

V-SERIES All Flash Array
User Guide



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Preface

This user guide is intended to be a comprehensive summary of user-level operations on the V-SERIES V1000 SE and V1000 XE All Flash Array. The guide is designed for use by administrators and storage managers who are responsible for configuring, monitoring, and maintaining the V-SERIES Array in a production environment.

Conventions

The following conventions are used in this document:

| Element | Convention | |
|--|---|--|
| Button | Arial, 10 pt, Bold | |
| Command Line Interface input/output | Courier New, 10 pt, Bold | |
| Emphasize a word or phrase | Underline | |
| Event notifications or other message | Times New Roman, 10 pt, Bold | |
| Key | COURIER NEW, 11 PT, CAPS | |
| Literals | Times New Roman, 10 pt, Bold | |
| Titles | Italic | |
| Window option | Arial, 10 pt, Bold | |
| Variable, represents text that must be entered | <courier 10="" bold,="" italic="" new,="" pt,=""></courier> | |

Document Conventions

Related Documents

The following documents provide additional information about the V1000 SE and V1000 XE All Flash Array:

- V-SERIES Array Release Notes: Provides most recent release updates
- V-SERIES Array Best Practices Guide: Provides details on optimal configurations

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Introduction

The V-SERIES V1000 SE and V1000 XE are high-density, fully redundant, rack-mountable storage device that integrates NVMe drives with advanced Array controllers and environmental support components to provide an extremely reliable self-contained storage unit that outperforms more traditional storage subsystems.

As a fully redundant unit, the V-SERIES Array consists of pairs of redundant, active components; each member of the pair can function in the absence of the other member, maintaining operation in the event of failure of an active component. If a component fails, the system supplies information designed to assist in completing corrective actions. The V-SERIES Array can continue to operate with multiple component failures while making intelligent decisions to provide the highest level of data protection and integrity.

V1000 SE and V1000 XE Advanced Features

The V-SERIES Array provides the following advanced features:

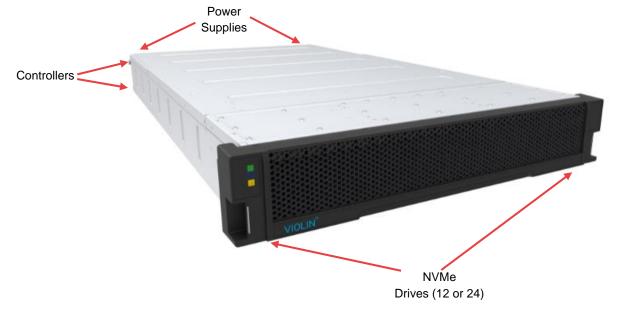
- a. Web-based User Interface for Storage Management and Provisioning: MAESTRO is the Web-based
 User Interface that provides storage management and provisioning services for all networked VSERIES and XIO G4 Arrays.
- b. **Managed Reliability**: The Array contains processes that improve system reliability through intelligent error management. These processes include:
 - A hierarchy of table-driven recovery actions that repair drive errors ranging from simple errors to those requiring more advanced error handling.
 - In-place drive remanufacture that predicts, diagnoses, and repairs drive degeneration and failures.
 - A closed-loop feedback system between the installation and the manufacturer that collects and analyzes a variety of system operating metrics. This feature greatly reduces failures by remotely predicting and diagnosing potential problems and providing proactive system servicing.
- c. High-performance data I/O: The system architecture leverages the power of a single processor with multiple cores, Fibre Channel or iSCSI data paths, and SSDs to deliver outstanding data I/O performance.
- d. **Quality of Service (QoS)**: Control of performance expectations, useful when running different applications on the same Array. By default, this is actively self-managed by the Array software.
- e. **Thin Provisioning**: Allows the user to optimize how the available space is utilized on the Array by allowing the user to over provision the storage. Thinly Provisioned Volumes allocate storage space based on the actual data written.
- f. Deduplication: A data compression technique that eliminates duplicate copies of data allowing the user to optimize their storage usage. The Array enables in-line deduplication on a per volume basis.
- g. **Snapshot:** Space efficient snapshots are supported on dedupe volumes.
- h. **Snapshot schedules** can be created per volume, with a total of 2 unique schedules per volumes. Thinning will automatically occur on snapshots created from schedules, with the oldest removed first. The number of snapshots retained is 24, by default, but can be adjusted through the "keep" option on schedules. A user can also mark a snapshot to be "excluded" from the thinning. Manually created

- snapshots are always marked as "excluded" from thinning. Refer to the V-SERIES Array Best Practices for more details.
- i. **Dual controllers**: Both controllers actively participate in data I/O, simultaneously accessing all drives in the system. This configuration provides maximum performance as well as reliability.
- j. **Automatic failover/failback**: The system performs automatic transfer of volume access from an out of service controller to the partner in conjunction with appropriate multi-path drivers at the host level.
- k. Run-time controller software and drive firmware upgrades: The system provides the ability to upgrade the internal controller software and drive firmware with new versions without service interruption. Should a controller experience an unrecoverable error during the software upgrade process, the controller software is returned to the previously installed version.
- I. **Background parity scan**: Provides enhanced data integrity by employing an embedded function to automatically check all data for RAID parity consistency and flag inconsistent data with a media error.
- m. LUN Expansion: As volume space needs increase, individual LUNs can be expanded.
- n. Activewatch: Provides full telemetry.

V-SERIES Array Components

Refer to the V-SERIES Array Hardware Guide for a complete description of each component.

The V1000 SE and V1000 XE All Flash Array have the basic external view:





Rear view of V1000 XE or 4 port V1000 SE. V1000 SE has option of 2 ports

The V-SERIES Array components are (external and internal):

- 1. Two Power Supply Units (PSUs), providing a redundant power source
- 2. Dual Redundant PSUs N+1 (~2000w), Support AC 220V(180Vrms~264Vrms) input
- 3. Two Managed Reliability Controllers (Fibre Channel or iSCSI), providing control and value-added features
- 4. Five Fans
- 5. Supports up 22 Dual-Port NVMe SSDs
 - a. 11 or 22 drives, with slots 12 and 24 empty
 - b. V1000 XE software version 5.0 configurations support 12 and 24 drives
- 6. Cable management system
- 7. One chassis, custom-designed to house the active components of the Array
- 8 Bezel
- 9. Serial Console port (see below)

A serial cable can be connected into each controller. The open port is located under the MRC ports.



Serial Port (9 pin)

The serial port cable is a 9 pin on the user end:



Controller

The V-SERIES Array Controller (two per Array) uses built-in diagnostics and recovery tools to analyze, identify, and recover from a variety of common drive problems. Each Controller has the ability to send telemetry information back to the NEXSAN headquarters and notify the Services organization that something has gone wrong. This is enabled by default and should remain enabled upon installation unless the customer's business does not allow it.

Drives, Open DataPacs, and Pools

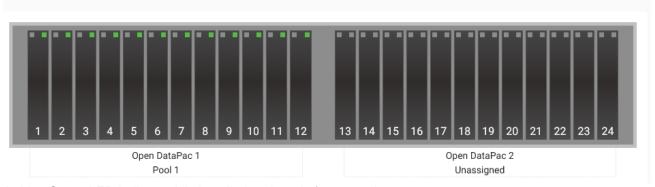
The V-SERIES Array supports several different capacities of NVMe SSDs (drives). There is support for 11 or 22 drives, with drive slots 12 and 24 empty. The V1000 XE with 5.0 configurations supports 12 or 24 drives.

A collection of 11 same-capacity NVMe drives (installed consecutively) is called an Open DataPac. Open DataPac 1 contains drives 1-11 and Open DataPac 2 contains drives 13-23.

A pool is a collection of one or more Open DataPacs. Future expansion of the Pool is supported by inserting 11 drives into Open DataPac2.

At initialization of the Pool, 10% of each Open DataPac capacity is reserved as a spare. The spare capacity is used in the event of a drive failure. Spare capacity is equivalent to "hot-spare" drives in a more traditional storage solution. Note: V1000 XE Arrays configured at 5.0 contain 12 drive Open DataPacs and reserve 20% spare capacity.

The below diagram, from the MAESTRO User Interface, shows 12 installed NVMe SSDs (green LED), from V-SERIES Array installed at software release 5.1. These drives are assigned to Pool 1:



A drive Green LED indicates it is installed and ready for use or in use.

Host Data Traffic

The V-SERIES Array provides high-speed data traffic through eight Fibre Channel or iSCSI ports for the V1000 XE and four or eight Fibre Channel ports for the V1000 SE.

iSCSI Arrays have four 25/10G ports on each Controller and uniquely identified as Data Networks A, B, C, D.

Fibre Channel

The Fibre Channel ports are 16Gb and can connect to a host directly (Direct-Attached) or through a Fibre Channel switch.

Controller 1 is the top controller. FC ports are numbered left to right, as shown below. This is the V1000 XE which has 4 FC ports per Controller. The V1000 SE has 2 or 4 FC ports per Controller.



Controller 2 is the bottom controller. FC ports are numbered right to left, as shown below..



iSCSI

The iSCSI ports are 25/10Gb and are supported through a switch. The iSCSI controller ports are shown below, labeled A, B, C, D (left to right) on Controller 1 (top). Controller 2 (bottom) ports are right to left.



The iSCSI Controllers each have Data Network A, B.

Reference the V-SERIES Array Best Practices document for configuration details for HBA, switch, and multipath settings.

Array Management

The V-SERIES Array management is provided through the 10/100/1Gb Ethernet ports, via the Array Command Line Interface (CLI) or a web-based User Interface, **MAESTRO**. The preferred method of management is through the web-based User Interface, **MAESTRO**.

Management Tools

Reserved Characters

MAESTRO accepts special characters in text-entry fields except for those characters listed in the table below.

| Character | Name |
|-----------|---------------|
| & | ampersand |
| и | double quotes |
| / | forward slash |
| \ | back slash |
| í | single quote |

Table 1: Supported MAESTRO Characters

In addition to the above, the CLI accepts special characters in text-entry fields except for those characters listed in the table below.

| Character | Name |
|-----------|--------------|
| % | percent |
| & | ampersand |
| < | less than |
| > | greater than |
| \ | back slash |
| , | single quote |

Table 2: Supported CLI Characters

Command Line Interface

The Array contains an embedded Command Line Interface (CLI) that responds to commands entered at the CLI prompt on a remote console or invoked through a script. Standard command line protocol (such as terminating a command by pressing Enter) applies. Although, multiple users may be connected to the Array simultaneously, this is not recommended due to possible conflicts. This section describes the requirements and connection procedure of the CLI.

Remote Console Requirements

The remote console used to control the Array may be any terminal connection application that has Secure Shell connection capability (protocol version 2) through port 22. Secure Shell connection capability is a secure form of telnet. The Array will not respond to a regular telnet connection request.

Connecting

This section describes the steps to connect to the Array through the remote console.

- 1. To connect to the target Array use any terminal connection application on the remote console and configure it for SSH service on port 22.
- 2. Type the IP address or the host name of one of the controllers in the Array into the application's connection field and connect.
- 3. The application requests SSH access credentials.
- 4. Enter the access credentials as follows:

```
User name: administrator
Password: <password>
```

The user password for the first-time login, built into the Array during its manufacture, is **administrator**. If the password **administrator** is rejected, check with the network administrator to obtain the current valid user password.

