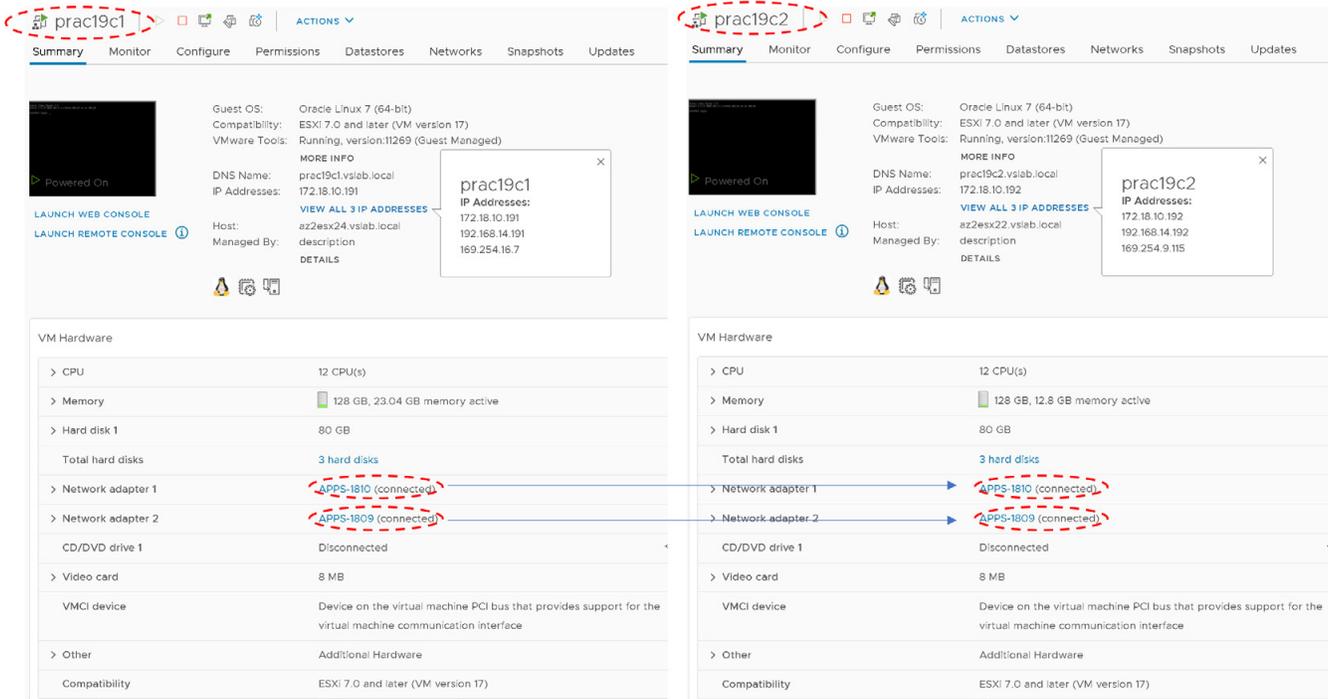


FIGURE 296. Recovery Site B Oracle RAC VMs Networking Details

As part of testing the recovery plan, the network interfaces of the Oracle RAC **prac19c** will be changed to the appropriate test network as defined in the network mappings.

- The VIP and the SCAN IPs have to be changed to the test/recovery network IP scheme in order for the RAC Clusterware to bring up the RAC services.
- The steps to change the RAC VIP IP address can be found in [Oracle 19c Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#). The steps to change the Oracle private interconnect IP address can be found in the [Changing Oracle Clusterware Private Network Configuration](#).
- The steps to change the RAC SCAN IP addresses can be found in the [My Oracle Support Note How to Update the IP Address of the SCAN VIP Resources \(ora.scan{n}.vip\)](#) (Doc ID 952903.1).
- The steps to change the RAC VIP, scan and private interconnect IP addresses are beyond the scope of this paper.

Site B has Pure Storage protection group **r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn** created with the replicated VM vVOLs.

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere Protection Groups interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Snapshots', 'Policies', 'Protection Groups', 'ActiveDR', and 'ActiveCluster'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Protection Groups > r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn'. Below this, the 'Members' section is expanded, showing a list of 19 members. The members are organized into two groups: 'vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg' and 'vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg'. Each member entry includes a name and a small 'x' icon in the right margin. The interface also shows 'Snapshots: 0.00' and '11:19 of 19' members.

Member Name	Member Name
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Config-950eaaf4	vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-d05a7191
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-2192b361	vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-d5284af4
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-257192b8	vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Config-b1f27d05
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-70f28497	vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-04c634b5
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-d59aee16	vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-0caaa243
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-e17b037b	vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-2d5b187d
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Config-f14072fc	vvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Config-99b1e844
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-06b717cb	vvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Data-0bb95d6b
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-32832875	vvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Data-6cce596f
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-920f14e4	

FIGURE 297. Recovery Site B Protection Group with Replicated VMs

At the successful completion of the test recovery, perform the cleanup of the test recovery as shown below:

Cleanup - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Warning: Performing a cleanup operation on this plan will remove the test environment and reset the plan to the Ready state.

Protected site: Primary_Site
 Recovery site: DR_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 4

Cleanup options

If you are experiencing errors during cleanup, you can choose the Force Cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you might need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run another test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

FIGURE 298. Cleanup of Recovery Plan

The cleanup of test recovery is successful.

VMs on Protected Site A vVOL datastore **OraVVOL** are still powered on. We can see placeholder VMs on recovery Site B powered off.

BCA-SiteC

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OLB-RMAN	Powered On	Normal
Oracle19c-OLB	Powered On	Normal
prac19c2	Powered On	Normal
prac19c1	Powered On	Normal

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Name	Site	Status
Oracle19c-OLB	Powered Off	Normal
Oracle19c-OLB-RMAN	Powered Off	Normal
prac19c1	Powered Off	Normal
prac19c2	Powered Off	Normal

FIGURE 299. Status of VMs on Protected and Recovery Site

All replicated VM vVOLS have been deleted from the Pure Storage protection group **r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn**.

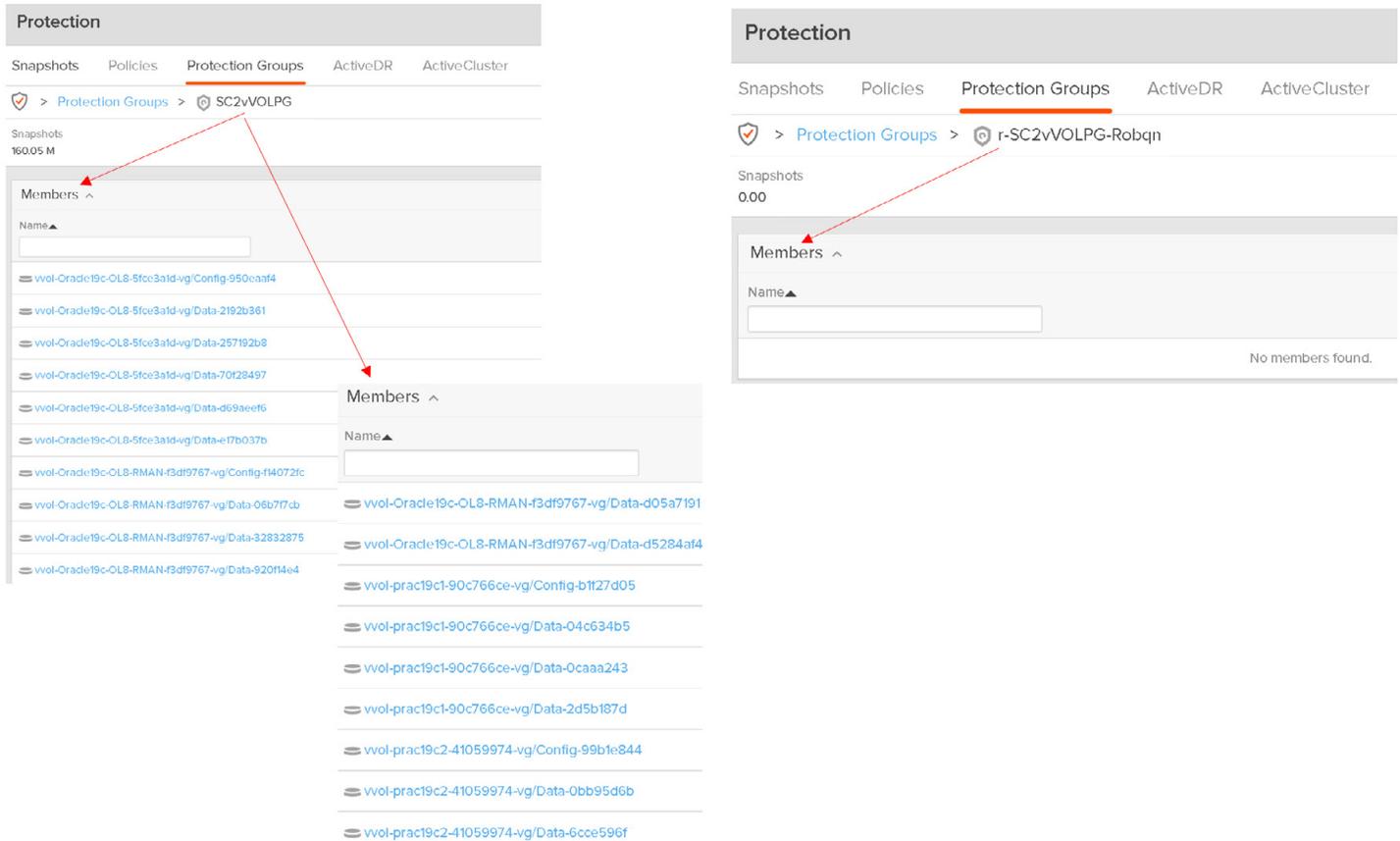


FIGURE 300. Recovery Site vVOLs Status

More information regarding testing a recovery plan with vSphere Virtual Volumes can be found in the [Testing a Recovery Plan](#) and [SRM User Guide: Configuring Site Recovery Manager vVol-Based Storage Policy Discovery](#).

