

Delphix: Continuous Data for Oracle

Who we are

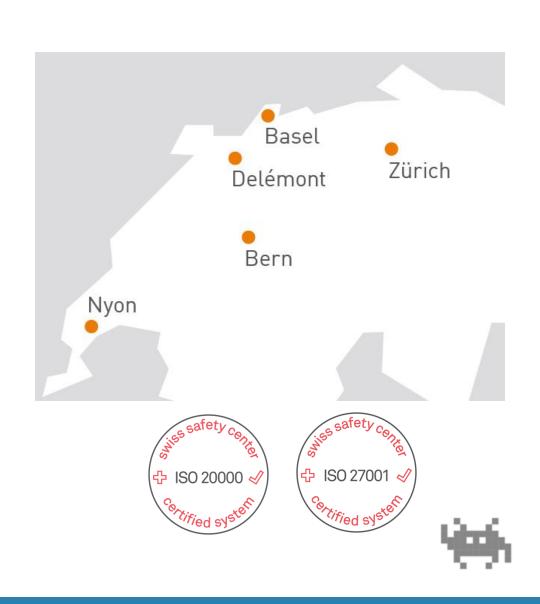


The Company

- > Founded in 2010
- > More than 100 employees
- > Specialized in the Middleware Infrastructure
 - > The invisible part of IT
- > Customers in Switzerland and all over Europe

Our Offer

- > Consulting
- > Service Level Agreements (SLA)
- > Trainings
- > License Management



About me



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Agenda

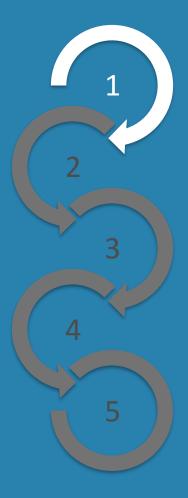


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- > Oracle database
- > Nowadays' challenges
- > Classic database cloning
- > Delphix' promise



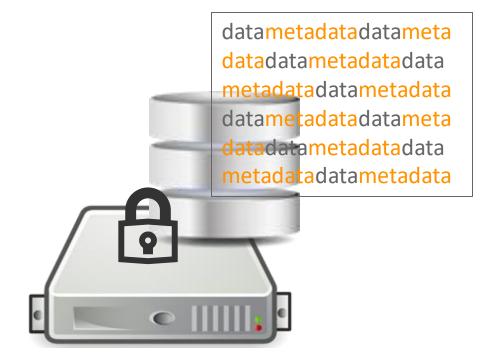


Oracle Database



History

- > RDBMS concept has been defined by IBM in 1970
- > First version of Oracle RDBMS in 1979
- > Until recently, Oracle databases have been:
 - > Monolithic
 - > Mostly running on bare metal servers
 - > Not easily movable
 - > Mixing data and metadata



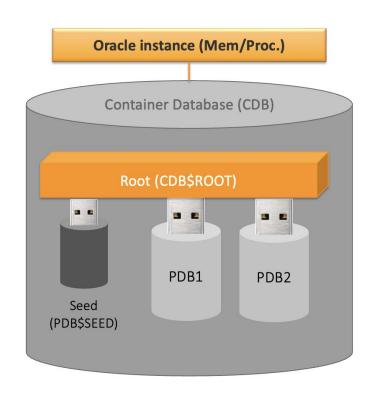


Oracle Database



Multitenant

- > New multitenant architecture appeared in 12.1 (2013)
- > 19c is still compatible with old architecture
- > Key features:
 - > A container database for system-related stuff (CDB)
 - > 1 or more pluggable databases (PDB) in this container
 - > Dissociate system metadata from user tables metadata
 - > Easily move a PDB
 - > Brings snapshot features
- > Comes at a cost:
 - > 12c/18c only 1 "free" PDB inside each CDB (???)
 - > 2+ PDBs need Enterprise Edition + Multitenant option
 - > Starting from 19c: max 3 PDBs inside each CDB for SE and EE for "free"
- > Nowadays: most of the clients are still using classic databases



Slow adoption of multitenant



Nowadays' challenges



And now?

- > Even architecture is defined by code!
- > Cloud and containerization are becoming the standard
- > Agility is needed
- > A new test/dev database should be available in minutes not hours!





Speed up database provisioning pleeeaaaase!!!



Classic database cloning



With RMAN, from an existing backup and without Multitenant

```
rman auxiliary /
run {
allocate auxiliary channel c1 device type disk;
allocate auxiliary channel c2 device type disk;
                                                               Only with Enterprise Edition
allocate auxiliary channel c3 device type disk;
allocate auxiliary channel c4 device type disk;
                                                             Only if you have enough licenses
allocate auxiliary channel c5 device type disk;
allocate auxiliary channel c6 device type disk;
allocate auxiliary channel c7 device type disk;
allocate auxiliary channel c8 device type disk;
DUPLICATE DATABASE TO SCDTEST9 BACKUP LOCATION '/u90/tmp backup/';
```

Can take hours for big databases!



Classic database cloning



Why is it so long?

- > Standard Edition has a big market share (only 1 channel for backup/restore)
- > Clients respect license condition (finally)
- > Clients can only afford a limited number of CPUs (for most)
- > Restore speed is not something so important on production databases:
 - > Because of Flashback database for fast data rewind
 - > Because Data Guard (or Dbvisit Standby) protects production databases

Restoring a database is not needed for reaching RPO/RTO

I/O is not a bottleneck **anymore** for duplicating a database (or shouldn't be)!

Number of channels is the main limit



IntroductionDelphix' promise





Delphix Continuous Data would like to bring an answer...

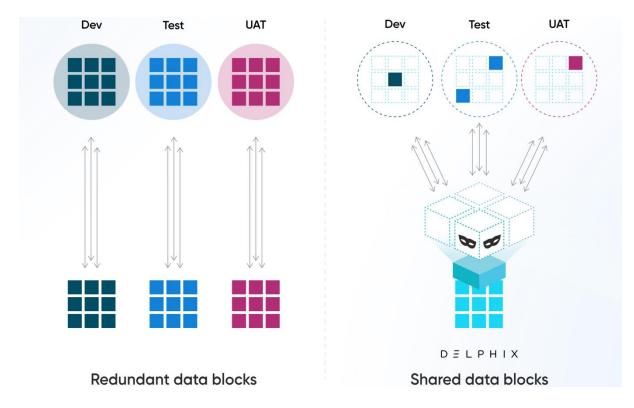
- > Minutes instead of hours provisioning
- > User friendly web interface
- > No need for additional Oracle database licenses
- > Save on storage costs
- > API for DevOps integration
- > Can be linked to Delphix Continuous Compliance (Data Masking)
- > Agnostic platform (on-premise, cloud, engineered systems)
- > No need for Oracle*Net communication between environments



IntroductionDelphix' promise



Delphix intelligence is on the block side



Delphix is a kind of storage appliance with database intelligence

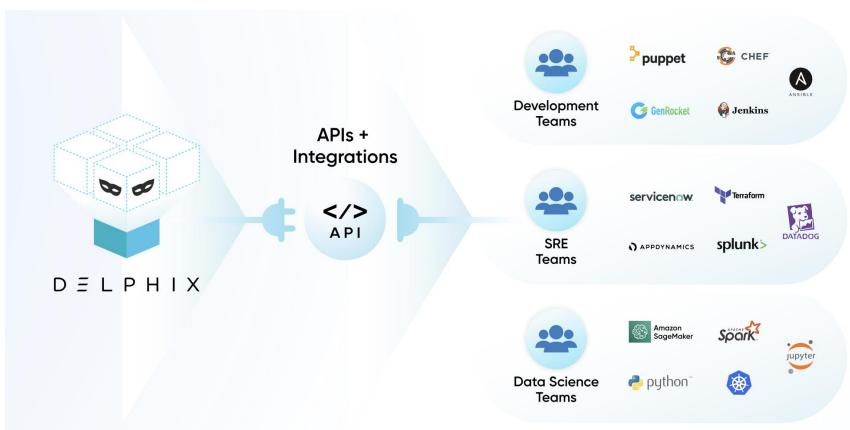


Picture from Delphix documentation

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Delphix focuses on API



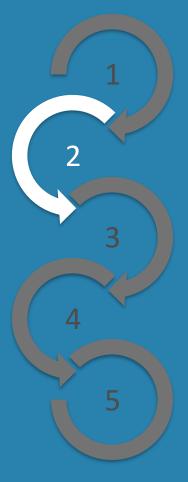
The goal being to leverage traditional Oracle databases in a DevOps environment



Picture from Delphix documentation

- > Introduction
- > Setup





Delphix setupIntroduction



Prerequisites

- > Delphix Continuous Data is an appliance delivered as an OVA or QCOW2 file
- > Minimum configuration: 4 vCPUs and 32GB of RAM
- > 4+ block devices attached to the VM (minimum size: ±150% of the size of your source databases)
- > A network configuration should exist between source/target database servers and Delphix' VM



Introduction



My lab

- > Oracle Database Appliance X8-2M
- > 2x DB Systems with non-CDB 19.20 databases
- > 1x VM with 32GB RAM, 4 vCPUs and 4x 200GB block devices



```
odacli create-vmstorage -n VMStore -s 500G
odacli create-cpupool -n cpu4delphix -c 4 -vm
odacli create-vm -n delphix -m 32G -vc 4 -cp cpu4delphix -vn pubnet -vms VMStore -s 30G -g
"vnc, listen=10.36.0.241" -src /opt/dbi/AlmaLinux-9.3-x86 64-minimal.iso
odacli create-vmstorage -n DelphixBS -s 1T
odacli create-vdisk -n delphix-vdsk1 -s 200G -vms DelphixBS
odacli create-vdisk -n delphix-vdsk2 -s 200G -vms DelphixBS
odacli create-vdisk -n delphix-vdsk3 -s 200G -vms DelphixBS
odacli create-vdisk -n delphix-vdsk4 -s 200G -vms DelphixBS
odacli list-vdisks
odacli modify-vm -n Delphix -avd delphix-vdsk1, delphix-vdsk2, delphix-vdsk3, delphix-vdsk4
odacli stop-vm -n delphix
cp /opt/dbi/Delphix 17.0.0.0 2023-11-17-20-33 Standard OCI.qcow2
/u05/app/sharedrepo/vmstore/.ACFS/snaps/vm delphix/delphix
chown qemu: qemu /u05/app/sharedrepo/vmstore/.ACFS/snaps/vm delphix/delphix
odacli start-vm -n delphix
```

Introduction



My DB Systems

- > testdbs01: my source server running my database
- > testdbs02: my target server (database removed with odacli)
- > No additional settings on these systems apart from:
 - > A folder for Delphix binaries
 - > Some sudo commands for oracle
 - > A mountpoint

