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# Using logs

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- [UNIX logging with syslogd](#)
- [Logging options with the Windows Event Viewer](#)

## About logging

NetBackup uses many different logs to help you troubleshoot any problems that you encounter. Unified logging and legacy logging are the two forms of debug logging used in NetBackup. All NetBackup processes use one of these forms of logging. Server processes and client processes use unified logging.

See [“About unified logging”](#) on page 17.

See [“About legacy logging”](#) on page 40.

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**Note:** The log-entry format in the NetBackup logs is subject to change without notice.

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## Logging properties

To access the Logging properties, in the web UI select **Hosts > Host properties**. If necessary click **Connect**, then click **Edit primary server**, **Edit media server**, or **Edit client**. Click **Logging**.

The logging settings determine the behavior for NetBackup logging on the primary server, media server, and the clients:

- Overall logging level or global logging level for all NetBackup processes.
- Overrides for the specific processes that use legacy logging.
- Logging levels for the services that use unified logging.
- Logging for critical processes.
- On clients, the logging level for database applications.
- Log retention settings for NetBackup and for NetBackup Vault (if it is installed).

All NetBackup processes use either unified logging or legacy logging. You can set a global or a unique logging level for certain processes and services. Retention levels limit the size of the log files or (for the primary server) the number of days the logs are kept. If you use NetBackup Vault, you can select separate logging retention settings for that option.

See [“About unified logging”](#) on page 17.

See [“About legacy logging”](#) on page 40.

See [“Log retention and log size”](#) on page 14.

Table 1-1 Logging properties

Property	Description
<b>Global logging level</b>	<p>This setting establishes a global logging level for all processes that are set to <b>Same as global</b>.</p> <p>The <b>Global logging level</b> affects the legacy and unified logging level of all NetBackup processes on the server or client. This setting does not affect the following logging processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ PBX logging See the <a href="#">NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide</a> for more information on how to access the PBX logs.</li> <li>■ Media and device management logging (<code>vmd</code>, <code>ltid</code>, <code>avrd</code>, robotic daemons, media manager commands) See "<a href="#">Directory names for legacy debug logs for media and device management</a>" on page 47.</li> </ul>
<b>Process-specific overrides</b>	These settings let you override the logging level for the specific processes that use legacy logging.
<b>Debug logging levels for NetBackup services</b>	These settings let you manage the logging level for the specific services that use unified logging.
<b>Logging for critical processes</b>	<p>The option lets you enable logging for the critical processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Primary server processes: <code>bprd</code> and <code>bpdbm</code>.</li> <li>■ Media server processes: <code>bpbrm</code>, <code>bptm</code>, and <code>bpdm</code>.</li> <li>■ Client process: <code>bpfis</code></li> </ul> <p>Note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If you enable <b>Logging for critical processes</b>, also enable the option <b>Maximum log size</b>. If you disable this option it may adversely affect NetBackup operations.</li> <li>■ This option sets the log retention to the default log size.</li> <li>■ Clicking <b>Restore to defaults</b> does not modify the <b>Logging for critical processes</b> or the <b>Maximum log size</b> options.</li> <li>■ To disable the logging for critical processes, modify the logging levels for those processes.</li> </ul>
<b>Retention period</b>	<p>Specifies the length of time NetBackup keeps information from the error catalog, job catalog, and debug logs. Note that NetBackup derives its reports from the error catalog.</p> <p>The logs can consume a large amount of disk space, so do not keep the logs any longer than necessary. The default is 28 days.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This setting is not applicable for Cloud Scale.</p>

**Table 1-1** Logging properties (*continued*)

Property	Description
<b>Maximum log size</b>	<p>Specifies the size of the NetBackup logs that you want to retain. When the NetBackup log size grows to this value, the older logs are deleted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ For primary and media servers, the recommended value is 25 GB or greater.</li> <li>■ For clients, the recommended value is 5 GB or greater.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> This setting is not applicable for Cloud Scale.</p>
<b>Vault logs retention period</b>	If NetBackup Vault is installed, select the number of days to keep the Vault session directories, or select <b>Forever</b> .

## Logging levels

You can choose to apply the same logging level for all NetBackup processes. Or, you can select logging levels for specific processes or services.

**Table 1-2** Logging level descriptions

Logging level	Description
<b>Same as global</b>	The process uses the same logging level as the <b>Global logging level</b> .
<b>No logging</b>	No log is created for the process.
<b>Minimum logging</b> (default)	<p>A small amount of information is logged for the process.</p> <p>Use this setting unless advised otherwise by Cohesity Technical Support. Other settings can cause the logs to accumulate large amounts of information.</p>
Levels 1 through 4	Progressively more information is logged at each level for the process.
<b>5 (Maximum)</b>	The maximum amount of information is logged for the process.

### Global logging level

This setting controls the logging level for all processes and for those processes that are set to **Same as global**. You can control the logging level for some NetBackup processes individually.

See [the section called “Overrides for legacy logging levels”](#) on page 13.

See [the section called “Unified logging levels for the primary server”](#) on page 13.

## Overrides for legacy logging levels

These logging levels apply to legacy processes logging. The logging levels that are displayed depend on the type of host (primary, media, or client).

**Table 1-3** Logging level overrides for legacy processes

Service	Description	Primary server	Media server	Client
<b>BPBRM logging level</b>	The NetBackup backup and restore manager.	X	X	
<b>BPDM logging level</b>	The NetBackup disk manager.	X	X	
<b>BPTM logging level</b>	The NetBackup tape manager.	X	X	
<b>BPJOB logging level</b>	The NetBackup Jobs Database Management daemon. This setting is only available for the primary server.	X		
<b>BPDBM logging level</b>	The NetBackup database manager.	X		
<b>BPRD logging level</b>	The NetBackup Request Daemon.	X		
<b>Database logging level</b>	The logging level for database agent logs. For details on which logs to create and refer to, see the guide for the specific agent.			X

## Unified logging levels for the primary server

These logging levels apply to NetBackup services logging and are only available for the primary server.

**Table 1-4** Logging levels for NetBackup services

Service	Description
<b>Policy execution manager</b>	The <b>Policy execution manager</b> ( <b>NBPPEM</b> ) creates policy and client tasks and determines when jobs are due to run. If a policy is modified or if an image expires, <b>NBPPEM</b> is notified and the appropriate policy and client tasks are updated.
<b>Job manager</b>	The <b>Job Manager</b> ( <b>NBJM</b> ) accepts the jobs that the <b>Policy Execution Manager</b> submits and acquires the necessary resources.
<b>Resource broker</b>	The <b>Resource Broker</b> ( <b>NBRB</b> ) makes the allocations for storage units, tape drives, client reservations.

## Logging values in the registry, bp.conf file, and unified logging

You can also set logging values in the Windows registry, the bp.conf file, or in unified logging.

**Table 1-5** Logging levels and their values

Logging level	Legacy logging - Windows registry	Legacy logging - bp.conf	Unified logging
Minimum logging	Hexadecimal value of 0xffffffff.	VERBOSE = 0 (global)  <i>processname_VERBOSE</i> = 0  If the global VERBOSE value is set to a value other than 0, an individual process can be decreased by using the value -1. For example, <i>processname_VERBOSE</i> = -1.	1
No logging	Hexadecimal value of 0xffffffffe.	VERBOSE=-2 (global)  <i>processname_VERBOSE</i> = -2	0

## Log retention and log size

The following options are available to manage how NetBackup recycles and deletes log files.

**Table 1-6** Log retention options in NetBackup

Log retention option	Description	Interface
<b>Maximum log size</b>	Limits the size of unified and legacy logs. For a NetBackup server, the recommended value is 25 GB or greater. For clients, the recommended value is 5 GB or greater.  See <a href="#">the section called "Log pruning"</a> on page 15.	This option is available in the host property <b>Logging</b> settings.
NumberOfLogFiles	Limits the number of unified log files that you want to retain for a NetBackup process.  See <a href="#">"About recycling unified log files"</a> on page 29.	vxlogcfg

**Table 1-6** Log retention options in NetBackup (*continued*)

Log retention option	Description	Interface
MaxLogFileSizeKB and other RolloverMode options	Prevents the unified log files from becoming too large.  When a file size or time setting is reached, the current log file is closed. New log messages for the logging process are written or “rolled over” to a new log file.  See “ <a href="#">About rolling over unified log files</a> ” on page 28.	vxlogcfg
<b>Retention period</b>	Limits the days for which NetBackup retains for unified and legacy logs.  See “ <a href="#">Limit the size and retention of legacy logs</a> ” on page 49.	This option is available in the host property <b>Logging</b> settings.
MAX_LOGFILE_SIZE and MAX_NUM_LOGFILES	Limit the legacy log size and the number of legacy log files that are retained.  See “ <a href="#">Limit the size and retention of legacy logs</a> ” on page 49.	bpsetconfig

## Log pruning

All logs are retained until the log size reaches the high water mark, that is, 95% of the **Maximum log size** value. NetBackup verifies the log size every 10 minutes. When the log size reaches the high water mark, NetBackup begins to delete older logs. NetBackup stops deleting logs when the log size reaches the low water mark, 85% of the **Maximum log size** value.

If both **Maximum log size** and **Retention period** are selected, the logs are pruned based on the condition that occurs first.

You can verify the log pruning behavior in NetBackup by viewing the logs at the following location:

```
install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbutils
/usr/opensv/logs/nbutils
```

## Changing the logging levels

The logging level determines how much information is included in the log messages. The higher the level number, the greater the amount of detail is in the log message.

See “[Set the Media Manager debug logging to a higher level](#)” on page 16.

See “[Changing the logging level on Windows clients](#)” on page 16.

## Change the global logging level

The global logging level establishes a logging level for all processes that are set to **Same as global**. Changes affect the logging level of both unified logging and legacy logging.

### To change the global logging level

- 1 Open the NetBackup web UI.
- 2 On the left, click **Hosts > Host properties**.
- 3 Select a server or client. If necessary, click **Connect**. Then click **Edit primary server**, **Edit media server**, or **Edit client**.
- 4 Click **Logging**.
- 5 From the **Global logging level** list, select the wanted value.
- 6 Click **Save**.

## Set the Media Manager debug logging to a higher level

Setting the debug logging to a higher level can aid in resolving many error conditions. Choose a debug level, then retry the operation and examine the debug logs.

### To set debug logging for media manager to a higher level

- 1 Enable legacy debug logging by creating the necessary directories and folders.
- 2 Increase the level of verbosity for media and device management processes by adding the **VERBOSE** option in the `vm.conf` file. This file is located in `/usr/opensv/volmgr/` (UNIX and Linux) or `install_path\Volmgr\` (Windows).
- 3 Restart the daemons and services or run the `verbose` option, if available.

## Changing the logging level on Windows clients

When Technical Support advises, you can increase the logging level for client processes to perform troubleshooting. Otherwise, use the default level of 0 as higher levels can cause the logs to accumulate large amounts of information.

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**Note:** You can control the logging level for the Bare Metal Restore process (`bmrsavecfg`) with the `vxlogcfg` command.

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See [“Examples of using vxlogcfg to configure unified logs”](#) on page 36.

### To change the logging level on Windows clients

- 1 On the client, open the **Backup, Archive, and Restore** interface.
- 2 Select **File > NetBackup Client Properties** and click on the **Troubleshooting** tab.
- 3 For the **Verbose** setting, enter the advised level or 0 if you finished troubleshooting.

## About unified logging

Unified logging creates log file names and messages in a format that is standardized across Cohesity products. Only the `vxlogview` command can assemble and display the log information correctly. Server processes and client processes use unified logging.

Log files for originator IDs are written to a subdirectory with the name specified in the log configuration file. All unified logs are written to subdirectories in the following directory:

Windows `install_path\NetBackup\logs`

UNIX `/usr/opensv/logs`

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**Note:** Only the following types of users can access the logs: root and service users in Linux systems, and users present in the administrators group of Windows systems.

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You can access logging controls in **Logging** host properties. You can also manage unified logging with the following commands:

`vxlogcfg`      Modifies the unified logging configuration settings.

`vxlogmgr`      Manages the log files that the products that support unified logging generate.

`vxlogview`      Displays the logs that unified logging generates.

See [“Examples of using vxlogview to view unified logs”](#) on page 32.

## Gathering unified logs for NetBackup

This topic uses an example to describe how to gather unified logs for NetBackup.

**To gather unified logs for NetBackup**

- 1 Create a directory named `/upload` by using the following command.

```
# mkdir /upload
```

- 2 Copy unified logs (for NetBackup only) to the `/upload` directory by using the following command:

```
# vxlogmgr -p NB -c --dir /upload
```

**Example output:**

Following are the files that were found:

```
/usr/opensv/logs/bmrsetup/51216-157-2202872032-050125-0000000.log  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbemmm/51216-111-2202872032-050125-0000000.log  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-2202872032-050125-0000000.log  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbjm/51216-117-2202872032-050125-0000000.log  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem/51216-116-2202872032-050125-0000000.log  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbsl/51216-132-2202872032-050125-0000000.log  
Total 6 file(s)  
Copying  
/usr/opensv/logs/bmrsetup/51216-157-2202872032-050125-0000000.log ...  
Copying  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbemmm/51216-111-2202872032-050125-0000000.log ...  
Copying  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-2202872032-050125-0000000.log ...  
Copying  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbjm/51216-117-2202872032-050125-0000000.log ...  
Copying  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem/51216-116-2202872032-050125-0000000.log ...  
Copying  
/usr/opensv/logs/nbsl/51216-132-2202872032-050125-0000000.log ...
```

### 3 Change to the `/upload` directory and list its contents.

```
# cd /upload
ls
```

Example output:

```
51216-111-2202872032-050125-0000000.log
51216-116-2202872032-050125-0000000.log
51216-117-2202872032-050125-0000000.log
51216-118-2202872032-050125-0000000.log
51216-132-2202872032-050125-0000000.log
51216-157-2202872032-050125-0000000.log
```

### 4 Tar the log files.

```
# tar -cvf file_name.logs ./*
```

## Types of unified logging messages

The following message types can appear in unified logging files:

#### Application log messages

Application log messages include informational, warning, and error messages. They are always logged and cannot be disabled. These messages are localized.

An example of an application message follows:

```
12/04/2015 15:48:54.101 [Application] NB
51216 nbjm 117 PID:5483 TID:14 File
ID:117 [reqid=-1446587750] [Info]
V-117-40 BPBRM pid = 17446
```

#### Diagnostic log messages

Diagnostic log messages are the unified logging equivalent of the legacy debug log messages. They can be issued at various levels of detail (similar to verbose levels in legacy logging). These messages are localized.

Diagnostic messages can be disabled with the `vxlogcfg` command.

An example of a diagnostic message follows:

```
12/04/2015 15:48:54.608 [Diagnostic] NB
51216 nbjm 117 PID:5483 TID:14 File
ID:117 [No context] 3 V-117-298
[JobInst_i::requestResourcesWithTimeout]
callback object timeout=600
```

**Debug log messages**

Debug log messages are intended primarily for Cohesity engineering. Like diagnostic messages, they can be issued at various levels of detail. These messages are not localized.

Debug messages can be disabled with the `vxlogcfg` command.

An example of a debug message follows:

```
12/04/2015 15:48:56.982 [Debug] NB
51216 nbjm 117 PID:5483 TID:14 File
ID:117 [jobid=2 parentid=1] 1
[BackupJob::start()] no pending proxy
requests, start the job
```

## File name format for unified logging

Unified logging uses a standardized naming format for log files. The following is an example of a log file name.

```
/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem/51216-116-2201360136-041029-0000000000.log
```

[Table 1-7](#) describes each part of the log file name.

**Table 1-7** Description of the file name format for unified logging

Example	Description	Details
51216	Product ID	Identifies the product. The NetBackup product ID is 51216. The product ID is also known as the entity ID.
116	Originator ID	Identifies the log writing entity, such as a process, service, script, or other software. The number 116 is the originator ID of the <code>nbpem</code> process (the NetBackup policy execution manager).
2201360136	Host ID	Identifies the host that created the log file. Unless the file was moved, this ID is the host where the log resides.
041029	Date	Shows the date when the log was written in YYMMDD format.
0000000000	Rotation	Identifies the numbered instance of a log file for a given originator. The rollover number (rotation) indicates the instance of this log file. By default, log files roll over (rotate) based on file size. If the file reaches maximum size and a new log file is created for this originator, the new file is designated 0000000001.  See <a href="#">“About rolling over unified log files”</a> on page 28.

The log configuration file specifies the name of the directories where the log files for originator IDs are written. These directories and the log files that they hold are written to the following directory, except as noted in the following:

See [“Originator IDs for the entities that use unified logging”](#) on page 21.

Windows `install_path\NetBackup\logs`

UNIX `/usr/opensv/logs`

## Originator IDs for the entities that use unified logging

Many server processes, services, and libraries use unified logging. Also, UNIX and Windows clients use unified logging. An originator identifier (OID) corresponds to a NetBackup process, service, or library.

An OID identifies a process, a service, or a library. A process creates entries in its own log file. The process can call a library that also creates entries in the same file but with an OID unique to the library. Hence, a log file can contain entries with different OIDs. Multiple processes can use the same library, so a library OID can appear in several different log files.

[Table 1-8](#) lists the NetBackup server and NetBackup client processes, services, and libraries that use unified logging.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging

Originator ID	Entity	Description
18	nbatd	The authentication service ( <code>nbatd</code> ) is a service (daemon) that verifies the user identity and issues credentials. These credentials are used for Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) communication.  The ( <code>nbatd</code> ) directory is created under the <code>/usr/netbackup/sec/at/bin</code> directory (UNIX) or the <code>install_path\NetBackup\sec\at\bin</code> directory (Windows).
103	pbx_exchange	The Private Branch Exchange (PBX) service provides single-port access to clients outside the firewall that connect to NetBackup services. Service name: <code>VRTSspbx</code> . It writes logs to <code>/opt/VRTSspbx/log</code> (UNIX) or <code>install_path\VxPBX\log</code> (Windows). The PBX product ID is 50936.
111	nbemm	The Enterprise Media Manager (EMM) is a NetBackup service that manages the device and the media information for NetBackup. It runs only on the primary server.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging  
(continued)

Originator ID	Entity	Description
116	nbpem	The NetBackup Policy Execution Manager ( <code>nbpem</code> ) creates policy and client tasks and determines when jobs are due to run. It runs only on the primary server.
117	nbjm	The NetBackup Job Manager ( <code>nbjm</code> ) accepts the jobs that the Policy Execution Manager submits and acquires the necessary resources. It runs only on the primary server.
118	nbrb	The NetBackup Resource Broker ( <code>nbrb</code> ) maintains a cache list of available resources. It uses that list to locate the physical and the logical resources that are required for a backup or a tape restore. It initiates a SQL call to <code>nbemm</code> to update the database, and then passes the allocation information to <code>nbjm</code> . It runs only on the primary server.
119	bmrtd	The NetBackup Bare Metal Restore (BMR) primary server daemon.
121	bmrsavecfg	The BMR Save Configuration is a data collection utility that runs on the NetBackup client, not the server.
122	bmrcl	The BMR Client Utility originates on the BMR boot server and runs on the restoring client. UNIX clients use it to communicate to the BMR primary server during a restore.
123	bmrsv	The BMR Server Utility.
124	bmrcreatefloppy	The BMR commands that create floppy disks use the BMR Create Floppy utility. The utility runs on the BMR boot server and is Windows only.
125	bmrstrt	The BMR Create SRT utility creates a shared resource tree. It runs on the BMR boot server.
126	bmrprep	The BMR Prepare to Restore utility prepares the BMR servers for a client restoration.
127	bmrsetup	The BMR Setup Commands utility sets up BMR installation, configuration, and upgrade processes.
128	bmrcommon	The BMR Libraries and Common Code catalog provides log messages to the BMR libraries.
129	bmrconfig	The BMR Edit Configuration utility modifies the client configuration.
130	bmrcreatepkg	The BMR Create Package utility adds Windows drivers, service packs, and hotfixes to the BMR primary server for restore operations.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging  
(continued)

Originator ID	Entity	Description
131	bmrrest	The BMR Restore utility restores Windows BMR clients. It runs on the restoring client for Windows systems only.
132	nbsl	The NetBackup Service Layer facilitates the communication between the NetBackup graphical user interface and NetBackup logic.
134	ndmpagent	The NDMP agent daemon manages NDMP backups and restores. It runs on the media server.
137	libraries	The libraries control the logging level in the NetBackup libraries. The application and the diagnostic messages are for customer use; the debug messages are intended for Cohesity engineering.
140	mmui	The media server user interface is used for the Enterprise Media Manager (EMM).
142	bmrepadm	The BMR External Procedure process manages the BMR external procedures that are used during a restore operation.
143	mds	The EMM Media and Device Selection process manages the media selection component and device selection component of the Enterprise Media Manager (EMM).
144	da	The EMM Device Allocator is used for shared drives.
151	ndmp	The NDMP message log ( <code>ndmp</code> ) handles NDMP protocol messages, <code>avrd</code> , and robotic processes.
154	bmrovradm	The BMR Override Table Admin Utility manages the custom override functions for Bare Metal Restore.
156	ace	<p>The NBACE process controls the logging level in the (ACE/TAO) CORBA components for any process that uses a CORBA interface. The default level is 0 (only important messages are logged). This logging is intended for Cohesity engineering.</p> <p>If Cohesity Technical Support instructs you to increase the logging level, increase the level for originator ID 137 to 4 or higher.</p> <p><b>Warning:</b> A debug logging level greater than 0 generates large amounts of data.</p>
158	ncfrai	Remote access interface for NetBackup clients.
159	ncftfi	Transporter for NetBackup clients.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging  
(continued)

Originator ID	Entity	Description
163	nbsvcmon	The NetBackup Service Monitor monitors the NetBackup services that run on the local computer and tries to restart a service that unexpectedly terminates.
166	nbvault	The NetBackup Vault Manager manages NetBackup Vault. <code>nbvault</code> must be running on the NetBackup Vault server during all NetBackup Vault operations.
178	dsm	The Disk Service Manager (DSM) performs set and get operations on disk storage and disk storage units.
199	nbftsrvr	The Fibre Transport (FT) server process runs on the media servers that are configured for the NetBackup Fibre Transport. On the server side of the FT connection, <code>nbftsrvr</code> controls data flow, processes SCSI commands, manages data buffers, and manages the target mode driver for the host bus adapters. <code>nbftsrvr</code> is part of SAN client.
200	nbftclnt	The Fibre Transport (FT) client process runs on the client and is part of SAN Client.
201	fsm	The FT Service Manager (FSM) is a component of the Enterprise Media Manager (EMM) and is part of SAN Client.
202	stssvc	The Storage service manages the storage server and runs on the media server.
210	ncfive	Exchange Firedrill Wizard for NetBackup clients.
219	rsrcevtmgr	The Resource Event Manager (REM) is a CORBA loadable service that runs inside <code>nbemm</code> . REM works with the Disk Polling Service to monitor free space and volume status, and to watch for disk-full conditions.
220	dps	Disk polling service for NetBackup clients.
221	mpms	The Media Performance Monitor Service (MPMS) runs on every media server within RMMS and gathers CPU load and free memory information for the host.
222	nbrmms	Remote monitoring and Management Service (RMMS) is the conduit through which EMM discovers and configures disk storage on media servers.
226	nbstserv	The Storage services controls the lifecycle image duplication operations.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging  
(continued)

Originator ID	Entity	Description
230	rdsd	The Remote Disk Service Manager interface (RDSM) runs within the Remote Manager and Monitor Service. RDMS runs on media servers.
231	nbevtmgr	The Event Manager Service provides asynchronous event management services for cooperating participants.
248	bmrlauncher	The BMR Launcher Utility in the Windows BMR Fast Restore image configures the BMR environment.
254	SPSV2RecoveryAsst	Recovery Assistant for SharePoint Portal Server for NetBackup clients.
261	aggs	Artifact Generator Generated Source.
263	wingui	The NetBackup Administration Console for Windows
271	nbecmsg	Legacy error codes.
272	expmgr	The Expiration Manager handles the capacity management and the image expiration for storage lifecycle operations.
286	nbkms	The Encryption Key Management Service is a primary server-based symmetric service that provides encryption keys to the media server NetBackup Tape Manager processes.
293	nbaudit	NetBackup Audit Manager.
294	nbauditmsgs	NetBackup Audit Messages.
309	ncf	NetBackup Client Framework.
311	ncfnbservercom	NetBackup Client/Server Communications.
317	ncfbedspi	NetBackup Client Beds Plug-in.
318	ncfwinpi	NetBackup Client Windows Plug-in.
321	dbaccess	NetBackup Relational Database access library.
348	ncforaclepi	NetBackup Client Oracle Plug-in.
351	ncflbc	Live Browse Client.
352	ncfgre	Granular restore.
355	ncftarpi	NetBackup TAR Plug-in.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging  
(continued)

Originator ID	Entity	Description
356	ncfvxmspi	NetBackup Client VxMS Plug-in.
357	ncfnbrestore	NetBackup Restore.
359	ncfnbbrowse	NetBackup Browser.
360	ncforautil	NetBackup Client Oracle utility.
361	ncfdb2pi	NetBackup Client DB2 Plug-in.
362	nbars	NetBackup Agent Request Services.
363	dars	Database Agent Request Server process call
366	ncfnbcs	NetBackup Client Service running with root or admin privileges.
369	impmgr	NetBackup Import Manager.
371	nbim	Indexing manager.
372	nbhsm	Hold service.
375	ncfnbusearchserverpi	NetBackup Client Search Server Plug-in.
377	ncfnbdiscover	NetBackup Client Component Discovery.
380	ncfnbquiescence	NetBackup Client Component Quiescence/Unquiescence.
381	ncfnbdboffline	NetBackup Client Component Offline/Online.
386	ncfvmlwarepi	NetBackup NCF VMware Plug-in.
387	nbrntd	NetBackup Remote Network Transport. If multiple backup streams run concurrently, the Remote Network Transport Service writes a large amount of information to the log files. In such a scenario, set the logging level for OID 387 to 2 or less.
395	stsem	STS Event Manager.
396	nbutils	NetBackup Utilities.
400	nbdisco	NetBackup Discovery.
401	ncfmssqlpi	NetBackup Client MSSQL plug-in.
402	ncfexchangeapi	NetBackup Client Exchange plug-in.

**Table 1-8** Originator IDs for the server entities that use unified logging  
(continued)

Originator ID	Entity	Description
403	ncfsharepointpi	NetBackup Client SharePoint plug-in.
412	ncffilesyspi	NetBackup Client File System plug-in.
480	libvcloudsuite	NetBackup vCloudSuite Library.
486	nbpxyhelper	The <code>vnetd</code> proxy helper process.
490	nbpxytnl	The HTTP tunnel of the <code>vnetd</code> proxy.
491	ncfcloudpi	NetBackup Cloud Discovery Plug-in.
495	NetBackup Web APIs	This OID represents the NetBackup Web APIs.
497	ncfcloudpi	NetBackup Cloud Discovery Plug-in.
528	ncfnbcs	NetBackup Client Service running with Service Account.
529	bmrbd	The BMR Boot Server service running with root or admin privileges.
530	bmrbd	The BMR Boot Server service running with Service Account.

## About changing the location of unified log files

The unified logging files can consume a lot of disk space. If necessary, enter the following to direct them to a different location. However, do not save logs to a remote file system such as NFS or CIFS. Logs that are stored remotely can grow large and cause critical performance issues.

**UNIX** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o Default -s LogDirectory=new_log_path`

Where `new_log_path` is a full path, such as `/bigdisk/logs`.

**Windows** `install_path\NetBackup\bin\vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o Default -s LogDirectory=new_log_path`

Where `new_log_path` is a full path, such as `D:\logs`.

## About rolling over unified log files

To prevent log files from becoming too large, or to control when or how often logs are created, you can set a log rollover option. When a file size or time setting is reached, the current log file is closed. New log messages for the logging process are written or “rolled over” to a new log file.

See [“Log retention and log size”](#) on page 14.

You can set log file rollover to occur based on file size, time of day, or elapsed time. Set the conditions by using the `vxlogcfg` command with the options described in [Table 1-9](#).

**Table 1-9** vxlogcfg options that control the rollover of the unified log files

Option	Description
MaxLogFileSizeKB	Specifies the maximum size that is allowed for the log file (in kilobytes) before rollover occurs, if the <code>RolloverMode</code> is set to <code>FileSize</code> .
RolloverAtLocalTime	Specifies the time of day at which the log file is rolled over, if the <code>RolloverMode</code> is set to <code>LocalTime</code> .
RolloverPeriodInSeconds	Specifies a period of time in seconds after which the log file is rolled over, if the <code>RolloverMode</code> is set to <code>Periodic</code> .
MaxLogFileSizeKB or RolloverAtLocalTime	Specifies that the log file rollover occurs whenever the file size limit or the local time limit is reached, whichever is first.  An example of the command:  <pre>vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -g Default MaxLogFileSizeKB=256 RolloverAtLocalTime=22:00</pre>
MaxLogFileSizeKB or RolloverPeriodInSeconds	Specifies that the log file rollover occurs whenever the file size limit or the periodic time limit is reached, whichever is first.

A complete description of `vxlogcfg` is in the [NetBackup Commands Reference Guide](#).

By default, log file rollover is based on a file size of 51200 KB. When a log file reaches 51200 KB in size, the file closes and a new log file opens.

The following example sets the NetBackup (`prodid 51216`) rollover mode to `Periodic`.

```
# vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 --orgid 116 -s RolloverMode=Periodic
  RolloverPeriodInSeconds=86400
```

The previous example uses the `vxlogcfg` command with the `RolloverMode` option. It sets rollover mode for `nbpem` (originator ID 116) to `Periodic`. It also sets the interval until the next `nbpem` log file rollover to 24 hours (86400 seconds).

In the following example, the file names show the log file rollover with the rotation ID incremented:

```
/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem/51216-116-2201360136-041029-0000000000.log
/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem/51216-116-2201360136-041029-0000000001.log
/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem/51216-116-2201360136-041029-0000000002.log
```

In addition, you can use log file rotation with the following:

- Logs for the server processes that use unified logging  
See [“Originator IDs for the entities that use unified logging”](#) on page 21.
- Certain legacy logs
- The unified logging files that the Bare Metal Restore process `bmrsavecfg` creates

## About recycling unified log files

Deleting the oldest log files is referred to as recycling. You can recycle unified logging files in the following ways.

See [“Log retention and log size”](#) on page 14.

**Limit the number of log files** Specify the maximum number of log files that NetBackup retains. When the number of log files exceeds the maximum, the oldest log files become eligible for deletion during log cleanup. The `NumberOfLogFiles` option for the `vxlogcfg` command defines that number.

In the following example, the maximum number of log files that are allowed for each of the unified logging originators in the NetBackup (product ID 51216) is 8000. When the number of log files exceeds 8000 for a particular originator, the oldest log files become eligible for deletion during log cleanup.

