



SPECTRA VAIL USER GUIDE



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This guide describes the installation, configuration, and use, of the Spectra Vail® software. The guide helps you to optimize the software for best performance and data security.

This guide is intended for data center administrators and operators who maintain and operate object storage systems. This guide assumes a familiarity with large-scale data storage architecture, with installing, configuring, and use of data storage software, as well as with various data storage mediums, including cloud, disk, and tape.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Vail Online Help

This user guide is also available in web form, and can be accessed by clicking the question mark (?) icon in the Vail management console, or by entering the below URL into a web browser.

<https://support.spectrallogic.com/vail/vailonlinehelp.htm>

Spectra Logic Vail Release Notes

The Spectra Vail Software Releases Notes on the [Support Portal website](#) provide the most up-to-date information about the Spectra Vail application, including information about the latest software releases and documentation updates.

Spectra Logic BlackPearl Systems

The following documents related to the BlackPearl® Nearline Gateway and BlackPearl NAS systems are available from the Documentation screen on the BlackPearl user interface, and on the [Support Portal website](#), at: support.spectrallogic.com.

The [Spectra BlackPearl Nearline Gateway User Guide](#) provides detailed information about configuring, using, and maintaining your BlackPearl Nearline Gateway system.

The [Spectra BlackPearl Nearline Gateway S3 API Reference](#) provides information on understanding and using the Spectra DS3 API.

The [BlackPearl NAS User Guide](#) provides detailed information about configuring, using, and maintaining your BlackPearl NAS system.

Spectra Logic Tape Libraries

User Guides for Spectra Logic® tape libraries are posted on the [Support Portal website](#).

WHAT'S NEW

The Vail application is updated to Vail 3.1.2, which brings with it the following new features:

Recoverable Metadata Storage

A "Third-party recovery" option is available for storage. This option forces the creation of a clone for delete markers, 0-length objects, and tiny objects, even though those clones are unnecessary. It also creates storage of full object metadata such that, in theory, objects can be recovered from just the content of the storage.

Consolidate Storage

Tape and disk pool storage now support consolidation of packs that only have partial content. The remaining required content is transferred to a new pack and the partial pack is deleted. Tape pools will consolidate packs that are 90% empty, and disk pools will consolidate packs that are 60% empty.

Consolidation of packs happens nightly, but can also be triggered manually. Manually triggering consolidation also causes metadata packs to consolidate.

0-day Lifecycles

Lifecycles now support lifecycle rules with a 0-day schedule. A rule with a 0-day schedule is processed at the next daily processing time. Immediate processing is still performed if a lifecycle rule does not have a schedule configured.

0-day Restores

Restores now allow a 0-day duration, resulting in immediate expiration of the restore as soon as the content is available. The theory of this operation is to load the object content in cache or as an optional clone on volume storage, without creating a requirement that the data be persisted for any period of time. Normal priorities for ejecting cached data and optional clones should allow time for the content to be retrieved.

The "Hide Glacier Operations" option now uses a 0-day restore.

The 0-day restore also can be used to immediately expire a completed restore. Using put-object-restore and specifying 0 days for the retention will cause a restore to immediately expire.

User Interface/API Access Under Heavy Load

Excessive S3 socket connections are now rejected explicitly, allowing a different limit to be enforced for access to the user interface and API. This means the user interface and API should remain accessible even when the S3 service is under heavy load.

Linked Buckets Without Notifications

The Vail application now supports an option to pause notifications for linked bucket changes. When notifications are paused, changes are only recognized when the bucket scan is manually triggered either through the management console or by API call. This option allows non-AWS S3 buckets to be linked.

Disable/Enable Optional Clones

Optional clones can now be disabled or enabled at any time, not just at storage creation. Disabling optional clones improves performance and reduces database load, since access times do not need to be tracked.

Storage Creation Includes All Parameters

The storage class, restore, and recoverability options are now included in the storage creation wizard. Previously these options could only be updated through the edit wizard.

Storage Creation By Data Policy

You no longer create buckets using the BlackPearl user interface when creating tape or disk pool storage. Instead, you select a data policy compatible with Vail , and the Vail application creates the required BlackPearl bucket. Buckets created through the BlackPearl user interface can only be used for linked storage.

Performance Chart Improvements

The performance page now shows a single chart, allowing you to select an endpoint, table type, and instance. Multiple charts can be displayed by opening additional browser windows.

BlackPearl pool performance charts are now available through the Vail management console.

The lifecycle clone performance chart now includes delete operations. Operations per second is used instead of the number of active operations so that activity is registered if any operation occurs.

Lifecycle And Delete Queue Improvements

There are now separate queues for each storage destination, and a separate queue for delete operations. This allows clone operations to be quickly removed from the general pod queue. Storage-specific queues are created as needed, and removed if they remain empty for several minutes.

The separate queues allow for much faster processing of deletes, and for better prioritization of clone creation on different storage destinations.

Data Transfer Performance Improvements

A block stream mechanism reduced the number of socket requests required to transfer data between endpoints. This also increases parallelism so fewer active transfers are needed to saturate the network.

Database index improvements

The use of a sparse secondary index greatly improves performance of the local control database. This is especially true when a small percentage of objects have scheduled processing.

CHAPTER 1 - UNDERSTANDING THE VAIL APPLICATION

This chapter describes the concepts behind the Vail application and how it works with various storage technologies and mediums.

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VAIL APPLICATION FEATURES

The Spectra Logic Vail application is an advanced data management system providing a comprehensive solution for managing, protecting, and accessing data across hybrid cloud and on-premises environments. Vail integrates various data storage technologies to streamline data workflows and ensure efficient data management and protection.

The major Spectra Vail application features include:

- Global access to a single name space, which allows for seamless data management across various locations and storage types.
- Command, control, and monitoring using a single management point, which simplifies the management process.
- S3-compatible interface for easy integration with applications and services using the S3 API.
- Data stored on-premises using flash, disk, tape, or third party storage.
- Data stored to and synchronized from cloud storage, allowing for flexible data management options. The Vail application supports cloud storage providers such as Amazon Web Services®, Microsoft® Azure®, Google Cloud Storage®, and others.
- Once an object is uploaded anywhere in the Vail sphere, it is immediately available to anyone who is connected to the sphere, promoting collaboration and efficient data access.
- Rich policy engine provides time-based data placement for each storage type and geographic location, allowing for efficient data management and compliance with data governance policies.
- Unlimited number of data storage sites, offering scalability to meet growing data storage and security needs. Migrating data to multiple geographic locations around the world allows for increased data protection in the event of natural disasters or virus attacks, which normally would impact where and how a company accesses its data.
- Local or cloud-based control. Local control uses a standalone BlackPearl S3 system without the need for cloud services, and includes support for multi-factor authentication. Cloud control allows organizations to log in from anywhere in the world to control and monitor data movement, enhancing accessibility and operational flexibility.

Other features of the Vail application include:

- A high-speed cache on the BlackPearl S3 solution which enhances performance for frequently accessed data.
- System monitoring and tools to view capacity information and performance metrics, ensuring optimal data management.

- Supports Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) for S3 commands, enhancing web integration capabilities.
- The Vail application can use a HotPair BlackPearl system running BlackPearl OS 5.7.x or later, enhancing data protection and availability.
- An improved bucket object display includes information about the total number of objects, object size, and total size of all objects in the bucket, all within the Vail management console.
- Supports S3 bucket notifications for various bucket events and S3 tagging of objects, allowing IAM policies to use tags instead of prefixes.
- Includes the BlackPearl Embedded Dashboard for controlling common features of the BlackPearl system without accessing its user interface.

General Use Cases include:

- **Backup and Archive:** Serves as a target for backup applications and long-term data archiving.
- **Data Replication:** Enables replication of data from other storage environments, increasing data availability and redundancy.
- **Disaster Recovery:** Supports robust backup and disaster recovery solutions. Data can be migrated to multiple geographic locations to protect against natural disasters or cyber-attacks.
- **Data Archiving:** Provides cost-effective long-term archiving solutions.
- **Multi-Tenancy:** Suitable for environments requiring isolated data management within a shared infrastructure.

UNDERSTANDING BLACKPEARL STORAGE

The Vail application uses a BlackPearl S3 solution as endpoint storage, which provides scalable, efficient, and flexible storage across multiple mediums, including disk, tape, and cloud. Data transfer operations on a BlackPearl system use the standard S3 interface, appearing to applications as AWS S3 storage.

The BlackPearl S3 solution uses a system cache to enhance performance for frequently accessed data and uses the Advanced Bucket Management policy engine to manage data movement between different storage targets based on defined rules. The BlackPearl S3 solution also supports integration with cloud storage providers, which allows for intelligent object placement and retrieval.

BlackPearl endpoint storage can be used as a path to tape storage. The BlackPearl S3 solution uses the S3-Glacier interface to store data on tape, offering a seamless backup and restore process using standard S3 commands.

Types of BlackPearl Storage

The Vail application supports using both bucket storage and NAS storage provided by a BlackPearl S3 solution, each allowing for different use cases and operational needs.

- BlackPearl bucket storage is designed for object storage, leveraging the S3 protocol, which is ideal for managing unstructured data such as backups, archives, and large data sets. This storage model is highly scalable, allowing for the efficient handling of large volumes of data with support for multipart uploads, object versioning, and lifecycle policies to automate data management tasks. Users interact with BlackPearl bucket storage using APIs, enabling seamless integration with various applications and workflows that require object storage.
- BlackPearl NAS share storage is designed for direct file storage, providing a more traditional approach to storing and accessing data. NAS share storage supports common file protocols like SMB and NFS, making it suitable for environments where users and applications need shared access to files and directories. NAS share storage is particularly useful for collaborative work, as multiple users can read and write to the same files simultaneously. NAS share storage is often used for storing documents, media files, and other structured data that benefit from hierarchical organization and direct file access.

UNDERSTANDING VAIL CLOUD STORAGE

The Vail application uses cloud storage by seamlessly integrating with various cloud services, allowing you to manage and move data efficiently. The Vail application uses predefined policies and lifecycle rules to automate data migration, replication, and tiering within the cloud. This allows data to be optimally stored, balancing cost and accessibility.

The Vail application provides a unified management interface that allows you to oversee and control your data across different cloud environments. Data is stored in Vail buckets, which can link to cloud storage, enabling flexible and scalable data management. The Vail software automates the process of moving data to different cloud storage tiers based on access frequency and other criteria, which allows for efficient use of cloud resources and cost savings.

Additionally, the Vail application supports object storage within the cloud, making it easy to store and retrieve large volumes of unstructured data. The integration with cloud storage services also enhances data durability and availability, leveraging the cloud's inherent redundancy and disaster recovery capabilities.

The Vail application supports bi-directional synchronization with cloud storage, allowing data to be synchronized between local BlackPearl buckets and cloud buckets. Any data placed in one location is automatically synchronized to the other location, facilitating seamless data access and management across different storage environments. This can be useful for distributed workflows where data needs to be accessed and processed in multiple locations.

The Vail application provides robust security measures to protect data during transfer to cloud targets. All network traffic between Vail nodes and cloud resources is secured using HTTPS with TLS encryption. This ensures that data is protected from unauthorized access during transit.

Vail Application with AWS Cloud Storage

The information below describes the features provided by Amazon AWS cloud storage when used with the Vail application.

- Bucket synchronization allows for seamless synchronization between AWS S3 buckets and Vail buckets. Synchronization occurs bi-directionally. This facilitates distributed and accelerated data ingestion by synchronizing data placed in an AWS bucket to a local Vail bucket and vice versa and allows you to apply AWS services to local data without permanently storing it in the cloud.
- The Vail application uses the multipart upload capabilities of AWS S3, which allows large objects to be uploaded in parts, with each part tracked to resume interrupted transfers seamlessly.
- AWS S3 supports immutable objects, preventing deletion during a specified retention period. The Vail application uses object locking so that objects stored in AWS S3 cloud storage comply with specified retention policies.

- AWS IAM policies are used for secure access and permissions management. AWS credentials (access keys and IAM roles) are used to authenticate and authorize access to S3 buckets.
- AWS S3 versioning is required for AWS buckets used with Vail, so that multiple versions of objects are maintained.
- AWS cloud storage supports creating lifecycle rules to transition objects between storage classes, such as moving infrequently accessed data to GLACIER or DEEP_ARCHIVE.
- Data security features include encrypting data using AWS Key Management Service (KMS) for secure key management, and using HTTPS and V4 authentication ensure data is protected in transit.

Vail Application with Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage Features

The information below describes the features provided by Microsoft Azure cloud storage when used with the Vail application.

- Data stored in Azure cloud pools is treated as native Azure objects, maintaining compatibility and allowing seamless access through Azure storage services.
- Azure cloud storage uses Azure block blobs for multipart uploads, determining the method based on object size. Multipart uploads on Azure do not provide a unique identifier. Part IDs must include a unique value in addition to the part number to prevent simultaneous uploads from interfering with each other.
- Vail object locking works with Azure immutable objects, allowing explicit control and expiration settings. The Vail application does not use Azure immutable storage settings directly, it manages immutable objects using special clone deletion processing.
- The Vail application uses the storage container shared secret key for authentication. Credentials must include permissions for deleting blobs and blob versions using Azure RBAC.
- Azure storage does not handle slashes and backslashes as ordinary characters, converting backslashes to slashes when writing blobs. Leading slashes and repeated slashes are ignored or compressed to a single slash respectively. The Vail application adjusts its behavior to accommodate these Azure storage constraints.

Note: Azure storage restricts user metadata keys to C# naming conventions, and unsupported characters in user metadata are not copied to Azure storage.

Vail Application with Google Cloud Storage

- Vail maps AWS storage classes to Google Cloud Storage tiers, but note that GLACIER and DEEP_ARCHIVE storage classes are not supported with Google Cloud Storage.
- The Vail application uses role-based authentication to connect to Google cloud storage.
- Google cloud storage supports multipart uploads using Google SDK, which simplifies and optimizes large uploads, using resumable upload to track the progress.

- Vail object locking works with immutable objects, allowing explicit control and expiration settings. The Vail application recognizes and handles locked objects, but does not use Google immutable storage settings directly.
- Data stored by the Vail application in Google Cloud storage is stored in packs, with each pack assigned a unique identifier. These packs are then listed in the pack list for the corresponding object version in the Vail application. The version ID and ETag are used to validate the data integrity of an object before it is retrieved and reconstructed.

UNDERSTANDING VAIL LIFECYCLES

A Vail lifecycle is a set of automated policies that manage the lifecycle of data from creation to deletion. These policies dictate how data is transitioned through various stages, such as moving data between different storage tiers based on age, access frequency, or other criteria, and eventually deleting data that is no longer needed. The purpose of implementing lifecycle policies is to optimize storage costs, improve data management efficiency, and provide compliance with regulatory and organizational data retention requirements.

Lifecycles are controlled using placement and deletion rules. These rules specify the conditions under which data is moved or deleted, such as after a certain period or if it has not been accessed for a specified duration. Administrators can set a specific time for lifecycle actions to minimize disruption to users and system performance. Logging and auditing features keep a record of all actions taken by the lifecycle policies, providing an audit trail for compliance and troubleshooting purposes.

By automating data management through well-defined lifecycle policies, organizations can ensure efficient storage resource use, data retention policy compliance, and data loss risk reduction.

Considerations for Placement Rules

When creating a Vail lifecycle placement rule, consider the below information to provide efficient and effective data management.

- Define the specific criteria for transitioning data between storage tiers based on factors such as the age of the data, access frequency, and data size. These criteria help you determine when and how data is moved from a higher-cost, high-performance tier to a more cost-effective, lower-performance tier, or even to archival storage. It is crucial to understand the characteristics and costs associated with each storage tier to optimize storage expenses while maintaining the necessary performance levels for your data.
- Consider the impact of data transitions on access and retrieval times. Data moved to an archival tier might result in longer retrieval times and potentially higher costs when accessed. Lifecycle rules should be designed in accordance with your organization data access patterns and compliance requirements.
- Define clear retention periods for different types of data to comply with legal and regulatory requirements. This includes setting rules for deleting data after it has been retained for a specified duration.

Additionally, Spectra Logic recommends testing the lifecycle placement rules in a controlled environment before applying them broadly. This helps to identify any unintended consequences and confirms that the rules function as expected, preventing potential disruptions in data availability or performance.

Considerations for Delete Rules

The primary goal of a delete rule is to automate the removal of data that is no longer needed, thereby optimizing storage costs and maintaining a clutter-free environment. When creating a Vail lifecycle delete rule, consider the below information to provide effective data management and compliance.

- Define the criteria that determine when data should be deleted, such as the age of the data, last access time, or specific metadata attributes. These criteria should align with the data retention policies and regulatory requirements of your organization for compliance with legal mandates and avoid unintentional loss of important data.
- Consider the retention periods for different types of data. Some data may need to be retained for longer periods due to regulatory requirements, legal holds, or business needs. It is crucial to ensure that these retention requirements are incorporated into your lifecycle delete rules to prevent premature deletion. Verify that data scheduled for deletion is not part of critical backup sets or disaster recovery plans, as its removal could impact the ability to restore important information.
- Consider the impact on data access and performance. Deleting large volumes of data may affect system performance or disrupt ongoing operations. Spectra Logic recommends scheduling delete operations during off-peak hours or in a staggered manner to minimize any potential impact.

Additionally, Spectra Logic recommends testing the lifecycle deletion rules in a controlled environment before applying them broadly. This helps to identify any unintended consequences and confirms that the rules function as expected, preventing potential disruptions in data availability or performance.

UNDERSTANDING OBJECT CLONES

An object clone is a duplicate version of object data stored in a different location than the original object. This allows for optimized access across the Vail sphere, as well as data redundancy and recovery purposes.

Each clone copy of an object is a copy of the object version data stored in a different storage target. The clone copy data structure includes the pool identifier and the encoded data. The data encoding method varies depending on the type of storage provided by each pool and the storage class assigned to the storage target.

The Vail application uses lifecycle rules to manage clone copies. Placement and Deletion rules specify where and how long the copies are stored. Lifecycle rules automate data placement and retention across storage locations in the Vail sphere.

A common use of clone copies involves creating immediate duplicates of objects in different storage locations. For example, a lifecycle policy can be configured to create a clone copy in AWS cloud storage immediately after an object is placed into an on-premise BlackPearl bucket. This allows for data availability in both local and cloud environments for enhanced data access, protection, and disaster recovery.

UNDERSTANDING VAIL BUCKETS

Vail buckets provide a versatile and scalable object storage solution. A Vail bucket is a top level component of Vail application platform, designed to streamline and unify data management across multiple storage environments, including on-premises and cloud-based systems. This integration allows organizations to create a cohesive data management strategy, leveraging the strengths of different storage systems while maintaining a unified view of their data.

You can create a Vail bucket and assign it a lifecycle to manage the placement, movement, and retention. Through automated rules, data can be tiered across different storage types based on access patterns, age, and other criteria, optimizing both cost and performance.

Vail buckets support bi-directional synchronization, allowing data to be mirrored between local storage and cloud targets, allowing for high availability and redundancy. This functionality is particularly advantageous for organizations implementing a hybrid or multi-cloud approach, as it provides data access and management across various storage locations.

Additionally, Vail buckets offer advanced features such as versioning, metadata management, and robust security controls, so that data is not only stored efficiently but also protected and easily accessible.

Considerations for Vail Bucket Creation

When creating a Vail lifecycle bucket, consider the below information to optimize data organization and bucket functionality.

- Plan a method to organize your data in the Vail bucket. Consider using a hierarchical structure with clear naming conventions to facilitate easy data retrieval and management. Plan for the use of metadata to tag and categorize data, which improves searchability and organization.
- Decide on versioning requirements for your data. Versioning allows you to maintain multiple versions of objects, which provides data protection against accidental deletions or modifications. If you chose to use versioning, object locking can be used, which allows you to protect the state of an object when the lock is applied.
- Decide on a data security strategy that includes using encryption, access controls, and bucket and object ownership permissions.
- Plan for data redundancy and disaster recovery. The Vail application supports bi-directional synchronization of buckets, allowing data to be mirrored between local and cloud storage targets.
- Verify compatibility with your existing storage infrastructure by verifying that your chosen storage targets support the necessary APIs and protocols for seamless integration.

UNDERSTANDING S3 WITH THE VAIL APPLICATION

The Vail application mimics the AWS S3 interface so that any client that uses S3 can interface with the Vail sphere without additional software. When integrating S3 with the Vail application, it is necessary to understand multiple technical aspects for consistent operation and optimal performance.

Configure AWS access keys (Access Key ID and Secret Access Key) for use with the Vail application, which uses the keys to authenticate API requests to S3 storage. Keys are configured in the Vail management console and provide programmatic access to S3 resources. Keys must be configured with sufficient permissions to access S3 buckets and perform required data storage operations. As a best practice, rotate access keys regularly and avoid embedding them in code. Store them securely using your security management tools.

Utilize IAM roles for secure and controlled access to data. IAM roles provide temporary security credentials, which reduce the risk of long-term credential exposure. The Vail application assumes an IAM role using AWS Security Token Service (STS). Use IAM policies that grant the minimum permissions necessary for Vail to function, following the principle of least privilege to minimize security risks. While less commonly used because of their complexity, ACLs can be configured to grant Vail access to individual objects in a bucket.

The Vail application supports multipart uploads for large files. For large file transfers, the Vail application breaks data into chunks to optimize upload and download performance. Configure chunk sizes appropriate for your network and storage performance requirements. If transferring large amounts of data over long distances, consider using AWS S3 Transfer Acceleration to speed up data transfers.

The Vail application uses AWS Signature Version 4 for signing API requests. Vail communicates with S3 over HTTPS so that data in transit is encrypted and secure. Additional security methods include using server-side encryption with AWS KMS (Key Management Service) for data at rest.

INTERFACING WITH TAPE LIBRARIES AND MEDIA

Tape storage is a highly reliable and cost-effective medium for long-term data archiving and backup. It offers substantial storage capacity at a lower cost per gigabyte compared to disk or solid-state storage, making it ideal for organizations managing large volumes of data. One of the key advantages of tape is its longevity, with a shelf life that can exceed 30 years, allowing for data preservation over extended periods.

Additionally, tape storage is known for its low energy consumption, as it does not require power when not in use, unlike spinning disks that consume power continuously. This can result in significant cost savings in terms of both energy and cooling requirements. Tapes also offer robust security features, including offline storage capabilities that provide an inherent protection against threats such as ransomware, which often target online systems.

The Vail application streamlines the data path to tape media using a BlackPearl S3 solution, which provides the interface between the Vail application and tape storage. The BlackPearl system stores data in a local cache before writing it to tape media. The cache ensures that data is managed efficiently and tape drives are utilized effectively.

When data is requested, a client issues an S3 Glacier command to move data from tape media (Glacier) to the BlackPearl cache. A second S3 command retrieves the data from the BlackPearl cache.

For S3 clients that do not support S3-Glacier commands, Vail offers a compatibility mode. This mode automatically issues an object restore command for objects in Glacier-tape class, which allows for seamless data retrieval without client-side modifications.

The information below provides additional information on how the Vail application uses tape media storage.

Tape Ingest

Vail supports the ingest and synchronization of existing BlackPearl buckets currently on tape media. This is useful if you have been using a BlackPearl system and want to integrate your existing data with the Vail application. The ingestion process involves adding a BlackPearl ingest agent, which performs a HEAD operation to index the objects into its database, and applies lifecycle rules as needed. If a lifecycle rule is not applied, objects remain on the BlackPearl system but are accessible as Glacier objects through the Vail application, requiring an Object Restore command for retrieval.

Vail allows for universal tape ingest within a BlackPearl system managed by the same Vail Sphere. This means tapes exported from one BlackPearl system can be imported into another without database or object migration. Vail handles the metadata ingest and makes objects available across the sphere. The metadata on imported tapes is read and ingested into the new BlackPearl system database.

Glacier Tape Packing

The Vail application attempts to generate 64 GB packs of data before transferring it to tape media, which allows for increased performance both for write and read operations. When a file is requested from a pack, the entire 64 GB pack is restored to the BlackPearl cache.

When deleting data files, a pack is not deleted unless every object in a pack is deleted. Because of this, if only some files in a pack are deleted in the Vail application, the deleted files will no longer be available but will still count against the available storage space on the tape cartridge. When the remaining files in the pack are deleted, the entire pack is deleted and the previously used storage space is made available.

SPECTRA LOGIC VAIL APPLICATION NAMING CONVENTIONS

Before configuring the Vail sphere, Spectra Logic recommends establishing a naming convention for your data storage infrastructure. A well-considered naming convention allows for easier setup and configuration, as well as a roadmap for naming Vail components added at a later date.

Use the information below to develop a naming convention for the Vail sphere and resources before you install and configure the Spectra Vail application.

The Spectra Vail application uses the same naming restrictions as Amazon Web Services. For more information on allowed naming conventions, see [AWS User Documentation](#).

Vail Sphere Names

When using multiple Vail spheres, each sphere must have a unique name.

User Names

User names identify Vail sphere administrator users, as well as IAM users associated with the Vail sphere administrator's AWS account. Spectra Logic suggests using the same naming convention as your corporate email for user names.

For example, if associate Jane Smith uses the email address `janes@yourcompany.com`, use "janes" for the user name.

Group Names

Groups of users are typically configured when all users of the group share the same access policies. Spectra Logic suggests using self-explanatory names for groups.

For example, if your company's groups are assigned by department, use a naming convention that directly identifies each department such as Production, Engineering, or Accounting.

Location Names

Locations designate a physical location that contains Vail resources. Spectra Logic recommends naming each location after its physical location in the world.

For example, if Vail resources are located in Dallas, use that as the location name if there is only one Vail resource in that city. If there are multiple Vail resources consolidated in the same city, use suffixes to identify each group such as Dallas-HQ, Dallas-Research, or Dallas-Production.

Portable Location Names

Vail VM Node storage can be installed on a portable storage device such as a laptop or hardened disk array. Portable location names should be used for any device that only resides in a geographic location temporarily.

Storage Names

Storage names identify a storage target in the Vail sphere. Storage names are used for Vail VM node storage, VM pool storage, cloud storage, BlackPearl storage, and buckets or NAS shares configured on a BlackPearl system. Use the sections below to assist you in creating a storage name convention.

Vail VM Node Storage

The Vail VM node storage name is used as the top level name of the storage endpoint displayed in the Vail management console. Spectra Logic recommends using a name that includes both the location and type of storage.

For example, in the Dallas location, add the storage type as a suffix, such as Dallas-VM1 and Dallas-VM2.

VM Pool Storage

A Vail VM node uses one or more VM storage pools as data storage. Spectra Logic recommends using a name that includes the location, intended pool usage, and storage class.

For example, in the Dallas location, add suffixes for use and class such as Dallas_News_Standard and Dallas_Backup_Glacier.

BlackPearl Storage

BlackPearl storage includes disk pools and volumes configured on the BlackPearl system. Spectra Logic recommends using names that include the location, BlackPearl name, physical medium, and storage class.

For example, in the Dallas location, add suffixes for the BlackPearl name, physical medium, and storage class such as Dallas.BlackPearl1-Object-Standard and Dallas.BlackPearl2-Tape-Glacier.

Cloud Storage

Cloud storage includes storage locations provided by Amazon and other third-party vendors. Spectra Logic recommends using names that include the vendor, location, storage class, and intended usage.

For example, `AWS_USEast1_Standard_MarketingArchive`.

Vail Bucket Names

Vail buckets are the highest level of object grouping in the Vail sphere. Vail buckets are used with lifecycle rules, and buckets can include permissions by user, group, or role.

Spectra Logic recommends using names that either include the intended usage or user group name combined with intended usage. If you use a naming convention by groups, the associated group can be easily given access to all buckets sharing the group name prefix.

For example, use usage names such as `news-breaking` and `external-archive`, or group and usage names such as `eng-dev` and `eng-test`.

Note: Spectra Logic recommends following Amazon AWS documentation naming conventions and restrictions to maintain consistency and avoid potential issues. See [AWS Bucket Naming Rules](#) for more information.

Cloud Bucket Names

Cloud bucket names identify high-level containers in cloud storage and are not visible to end users. However, cloud bucket names are displayed in the configuration wizard. Spectra Logic recommends using names that include the type of cloud storage, location, and storage class.

Note: Cloud bucket names are restricted to lowercase characters, and do not allow underscores.

For example, use names for AWS cloud storage such as `vail-aws-uswest2-autotier` and `vail-aws-uswest2-S3glacier`.

Note: Do not create AWS cloud storage buckets with the prefix "spectra-logic-vail-". Buckets with that prefix do not display in the storage creation wizard and cannot be configured for use.

BlackPearl Bucket Names

BlackPearl bucket names identify high-level containers configured on BlackPearl systems and are not visible to end users. However, BlackPearl bucket names are displayed in the configuration wizard. Spectra Logic recommends using names that include the storage policy used by the BlackPearl bucket.

For example, `vail-singlecopytape` and `vail-dualcopytape`.

Note: Spectra Logic recommends following Amazon AWS documentation naming conventions and restrictions to maintain consistency and avoid potential issues. See [AWS Bucket Naming Rules](#) for more information.

Lifecycle Names

Lifecycles are policies that control where data is cloned, moved, or expired over time. Spectra Logic recommends using names that directly indicate the specific lifecycle rule configuration.

For example, use names such as `Copy_Everywhere_Keep4Days` and `Moveto_DallasNodeVM_After10Days`.

Lifecycle Rule Names

Lifecycle rules are used within a Lifecycle to specify the parameters for clone, move, or expiration rules.

Additional AWS Account Role Names

By default, the Vail sphere is configured with a master Administrator AWS account. Additional AWS accounts can be configured in the Vail sphere. Spectra Logic recommends using a name that indicates the intended role for the additional AWS account.

For example, use a name such as `VailSphereIAMreadandUserS3Control`.

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REQUIREMENTS

The following sections describe the requirements for using the Spectra Vail application.

Spectra Logic Products Requirements

- The Spectra Vail application version 3.1.x or later requires either a BlackPearl Nearline Gateway or a Vail VM node.
 - The BlackPearl Nearline Gateway requires BlackPearl OS 5.7.4 or later with a valid Vail Sphere activation key installed.
 - A Vail VM node requires a host machine with at a minimum 8 CPU cores, 16 GB of system memory, and a 10 GigE network connection.
- An S3 compatible client is required to access data stored in the Vail sphere.

Note: S3 clients communicating with the Vail sphere must use AWS v4 authentication.

- The Spectra Vail application uses the following ports for communication with BlackPearl systems and Vail VM Nodes. These ports must be open in your network infrastructure for the Spectra Vail application to function correctly.
 - **Inbound 80 and/or 443**

Inbound access is needed for these ports to access the BlackPearl user interface, and for S3 clients to transfer data to the gateway, using either the open (80) or secure port (443).
 - **Outbound 443**

Outbound access is needed for port 443 to allow data transfer to the Vail sphere, or other S3 endpoint nodes.

Supported Browsers

The Vail management console supports the Google® Chrome™ browser running on a Microsoft® Windows® or MacOS® system.

The browser versions listed below are supported.

Google Chrome:

- **Windows:** 88.0.4324.104 (Official Build) (x86_64), or later
- **MacOS:** 88.0.4324.96 (Official Build) (x86_64), or later

VAIL MANAGEMENT CONSOLE OVERVIEW - LOCAL CONTROL

The Vail management console provides browser-based configuration, management, and monitoring of the Vail sphere. The following sections describe the common features that appear in all screens in the management console when using Vail in a local control environment.

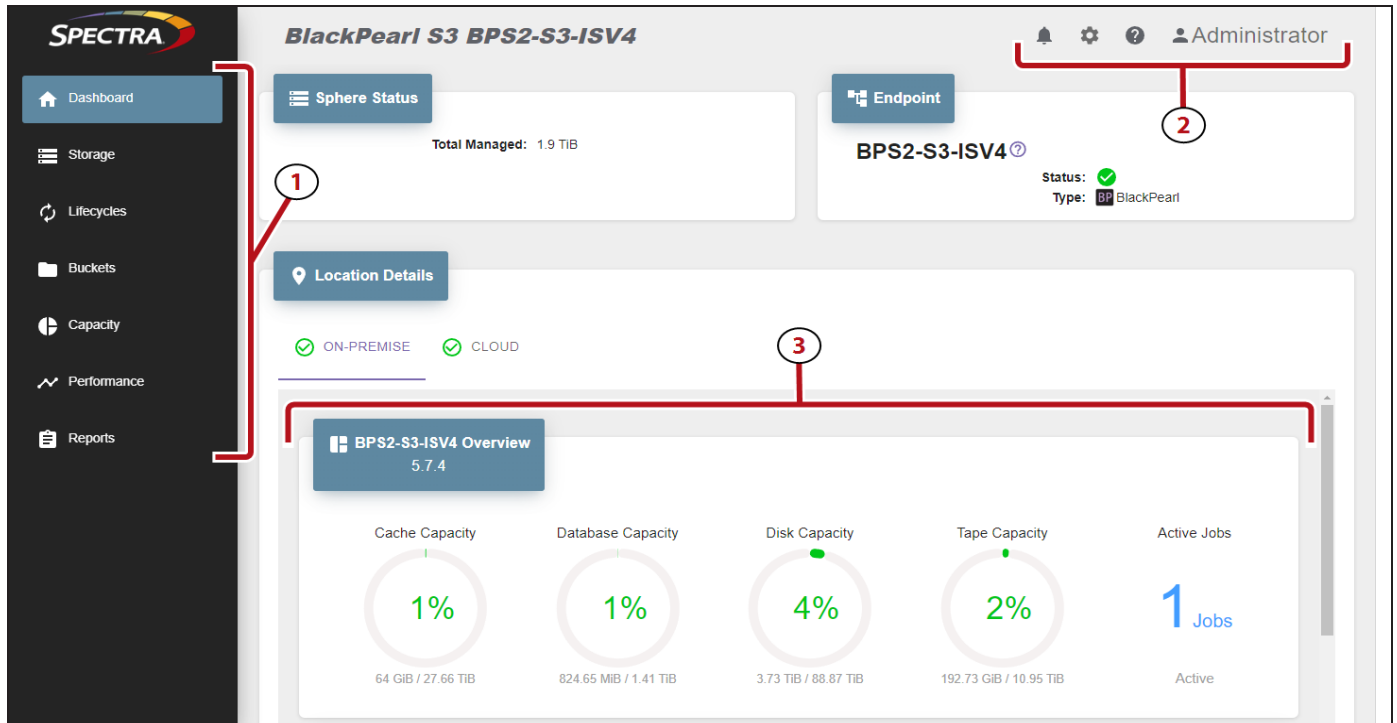


Figure 1 The Vail Sphere Dashboard screen.

Main window

The main window of the Vail management console displays the screen associated with each navigation link.

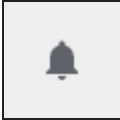
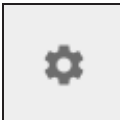

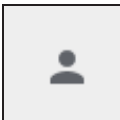
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The taskbar (1) displays on the left side of all screens in the Vail management console. The following table provides a description of the selections in the taskbar.

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Storage	<p>The Storage navigation link takes you to the Storage screen which displays configured endpoint and cloud storage, and provides access to the wizard for configuring new storage, as well as editing and deleting storage. See Create Storage on page 62.</p>
Lifecycles	<p>The Lifecycles navigation link takes you to the Lifecycles screen which displays configured lifecycles and provides access to the wizard to create new lifecycles, as well as editing and deleting lifecycles. See Create a Lifecycle on page 79</p>
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Performance	<p>The Performance navigation link takes you to the Performance screen which displays throughput and operation performance for both storage endpoints and the Vail sphere. See View Performance Metrics on page 133</p>
Reports	<p>The Reports navigation link takes you to the Reports screen which displays audit logs generated by the Vail sphere. Audit logs can be sorted by username or date. See View Reports on page 204.</p>

Toolbar

The toolbar (2) displays in the upper-right of the Vail management console. The following table provides an overview of the selections in the toolbar.








Icon	Meaning	Description
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Embedded Dashboard

The BlackPearl embedded dashboard (3) displays in the bottom of the Vail management console. See [BlackPearl Embedded Dashboard on page 219](#) for detailed information and instructions on using the features of the embedded dashboard.

Icons

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VAIL MANAGEMENT CONSOLE OVERVIEW - CLOUD CONTROL

The Vail management console provides browser-based configuration, management, and monitoring of the Vail sphere. The following sections describe the common features that appear in all screens in the management console when using Vail in a cloud control environment.

Spectra Vail® zzzzz

Administrator

Sphere Status

Total Managed: 140 MiB
Locations: 3
Endpoints: 2

System View

Endpoint

zzzzz
Status: ✔
Type: BP BlackPearl

Location Details

ALBUQUERQUE ✘ BOULDER ? LOS ANGELES ? CLOUD ✔

Name	Type	Capacity
> ✔ zzzzz	BP BlackPearl	345.4 GiB
> ✘ aaaa	Virtual Machine	18.5 GiB

Figure 2 The Vail Sphere Dashboard screen.

Main window

The main window of the Vail management console displays the screen associated with each navigation link.

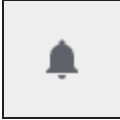
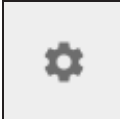

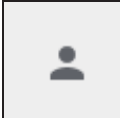
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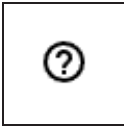
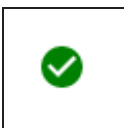




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Other Icons

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CHAPTER 3 - CONFIGURE BLACKPEARL SYSTEM

This chapter provides instructions for configuring a BlackPearl S3 solution for use with the Spectra Vail application.

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CONFIGURE A BLACKPEARL S3 SOLUTION

If you are using the Spectra Vail application in conjunction with a BlackPearl S3 solution, before you can access the Spectra Vail application, you must first install and configure the BlackPearl S3 solution.

Use the [*BlackPearl Nearline Gateway User Guide*](#) to configure your BlackPearl S3 solution.

Your BlackPearl S3 solution may have been installed and configured by Spectra Logic Professional Services.

Note: If you need assistance configuring your BlackPearl S3 solution, contact Spectra Logic. See [Contacting Spectra Logic on page 16](#).

REGISTER A BLACKPEARL S3 WITH A VAIL SPHERE

Here is how to register a BlackPearl S3 solution with a Vail sphere:

Note: For instructions on registering a Vail VM node to a Vail sphere, see [Register a Vail VM Node with a Vail Sphere](#) on page 257.

1. Log in to the BlackPearl user interface.
2. If necessary, configure the IP addressing for the BlackPearl S3 solution. The Spectra Vail application node running on a BlackPearl system uses the IP address configured for the BlackPearl data port.
 - a. Select **Configuration > Network**.
 - b. Under **Network Interfaces**, select the row of the data connection.
 - c. Select **Action > Edit**. Configure the network settings as needed and click **Save**.



IMPORTANT Spectra Logic recommends setting a static IP address.

3. If desired, change the system name of the BlackPearl S3 solution. The Spectra Vail application uses this name for the Vail node name.
 - a. Select **Status > Hardware**.

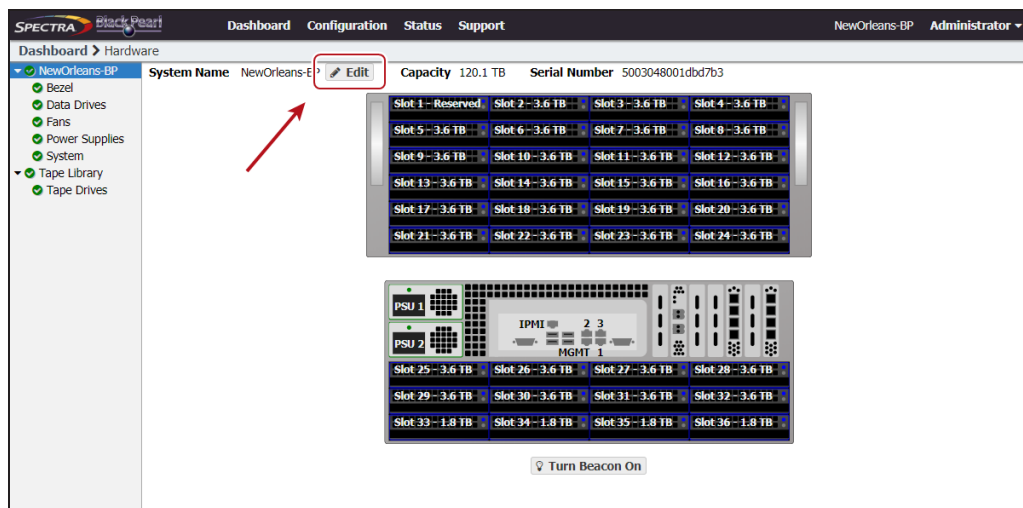


Figure 3 The BlackPearl user interface Hardware screen.

- b. Click **Edit**, enter the desired **Name**, and click **Save**.

Note: Spectra Logic recommends using the physical location of the BlackPearl system as the system name, for example Dallas.BlackPearl1-Object-Standard. The BlackPearl system name is limited to 15 characters before the first delimiter.

4. If necessary, add the Vail service key provided by Spectra Logic:
 - a. In the BlackPearl user interface, select **Support > Activation Keys**.
 - b. Select **Action > New**.
 - c. Enter the **Activation Key** and click **Save**.
5. In the BlackPearl user interface, select **Configuration > Services**.
6. Select the Vail service, then select **Action > Show Details**.

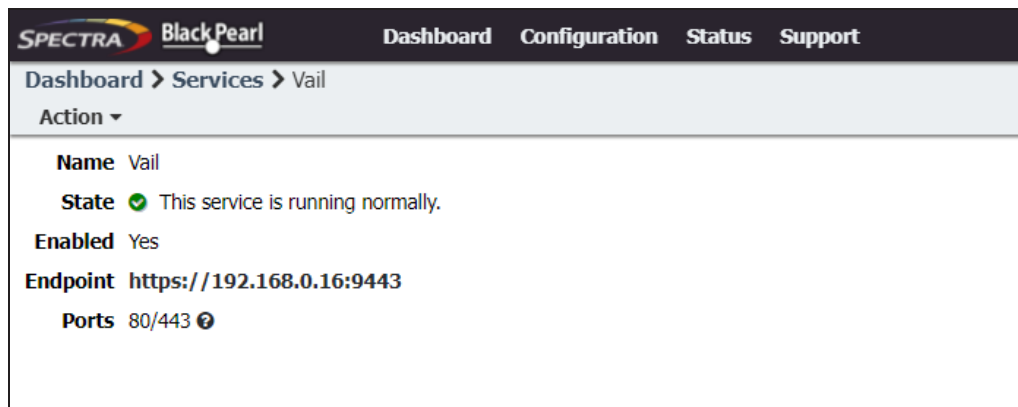


Figure 4 The Vail service details screen.

7. If desired, select **Action > Edit** to change the pair of ports used by the Spectra Vail application for HTTP and HTTPS connections. The ports automatically selected depend on if you have buckets created on your BlackPearl system.
 - If buckets are configured on your BlackPearl system, the pair of ports selected is 80/443.
 - If no buckets are configured, the pair of ports selected is 8080/8443.
- Note:** Whichever pair of ports is used by the Spectra Vail application, the other pair is used by the BlackPearl DS3 service. If you change the pair of ports for the Spectra Vail application, the DS3 service ports change to use the opposite pair of ports.

8. Click the **Endpoint** link in the Vail service details screen. A new web browser launches. The default web certificate is invalid, use your browser to bypass the certificate screen.

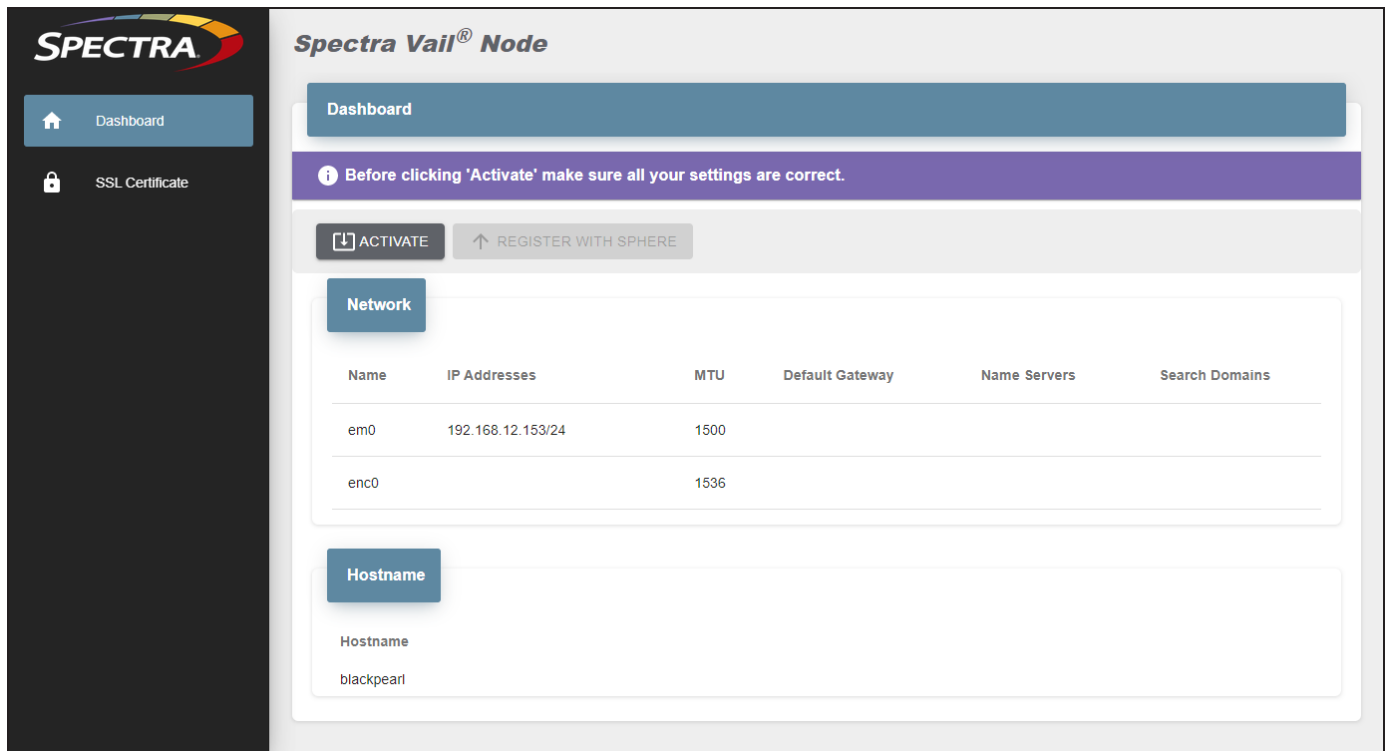


Figure 5 The Vail Node Dashboard - Activate and Register view.

9. If desired, update the SSL certificate before registering with the sphere:
 - a. In the taskbar of the Vail VM node management console, click **SSL Certificate**.
 - b. Under the **SSL Certificate** banner, click **Edit**.

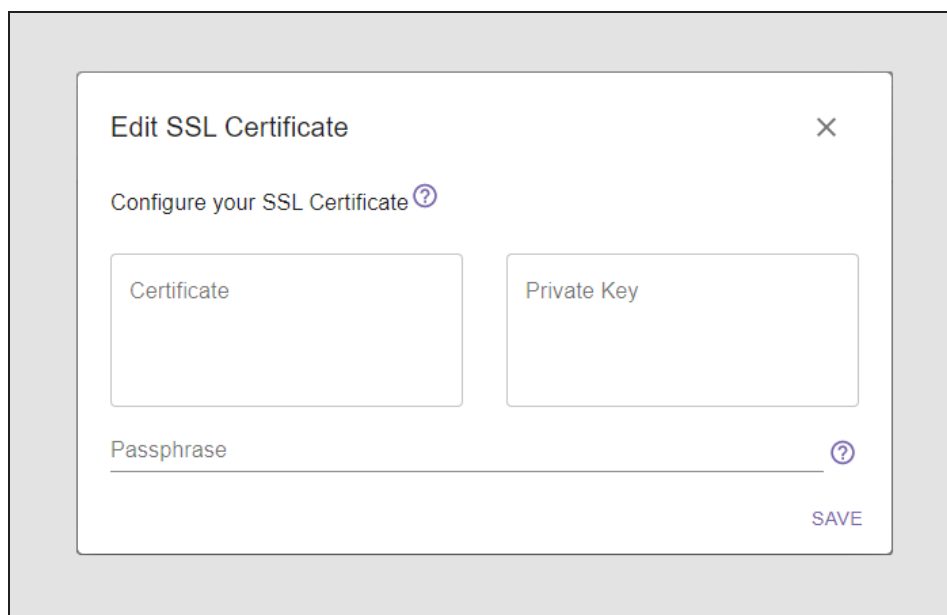


Figure 6 The Edit SSL Certificate screen.

- c. Enter the desired **Certificate** and **Private Key** in PEM format.
- d. If necessary, enter the **Passphrase** used to encrypt the private key.
- e. Click **Save**.

10. On the Vail dashboard screen, click **Activate**.

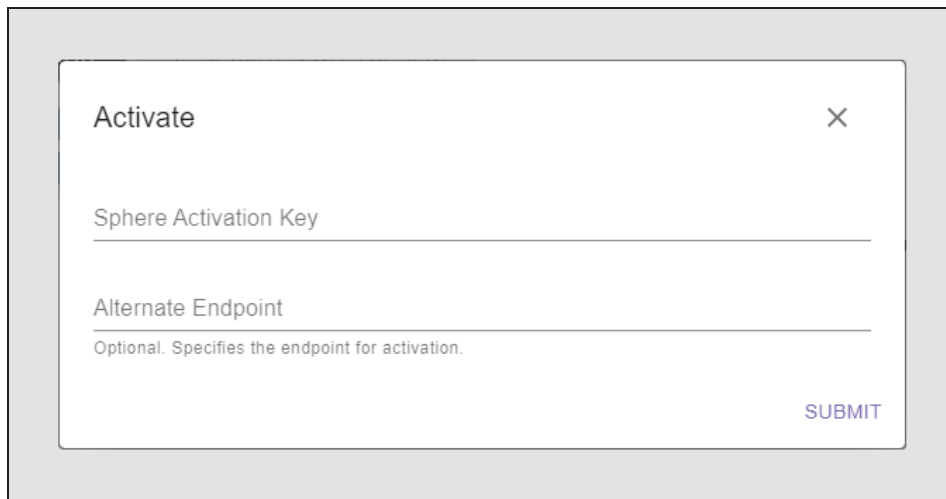


Figure 7 The Activate screen.

11. Enter the **Sphere Activation Key** and **Alternate Endpoint** provided by Spectra Logic.

12. Click **Submit**. Wait approximately 15 seconds while the Vail management console refreshes.

13. On the Vail dashboard screen, click **Register With Sphere**.

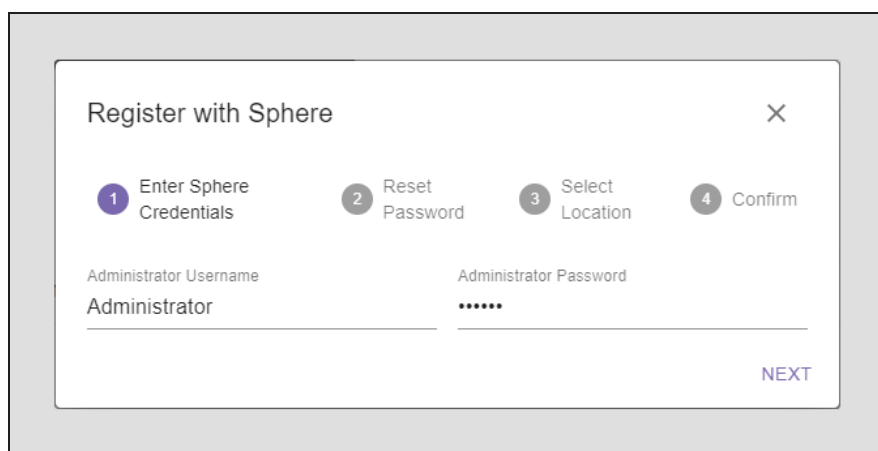


Figure 8 The Register with Sphere - Credentials screen.

14. Enter the **Administrator Username** and **Administrator Password**.

- If this is the first BlackPearl system to register with a sphere, enter the credentials sent to the email address you provided to Spectra Logic when the sphere was created in AWS.

Note: You may need to set an email/MX rule to allow emails from AWS to the address entered when the sphere was created.

- Otherwise enter the credentials provided by your system administrator.

15. Click **Next**. If this is the first BlackPearl system to register with a sphere, you are prompted to set a new password. Otherwise, continue with **Step 17**.

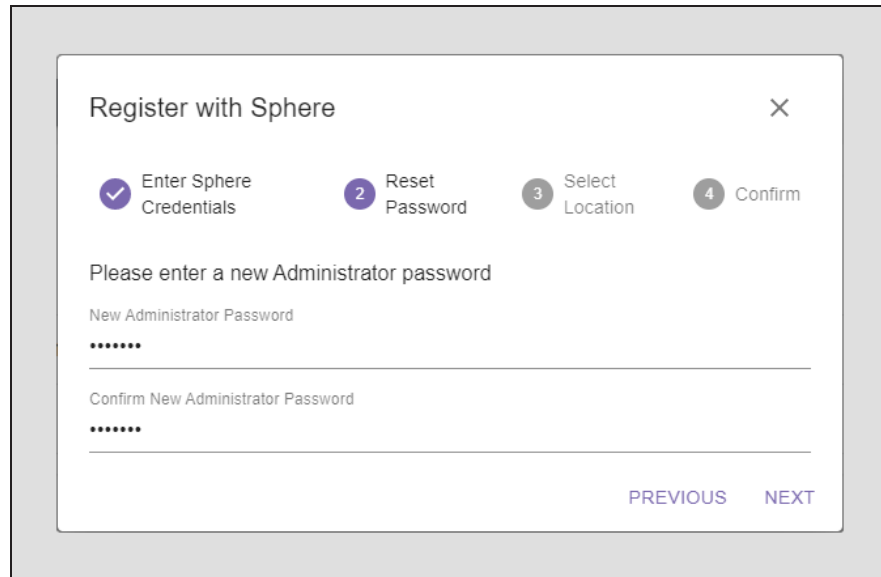


Figure 9 The Register with Sphere - Reset Password screen.

16. Enter a **New Administrator Password**, confirm the password, and click **Next**.

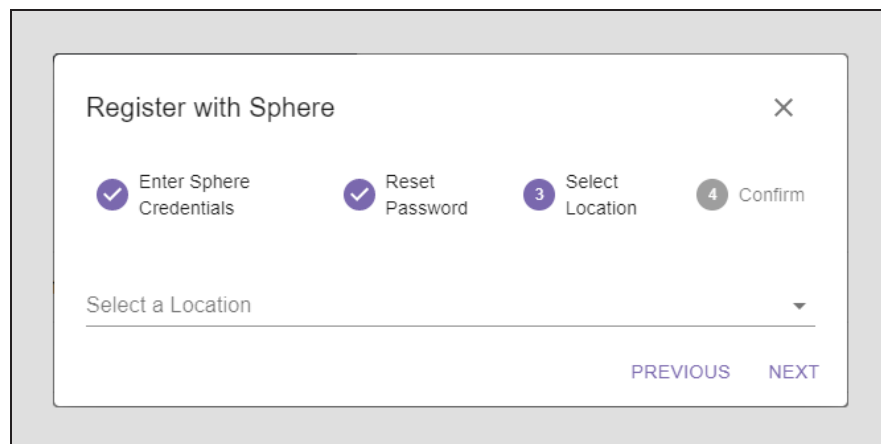


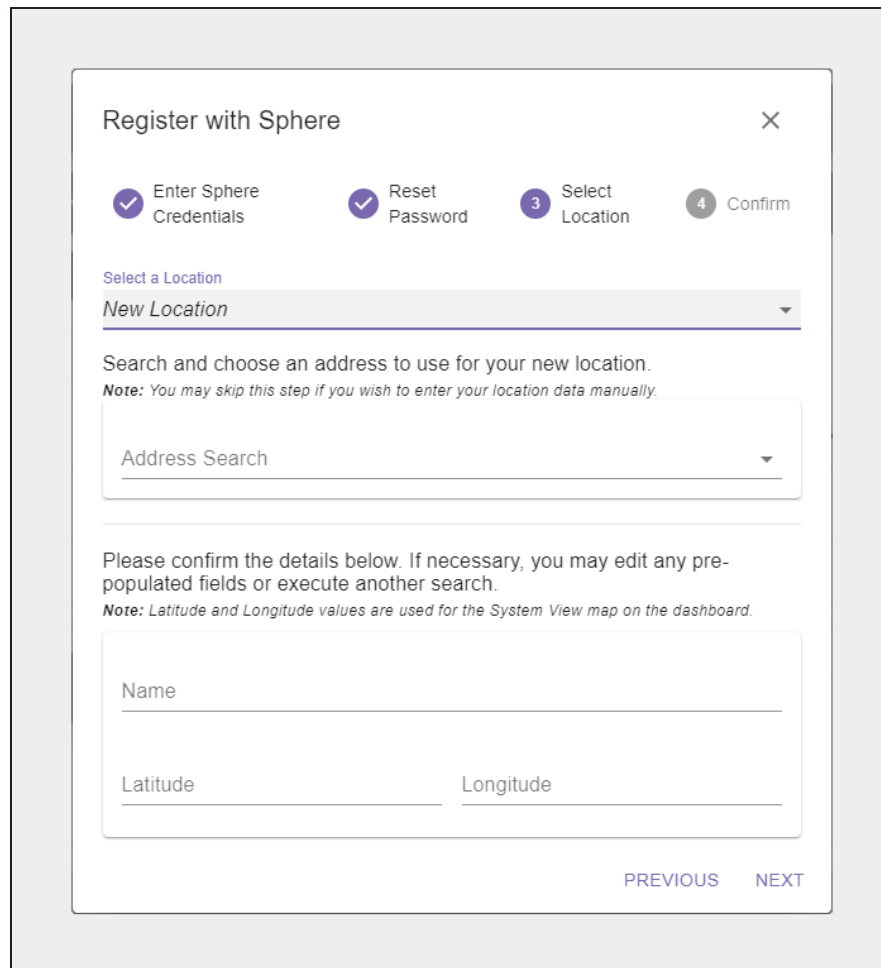
Figure 10 The Register with Sphere - Select Location screen.

17. On the Select Location screen, choose to create a new location, or to use an existing location:
- **Create a New Location below**
 - **Select an Existing Location on page 59**

Create a New Location

Here is how to create a new location:

1. To create a new location, use the drop-down to select **New Location**.
2. To map a location, you can search for the location, manually enter the latitude and longitude, or create a location with no corresponding geographic location.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Register with Sphere" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. At the top, there are four progress indicators: "Enter Sphere Credentials" (checked), "Reset Password" (checked), "3 Select Location" (active), and "4 Confirm". Below this is a "Select a Location" dropdown menu with "New Location" selected. Underneath is a text input field for "Address Search" with a search icon. A note states: "Note: You may skip this step if you wish to enter your location data manually." Below the search field, there is a section for "Please confirm the details below. If necessary, you may edit any pre-populated fields or execute another search." with another note: "Note: Latitude and Longitude values are used for the System View map on the dashboard." This section contains three input fields: "Name", "Latitude", and "Longitude". At the bottom right of the form are "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT" buttons.

Figure 11 The Register with Sphere - New Location screen.

- To search for a location...
 - a. In the **Address Search** field, enter a geographic location. You can enter a full or partial postal address, city, county, province, or country.
 - b. Select the correct match from the list.

Note: If no match is located, try changing the format of the address you entered. For example, use 9th Street in place of Ninth St.

 - c. If desired, manually edit the **Name**.
Spectra Logic recommends naming each location after its physical location in the world.
For example, if Vail resources are located in Dallas, use that as the location name if there is only one Vail resource in that city. If there are multiple Vail resources consolidated in the same city, use suffixes to identify each group such as Dallas-HQ, Dallas-Research, or Dallas-Production.
 - d. Confirm the information is correct and click **Next**.
- To manually enter a location...
 - a. Enter the desired **Name**.
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 - b. Enter the **Latitude** and **Longitude** of the location.

Notes:

 - When entering a value for **Latitude**, use positive values for locations north of the equator, and negative values for locations south of the equator.
 - When entering a value for **Longitude**, use positive values for locations east of the prime meridian, and negative values for locations west of the prime meridian.
 - c. Click **Next**.

- To skip entering a location...

- a. Enter the desired **Name**.

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- b. Click **Next**.

Note: If you do not enter an address or latitude and longitude, the location displays on the right-hand pane of the Vail dashboard, but does not display on the world map.

3. Confirm the information is correct, and click **Register**.

Wait while the BlackPearl system registers with the Vail sphere. This may take several minutes, during which time the Vail management console may display communication errors.

Select an Existing Location

Here is how to select an existing location:

1. Using the drop-down menu, **Select a Location** where you want to associate the BlackPearl Vail node and click **Next**.

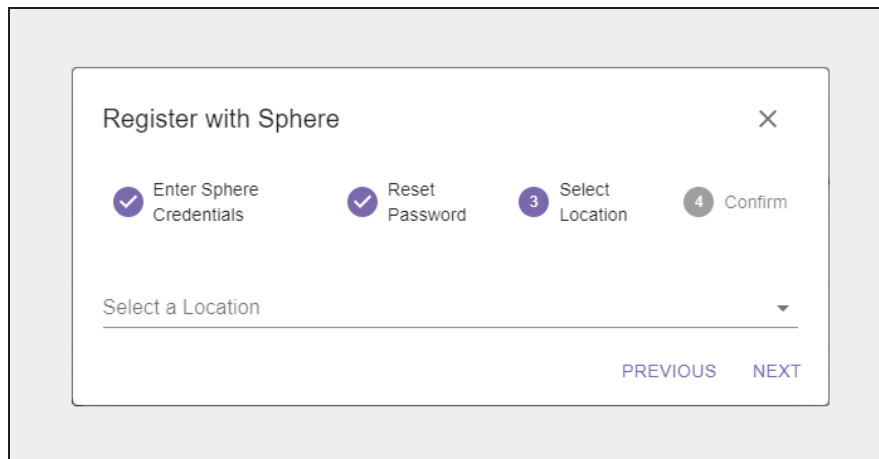


Figure 12 The Register with Sphere - Select Location screen.

2. Confirm the information is correct, and click **Register**.

Wait while the BlackPearl system registers with the Vail sphere. This may take several minutes, during which time the Vail management console may display communication errors.

CHAPTER 4 - CONFIGURE THE SPECTRA VAIL APPLICATION

This chapter describes the configuration steps for the Spectra Vail application.

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LOG IN TO THE VAIL MANAGEMENT CONSOLE

Use the instructions below to log in to the Vail management console.

1. Use one of the following methods:
 - Open a compatible web browser and enter the Vail management console URL into the address bar.
 - In the BlackPearl S3 solution management console, select **Configuration > Services**, then double-click the Vail service, and click the **Endpoint** URL displayed on the Vail Service screen.

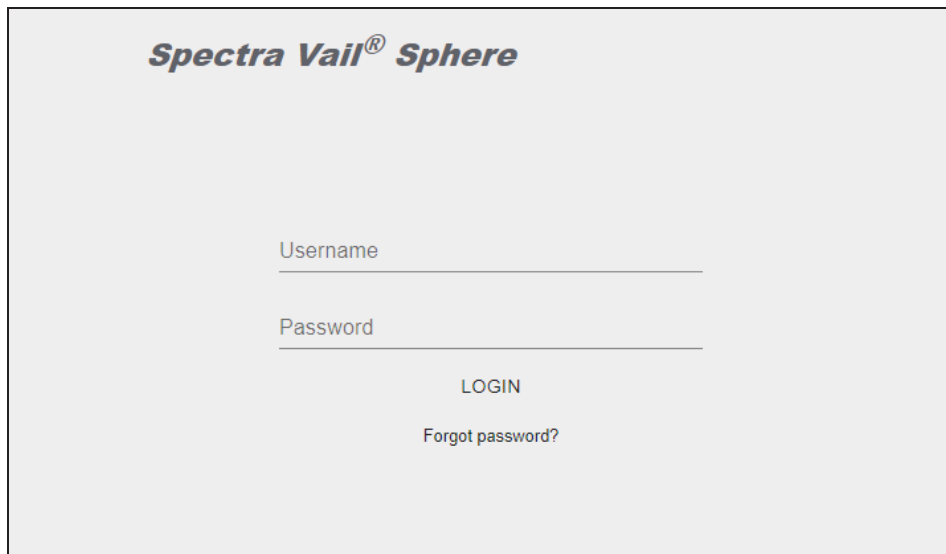


Figure 13 The Spectra Vail Sphere Login screen.

Note: Your web browser may display an invalid certificate warning page. Resolve the warning, and continue to [Step 2](#) below.

2. Enter the **Username** and **Password** you specified when you registered the first BlackPearl system with the Vail sphere.
3. Click **LOGIN**.

CREATE STORAGE

Storage is used by the Spectra Vail application as targets for S3 clients and lifecycles to store data. There are two basic types of storage: endpoint storage and cloud storage. Endpoint storage includes a BlackPearl S3 solution, or block VM storage such as a Vail VM node. Cloud storage is S3 object storage on AWS or other S3 cloud storage provider.

Use one of the sections below to create storage.

- **Create BlackPearl Storage on the next page**
- **Create Cloud Storage on page 69**
- **Create Vail VM Node Storage on page 236**

CREATE BLACKPEARL STORAGE

BlackPearl storage uses a bucket or Vail S3 share configured on a BlackPearl S3 solution. You can select the same BlackPearl S3 solution multiple times when creating BlackPearl storage, but each storage instance must use a unique bucket or Vail S3 share.

Note: Before you can create BlackPearl storage in the Vail management console, you must register the BlackPearl S3 solution with the Spectra Vail application. See [Register a BlackPearl S3 with a Vail Sphere on page 52](#).

When creating BlackPearl storage, you can select to create storage using a standard bucket, or to create storage using a linked bucket.

Use one of the sections below:

- [Create BlackPearl Standard Bucket Storage below](#)
- [Create BlackPearl Linked Bucket Storage on page 66](#)
- [Create Vail S3 NAS Storage on page 68](#)

Create BlackPearl Standard Bucket Storage

The instructions below assume a storage domain and data policy were previously configured on your BlackPearl S3 solution. For information on configuring a storage domain and data policy, see the [BlackPearl Nearline Gateway User Guide](#).

Here is how to create BlackPearl storage:

1. Log in to the Vail management console.
2. In the taskbar of the Vail management console, click **Storage**.
3. Select the row of the BlackPearl S3 solution where you want to create storage.
4. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, click **Add**.

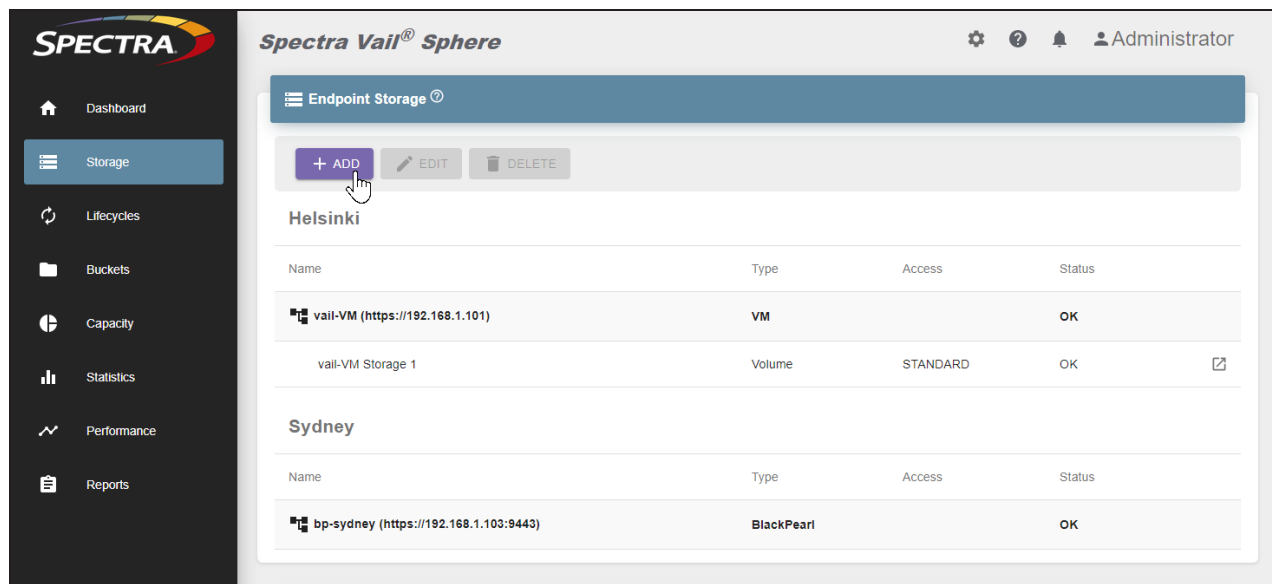


Figure 14 The Storage screen.