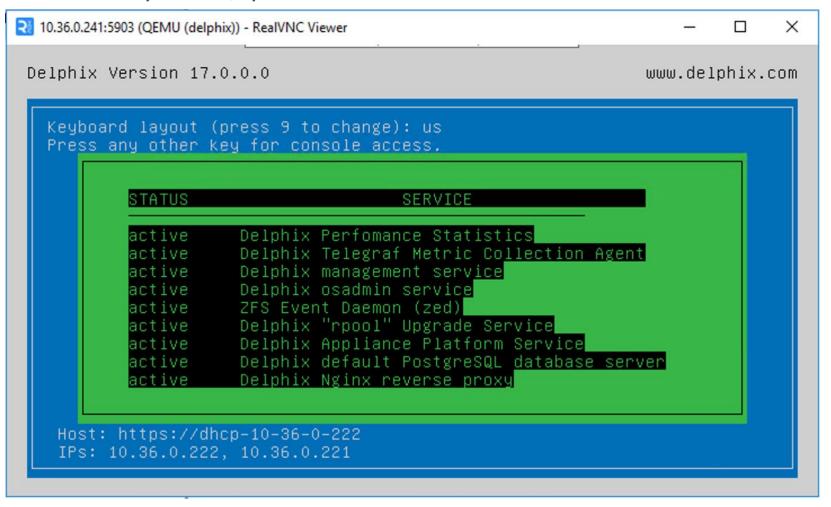


```
ssh root@testdbs01
su - oracle
mkdir /home/oracle/delphix/
chmod 0770 /home/oracle/delphix/
exit
cat > /etc/sudoers.d/delphix_oracle <<'CAT'
Defaults:oracle !requiretty
oracle ALL=NOPASSWD: /bin/mount, /bin/umount, /bin/mkdir, /bin/rmdir, /bin/ps
CAT
mkdir /mnt/provision
chown oracle:dba /mnt/provision</pre>
```

Setup



Connect to VM's console: sysadmin/sysadmin





Setup



Configure network using the command line and restart the VM

```
network setup update *> set dhcp=false
network setup update *> set primaryAddress=10.36.0.248/24
network setup update *> set hostname=delphix
network setup update *> set dnsServers=10.35.0.10,172.22.3.5
network setup update *> set defaultRoute=10.36.0.1
network setup update *> commit_
Successfully committed network settings. Further setup can be done through the b
rowser at:
       http://10.36.0.248
Type 'exit' to disconnect, or any other commands to continue using the CLI.
delphix> network setup update
delphix network setup update *> get
    defaultRoute: 10.36.0.1
    dhcp: false
    dnsDomain: it.dbi-services.com
    dnsServers: 10.35.0.10,172.22.3.5
    hostname: delphix
    primaryAddress: 10.36.0.248/24
delphix network setup update *> discard
delphix> exit_
```

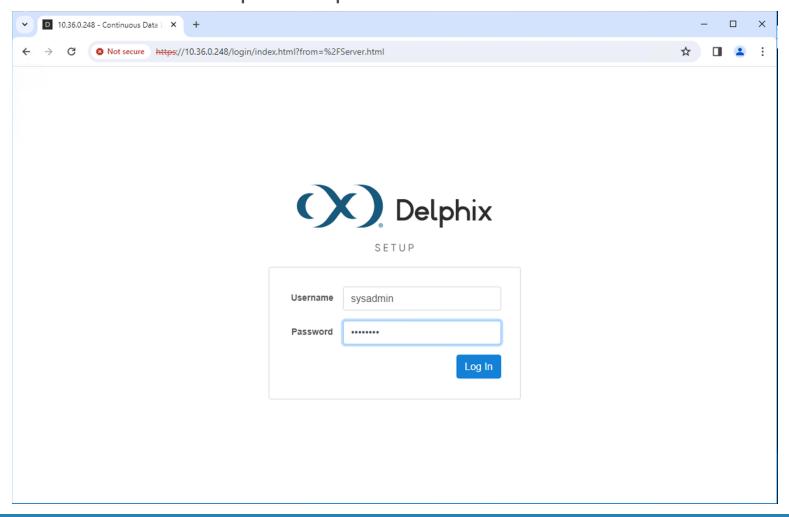
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odacli stop-vm -n delphix ; sleep 10 ; odacli start-vm -n delphix

Setup



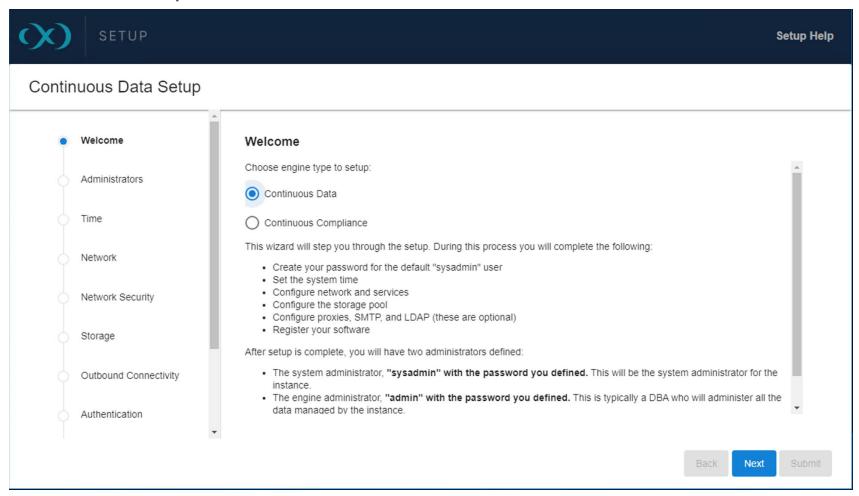
Connect to the webconsole for Delphix setup







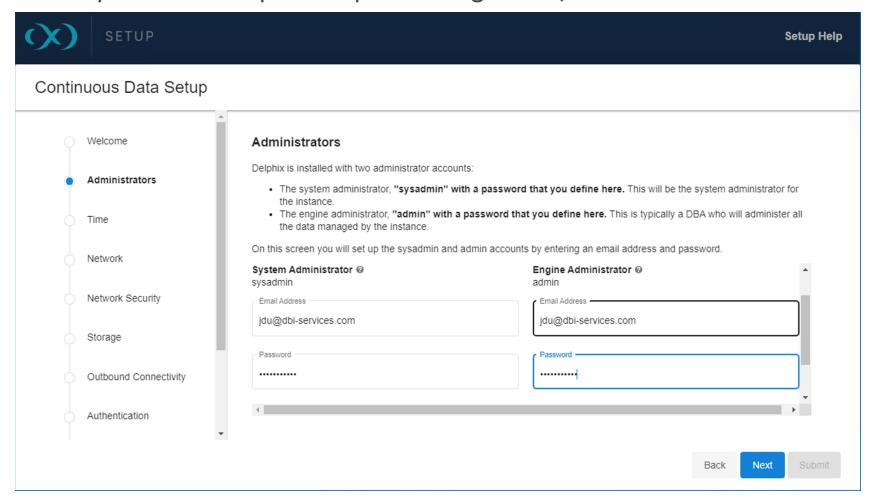
Choose Continuous Data setup







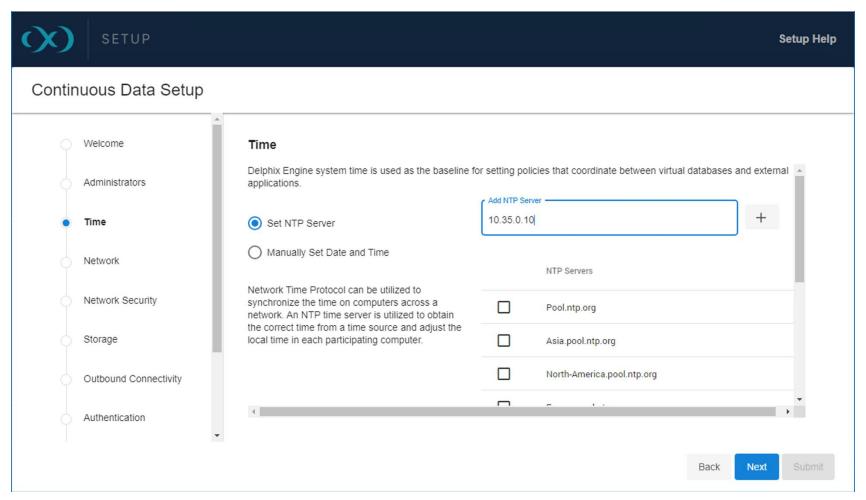
Configure the users: sysadmin for Delphix setup and configuration, admin for DBA tasks







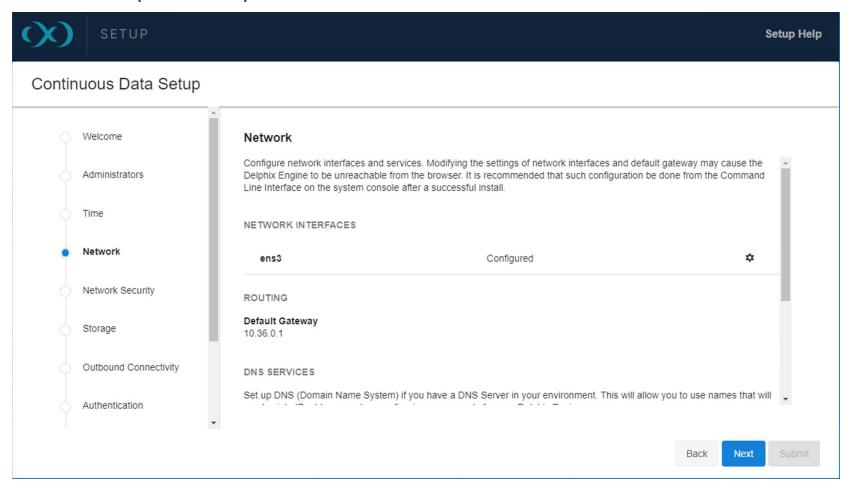
Configure the NTP server







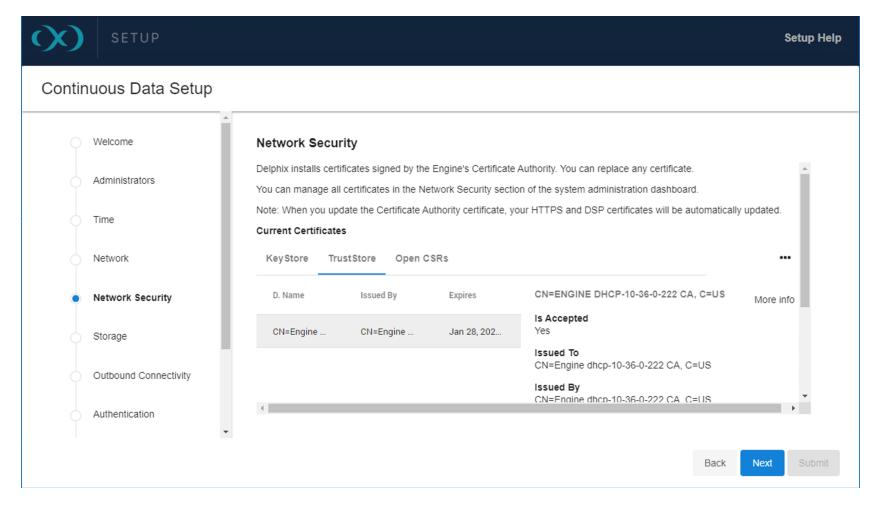
Configure network interface (if needed)