- 5. Connect to the Array by entering its network friendly name or IP address and the prompt appears.
- 6. CLI commands can now be entered to control the Array as described throughout this document.
- 7. Enter help at the prompt to display a list of available commands. Appendix B, also shows the list of available commands.
- 8. To exit from the CLI, type exit or quit at the prompt.

Reserved Characters

The CLI permits special characters in text-entry fields except for those characters listed in Tables 1 and 2. An argument in a CLI field may contain spaces if the entire argument entry is enclosed in quotation marks.

MAESTRO

The V-SERIES Array management tool of choice is the Web-based User Interface called MAESTRO. MAESTRO can manage a single Array or multiple. It also manages XIO G4 Arrays. MAESTRO includes a dashboard that provides a high level overview of the Array status, storage usage, performance monitoring, and component health.

MAESTRO runs within a VM on each of the controllers. One controller's VM is active and the other controller's VM is "stand-by", which will take over if the managing controller is physically removed. The use of a VM within the Array eliminates the need for installation of a separate application or dependencies on where the UI can be run.

MAESTRO supported browsers:

- Google Chrome on Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10
- > Firefox
- ➢ IE 11
- Edge

To launch MAESTRO:

- 1. Using a supported browser: Enter the name or IP address for a V-SERIES Array Controller
- 2. On the login screen the Username will auto-populate to Administrator
- 3. Enter the password (made4you)
- 4. Click Login



Configuring the Array

Configuring the Array can be accomplished by through the command line interface (CLI) or the Web-based User Interface, **MAESTRO**. The installation and initial configuration of the Array is typically provided by a certified NEXSAN partner. Additional user configuration management can be done through either interface, with the preferred method using MAESTRO. The following sections will provide guidance through MAESTRO. The CLI will be documented for areas that are not available through MAESTRO or are more convenient to use through that interface.

Initializing the Array

The Array will be installed by a certified NEXSAN partner, or remote Professional Services. Initial configurations such as network address assignments and Data Security (Data-At-Rest Protection) need to be planned prior to initialization. Once the Array is initialized, it is ready to configure and write data. Re-initializing the Array will delete all data. Contact VIOLIN prior to attempting to re-initialize the system.

Data Security

Must be enabled PRIOR to Array initialization

The V-SERIES Array supports two levels of data security: **Data-At-Rest Protection** and **Passkey Protection**. The Data-At-Rest Protection is a feature provided in software versions 5.1.2 and later. These

features **must be enabled prior to initialization** of the Array. Passkey Protection is an additional level of security that is enabled by default when Data-At-Rest Protection is enabled.

Data-At-Rest Protection

Data-At-Rest Protection provides a secured handshake on data transfers to the drives, using AES-256 encryption. Data-At-Rest Protection is supported in software 5.1.2 or later and only enabled prior to initialization of the Array. When enabling this feature, a user supplied passkey is required. This passkey is also used to enable **Passkey Protection** of the Array. Data-At-Rest Protection can only be disabled by reformatting the Array.

The passkey is not retrievable by Violin Systems. The user must take care to remember the passkey

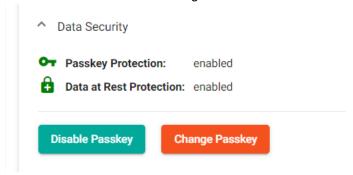
Passkey Protection

Passkey Protection is an additional level of security that is only available when Data-At-Rest Protection is enabled. This feature is optional but enabled by default when Data-At-Rest Protection is enabled. Passkey Protection can be disabled by the user at any time. This additional level of security prevents access to the data after a power loss, or shutdown of the Array, until the Array is unlocked with the passkey. The user will be prompted in MAESTRO or through the command line interface for the passkey. Once the passkey is provided, the Array will complete the power-up process and allow access to the luns.

Passkey Protection changes can be made only if Data-At-Risk Protection is enabled. Array Passkey Protection operations (MAESTRO or command line) are:

- Encryption enable [encryption –enable <passkey>]
- Encryption disable [encryption -disable <passkey>]
- Encryption change passkey [encryption -change <current passkey> <new passkey>

MAESTRO >> Advanced Settings



The passkey is not retrievable by Violin Systems. The user must take care to remember the passkey.

Data Security Status

The status of Data-At-Rest Protection and Passkey Protection are displayed in MAESTRO and the command line "show ise".

The below display, from MAESTRO Advanced Settings, indicates the Array was enabled with Data-At-Risk Protection, which by default enabled Passkey Protection:

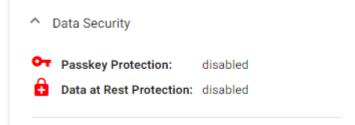
MAESTRO Advanced Settings >> Data Security

Data Security

Passkey Protection: enabled

Data at Rest Protection: enabled

When Data-At-Rest Protection is not enabled, Passkey Protection is also not enabled:



Configuration Management

After initialization, MAESTRO can be used to manage additional configuration preferences.

Array system configuration options include:

| Desired Action | MAESTRO Suite Action |
|---------------------|--|
| Create Host | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Hosts >> Create Host Client |
| Server View | Managed Servers |
| Daylight Savings | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Advanced Settings tab |
| SNMP Configuration | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Advanced Settings tab |
| System Clock | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Advanced Settings tab |
| Telemetry | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Advanced Settings tab |
| (Subscriptions) | |
| Create Volume | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Storage Volumes tab |
| Email Notifications | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Advanced Settings tab |
| DHCP/Static | SAN Groups >> san_group >> Advanced Settings tab |

System Parameters

Once navigated into an Array Dashboard, clicking on any of the component tabs (header) will display the details for that component and allow for various system parameters to be configured.



Network Settings

The Array network settings are typically configured during installation of the Array. They can be easily managed later through **MAESTRO**.

The network settings include two Ethernet ports (1 and 2), the Media Access Control (MAC) address, link status (connected or unknown), and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) mode (enabled or disabled). Connections to the CLI are made through the Ethernet ports.

When DHCP mode is enabled, the network DHCP server assigns an IP address, mask, and gateway to each of the Ethernet ports. These addresses are displayed in MAESTRO under Advanced Settings. The Array enables DHCP Mode by default.

When DHCP mode is disabled, the IP address, mask, and gateway for **Port 1** and **Port 2** must be supplied at system setup time and manually changed to reflect any network changes that have an impact.

Once the IPs have been changed, MAESTRO will need the updated IPs entered for management. Click on Managed Arrays >> <Array name> >> Update New IP

Note: Toggling from Static to DHCP or changing static IPs requires at restart of the Array.

System Clock Settings

During Array manufacture, the system clock is set to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). If desired, the system clock can be set as needed to meet site requirements. When the system clock is set on one controller, the system clock of the companion controller is automatically and immediately synchronized.

To approximately synchronize the Array to a local server manually, enter a synchronization time and wait for the server's clock to cycle to that synchronization time before pressing ENTER while in the CLI.

MAESTRO: To display or change the System Clock Settings, select *Array_Name >> Advanced Settings >> Time Settings*, then select Edit to update as desired.

The following formats apply to setting time:

- a. Date: *dd-mmm-yyyy*, where *mmm* is the 3-letter representation of a month (for example, Nov for November). Enter the month in uppercase or lowercase or a combination of both; it is displayed in lowercase with an initial capital.
- b. Time: hh:mm:ss using a 24-hour clock.

- c. Time Zone:
 - In the CLI, type help timezone to see the time zone options.
- d. *Daylight*: Enable this option to automatically adjust the time for the change to and from Daylight Savings Time. The Daylight option is enabled by default.

Maestro Time Settings EDIT



NTP Server

When using an NTP Server, "Automatic" will use DHCP to obtain the NTP server address, where as "Static" uses the specified NTP server IP address that is supplied.

| System Clock Attribute | CLI Command |
|-------------------------|---|
| Date | configuredate=< <i>dd-mm-yyyy</i> > |
| Time | configuretime= <hh:mm:ss></hh:mm:ss> |
| Timezone | configuretimezone= <zoneoption> Use help timezone to view options</zoneoption> |
| Automatic Daylight Time | configuretimezone= <zoneoption> To disable configure timezone=<zoneoption>dst To enable</zoneoption></zoneoption> |

Setting System Clock Attributes—CLI Commands

Fibre Channel Port Speed

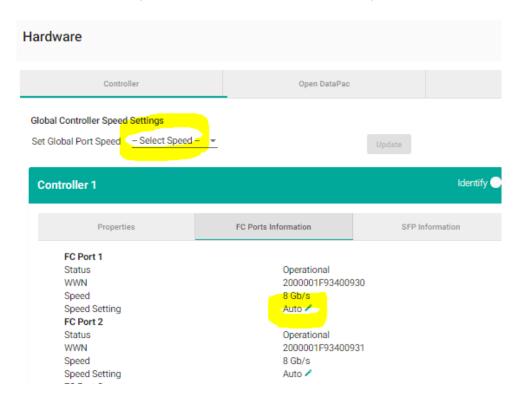
The Fibre Channel host port speed can be set to one of the following settings:

Speeds of 4, 8,16Gb on the individual Controller ports

 Auto (default): Using the protocol defined in the T11 Auto-Negotiation standard, the Array will autonegotiates with the Fibre Channel switch to determine and set the highest port speed that both devices support.

MAESTRO: Array _Name >> Hardware >> Controller >> FC Port Information

FC speed can be changed per Controller port by selecting the FC Port >> Speed Setting FC speed can be changed on all Controller ports at one time using the **Set Global Port Speed**

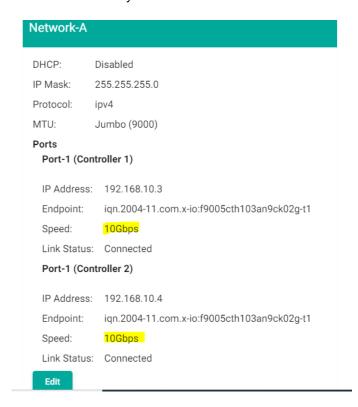


iSCSI Interconnect Speed

The V-Series Array iSCSI ports that can operate at 25/10Gb. There are 4 ports per Controller. The negotiated speed is displayed in the iSCSI Hardware Tab. Each Data Network negotiated speed is display per Controller.

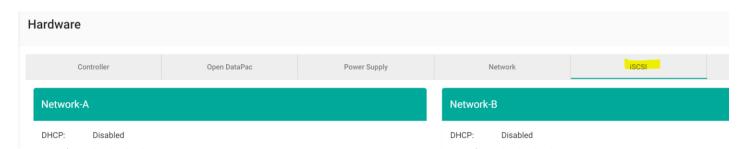
Below is an example of Network A for each Controller.