5. Use the **Select Storage Type** drop-down menu to select **BlackPearl Data Policy**, then click **Next**.

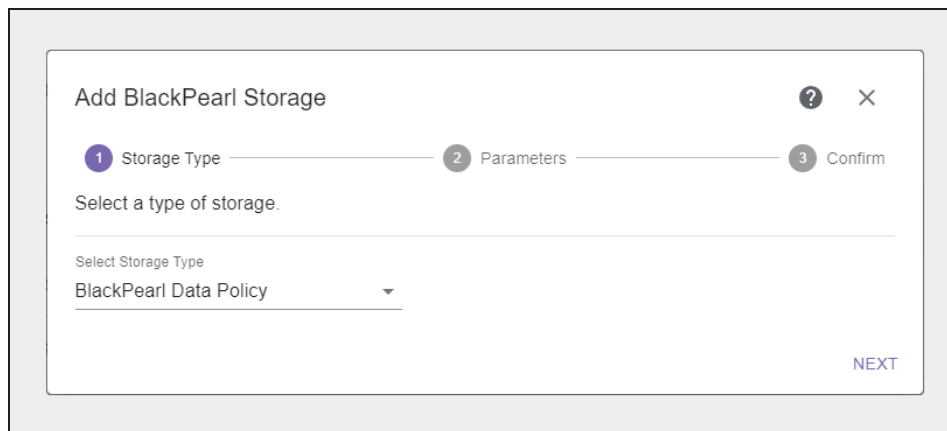


Figure 15 The Add BlackPearl Storage - Select Storage Type screen.

- Use the **Select BlackPearl Data Policy** drop-down menu to select a previously configured data policy on the BlackPearl S3 solution. Only data policies configured to use Object Naming display in the drop-down menu.

Figure 16 The Add BlackPearl Storage - Parameters screen.

- Enter a **Storage Name** for the BlackPearl storage.

Spectra Logic recommends using names that include the location, BlackPearl name, physical medium, and storage class.

For example, in the Dallas location add suffixes for the BlackPearl name, physical medium and storage class such as Dallas-BlackPearl1-Object-SA and Dallas-BlackPearl2-Tape-Glacier.

- Use the **Select Storage Class** drop-down menu to select the storage class for the BlackPearl storage. The selections that display depend on the type of storage medium targeted by the BlackPearl data policy.
- If desired, select to enable **Third-party Recovery**. This option creates a clone for delete markers, 0-length objects, and tiny objects, even though those clones are unnecessary. It also causes storage of full object metadata, enabling you to generate full objects from the content on the storage endpoint.

Note: This option uses additional storage space and negatively affects performance.

- If desired, select to enable **Restore to New Clone**. This option creates an additional data clone of objects on the storage endpoint to a different storage endpoint.

11. If desired, edit the **Caution Threshold** and **Warning Threshold**. These settings control when the Spectra Vail application sends a notification that the selected bucket capacity reaches the configured thresholds.
12. Click **Next**.
13. Review the configuration and click **Submit** to create the BlackPearl storage.

Create BlackPearl Linked Bucket Storage

Here is how to create linked bucket BlackPearl storage:

1. Log in to the Vail management console.
2. If necessary, create a bucket as described in [Create a Vail Bucket on page 88](#), then return to this section.
3. In the taskbar of the Vail management console, click **Storage**.
4. Select the row of the BlackPearl S3 solution where you want to create linked bucket storage.
5. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, click **Add**.

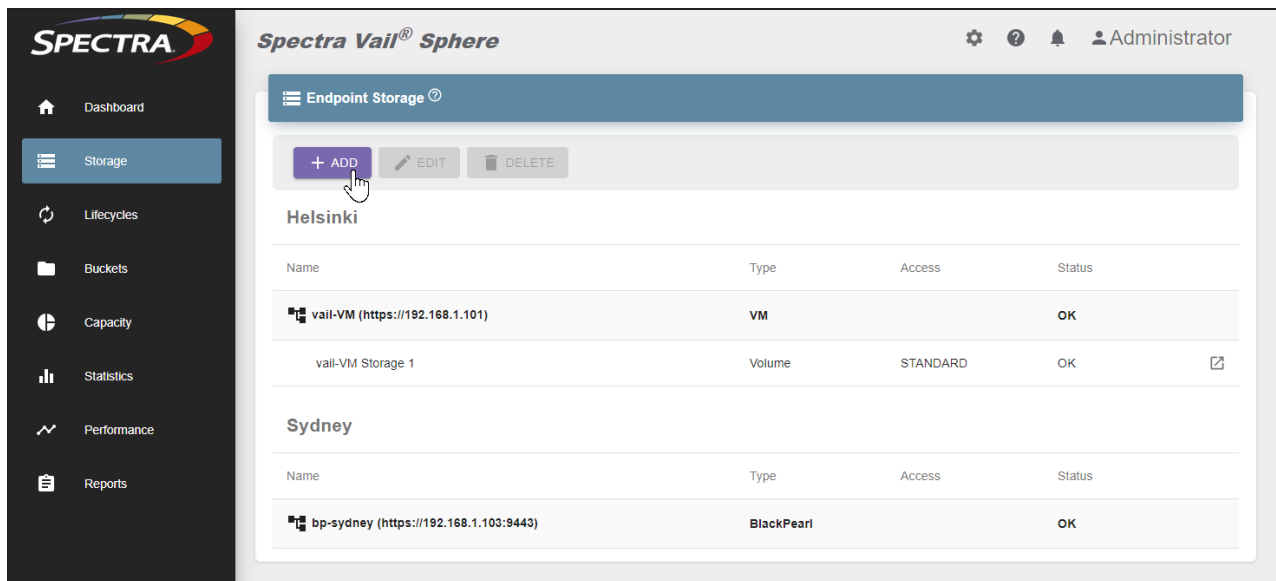


Figure 17 The Storage screen.

- Use the **Select Storage Type** drop-down menu to select **BlackPearl Linked Bucket**, then click **Next**.

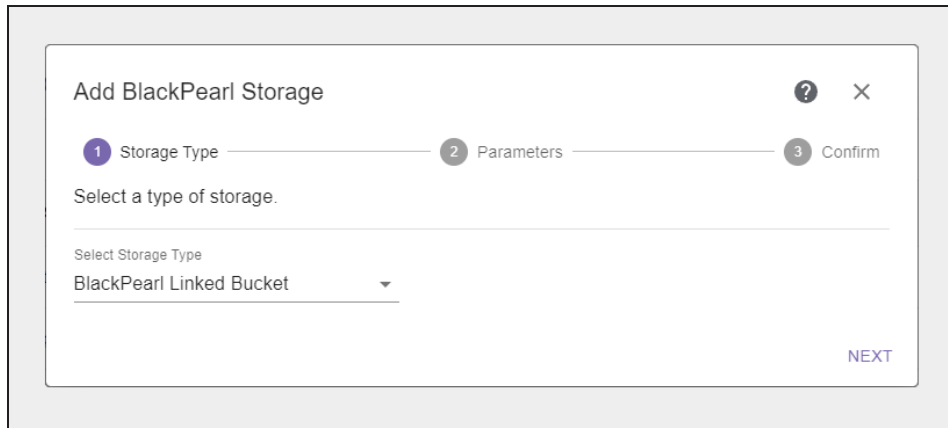


Figure 18 The Add BlackPearl Storage - Select Storage Type screen.

- Use the **Select BlackPearl Bucket** to select a previously configured BlackPearl bucket.

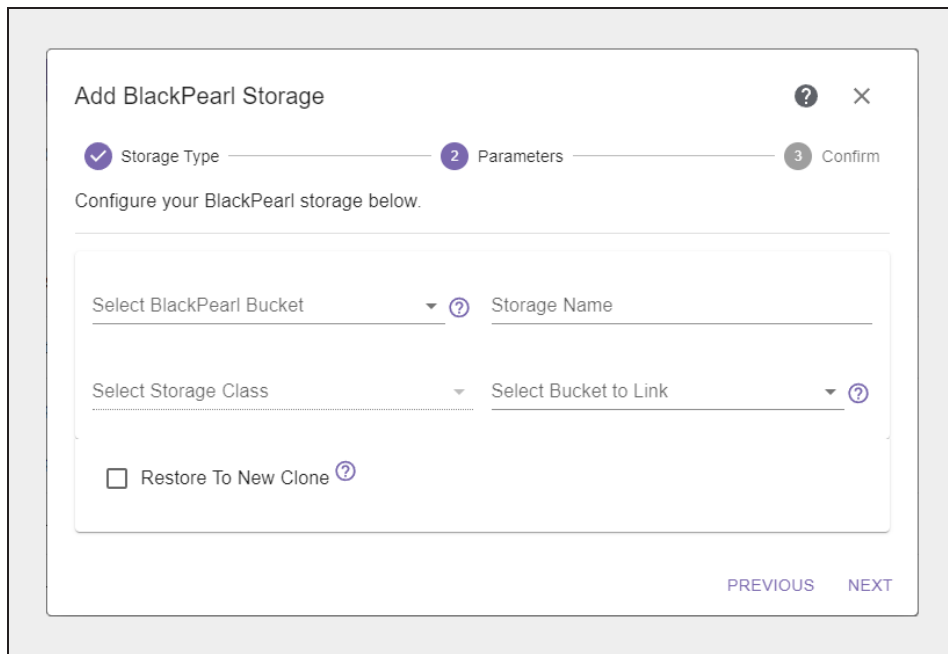


Figure 19 The Add BlackPearl Storage - Parameters screen.

- Enter a **Storage Name** for the BlackPearl storage.

Spectra Logic recommends using names that include the location, BlackPearl name, physical medium, and storage class.

For example, in the Dallas location add suffixes for the BlackPearl name, physical medium and storage class such as Dallas-BlackPearl1-Object-SA and Dallas-BlackPearl2-Tape-Glacier

9. Use the **Select Storage Class** drop-down menu to select the storage class for the BlackPearl storage. The selections that display depend on the type of storage medium targeted by the BlackPearl data policy used by the BlackPearl bucket selected in [Step 7](#).
10. Use the **Select Bucket to Link** drop-down menu to select a previously configured Vail bucket.
11. If desired, select to enable **Restore to New Clone**. This option creates an additional data clone of objects on the storage endpoint to a different storage endpoint.
12. Click **Next**.
13. Review the configuration and click **Submit** to create the BlackPearl linked bucket storage.

Create Vail S3 NAS Storage

The instructions below assume a storage pool and volume were previously configured on your BlackPearl S3 solution. For information on configuring a storage pool and volume, see the [BlackPearl Nearline Gateway User Guide](#).

Note: You cannot create Vail S3 NAS storage on a volume that currently has a share, or if the volume had a share assigned previously.

Here is how to create a Vail S3 share on a BlackPearl S3 solution:

1. Log in to your BlackPearl S3 solution user interface.
2. Select **Configuration > NAS > Shares > Vail S3**.
3. Select **Action > New**.

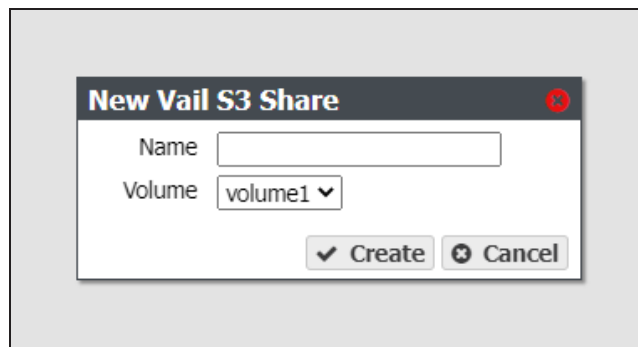


Figure 20 The New Vail S3 Share window.

4. Enter the desired **Name**. You cannot change the name once you create the share.
5. Using the drop-down menu, select a **Volume** on the BlackPearl S3 solution.
6. Click **Create**.

The Vail S3 share immediately displays in the Vail management console and does not require manual configuration.

CREATE CLOUD STORAGE

Use one of the sections below to configure cloud storage:

- **Create Amazon S3 Cloud Storage below**
- **Create Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage on page 72**
- **Create Google Cloud Platform Storage on page 74**
- **Create Other S3 Cloud Storage on page 76**

Create Amazon S3 Cloud Storage

In Vail, Amazon S3 cloud storage uses a previously configured AWS endpoint target for object storage.

Here is how to create Amazon S3 cloud storage:

1. In the taskbar of the Vail management console, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, click **Add**.

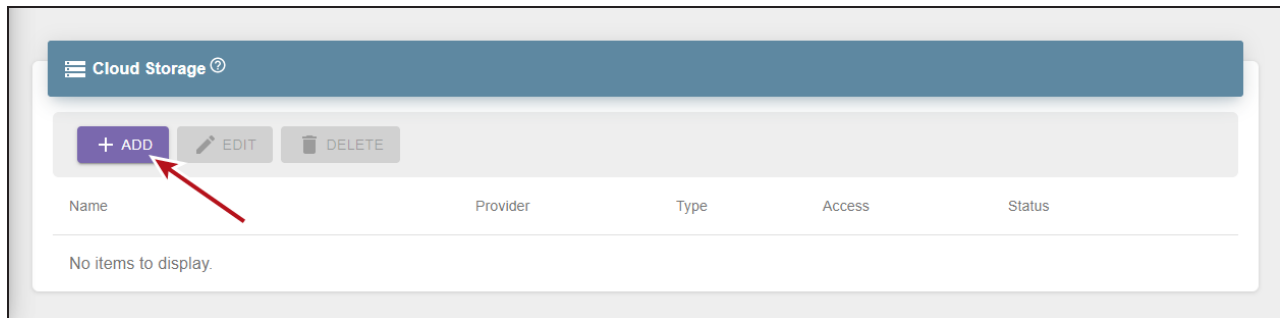


Figure 21 The Cloud Storage pane.

3. Use the **Select Storage Type** drop-down menu to select **Amazon S3 Cloud Bucket**, and click **Next**.

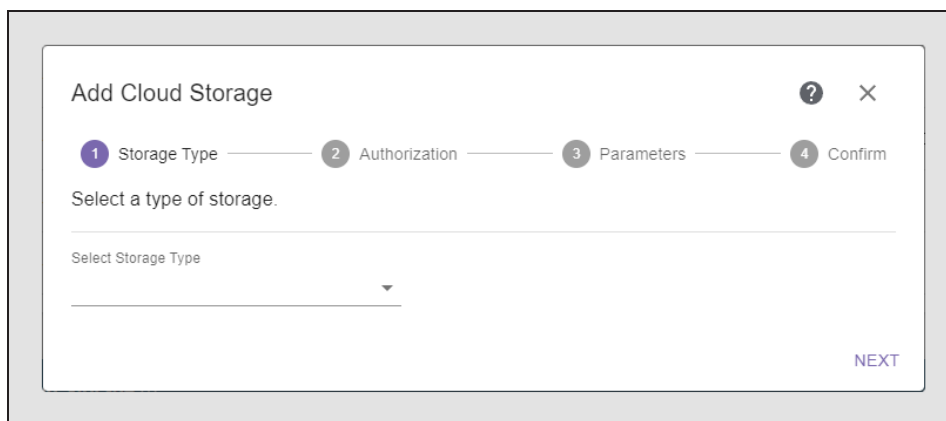


Figure 22 The Add Cloud Storage - Storage Type screen.

4. Select the desired authorization used to access cloud storage.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add Cloud Storage" with a close button (X) and a help button (?). A progress indicator shows four steps: 1. Cloud Provider (checked), 2. Authorization (current step), 3. Parameters, and 4. Confirm. Below the progress bar, it says "Enter your authorization data below." and lists five input fields: "Region", "AWS Access Key ID", "AWS Secret Access Key", "AWS IAM Role ARN", and "AWS IAM Role External ID". The "AWS IAM Role External ID" field has a tooltip that says "Optional. Specifies who can assume the role." At the bottom right, there are "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT" buttons.

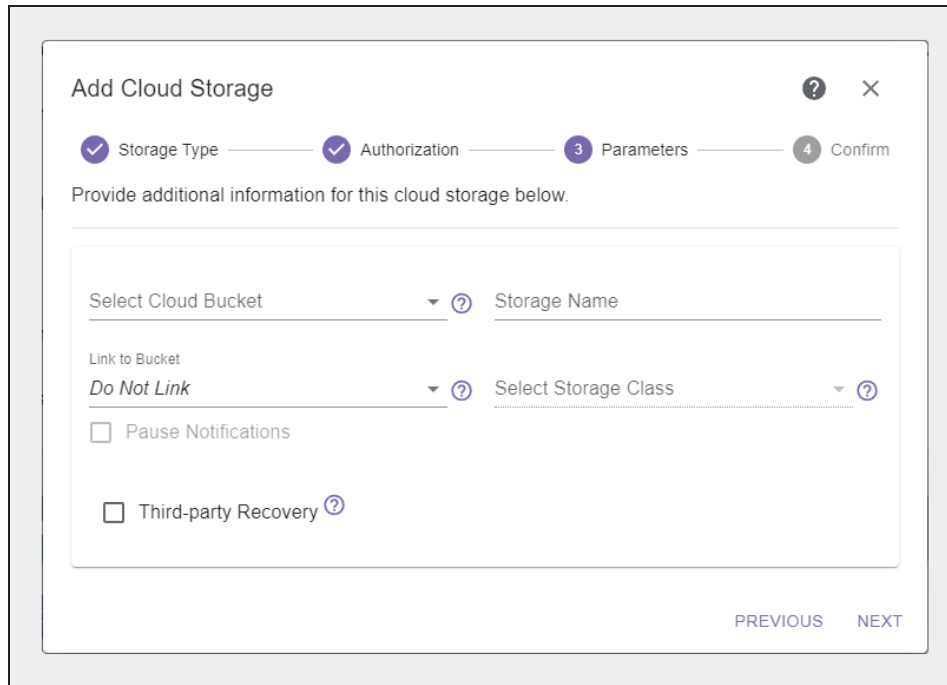
Figure 23 The Add Cloud Storage - AWS Authorization screen.

- To use the credentials of the AWS account associated with the Vail sphere administrator, leave the fields blank.
- To connect to cloud storage associated with a different AWS account, enter the **Region**, **AWS Access Key ID**, **AWS Secret Access Key**, and the **AWS IAM Role ARN** of the account. Optionally, enter the **AWS IAM Role External ID**.

5. Click **Next**.

- Use the **Select Cloud Bucket** drop-down menu to select a cloud bucket associated with the AWS or IAM user configured for cloud storage.

Note: AWS Buckets must be configured to use versioning before they can be used as cloud storage, even if they are assigned to a Vail bucket that has versioning disabled. Although the AWS bucket is capable of storing multiple versions of an object, if the Vail bucket does not have versioning enabled, only the latest version is preserved in the AWS bucket.



The screenshot displays the 'Add Cloud Storage' configuration interface. At the top, a progress indicator shows four steps: 'Storage Type' (checked), 'Authorization' (checked), 'Parameters' (active), and 'Confirm'. Below this, a prompt asks to 'Provide additional information for this cloud storage below.' The main configuration area contains several fields: a 'Select Cloud Bucket' dropdown menu, a 'Storage Name' text input field, a 'Link to Bucket' dropdown menu currently set to 'Do Not Link', and a 'Select Storage Class' dropdown menu. There are also two unchecked checkboxes: 'Pause Notifications' and 'Third-party Recovery'. At the bottom right, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' navigation buttons.

Figure 24 The Add Cloud Storage - Parameters screen.

- The **Storage Name** field is automatically populated with the name of the bucket selected in Step 6. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name**. Spectra Logic recommends using names that include type of cloud storage, location, and storage class.

For example, use names for Amazon cloud storage such as `AWS_uswest2_autotier` and `AWS_uswest2_S3glacier`.

- Use the **Link to Bucket** drop-down menu to select the Vail bucket which you want to link with the AWS S3 storage endpoint.

Note: If you want to link to a Vail bucket, the bucket must be created prior to creating the AWS S3 storage.



IMPORTANT

If a Vail bucket is linked to an AWS cloud bucket, when an object is added to an AWS cloud bucket, the Spectra Vail application creates a version of the object with a clone that references the object in the AWS bucket. Because the objects are linked, if the object is deleted in the Spectra Vail application, the object on the AWS cloud bucket is deleted, even if no lifecycle is defined. If there are multiple versions of the object in the Spectra Vail application, when the object is deleted, only the object on the AWS cloud bucket that matches the version deleted in the Spectra Vail application is deleted from the AWS bucket.

- Use the **Select Storage Class** drop-down menu to select a storage class for the AWS S3 storage.

- If you selected to link to a Vail bucket, select or clear **Pause Notifications** as desired. When notifications are paused, changes are only recognized when the bucket scan is manually triggered, either through the Vail management console or by API call.

Note: If you do not link to a Vail bucket, this option is greyed-out and non-functional.

- Click **Next**.

- Verify the information for the cloud storage is correct, and click **Submit**.

- Notes:**
- There is a seven minute delay before the contents of the AWS bucket appear in the Vail bucket. If the Vail bucket is assigned to a lifecycle that is configured to run immediately, any data present in the AWS bucket is processed by the lifecycle after seven minutes.
 - By default the cloud storage target is created with the Storage Class set to Standard. If desired, you can edit the cloud storage target to change the Storage Class. See [Edit Google Cloud Platform Storage on page 176](#).

Create Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage

In Vail, Microsoft Azure cloud storage uses a previously configured Azure container for storage.

Here is how to create Microsoft Azure cloud storage:

- In the taskbar of the Vail management console, click **Storage**.
- Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, click **Add**.

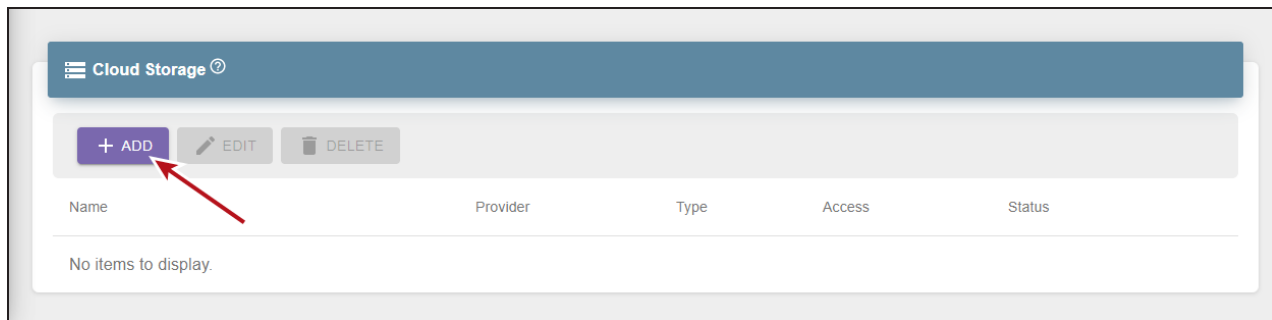


Figure 25 The Cloud Storage pane.

3. Use the **Select Storage Type** drop-down menu to select **Azure Container**, and click **Next**.

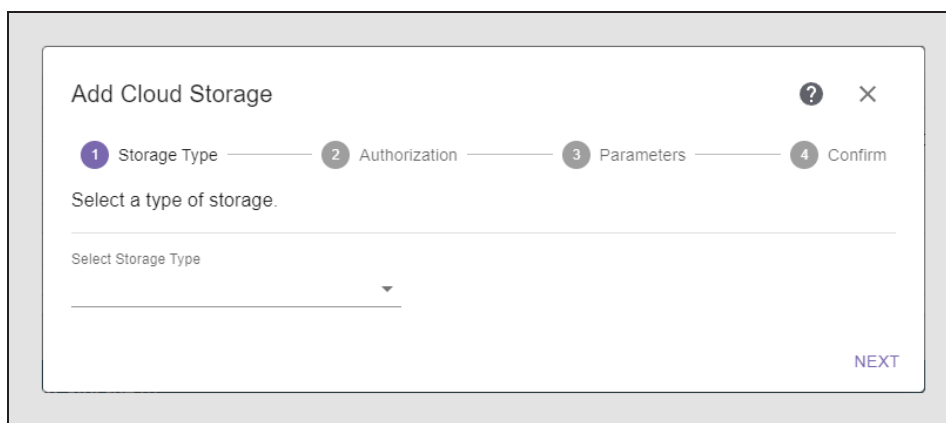


Figure 26 The Add Cloud Storage - Storage Type screen.

4. Enter the **Storage Account** and **Shared Secret** information for the Azure container.

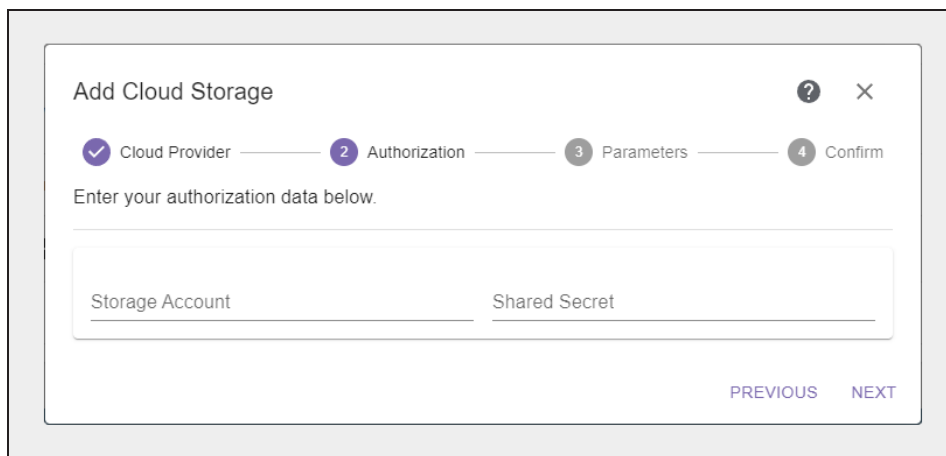


Figure 27 The Add Cloud Storage - Authorization screen.

5. Click **Next**.

Figure 28 The Add Cloud Storage - Parameters screen.

6. Using the **Select Container** drop-down menu, select a previously created container on the Azure storage target.
7. Enter a **Storage Name**, then click **Next**.
8. Verify the information for the cloud storage is correct, and click **Submit**.

Create Google Cloud Platform Storage

In Vail, Google Cloud Platform storage uses a previously configured Google storage endpoint target for storage.

Here is how to create Google Cloud Platform storage:

1. In the taskbar of the Vail management console, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, click **Add**.

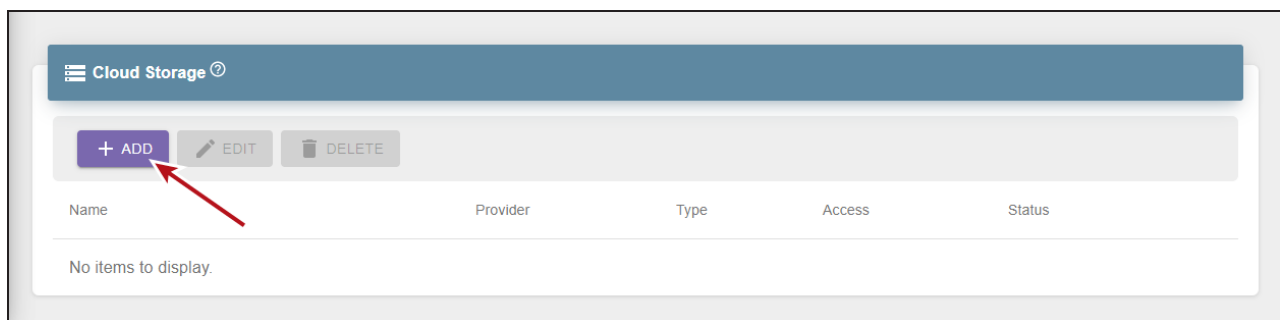


Figure 29 The Cloud Storage pane.

- Use the **Select Storage Type** drop-down menu to select **Google Cloud Bucket**, and click **Next**.

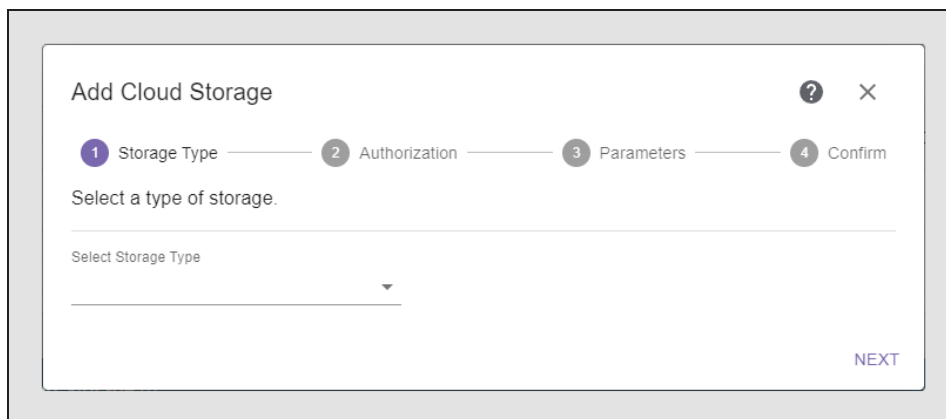


Figure 30 The Add Cloud Storage - Storage Type screen.

- Enter the **Google Cloud Platform JSON Credentials** information for the endpoint.

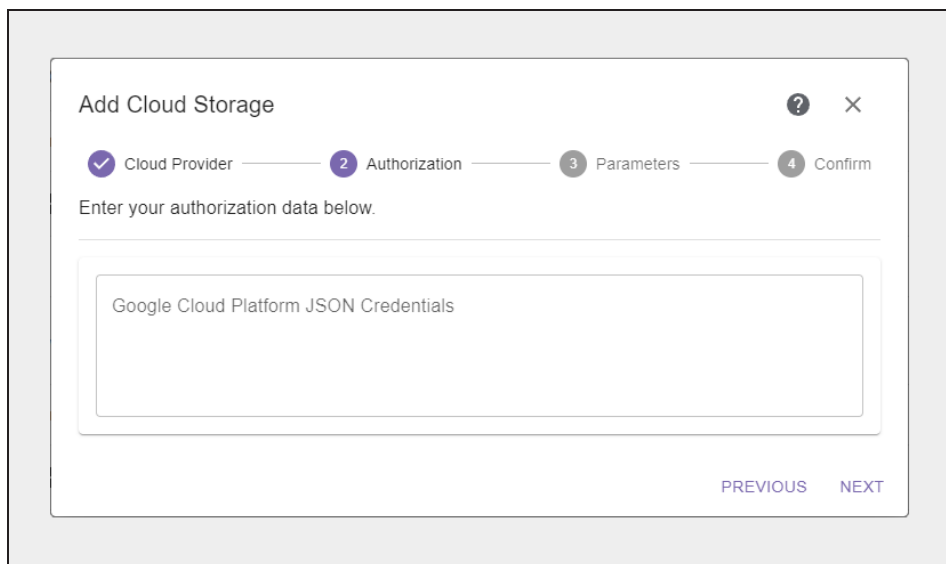


Figure 31 The Add Cloud Storage - Authorization screen.

- Click **Next**.

Figure 32 The Add Cloud Storage - Parameters screen.

6. Using the **Select Cloud Bucket** drop-down, select a previously created bucket in the Google Cloud Storage target.
7. Enter a **Storage Name**, then click **Next**.
8. Verify the information for the cloud storage is correct, and click **Submit**.

Create Other S3 Cloud Storage

Cloud storage that is not an AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud endpoint is configured as other third-party S3 cloud storage.

- Notes:**
- The bucket on the cloud storage target must be configured to use versioning.
 - You cannot create a linked bucket for use with other third-party S3 storage.

Here is how to create other third-party S3 cloud storage:

1. In the taskbar of the Vail management console, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, click **Add**.

- Use the **Select Storage Type** drop-down menu to select **Other S3 Cloud Bucket** and click **Next**.

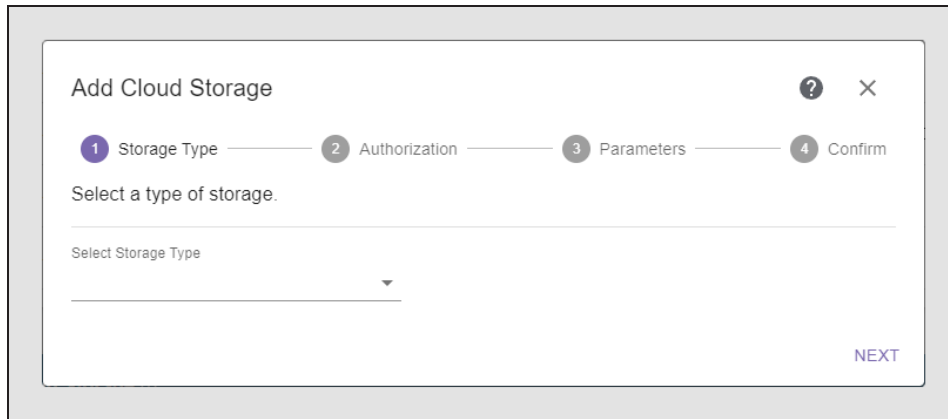


Figure 33 The Add Cloud Storage - Storage Type screen.

- Enter the URL address for the **Data Path Endpoint**.

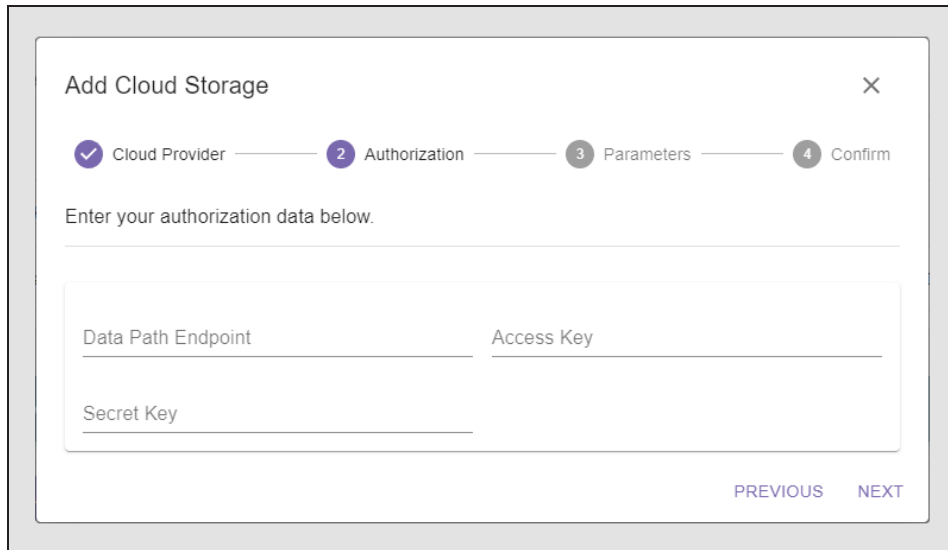


Figure 34 The Add Cloud Storage - Other S3 Authorization screen.

- Enter the **Access Key** and **Secret Key** for the administrator of the cloud endpoint.
- Click **Next**.

- Using the **Select Cloud Bucket** drop-down menu, select a bucket previously configured on the cloud endpoint.

Note: Versioning must be enabled on the target bucket.

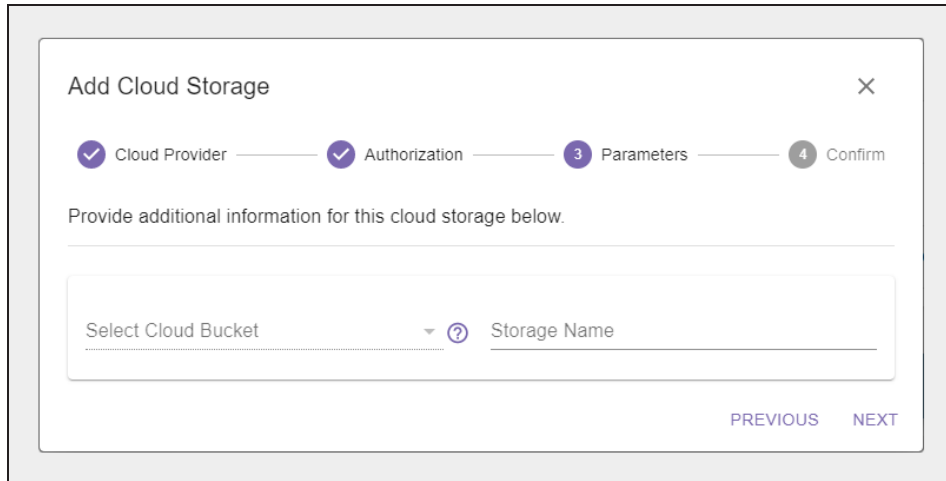


Figure 35 The Add Cloud Storage - 3rd Party Parameters screen.

- The **Storage Name** is automatically populated with the name of the bucket selected in [Step 7](#). If desired, you can change the **Storage Name**.
- Click **Next**.
- Verify the information for the cloud storage is correct, and click **Submit**.

CREATE A LIFECYCLE

Lifecycles control where data is located, at what times, and for how long. When data is added to a Vail bucket, lifecycle rules determine where objects are initially placed, how data placement changes over time, and when to delete objects. Placement rules change data placement without altering the bucket contents. Deletion rules delete objects and should be used with caution.

Lifecycle rules are processed once per day. When this occurs, the Vail application generates a list of objects to be moved or expired and then processes the objects as a background process. The default processing time is midnight UTC, but processing time of day can be changed in the Global Settings. See [Change Lifecycle Rule Nightly Processing Time](#) on page 152.



IMPORTANT

The Vail application does not support aggregating storage pools that use the same storage class. You must configure separate Lifecycles that each target different storage to use multiple storage pools of the same storage class.

Here is how to create a lifecycle:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Lifecycles**.
2. Under the **Lifecycles** banner, click **Create**.

Lifecycle Name	Modified	Number of Rules
vail-demo-uk-rule	Mar 29, 2019 4:03:24 PM	1
vail-demo-us-rule	Mar 29, 2019 4:03:24 PM	1

Figure 36 The Lifecycles screen.

3. Enter the desired **Name**.

Spectra Logic recommends using names that directly indicate the specific lifecycle rule configuration.

For example, use names such as Clone_Everywhere_Keep4Days and Moveto_DallasNodeVM_After10Days.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Lifecycle' dialog box with the 'Parameters' tab selected. The 'Name' field contains '1 Day' and the 'Multipart Upload Expiration' field contains '7 days'. The 'Delete Marker Expiration' checkbox is checked, while 'Force Initial Copy' and 'Ignore Requested Storage Class' are unchecked. A 'Description' text area is present but empty. A 'NEXT' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

Figure 37 The Create Lifecycle - Parameters screen.

4. Enter a value for **Multipart Upload Expiration** in days. This setting controls how long the Spectra Vail application waits before aborting multipart uploads. When the multipart upload aborts, all parts of the upload are deleted. This prevents retaining multiple incomplete uploads.

Note: To prevent multipart uploads from expiring, enter zero.

5. Select or clear **Delete Marker Expiration**. A delete marker keeps track of deletions of versioned objects so that S3 can determine if the object is missing. If enabled, the Spectra Vail application removes delete markers when they are the last remaining version of an object.
6. Select or clear **Force Initial Copy**. When enabled, the Vail application initially places data as STANDARD storage. Additional clones are created immediately as GLACIER storage. This may provide performance advantages as copying clones to GLACIER results in a clone that is ordered sequentially and more optimally packed.
7. Select or clear **Ignore Requested Storage Class**. When enabled, the Vail application does not consider the storage class requested in a PUT or upload operation and instead uses the storage class of the selected storage endpoint.

8. If desired, use the **Description** field to enter any additional information.
9. Click **Next**.
10. Add one or more placement or deletion rules. Placement rules add and remove clones from storage destinations, but do not change bucket contents. Deletion rules delete objects and should be used with caution.

Note: Each lifecycle is limited to five total rules.

- **Add a Placement Rule on the next page**
- **Add a Deletion Rule on page 85**

Add a Placement Rule

Placement rules add object clones to the selected destination storage and optionally remove clones from storage destinations not specified in the placement rule. Placement rules do not alter bucket contents.

1. Click **New Placement Rule**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Lifecycle' interface with the 'Placement Rule' tab selected. The form contains the following elements:

- Title:** Create Lifecycle (with help and close icons)
- Progress:** Parameters (checked) and Rules (2)
- Section:** Define your rules for Lifecycle2 (with help icon)
- Note:** Rules will be sorted by "Apply After" and "Versioning" values after submission. Maximum number of rules is 5.
- Form Fields:**
 - Name: Text input field
 - Select Destination Storage: Drop-down menu with help icon
 - Delete clones not on selected destination storage: Checkbox
 - Destination Count: Drop-down menu (All)
 - Apply After: Text input (days) with help icon
 - Versioning: Drop-down menu (All)
 - Include: Text input field with help icon
 - Exclude: Text input field with help icon and delete icon
- Footer:** NEW PLACEMENT RULE | NEW DELETION RULE, PREVIOUS, SUBMIT

Figure 38 The Create Lifecycle - Placement Rule screen.

2. Enter the desired **Name**.
3. Use the **Select Destination Storage** drop-down menu to select up to five previously configured storage destinations

Note: To remove a destination from the list, select the **Select Destination Storage** drop-down menu, and click on the **purple highlighted row** of the destination you want to remove.

4. If desired, select to **Delete clones not on selected destination storage**. This option removes clones from any destination storage not selected in [Step 3](#).

Note: This option only removes object clones. It does not change bucket contents.

5. Use the **Destination Count** drop-down menu to select the number of storage destinations you want to maintain a copy of the data when the rule executes, up to a maximum of five. If you have less than five storage endpoints, you are only able to select a number equal to or less than the number of storage endpoints. If you select **All**, every storage endpoint maintains a copy of object data

Note: If you select two destinations, but enter five storage destinations, then two copies of the object are maintained on any of the five specified destinations. The order in which you select destinations is the order the Vail sphere uses to determine where to store a copy of the data. If a storage destination is not available or busy when the rule executes, the Vail sphere selects the next destination.

6. Enter a number of days in the **Apply After** field. This setting controls how many days the Spectra Vail application waits before copying object data to storage destinations to maintain the specified number of copies. The timer for the **Apply After** setting takes effect at midnight UTC on the day data is written.

For example, with a rule configured with **Apply After** set for two days, if you write data at 8 PM UTC, after four hours, the **Apply After** clock starts, and the data is copied 48 hours later. In this example, the total time before data is written is 52 hours.

- If you set **Apply After** to 0 (zero), data is copied on the next nightly processing operation, which occurs within the next 0 to 24 hours.
- If you leave **Apply After** blank, data is copied immediately, without waiting for the nightly processing operation.

Note: The maximum value is 9999 days.

7. Using the **Versioning** drop-down menu, select what version of an object to copy when the rule executes.

Setting	Description
All	All versions of an object are copied.
Latest	Only the latest version of an object is copied.
Previous	All versions of an object, except for the latest version, are copied.

8. Optionally, enter a regular expression to **Include** in the clone job. Any object that matches this expression is included in the clone job.

For example:

- Entering `"/archive/images/production"` includes all objects that begin with the specified string.
- Entering `".txt$"` includes all objects that end with a .txt extension.

Note: Leave the field blank to include all objects.

9. Optionally, enter a regular expression to **Exclude** in the clone job. Any object that matches this expression is excluded from the clone job.

For example:

- Entering `"/archive/images/production"` excludes all objects that begin with the specified string.
- Entering `".txt$"` excludes all objects that end with a .txt extension.

Note: Leave the field blank to include all objects.

10. Click **Submit**.

Add a Deletion Rule

Use deletion rules to delete objects at a specified interval. If a storage location uses versioning, deletion rules can be configured to delete the latest or previous version of an object, or all versions.

Note: Deletion rules always removes delete markers if the rule criteria are met.



CAUTION

A deletion rule deletes data from **all** storage locations configured in the lifecycle.

1. Click **New Deletion Rule**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Lifecycle' interface. At the top, there is a title 'Create Lifecycle' with a help icon and a close icon. Below the title, there are two progress indicators: 'Parameters' (checked) and 'Rules' (2). The main heading is 'Define your rules for Lifecycle2' with a help icon. A note below reads: 'Note: Rules will be sorted by "Apply After" and "Versioning" values after submission. Maximum number of rules is 5.' The 'Deletion Rule' section is highlighted in red and contains the following fields: 'Name' (text input), 'Apply After' (text input with 'days' unit and a help icon), 'Versioning' (dropdown menu with 'All' selected), 'Noncurrent Versions to Keep' (text input with 'count' unit and a help icon), 'Include' (text input with a help icon), and 'Exclude' (text input with a help icon and a trash icon). At the bottom, there are two links: 'NEW PLACEMENT RULE | NEW DELETION RULE' and two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' and 'SUBMIT'.

Figure 39 The Create Lifecycle - Deletion Rule screen.

2. Enter the desired **Name**.

3. Enter a number of days in the **Apply After** field. This setting controls how many days the Spectra Vail application waits before deleting data associated with the lifecycle. The timer for the **Apply After** setting takes effect at midnight UTC on the day data is written.

For example, with a rule configured with Apply After set for two days, if you write data at 8 PM UTC, after four hours, the Apply After clock starts, and the data is deleted 48 hours later. In total the data is deleted 52 hours after it was written.

- If you set **Apply After** to 0 (zero), data is deleted on the next nightly processing operation, which occurs within the next 0 to 24 hours.
- If you leave **Apply After** blank, data is deleted immediately, without waiting for the nightly processing operation.

Note: The maximum value is 9999 days.

4. Using the **Versioning** drop-down menu, select what version of an object to delete when the rule executes.

Setting	Description
All	All versions of an object are deleted.
Latest	Only the latest version of an object is deleted.
Previous	All versions of an object, except for the latest version, are deleted.

5. If you selected **Previous** in Step 4, enter a number for the **Noncurrent Versions to Keep** setting. This setting controls the number of non-current versions that are kept and not deleted. When this limit is reached, any excess non-current versions are deleted when the **Apply After** setting is reached.

Note: For example, if Apply After is set to 1, then the most recent version of an object is kept along with a the single most recent previous version of that object. All other versions are deleted.

6. Optionally, enter a regular expression to **Include** in the expiration job. Any object that matches this expression is included in the expiration job.

For example:

- Entering `"^/images/production"` includes all objects that begin with the specified string.
- Entering `"\\.txt$"` includes all objects that end with a .txt extension.

Note: Leave the field blank to include all objects.

7. Optionally, enter a regular expression to **Exclude** in the expiration job. Any object that matches this expression is excluded from the expiration job.

For example:

- Entering "^/archive/images/production" excludes all objects that begin with the specified string.
- Entering "\.txt\$" excludes all objects that end with a .txt extension.

Note: Leave the field blank to include all objects.

8. Click **Submit**.

CREATE A VAIL BUCKET

A Vail bucket is a logical target that is shared across the entire Vail sphere. Objects are placed and retrieved from a Vail bucket using an S3 compatible client. Data is then migrated to storage locations using the lifecycle associated with the bucket.

Note: A Vail sphere is limited to 1000 buckets.

Vail buckets can also be linked to an existing bucket on a BlackPearl system or AWS S3 storage endpoint. When buckets are linked, any changes to one bucket are propagated to the other bucket automatically. Only one linked bucket is allowed per storage location. You cannot link a bucket to non-AWS cloud storage endpoints.

Note: When a Vail bucket is linked to an AWS cloud bucket, the Spectra Vail application synchronizes the buckets such that changes made on one bucket are propagated to the other bucket. In normal S3 operations, a very small object, such as a 0-length delete marker, is not cloned. However in a linked bucket configuration, small objects created on the linked cloud storage are represented by a clone in the Spectra Vail application because of the bucket synchronization. These clones display in the Vail management console and can be deleted. Deleting the clone of an object results in the object appearing that it was originally created on the Vail storage, not the linked cloud bucket.



IMPORTANT

If a Vail bucket is linked to an AWS cloud bucket, when an object is added to an AWS cloud bucket, the Spectra Vail application creates a version of the object with a clone that references the object in the AWS bucket. Because the objects are linked, if the object is deleted in the Spectra Vail application, the object on the AWS cloud bucket is deleted, even if no lifecycle is defined. If there are multiple versions of the object in the Spectra Vail application, when the object is deleted, only the object on the AWS cloud bucket that matches the version deleted in the Spectra Vail application is deleted from the AWS bucket.

Here is how to create a Vail bucket:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.
2. Under the **Buckets** banner, click **Create**.

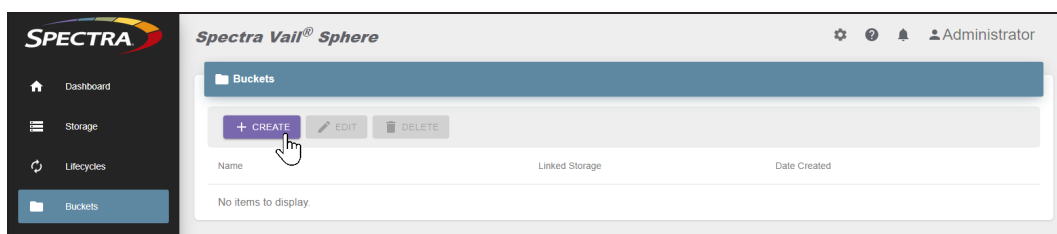


Figure 40 The Buckets screen.

- Enter the desired **Bucket Name**. Spectra Logic recommends using names that either include the intended usage or user a group name combined with intended usage. If you use a naming convention by groups, the associated group can be easily given access to all buckets sharing the group name prefix.

For example, use usage names such as news-breaking and external-archive, or group and usage name such as eng-dev and eng-test.

Note: Vail bucket names must be between three and 63 characters, using only lowercase letters and numbers. The period (.) and dash (-) characters are valid in the middle of the bucket name, but are not valid as the first or last character of a bucket name.

Note: Spectra Logic recommends following Amazon AWS documentation naming conventions and restrictions to maintain consistency and avoid potential issues. See [AWS Bucket Naming Rules](#) for more information.

Figure 41 The Create Bucket - Parameters screen.

- If desired, select **Enable Versioning** to allow the bucket to store multiple versions of an object.

5. If desired, select **Enable Object Locking**. This allows you to protect the state of an object when the lock is applied, while also allowing other versions non-locked versions to be modified, and allows new versions of an object to be added to the bucket.

There are two types of locks that can be used. A retention lock expires on a specific date and time. A legal lock must be manually removed.

- Notes:**
- Objects can be locked both when they are added to the bucket, and while they reside in the bucket using the Vail API.
 - Locked objects display a locked in the Vail management console.
 - This option is greyed-out unless you selected to enable versioning in [Step 4](#).

6. If desired, select **Enable Encryption** to encrypt data copied to the Vail bucket.
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**IMPORTANT**

Files archived to an encrypted Vail bucket can only be decrypted by the Spectra Vail application.

Note: You must use the key provided by Spectra Logic when transferring data to a Vail bucket configured to use encryption, or data transfers to the bucket fail.

7. If desired, select **Enable Compression** to allow the Spectra Vail application to compact objects placed in the Vail bucket.

Note: Compression is not recommended if your workflow only uses files that are already compressed, such as ZIP files.

8. If desired, select **Hide Glacier Operations**. This option allows S3 clients that do not fully support restoring from AWS S3 Glacier tier storage by automatically requesting the object from Glacier storage when the client requests the object.

Note: Enabling this option changes the response from the Spectra Vail application to the S3 client when an object is not immediately available. Instead of a 403 invalid object state error, a 503 service unavailable error is returned.

**IMPORTANT**

This option is not compatible with S3 clients that fully support Glacier storage restores and may interfere with normal operation.

9. Use the **Bucket Owner** drop-down menu to select a user to own the bucket. The bucket owner sets permissions for the bucket.

10. Use the **Object Ownership** drop-down menu to select the type of ownership used for new objects, and how Access Control Lists (ACLs) are used.

Option	Description
ACLs Disabled	<p>New objects written to this bucket are always owned by the bucket owner configured in Step 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to this bucket and its objects is specified using only policies. <p>Note: This is the recommended setting.</p>
Bucket Owner Preferred	<p>If new objects written to this bucket specify the <i>bucket-owner-full-control</i> canned ACL, the objects are owned by the bucket owner. Otherwise they are owned by the object writer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to this bucket and its objects can be specified using ACLs or policies.
Object Writer	<p>New objects written to the bucket are always owned by the object writer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to this bucket and its objects can be specified using either ACLs or policies.

Note: If Object Permissions is configured to use Object Writer, if an object is added to the bucket by a different account, that object is owned by the other account, but permissions for bucket operations are still controlled on the bucket owner

11. Click **Next**.

- If you selected **Enable Object Locking** in [Step 5 on page 90](#), continue with [Step 12](#) below
- Otherwise, skip to [Step 16 on page 93](#).

12. If desired, select **Use Default Retention** to configure a retention policy for objects to use if they are not uploaded to the bucket with a specified retention lock. To continue without specifying a default retention policy, click **Next** and skip to Step 16 on page 93.

Figure 42 The Create Bucket - Retention screen.

13. Use the **Retention Mode** drop-down menu to select the type of default retention lock. Retention locks have two modes that specify how the lock can be modified. Both Governance and Compliance mode locks can have the retention period extended.
- Retention locks in **Governance** mode can be reduced or removed if the user making the request has the correct permissions.
 - Retention locks in **Compliance** mode can only be extended, and the retention period cannot be removed or reduced. You must wait for the lock to expire.
14. Use the **Unit of Time** drop-down menu to select a unit of time for the default retention lock, then enter a value for **Number of Unit of Time**. The minimum value is 1 day and the maximum value is 36500 days (100 years).
15. Click **Next**.

16. Edit the example **Policy** code as required. Policy permissions are used if you want to exclude IAM user(s) under the main AWS account from accessing the Vail bucket.

Note: For additional information on configuring a policy, see the [Amazon S3 Actions](#) documentation.

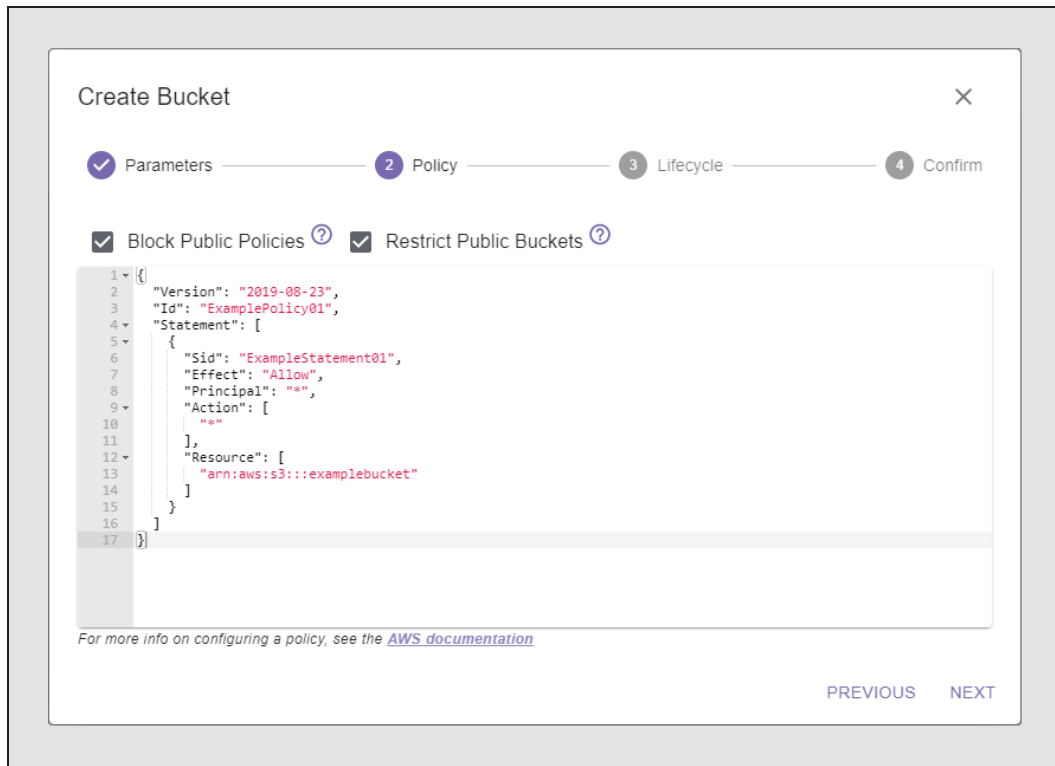


Figure 43 The Create Bucket - Policy screen.

17. If desired, select or clear **Block Public Policies**. Enabling this setting blocks new bucket policies that grant public access to buckets and objects. This setting does not change existing policies that allow public access.

18. If desired, select or clear **Restrict Public Buckets**. Enabling this setting ignores public and cross-account access for buckets with policies that grant public access to buckets and objects.

19. Click **Next**.

- If you selected **ACLs Disabled** in Step 10 on page 91, skip to Step 26 on page 95.
- Otherwise continue with Step 20 below.

20. Click **Add ACL** to configure ACL bucket permissions. ACL permissions are used when the bucket is shared across AWS accounts, and when older applications are being used that are not compatible with bucket policies.

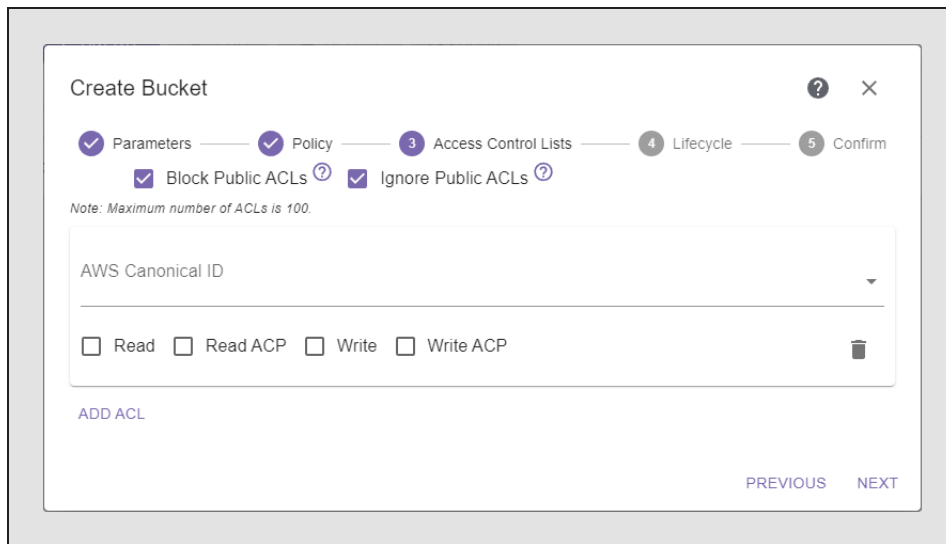


Figure 44 The Create Bucket - Access Control List screen.

21. Using the **AWS Canonical ID** drop-down menu, select an ID.

Note: The ID of the Vail sphere administrator is automatically configured in the Spectra Vail application. To add additional AWS accounts, see [Configure & Manage IAM Accounts](#).

22. Using the **Permissions** check boxes, set the permissions for the Vail bucket. If desired, you can assign multiple permissions.

Option	Description
Read	Allows the user to list the objects in a bucket.
Read ACP	Allows the user to read the bucket ACL information.
Write	Allows the user to create new objects in the bucket, and to overwrite existing objects.
Write ACP	Allows the user to write the ACL for the bucket.

If necessary, repeat [Step 20](#) through [Step 22](#) to configure additional ACLs.

Note: Use the trashcan icon to remove an ACL.

23. If desired, select or clear **Block Public ACLs**. Enabling this setting blocks public access to ACL permissions applied to newly added buckets or objects, and prevents the creation of new public access ACLs for existing buckets and objects. This setting does not change any existing permissions that allow public access to S3 resources using ACLs.

24. If desired, select or clear **Ignore Public ACLs**. Enabling This setting ignores all ACLs that grant public access to objects or directories.
25. Click **Next**.
26. Using the **Select Lifecycle** drop-down menu, select a previously configured lifecycle and click **Next**.

Note: If you are creating a linked bucket and want to use the linked bucket as destination storage in a lifecycle, select None. After the linked storage is created and added to a lifecycle, you need to edit the bucket to select the desired lifecycle. See [Vail Sphere Configuration Paths on page 1](#) for more information.

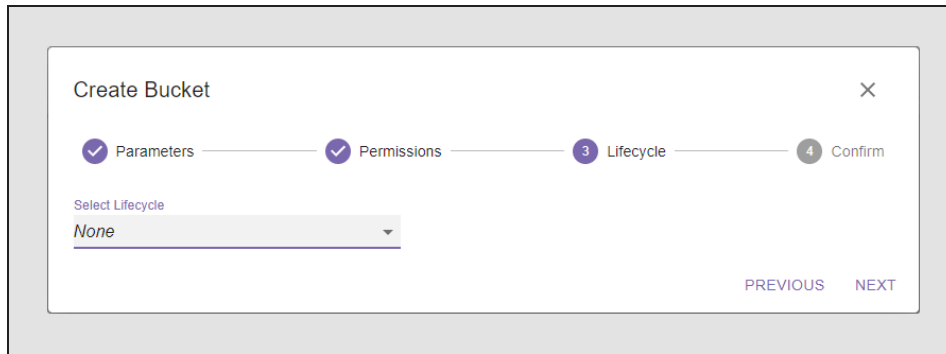


Figure 45 The Create Bucket - Lifecycle screen.

27. Review the configuration, then click **Submit** to create the bucket.

Note: A Vail sphere is limited to 1000 buckets.

CONFIGURE AN OBJECT STORAGE BROWSER

Before you can access and transfer data to a BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node, you must configure an object storage browser. The instructions in this section describe how to configure the S3 Browser and Cyberduck® cloud storage browser software.

Note: For other object browser programs compatible with the Spectra Vail application, refer to the documentation included with the software.

The instructions below assume you have previously installed the browser software.

Configure S3 Browser

Here is how to configure the S3 Browser:

1. Launch the S3 Browser software.

Note: You must use S3 Browser program version 9.0.8 or later.

2. Click **Accounts > Add New Account**.
3. Enter the desired **Account Name**.

Add New Account online help

Enter new account details and click Add new account

Account Name:

 Assign any name to your account.

Account Type:
 S3 Compatible Storage
 Choose the storage you want to work with. Default is Amazon S3 Storage.

REST Endpoint:

 Specify S3-compatible API endpoint. It can be found in storage documentation. Example: rest.server.com:8080

Access Key ID:

 Required to sign the requests you send to Amazon S3. see more details at <https://s3browser.com/keys>

Secret Access Key:

 Required to sign the requests you send to Amazon S3. see more details at <https://s3browser.com/keys>

Encrypt Access Keys with a password.

 Turn this option on if you want to protect your Access Keys with a master password.

Use secure transfer (SSL/TLS)
 If checked, all communications with the storage will go through encrypted SSL/TLS channel

[Advanced S3-compatible storage settings](#) Add new account Cancel

Figure 46 The Add New Account wizard.

4. Using the **Account Type** drop-down menu, select **S3 Compatible Storage**.

5. Enter the IPv4 address of the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node as the **REST Endpoint**.
6. Enter the **Access Key ID** and the **Secret Access Key** of an IAM user configured in the Spectra Vail application.
7. Clear the **Use secure transfer (SSL/TLS)** check box.
8. Click **Advanced S3-compatible storage settings**.

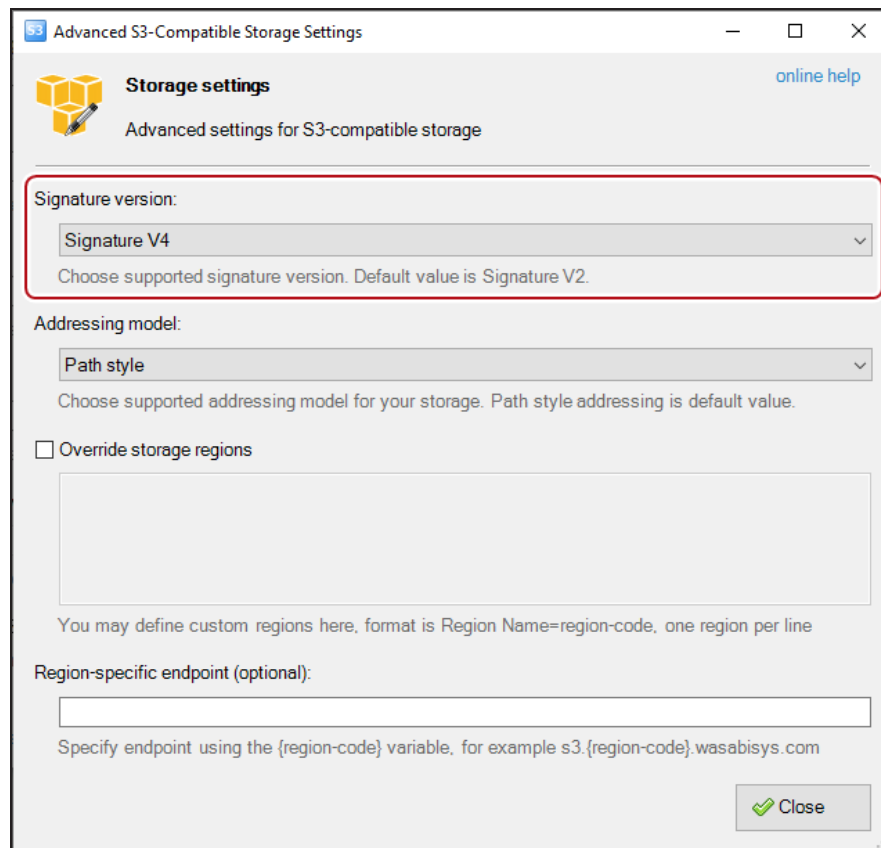


Figure 47 The Advanced S3-Compatible Storage Settings screen.

9. Using the **Signature Version** drop-down menu, select **Signature V4** and click **Close**.
10. Click **Add new account**. The S3 Browser retrieves the list of buckets configured on the Vail sphere (see [View Vail Bucket Details](#) on page 135.)

Configure Cyberduck Object Storage Browser

Here is how to configure Cyberduck object storage browser:

1. Download and install the Cyberduck profile for third party S3 (HTTPS) connections. The profile can be downloaded at:

[https://profiles.cyberduck.io/Spectra%20S3%20\(HTTPS\).cyberduckprofile](https://profiles.cyberduck.io/Spectra%20S3%20(HTTPS).cyberduckprofile)

Note: Use the Cyberduck user documentation for help installing the profile.

2. Launch the Cyberduck software.
3. Click **Open Connection**.

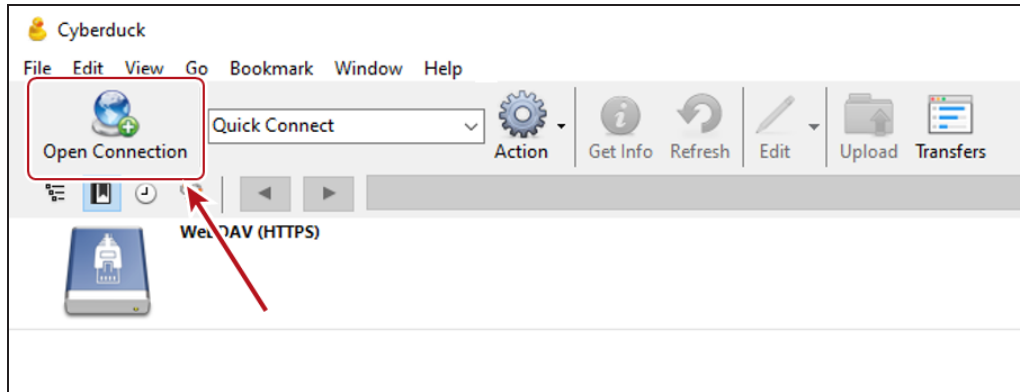


Figure 48 The Cyberduck Object Storage Browser home screen.

4. Using the drop-down menu, select **S3(HTTPS)**.
5. Using the **Server** entry field, enter the IP address of the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node.

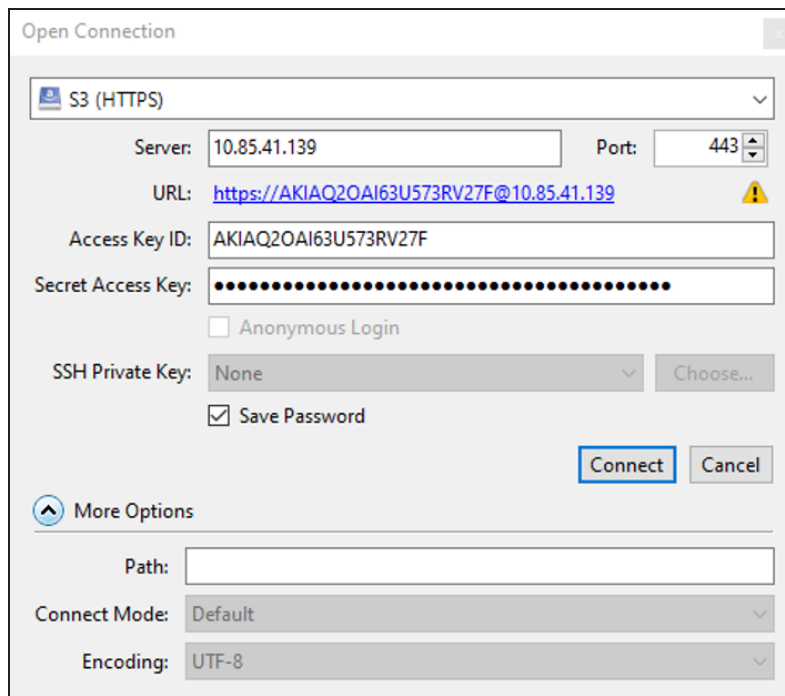


Figure 49 The Open Connection screen.

6. Enter the **Access Key ID** and the **Secret Access Key** of an IAM user configured in the Spectra Vail application.
7. Click **Connect**.

CHAPTER 5 - CONFIGURE & MANAGE USERS

This chapter describes the configuration and managing user accounts in the Spectra Logic Spectra Vail application. This chapter includes information about Vail sphere administrator accounts, IAM accounts, and IAM groups, as well as AWS access key management.