Run Recovery Plan for Planned Migration

The steps to run a planned migration of a recovery plan for vVOLs are the same in the case of a storage LUN.

Steps to run a planned migration of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** are as shown below:

The screenshot shows the VMware Recovery Manager interface for a recovery plan named 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP'. The 'Plan Status' is 'Ready'. The 'VM Status' shows 4 VMs ready for recovery. A red arrow points from the 'RUN' button in the top navigation bar to the 'Confirmation options' dialog. The dialog includes a warning message, a checkbox for understanding the process, and radio buttons for 'Planned migration' (selected) and 'Disaster recovery'.

FIGURE 301. Planned Recovery Use Case

The summary of the planned recovery is as shown below:

The summary shows a progress indicator with two steps: '1 Confirmation options' and '2 Ready to complete'. Below this is a table of the selected settings for the recovery plan.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Recovery type	Planned migration

FIGURE 302. Planned Recovery Summary

Planned migration of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** is successful.

Protected Site A vVOL VMs are powered off and Recovery Site B vVOL VMs are powered on.

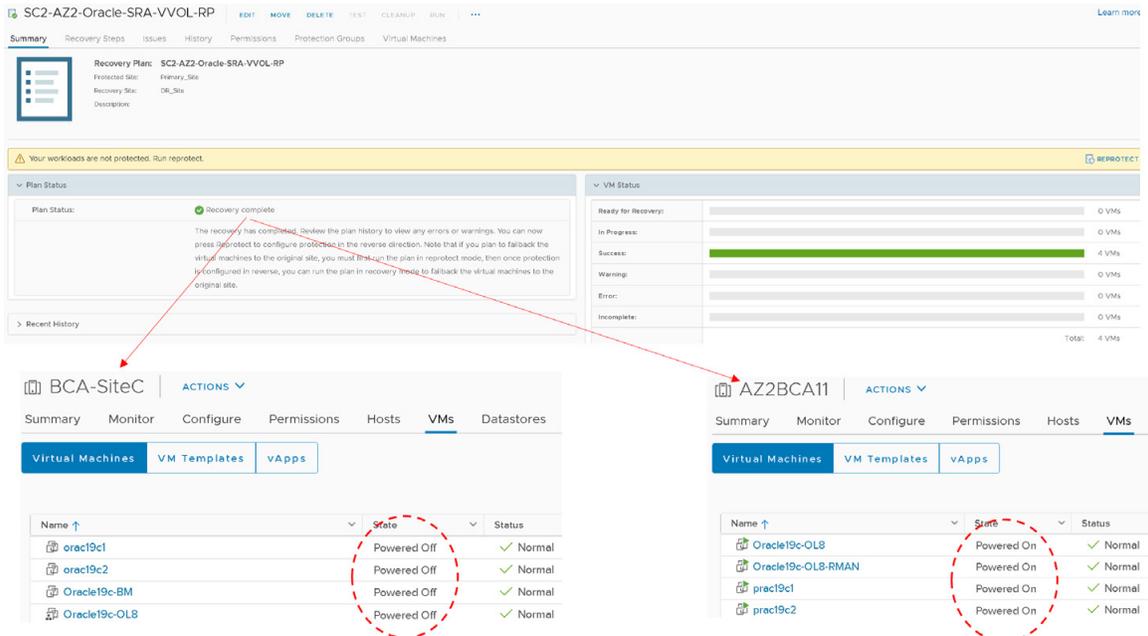


FIGURE 303. Planned Recovery Successful

Recovery Site B vVOL Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1810**.

As in the case of testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vvol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

The storage vVOL-based snapshot is crash-consistent and write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot.

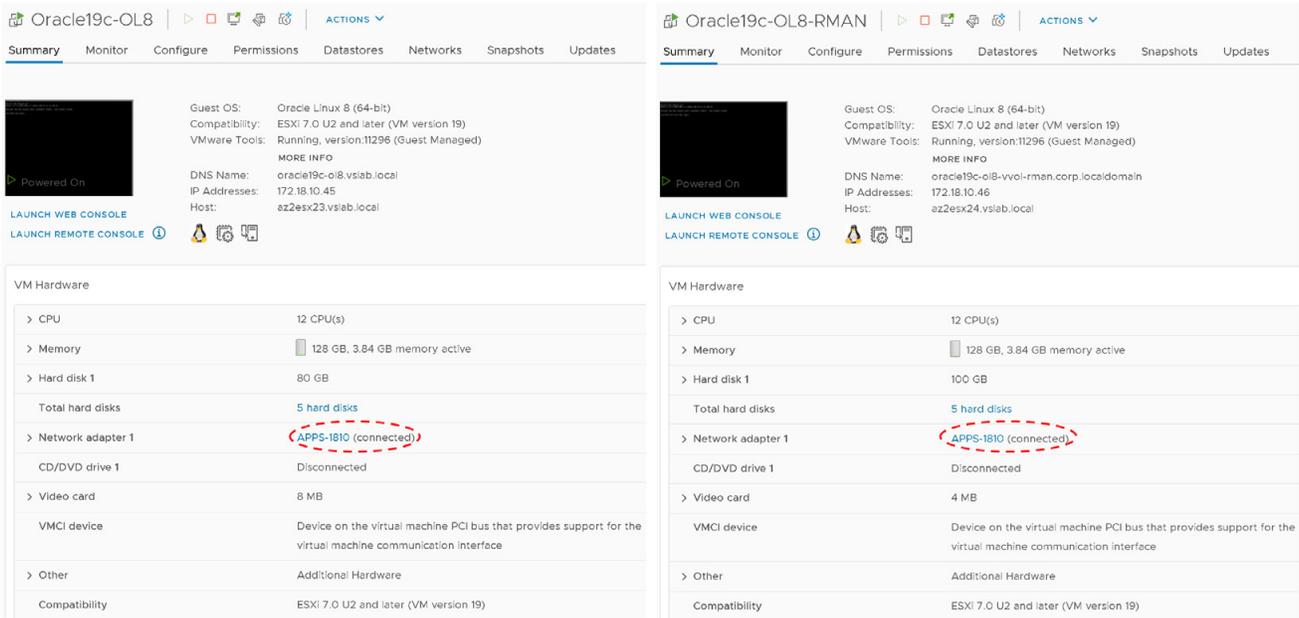


FIGURE 304. Planned Recovery Site VM Status

Recovery Site B vVOL Oracle RAC prac19c is powered on with the public IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1810**. The private IP addressing scheme is set per network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1805**.

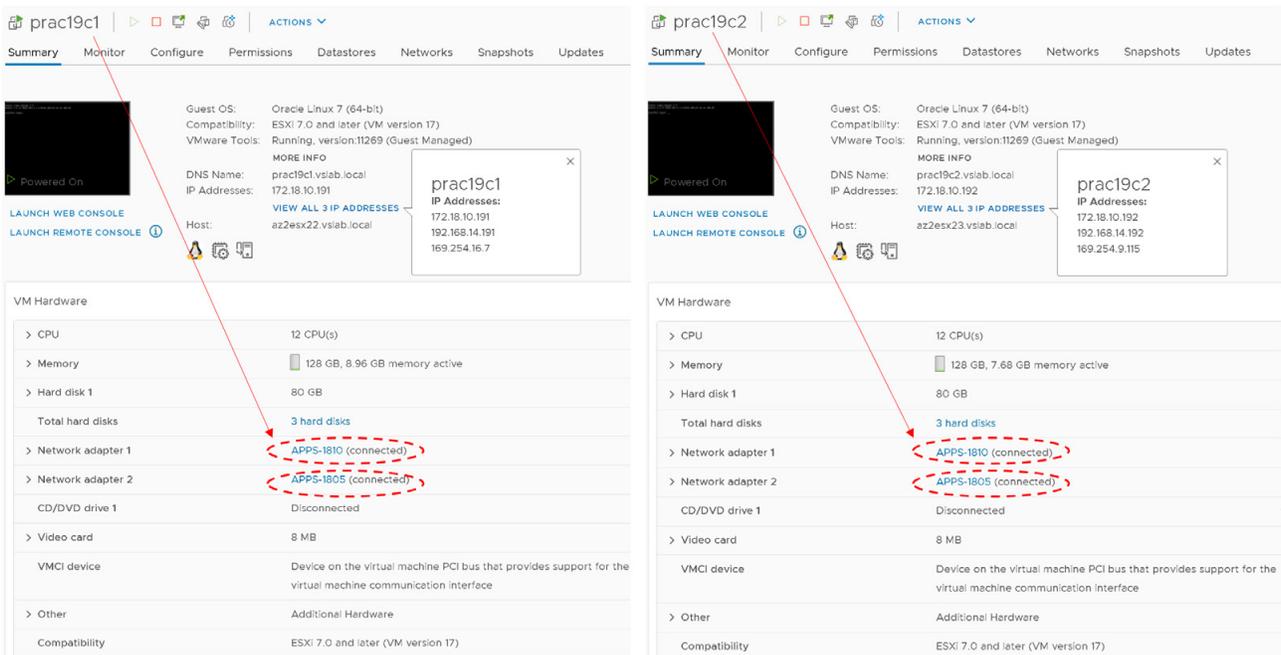


FIGURE 305. Planned Recovery Site Oracle RAC VM Status

As part of running a planned migration of the recovery plan, the network interfaces of Oracle RAC prac19c will be changed to the appropriate recovery network as defined in the network mappings.

- The VIP and the SCAN IPs have to be changed to the test/recovery network IP scheme in order for the RAC Clusterware to bring up the RAC services.
- The steps to change the RAC VIP IP address can be found in [Oracle 19c Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#). The steps to change the Oracle private interconnect IP address can be found in the [Changing Oracle Clusterware Private Network Configuration](#).
- The steps to change the RAC SCAN IP addresses can be found in the [My Oracle Support Note How to Update the IP Address of the SCAN VIP Resources \(ora.scan{n}.vip\) \(Doc ID 952903.1\)](#).
- The steps to change the RAC VIP, scan and private interconnect IP addresses are beyond the scope of this paper.