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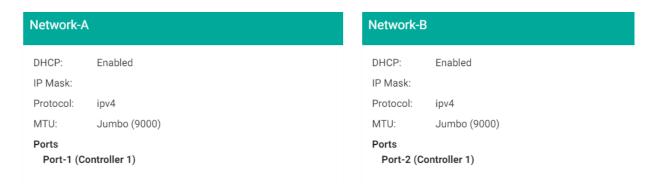
iSCSI Attributes

CHAP and Jumbo Frames iSCSI attributes can be managed through the Hardware iSCSI tab:



Jumbo Frames

The iSCSI Arrays support "normal" Ethernet frames of 1500 bytes or "jumbo" frames of up to 9000 bytes. MTU can be adjusted in the iSCSI tab under the Array Hardware page. Reference the V-SERIES Array Best Practices for additional recommendations for setting Jumbo Frames.

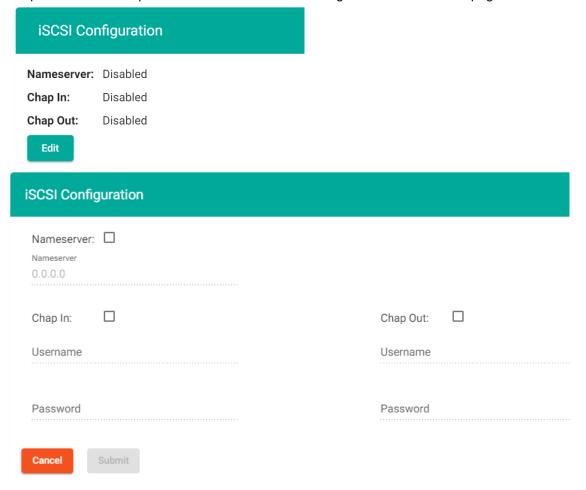


CHAP

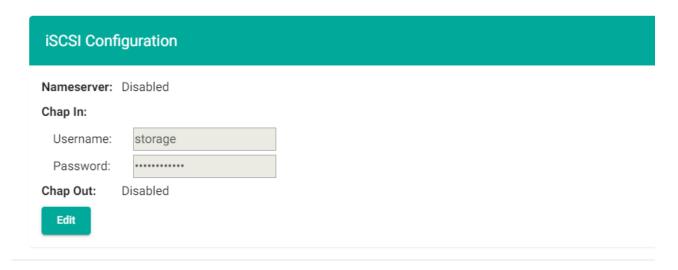
The iSCSI Array can be configured to enable CHAP security. The CHAP security model can either perform authentication of the initiator by the target (one-way) or it can authenticate the initiator by the target and then authenticate the target with the initiator (two-way or mutual authentication). The iSCSI Array can use either authentication model as long as the CHAP secret meets the criteria of being 12–16 characters long. If using mutual authentication, the CHAP secrets must be different.

Note: The Array uses a single username and password combination for all hosts. The use of separate username and password combinations for each host is not currently supported.

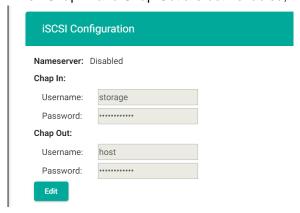
Chap enable/disable option is located in the iSCSI Configuration section of the page:



Once enabled, the iSCSI configuration section will display a username and password. The below is what is displayed when Chap In is enabled but Chap Out is still disabled.



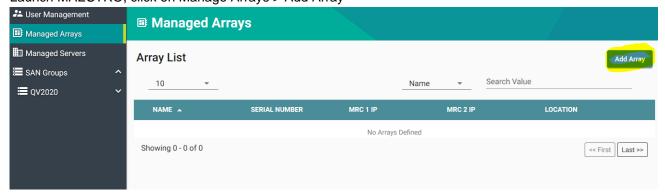
When Chap In and Chap Out are both enabled, the display will appear as following:



Managed Arrays

Once logged into MAESTRO, the Array(s) to be managed need to be added to the Managed Arrays list.

Launch MAESTRO, click on Manage Arrays > Add Array



Add V1000 SE or V1000 XE

When adding the Array, some options are useful to configure:

System Name

The system name is an optional user-defined name for the Array. A name is any alphanumeric string of up to thirty-two characters. Embedded blanks and special characters, except "Reserved Characters" shown in tables 1 and 2, are permitted.

Address

The Address is an optional user-defined address for the Array, such as a physical address, building, or any address string. The address is any alphanumeric string of up to sixty characters. Embedded blanks and special characters, except "Reserved Characters" shown in tables 1 and 2, are permitted.

Location

The Location is an optional user-defined location for the Array, such as a data center, room number, rack number, rack position, or any other type of locator. The location is any alphanumeric string of up to sixty characters. Embedded blanks and special characters, except Reserved Characters shown in tables 2 and 2, are permitted.

Contact Name

The Contact Name is an optional user-defined name for a person associated with this Array, such as a storage manager, network administrator, or other associated person. The contact name is any alphanumeric string of up to sixty alphanumeric characters. Embedded blanks and special characters, except Reserved Characters shown in tables 1 and 2, are permitted.

Contact Phone

The Contact Phone is an optional user-supplied phone number for the contact person See "Contact Name". The contact phone is any alphanumeric string of up to sixteen characters. Embedded blanks and special characters, except Reserved Characters shown in tables 1 and 2, are permitted.

Contact Email

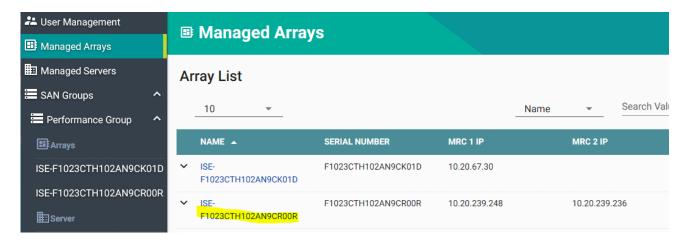
The Contact Email is an optional user-defined e-mail address for the contact person. See "Contact Name". The Contact Email field accepts any valid e-mail address of up to sixty alphanumeric characters.

The above information is reported back to NEXSAN through the Activewatch services. It can provide useful information for shipment of parts and who to contact.

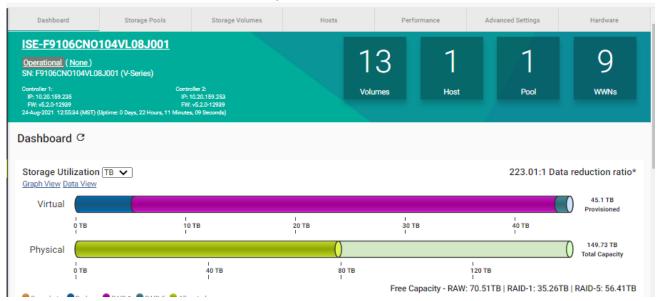
Once the Arrays are added to the Managed Arrays list, MAESTRO will maintain persistent information for all the Arrays regarding performance, San Group assignments, and Managed Servers. This data is stored on a mirrored VM on the "managing" Array. The managing Array is the IP used to launch MAESTRO.

Note: If MAESTRO is launched to a non-managing Array, the same data will not be available until it is also added to the Managed Arrays in that instance of MAESTRO.

Management and configuring of an Array is just one click-away. Click on the Array name in the Managed Arrays list:



This launches into the Dashboard for the Array:

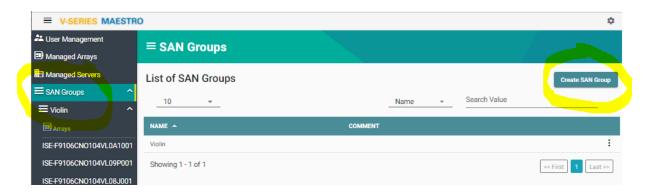


SAN Groups (optional)

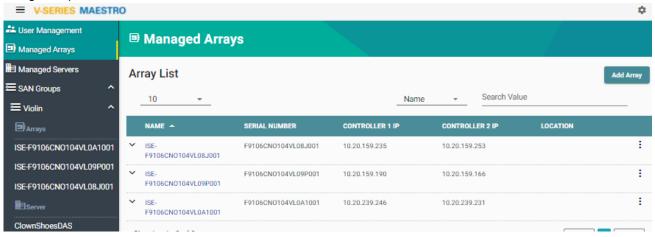
The V-SERIES Arrays and XIO G4 Array can be logically grouped into SAN Groups. A SAN Group is a collection of Arrays that that allows quick access to a group of Arrays. This is useful when there are large number Arrays in the Managed Arrays. A SAN Group can be created when an Array is added to Managed Arrays or independently by clicking in the left Navigation pane on SAN Groups. When fewer Arrays are in the Managed Arrays list, access to the Array can easily occur by clicking on the Array name in the Managed Arrays list, instead of adding to a SAN Group.

Arrays are added to a SAN Group either when they are added into Managed Arrays or after a SAN Group is created.

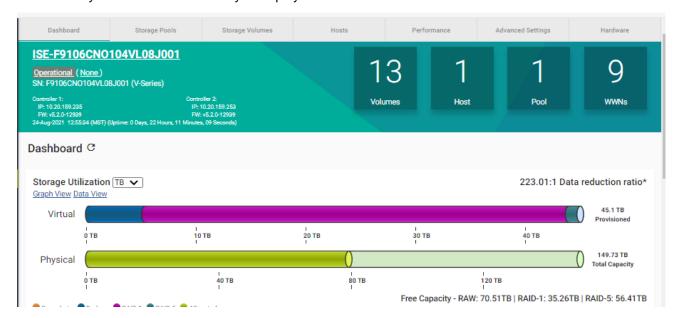
Click on SAN Group name in navigation pane and ADD the Array via a SAN Group:



The Arrays that are being monitored by MAESTRO are shown after clicking on Managed Arrays in the left navigation pane.



Click on an Array and the status summary is displayed in the Dashboard.



Dashboard —Status Summary

Storage Pools

The V-SERIES Array storage capacity is organized into entities called storage pools or pools.

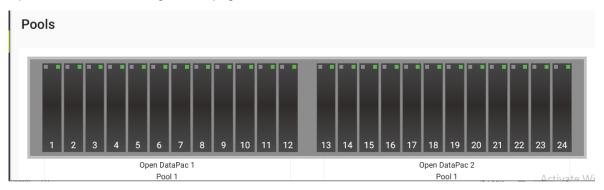
An Open DataPac is a collection of NVMe drives. 11 drives are in Open DataPac. One or two Open DataPacs are supported, for a total of 22 drives. The V1000 XE configured at software version 5.0 supports 12 drive Open DataPacs. for a total of two Open DataPacs and 24 drives.

Open DataPacs are allocated by default to Pool1. Pool expansion is supported by installing Open DataPac 2, after the Array is initialized.

A pool consists of all available capacity provided by one or two Open DataPacs. The overall capacity of each pool is determined by the number and size of the drives in the Open DataPac(s) allocated to the pool, minus the 10% that is reserved for spare capacity. V1000 XE configured at software version 5.0 are initialized by default to 20% spare capacity.

Volumes are created within a pool. Volumes can be RAID-1 or RAID-5, and thin or thick provisioned or type deduplication. Deduplication is enabled by default through MAESTRO. Dedupe volumes are restricted to Pool1. QoS can be enabled on thick and thin volumes. QoS is not supported on dedupe volumes.