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o ALL -s
  NumberOfLogFiles=8000
```

See [“Examples of using vxlogcfg to configure unified logs”](#) on page 36.

Specify the number of days the log files are kept Use the **Retention period** property to specify the maximum number of days logs are kept. When the maximum number of days is reached, the unified logs and legacy logs are automatically deleted.

See [“Logging properties”](#) on page 10.

Explicitly delete the log files To initiate recycling and delete the log files, run the following command:

```
# vxlogmgr -a -d
```

If you cannot manually delete or move files with `vxlogmgr`, the **Retention period** property removes the old logs for both unified logging and legacy logging.

See [“Examples of using vxlogmgr to manage unified logs”](#) on page 34.

If the `vxlogcfg LogRecycle` option is ON (true), the **Retention period** setting is disabled for unified logs. In this case, unified logging files are deleted when their number (for a particular originator) exceeds the number that the `NumberOfLogFiles` option specifies on the `vxlogcfg` command.

## About using the `vxlogview` command to view unified logs

Only the `vxlogview` command can assemble and display the unified logging information correctly. The unified logging files are in binary format and some of the information is contained in an associated resource file. These logs are stored in the following directory. You can display `vxlogview` results faster by restricting the search to the files of a specific process.

UNIX	<code>/usr/openv/logs</code>
Windows	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs</code>

**Table 1-10** Fields in `vxlogview` query strings

Field name	Type	Description	Example
PRODID	Integer or string	Provide the product ID or the abbreviated name of product.	PRODID = 51216 PRODID = 'NBU'
ORGID	Integer or string	Provide the originator ID or the abbreviated name of the component.	ORGID = 116 ORGID = 'nbpem'

**Table 1-10** Fields in vxlogview query strings (*continued*)

Field name	Type	Description	Example
PID	Long Integer	Provide the process ID	PID = 1234567
TID	Long Integer	Provide the thread ID	TID = 2874950
STDATE	Long Integer or string	Provide the start date in seconds or in the locale-specific short date and time format. For example, a locale can have the format 'mm/dd/yy hh:mm:ss AM/PM'	STDATE = 98736352 STDATE = '4/26/11 11:01:00 AM'
ENDDATE	Long Integer or string	Provide the end date in seconds or in the locale-specific short date and time format. For example, a locale can have the format 'mm/dd/yy hh:mm:ss AM/PM'	ENDDATE = 99736352 ENDDATE = '04/27/11 10:01:00 AM'
PREVTIME	String	Provide the hours in 'hh:mm:ss' format. This field should be used only with operators =, <, >, >=, and <=	PREVTIME = '2:34:00'
SEV	Integer	Provide one of the following possible severity types:  0 = INFO 1 = WARNING 2 = ERR 3 = CRIT 4 = EMERG	SEV = 0 SEV = INFO
MSGTYPE	Integer	Provide one of the following possible message types:  0 = DEBUG (debug messages) 1 = DIAG (diagnostic messages) 2 = APP (application messages) 3 = CTX (context messages) 4 = AUDIT (audit messages)	MSGTYPE = 1 MSGTYPE = DIAG

**Table 1-10** Fields in vxlogview query strings (*continued*)

Field name	Type	Description	Example
CTX	Integer or string	Provide the context token as string identifier or 'ALL' to get all the context instances to be displayed. This field should be used only with the operators = and !=.	CTX = 78  CTX = 'ALL'

**Table 1-11** Examples of query strings with dates

Example	Description
<pre>(PRODID == 51216) &amp;&amp; ((PID == 178964)    ((STDATE == '2/5/15 09:00:00 AM') &amp;&amp; (ENDATE == '2/5/15 12:00:00 PM'))</pre>	Retrieves the log file message for the NetBackup product ID 51216 between 9AM and 12PM on 2015-05-02.
<pre>((prodid = 'NBU') &amp;&amp; ((stdate &gt;= '11/18/14 00:00:00 AM') &amp;&amp; (enddate &lt;= '12/13/14 12:00:00 PM')))    ((prodid = 'BENT') &amp;&amp; ((stdate &gt;= '12/12/14 00:00:00 AM') &amp;&amp; (enddate &lt;= '12/25/14 12:00:00 PM')))</pre>	Retrieves the log messages for the NetBackup product NBU between 2014-18-11 and 2014-13-12 and the log messages for the NetBackup product BENT between 2014-12-12 and 2014-25-12.
<pre>(STDATE &lt;= '04/05/15 0:0:0 AM')</pre>	Retrieves the log messages that were logged on or before 2015-05-04 for all of the installed Cohesity products.

## Examples of using vxlogview to view unified logs

The following examples demonstrate how to use the vxlogview command to view unified logs.

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**Note:** Only the following types of users can access the logs: root and service users in Linux systems, and users present in the administrators group of Windows systems.

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**Table 1-12** Example uses of the vxlogview command

Item	Example
Display all the attributes of the log messages	<pre>vxlogview -p 51216 -d all</pre>
Display specific attributes of the log messages	<p>Display the log messages for NetBackup (51216) that show only the date, time, message type, and message text:</p> <pre>vxlogview --prodid 51216 --display D,T,m,x</pre>
Display the latest log messages	<p>Display the log messages for originator 116 (nbpem) that were issued during the last 20 minutes. Note that you can specify <code>-o nbpem</code> instead of <code>-o 116</code>:</p> <pre># vxlogview -o 116 -t 00:20:00</pre>
Display the log messages from a specific time period	<p>Display the log messages for <code>nbpem</code> that were issued during the specified time period:</p> <pre># vxlogview -o nbpem -b "05/03/15 06:51:48 AM" -e "05/03/15 06:52:48 AM"</pre>
Display results faster	<p>You can use the <code>-i</code> option to specify an originator for a process:</p> <pre># vxlogview -i nbpem</pre> <p>The <code>vxlogview -i</code> option searches only the log files that the specified process (<code>nbpem</code>) creates. By limiting the log files that it has to search, <code>vxlogview</code> returns a result faster. By comparison, the <code>vxlogview -o</code> option searches all unified log files for the messages that the specified process has logged.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If you use the <code>-i</code> option with a process that is not a service, <code>vxlogview</code> returns the message "No log files found." A process that is not a service has no originator ID in the file name. In this case, use the <code>-o</code> option instead of the <code>-i</code> option.</p> <p>The <code>-i</code> option displays entries for all OIDs that are part of that process including libraries (137, 156, 309, etc.).</p>
Search for a job ID	<p>You can search the logs for a particular job ID:</p> <pre># vxlogview -i nbpem   grep "jobid=job_ID"</pre> <p>The <code>jobid=</code> search key should contain no spaces and must be lowercase.</p> <p>When searching for a job ID, you can use any <code>vxlogview</code> command option. This example uses the <code>-i</code> option with the name of the process (<code>nbpem</code>). The command returns only the log entries that contain the job ID. It misses related entries for the job that do not explicitly contain the <code>jobid=job_ID</code>.</p>

## Examples of using vxlogmgr to manage unified logs

The following examples show how to use the `vxlogmgr` command to manage unified logging files. Log file management includes actions such as deleting or moving the log files.

**Table 1-13** Example uses of the `vxlogmgr` command

Item	Example
List the log files	<p>List all unified log files for the <code>nbrb</code> service:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -s -o nbrb /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050503-00.log /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050504-00.log /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050505-00.log Total 3 file(s)</pre>
Delete the oldest log files	<p>If the <code>vxlogcfg NumberOfLogFiles</code> option is set to 1, the following example deletes the two oldest log files for the <code>nbrb</code> service:</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o nbrb -s NumberOfLogFiles=1 # vxlogmgr -d -o nbrb -a Following are the files that were found: /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050504-00.log /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050503-00.log Total 2 file(s) Are you sure you want to delete the file(s)? (Y/N) : Y Deleting /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050504-00.log ... Deleting /usr/opensv/logs/nbrb/51216-118-1342895976-050503-00.log ...</pre>
Delete the newest log files	<p>Delete all the unified log files that NetBackup created in the last 15 days:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -d --prodid 51216 -n 15</pre> <p>Make sure that you roll over (rotate) the log files before you recycle them.</p>
Delete the log files for a specific originator	<p>Delete all unified log files for originator <code>nbrb</code>:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -d -o nbrb</pre> <p>Make sure that you roll over (rotate) the log files before you recycle them.</p>

**Table 1-13** Example uses of the vxlogmgr command (*continued*)

Item	Example
Delete all the log files	<p>Delete all unified log files for NetBackup:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -d -p NB</pre> <p>Make sure that you roll over (rotate) the log files before you recycle them.</p>
Control the number of log files	<p>You can use the <code>vxlogmgr</code> command with the <code>vxlogcfg</code> command's <code>NumberOfLogFiles</code> option to manually delete log files.</p> <p>For example, the <code>NumberOfLogFiles</code> option is set to 2, you have 10 unified logging files, and cleanup has not occurred. Enter the following to keep the two most recent log files and delete the rest for all originators:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -a -d</pre> <p>The following command keeps the two most recent log files of all PBX originators:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -a -d -p ics</pre> <p>The following deletes the older log files for the <code>nbrb</code> service only:</p> <pre># vxlogmgr -a -d -o nbrb</pre>

**Table 1-13** Example uses of the vxlogmgr command (*continued*)

Item	Example
Control disk space usage	<p>Periodically run the <code>vxlogmgr -a -d</code> command (such as through a <code>cron</code> job) to delete logs and monitor the disk space that unified logging uses.</p> <p>The disk space that a given originator uses can be calculated as follows:</p> $\text{NumberOfLogFiles for originator} * \text{MaxLogFileSizeKB for originator}$ <p>The total disk space that unified logs consume is the sum of the disk space that each originator consumes. If none of the originators override the <code>NumberOfLogFiles</code> and <code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code> settings, then the total disk space that unified logging consumes is as follows:</p> $\text{Number of originators} * \text{default MaxLogFileSizeKB} * \text{default NumberOfLogFiles}$ <p>Use the <code>vxlogcfg</code> command to list the current unified logging settings.</p> <p>For example, assume the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>vxlogmgr -a -d -p NB</code> is configured as a <code>cron</code> job with a frequency of one hour.</li> <li>■ No originators override default settings for <code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code> or <code>NumberOfLogFiles</code>.</li> <li>■ The number of active NetBackup originators on the host is 10. (Typical of a NetBackup primary server that is not running BMR or NDMP.)</li> <li>■ The default <code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code> is equal to 51200.</li> <li>■ The default <code>NumberOfLogFiles</code> is equal to 3.</li> </ul> <p>To calculate the total disk space that unified logging consumes, insert the values from the example into the previous formula. The results are as follows:</p> $10 * 51200 * 3 \text{ KB} = 1,536,000 \text{ KB of additional disk space used each hour.}$

## Examples of using vxlogcfg to configure unified logs

Note the following:

- The `vxlogcfg` command is the only way to turn off diagnostic and debug messages in unified logging.
- Absolute paths must be specified. Do not use relative paths.

**Table 1-14** Example uses of the vxlogcfg command

Item	Example
Set the maximum log file size	<p>By default, the maximum log file size in unified logging is 51200 KB. When a log file reaches 51200 KB, the file closes and a new log file opens.</p> <p>You can change the maximum file size with the <code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code> option. The following command changes the default maximum log size to 100000 KB for the NetBackup product:</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o Default -s MaxLogFileSizeKB=100000</pre> <p>For <code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code> to be effective, the <code>RolloverMode</code> option must be set to <code>FileSize</code>:</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 --orgid Default -s RolloverMode=FileSize</pre> <p><code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code> can be set per originator. An originator that is not configured uses the default value. The following example overrides the default value for service <code>nbrb</code> (originator ID 118).</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o nbrb -s MaxLogFileSizeKB=1024000</pre>
Set log recycling	<p>The following example sets automatic log file deletion for <code>nbemm</code> logs (originator ID 111):</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 --orgid 111 -s RolloverMode=FileSize MaxLogFileSizeKB=512000 NumberOfLogFiles=999 LogRecycle=TRUE</pre> <p>This example sets the <code>nbemm</code> logging rollover mode to file size, and turns on log recycling. When the number of log files exceeds 999, the oldest log file is deleted. EXAMPLE 5 shows how to control the number of log files.</p>
Set debug level and diagnostic level	<p>The following example sets the default debug level and diagnostic level of product ID NetBackup (51216):</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 --orgid Default -s DebugLevel=1 DiagnosticLevel=6</pre>

**Table 1-14** Example uses of the `vxlogcfg` command (*continued*)

Item	Example
List the unified logging settings	<p>The following <code>vxlogcfg</code> example shows how to list the active unified logging settings for a given originator (the <code>nbrb</code> service). Note that <code>MaxLogFileSizeKB</code>, <code>NumberOfLogFiles</code>, and <code>RolloverMode</code> are included in the output.</p> <pre># vxlogcfg -l -o nbrb -p NB  Configuration settings for originator 118, of product 51,216... LogDirectory = /usr/openv/logs/nbrb/ DebugLevel = 1 DiagnosticLevel = 6 DynaReloadInSec = 0 LogToStdout = False LogToStderr = False LogToOslog = False RolloverMode = FileSize   LocalTime LogRecycle = False MaxLogFileSizeKB = 51200 RolloverPeriodInSeconds = 43200 RolloverAtLocalTime = 0:00 NumberOfLogFiles = 3 OIDNames = nbrb AppMsgLogging = ON L10nLib = /usr/openv/lib/libvxexticu L10nResource = nbrb L10nResourceDir = /usr/openv/resources SyslogIdent = VRTS-NB SyslogOpt = 0 SyslogFacility = LOG_LOCAL5 LogFilePermissions = 600</pre>

## Accessibility of the unified logs

NetBackup sets the permissions on the unified log directories to a restrictive but configurable level. This change is designed to prevent unauthorized access to the NetBackup logs, which may contain sensitive information.

### Changing accessibility of the unified logs

You can change the default log file permissions to make them less restrictive. Use the `vxlogcfg` command to change the log file or folder permissions. You can change the permissions of a specific Originator ID (OID) or you can change the default

permissions that applies to all the OIDs. For folder permissions, the `Default.LogFilePermissions` is considered.

The folder and file permissions do not change instantly after running the `vxlogcfg` command. If you want to apply the permissions immediately, restart the NetBackup services. For more information on restarting the services, see this [article](#). The file and folder permissions are applied during the next log rollover cycle that depends on the length of the logs and the configured log file sizes. The maximum rollover period is one day. So, in this case, the new permissions reflects after one day after changing the file permissions. The permissions of existing log files in the system are not changed.

Here are some examples for changing the default log permissions:

- These two example commands change file permissions to 644 for all the components. The folder gets additional execute permissions (755).
  - `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 -o ALL -s LogFilePermissions=644`
  - `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 -o ALL -s DynaReloadInSec=120`

- To change the permissions for any originator ID, use the following example command:

```
/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vxlogcfg -a --prodid 51216 --orgid 111  
-s LogFilePermissions=644
```

This command applies the `644` permission to the originator ID `111`, which represents `nbemm`. For all other component `orgid`, refer to `/usr/opensv/netbackup/nblog.conf`.

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**Note:** By default, the parameter `Default.LogFilePermissions` from the `nblog.conf` file is followed for all folder permissions. When you use OID specific permissions, `<OID>.LogFilePermissions` parameters are used.

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- To change permissions for a PBX log in the `icsul.conf` file, use the following example command:

```
/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vxlogcfg -a --prodid 50936 -o 103 -s  
LogFilePermissions=644
```

If you want to apply the permissions immediately, restart the PBX services. For more information on restarting the services, see this [article](#).

## About legacy logging

In NetBackup legacy debug logging, a process creates log files of debug activity in its own logging directory. By default, NetBackup creates only a subset of logging directories, in the following locations:

Windows `install_path\NetBackup\logs`  
`install_path\Volmgr\debug`

UNIX `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs`  
`/usr/opensv/volmgr/debug`

To use legacy logging, a log file directory must exist for a process. If the directory is not created by default, you can use the `mklogdir` utility to create the directories. Or, you can manually create the directories. When logging is enabled for a process, a log file is created when the process begins. Each log file grows to a certain size before the NetBackup process closes it and creates a new log file.

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**Note:** To apply the appropriate permissions on the legacy log directories, always use the `mklogdir` utility present in Windows and Linux to create the legacy log directories for each platform.

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You can use the following utility to create all of the log directories:

- Windows: `install_path\NetBackup\Logs\mklogdir.bat`
- UNIX: `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/mklogdir`

Follow these recommendations when you create and use legacy log folders:

- Do not use symbolic links or hard links inside legacy log folders.
- Sometimes if a process runs for a non-root or non-admin user, no logging that occurs in the legacy log folders. In that case use the `mklogdir` command to create a folder for the required user.
- To run a command line for a non-root or non-admin user (troubleshooting when the NetBackup services are not running), create user folders for the specific command line. Create the folders either with the `mklogdir` command or manually with the non-root or non-admin user privileges.

## UNIX client processes that use legacy logging

Many UNIX client processes use legacy logging. To enable legacy debug logging on UNIX clients, create the appropriate subdirectories in the following directory.

You can use the following batch file to create all of the debug log directories at once:

Windows `install_path\NetBackup\Logs\mklogdir.bat`

UNIX `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/mklogdir`

**Table 1-15** UNIX client processes that use legacy logging

Directory	Associated process
bmrbd	BMR Boot Server daemon. These logs have information on the <code>bmrbd</code> process.
bp	Menu driven client-user interface program.
bparchive	Archive program. Also useful for debugging <code>bp</code> .
bpbackup	Backup program. Also useful for debugging <code>bp</code> .
bpbkar	Program that is used to generate backup images.
bpcd	NetBackup client daemon or manager.
bpclimagelist	Command-line utility that produces a status report on client NetBackup images or removable media.
bpclntcmd	Command-line utility on the clients that tests NetBackup system functionality and enables Fibre Transport services.
bphdb	A program that starts a script to back up a database on a NetBackup database agent client. See the system administrator's guide for the appropriate NetBackup database agent for more information.
bpjava-msvc	The NetBackup Java application server authentication service that <code>inetd</code> starts during the startup of the NetBackup Java interface applications. This program authenticates the user that started the application.
bpjava-usvc	The NetBackup program that <code>bpjava-msvc</code> starts upon successful logon through the logon dialog box that is presented when a NetBackup Java Backup, Archive, and Restore (BAR) interface is started. This program services all requests from the Java user interfaces on the host where <code>bpjava-msvc</code> is running.
bplist	Program that lists backed up and archived files. Also useful to debug <code>bp</code> .
bpmount	Program that determines the local mount points and wildcard expansion for multiple data streams.
bporaexp	Command-line program on clients to export Oracle data in XML format. Communicates with <code>bprd</code> on the server.

**Table 1-15** UNIX client processes that use legacy logging (*continued*)

Directory	Associated process
<code>bporaexp64</code>	64-bit command-line program on clients to export Oracle data in XML format. Communicates with <code>bprd</code> on the server.
<code>bporaimp</code>	Command-line program on clients to import Oracle data in XML format. Communicates with <code>bprd</code> on the server.
<code>bporaimp64</code>	64-bit command-line program on clients to import Oracle data in XML format. Communicates with <code>bprd</code> on the server.
<code>bprestore</code>	Restore program. Also useful for debugging <code>bp</code> .
<code>bptestnetconn</code>	Tests and analyzes DNS and connectivity problems with any specified list of hosts, including the server list in the NetBackup configuration.
<code>db_log</code>	For more information on these logs, see the NetBackup guide for the database-extension product that you use.
<code>nbpas</code>	The NetBackup Privileged Access Service. These logs have information on the <code>nbpas</code> process, this process perform root-specific tasks requested by service user.
<code>ncfnbcs</code>	NetBackup Client Service. These logs have information on the <code>nbcs</code> process.
<code>tar</code>	<code>nbtar</code> processing during restore operations.
<code>user_ops</code>	<p>The <code>user_ops</code> directory is created during the install of NetBackup on all servers and clients. The NetBackup Java interface programs use this directory for the temporary files and for the job and the progress log files that the <b>Backup, Archive, and Restore</b> program (<code>jbpsa</code>) generates. This directory must exist for successful operation of any of the Java programs and must have public read and run permissions. This directory contains a directory for every user that uses the Java programs. Except for the Java interface log files, log files in the <code>user_ops</code> directory are removed according to the setting of the <code>KEEP_LOGS_DAYS</code> configuration option.</p> <p>In addition, on NetBackup Java capable platforms, the NetBackup Java interface log files are written in a subdirectory that is called <code>nbjlogs</code>. The administrator can clean up these logs that reside in the <code>nbjlogs</code> directory according to the requirements of their organization.</p>

## PC client processes that use legacy logging

Most PC client processes use legacy logging. To enable the detailed legacy debug logging on Windows clients, create the directories in the following location. The directory names that you create correspond to the processes to which you want to create logs.

```
C:\Program Files\VERITAS\NetBackup\Logs\
```

**Table 1-16** PC client processes that use legacy logging

Directory	NetBackup client	Description
bmrbd	All Windows	BMR Boot Server daemon. These logs have information on the <code>bmrbd</code> process.
bpinetd	All Windows clients	Client service logs. These logs have information on the <code>bpinetd32</code> process.
bparchive	All Windows clients	Archive program that is run from the command line.
bpbackup	All Windows clients	The backup program that is run from the command line.
bpbkar	All Windows clients	Backup and archive manager. These logs have information on the <code>bpbkar32</code> process.
bpcd	All Windows clients	NetBackup client daemon or manager. These logs have information on communications between the server and client.
bpjava-msvc		NetBackup Java application server authentication service that the <code>Client Services</code> service starts during startup of the NetBackup Java interface applications. This program authenticates the user who started the application. (On all Windows platforms.)
bpjava-usvc		NetBackup program that <code>bpjava-msvc</code> starts upon successful logon through the logon dialog box that is presented when a NetBackup Java <b>Backup, Archive, and Restore</b> (BAR) interface is started. This program services all requests from the Java user interfaces on the NetBackup host where <code>bpjava-msvc</code> is running. (On all Windows platforms.)
bplist	All Windows clients	List program that is run from the command line.
bpmount	All Windows clients	The program that is used to collect drive names on the client for multistreaming clients.
bprestore	All Windows clients	The restore program that is run from the command line.
bptestnetconn	All Windows clients	The program that performs several tasks that help you test and analyze DNS and connectivity problems with any specified list of hosts, including the server list in the NetBackup configuration.
nbpas	All Windows clients	The NetBackup Privileged Access Service. These logs have information on the <code>nbpas</code> process, this process perform root-specific tasks requested by service user.
ncfnbcs	All Windows clients	NetBackup Client Service. These logs have information on the <code>nbcs</code> process.

**Table 1-16** PC client processes that use legacy logging (*continued*)

Directory	NetBackup client	Description
tar	All Windows clients	tar processing. These logs have information about the tar32 process.
user_ops	All Windows clients	<p>The <code>user_ops</code> directory is created during the install of NetBackup on all servers and clients. The NetBackup Java interface programs use it for the following: temporary files and for the job and the progress log files that the <b>Backup, Archive, and Restore</b> program (<code>jbpsA</code>) generates. This directory must exist for successful operation of any of the Java programs and must have public read and run permissions. <code>user_ops</code> contains a directory for every user that uses the Java programs. Except for the Java interface log files, log files in the <code>user_ops</code> directory are removed according to the setting of the <code>KEEP_LOGS_DAYS</code> configuration option.</p> <p>In addition, on NetBackup Java capable platforms, the NetBackup Java interface log files are written in a subdirectory that is called <code>nbjlogs</code>. The administrator can clean up these logs that reside in the <code>nbjlogs</code> directory according to the requirements of their organization.</p>

## File name format for legacy logging

NetBackup legacy logging creates debug log files in the following format:

```
user_name.mmddyy_nnnnn.log
```

The file names include the following elements:

- user\_name* The name of the user in whose context the process runs, as follows:
- For UNIX root user, the *user\_name* is **root**.
  - For UNIX user other than the root user, the *user\_name* is the user's login ID.
  - For all users who are part of the Administrator group in Windows, the *user\_name* is `ALL_ADMINS`.
  - For Windows user, the *user\_name* is either `username@domain_name` or `username@machine_name`.
- mmddyy* The month, day, and year on which NetBackup created the log file.

*nnnnn* The counter or the rotation number for the log file. When the counter exceeds the setting for number of log files, the oldest log file is deleted.

The `MAX_NUM_LOGFILES` configuration parameter sets the maximum number of a legacy log file per process.

The new folder structure for non-root or non-admin invoked process logs is created under process log directory name.

For example,

```
/usr/openv/netbackup/logs/tar/root.031020_00001.log
```

```
/usr/openv/netbackup/log/tar/usr1/usr1.031020_00001.log
```

Here, for non-root user `usr1`, a non-root username directory is created under the respective NetBackup processes.

## Directory names for legacy debug logs for servers

NetBackup creates certain directories for legacy logging for servers. Each directory corresponds to a process. Unless it is noted, each directory should be created under the following directory.

Windows `install_path\NetBackup\logs`

UNIX `/usr/openv/netbackup/logs`

On UNIX systems, also refer to the `README` file in the `/usr/openv/netbackup/logs` directory.

[Table 1-17](#) describes the directories you need to create to support legacy debug logs for servers.

**Table 1-17** Directory names for legacy debug logs

Directory	Associated process
<code>admin</code>	Administrative commands
<code>bpbrm</code>	NetBackup backup and restore manager
<code>bpcd</code>	NetBackup client daemon or manager. The NetBackup Client service starts this process.
<code>bpjobd</code>	NetBackup jobs database manager program
<code>bpdm</code>	NetBackup disk manager

**Table 1-17** Directory names for legacy debug logs (*continued*)

Directory	Associated process
bpdbm	NetBackup Database Manager. This process runs only on primary servers. On Windows systems, it is the NetBackup Database Manager service.
bpjava-msvc	The NetBackup Java application server authentication service that is started when the NetBackup interface applications start. On UNIX servers, <code>inetd</code> starts it. On Windows servers, the Client Services service starts it.  This program authenticates the user that started the application.
bpjava-susvc	The NetBackup program that <code>bpjava-msvc</code> starts upon successful logon through the logon dialog box that is presented when a NetBackup interface starts. This program services all requests from the Java user interfaces on the NetBackup primary or media server host where the <code>bpjava-msvc</code> program runs (all Windows platforms).
bprd	NetBackup Request Daemon. On Windows systems, this process is called the NetBackup Request Manager service.
bpsynth	The NetBackup process for synthetic backup. <code>nbjm</code> starts <code>bpsynth</code> . <code>bpsynth</code> runs on the primary server.
bptm	NetBackup tape management process
nbatd	Authentication daemon (UNIX and Linux) or service (Windows). <code>nbatd</code> authenticates access to interfaces of NetBackup services or daemons.
nbazd	Authorization daemon (UNIX and Linux) or service (Windows). <code>nbazd</code> authorizes access to interfaces of NetBackup services or daemons.
syslogs	System log  You must enable system logging to troubleshoot <code>ltid</code> or robotic software. See the <code>syslogd</code> man page.
user_ops	The <code>user_ops</code> directory is created during the install of NetBackup on all servers and clients. NetBackup interface programs use it for the following: temporary files and for the job and the progress log files that the <b>Backup, Archive, and Restore</b> program ( <code>jbpsa</code> ) generates. This directory must exist for successful operation of any of the Java programs and must have public read and run permissions. <code>user_ops</code> contains a directory for every user that uses the Java programs. Except for the Java interface log files, log files in the <code>user_ops</code> directory are removed according to the setting of the <code>KEEP_LOGS_DAYS</code> configuration option.  The NetBackup Java interface log files are written in the <code>nbjlogs</code> subdirectory. The administrator can clean up these logs that reside in the <code>nbjlogs</code> directory according to the requirements of their organization.

**Table 1-17** Directory names for legacy debug logs (*continued*)

Directory	Associated process
vnetd	<p>The Cohesity network daemon, used to create firewall-friendly socket connections. Started by the <code>inetd(1M)</code> process.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Logging occurs in either the <code>/usr/opensv/logs</code> directory or the <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs</code> if the <code>vnetd</code> directory exists there. If the <code>vnetd</code> directory exists in both locations, logging occurs only in <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/vnetd</code>.</p>

## Directory names for legacy debug logs for media and device management

The following directories enable legacy logging for the media management processes and device management processes. NetBackup creates 1 log per day in each of the debug directories. Each directory corresponds to a process. Unless it is noted, each directory should be created under the following directory.

Windows	<code>install_path\Volmgr\debug</code>
UNIX	<code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/debug</code>

**Table 1-18** Media and device management legacy debug logs

Directory	Associated process
acsssi	UNIX only. Debug information on transactions between NetBackup and the StorageTek ACSLS server.
daemon	Debug information for <code>vmd</code> (NetBackup Volume Manager service, Windows) and its associated processes ( <code>opr</code> and <code>rdevmi</code> ). Stop and restart <code>vmd</code> after creating the directory.
ltid	Debug information on <code>ltid</code> , the Media Manager device daemon (UNIX), or on the NetBackup Device Manager service (Windows), and on <code>avrd</code> . Stop and restart <code>ltid</code> after creating the directory.
reqlib	Debug information on the processes that request media management services from <code>vmd</code> or EMM. Stop and restart <code>vmd</code> after creating the directory.
robots	Debug information on all robotic daemons, which includes <code>tlcdc</code> daemons. Stop and restart robotic daemons.
tpcommand	Debug information for device configuration, including the <code>tpconfig</code> and the <code>tpautoconf</code> commands and the NetBackup web UI.

**Table 1-18** Media and device management legacy debug logs (*continued*)

Directory	Associated process
<code>vmscd</code>	Debug information for the NetBackup Status Collection daemon. Stop and restart <code>vmscd</code> after creating the directory.

## Disable media and device management logs

You can disable debug logging by deleting or renaming the following directory:

Windows: NetBackup Volume `install_path\Volmgr\debug\daemon`  
Manager service

UNIX: `vmd` command `/usr/opensv/volmgr/debug/daemon`

## How to control the amount of information written to legacy logging files

You can set legacy logging levels to increase the amount of information that NetBackup processes write in the logs.

The following settings affect legacy logging, except media and device management.

- Increase the **Global logging level**, which also affect unified logging.
- On UNIX, add a `VERBOSE` entry in the `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bp.conf` file. If you enter `VERBOSE` without a value, the verbose value defaults to 1. For more log detail, enter `VERBOSE = 2` or a higher value. This setting affects legacy logging only.

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**Warning:** High verbose values can cause debug logs to become very large.

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- Set the logging level for individual processes.  
In the host properties, change the logging levels for individual processes in the **Logging** settings. Or, specify the verbose flag (if available) when you start the program or daemon.  
Also, you can set the logging level of an individual process to a negative value in the `bp.conf` file as follows:  
`<processname>_VERBOSE = -2` completely disables logs for the corresponding process.

Media and device management legacy logging has two levels: not verbose (the default) and verbose. To set the verbose (higher) level, add the word `VERBOSE` to

the `vm.conf` file. Create the file if necessary. Restart `ltid` and `vmd` after you add the `VERBOSE` entry. The `vm.conf` file is located in the following directory:

Windows	<code>install_path\Cohesity\Volmgr\</code>
UNIX	<code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/</code>

## Limit the size and retention of legacy logs

Because legacy debug logs can grow very large, enable them only if unexplained problems exist. Delete the logs and the associated directories when they are no longer needed.

### Keep logs for days

Limits the time that NetBackup retains NetBackup process logs (except media and device management logs). The default is 28 days.

### DAYS\_TO\_KEEP\_LOGS setting in vm.conf

Controls log file rotation for media and device management legacy logs. The default is 30 days. The `vm.conf` file is located in `install_path\Volmgr\` or `/usr/opensv/volmgr/`.

### MAX\_LOGFILE\_SIZE and MAX\_NUM\_LOGFILES settings

With legacy logging, NetBackup uses the configuration file (the Windows registry or the `bp.conf` file on UNIX) to set the maximum size of a log file. Use the `bpsetconfig` command to configure the following `bp.conf` parameters:

- The `MAX_LOGFILE_SIZE` parameter indicates the maximum size of a log file. When the log file size in NetBackup matches the `MAX_LOGFILE_SIZE` setting, the next logs are stored in a new log file. The default is 500 MB.
- The `MAX_NUM_LOGFILES` parameter indicates the maximum number of log files that can be created in NetBackup. When the number of log files matches the `MAX_NUM_LOGFILES` setting, the older log files are purged. The default is 0 (infinite).

## Accessibility of the legacy logs

NetBackup sets the permissions on the legacy log directories to a more restrictive but configurable level. This change is designed to prevent unauthorized access to the NetBackup logs, which may contain sensitive information.

You can control the accessibility of the logs by configuring the value of the parameter `ALLOW_WORLD_READABLE_LOGS` using the `nbsetconfig` command.

Here are the configurable values:

- If `ALLOW_WORLD_READABLE_LOGS=YES`, the debug logs have world-readable permissions.
- If `ALLOW_WORLD_READABLE_LOGS=NO`, which is the default state, the debug logs do not have world-readable permissions.

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**Note:** `user_ops` (except `user_ops/nbjlogs`) and `dbagents` logs are world-readable and non-world-writable.

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See the *NetBackup Commands Reference Guide* for details of the `nbsetconfig` command.

## Setting retention limits for logs on clients

You can specify the number of days that NetBackup retains client logs on UNIX and Windows.

### To set retention limits for logs on clients

- 1 Open the NetBackup web UI.
- 2 On the left, select **Hosts > Host properties**.
- 3 Select the client. If necessary, select **Connect**. Then select **Edit client**.
- 4 Expand the applicable node, either **UNIX client** or **Windows client**. Then select **Client settings**.
- 5 Locate the field **Keep status of user-directed backups, archives, and restores**.
- 6 Enter the number of days you want to retain the log files and select **Save**.

## UNIX logging with syslogd

On UNIX, NetBackup uses `syslogd` to record robotic errors, network errors, and state changes for robotically controlled drives. On HP-UX, the `sysdiag` tool may provide additional information on hardware errors.

To enable this additional logging, use one of the following methods:

- Use the `ltid` command with the `-v` option to start the device management processes. This option starts robotic daemons and `vmd` in verbose mode.
- Use a command and the `-v` option to start a specific daemon (for example, `acsd -v`).

Errors are logged with `LOG_ERR`, warnings with `LOG_WARNING`, and debug information with `LOG_NOTICE`. The facility type is `daemon`.

## Logging options with the Windows Event Viewer

You can configure a NetBackup Windows primary server to also write logging application and diagnostic messages to the Windows **Event Viewer** Application Event log.

For details on `vxlogcfg`, see the [NetBackup Commands Reference Guide](#).

### To write unified logging messages to the Windows Event Viewer for an originator

- 1 Use the `vxlogcfg` command to set the `LogToOslog` value to true for the originator.

For example:

```
# vxlogcfg -a -o nbrb -p NB -s "LogToOslog=true"
```

- 2 Restart the NetBackup services.

### To write legacy logging messages to the Windows Event Viewer

- 1 Create the `eventlog` file on the NetBackup primary server.