Site A has Pure Storage protection group **SC2vVOLPG** with the original VM vVOLs.

The screenshot displays the 'Protection Groups' configuration for 'SC2vVOLPG'. It includes sections for Members, Targets, and Protection Group Snapshots. A red circle highlights the group name 'SC2vVOLPG' in the top navigation, and a red arrow points from it to the 'wdc-tsa-pure-01' target in the 'Targets' section.

Members		Targets	
Name	Remove	Name	Allowed
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-07dfa932-vg/Config-a8b0cf8f	X	wdc-tsa-pure-01	True
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-07dfa932-vg/Data-0bb928b1	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-07dfa932-vg/Data-18347cb4	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-07dfa932-vg/Data-4eade15f	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-07dfa932-vg/Data-6057107c	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-07dfa932-vg/Data-843bbd3d	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-RMAN-8cc012d9-vg/Config-a6c809fe	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-RMAN-8cc012d9-vg/Data-8758114	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-RMAN-8cc012d9-vg/Data-98ab9388	X		
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-VVOL-RMAN-8cc012d9-vg/Data-d70b6e42	X		

FIGURE 306. Site A Protection Group

Site B has Pure Storage protection group **r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn** created with the replicated VM vVols.

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere Protection Groups interface. The main view shows the 'Protection Groups' tab for the group 'r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn'. Below this, a 'Members' list is visible, showing 11 items. The interface includes navigation tabs for Snapshots, Policies, Protection Groups, ActiveDR, and ActiveCluster. The 'Members' list contains the following entries:

Name	Actions
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Config-950e3af4	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-2192b361	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-257192b8	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-70f28497	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-d59aee16	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-e17b037b	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Config-f14072fc	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-06b7f7cb	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-32832875	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-920f14e4	
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-d05a7191	X
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-d5284af4	X
vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Config-b1f27d05	X
vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-04c634b5	X
vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-0caaa243	X
vvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-2d5b187d	X
vvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Config-99b1e844	X
vvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Data-0bb95d6b	X
vvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Data-6cce596f	X

FIGURE 307. Site B Protection Group with Replicated VMs

At the successful completion of the planned migration, run **Reprotect** to protect Site B, which is now the new protected site.

The screenshot shows the VMware Recovery Orchestrator interface for plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP. The 'Plan Status' section indicates 'Recovery complete'. The 'VM Status' section shows 4 VMs in the 'Success' state. A 'REPROTECT' button is visible in the top right. A modal window titled 'Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP' is open, showing '1 Confirmation options' and '2 Ready to complete'. The 'Confirmation options' section includes a warning icon and the text: 'Running reprotect on this plan will commit the results of the recovery, and configure protection in the reverse direction.' Below this, the following settings are displayed:

- New protected site: DR_Site
- New recovery site: Primary_Site
- Server connection: Connected
- Number of VMs: 4

The 'Reprotect options' section includes a checkbox for 'Force cleanup' which is currently unchecked. A table below the modal shows the details of the reprotect operation:

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
New protected site	DR_Site
New recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4

FIGURE 308. Reprotect Site B

The reprotect step to protect Site B is successful.

The screenshot shows the VMware Recovery Orchestrator interface for plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP after the reprotect operation is successful. The 'Plan Status' section now shows 'Ready' with the message: 'This plan is ready for test or recovery'. The 'VM Status' section shows 4 VMs in the 'Ready for Recovery' state.

FIGURE 309. Reprotect Site B Successful

Run another planned migration to switch the protected site from Site B back to Site A.

The screenshot shows the 'Run' button for the recovery plan 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP'. Below it, the 'Confirmation options' dialog is displayed with the following details:

- Recovery confirmation:** Running this plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down the VMs at the protected site and recover the VMs at the recovery site.
- Protected site:** DR_Site
- Recovery site:** Primary_Site
- Server connection:** Connected
- Number of VMs:** 4
- I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.
- Recovery type:**
 - Planned migration: Replicate recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. (Sites must be connected and storage replication must be available.)
 - Disaster recovery: Attempt to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.

Below the dialog, a table shows the plan details:

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
Protected site	DR_Site
Recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Recovery type	Planned migration

FIGURE 310. Run Planned Migration from Site B to Site A

Planned migration from Site B to Site A is successful. VMs on Protected Site A vVOL datastore **OravVOL** are powered back on and we see the VMs on Recovery Site B are powered off.

The screenshot shows the 'Recovery complete' status for the plan 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP'. Below it, two VM lists are shown:

BCA-SiteC (Protected Site A):

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	✓ Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On	✓ Normal
prac19c1	Powered On	✓ Normal
prac19c2	Powered On	✓ Normal

AZ2BCA11 (Recovery Site B):

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered Off	✓ Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered Off	✓ Normal
prac19c1	Powered Off	✓ Normal
prac19c2	Powered Off	✓ Normal

FIGURE 311. Planned Migration from Site B to Site A Successful

Protected Site A protection group **SC2vVOLPG**:

The image displays two screenshots of the VMware vSphere Protection Groups interface. The left screenshot shows the 'Protection Groups' tab with 'SC2vVOLPG' selected and circled in red. Below it, the 'Members' list is expanded, showing various VM snapshots. The right screenshot shows the detailed view of the 'SC2vVOLPG' group, also with 'Protection Groups' selected and 'SC2vVOLPG' highlighted. Its 'Members' list is expanded, showing a different set of VM snapshots. Red arrows indicate the flow from the group selection in the left view to the detailed view on the right.

Member Name
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Config-950eaa4
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-2192b361
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-257192b8
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-70f28497
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-d69aee6
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-e17b037b
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Config-f14072fc
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-06b7f7cb
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-32832875
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-920f14e4

Member Name
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-d05a7191
vvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-d5284af4
vvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Config-b1f27d05
vvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Data-04c634b5
vvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Data-0caaa243
vvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Data-2d5b187d
vvol-prac19c2-41059974-vg/Config-99b1c844
vvol-prac19c2-41059974-vg/Data-0bb95d6b
vvol-prac19c2-41059974-vg/Data-6cce596f

FIGURE 312. Protected Site A Protection Group

Recovery Site B protection group **r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn**:

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere Protection console. At the top, there are tabs for Snapshots, Policies, Protection Groups, ActiveDR, and ActiveCluster. The Protection Groups tab is selected, showing a breadcrumb path: > Protection Groups > r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn. Below this, it indicates 'Snapshots 10.55 M'. The main area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Members', shows a search bar and a list of VM snapshots with their names and IDs. The right panel, also titled 'Protection', shows the same breadcrumb path and 'Snapshots 10.55 M', followed by another 'Members' section with a search bar and a list of VM snapshots. A red dashed circle highlights the group name 'r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn' in the breadcrumb, and two red arrows point from this circle to the 'Members' section of the detailed view on the right.

FIGURE 313. Recovery Site B Protection Group

Site A vVOL Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined as per network mappings to the primary network **APPS-1614**.

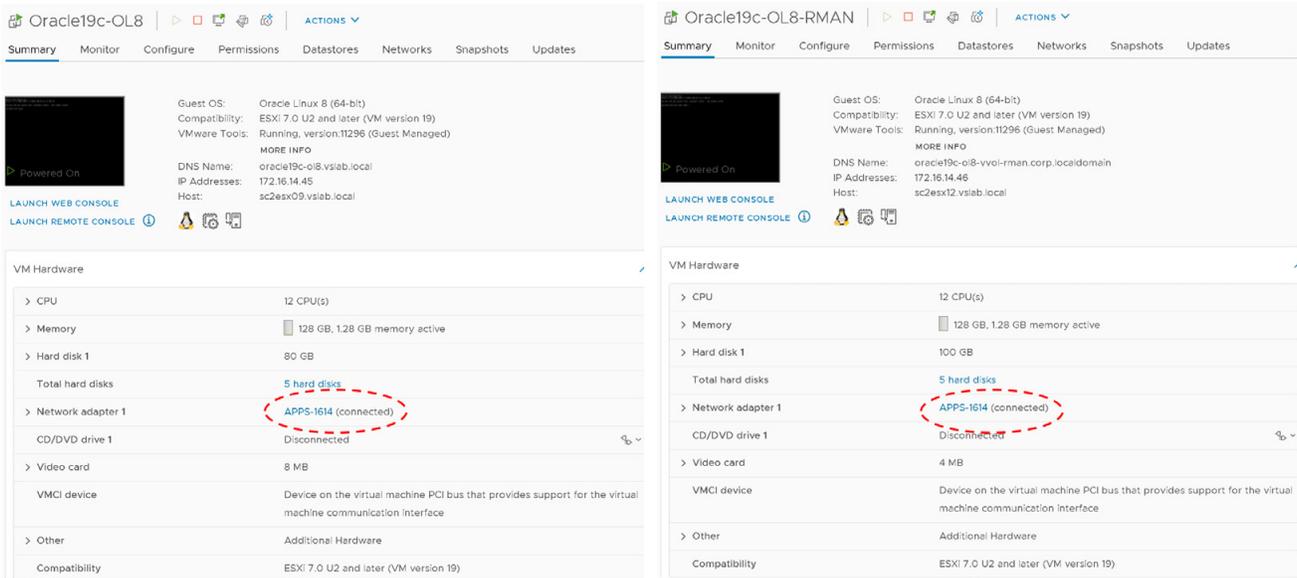


FIGURE 314. Site A VMs Status

Site A vVOL Oracle RAC **prac19c** is powered on with the Public IP addressing scheme set as per the network mappings to the primary network **APPS-1614** and private IP addressing scheme set as per the network mappings to the primary network **APPS-1605**.