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CONFIGURE & MANAGE SPHERE ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNTS - CLOUD CONTROL

Spectra Vail application sphere administrator accounts have full control over the entire sphere, with full access to configure and change all system settings. Use the information in this section to create, edit, or delete a sphere administrator when using a cloud controlled Vail application.

Note: The Spectra Vail application relies on the AWS Cognito server to manage sphere administrators. As a result, it is also possible to make sphere administrator level changes via the AWS management console.

Create a Sphere Administrator

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **Administrators (2)**.

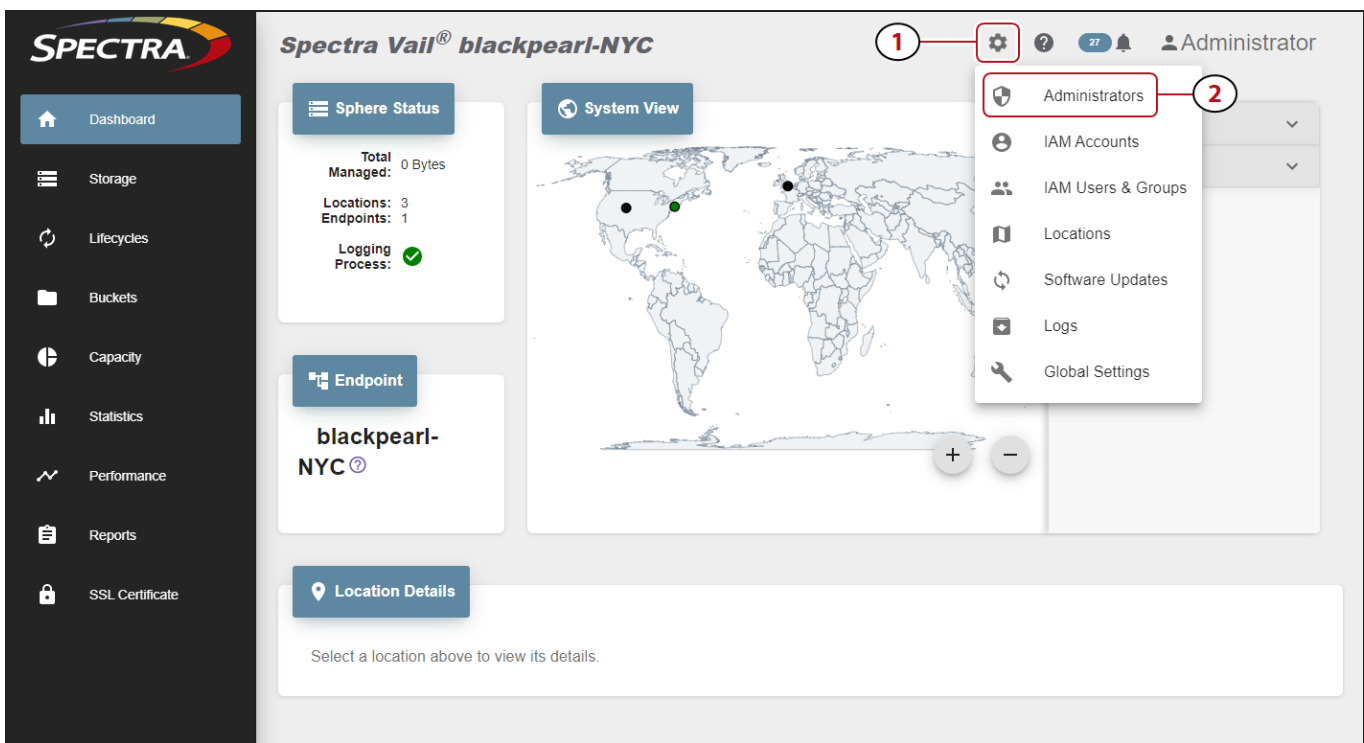


Figure 50 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

- In the Sphere Administrator pane, click **Create**.

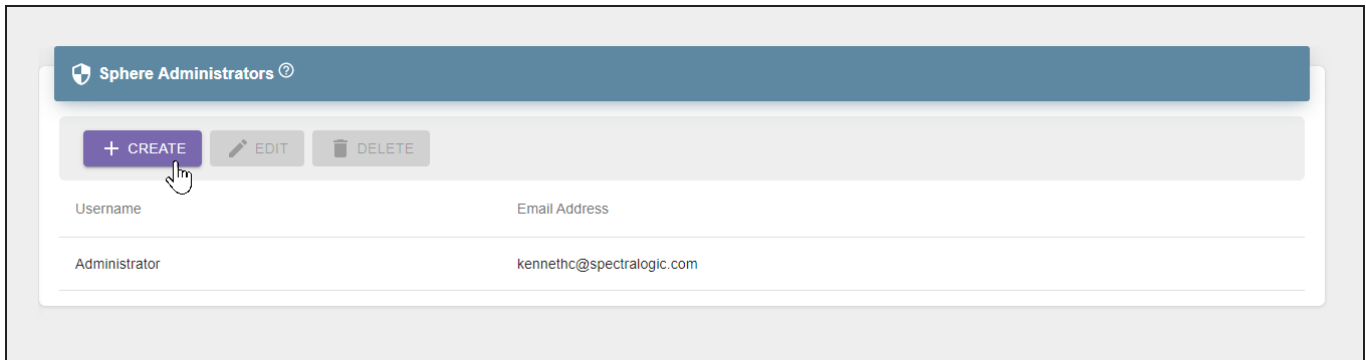


Figure 51 The Sphere Administrators pane.

- Enter the desired **Username**.

Spectra Logic suggests using the same naming convention as your corporate email for Vail sphere administrator names.

For example, if associate Jane Smith uses the email address `janes@yourcompany.com`, use "janes" for the user name.

 A screenshot of the 'Create Sphere Administrator' form. The form has a title bar with a question mark icon and a close 'X' icon. It contains two input fields: 'Username' and 'Email Address'. Below the 'Email Address' field, there is a note: 'A temporary password will be sent to this address'. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Select what types of emails this user wants to receive.' with four checkboxes: 'Info', 'Ok', 'Warning', and 'Error'. A 'SUBMIT' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Figure 52 The Create Sphere Administrator screen.

- Enter the **Email Address** for the sphere administrator. Emails sent to this address include system events and the temporary password for the account.

5. Select the type(s) of emails that the sphere administrator receives. The Spectra Vail application emails the administrator when an event of the selected type occurs.

Setting	Description
Info	An expected event occurred such as a job starting or completing successfully.
OK	A component of the Vail sphere reports an OK status.
Warning	Notifies the user of a failure that may adversely impact the Spectra Vail application.
Error	Notifies the user of a failure that caused significant adverse impact to the Spectra Vail application.

6. Click **Submit**.

A default password is emailed to the address entered in [Step 4](#)

Change a Sphere Administrator Password

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **Administrators (2)**.

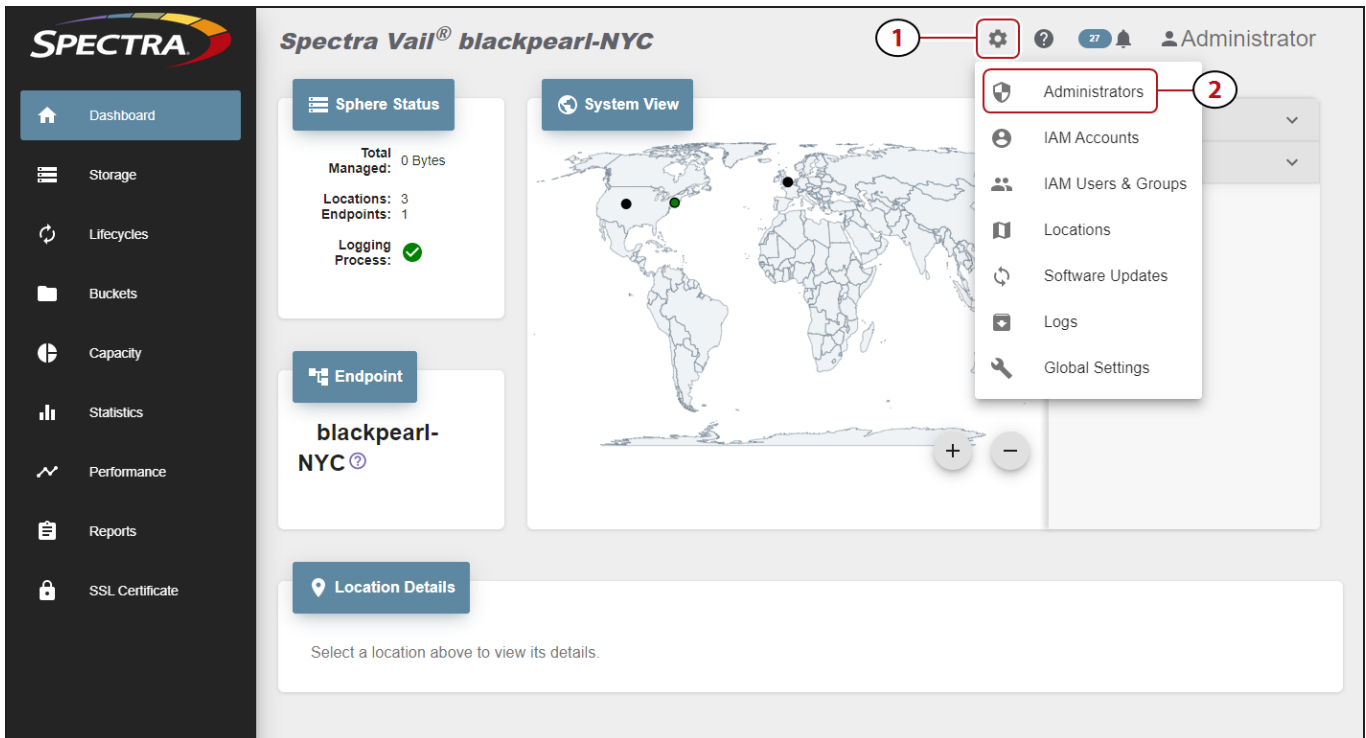


Figure 53 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **Sphere Administrator** banner, (1) Select the row of the sphere administrator to edit, and (2) click **Edit**.

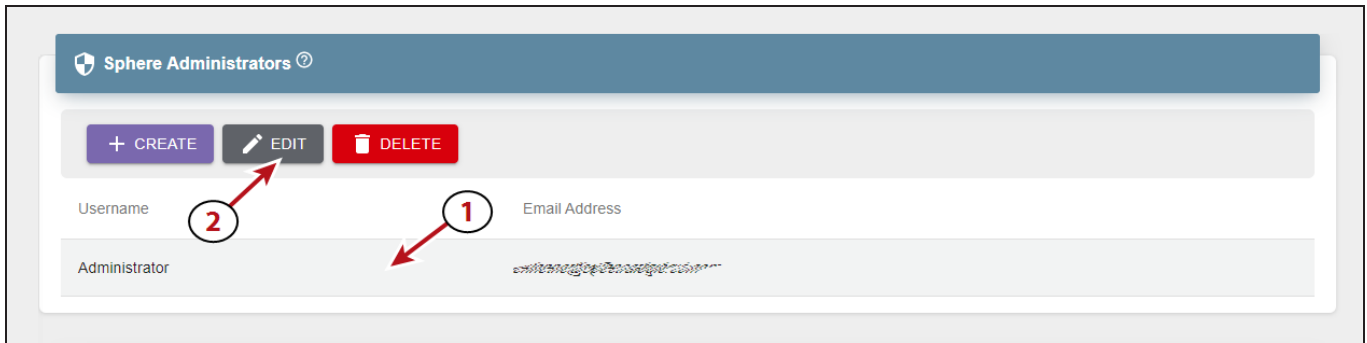


Figure 54 The Sphere Administrators pane.

3. Select **Set new password** and click **Next**.

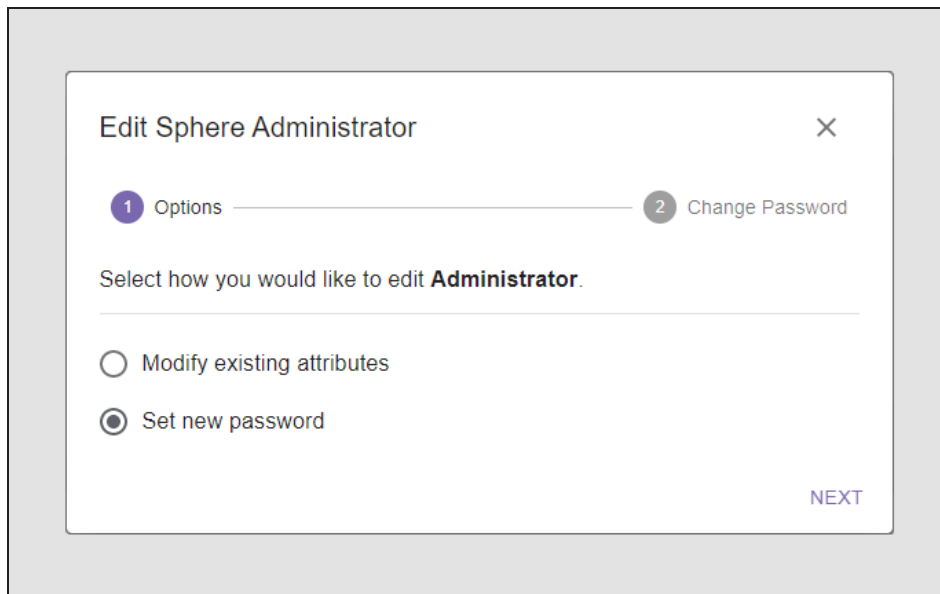


Figure 55 The Edit Sphere Administrator - Options screen.

4. Enter the desired **New Password**, then **Confirm New Password** and click **Submit**.

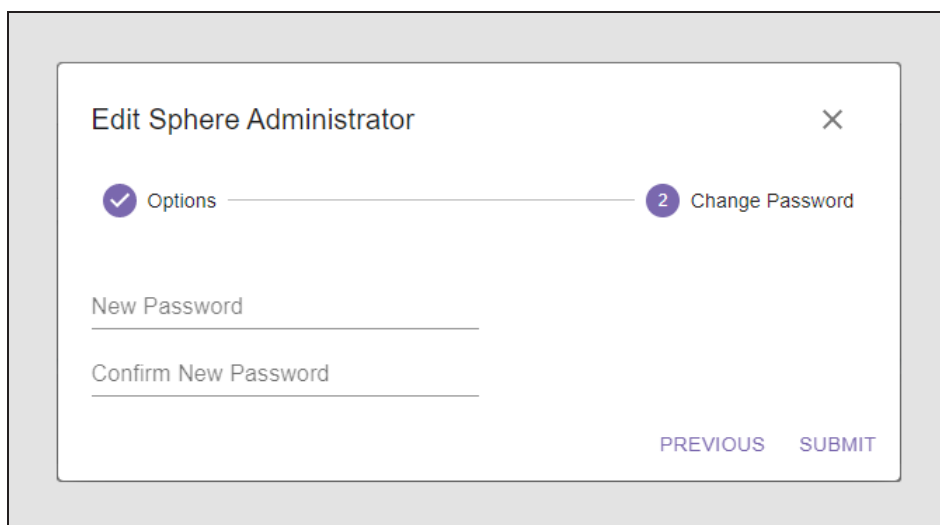


Figure 56 The Edit Sphere Administrator - Change Password screen.

Edit Sphere Administrator Attributes

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **Administrators (2)**.

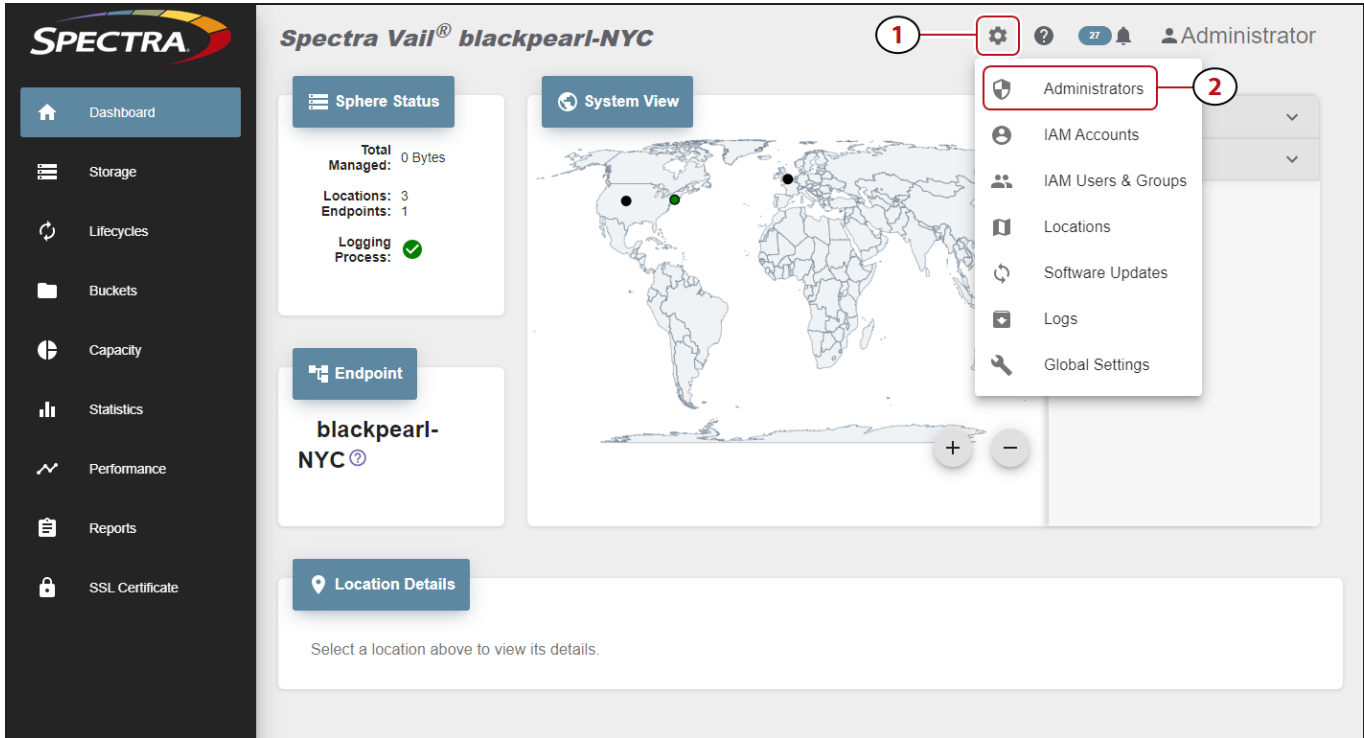


Figure 57 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **Sphere Administrator** banner, (1) Select the row of the sphere administrator to edit, and (2) click **Edit**.

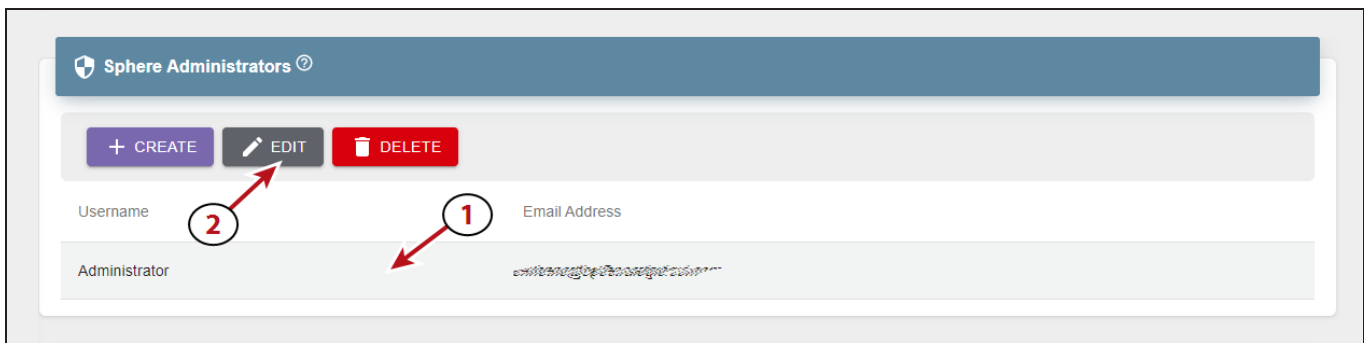


Figure 58 The Sphere Administrators pane.

3. Select **Modify existing attributes** and click **Next**.

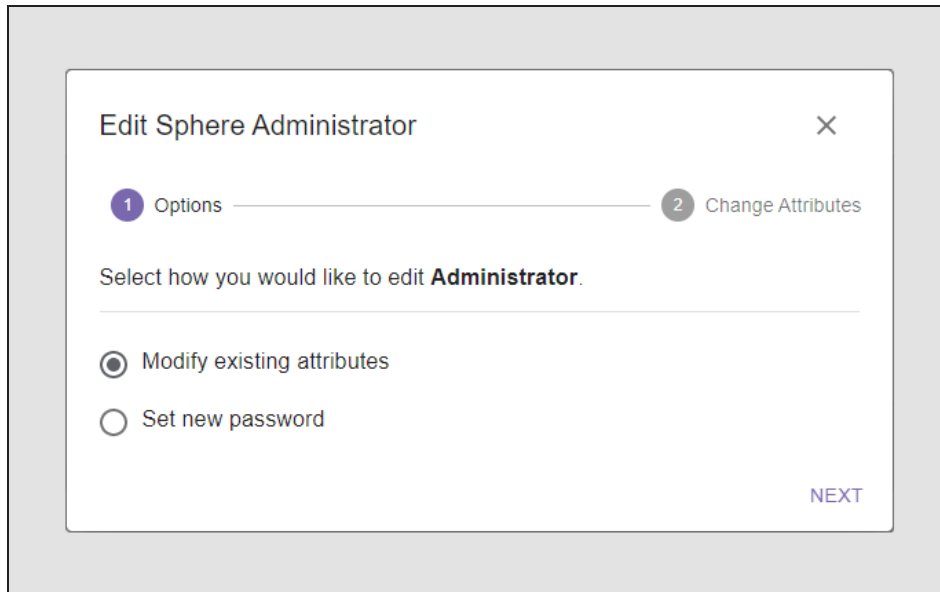


Figure 59 The Edit Sphere Administrator - Options screen.

4. Change the **Email Address** or the types of email the sphere administrator receives, and click **Submit**. See [Step 5](#) for a description of email types.

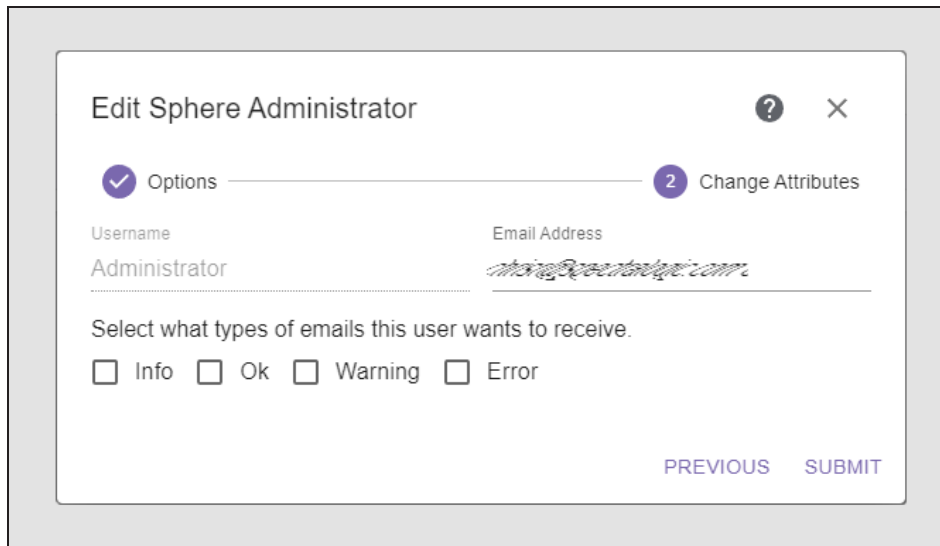


Figure 60 The Edit Sphere Administrator - Change Attributes screen.

Delete a Sphere Administrator

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **Administrators (2)**.

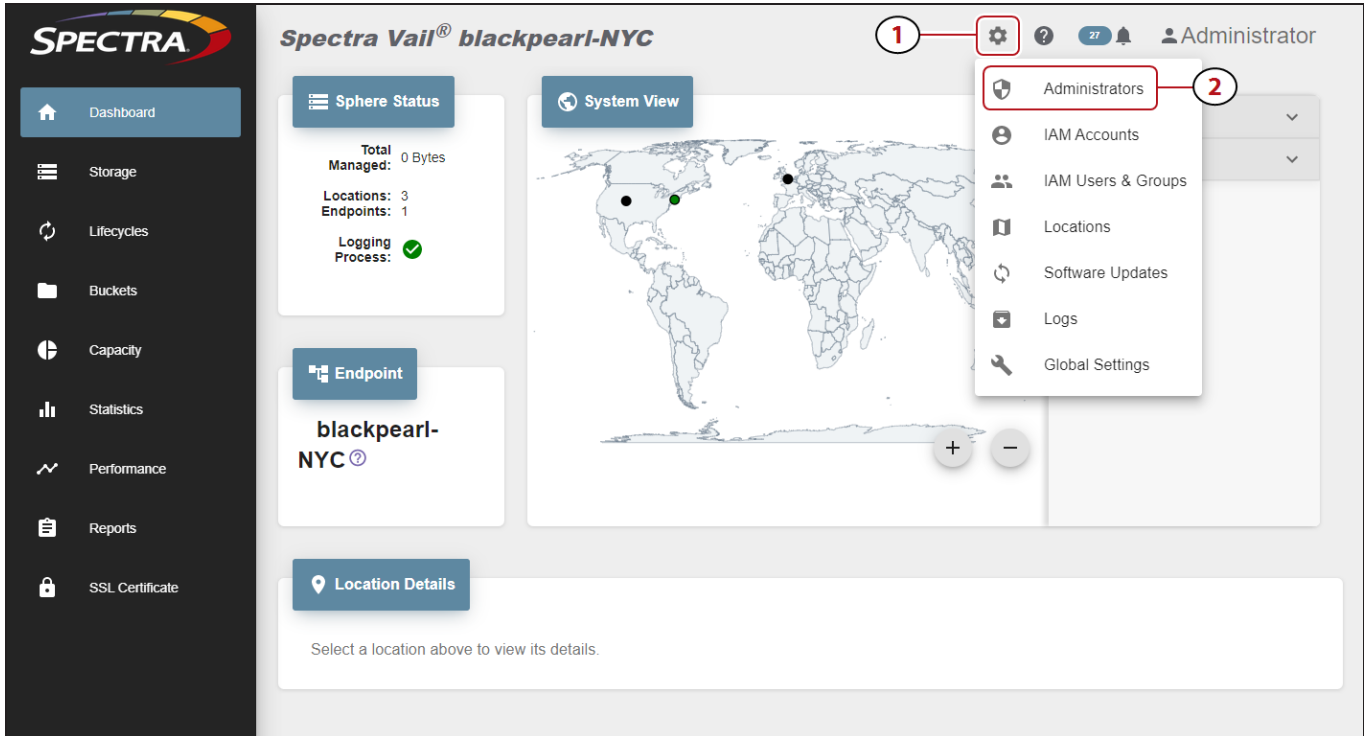


Figure 61 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **Sphere Administrator** banner, (1) Select the row of the sphere administrator to delete, and (2) click **Delete**.

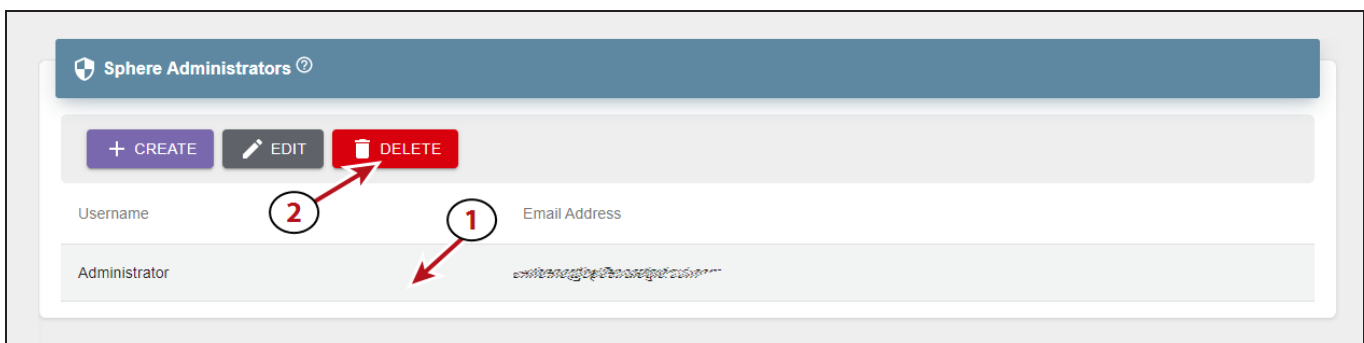


Figure 62 The Sphere Administrators pane.

3. Click **Delete** to permanently delete the sphere administrator.

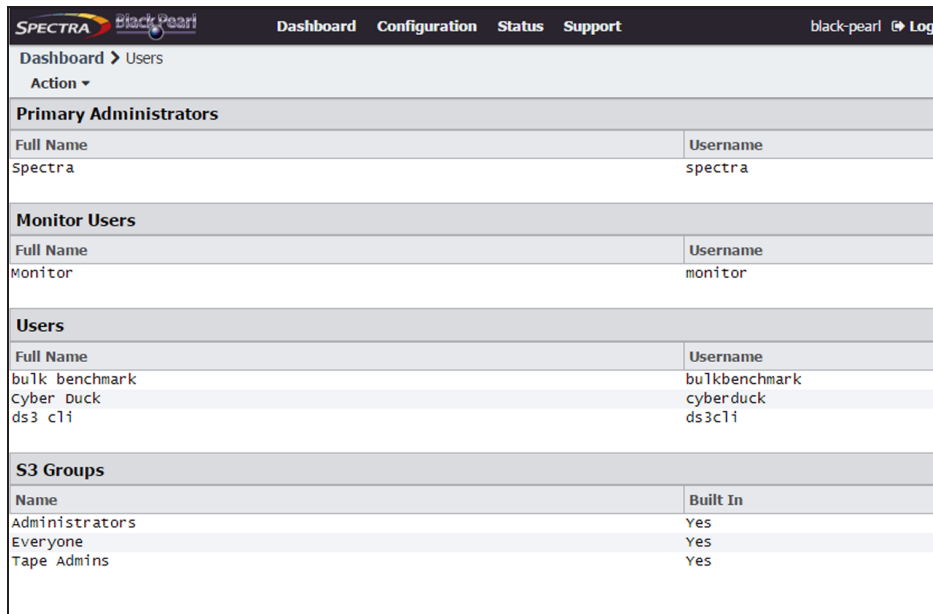
CONFIGURE & MANAGE VAIL ADMINISTRATOR - LOCAL CONTROL

Spectra Vail application administrator account has full access to configure and change all system settings. The Vail application administrator in a local control configuration is created and managed using the BlackPearl S3 solution user interface. The instructions in this section assume familiarity with the BlackPearl S3 solution and administrator login credentials.

Use the information in this section to create, edit, or delete a sphere administrator when using a cloud controlled Vail application.

Create a Vail Administrator

1. From the menu bar, select **Configuration > Users**. The Users screen displays.



SPECTRA BlackPearl		Dashboard	Configuration	Status	Support	black-pearl	Log
Dashboard > Users							
Action ▾							
Primary Administrators							
Full Name							Username
Spectra							spectra
Monitor Users							
Full Name							Username
monitor							monitor
Users							
Full Name							Username
bulk benchmark							bulkbenchmark
Cyber Duck							cyberduck
ds3 cli							ds3cli
S3 Groups							
Name							Built In
Administrators							Yes
Everyone							Yes
Tape Admins							Yes

Figure 63 The Users screen.

2. Select **Action > New** from the menu bar. The New User dialog box displays.

Figure 64 The New User dialog box.

3. Enter the desired **Username** for the user. The Username cannot contain capital letters or spaces and is limited to 16 characters. The Username is used to identify the user in the Vail environment.
4. Enter the user's **Full Name**.
5. Enter and confirm the desired **Password** for the user.
6. If desired, enter the value for the **Session Timeout** in minutes. This value cannot exceed 999 minutes.
7. Select Administrator and Login **User Access** permissions.
8. From the drop-down list, select a **Default Data Policy** for the user. If specified, the BlackPearl S3 solution uses the selected data policy for all buckets created by the user, unless a different policy is specified during bucket creation.
9. Enter a value for the **Max Buckets** the user is allowed to create. The default value of 10000 is pre-entered.

10. Select or clear options for the **Global Bucket Access Control List**. These options give or deny permission for the user being created to perform the action described in the table below, for all buckets present on the BlackPearl S3 solution, as well as any buckets created at a future date.

Name	Description
List	The user can see the bucket and can list the objects in a bucket.
Read	The user can get objects and create GET jobs.
Write	The user can put objects and create PUT jobs.
Delete	The user can delete objects, but cannot delete the bucket.
Job	The user can modify or cancel jobs created by other users. The user can also see the details of jobs created by other users. Note: All users can view all jobs, but by default, only the initiator of the job can see the full details of a job.
Owner	The user receives full access to all buckets, including all permissions listed above.

11. If desired, under **Global Data Policy Access Control List**, select the check box to allow the user access to any data policy created on the BlackPearl S3 solution.

12. Click **Create** to create the new user. The BlackPearl S3 solution generates a unique S3 Access ID and Secret Key for the user.

Change a Vail Administrator Password

1. From the right side of the menu bar, select **Current User > User Profile**. The User Profile screen displays.
2. Select **Action > Edit**. The Edit User Screen displays.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit User" with a close button in the top right corner. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Username:** Administrator
- Full Name:** Administrator
- Current Password:** (empty text box)
- New Password:** (empty text box)
- Confirm New Password:** (empty text box)
- Session Timeout:** 60
- User Access:**
 - Administrator
 - Monitor
 - Login
- Buttons:** Save (with a checkmark icon) and Cancel (with an X icon).

Figure 65 The Edit User dialog box.

3. If desired, edit the user's **Full Name**.
4. If you are changing the password, enter the desired **New Password**, then **Confirm New Password**.

Note: The new password does not take effect until after you log out of the BlackPearl user interface.

5. If desired, edit the value for the **Session Timeout** in minutes. This value cannot exceed 999 minutes.
6. Click **Save**.

Delete a Vail Administrator

1. From the menu bar, select **Configuration > Users**. The Users screen displays a list of all configured users and S3 groups (see [Figure 1](#)).
2. Select the user you want to delete, and then select **Action > Delete**. A confirmation window displays.
3. Click **Delete** to delete the user.

CONFIGURE & MANAGE IAM ACCOUNTS

Identity and Access Management (IAM) allows you to control access to resources by assigning permissions to users and groups that allow or deny access to a resource.

Note: When using IAM accounts, Spectra Logic recommends you carefully consider the security requirements associated with IAM accounts and IAM policies. See the following for more information.

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/category/security-identity-compliance/aws-identity-and-access-management-iam/>

Add an IAM Account

By default, an IAM account is created when the Spectra Vail application is configured and associated with the sphere. If you have additional IAM accounts and want the Spectra Vail application to access resources associated with other accounts, you can add them as IAM accounts in the Spectra Vail application.

Here is how to add an IAM account:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Accounts (2)**.

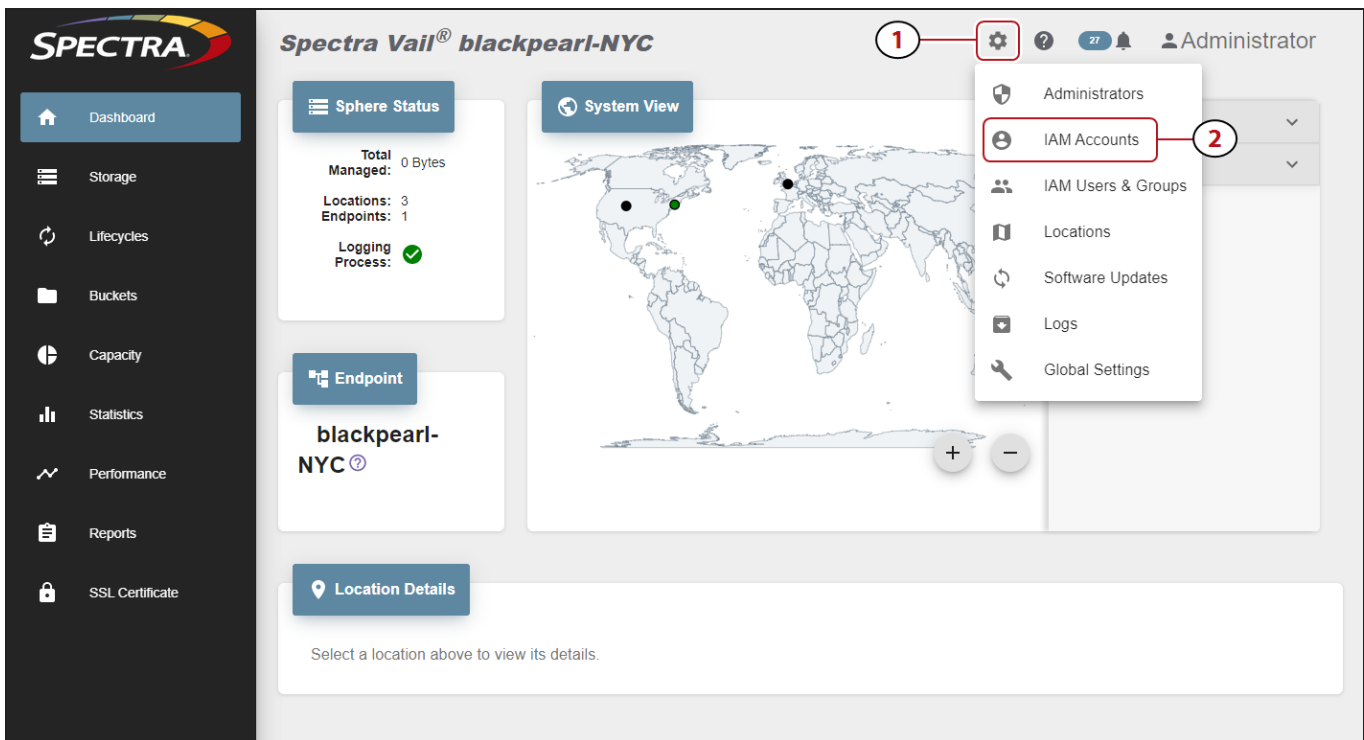


Figure 66 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Accounts** banner, click **Add**.

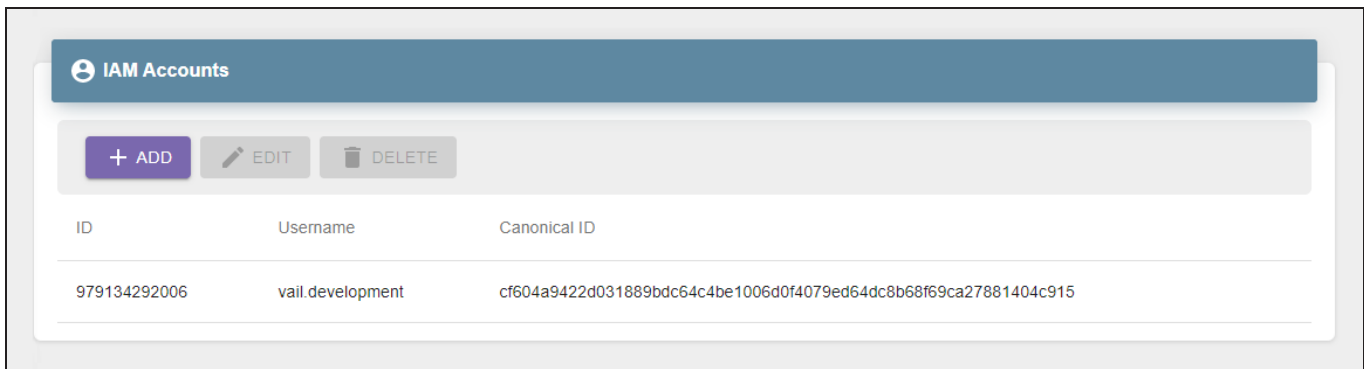


Figure 67 The IAM Accounts pane.

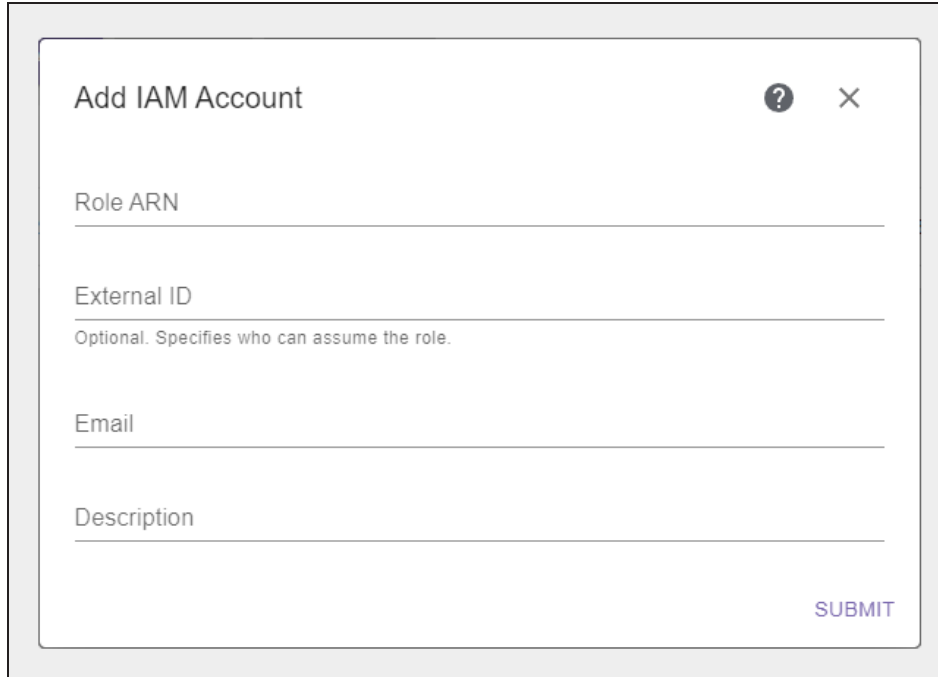
3. Enter the **Role ARN**. The Role ARN is an IAM role that specifies what a user is allowed to do and is used by a user in one AWS account to assume a role in a different AWS account. The Role ARN can be found in the Role page of the AWS account to be added to the Vail sphere.

You must specify the AWS resource using the following format:

arn:partition:service:region:account:resource

Parameter	Description
partition	Identifies the partition containing the resource. For standard AWS regions, the partition is aws . For resources in other partitions, use aws-partitionname .
service	Identifies the AWS product. When configuring an AWS user in the Spectra Vail application, use the service name is iam .
region	This parameter is not used when configuring an AWS user in the Spectra Vail application and must be left blank.
account	The full AWS account ID for the AWS account with no hyphens. This can be found on the My Account screen in the AWS management console. Note: You cannot use an AWS account ID alias when configuring an AWS user in the Spectra Vail application.
resource	The name of the specific resource.

4. If desired, enter an **External ID**. The external ID is associated with the IAM role entered in [Step 3](#) and is configured when a role is created in an AWS account. The External ID is required to assume the role created in [Step 3](#). In the AWS management interface, the External ID can be found on the Roles section of the IAM screen, in the **Trusted relationships** tab.



The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Add IAM Account". The window has a title bar with a question mark icon and a close button (X). Below the title bar, there are four input fields: "Role ARN", "External ID" (with a note "Optional. Specifies who can assume the role."), "Email", and "Description". A "SUBMIT" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Figure 68 The Add IAM Account screen.

5. Enter the **Email** address of the owner of the AWS account. This email address can be found on the AWS Dashboard and is listed as the **Management Account Email Address**.
6. If desired, enter a **Description** for the IAM account.
7. Click **Submit**.

Edit an IAM Account

When editing an IAM account, only the email address and description can be changed.

Here is how to edit an IAM account:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Accounts (2)**.

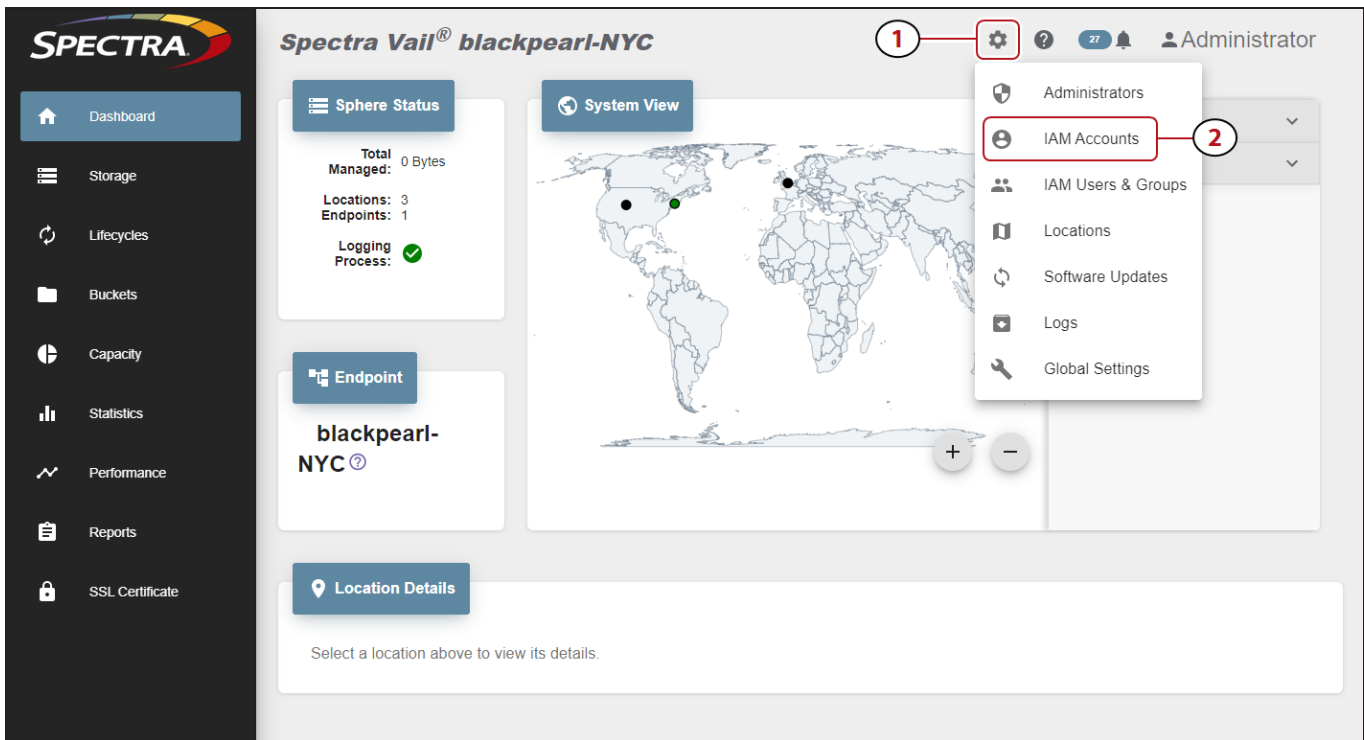


Figure 69 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Accounts** banner, (1) select the row of the IAM account to edit, and (2) click **Edit**.

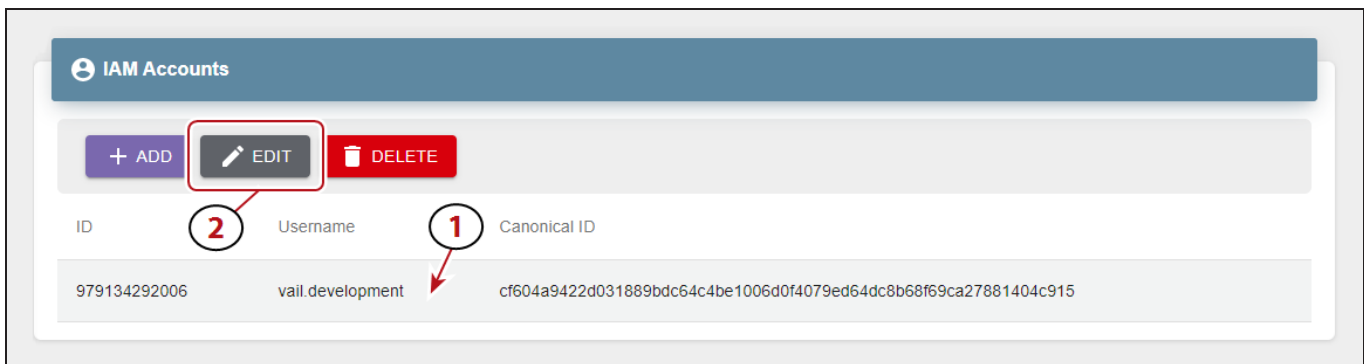


Figure 70 The IAM Accounts pane.

3. Change the **Email** address and **Description** as desired and click **Submit**.

Delete an IAM Account Association

If desired, you can delete an IAM account that is associated with the Vail sphere. You cannot delete an account association if that IAM account is being used by the Vail sphere.

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Accounts (2)**.

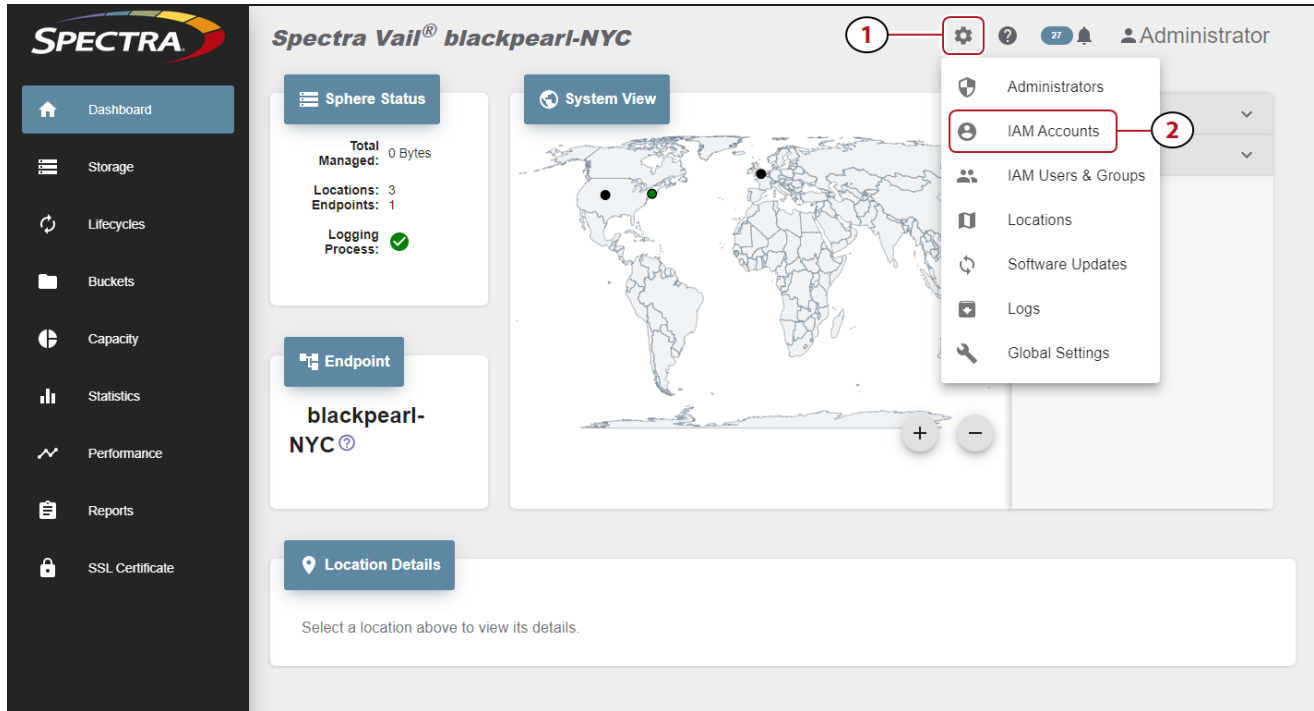


Figure 71 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Accounts** banner, (1) select the row of the IAM account to delete, and (2) click **Delete**.

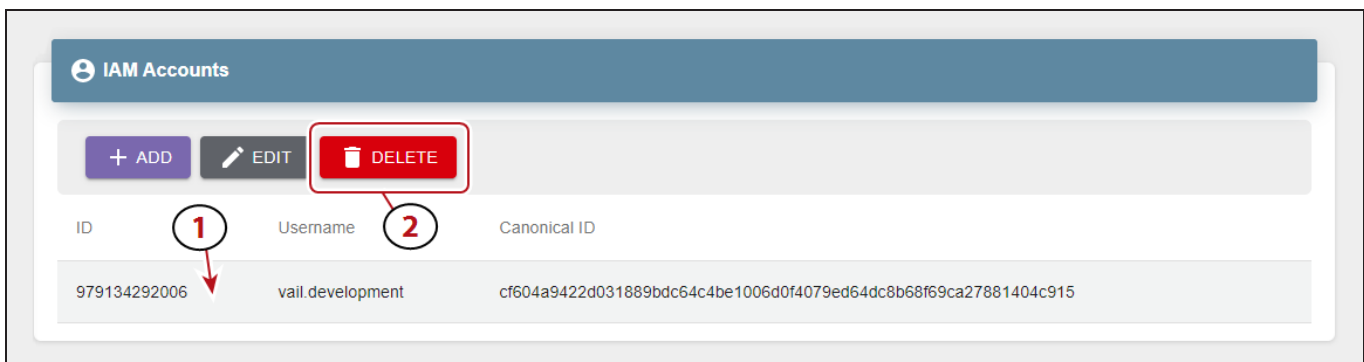


Figure 72 The IAM Accounts pane.

3. Click **Delete** to delete the IAM account association with the Spectra Vail application.

Note: The IAM account itself is not deleted.

CONFIGURE & MANAGE IAM USERS AND GROUPS

Create an IAM User

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

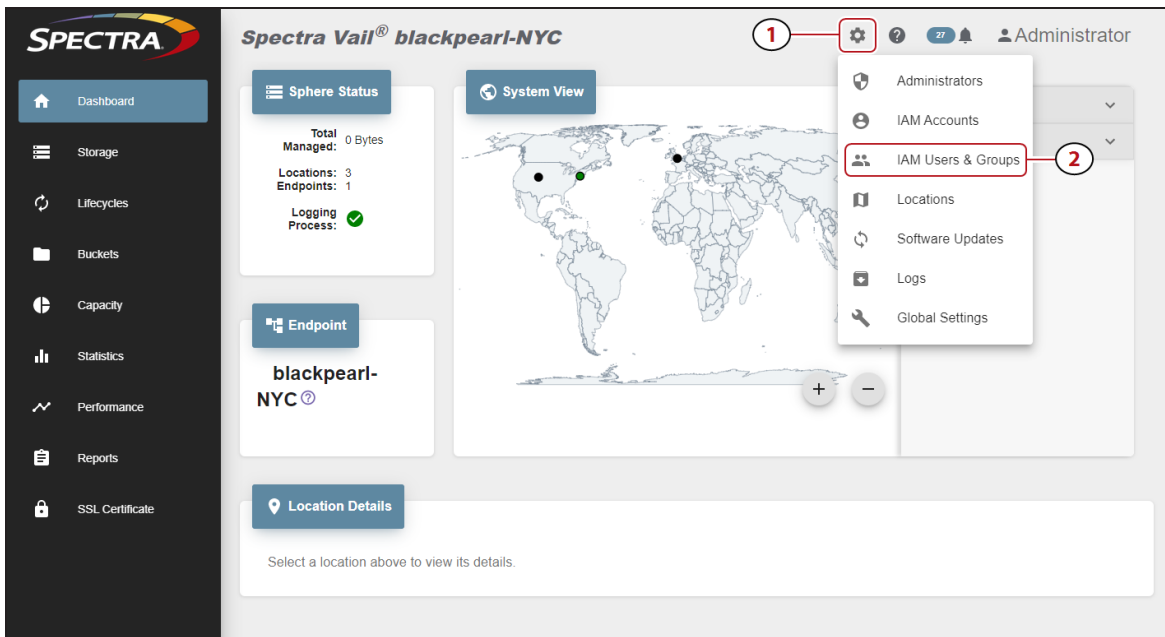


Figure 73 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, click **Create**.
3. Enter the **Username** for the new IAM user. The username cannot exceed 64 characters.

Figure 74 The Create IAM User screen.

4. Click **Submit**.

Note: The username is converted to use all lower-case letters.

View IAM User Details

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

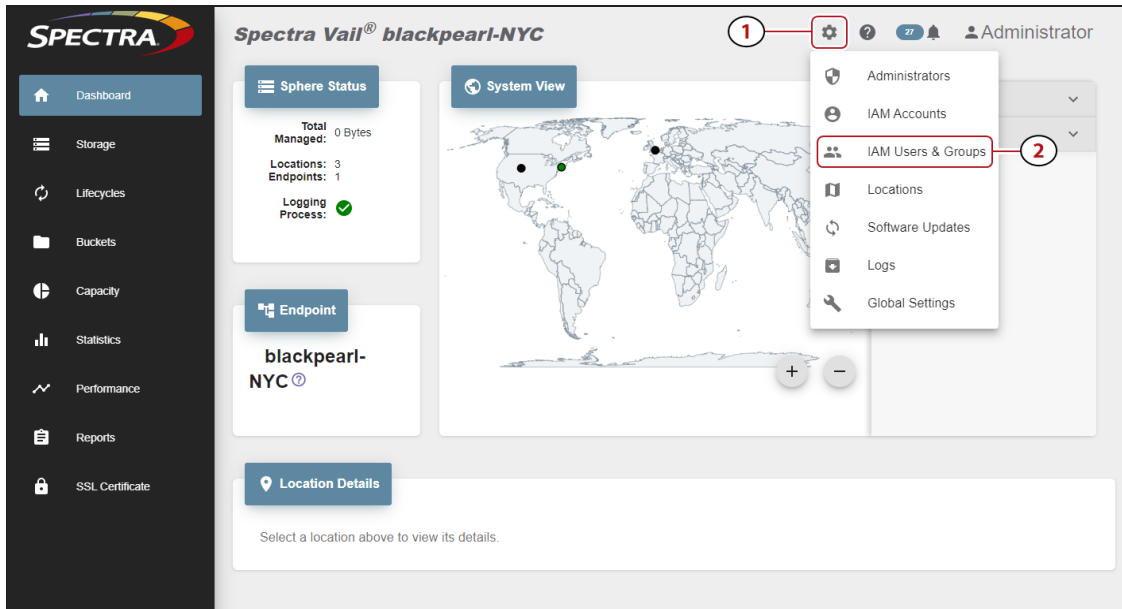


Figure 75 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to view details and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

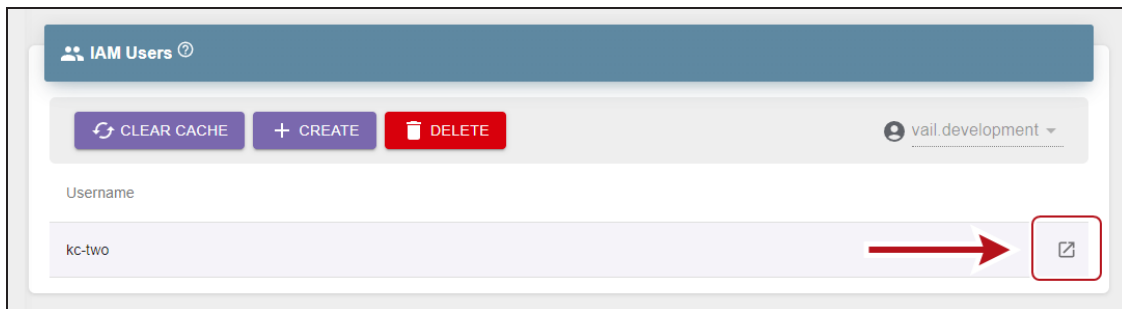


Figure 76 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. The IAM user details screen displays showing the **Properties**, **IAM Groups**, and **Access Keys** for the user.

Add an IAM User to an IAM Group

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

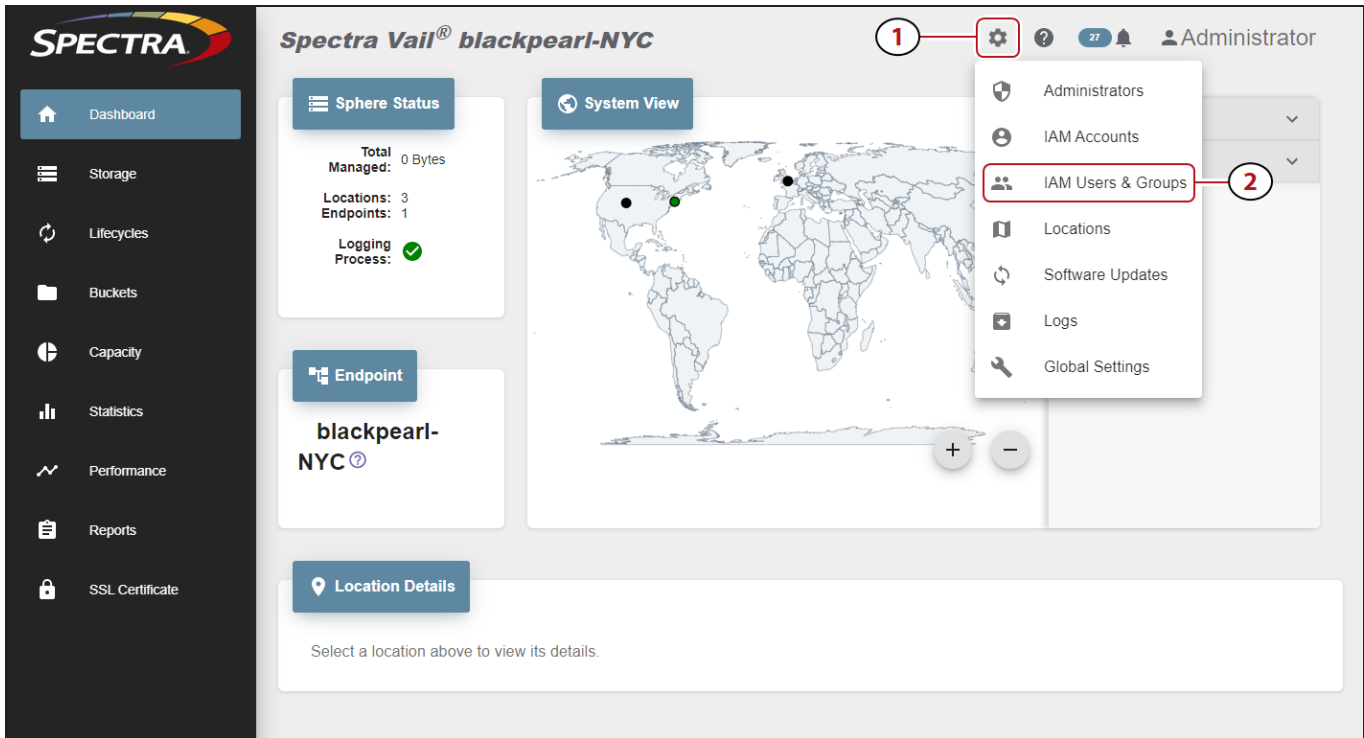


Figure 77 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to add to an IAM group, and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

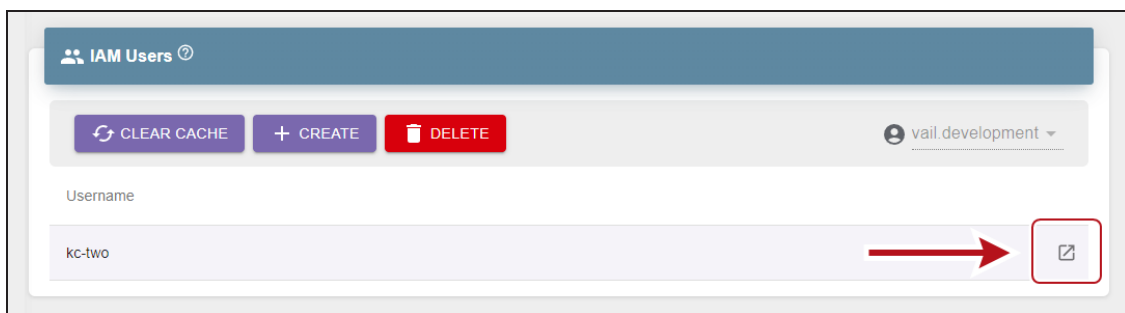


Figure 78 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. Click **IAM Groups**.
4. **Select** the row of the group, then click **Add**.
5. Click **Submit** to confirm adding the user to the IAM group.

Remove an IAM User from an IAM Group

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

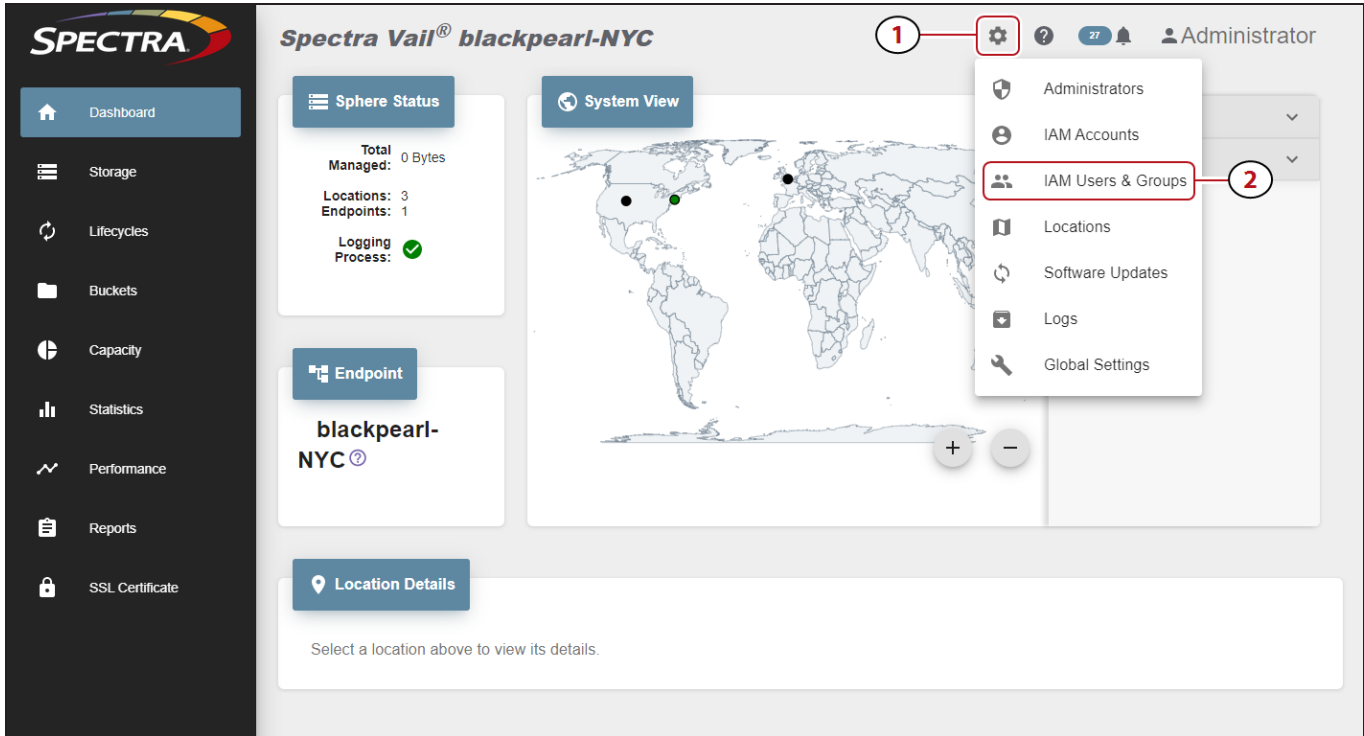


Figure 79 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to remove from an IAM group, and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

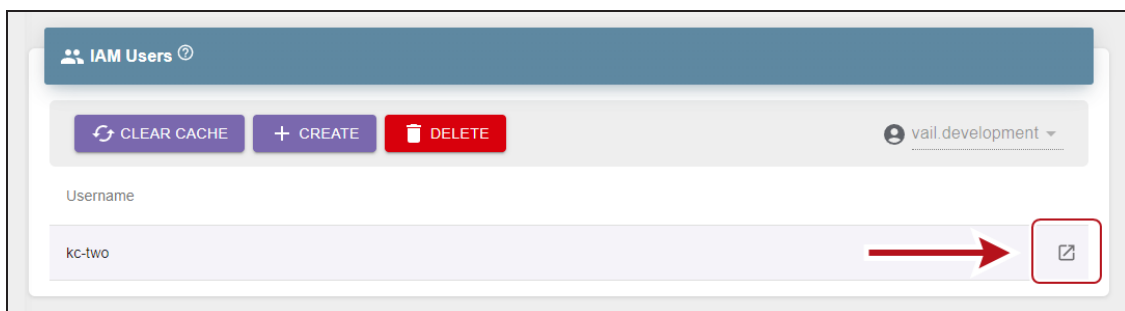


Figure 80 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. Click **IAM Groups**.
4. **Select** the row of the group, then click **Remove**.
5. Click **Remove** to confirm removing the user from the IAM group

Delete an IAM User

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

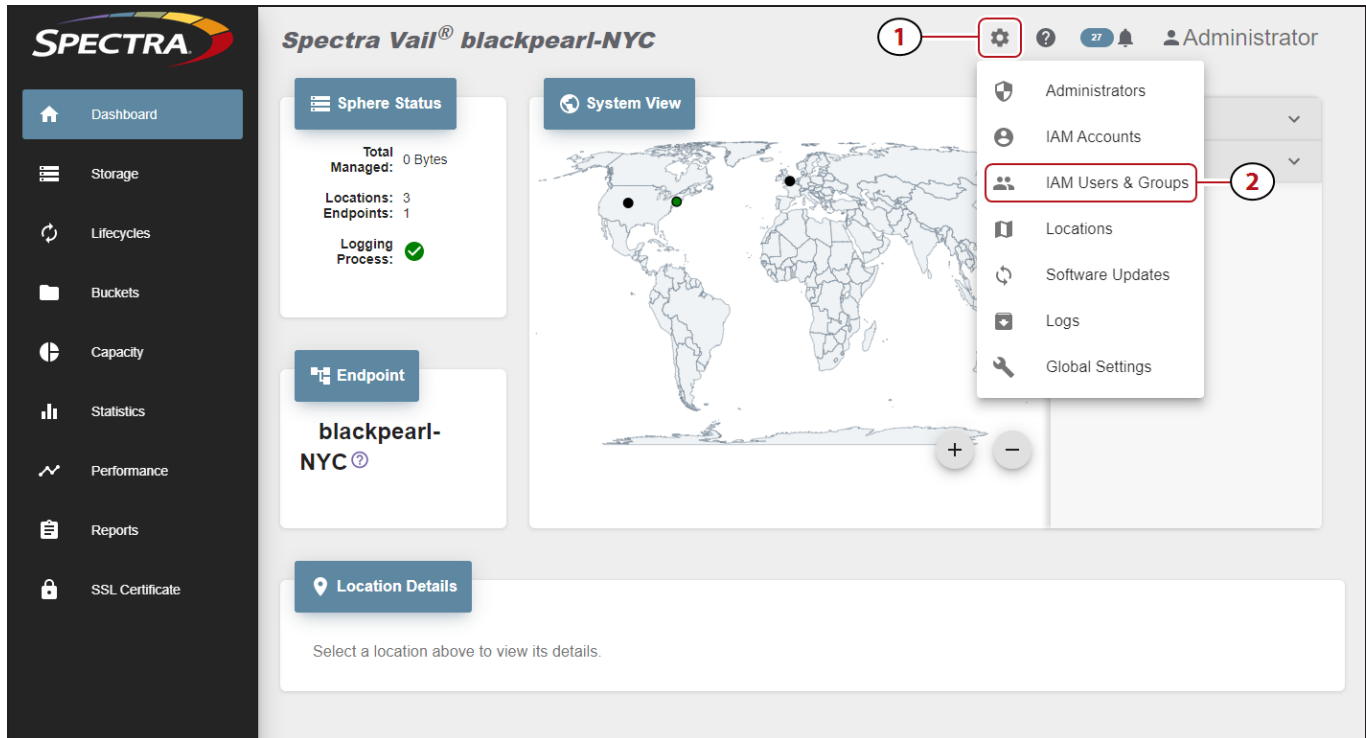


Figure 81 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, (1) select the row of the user to delete, and (2) click **Delete**.
3. Click **Delete** to confirm deleting the IAM user.