Open DataPac and Storage Pools page:



V1000 XE configured at software version 5.0, with 24 drives

Pool Information

Pool capacity and usage details are displayed on the Storage Pools page.

Pool 1 [Free: 170889 GiB | Used: 238 GiB | Status: Operational(Spare capacity could be improved)]

Deduplication Usage (used/provisioned)

Available Capacity: RAID-1 85444 GiB

Open DataPac 1

System Data: 120/120 GiB

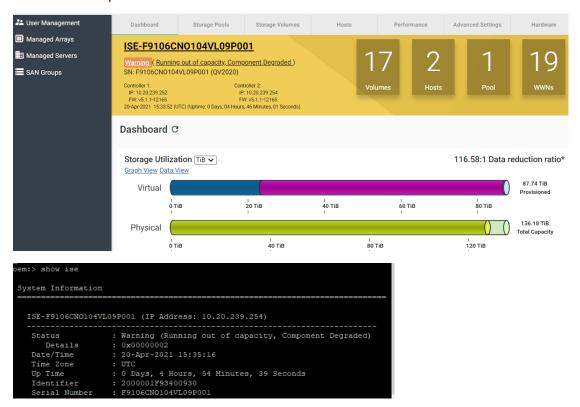
User Data: 48/48 GiB

ThinThreshold: 75 %

Thin Threshold (Running Out of Capacity)

Thin Threshold provides an alert when the Array total used capacity has reached the threshold, or beyond. By default it is set to alert when 75% of the Array user capacity has been written/used. The Thin Threshold setting is displayed in Pool information. Thin Threshold can be adjusted, via command line, to alert at lower or higher thresholds.

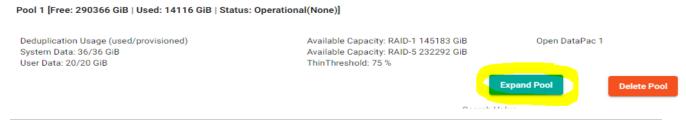
Several alerts are generated when the threshold is reached: email alert (if enabled), Maestro will display a yellow banner (Running out of capacity), and command line "show ise" command will indicate warning status. Below are examples of these alerts.



Although this feature is mainly intended to alert for configurations with thin volumes, it actually provides an alert for any configuration running out of capacity.

Pool Expansion

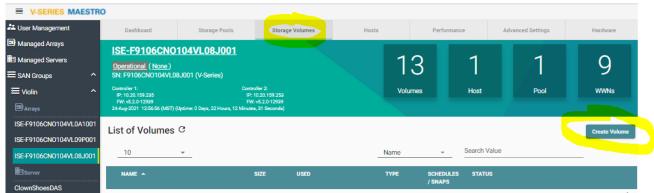
Additional capacity can be added to the Array if the drive slots are not fully populated. After inserting additional drives, Pool 1 can be expanded by clicking on the Expand Pool button, as shown below.



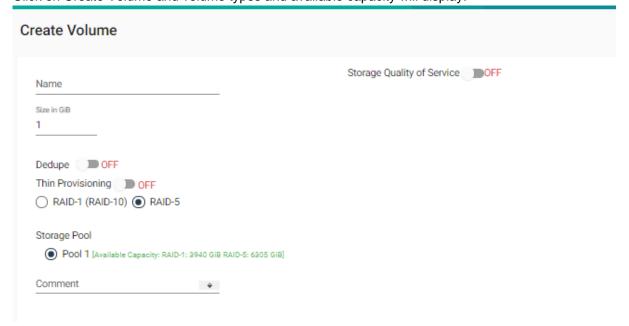
Expand Pool feature must be initiated by Service and is only supported in software version 5.2.0 and newer

Volumes

Volumes can be created through the Array Storage Volumes tab.



Click on Create Volume and volume types and available capacity will display:



Thin Provisioning

Thin Provisioning is a method of over-subscribing or over-provisioning the amount of space on a storage Array. One of the advantages of thin provisioning is on-demand allocation. This allows the storage administrator to present volume to an Operating System without having to fully allocate the space on the storage Array. By using Thin Provisioned volumes, the Array can be used in a more space efficient manner. Only when new writes are requested are the new blocks actually allocated to the Thin Provisioned volume. Blocks that are re-written do not require new blocks to be allocated. Thin Provisioning thresholds are implemented on a per pool basis.



NOTE: The default Thin threshold is 75% of the pool storage. Use the CLI **modify** -pool=<pool_ID> command to change the threshold value.

Deduplication

Dedupe is a volume type that is utilized when the user wants to optimize storage capacity by allowing the Array to detect duplicate data and store only one copy. The V-SERIES Array detects duplicates across all dedupe volumes and optimizes into one copy of the data.

The dedupe volume size is not reserved within the system and full capacity is not guaranteed like a thick volume. As unique writes come in for a volume, the requested capacity growth will be measured against the original volume size. As with thin volumes, dedupe volume data will not be allowed to be written if the required increased volume size has reached the Array available capacity.

Deduplication requires execution of complex algorithms within the Array. As such, dedupe volumes are traditionally not as high performing as non-dedupe volumes.

Quality of Service (QoS)

QoS settings are available per volume. This optional feature is available on thick and thin volumes. It is not supported on dedupe volumes. Setting the IOPS limits effectively sets a priority for volumes. If these goals or limits are not met, the Array automatically adjusts the service levels in order to make sure that necessary QoS levels for your highest priority applications are nearly always maintained.

Min Goal IOPS can be considered a means of "reserving" performance for given LUNs and will throttle back other LUN performance to achieve this goal. Throttling delays the I/O request, which adds latency to the I/O to slow down the host. The Min can be guaranteed only if the host is generating the I/O to reach that minimum, so care should be taken to set a realistic Min value.

Max Limit IOPS is used in conjunction with Min Goal and is only applied when other volumes are unable to achieve their minimum goals and the system is under. Max Limit per volume can be considered a soft threshold for IOPS. As long as volumes are achieving their Min Goal, then IOPS can go higher and reach the Burst Limit (hard threshold) for an indefinite period of time.

Burst Limit IOPS "caps" the IOPS as a hard threshold or ceiling. IOPS can never exceed the Burst Limit. If a user is using QoS for the use case of provisioning IOPS, this generally will set Burst Limit the same as Max Limit.

Converting Volumes from Thick to Thin

The Array supports converting thick volumes to thin volumes.



NOTE: Some operating systems and applications may not automatically adjust to the volume attribute change. Please refer to you vendor-specific documentation for specific guidelines on how to rediscover a volume that has been converted to a thin volume.

MAESTRO: In *Edit Volume dialog*, select Thin Provisioning option.

Re-size LUNs

The Array supports LUN re-sizing, expansion, and shrink without first copying data to another volume. LUN re-sizing in the Array is done in multiples of 1GB by adding to or subtracting from the currently highest numbered logical block address. During LUN re-sizing, independent of the LUN re-size amount, host I/O to the volume is momentarily paused (no more than ten seconds).

A re-sizing process cannot be aborted once initiated, cannot be undone, and the original presentation persists. Presentation changes must be done manually after the LUN is re-sized. The re-size process is unaffected by controller failovers and reboots.

LUN Expansion

When the expansion process begins, the Array reserves enough space to complete the expansion.

LUN Shrink

The operating system volume shrink must be completed before a LUN shrink is attempted. Not all operating systems, file systems, and databases support volume shrink. Refer to the operating system documentation for recommended procedures prior to volume shrink.



NOTE: Improper use of LUN shrink results in data loss.

Configuring Hosts

In the Array, the Host Bus Adapter (HBA) port World Wide IDs (WWIDs) are organized into entities called hosts. A host consists of one or more HBAs under a single name, by which all the HBAs in the host are referenced. Volumes must be presented to a Host for a server to have access to the LUN.

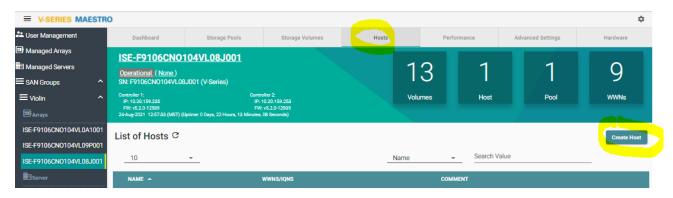
Mapping Volumes and Hosts

When presenting a volume to a host, a mapping between that host and that volume is created. Each time a mapping is made, the Array assigns an incrementing LUN number (starting with 1) to the volume so that it can be seen by that host.



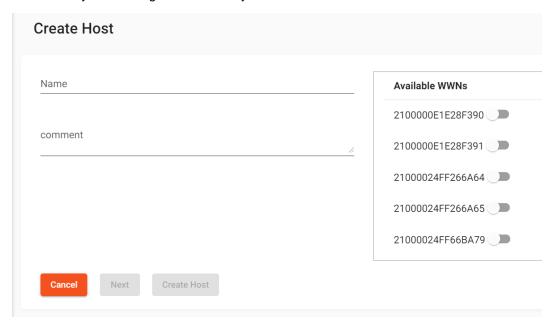
NOTE: Some operating systems or Boot from SAN environments require **LUN0** or a valid response from **LUN0** to discover presented LUNs. Verify the requirements by referring to the best practices for your operating system.

. Hosts can be created and volumes assigned through the Array Hosts page;

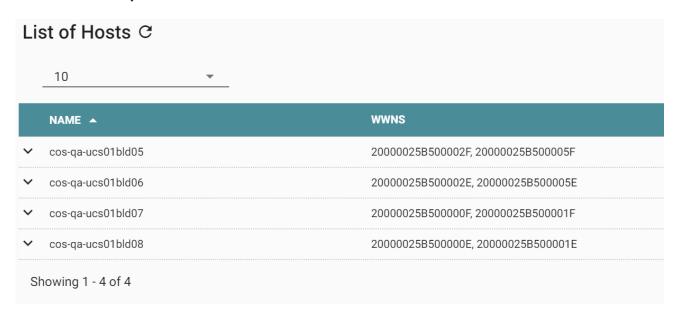


Click on Create Host, select volumes (already created) by clicking the slider.

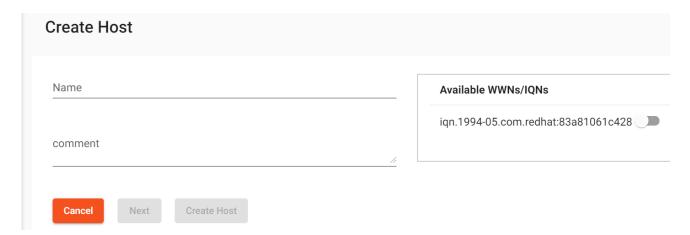
Creating a **Fibre Channel host** to present volumes will look like the below, with a list of available WWNs. If nothing is listed as available, then the host Fibre connections have not yet logged into the Array or all WWNs have already been assigned to an Array "host".