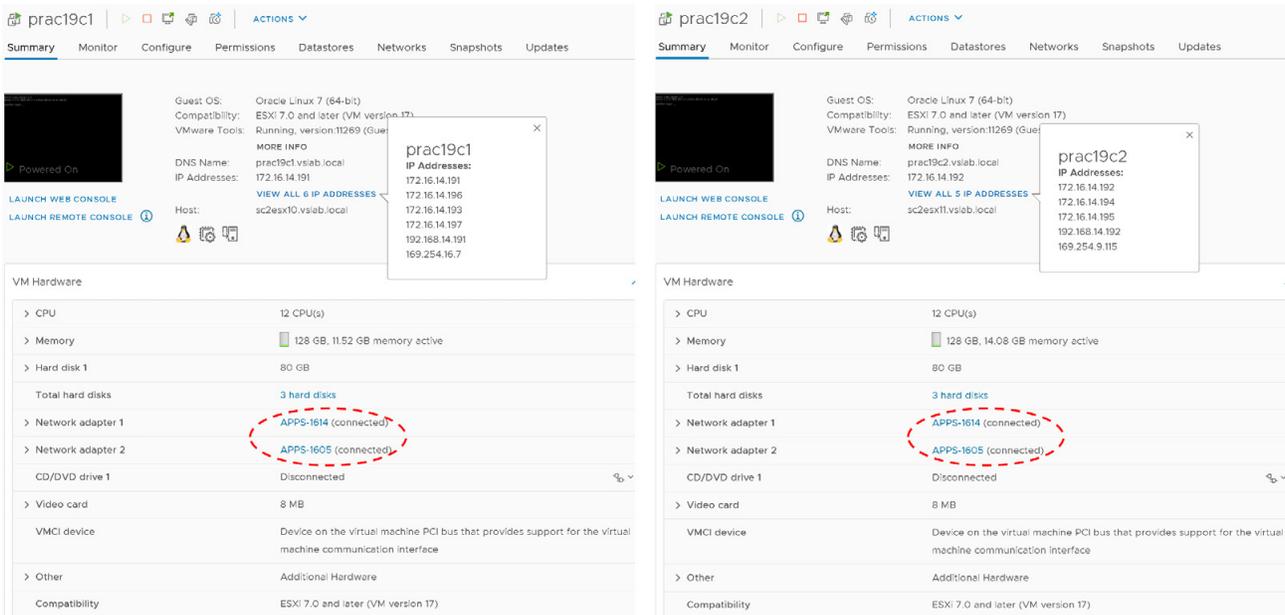


FIGURE 315. Site A Oracle RAC VMs Status

All Oracle RAC **prac19c** cluster services are up.

```

root@prac19c1 ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target    State    Server                State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.LISTENER.lsnr   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
ora.chad            ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
ora.net1.network    ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
ora.ons             ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.ASMNET1LSNR_ASM.lsnr (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
 3 ONLINE OFFLINE
ora.DATA_DG.dg (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
 3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN1.lsnr
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN2.lsnr
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN3.lsnr
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.MGMTLSNR
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              169.254.16.7 192.168
  .14.191,STABLE
ora.asm (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              Started,STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              Started,STABLE
 3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.asmnet1.asmnetwork (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
 3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.cvu
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.mgmtpdb
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              Open,STABLE
ora.prac19c.db
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
  racle/product/19.0.0
  /dbhome_1,STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
  racle/product/19.0.0
  /dbhome_1,STABLE
ora.prac19c1.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.prac19c2.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
ora.qosmsserver
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan1.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
ora.scan2.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan3.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
-----
root@prac19c1 ~]#
    
```

```

root@prac19c2 ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target    State    Server                State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.LISTENER.lsnr   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
ora.chad            ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
ora.net1.network    ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
ora.ons             ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c1              STABLE
                   ONLINE   ONLINE   prac19c2              STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.ASMNET1LSNR_ASM.lsnr (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
 3 ONLINE OFFLINE
ora.DATA_DG.dg (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
 3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN1.lsnr
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN2.lsnr
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN3.lsnr
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.MGMTLSNR
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              169.254.16.7 192.168
  .14.191,STABLE
ora.asm (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              Started,STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              Started,STABLE
 3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.asmnet1.asmnetwork (ora.asmgroup)
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
 3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.cvu
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.mgmtpdb
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              Open,STABLE
ora.prac19c.db
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
  racle/product/19.0.0
  /dbhome_1,STABLE
 2 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
  racle/product/19.0.0
  /dbhome_1,STABLE
ora.prac19c1.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.prac19c2.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
ora.qosmsserver
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan1.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c2              STABLE
ora.scan2.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan3.vip
 1 ONLINE ONLINE prac19c1              STABLE
-----
root@prac19c2 ~]#
    
```

FIGURE 316. Site A Oracle RAC Cluster Services

Run **Reprotect** to protect the VMs on Protected Site A.

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Reprotect confirmation

Running reprotect on this plan will commit the results of the recovery, and configure protection in the reverse direction.

New protected site: Primary_Site
 New recovery site: DR_Site
 Server connection: Connected
 Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this operation cannot be undone.

Reprotect options

Reprotect operations include steps to clean up the original datastores and devices. If you are experiencing errors during cleanup steps, you may choose the force cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you may need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run a Test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
New protected site	Primary_Site
New recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

FIGURE 317. Run Reprotect on Site A

Reprotection of Protected Site A vVOL VMs successful.

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Summary Recovery Steps Issues History Permissions Protection Groups Virtual Machines

Recovery Plan: SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
 Protected Site: Primary_Site
 Recovery Site: DR_Site
 Description:

Plan Status

Plan Status: → Ready
 This plan is ready for test or recovery

VM Status

Ready for Recovery:	4 VMs
In Progress:	0 VMs
Success:	0 VMs
Warning:	0 VMs
Error:	0 VMs
Incomplete:	0 VMs
Total: 4 VMs	

FIGURE 318. Reprotect on Site A Successful

As mentioned above, the steps to run a planned migration of a recovery plan for vVOLs are the same in the case of a storage LUN. More information on running a planned migration of a recovery plan with vVOL can be found in the [Performing a Planned Migration or Disaster Recovery By Running a Recovery Plan](#) and SRM User Guide: Configuring Site Recovery Manager vVol-Based Storage Policy Discovery.

Run Recovery Plan for Disaster Recovery

The steps to run a disaster recovery of a recovery plan for vVOL are the same in the case of a storage LUN.

The steps to run a disaster recovery scenario of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** are as shown below:

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Protected site: Primary_Site
Recovery Site: DR_Site
Description:

Plan Status: → Ready
This plan is ready for test or recovery.

VM Status:

Ready for Recovery:	4 VMs
In Progress:	0 VMs
Success:	0 VMs
Warning:	0 VMs
Error:	0 VMs
Incomplete:	0 VMs
Total:	4 VMs

Confirmation options

Recovery confirmation

Warning! Running this plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down the VMs at the protected site and recover the VMs at the recovery site.

Protected site: Primary_Site
Recovery site: DR_Site
Server connection: Connected
Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.

Recovery type

Planned migration
Replicate recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. (Sites must be connected and storage replication must be available.)

Disaster recovery
Attempt to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.

Ready to complete
Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
Protected site	Primary_Site
Recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Recovery type	Disaster recovery
Forced recovery	Do not force recovery

FIGURE 319. Disaster Recovery of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Disaster recovery of recovery plan **SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP** is successful. Protected Site A vVOL VMs are powered off and Recovery Site B vVOL VMs are powered on.

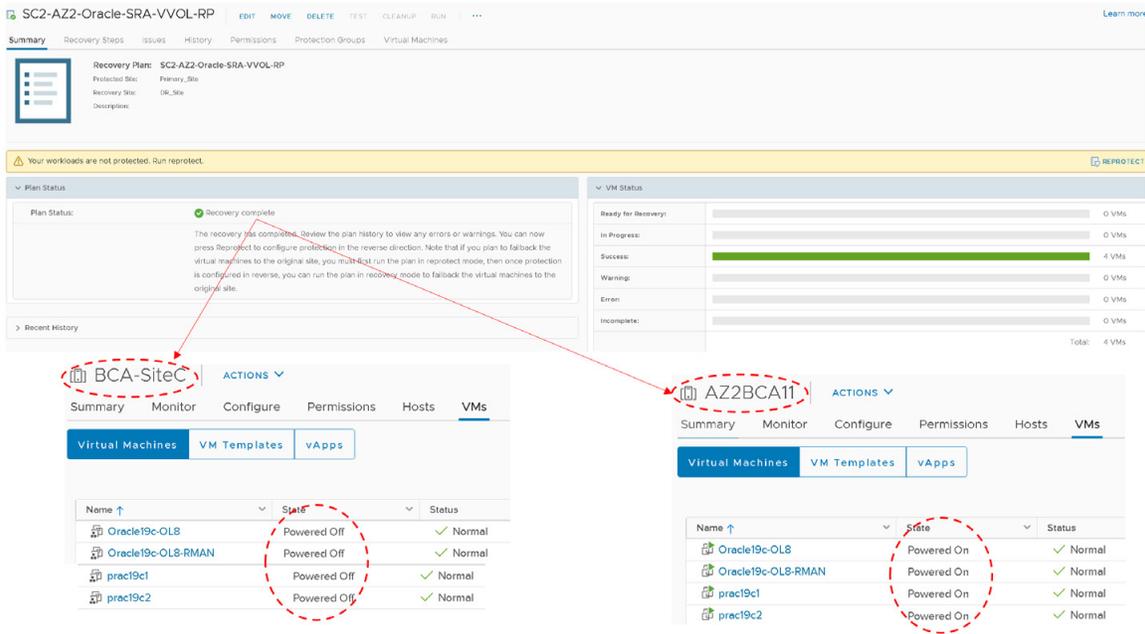


FIGURE 320. Disaster Recovery of Recovery Plan SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP Successful

Recovery Site B vVOL Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1810**.

As with testing the recovery plan, the Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8** is up with IP address 172.18.10.45 and the database **vol19c** is up. The alert log for the database shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database starts up, which is normal and expected.

The Oracle VM **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** is up with IP address 172.18.10.46 and the database **rmandb** is up. The alert log for the database **rmandb** shows no errors. Oracle crash recovery is performed when the database **rmandb** starts up, which is normal and expected.

The storage vVOL-based snapshot is crash-consistent and write-ordering is preserved for each file within a snapshot.