Configure certificates if needed

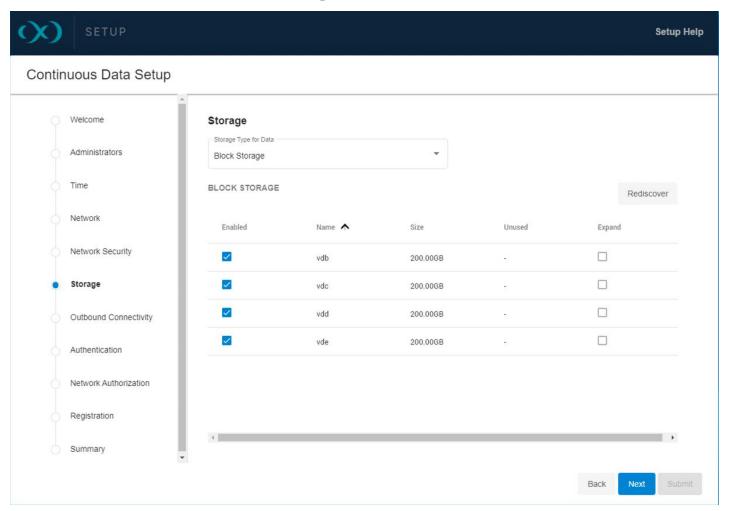




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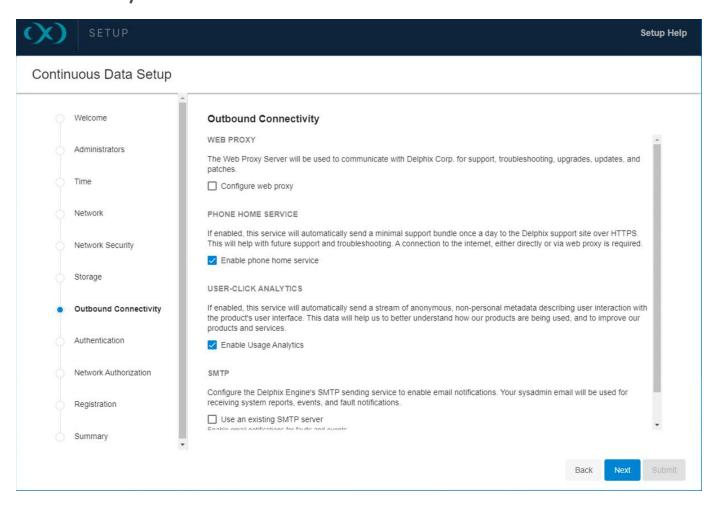
Configure the block devices for database storage







Configure outbound connectivity

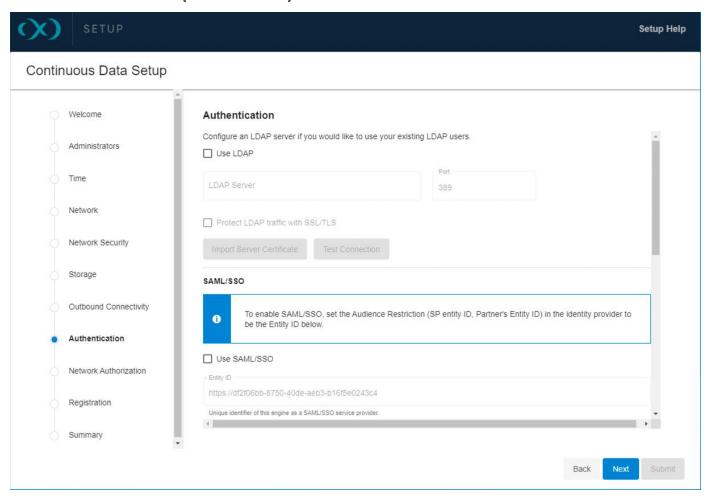




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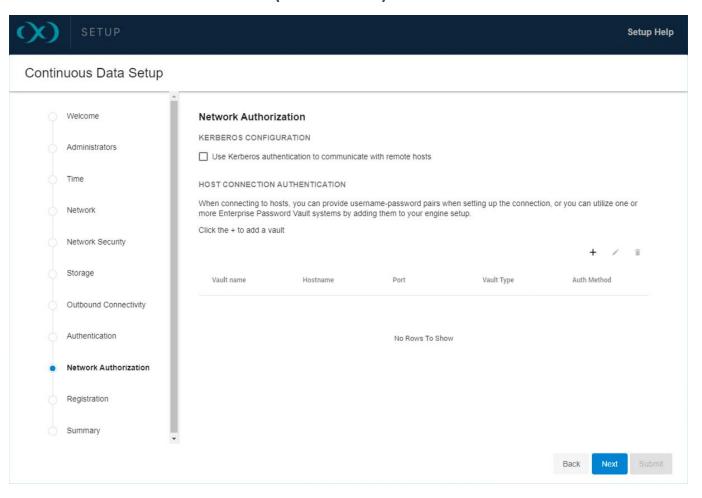
Configure external authentication (if needed)







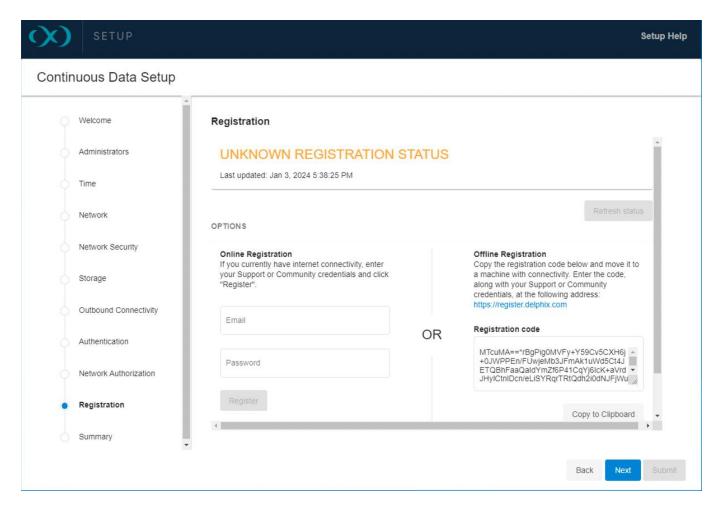
Configure network authentication with Kerberos (if needed)





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Configure license



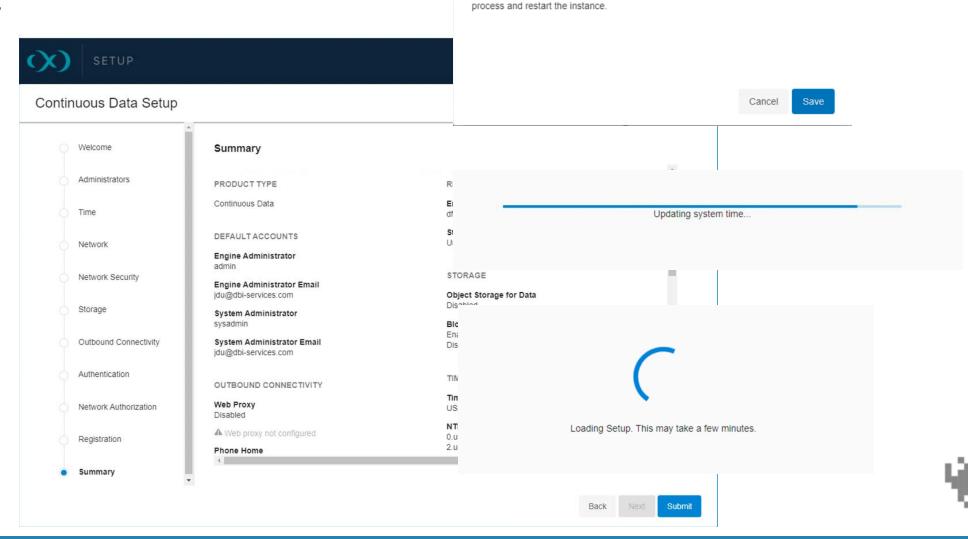


Setup



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Setup summary



Continuous Data Setup

Are you sure you want to save this configuration? This action will initiate the Setup



That's it!

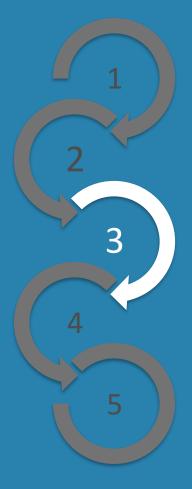




Delphix usage

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- > Manage Environments
- > Manage Datasets
- > Manage VDBs
- > Manage Policies





Delphix usageIntroduction



Delphix' terminology:

- > dSource: a source database that has a copy in Delphix
- > VDB: a Delphix virtual database created from a dSource
- > Datasets: the Delphix databases (dSources and VDBs)
- > Hook points: pre-scripts and post-scripts when creating/refreshing VDBs
- > Policies: refresh schedules
- > SnapSync: dSource refresh from its source
- > Snapshot: a snapshot of a database at a specific point in time



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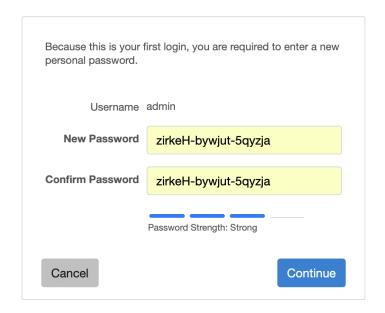
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Connect with admin/***** and define a new password



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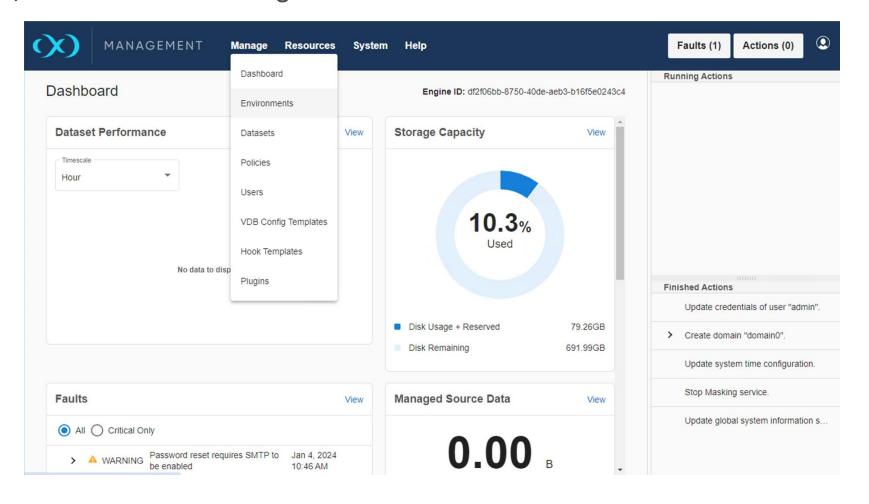


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Go to Manage / Environments for adding servers