Note: When an IAM user is deleted, the AWS access key assigned to the user is also deleted.

Create an IAM Group

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

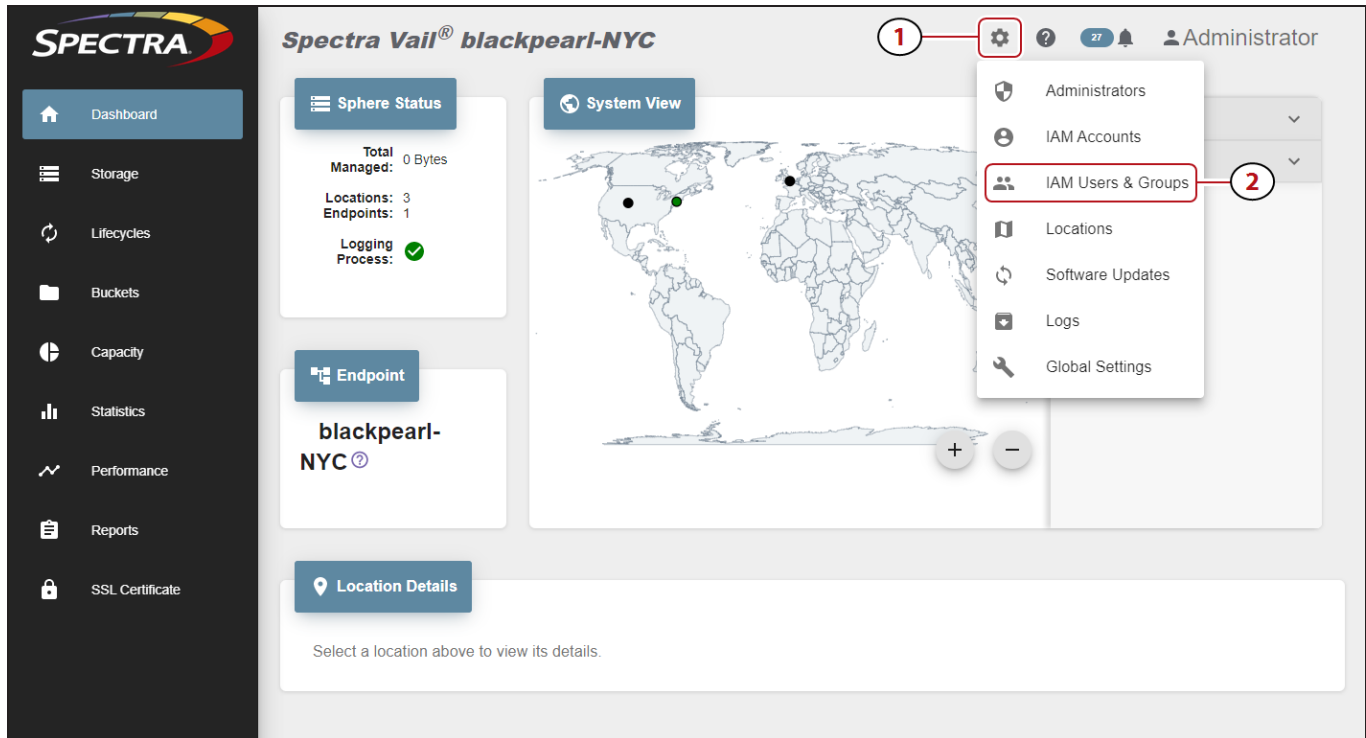


Figure 82 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Groups** banner, click **Create**.
3. Enter the **Name** for the new IAM Group.
4. Click **Submit**.

Delete an IAM Group

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and select **IAM Users & Groups (2)**.

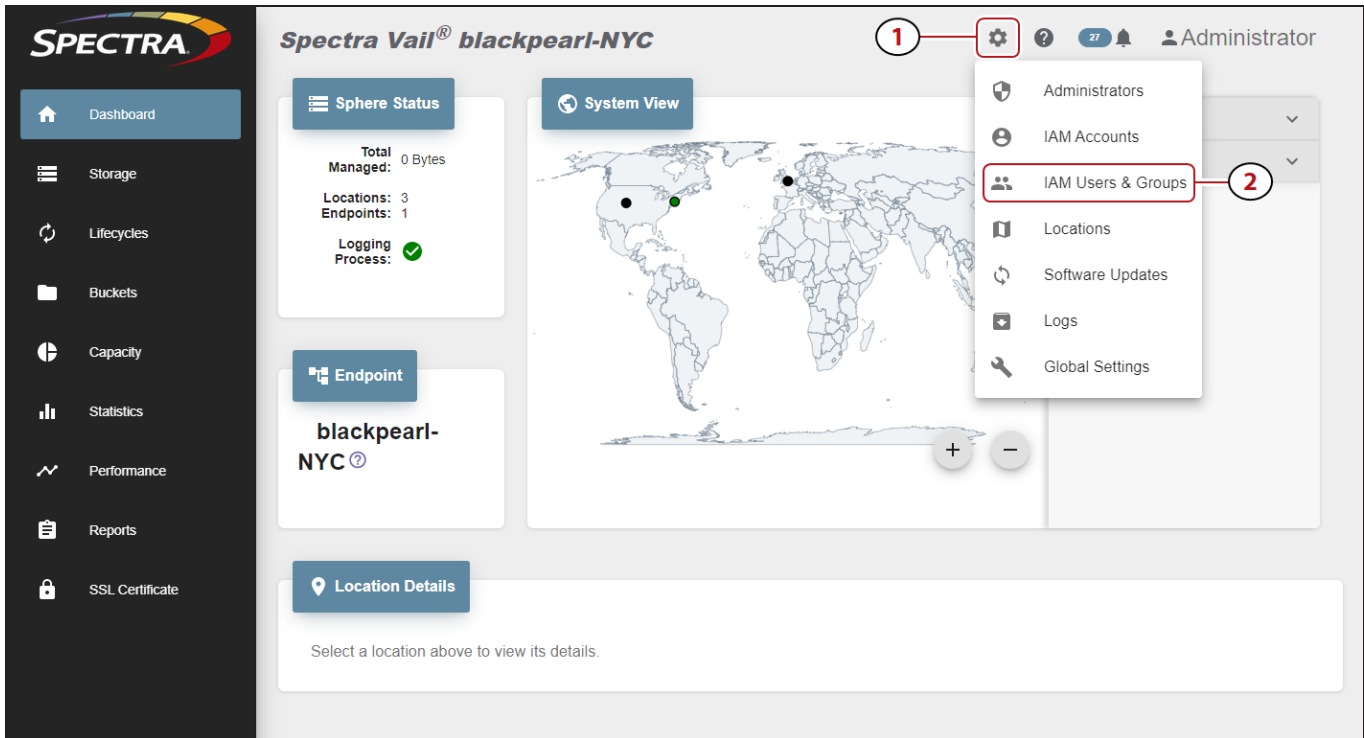


Figure 83 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Groups** banner, (1) select the row of the group to delete, and (2) click **Delete**.
3. Click **Delete** to confirm deleting the IAM group.

AWS ACCESS KEY MANAGEMENT

Create an Access Key

If desired, you can create a new AWS access key for use by an IAM user.

1. In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **gear icon** and select **IAM Users & Groups**.

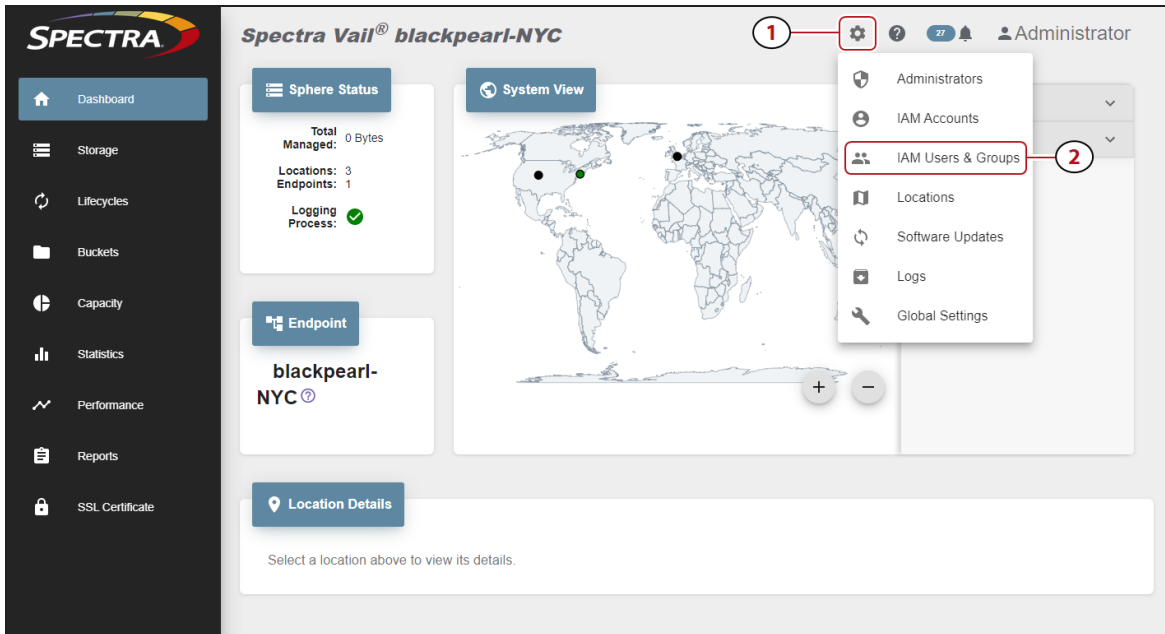


Figure 84 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to create an access key and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

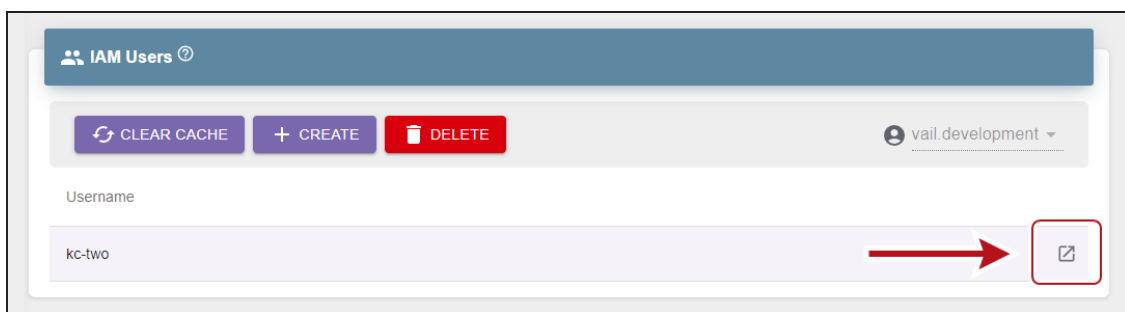


Figure 85 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. Select **Access Keys**.
4. Click **Create**. The new access key displays in the list.

Enable an Access Key

If desired, you can enable a previously disabled AWS access key.

Note: New key(s) created through the Vail management console are automatically enabled.

1. In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **gear icon** and select **IAM Users & Groups**.

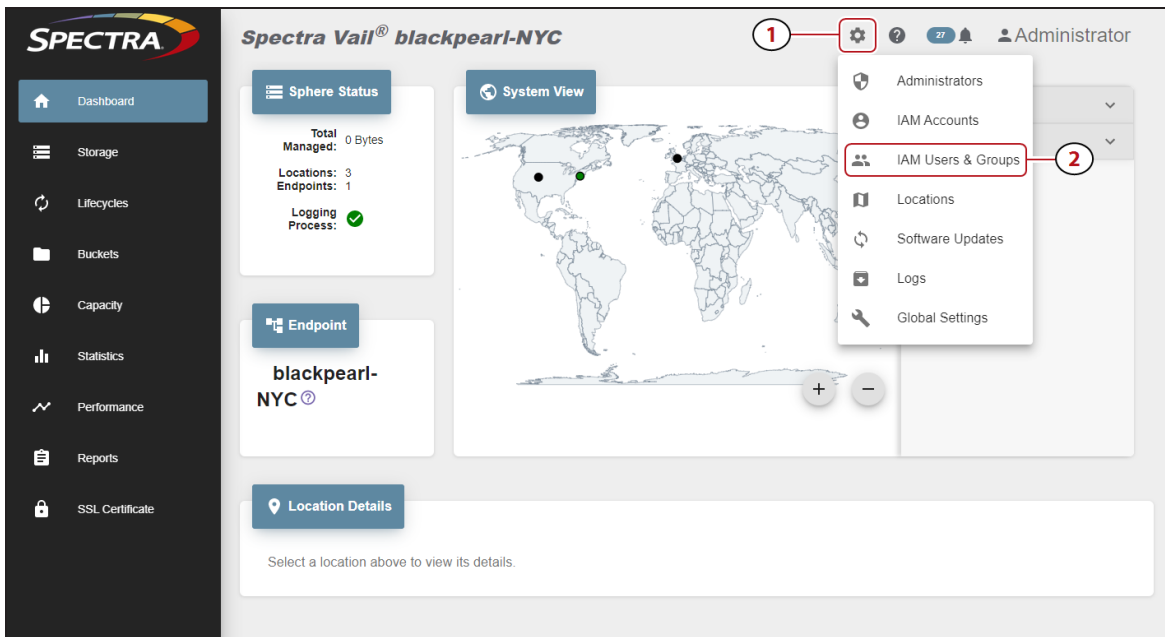


Figure 86 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to enable an access key and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

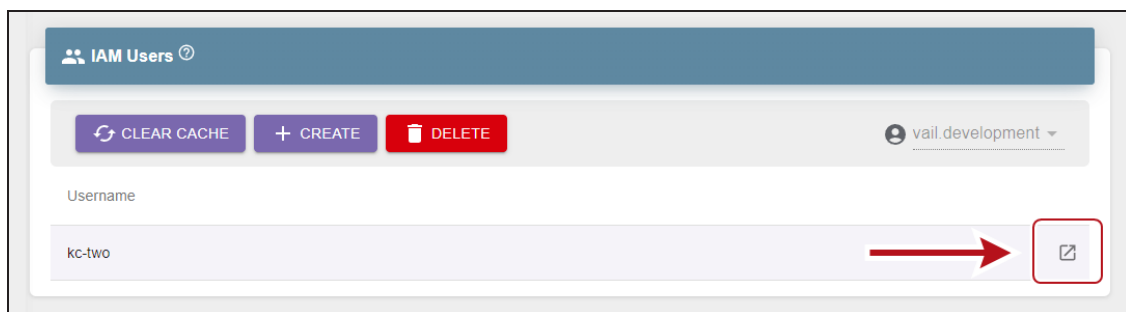


Figure 87 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. Select **Access Keys**.
4. Select the row of the access key you want to enable and click **Enable**.
5. On the confirmation screen, click **Enable**.

Disable an Access Key

If desired, you can disable an access key. The access key is no longer able to be used with the Spectra Vail application, and is also disabled in the user's AWS account.

Note: The AWS access key can be re-enabled at a later date.

Here is how to disable a user access key:

1. In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **gear icon** and select **IAM Users & Groups**.

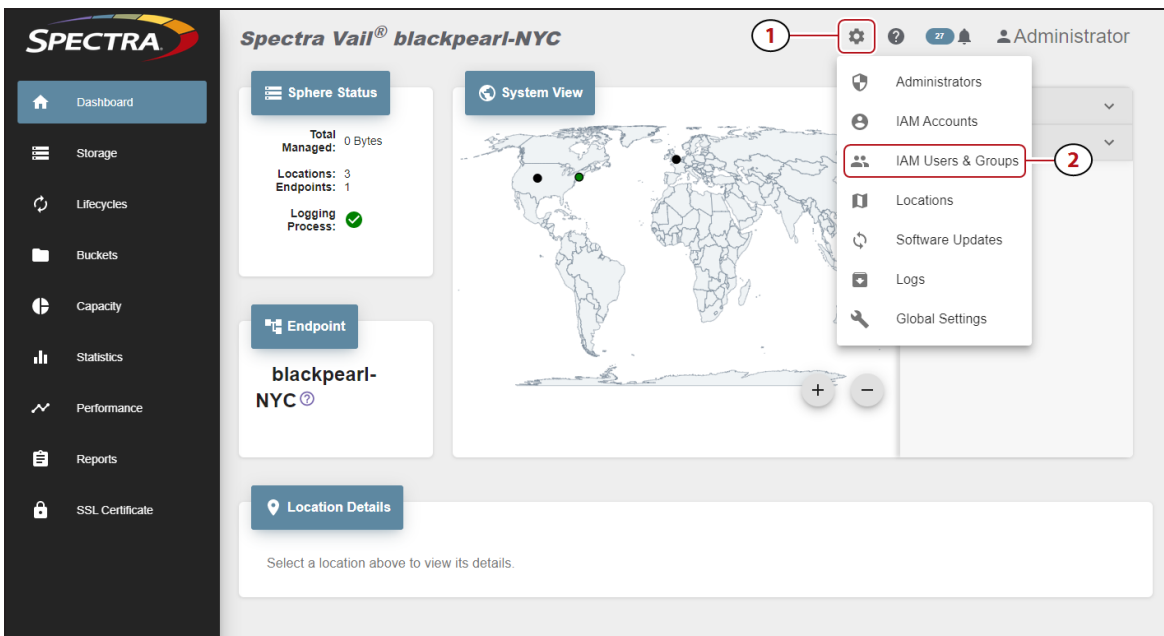


Figure 88 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to disable an access key and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

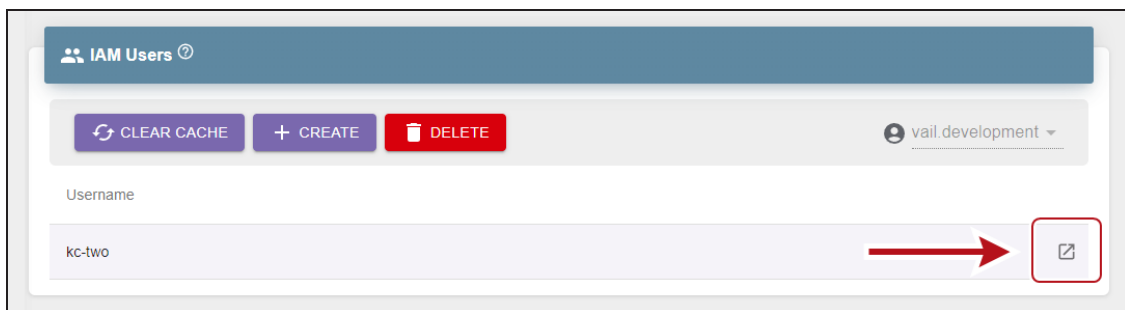


Figure 89 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. Select **Access Keys**.

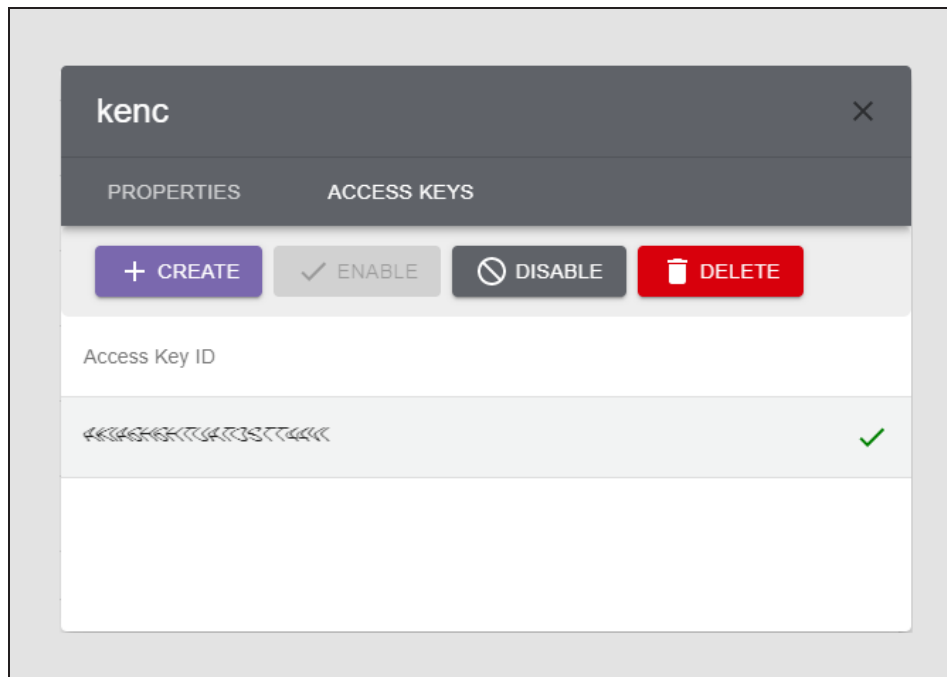


Figure 90 The User Properties - Access Keys screen.

4. Select the row of the key you want to disable and click **Disable**.
5. On the confirmation screen, click **Disable**.

Delete an Access Key

If desired, you can delete an AWS access key for an IAM user. This is helpful if the AWS access key credentials are compromised, or if required by your company security policy.

Here is how to delete an AWS access key:

1. In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **gear icon** and select **IAM Users & Groups**.

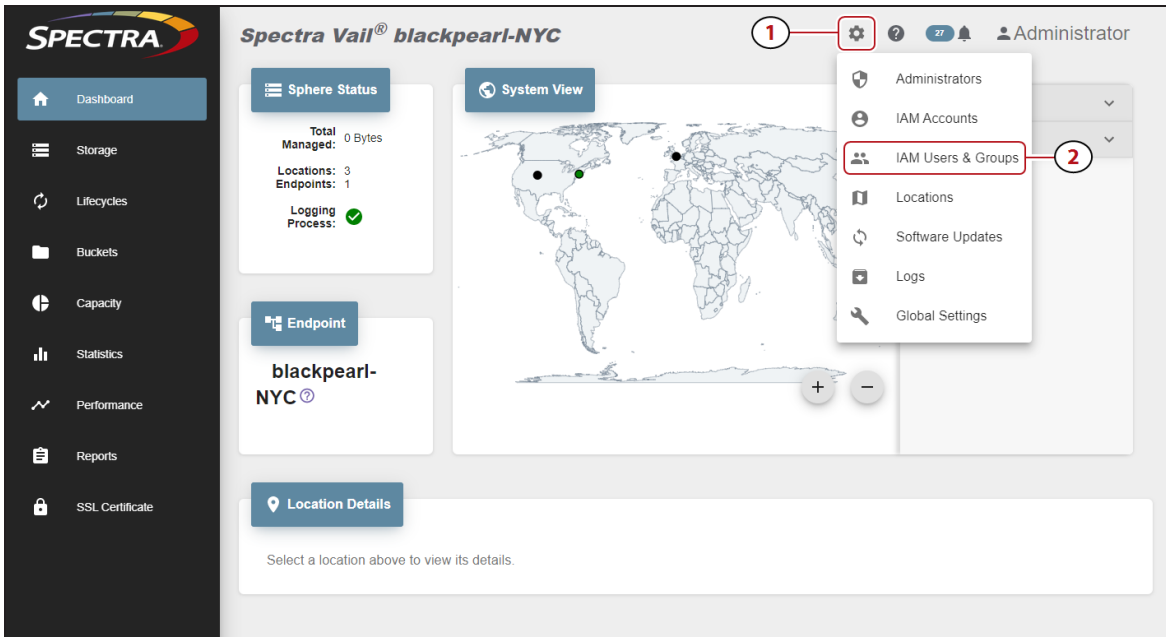


Figure 91 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Under the **IAM Users** banner, locate the row of the user for which you want to delete an access key and click the **View Details** icon on the right end of the row.

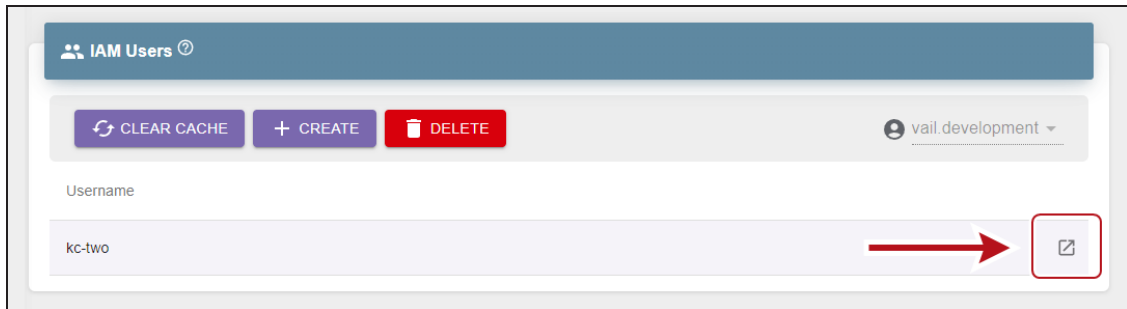


Figure 92 The IAM Users banner - View Details button.

3. Select **Access Keys**.
4. Select the row of the key you want to delete and click **Delete**.
5. Click **Delete** to confirm deleting the access key. The key is deleted from the IAM user account in the Spectra Vail application, and deleted from the associated AWS account.

CHAPTER 6 - USING THE SPECTRA VAIL APPLICATION

This chapter describes using the Spectra Vail application.

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VIEW CAPACITY INFORMATION

The Capacity page allows you to see data capacity information for the Spectra Vail sphere endpoints, each configured location, and cloud storage.

Note: Capacity values for BlackPearl storage display zeros until data is written to the storage.

In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Capacity**.

The Capacity screen is separated into three sections:

- The **Sphere Endpoint Physical Capacity** pane displays the combined total of all configured BlackPearl, Vail VM node, and cloud storage endpoints.

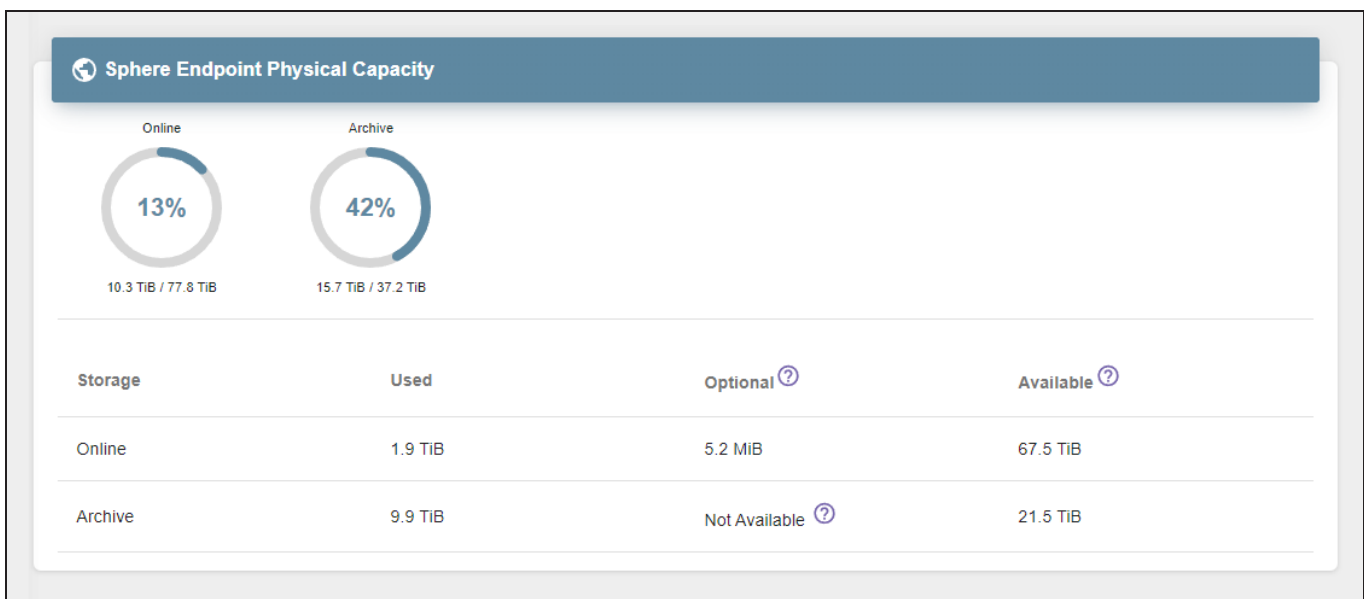


Figure 93 The Sphere Endpoint Physical Capacity pane.

Field	Description
Storage	The type of storage.
Used	The amount of space used for each storage type.
Optional	The amount of space used by the optional clones. There is a delay before this field is populated after creating storage.
Available	The available space used for each storage type. Note: Available capacity does not account for capacity used by file system overhead.

- The **Location Capacity** pane displays data capacity information for each configured location. Buttons in the top left of the pane allow you to view information for each location.

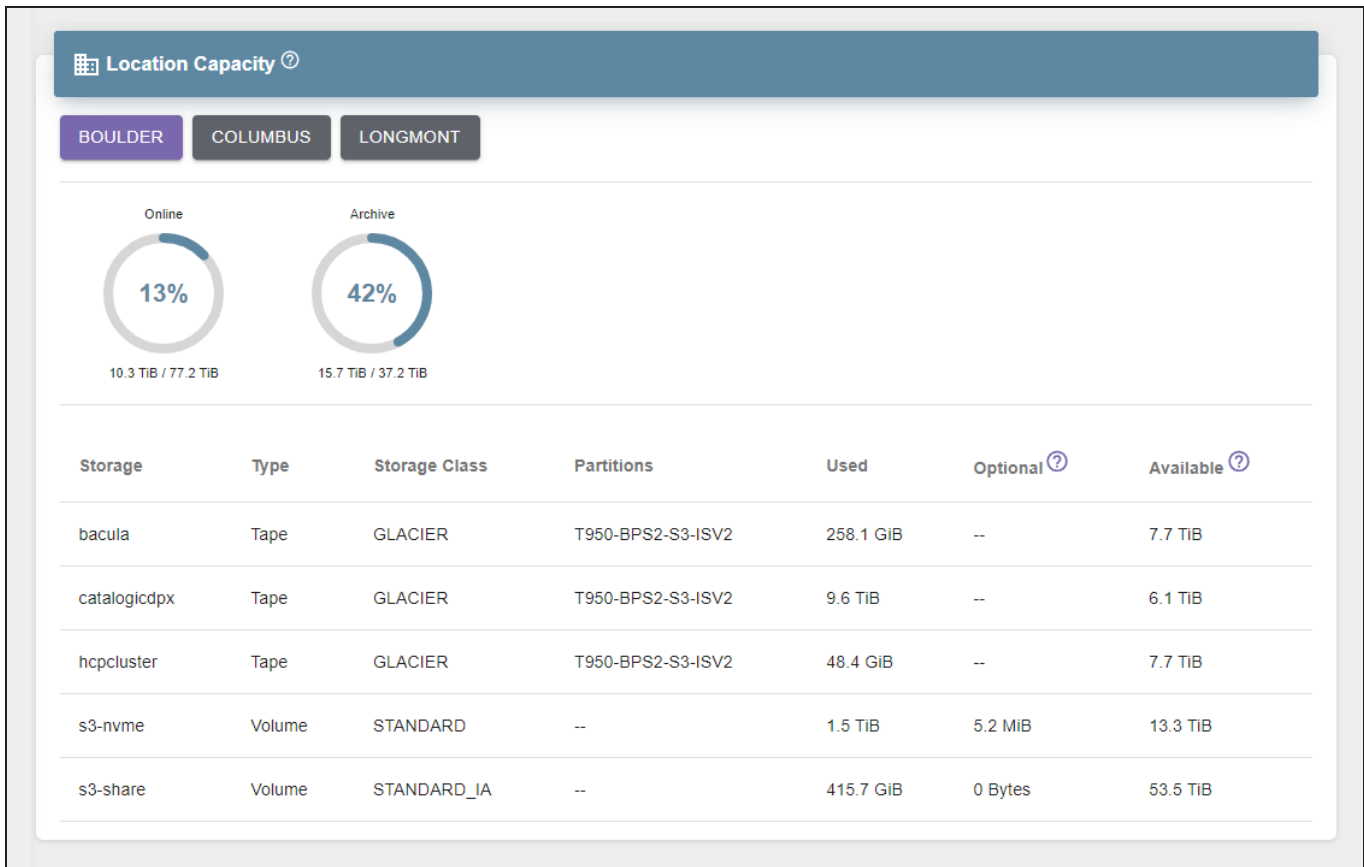


Figure 94 The Location Capacity pane.

Field	Description
Storage	The name of the location.
Type	The type of storage used for each location. Tape - Storage on tape media on a BlackPearl system. Volume - Storage on disk volume storage on a BlackPearl system.
Storage Class	The storage class used by the storage location.
Partitions	The BlackPearl data partition(s) that are used for storage.
Used	The amount of space used for each location.
Optional	The amount of space used for optional object clones.
Available	The available space used for each location. BlackPearl storage is over-provisioned, and may be used by multiple storage endpoints. Note: Available capacity does not account for capacity used by file system overhead.

- The **Cloud Capacity** pane displays aggregated data capacity information for each type of storage class used by cloud endpoints.

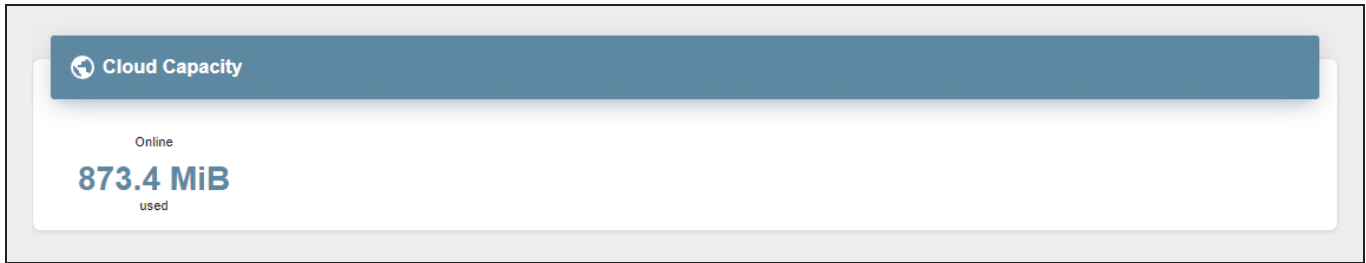


Figure 95 The Cloud Capacity pane.

VIEW PERFORMANCE METRICS

The Performance page displays data transfer and operation performance for the Vail sphere and all configured endpoints. The performance graphs display information in five minute or one day intervals.

In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Performance**.

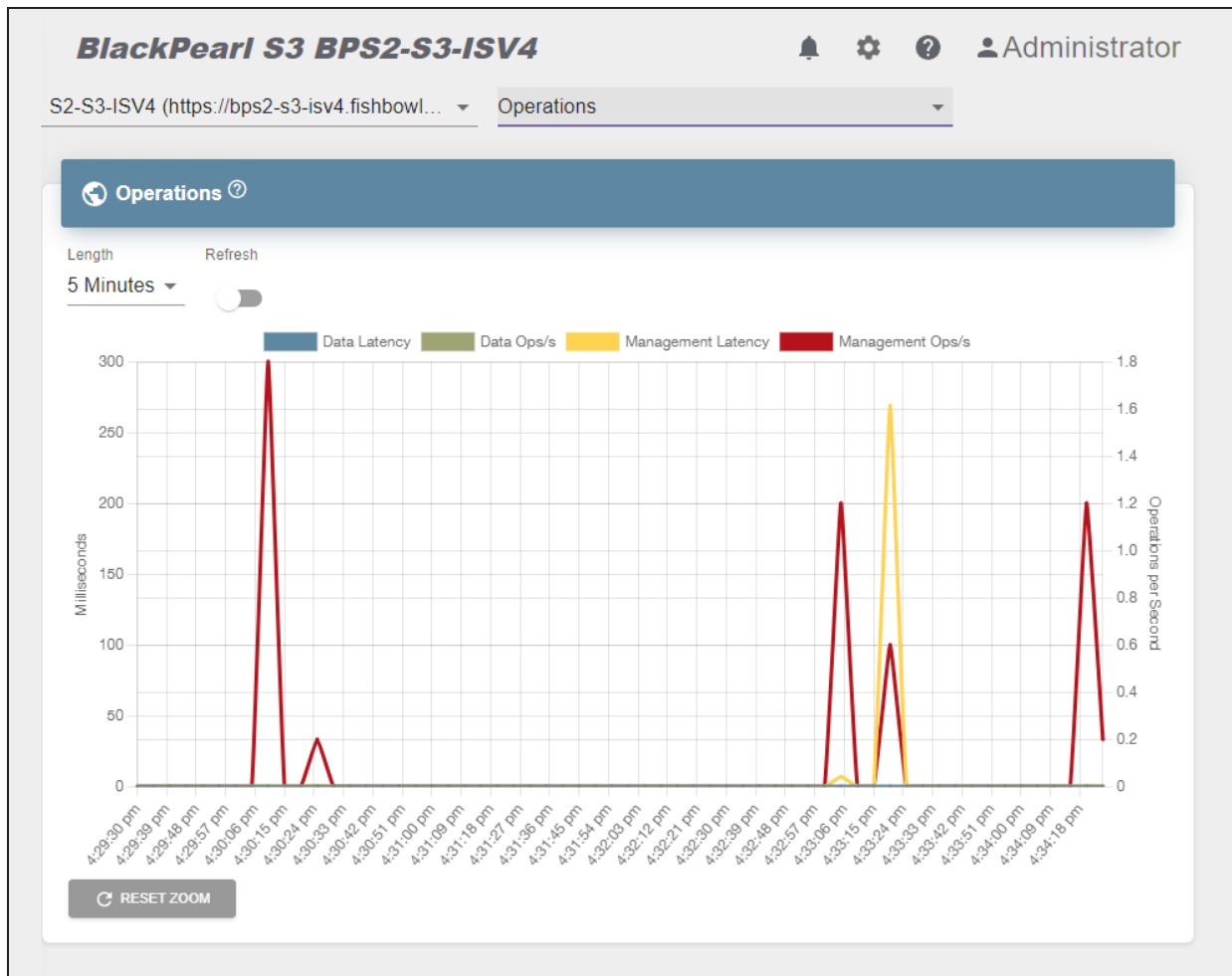


Figure 96 The Performance screen.

- Use the **Endpoint** drop-down menu to select an endpoint for any graph on the Performance screen.
- Use the **Graph Type** drop-down menu to select which graph to display.
- Use the **Length** drop-down menu to select between intervals of five minutes or one day.
- Toggle the **Refresh** slider to refresh the display.

- To display the exact time and performance information, **mouseover** any point on a graph.

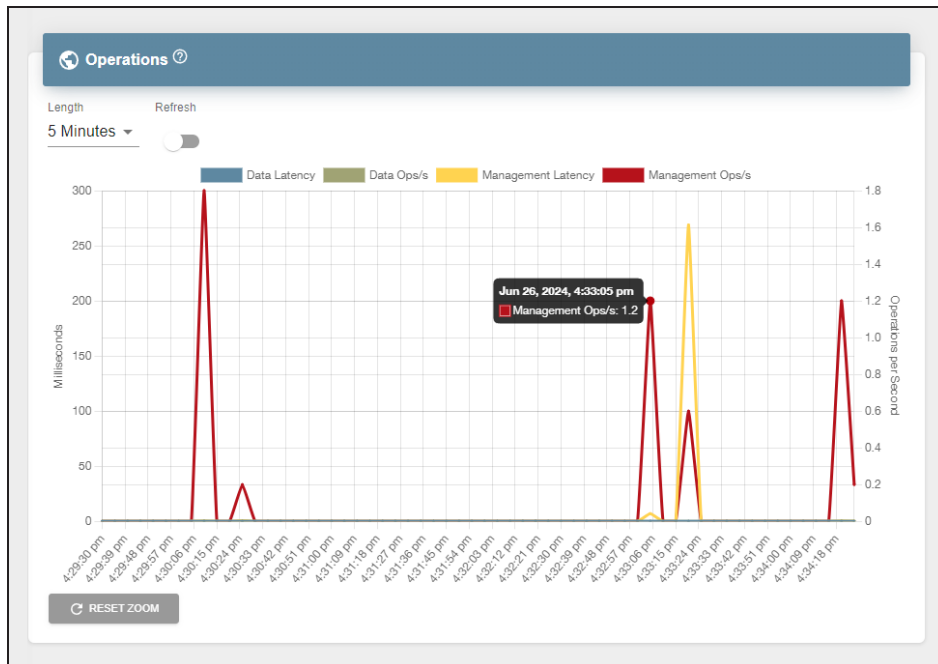


Figure 97 The Operations graph - mouseover.

VIEW VAIL BUCKET DETAILS

The buckets detail screen displays information about the selected Vail bucket, including bucket properties, ACLs, and policy.

Here is how to view the details of a Vail bucket:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.
2. Under the **Buckets** banner, select a bucket row, then click the **View Details** icon on the right side of the pane.

Note: If you click the bucket name instead of the bucket row, the Bucket Contents pane displays. See View Vail Bucket Contents on page 139.

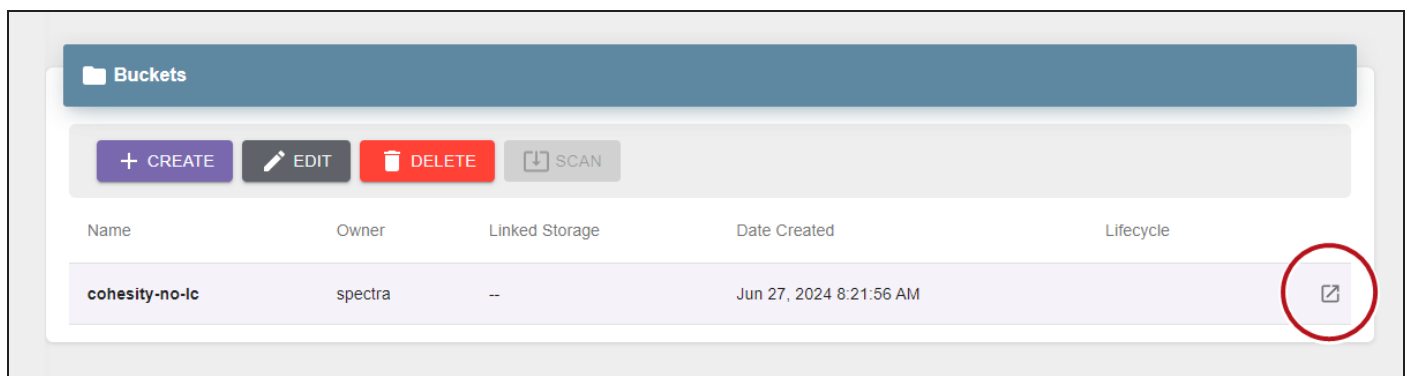


Figure 98 The Buckets pane.

3. Click **Properties**, **Usage**, **ACLs**, or **Policy** to view the current Vail bucket settings.

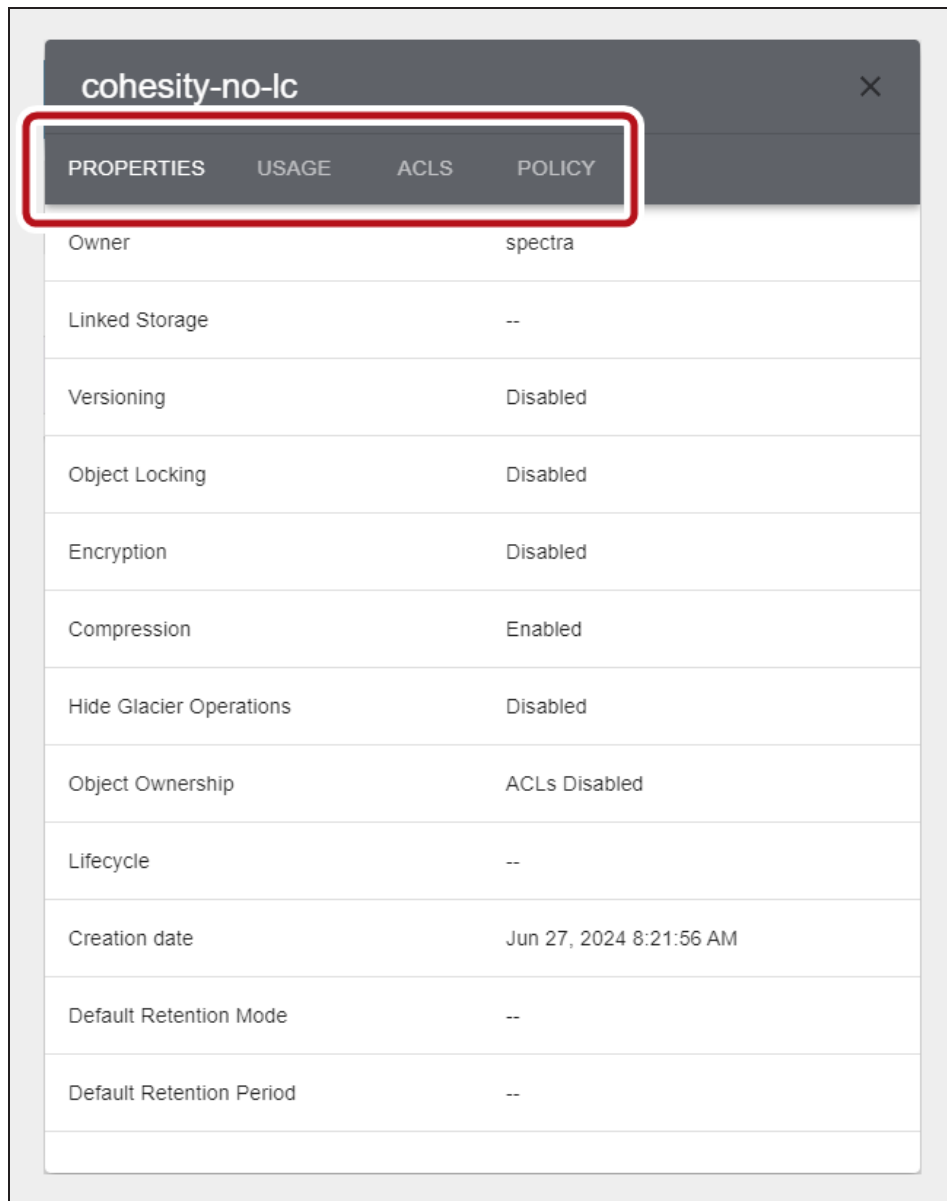


Figure 99 The Bucket Details - Properties screen.

- If you click **Properties...**

Field	Description
Owner	The AWS Canonical ID of the Vail bucket owner. By default the Vail sphere administrator is the bucket owner.
Linked Storage	The name of the bucket on the BlackPearl system or AWS cloud storage location to which the Vail bucket is linked, if applicable.
Versioning	Indicates if versioning is enabled or disabled for the Vail bucket.
Object Locking	Indicates if object locking is enabled or disabled for the Vail bucket.
Encryption	Indicates if encryption is enabled or disabled for the Vail bucket
Compression	Indicates if compression is enabled or disabled for the Vail bucket.
Hide Glacier Operations	Indicates if hiding glacier operations is enabled or disabled for the Vail bucket.
Object Ownership	Indicates the type of object ownership configured for the bucket
Lifecycle	The lifecycle associated with the Vail bucket.
Creation date	The date the Vail bucket was created.
Default Retention Mode	Indicates if default retention mode is enabled or disabled for the Vail bucket
Default Retention Period	The retention time period configured for the bucket.

- If you click **Usage...**

Field	Description
Number of Objects	The number of objects currently in the bucket.
Total Size of Objects	The current size of all objects in the bucket, in GiB.
Average Object Size	The current average size of the objects in the bucket, in GiB.

- If you click **ACLs....**

Field	Description
Block Public ACLs	Indicates if the Vail bucket blocks public ACLs.
Ignore Public ACLs	Indicates if the Vail bucket allows public ACLs.
AWS Canonical ID	The ID of a users configured with ACL permissions for the Vail bucket.
Permissions	The ACL permission level for the user.

- If you click **Policy...**

Field	Description
Block Public Policy	Indicates if the Vail bucket blocks or allows public policies.
Restrict Public Buckets	Indicates if the Vail bucket blocks or allows public buckets.
Policy	The AWS policy information entered when the bucket was created displays.

4. Click the **X** in the upper-right corner to close the window.

VIEW VAIL BUCKET CONTENTS

The buckets contents screen displays all objects in a Vail bucket. If versioning is enabled for the bucket, other versions of the current object can also be viewed.

Here is how to view the contents of a Vail bucket:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.

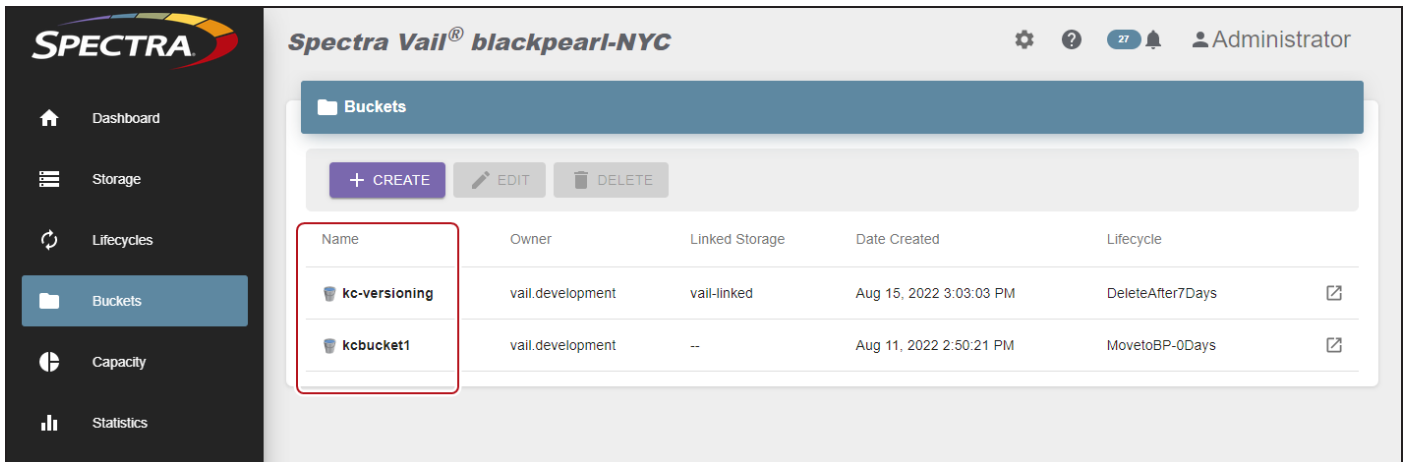


Figure 100 The Buckets screen.

2. Under the **Buckets** banner, click a **bucket name**.

Note: You must click the name directly. Clicking the row of the bucket does not display the bucket contents screen.

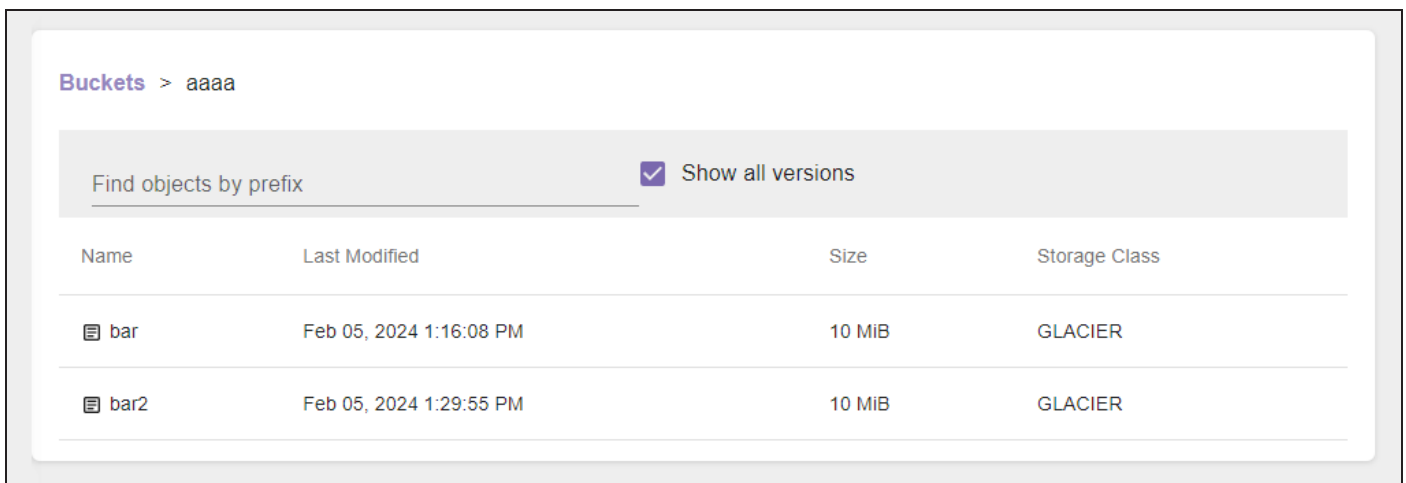
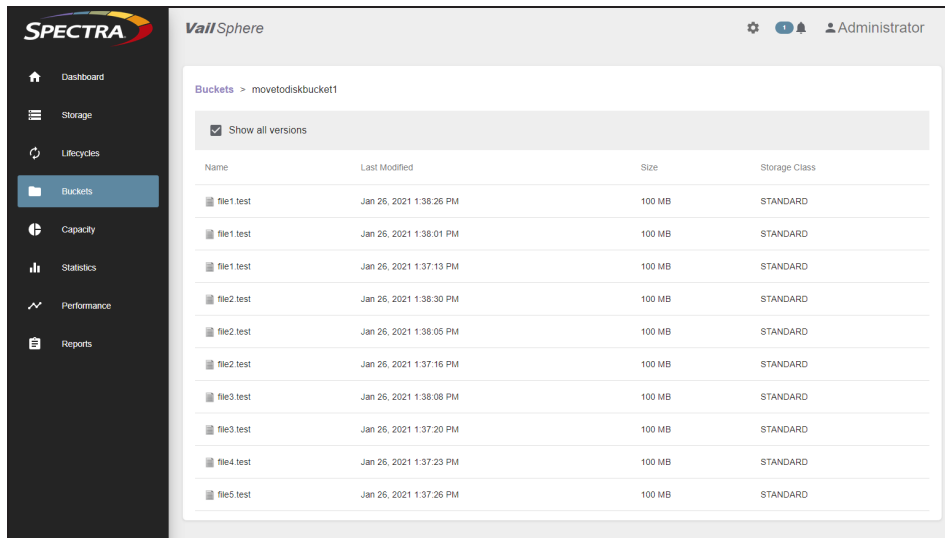


Figure 101 The Bucket Contents screen.

- Use the **Find objects by prefix** entry field to filter objects.

- Click **Show All Versions** to display every object version in the Vail bucket. The Last Modified field displays the day and time the object was uploaded.



The screenshot displays the Spectra Vail application interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation icons and labels: Dashboard, Storage, Lifecycles, Buckets (highlighted), Capacity, Statistics, Performance, and Reports. The main content area is titled 'VailSphere' and shows the path 'Buckets > movetodiskbucket1'. A toggle switch labeled 'Show all versions' is checked. Below this is a table with the following data:

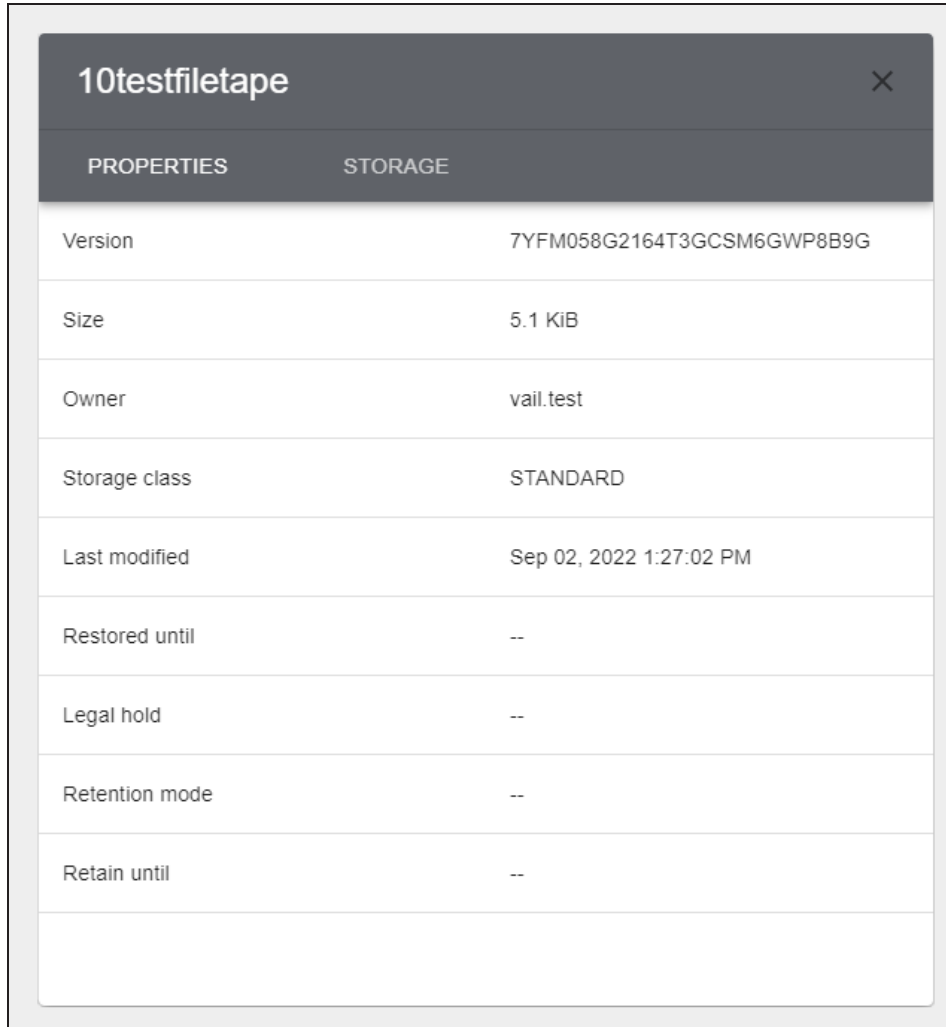
Name	Last Modified	Size	Storage Class
file1.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:38:26 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file1.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:38:01 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file1.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:37:13 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file2.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:38:30 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file2.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:38:05 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file2.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:37:16 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file3.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:38:08 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file3.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:37:20 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file4.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:37:23 PM	100 MB	STANDARD
file5.test	Jan 26, 2021 1:37:26 PM	100 MB	STANDARD

Figure 102 The Bucket Contents - Show All Versions screen.

3. Click **Buckets** in the upper-left corner of the pane to return to the Buckets screen.

View Object Details

On the Bucket Details screen, **click the row** of an object to view its details. By default, the **Properties** pane displays.



10testfiletape	
PROPERTIES	STORAGE
Version	7YFM058G2164T3GCSM6GWP8B9G
Size	5.1 KiB
Owner	vail.test
Storage class	STANDARD
Last modified	Sep 02, 2022 1:27:02 PM
Restored until	--
Legal hold	--
Retention mode	--
Retain until	--

Figure 103 The Object Details - Properties screen.

Field	Description
Version	The UUID for the current version of the object.
Size	The object size on the storage target.
Owner	The AWS account name of the owner of the object.

Field	Description
Storage Class	The current storage class for the object. Note: The existence of a GLACIER clone does not necessarily cause the storage class of the object to change to GLACIER. If a non-GLACIER clone exists, (such as objects originally written to STANDARD storage) the object has a STANDARD storage class. This is true even if the STANDARD clone is optional.
Last Modified	The last modified date of the object.
Restored Until	The timestamp of when the object expires.
Legal Hold	Indicates if the object has a legal hold.
Retention Mode	Indicates the retention mode.
Retain Until	The duration that the object is retained by a legal hold.

Click **Storage** to display the current storage information for the object.

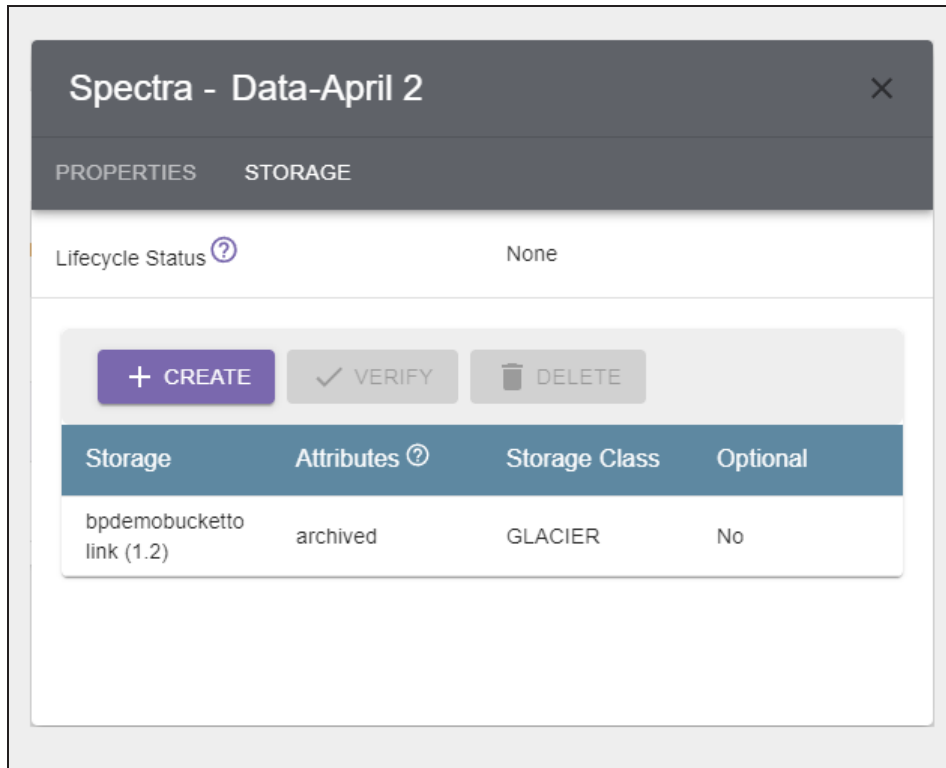


Figure 104 The Object Details - Storage screen.

Field	Description
Lifecycle Status	Indicates what Lifecycle-based changes are scheduled for the object.
Storage	<p>The name of the storage endpoint where the object is stored.</p> <p>If the object is 256 bytes or less after compression, it is stored in the application database and not on a storage endpoint. The storage field is blank when the object is stored in the database.</p> <p>Note: If the object is stored in the database but the Lifecycle targets a linked bucket storage endpoint, the application clones the object to the storage endpoint to ensure the contents of linked buckets are synchronized.</p>
Attributes	<p>Archived - The object is archived and must be restored in order to be accessed.</p> <p>Restored - The object is restored can be accessed.</p>
Storage Class	The current storage class for the object. See Storage Classes on page 264 for information on each storage class.

Field	Description
	Note: The existence of a GLACIER clone does not necessarily cause the storage class of the object to change to GLACIER. If a non-GLACIER clone exists, (such as objects originally written to STANDARD storage) the object has a STANDARD storage class. This is true even if the STANDARD clone is optional.
Optional	If yes, the clone is deleted when space is required.

CREATE AN OBJECT CLONE

If desired, you can delete a clone of an object in a Vail bucket using the Vail management console. You can only create an object clone if the object does not exist on all storage targets. You cannot have multiple clones on the same storage target.

Here is how to create an object clone using the Vail management console:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.

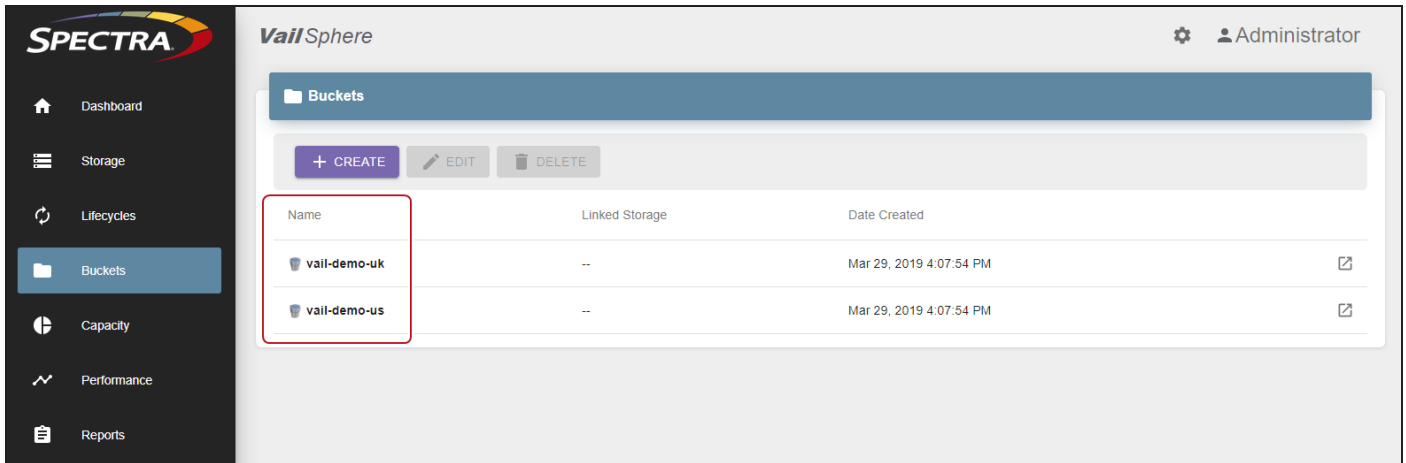


Figure 105 The Buckets screen.

2. Under the **Buckets** banner, click a **bucket name**.

Note: You must click the name directly. Clicking the row of the bucket does not display the bucket contents screen.