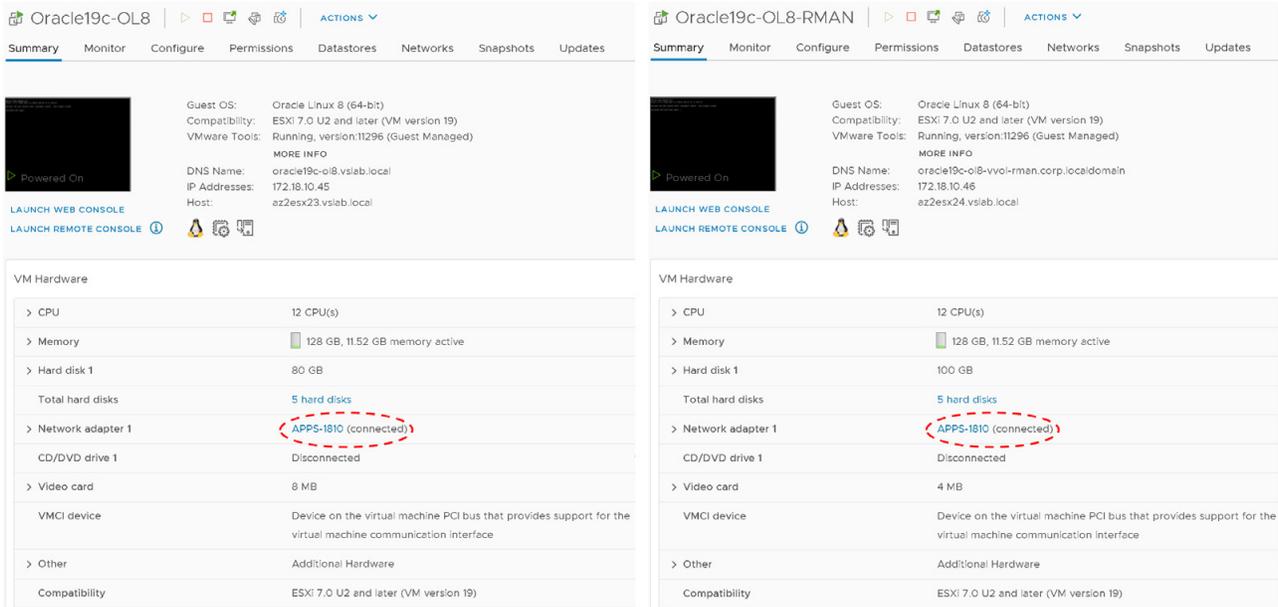


FIGURE 321. Recovery Site Oracle VMs Oracle19c-OL8 and Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN Status

Recovery Site B vVOL Oracle RAC **prac19c** is powered on with the public IP addressing scheme set per the network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1810**, and the private IP addressing scheme set per the network mappings to recovery network **APPS-1805**.

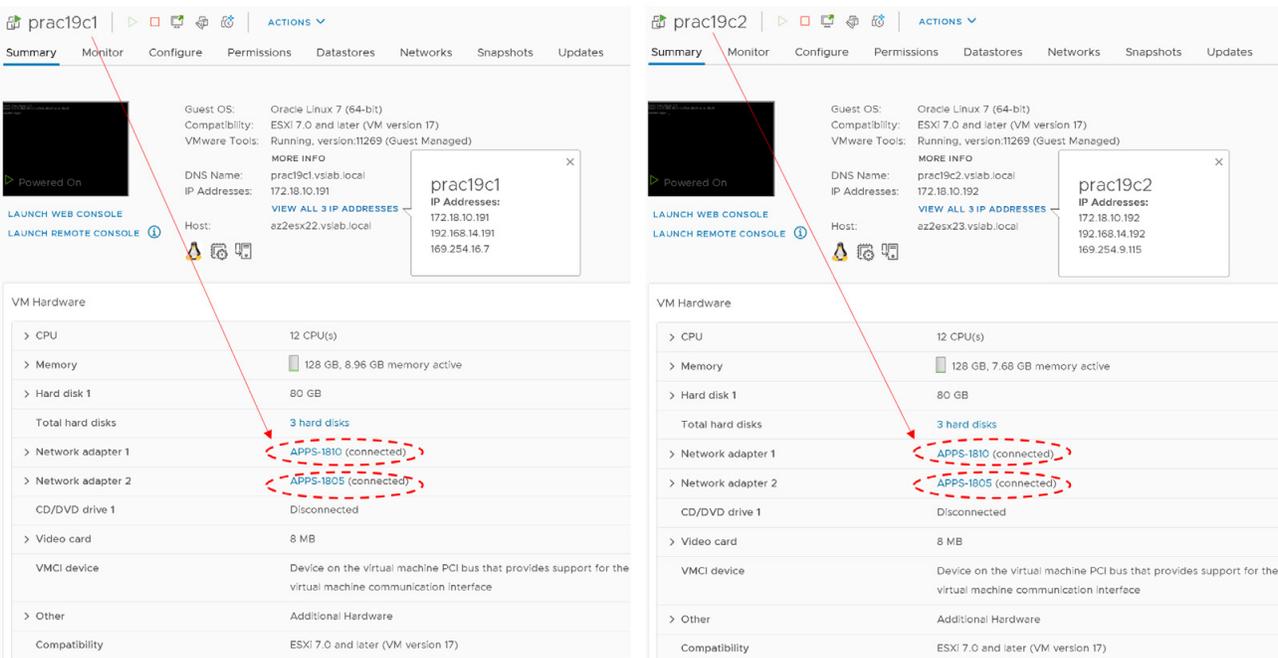


FIGURE 322. Recovery Site Oracle RAC prac19c VMs Status

As part of running a disaster recovery of the recovery plan, the network Interfaces of the Oracle RAC **prac19c** will be changed to the appropriate recovery network as defined in the network mappings.

- The VIP and the SCAN IPs have to be changed to the test /recovery network IP scheme in order for the RAC Clusterware to bring up the RAC services.
- The steps to change the RAC VIP IP address can be found in [Oracle 19c Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#). The steps to change the Oracle private interconnect IP address can be found in the [Changing Oracle Clusterware Private Network Configuration](#).
- The steps to change the RAC SCAN IP addresses can be found in the [My Oracle Support Note How to Update the IP Address of the SCAN VIP Resources \(ora.scan{n}.vip\) \(Doc ID 952903.1\)](#).
- The steps to change the RAC VIP, scan and private interconnect IP addresses are beyond the scope of this paper.

In event of real disaster, Site A may not be available. As this use case is a DR exercise, Site A is available in this case. Site A has Pure Storage protection group **SC2vVOLPG** with the original VM vVOLS.

The screenshot displays the 'Protection' console for the 'SC2vVOLPG' group. The 'Members' section lists 140 VM vVOLS, including configurations and data files. The 'Targets' section shows one target, 'wdc-ba-pure-01', which is allowed. The 'Protection Group Snapshots' section shows two snapshots: 'SC2vVOLPG.VasaSyncRGd39ba767' (created 2021-06-22 09:44:59) and 'SC2vVOLPG.460' (created 2021-06-22 09:44:58). A red circle highlights the group name 'SC2vVOLPG' and a red arrow points to the target 'wdc-ba-pure-01'.

FIGURE 323. Site A Protection Group with VMs

Site B has Pure Storage protection group **r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn** with the failed-over VM vVOLs.

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere Protection Groups interface. The main view shows the 'Members' list for the 'r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn' group. The list contains 19 members, with 11 of them marked with a red 'X' in the right-hand column, indicating they are failed over. The members are listed as follows:

Member Name	Status
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Config-950eaaf4	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-2192b361	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-257192b8	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-70f28497	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-d59aee16	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5a159813-vg/Data-e17b037b	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Config-f14072fc	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-06b717cb	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-32832875	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-920f14e4	
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-d05a7191	X
wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-9384e0b1-vg/Data-d5284af4	X
wvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Config-b1f27d05	X
wvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-04c634b5	X
wvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-0caaa243	X
wvol-pract19c1-04610dd0-vg/Data-2d5b187d	X
wvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Config-99b1e844	X
wvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Data-0bb95d6b	X
wvol-pract19c2-d7b7a22d-vg/Data-6cce596f	X

FIGURE 324. Site B Protection Group with Failed Over VMs

After the successful completion of the disaster recovery exercise, and ensuring that Site A is back operationally, run **Reprotect** to protect Site B, which is now the new protected site.

The screenshot displays the VMware Cloud console interface for a recovery plan named 'SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP'. The 'Plan Status' section indicates that the recovery is complete. The 'VM Status' section shows that 4 VMs are ready for recovery. A 'Reprotect' button is visible in the top right corner. A 'Confirmation options' dialog box is open, showing a warning that running reprotect will commit the results of the recovery and configure protection in the reverse direction. The dialog also displays the new protected site (DR_Site), new recovery site (Primary_Site), server connection (Connected), and number of VMs (4). There is a checkbox to 'understand that this operation cannot be undone' which is checked. Below the dialog, there are 'Reprotect options' including a 'Force cleanup' checkbox which is unchecked.

FIGURE 325. Reprotect Site B VMs

The reprotect step to protect the Site B is successful.

The screenshot shows the VMware Cloud console interface after the reprotect operation is successful. The 'Plan Status' section now shows 'Plan Status: Ready' with a message 'This plan is ready for test or recovery'. The 'VM Status' section shows that 4 VMs are ready for recovery, with a blue bar indicating the status. The 'Reprotect' button is no longer visible, and the overall status of the plan is 'Ready'.

FIGURE 326. Reprotect Site B VMs Successful

Run a planned migration to switch the protected site from Site B back to Site A.

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

1 Confirmation options

2 Ready to complete

Confirmation options

Recovery confirmation

Running this plan in recovery mode will attempt to shut down the VMs at the protected site and recover the VMs at the recovery site.

Protected site: DR_Site
Recovery site: Primary_Site
Server connection: Connected
Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this process will permanently alter the virtual machines and infrastructure of both the protected and recovery datacenters.

Recovery type

Planned migration
Replicate recent changes to the recovery site and cancel recovery if errors are encountered. (Sites must be connected and storage replication must be available.)

Disaster recovery
Attempt to replicate recent changes to the recovery site, but otherwise use the most recent storage synchronization data. Continue recovery even if errors are encountered.