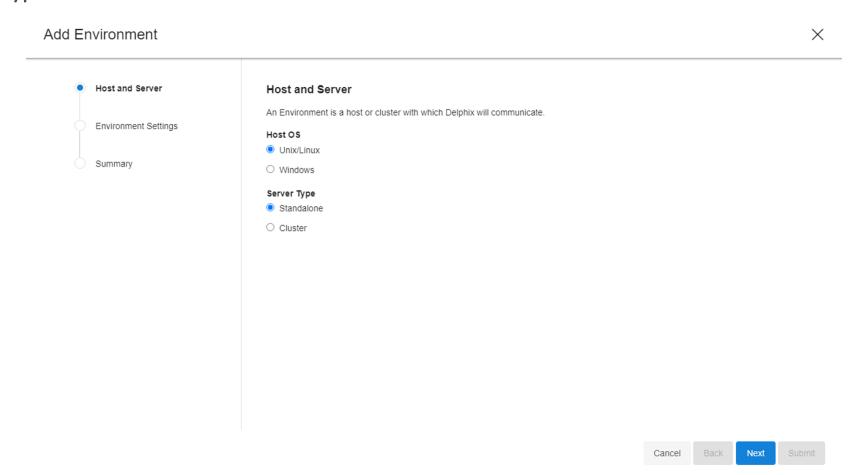




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Choose server type

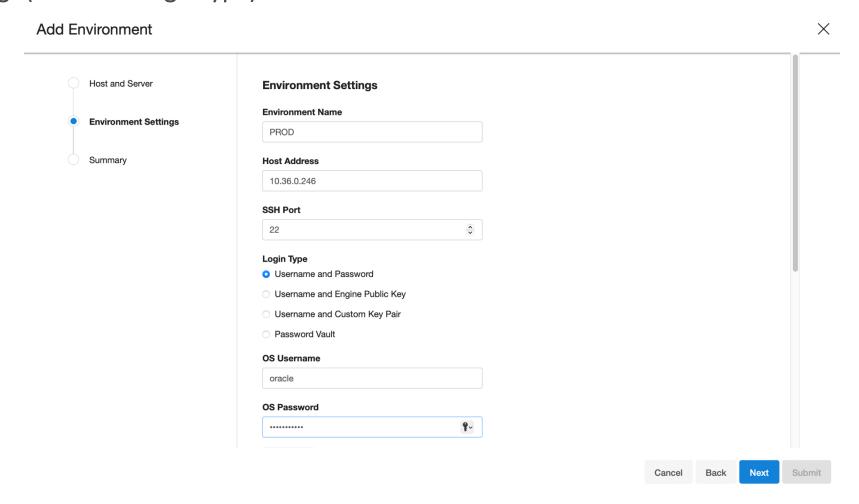




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Server settings (name and login type)

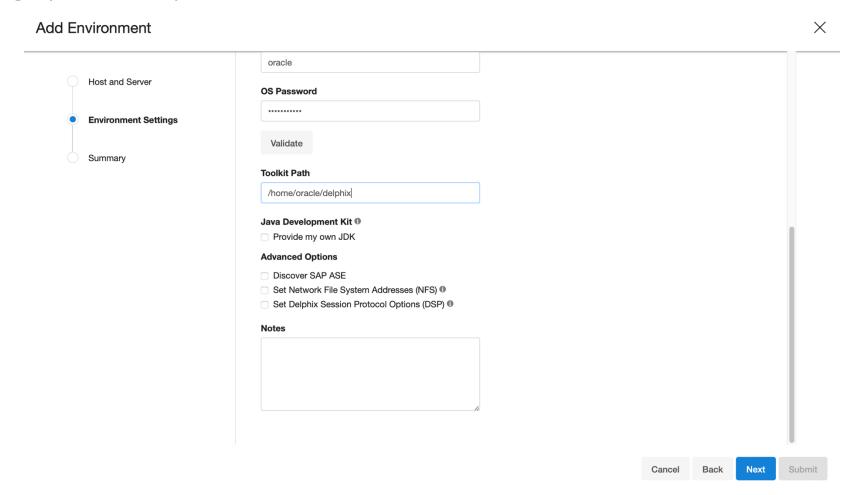




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Server settings (path for Delphix binaries)

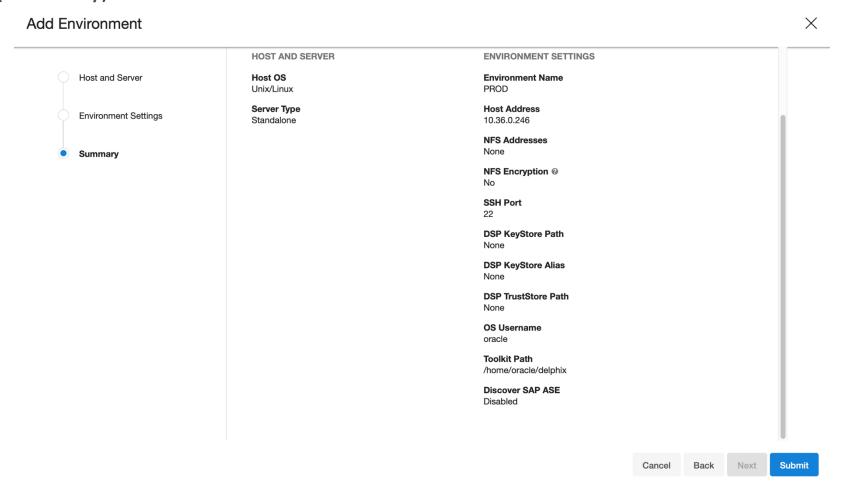




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Server settings (summary)

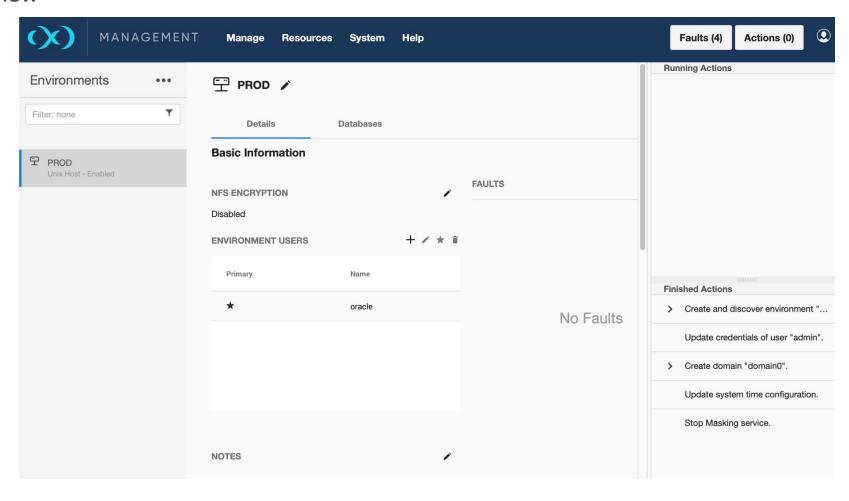




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Environments view

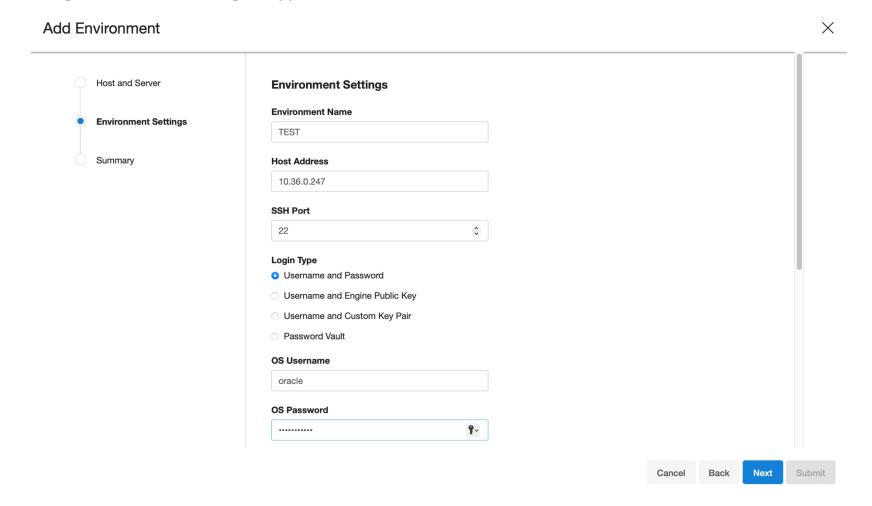




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Second server settings (name and login type)

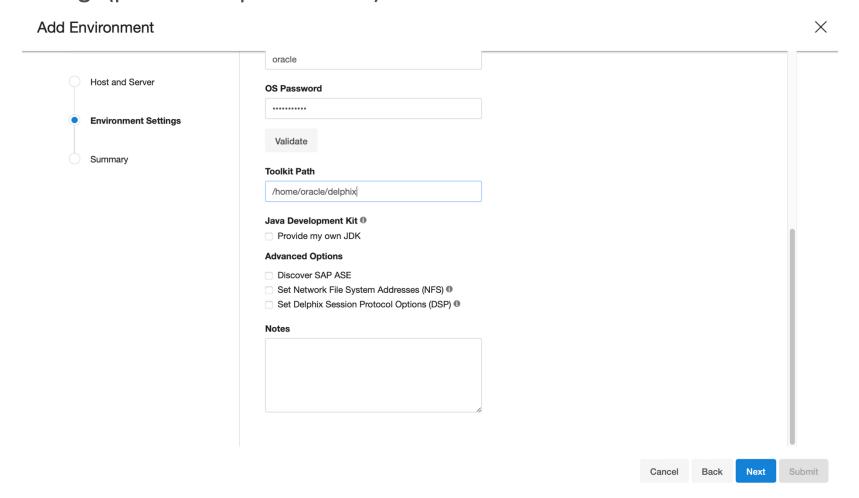




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Second server settings (path for Delphix binaries)

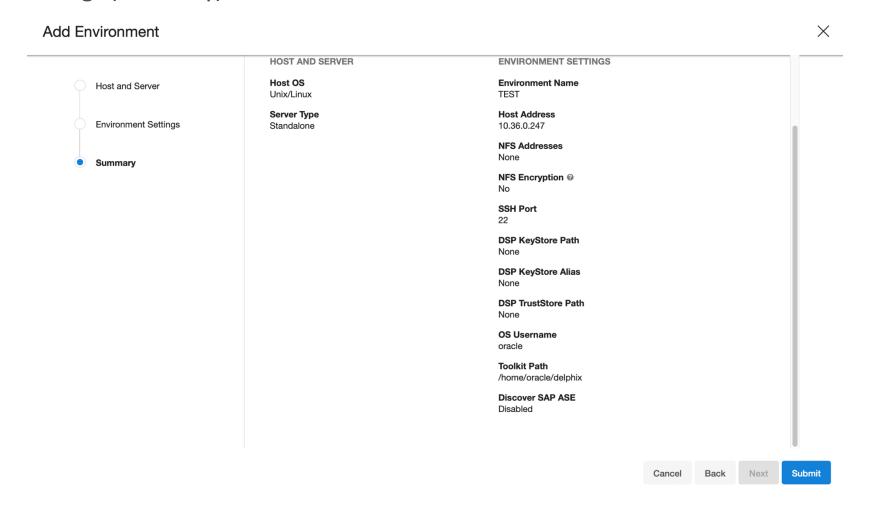




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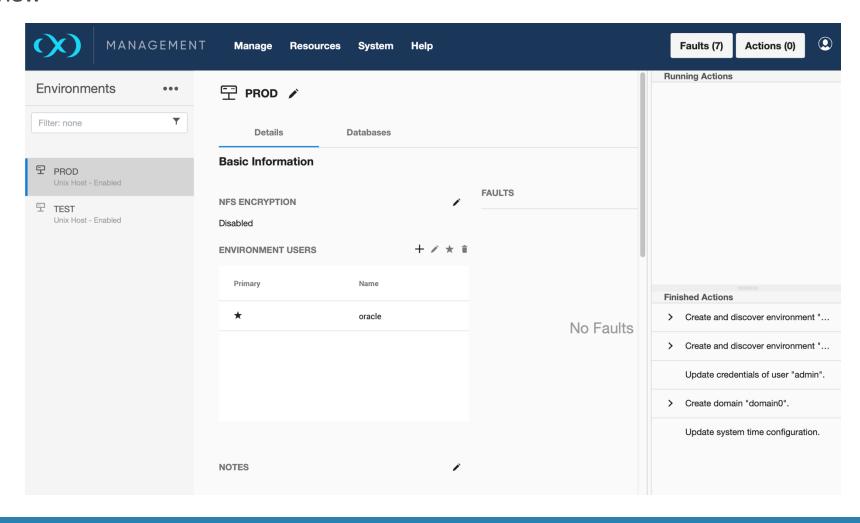