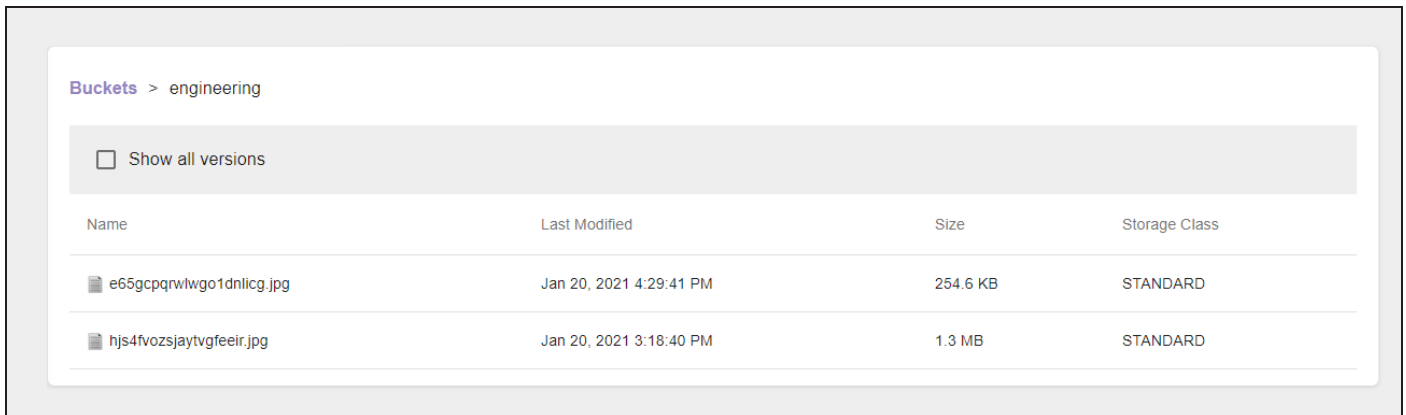


Figure 106 The Bucket Contents screen.

3. If necessary, click **Show All Versions** to display every object version in the Vail bucket. The Last Modified field displays the day and time the object was uploaded.

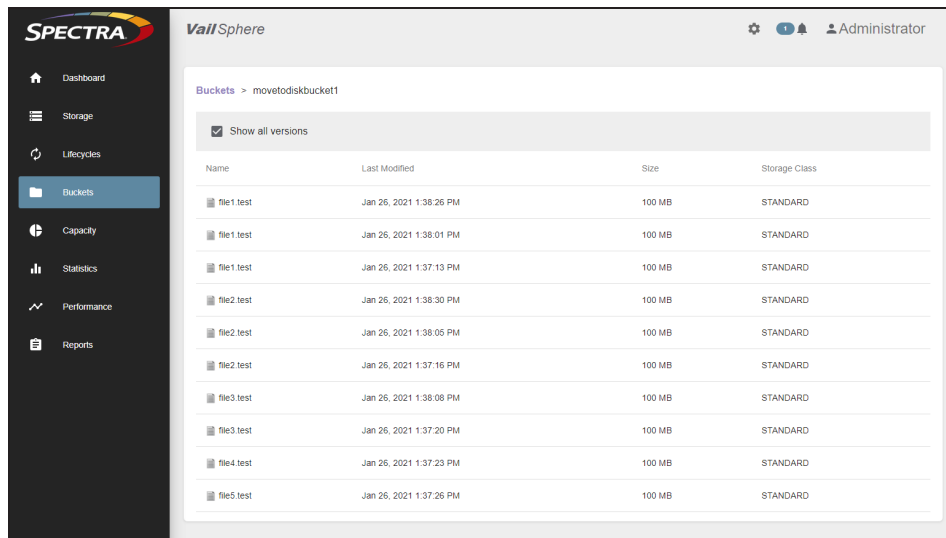


Figure 107 The Bucket Contents - Show All Versions screen.

4. **Click** the row of the object you want to clone. The Object Properties window displays.

5. Click the **Storage** tab.

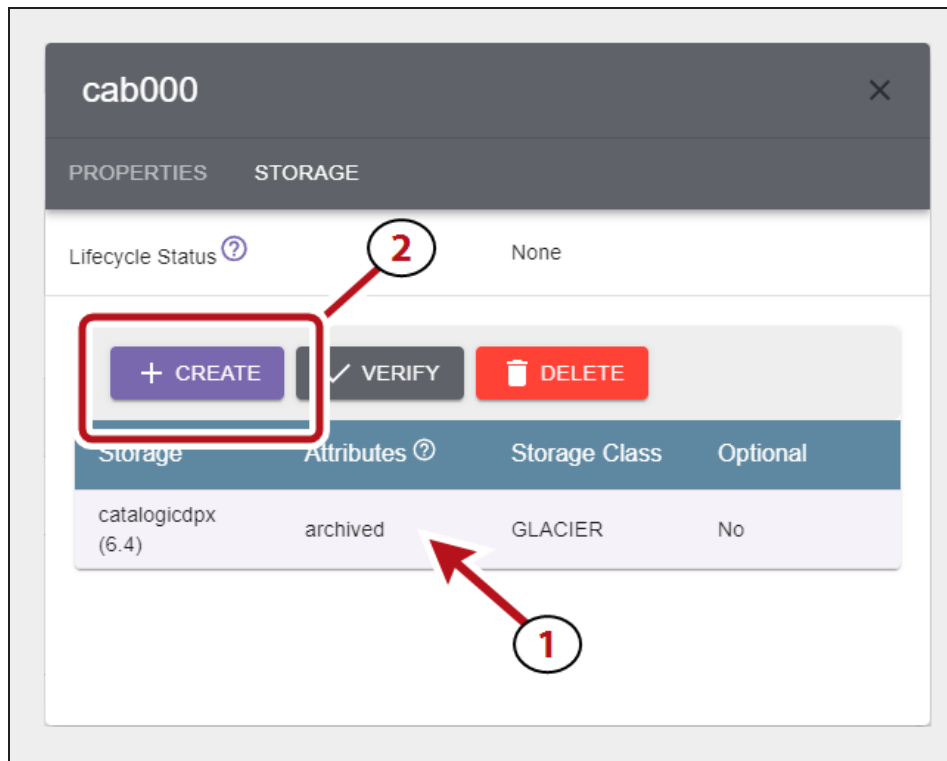


Figure 108 The Object Details - Storage screen.

6. Select the row of the object (1), and click **Create** (2).
7. Using the **Select Storage** drop-down menu, select a location to create the object clone.

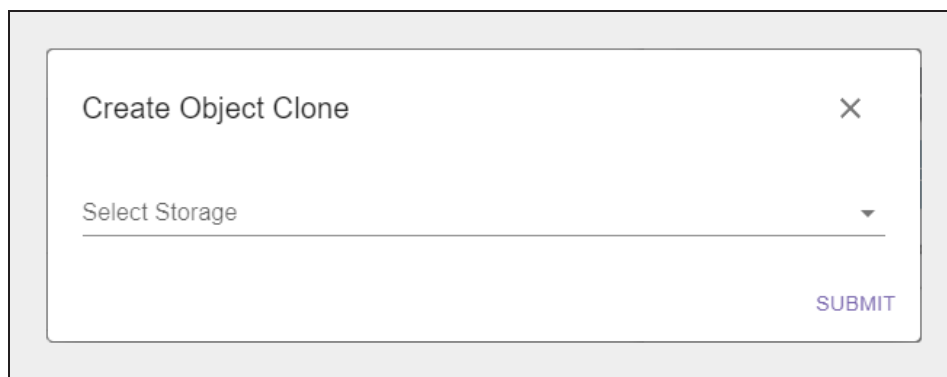


Figure 109 The Create Object Clone screen.

8. Click **Submit** on the confirmation screen to create an object clone.

VERIFY AN OBJECT CLONE

Here is how to verify an object clone using the Vail management console:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.

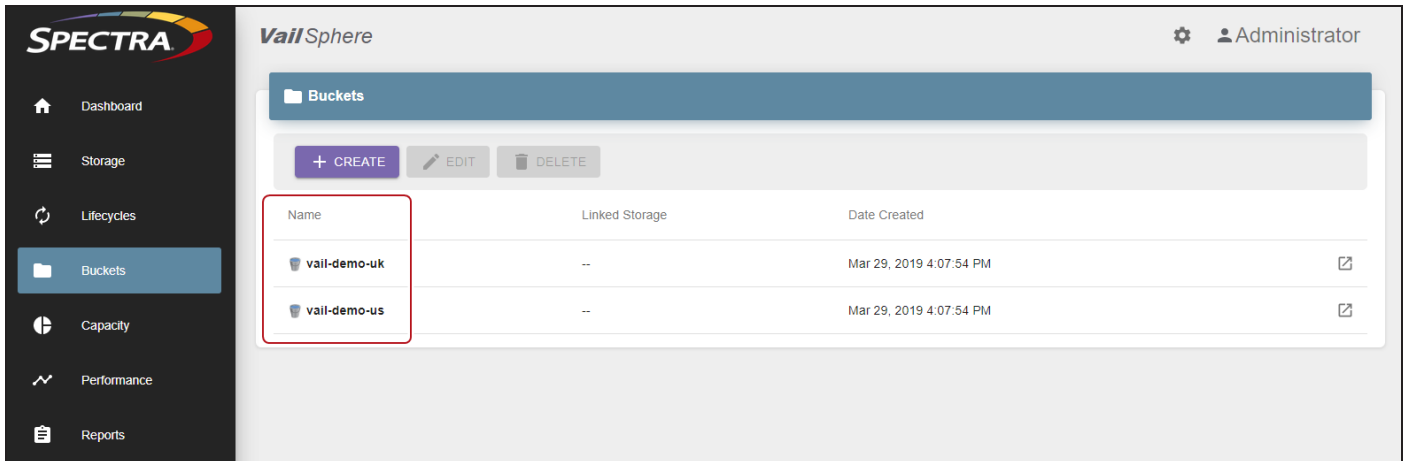


Figure 110 The Buckets screen.

2. Under the **Buckets** banner, click a **bucket name**.

Note: You must click the name directly. Clicking the row of the bucket does not display the bucket contents screen.

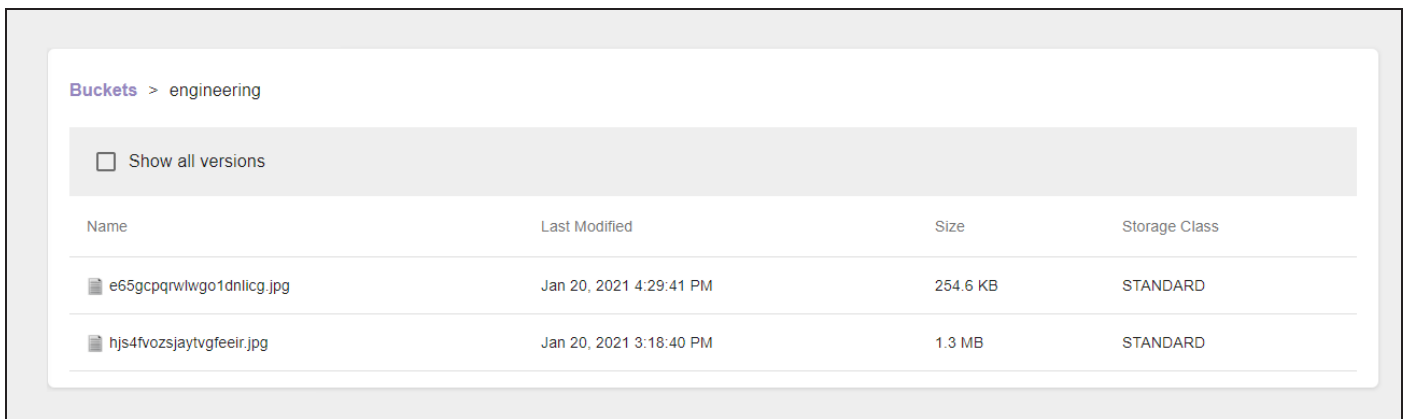


Figure 111 The Bucket Contents screen.

3. If necessary, click **Show All Versions** to display every object version in the Vail bucket. The Last Modified field displays the day and time the object was uploaded.

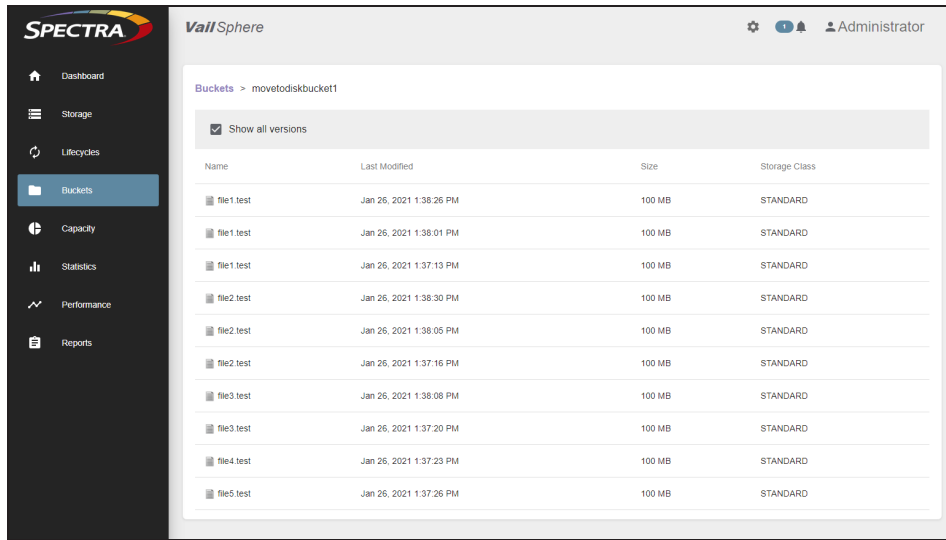


Figure 112 The Bucket Contents - Show All Versions screen.

4. Click the row of the clone you want to delete. The Object Properties window displays.
5. Click **Storage**.

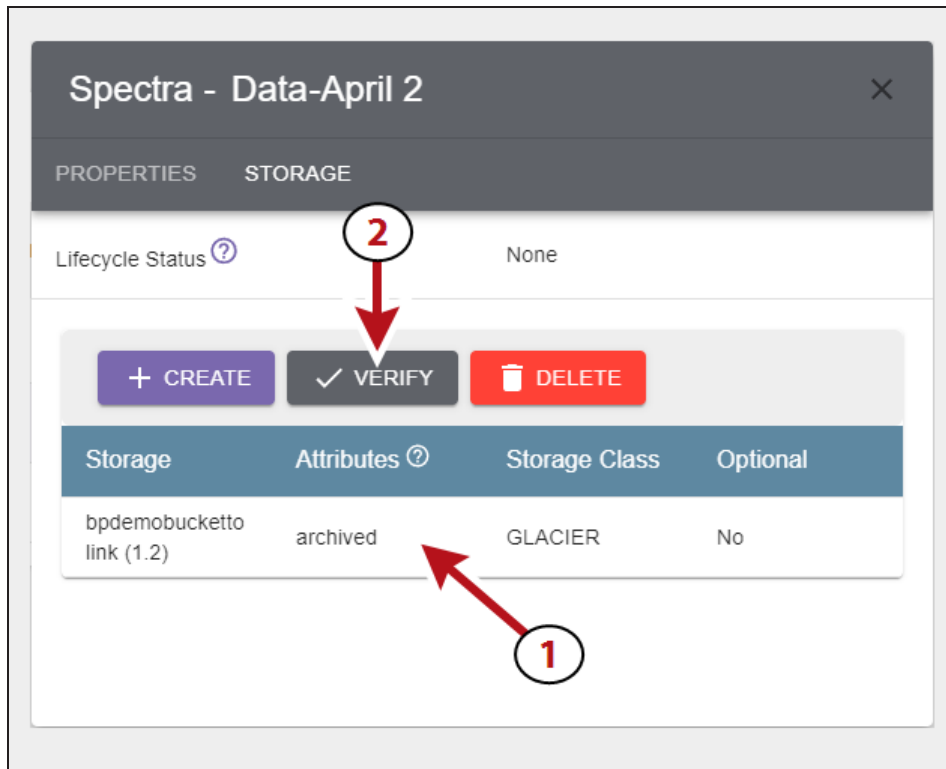


Figure 113 The Object Details - Storage screen.

6. Select the row of the clone (1), and click **Verify** (2).
7. Click **Submit** on the confirmation screen to verify the object clone.

DELETE AN OBJECT CLONE

If desired, you can delete a clone of an object in a Vail bucket using the Vail management console. You can only delete an object if another clone of the object exists elsewhere in the Vail sphere. If there is only one instance of the object in the sphere, it cannot be deleted.

Here is how to delete an object clone using the Vail management console:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.

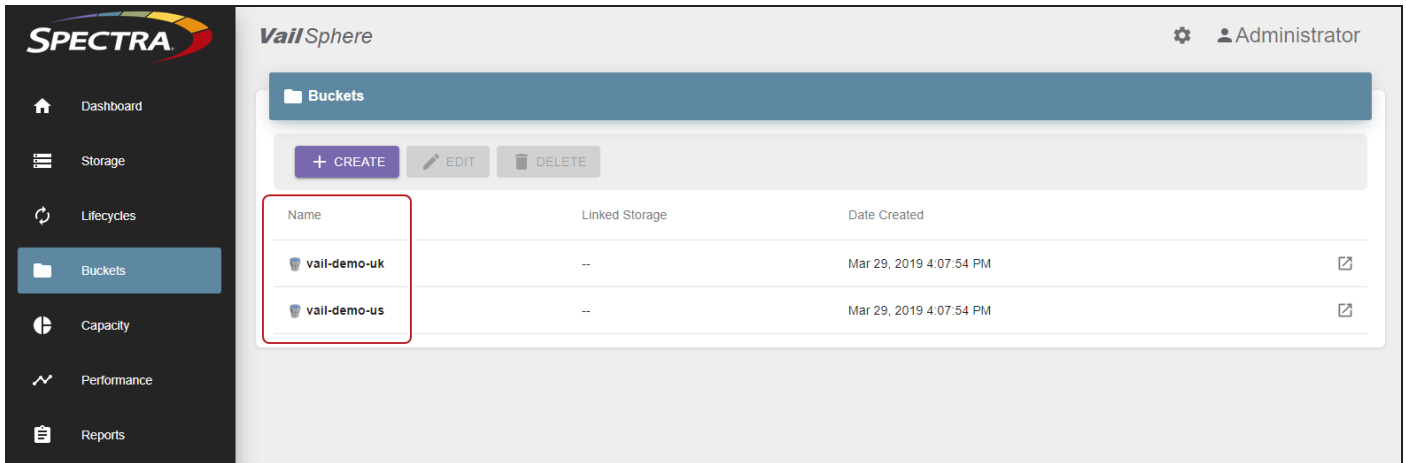


Figure 114 The Buckets screen.

2. Under the **Buckets** banner, click a **bucket name**.

Note: You must click the name directly. Clicking the row of the bucket does not display the bucket contents screen.

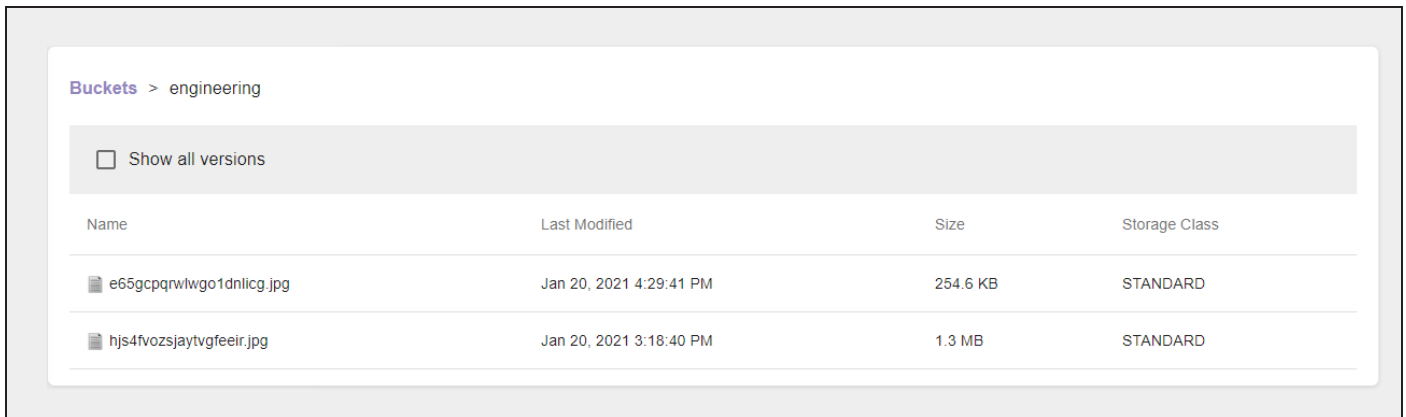


Figure 115 The Bucket Contents screen.

3. If necessary, click **Show All Versions** to display every object version in the Vail bucket. The Last Modified field displays the day and time the object was uploaded.

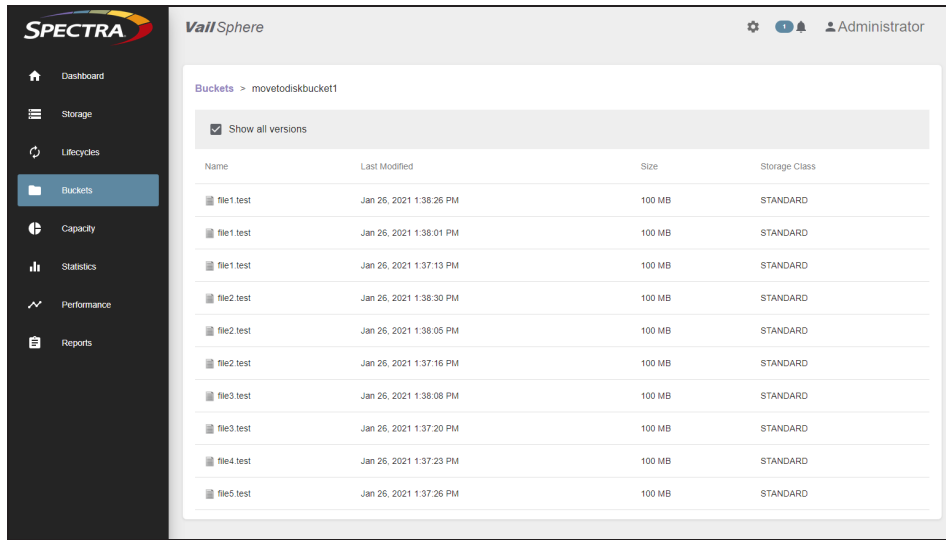


Figure 116 The Bucket Contents - Show All Versions screen.

4. Click the row of the clone you want to delete. The Object Properties window displays.
5. Click **Storage**.

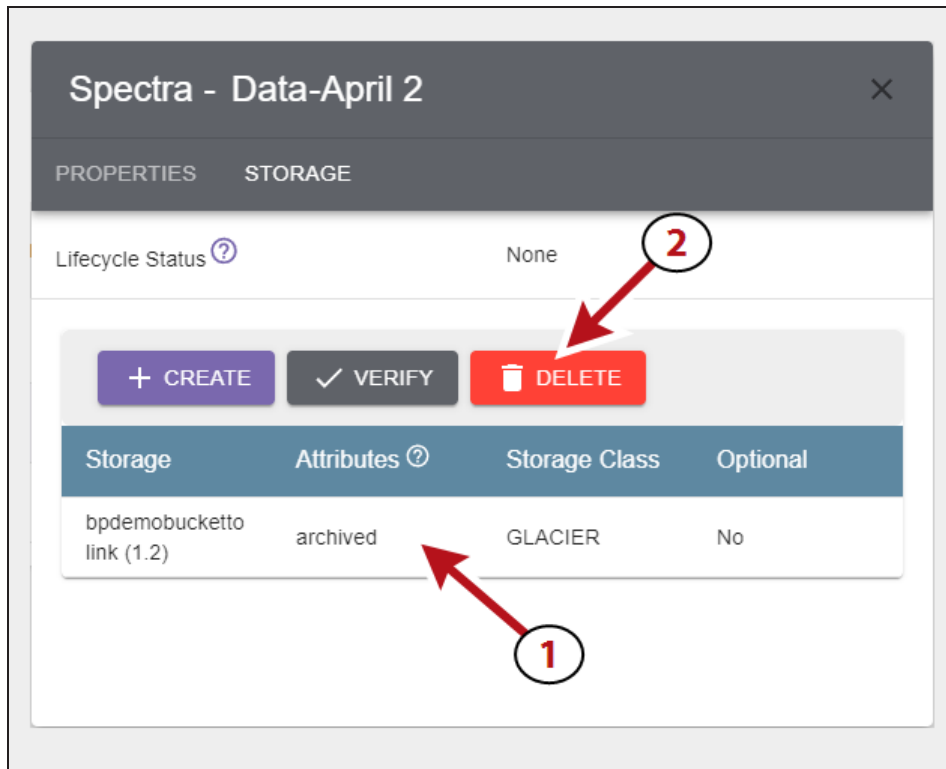


Figure 117 The Object Details - Storage screen.

6. Select the row of the clone (1), and click **Delete** (2).
7. Click **Delete** on the confirmation screen to delete the object clone.

EDIT GLOBAL SETTINGS

If desired, you can edit the global settings of the Spectra Vail application to enable a diagnostic monitor or to change the nightly processing time used by the application.

Change Lifecycle Rule Nightly Processing Time

Here is how to change the nightly processing time:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Global Settings**.
2. Under the **Global Settings** banner, click **Edit**.

Figure 118 The Edit Global Settings screen.

3. Enter the new UTC time for **Nightly Processing**.

Notes:

- Changing this value does not affect any actions that are already scheduled.
- All nodes must be rebooted after changing the Nightly Processing time.

4. Click **Submit**.

Enable Diagnostic Monitor

The diagnostic monitor allows the Spectra Vail application to send diagnostic data to Spectra Logic.

Note: Contact Spectra Logic Technical Support before enabling the diagnostic monitor.

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Global Settings**.
2. Under the **Global Settings** banner, click **Edit**.

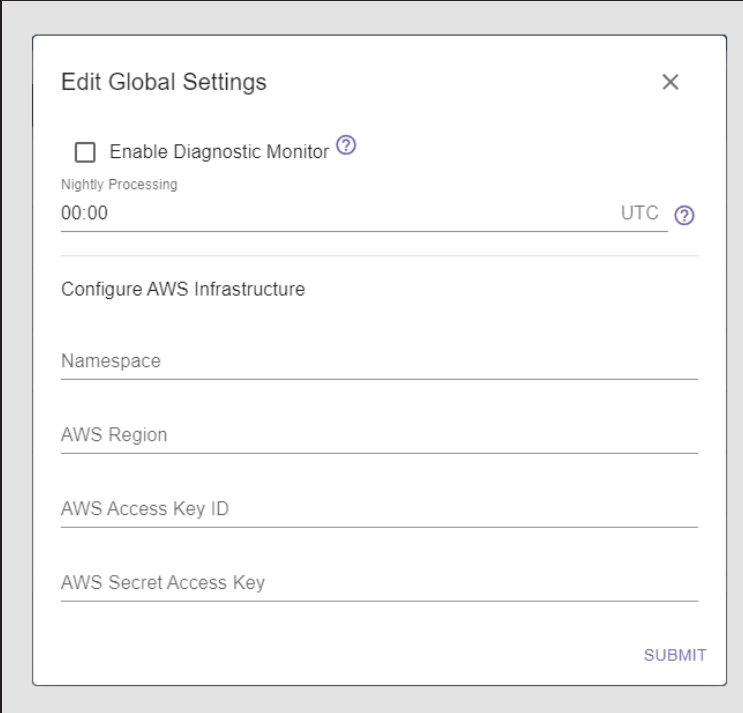


Figure 119 The Edit Global Settings screen.

3. Select **Enable Diagnostic Monitor**, then click **Submit**.

Configure AWS Infrastructure

For a local-control Vail sphere, configuring the AWS infrastructure settings is required in order to access AWS S3 buckets and to add IAM accounts in to the Vail application. Editing these settings assumes familiarity with your AWS environment.

Note: In a cloud-control Vail sphere, these settings are pre-populated and cannot be changed.

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Global Settings**.
2. Under the **Global Settings** banner, click **Edit**.

Edit Global Settings

Enable Diagnostic Monitor ?

Nightly Processing

00:00 UTC ?

Configure AWS Infrastructure

Namespace

AWS Region

AWS Access Key ID

AWS Secret Access Key

SUBMIT

Figure 120 The Edit Global Settings screen.

3. Enter information for the **Namespace**, **AWS Region**, and **AWS Access** credentials.
4. Click **Submit**.

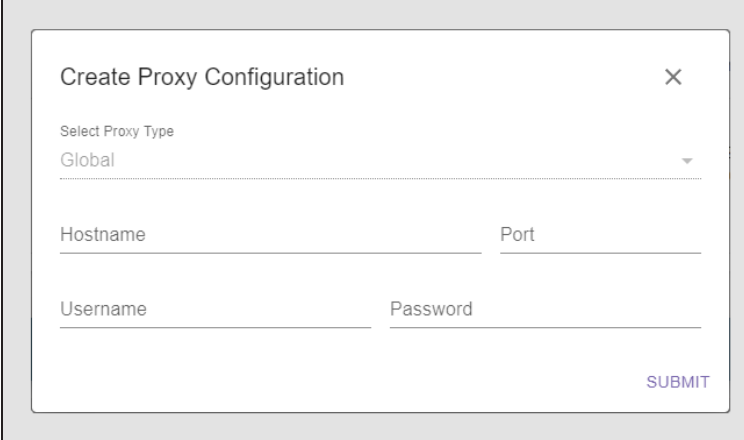
USING PROXY CONNECTIONS

If desired, you can configure the Spectra Vail application to use a proxy server to connect with external servers.

Configure Proxy Connection

Here is how to configure a proxy connection:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Network**.
2. Under the **Proxy Servers** banner, click **Create**.



The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Create Proxy Configuration" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a "Select Proxy Type" dropdown menu with "Global" selected. There are four input fields: "Hostname", "Port", "Username", and "Password". A "SUBMIT" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Figure 121 The Create Proxy Configuration screen.

Note: You can only configure a Global proxy type. The **Select Proxy Type** drop-down menu is grayed-out and not functional.

3. Enter the **Hostname** for the proxy server to use for external connections.
4. Enter the **Port** of the proxy server.
5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** to use when connecting through the proxy server.
6. Click **Submit**.

Edit Proxy Server

All options available when creating a proxy connection can be changed by editing the connection.

Here is how to edit a previously configured proxy configuration:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Network**.
2. Under the **Proxy Servers** banner, select the proxy connection and click **Edit**.
3. Update the proxy information as required, and click **Save**.

Delete Proxy Server

Here is how to delete a previously configured proxy configuration:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Network**.
2. Under the **Proxy Servers** banner, select the proxy connection and click **Delete**.
3. Update the proxy information as required, and click **Save**.

EDIT A VAIL BUCKET

If desired, you can edit Vail buckets to change various settings. You cannot change the bucket name, but all other settings used when creating a bucket are available when editing a Vail bucket, including encryption, versioning, access controls, and lifecycle selection.

Note: You cannot disable versioning if the bucket was initially configured to use versioning AND object locking when it was created.

Note: If you enable encryption on a bucket that is not currently configured to use encryption, only new data put to the bucket is encrypted. To encrypt existing data, you must use the PUT OBJECT copy command.

Here is how to edit a Vail bucket:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.
2. Under the **Buckets** banner, select (1) the row of the bucket to edit, and (2) click **Edit**.

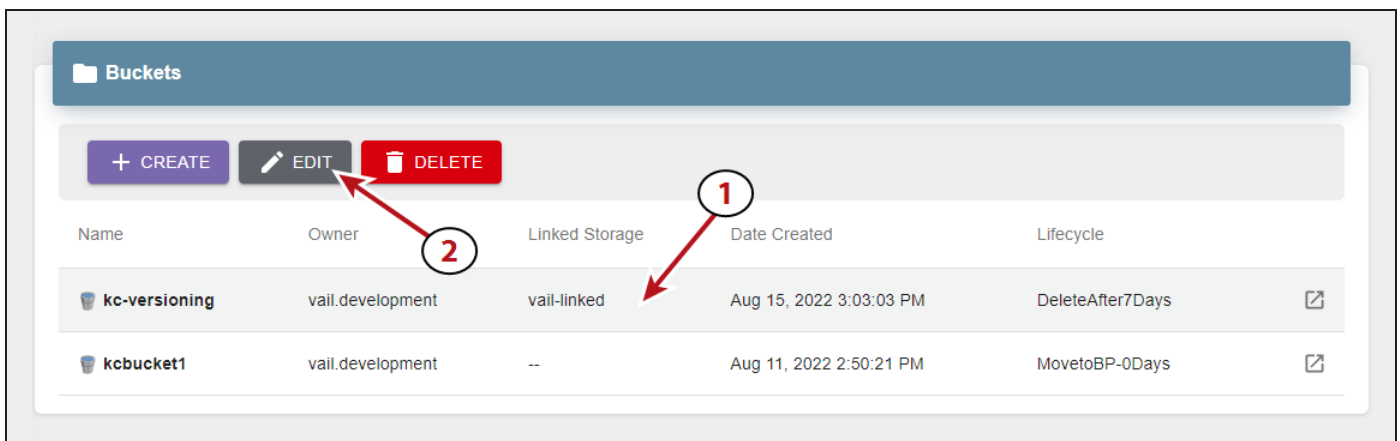


Figure 122 The Buckets pane.

3. Edit the settings on the Parameters screen as desired. See [Create a Vail Bucket on page 88](#) for information about each feature on the Parameters screen.

Note: Depending on the options selected when you created the bucket, the screens in this section may be different than what appears in the Vail management console.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Bucket' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. A progress indicator at the top shows four steps: 1. Parameters (highlighted), 2. Policy, 3. Lifecycle, and 4. Confirm. Below the progress bar, the text 'Edit bucket parameters.' is displayed. The 'Bucket Name' field is set to 'kctestbucket1'. There are four checkboxes: 'Enable Versioning' (unchecked), 'Enable Object Locking' (unchecked), 'Enable Encryption' (unchecked), and 'Enable Compression' (checked). There is also a 'Hide Glacier Operations' checkbox (unchecked). The 'Bucket Owner' dropdown is set to 'vail.development'. The 'Object Ownership' dropdown is set to 'ACLs Disabled (recommended)'. A 'NEXT' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Figure 123 The Edit Bucket - Parameters screen.

- Notes:**
- You are not able to change the Bucket Name or Bucket Owner.
 - You cannot disable versioning if the bucket was initially configured to use versioning AND object locking when it was created.
 - If you disable versioning, any new objects are not versioned, but all previous versioned objects continue to be persisted.
4. Click **Next**. If you selected **Enable Object Locking** continue with [Step 5](#) below. Otherwise, skip to [Step 7](#) on [page 159](#).

5. Edit the settings on the Retention screen as desired. See [Create a Vail Bucket on page 88](#) for information about each feature and option on the Retention screen.

Figure 124 The Edit Bucket - Retention screen.

6. Click **Next**.
7. Edit the settings on the Policy screen as desired. See [Create a Vail Bucket on page 88](#) for information about each feature and option on the Policy screen.

```

1  {
2    "Version": "2019-08-23",
3    "Id": "ExamplePolicy01",
4    "Statement": [
5      {
6        "Sid": "ExampleStatement01",
7        "Effect": "Allow",
8        "Principal": "*",
9        "Action": [
10         "*"
11       ],
12       "Resource": [
13         "arn:aws:s3:::examplebucket"
14       ]
15     }
16   ]
17 }

```

For more info on configuring a policy, see the [AWS documentation](#)

Figure 125 The Edit Bucket - Policy screen.

8. Click **Next**. If **Object Ownership** for this bucket is set to **ACL Disabled**, skip to Step 11 on page 160. Otherwise continue to Step 9 on page 160

9. Edit the settings on the Access Control Lists screen as desired. See [Create a Vail Bucket](#) on page 88 for information about each feature and option on the Access Control List screen.

- Click **Add ACL** to add a new ACL to the bucket.
- Click the **trashcan icon** to delete an existing ACL.

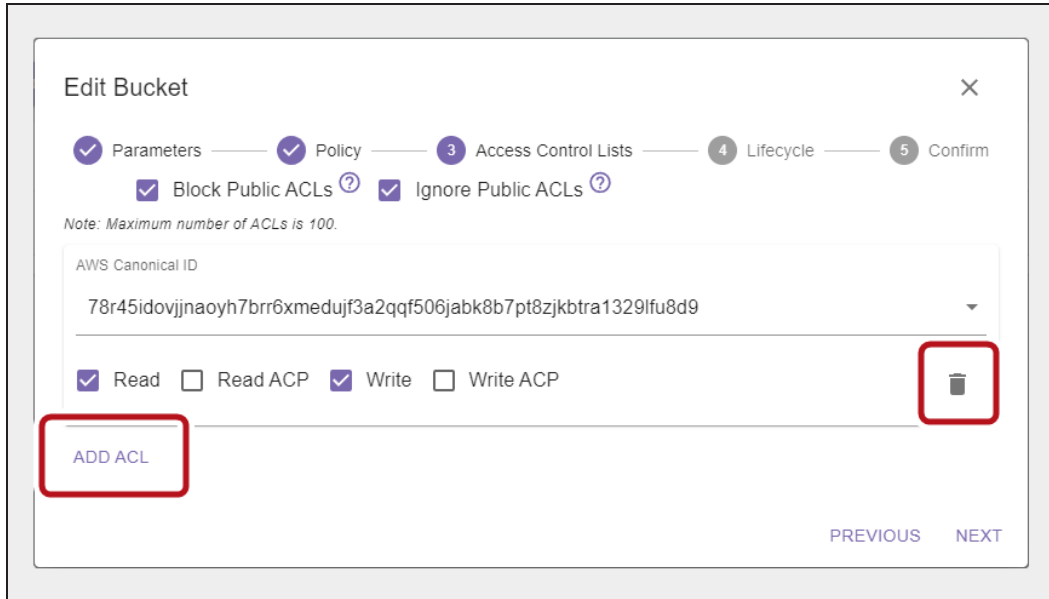


Figure 126 The Edit Bucket - Access Control Lists screen.

10. Click **Next**.

11. If desired, use the **Select Lifecycle** drop-down menu to select a new lifecycle for the bucket, and click **Next**.

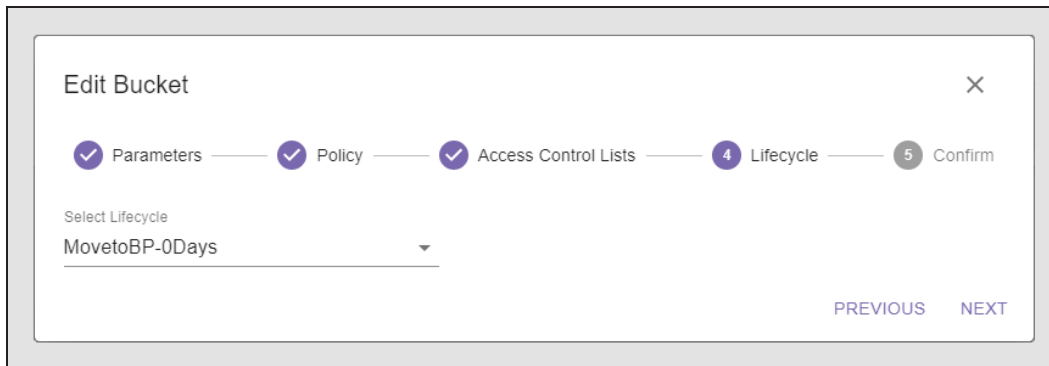


Figure 127 The Edit Bucket - Lifecycle screen.

12. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the Vail bucket.

DELETE A VAIL BUCKET

If desired, you can delete an empty Vail bucket. To remove a bucket that contains objects, you must first delete all of the objects.

Here is how to delete a Vail bucket:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Buckets**.
2. Under the **Buckets** banner, (1) select the bucket and (2) select **Delete**.

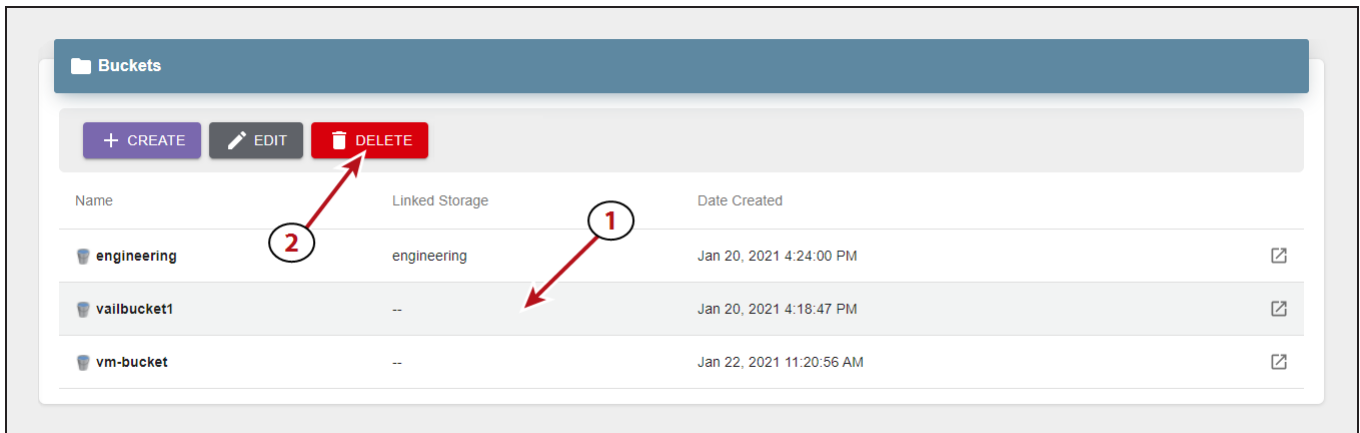


Figure 128 The Buckets pane.

3. On the confirmation screen, click **Delete**.

VIEW STORAGE DETAILS

The storage detail screen displays advanced information about the storage endpoint, as well as data usage information.

Note: This section describes the storage details information displayed on a local-control, bucket storage BlackPearl S3 solution. Depending on the storage type you are viewing, the information may not match what you see in your Vail management console.

Here is how to view the details of storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** or **Cloud Storage** banner, click the **View Details** icon to the far right of the storage for which you want to view details.

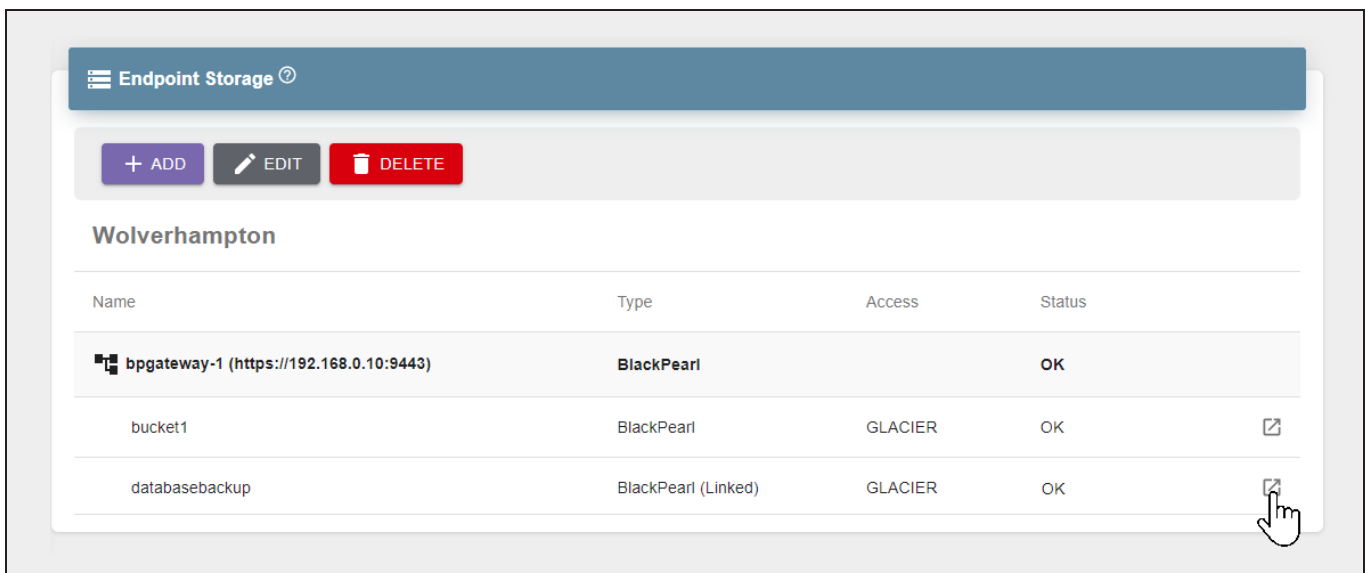


Figure 129 The Endpoint Storage pane.

- If you select **Properties...**

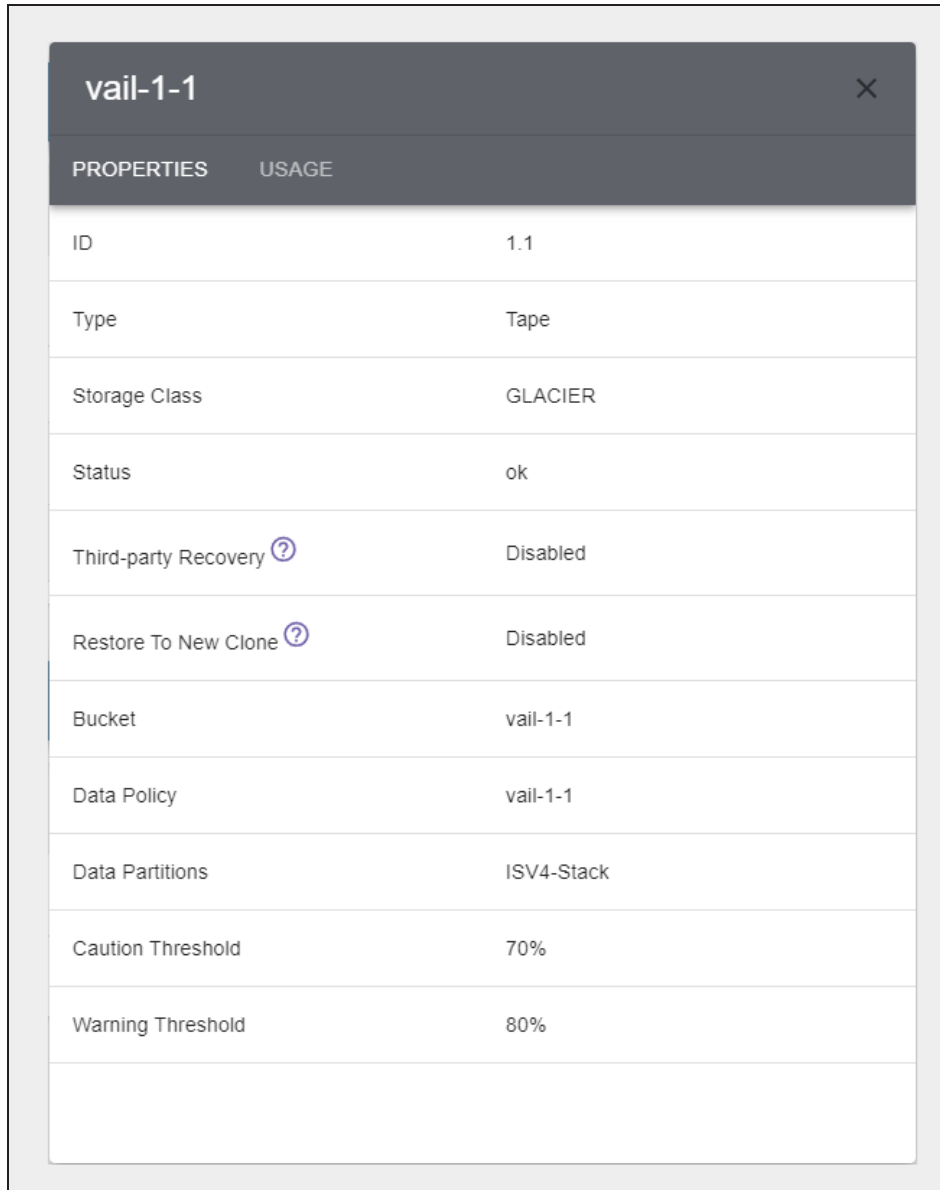


Figure 130 The Storage Details - Properties screen.

Field	Description
ID	
Type	The type of storage used on a BlackPearl or cloud storage endpoint.
Storage Class	The storage class used by the storage endpoint.
Status	The current status of the storage endpoint.

Field	Description
Third-Party Recovery	Indicates if the option to allow third party recovery is enabled or disabled. This option writes additional data per object which allows full objects to be generated from the storage endpoint.
Restore To New Clone	Indicates if the option to create a new clone on a different storage endpoint, rather than the existing endpoint, is enabled or disabled.
Bucket	The bucket used by the BlackPearl or cloud storage endpoint.
Data Policy	The data policy on the BlackPearl S3 solution used by the storage endpoint.
Data Partitions	The tape or disk partitions on the BlackPearl S3 solution used by the storage endpoint.
Caution Threshold	The percentage of used space before the Vail application generates a caution system message.
Warning Threshold	The percentage of used space before the Vail application generates a warning message.

Note: Depending on the type of storage, not all fields listed above display.

- If you select **Usage...**

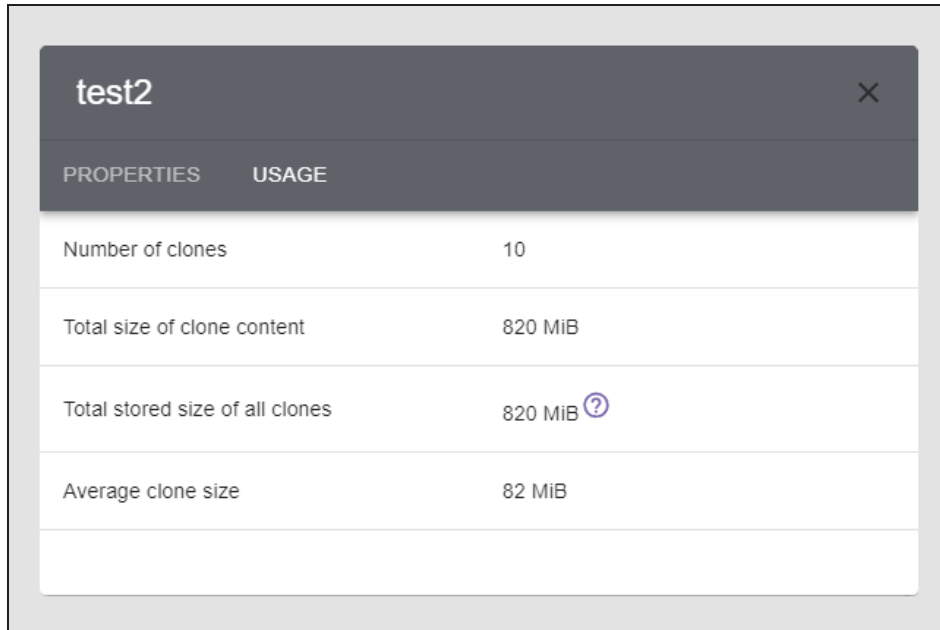


Figure 131 The Storage Details - Usage screen (Tape storage shown).

Field	Description
Number of clones	The number of clones kept by the storage endpoint for each object.
Total size of clone content	The total size of clones on the storage endpoint.
Total stored size of all clones	The amount of data used by the clones on the storage endpoint. Because clones are compressed before they are written to storage, this value may be different from the original content size.
Total size of optional data	The amount of optional data stored on the storage endpoint. The Vail application only uses optional data to improve performance when there is sufficient storage space available. Optional data is automatically deleted when additional space on the storage endpoint is required to store non-optional data. Note: This option only displays for Volume storage endpoints.
Average clone size	The average size of all clones on the storage endpoint.

EDIT BLACKPEARL OR VAIL VM ENDPOINT

If desired, you can edit the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM Node endpoint to change the location of the system in the Vail sphere, enable debug logging, or adding additional host names that can be used to access the endpoint.

Note: The images below show editing a BlackPearl endpoint. The processes are the same for a Vail VM node endpoint.

Change Endpoint Location

Here is how to change the regional location of an endpoint:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the endpoint and (2) click **Edit**.

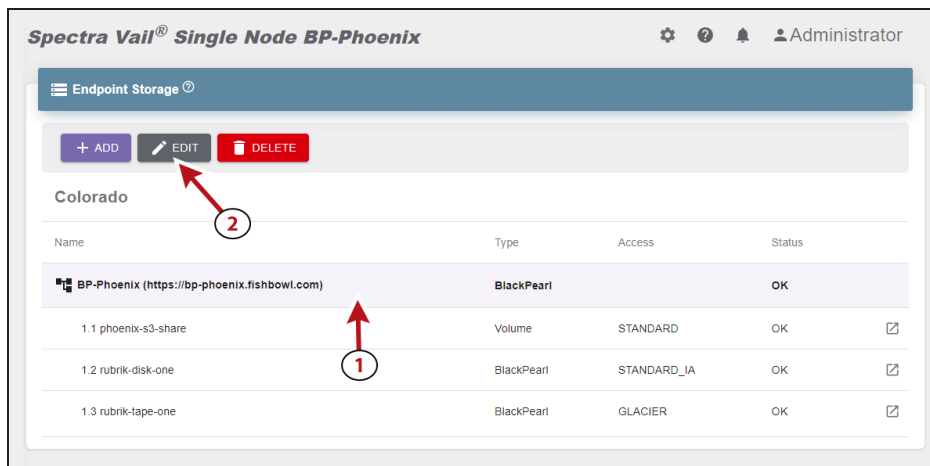


Figure 132 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. Using the drop-down menu, select a new **Location** for the endpoint.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit BlackPearl" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The "Location" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red border and shows "On-Premise" selected. Below it is a "Disabled" dropdown menu with a question mark icon. A checked checkbox labeled "Discover Endpoint URL" with a question mark icon is present. The "URL" field contains "https://bps2-s3-isv4.fishbowl.com". The "Additional Hosts" field is empty. A "SUBMIT" button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

Figure 133 Edit *Endpoint* - Location screen.

4. Click **Submit**.

Add Additional Host Names

Host names are used to access the endpoint. Here is how to add additional host names for the endpoint:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the endpoint and (2) click **Edit**.

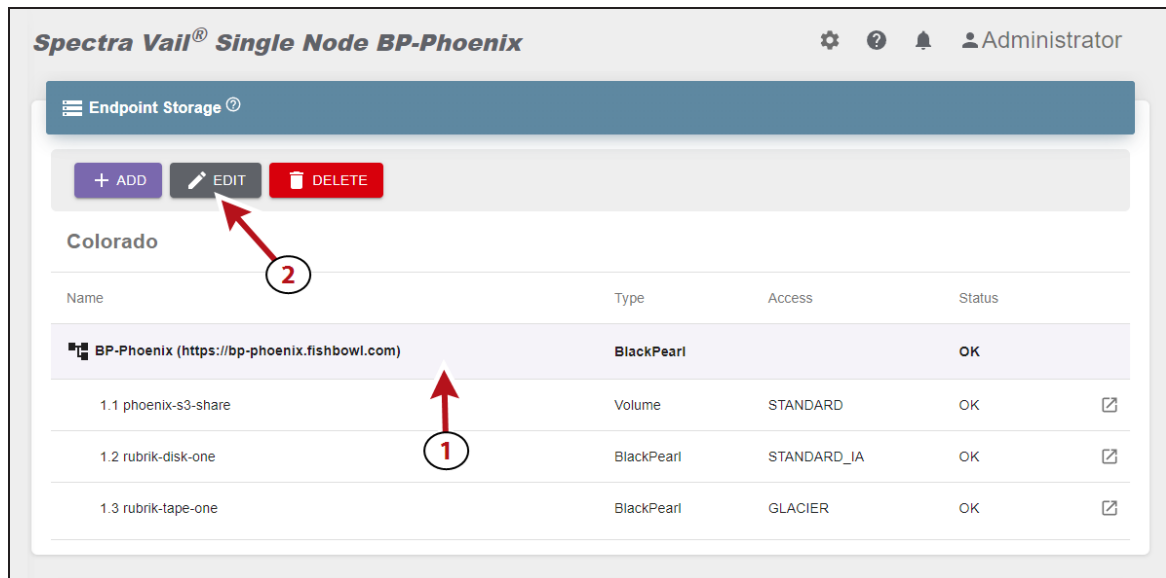


Figure 134 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. In the **Additional Hosts** dialog box, enter the desired host name(s).

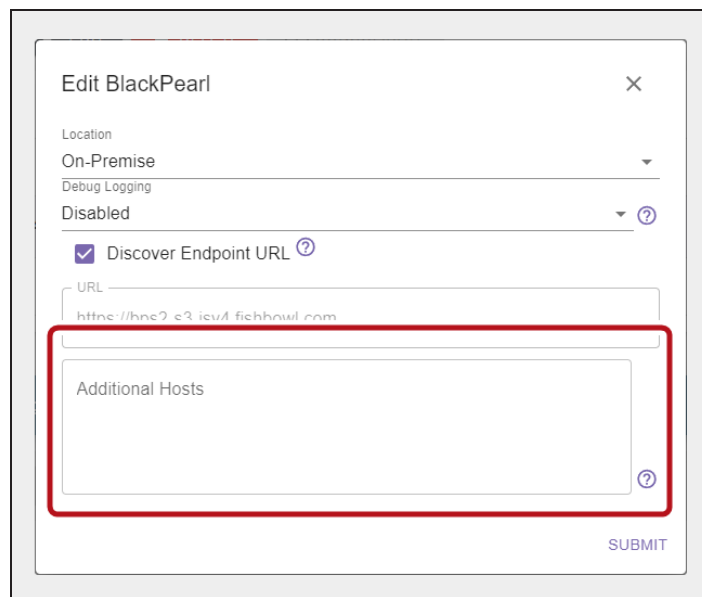


Figure 135 Edit *Endpoint*- Additional Hosts screen.

4. Click **Submit**.

Change Endpoint URL

The URL listed on the *Edit Endpoint* screen is the address that other systems use when communicating with the storage endpoint. Typically this URL is discovered using name recognition sources.

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the endpoint and (2) click **Edit**.

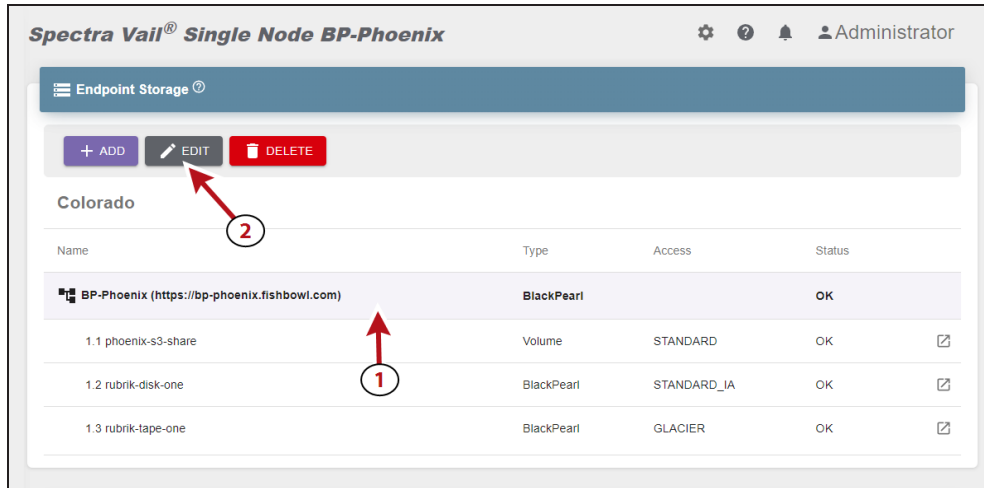


Figure 136 The Endpoint Storage pane.

- To determine the URL automatically, select **Discover Endpoint URL** checkbox.
- To set the URL manually, clear the **Discover Endpoint URL** checkbox, enter the **URL** in the entry field.

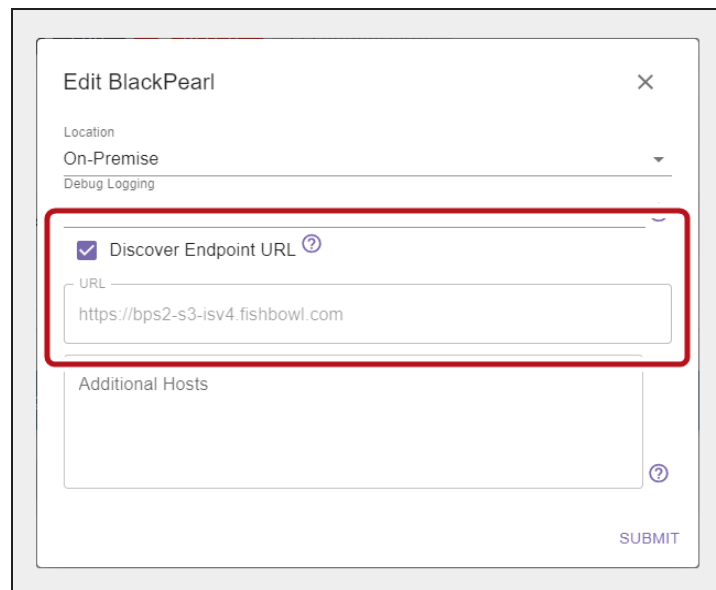


Figure 137 Edit *Endpoint* screen.

3. Click **Submit**.

Configure Debug Logging

The Spectra Vail application allows you to set the level of information included in system logs.



IMPORTANT

Contact Spectra Logic Technical Support before modifying this setting.

Here is how to edit the debug logging level for the endpoint:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the endpoint and (2) click **Edit**.

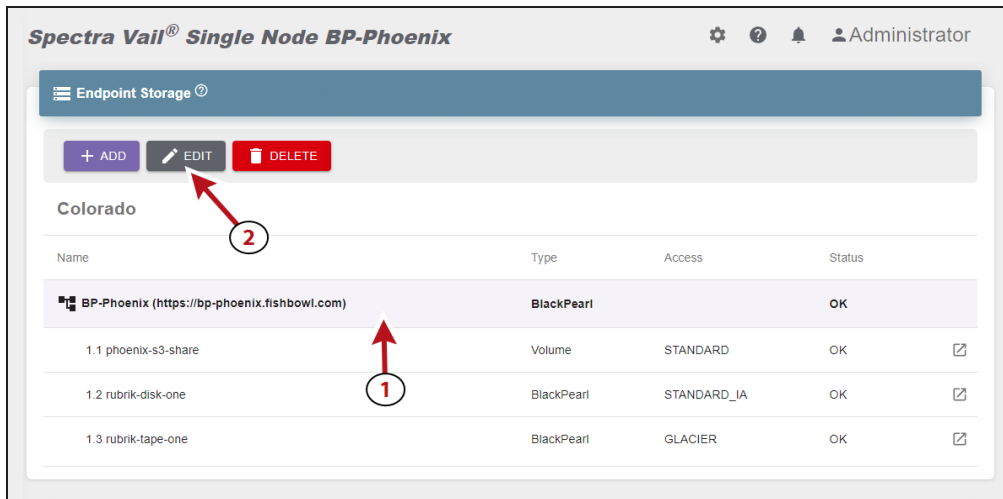


Figure 138 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. Using the drop-down menu, select the **Debug Logging** level.

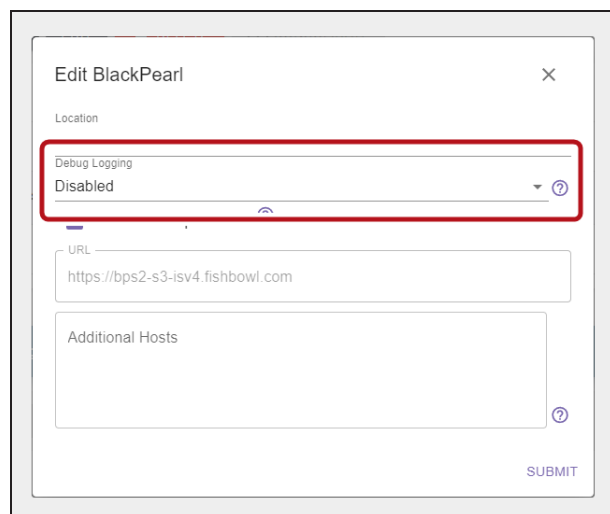


Figure 139 Edit *Endpoint* screen.

4. Click **Submit**.

EDIT STORAGE

If desired, you can edit storage to change various settings. The settings you can change are different for each type of storage.

Use one of the sections below to edit storage.

- [Edit BlackPearl Bucket Storage below](#)
- [Edit BlackPearl Bucket Storage below](#)
- [Edit Vail VM Node Storage on page 175](#)
- [Edit Google Cloud Platform Storage on page 176](#)
- [Edit AWS S3 Cloud Storage on page 179](#)
- [Edit Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage on page 182](#)
- [Edit Other Third-Party Cloud Storage on page 185](#)

Edit BlackPearl Bucket Storage

Here is how to edit BlackPearl bucket storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage and (2) click **Edit**.

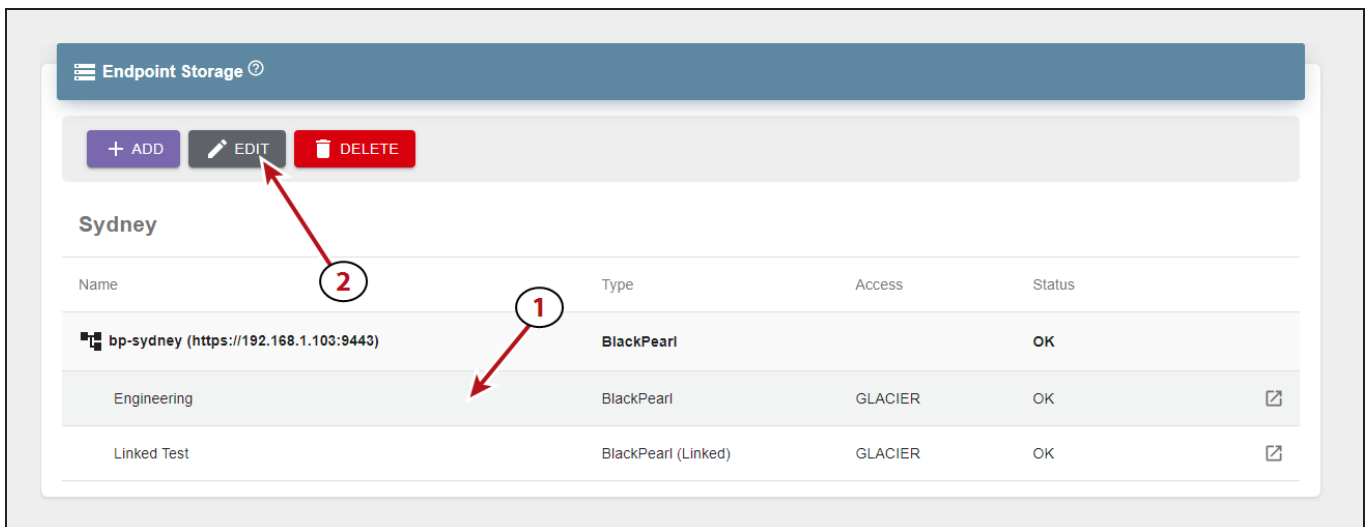


Figure 140 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. If desired, edit the **Storage Name**, **Storage Class**, and the **Caution** and **Warning** thresholds.

Note: If you are editing a linked bucket, the fields for Caution and Warning Thresholds do not display.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Endpoint Storage' dialog box. At the top, there's a title bar with 'Edit Endpoint Storage' and a close button. Below that, a progress indicator shows '1 Parameters' and '2 Confirm'. The main content area is titled 'Configure your BlackPearl storage below.' and contains several input fields:

- 'BlackPearl Bucket' dropdown menu with 'vail-1-1' selected.
- 'Storage Name' text input field with 'vail-1-1' entered.
- 'Select Storage Class' dropdown menu with 'GLACIER' selected.
- 'Third-party Recovery' checkbox, which is currently unchecked.
- 'Restore To New Clone' checkbox, which is currently unchecked.
- 'Caution Threshold' text input field with '70' and a '%' symbol.
- 'Warning Threshold' text input field with '80' and a '%' symbol.

 A 'NEXT' button is located at the bottom right of the form area.

Figure 141 The Edit Endpoint Storage - Parameters - BlackPearl screen.

4. If desired, select to enable **Third-party Recovery**. This option creates a clone for delete markers, 0-length objects, and tiny objects, even though those clones are unnecessary. It also causes storage of full object metadata, enabling you to generate full objects from the content on the storage endpoint.

Note: This option uses additional storage space and negatively affects performance.

5. If desired, select to enable **Restore to New Clone**. This option creates an additional data clone of objects on the storage endpoint to a different storage endpoint.
6. Click **Next**.
7. Review the configuration and click **Submit**.

Edit BlackPearl NAS Storage

Here is how to edit BlackPearl NAS storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage and (2) click **Edit**.