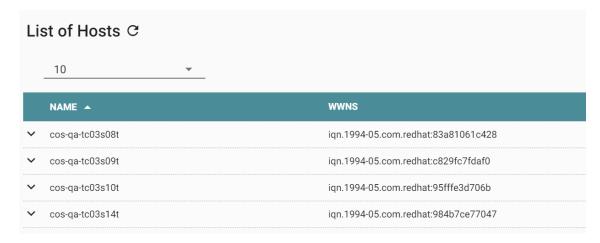
After assigning WWNs for a Fibre Channel Host, the display will appear as follows, where WWNs will be listed under the WWNS column:



Creating a **iSCSI host** to present volumes will look like the below, with a list of available IQNs. If nothing is listed as available, then the host iSCSI connections on the host have not yet been enabled. The list will only display IQNs that have logged into the Array and have not been assigned to an Array "host".



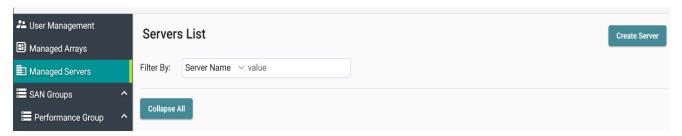
After assigning IQNs for an iSCSI Host, the display will appear as follows, where IQNs will be listed under the WWNS column:



Managed Servers (optional)

Once hosts are created and volumes are presented, MAESTRO provides an optional feature called **Managed Servers**. This feature generates a top-down logical view of servers, as defined by their HBAs, and associations to managed Arrays and volumes.

Click on Managed Servers and then Create Server to create a Server.



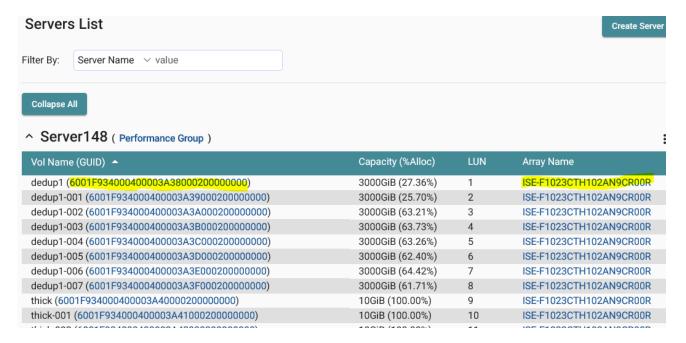
Once a server is created, MAESTRO will poll all the Managed Arrays and generate a collective list of all the volumes presented to that server, via Hosts:

Server148

| Vol Name (GUID) - | Capacity (%Alloc) | LUN | Array Name |
|---|-------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| dedup1 (6001F9340004000035DA000200000000) | 1200GiB (5.39%) | 1 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-001 (6001F9340004000035DB000200000000) | 1200GiB (4.51%) | 2 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-002 (6001F9340004000035DC000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.95%) | 3 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-003 (6001F9340004000035DD000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.95%) | 4 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-004 (6001F9340004000035DE000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.95%) | 5 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-005 (6001F9340004000035DF000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.91%) | 6 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-006 (6001F9340004000035E0000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.91%) | 7 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-007 (6001F9340004000035E1000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.91%) | 8 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| dedup1-008 (6001F9340004000035E2000200000000) | 1200GiB (99.91%) | 9 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| thick1 (6001F9340004000035E3000200000000) | 100GiB (100%) | 10 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| thick1-001 (6001F9340004000035E4000200000000) | 100GiB (100%) | 11 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| thick1-002 (6001F9340004000035E5000200000000) | 100GiB (100%) | 12 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| thick1-003 (6001F9340004000035E6000200000000) | 100GiB (100%) | 13 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN016008 |
| Dedup1-v1 (6001F934000300002D02000200000000) | 2000GiB (1.09%) | 1 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN9CK02J |
| Dedupe-v1-001 (6001F934000300002D0300020000000) | 2000GiB (1.12%) | 2 | ISE-F9005CTH103AN9CK02J |
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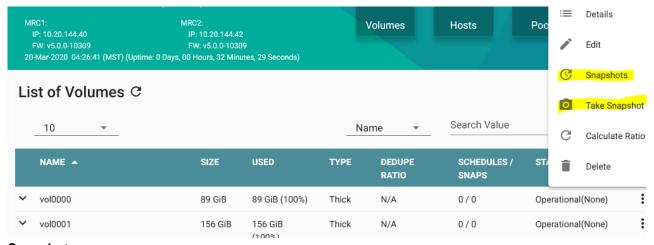
This view is helpful when scheduling server maintenance to verify which Arrays/LUNs are associated. In the above display, two Arrays (highlighted) have volumes that are presented to Server148.

Edits and management to an Array or volume from the Server list is as simple as clicking on the Array or volume link:



Snapshots

Space efficient snapshots are supported on dedupe volumes. This feature can be managed in MAESTRO through the Volumes tab. Snapshots can be manually created or automatically generated based on schedules.



Snapshots

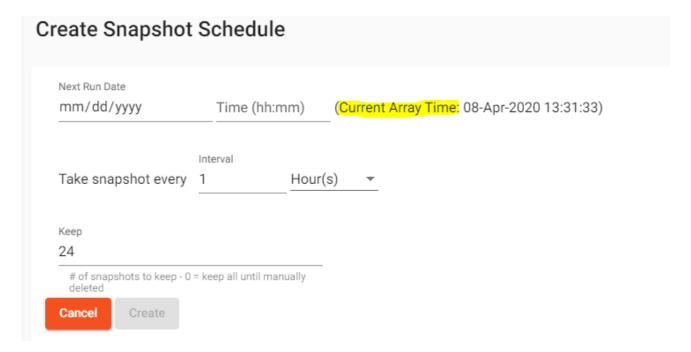
Snapshot Schedules

Schedules allow for snapshots to be automatically generated at a fixed interval with an initial start date/time.

Snapshot schedules "Next Run Date" is based on the Array timezone, noted in the Banner time.



When creating a schedule, the Array time zone and date/time are used. All future snapshots will be dated with the Array time.



A "**keep**" option on the schedule allows for a default of 24 snapshots to accumulate, per schedule, before thinning occurs. The keep value can be adjusted per schedule. Snapshots created by schedules can be changed to "exclude from thinning".

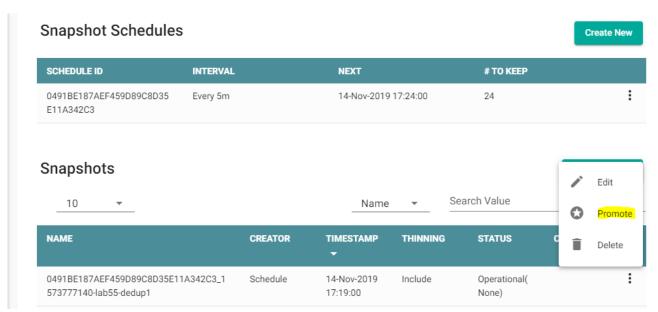
Special Considerations:

- 1) A maximum of two non-identical schedules can be assigned per volume.
- Schedules that coincide at the same time on multiple volumes will have slight overhead in performance due to background thinning. It is recommended to stagger these intervals to avoid concurrent operations.
- 3) Time changes on the Array will not update the original time for the snapshot schedules. Each schedule will need to be updated or recreated with the new timestamp baseline.

Promoted Snapshot

Snapshots are not accessible by the client/server to preserve the original data. If data needs to be read or written from a snapshot, the snapshot must be "promoted". Promote will clone the data from the snapshot and create a new Array volume. The new volume is independent from the original parent volume of the snapshot. Data written on the promoted volume will not be written to the original snapshot nor the parent volume of the

snapshot. A snapshot can be promoted through the Volume Snapshot page, by selecting the details on the snapshot.



Refer to the V-Series Best Practices Guide for how to configure and manage snapshots and schedules through MAESTRO.

V-SERIES Array vCenter Plugin

A vCenter storage plug-in is available in the V-SERIES V1000 XE Array software release 5.0.11 and later, with V1000 SE included in 5.1 software version and later. The Array plugin allows the ability to create and manage datastores on the Array from within vCenter. The plugin includes Array volume create, delete, and modify, as well as presentation to an ESX host as a datastore. MAESTRO provides easy-of-use to install, uninstall, or verify install of the Array plug-in.

The plugin is supported on vCenter versions:

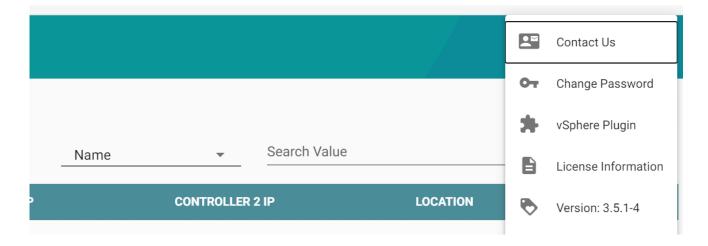
- 6.5 U3
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- 7.0

Note: vCenter versions prior to 7.0 may require a ESX server reboot to update the installation status of the plugin.

Registering V-SERIES Array vCenter Plugin

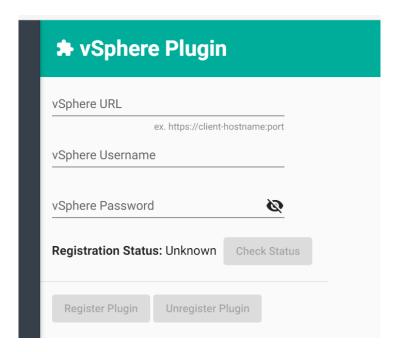
The Array plugin is registered (installed) within vCenter by using MAESTRO.

To register (install), unregister (uninstall) or check the status of the vCenter plugin, log into MAESTRO and select vSphere Plugin from the gear options.



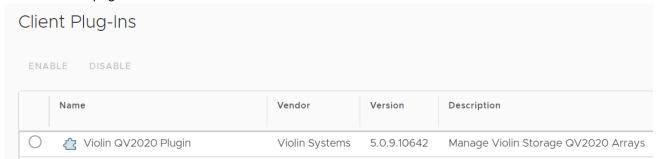
The vCenter https address and credentials are required. Once these fields are populated, MAESTRO can verify the registration status of the plugin and register or unregister the VIOLIN plugin.

Select Register Plugin to install the V-SERIES Array plugin.

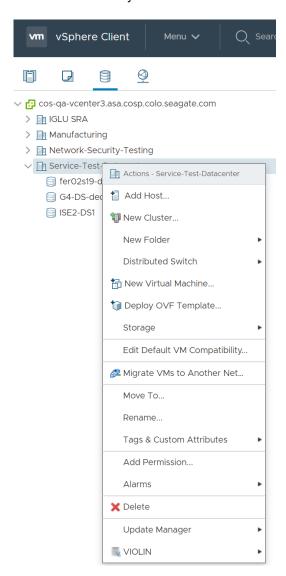


Using the V-SERIES Array Plugin

Once the Array plugin is registered in the vCenter, the plugin will display in the list of vCenter plug-ins in the Administration page:



The plugin will be called "VIOLIN QV2020 Plugin" and can be accessed like any other vCenter storage plug-in by right-clicking on Hosts and Clusters or Storage view:

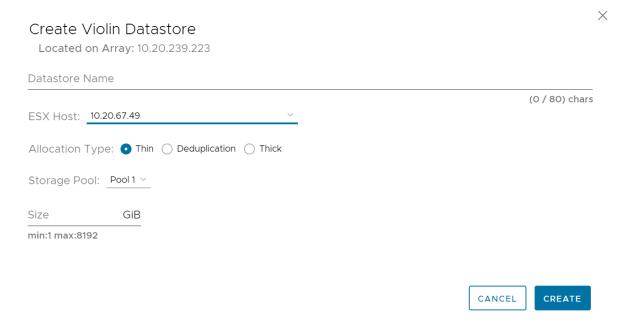


Click on the VIOLIN pull-down for datastore management options.