```
install_path\NetBackup\db\config\eventlog
```

- 2 Optionally, add an entry to the `eventlog` file. For example:

```
56 255
```

“56” produces a log with the messages that have a severity of warning, error, and critical ( $56 = 8 + 16 + 32$ ). “255” produces a log with messages for all types ( $255 = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + 64 + 128$ ).

- 3 Restart the NetBackup services.

### Event log parameters

The parameters in the `eventlog` represent severity and type. Both parameters are specified as decimal numbers and equate to a bitmap for the values below.

Severity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Listed as the first parameter.</li> <li>■ Controls the messages that NetBackup writes to the Application log.</li> <li>■ If the file is empty, the default severity is <b>Error</b> (16).</li> <li>■ If the file has only one parameter, it is used for the severity level.</li> </ul>	<p>1 = Unknown</p> <p>2 = Debug</p> <p>4 = Info</p> <p>8 = Warning</p> <p>16 = Error</p> <p>32 = Critical</p>
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Listed as the second parameter.</li> <li>■ Controls the type of messages that NetBackup writes to the Application log.</li> <li>■ If the file is empty, the default type is <b>Backup Status</b> (64).</li> </ul>	<p>1 = Unknown</p> <p>2 = General</p> <p>4 = Backup</p> <p>8 = Archive</p> <p>16 = Retrieve</p> <p>32 = Security</p> <p>64 = Backup Status</p> <p>128 = Media Device</p>

In the logs, the messages are formatted as follows:

<Severity> <Job type> <Job ID> <Job group ID> <Server> <Client> <Process> <Text>

For example:

16 4 10797 1 cacao bush nbpem backup of client bush exited with status 71

# Backup process and logging

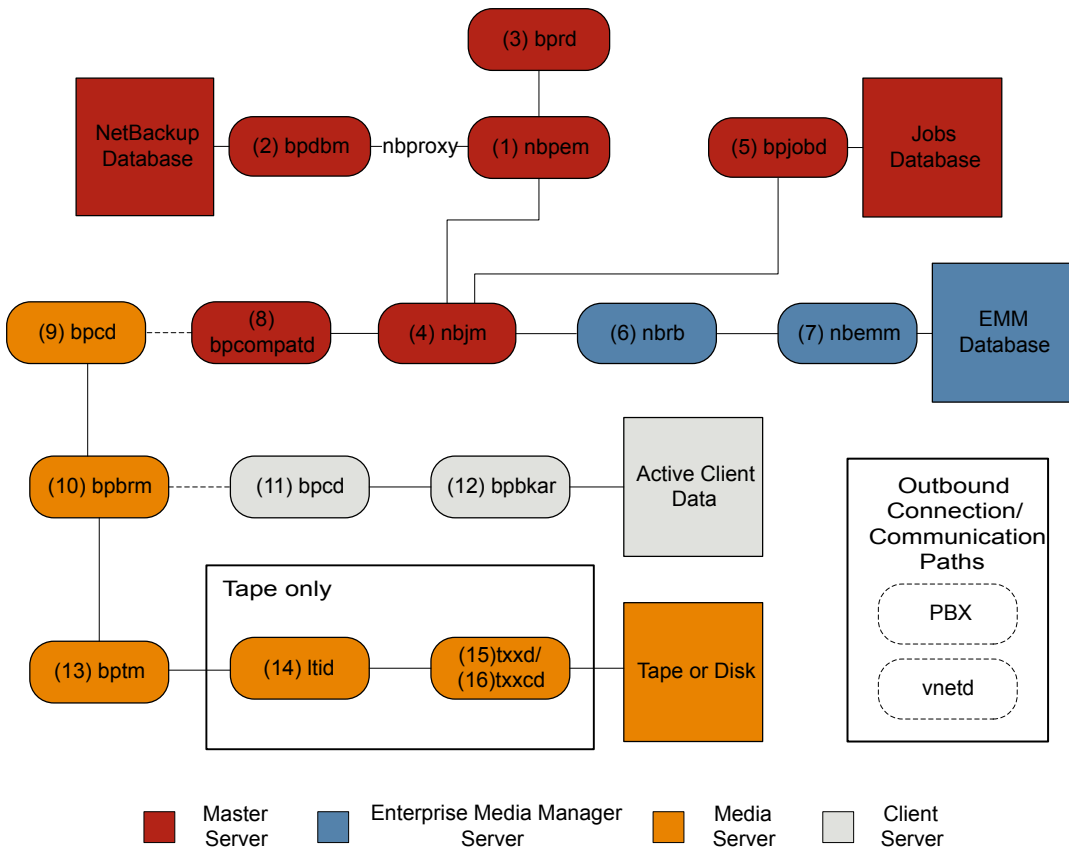
This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Backup process](#)
- [NetBackup process descriptions](#)
- [About backup logging](#)
- [Sending backup logs to Technical Support](#)

## Backup process

[Figure 2-1](#) illustrates the backup procedure and the process flow during a scheduled backup.

**Figure 2-1** Basic backup process flow



**Basic backup procedure**

- 1 The (1) NetBackup Policy Execution Manager (*nbpem*) initiates a backup when the job becomes due. To determine when the job is due, *nbpem* uses the proxy service *nbproxy* to get the backup policy information from the (2) NetBackup Database Manager (*bpdbm*).  
 In the case of a user-initiated backup, the backup is started when *nbpem* receives a request from the (3) NetBackup Request Daemon (*bprd*).
- 2 When the job is due, *nbpem* issues a request to the (4) NetBackup Job Manager (*nbjm*) to submit the backup and get a *jobid*.

- 3 The `nbjm` service communicates with (5) `bpjobd`, and the job is added to the job list in the jobs database. The job is now visible in the Activity Monitor, in a queued state.
- 4 Once the job has been added to the jobs database, `nbjm` checks for resources through the (6) NetBackup Resource Broker (`nbrb`).
- 5 The `nbrb` process secures the required resources from the (7) Enterprise Media Manager (`nbenmm`) and notifies `nbjm` that resources have been allocated.
- 6 After resource allocation, `nbjm` makes a call to the images database to create the image files in a temporary location. The required entries in the backup header tables are also created at this time. The job is now seen as “Active” in the Activity Monitor.
- 7 Once the job is active, `nbjm` uses (8) `bpcompatd` to open a connection to the (9) client service (`bpcd`) on the media server. The `bpcompatd` service creates the connection through Private Branch Exchange (PBX) and the NetBackup Legacy Network Service (`vnetd`).
- 8 The `bpcd` service starts the (10) NetBackup backup and restore manager (`bpbrm`).
- 9 The `bpbrm` service communicates with (11) `bpcd` on the client server (through PBX and `vnetd`) to start the (12) backup and archive manager (`bpbkar`). The `bpbrm` service also starts the (13) tape management process (`bptm`).
- 10 In the case of a tape backup, `bptm` reserves the drives and issues a mount request to the (14) logical tape interface daemon (`ltid`). The `ltid` service calls on the (15) robotic drive daemon (`txxd`, where `xx` varies based on the type of robot being used). The `txxd` daemon communicates the mount request to the (16) robotic control daemon (`txxcd`), which mounts the media.  
  
In the case of a disk backup, `bptm` communicates directly with the disk.
- 11 The `bpbkar` service sends the backup data through `bptm` to be written to the media storage or the disk storage.
- 12 When the backup is completed, `nbjm` is notified and sends a message to `bpjobd`. The job now appears as “Done” in the Activity Monitor. The `nbjm` service also reports the job exit status to `nbpem`, which recalculates the next due time of the job.

Each of the processes that is involved in a backup has an accompanying log file. These logs can be consulted to diagnose any issues that you encounter with your backups.

Some additional logs that are not included in the backup process flow but that can be of use in resolving backup problems include: `bpbbackup`, `reqlib`, `daemon`, `robots`, and `acsssi`.

## NetBackup process descriptions

The following topics provide a functional overview of NetBackup backup and restore operations for both UNIX and Windows. The discussions include descriptions of important services or daemons and programs, and the sequence in which they execute during backup and restore operations. The databases and the directory structure of the installed software are also described.

See [“Backup and restore startup process”](#) on page 56.

See [“Backup and archive processes”](#) on page 57.

See [“Backups and archives - UNIX clients”](#) on page 58.

See [“Multiplexed backup process”](#) on page 58.

### Backup and restore startup process

When the NetBackup primary server starts up, a script automatically starts all of the services, daemons, and programs that NetBackup requires. (The startup commands that the script uses vary according to the platform.)

The same is true on a media server. NetBackup automatically starts additional programs as required, including robotic daemons.

For more information about SAN client and Fibre Transport startup processes, see the [NetBackup SAN Client and Fibre Transport Guide](#).

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**Note:** No daemons or programs need to be explicitly started. The necessary programs are started automatically during the backup or restore operation.

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A daemon that executes on all servers and clients is the NetBackup client daemon, `bpcd`. On UNIX clients, `inetd` starts `bpcd` automatically so no special actions are required. On Windows clients, `bpinetd` performs the same functions as `inetd`.

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**Note:** All NetBackup processes on UNIX can be started manually by running the following: `/usr/openv/netbackup/bin/bp.start_all`

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## Backup and archive processes

The backup processes and archive processes vary depending on the type of client. The following explains the various NetBackup processes involved in backups and restores including snapshot, SAN client, synthetic backup, and NetBackup catalog backup.

The job scheduler processes consist of the following:

- The `nbpem` service (Policy Execution Manager) creates policy-client tasks and determines when jobs are due to run. It starts the job and upon job completion, determines when the next job should run for the policy-client combination.
- The `nbjm` service (Job Manager) does the following:
  - Accepts requests from `nbpem` to run backup jobs or media jobs from commands such as `bplabel` and `tpreq`
  - Requests the resources for each job, such as storage units, drives, media, and client and policy resources.
  - Executes the job and starts the media server processes.
  - Fields updates from the media server `bpbrm` process and routes them to the jobs database and the images database.
  - Receives the preprocessing requests from `nbpem` and initiates `bpmount` on the client.
- The `nbrb` service (Resource Broker) does the following:
  - Allocates the resources in response to requests from `nbjm`.
  - Acquires the physical resources from the Enterprise Media Manager service (`nbeem`).
  - Manages the logical resources such as multiplex groups, maximum jobs per client, and maximum jobs per policy.
  - Initiates the drive unloads and manages pending request queues.
  - Queries the media servers periodically for current drive state.

The NetBackup primary server and the Enterprise media manager (EMM) server must reside on the same physical host.

The primary server is responsible for running jobs as configured in NetBackup policies by using the services `nbpem` and `nbjm`.

The EMM services allocate resources for the primary server. The EMM services are the repository for all device configuration information. The EMM services include `nbeem` and its subcomponents along with the `nbrb` service for device and resource allocation.

## Backups and archives - UNIX clients

For UNIX clients, NetBackup supports scheduled, immediate manual, and user-directed backups of both files and raw partitions. User-directed archives of files are also supported; raw partition archives are not supported. When the operations start, they are all similar in that the same daemons and programs run on the server.

Each type of backup is started differently as follows:

- Scheduled backups begin when the `nbpem` service detects that a job is due. It validates the policy configurations for the scheduled client backups that are due.
- Immediate manual backups begin if the administrator chooses this option in the NetBackup web UI or runs the `bpbackup -i` command. This action causes `bprd` to contact `nbpem`, which then processes the policy, client, and schedule that the administrator selects.
- User-directed backups or archives begin when a user on a client starts a backup or archive through the user interface on the client. The user can also enter the `bpbackup` or `bparchive` command on the command line. This action invokes the client's `bpbackup` or `bparchive` program, which sends a request to the request daemon `bprd` on the primary server. When `bprd` receives the user request it contacts `nbpem`, which validates the policy configurations for schedules. By default `nbpem` chooses the first user-directed schedule that it finds in a policy that includes the requesting client.

## Multiplexed backup process

The process for a multiplexed backup is essentially the same as a non-multiplexed backup. An exception is that a separate `bpbrm` process and `bptm` process is created for each backup image being multiplexed onto the media. NetBackup also allocates a separate set of shared memory blocks for each image. The other client and server processes for multiplexed backups are the same.

## About backup logging

The following log files are used to review the media and primary server backup failures:

See [“nbpem logging”](#) on page 152.

See [“nbproxy logging”](#) on page 152.

See [“bpdbm logging”](#) on page 148.

See [“bprd logging”](#) on page 149.

See [“nbjm logging”](#) on page 151.

See [“bpjobd logging”](#) on page 148.

See [“nbrb logging”](#) on page 152.

See [“nbemm logging”](#) on page 151.

See [“bpcompatd logging”](#) on page 148.

See [“PBX logging”](#) on page 155.

See [“vnetd logging”](#) on page 156.

See [“bpcd logging”](#) on page 148.

See [“bpbm logging”](#) on page 147.

See [“bpbkar logging”](#) on page 147.

See [“bptm logging”](#) on page 150.

See [“ltid logging”](#) on page 151.

See [“txxd and txxcd logging”](#) on page 156.

The following logs are not included in the backup process flow, but they can be helpful to resolve backup problems:

See [“acsssi logging”](#) on page 146.

See [“bpbbackup logging”](#) on page 147.

See [“daemon logging”](#) on page 150.

See [“reqlib logging”](#) on page 155.

See [“Robots logging”](#) on page 155.

## Sending backup logs to Technical Support

If you encounter a problem with a backup, you can send a problem report and the relevant logs to Technical Support for assistance.

See [“About backup logging”](#) on page 58.

See [“Logs to accompany problem reports for synthetic backups”](#) on page 93.

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**Note:** It is recommended that the diagnostic level for unified logging be set at the default level of 6.

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**Table 2-1** Logs to gather for specific backup issues

Type of problem	Logs to gather
Problems with backup scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>nbpem</code> log at debug level 5</li> <li>■ The <code>nbjm</code> log at debug level 5</li> <li>■ The <code>nbproxy</code> log at verbose 4</li> <li>■ The <code>bpdbm</code> log at verbose 2</li> <li>■ The <code>bprd</code> log at verbose 5</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The <code>bprd</code> log is only needed for problems with manual or user-initiated backups.</p>
Problems with the queued backup jobs that do not go active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>nbpem</code> log at debug level 3</li> <li>■ The <code>nbjm</code> log at debug level 5</li> <li>■ The <code>nbrb</code> log at debug level 4</li> <li>■ The <code>nbproxy</code> log at verbose 4</li> <li>■ The <code>bpdbm</code> log at verbose 2</li> <li>■ The <code>nbemm</code> logs at the default levels</li> <li>■ The <code>mds</code> log at debug level 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The <code>mds</code> log writes to the <code>nbemm</code> log.</p>
Problems with the active backup jobs that do not write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>nbjm</code> log at debug level 5</li> <li>■ The <code>nbrb</code> log at debug level 4</li> <li>■ The <code>bpdbm</code> log at verbose 2</li> <li>■ The <code>bpbrm</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bptm</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bpcd</code> log at verbose 5</li> </ul> <p>If the problem is a tape load or unload issue, Support may also need the following logs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>ltid</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>reqlib</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>daemon</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>robots</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>acssi</code> log (UNIX only)</li> </ul>

# Media and device processes and logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Media and device management startup process](#)
- [Media and device management process](#)
- [Shared Storage Option management process](#)
- [Barcode operations](#)
- [Media and device management components](#)

## Media and device management startup process

Media and device management processes are automatically initiated during NetBackup startup. To start these processes manually, run `bp.start_all` (UNIX) or `bpup` (Windows). The `ltid` command automatically starts other daemons and programs as necessary.

See [Figure 3-1](#) on page 62.

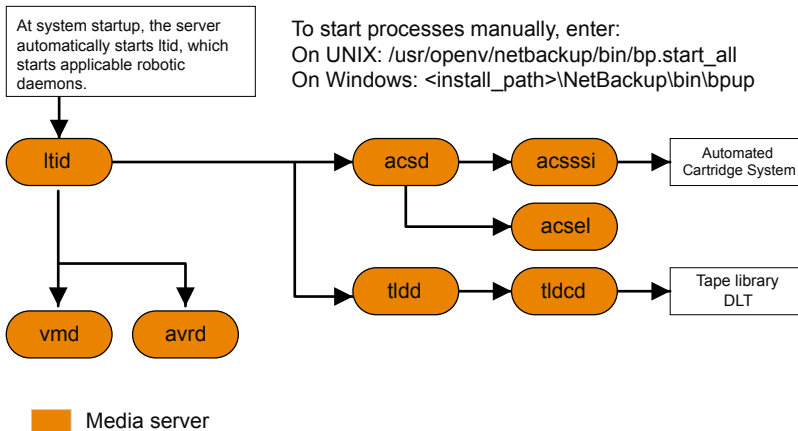
For robotic daemons like `acs1s`, the associated robot must also be configured for the daemon to run. Additional ways to start and stop daemons are available. You must know the hosts that are involved to start all the daemons for a robot.

See [Table 3-1](#) on page 68.

ACSLs requires the following types of daemons:

- robotic Each host with a robotic drive attached must have a robotic daemon. These daemons provide the interface between `ltid` and the robot. If different drives within a robot can attach to different hosts, the robotic daemon communicates with a robotic-control daemon (see [Figure 3-1](#)).
- robotic control Robotic-control daemons centralize the control of robots when drives within a robot can connect to different hosts. A robotic-control daemon receives mount and unmount requests from the robotic daemon on the host to which the drive is attached. It then communicates these requests to the robot.

**Figure 3-1** Starting media and device management



## Media and device management process

When the media management and device management daemons are running, NetBackup or users can request data storage or retrieval. The scheduling services initially handle the request.

See [“Backup and archive processes”](#) on page 57.

The resulting request to mount a device is passed from `nbjm` to `nbrb`, which acquires the physical resources from `nbeem` (the Enterprise Media Manager service).

If the backup requires media in a robot, `ltid` sends a mount request to the robotic daemon that manages the drives in the robot that are configured on the local host. The robotic daemon then mounts the media, and sets a drive busy status in memory that is shared by itself and `ltid`. Drive busy status also appears in the Device Monitor.

See [Figure 3-2](#) on page 63.

Assuming that the media is physically in the robot, the media is mounted and the operation proceeds. If the media is not in the robot, `nbrb` creates a pending request, which appears as a pending request in the Device Monitor. An operator must insert the media in the robot and use the appropriate Device Monitor command to resubmit the request so the mount request occurs.

A mount request is issued if the media is for a nonrobotic (standalone) drive that does not contain the media that meets the criteria in the request. If the request is from NetBackup and the drive does contain appropriate media, then that media is automatically assigned and the operation proceeds.

For more information about NetBackup media selection for nonrobotic drives, see the [NetBackup Administrator's Guide, Volume II](#).

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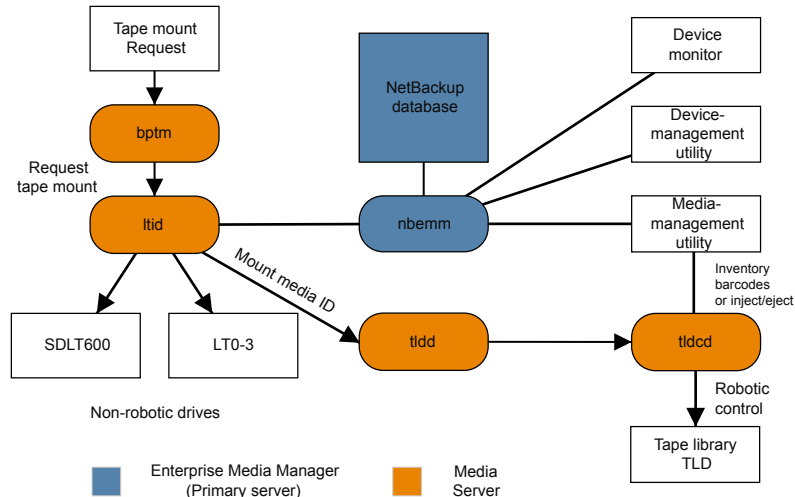
**Note:** When you mount a tape on UNIX, the `drive_mount_notify` script is called. This script is in the `/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin` directory. Information on the script can be found within the script itself. A similar script is called for the unmount process (`drive_unmount_notify`, in the same directory).

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When a robotic volume is added or removed through the media access port, the media management utility communicates with the appropriate robotic daemon to verify the volume location or barcode. The media management utility (through a library or command-line interface) also calls the robotic daemon for robot inventory operations.

Figure 3-2 shows an example of the media and device management process.

**Figure 3-2** Media and device management example process



# Shared Storage Option management process

Shared Storage Option (SSO) is an extension to tape drive allocation and configuration for media and device management. SSO allows individual tape drives (standalone or in a robotic library) to be dynamically shared between multiple NetBackup media servers or SAN media servers.

For more information about the Shared Storage Option, see the [NetBackup Administrator's Guide, Volume II](#).

The following shows the Shared Storage Option management process in the order presented:

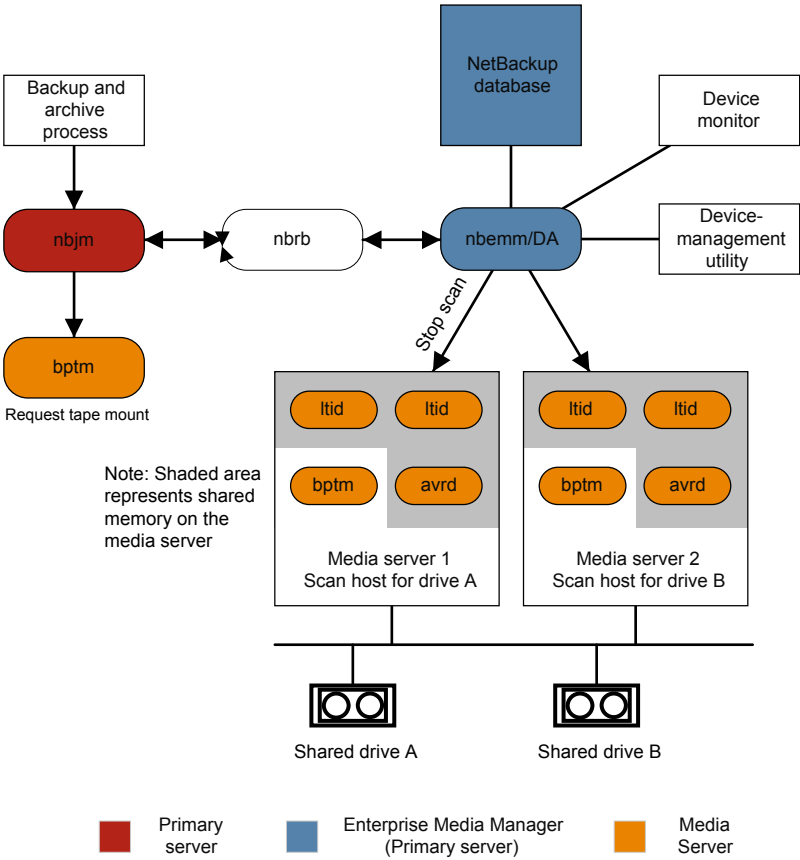
- NetBackup or users can initiate backups. The `nbjm` process makes a mount request for the backup.
- `nbrb` tells the EMM server to obtain a drive for the backup.
- `nbrb` tells the device allocator (DA) in the EMM server to stop scanning the selected drive.
- `nbemm` tells the appropriate media server (the scan host for the selected drive) to stop scanning the drive. The stop scan request is carried out by means of `opr`, `ltid`, and `avr` in the media server's shared memory.
- `nbemm` informs `nbrb` when the scanning on the selected drive has stopped.
- `nbrb` informs `nbjm` that the selected drive (A) is available for the backup.
- `nbjm` conveys the mount request and drive selection to `bptm`, which proceeds with the backup. To protect the integrity of the write operation, `bptm` uses SCSI reservations.

For more information about how NetBackup reserves drives, see the [NetBackup Administrator's Guide, Volume II](#).

- The mount-media operation is initiated.
- `bptm` makes position checks on the drive to ensure that another application has not rewound the drive. `bptm` also does the actual write to the tape.
- When the backup is complete, `nbjm` tells `nbrb` to release resources.
- `nbrb` de-allocates the drive in EMM.
- EMM tells the scan host to resume scanning the drive. The scan request is carried out by means of `opr`, `ltid`, and `avr` in the media server's shared memory.

[Figure 3-3](#) illustrates the Shared Storage Option management process.

**Figure 3-3** Media and device management process flow showing SSO components



# Barcode operations

Barcode reading is mainly a function of the robot hardware instead of media and device management. When a robot has a barcode reader, it scans any barcode that is on a tape and stores the code in its internal memory. This associates the slot number and the barcode of the tape in that slot. NetBackup determines that association for its own use by interrogating the robot.

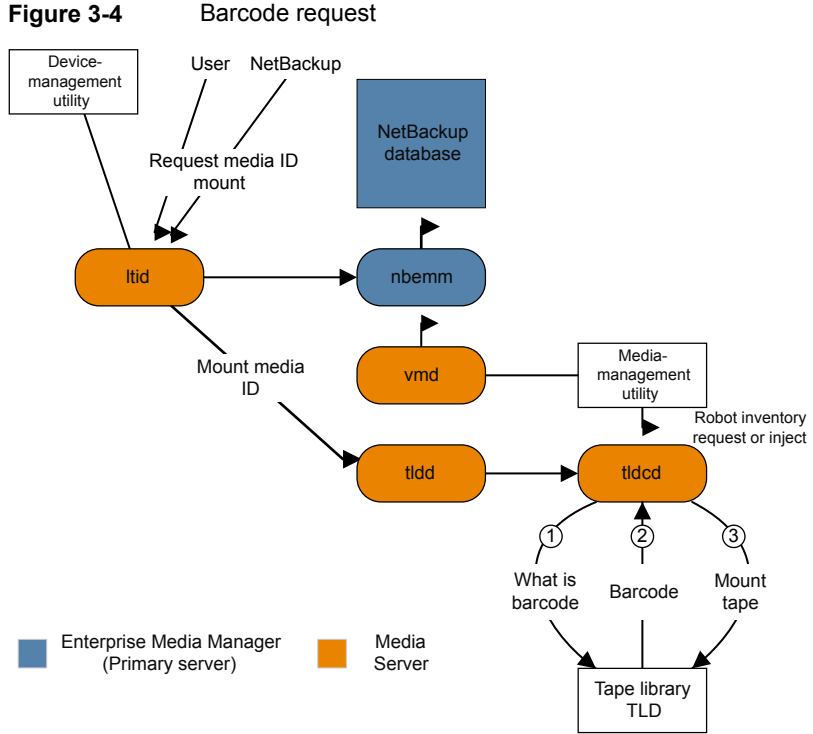
If a robot supports barcodes, NetBackup automatically compares a tape's barcode to what is in the EMM database as an extra measure of verification before you mount the tape. A request for the media that is in a robot that can read barcodes begins in the same manner as other requests.

See [Figure 3-4](#) on page 67.

The `ltid` command includes the media ID and location information in a mount request to the robotic daemon for the robot that has the media ID. This request causes the robotic daemon to query the robotic-control daemon or the robot for the barcode of the tape in the designated slot. (This is a preliminary check to see if the correct media is in the slot.) The robot returns the barcode value it has in memory.

The robotic daemon compares this barcode with the value it received from `ltid` and takes one of the following actions:

- If the barcodes don't match, and the mount request is not for a NetBackup backup job, the robotic daemon informs `ltid` and a pending action request (Misplaced Tape) appears in the Device Monitor. An operator must then insert the correct tape in the slot.
- If the barcodes don't match and the mount request is for a NetBackup backup job, the robotic daemon informs `ltid` and the mount request is canceled. NetBackup (bptm) then requests a new volume from nbjm and from EMM.
- If the barcodes match, the robotic daemon requests the robot to move the tape to a drive. The robot then mounts the tape. At the start of the operation, the application (for example, NetBackup) checks the media ID and if it also matches what should be in this slot, the operation proceeds. For NetBackup, a wrong media ID results in a "media manager found wrong tape in drive" error (NetBackup status code 93).

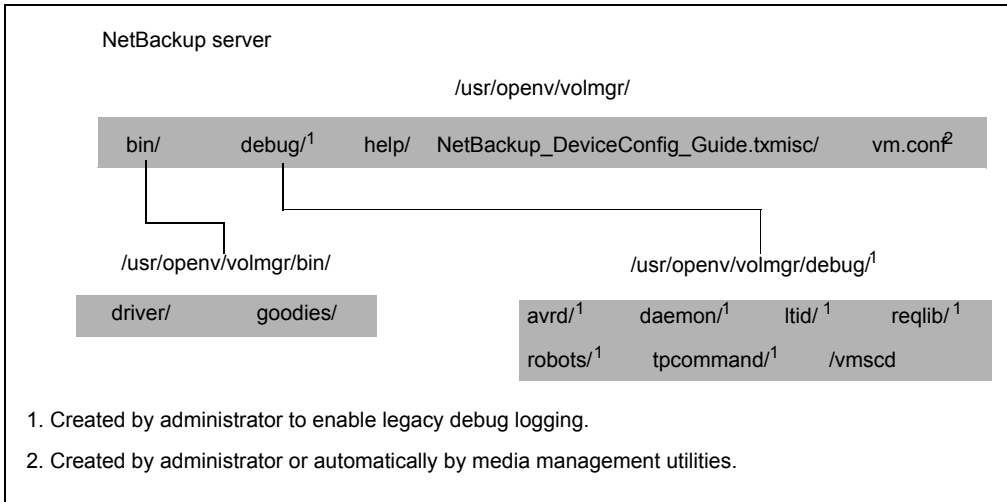


## Media and device management components

This topic shows the file and the directory structure and the programs and the daemons that are associated with media management and device management.

Figure 3-5 shows the file structure and directory structure for media management and device management on a UNIX server. A Windows NetBackup server has the equivalent files and the directories that are located in the directory where NetBackup is installed (by default, the C:\Program Files\VERITAS directory).

**Figure 3-5** Media and device management directories and files



**Table 3-1** Media and device management directories and files

File or directory	Contents
<code>bin</code>	Commands, scripts, programs, daemons, and any files that are required for media and device management. The following subdirectories under <code>bin</code> are available:  <code>driver</code> : Contains the SCSI drivers that are used on various platforms to control robotics.  <code>goodies</code> : Contains the <code>vmconf</code> script and scan utility.
<code>debug</code>	Legacy debug logs for the Volume Manager daemon, <code>vmd</code> , and all requesters of <code>vmd</code> , <code>ltid</code> , and device configuration. The administrator must create these directories for debug logging to occur.  If the service user is configured, assign permissions to the service user to access the debug directory and its sub-directories.
<code>help</code>	Any help files that the media and device management programs use. These files are in ASCII format.
<code>misc</code>	Lock files and temporary files that are required by the various components of media and device management.
<code>vm.conf</code>	Media and device management configuration options.

Table 3-2 describes the media management and device management programs and daemons. The components are located in the following directory:

```
/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin
install_path\volmgr\bin.
```

**Note:** On UNIX, `syslog` manages the system log (the facility is `daemon`). On Windows, the Event Viewer manages the system log (the log type is Application).

**Table 3-2** Media and device management daemons and programs

Program or daemon	Description
acsd	<p>The Automated Cartridge System daemon interfaces with the Automated Cartridge System. It communicates with the server that controls the ACS robotics through the <code>acsssi</code> process (UNIX) or the STK Libattach Service (Windows).</p> <p>For UNIX, see the <code>acsssi</code> and the <code>acsse1</code> programs.</p> <p><b>Started By:</b> Starting <code>ltid</code> (or on UNIX, independently by using the <code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/acsd</code> command).</p> <p><b>Stopped By:</b> Stopping <code>ltid</code> (or on UNIX, independently by finding the PID (process ID) and then using the <code>kill</code> command).</p> <p><b>Debug Log:</b> Errors are logged in the system log and robots debug log. Debug information is included by adding <code>VERBOSE</code> to the <code>vm.conf</code> file. On UNIX, debug information is also included by starting the daemon with the <code>-v</code> option: this option can also be used through <code>ltid</code>, or by putting <code>VERBOSE</code> in the <code>vm.conf</code> file.</p>
acsse1	<p>Available only on UNIX.</p> <p>See the <a href="#">NetBackup Device Configuration Guide</a>.</p>
acsssi	<p>Available only on UNIX.</p> <p>See the <a href="#">NetBackup Device Configuration Guide</a>.</p>
avrd	<p>The automatic-volume-recognition daemon controls the automatic volume assignment and label scanning. This daemon lets NetBackup read labeled tape volumes and automatically assigns the associated removable media to the requesting processes.</p> <p><b>Started By:</b> Starting <code>ltid</code> (or on UNIX, independently by using the <code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/avrd</code> command).</p> <p><b>Stopped By:</b> Stopping <code>ltid</code>, (or on UNIX, independently by finding the PID (process ID) and then using the <code>kill</code> command).</p> <p><b>Debug Log:</b> All errors are logged in the system log. Debug information is included by adding <code>VERBOSE</code> to the <code>vm.conf</code> file. On UNIX, debug information is also included by aborting <code>avrd</code> and starting the daemon with the <code>-v</code> option.</p>

**Table 3-2** Media and device management daemons and programs  
(continued)

Program or daemon	Description
ltid	<p>The device daemon (UNIX) or NetBackup Device Manager service (Windows) controls the reservation and assignment of tapes.</p> <p><b>Started By:</b> <code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/ltid</code> command on UNIX or the <code>Stop/Restart Device Manager Service</code> command in the <b>Media and Device Management</b> window on Windows.</p> <p><b>Stopped By:</b> <code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/stopltid</code> command on UNIX or the <code>Stop/Restart Device Manager Service</code> command in the <b>Media and Device Management</b> window on Windows.</p> <p><b>Debug Log:</b> Errors are logged in the system log and the <code>ltid</code> debug log. Debug information is included if the daemon is started with the <code>-v</code> option (available only on UNIX) or adding <code>VERBOSE</code> to the <code>vm.conf</code> file.</p>
tldd	<p>The tape library DLT daemon works with <code>tldcd</code> to handle requests to TLD robots (tape library DLT). The tape library DLT daemon drives in the same TLD robot can be attached to different hosts than the robotic control. <code>tldd</code> is the interface between the local <code>ltid</code> and the robotic control. If a host has a device path for a drive in a DLT robot, then mount or unmount requests for that drive go first to the local <code>ltid</code> and then to the local <code>tldd</code> (all on the same host). <code>tldd</code> then forwards the request to <code>tldcd</code> on the host that it controls the robot (it can be on another host).</p> <p><b>Started By:</b> Starting <code>ltid</code> (or on UNIX, independently by using the <code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/tldd</code> command).</p> <p><b>Stopped By:</b> Stopping <code>ltid</code> (or on UNIX, independently by finding the PID (process ID) and then using the <code>kill</code> command).</p> <p><b>Debug Log:</b> Errors are logged in the system log and robots debug log. Debug information is included by adding <code>VERBOSE</code> to the <code>vm.conf</code> file. On UNIX, debug information is also included by starting the daemon with the <code>-v</code> option (either by itself or through <code>ltid</code>).</p>
tldcd	<p>The tape library DLT control daemon provides the robotic control for a DLT robot and communicates with the robotics through a SCSI interface. <code>tldcdcd</code> receives mount and unmount requests from <code>tldd</code> on the host to which the drive is attached and then communicates these requests to the robot.</p> <p><b>Started By:</b> Starting <code>ltid</code> (or on UNIX, independently by using the <code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/tldcd</code> command).</p> <p><b>Stopped By:</b> Stopping <code>ltid</code> or by using the <code>tldcd -t</code> command.</p> <p><b>Debug Log:</b> Errors are logged in the system log and robots debug log. Debug information is included by adding <code>VERBOSE</code> to the <code>vm.conf</code> file. On UNIX, debug information is also included by starting the daemon with the <code>-v</code> option (either by itself or through <code>ltid</code>).</p>

**Table 3-2** Media and device management daemons and programs  
(continued)

Program or daemon	Description
vmd	<p>The Volume Manager daemon (NetBackup Volume Manager service on Windows) allows the remote administration and control of Media and Device Management.</p> <p><b>Started By:</b> Starting <code>ltid</code>.</p> <p><b>Stopped By:</b> Terminating the Media Manager Volume Daemon option.</p> <p><b>Debug Log:</b> System log and also a debug log if the daemon or <code>reqlib</code> debug directories exist.</p>

# Restore process and logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

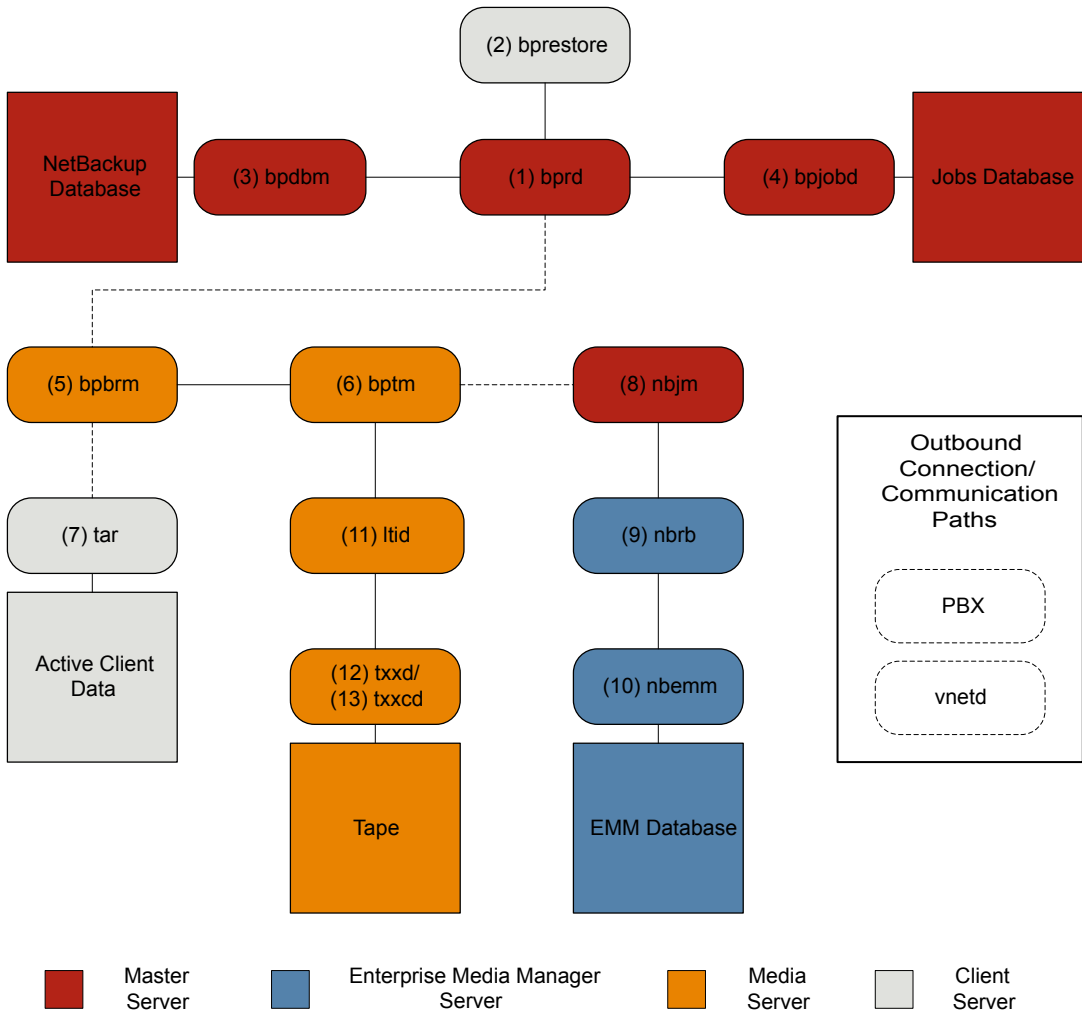
- [Restore process](#)
- [UNIX client restore](#)
- [Windows client restore](#)
- [About restore logging](#)
- [Sending restore logs to Technical Support](#)

## Restore process

Understanding how the restore process works is a helpful first step in deciding which logs to gather for a particular issue. The restore process differs depending on whether you restore an image from tape or from disk.

[Figure 4-1](#) illustrates a restore from tape.

**Figure 4-1** Restore from tape process flow



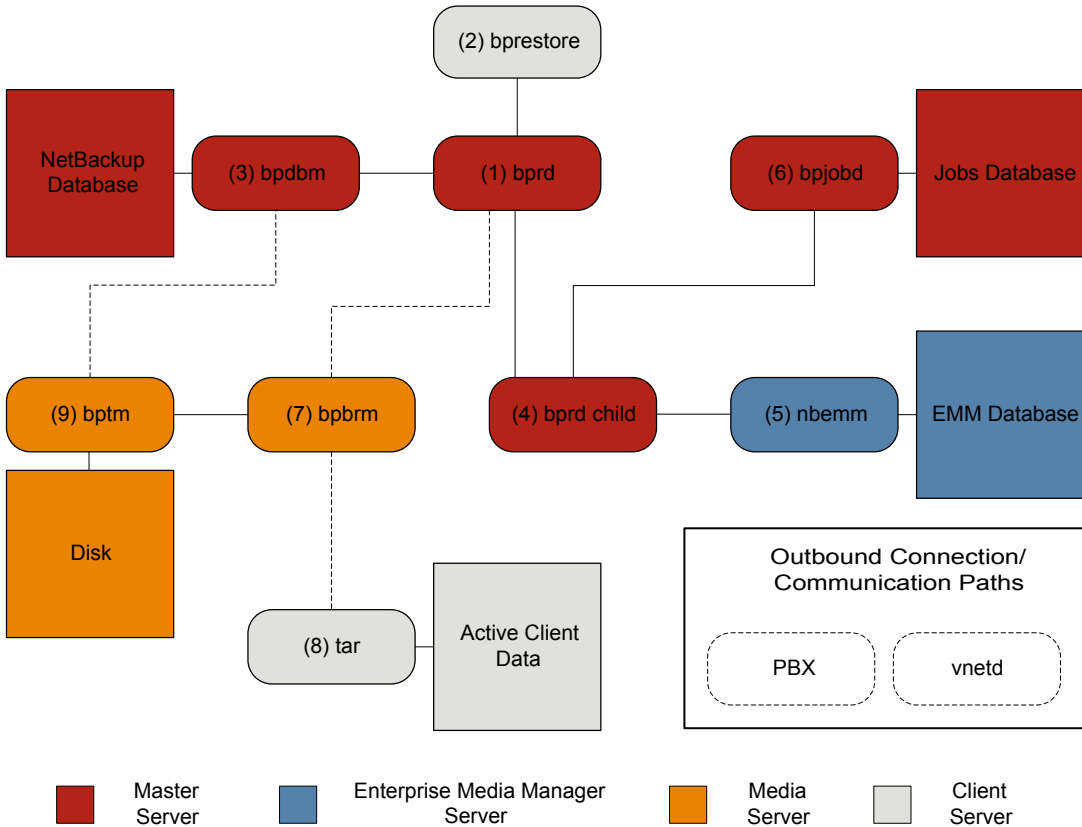
## Restore procedure from tape

- 1 The (1) NetBackup Request Daemon (`bprd`) receives a restore request. This request can be initiated from the Backup, Archive, and Restore user interface or from the (2) command line (`bprestore`).
- 2 The `bprd` process launches two child processes: `MAIN bprd` and `MPX-MAIN-bprd`. The `MAIN bprd` process is used to identify images and media, while the `MPX-MAIN-bprd` process manages the restore operation. For simplicity's sake, these three processes are all referred to here as `bprd`.
- 3 The `bprd` service communicates with the (3) NetBackup Database Manager program (`bpdbm`) to get the information that is required to restore the files that have been requested.
- 4 Once it has the information it needs, `bprd` communicates with (4) `bpjobd`, and the job is added to the job list in the jobs database. The job is now visible in the Activity Monitor. It may show as "Active" even before resources are acquired.
- 5 The `bprd` service goes through Private Branch Exchange (`PBX`) and the NetBackup Legacy Network (`vnetd`) to start the (5) NetBackup backup and restore manager (`bpbrm`).
- 6 The `bpbrm` service starts the (6) tape management process (`bptm`) and provides the media information that is required for the restore. It also starts the (7) Tape Archive program (`tar`) on the client (through `PBX` and `vnetd`) and creates a connection between `tar` and `bptm`.
- 7 The `bptm` process sends a resource request to the (8) NetBackup Job Manager (`nbjm`) through `PBX` and `vnetd`.
- 8 The `nbjm` process sends the resource request to the (9) NetBackup Resource Broker (`nbrb`), which queries the (10) Enterprise Media Manager (`nbemm`). Once the resources have been allocated, `nbrb` notifies `nbjm`, which notifies `bptm`.
- 9 The `bptm` process makes a mount request to the (11) logical tape interface daemon (`ltid`). The `ltid` service calls on the (12) robotic drive daemon (`txxd`, where `xx` varies based on the type of robot being used). The `txxd` daemon communicates the mount request to the (13) robotic control daemon (`txxcd`), which mounts the media.
- 10 The `bptm` process reads the data to be restored from the media and delivers it to `tar`.
- 11 The `tar` process writes the data to the client disk.
- 12 When the restore is completed, `bptm` unmounts the media and notifies `nbjm`. The job now appears as "Done" in the Activity Monitor.

Some additional logs that are not included in the restore process flows but that can be of use in resolving restore problems include: `reqlib`, `daemon`, `robots`, and `acsssi`.

Figure 4-2 illustrates a restore from disk.

**Figure 4-2** Restore from disk process flow



**Restore procedure from disk**

- 1 The (1) NetBackup Request Daemon (`bprd`) receives a restore request. This request can be initiated from the Backup, Archive, and Restore user interface or from the (2) command line (`bprestore`).
- 2 The `bprd` service communicates with the (3) NetBackup Database Manager program (`bpdbm`) to get the information that is required to restore the files that have been requested.

- 3 The `bprd` process initiates a (4) child `bprd` process. The child `bprd` process makes a call to the (5) Enterprise Media Manager (`nbenm`) to verify that the disk storage unit is available.
- 4 The child `bprd` process communicates with (6) `bpjobd` to allocate a `jobid`. The restore job is now visible in the Activity Monitor.
- 5 The `bprd` process starts the (7) NetBackup backup and restore manager (`bpbrm`) on the media server, through Private Branch Exchange (`PBX`) and the NetBackup Legacy Network Service (`vnetd`).
- 6 The `bpbrm` service uses `PBX` and `vnetd` to establish a connection with the (8) Tape Archive program (`tar`) on the client system. It also starts the (9) tape management process (`bptm`).
- 7 The `bptm` process makes a call to `bpdbm` (through `PBX` and `vnetd`) to get the fragment information and then mounts the disk.
- 8 The `bptm` process reads the backup image from the disk and streams the requested data to `tar`.
- 9 The `tar` process commits the data to the storage destination.

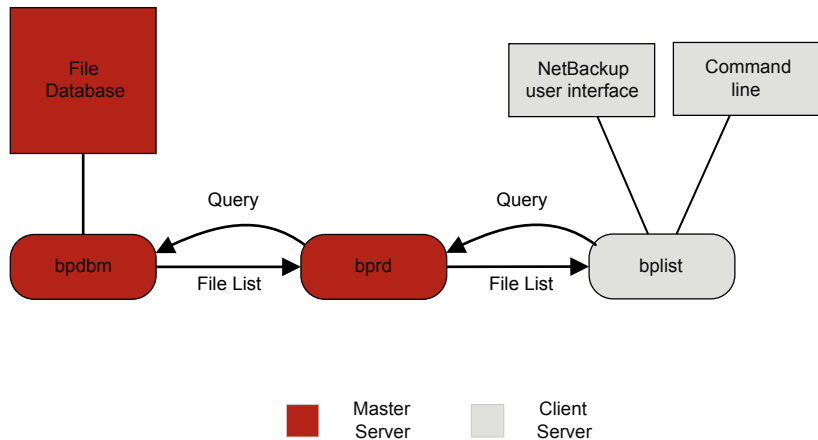
Each of the processes that is involved in a restore has an accompanying log file. These logs can be consulted to diagnose any issues that you encounter with your restore.

See [“About restore logging”](#) on page 79.

## UNIX client restore

Before you start a restore, use the `bplist` program on the client to do the following: browse the file catalog to list the files available in the backup images, and select the desired files. You can start `bplist` directly from the command line, and the NetBackup user interface programs can use it.

To retrieve the file list, `bplist` sends a query to the request daemon (`bprd`) on the primary server (see [Figure 4-3](#)). The request daemon then queries `bpdbm` for the information and transmits it to `bplist` on the client.

**Figure 4-3** List operation - UNIX client

The following are the processing steps in a restore (in the order presented):

- When the user starts a restore, NetBackup invokes the client's `bprestore` program which sends a request to the request daemon, `bprd`. This request identifies the files and client. The request daemon then uses `bpcd` (client daemon) to start the backup and restore manager (`bpbrm`).
- If the disk device or tape device on which the data resides attaches to the primary server, the following occurs: `bprd` starts the backup and restore manager on the primary server. If the disk unit or tape unit connects to a media server, `bprd` starts the backup and restore manager on the media server.
- The backup and restore manager starts `bptm` and uses the client daemon (`bpcd`) to establish a connection between NetBackup `nbtar` on the client and `bptm` on the server.
- For tape: The `bptm` process identifies which media is needed for the restore, based on the image catalog. `bptm` then requests the allocation of the required media from `nbrb` through `nbjm`. `nbjm` then asks `mds` (part of `nbemm`) for the resources. `nbemm` allocates the media and selects and allocates an appropriate drive (for tape media).

`bptm` asks `ltid` to mount the tape in the drive.

For disk: `bptm` does not need to ask `nbrb` for an allocation, because disk inherently supports concurrent access. `bptm` uses the file path in a read request to the system disk manager.

- `bptm` directs the image to the client in one of two ways. If the server restores itself (server and client are on the same host), `nbtar` reads the data directly from shared memory. If the server restores a client that resides on a different host, it creates a child `bptm` process which transmits the data to `nbtar` on the client.

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**Note:** Only the part of the image that is required to satisfy the restore request is sent to the client, not necessarily the entire backup image.

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- The NetBackup `nbtar` program writes the data on the client disk.

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**Note:** PBX must be running for NetBackup to operate (PBX is not shown in the next diagram). See the *NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide* for more information on how to resolve PBX problems.

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## Windows client restore

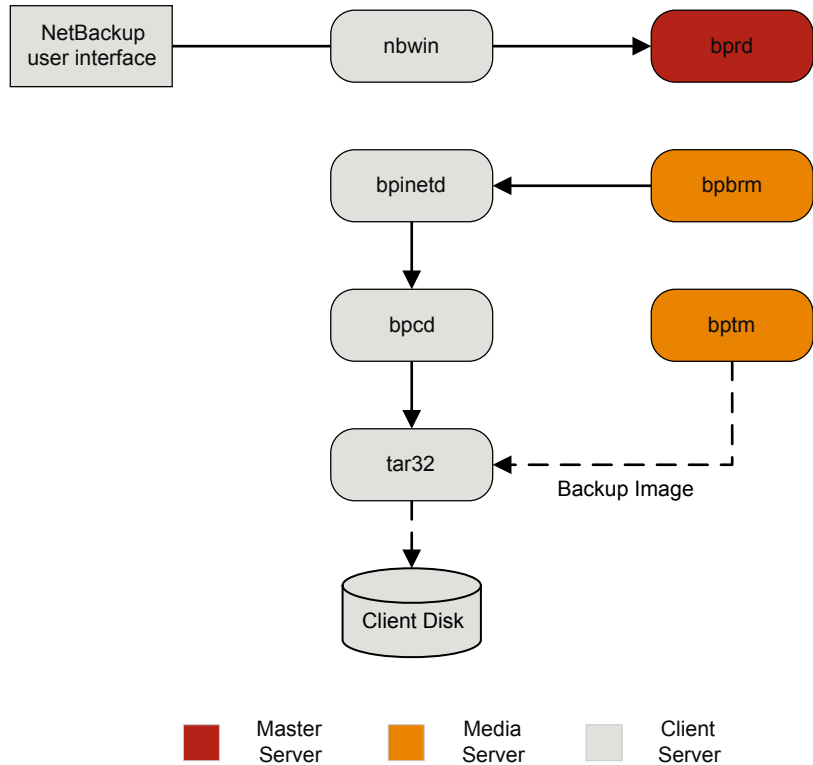
NetBackup supports the same types of operations on Windows clients as it does for UNIX clients.

The following are the Windows processes involved in restore operations:

- `NBWIN` is the user interface program on the client. The `bpbackup` function and the `bparchive` function are merged into `NBWIN`.
- `BPINETD` serves the same purpose as `inetd` on UNIX clients.
- The NetBackup client daemon is called `BPCD`.
- `TAR32` is part of NetBackup for Windows and serves the same purpose as NetBackup `nbtar` on UNIX.

The server processes are the same as described for UNIX.

[Figure 4-4](#) shows the client processes involved in these operations.

**Figure 4-4** Restore - Windows client

## About restore logging

A variety of logs exist to help diagnose any issues that occur with restores. Understanding how the restore process works is a helpful first step in deciding which logs to gather for a particular issue.

If you need assistance, send the logs to Technical Support.

See [“Sending restore logs to Technical Support”](#) on page 80.

The following are the common log files that are used in review of restore failures:

See [“bprd logging”](#) on page 149.

See [“bprestore logging”](#) on page 149.

- See [“PBX logging”](#) on page 155.
- See [“vnetd logging”](#) on page 156.
- See [“bpdbm logging”](#) on page 148.
- See [“bpjobd logging”](#) on page 148.
- See [“bpbrm logging”](#) on page 147.
- See [“bptm logging”](#) on page 150.
- See [“tar logging”](#) on page 156.
- See [“nbjm logging”](#) on page 151.
- See [“nbrb logging”](#) on page 152.
- See [“nbemm logging”](#) on page 151.
- See [“ltid logging”](#) on page 151.
- See [“reqlib logging”](#) on page 155.
- See [“Robots logging”](#) on page 155.
- See [“acsssi logging”](#) on page 146.

## Sending restore logs to Technical Support

If you encounter a problem with a restore, you can send a problem report and the relevant logs to Technical Support for assistance.

See [“Logs to accompany problem reports for synthetic backups”](#) on page 93.

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**Note:** It is recommended that the diagnostic level for unified logging be set at the default level of 6.

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**Table 4-1** Log to gather for specific restore issues

Type of problem	Log to gather
Problems with restore jobs from tape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>nbjm</code> log at debug level 5</li> <li>■ The <code>nbemm</code> log at debug level 1</li> <li>■ The <code>nbrb</code> log at debug level 4</li> <li>■ The <code>bpdbm</code> log at verbose 1</li> <li>■ The <code>bprd</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bpbrm</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>tar</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bpcd</code> log at verbose 5</li> </ul> <p>If the problem is a media or a drive issue, Support may also need the following logs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>reqlib</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>daemon</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>robots</code> log</li> <li>■ The <code>acssi</code> log (UNIX only)</li> </ul>
Problems with restore jobs from disk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The <code>bpdbm</code> log at verbose 1</li> <li>■ The <code>bprd</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bpbrm</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bptm</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bpdm</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>tar</code> log at verbose 5</li> <li>■ The <code>bpcd</code> log at verbose 5</li> </ul>

# Advanced backup and restore features

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [SAN Client Fiber Transport backup](#)
- [SAN Client Fiber Transport restore](#)
- [Hot catalog backup](#)
- [Hot catalog restore](#)
- [Synthetic backups](#)

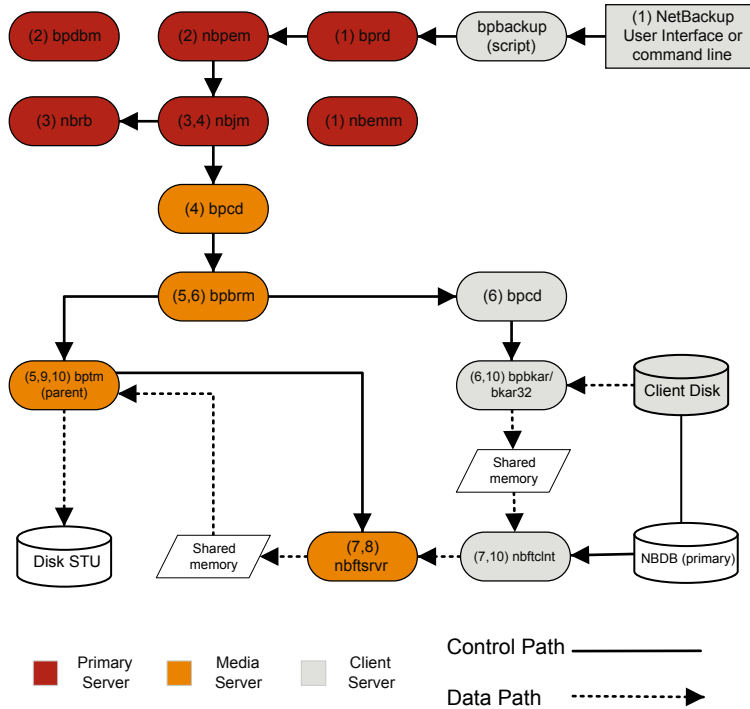
## SAN Client Fiber Transport backup

The following shows a SAN client backup process.

For backups to disk, the SAN client feature provides high-speed data movement between NetBackup media servers and NetBackup SAN-attached clients. SAN-attached clients send backup data to the media server by means of Fibre Channel connections.

As part of SAN client, the FT Service Manager (FSM) is a domain layer service that resides on the primary server. The FSM provides discovery, configuration, and event monitoring of SAN client resources. The FSM collects Fibre Channel information from the client and from the media server; FSM then populates the NetBackup database (NBDB) with the information. FSM runs as a sub-process of NBDB and writes log messages to the NBDB log. FSM interacts with the `nbftclnt` process on NetBackup clients and with the `nbftsrvr` process on media servers.

**Figure 5-1** SAN client backup process flow



The processing steps for a SAN client backup operation are the following:

**SAN client backup procedure**

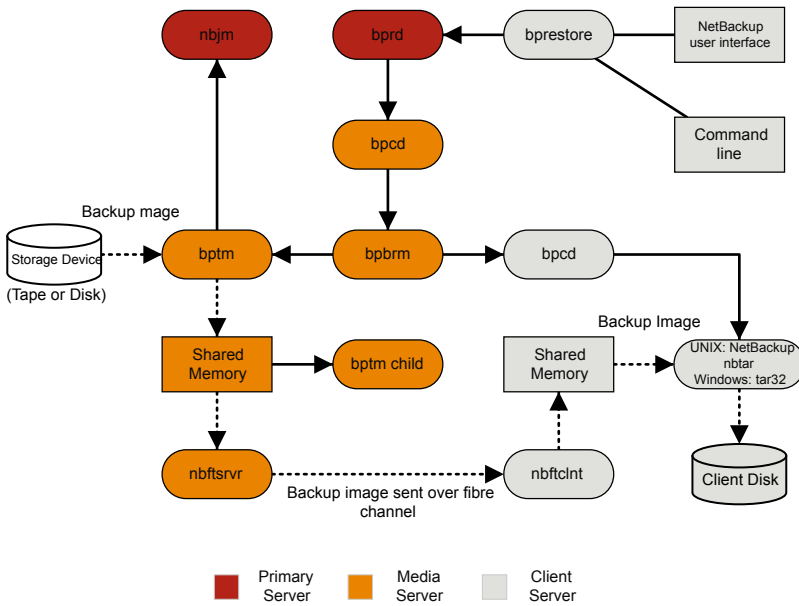
- 1 The NetBackup primary server or primary client initiates the backup. The NetBackup Request Daemon (*bprd*) submits a backup request to the NetBackup Policy Execution Manager (*nbpem*). *nbpem* processes the policy configurations. All other daemons and programs are started as necessary including *nbpem*, *nbjm*, *nbrb*, and *nbemm*.
- 2 The Policy Execution Manager service (*nbpem*) does the following:
  - Gets the policy list from *bpdm*.
  - Builds a work list of all scheduled jobs.
  - Computes the due time for each job.
  - Sorts the work list in order of due time.
  - Submits to *nbjm* all jobs that are currently due.

- Sets a wake-up timer for the next due job.
  - When the job finishes, it recomputes the due time of the next job and submits to `nbjm` all of the jobs that are currently due.
- 3 The Job Manager service (`nbjm`) requests backup resources from the Resource Broker (`nbrb`), that returns information on the use of shared memory for the SAN client.
  - 4 The `nbjm` service starts the backup by means of the client daemon `bpcd`, which starts the backup and restore manager `bpbrm`.
  - 5 The `bpbrm` service starts `bptm`, which does the following:
    - Requests the SAN client information from `nbjm`.
    - Sends a backup request to the FT server process (`nbftsrvr`).
    - Sends a backup request to the FT client process on the client (`nbftclnt`), that does the following: Opens a Fibre Channel connection to `nbftsrvr` on the media server, allocates the shared memory, and writes the shared memory information to the backup ID file.
  - 6 The `bpbrm` service uses `bpcd` to start `bpbkar`, that does the following:
    - Reads the shared memory information from the BID file (waits for the file to exist and become valid).
    - Sends the information about files in the image to `bpbrm`.
    - Writes the file data to `bpbkar`, optionally compresses it, then writes the data to the shared buffer.
    - Sets the buffer flag when the buffer is full or the job is done.
  - 7 The FT client process (`nbftclnt`) waits for the shared memory buffer flag to be set. It then transfers the image data to the FT Server (`nbftsrvr`) shared memory buffer, and clears the buffer flag.
  - 8 The `nbftsrvr` service waits for data from `nbftclnt`; and writes the data is written to the shared memory buffer. When the transfer completes, `nbftsrvr` sets the buffer flag.
  - 9 `bptm` waits for the shared memory buffer flag to be set, writes data from the buffer to the storage device, and clears the buffer flag.
  - 10 At the end of the job:
    - `bpbkar` informs `bpbrm` and `bptm` that the job is complete.
    - `bptm` sends `bpbrm` the final status of the data write.
    - `bptm` directs `nbftclnt` to close the Fibre Channel connection.

- `nbftclnt` closes the Fibre Channel connection and deletes the BID file.

## SAN Client Fiber Transport restore

Figure 5-2 SAN client restore with Fibre Transport



The process flow for a SAN client restore is as follows (in the order presented).

- When the user starts a restore, NetBackup invokes the client's `bprestore` program that sends a request to the request daemon, `bprd`. This request identifies the files and client. The request daemon then uses `bpcd` (client daemon) to start the backup and restore manager (`bpbrm`).
- If the disk or tape where the data resides attaches to the primary server, then `bprd` starts the backup and restore manager on the primary server. If the disk unit or tape unit connects to a media server, `bprd` starts the backup and restore manager on the media server.
- `bpbrm` starts `bptm` and provides `bptm` with the backup ID and the `shmfat` (shared memory) flag.
- `bptm` does the following:
  - Requests the SAN client information from the Job Manager service (`nbjm`).
  - Sends a restore request to the FT server process (`nbftsvr`).

- Sends a restore request to the FT client process on the client (`nbftclnt`). `nbftclnt` opens a Fibre Channel connection to `nbftsrvr` on the media server, allocates the shared memory, and writes the shared memory information to the backup ID file.
- `bpbrm` starts `tar` by means of `bpcd` and provides `tar` with the backup ID, socket information, and the `shmfat` (shared memory) flag.
- `bptm` does the following:
  - Reads the image from the storage device.
  - Creates a `bptm` child process. This process filters the backup image so that only the files that are selected for the restore are sent to the client.
  - Writes the image data to the shared buffer on the server.
  - When the buffer is full or the job is done, it sets the buffer flag (partial buffers may be sent to the client).
- `tar` does the following:
  - Sends the status and control information to `bpbrm`.
  - Reads the shared memory information from the local backup ID file (waits for the file to exist and become valid).
  - Waits for the buffer flag that indicates the data is ready to be read.
  - Reads the data from the buffer, extracts files, and restores them. When the `shmfat` (shared memory) flag is provided, `tar` considers the data to be already filtered.
- The FT Server process `nbftsrvr` waits for the shared memory buffer flag to be set. `nbftsrvr` then transfers the image data to the FT client (`nbftclnt`) shared memory buffer, and clears the buffer flag.
- The FT client (`nbftclnt`) waits for the data from `nbftsrvr` and writes the data to the shared memory buffer on the client. `nbftclnt` then sets the buffer flag.
- At the end of the job:
  - `bptm` informs `tar` and `bpbrm` that the job is complete.
  - `bptm` directs `nbftclnt` to close the Fibre Channel connection.
  - `nbftclnt` closes the Fibre Channel connection and deletes the BID file.

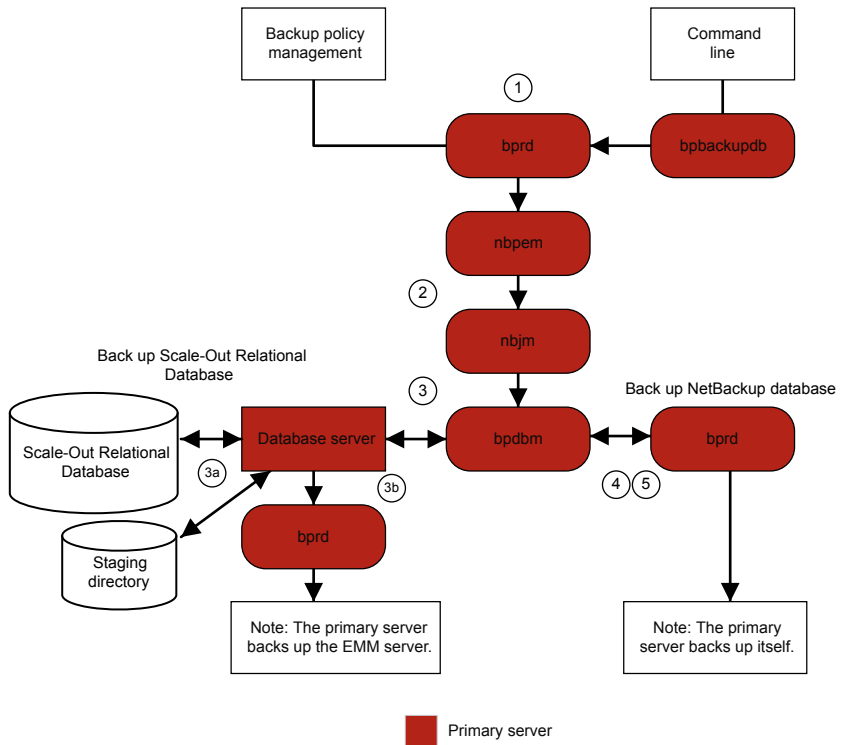
# Hot catalog backup

The hot catalog backup is a policy-based backup, with all of the scheduling flexibility of a regular backup policy. This backup type is designed for highly active NetBackup environments where other backup activity usually takes place.

You can start a manual backup of the NetBackup catalogs. Or, you can configure a policy to automatically back up its catalogs.

Figure 5-3 shows the hot catalog backup process.

**Figure 5-3** Hot catalog backup process



NetBackup initiates the following hot catalog backup jobs:

- A parent job that is started manually by the administrator or by a catalog backup policy schedule.
- A child job that creates the `.drpkg` file for use when it recovers the identity of the primary server. Before staging, the same child job runs an online backup of the NetBackup database to the following directory:

UNIX: `/usr/openv/db/staging`

Windows: `install_path\NetBackupDB\staging`

- A child job that backs up the NBDB database.  
After the database is in the staging area, it is backed up in the same manner as an ordinary backup.
- A child job that backs up the NetBackup database.  
If the email option is selected in the policy, NetBackup creates the disaster recovery file and emails it to the administrator.

Consult the following logs for messages on hot catalog backup:

- `bpdbm`, `bpbkar`, `bpbrm`, `bpcd`, `bpbackup`, `bprd`

For messages that pertain only to the NetBackup database, see the `bpdbm` log file in the following directory:

- UNIX: `/usr/openv/netbackup/logs/bpdbm`
- Windows: `install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpdbm`

## Hot catalog restore

You can start a catalog restore with the **Settings > NetBackup catalog recovery** option or with the `bprecover` command. More information is available in the "Disaster Recovery" chapter of the [NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide](#).

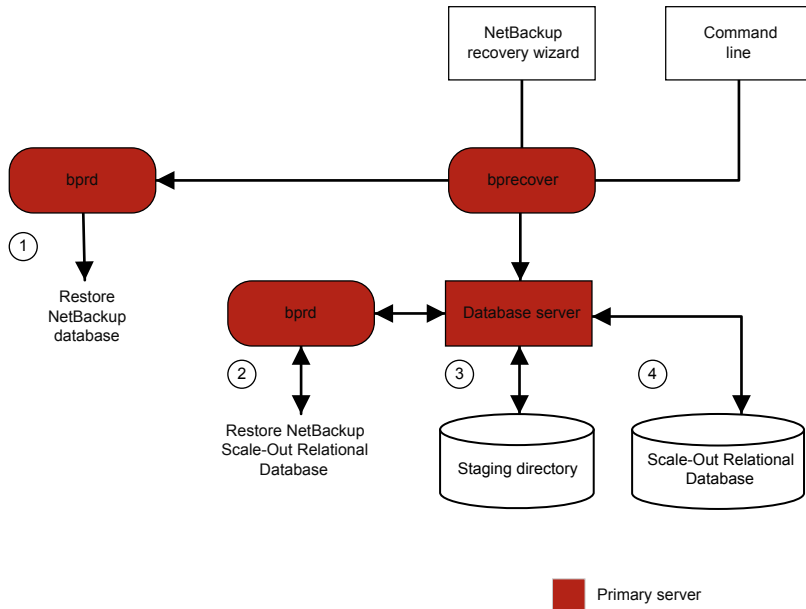
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**Note:** Before you run a hot catalog restore in a disaster recovery situation, the identity of the primary server should be recovered either by the disaster recovery installation or the `nghostidentity -import -infile drpkg.path` command. Once the identity is recovered, the hot catalog recovery can be completed as usual.

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[Figure 5-4](#) illustrates the catalog restore and recovery process.

**Figure 5-4** Catalog restore and recovery



A restore of the NetBackup database from a hot catalog backup consists of the following steps (in the order presented):

- The NetBackup catalog image and configuration files are restored.
- The NBDB database is restored to:
  - `/usr/opensv/db/staging (UNIX)` `install_path\NetBackupDB\staging` (Windows)
- NBDB is recovered.
- The NBDB database is moved from the staging directory to the target location. This location is set by the `VXDBMS_NB_DATA` setting. (In the `bp.conf` file on UNIX and by the corresponding registry key on Windows.) The default location is `/usr/opensv/db/data` and `install_path\NetBackupDB\data`.

If the database is relocated, it is moved from the staging directory to the directory that is indicated in `vxdbms.conf`.

`/usr/opensv/db/data/vxdbms.conf (UNIX)`

`install_path\NetBackupDB\data\vxdbms.conf (Windows)`

## Synthetic backups

The typical NetBackup backup process accesses the client to create a backup. A synthetic backup is a backup image created without using the client. Instead, a synthetic backup process creates a full or a cumulative incremental image by using previously created backup images called component images.

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**Note:** Synthetic archives do not exist.

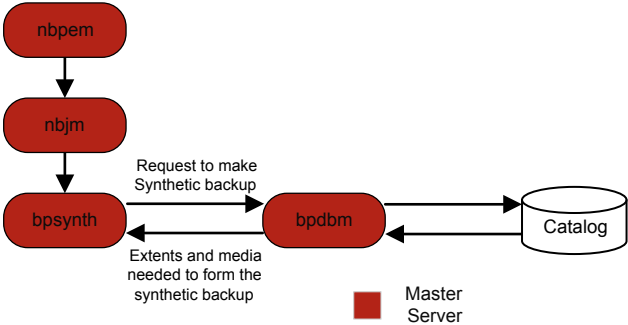
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For example, an existing full image and subsequent differential incremental images can be synthesized to create a new full image. The previous full image and the incrementals are the component images. The new synthetic full image behaves like a backup that is created through the traditional process. The new synthetic full image is a backup of the client that is as current as the last incremental. The synthetic image is created by copying the most current version of each file from the most recent component image that contains the file. A synthetic backup must be created in a policy with the **True Image Restore with Move Detection** option selected. This option enables the synthetic backup to exclude the files that have been deleted from the client file system from appearing in the synthetic backup.

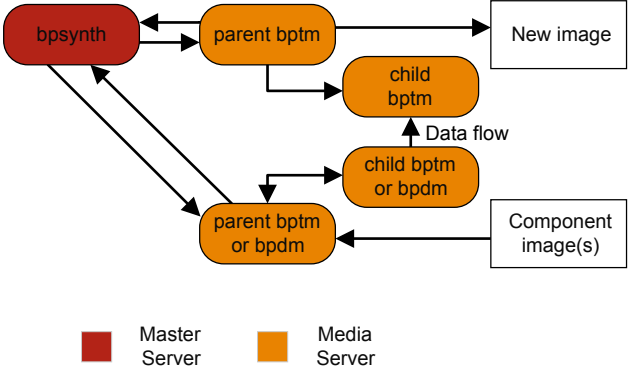
Like a traditional backup, `nbpem` initiates a synthetic backup. It submits a request to `nbjm` to start the synthetic backup process and `nbjm` then starts `bpsynth`, which executes on the primary server. It controls the creation of the synthetic backup image and the reading of the files that are needed from the component images. If directory `bpsynth` exists in the debug log directory, additional debug log messages are written to a log file in that directory.

`bpsynth` makes a synthetic image in several phases:

**Table 5-1**

Phase	Description
<p>1 - Prepare catalog information and extents</p>	<p>In phase 1, <code>bpsynth</code> makes a synthetic backup request to the database manager, <code>bpdbm</code>. It uses the entries and the TIR information from the catalogs of the component images to build the catalog for the new synthetic image. It also builds the extents to be copied from the component images to the synthetic image. The <code>bpdbm</code> service returns the list of extents to <code>bpsynth</code>. (An extent is the starting block number and the number of contiguous blocks within a specific component image.) A set of extents is typically copied from each component image onto the new synthetic image.</p> <p>The following figure shows how phase 1 operates:</p>  <pre> graph TD     nbpem([nbpem]) --&gt; nbjm([nbjm])     nbjm --&gt; bpsynth([bpsynth])     bpsynth -- "Request to make Synthetic backup" --&gt; bpdbm([bpdbm])     bpdbm -- "Extents and media needed to form the synthetic backup" --&gt; bpsynth     bpdbm &lt;--&gt; Catalog[(Catalog)]     style nbpem fill:#800000,color:#fff     style nbjm fill:#800000,color:#fff     style bpsynth fill:#800000,color:#fff     style bpdbm fill:#800000,color:#fff     style Catalog fill:#fff,stroke:#000     </pre> <p style="text-align: right;">■ Master Server</p>
<p>2 - Obtain resources</p>	<p>In phase 2, <code>bpsynth</code> obtains write resources (storage unit, drive, and media) for the new image. It also reserves all the read media containing component images and obtains the drive for the first media to be read.</p> <p>When the component images reside on BasicDisk, no resource reservation is done.</p>

**Table 5-1** (continued)

Phase	Description
<p>3 - Copy data</p>	<p>In phase 3, <code>bpsynth</code> starts the writer <code>bptm</code> (for tape and disk) on the media server to write the new synthetic image. It also starts a reader <code>bptm</code> (tape) or <code>bpdm</code> (disk) process for each component image on a media server that can access the component image. The reader process reads all extents for the component image.</p> <p>The following figure shows how phase 3 operates:</p>  <p>The diagram illustrates the data flow for phase 3. On the Master Server (red), the <code>bpsynth</code> process is shown. On the Media Server (orange), there are two parent processes: <code>parent bptm</code> and <code>parent bptm or bpdm</code>. The <code>parent bptm</code> process on the Media Server sends data to the <code>New image</code> box. The <code>parent bptm or bpdm</code> process on the Media Server receives data from the <code>Component image(s)</code> box. Both parent processes on the Media Server start child processes: <code>child bptm</code> and <code>child bptm or bpdm</code>. The <code>child bptm or bpdm</code> process sends data to the <code>child bptm</code> process. A 'Data flow' arrow points from the <code>child bptm or bpdm</code> process to the <code>child bptm</code> process. The <code>child bptm</code> process sends data to the <code>parent bptm</code> process. The <code>parent bptm</code> process sends data to the <code>bpsynth</code> process. The <code>bpsynth</code> process sends data to the <code>parent bptm or bpdm</code> process. A legend indicates that red boxes represent the Master Server and orange boxes represent the Media Server.</p> <p>Note that <code>bpsynth</code> only starts the parent <code>bptm</code> (writer) and <code>bpdm</code> (reader) process on the media server. The parent in turn starts a child process. The parent and child communicate by means of buffers in shared memory.</p> <p>The <code>bpsynth</code> process sends the extents (starting block and count) for each component image to the corresponding child <code>bptm</code> or <code>bpdm</code> reader process.</p> <p>The parent <code>bptm</code> or <code>bpdm</code> reader process reads the data from the appropriate media into the shared buffers. The child <code>bptm</code> or <code>bpdm</code> reader process sends the data in the shared buffers. The child <code>bptm</code> or <code>bpdm</code> reader process sends the data in the shared buffers to the child <code>bptm</code> writer process over a socket. The child <code>bptm</code> writer process writes the data into the shared buffers. The parent <code>bptm</code> writer process copies the data from the shared buffers to the media and notifies <code>bpsynth</code> when the synthetic image is complete.</p>
<p>4 - Validate the image</p>	<p>In phase 4, the <code>bpsynth</code> process validates the image. The new image is now visible to NetBackup and can be used like any other full or cumulative incremental backup.</p> <p>Synthetic backup requires that true image restore (TIR) with move detection be selected for each component image, and that the component images are synthetic images.</p>

## Logs to accompany problem reports for synthetic backups

To debug problems with synthetic backups, you must include a complete set of logs in the problem report and additional items. Send the following log types to Cohesity Technical Support.

- Log files that unified logging creates  
See [“Gathering unified logs for NetBackup”](#) on page 17.
- Log files that legacy logging creates  
See [“Creating legacy log directories to accompany problem reports for synthetic backup”](#) on page 93.
- Include the following additional items:

Try file

The try file is located in the following directory:

```
install_path/netbackup/db/jobs/trylogs/jobid.t
```

If the job ID of the synthetic backup job was 110, the try file is named `110.t`.

Policy attributes

Use the following command to capture the policy attributes:

```
install_path/netbackup/bin/admincmd/bppllist  
policy_name -L
```

where *policy\_name* is the name of the policy for which the synthetic backup job was run.

List of storage units

Capture the list of storage units from the following command:

```
install_path/netbackup/bin/admincmd/bpstulist -L
```

## Creating legacy log directories to accompany problem reports for synthetic backup

If the legacy log directories have not been created, you must create them. If the directories do not exist, the logs cannot be written to disk.

See [“Logs to accompany problem reports for synthetic backups”](#) on page 93.

**Table 5-2** Creating legacy log directories

Step	Action	Description
Step 1	Create directories on the primary server.	Create the following directories: <i>install_path/netbackup/logs/bpsynth</i> <i>install_path/netbackup/logs/bpdbm</i> <i>install_path/netbackup/logs/vnetd</i>
Step 2	Create directories on the media server.	Create the following directories: <i>install_path/netbackup/logs/bpcd</i> <i>install_path/netbackup/logs/bptm</i>
Step 3	Change the <b>Global logging level</b> .	In <b>Host Properties</b> , select a primary server and set the <b>Global logging level</b> to 5.  See the <a href="#">NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide</a> for more information on how to use the host properties to access configuration settings.
Step 4	Rerun the job.	Rerun the job and gather the logs from the directories that you created.  The <i>bptm</i> logs are required only if the images are read from or written to a tape device or disk. The <i>bpdm</i> logs are needed only if the images are read from disk.  If the images are read from multiple media servers, the debug logs for <i>bptm</i> or <i>bpdm</i> must be collected from each media server.

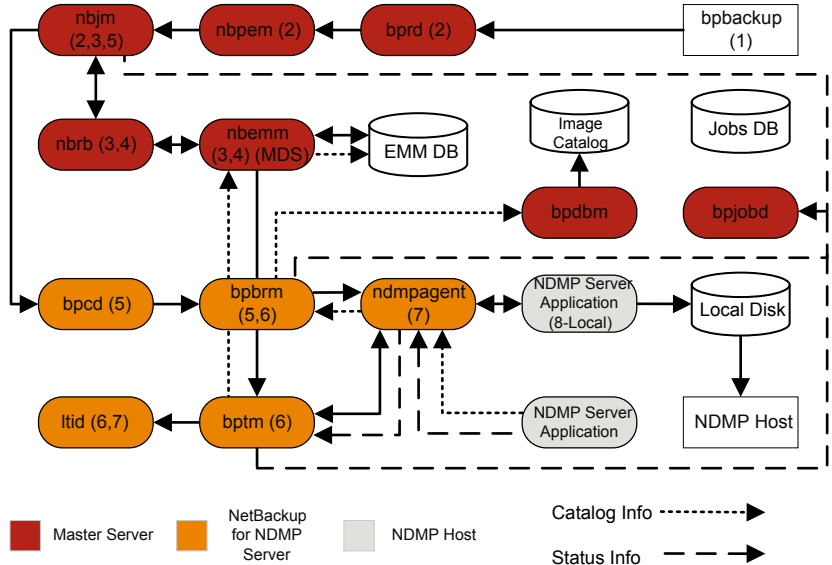
# Storage logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [NDMP backup logging](#)
- [NDMP restore logging](#)

# NDMP backup logging

**Figure 6-1** NDMP backup process



The processing steps for an NDMP backup operation are the following:

### NDMP backup procedure

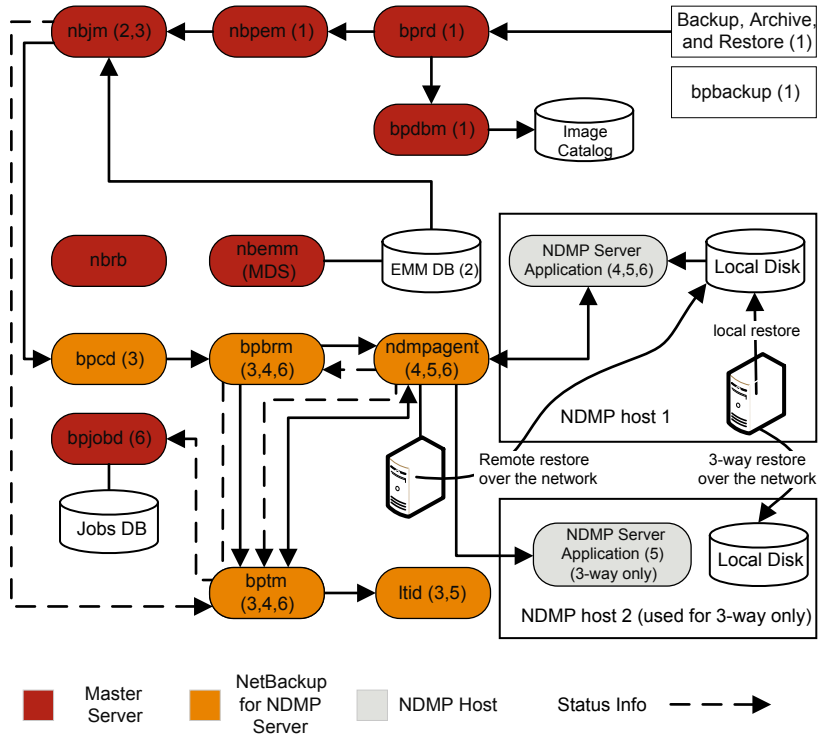
- 1 The NetBackup administrator runs the `bpbbackup` command to start the backup job. Or, a scheduled policy can initiate the job.
- 2 The `bpbbackup` process connects to the primary server and creates the backup request. The Request Manager (`bprd`) sends the backup request to the Policy Execution Manager (`nbpem`), who submits the job to the Job Manager (`nbjm`).
- 3 `nbjm` requests resources from the Resource Broker (`nbrb`) that are required to run the job. `nbrb` accesses the Media and Device Selection (MDS) of the Enterprise Media Management (`nbemm`) to evaluate the resources request. MDS queries the EMM database to identify the resources to use for this job.
- 4 MDS provides `nbrb` with a list of resources for the job, and `nbrb` passes it on to `nbjm`.
- 5 `nbjm` initiates communication with the media server that is associated with this backup job. It goes through the client service (`bpcd`) to start the Backup and Restore Manager (`bpbrm`) on the media server.
- 6 `bpbrm` starts the Tape Manager (`bptm`) on the media server. Eventually, the parent `bptm` process makes a request to `ltid` to mount the tape to be used for the backup job.
- 7 On the NetBackup for NDMP server, one of the following occurs: sends the necessary NDMP SCSI robotic commands to mount the requested tape on the storage device.
  - The NDMP agent service (`ndmpagent`) connects to the filer that issues the NDMP commands to mount the tape that is directly attached.
  - `ltid` on the media server issues the necessary NDMP SCSI robotic commands to mount the requested tape on the storage device.
- 8 One of the following occurs, depending on the type of NDMP backup:
  - Local backup. NetBackup sends the NDMP commands to have the NDMP server application perform the backup to tape. The data travels between the local disk and the tape drives on the NDMP host without crossing the LAN.
  - Three-way backup (not shown in the process flow diagram). NetBackup sends NDMP commands to the NDMP server application to perform the backup. The media server establishes NDMP communications with both NDMP servers. The data travels over the network from the NDMP server that houses the data to be backed up to the NDMP server that writes the backup to its tape storage.

- Remote backup (not shown in the process flow diagram). The device that is used to write the backup is associated with a NetBackup storage unit. `bp_tm` on the NetBackup media server mounts a tape on a tape drive. NetBackup sends the NDMP commands to the NDMP server to initiate the backup to the non-NDMP media manager storage unit. The data travels over the network from the NDMP host to the NetBackup media server, which writes the data to the selected storage unit.
- 9 Throughout the backup operation and at its completion, the NDMP server sends status about the backup operation to the NetBackup for NDMP server. Several NetBackup processes send information about the job to `bpjobd` that uses this information to update the job status that you can view in the NetBackup Activity monitor.

Status, catalog, and other job information movement are shown in dashed lines in the process flow diagram.

# NDMP restore logging

Figure 6-2 NDMP restore process



The processing steps for an NDMP restore operation are as follows:

## NDMP restore procedure

- 1 To initiate a restore job, an administrator on a NetBackup primary server or media server browses the images catalog and selects the files to restore from the NDMP images. This process is similar to selecting files to be restored from standard backup images. The NetBackup primary server identifies the specific media that is required to perform the restore. In this diagram, the media is a tape volume.
- 2 After the primary server identifies the data to be restored and the media required, it submits a restore job. The Job Manager (`nbjm`) then requests the required resources. This resource request causes the allocation of the media that contains the data to be restored. In this example, a tape drive is used during the restore operation.
- 3 The primary server contacts the media server that participates in the restore job, and starts the Restore Manager (`bpbrm`) process to manage the restore job. `bpbrm` starts the Tape Manager process (`bptm`), that queries `nbjm` for the tape volume. Then, `bptm` requests that the logical tape interface daemon (`ltid`) mounts the tape.
- 4 On the NetBackup for NDMP server, the NDMP agent (`ndmpagent`) connects to the filer. It issues NDMP commands to mount the tape that is directly attached. Then `ltid` sends NDMP commands to mount the requested tape on the storage device. Or, the media server itself issues tape mount requests much like a regular media manager storage unit.
- 5 One of the following occurs, depending on the type of NDMP restore operation:
  - Local restore. NetBackup sends the NDMP commands to the NDMP server to initiate the restore operation from a tape drive to a local disk. The restore data travels from a tape drive to a local disk on the NDMP host without traversing the LAN.
  - Three-way restore. The NetBackup media server establishes NDMP communications with both of the NDMP servers that are involved in the restore. To initiate the restore of data from tape on one NDMP server to disk storage on the other NDMP server, the media server sends NDMP commands to both NDMP servers. The restore data travels over the network between the NDMP hosts.
  - Remote restore. NetBackup sends the NDMP commands to the NDMP server to prepare the server for the restore. `bptm` on the media server reads

the restore data from tape and sends it over the network to the NDMP host where the data is written to disk storage.

- 6** The NDMP server sends status information about the restore operation to the NetBackup for NDMP server. Various NetBackup processes (`nbgm`, `bpbrm`, `bptm`, and others) send job status information to the primary server. The Jobs Database Manager (`bpjobd`) process on the primary server updates the restore job status in the jobs database. You can view this status in the Activity Monitor.

# NetBackup Deduplication logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Deduplication backup process to the Media Server Deduplication Pool \(MSDP\)](#)
- [Client deduplication logging](#)
- [Deduplication configuration logs](#)
- [Universal share logs](#)
- [Media server deduplication/pdplugin logging](#)
- [Disk monitoring logging](#)
- [Logging keywords](#)

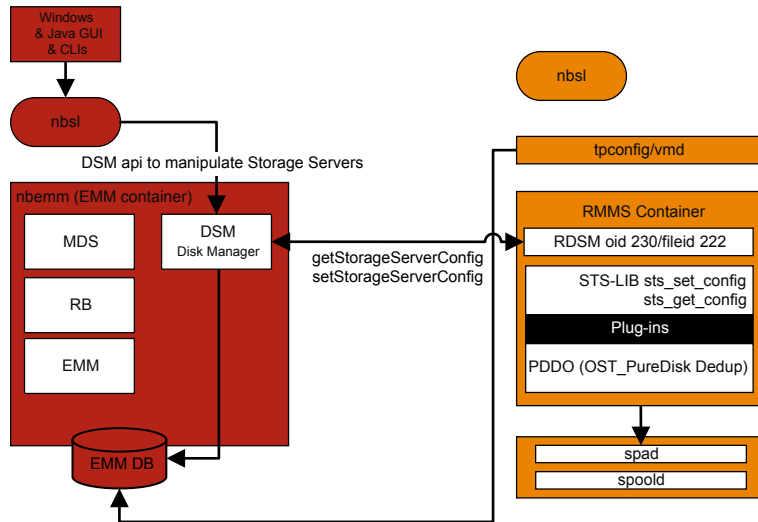
## Deduplication backup process to the Media Server Deduplication Pool (MSDP)

The deduplication backup process to the Media Server Deduplication Pool (MSDP) is as follows:

- The client `bpbkar` sends data to the NetBackup backup tape manager - the `bptm` process.
- `pdvfs` (using `bptm` as a proxy) connects to the NetBackup Deduplication Manager (`spad`) to record metadata (image records) in the `spadb` mini-catalog. It connects to the NetBackup Deduplication Engine (`spoold`) to store the image data in the `.bhd/.bin` files in the data directory (`dedup_path\data`).

**Deduplication backup process to the Media Server Deduplication Pool (MSDP)**

- `spoold` writes `tlogs` to the `.tlog` files in the queue (`dedupe_path\queue`) directory and to the processed directory. The `tlog` data from the queue directory is processed into the `crdb` later when the next content router queue processing job runs.

**Figure 7-1** Deduplication configuration for MSDP

In this scenario, the client backs up data directly to the media server and the media server deduplicates the data before it stores it locally. Ensure that the client uses the correct media server, which is not always the same as the MSDP storage server (due to load balancing).

For deduplication-specific logging, enable the following on the media server:

1. Verbose 5 `bptm` logging:
  - Create a log directory named `bptm` in `/usr/openv/netbackup/logs` (Windows: `install_path\NetBackup\logs`)
  - Set the `bptm` log verbosity to 5. Click on **Hosts > Host properties > Logging** for the media server.
  - Edit the `pd.conf` configuration file that is located at the following location:  
Windows:  
`install_path\NetBackup\bin\ost-plugins\pd.conf`

**Deduplication backup process to the Media Server Deduplication Pool (MSDP)**

UNIX/Linux:

```
/usr/opensv/lib/ost-plugins/pd.conf
```

Uncomment or modify the following line:

```
LOGLEVEL = 10
```

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**Note:** You can also modify `DEBUGLOG` in the `pd.conf` file to specify a path to which to log; however, we recommend leaving the `DEBUGLOG` entry commented out. The logging information (`PDVFS` debug logging) then logs to the `bptm` and `bpdm` logs.

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2. Enable verbose `spad/spoold` logging (optional).
  - Edit the `dedup_path\etc\puredisk\spa.cfg` and `dedup_path\etc\puredisk\contentrouter.cfg` files so that the following line:
 

```
Logging=long, thread
```

 is changed to 

```
Logging=full, thread
```
  - Ensure that you are on the correct media server and restart the MSDP storage server services.

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**Caution:** If you enable verbose logging, it can affect the performance on the MSDP.

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3. Reproduce the backup failure.
4. In the **Activity monitor > Jobs**, open the job details and click the **Details** tab. It displays the media server host name that ran the backup and the `bptm` process ID number (PID).
  - Find a line similar to `bptm(pid=value)`; this value is the `bptm` PID to locate in the `bptm` log.
5. Extract the `bptm` PID found in step 3 from the `bptm` log on the media server. This step only gathers the single-line entries; review the raw logs to see the multi-line log entries. In the following examples, 3144 is the `bptm` PID:
  - Windows command line:
 

```
findstr "[3144." 092611.log > bptmpid3144.txt
```
  - UNIX/Linux command line:
 

```
grep "[3144]" log.092611 > bptmpid3144.txt
```

6. Gather the `spoold` session logs that cover the dates from when the backup was started and when it failed from the following logs:

Windows:

```
dedup_path\log\spoold\mediasvr_IP_or_hostname\bptm\Receive\MMDDYY.log
dedup_path\log\spoold\mediasvr_IP_or_hostname\bptm\Store\MMDDYY.log
```

UNIX/Linux:

```
dedup_path/log/spoold/mediasvr_IP_or_hostname/bptm/Receive/MMDDYY.log
dedup_path/log/spoold/mediasvr_IP_or_hostname/bptm/Store/MMDDYY.log
```

## Client deduplication logging

Client deduplication logging uses the logs at the following location; select one of the following deduplication location options. On the applicable MSDP storage pool, edit `install_path\etc\puredisk\spa.cfg` and

`install_path\etc\puredisk\contentrouter.cfg` and specify

**Logging=full,thread** and then restart the `spad` and `spoold` services in order for the changes to take effect.

- The client-side log (NetBackup Proxy Service log) is as follows:

Windows:

```
install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbostpxy
```

UNIX/Linux:

```
/usr/opencv/netbackup/logs/nbostpxy
```

PBX (nbostpxy (OID450):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 450 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

- The media server log is as follows:

`bptm` and `storage_path\log\spoold\IP_address\nbostpxy.exe\*`

## Deduplication configuration logs

The following are the deduplication configuration logs.

NetBackup Administration Console for Windows wizard logging:

1. `wingui` (OID: 263):

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 263 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

2. On the applicable MSDP storage pool, edit *install\_path\etc\puredisk\spa.cfg* and *install\_path\etc\puredisk\contentrouter.cfg*. Specify **Logging=full,thread** and then restart the spad and spold services for the changes to take effect.

- nbsl (OID: 132):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 132 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

- dsm (OID: 178):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 178 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

3. Storage service (turn on STS logging, to log the msdp/pdplugin responses to NetBackup):

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 202 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

4. Remote Monitoring & Management Service:

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 222 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

5. *tpcommand (... \volmgr\debug\tpcommand)*

6. *storage\_directory\log\msdp-config.log*

Command-line configuration logging:

- Administration log for *nbdevquery* (add *storage\_server*)
- *tpcommand* log for *tpconfig* (add credentials) (... \volmgr\debug\tpcommand)
- *storage\_directory\log\pdde-config.log*
- Storage service (turn on STS logging, to log the msdp/pdplugin responses to NetBackup):

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 202 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

- Remote Monitoring and Management Service:

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 222 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

- *storage\_directory\log\pdde-config.log*

NetBackup Administration Console logging:

First, open the *Debug.Properties* file, in *C:\Program Files\VERITAS\Java* (for Windows) or */usr/openssl/java* (for UNIX/Linux). Then, edit the file so the following

lines are uncommented (or append the lines if they are not present). If you have a GUI that is running, be sure to restart it.