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Environments view

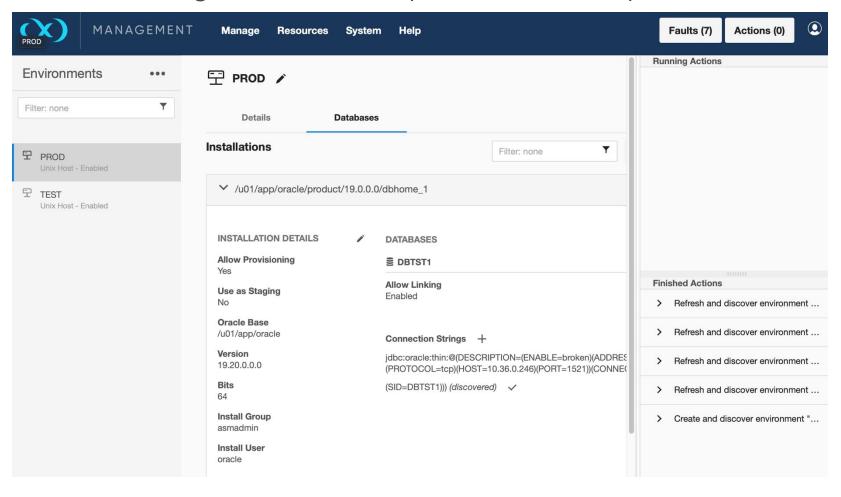




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Tab Databases: databases running on the first server (the source database)

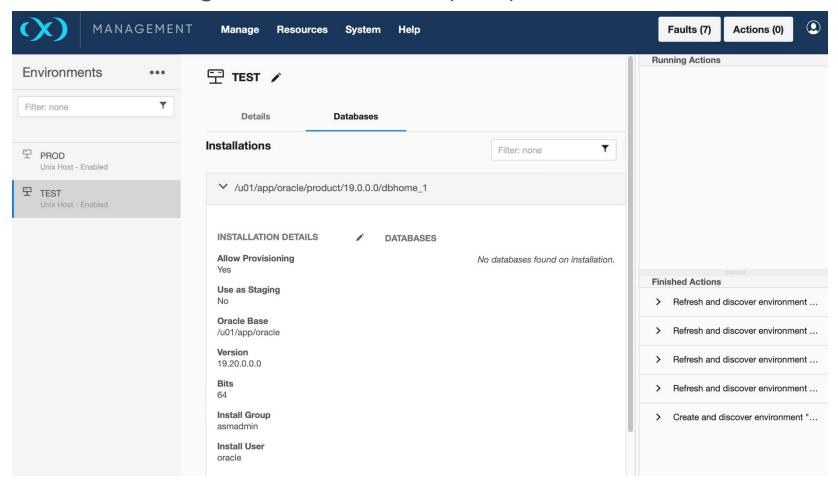




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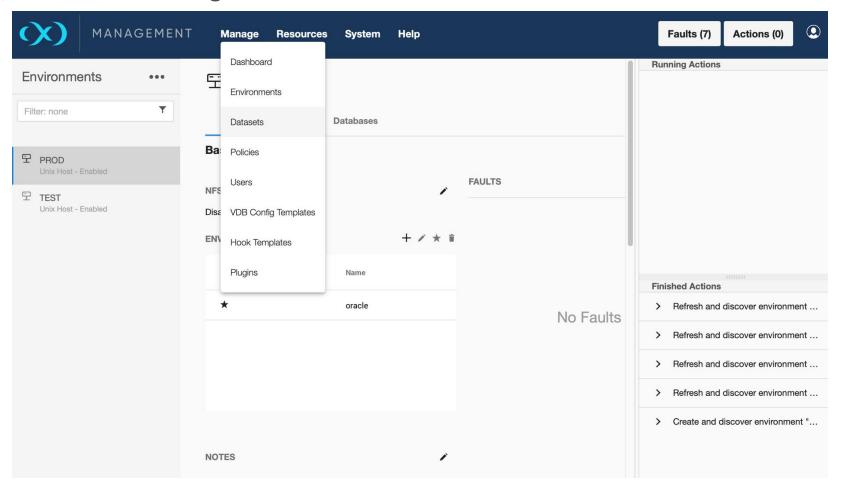




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Go to Manage / Datasets for adding a dSource

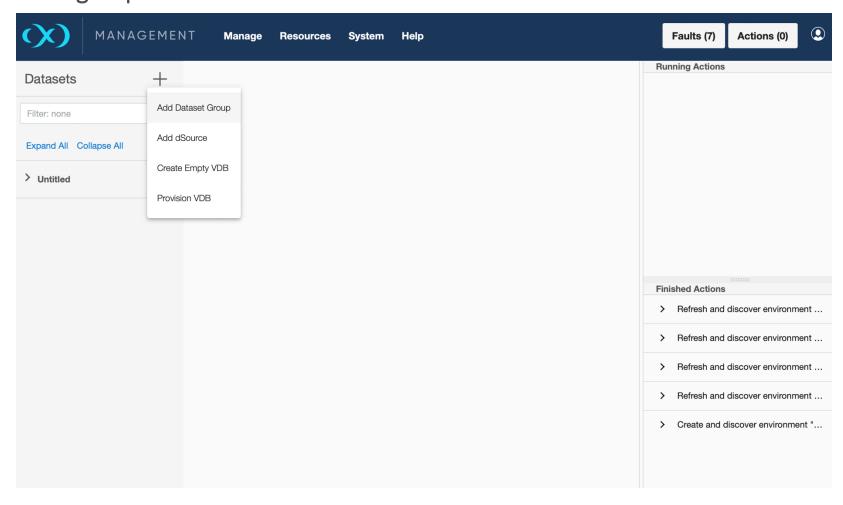




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First create a dataset group





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Dataset group is a single name for organization

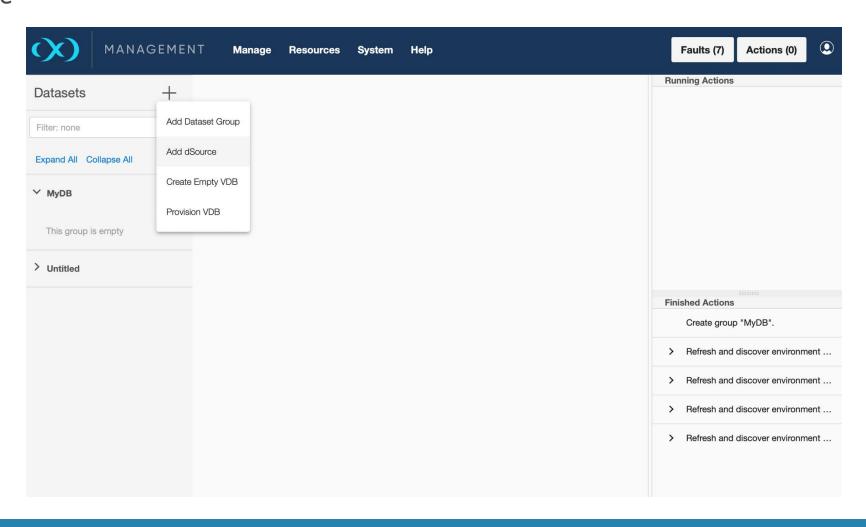
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Description		
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Manage Datasets



Add a dSource





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Everything is already prepared

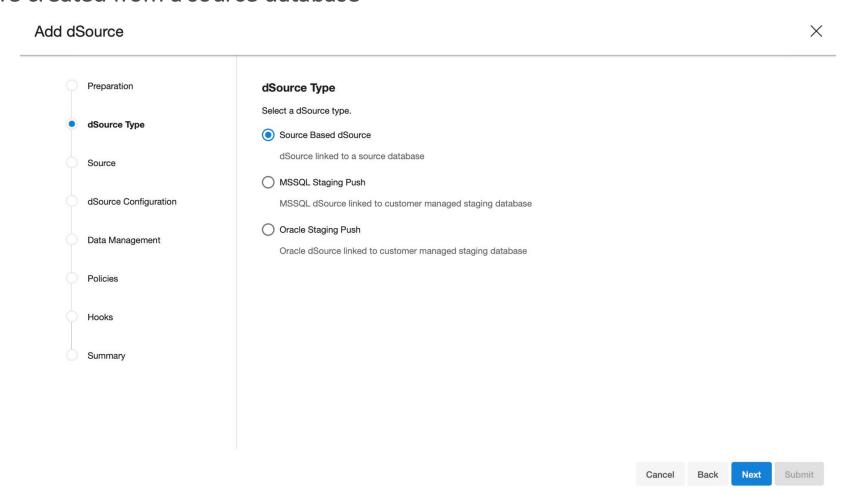
Add dSource \times Preparation **Preparation** There are two steps that you should consider completing before executing this wizard: dSource Type · Create an environment - at least one is required to proceed Define policies Source **CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT** An environment is required for the dSource. Go to Manage > Environments to create or manage environments. dSource Configuration Environments that you create will be available for selection in this Wizard. **DEFINE POLICIES** Data Management If you want to set up your own SnapSync and Retention policies rather than using defaults, you can create these by going to Manage > Policies. Policies that you define will be available for selection in this Wizard. **Policies** MORE INFORMATION Hooks To read more about dSources see Product Documentation Summary



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dSource will bre created from a source database