When using the plugin, the address and login credentials for MAESTRO are required to access to the V-SERIES Managed Arrays.

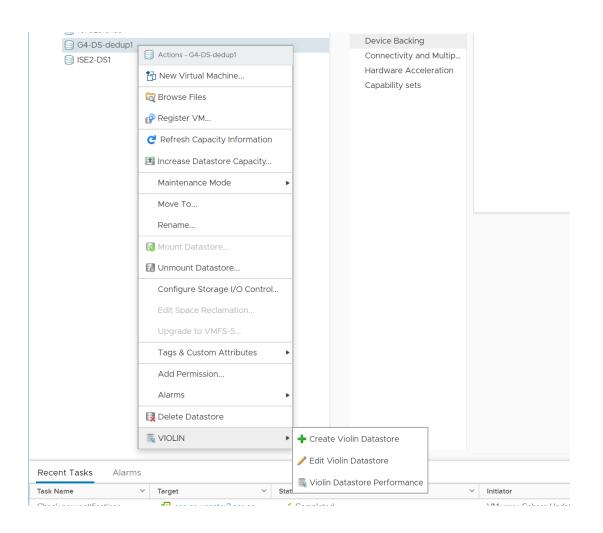
Creating a Datastore

Through the VIOLIN QV2020 plugin, click on Create Datastore. The name supplied for the Datastore will be viewable in vCenter, as well as in the Array volumes list through MAESTRO.



Managing a Datastore

Once a datastore is created on the Array, it can be deleted or modified through the VIOLIN plugin.



Array Monitoring

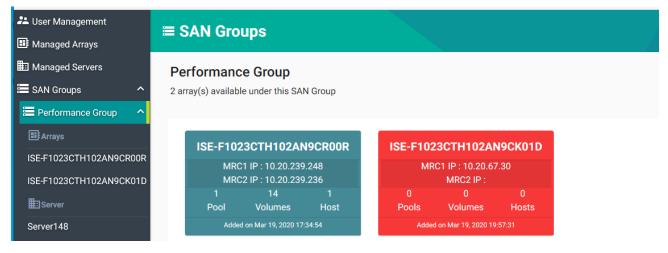
The V-SERIES Array offers multiple methods to monitor the health and capacity usage of the Array. Automated health is sent to the VIOLIN Activewatch System (phone home). This automated service runs every 24 hours. It will alert the Violin Services team to events that may need attention.

Note, this service should never be the sole method of managing an Array. A customer should also monitor their systems. This will provide coverage when there may be outages in sending the information to NEXSAN (network outages, for example) or receipt of the information within NEXSAN.

In additional to automated Activewatch Service, MAESTRO provides status-at-a-glance of the Array health, through Array Dashboard and San Group overview pages.

San Group Status-at-a-Glance (optional)

If managed Arrays have been added into a SAN Group, click on the SAN Group name to display a high level health status of the Arrays in that group, as well as IPs, volume and host count.

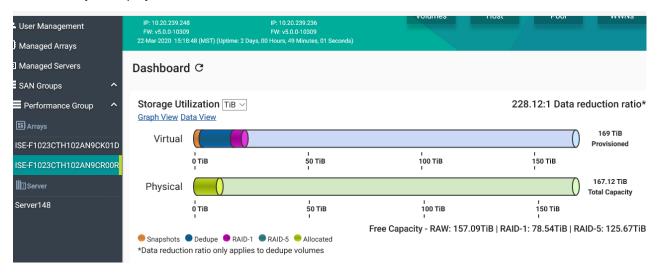


San Group "Performance Group" status-at-a-glance

Array Dashboard

The Dashboard provides a summary of an Array, including component health and storage capacity usage.

Click on an Array to display the Dashboard:



Storage Utilization

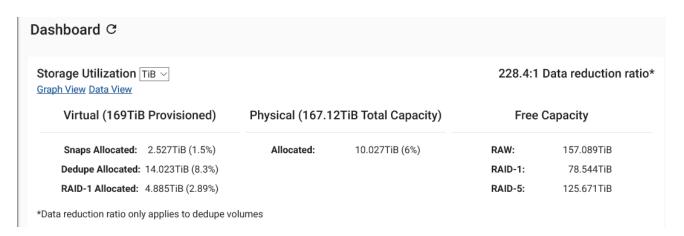
Overall capacity of the Array and usage are displayed in the Virtual and Physical bars in the dashboard.

Physical capacity is the total user capacity available, minus metadata and deduplication metadata, measured against actual written capacity.

Virtual capacity is the total requested volume capacity (create volume size) measured against actual allocated capacity.

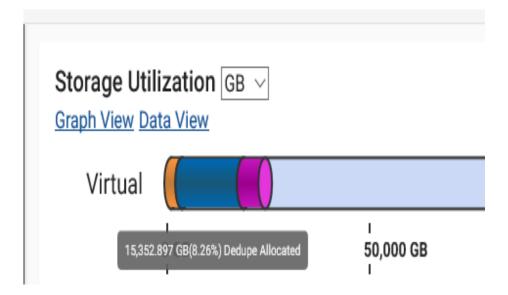
The colored bars within Virtual and Physical indicate allocated capacity and the type: Thick Raid-1, Thick Raid-5, Dedupe, Thin, and snapshots.

To get a data view instead of graph view, click on Data View under Storage Utilization



Storage utilization defaults to TiB. To change the unit of measurement, click on the Storage Utilization pulldown. Options are TB, TiB, GB and GiB.

Hover over the various colored bars to get detailed information on type of allocated storage and usage.



Volume Monitoring

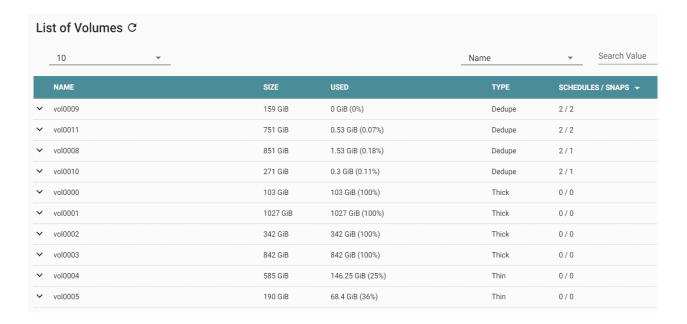
Details on volumes are display in the Array Volumes page.

SIZE is the initial requested size of the volume during the create volume. This does not include the additional capacity that is allocated for the volume redundancy type, such as RAID-1 which allocates double the capacity to mirror the data. RAID-5, Dedupe or Thin provisioned volumes also have allocated overhead for redundancy.

USED is actual allocated capacity for the volume against the SIZE. It does not include redundancy allocated capacity.

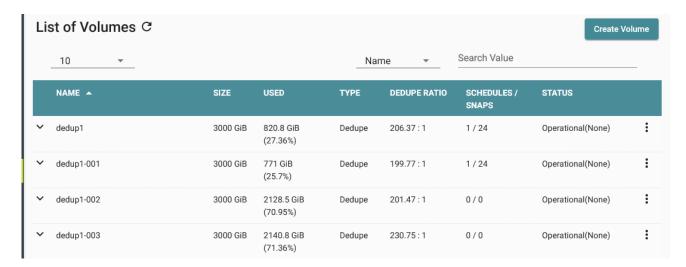
For **Thick** volumes, this will always be the same as the size requested in the create volume, since data space is fully allocated at creation time.

For **Thin** and **Dedupe** volumes this is the allocated (written) capacity, which can grow as data is written or shrink as data is deleted and space is reclaimed. Note that that reclamation of capacity upon a delete is a background task and could take time to complete. Therefore, the USED value could decrease over time.



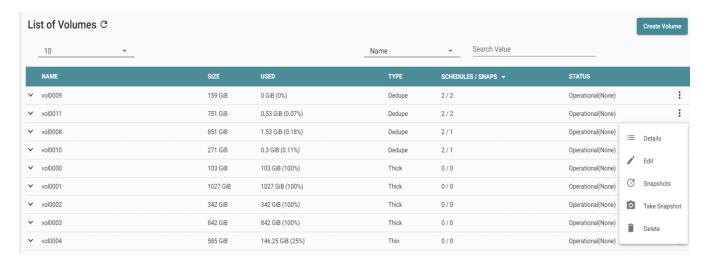
Snapshot Monitoring

Snapshots and snapshot schedules are supported on Dedupe type volumes. The number of snapshots and automated schedules is displayed on a volume under Schedules/Snaps.

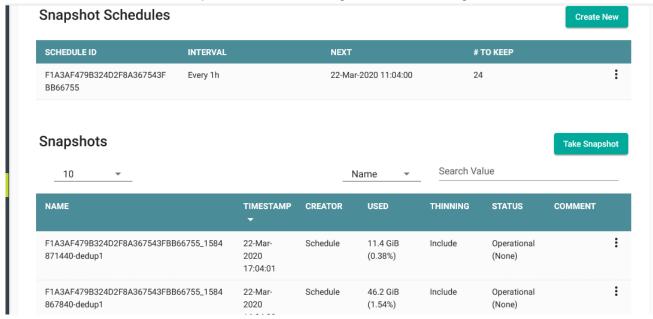


To take a single snapshot, click on the "three dots" on the right side of a volume and click on **Take Snapshot**. To create a schedule, view details of a schedule or snapshot, click on **Snapshots**.

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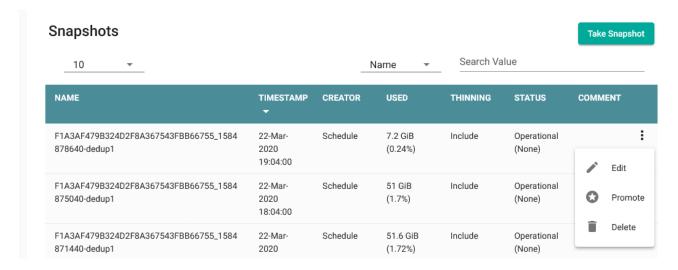


The Snapshot Schedules section indicates when the next snapshot is scheduled to automatically occur, as well as how many copies to keep. This can be edited by clicking on the "three dots" on the far right of the schedule name. Name of the snapshot can also be changed from the default generated name.



Snapshots created from schedules or manually by clicking the Snapshot or Take Snapshot are listed in the Snapshots section. Default names are generated. These can be changed by clicking the "three dots".