Recovery - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
Protected site	DR_Site
Recovery site	Primary_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Recovery type	Planned migration

FIGURE 327. Planned Migration from Site B to Site A

Planned migration from Site B to Site A is successful. VMs on Protected Site A vVOL datastore **OraVVOL** are powered back on and we see the VMs on Recovery Site B are powered off.

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Summary Recovery Steps Issues History Permissions Protection Groups Virtual Machines

Recovery Plan: SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
Protected Site: DR_Site
Recovery Site: Primary_Site
Description:

Plan Status: Recovery complete

The recovery was completed. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings. You can now press Reprotect to complete protection in the reverse direction. Note that if you plan to fallback the virtual machines to the original site, you must first run the plan in reprotect mode, then once protection is configured in reverse, you can run the plan in recovery mode to fallback the virtual machines to the original site.

VM Status

Ready for Recovery: 0 VMs
In Progress: 0 VMs
Success: 4 VMs
Warning: 0 VMs
Error: 0 VMs
Incomplete: 0 VMs
Total: 4 VMs

BCA-SiteC

Virtual Machines

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered On	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered On	Normal
pract19c1	Powered On	Normal
pract19c2	Powered On	Normal

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Virtual Machines

Name	State	Status
Oracle19c-OL8	Powered Off	Normal
Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN	Powered Off	Normal
pract19c1	Powered Off	Normal
pract19c2	Powered Off	Normal

FIGURE 328. Site A and Site B VM Status

Protected Site A protection group **SC2vVOLPG**:

The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the VMware vSphere Protection Groups interface. The top-left screenshot shows the 'Protection Groups' tab selected, with 'SC2vVOLPG' highlighted by a red dashed circle. A red arrow points from this group to the 'Members' section of the bottom-right screenshot. The bottom-right screenshot shows the 'Members' list for 'SC2vVOLPG', with a red arrow pointing to the 'Members' header.

Protection Groups

Snapshots Policies **Protection Groups** ActiveDR ActiveCluster

> Protection Groups > **SC2vVOLPG**

Snapshots
765.94 M

Members ^

Name▲

- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Config-950eaaf4
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-2192b361
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-257192b8
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-70f28497
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-d69aeef6
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-5fce3a1d-vg/Data-e17b037b
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Config-f14072fc
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-06b7f7cb
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-32832875
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-920f14e4

Protection

Snapshots Policies **Protection Groups** ActiveDR ActiveCluster

> Protection Groups > **SC2vVOLPG**

Snapshots
765.94 M

Members ^

Name▲

- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-d05a7191
- wvol-Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN-f3df9767-vg/Data-d5284af4
- wvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Config-b1f27d05
- wvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Data-04c634b5
- wvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Data-0caaa243
- wvol-prac19c1-90c766ce-vg/Data-2d5b187d
- wvol-prac19c2-41059974-vg/Config-99b1e844
- wvol-prac19c2-41059974-vg/Data-0bb95d6b
- wvol-prac19c2-41059974-vg/Data-6cce596f

FIGURE 329. Site A Protection Group

Recovery Site B protection group **r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn**:

The screenshot displays the VMware vSphere Protection console. At the top, the 'Protection' header is visible, followed by navigation tabs: Snapshots, Policies, Protection Groups (selected), ActiveDR, and ActiveCluster. The breadcrumb path is '> Protection Groups > r-SC2vVOLPG-Robqn', with the group name circled in red. Below this, the 'Snapshots' section shows a total of 10.55 M. The main area is divided into two panes. The left pane, titled 'Members', contains a search bar and a list of 10 VM identifiers. The right pane, also titled 'Protection', shows the same breadcrumb path and 'Snapshots' count, with a 'Members' section below it containing a search bar and a list of 10 VM identifiers. Red arrows indicate the flow from the group selection to the member lists in both panes.

FIGURE 330. Site B Protection Group

Site A vVOL Oracle VMs **Oracle19c-OL8** and **Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN** are powered on with the IP addressing scheme defined per network mappings to primary network **APPS-1614**.

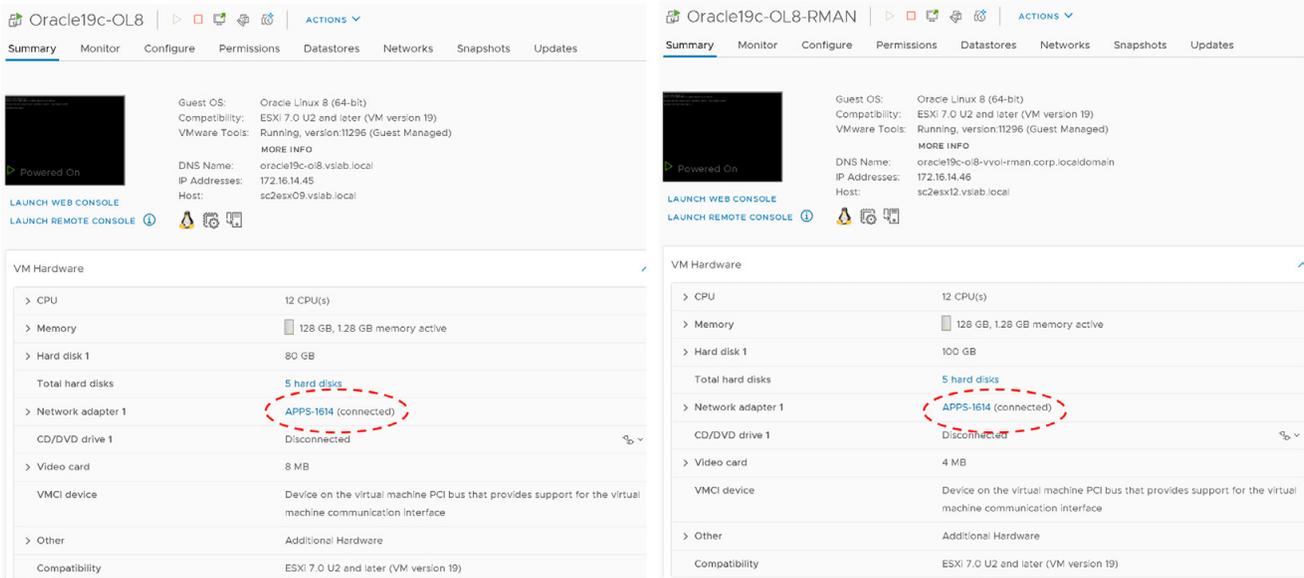


FIGURE 331. Site A Oracle VMs Oracle19c-OL8 and Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN

Site A vVOL Oracle RAC **prac19c** is powered on with the public IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to primary network **APPS-1614** and the private IP addressing scheme set per network mappings to primary network **APPS-1605**.

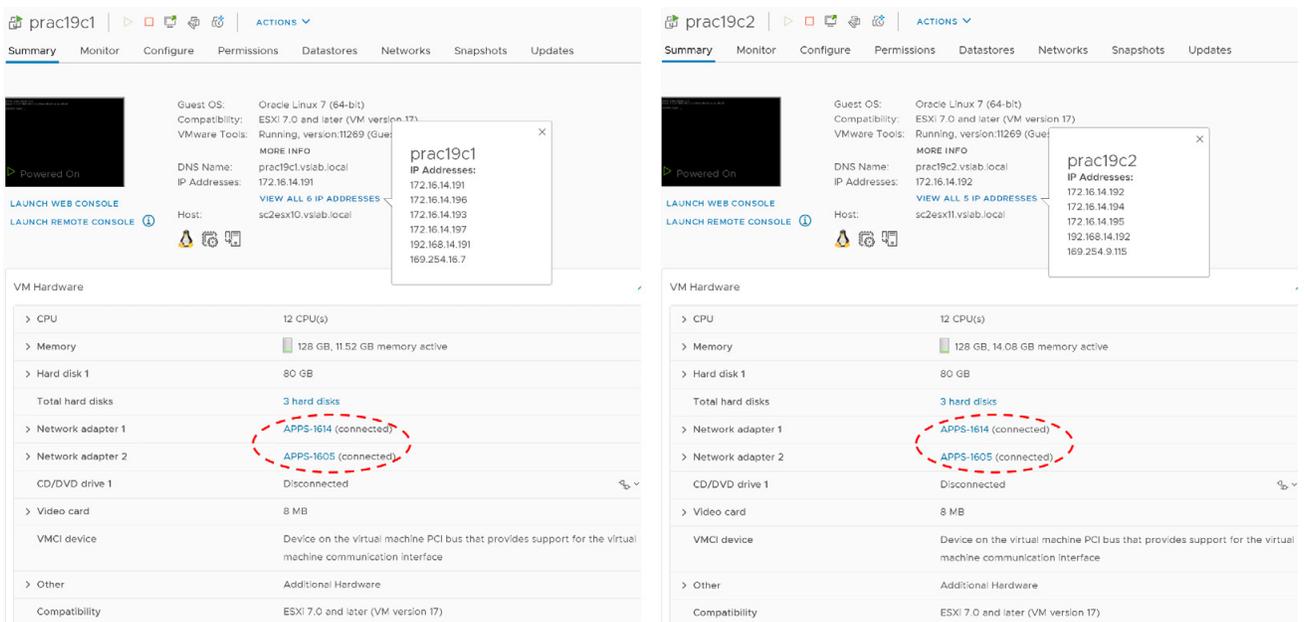


FIGURE 332. Site A Oracle RAC prac19c VMs

All Oracle RAC **prac19c** cluster services are up.

```

root@prac19c1 ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target State      Server                State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.LISTENER.lsnr
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.chad
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.net1.network
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.ons
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.ASMNET1LSNR_ASM.lsnr (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
  3 ONLINE OFFLINE
ora.DATA_DG.dg (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN1.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN2.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN3.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.MGMTLSNR
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              169.254.16.7 192.168
    .14.191,STABLE
ora.asm (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              Started,STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              Started,STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.asmnet1.asmnetwork (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.cvu
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.mgmtpdb
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              Open,STABLE
ora.prac19c.db
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
    racle/product/19.0.0
    /dbhome_1,STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
    racle/product/19.0.0
    /dbhome_1,STABLE
ora.prac19c1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.prac19c2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.qosmserver
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.scan2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan3.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
-----
root@prac19c1 ~]#
    
```

```

root@prac19c2 ~]# /u01/app/19.0.0/grid/bin/crsctl status res -t
-----
Name                Target State      Server                State details
-----
Local Resources
-----
ora.LISTENER.lsnr
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.chad
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.net1.network
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.ons
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
-----
Cluster Resources
-----
ora.ASMNET1LSNR_ASM.lsnr (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
  3 ONLINE OFFLINE
ora.DATA_DG.dg (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN1.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN2.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.LISTENER_SCAN3.lsnr
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.MGMTLSNR
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              169.254.16.7 192.168
    .14.191,STABLE
ora.asm (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              Started,STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              Started,STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.asmnet1.asmnetwork (ora.asmgroup)
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
  3 OFFLINE OFFLINE
ora.cvu
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.mgmtpdb
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              Open,STABLE
ora.prac19c.db
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
    racle/product/19.0.0
    /dbhome_1,STABLE
  2 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              Open,HOME=/u01/app/o
    racle/product/19.0.0
    /dbhome_1,STABLE
ora.prac19c1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.prac19c2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.qosmserver
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan1.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c2              STABLE
ora.scan2.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
ora.scan3.vip
  1 ONLINE ONLINE     prac19c1              STABLE
-----
root@prac19c2 ~]#
    
```