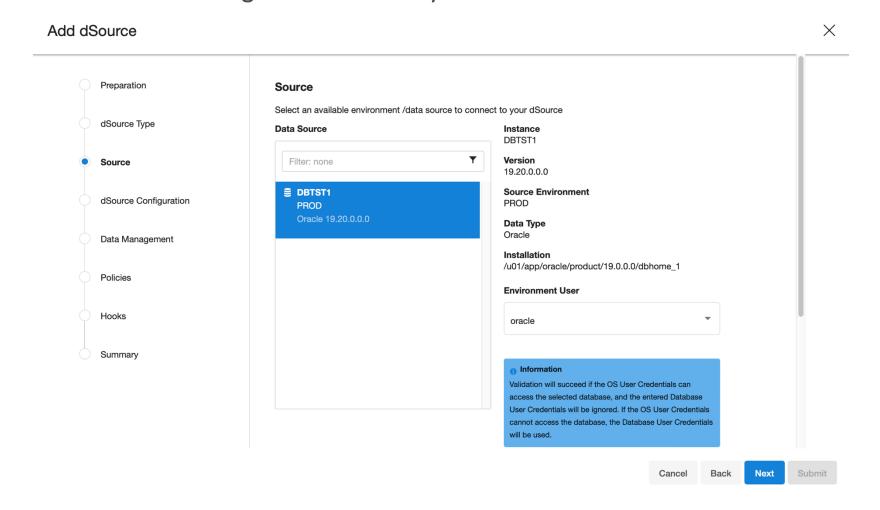




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Source database will be DBTST1 running on the first DB System

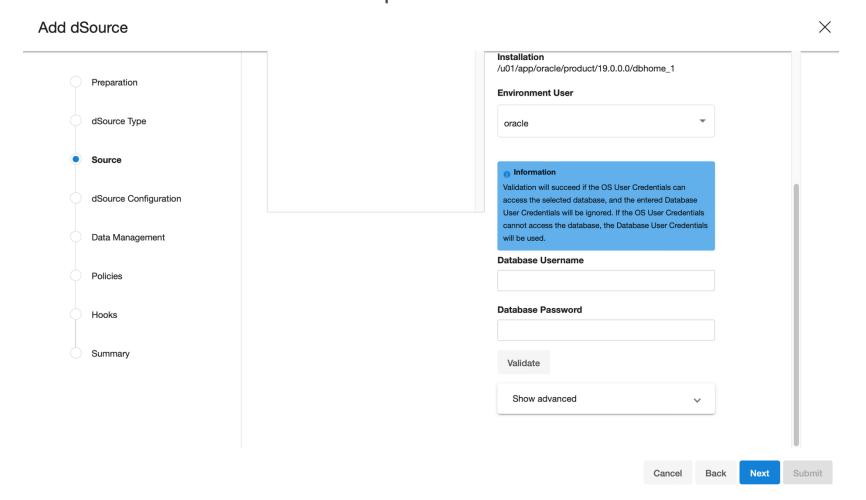




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No need to provide credential as oracle user has been specified in the environment

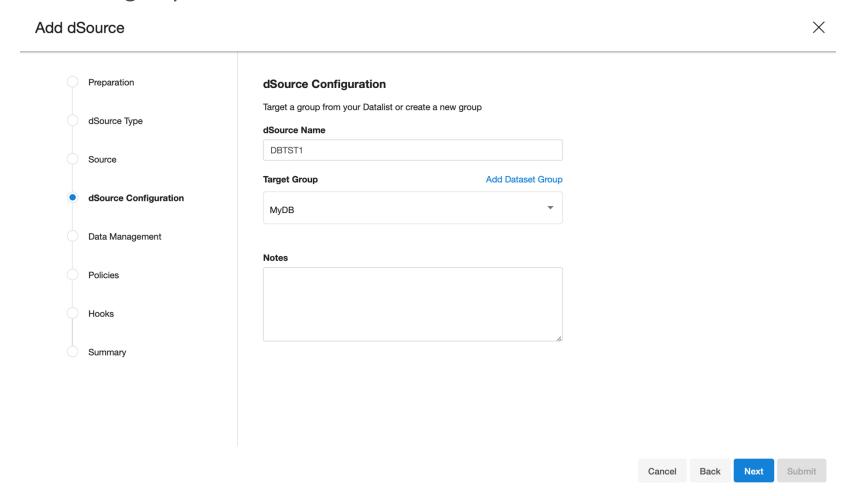




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Choose dSource name and group

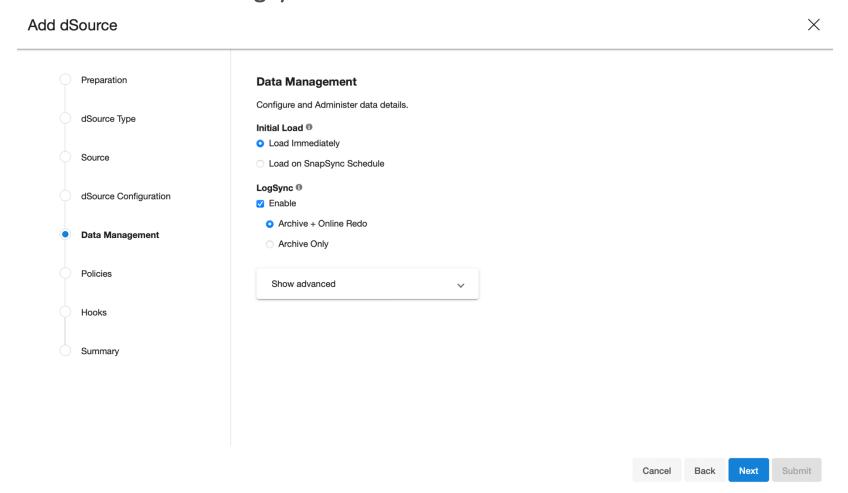




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Choose immediate or differed load and LogSync method

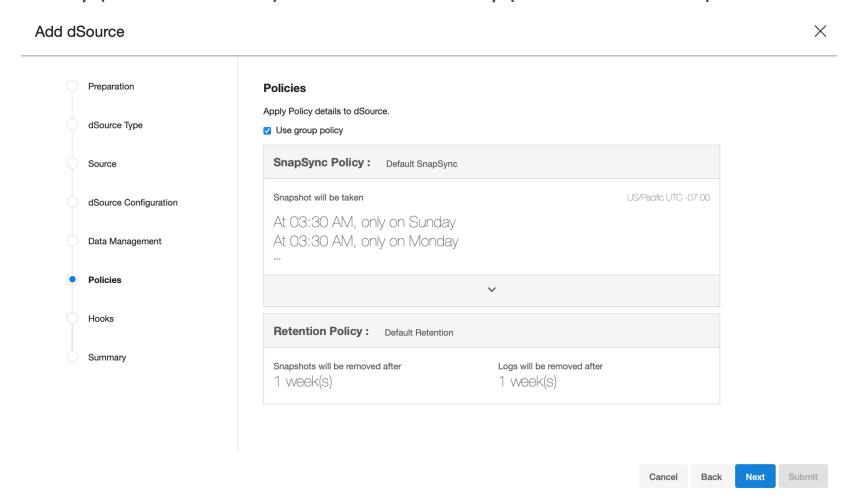




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Choose SnapSync Policy (dSource refresh) and Retention Policy (dSource retention)

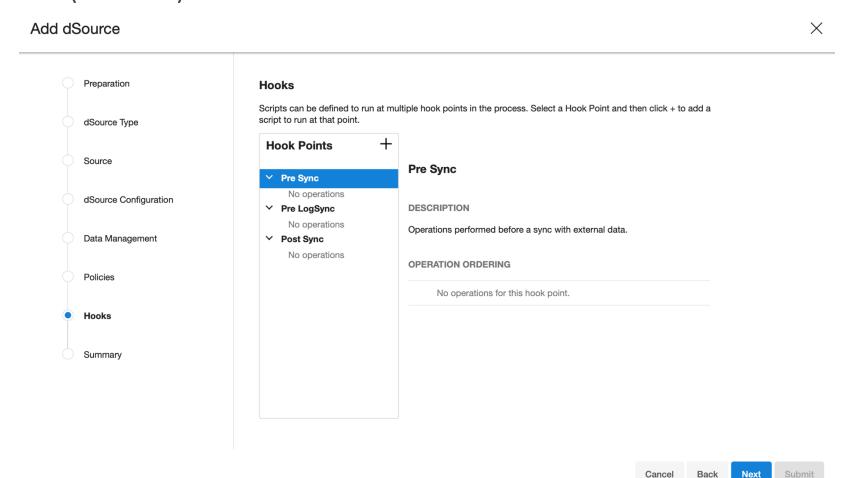




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Choose Hook Points (if needed)





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Submit the dSource building

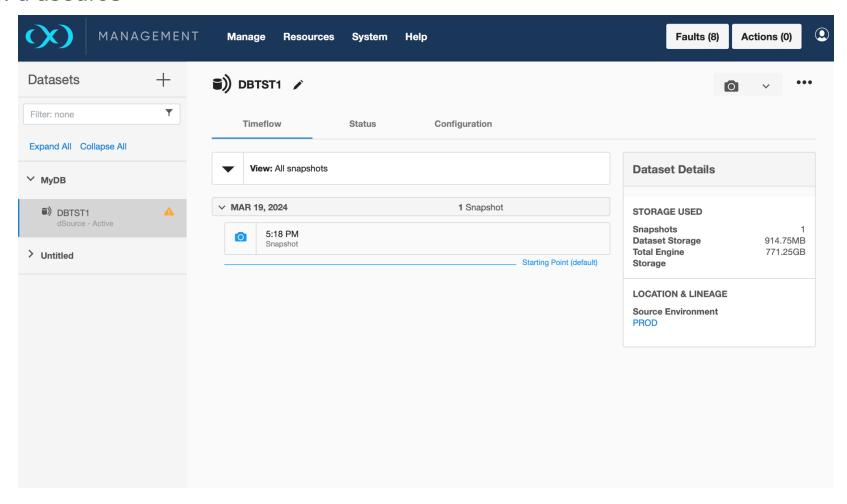
Add dSource X Preparation Summary Review the configuration profile for this dSource. dSource Type **DSOURCE TYPE DATA MANAGEMENT** Source **Initial Load** Source Based dSource Load Immediately LogSync dSource Configuration Enabled SOURCE LogSync Mode **Data Type** Data Management Archive + Online Redo Oracle Validated Sync Version Disabled Policies 19.20.0.0.0 **External Data Directory Source Environment** None PROD Hooks Compression **Environment User** Enabled oracle Summary Bandwidth Limit (MB/s) Installation /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0.0/dbhome_1 **Number of Connections Database Username** Unset **Encrypted Linking** Instance Use system default setting DBTST1 Submit Cancel Back Next



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DBTST1 is now a dSource

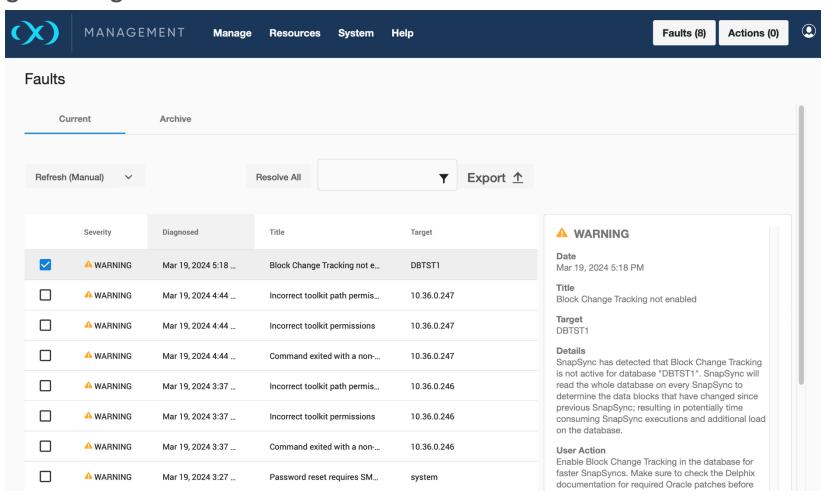




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Using Block Change Tracking is recommended for fast dSource refresh