```
printcmds=true  
printCmdLines=true  
debugMask=0x0C000000  
debugOn=true
```

The logs are located under `C:\Program`

`Files\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs` (Windows) or

`/opt/openssl/netbackup/logs/user_ops/nbjlogs` (UNIX/Linux). Ensure that you look at the most recent log.

- **Storage service (turn on STS logging, to log the `msdp/pdplugin` responses to NetBackup):**  

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 202 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```
- **Remote Monitoring and Management Service:**  

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 222 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```
- `tpcommand (... \volmgr\debug\tpcommand)`
- `storage_directory\log\msdp-config.log`

## Universal share logs

The following are the universal share configuration logs.

On the storage server:

- `/var/log/vpfs/ia_byo_precheck.log`  
Instant access build-your-own (BYO) pre-condition checking results
- `/var/log/vpfs/vpfs-config.log`  
Velocity Provisioning File System (VPFS) configuration log
- `/var/log/vpfs/spws/spws.log`  
Storage Platform Web Service (spws) log
- `/var/log/vpfs/spws_backend/spws_backend.log`  
Storage Platform Web Service (spws) spws\_backend log

On the primary server:

- `/usr/openssl/logs/nbwebservice/`  
NetBackup Web Services (nbwmc) log

# Media server deduplication/pdplugin logging

This topic describes the media server deduplication/pdplugin logging.

- Unless you are troubleshooting the Private Branch Exchange (PBX) communication between the client direct and its media server, reduce the unnecessary CORBA/TAO to zero (0) for deduplication logging by using the following command:

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 156 -s DebugLevel=0 -s DiagnosticLevel=0
```

For backups:

- Enable verbose 5 `bptm` on the media servers to read/write backups
- Uncomment `LOGLEVEL = 10` in the media server `pd.conf` file

For duplications or replications:

- Enable verbose 5 `bpdm` on the media server(s) to read/write duplications
- Uncomment `LOGLEVEL = 10` in the media server `pd.conf` file

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**Caution:** If you enable verbosity, it can affect performance.

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- Enable trace level `spad` and `spoold` logging so that the failing duplication or replication job can be traced across `bpdm/pdvfs > source spad/spoold session log > source replication.log > target spad/spoold session logs`

## Disk monitoring logging

STS logging should be configured on any media server that has credentials to communicate to the MSDP storage pool. `nbrmms` (OID: 222) should be configured on the primary server and any applicable media servers. You can monitor the disks using the logs at the following location:

- Storage service (turn on the STS logging to show the response that NetBackup receives when it runs the MSDP plug-in):

```
# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 202 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

- Remote Monitoring and Management Service: `# vxlogcfg -a -p 51216 -o 222 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6`

## Logging keywords

Support uses the following keywords when it reviews the logs.

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
maximum fragment size	Should be 51200 KB or less
get_plugin_version	libstspipd.dll (pdplugin version)
get_agent_cfg_file_path_for_mount	Uses the PureDisk agent configuration file (note the .cfg file name); determines short name or FQDN.
emmlib_NdmpUserIdQuery	Used for backups, the credential check
Resolved	Name resolution of the remote CR
tag_nbu_dsid read	Checks if it read the NBU_PD_SERVER object correctly
Recommended routing table	CR routing table for the CR's to route fingerprint/so's; more useful when PDDO targets PureDisk.
for primary backups	Primary backup dsid
for opt-dup copies from	opt-dup dsid
this is opt-dup	opt-dup dsid
https	Web service calls to either SPA or CR to check if they completed

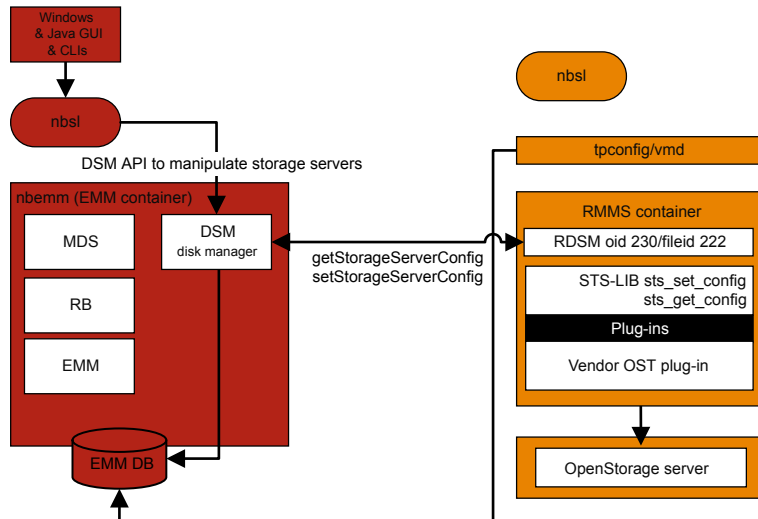
# OpenStorage Technology (OST) logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [OpenStorage Technology \(OST\) backup logging](#)
- [OpenStorage Technology \(OST\) configuration and management](#)

# OpenStorage Technology (OST) backup logging

Figure 8-1 OST configuration



In this scenario, the client backs up the data directly to the media server and the media server accesses the vendor plug-in to transfer the data to the storage server.

For logging that is specific to OST, enable the following on the media server or plug-in host:

1. In the registry or `bp.conf` file, set `VERBOSE = 5`.
2. Ensure that the following directories exist under `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs` (for Windows, use `install_path\NetBackup\logs`):
  - `bptm`
  - `bpbrm`
  - `bpstsinfo`
3. Create the `volmgr/debug/tpcommand` directory.
4. Put `VERBOSE` in the `vm.conf` file.

See [“How to control the amount of information written to legacy logging files”](#) on page 48.

5. Set `DebugLevel=6` and `DiagnosticLevel=6` for the following processes:

- OID 178 (Disk Manager Service or `dsm`)
- OID 202 (Storage service or `stssvc`)
- OID 220 (Disk Polling Service or `dps`)
- OID 221 (Media Performance Monitor Service)
- OID 222 (Remote Monitoring & Management Service)
- OID 230 (Remote Disk Manager Service or `rdsm`)
- OID 395 (STS Event Manager or `stsem`)

These OIDs all log to the `nbrmms` unified log file on the media server.

6. Increase the vendor plug-in logging. Most vendors have their own plug-in logging that is in addition to what is logged within the NetBackup logs.

7. Reproduce the backup failure.

8. In **Activity monitor > Jobs**, open the job details and click the **Details** tab. It displays the media server host name that ran the backup and the `bptm` process ID number (PID).

- Find a line similar to `bptm (pid=value)`; this value is the `bptm` PID to locate in the `bptm` log.

9. Extract the `bptm` PID found in step 8 from the `bptm` log on the media server. This step gathers only the single-line entries; review the raw logs to see the multi-line log entries. In the following examples, 3144 is the `bptm` PID:

- Windows command line:

```
findstr "[3144." 092611.log > bptmpid3144.txt
```

- UNIX/Linux command line:

```
grep "[3144\]" log.092611 > bptmpid3144.txt
```

10. Gather the vendor specific plug-in logs that cover the dates from when the backup was started and when it failed.

## OpenStorage Technology (OST) configuration and management

The OpenStorage Technology (OST) technology uses a plug-in architecture, similar to a software driver, that lets the third-party vendors direct the NetBackup data

streams and metadata into their devices. The plug-in is developed and created by the OST partner and it resides on the media server for use by NetBackup. NetBackup depends on the OST plug-in for a path to the storage server.

Communication to the storage server is through the network; name resolution on the media server and the storage server must be configured correctly. All supported vendor plug-ins can communicate over a TCP/IP network and some can also communicate to the disk storage on a SAN network.

To determine the capabilities of a disk appliance, NetBackup uses the plug-in to query the storage appliance. The capabilities can include deduplicated storage, optimized off-host duplication, and synthetic backups.

Each OST vendor can report different log messages. A review of the `bptm` log and/or plug-in log for a backup or a restore job is the best way to understand the specific calls made to the storage server through the plug-in.

The basic steps include the following:

- Claim the resource
- `sts open_server`
- Create the image
- `write`
- `close`
- `sts close_server`

The example of calls in a vendor plug-in log are as follows:

```
2016-03-14 09:50:57 5484: --> stspi_claim
2016-03-14 09:50:57 5484: --> stspi_open_server
2016-03-14 09:50:57 5484: <-- stspi_write_image SUCCESS
2016-03-14 09:50:57 5484: --> stspi_close_image
2016-03-14 09:50:59 5484: <-- stspi_close_server SUCCESS
```

To display the plug-in version, use the following commands:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/admincmd/bpstsinfo -pi`
- **Windows:** `install dir\netbackup\bin\admincmd\bpstsinfo -pi`

To test the basic communication to the storage server, use the following commands:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/admincmd/bpstsinfo -li -storage_server storage_server_name -stype OST_TYPE`
- **Windows:** `install dir\netbackup\bin\admincmd\bpstsinfo -li -storage_server storage_server_name -stype OST_TYPE`

To display the configured storage servers, use the following commands:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/admincmd/nbdevquery -liststs -stype OST_TYPE -U`
- **Windows:** `install dir\netbackup\bin\admincmd\nbdevquery -liststs -stype OST_TYPE -U`

To show the configured disk pools, use the following commands:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/admincmd/nbdevquery -listdp -stype OST_TYPE -U`
- **Windows:** `install dir\netbackup\bin\admincmd\nbdevquery -listdp -stype OST_TYPE -U`

To show the configured disk volumes, use the following commands:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/admincmd/nbdevquery -listdv -stype OST_TYPE -U`
- **Windows:** `install dir\netbackup\bin\admincmd\nbdevquery -listdv -stype OST_TYPE -U`

Review the flags in the diskpool information, for example:

- `CopyExtents` - supports optimized duplications
- `OptimizedImage` - supports optimized synthetics and accelerator
- `ReplicationSource` - supports AIR (replication)
- `ReplicationTarget` - supports AIR (imports)

After the initial configuration of the diskpools, you must run the `nbdevconfig -updatedp` command as follows to recognize any new flag that the vendor added:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/admincmd/nbdevconfig -updatedp -stype OST_TYPE -dp diskpool -M master`
- **Windows:** `install dir\netbackup\bin\admincmd\nbdevconfig -updatedp -stype OST_TYPE -dp diskpool -M master`

To manually add the supported flags, you can use the following commands:

- `nbdevconfig -changests -storage_server storage server name -stype OST_TYPE -setattribute OptimizedImage`
- `nbdevconfig -changedp -stype OST_TYPE -dp diskpool name -setattribute OptimizedImage`

You should also review the following flag for the storage server:

- `OptimizedImage` - supports accelerator

To list the OpenStorage credentials for all of the media servers, use the following commands:

- **UNIX/Linux:** `/usr/opensv/volmgr/bin/tpconfig -dsh -all_hosts`
- **Windows:** `install dir\volmgr\bin\tpconfig -dsh -all_hosts`

# Storage lifecycle policy (SLP) and Auto Image Replication (A.I.R.) logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [About storage lifecycle policies \(SLPs\) and Auto Image Replication \(A.I.R.\)](#)
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- [Automatic Image Replication \(A.I.R.\) process flow logging](#)
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## About storage lifecycle policies (SLPs) and Auto Image Replication (A.I.R.)

A storage lifecycle policy (SLP) contains instructions in the form of storage operations that are applied to the data.

The Auto Image Replication (A.I.R.) lets backups be replicated between the NetBackup domains. A.I.R. automatically creates the catalog entries in the target domain as the backups are replicated. It is recommended the use of A.I.R. instead of live catalog replication to populate the NetBackup catalog at a disaster recovery site.

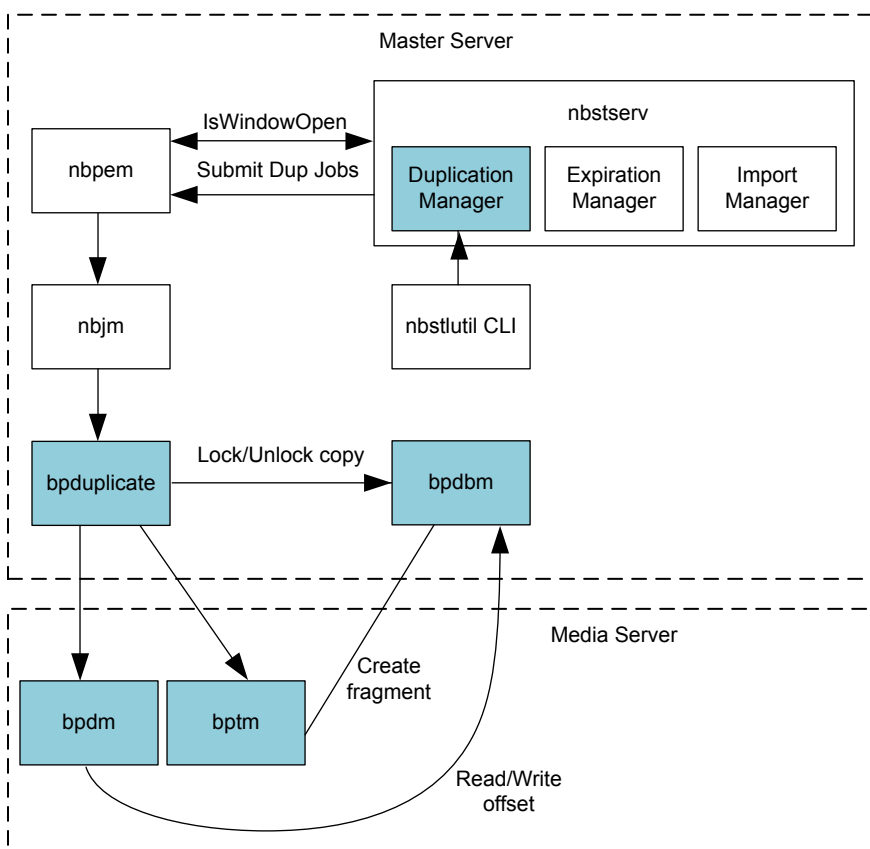
Understanding the storage lifecycle policy (SLP) operations (for example, backup, duplication, replication, import, and snapshot) can help determine which logs can be used to troubleshoot an issue. This topic primarily focuses on the Automatic Image Replication (A.I.R.) and duplication process flows. The process flow for other operations, like backups and snapshots, are covered in other topics of this guide.

See the [NetBackup Administrator's Guide, Volume I](#) for more information about SLPs and A.I.R.

## Storage lifecycle policy (SLP) duplication process flow

The following figure describes the SLP duplication process flow.

**Figure 9-1** SLP duplication process flow



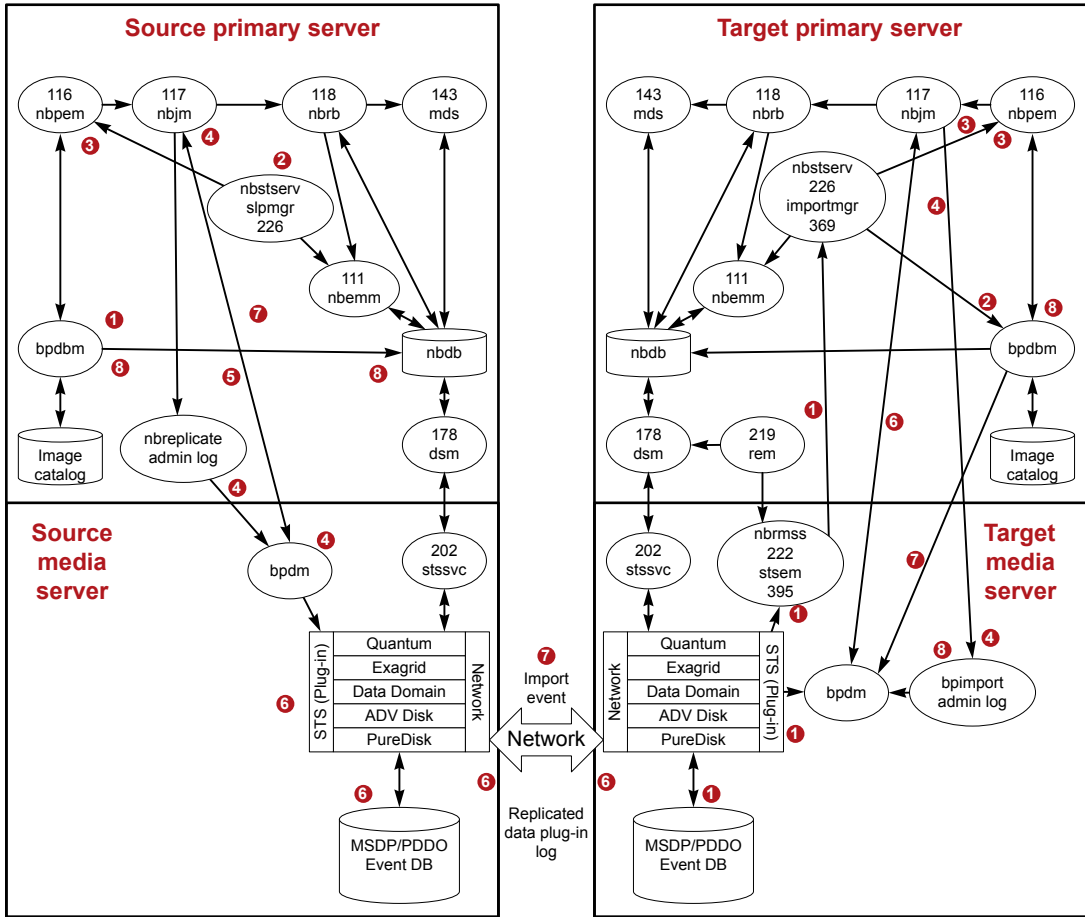
The SLP duplication process flow is as follows:

1. The SLP manager (`nbstserv`) checks if the duplication window is open to submit duplication jobs. When it finds an SLP window open to submit a duplication job, it will process the relevant images managed by the SLP policies, batch them, and submit them to `nbpem` for further processing.
2. `nbpem` also checks if the SLP window is still open for the duplication operation. If it is, `nbpem` creates the duplication job structure and submits it to `nbjm`.
3. `nbjm` requests resources as it would for backups (not shown in the figure), and then invokes `bpduplicate`.
4. `bpduplicate` starts the required `bpdm` and/or `bptm` processes, media load operations occur (not shown in the diagram), the image is read from the local source storage, and then written to the local destination storage.
5. After the media server `bpdm/bptm` processes the exit, `bpduplicate` also exits.

## Automatic Image Replication (A.I.R.) process flow logging

The following figure shows the Automatic Image Replication (A.I.R.) process flow.

**Figure 9-2** Automatic Image Replication (A.I.R.) process flow



**Note:** For A.I.R. replications, only MSDP or OST disk-based storage units are used. The tape storage units and the advanced disk storage units cannot be used with A.I.R. The basic disk storage units are not supported with SLP.

The Automatic Image Replication (A.I.R.) process flow is as follows:

1. The SLP-controlled backup finishes. The backup image includes information about what SLP policy it will use for its secondary operation; for example, a replication or a duplication.

2. `nbstserv` on a regular interval (SLP parameter - Image Processing Interval) works to batch up images for the replication. The SLP manager (`nbstserv`) checks if the SLP window is open to submit replication jobs.
3. Next, `nbstserv` submits the batch to `nbpem`. `nbpem` passes the job to `nbjm`, which checks for resources from `nbrb` and `nbemm`. If the SLP window is open, `nbpem` passes the job to `nbjm`.
4. `nbjm` starts `nbreplicate` (`nbreplicate` appears in the `admin log`) and passes `nbreplicate` to `bpdm`.
5. `bpdm` makes the physical resource requests to `nbjm`.
6. The replication checks are run and the replication starts. `bpdm` lets the source storage server know when to initiate the replication. The source and target storage servers then communicate to perform the actual replication of data.

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**Note:** For replications, one `bpdm` process controls the operation.

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7. A replication event is sent to the remote or target storage server.
8. The replication finishes and the image copy records are updated.

## Import process flow

The import process flow is as follows:

1. The media server that is responsible for monitoring the disk storage polls the storage for the A.I.R. import events. It is the `nbrmms` process that does the polling. The image associated with the import event is sent to the import manager (running within `nbstserv`) on the primary server.
2. The import manager (OID 369) inserts the image records into the NBDB database.
3. On a regular interval, `nbstserv` looks for images that need to be imported. It batches up the images to be imported and sends the request to `nbpem`. `nbpem` passes the job to `nbjm` and then checks for resources from `nbrb` and `nbemm`.
4. `nbjm` starts `bpimport`. For replicated images, a fast import is run since most of the information that NetBackup needs for the image was brought in when the import event was received.
5. `bpimport` (`admin log`) starts `bpdm` on the media server.
6. `bpdm` obtains the physical resources needed from `nbjm`.

7. `bpdm` reads the image information and sends it to `bpdbm` on the primary server.
8. The import of the image completes and is validated by `bpdbm`.

## SLP and A.I.R. logging

`nbstserv` (primary server):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 226 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

`importmgr` (primary server, import manager logs within the 226 `nbstserv` log):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 369 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

`nbrmms` (logs on the media server responsible for monitoring the disk storage):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 222 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

`stsem` (storage server event manager, `stsem` logs within the 222 `nbrmms` log):

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 395 -s DebugLevel=6 -s DiagnosticLevel=6
```

On the media servers that perform the duplication, view the appropriate `bpdm` and `bptm` legacy logs. On the media server that initiates the A.I.R. replication operation and on the media server that performs the subsequent import, you can view the `bpdm` legacy log for additional details.

```
bpdm (verbose 5)
```

```
bptm (verbose 5)
```

You can increase the plugin logging to get additional details within `bptm/bpdm` or the third-party vendors OST plugin log file regarding the duplication, replication, and import operations.

On the primary server, the following legacy logs are also helpful to review:

- `admin` - (the admin log logs the `bpduplicate` or `nbrePLICATE` command for the job)
- `bpdbm` - (the NetBackup Database Manager program that contains backup policy information, such as files, media, and client information)

## SLP configuration and management

To view the configured SLP policies using the CLI, run the following command:

```
nbstl -L -all_versions
```

To list the images that are under SLP control (that is, they are waiting for the completion of their secondary operations), use the following command:

```
nbstlutil list -image_incomplete
```

To display the SLP backlog, use the following command:

```
nbstlutil report
```

To display the SLP parameters using the CLI, the `bpgetconfig` command can be run on the primary server:

- **UNIX:** `bpgetconfig | grep SLP`
- **Windows:** `bpgetconfig | findstr SLP`

To list images that have been replicated using A.I.R. (on the source primary server), use the following command:

```
nbstlutil repllist
```

To list images that are pending an A.I.R. import into the target environment (on the target primary server), use the following command:

```
nbstlutil pendimplist
```

# NetBackup secure communication logging

This chapter includes the following topics:

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- [Embeddable Authentication Client \(EAT\) logging](#)
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- [PBX logging](#)

## About NetBackup secure communication logging

NetBackup logs information for secure communication of control-type functions between NetBackup hosts. These functions include command execution and the starting processes that are required to initiate a backup or restore. Currently, these processes do not include the `bpbkar` or `tar` data transfer. The hosts must have a

Certificate Authority (CA) certificate and a host ID-based certificate for successful communication. NetBackup uses the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol for host communication where each host needs to present its security certificate and validate the peer host's certificate against the Certificate Authority (CA) certificate.

The primary server acts as the CA. The primary server depends on the correct installation and configuration of services, such as `pbx`, `nbatd` and `nbwmc`, to deploy the certificates.

NetBackup certificates are deployed to all the media servers and the clients when they are upgraded. If certificate deployment fails, backups and restores cannot occur. Deployment fails if the following occurs:

- The `pbx`, `nbatd`, or `nbwmc` processes are not running on the primary server.
- A host cannot retrieve both the CA certificate and the host ID-based certificate from the primary server during the installation or upgrade.

When you diagnose issues with secure communication and certificates, the services or processes that run on the primary server are typically involved. After verifying that the services are running and are at the expected NetBackup version, the log files can help determine the issue.

## Tomcat logging

The Tomcat log files are as follows (on the primary server only):

UNIX: `/usr/opensv/wmc/webserver/logs`

Windows: `install_path\netbackup\wmc\webserver\logs`

You cannot adjust the verbosity for Tomcat log files.

The Tomcat directories contain log files such as `catalina.log`, `nbwmc.log`, and other logs that are critical to troubleshoot Tomcat issues. This directory can also contain Tomcat Java heap dumps that end with `.hprof` or Java dumps that have file names that start with `hs_err`. If these files are seen in conjunction with issues with the startup or crashes of Tomcat or `nbwmc`, the files from the affected time frame should also be collected.