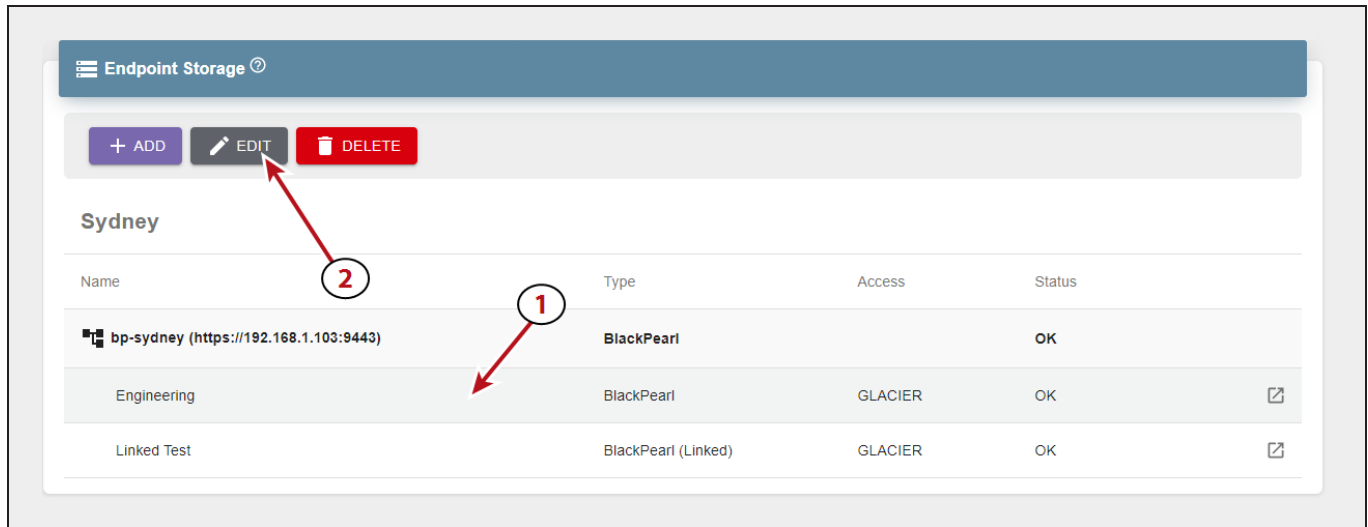


Figure 142 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name**, **Storage Class**, **Caution Threshold**, or **Warning Threshold**.
4. If desired, you can set the **Optional Data** threshold, which specifies the percentage of storage space to be used for optional clones to speed up data access. Optional clones are deleted as necessary to maintain space used below this percentage. If this field is left blank, no optional clones are stored and object access times are not tracked.

The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Edit Endpoint Storage" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a progress indicator with two steps: "1 Parameters" (active) and "2 Confirm". The instruction "Configure your storage below." is displayed. The form contains three sections:

- Storage Name:** A text input field containing "s3-nvme".
- Select Storage Class:** A dropdown menu showing "STANDARD".
- Third-party Recovery:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked, with a help icon (?) to its right.
- Caution Threshold:** A text input field containing "70" followed by a percentage sign (%).
- Warning Threshold:** A text input field containing "80" followed by a percentage sign (%) and a help icon (?) to its right.
- Optional Data:** A text input field containing "70" followed by a percentage sign (%) and a help icon (?) to its right.

A "NEXT" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Figure 143 The Edit Endpoint Storage - Parameters - NAS screen.

5. If desired, select to enable **Third-party Recovery**. This option creates a clone for delete markers, 0-length objects, and tiny objects, even though those clones are unnecessary. It also causes storage of full object metadata, enabling you to generate full objects from the content on the storage endpoint.

Note: This option uses additional storage space and negatively affects performance.

6. Click **Next**.
7. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the BlackPearl storage.

Edit Vail VM Node Storage

Here is how to edit Vail VM node storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** banner, select the row of the storage and click **Edit**.
3. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name**, **Caution Threshold**, or **Warning Threshold**. Additionally you can set the **Optional Data** threshold, which specifies the percentage of storage space to be used for optional clones of objects that are no longer required to be present on the storage.

Figure 144 The Edit Endpoint Storage - Parameters - Vail VM Node screen.

4. If desired, select to enable **Third-party Recovery**. This option writes additional data to the storage endpoint, enabling you to generate full objects from the content on the storage endpoint.

Note: This option uses additional storage space and negatively affects performance.

5. Click **Next**.
6. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the Vail VM storage.

Edit Google Cloud Platform Storage

Here is how to edit Google Cloud Platform storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage and (2) click **Edit**.

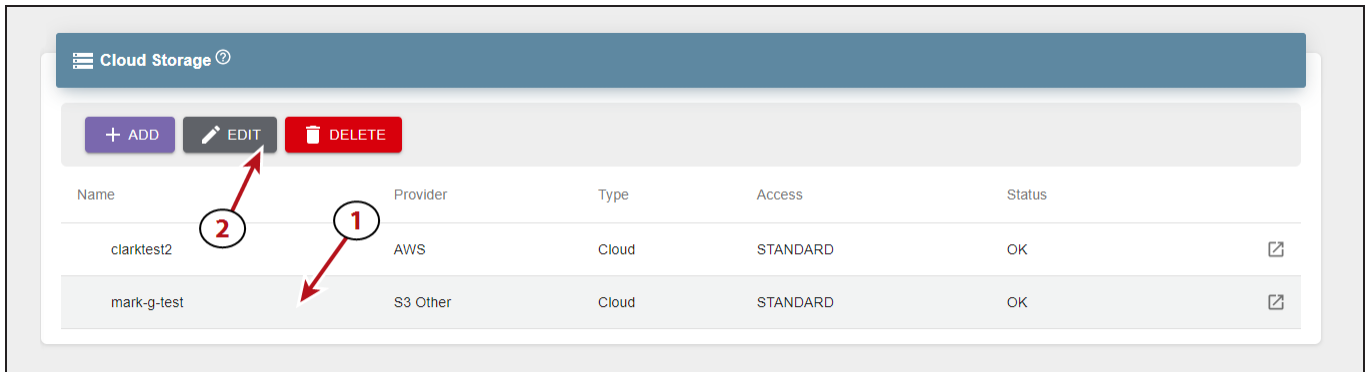


Figure 145 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. Select either **Modify Parameters** or **Modify Authorization**, then click **Next**.

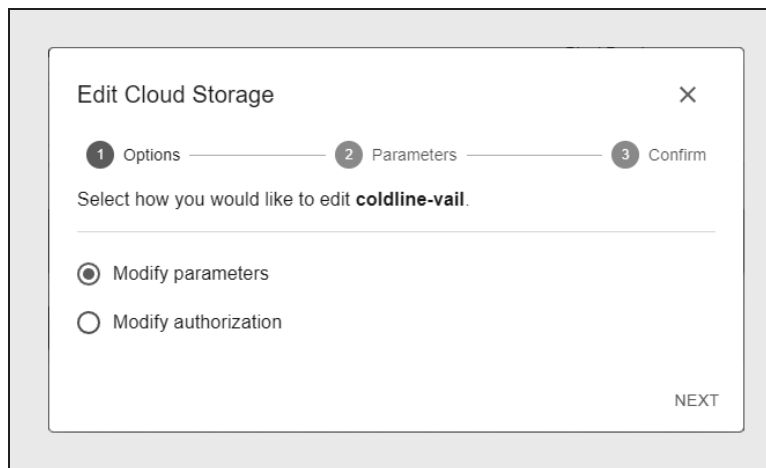


Figure 146 The Edit Cloud Storage - Options screen.

If you selected **Modify Parameters...**

- a. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name** and **Storage Class**.

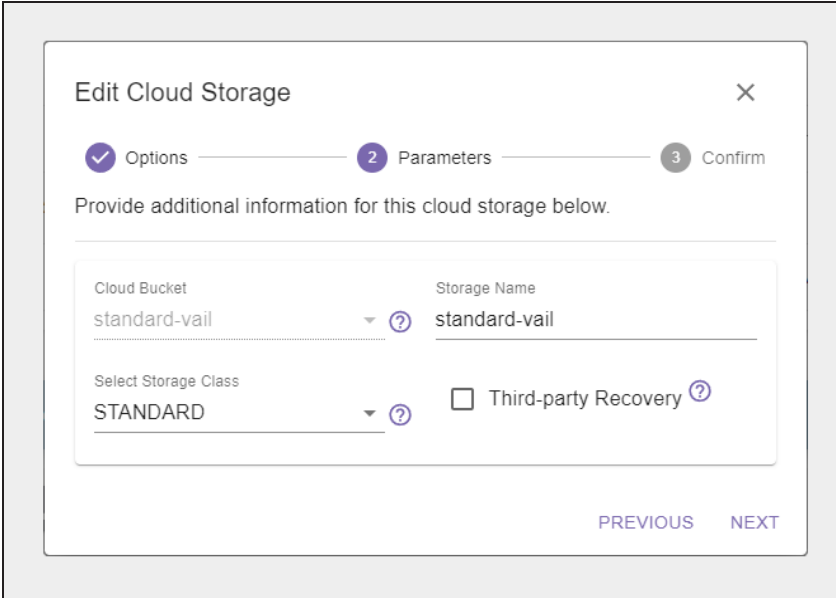


Figure 147 The Edit Cloud Storage - Parameters - Google Cloud Platform screen.

- b. If desired, select to enable **Third-party Recovery**. This option creates a clone for delete markers, 0-length objects, and tiny objects, even though those clones are unnecessary. It also causes storage of full object metadata, enabling you to generate full objects from the content on the storage endpoint.

Note: This option uses additional storage space and negatively affects performance.

- c. Click **Next**.
- d. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

If you selected **Modify Authorization...**

- a. If desired, you can enter new **Google Cloud Platform JSON Credentials**.

Note: If you change your credentials in the Google Cloud Platform system, you must update the Spectra Vail application with the new credentials.

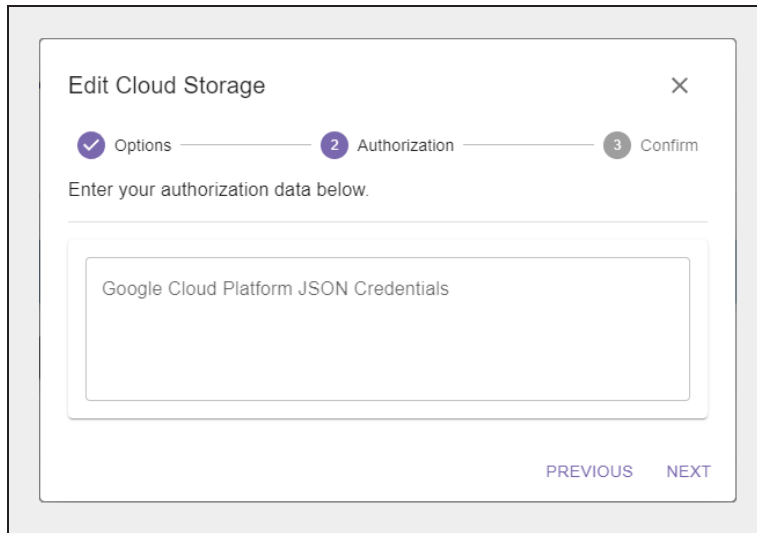


Figure 148 The Edit Cloud Storage - Authorization - Google Cloud Platform screen.

- b. Click **Next**.
- c. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

Edit AWS S3 Cloud Storage

Here is how to edit Amazon AWS S3 cloud storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage and (2) click **Edit**.

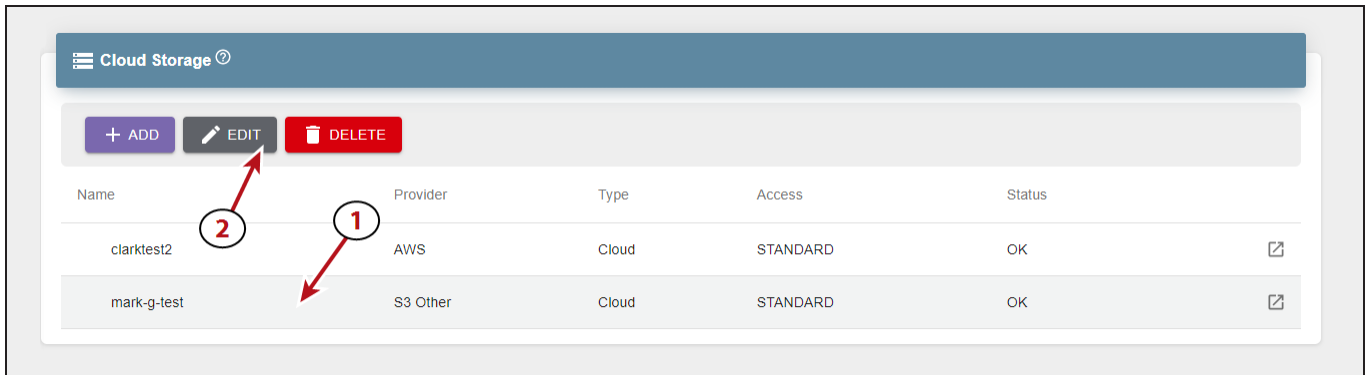


Figure 149 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. Select either **Modify Parameters** or **Modify Authorization**, then click **Next**.

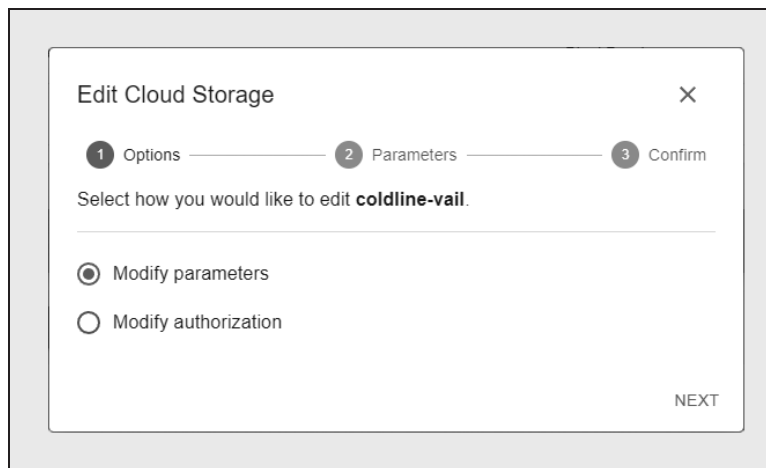
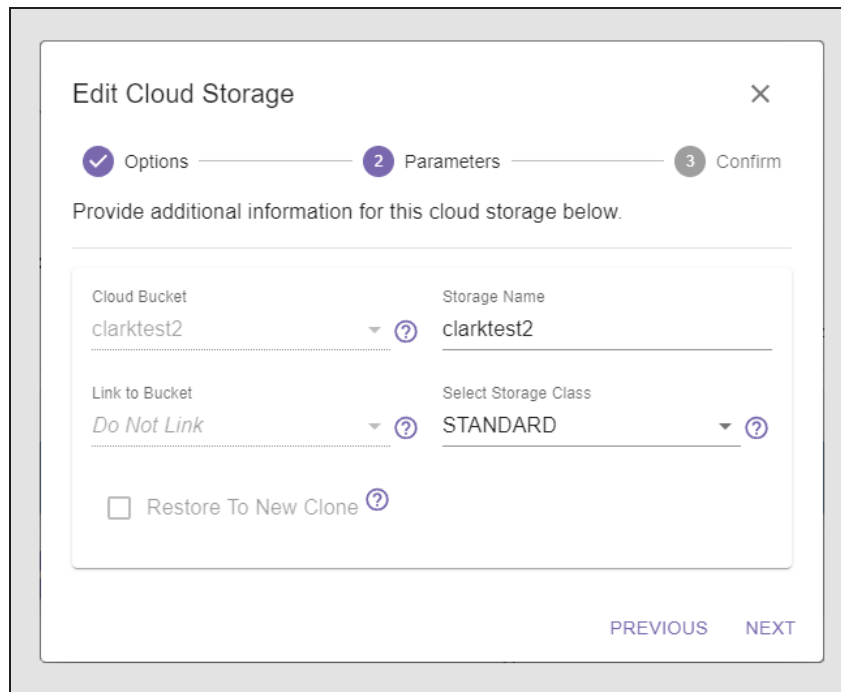


Figure 150 The Edit Cloud Storage - Options screen.

If you selected **Modify Parameters...**

- a. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name** and **Storage Class**.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Cloud Storage" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a progress indicator with three steps: "Options" (checked), "Parameters" (active), and "Confirm". The main content area is titled "Provide additional information for this cloud storage below." and contains several fields:

- Cloud Bucket:** A dropdown menu with "clarktest2" selected and a help icon (?).
- Storage Name:** A text input field with "clarktest2" entered and a help icon (?).
- Link to Bucket:** A dropdown menu with "Do Not Link" selected and a help icon (?).
- Select Storage Class:** A dropdown menu with "STANDARD" selected and a help icon (?).
- Restore To New Clone:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked and a help icon (?).

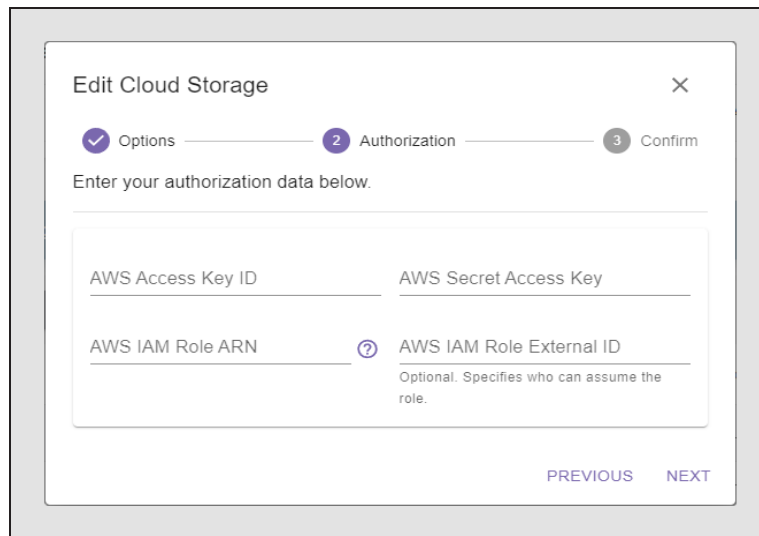
At the bottom right of the dialog box, there are two buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT".

Figure 151 The Edit Cloud Storage - Parameters - AWS S3 Storage screen.

- b. If you selected **Deep_Archive** in **Step a**, select **Restore to New Clone**, if desired. This option creates a new clone on different storage, instead of using the existing archival storage.
- c. Click **Next**.
- d. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

If you selected **Modify Authorization...**

- a. If desired, you can change the **AWS Access Key** information and **AWS IAM** role settings.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Cloud Storage" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a progress indicator with three steps: "Options" (checked with a blue checkmark), "Authorization" (current step, highlighted with a blue circle and number 2), and "Confirm" (highlighted with a blue circle and number 3). Below the progress indicator, the text "Enter your authorization data below." is displayed. The main content area contains four input fields: "AWS Access Key ID", "AWS Secret Access Key", "AWS IAM Role ARN", and "AWS IAM Role External ID". The "AWS IAM Role External ID" field has a help icon (question mark in a circle) and a tooltip that says "Optional. Specifies who can assume the role." At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT".

Figure 152 The Edit Cloud Storage - Authorization - AWS S3 Storage screen.

- b. Click **Next**.
- c. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

Edit Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage

Here is how to edit Microsoft Azure cloud storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage and (2) click **Edit**.

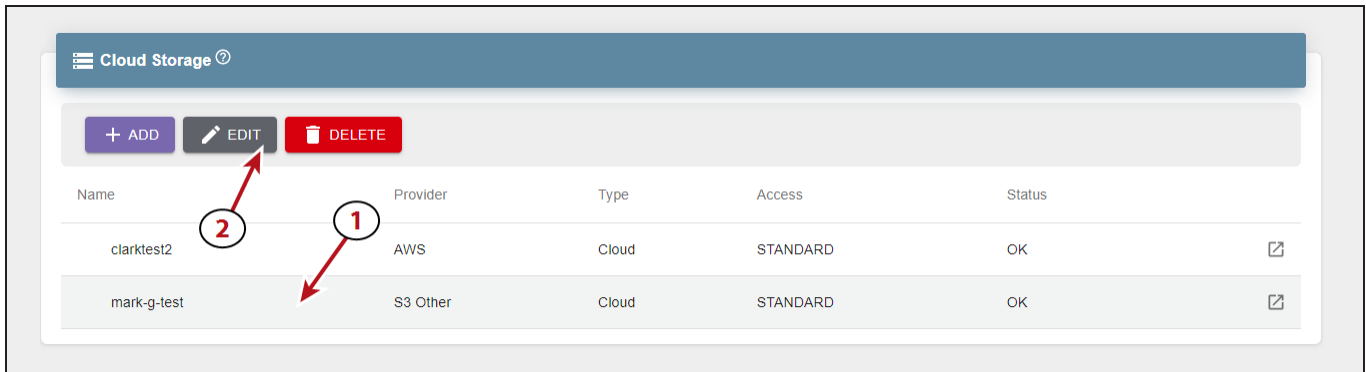


Figure 153 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. Select either **Modify Parameters** or **Modify Authorization**, then click **Next**.

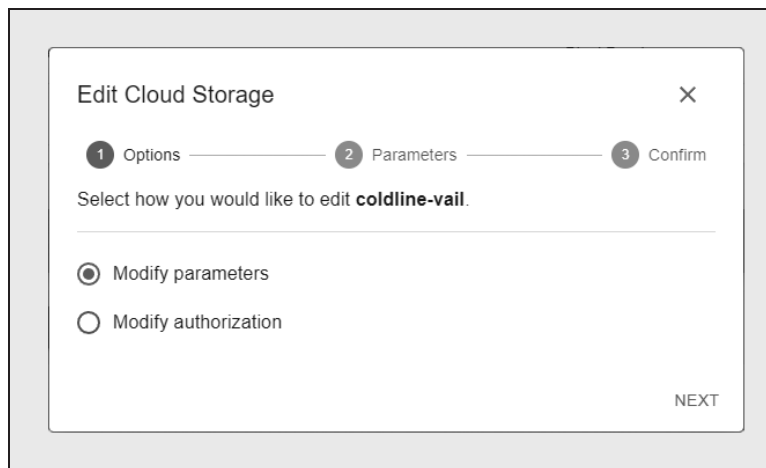
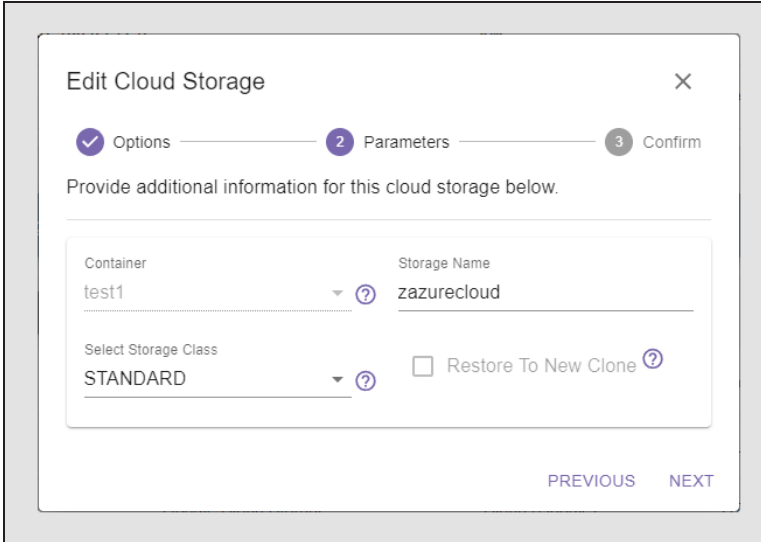


Figure 154 The Edit Cloud Storage - Options screen.

If you selected **Modify Parameters...**

- a. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name** and **Storage Class**.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Cloud Storage" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a progress indicator with three steps: "Options" (checked), "Parameters" (active), and "Confirm". The main content area is titled "Provide additional information for this cloud storage below." and contains a form with the following fields:

- Container:** A dropdown menu with "test1" selected and a help icon.
- Storage Name:** A text input field containing "zazurecloud" and a help icon.
- Select Storage Class:** A dropdown menu with "STANDARD" selected and a help icon.
- Restore To New Clone:** An unchecked checkbox with a help icon.

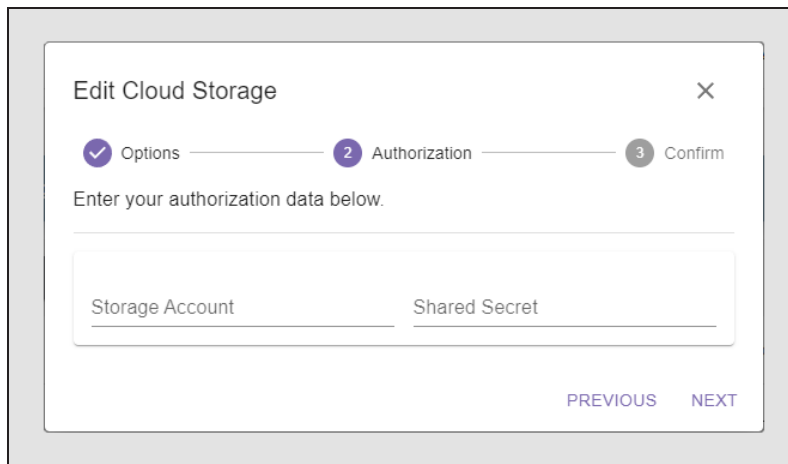
At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT".

Figure 155 The Edit Cloud Storage - Parameters - Azure Storage screen.

- b. If you selected **Deep_Archive** or **Glacier** for the storage class in Step a , select **Restore to New Clone**, if desired. This option creates a new clone on different storage, instead of using the existing archival storage.
- c. Click **Next**.
- d. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

If you selected Modify Authorization...

- a. If desired, you can change the **Storage Account** and **Shared Secret** information.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Cloud Storage" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a progress indicator with three steps: "Options" (marked with a checkmark), "Authorization" (marked with a "2"), and "Confirm" (marked with a "3"). Below the progress indicator, the text "Enter your authorization data below." is displayed. Underneath this text are two input fields: "Storage Account" and "Shared Secret". At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT".

Figure 156 The Edit Cloud Storage - Authorization - Azure Storage screen.

- b. Click **Next**.
- c. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

Edit Other Third-Party Cloud Storage

Here is how to edit other third-party cloud storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Cloud Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage and (2) click **Edit**.

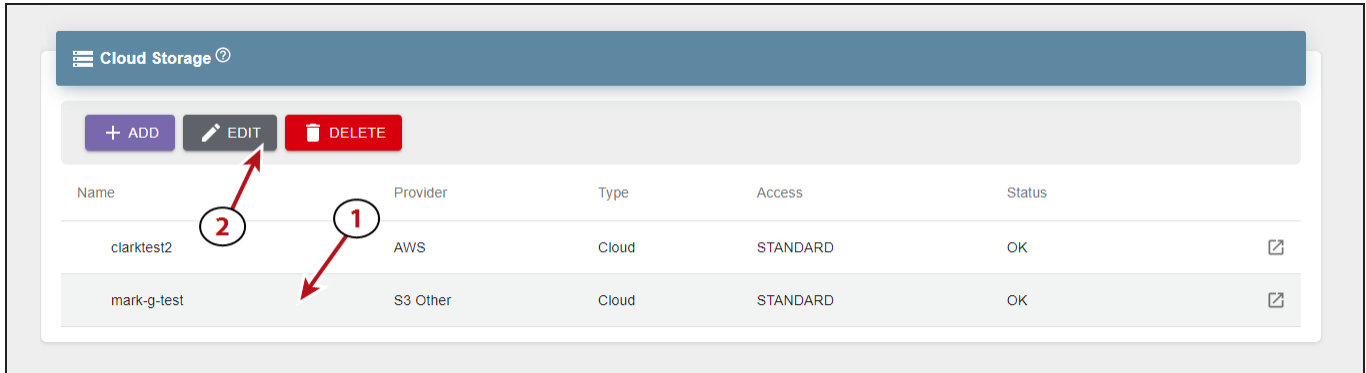


Figure 157 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. Select either **Modify Parameters** or **Modify Authorization**, then click **Next**.

If you selected Modify Parameters...

- a. If desired, you can change the **Storage Name** and **Storage Class**.

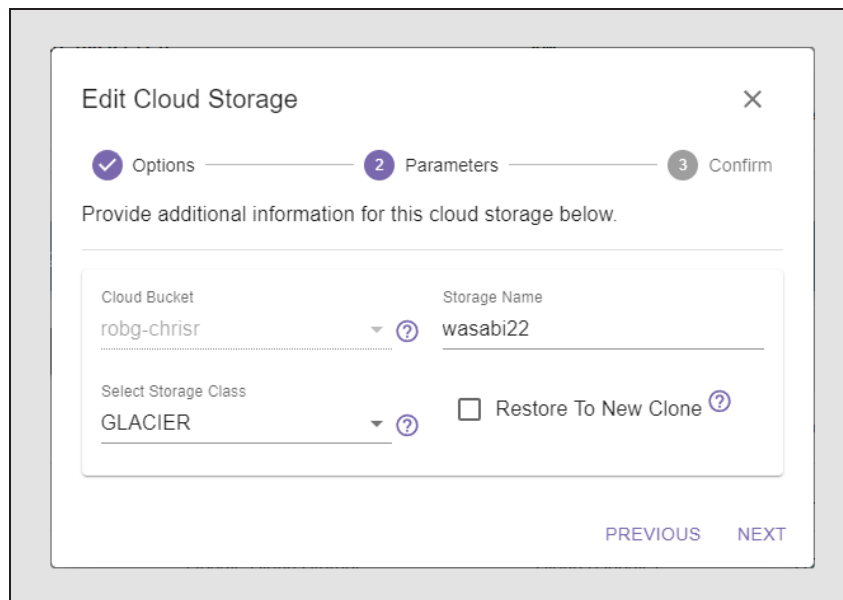


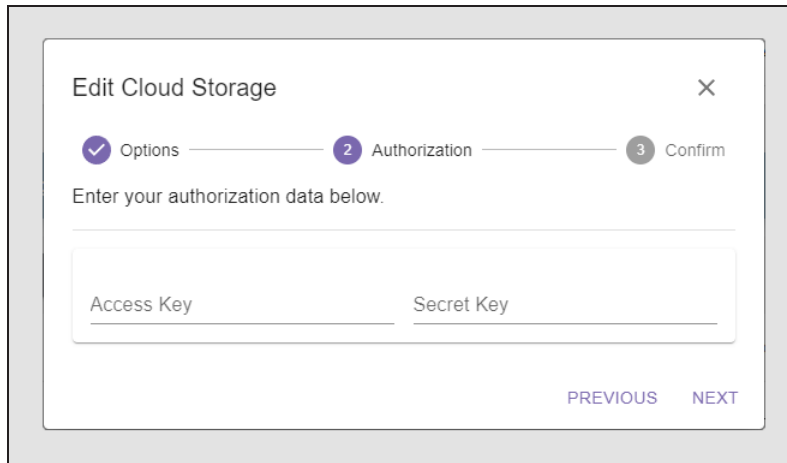
Figure 158 The Edit Cloud Storage - Parameters - Other S3 Storage screen.

- b. Select **Restore to New Clone**, if desired. This option creates a new clone on different storage, instead of using the existing archival storage.
- c. Click **Next**.

- d. Review the configuration and click **Submit**.

If you selected **Modify Authorization...**

- a. If desired, you can change the **Access Key** and **Secret Key** information.



The screenshot shows a modal dialog titled "Edit Cloud Storage" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a progress indicator with three steps: "Options" (marked with a checkmark), "Authorization" (marked with a "2"), and "Confirm" (marked with a "3"). Below the progress indicator, the text "Enter your authorization data below." is displayed. Underneath this text is a large white rectangular area containing two input fields: "Access Key" and "Secret Key". At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT".

Figure 159 The Edit Cloud Storage - Authorization - Other S3 Storage screen.

- b. Click **Next**.
- c. Review the configuration, and click **Submit** to save the changes to the cloud storage.

CONSOLIDATE STORAGE

Here is how you consolidate storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** or banner, (1) select the row of the storage, and (2) click **Consolidate**.

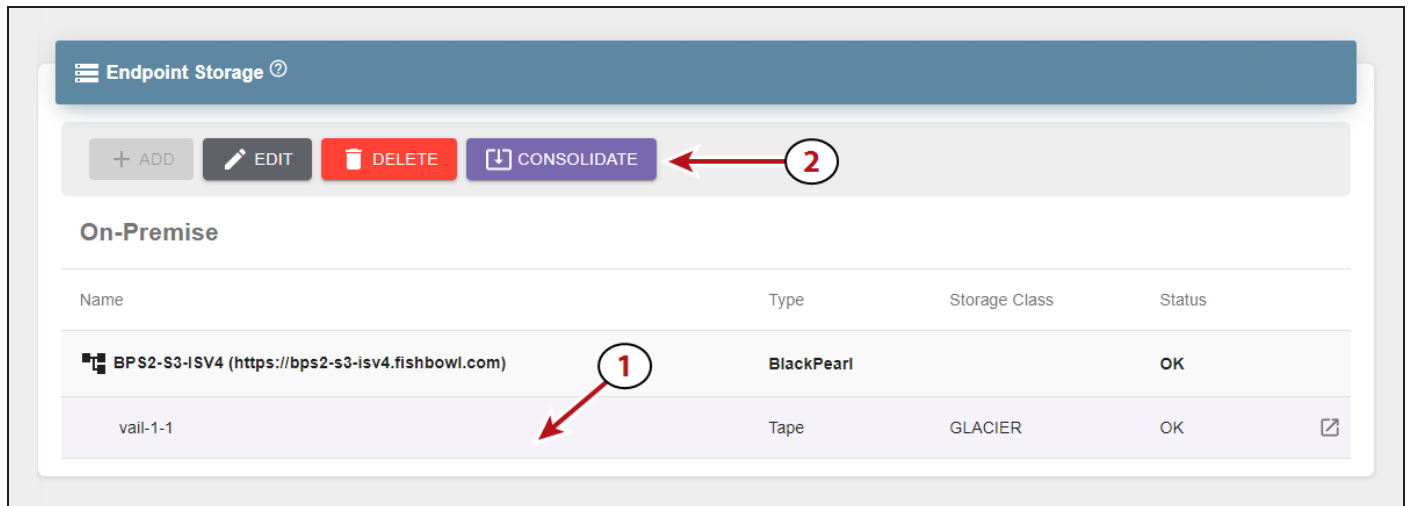


Figure 160 The Endpoint Storage pane.

3. On the confirmation screen, click **Consolidate**.

DELETE STORAGE

When you delete storage, you can select to delete all data on the storage, or to move data to alternative storage.



CAUTION

If you select **Delete All Data**, any object clone that is **only** persisted on the storage is permanently deleted and cannot be recovered.

If you select **Choose Alternative Storage**, any object clone that exists only on the storage to be deleted is moved to the specified alternate storage. After all unique objects are moved, the storage is deleted.

To make sure you do not lose any data unintentionally, it is recommended to select **Choose Alternative Storage** and allow the Spectra Vail application to migrate any necessary data to alternative storage.

Note: You cannot delete storage that contains the only clone of a locked object.

Here is how to delete endpoint storage or cloud storage and optionally move data to alternative storage:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Storage**.
2. Under the **Endpoint Storage** or **Cloud Storage** banner, (1) select the row of the storage, and (2) click **Delete**.

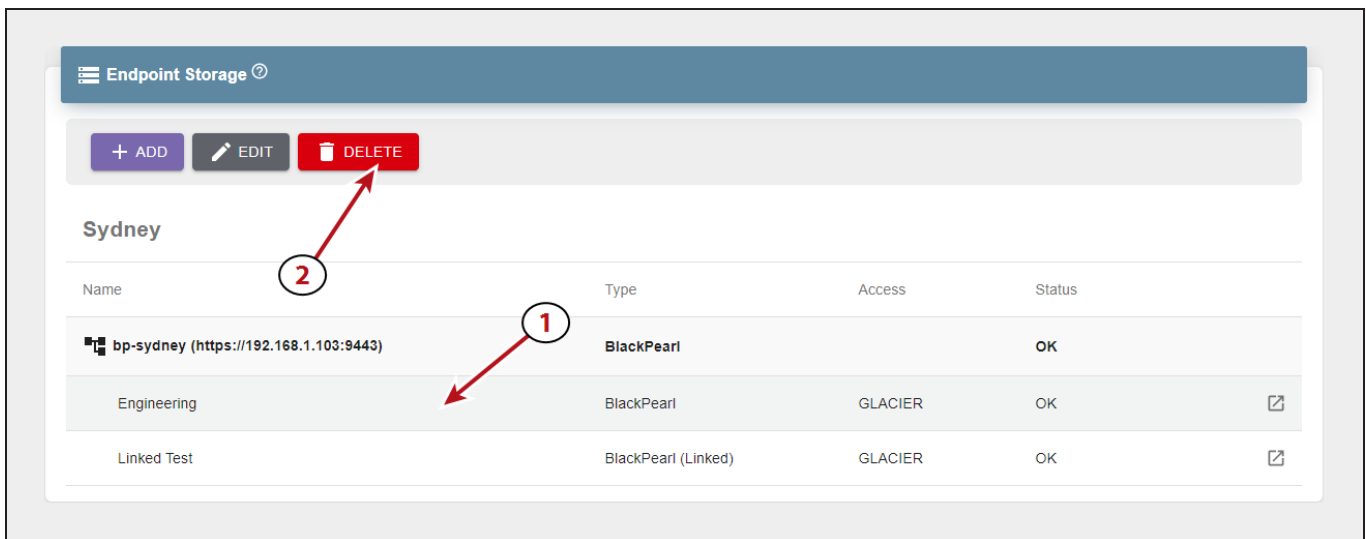


Figure 161 The Endpoint Storage pane.

To move unique object data to alternative storage:

1. Select **Choose Alternative Storage**.

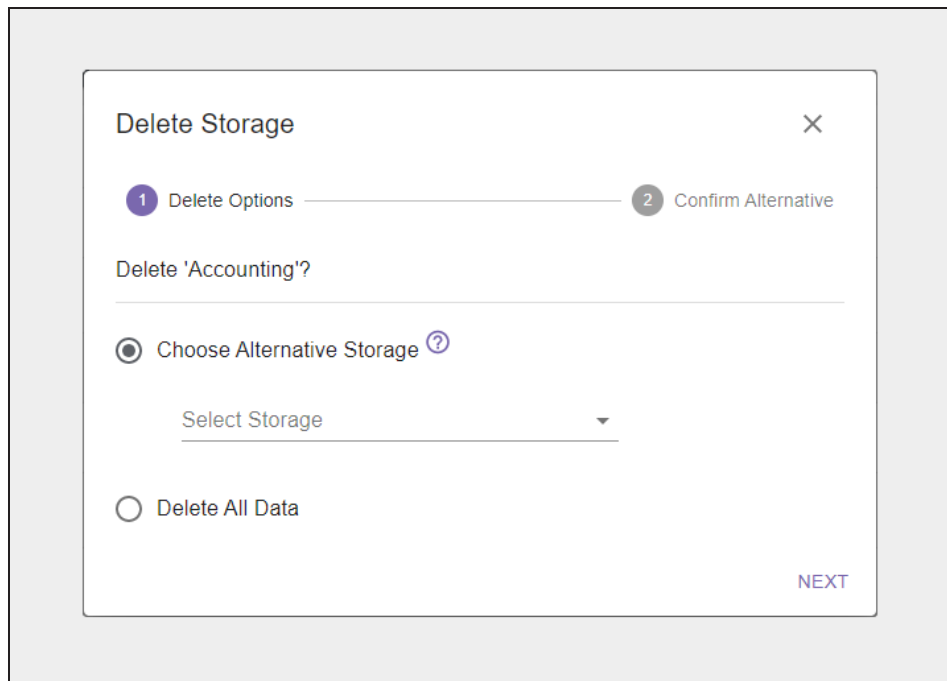


Figure 162 The Delete Storage - Delete Options screen.

2. Using the **Select Storage** drop-down menu, select the storage to use as alternative storage.
3. Click **Next**.

4. Select the **check box** confirming you understand the storage is permanently deleted after moving unique object data to the alternative storage.

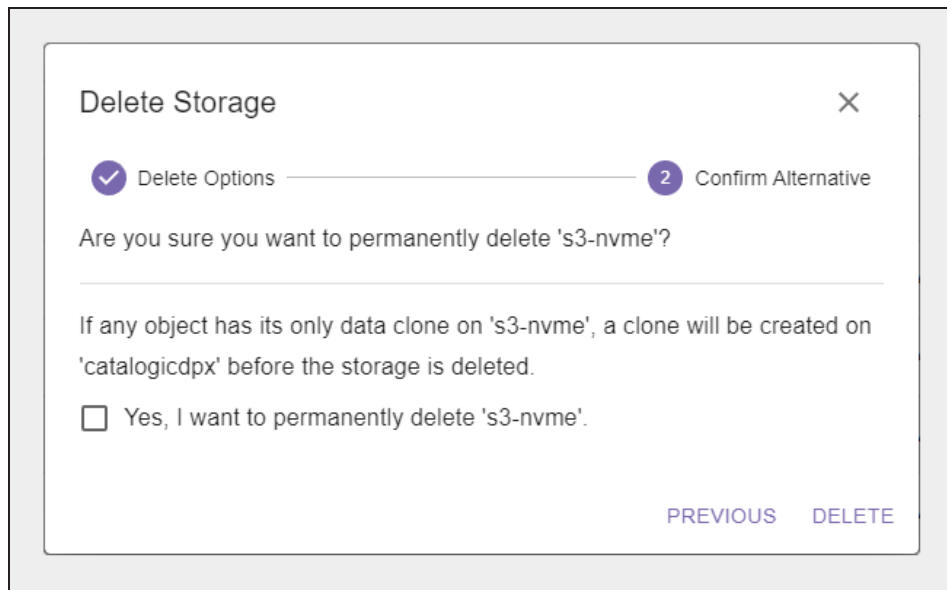


Figure 163 The Delete Storage - Confirm Alternative screen.

5. Click **Delete**.

To delete all data:

1. Select **Delete All Data** and click **Next**.



CAUTION

If you select **Delete All Data**, any object clone that is **only** persisted on the storage is permanently deleted and cannot be recovered.

2. Enter the name of the storage in **Confirmed Name** field.

Delete Storage ×

Delete Options 1 Confirm Delete 2

Are you sure you want to permanently delete 'Accounting'?

ALL DATA on storage 'Accounting' will be deleted. If there are objects unique to this storage, this action results in data loss.

Enter the storage name below to verify your intent to permanently delete 'Accounting'.

Confirmed Name

PREVIOUS DELETE

Figure 164 The Delete Storage - Confirm Delete screen.

3. Click **Delete**.

VIEW LIFECYCLE DETAILS

The lifecycles detail screen displays information about the selected lifecycle, including all lifecycle properties and rules.

Here is how to view the details of a lifecycle:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Lifecycles**.
2. Under the **Lifecycles** banner, click the **View Details** icon on the right side of the pane for the lifecycle which you want to view details.

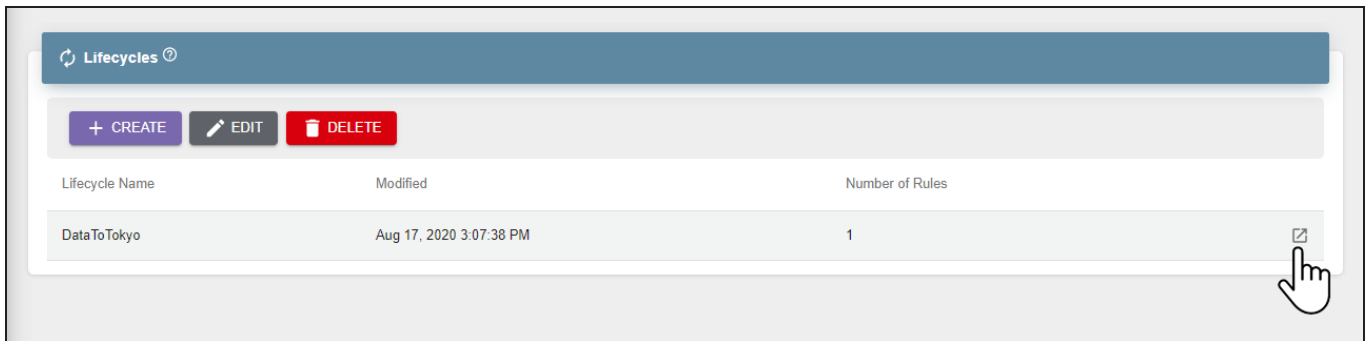


Figure 165 The Lifecycles pane.

3. Click **Properties** or **Rules** to view the current lifecycle settings. Click the **X** in the upper-right corner to close the window.

- The Properties screen:

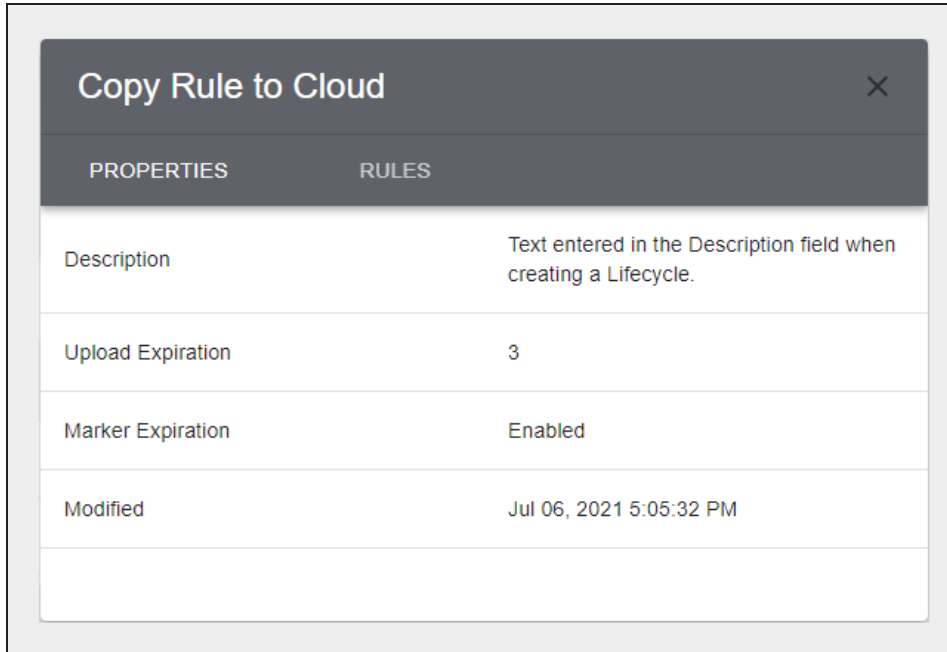


Figure 166 The Lifecycle Rule Details - Properties screen.

Field	Description
Description	The text, if any, entered in the Description field when creating the bucket.
Upload Expiration	The number of days that must pass before a multipart upload is aborted. When a multipart upload is aborted, it deletes all parts associated with the upload, which prevents remaining incomplete uploads from being stored.
Marker Expiration	Indicates if the Delete Marker Expiration option is Enabled or Disabled .
Modified	The date and time the lifecycle was last modified.

- The Rules screen:

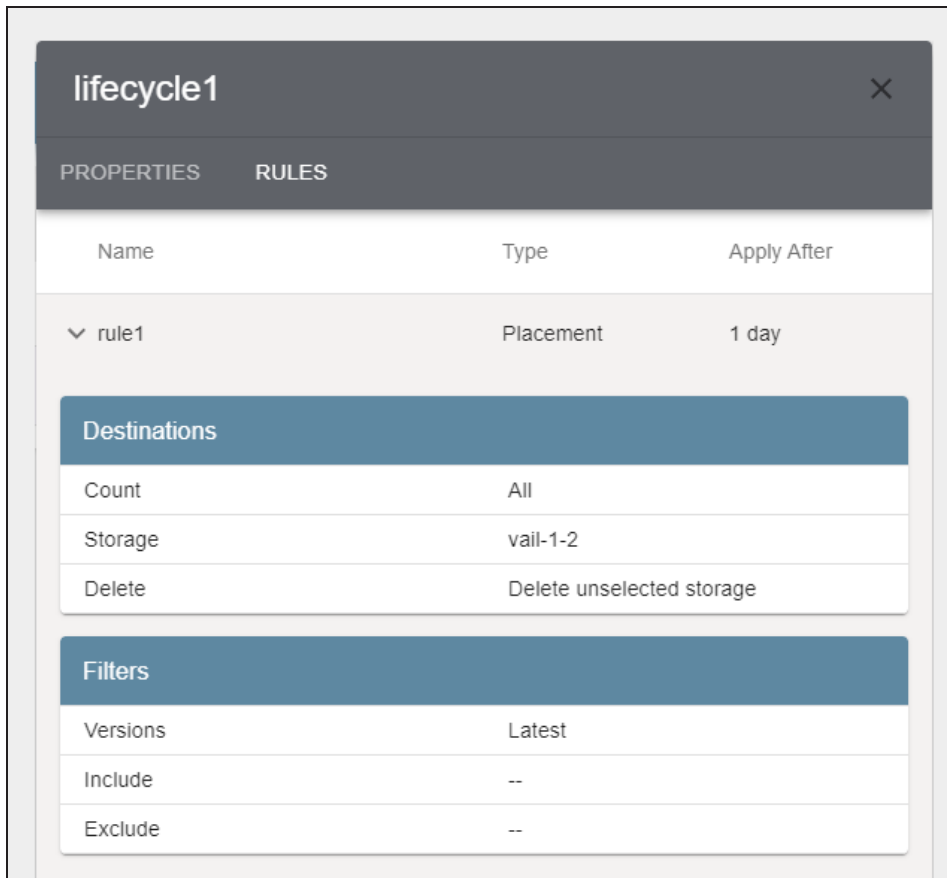


Figure 167 The Lifecycle Rule Details - Rules screen.

Field	Description
Name	The name of the lifecycle.
Type	The type of lifecycle rule. Values: Clone, Move, Expiration.
Apply After	The number of days before the lifecycle rule is applied.
Destinations - Count	The number of destinations configured for the lifecycle. Values: 1-5, All.
Destinations - Storage	The storage endpoint(s) used by the lifecycle.
Destinations - Delete	Whether or not the lifecycle is configured to delete clones on storage destinations that are not configured in the lifecycle.
Filters - Versions	The versioning setting configured for the lifecycle.
Filters - Include	The text string used to filter objects to include in storage operations.
Filters - Exclude	The text string used to filter objects to exclude from storage operations.

EDIT A LIFECYCLE

If desired, you can edit a lifecycle to change how it controls data movement and retention. All settings used when creating a lifecycle are available when editing a lifecycle.

Here is how to edit a lifecycle:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Lifecycles**.
2. Under the **Lifecycles** banner, (1) select the lifecycle to edit, and (2) click **Edit**.

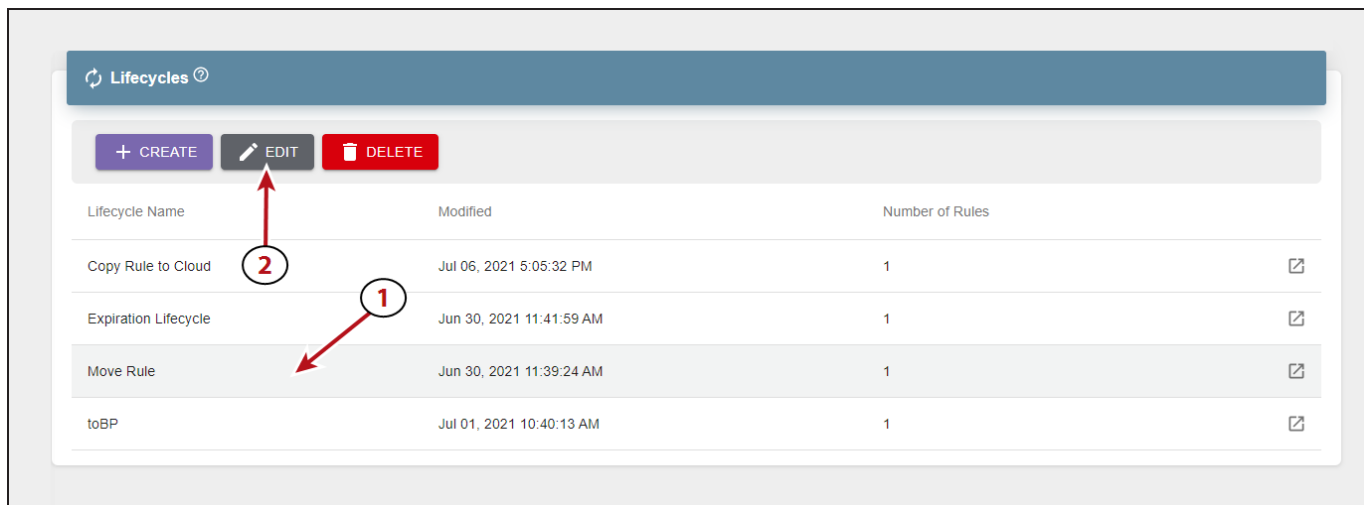


Figure 168 The Lifecycles screen.

3. If desired, edit the lifecycle **Name**, **Multipart Upload Expiration**, **Description**, and select or clear **Delete Marker Expiration**.

Edit Lifecycle ✕

1 Parameters 2 Rules

Edit lifecycle parameters.

Name: Clone_Everywhere_Keep4Days

Multipart Upload Expiration: 7 days

Delete Marker Expiration

Description

NEXT

Figure 169 The Edit Lifecycle - Parameters screen.

4. Click **Next**.

Figure 170 The Edit Lifecycle - Rules screen.

- Use the links below to create or edit lifecycle rules.
 - **Add a Placement Rule on page 82**
 - **Add a Deletion Rule on page 85**
- To delete a lifecycle rule, click the **trash can icon**.

Note: There is no confirmation step for this action.

5. After making the desired changes, click **Submit**.

DELETE A LIFECYCLE

If desired, you can delete a lifecycle when its data placement schema is no longer needed.

Note: You cannot delete a lifecycle currently being used by a Vail bucket.

Here is how to delete a lifecycle:

1. In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Lifecycles**.
2. Under the **Lifecycles** banner, (1) select the lifecycle to delete, and (2) click **Delete**.

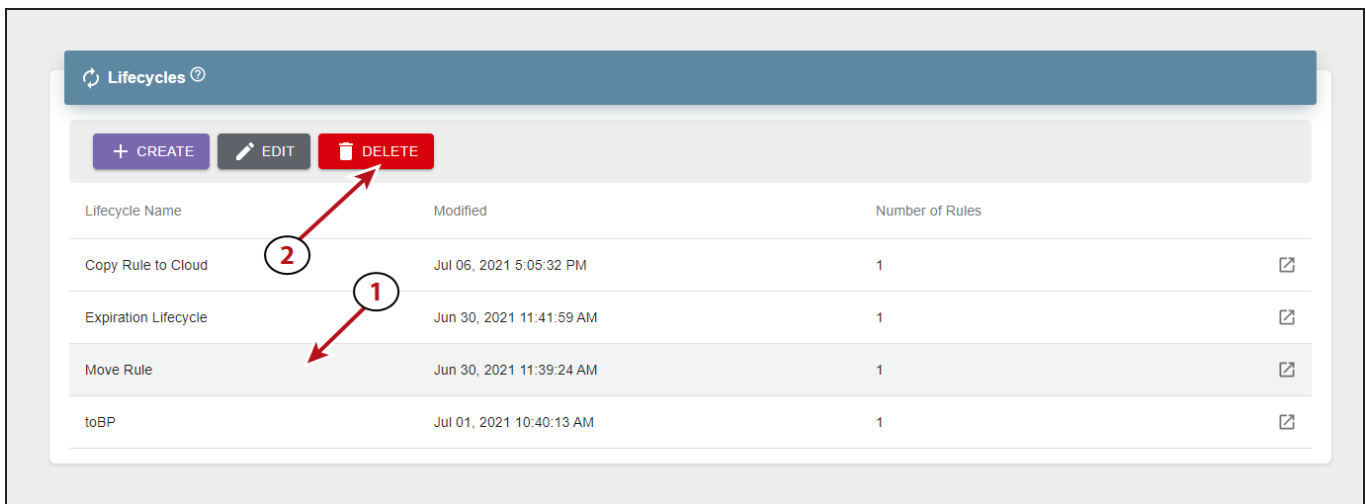


Figure 171 The Lifecycles pane.

3. A confirmation screen displays. Click **Delete** to confirm deleting the lifecycle.

CREATE A LOCATION

Locations are used to identify sites on the dashboard world map as well as to group storage endpoints by their physical location. Locations are only used in a cloud-control Vail sphere. These screens do not display in a local-control Vail sphere.

Note: You can also create a location when registering a BlackPearl node, or Vail VM node with the Vail sphere.

Here is how to create a location:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and click **Locations (2)**.

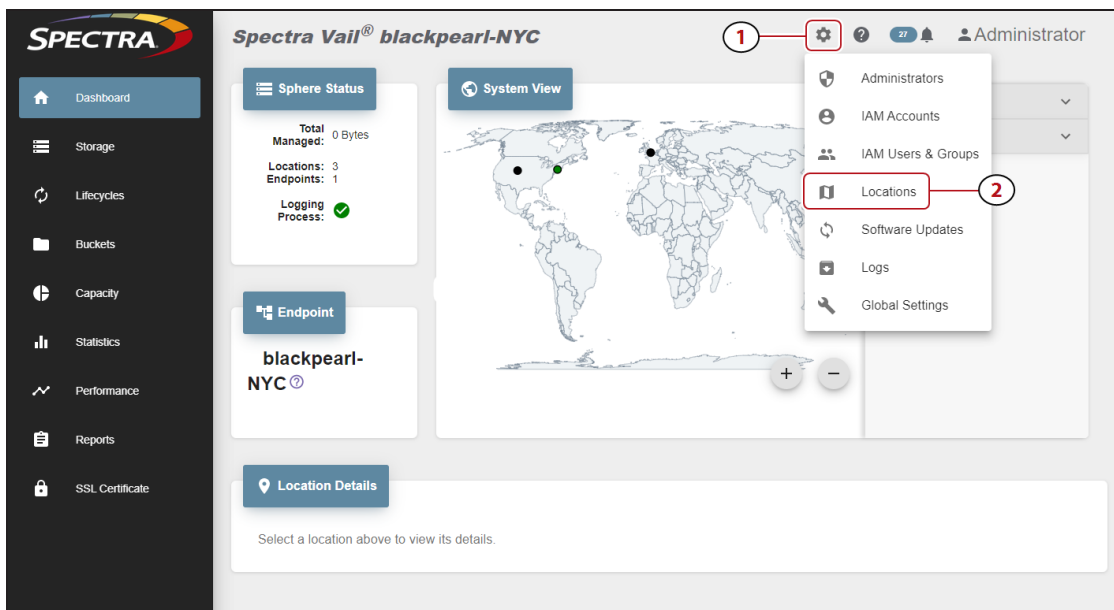


Figure 172 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Click **Create**.



Figure 173 The Locations screen.

3. To map a location, you either search for the location, manually enter the latitude and longitude, or create a location with no corresponding geographic location.

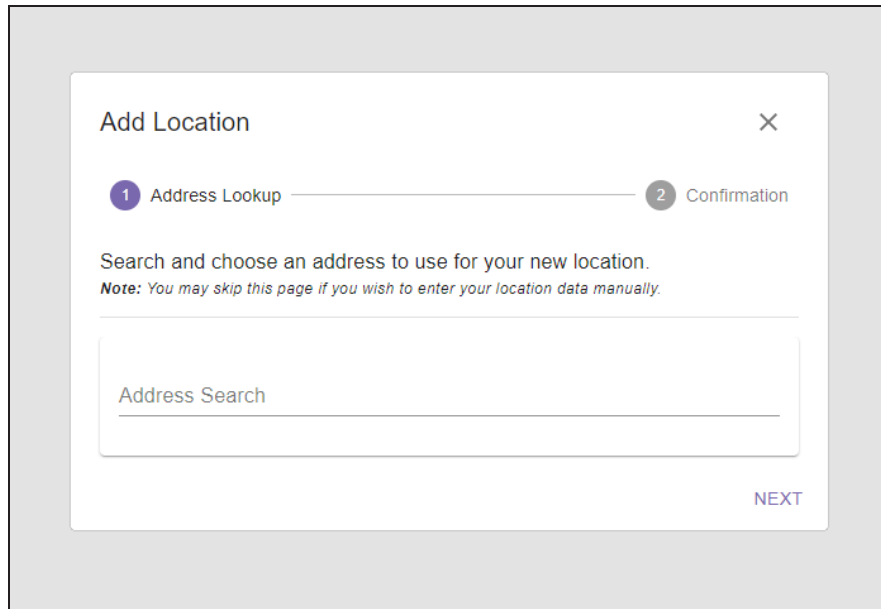


Figure 174 The Add Location - Address Lookup screen.

- To search for a location...
 - a. In the **Address Search** field, enter a geographic location. You can enter a full or partial postal address, city, county, province, or country. Select the correct match from the list and click **Next**.

Note: If no match is located, try changing the format of the address you entered. For example, use 9th Street in place of Ninth St.

 - b. Confirm the information is correct, or edit as needed, and click **Submit**.

- To manually enter a location...
 - a. Click **Next**.

Figure 175 The Add Location - Manual Entry screen.

- a. Enter the desired **Name**.

Spectra Logic recommends naming each location after its physical location in the world.

For example, if Vail resources are located in Dallas, use that as the location name if there is only one Vail resource in that city. If there are multiple Vail resources consolidated in the same city, use suffixes to identify each group such as Dallas-HQ, Dallas-Research, or Dallas-Production.

- b. Enter the **Latitude** and **Longitude** of the location.

- Notes:**
- When entering a value for **Latitude**, use positive values for locations north of the equator, and negative values for locations south of the equator.
 - When entering a value for **Longitude**, use positive values for locations east of the prime meridian, and negative values for locations west of the prime meridian.

- c. Click **Submit**.

- To skip entering a location...
 - a. Click **Next**.
 - b. Enter the desired **Name** and click **Submit**.

The new location now displays on the world map on the Dashboard.

Note: If you do not enter an address or latitude and longitude, the location displays on the right-hand pane of the dashboard, but does not display on the world map.

DELETE A LOCATION

Locations are used to identify sites on the dashboard world map as well as to group storage endpoints by their physical location. If desired, you can delete a location that is no longer in use. Locations are only used in a cloud-control Vail sphere. These screens do not display in a local-control Vail sphere.

Here is how to delete a location:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon (1)** and click **Locations (2)**.

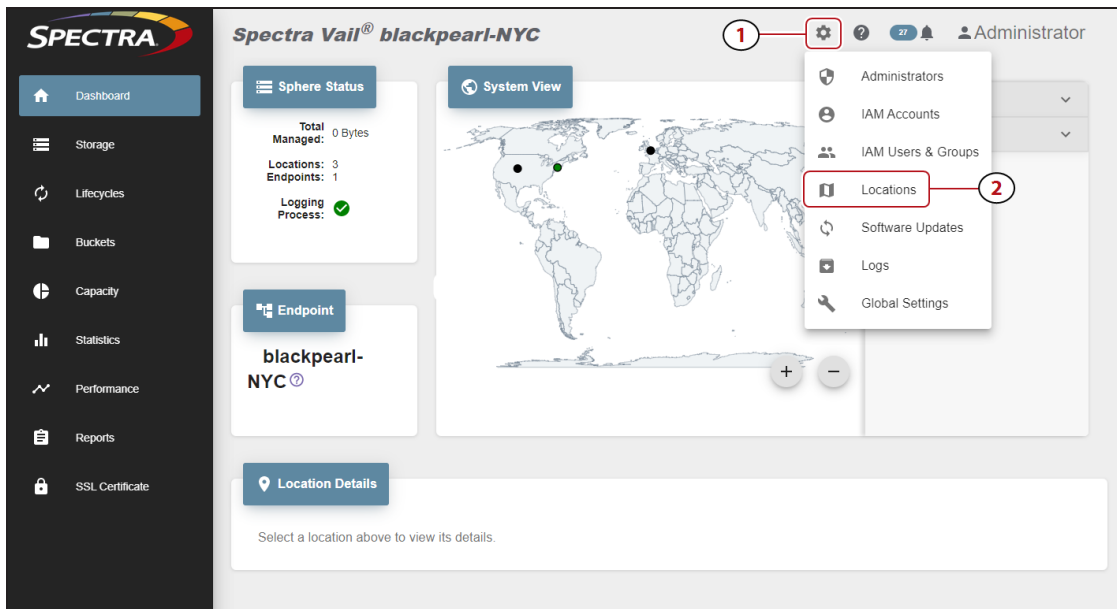


Figure 176 The Dashboard screen - Navigation menu.

2. Select the row of the location you want to delete and click **Delete**.
3. On the confirmation screen, click **Delete** to delete the location.

CLEAR THE IAM CACHE

The Spectra Vail application maintains an IAM (Identity and Access Management) cache independent from the cache maintained by Amazon Web Services. When users make IAM changes, AWS sends a notification to the Spectra Vail application, but the Vail management console may not update immediately. Clearing the Spectra Vail application IAM cache deletes the current information and causes the Spectra Vail application to retrieve all IAM information from AWS.

Additionally, clear the IAM Cache if you make security changes to or create a new set of IAM credentials in the AWS management console and want them to immediately display in the Vail management console.

Note: It may take several minutes for AWS security changes to take effect. Spectra Logic recommends waiting approximately 3-5 minutes after making changes before clearing the IAM cache, or updated settings may not display.

Here is how to clear the IAM cache:

1. In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **gear icon** and select **IAM Users & Groups**.
2. In the **IAM Users** pane, click **Clear Cache**.
3. In the confirmation window, click **Clear Cache**.

VIEW REPORTS

The Reports screen allows you to view any existing audit logs for the Spectra Vail application, and detailed information for each audit log.

- In the Vail management console taskbar, click **Reports**.

The screenshot displays the 'Reports' screen in the Spectra Vail application. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Storage, Lifecycles, Buckets, Capacity, Statistics, Performance, and Reports. The main content area is titled 'Reports' and features a filter section for 'Audit Log' with the instruction 'Show audit logs for a given period of time.' The filter section includes fields for 'User Name', 'Start Date' (01/19/2021), and 'End Date' (01/26/2021). Below the filter is a table of audit logs with columns for Description, User, and Time. A red box highlights the filter fields, and another red box highlights the 'User' column in the table, with a red arrow pointing to it.

Description	User	Time
Endpoint SKISLQ4MY6MYX3JFL1T1 credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 4:35:19 PM
Endpoint SKISOH3M5K5UES81SO5G credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 4:33:55 PM
Endpoint SKISPO6CGZWBENRZKQV credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 3:40:19 PM
Endpoint SKISTUI2RJSJKZN7JXDN credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 3:38:55 PM
Endpoint SKISG5FARZGYSJ29RYW credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 2:45:19 PM
Endpoint SKISTRKOOAFOAQDZH4IS credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 2:43:55 PM
Endpoint SKISLXOIHOL6WIYODPJE credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 1:50:19 PM
Endpoint SKIS8CVNKTJDFJKKYSVK credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 1:48:55 PM
Endpoint SKISSRGAZA2U9P5CEU43 credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 12:55:19 PM
Endpoint SKIS7KUHGARJHFAVU7TT credentials were added		Jan 26, 2021 12:53:55 PM

Figure 177 The Reports screen.

- Use the **User Name**, **Start Date**, or **End Date** menus to refine the list of audit logs.

Note: Not all audit logs contain a User Name.

- Click the **View Details** icon on the right end of each audit log row to view details about the audit log.

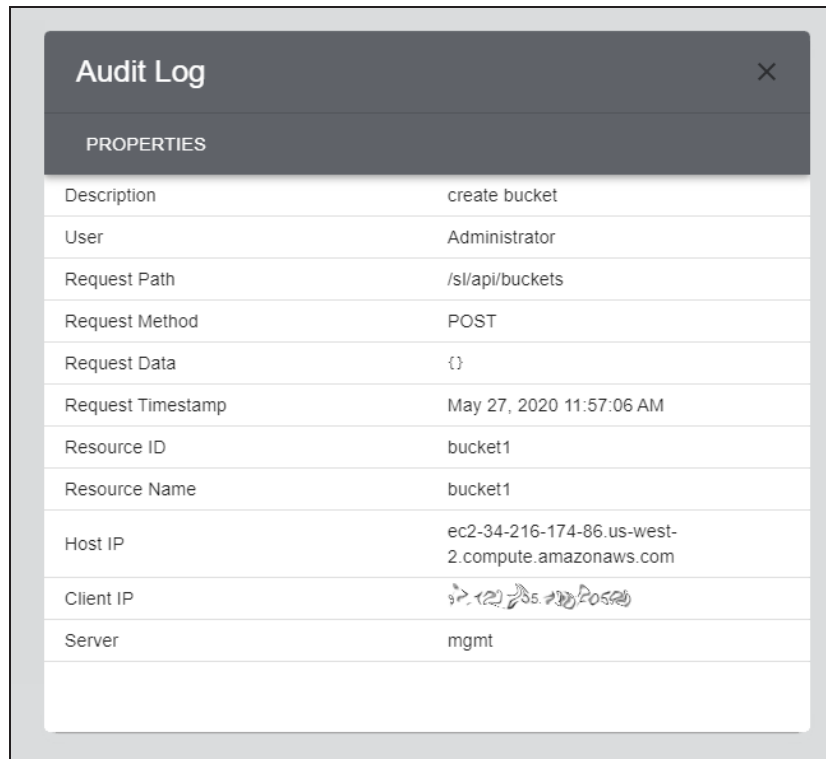


Figure 178 The Audit Logs details screen.

Option	Description
Description	The description of the audit log.
User	The user associated with the log.
Request Path	The API path for the log.
Request Method	The method by which the log was generated.
Request Data	The contents of the log.
Request Timestamp	The time and date the log was generated.
Resource ID	The ID of the resource associated with the log.
Resource Name	The name of the resource associated with the log.
Host IP	The IP address of the Vail sphere.
Client IP	The IP address of the BlackPearl system or Vail VM node associated with the log.
Server	The name of the resource within the Vail sphere.