FIGURE 333. Site A Oracle RAC prac19c Cluster Services

Run **Reprotect** to protect the VMs on Protected Site A.

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Protected Site: DR_Site
Recovery Site: Primary_Site

Plan Status

Plan Status: ✔ Recovery complete

The recovery has completed. Review the plan history to view any errors or warnings. You can now press Reprotect to configure protection in the reverse direction. Note that if you plan to fallback the virtual machines to the original site, you must first run the plan in reprotect mode, then once protection is configured in reverse, you can run the plan in recovery mode to fallback the virtual machines to the original site.

VM Status

Ready for Recovery:	0 VMs
In Progress:	0 VMs
Success:	4 VMs
Warning:	0 VMs
Error:	0 VMs
Incomplete:	0 VMs
Total:	4 VMs

REPROTECT

Reprotect - SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

- Confirmation options
- Ready to complete

Ready to complete

Review your selected settings.

Name	SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP
New protected site	Primary_Site
New recovery site	DR_Site
Server connection	Connected
Number of VMs	4
Force cleanup	Do not ignore cleanup warnings

Confirmation options

Reprotect confirmation

Warning: Running reprotect on this plan will commit the results of the recovery, and configure protection in the reverse direction.

New protected site: Primary_Site
New recovery site: DR_Site
Server connection: Connected
Number of VMs: 4

I understand that this operation cannot be undone.

Reprotect options

Reprotect operations include steps to clean up the original datastores and devices. If you are experiencing errors during cleanup steps, you may choose the force cleanup option to ignore all errors and return the plan to the Ready state. If you use this option, you may need to clean up your storage manually, and you should run a Test as soon as possible.

Force cleanup

FIGURE 334. Reprotect Site A VMs

Reprotection of Protected Site A vVOL VMs successful.

SC2-AZ2-Oracle-SRA-VVOL-RP

Protected Site: Primary_Site
Recovery Site: DR_Site

Plan Status

Plan Status: → Ready

This plan is ready for test or recovery

VM Status

Ready for Recovery:	4 VMs
In Progress:	0 VMs
Success:	0 VMs
Warning:	0 VMs
Error:	0 VMs
Incomplete:	0 VMs
Total:	4 VMs

FIGURE 335. Reprotect Site A VMs Successful

More information regarding running a disaster recovery of a recovery plan with vVOL can be found in the Performing a Planned Migration or Disaster Recovery By Running a Recovery Plan and [SRM User Guide: Configuring Site Recovery Manager vVol-Based Storage Policy Discovery](#).

Conclusion

Customers have successfully run their business-critical Oracle workloads with high performance demands on VMware vSphere for many years. Virtualization of mission-critical databases adds layers of complexity to the infrastructure, however, making common operations like backup and recovery, cloning, disaster recovery and other day-to-day activities difficult. The most efficient storage operations for mission-critical databases are offloaded to the storage array.

Concerns that often delay virtualization of business-critical database workloads include:

- Rapid database growth and the need to reduce backup windows to meet performance and business SLAs.
- The size of modern databases makes it harder to regularly clone and refresh data from production to QA and other environments.
- Correct choice of business continuity plan to ensure rapid recovery from significant disruption to the operations
- Correct choice of disaster recovery technology to ensure business needs of RTO and RPO are met

A business continuity plan is a detailed strategy and set of systems for ensuring an organization's ability to prevent or rapidly recover from a significant disruption to its operations.

Disaster recovery is an organization's method of regaining access and functionality to its IT infrastructure after events like a natural disaster, cyber-attack, or even business disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The VMware vSphere platform provides many tools for customers to successfully ensure business continuity and disaster recovery for their business-critical databases.

VMware Snapshot and VMware Clone are tools that help achieve point-in-time recovery.

VMware Site Recovery Manager, along with VMware vSphere Replication or array-based replication help protect VMs or entire LUN(s) from partial or complete site failures by replicating the VMs or entire LUN(s) between sites.

VMware Cloud on AWS is an on-demand service that enables customers to run applications across vSphere-based cloud environments with access to a broad range of AWS services.

VMware Site Recovery brings VMware enterprise-class SDDC disaster recovery-as-a-service to the AWS Cloud.

VMware Cloud Disaster Recovery is an on-demand disaster recovery service that provides an easy-to-use software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution and offers cloud economics to keep your disaster recovery costs under control.

This solution validates the business continuity and disaster recovery functionality of Oracle Single-Instance and Oracle RAC deployments using Pure x50 Storage (VMFS & vVOL) at all three below levels at on-premises and/or VMware clouds:

- Business Continuity
 - Application level
 - vSphere level
 - Storage level
- Disaster Recovery
 - Application level
 - vSphere level
 - Storage level

The choice of the business continuity or disaster recovery solution to adopt depends on application needs, SLAs, RTO, RPO and various other factors.

The above business continuity and disaster recovery methods can be summarized in the illustration below:

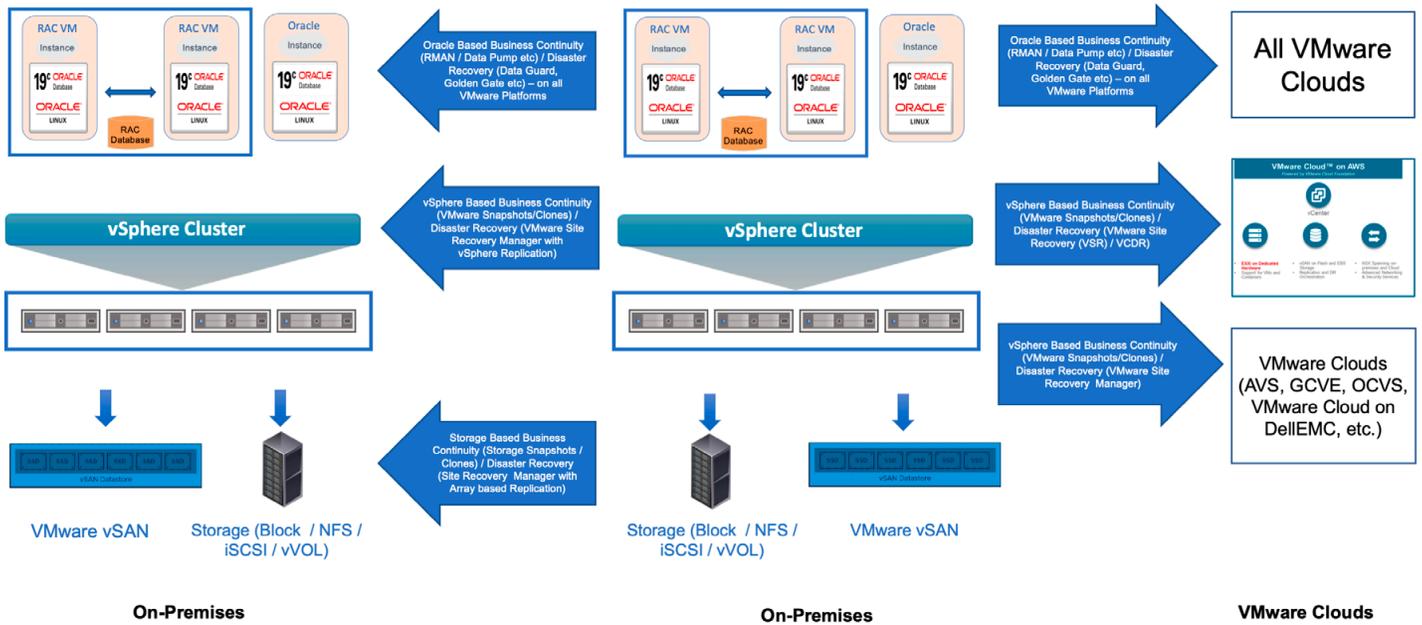


FIGURE 336. Oracle Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Summary

Appendix A Oracle Initialization Parameter Configuration

Oracle Initialization Parameters (Oracle19c-OL8)

```
*.audit_file_dest='/u01/admin/vvol19c/adump'  
*.audit_trail='db'  
*.audit_sys_operations=TRUE  
*.compatible=12.1.0.0.0  
*.control_files='+DATA_DG/vvol19c/control01.ctl','+DATA_DG/vvol19c/control02.ctl','+DATA_DG/vvol19c/control03.ctl'  
*.db_block_size=8192  
*.db_domain=''  
*.db_name='vvol19c'  
*.db_create_file_dest='+DATA_DG'  
*.db_recovery_file_dest='+FRA_DG'  
*.db_recovery_file_dest_size=100G  
*.diagnostic_dest='/u01/admin/vvol19c'  
*.enable_pluggable_database=true  
*.instance_number=1  
*.instance_name='vvol19c'  
*.log_archive_format='%t_%s_%r.dbf'  
*.open_cursors=1000  
*.processes=2000  
*.parallel_instance_group='vvol19c'  
*.parallel_max_servers=100  
*.pga_aggregate_target=256M  
*.pga_aggregate_limit=6G  
*.remote_login_passwordfile='exclusive'  
*.resource_manager_plan=''  
*.result_cache_max_size=4M  
*.sga_max_size=96G  
*.sga_target=96G  
*.thread=1  
*.undo_tablespace='UNDOTBS01'  
*.use_large_pages='only'
```