## NetBackup web services logging

The NetBackup web services logs are as follows (on the primary server only):

UNIX: `/usr/opensv/logs/nbwebsevice`

Windows: `install_path\netbackup\logs\nbwebsevice`

This log directory contains the web services originator log files. They include, but are not limited to, the following log files:

**Table 10-1** Web services OIDs and log files

Originator ID	Log file	Description
439	nbwebservice\nbwebservice	NetBackup Web Service
466	nbwebservice\security	NetBackup Security Service (security web app)
482	nbwebservice\hosts	NetBackup Hosts Webservice (hosts web app)
483	nbwebservice\nbconfigmgmt	NetBackup Configuration Management Service (web app)
484	nbwebservice\nbgateway	NetBackup Gateway Service (web app)
485	nbwebservice\nbwss	NetBackup WebSocket Service (NBWSS) (web app)
487	nbwebservice\nbcatalogws	NetBackup Catalog Web Service (web app)
488	nbwebservice\nbrbac	NetBackup Role-based Access Control (RBAC) Web Service (web app)
489	nbwebservice\nbadminws	NetBackup Admin Web Service (web app)
495	nbwebservice\nbwebservice	NetBackup Web APIs

The logging for processes with originator IDs (OIDs) can be increased and decreased using the `vxlogcfg` command located in `NetBackup\bin`. This command can be used to add and remove logging for each of the previous processes. See the following examples that use OID 439:

To add logging, use the following command with the `-a` (add) option:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 439 -s DebugLevel=6
```

To remove logging, use the following command with the `-r` (remove) option:

```
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 439 -s DebugLevel=6
```

If an issue can be easily or quickly reproduced, it can be easier to configure the default log file setting to 6, and then decrease it to the out-of-the-box setting of 1. See the following examples:

To increase logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o Default -s DebugLevel=6
```

To decrease logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o Default -s DebugLevel=1
```

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**Note:** In the previous examples, the `-a` option was added to both commands because we do not want to remove the default logging, but only change the debug level to the out-of-the-box default level.

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**Caution:** Always wait at least 1 full minute after changing the log file logging levels as it may take a minute for the changes to be implemented.

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Do not leave a high level of logging in place for a long period of time as it can cause the file systems to fill up with logs.

If the OIDs are set to 0 by default, they are not affected when the default logging levels are changed. These OIDs are as follows:

- 156 – NetBackup ACE/TAO; this logs to any process that needs to utilize an ACE/TAO call
- 486 – NetBackup proxy helper; this logs to the unified `nbpkyhelper` log file. See “[NetBackup proxy helper logging](#)” on page 130.

## Command-line logging

The command-line logs are as follows (on any primary, media, or client server):

UNIX: `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/nbcert`

Windows: `install path\netbackup\logs\nbcert`

The `nbcert` log files log any `nbcertcmd` commands that run either manually or automatically from the application, such as during the automatic certificate renewal. When issues occur that can be reproduced using `nbcertcmd`, the `bp.conf` file or registry `VERBOSE` setting should be increased to 5 to troubleshoot the issue. To increase the logging level, use the following command:

```
echo VERBOSE = 5 | nbsetconfig
```

## NetBackup cURL logging

Any process or daemon that calls cURL will log the cURL messages on any primary, media, or client server. The NetBackup cURL logging should be increased when

you need to see the cURL messages in the daemons and processes that utilize the cURL calls.

The cURL logging is disabled by default, but it can be enabled by using the following command:

```
echo ENABLE_NBCURL_VERBOSE=1 | nbsetconfig
```

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**Note:** NetBackup cURL logging is either on or off and it can be enabled on all of the NetBackup clients and servers that experience issues related to secure communication.

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## Java logging

Java logging can occur on any primary, media, or client server on which Java is executed. Many issues with `nbwmc` and secure communication are revealed when you cannot log in to the Java console. If this occurs, it is helpful to collect the log files for the appropriate location on which you are starting the console, such as a PC or directly on the primary server. See [“Configuring and gathering logs when troubleshooting NetBackup Administration Console issues”](#) on page 171.

## Embeddable Authentication Client (EAT) logging

The Embeddable Authentication Client (EAT) logging occurs only on the primary server. Any process or daemon that makes Authentication Services (AT) calls will log these messages. NetBackup authentication (`nbatd`) log content can be added to any NetBackup processes that interacts with `nbatd` when the AT logging is enabled. To enable AT logging, use the following command:

```
echo EAT_VERBOSE=5 | nbsetconfig
```

Valid log levels are 0 through 5.

To disable EAT logging, use the following command:

```
echo EAT_VERBOSE=0 | nbsetconfig
```

## Authentication Services (AT) logging

The Authentication Services (AT) log files are located as follows (on the primary server only):

UNIX: `/usr/opensv/logs/nbatd`

Windows: `install_path\netbackup\logs\nbatd OID 18`

To increase logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 18 -s DebugLevel=6
```

To remove logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 18 -s DebugLevel=6
```

## vssat logging

The `vssat` log files are located wherever they are specified. To enable `vssat` logging on UNIX, use the following command:

```
/usr/openv/netbackup/sec/at/bin/vssat setloglevel -l 4 -f /usr/openv/logs/nbatd/vssat.log
```

To enable `vssat` logging on Windows, use the following command:

```
install_path\NetBackup\sec\at\bin\vssat setloglevel -l 4  
-f install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbatd\vssat.log
```

To disable `vssat` logging on UNIX, use the following command:

```
/usr/openv/netbackup/sec/at/bin/vssat setloglevel -l 0
```

To disable `vssat` logging on Windows, use the following command:

```
install_path\NetBackup\sec\at\bin\vssat setloglevel -l 0
```

Use `-F`, `--enable_fips` option to run the `vssat` command in the FIPS mode. By default, the FIPS mode is disabled.

To disable `vssat` logging in FIPS mode on UNIX, use the following command:

```
/usr/openv/netbackup/sec/at/bin/vssat setloglevel -l 0 -F
```

To disable `vssat` logging in FIPS mode on Windows, use the following command:

```
install_path\NetBackup\sec\at\bin\vssat setloglevel -l 0 -F
```

# NetBackup proxy helper logging

The locations of the NetBackup proxy helper log files are as follows on any primary, media or client server:

UNIX: `/usr/opensv/logs/nbpxyhelper`

For UNIX startup and shutdown issues: `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/vnetd`

Windows: `install_path\netbackup\logs\nbpxyhelper`

For Windows startup and shutdown issues: `install_path\netbackup\logs\vnetd`

## Originator ID 486

The NetBackup proxy helper log files are useful when there are issues with communication due to SSL/TSL errors or other secure communication issues. You can start the processes by using the `vnetd -standalone` command. If there are startup and shutdown issues, examine the `vnetd` log file.

The following are examples of the expected minimum number of `vnetd` processes:

```
/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vnetd -proxy inbound_proxy -number 0
```

```
/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vnetd -proxy outbound_proxy -number 0
```

```
/usr/opensv/netbackup/bin/vnetd -standalone
```

The inbound and outbound proxy processes send logs to the `nbpxyhelper` log files. The communication between them can be followed through the job details; it locates the `:INBOUND` or `:OUTBOUND` connection ID and searches for them in the `nbpxyhelper` log files. The `:INBOUND` and `:OUTBOUND` connections are only displayed if there is an error. See the following example:

```
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:14 PM - Info nbjm (pid=3442) starting backup job (jobid=268) for
client nbclient1, policy ANY_nbclient1, schedule Full-EXPIRE_IMMEDIATELY
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:14 PM - Info nbjm (pid=3442) requesting STANDARD_RESOURCE resources from RB
for backup job (jobid=268, request id:{5DD92BD0-98F4-11E8-AEE4-55B66A58DDB2})
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:14 PM - requesting resource __ANY__
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:14 PM - requesting resource nbmaster2.NBU_CLIENT.MAXJOBS.nbclient1
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:14 PM - requesting resource nbmaster2.NBU_POLICY.MAXJOBS.ANY_nbclient1
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:15 PM - Error bpbrm (pid=21177) [PROXY] Connecting host: nbmaster2
Aug 5, 2018 5:13:15 PM - Error bpbrm (pid=21177) [PROXY] ConnectionId:
{5E0FBBD2-98F4-11E8-804A-EC7198374CC6}:OUTBOUND
```

By default, OID 486 is set to `DebugLevel=0` due to the potential to create many log files. Do not leave the logging enabled for long periods of time at `DebugLevel=6`.

The logging level can be changed by using the `vxlogcfg` command. See the following examples:

To add logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 486 -s DebugLevel=6
```

To remove logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 486 -s DebugLevel=0
```

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**Note:** In this case, the logging level is being explicitly set to 0 after the troubleshooting is finished.

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## NetBackup proxy tunnel logging

The NetBackup proxy tunnel logs are at the following location (on any media server):

UNIX: `/usr/opensv/logs/nbpxytnl`

Windows: `install path\netbackup\logs\nbpxytnl`

### Originator ID 490

The media servers can be used as a proxy tunnel for clients that cannot connect directly with the primary server.

If there are issues between the clients and media servers that act as a proxy, the `nbpxytnl` logging should be increased. The logging level can be changed using the `vxlogcfg` command. See the following examples:

To add logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 490 -s DebugLevel=6
```

To remove logging, use the following command:

```
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 490 -s DebugLevel=6
```

# PBX logging

The Private Branch Exchange (PBX) log files can be critical when you troubleshoot secure communication issues. You may have to increase the size and the number of log files from the defaults: 5 log files at 51200 KB each.

The PBX logs are located at the following location on any primary, media, or client server:

UNIX: `/opt/VRTSpx/log`

Windows: `C:\Program Files (x86)\VERITAS\VxPBX\log`

## To increase the maximum size and the number of log files

- 1 To increase the maximum log size and number of log files, run the following commands:

In these examples, 10 log files are created at a maximum size of 102400 KB.

Windows:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\VERITAS\VxPBX\bin\vxlogcfg -a -p 50936 -s  
"MaxLogFileSizeKB=102400" -o 103
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\VERITAS\VxPBX\bin\vxlogcfg -a -p 50936 -s  
"NumberOfLogFiles=10" -o 103
```

UNIX:

```
/opt/VRTSpx/bin/vxlogcfg -a -p 50936 -s "MaxLogFileSizeKB=102400" -o 103  
/opt/VRTSpx/bin/vxlogcfg -a -p 50936 -s "NumberOfLogFiles=10" -o 103
```

- 2 Open the PBX log directory.

UNIX: `/opt/VRTSpx/log`

Windows: `C:\Program Files (x86)\VERITAS\VxPBX\log`

- 3 Verify that the log files have increased in size to more than 51200 KB.
- 4 Verify the PBX log settings.

Windows:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Veritas\VxICS\logcfg\103
```

UNIX:

- Change to the directory `/etc/vx/VxICS`.
- Use the `cat icsul.conf` command and verify that the changes were made.

For example:

```
cat icsul.conf
#####
# Caution! Do not update/modify file by hand.
# Use vxlogcfg tool to update/modify this file
#####
103.DebugLevel=6
103.AppMsgLogging=ON
103.LogToOslog=false
103.LogDirectory=/var/log/VRTSspbx/
103.L10nResourceDir=/opt/VRTSspbx/resources
103.L10nLib=/optVRTSspbx/lib/libvxexticu.so.3
103.L10nResource=VxPBX
103.MaxLogFileSizeKB=102400
103.RolloverMode=FileSize
103.NumberOfLogFiles=10
103.LogRecycle=true
```

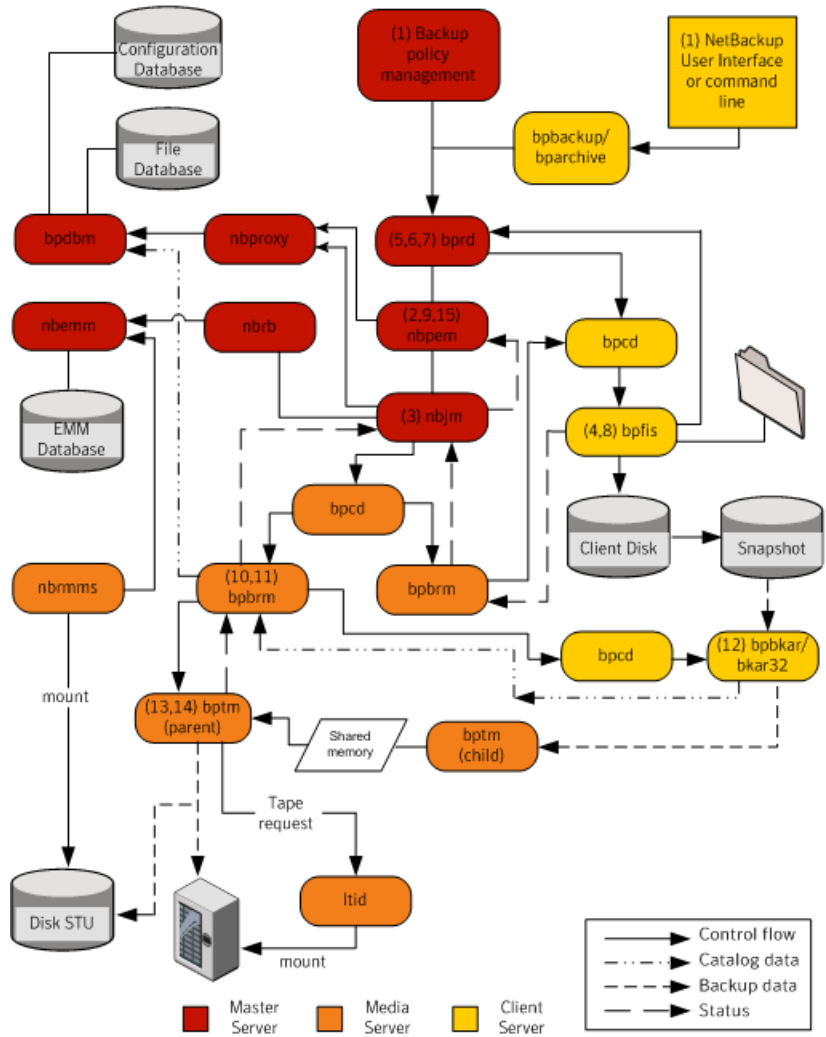
# Snapshot technologies

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Snapshot Client backup](#)
- [VMware backup](#)
- [Snapshot backup and Windows open file backups](#)

## Snapshot Client backup

The following shows a typical snapshot backup process. In this scenario, the snapshot is created on the client and is then backed up to a storage unit (disk or tape) from that client. With the exception of Windows open file backups that do not use multiple data streams, all snapshots are created by a separate parent job, followed by a child job that backs up the snapshot. For non-multistreamed Windows Open File Backups, `bpbrm` using `bpcd` invokes `bpfis` to take a snapshot of individual drives. If you use System State or Shadow Copy Component backups, `bpbkar32` creates the snapshot using Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS). Windows Open File Backups do not require a Snapshot Client license, although they do use Snapshot Client components, such as `bpfis`.



The basic processing steps for snapshot creation and backup are the following (this includes Windows open file backups that employ multiple data streams):

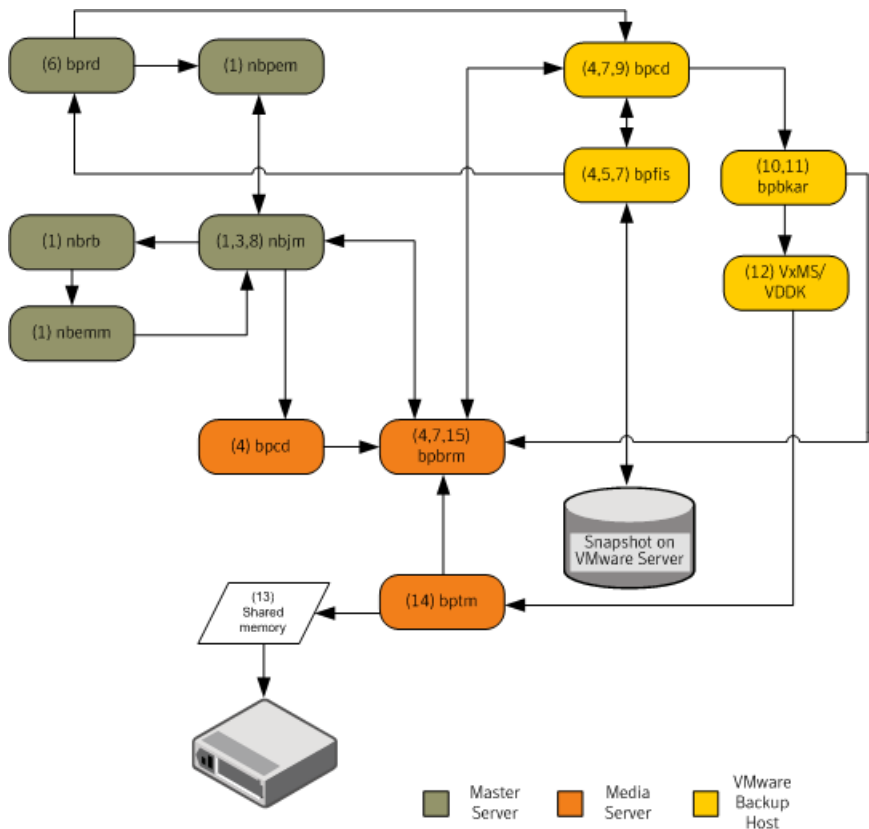
## Snapshot Client backup procedure

- 1 The NetBackup primary server or primary client initiates the backup, which causes the NetBackup Request Daemon (`bprd`) to submit a backup request to the NetBackup Policy Execution Manager (`nbpem`). `nbpem` processes the policy configurations.
- 2 `nbpem` uses `nbjm` to start a parent job to create the snapshot. This job is separate from the job that backs up the snapshot.
- 3 `nbjm` starts an instance of `bpbrm` through `bpcd` on the media server. `bpbrm` starts `bpfis` through `bpcd` on the client.
- 4 `bpfis` creates a snapshot of the client data by means of a snapshot method.
- 5 `bpfis` contacts `bprd` to request transfer of `bpfis` state files from client to server. This operation is enabled by default.
- 6 `bprd` requests `bpcd` on the client to send a list of `bpfis` state files.
- 7 `bprd` copies each state file from the client to the primary.
- 8 `bpfis` sends snapshot information and completion status to `bpbrm` and exits. `bpbrm`, in turn, reports the snapshot information and status to `nbjm` and exits. `nbjm` relays the information and status to `nbpem`.
- 9 `nbpem` submits to `nbjm` a child job for the backup with a file list derived from the snapshot information. `nbjm` starts `bpbrm` to back up the snapshot.
- 10 `bpbrm` starts `bpbkar` on the client. `bpbkar` sends the file catalog information to `bpbrm`, which relays it to the NetBackup file database (`bpdbm`) on the primary server.
- 11 `bpbrm` starts the process `bptm` (parent) on the media server.
- 12 One of the following occurs: The next step depends on whether the media server backs up itself (`bptm` and `bpbkar` are on the same host) or the media server backs up a client that resides on a different host.
  - If the media server backs up itself, `bpbkar` stores the snapshot-based image block-by-block in shared memory on the media server.
  - If the media server backs up a client that resides on a different host, the `bptm` process on the server creates a child process of itself. The child receives the snapshot-based image from the client by means of socket communications and then stores the image block-by-block in shared memory.
- 13 The original `bptm` process takes the backup image from shared memory and sends it to the storage device (disk or tape).

- 14 bptm sends the backup completion status to bpbrm, which passes it to nbjm.
- 15 When nbpem receives the backup completion status from nbjm, nbpem tells nbjm to delete the snapshot. nbjm starts a new instance of bpbrm on the media server, and bpbrm starts a new instance of bpfis on the client. bpfis deletes the snapshot on the client, unless the snapshot is of the Instant Recovery type, in which case it is not automatically deleted. bpfis and bpbrm report their status and exit.

## VMware backup

The following shows a VMware backup process.



The basic processing steps for a VMware backup operation are the following:

## VMware backup procedure

- 1** The Policy Execution Manager (`nbpem`) triggers a backup job when the policy, schedule, and virtual machine are due and the backup window is open. The `nbpem` process, the Job Manager (`nbjm`), the Resource Broker (`nbrb`), and the Enterprise Media Manager (`nbemm`) together identify the resources (media server, storage unit, etc.) for the backup operation.
- 2** For a VMware Intelligent Policy (VIP), you can throttle the VMware resources that are used in the vSphere environment. For example, you can limit the resources to four concurrent backup jobs running from a vSphere datastore. This level of control tunes the number of backups to minimally influence the user and application experience on the vSphere platform.
- 3** `nbpem` uses `nbjm` to contact the selected media server and to start the Backup and Restore Manager (`bpbrm`) on it. A snapshot job (also referred to as the parent job) goes active in the Activity Monitor.
- 4** `nbjm` starts an instance of `bpbrm` through the client service (`bpcd`) on the media server. `bpbrm` starts the Frozen Image Snapshot (`bpfis`) through the client service (`bpcd`) on the VMware backup host. `bpfis` creates a snapshot of the VM data by using vCenter or ESX host depending on the configured credential servers.  
  
`bpfis` armed with vADP contacts the vSphere host (vCenter) or the ESX/ESXi host for which credentials are stored in the NetBackup database and initiates the snapshot for the VM. For multiple VMs, `bpbrm` starts `bpfis` for each VM so that the snapshot operations occur in parallel. As in step 2, you can control the number of concurrent snapshots for a VIP by setting VMware resource limits in NetBackup. `bpfis` contacts the vSphere host by using the standard SSL port (the default is 443).
- 5** `bpfis` contacts the Request Manager (`bprd`) to request transfer of `bpfis` state files from the VMware Backup Host to the primary server.
- 6** `bprd` requests `bpcd` on the VMware Backup Host to send a list of `bpfis` state files. `bprd` copies each state file from the VMware Backup Host to the primary server.
- 7** `bpfis` sends snapshot information and completion status to `bpbrm`. `bpbrm` reports the snapshot information and status to `nbjm`. `nbjm` relays the information and status to `nbpem`.
- 8** `nbpem` submits a child job for the backup to `nbjm`, with a file list derived from the snapshot information. `nbjm` starts `bpbrm` to back up the snapshot.
- 9** `bpbrm` uses `bpcd` to start `bpbkar` on the VMware Backup Host.

- 10** The backup and archive manager (`bpbkar`) loads the Cohesity Mapping Services (VxMS) which loads the VMware Disk Development Kit (VDDK) APIs. The APIs are used for reading from the vSphere datastore. VxMS maps the stream during run-time and identifies the contents of the vmdk file. `bpbkar` uses VxMS to send the file catalog information to `bpbarm`, which relays it to the database manager `bpdbm` on the primary server.
- 11** `bpbarm` also starts the process `bptm` (parent) on the media server.

The following shows the operation of the V-Ray within VxMS:

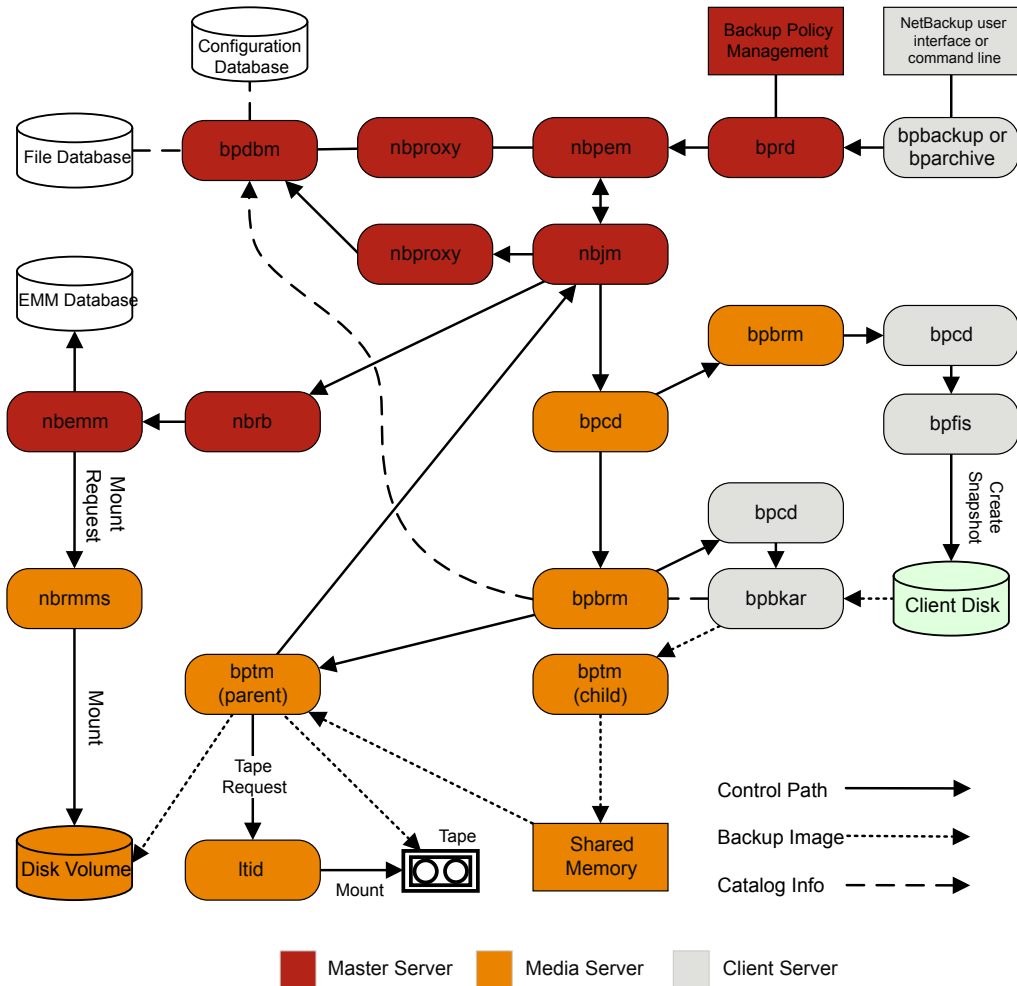
  - V-Ray within VxMS generates the catalog of all the files inside the VMDK from both Windows and Linux VMs. The operation occurs while backup data is being streamed. `bpbarm` on the media server sends this catalog information to the primary server.
  - The file system inode level also identifies unused and deleted blocks. For example, if the application on VM allocates 1 TB of space for a file, of which only 100 GB is currently used, the backup stream includes only that 100 GB. Similarly, if you delete a 1 TB file that was fully allocated in the past, VxMS skips the deleted blocks (unless the blocks are now allocated for a new file) from the backup stream. This optimization not only speeds up the backup stream, but reduces needed storage even when deduplication is not enabled.
  - If the source side deduplication feature is enabled, the VMware backup host does the deduplication. The NetBackup deduplication plug-in using the mapping information that VxMS generates and sees the actual files in the file system within the VMDK. This V-Ray vision is established by the NetBackup deduplication plug-in that loads a dedicated stream handler that understands the VxMS mapping info.
  - Because these operations occur on the VMware backup host, the ESX resources and the VM resources are not used. This setup is true off-host backup with no burden on the production vSphere. Even the source side deduplication occurs in an off-host system.
- 12** If the media server is the VMware Backup Host, `bpbkar` stores the snapshot-based image block-by-block in shared memory on the media server. If the media server is backing up a separate VMware Backup Host that is not the media server, the `bptm` process on the server creates a child process of itself. The child uses socket communications to receive the snapshot-based image from the VMware Backup Host and stores the image block-by-block in shared memory.
- 13** The original tape manager (`bptm`) process takes the backup image from shared memory and sends it to the storage device (disk or tape).

- 14 `bptm` sends backup completion status to `bpbrm`, which passes it to `nbjm` and `nbpem`.
- 15 `nbpem` tells `nbjm` to delete the snapshot. `nbjm` starts a new instance of `bpbrm` on the media server, and `bpbrm` starts a new instance of `bpfis` on the VMware Backup Host. `bpfis` deletes the snapshot on the vSphere environment. `bpfis` and `bpbrm` report their status and exit.

## Snapshot backup and Windows open file backups

Figure 11-1 shows the overall snapshot backup process. PBX (not shown in the diagram) must be running for NetBackup to operate.

**Figure 11-1** Snapshot backup and Windows open file backup using multiple data streams



Notes:  
 \* For details on these components, see the Media and Device Management Functional Description later in this chapter.  
 \*\* If the media server is backing up itself (server and client on same host), there is no **bptm** child: **bpbkar** sends the data directly to shared memory.

A separate parent job creates all snapshots, then a child job backs up the snapshot. The following sequence of operations is for snapshot creation and backup, including the Windows open file backups that employ multiple data streams:

- The NetBackup primary server or primary client initiates the backup. This action causes the NetBackup Request Daemon `bprd` to submit a backup request to the NetBackup Policy Execution Manager `nbpem`. `nbpem` processes the policy configurations.
- `nbpem` (through `nbjm`) starts a parent job to create the snapshot. This job is separate from the job that backs up the snapshot.
- `nbjm` starts an instance of `bpbrm` through `bpcd` on the media server, and `bpbrm` starts `bpfis` through `bpcd` on the client.
- `bpfis` creates a snapshot of the client's data by means of a snapshot method.
- When `bpfis` is finished, it sends snapshot information and completion status to `bpbrm` and exits. `bpbrm`, in turn, reports the snapshot information and status to `nbjm` and exits. `nbjm` relays the information and status to `nbpem`.
- `nbpem` submits a child job for the backup to `nbjm`, with a file list derived from the snapshot information. `nbjm` starts `bpbrm` to back up the snapshot.
- `bpbrm` starts `bpbkar` on the client. `bpbkar` sends the file catalog information to `bpbrm`, which relays it to the NetBackup file database `bpdbm` on the primary server.
- `bpbrm` starts the process `bptm` (parent) on the media server.
- The next step depends on the following: Whether the media server backs up itself (`bptm` and `bpbkar` on the same host), or the media server backs up a client on a different host. If the media server backs up itself, `bpbkar` stores the snapshot-based image block by block in shared memory on the media server. If the media server backs up a client that resides on a different host, `bptm` on the server creates a child process of itself. The child receives the snapshot-based image from the client by means of socket communications and then stores the image block-by-block in shared memory.
- The original `bptm` process then takes the backup image from shared memory and sends it to the storage device (disk or tape).  
Information is available on how the tape request is issued.  
See "Media and device management process" in the *NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide*.
- `bptm` sends backup completion status to `bpbrm`, which passes it to `nbjm`.

- When `nbpem` receives backup completion status from `nbjm`, `nbpem` tells `nbjm` to delete the snapshot. `nbjm` starts a new instance of `bpbrm` on the media server, and `bpbrm` starts a new instance of `bpfis` on the client. `bpfis` deletes the snapshot on the client, unless the snapshot is of the Instant Recovery type, in which case it is not automatically deleted. `bpfis` and `bpbrm` report their status and exit.

For more information, see the [NetBackup Snapshot Manager for Data Center Administrator's Guide](#).

Note that Windows open file backups do not require Snapshot Client.

# Locating logs

This chapter includes the following topics:

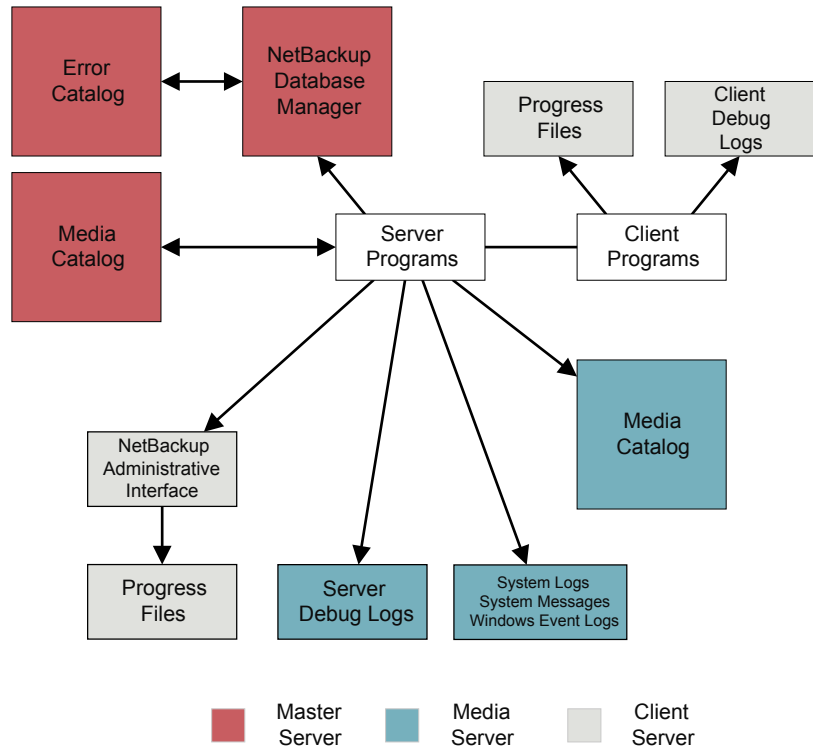
- [Overview of NetBackup log locations and processes](#)
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- [bpbkar logging](#)
- [bpbm logging](#)
- [bpcd logging](#)
- [bpcompatd logging](#)
- [bpdbm logging](#)
- [bpjobd logging](#)
- [bprd logging](#)
- [bprdproxy logging](#)
- [bprestore logging](#)
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- PBX logging
- reqlib logging
- Robots logging
- tar logging
- txxd and txxcd logging
- vnetd logging

## Overview of NetBackup log locations and processes

Figure 12-1 shows the location of the log and report information on the client and the server and the processes that make the information available.

**Figure 12-1** Logs available in the NetBackup enterprise system



NetBackup offers many different reports to view information about job activity and media. Currently only the **All log entries** report is available in the NetBackup web UI. Other reports are available in the NetBackup Administration Console. See the [NetBackup Administrator's Guide, Volume I](#) for details.

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**Note:** The log-entry format in the NetBackup logs is subject to change without notice.

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## acssi logging

On UNIX systems, the NetBackup ACS storage server interface (`acssi`) communicates with the ACS library software host.