VIEW SPECTRA VAIL APPLICATION MESSAGES

Spectra Vail application messages provide important information about the status and current functionality of the Vail sphere. If desired, you can configured sphere administrators to receive messages automatically.

Note: The Spectra Vail application does not generate a message when an AWS cloud storage target is unavailable for backup operations. Some third-party applications may report this event as a warning message in their user interface.

Here is how to view messages:

In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **bell icon**. The value to the left of the icon indicate the number of unread messages.

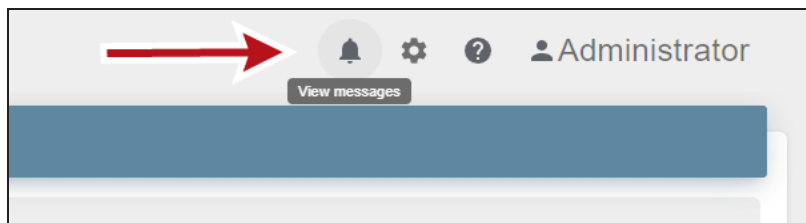


Figure 179 The Bell icon.

The messages screen displays. Any unread messages are shown in bold font.

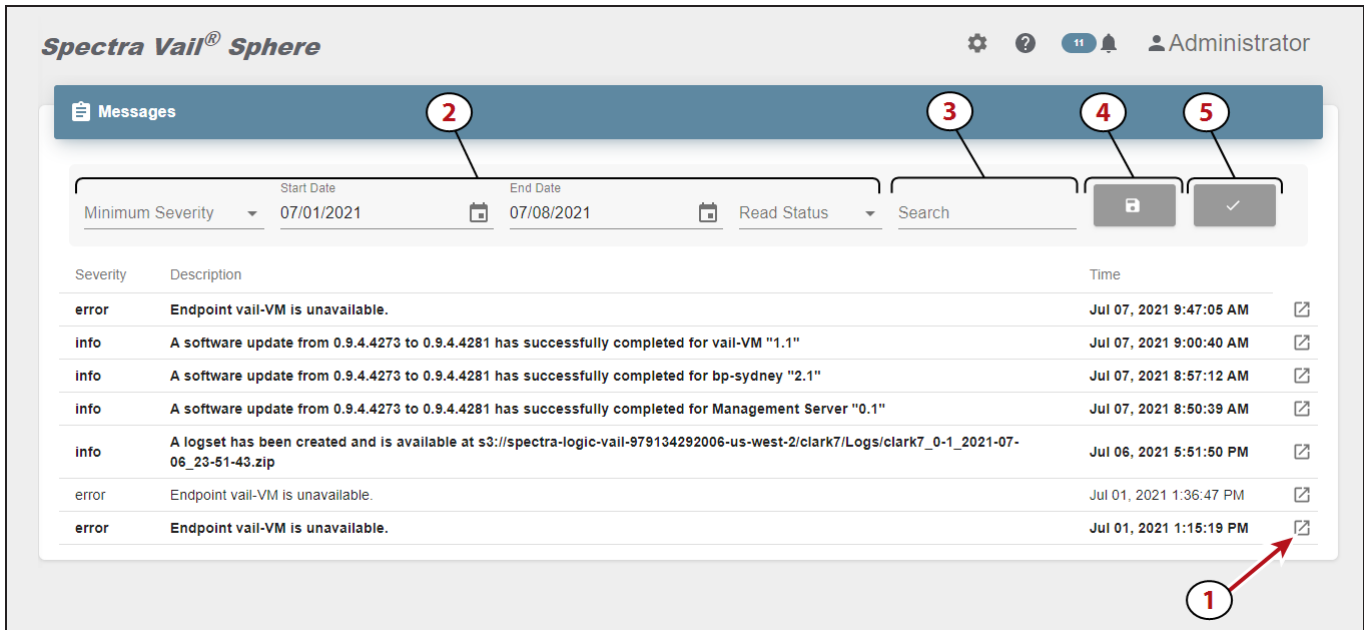


Figure 180 The Messages screen.

- To view message details, on the right end of the message row, click the **View Details** icon (1).
- You can sort messages using the **Minimum Severity**, **Start Date**, **End Date**, and **Read Status** drop-down menus (2).
- You can search messages for a text string by typing in the **Search** field (3).
- To download messages to your local host, in the upper-right corner of the Messages pane, click the **disk icon** (4).
- To mark all messages as read, in the upper-right corner of the Messages pane, click the **check mark icon** (5).

Message Details

In addition to the information on the Messages screen, the message details pane also displays the message key.

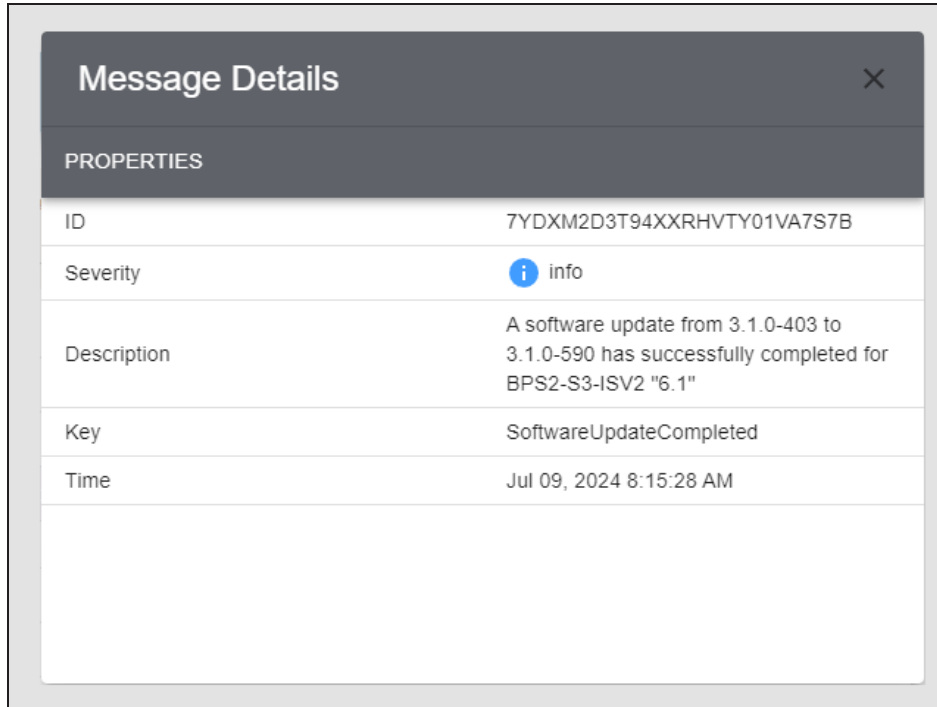


Figure 181 The Message Details screen.

Field	Description
ID	The ID value of the message.
Severity	The severity of the message. Info - an event occurred such as a successful firmware update of the Vail sphere. Warning - An event that may affect data transfers occurred, such as the Vail sphere detects a down-level firmware version. Error - An event that prevents data transfers occurred, such as the nonavailability of a storage endpoint.
Description	The message description.
Key	The message key. This value is useful when using the REST API to gather messages.
Time	The date and time the message was generated.

SPECTRA VAIL APPLICATION LOGS

Use the Logs page to generate and download logs for use in troubleshooting problems with the Vail sphere.

Note: If you delete the logs bucket in your AWS account, the bucket is recreated the next time you generate a log set in the Spectra Vail application.

In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Logs**.



Figure 182 The Logs screen.

- To generate a new logset, click **Create** and use the **Select Endpoint** drop-down menu to select the storage for which you want to generate a logset.
- To generate a new logset, click **Create**.
- To download an existing logset, select the row of the logset and click **Download**.
- To delete an existing logset, select the row of the logset and click **Delete**.

UPDATE THE SPECTRA VAIL APPLICATION SOFTWARE

Use the instructions below to update the Vail sphere software, and the software that storage endpoints use to communicate with the Vail sphere.

Each component must be updated separately, and each component update must be initiated manually. Components include the Vail sphere, BlackPearl S3 solution and Vail VM nodes.

Note: The software running on the BlackPearl system is not updated using this process. See the [BlackPearl Nearline Gateway User Guide](#) for instructions on updating BlackPearl software.

In general, update the Spectra Vail application software in the following order:

- Vail sphere software
- BlackPearl software
- Vail VM Node software

Note: Spectra Logic recommends checking the Vail Release Notes for any changes to the update order that may be required for specific Vail release versions.

Here is how to update the Vail sphere or endpoint software:

1. In the upper right corner of the management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Software Updates**.

Name	Type	Status	Current Version	Available Version
Sphere	Sphere	OK	⚠️ 3.0.0-6695	3.0.0-6738
zzzzz	BlackPearl	OK	✅ 3.1.0-2	--
aaaa	Virtual Machine	OK	⚠️ 3.0.0-6716	3.0.0-6738
sm4u-14	BlackPearl	OK	⚠️ 3.0.0-6729	3.0.0-6738
vail	Virtual Machine	OK	✅ 3.0.0-6738	--

Figure 183 The Software Updates screen.

To update using the online package sever...

- a. Select the row of the component you want to update and click **Update**.

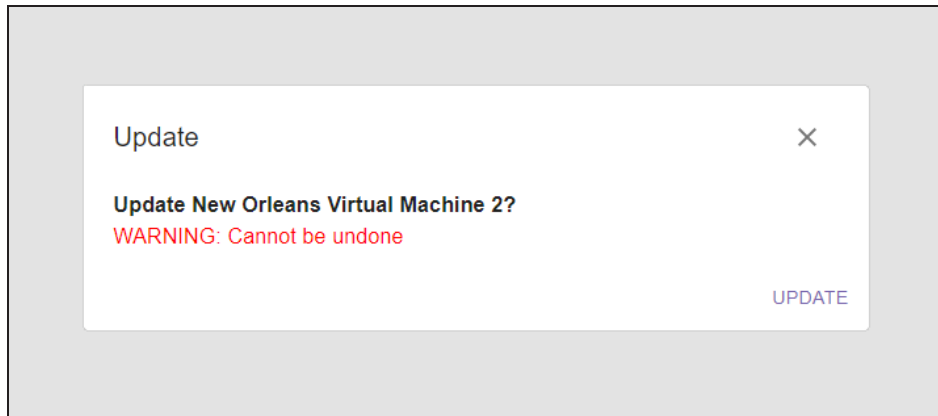


Figure 184 The Update screen.

- b. Click **Update**. The update process for the selected component begins.

**IMPORTANT**

Do not reboot or power-cycle the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node during the update process or the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node fails to initialize..

Note: Depending on what component is being updated, the Vail management console may display a lost communication error while the component updates.

To update using a local file...

- a. Select the row of the component you want to update and click **Upload**.

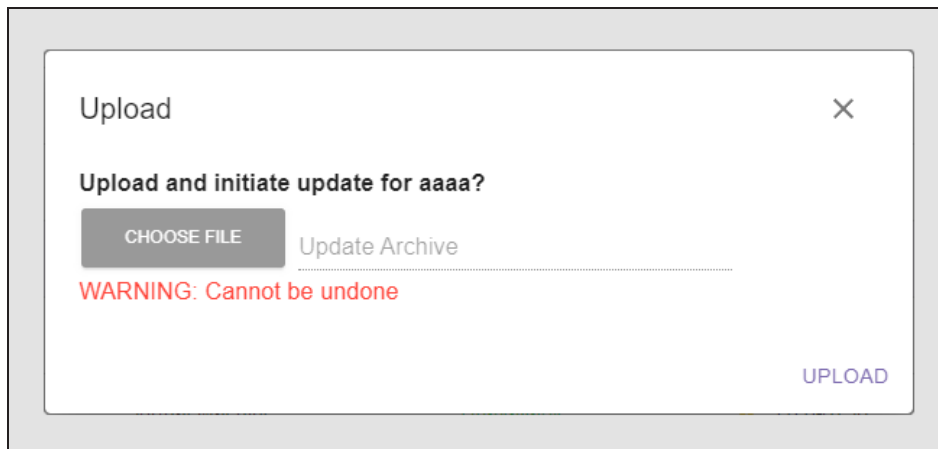


Figure 185 The Upload screen.

- b. Click **Choose File**, then browse to the archive update file.
- c. Click **Upload**. The file is uploaded and the update process for the selected component begins.



IMPORTANT

Do not reboot or power-cycle the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node during the update process or the BlackPearl S3 solution or Vail VM node fails to initialize..

Note: Depending on what component is being updated, the Vail management console may display a lost communication error while the component updates.

ACCESSING THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT PORTAL

The Spectra Logic Technical Support portal provides access to the Knowledge Base, the current version of Vail software, and additional service and support tools. You can also open or update a support incident and upload log files.

Create an Account

Access to *User Guides* and compatibility matrices does not require you to create an account. You must create a user account and log in to access *Release Notes*, to download the latest version of Vail software, or to open a support incident.

Note: If you have multiple Spectra Logic products, the serial numbers for all products will be associated with your account. If you do not see the serial numbers for all of your products when you log in, contact Technical Support (see [Contacting Spectra Logic](#)).

1. Access the Technical Support portal login page at support.spectralogic.com.
2. On the home page, click **Register Now**.

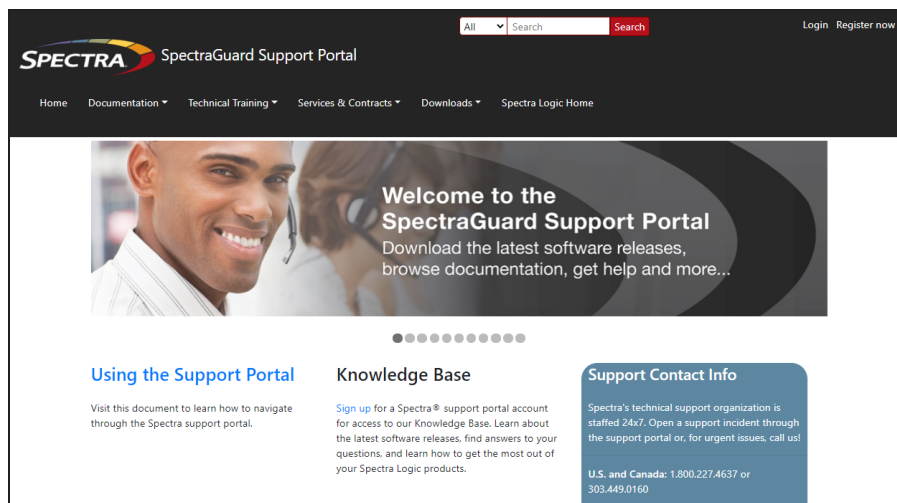


Figure 186 The Spectra Logic Technical Support portal home page.

3. Enter your registration information. Your account is automatically associated with the serial numbers of all Spectra Logic products owned by your site.
 - If you have an invitation, follow the link and enter the invitation code.

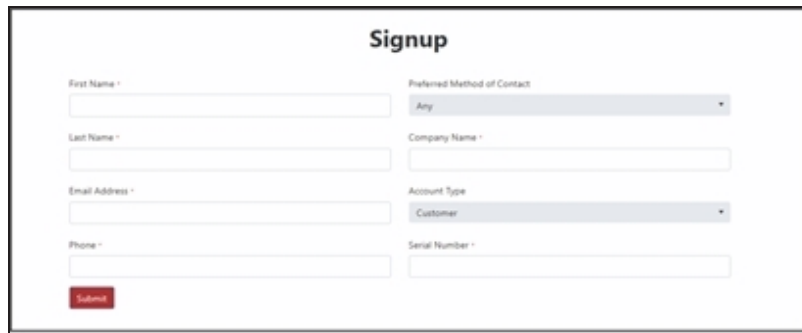


Figure 187 The Signup screen.

- If you do not have an invitation, enter the requested information to create your account. When you are finished, click **Submit**.

When the account is approved, you receive an email with an initial password. Use your email address and the password provided in the email to log in to your account. After you log in, you can change your password if desired.

Log Into the Portal

1. Access the Technical Support portal login page at support.spectralogic.com.
2. Use your email address and password to log into the Technical Support Portal.

OPENING A SUPPORT TICKET

You can open a support incident using the Spectra Logic Technical Support portal or telephone.

- To contact Spectra Logic Technical Support by telephone, see [Contacting Spectra Logic](#).
- Use the following instructions to open a support incident through the portal:

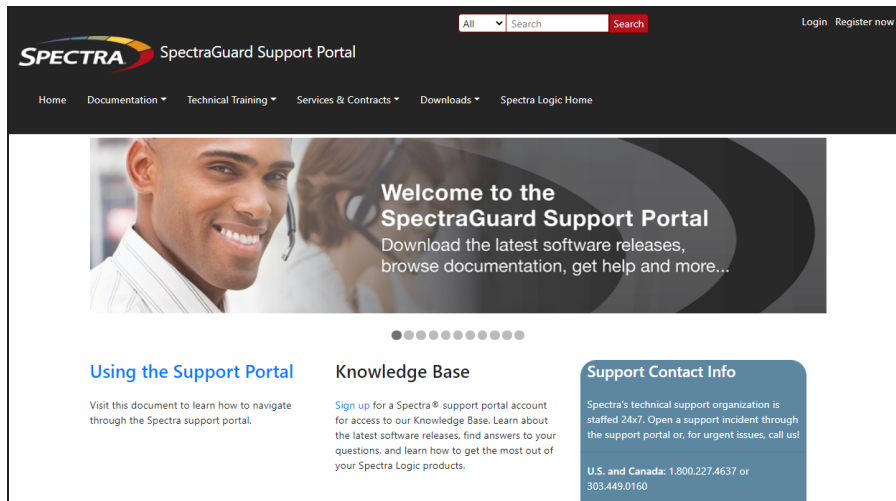


Figure 188 The Spectra Logic Technical Support portal home page.

1. Make notes about the problem, including what happened just before the problem occurred.
2. Gather the following information:
 - Your Spectra Logic customer number
 - Company name, contact name, phone number, and email address
 - The software serial number
 - Type of host system being used
 - Type and version of host operating system being used
 - Type and version of host storage management software being used
1. Access the Technical Support portal login page at support.spectralogic.com.
2. If necessary, log in to the Support Portal by clicking **Login**, enter your **email address** and **password**, and click **Log in**.

Note: See [Create an Account](#) on page 213 if you have not previously created an account on the Technical Support portal.

3. Submit a support incident.

- Use the following instructions to search for help before submitting a ticket, or skip to **Submit an Incident Directly** on page 218.
 - i. From any page, select **Incident>Incidents & Inventory**.

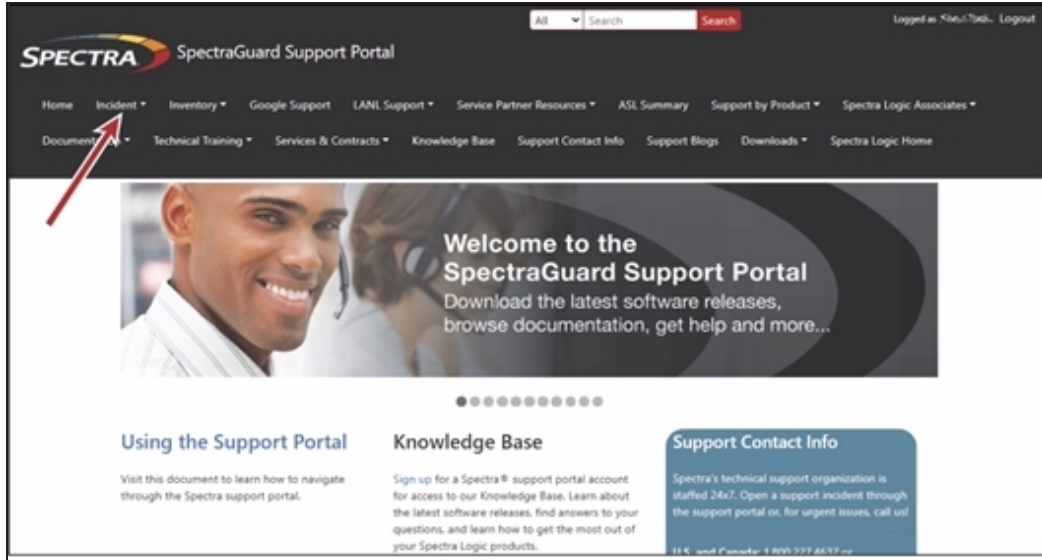


Figure 189 Select **Incidents>Incidents & Inventory**.

ii. Select **Open or View Incidents**.

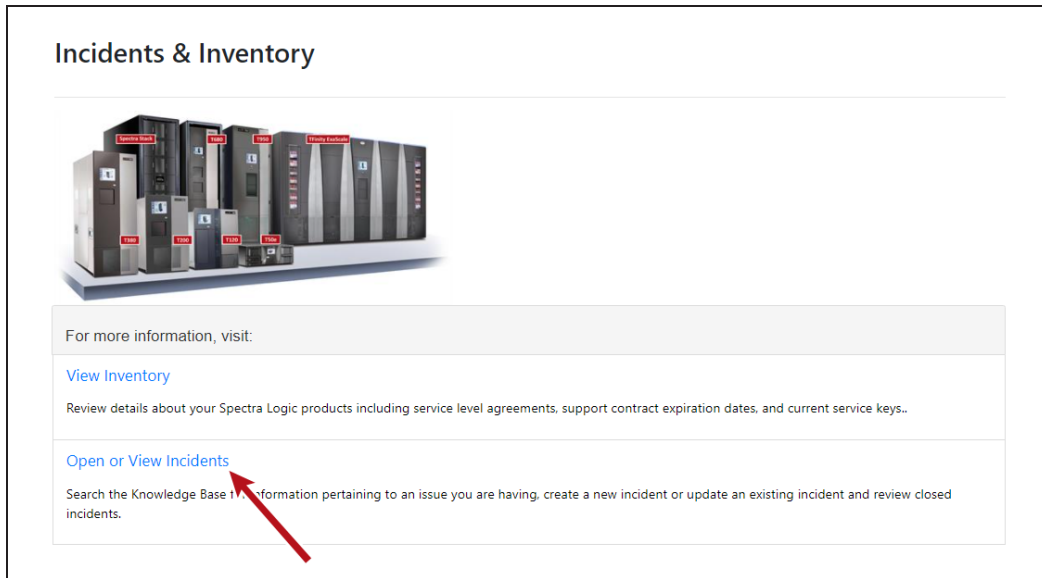


Figure 190 Select **Open or View Incidents**.

- iii. In the Search dialog box, enter a term or phrase about your problem (1) and click **Search** (2).

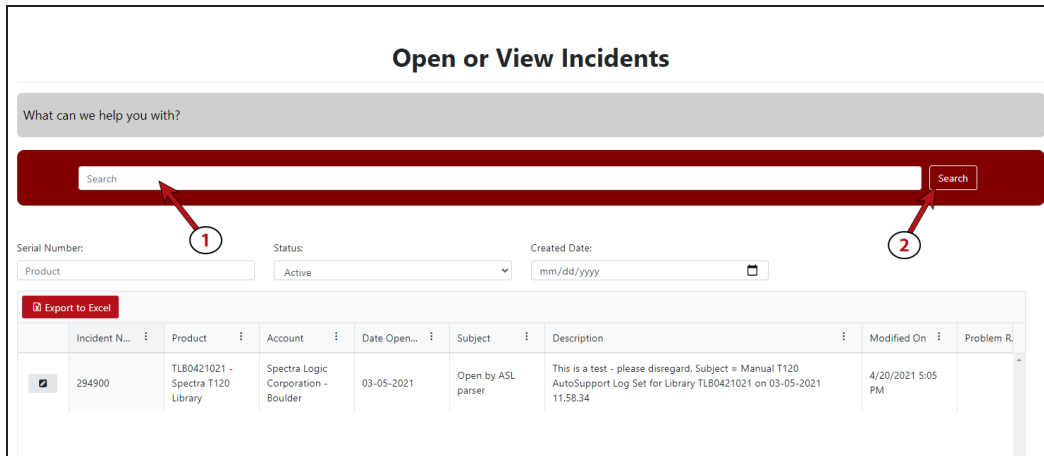


Figure 191 Enter a search phrase and click **Search**.

- iv. If the search does not provide an answer, click **Open a New Incident**.

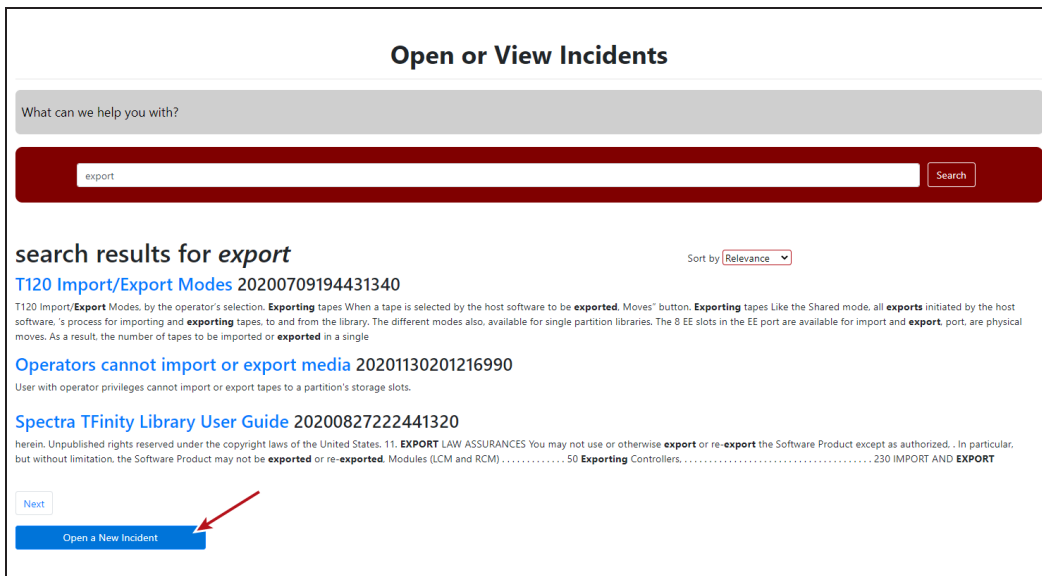


Figure 192 Click **Open a New Incident**.

- v. Continue with Step 4 on page 218.

- Submit an Incident Directly
 - i. From any page, select **Inventory>My Inventory**.
 - ii. Locate the row of the product for which you want to submit an incident and click **Create Incident**.

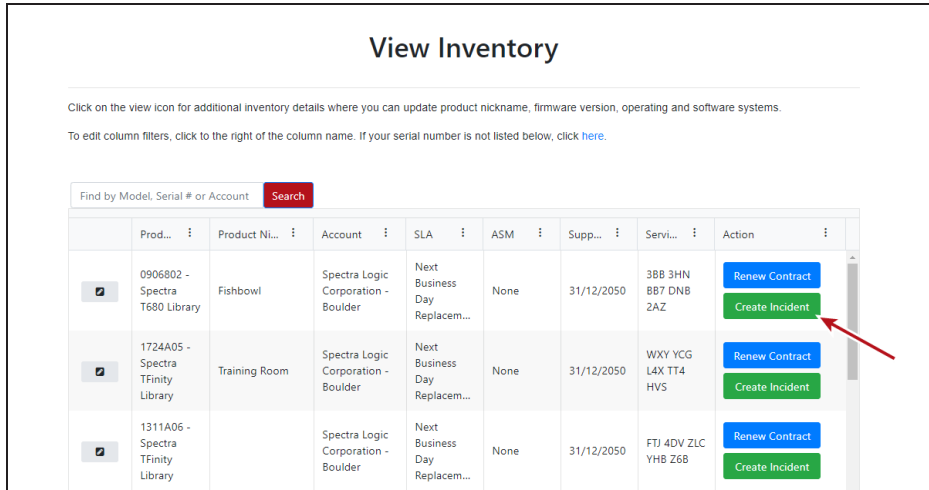


Figure 193 Click **Create Incident**.

- iii. Continue with Step 4 on page 218.
- 4. On the Create Incident page, enter the requested information providing as much detail as possible. When you are finished, click **Submit**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Incident' form with the following fields:

- Severity: A dropdown menu.
- Problem Description: A large text area.
- Email addresses to include in correspondence: A text input field.
- Customer: A dropdown menu showing 'Spectra Logic Corporation - Boulder'.
- Product: A dropdown menu showing '0906802 - Spectra T680 Library'.
- Select files...: A button for uploading files.
- DELIVERY Address For Shipping Parts: A text input field containing '6101 Lookout Rd, Boulder, CO 80301-3580 UNITED STATES'.
- Confirm The Ship To Address: A checkbox.
- Submit: A red button.

Figure 194 Enter information about your incident and click **Submit**.

APPENDIX A - BLACKPEARL EMBEDDED DASHBOARD

This chapter describes the use of the BlackPearl Embedded Dashboard in the Vail application. The embedded dashboard allows you to view information about each BlackPearl system configured in the Vail sphere. It also allows you to easily configure and manage commonly used functions of the BlackPearl system.

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USING THE EMBEDDED BLACKPEARL DASHBOARD

The embedded BlackPearl dashboard allows you to quickly view the status of critical aspects of a BlackPearl system in the Vail sphere, and easily perform commonly used functions of the system.

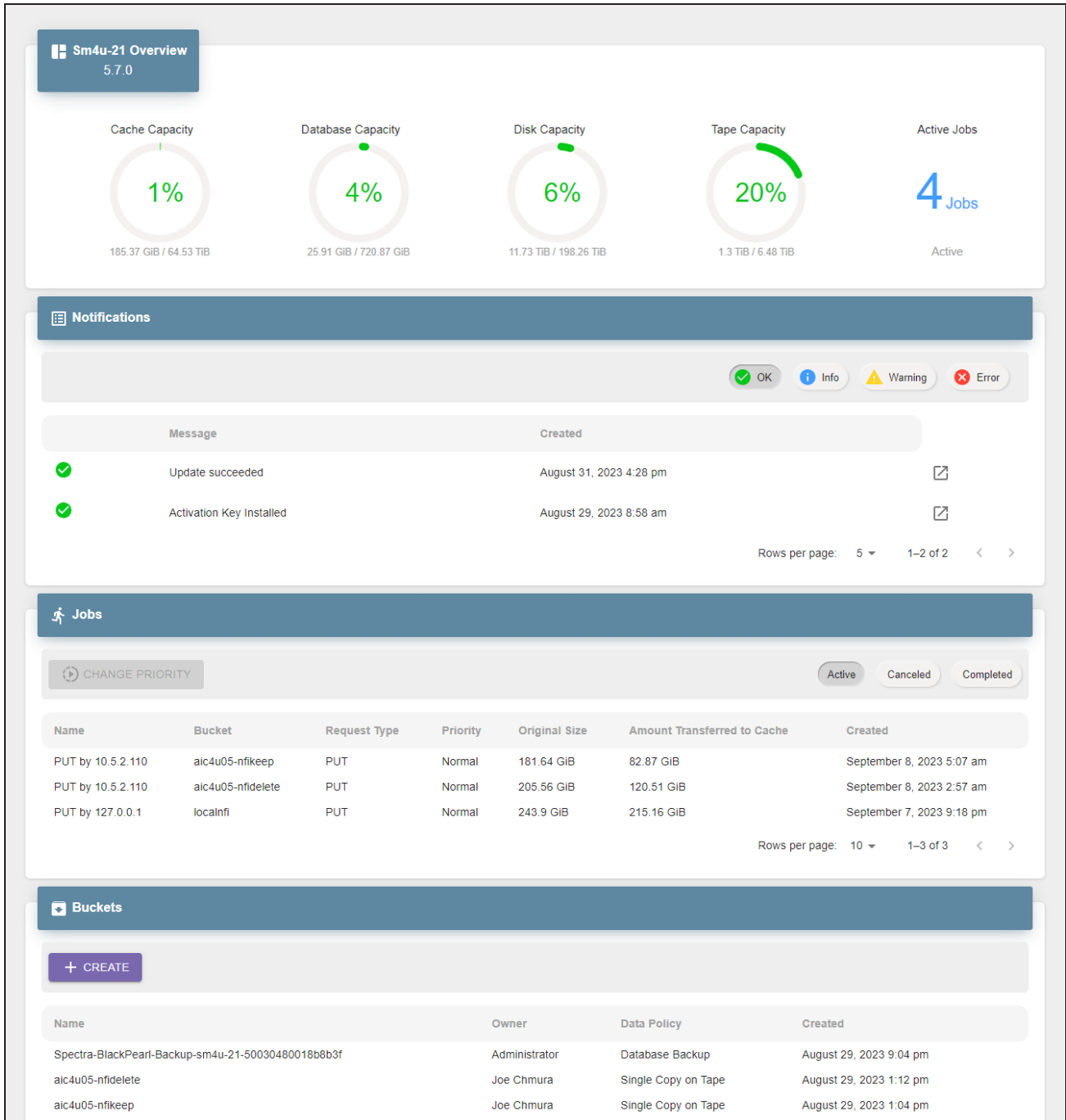


Figure 195 The Embedded Dashboard.

VIEW THE STATUS OF THE BLACKPEARL SYSTEM

Use the sections below to view the status of multiple aspects of the BlackPearl system.

View System Overview

The Overview pane provides a quick look at the most critical aspects of the BlackPearl system.

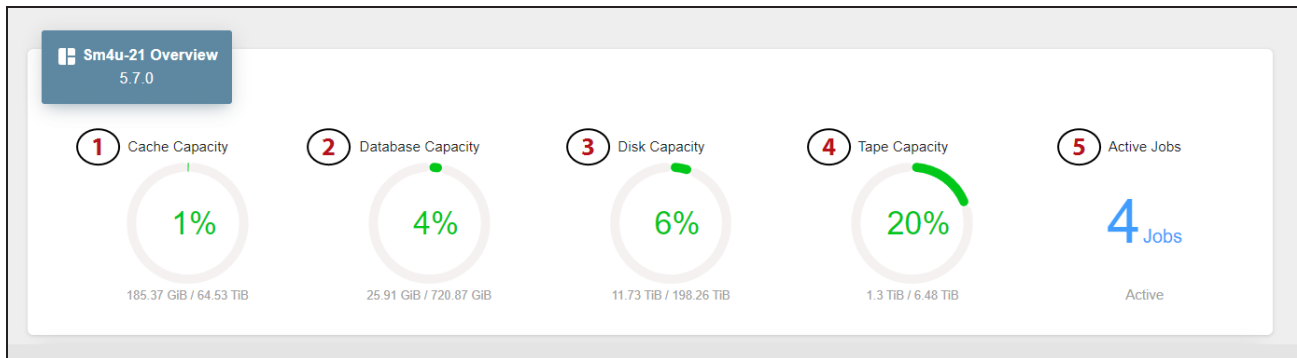


Figure 196 The Overview pane.

1. The BlackPearl system cache capacity and percentage of used cache space.
2. The capacity of the BlackPearl system database and percentage of used space.
3. The capacity of all disk-based storage connected to the BlackPearl system and percentage of used space.
4. The capacity of all tape-based storage in the tape library connected to the BlackPearl system and percentage of used space.
5. The number of active jobs running on the BlackPearl system.

Mouse-over the green section of any percentage graph to display the amount of used space, and over the gray section to display the amount of remaining space.

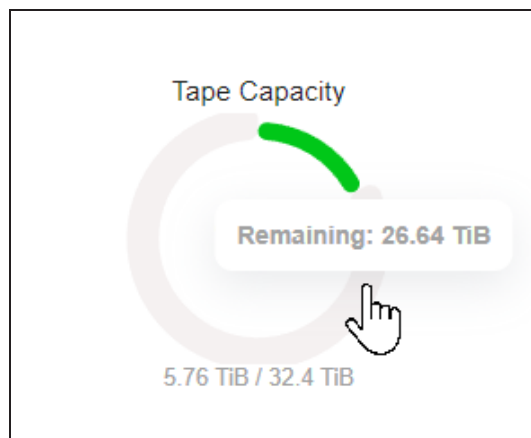


Figure 197 Mouse-over a graph to view specific details.

View Notifications

Notifications provide information about errors that occur on the system, caution messages that alert you to issues that may impact your workflow, and informational messages. Additionally, notifications may provide troubleshooting advice to help you resolve issues that may occur.

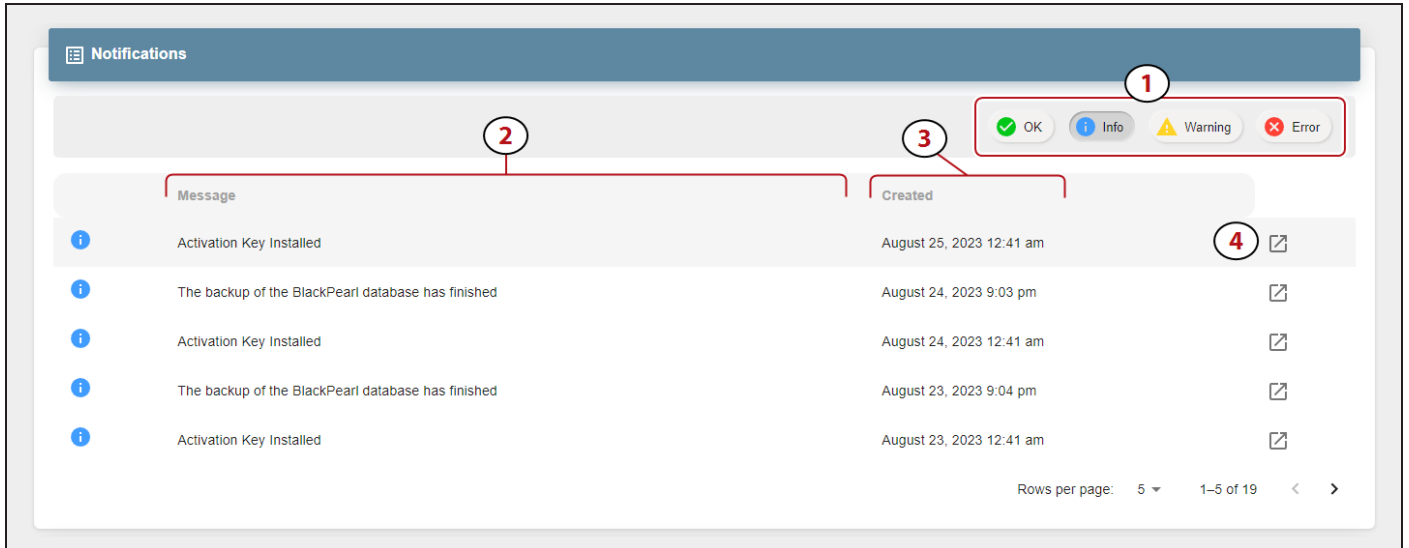


Figure 198 The Notifications pane.

1. Use the **Notification Type** buttons to switch between OK, Info, Warning, and Error messages.
2. Contains a brief description of the notification.
3. Displays the timestamp the notification was generated.
4. Click the **Details Button** to view additional message **Details** and **Troubleshooting Advice**.

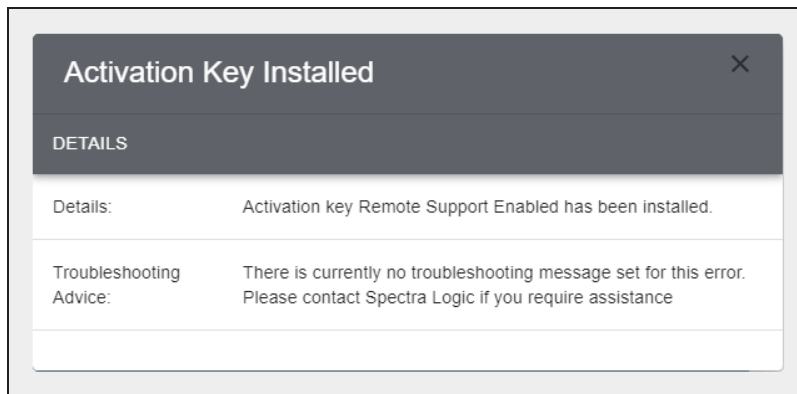


Figure 199 The Notification details dialog box.

View Jobs

The Jobs pane provides information on each Active, Canceled, or Completed job processed by the BlackPearl system.

2	3	4	5	6		7
Name	Bucket	Request Type	Priority	Original Size	Amount Transferred to Cache	Created
PUT by 127.0.0.1	Spectra-BlackPearl-Backup-sm4u-21-50030480018b8b3f	PUT	Normal	6.61 MiB	6.61 MiB	August 24, 2023 9:00 pm
PUT by 127.0.0.1	Spectra-BlackPearl-Backup-sm4u-21-50030480018b8b3f	PUT	Normal	5.25 MiB	5.25 MiB	August 23, 2023 9:00 pm
PUT by 127.0.0.1	Spectra-BlackPearl-Backup-sm4u-21-50030480018b8b3f	PUT	Normal	6.1 MiB	6.1 MiB	August 22, 2023 9:00 pm
PUT by 10.5.2.130	g	PUT	Normal	1000 MiB	1000 MiB	August 22, 2023 12:38 pm
PUT by 127.0.0.1	Spectra-BlackPearl-Backup-sm4u-21-50030480018b8b3f	PUT	Normal	5.4 MiB	5.4 MiB	August 21, 2023 9:00 pm
PUT by 10.5.2.130	SpectraApp1	PUT	Normal	4.35 MiB	4.35 MiB	August 21, 2023 2:46 pm
PUT by 10.5.2.130	d	PUT	Normal	3 GiB	3 GiB	August 21, 2023 2:46 pm
PUT by 10.5.2.130	e	PUT	Normal	25 MiB	25 MiB	August 21, 2023 2:46 pm
PUT by 10.5.2.130	SpectraApp2	PUT	Normal	300 MiB	300 MiB	August 21, 2023 2:46 pm
PUT by 10.5.2.130	c	PUT	Normal	75 MiB	75 MiB	August 21, 2023 2:46 pm

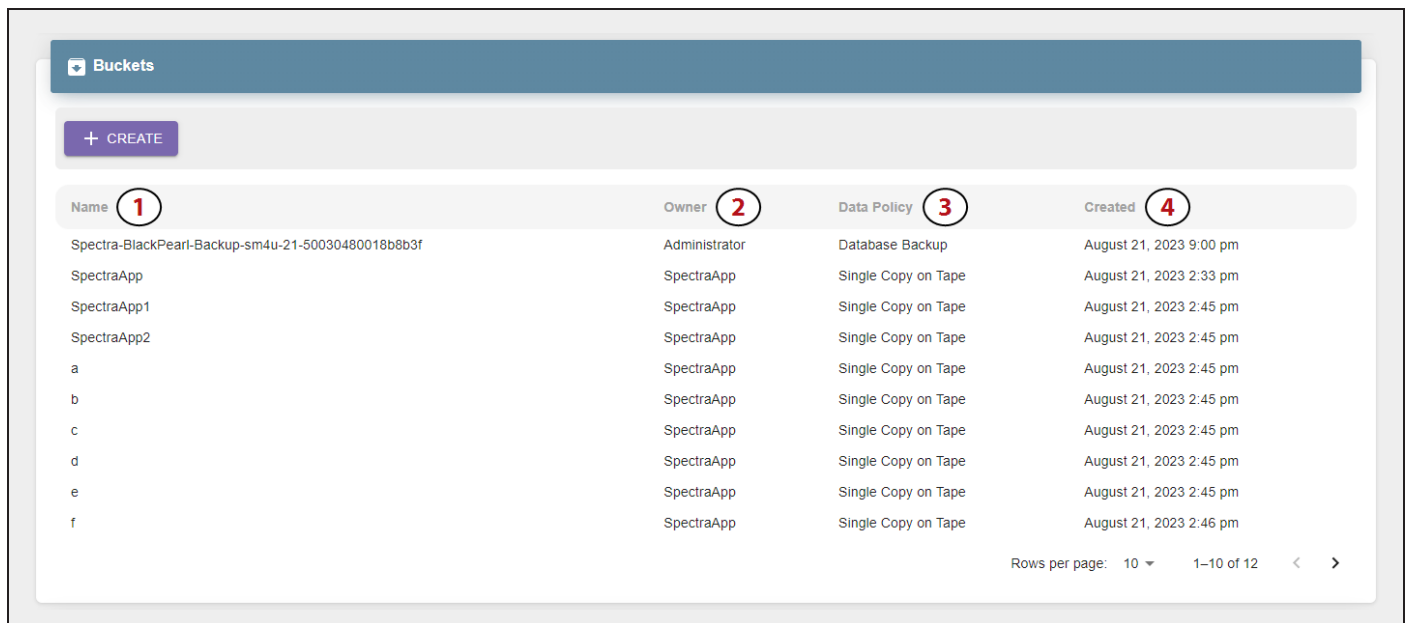
Figure 200 The Jobs pane.

1. Use the **Job Type** buttons to switch between Active, Canceled, and Completed jobs.
2. The name of the job includes the job type and the IP address of the job initiator.
3. The bucket used in the PUT or GET operation.
4. The type of job request.
5. The assigned priority of the job.
6. The original size and amount of data transferred to the BlackPearl system cache.
7. Displays the timestamp of when the job was initiated.

Use the **Change Priority** button to change the priority of an active job. See [Change Job Priority](#) on page 233 for more information.

View Buckets

The Buckets pane provides information about all buckets configured on the BlackPearl system.



Name 1	Owner 2	Data Policy 3	Created 4
Spectra-BlackPearl-Backup-sm4u-21-50030480018b8b3f	Administrator	Database Backup	August 21, 2023 9:00 pm
SpectraApp	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:33 pm
SpectraApp1	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
SpectraApp2	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
a	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
b	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
c	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
d	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
e	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:45 pm
f	SpectraApp	Single Copy on Tape	August 21, 2023 2:46 pm

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Figure 201 The Buckets pane.

1. Displays the name of the bucket.
2. The bucket owner configured on the BlackPearl system.
3. The data policy used by the bucket.
4. Displays the timestamp of when the bucket was created.

Use the **Create** button to create a new bucket. See [Create a Bucket](#) on page 233 for instructions.

View Pools

The Pools pane displays information about all disk storage pools configured on the BlackPearl system including dedicated BlackPearl system cache and database pools.

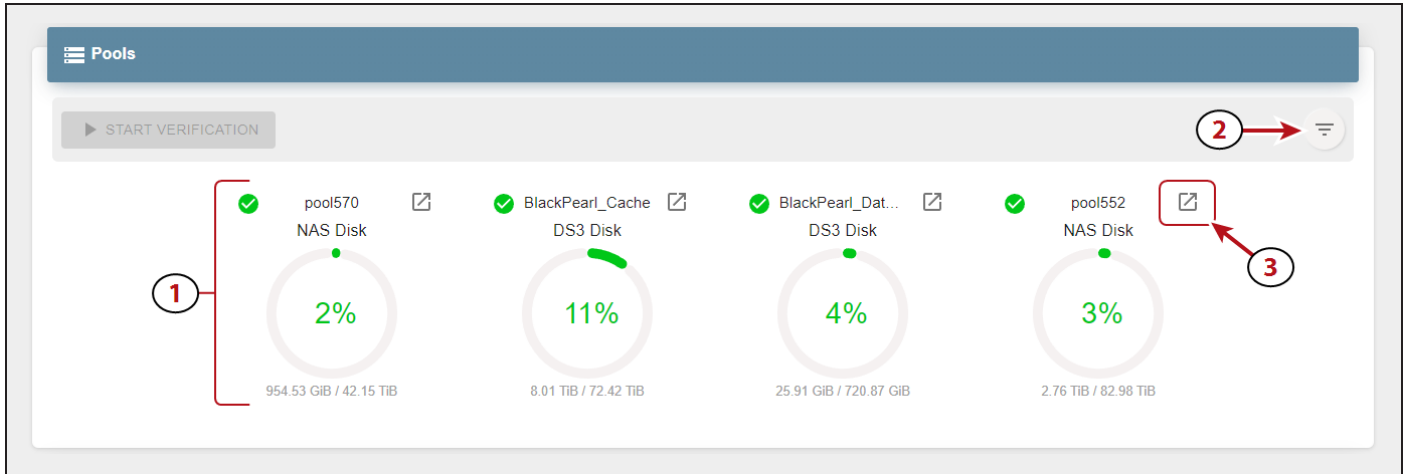


Figure 202 The Pools pane.

1. Each percentage graph displays both the used and remaining space for the associated pool.
2. Use the **Filter** button to select which pools to display on the Pools pane.
3. Click the **Details** button to view additional information about a specified pool.

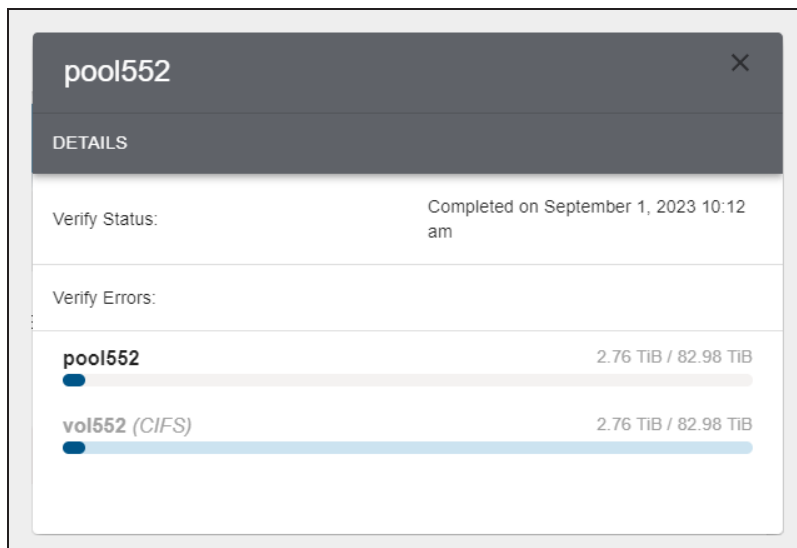


Figure 203 The pool details dialog box.

Use the **Start Verification** button to verify the data contained on the pool. See [Start a Storage Pool Verification](#) on page 234 for more information.

View Volumes

The Volumes pane displays information about all volumes configured on the BlackPearl system.

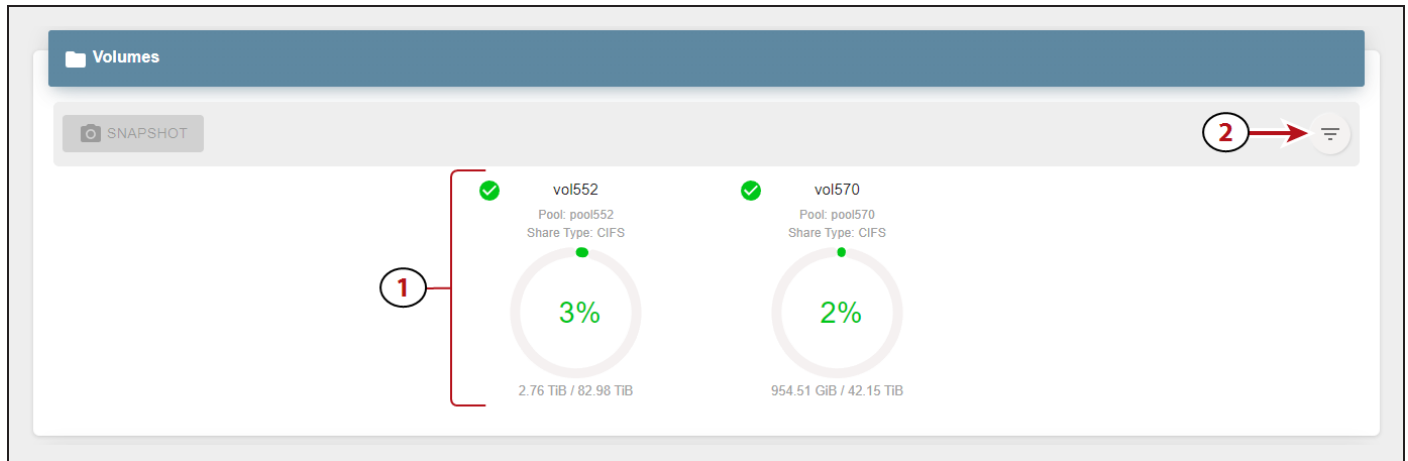


Figure 204 The Volumes pane.

1. Each percentage graph displays both the used and remaining space for the associated pool.
2. Use the **filter button** to select which pools to display on the Pools pane.

Use the **Snapshot** button to create a snapshot. For more information see [Create a Volume Snapshot](#) on page 231.

View Tape Partitions - Main View

The Tape Partitions pane displays information about the tape partitions configured on the tape library attached to the BlackPearl system. The Tape Partitions pane features both a main view and a tape cartridge state view.

To display the main view, manipulate the slider (2) to the left position.

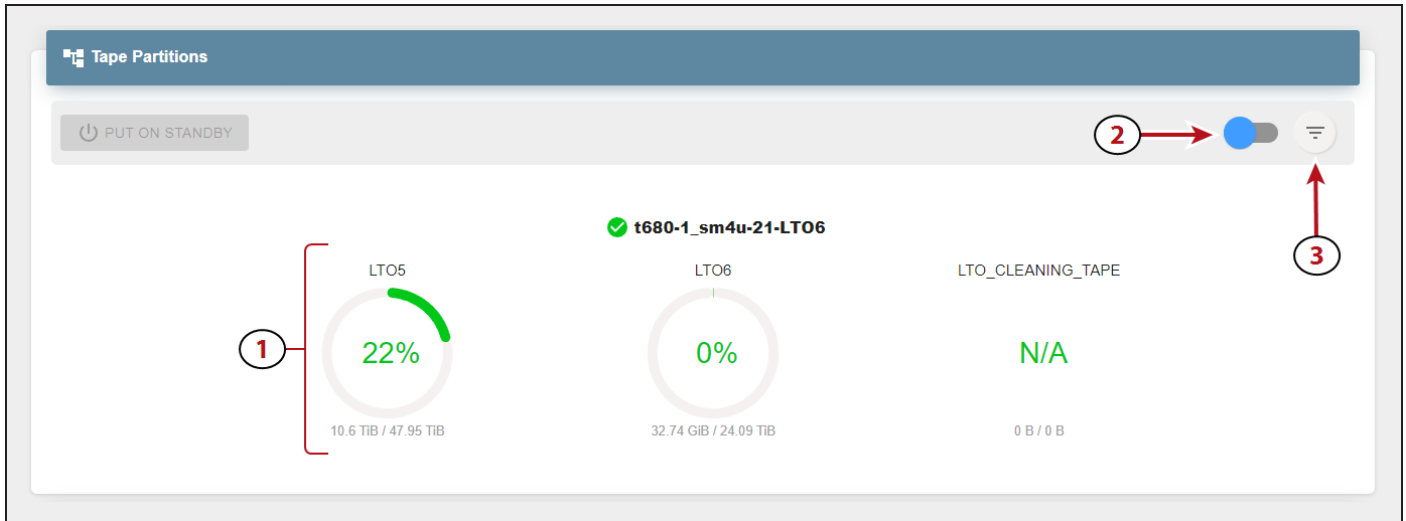


Figure 205 The Tape Partitions pane - main view.

1. Each percentage graph displays both the used and remaining space for the associated type and generation of media present in the tape partition. Mouse-over the green section of any percentage graph to display the amount of used space, and over the gray section to display the amount of remaining space.
2. Use the slider to change the display a graph of the current state of each tape cartridge present in the partition.
3. Use the **Filter** button to select which pools to display on the Tape Partitions pane.

If you need to service the tape library, you can put a tape partition into a standby state. See [Put a Tape Partition into Standby](#) on page 234 for more information.

View Tape Partitions - Tape State View

The Tape Partitions pane displays information about the tape partitions configured on the tape library attached to the BlackPearl system. The Tape Partitions pane features both a main view and a tape cartridge state view.

To display the tape cartridge state view, manipulate the slider (2) to the right position.

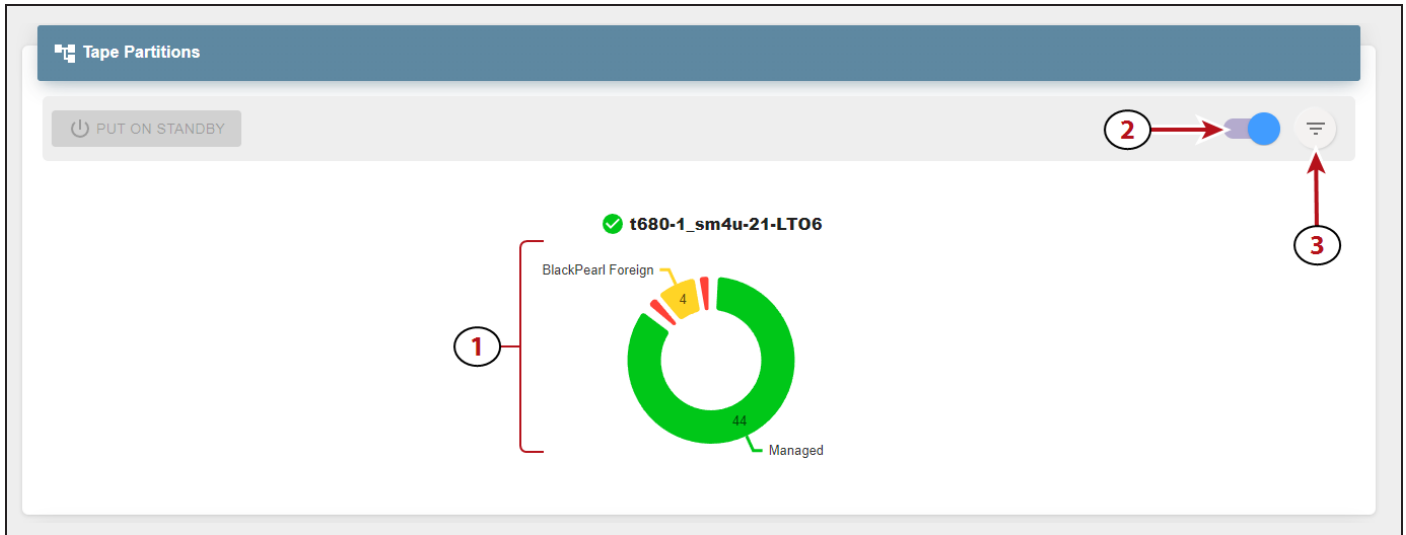


Figure 206 The Tape Partitions pane - main view.

1. The state of all tape cartridges in the partition. Each state combines different generations of tape media if present. Mouse-over any part of the graph to display more detailed information.
2. Use the slider to change the display a graph of the current state of each tape cartridge present in the partition.
3. Use the **Filter** button to select which pools to display on the Tape Partitions pane.

If you need to service the tape library, you can put a tape partition into a standby state. See [Put a Tape Partition into Standby](#) on page 234 for more information.

View Tape Drives

The Tape Drives pane displays information about all tape drives installed in the tape library connected to the BlackPearl system.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Status	Type	Serial Number	Tape Barcode	Current Task	Cleaning Required	Online	Reserved Task Type
Normal	LTO6	1023003646	519815L5	WriteChunkToTapeTask	No	Yes	ANY
Normal	LTO6	1024003646	503887L5	WriteChunkToTapeTask	No	Yes	ANY

Figure 207 The Tape Drives pane.

1. The current status of the tape drive.
2. The drive type and generation.
3. The drive serial number as assigned by the tape library.
4. The physical barcode of the tape cartridge loaded into the tape drive. This field is blank when no tape is loaded.
5. The current task being performed by the drive. This field is blank when no task is in progress.
6. Indicates if the tape drive requires cleaning.
7. Indicates if the tape drive is online or offline.
8. The reserved task type, if configured. The default setting is Any.

Use the **Take Offline** button to take the drive offline. See [Offline a Tape Drive on page 234](#) for more information.

View Tape Management

The Tape Management pane displays the status of all managed tapes in the tape library connected to the BlackPearl gateway.

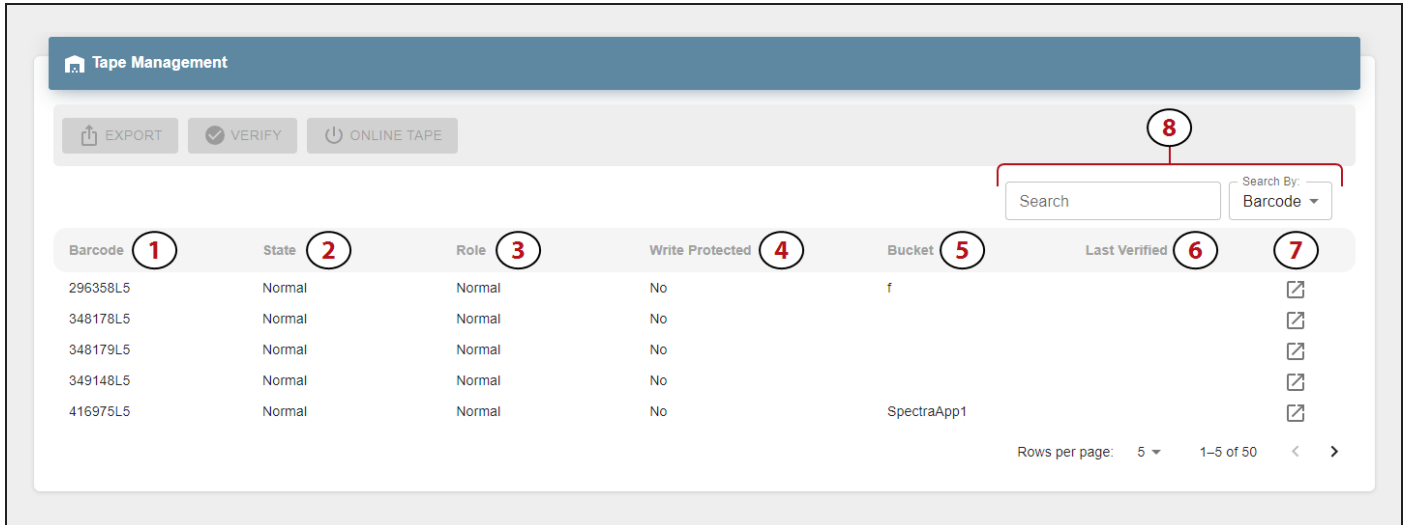


Figure 208 The Tape Management pane.

1. The physical barcode label on the tape cartridge.
2. The current state of the tape cartridge.
3. Indicates if the tape is configured for use as a **Normal** or **Test** tape.
4. The physical **Write Protected** status of the tape cartridge.
5. The name of any BlackPearl system bucket(s) present on the tape cartridge.
6. Displays the timestamp of the last tape verification.
7. Click the **Details** button to display additional information about the selected tape cartridge.
8. Use the **Search** entry field and **Search By** drop-down menu to find a specific tape cartridge.

See one of the following sections for instructions to export, verify, or online a tape cartridge:

- [Export a Tape Cartridge on the next page](#)
- [Verify a Tape Cartridge on page 232](#)
- [Online a Tape Cartridge on page 232](#)

DASHBOARD ACTIONS

In addition to displaying information about the BlackPearl system, the embedded dashboard allows you to perform the most frequently-used actions as described in the sections below.

Create a Volume Snapshot

A volume snapshot is an image of a volume's configuration and data makeup as they were when the snapshot was generated. Restoring to a previously created snapshot allows you to go “back in time” and restore the volume to the state it was in when the snapshot was created.

See [Volume Snapshots on page 1](#) for more information.

Here is how to create a volume snapshot:

1. In the BlackPearl dashboard, navigate to the **Volumes** pane.
2. **Select** the volume for which you want to create a snapshot.
3. Click **Snapshot**.
4. If desired, edit the pre-generated **Snapshot** name.

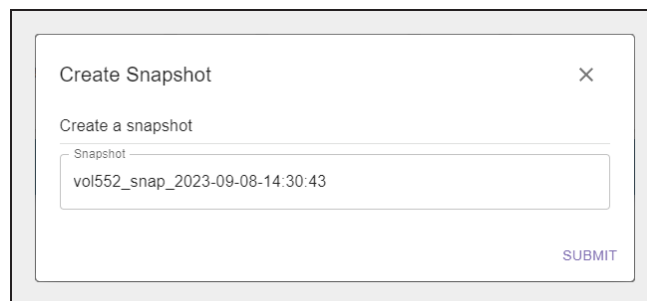


Figure 209 The Export Tape dialog box.

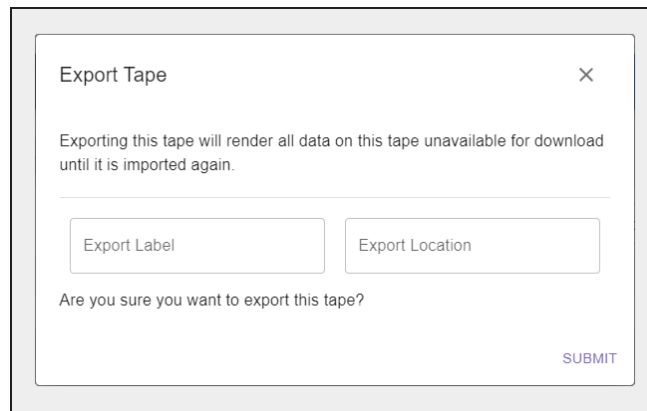
5. Click **Submit**.

Export a Tape Cartridge

Exporting a tape cartridge prepares it for physical removal from the attached tape library. In a Spectra Logic tape library, the cartridge is moved from the storage pool to the Entry/Exit pool, before it is physically exported from the library at the library front panel.

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to the **Tape Management** pane.
2. **Select** the tape you want to export.
3. Click **Export**.

4. If desired, edit the **Export Label** and **Export Location**.



Export Tape

Exporting this tape will render all data on this tape unavailable for download until it is imported again.

Export Label

Export Location

Are you sure you want to export this tape?

SUBMIT

Figure 210 The Export Tape dialog box.

5. Click **Submit**.

Online a Tape Cartridge

Setting a tape cartridge to "online" prepares the cartridge for use by the BlackPearl system. This allows the system to use the tape cartridge for data storage operations.

Here is how to online a tape cartridge:

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to **Tape Management**.
2. Select a tape in the **Offline** state.
3. Click **Online Tape**.
4. Click **Submit**.

Verify a Tape Cartridge

The BlackPearl system can perform a data integrity verification of all data on a selected tape cartridge to confirm it is still viable. While the verification is in progress, client access has priority over the data integrity scan.

Here is how to verify a tape cartridge:

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to **Tape Management**.
2. **Select** the tape you want to verify.
3. Click **Verify Tape**.
4. Click **Submit**.

Change Job Priority

If desired, you can change the priority of an active job on the BlackPearl system.

Here is how you change the priority of a job:

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to the **Jobs** pane.
2. If necessary, click **Active** to display the list of active jobs.
3. **Select** the job for which you want to change priority.
4. Use the **drop-down** menu to select a new priority for the job.
5. Click **Submit**.

Create a Bucket

Buckets on the BlackPearl system are data transfer targets for read and write operations. When you create a new bucket on the system, you assign it a owner and a data policy. You can then use the new bucket in your other Spectra software applications as a target for data storage on the BlackPearl system.

Here is how you create a new bucket:

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to the **Buckets** pane.
2. Click **Create**.
3. Enter a **Bucket Name**.

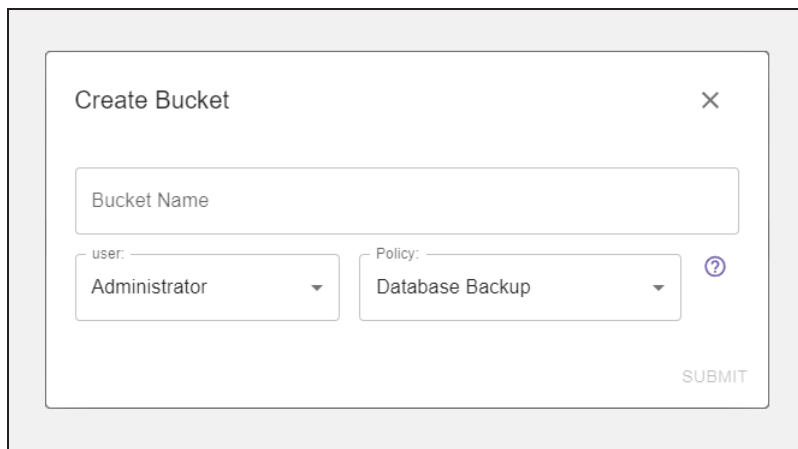


Figure 211 The Create Bucket dialog box.

4. Using the **User** drop-down menu, select an owner for the bucket.
5. Using the **Policy** drop-down menu, select a data policy for the bucket.
6. Click **Submit**.

Start a Storage Pool Verification

The BlackPearl system can perform a data integrity verification of all data on a selected storage pool to confirm it is still viable.

Here is how to start data verification on a storage pool:

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to the **Pools** pane.
2. **Select** the pool that you want to verify.
3. Click **Start Verification**.
4. Click **Submit**.

Put a Tape Partition into Standby

If you need to perform service on the tape library associated with your BlackPearl gateway, or with the BlackPearl gateway itself, you must first put the tape library into a standby state. Otherwise, the BlackPearl gateway may attempt to use the tape library while it is in service.

Note: After the tape partition is placed in standby, any currently running tape operations continue until they are complete, which may take 30 minutes or longer.

Here is how to out a tape partition into standby:

1. In the BlackPearl dashboard, navigate to the Tape Partitions pane.
2. Select the partition you want to set to standby.
3. Click **Put On Standby**.
4. Click **Submit**.