Oracle Initialization Parameters (Oracle19c-OL8-RMAN)

```
*.audit_file_dest='/u01/admin/rmandb/adump'  
*.audit_trail='db'  
*.audit_sys_operations=TRUE  
*.compatible=12.1.0.0.0  
*.control_files='+RMAN_DATA_DG/rmandb/control01.ctl','+RMAN_DATA_DG/rmandb/control02.ctl','+RMAN_DATA_DG/rmandb/control03.ctl'  
*.db_block_size=8192  
*.db_domain=''  
*.db_name='rmandb'  
*.db_create_file_dest='+DATA_DG'  
*.db_recovery_file_dest='+DATA_DG'  
*.db_recovery_file_dest_size=100G  
*.diagnostic_dest='/u01/admin/rmandb'  
*.enable_pluggable_database=true  
*.instance_number=1  
*.instance_name='rmandb'  
*.log_archive_format='%t_%s_%r.dbf'  
*.open_cursors=1000  
*.processes=2000  
*.parallel_instance_group='rmandb'  
*.parallel_max_servers=100  
*.pga_aggregate_target=256M  
*.pga_aggregate_limit=6G  
*.remote_login_passwordfile='exclusive'  
*.resource_manager_plan=''  
*.result_cache_max_size=4M  
*.sga_max_size=16G  
*.sga_target=16G  
*.thread=1  
*.undo_tablespace='UNDOTBS01'
```

Oracle RAC Initialization Parameters (prac19c)

```
*.AWR_PDB_AUTOFLUSH_ENABLED=true
*.audit_trail='db'
*.audit_sys_operations=TRUE
prac19c1.audit_file_dest='/u01/admin/prac19c1/adump'
prac19c2.audit_file_dest='/u01/admin/prac19c2/adump'
*.cluster_database=true
*.compatible=12.1.0.0.0
*.control_files='+DATA_DG/prac19c/control01.ctl','+DATA_DG/prac19c/control02.ctl','+DATA_DG/prac19c/control03.ctl'
*.db_block_size=8192
*.db_domain=''
*.db_name='prac19c'
*.db_recovery_file_dest='+DATA_DG'
*.db_recovery_file_dest_size=50G
prac19c1.diagnostic_dest='/u01/admin/prac19c1'
prac19c2.diagnostic_dest='/u01/admin/prac19c2'
*.enable_pluggable_database=true
prac19c1.instance_number=1
prac19c2.instance_number=2
*.log_archive_format='%t_%s_%r.dbf'
*.sga_max_size=16G
*.sga_target=16G
*.open_cursors=1000
*.processes=1000
*.parallel_max_servers=100
*.pga_aggregate_target=2G
*.remote_login_passwordfile='exclusive'
prac19c1.thread=1
prac19c2.thread=2
prac19c1.undo_tablespace='UNDOTBS01'
prac19c2.undo_tablespace='UNDOTBS02'
*.use_large_pages='only'
```

Oracle Initialization Parameters (Oracle19c-OL8-Primary)

```
*.audit_file_dest='/u01/admin/ORA19C/adump'  
*.audit_sys_operations=TRUE  
*.audit_trail='db'  
*.compatible='12.1.0.0.0'  
*.control_files='+DATA_DG/control01.ctl','+DATA_DG/control02.ctl','+DATA_DG/control03.ctl'  
*.db_block_size=8192  
*.db_create_file_dest='+DATA_DG'  
*.db_domain=''  
*.db_file_name_convert='+DATA_DG/ORA19CSB','+DATA_DG/ORA19C'  
*.log_file_name_convert='+DATA_DG/ORA19CSB','+DATA_DG/ORA19C'  
*.db_name='ORA19C'  
*.db_unique_name='ora19c'  
*.db_recovery_file_dest='+DATA_DG'  
*.db_recovery_file_dest_size=10G  
*.diagnostic_dest='/u01/admin/ORA19C'  
*.enable_pluggable_database=true  
*.fal_client='ORA19C'  
*.fal_server='ORA19CSB'  
*.instance_name='ora19c'  
*.instance_number=1  
*.log_archive_config='dg_config=(ora19c,ora19csb)'  
*.log_archive_dest_1='location=use_db_recovery_file_dest valid_for=(all_logfiles,all_roles) db_unique_name=ora19c'  
*.log_archive_dest_2='service=ora19csb async valid_for=(online_logfiles,primary_role) db_unique_name=ora19csb'  
*.log_archive_dest_state_2='ENABLE'  
*.log_archive_format='%t_%s_%r.dbf'  
*.log_archive_max_processes=10  
*.job_queue_processes=0  
*.open_cursors=1000  
*.parallel_instance_group='ORA19C'  
*.parallel_max_servers=100  
*.pga_aggregate_limit=6G  
*.pga_aggregate_target=256M  
*.processes=2000
```

```

*.remote_login_passwordfile='exclusive'
*.resource_manager_plan=''
*.result_cache_max_size=4M
*.sga_max_size=16G
*.sga_target=16G
*.standby_file_management='AUTO'
*.thread=1
*.undo_tablespace='UNDOTBS01'

```

Oracle Initialization Parameters (Oracle19c-OL8-Standby)

```

*.audit_file_dest='/u01/admin/ORA19CSB/adump'
*.audit_sys_operations=TRUE
*.audit_trail='db'
*.compatible='12.1.0.0.0'
*.control_files='+DATA_DG/stdby_control01.ctl','+DATA_DG/stdby_control02.ctl','+DATA_DG/stdby_control03.ctl'
*.db_block_size=8192
*.db_create_file_dest='+DATA_DG'
*.db_domain=''
*.db_file_name_convert='+DATA_DG/ORA19C','+DATA_DG/ORA19CSB'
*.log_file_name_convert='+DATA_DG/ORA19C','+DATA_DG/ORA19CSB'
*.db_name='ORA19C'
*.db_unique_name='ora19csb'
*.db_recovery_file_dest='+DATA_DG'
*.db_recovery_file_dest_size=10G
*.diagnostic_dest='/u01/admin/ORA19CSB'
*.enable_pluggable_database=true
*.fal_client='ORA19CSB'
*.fal_server='ORA19C'
*.instance_name='ora19csb'
*.instance_number=1
*.log_archive_config='dg_config=(ora19c,ora19csb)'
*.log_archive_dest_1='location=use_db_recovery_file_dest valid_for=(all_logfiles,all_roles) db_unique_name=ora19csb'
*.log_archive_dest_2='service=ora19c async valid_for=(online_logfiles,primary_role) db_unique_name=ora19c'
*.log_archive_dest_state_2='ENABLE'

```

```
*.log_archive_format='%t_%s_%r.dbf'  
*.log_archive_max_processes=10  
*.job_queue_processes=0  
*.open_cursors=1000  
*.parallel_instance_group='ORA19C'  
*.parallel_max_servers=100  
*.pga_aggregate_limit=6G  
*.pga_aggregate_target=256M  
*.processes=2000  
*.remote_login_passwordfile='exclusive'  
*.resource_manager_plan=''  
*.result_cache_max_size=4M  
*.sga_max_size=16G  
*.sga_target=16G  
*.standby_file_management='AUTO'  
*.thread=1  
*.undo_tablespace='UNDOTBS01'
```

Custom Quiescing Scripts (Pre-Freeze and Post-Thaw)

Example of main script '10-freeze-thaw-databasse-vm-snapshot' that invokes the freeze and thaw routines:

```
[root@oracle19c-ol8 ~]# cat /etc/vmware-tools/backupScripts.d/10-freeze-thaw-databasse-vm-snapshot
#!/bin/sh
```

```
if [[ $1 == "freeze" ]]
then
```

```
    echo "This section is executed before the Snapshot is created"
    su - oracle -c /home/oracle/pre-freeze-script
```

```
elif [[ $1 == "freezeFail" ]]
then
```

```
    echo "This section is executed when a problem occurs during snapshot creation and cleanup is needed
    since thaw is not executed"
    su - oracle -c "echo "Error in Freeze Operation" > /home/oracle/error.txt"
```

```
elif [[ $1 == "thaw" ]]
then
```

```
    echo "This section is executed when the Snapshot is removed"
    su - oracle -c /home/oracle/post-thaw-script
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "Usage: `bin/basename $0` [ freeze | freezeFail | thaw ]"
    exit 1
```

```
fi
[root@oracle19c-ol8 ~]#
```

Database Pre-Freeze scripts:

```
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$ cat pre-freeze-script
#!/bin/bash
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1

sqlplus /nolog <<EOF
conn / as sysdba
alter database begin backup;
exit;
EOF
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$
```

Database Post-Thaw scripts:

```
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$ cat post-thaw-script
#!/bin/bash
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1

sqlplus /nolog <<EOF
conn / as sysdba
alter database end backup;
exit;
EOF
oracle@oracle19c-ol8:~$
```

Reference

White Papers

For additional information, see the following white papers:

- [VMware Hybrid Cloud Best Practices Guide for Oracle Workloads](#)
- [Oracle VMware Hybrid Cloud High Availability Guide](#)
- [Virtualizing Oracle Workloads with VMware vSphere Virtual Volumes on VMware Hybrid Cloud](#)
- [Oracle Database 12c on VMware vSAN – Day 2 Operations and Management](#)
- [Enabling or disabling simultaneous write protection provided by VMFS using the multi-writer flag \(1034165\)](#)

Product Documentation

For additional information, see the following product documentation:

- [VMware vSphere Documentation](#)
- [Oracle 19c Database Online Documentation](#)

Other Documentation

For additional information, see the following document:

- [VMware Solutions Lab](#)

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