Log location	<code>/usr/opensv/volmgr/debug/acsssi</code>
Server where it resides	media
Logging method	Legacy

## bpbackup logging

The `bpbackup` command-line executable is used to initiate user backups.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpbackup</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpbackup</code>
Server where it resides	client
Logging method	Legacy

## bpbkar logging

The backup and archive manager (`bpbkar`) is used to read client data, which is sent to the media server to write to the storage media. It also collects metadata about the files that have been backed up to create the `files` file.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpbkar</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpbkar</code>
Server where it resides	client
Logging method	Legacy

## bpbrm logging

The NetBackup backup and restore manager (`bpbrm`) manages the client and `bptm` process. It also uses the error status from the client and from `bptm` to determine the final status of backup and restore operations.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpbrm</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpbrm</code>
Server where it resides	media
Logging method	Legacy

## bpcd logging

The NetBackup client service (`bpcd`) authenticates remote hosts and launches processes on local hosts.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpcd</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpcd</code>
Server where it resides	media and client
Logging method	Legacy

## bpcompatd logging

The NetBackup compatibility service (`bpcompatd`) creates connections between some multi-threaded processes and NetBackup legacy processes.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpcompatd</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpcompatd</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Legacy

## bpdbm logging

The NetBackup Database Manager (`bpdbm`) manages the configuration, error, and file databases.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\bpdbm</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpdbm</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Legacy

## bpjobd logging

The `bpjobd` service manages the jobs database and relays job statuses to the Activity Monitor.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \NetBackup\logs\bpjobd <i>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpjobd</i>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Legacy

## bprd logging

The NetBackup Request Daemon (`bprd`) responds to client and administrative requests for backups, restores, and archives.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \NetBackup\logs\bprd <i>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bprd</i>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Legacy

## bprdproxy logging

The `bprdproxy` daemon acts as an intermediary between `bprd` and `nbpem`. It proxies `bprd` requests to `nbpem`; likewise, it translates `nbpem` responses back to `bprd`.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \NetBackup\logs\bprdproxy <i>/usr/opensv/logs/bprdproxy</i>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Unified

## bprestore logging

The `bprestore` command-line executable is used to initiate restores. It communicates with `bprd` on the primary server.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \NetBackup\logs\bprestore <i>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bprestore</i>
Server where it resides	client

Logging method Legacy

## bptestnetconn logging

The `bptestnetconn` command performs several tasks that help you analyze DNS and connectivity problems with any specified list of hosts, including the server list in the NetBackup configuration.

To help troubleshoot connectivity problems between the services that use CORBA communications, `bptestnetconn` can perform and report on CORBA connections to named services. The command can also perform and report the responsiveness of the NetBackup Web Service. The command shows the connection direction, whether the communication was encrypted by a connection to the secure proxy process or not.

Log location `install_path\Cohesity\NetBackup\logs\nbutils`  
`/usr/opensv/logs/nbutils`

Server where it resides primary, client, and media

Logging method Unified

## bptm logging

The NetBackup tape management process (`bptm`) manages the transfer of backup images between the client and the storage device (tape or disk).

Log location `install_path\NetBackup\logs\bptm`  
`/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bptm`

Server where it resides media

Logging method Legacy

## daemon logging

The `daemon` log includes debug information for the Volume Manager service (`vmd`) and its associated processes.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \volmgr\debug\daemon  /usr/openv/volmgr/debug/daemon
Server where it resides	primary and media
Logging method	Legacy

## ltid logging

The logical tape interface daemon (`ltid`), also called the NetBackup Device Manager, controls the reservation and assignment of tapes.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \volmgr\debug\ltid  /usr/openv/volmgr/debug/ltid
Server where it resides	media
Logging method	Legacy

## nbemm logging

On the server that is defined as the primary server, the NetBackup Enterprise Media Manager (`nbemm`) manages devices, media, and storage unit configuration. It supplies `nbrb` with a cache list of available resources, and manages the internal state of storage, (UP/DOWN) based on heartbeat information and disk polling.

Create the following directory before you start `nbemm`:

Windows: *install\_path*\Volmgr\debug\vmgcd\

UNIX: /usr/openv/volmgr/debug/vmscd

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \NetBackup\logs\nbemm  /usr/openv/logs/nbemm
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Unified

## nbjm logging

The NetBackup Job Manager (`nbjm`) accepts job requests from `nbpem` and from media commands, and it acquires the necessary resources for the jobs. It interacts

with `bpjobjd` to provide updates to the activity monitor states, starts the `bpbrm` media manager service as needed, and updates the internal job states.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbjm</code> <code>/usr/opensv/logs/nbjm</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Unified

## nbpem logging

The NetBackup Policy Execution Manager (`nbpem`) creates policy and client tasks and determines when jobs are run.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbpem</code> <code>/usr/opensv/logs/nbpem</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Unified

## nbproxy logging

The proxy service `nbproxy` enables `nbpem` and `nbjm` to query primary server catalogs.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbproxy</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/nbproxy</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Legacy

## nbrb logging

On the primary server, the NetBackup Resource Broker (`nbrb`) locates logical and physical resources from a cached list of resources to satisfy storage units, media, and client reservations for jobs. It initiates drive queries every 10 minutes to check the state of the drives.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbrb</code> <code>/usr/opensv/logs/nbrb</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Unified

## NetBackup Vault logging

Vault Session directories are found in the following location:

```
install_path\NetBackup\vault\sessions\vaultname\session_x
```

Where *session\_x* is the session number. This directory contains vault log files, temporary working files, and report files.

See the [NetBackup Administrator's Guide, Volume II](#) for instructions about how to use this entry.

## NetBackup web services logging

This topic describes the logs for the NetBackup web services.

Log location	<i>Web server logs</i> <code>install_path\NetBackup\wmc\webserver\logs</code> <code>/usr/opensv/wmc/webserver/logs</code> <i>Web applications logs</i> <code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbwebservice</code> <code>/usr/opensv/logs/nbwebservice</code>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	Unified

The NetBackup web server framework does not use the standard VxUL format. For more information on the format of these logs and how they are created, see the documentation for Apache Tomcat at <http://tomcat.apache.org>.

See the [NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide](#) for more information on how to access the web services logs.

# NetBackup web server certificate logging

NetBackup creates the following logs when it generates and deploys the web server certificate during installation.

Log location	<pre>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbatd install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbcert  C:\ProgramData\Cohesity\NetBackup\InstallLogs\ WMC_configureCerts_YYYYMMDD_timestamp.txt  /usr/opensv/logs/nbatd /usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/nbcert /usr/opensv/wmc/webserver/logs/configureCerts.log</pre>
Server where it resides	primary
Logging method	<p>The <code>nbatd</code> log uses unified logging. The <code>configureCerts.log</code> uses a simple logging style and not VxUL.</p> <p>The <code>nbcert</code> log uses the legacy logging method.</p>

NetBackup creates the following logs when it renews the web server certificate.

Log location	<pre>install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbatd install_path\NetBackup\logs\nbwebsevice  C:\ProgramData\Cohesity\NetBackup\InstallLogs\ WMC_configureCerts_YYYYMMDD_timestamp.txt  /usr/opensv/logs/nbatd /usr/opensv/logs/nbwebsevice /usr/opensv/wmc/webserver/logs/configureCerts.log</pre>
Server where it resides	primary
How to access	<p>The <code>nbwebsevice</code> (OID 466 and 484) and <code>nbatd</code> (OID 18) logs use unified logging. The <code>configureCerts.log</code> uses a simple logging style and not VxUL.</p>

See the [NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide](#) for more information on how to access the web services logs.

## PBX logging

Private Branch Exchange (PBX) is the communication mechanism used by most NetBackup processes.

Log location	<code>install_path\VxPBX\log</code> <code>/opt/VRTSspbx/log</code>
Server where it resides	primary, media, and client
Logging method	Unified
	To view logs for PBX, you must use the PBX product ID, which is 50936. You also must have root or administrator privileges.

See the [NetBackup Troubleshooting Guide](#) for more information on how to access PBX logs.

## reqlib logging

The `reqlib` log includes debug information on the processes that request media management services from EMM or the Volume Manager service (`vmd`).

Log location	<code>install_path\volmgr\debug\reqlib</code> <code>/usr/openv/volmgr/debug/reqlib</code>
Server where it resides	primary and media
Logging method	Legacy

## Robots logging

The `robots` log includes debug information on all robotic daemons, including the `txxd` and `txxcd` daemons.

Log location	<code>install_path\volmgr\debug\robots</code> <code>/usr/openv/volmgr/debug/robots</code>
Server where it resides	media
Logging method	Legacy

See “[txxd and txxcd logging](#)” on page 156.

## tar logging

The Tape Archive program (`tar`) writes restore data to the client disk. On Windows clients, the binary name is `tar32.exe` and on UNIX clients the binary name is `nbtar`.

Log location	<code>install_path\NetBackup\logs\tar</code> <code>/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/tar</code>
Server where it resides	client
Logging method	Legacy

See [“About restore logging”](#) on page 79.

## txxd and txxcd logging

The robotic daemon (`txxd`, where `xx` varies based on the type of robot being used) provides the interface between `ltid` and the tape library. The robotic control daemon (`txxcd`) provides the robotic control for the robot and communicates mount and unmount requests.

Log location	The <code>txxd</code> and <code>txxcd</code> processes do not have their own log files. Instead, errors are logged in the <code>robots</code> debug log and the system log. The system log is managed by <code>syslog</code> on UNIX and by the Event Viewer on Windows.  See <a href="#">“UNIX logging with syslogd”</a> on page 50.  See <a href="#">“Logging options with the Windows Event Viewer”</a> on page 51.  See <a href="#">“Robots logging”</a> on page 155.
Logging method	The debug information is included by adding the word <code>VERBOSE</code> to the <code>vm.conf</code> file.  See <a href="#">“How to control the amount of information written to legacy logging files”</a> on page 48.  On UNIX, debug information is also included by starting the daemon with the <code>-v</code> option (either by itself or through <code>ltid</code> ).

## vnetd logging

The NetBackup Legacy Network Service (`vnetd`) is a communication mechanism used to create firewall-friendly socket connections.

Log location	<i>install_path</i> \NetBackup\logs\vnetd /usr/opensv/logs/vnetd or /usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/vnetd if the vnetd directory exists there. If the vnetd directory exists in both locations, logging occurs only in /usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/vnetd.
Server where it resides	primary, media, and client
Logging method	Legacy

# Using the Log collection utility

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## About the Log collection utility

The **Log collection** utility is a helpful tool that can shorten the time that is required to collect debug logs and other information.

The **Log collection** utility is a helpful tool that can shorten the time that is required to set up and collect debug logs and other information. Because this utility automatically performs a number of functions, you can avoid the problems that are associated with manually logging into NetBackup hosts, creating log directories, and changing logging levels.

### Limitations

Note the following limitations for the **Log collection** utility:

- The **Log collection** utility does not support Cloud Scale environments.
- NetBackup does not collect logs from any agentless hosts where the NetBackup client is not installed. For example, any agentless hosts that are used for the VMware, Cloud Object Store, DBPaaS, and BigData workloads, or any

NetBackup Snapshot Manager or Malware scan host. However, logs are available for the hosts that are designated as the server or host to use for backups, including a "backup host" or an "access host".

- NetBackup does not collect logs for malware scan jobs. The logs are only collected from the primary server (if selected) or the selected media servers and not from any clients.
- Only the web UI log records are available in the NetBackup web UI. The Alta View and the Administration Console log records are not visible in the NetBackup web UI.

## Requirements

Note the following requirements and operational notes when you use the **Log collection** utility:

- Use the **Log collection** utility only under the guidance of Cohesity Technical Support.
- To use the Log collection utility you must have the RBAC Administrator role. Or, you must have a role with permissions to collect logs. To collect logs for specific jobs, you must also have permissions to view jobs. See "[Configuring RBAC roles for Log collection administrators](#)" on page 159.
- You can only collect logs for one log record at a time. If another log collection process is running, wait for it to complete. You can then select a different log record and select **Collect logs**.
- In NetBackup 11.1 NetBackup creates the log directories and adjusts the verbosity of logging levels.

## Configuring RBAC roles for Log collection administrators

NetBackup enables control over which users can perform log collection using Role Based Access Control (RBAC). You can grant RBAC access for all of NetBackup with the Administrator role. Alternatively, you can create a custom role that allows only log collection actions and, optionally, the viewing of jobs so users can collect logs for specific jobs.

Note the following:

- To create an RBAC role, you must have the RBAC Administrator role or the permissions to create roles.
- Contact your NetBackup administrator for assistance with creating roles and adding users to roles.

For information on the RBAC permissions and default roles, see the NetBackup API documentation at <http://sort.veritas.com/>.

## Create a custom role for a log collection administrator

A custom role can allow a log collection administrator to sign into the NetBackup web UI with limited access. Use this role if you do not want an administrator to have the RBAC Administrator role. With this custom role, this type of administrator can only perform log collection actions and (optionally) view the Activity monitor and NetBackup jobs to collect logs for specific jobs.

### To create a custom role for log collection administrator

**1** On the left, select **Security > RBAC** and select **Add**.

**2** Select **Custom role** and select **Next**.

**3** Provide a **Role name** and a description.

For example, include a description that the role allows an administrator to perform log collection.

**4** Under **Permissions**, select **Assign**.

**5** On the **Global** tab, expand **NetBackup management**.

**6** (Optional) Go to **Jobs**. Then select **View**.

A user must have this permission to be able to view jobs in the Activity monitor and to collect log for a specific job.

**7** Go to **Troubleshooting > Log collection**.

**8** Select **View**, **Delete**, and **Manage logs**.

Note that the **View** permission also gives the user the ability to download logs.

**9** Select **Assign**.

**10** Under **Users**, select **Assign**. Then add the users that you want to have this RBAC role.

**11** Select **Assign**.

**12** When you are done configuring the role, select **Add role**.

## Add a record and collect logs

Use the **Log collection** utility to add a new log record and collect logs for Cohesity Technical Support. If you already created a record and want to collect additional information, create a new record with the same Support ID.

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**Note:** Ensure that each of the selected hosts contains enough available space for the selected debug logs.

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**To add a record and collect logs**

- 1** If you want to upload the log files to Cohesity Technical Support, you need the **Support case ID**. Call Cohesity Technical Support to open a support case.
- 2** Open the NetBackup web UI.
- 3** Select from the following options:
  - Collect logs for specific job in the Activity monitor.  
Select the **Jobs** tab, select the job, then select **Collect logs**.
  - Create a new log record in the **Log collection** utility.  
At the top right, select **Help > Log collection**. Then select **Add record** or **Add new record**.
- 4** (Optional) Provide the **Job ID**.

If you choose to collect logs from the Activity monitor, this job ID is automatically populated.

When you add the **Job ID**, NetBackup automatically selects the hosts and logs for that job ID.

For the following cases, do not provide a job ID:

  - The problem does not involve a particular NetBackup job.
  - You already know the hosts that you want to enable.
- 5** (Optional) Provide the **Support case ID**.
- 6** (Optional) Provide a description for the log record.
- 7** Select **Next**.
- 8** Select one of the following collection options:
  - **Collect both NBSU diagnostic information and debug logs**
  - **Collect NBSU diagnostic information**
  - **Collect debug logs**
- 9** (Conditional) If you selected **Collect debug logs**, select the dates and times for which you want to gather logs.

If you did not provide a job ID, the date and the time default to the last 24 hours. If you did provide a job ID, the date and time reflects the time that the job ran.
- 10** Do one or more of the following:

If you added the **Job ID**, NetBackup automatically selects the hosts and logs for that job ID.

  - Select **Collect logs for primary server** to collect logs for the primary server.

- Go to **Media servers** and add any media servers.
  - Go to **Clients** and add any clients.
- 11 Select **Next**.
  - 12 Review the configuration details of the log collection.  
At the top of the page you can see where NetBackup saves the logs.
  - 13 Select **Collect**.  
NetBackup collects the logs according to the job ID or the criteria that you specified.
  - 14 Verify the information to send to Cohesity Technical Support.
  - 15 On the **Log collection** page, locate the log record that you created. The **Collection status** column displays the progress.
  - 16 After the log collection is complete, continue with the process to download the logs.  
See [“Download logs for a log record”](#) on page 162.

## View log records and log collection status

You can view the log records that you created and (if applicable) the status of the log collection for each record. Note that log collection does not start automatically for any log record with a status of “Not started”. After any in-progress log collection is completed, you must manually select **Actions > Collect** to start collection for that record.

### To view log records and log collection status

- 1 Open the NetBackup web UI.
- 2 At the top right, select **Help > Log collection**.
- 3 Locate and select the link for the log record.

You can search for values in the ID and the description columns.

To view additional details about the record, select **More**. The **Progress log** section displays the details of the log collection process.

## Download logs for a log record

After the log collection for a log record is complete, you can download the logs and then upload those logs to Cohesity Technical Support.

**To download logs for a log record**

- 1 Open the NetBackup web UI.
- 2 At the top right, select **Help > Log collection**.
- 3 Locate and select the log record.
- 4 Select **Download**.

NetBackup creates an archive file that contains log collection information for the selected hosts. Depending on the collection option that you chose, the archive file contains `nbsu` information, debug log information, or both.

## Delete a log record

You can delete a log record and the collected evidence if you no longer require it.

**To delete a log record**

- 1 Open the NetBackup web UI.
- 2 At the top right, select **Help > Log collection**.
- 3 Locate the record, then select **Actions > Delete record**.

NetBackup deletes the record and the associated evidence on the primary server.

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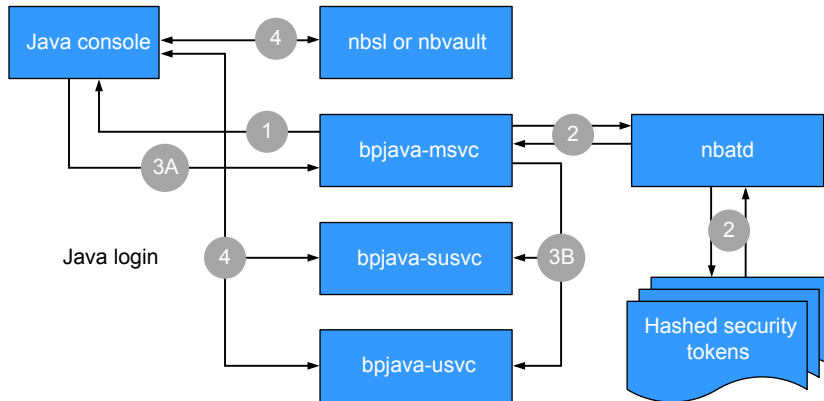
This chapter includes the following topics:

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## NetBackup Administration Console logging process flow

The console can run directly on a supported Java-capable UNIX computer or on a Windows computer where the **NetBackup Administration Console** is installed.

The NetBackup Administration Console logging process flow is as follows:



The following steps describe the NetBackup Administration Console login process:

1. The user initiates a login request to the NetBackup Administration Console. The credentials are sent to `bpjava-msvc` over the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) using the Server Security Certificate.
2. The `bpjava-msvc` process authenticates the token through `nbatd`, which reads the hashed security tokens on the server.
3. The following steps describe the process with the session certificate:
  - The `bpjava-msvc` process sends a response to the console login with a session token and a fingerprint of the session certificate.
  - The `bpjava-msvc` process initiates the appropriate `bpjava-*usvc` process and the session certificate and token are passed to one of the following processes:
    - `bpjava-susvc` for the **NetBackup Administration Console**
    - `bpjava-usvc` for the Backup, Archive, and Restore (BAR) interface
4. Various calls are made between the NetBackup Administration Console and `nbsl`, `bpjava-*usvc`, and `nbvault` (if configured) to populate the interface with the appropriate contents.

## Enabling detailed debug logging for the NetBackup Administration Console

The **NetBackup Administration Console** is a distributed application that allows the administration of remote NetBackup servers. All administration is accomplished through the application server of the console, which has an authentication service

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and a user service. The logon request is sent to the authentication service. If the user name and password are valid, the authentication service starts a user service under the user's account. Thereafter, all NetBackup administrative tasks are performed through an instance of the user service. Additional user service processes are initiated to process requests from the console.

Table 14-1 describes how to create detailed debug logging for the **NetBackup Administration Console**.

**Table 14-1** Enabling detailed debug logging

Step	Description
Step 1	<p>On the NetBackup client or server, create the following directories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ bpjava-msvc (authentication service)</li> <li>■ bpjava-susvc (the user service on the server)</li> <li>■ bpjava-usvc (the user service on the client)</li> </ul> <p>Create the directories in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>install_path</i>\NetBackup\logs (Windows)</li> <li>■ /usr/opensv/netbackup/logs (UNIX)</li> </ul>
Step 2	<p>Add the following line to the <code>Debug.properties</code> file:</p> <pre>debugMask=0x00040000</pre> <p>On UNIX, change the file on the UNIX machine where you run the <code>jnbSA</code> or <code>jbpSA</code> commands.</p> <p>If you use the <b>NetBackup Remote Administration Console</b>, change the file in the following locations:</p> <pre>/usr/opensv/java</pre> <pre><i>install_path</i>\VERITAS\java</pre>
Step 3	<p>If you use the <b>Remote Administration Console</b>, edit the <code>nbjava.bat</code> file to redirect output to a file:</p> <pre><i>install_path</i>\VERITAS\java\nbjava.bat</pre>

## Setting up a secure channel between the NetBackup Administration Console and bpjava-\*

The following steps describe the process flow to set up a secure channel between the NetBackup Administration Console and `bpjava-*`:

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**Note:** The following processes are used: `bpjava-msvc`, which controls the login and authentication; `bpjava-susvc`, which is the administration console process; and `bpjava-usvc`, which is the client Backup, Archive, and Restore (BAR) interface.

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1. The user initiates a login to the console. The credentials are sent to `bpjava-msvc` over the SSL (using the Server Security Certificate).
2. The `bpjava-msvc` process authenticates the user who uses the user credentials that were received in step 1.
3. After the user is authenticated, the `bpjava-msvc` process performs the following:
  - Generates the entities that are called the self-signed session certificate, the key, and the session token.
  - Launches the daemon `bpjava-*usvc` to gather more requests from the NetBackup Administration Console.
  - Passes the self-signed session certificate and the session token to `bpjava-*usvc`.

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**Note:** The `bpjava-*usvc` process uses a session certificate as a Server Security Certificate for the SSL channel. It uses the session token to authenticate the NetBackup Administration Console. The console does not use credentials while it connects to the `bpjava-*usvc` process. The NetBackup Administration Console uses the session token for authentication.

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- Sends the session token and the fingerprint of the session certificate to the NetBackup Administration Console.
- Persists session token and user information to a secure directory (`install_path/var`; for example, `/usr/opensv/var`) in a file on the NetBackup host. This directory is accessible only to the root/administrator. The file name format is as follows:

```
hash(session token)_bpjava-*usvc_pid
```

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**Note:** `msvc` saves this information so it can be used by `nbsl` or `nbvault` to authenticate the NetBackup Administration Console.

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- The `msvc` process stops the execution and exits.
4. `bpjava-*usvc` uses the session certificate to start the secure channel with the NetBackup Administration Console. This secure channel is a one-way

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authenticated SSL channel. (Only the server certificate is present and there is no peer certificate. There is no certificate from the NetBackup Administration Console side.)

5. The NetBackup Administration Console receives the session certificate as a part of the initial SSL handshake. It verifies the authenticity of the session certificate by using the pre-existing fingerprint of the session certificate (see step 3). The NetBackup Administration Console calculates the fingerprint of the session certificate that was received from `bpjava-*usvc` due to the SSL handshake. It compares the new fingerprint with the fingerprint sent by `msvc`.
6. Once the authenticity of the certificate is verified, the NetBackup Administration Console sends the session token (received in step 3) to `bpjava-*usvc`.
7. `bpjava-*usvc` verifies the received session token with the pre-existing one (see step 3).
8. The success of the session token validation creates trust between `bpjava-*usvc` and the NetBackup Administration Console.
9. All further communication occurs between `bpjava-*usvc` and the NetBackup Administration Console on this trusted secure channel.

## Setting up a secure channel between the NetBackup Administration Console and either nbsl or nbvault

The following steps describe the process flow to set up a secure channel between the NetBackup Administration Console and either `nbsl` or `nbvault`:

1. Trust is already set up between the NetBackup Administration Console and `bpjava-*`. The user information and session token already exist in a designated location with a name similar to the following:

```
hash(session token)_susvc_pid
```

See [“Setting up a secure channel between the NetBackup Administration Console and bpjava-\\*”](#) on page 166.

2. The NetBackup Administration Console sends a request to `nbsl/nbvault` for a secure connection.
3. `nbsl/nbvault` accepts the request and initiates a secure channel using the security certificate on the host. These daemons run with `root/administrator` privileges and can access the security certificate.

4. This secure channel is a one-way authenticated SSL channel where only the server certificate is present and there is no peer certificate. There is no certificate from the NetBackup Administration Console side.
5. The trust options for the security certificate are as follows:
  - The NetBackup Administration Console accepts the security certificate (or gives approval for this secure channel) if it trusts the NetBackup Certificate Authority (CA) who signed the security certificate.
  - If the NetBackup Administration Console does not trust the CA who signed the security certificate, it displays a pop-up dialog box. This dialog box asks if the user trusts the CA who has signed the certificate (This is a one-time activity. After the user gives consent to trust the CA, the dialog box does not display again.).
6. The NetBackup Administration Console sends a session token to `nbsl/nbvault`. See [“Setting up a secure channel between the NetBackup Administration Console and bjava-”](#) on page 166.
7. `nbsl/nbvault` verifies this session token by performing the following procedure:
  - Generates a hash of the session token that was received
  - Searches for the file with the name that starts with this hash at the designated location
  - If the file is found, it extracts the PID from it (see step 1)
  - Checks to see if the PID is valid
8. The success of the verification creates a trust between `nbsl/nbvault` and the NetBackup Administration Console.
9. All further communication occurs between `nbsl/nbvault` and the NetBackup Administration Console on this trusted secure channel.

## NetBackup Administration Console logging configuration on NetBackup servers and clients

Java console logging is automatically set up on systems on which the NetBackup client or server software is installed along with the Java GUI option. The Java logs are located in the following pre-existing log directories:

The Java GUI logs are located in the following log directories for root and administrator users:

- UNIX: `/usr/openv/netbackup/logs/user_ops/nbjlogs/`

- Windows: `install_directory\netbackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs\`

The Java GUI logs are located in the following log directories for non-root and non-administrator users:

- UNIX: `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/user_ops/nbjlogs/<non-root-username>`
- Windows:  
`install_directory\netbackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs\<non-admin-username>`

The administrator needs to create the non-root username directories under the `njlogs` directory using `mklogdir -user username -group groupname` command which is present in the NetBackup legacy log folder. If these username directories are not created with appropriate write permission for that user, then the user's home directory is used for logging. The `njlogs` folder is created in the user's home directory first and all logs appear in this folder. If the home directory is not accessible, the logs are redirected to console. The administrator can also use the `mklogdir` command to create a specific log directory for a specific user. For example, use the `mklogdir -create user_ops/nbjlogs -user username -group groupname` command to create this directory.

## Logging Java operations for the NetBackup Remote Administration Console

To log Java operations for a host that uses the NetBackup Remote Administration Console, you must update the `setconf.bat` file.

1. Create the following directory:

```
install_path\NetBackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs
```

2. Edit the following file:

```
install_path\Cohesity\Java\setconf.bat
```

3. Add the following line:

```
SET NB_INSTALL_PATH=C:\\Program Files\\Cohesity  
NetBackup\NetBackup
```

4. Save the file.
5. The next time that you open the Console, the following log is created:

```
install_path\NetBackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs
```

# Configuring and gathering logs when troubleshooting NetBackup Administration Console issues

After the NetBackup Administration Console is installed, the log levels are configured to gather a detailed set of logs.

The NetBackup Administration Console uses the `Debug.properties` file to determine which logging level to use:

```
/usr/opensv/java/Debug.properties
install_dir\VERITAS\Java\Debug.properties
```

The following settings are tuned to enable additional logging:

```
printcmds=true
debugMask=0x00040000
```

To increase the verbosity to max (which is recommended for troubleshooting), set `debugMask` to `debugMask=0x00160000`.

1. Gather the following NetBackup Administration Console logs from the following pre-existing log directories on the system from which the console was started:

The Java GUI logs are located in the following log directories for root and administrator users:

- UNIX: `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/user_ops/nbjlogs/`
- Windows: `install_directory\netbackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs\`

The Java GUI logs are located in the following log directories for non-root and non-administrator users, the Java GUI logs are located in the following log directories:

- UNIX:  
`/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/user_ops/nbjlogs/<non-root-username>`
- Windows:  
`install_directory\netbackup\logs\user_ops\nbjlogs\<non-admin-username>`

The administrator needs to create the non-root username directories under the `nbjlogs` directory using `mklogdir -user username -group groupname` command which is present in the NetBackup legacy log folder. If these username directories are not created with appropriate write permission for that user, then the users home directory is used for logging. The `nbjlogs` folder is created in the user's home directory first and all logs appear in this folder. If the home directory is not accessible, the logs are redirected to console.

2. On the primary server, log on to the NetBackup Administration Console to create the `admin`, `bpjava-msvc`, `bpjava-susvc`, and `bpjava-usvc` log directories and enable VERBOSE 5 logging. You do not have to restart the NetBackup daemons for the logging level changes to take effect.

For UNIX systems, create the following directories:

- `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/admin`
- `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpjava-msvc`
- `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpjava-susvc`
- `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs/bpjava-usvc`

3. In the `/usr/opensv/netbackup/bp.conf` file add the following lines:

```
ADMIN_VERBOSE = 5
BPJAVA-MSVC_VERBOSE = 5
BPJAVA-SUSVC_VERBOSE = 5
BPJAVA-USVC_VERBOSE = 5
```

4. For Windows systems, create the following directories:

- `install_dir\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\admin`
- `install_dir\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\bpjava-msvc`
- `install_dir\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\bpjava-susvc`
- `install_dir\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\bpjava-usvc`

5. Update the Windows registry at **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE > SOFTWARE > Veritas > NetBackup > CurrentVersion > Config** and add the following entries of type `DWORD`:

```
ADMIN_VERBOSE = 5
BPJAVA-MSVC_VERBOSE = 5
BPJAVA-SUSVC_VERBOSE = 5
BPJAVA-USVC_VERBOSE = 5
```

6. Run the following commands to set up detailed logging for `nbatd` (OID 18) and `nbsl` (OID 132). OID 137 (NetBackup libraries) and OID 156 (CORBA/ACE) write to the caller that requires access to either the libraries or CORBA/ACE, as follows:

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 18 -s DebugLevel=6
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 132 -s DebugLevel=6
```

```
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 137 -s DebugLevel=6  
vxlogcfg -a -p NB -o 156 -s DebugLevel=6
```

7. Gather the `nbatd` and `nbsl` logs that are located in the following directory paths:

For UNIX:

- `/usr/opensv/logs/nbsl`
- `/usr/opensv/logs/nbatd`

For Windows:

- `install_dir\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\nbsl`
- `install_dir\VERITAS\NetBackup\logs\nbatd`

8. Finally, gather the PBX logs, as follows:

- For UNIX: `/opt/VRTSspbx/log` (gather any logs that cover the current date and time)
- For Windows: `install_dir\VERITAS\pbx\log`

## Undo logging

Ensure that you undo the logging after you have gathered the logs that relate to your troubleshooting issue.

To remove the log configuration settings, use the following commands:

```
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 18 -s DebugLevel=6  
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 132 -s DebugLevel=6  
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 137 -s DebugLevel=6  
vxlogcfg -r -p NB -o 156 -s DebugLevel=6
```

On the primary server, comment out the following Java `VERBOSE` entries in the `bp.conf` file (UNIX) or in the registry (Windows):

- `ADMIN_VERBOSE`
- `BPJAVA-MSVC_VERBOSE`
- `BPJAVA-SUSVC_VERBOSE`
- `BPJAVA-USVC_VERBOSE`