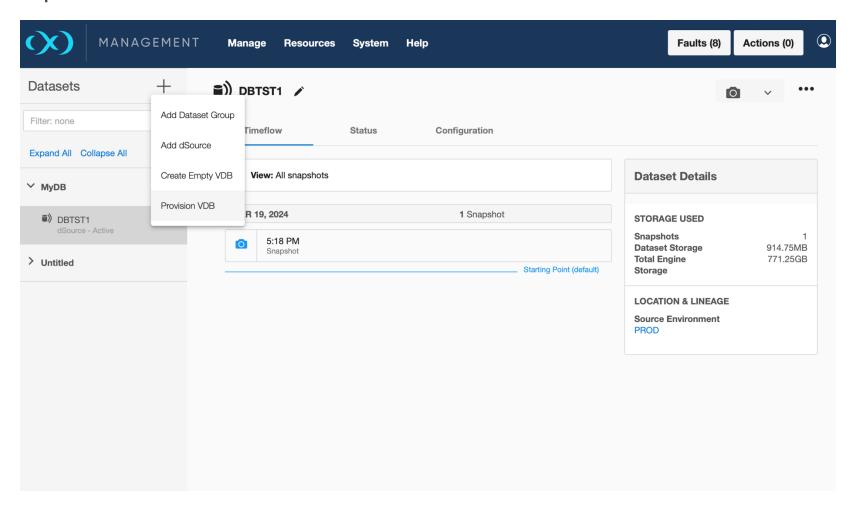




Manage VDBs



VDBs can now be provisioned





Manage VDBs



Preparation steps are already OK

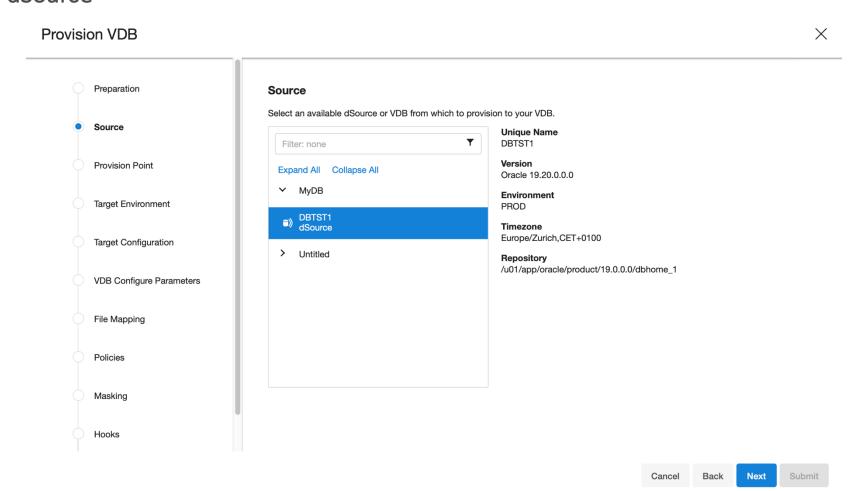
Provision VDB X Preparation **Preparation** There are two steps that you need to complete before running this wizard: · Create source and target environments. Source · Create a source database, which can either be a dSource linked to a production database or a VDB provisioned from a dSource. Provision Point Target Environment **Target Configuration VDB** Configure Parameters File Mapping **Policies** Masking Hooks



Manage VDBs



Choose the dSource

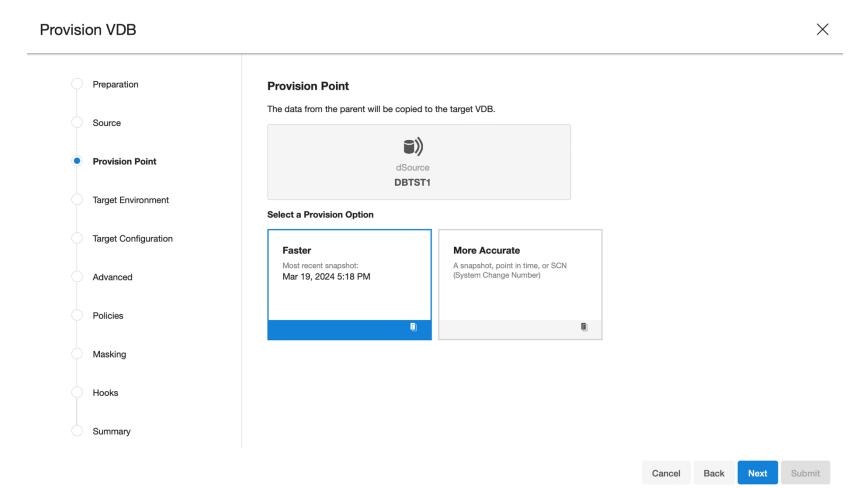




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Choose the point in time





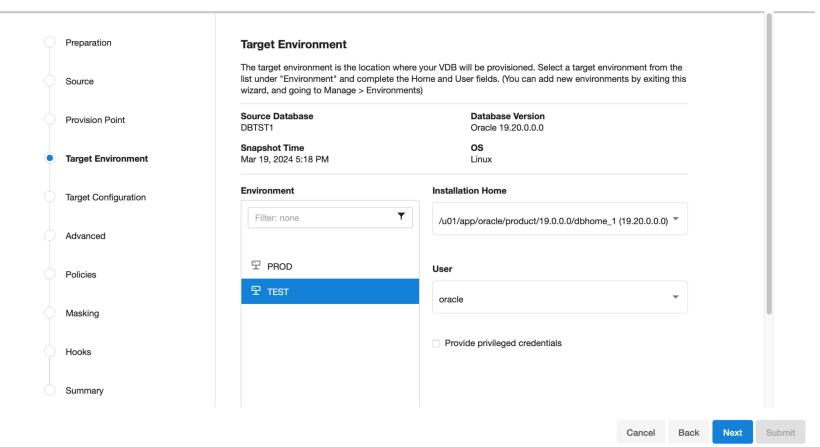
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Choose the target server

Provision VDB

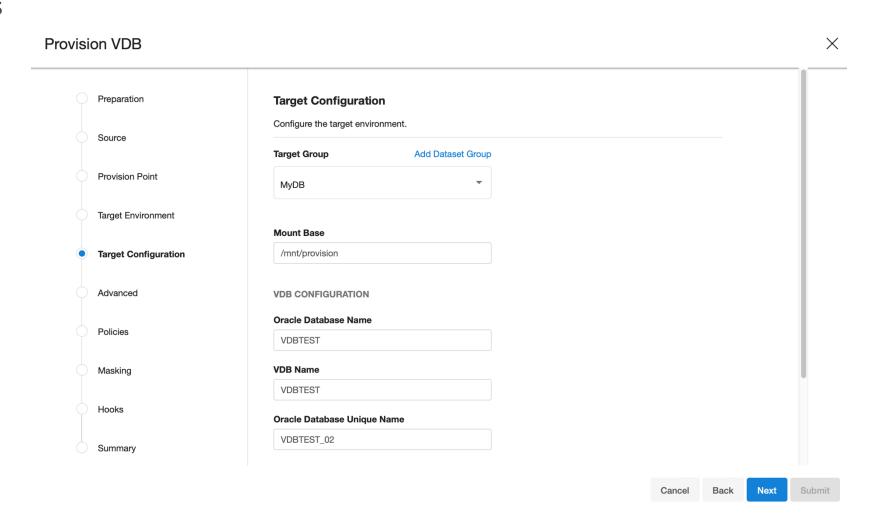




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Choose names

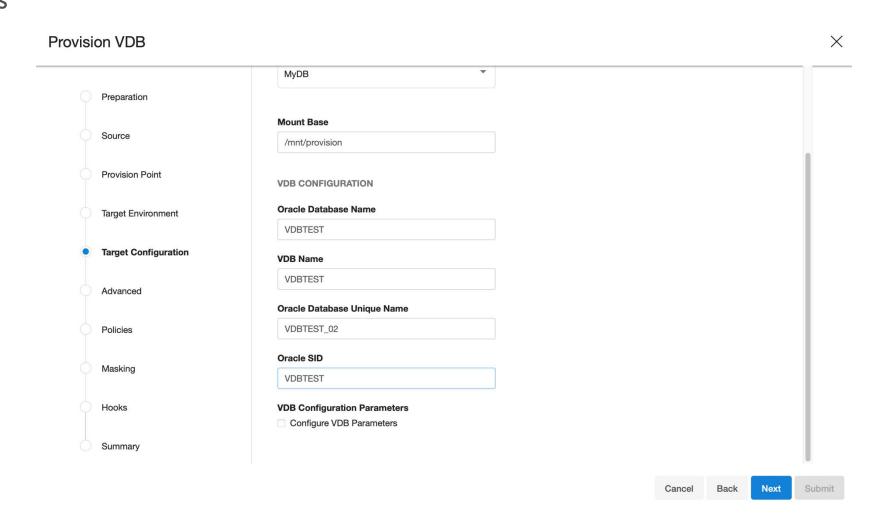




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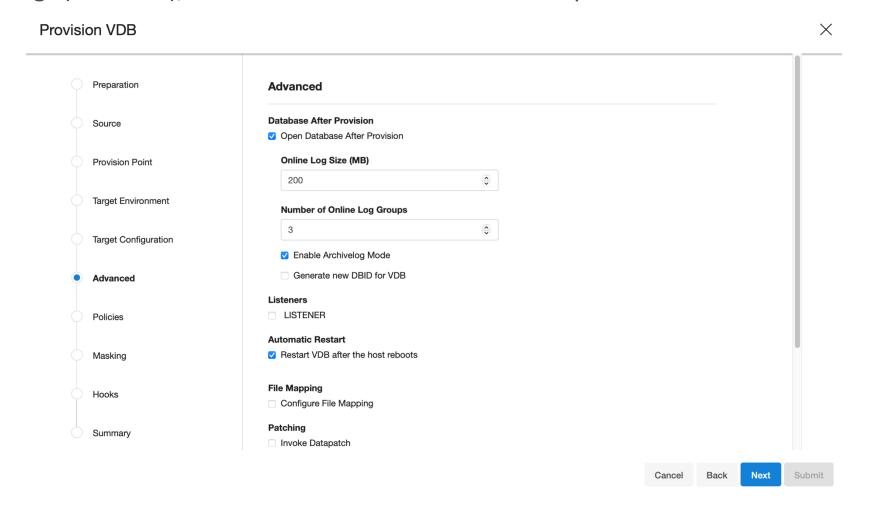