Offline a Tape Drive

If a tape drive is experiencing errors and needs to be physically replaced, the drive can be taken offline to prevent the BlackPearl system from using the drive for data storage operations until the replacement is complete.

Here is how to offline a tape drive:

1. In the BlackPearl system dashboard, navigate to the **Tape Drives** pane.
2. **Select** the drive you want to offline.
3. Click **Take Offline**.
4. Click **Submit**.

APPENDIX B - CREATE AND CONFIGURE A VAIL VM NODE

This chapter describes the creation and configuration steps for a Vail VM Node.

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CREATE VAIL VM NODE STORAGE

Using a Vail VM node is useful when you want on-premise Standard or Standard_IA class storage.

The instructions in this section describe setup of a Vail VM node using a VMDK file. A Vail VM node can also be created using an OVA file. Contact Spectra Logic for assistance.

Note: Contact Spectra Logic for assistance configuring a Vail VM node with other virtual machine software such as Fusion, or Synology.

Vail VM Node Host Requirements

A Vail VM node requires the following:

- 8 core CPU or higher
- 16 GB RAM or higher
- 10 GigE Ethernet network connection or higher
- A network that allows access to port 443 to allow for data transfer

Router Requirements

**IMPORTANT**

All Vail VM nodes must be able to see each other using their announced IP address or hostname.

You may need to adjust the settings of any firewalls or proxy servers in your environment for the Vail VM nodes to communicate with each other. Contact your system administrator for assistance.

Port Requirements

All Vail VM nodes must be on a network that allows access on port 443.

VM Instance Protection

Spectra Logic recommends creating Vail VM nodes on reliable host computers and establishing a strong data protection system for your VM instances including regular snapshots to be used in the event of disaster recovery.

Create a Node Using VMWare vSphere

Here is how to create a Vail VM node using a VMDK file using VMWare® vSphere. These instructions are specific to vSphere and require familiarity with VM software.

1. If the Vail VM image file was provided to you by Spectra Logic, skip to [Step 2](#). Otherwise, download the latest Vail VM node image:
 - a. In the Vail management console, click the **gear icon**, then **Software Updates**.
 - b. Click **Download VM Image**.

Note: The file size is approximately 800 MB.

2. After the download completes, unpack the file.
3. Launch the VMWare vSphere application.
4. In the **Navigator** pane, select the host on which to create the VM node.

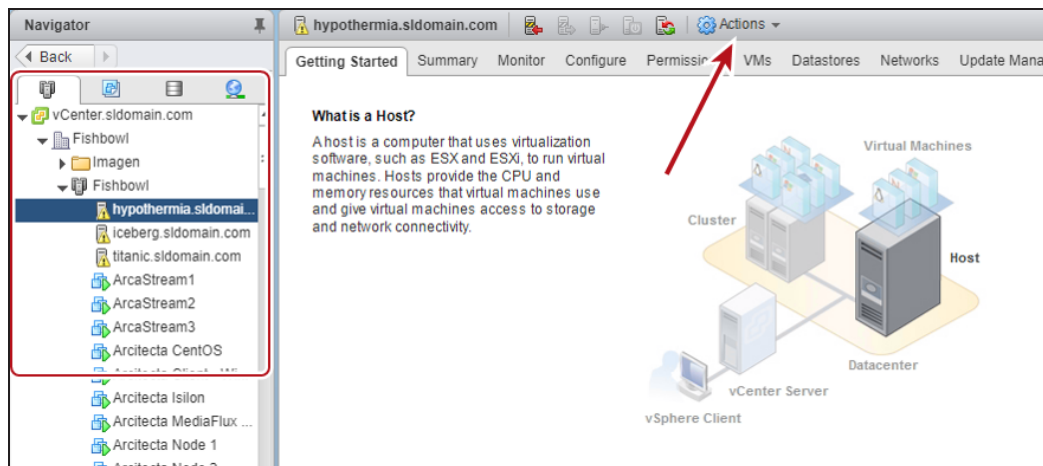


Figure 212 The VMWare vSphere home screen.

5. From the title bar, select **Actions > New Virtual Machine**.
6. In the New Virtual Machine wizard, select **Create a new virtual machine** and click **Next**.

7. Enter a **Name** for the VM node, select a **Location** , and click **Next**.

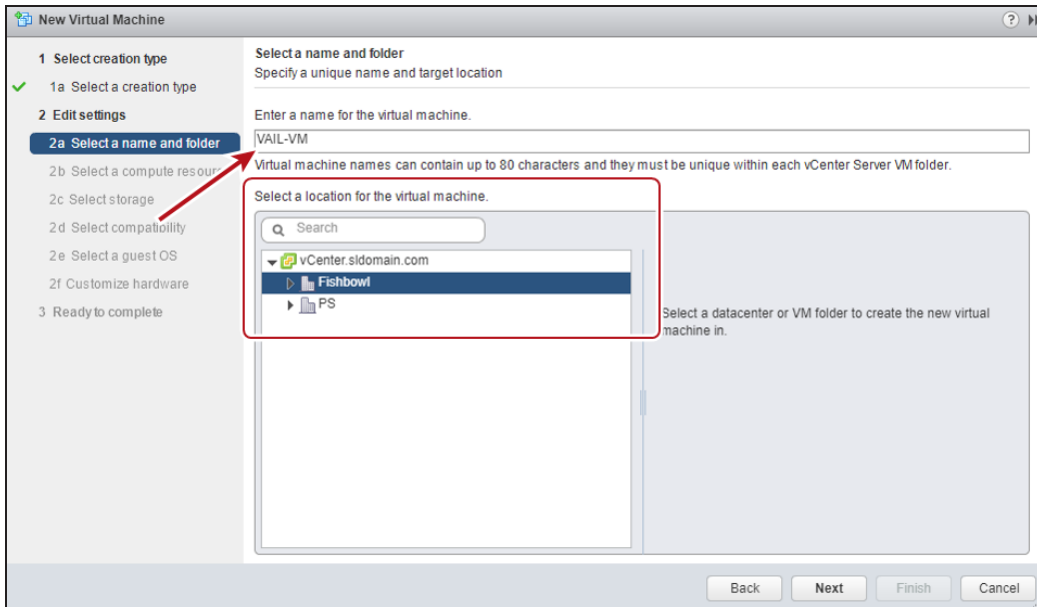


Figure 213 The New Virtual Machine - Select Name and Folder screen.

8. Using the **Select a compute resource** network browser, select an ESXi-based host in your network environment, and click **Next**.

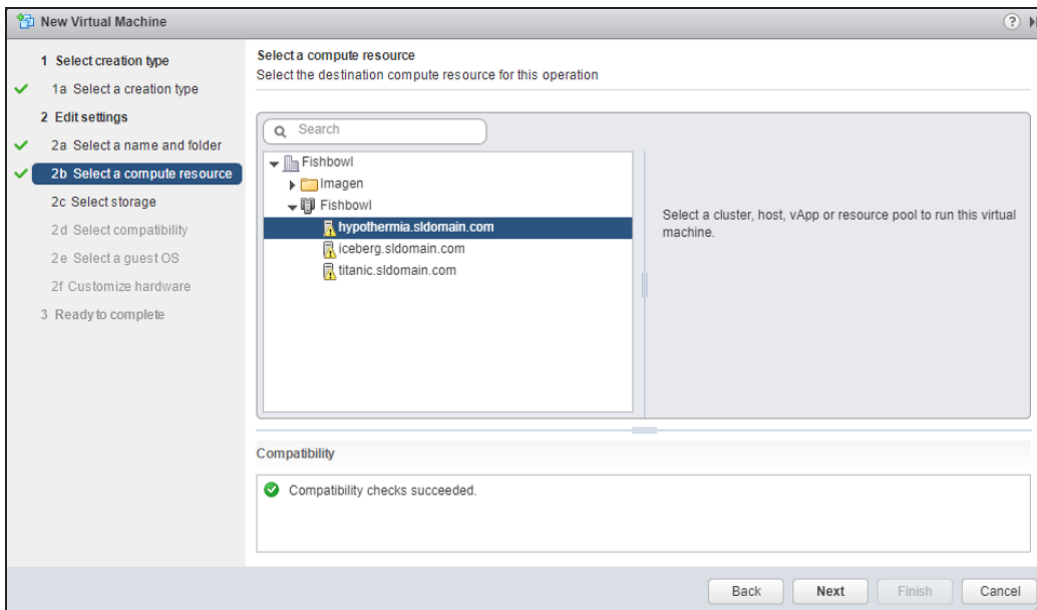


Figure 214 The New Virtual Machine - Select Compute Resource screen.

- Using the **Select storage** table, select where to store the VM configuration files and virtual disks, and click **Next**.

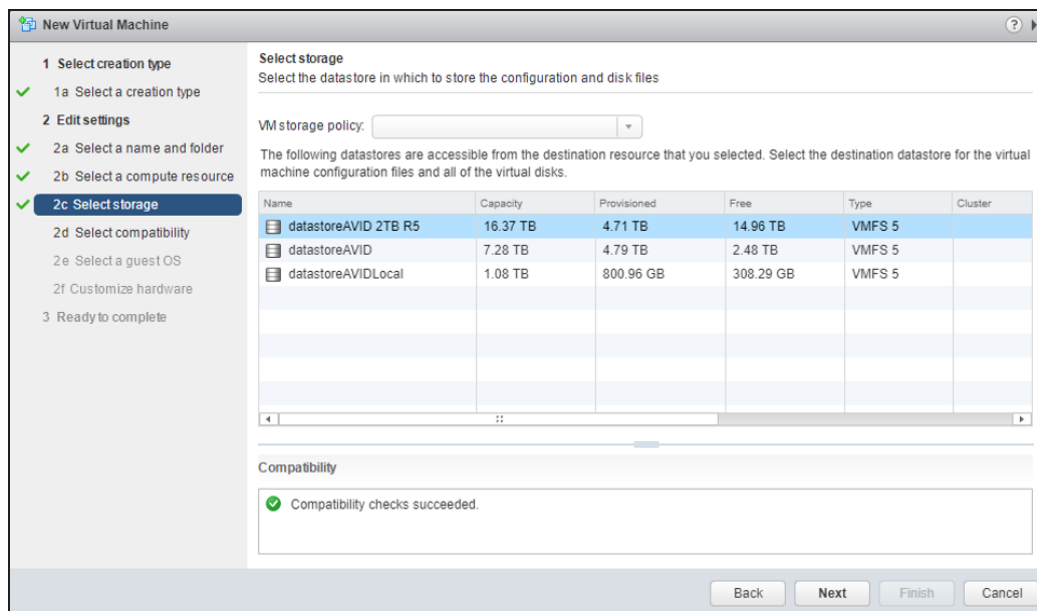


Figure 215 The New Virtual Machine - Select Storage screen.

- Using the **Compatible with** drop-down menu, select **ESXi 6.5 and later**, and click **Next**.
- Using the **Guest OS** drop-down menus, select the following:
 - Guest OS Family: **Linux**
 - Guest OS Version: **Ubuntu Linux (64-bit)**
- Click **Next**.

13. Using the **Customize hardware** screen, select the following:

- CPU: **8**
- Memory: **16 GB**

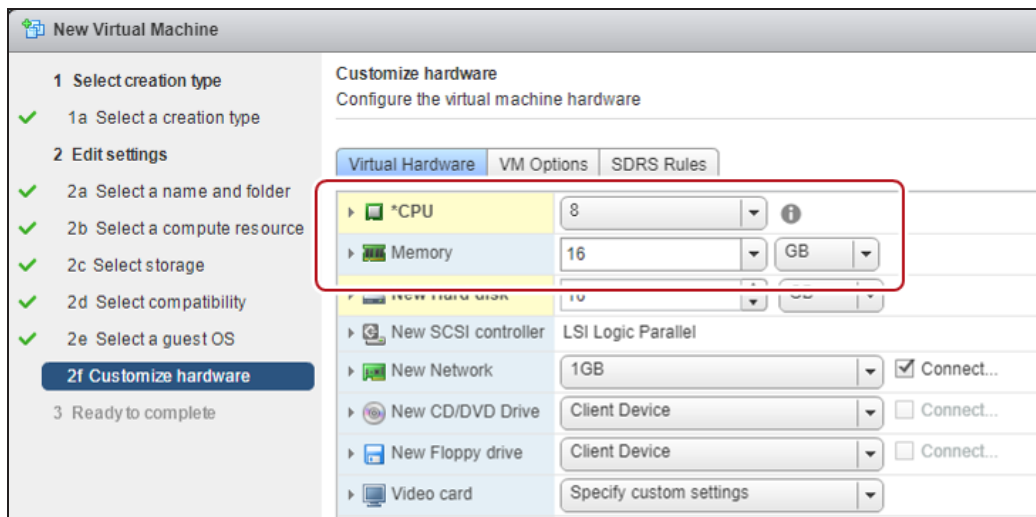


Figure 216 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware screen.

14. On the right-hand side of the **New Hard disk** row, click the **X icon** to delete the default hard disk.



Figure 217 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware screen.

15. Using the **New device** drop-down menu, select **Existing Hard Disk**, then click **Add**.

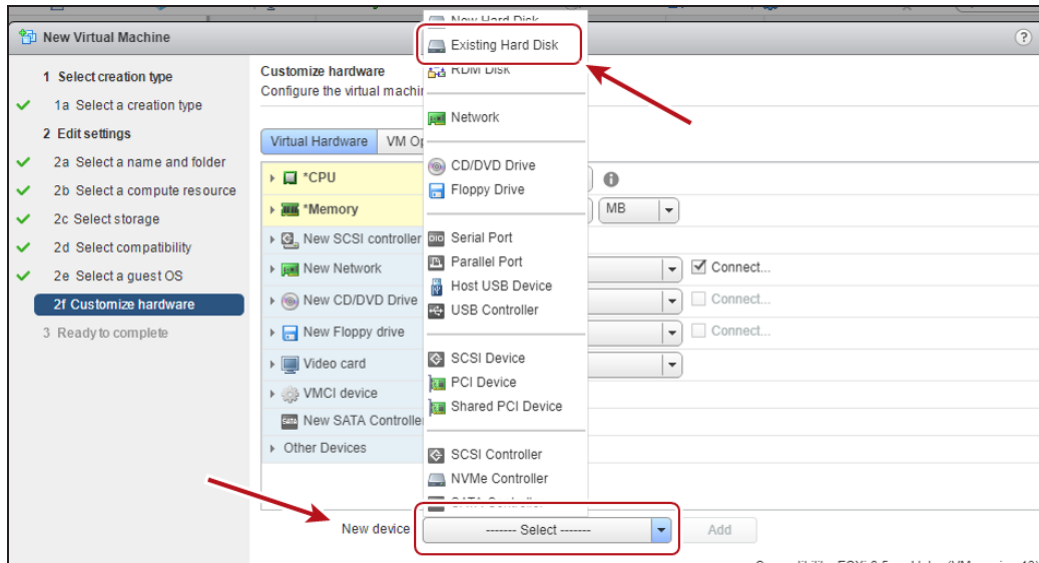


Figure 218 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware screen.

16. Select the storage location of the VMDK file in the **Datastores** pane, then select the VMDK file to use in the **Contents** pane, and click **OK**.

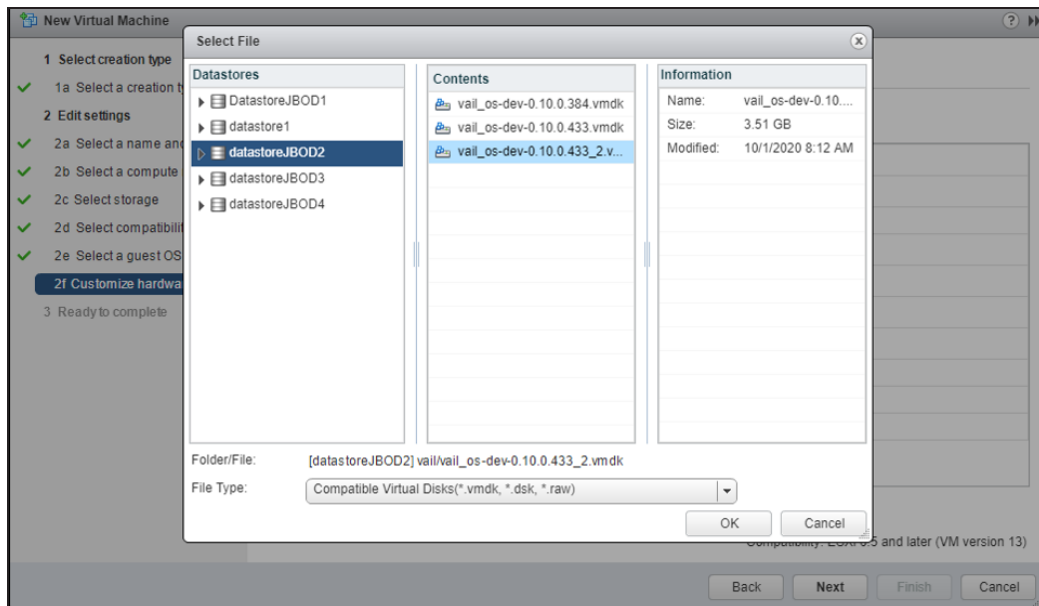


Figure 219 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware - Select File screen.

17. Using the **New device** drop-down menu, select **New Hard Disk**, then click **Add**. This creates the drive that the Vail VM node uses for data storage.

Note: If you increase the size of the drive after creating the Vail VM, the Vail application recognizes this change and allows you to use the newly available storage space.

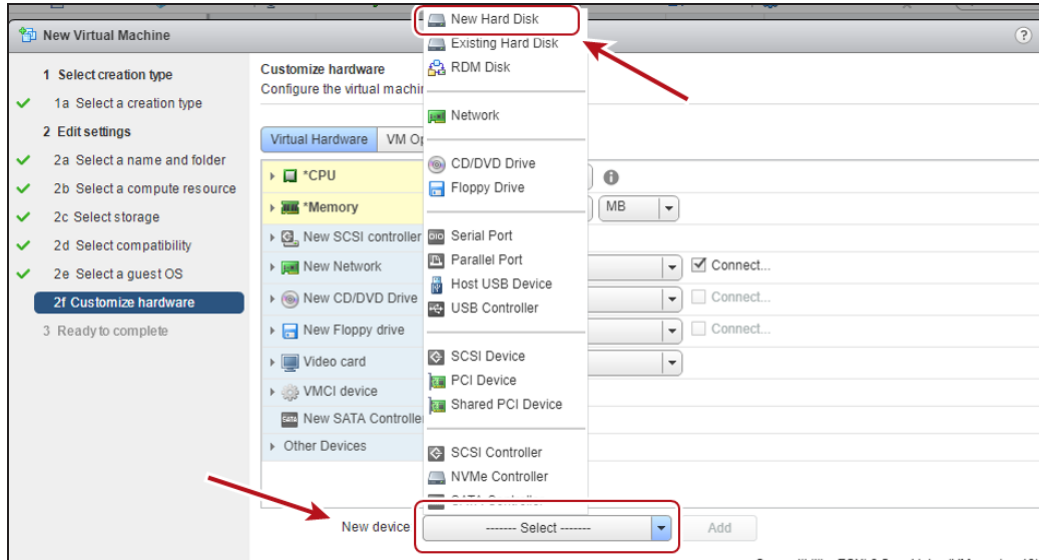


Figure 220 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware screen.

18. Adjust the **Size** of the hard disk as required for your data storage environment.

Note: The size displays as GiB in the Vail management console.

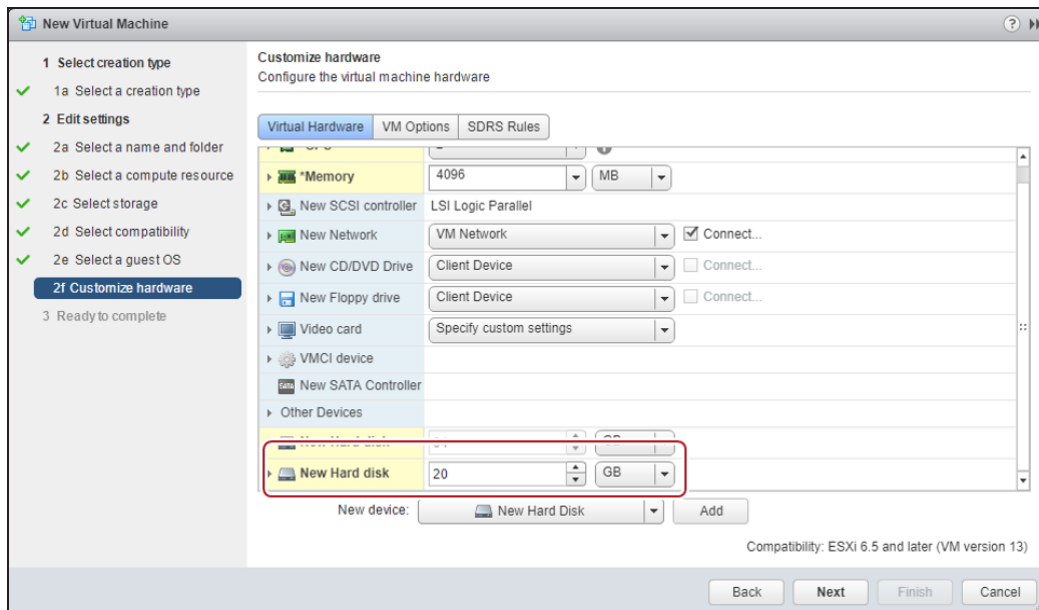


Figure 221 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware screen.

19. Using the **New Network** drop-down menu, select **VM Network** and click **Next**.

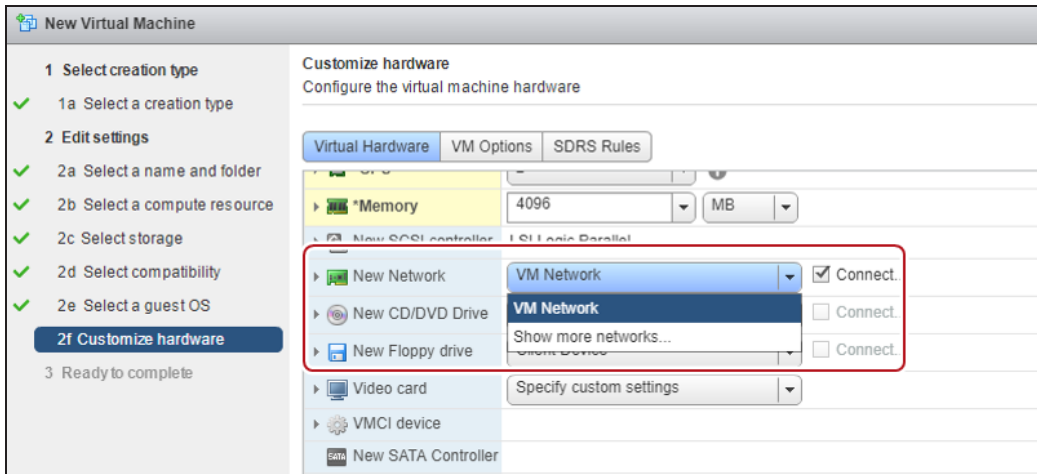


Figure 222 The New Virtual Machine - Customize Hardware screen.

20. Verify all settings are correct and click **Finish**.

21. In the **Navigator** pane, select the VM you just created, and on the title bar, click the **green Play triangle** to power-on the VM node.

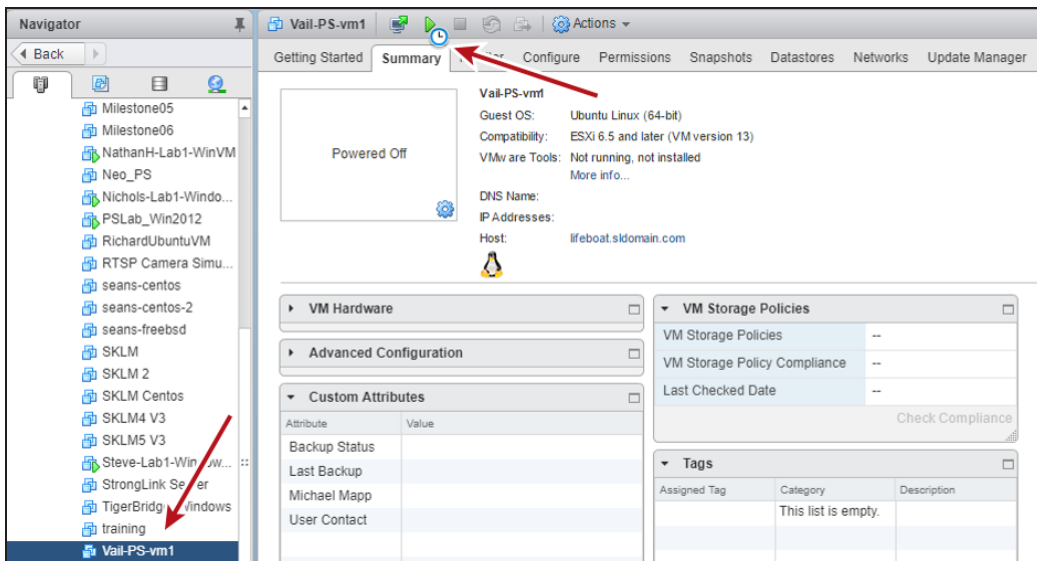


Figure 223 The New Virtual Machine - Summary screen.

22. When the VM boot completes, press **Enter**. If a DHCP server is configured, the IP address of the Vail VM node displays.

- Notes:**
- Do not close the VM window.
 - If no DHCP server is configured, contact Spectra Logic Professional Services to set a manual IP address.
 - You can change the network configuration of the Vail VM node after logging into the Vail VM management console.

```

Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS vail-VM tty1
[press ENTER to login]
vail-VM login: spectra (automatic login)

Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-74-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

VailOS Production Release: 0.11.1.618

Last login: Thu Aug 19 17:05:28 UTC 2021 on tty1
Vail 0.9.4

Visit https://192.168.1.106 with a browser for additional features.
Enter "network list" to see network configuration.
Enter "help" for more information.
vail$

```

Figure 224 The Vail VM command line screen.

23. Open a web browser and enter the IP address. You are automatically logged in to the Vail VM user interface.

Note: The Vail VM node management console does not require any login credentials at this time.

Create a Node Using Oracle VirtualBox

Here is how to create a Vail VM node using a VMDK file using Oracle VirtualBox. These instructions are specific to the Windows version of Oracle VirtualBox and require familiarity with VM software.

1. If the Vail VM image file was provided to you by Spectra Logic, skip to **Step 2**. Otherwise, download the latest Vail VM node image:
 - a. In the Vail management console, click the **gear icon**, then **Software Updates**.
 - b. Click **Download VM Image**.

Note: The file size is approximately 800 MB.

2. After the download completes, unpack the file.
3. Launch Oracle VirtualBox.

4. Click **New**.

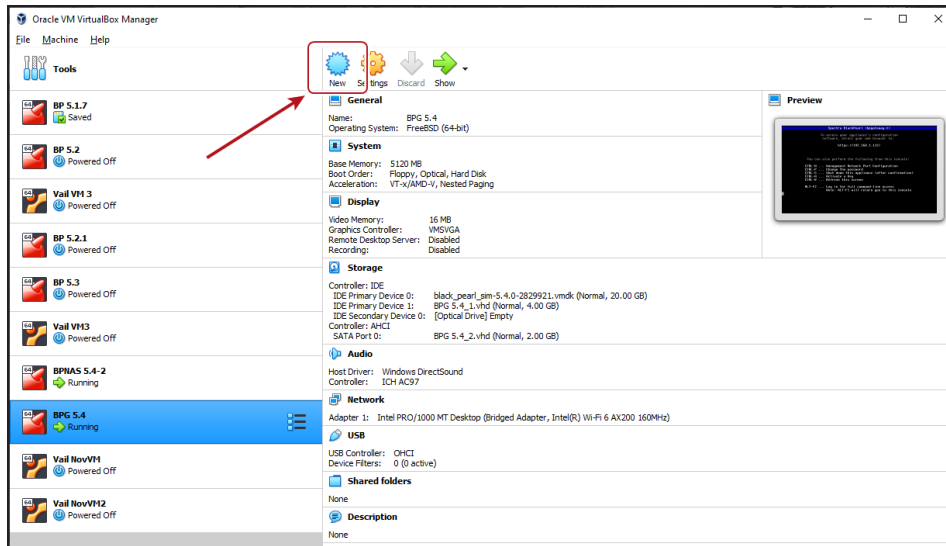


Figure 225 Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager.

5. Enter the desired **Name**.

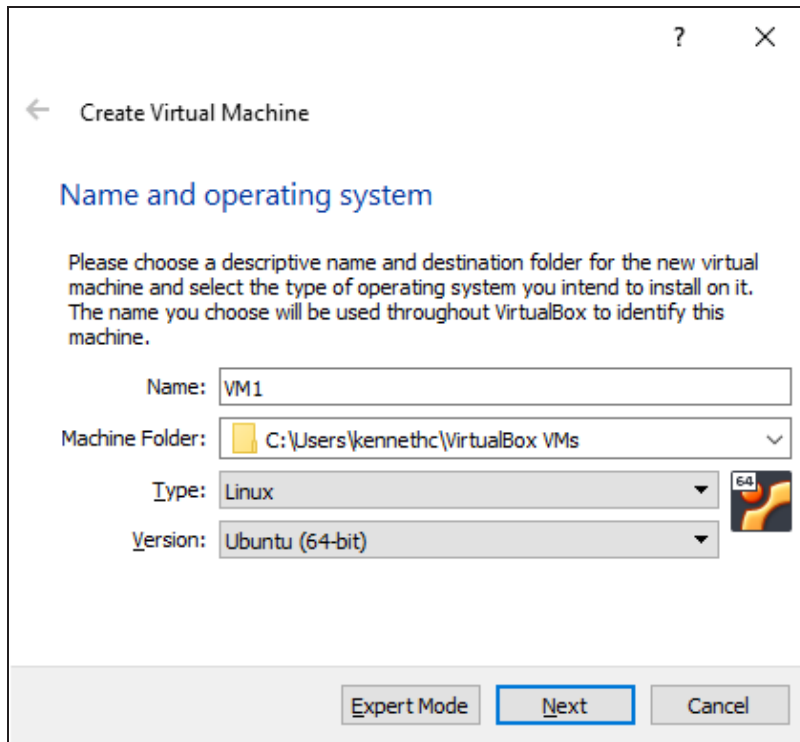


Figure 226 The Create Virtual Machine - Name & OS screen.

6. If desired, change the **Machine Folder** location.
7. Using the **Type** drop-down menu, select **Linux**.
8. Using the **Version** drop-down menu, select **Ubuntu 64-bit**.

9. Click **Next**.

Note: If you are asked to select the number of CPUs to use for the Vail VM, use the default setting.

10. Set the **Memory size** to **4096 MB** and click **Next**.

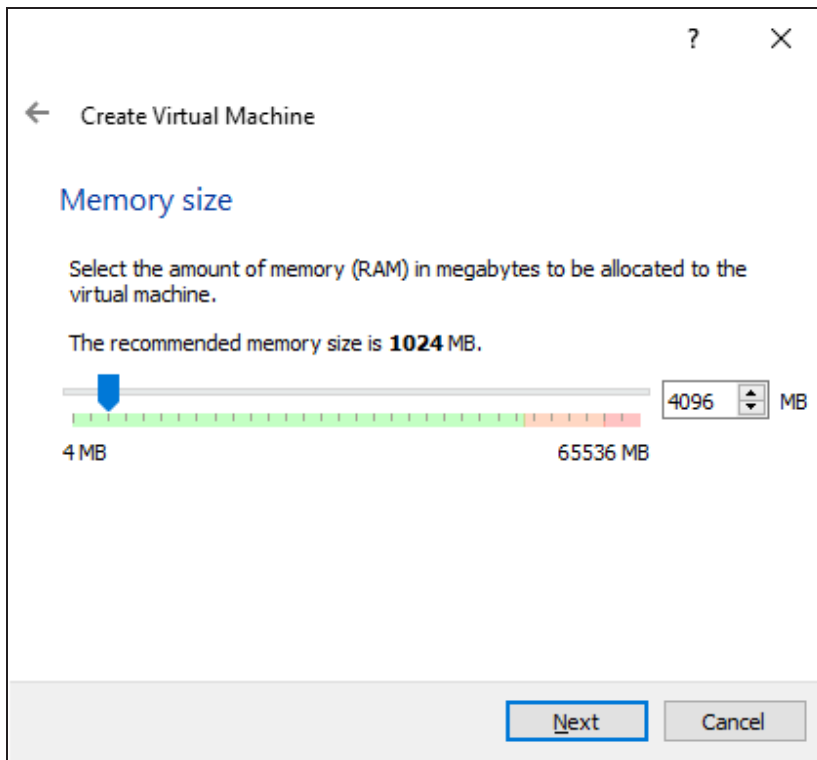


Figure 227 The Create Virtual Machine - Memory Size screen.

11. Select **Use an existing virtual hard disk file**, and click the folder icon to the right of the drop-down menu.
12. In the Hard Disk Selector screen, click **Add**, and browse to the VMDK you unpacked in Step 2.
13. Select the file and click **Open**.

14. Under the **Not Attached** header, select the row of the new hard drive, then click **Choose**.

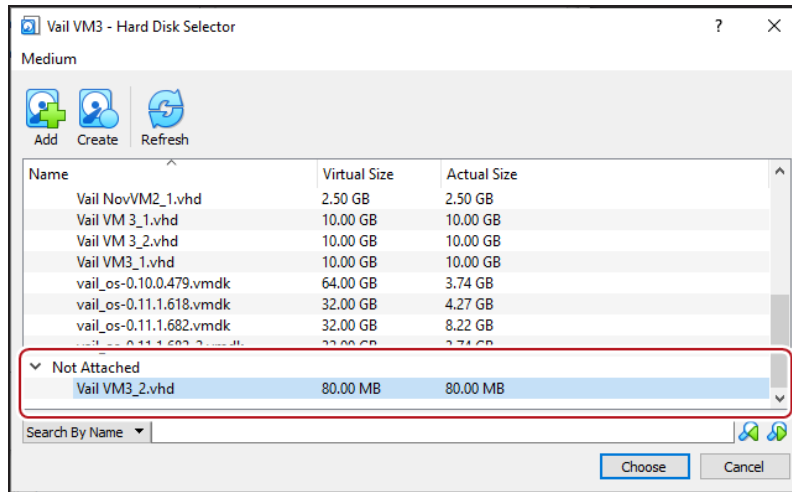


Figure 228 The Hard Disk Selector screen.

15. On the Create Virtual Machine - Hard disk screen, click **Create**.

16. After the VM is created, click **Settings**.

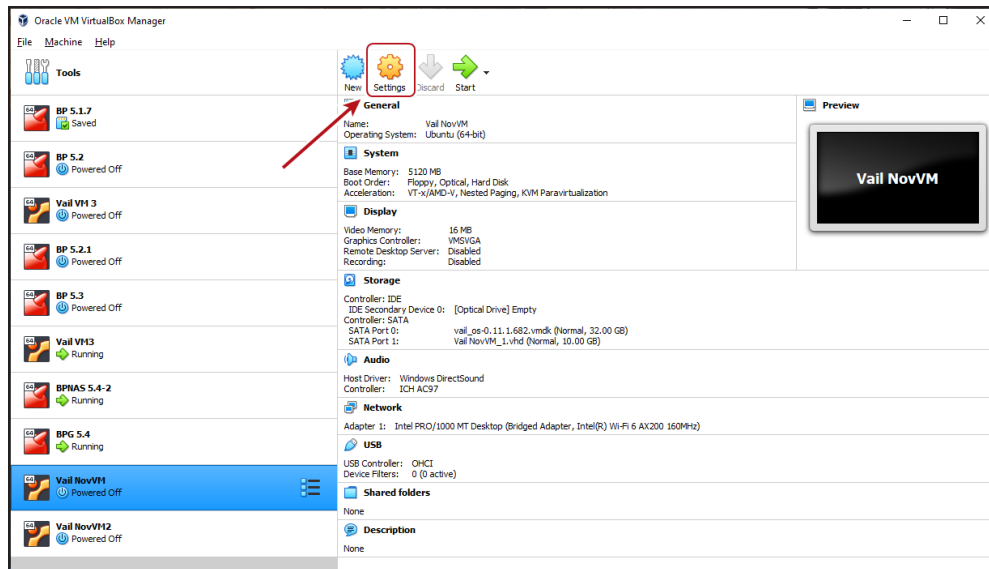


Figure 229 Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager.

17. In the left-hand pane of the Setting screen, click **Storage**.

18. Select the **Controller: SATA** row, and click the **Add hard disk** icon.

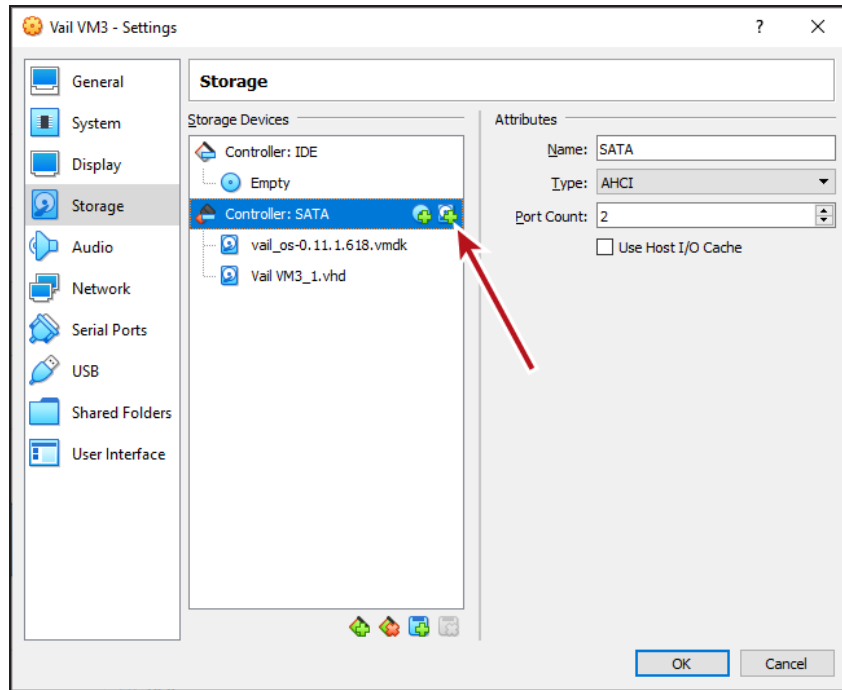


Figure 230 The VM Settings - Storage screen.

19. Select **Create**.

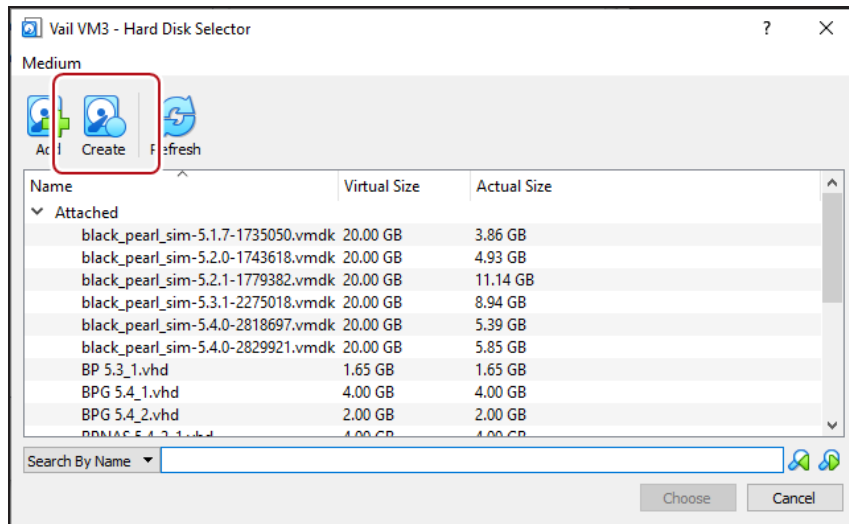


Figure 231 The Hard Disk Selector screen.

20. Select **VHD (Virtual Hard Disk)** and click **Next**. This is the disk the Vail VM node uses for data storage.

Note: If you increase the size of the drive after creating the Vail VM, the Vail application recognizes this change and allows you to use the newly available storage space.

21. Choose to allow the virtual hard disk to be **Dynamically allocated**, or to have a **Fixed size**, and click **Next**.

22. Configure the VHD file and size in GB, then click **Create**.

Note: The size displays as GiB in the Vail management console.

23. In the **Not Attached** list, select the row of the new hard drive, then click **Choose**.

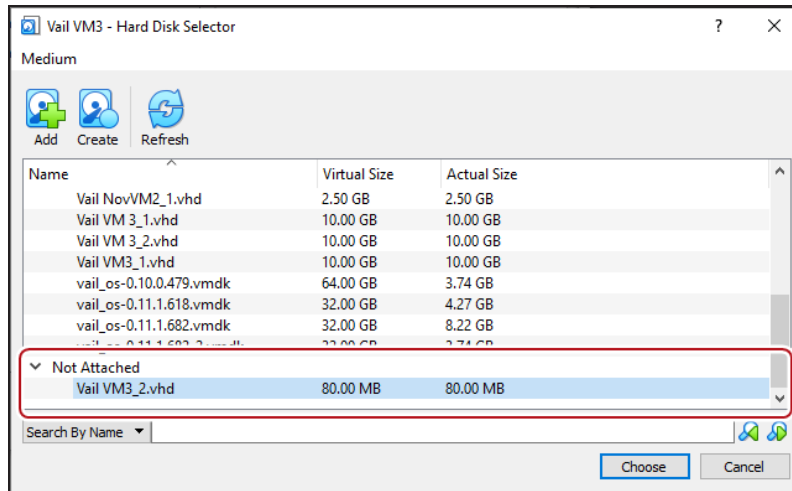


Figure 232 The Hard Disk Selector screen.

24. In the left-hand pane of the Settings screen, click **Network**.

25. Using the **Attached to:** drop-down menu, select **Bridged Adapter**.

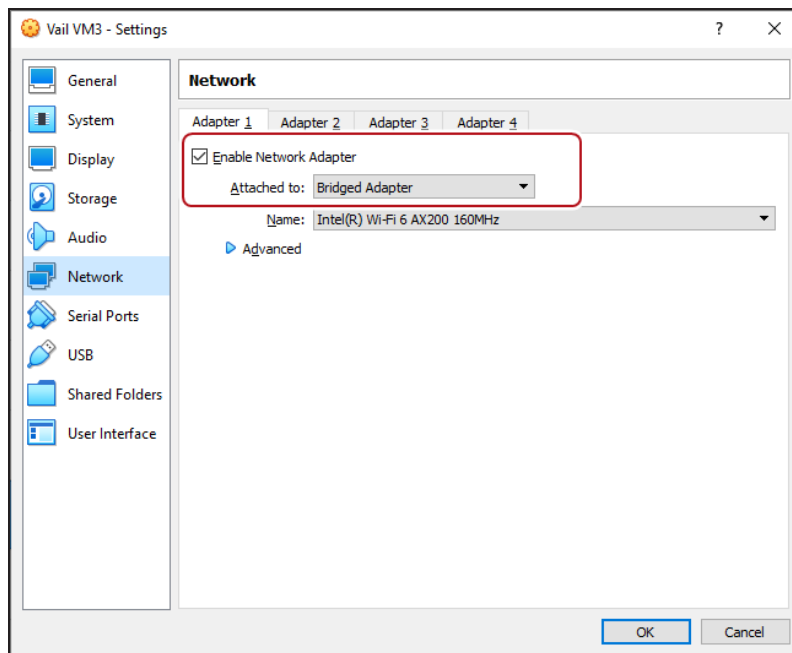


Figure 233 The VM Settings - Network screen.

26. If necessary, click the blue **Advanced** arrow to configure additional settings for your network environment.

27. Click **OK** to close the Settings window.

28. In the Oracle VM Manager main window, select the VM, and click **Start**.

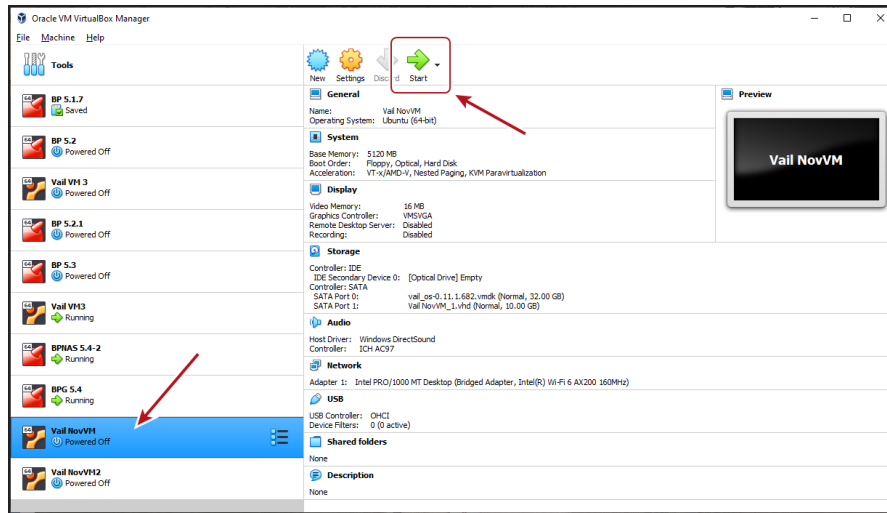


Figure 234 The VM Settings - Storage screen.

29. When the VM boot completes, press **Enter**. If a DHCP server is configured, the IP address of the Vail VM node displays.

- Notes:**
- Do not close the VM window.
 - If no DHCP server is configured, contact Spectra Logic Professional Services to set a manual IP address.
 - You can change the network configuration of the Vail VM node after logging into the Vail VM management console.

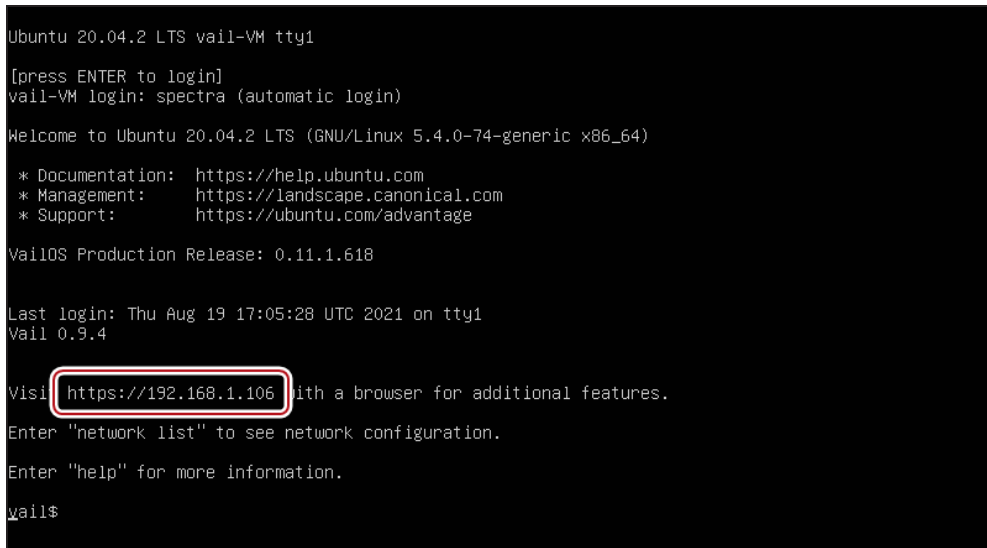


Figure 235 The Vail VM command line screen.

30. Open a web browser and enter the IP address. You are automatically logged in to the Vail VM user interface.

Note: The Vail VM node management console does not require any login credentials at this time.

CONFIGURE THE VAIL VM NODE NETWORK SETTINGS

If desired, use the instructions in this section to edit the Vail VM node IP address, hostname, and SSL certificate.

If your Spectra Vail application is running on a BlackPearl system, the network settings for IP addressing, SSL certificates, and hostname are controlled by the BlackPearl system. See the [BlackPearl Nearline Gateway User Guide](#) for information.

**IMPORTANT**

Spectra Logic recommends setting a static IP address and changing the hostname as described in the sections below.

Use one of the sections below to configure network settings.

- **Configure Network Settings on the next page**
- **Configure the Vail VM Node Hostname on page 255**
- **Configure the SSL Certificate on page 256**

Configure Network Settings

Here is how to configure the Vail VM node IP address:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Network**.
2. Select the interface adapter row and click **Edit**.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Network' configuration window. At the top, it says 'Edit Network' with a help icon and a close button. Below that, it says 'Configure your Network Settings'. There are two dropdown menus: 'IPv4 Mode' set to 'Manual' and 'IPv6 Mode' set to 'Automatic'. Below these is a 'Static Addresses' section with a plus sign. It contains a table with columns for 'IP Addresses' and 'Prefix Length'. The first row shows '192.168.12.231' and '24'. Below the table are fields for 'IPv4 Default Gateway' (192.168.12.1) and 'IPv6 Default Gateway' (fe80::1a58:80ff:fec2:c57f). There is an 'MTU' field set to 1500. At the bottom, there are radio buttons for 'DHCP' and 'Manual', with 'Manual' selected. Below the radio buttons are two text boxes: 'Name Servers' containing '192.168.12.1' and 'fe80::1a58:80ff:fec2:c57f', and 'Search Domains' containing 'lan'. A 'SAVE' button is at the bottom right.

Figure 236 The Vail VM Node Edit Network screen.

By default, DHCP is selected on the Edit Network screen to provide the IPv4 address. However, Spectra Logic recommends configuring a static IPv4 address.

Note: If you require the Vail VM node to be configured using a DHCP address, Spectra Logic recommends you use your DHCP server to bind the IP address to the Vail VM node.

- To configure the IP address manually,
 - a. Using the **IPv4 Mode** and **IPv6 Mode** drop-down menus, select **Manual**.
 - a. Edit the IPv4 and IPv6 **IP Addresses** as required.
 - b. Enter a value for the **Prefix Length**.

Note: To add a new IP address, click the + sign. To remove an IP address, click the **garbage can** icon.

 - c. Edit the **IPv4 Default Gateway**.
 - d. If desired, enter the **IPv6 Default Gateway**.
 - e. Change the **MTU** value as desired.
 - f. Enter one or more **Name Server(s)** and **Search Domain(s)**.
 - g. Click **Save**.

Note: The Vail VM node interface refreshes after the node changes network settings. The interface may display a lost communication error for several seconds.
- To use DHCP to set the IP address,

Note: If you require the Vail VM node to be configured using a DHCP address, Spectra Logic recommends you use your DHCP server to bind the IP address to the Vail VM node.

 - a. If necessary, using the **IPv4 Mode** drop-down menu, select **DHCP**.
 - b. If necessary, using the **IPv6 Mode** drop-down menu, select **Automatic**.
 - c. Configure the DNS settings:
 - To configure the DNS settings automatically, select **DHCP** and click **Save**.
 - To configure DNS settings manually, select **Manual**. Enter one or more **Name Server(s)** and **Search Domain(s)** and click **Save**.
 - d. Click **Save**.

Note: The Vail VM node interface refreshes after the node changes network settings. The interface may display a lost communication error for several seconds.

Configure the Vail VM Node Hostname

The Vail VM node hostname is used as the top level name of the storage endpoint displayed in the Vail management console. Spectra Logic recommends using a name that includes both the location and type of storage.

For example, in the Dallas location, add the storage type as a suffix such as, Dallas-VM1 and Dallas-VM2.

Here is how to configure the hostname:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **Hostname**.
2. Under the **Hostname** banner, click **Edit**.

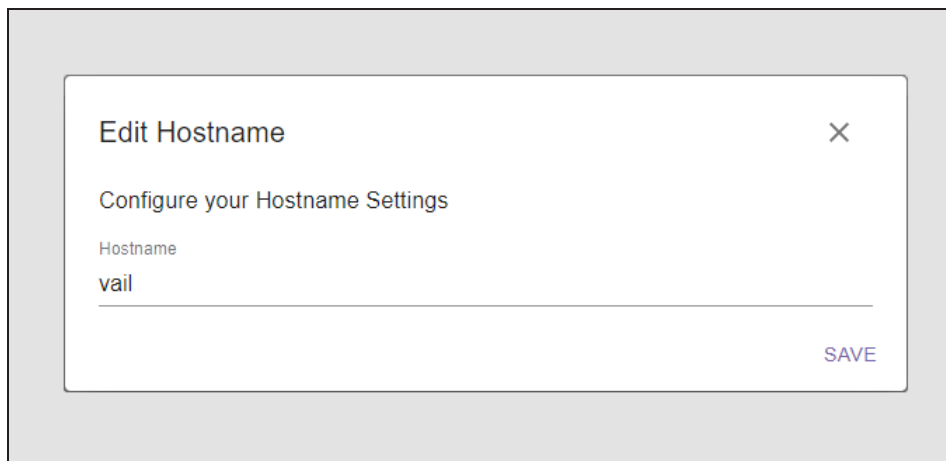


Figure 237 The Vail VM Node Edit Hostname screen.

3. Edit the desired **Hostname** and click **Save**.

Note: Only alphanumeric and the dash (-) character are allowed. The hostname is case sensitive.

Configure the SSL Certificate



IMPORTANT

The Spectra Vail application requires that SSL certificate for the Spectra Vail application and the BlackPearl S3 solution are recognized as valid by clients on your DNS network servers.

Here is how to configure SSL certificate:

1. In the upper right corner of the Vail management console, click the **gear icon** and select **SSL Certificate**.
2. Under the **SSL Certificate** banner, click **Edit**.

The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Edit SSL Certificate" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is the instruction "Configure your SSL Certificate" with a help icon (question mark). The form contains three input fields: "Certificate", "Private Key", and "Passphrase". The "Passphrase" field has a help icon (question mark). A "SAVE" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Figure 238 The Vail VM Node Edit SSL Certificate screen.

3. Enter the desired **Certificate** and **Private Key** in PEM format.
4. If necessary, enter the **Passphrase** that was used to encrypt the private key.
5. Click **Save**.

REGISTER A VAIL VM NODE WITH A VAIL SPHERE

Registering a Vail VM node with a Vail sphere allows you to use the node for data storage.

Here is how to register a Vail VM node with a Vail sphere:

1. In the Vail VM node management console taskbar, click **Dashboard**.
2. Under the **Dashboard** banner, click **Activate**.

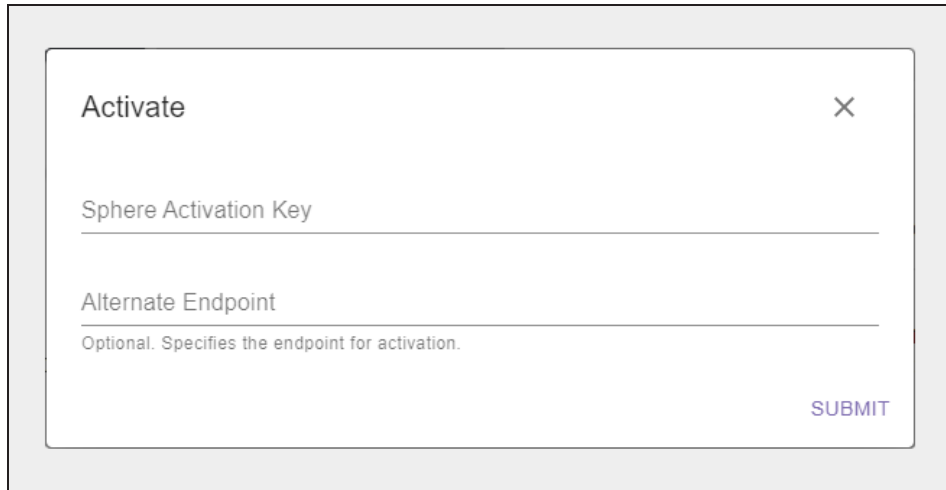


Figure 239 The Vail VM Node - Activate screen.

3. Enter the **Sphere Activation Key** provided by Spectra Logic.
4. If necessary, enter the **Alternate Endpoint**.
5. Click **Submit**. After a few moments the Dashboard screen refreshes once activation completes.
6. Under the **Dashboard** banner, click **Register With Sphere**.

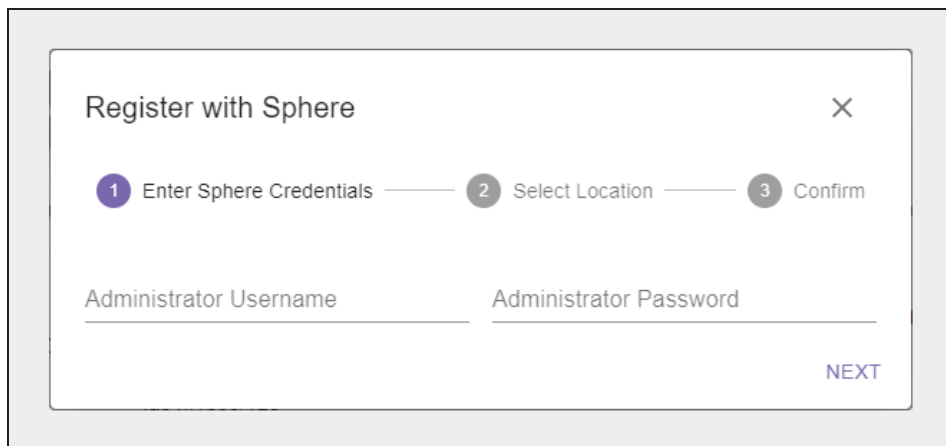


Figure 240 The Register With Sphere - Credentials screen.

7. Enter the Spectra Vail application **Administrator Username** and **Password**.

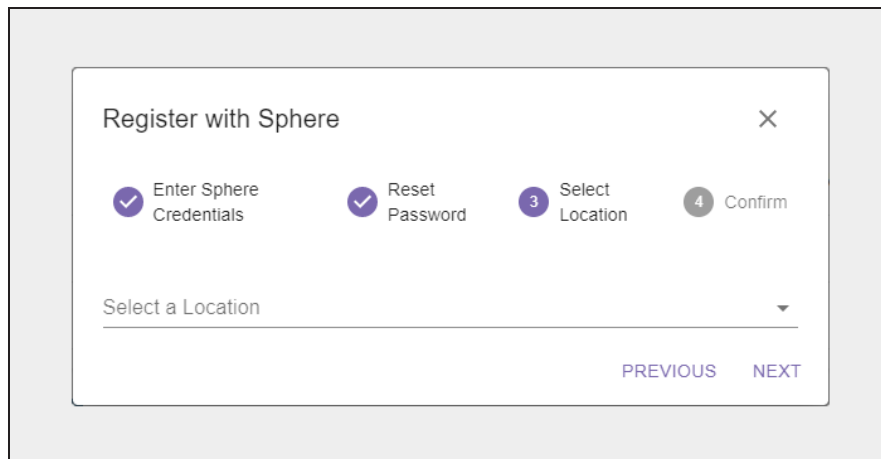
8. Click Next.

Figure 241 The Register with Sphere - Select Location screen.

9. On the Select Location screen, chose to create a new location, or to use an existing location:
 - **Create a New Location below**
 - **Select an Existing Location on page 262**

Create a New Location

Here is how to create a new location:

1. To create a new location, use the drop-down to select **New Location**.

- To map a location, you can search for the location, manually enter the latitude and longitude, or create a location with no corresponding geographic location.

Register with Sphere ×

✓ Enter Sphere Credentials ✓ Reset Password 3 Select Location 4 Confirm

Select a Location
New Location

Search and choose an address to use for your new location.
Note: You may skip this step if you wish to enter your location data manually.

Address Search

Please confirm the details below. If necessary, you may edit any pre-populated fields or execute another search.
Note: Latitude and Longitude values are used for the System View map on the dashboard.

Name

Latitude Longitude

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Figure 242 The Register with Sphere - New Location screen.

- To search for a location...
 - a. In the **Address Search** field, enter a geographic location. You can enter a full or partial postal address, city, county, province, or country.
 - b. Select the correct match from the list.

Note: If no match is located, try changing the format of the address you entered. For example, use 9th Street in place of Ninth St.

- c. If desired, manually edit the **Name**.

Spectra Logic recommends naming each location after its physical location in the world.

For example, if Vail resources are located in Dallas, use that as the location name if there is only one Vail resource in that city. If there are multiple Vail resources consolidated in the same city, use suffixes to identify each group such as Dallas-HQ, Dallas-Research, or Dallas-Production.

- d. Confirm the information is correct and click **Next**.

- To manually enter a location...
 - a. Enter the desired **Name**.

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For example, if Vail resources are located in Dallas, use that as the location name if there is only one Vail resource in that city. If there are multiple Vail resources consolidated in the same city, use suffixes to identify each group such as Dallas-HQ, Dallas-Research, or Dallas-Production.
 - b. Enter the **Latitude** and **Longitude** of the location.

- Notes:**
- When entering a value for **Latitude**, use positive values for locations north of the equator, and negative values for locations south of the equator.
 - When entering a value for **Longitude**, use positive values for locations east of the prime meridian, and negative values for locations west of the prime meridian.

- c. Click **Next**.

- To skip entering a location...

- a.** Enter the desired **Name**.

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For example, if Vail resources are located in Dallas, use that as the location name if there is only one Vail resource in that city. If there are multiple Vail resources consolidated in the same city, use suffixes to identify each group such as Dallas-HQ, Dallas-Research, or Dallas-Production.

- b.** Click **Next**.

Note: If you do not enter an address or latitude and longitude, the location displays on the right-hand pane of the Vail dashboard, but does not display on the world map.

- 3.** Confirm the information is correct, and click **Register**.

Wait while the Vail VM node registers with the Vail sphere. This may take several minutes, during which time the Vail VM node interface changes to the Vail management console, and may display communication errors.

Note: After the Vail VM node is registered with the Vail sphere, it is automatically added as endpoint storage and does not need to be configured in the Vail management console.

Select an Existing Location

Here is how to select an existing location:

1. Using the drop-down menu, **Select a Location** where you want to associate the Vail VM node and click **Next**.

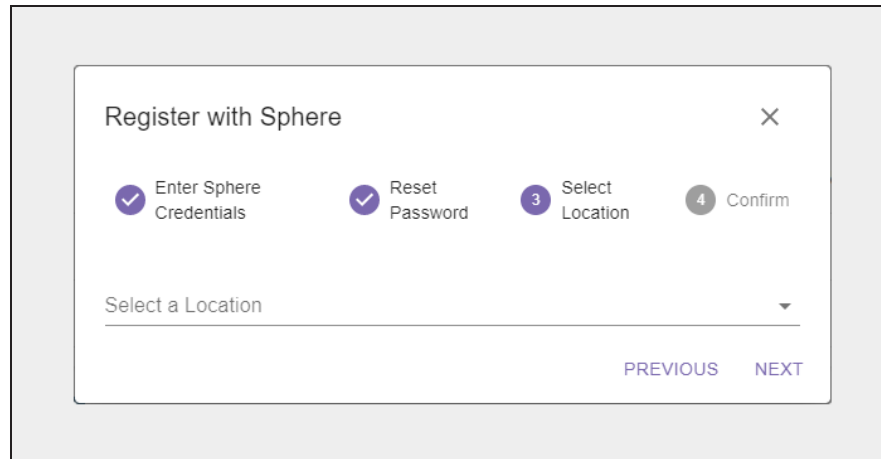


Figure 243 The Register with Sphere - Select Location screen.

2. Confirm the information is correct, and click **Register**.

Wait while the Vail VM node registers with the Vail sphere. This may take several minutes, during which time the Vail VM node interface changes to the Vail management console, and may display communication errors.

Note: After the Vail VM node is registered with the Vail sphere, it is automatically added as endpoint storage and does not need to be configured in the Vail management console.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This section covers frequently asked questions that help you understand how the Spectra Vail application operates.

Why Do Vail Jobs Show as Canceled in the BlackPearl User Interface?

When the Spectra Vail application requests an object(s) from a BlackPearl S3 solution, it initiates a Start Bulk Get job in the BlackPearl S3 solution. However, the Spectra Vail application has a back-door path to read objects from the BlackPearl cache. The BlackPearl S3 solution is only aware of when objects are read through the front door path. When the Spectra Vail application completes reading the requested object(s) from the BlackPearl cache, it cancels the job on the BlackPearl S3 solution.

What is the Difference Between AWS Linked Buckets and BlackPearl Linked Buckets?

Vail linked buckets allow the Spectra Vail application to connect to an AWS or BlackPearl bucket, and link to the objects in that bucket. These linked buckets are connected to a Vail bucket. With both AWS and BlackPearl linked buckets, any objects that are currently in the bucket become part of the associated Vail bucket when they are linked. Additionally, any objects added to the AWS or BlackPearl bucket after it is linked to Vail also becomes part of the Vail linked bucket.

AWS linked buckets additionally allow objects added to the Vail bucket to be copied to the linked AWS bucket.

Note: A BlackPearl system does not support this feature.

Who Owns Objects Managed by the Vail Sphere?

Objects copied from an external bucket to a Vail bucket are owned by the owner of the Vail bucket, while objects copied to an external bucket are owned by the user with the credentials used when creating the BlackPearl storage for the bucket.

At What Size Must a PUT Job be a Multi-Part Upload?

The upper size limit before an object must be PUT using multi-part upload is 5 GB.

Note: Spectra Logic recommends using multi-part upload for any object over 1 GB.

Why Do I Receive AWS Connectivity Error Messages From Third-Party Software But Not From Vail?

The Spectra Vail application and the BlackPearl Nearline Gateway do not generate error messages when an AWS connection is unavailable. However some third-party applications, such as Rubrik, may generate an error message when this occurs. In most cases, no user action is necessary.

GLOSSARY

BlackPearl System

A BlackPearl S3 solution is used to provide the interface between the Spectra Vail application and tape storage. A BlackPearl system stores data in a local cache before writing to tape media. When data is requested by the Spectra Vail application the BlackPearl system copies data from tape storage to the cache so it can be accessed by the Spectra Vail application. A BlackPearl system can additionally provide storage to disk media, using Online and NAS storage.

Lifecycle

A lifecycle consists of one or more rules that dictate where objects data is stored and the length of time it is stored in each specified storage location. Users control the data placement using placement and deletion rules, and the storage endpoint where those clones are placed. Lifecycle rules are interpreted on a once per day basis, thereby producing a list of content to move. Data is then moved as a background process.

The available storage targets consist of Vail VM nodes, S3 buckets, and BlackPearl® systems that are associated with the Spectra Vail application. Users can create up to five rules per lifecycle to govern the movement and location of data. Users can delete rules at any time, and any data movement in progress completes based on the known rules at the time the transaction started.

Storage

A storage destination consists of either disk-based storage provided by a Vail cluster, block storage provided by a Vail VM node, a BlackPearl bucket, a BlackPearl NAS share, or an AWS® S3 repository. Disk-based and block storage can utilize the Standard or Standard-Infrequent Access storage classes, while BlackPearl bucket storage on tape can only use the Glacier storage class. AWS repositories can use any storage class.

Storage Classes

Amazon S3 provides multiple storage classes for different use cases. The Spectra Vail application recognizes all storage classes supported by AWS, but only uses storage class types Standard, Standard-Infrequent Access, and Glacier.

The Spectra Vail application makes a best guess regarding where to place data if any other storage class is specified. Lifecycles can be used to transition data from one storage class to another.

Standard (SA)

This storage class is best for frequently accessed data, as it offers high performance, availability, and data durability, as well as low latency and high throughput.

Standard (SA) is fast access storage such as disk, flash, or block storage, as well as Amazon S3 or third-party S3 object storage.

Standard-Infrequent Access (IA)

This storage class is best suited for data that does not need to be accessed frequently, but needs to be retrieved immediately when access is requested. The Standard-IA storage class offers the same low latency, high performance and durability of the Standard storage class, but at lower cost.

Glacier

This storage class is best suited for long-term storage and archiving, as it offers high security and durability at the lowest cost. This storage class is fundamentally different in that in order to access data in Glacier storage, the data must first be retrieved, and this retrieval can take many hours to complete. In order to use this storage class, S3 clients must be able to issue an "object restore" command to move the object from Glacier storage to Standard storage. After the object is available on Standard storage, a GET command is used to access the object.

Vail Bucket

A Vail bucket is the highest-level logical storage container for S3 objects. Each Vail bucket is a unique endpoint and displays a single view of all objects in the bucket, which can have managed copies at multiple sites, in multiple clouds, and in multiple storage classes or tiers.

Vail buckets may be assigned a lifecycle to control the movement of data, but do not require a lifecycle. Multiple Vail buckets can use the same lifecycle. Vail buckets can also be configured to use encryption.

Linked Bucket

The Spectra Vail application is able to link to existing AWS S3 or BlackPearl buckets and create a linked bucket. When this is done the Spectra Vail application is immediately aware of the existing data which allows for ongoing synchronization with external storage targets in the Vail sphere, while still allowing for the application of lifecycle rules.

Only one linked bucket is allowed per storage location.

Location

A Location denotes a physical location in the world that consists of a set of storage targets or physical storage such as a BlackPearl S3 solution, tape storage connected to a BlackPearl S3 solution, Vail VM node storage, and Vail clusters that share the same physical location.

BlackPearl Storage

The Spectra Vail application uses a BlackPearl S3 solution to provide disk storage as an S3 Standard (SA) target, and to optionally provide On-Prem Glacial storage using Spectra Logic tape libraries.

On-Prem Glacier Storage

A BlackPearl S3 solution with On-Prem Glacier storage allows data to move seamlessly into tape storage in a way not previously possible. It enables users to deploy a tier of deep storage that is cost effective, easy to manage, and scalable to exabytes of data.