Thinning indicates if a snapshot will be kept until manually deleted by the user or automatically removed based on the **KEEP** value of a schedule. Manually created snapshots will only get deleted manually by the user. Scheduled snapshots get deleted one at a time as they "age out" according to the KEEP value. When the KEEP value is reached, the next snapshot (new) will cause the oldest snapshot for that schedule to get deleted. Each schedule maintains its own set of snapshots and the KEEP value is independent of other schedules.

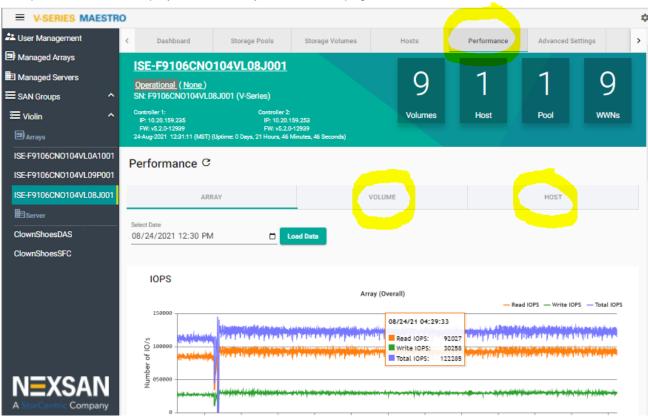


Additional information on Snapshots and Schedules can be found in the Snapshots section of this document.

Performance

MAESTRO provides performance monitoring on an Array. The graphs are real-time, as well as the option to review historical data.

Overall Array performance summary is provided in the Array Dashboard. Additional details for volume and host performance are displayed in the Array Performance page:

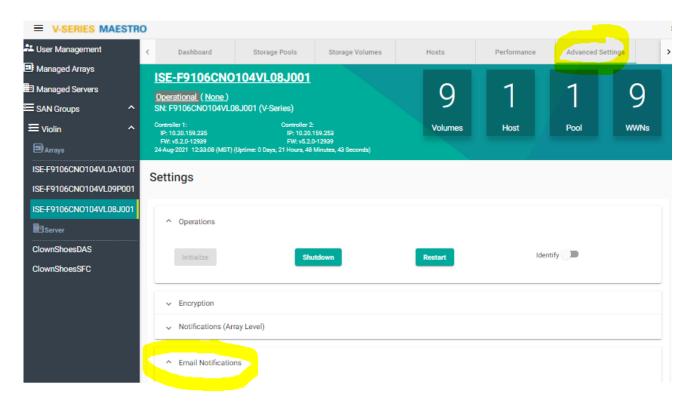


Array Performance

The **Performance Information** view shows a one-second snapshot of the performance statistics. This information will update automatically on the screen. The **Load Data** button will allow data to be displayed from a time period of interest.

Email Notification

Email notification can be enabled on the Array to send email to multiple users for various Array conditions. Each email user has the option to send email for various events: Critical, Severe, Error, Warning, Informational, Normal and all. Email notifications can be configured under the Array Advanced Settings:



SNMP

The Array has a number of configurable SNMP settings as well as fixed factory settings. SNMP V1 and V2 are supported, and the SNMP protocol data units (PDUs) are implemented. In addition, the Array includes an algorithm to prevent denial of service attacks.

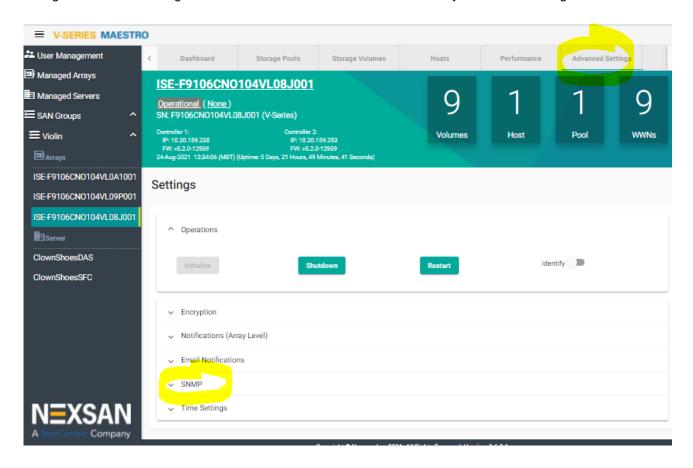
| SNMP PDU | Support Status | Notes |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| GetRequest | Yes | Array monitors port 161 |
| GetNextRequest | Yes | Array monitors port 161 |
| Response | No | _ |
| SetRequest | No | Array is set through the CLI |
| GetBulkRequest | Yes | Array monitors port 161 |
| InformRequest | No | _ |

| TrapV2 | Yes | Array sends on port 162 |
|--------|-----|-------------------------|
| Report | No | |

SNMP PDUs Implementation

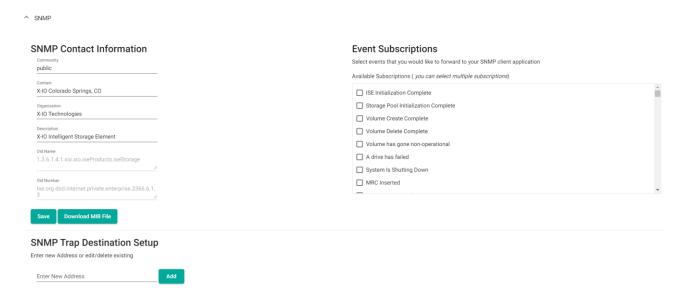
Configuring SNMP

SNMP contact information, MIB root OID, Event subscriptions, and SNMP trap destination IP address are the configurable SNMP settings. This feature is in MAESTRO under the Array Advanced Settings:



Clicking on the SNMP header will open the menu for SNMP settings:

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SNMP Contact Settings

The information entered in the four SNMP Contact settings is included in the Management Information Base (MIB) file for the Array and in SNMP GetRequest and Trap notification packets. The SNMP Contact information settings are:

- Community string
- Contact information
- Organization
- Description

MIB Root OID Setting

The Array Root OID Name and Number are also displayed.

When any change to the four Contact Information parameters is saved by clicking **SUBMIT** or **SAVE CHANGES**, the system automatically regenerates the MIB file to include the new information.

MIB File

The Management Information Base (MIB) file for the Array can be viewed or downloaded to be compiled into an SNMP device-monitoring tool using the on-screen instructions. The Array automatically regenerates the MIB file when changes to any logical object in the system are made, ensuring that the MIB file is always current.

Event Subscriptions

Event subscriptions provide the means to designate which events are to be forwarded to the SNMP Client Application. Upon an event, the system checks this list to determine whether to send the event as an SNMP trap to the SNMP Trap Destination list see the "SNMP Trap Destination Setup" section. SNMP traps are datagrams and do not have guaranteed delivery. Traps are sent only once and are not saved locally. Trap service is provided by one of the two Controllers; if the trap-serving Controller experiences an exception causing a reboot, the surviving Controller resumes trap service using only the traps and destinations defined for itself. Traps defined only for an out-of-service Controller are not sent by the surviving Controller. Should trap service need to be restarted on the surviving Controller, some traps may be lost during the transition.

SNMP Trap Destination Setup

The SNMP trap destination setup allows specification of site-specific IP addresses to which the selected SNMP events (see "Event Subscriptions") are sent. Events can be sent to different IP addresses from each port if desired. Duplicate IP addresses are not permitted in the address lists and cannot be added.

System Monitoring with SNMP

The Array provides an SNMP MIB containing the Object Identifiers (OIDs) of Array variables. These variables can be monitored using SNMP Get Request PDUs see "SNMP Setup". The following example shows the MIB entry for Array (ISE) temperature, where \mathbf{n} is a company's assigned private enterprise OID.

```
iseTemperature OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX Integer32
    MAX-ACCESS read-only
    STATUS current
    DESCRIPTION
    "ISE Temperature"
    ::= { ise 32 } -- 1.3.6.1.4.1.N.6.1.1.1.2.32
```

Figure 1: Sample MIB Entry

An SNMP Get Request with the OID in this example returns an integer representing the current temperature of the Array.

Array Notifications/Subscriptions

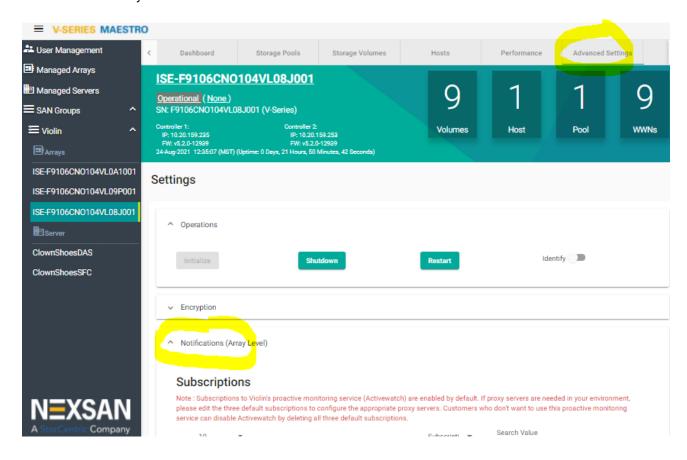
The Array **Activewatch Service** (phone home) ships with a <u>default</u> destination address and the subscription function <u>enabled</u>. This destination uses a secure SSL connection.

To use the **Activewatch Service**, it may be necessary to configure the site firewall to allow outbound HTTPS communication (port 443 using TCP). To specify the destination, define the target address as 207.250.72.215—this restricts other HTTPS traffic.

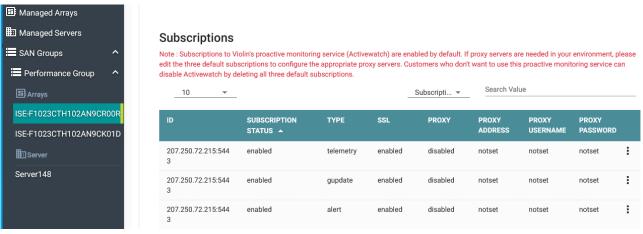


- [1] **NOTE**: The interval for Telemetry and General Update subscriptions can be specified, but Alert subscriptions cannot be specified.
- [2] When creating or changing Telemetry update subscriptions, it is recommended that the interval be left at **1440**. If a smaller interval is specified, the Array can run out of resources and log the following event in the SMGT event log:

Subscriptions are viewable in MAESTRO under Advanced Settings >> Notifications for an Array:



When subscriptions need to be modified or removed, this can be done by clicking on the far-right "3 dots" and EDIT.



Note that if one subscription type is disabled or enable, all subscription types to the same ID will be enabled or disabled. This maintains consistency on what data is proactively sent.

Send Telemetry Data File

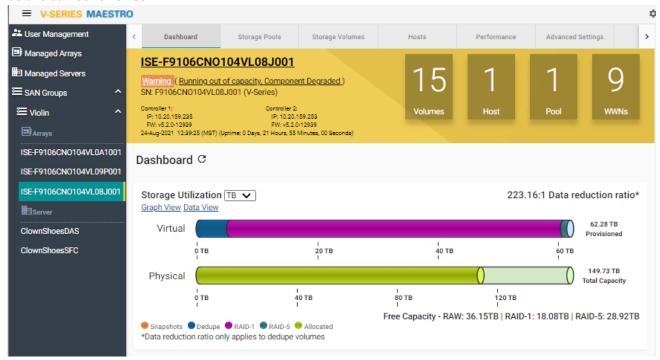
An immediate transmission of a Telemetry data, outside the normal schedule, can be sent using the Array command line. The transmission uses a secure SSL operation.

To initiate immediate transmission of the Telemetry data file, enter the following command at the CLI prompt.

telemetry send

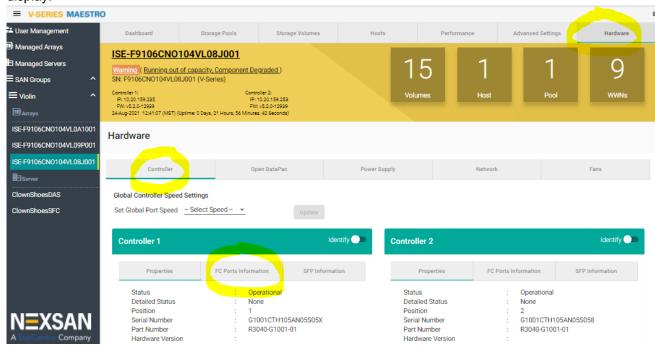
Environment Status

The Array Dashboard banner provides an overall health status. If an error or informational event occurs, it will be display in the status section of the banner. Click on the link and it will launch to the appropriate area of concern. Below is an example where sparing capacity could be improved due to a failed drive. Clicking on the highlighted "Sparing capacity could be improved" will launch to the Storage Pools page where additional details can be reviewed.

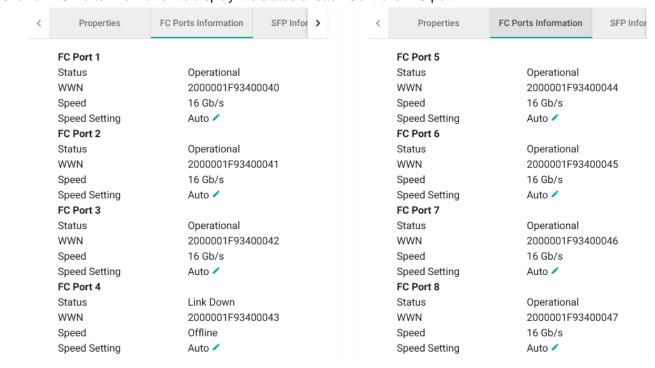


Controller FC Ports Information

Controller FC or iSCSI information can be found under Array >>Hardware >>Controller, as in the below display.



Click on FC Ports Information to display the status of each Controller FC port.

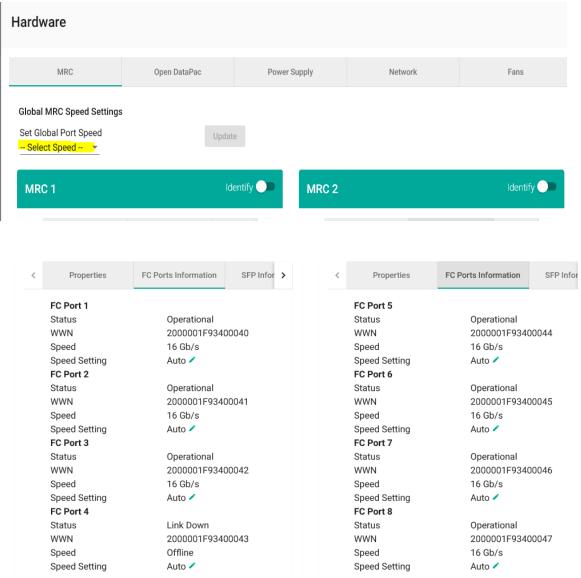


Speed indicates active FC port speed.

Speed Setting indicates if the Controller port is set to Auto negotiate or Fixed speed.

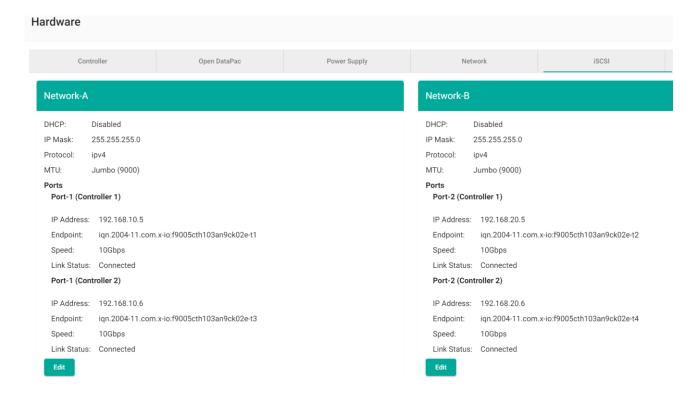
Each FC port functions independently of each other and can be set to differing supported speeds.

To globally set all FC ports to the same speed, select the "Set Global Port Speed" pulldown and select a setting.



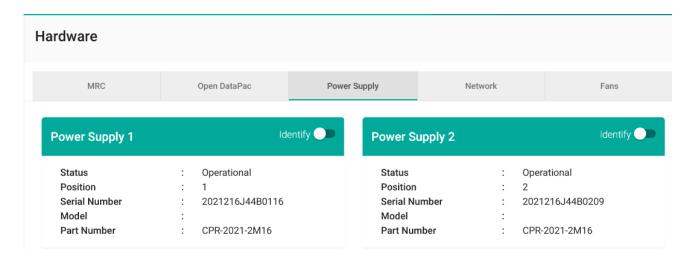
iSCSI Attributes

Information on the iSCSI configuration such as speed, jumbo frames and CHAP can be found in the iSCSI tab under the Array Hardware page.



Power Supply

Power supply status is available under the Array Hardware >> Power Supply page.



The following information is displayed for each Power Supply:

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| Status | Overall power supply state, normally Operational , other possible states are: Warning , Critical , and Non-Operational | |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Detailed Status | Shown in parentheses after Status; normal is None , abnormal states are detailed here | |
| Serial Number | Serial number of the power supply | |
| Model | Model of the power supply | |
| Part Number | Part number of the power supply | |
| Position | Physical bay location in the chassis. 1=left, 2=right | |

Power Supply

Array Maintenance

The V-SERIES Array provides a number of maintenance features, including:

- Restart and Shutdown of the Array
- Changing password
- Identifying components
- Upgrading Array software and drive firmware
- Battery Calibration (software version 5.1.2 and newer)

Restart and Shutdown

Restarting the Array involves the following actions:

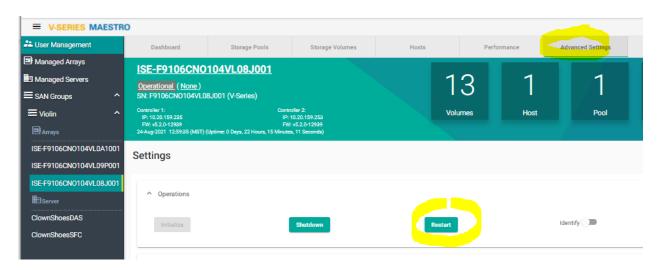
- · Completion of all in-progress I/O commands from all hosts
- Flushing of all data from cache
- Preparation of internal processes for a graceful shutdown
- · Shutting down the Array
- Restart the Array

During a restart or shutdown of the Array, all configuration settings are retained. A restart or shutdown will terminate any CLI sessions and make the Array inaccessible in MAESTRO.

When the restart completes, the Array again accepts a connection from a remote console or MAESTRO.

Shutdown will require the user to pull power to the Array and then restore power before it will restart.

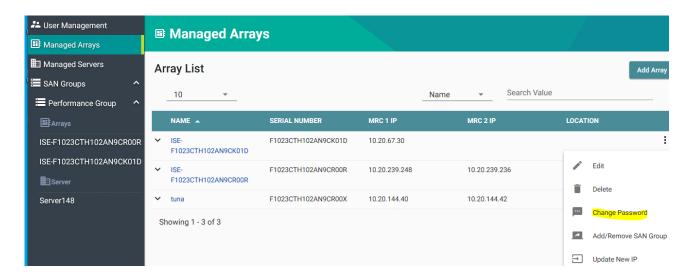
The restart and shutdown operations are found in the Array Advanced Settings page:



Changing the Password

The administrator password can be changed through the Managed Arrays page

Click on the "three dots" on the right of the Array to get a pulldown list of options. Select Change Password

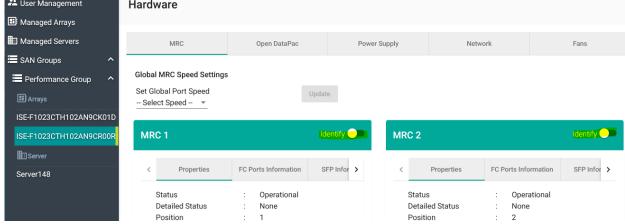


After the password is changed, click again on the "three dots" and select Edit to store the new password in MAESTRO.

Identifying Components

To physically locate the Array or components, use the Identify slider available on each component page for the Array in MAESTRO.

For example, to identify a Controller, click in the Array Hardware >> Controller page 2 User Management Hardware III Managed Arrays

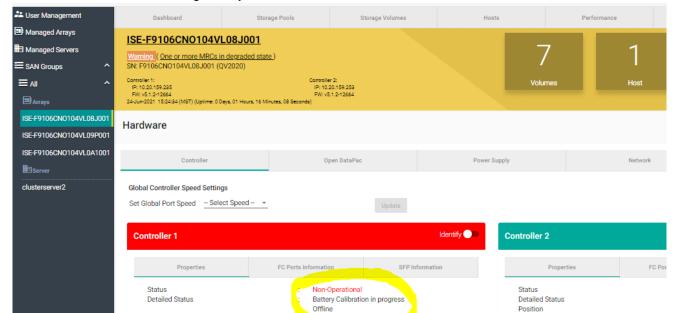


Array Software Upgrades

Upgrading the Array software is an offline event. A maintenance window must be scheduled to upgrade the Array. Contact NEXSAN Service to schedule an upgrade for the V1000 SE or V1000 XE.

Battery Calibration

Battery Calibration will occur every 180 days (6 months), starting with software 5.1.2. When battery calibration starts, one controller at a time will be taken offline for approximately 12 hours. IO will continue to be serviced from the remaining online controller. During battery calibration, the controller status will report offline due to battery calibration. Email alerts are generated at the start and completion of battery calibration for each controller. Battery calibration requires both controllers to be online and operational to start. If a controller replacement occurs, or battery calibration has never been run on the Array, the process will start within 2 hours of being online.



Unknown state

Fibre Channel Port Unavailable

G1001CTH105AN05S05X

Serial Number

Part Number

Hardware Version

Firmware Version

Below shows Controller1 during battery calibration in Maestro:

Command line show mrc output will indicate Battery Calibration and ports offline:

Position

Serial Number

Feedback

NEXSAN welcomes feedback, positive and negative, and NEXSAN Global Services at 1.800.734.4716 stands ready to assist as needed.

Contacting NEXSAN

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