Manage VDBs



Redefine online logs (if needed), choose automatic restart and if Datapatch should be run

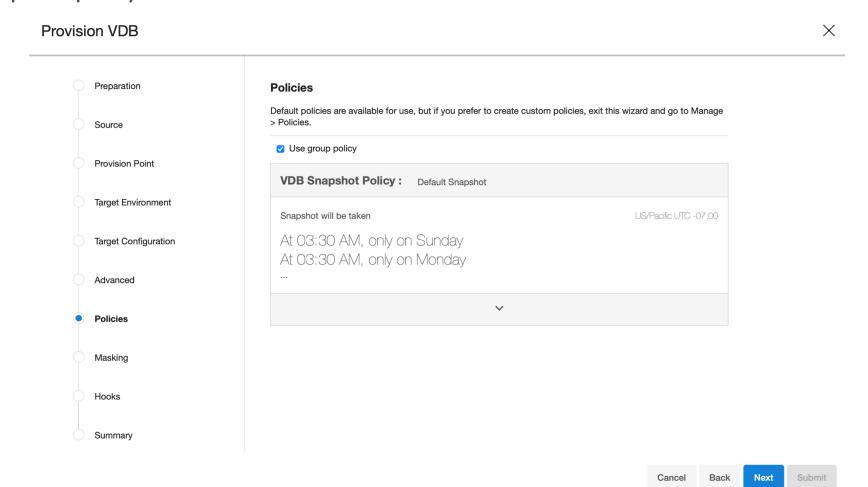




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Choose a snapshot policy

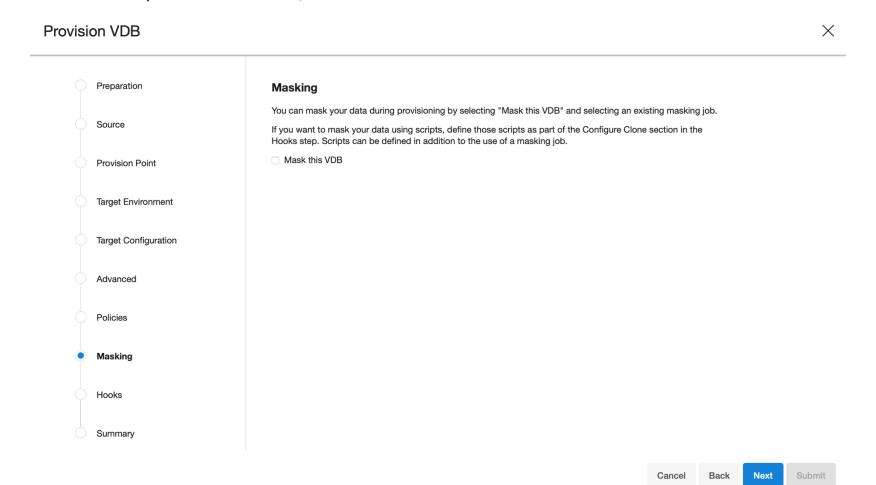




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If Delphix Continuous Compliance is used, VDB data can be masked

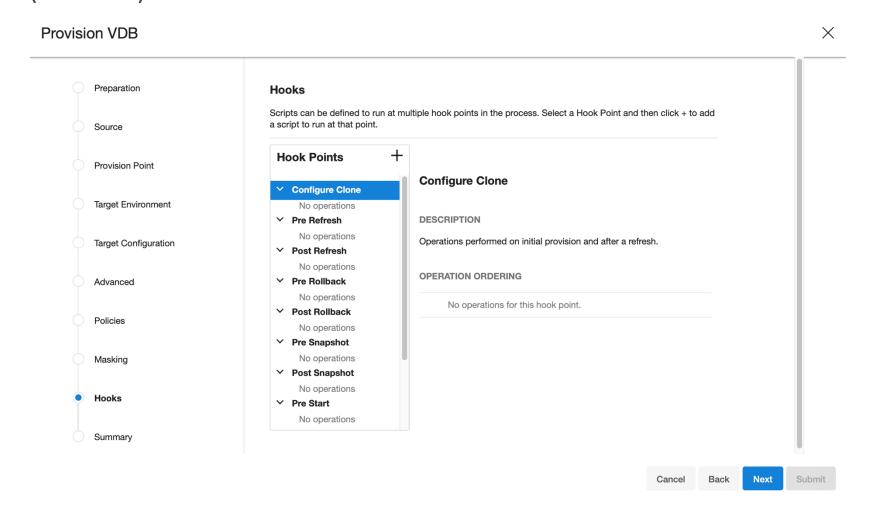




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Hook Points (if needed)





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Click on Submit for creating the VDB

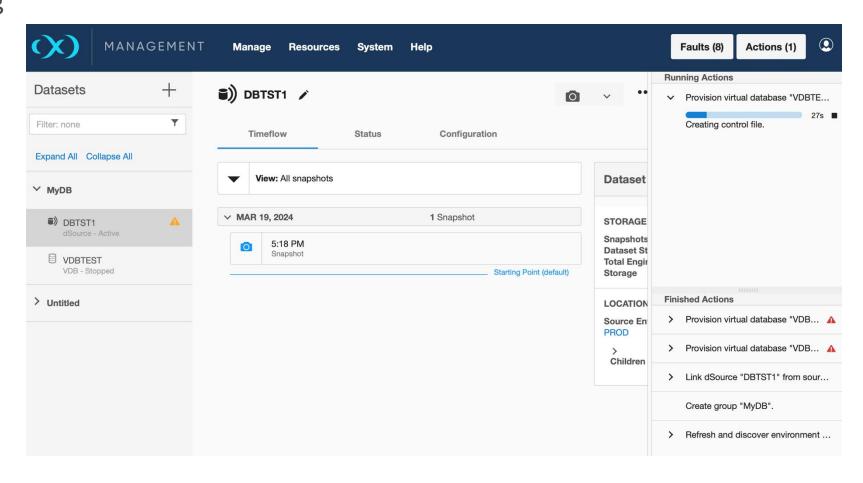
Provision VDB X Preparation Summary Review the configuration profile for this VDB Source TARGET ENVIRONMENT **ADVANCED Provision Point Environment Open Database After Provision** TEST **Installation Home** Online Log Size (MB) Target Environment /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0.0/dbhome_1 (19.20.0.0.0)**Number of Online Log Groups Target Configuration** TARGET CONFIGURATION **Archivelog Mode Target Group** Advanced MyDB Generate new DBID for VDB **Mount Base Policies** /mnt/provision **Auto VDB Restart** On Masking **VDB CONFIGURATION** File Mapping None **VDB** Name **Custom Environment Variables VDBTEST** Hooks **Database Name Invoke Datapatch VDBTEST** Summary **Oracle Database Unique Name** Back **Submit** Cancel Next



Manage VDBs



VDB is creating

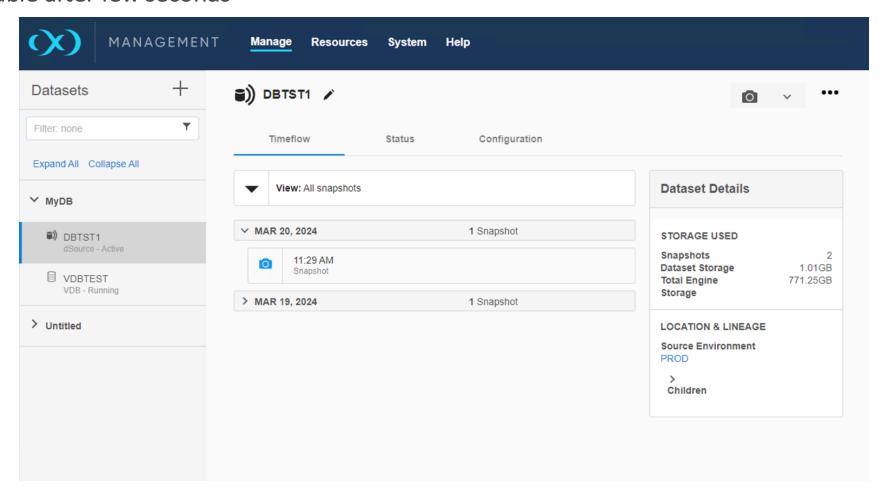




Manage VDBs



VDB is available after few seconds





Manage VDBs



How it looks like on the DB System?

```
ssh root@testdbs02
df -h | grep provision
10.36.0.248:/domain0/group-3/oracle db container-9/oracle timeflow-10
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ps -ef | grep pmon | grep -v grep
       11836
oracle
                      0 Mar19 ?
                                       00:00:02 ora pmon VDBTEST
cat /etc/oratab | grep -v '#'
-- no entries
su - oracle
export ORACLE HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0.0/dbhome 1
export ORACLE SID=VDBTEST
export PATH=$PATH:$ORACLE HOME/bin
```



Manage VDBs

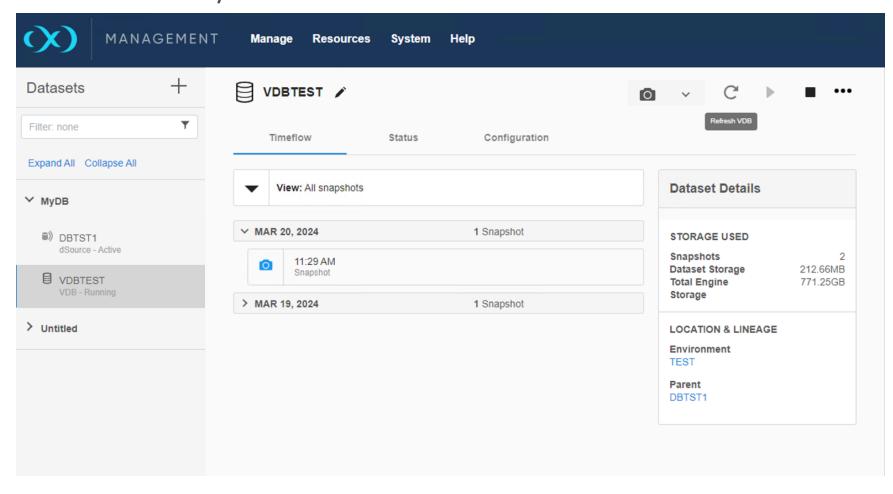
How it looks like on the DB System?

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
select instance name, database role, open mode from v$instance, v$database;
INSTANCE NAME DATABASE ROLE OPEN MODE
VDBTEST
               PRIMARY
                        READ WRITE
select name from v$controlfile;
NAME
/mnt/provision/VDBTEST 02/datafile/+RECO/DBTST1/CONTROLFILE/current.279.1160319947
select name from v$datafile where file#=4;
NAME
/mnt/provision/VDBTEST 02/datafile/+DATA/DBTST1/DATAFILE/undotbs1.315.1160319903
select member from v$logfile where group#=2;
MEMBER
/mnt/provision/VDBTEST 02/datafile/VDBTEST 02/onlinelog/o1 mf 2 0g85td8t .log
select name from v$archived log where sequence#=(select max(sequence#) from v$archived log);
NAME
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```

Manage VDBs



Manual refresh of the VDB is easy

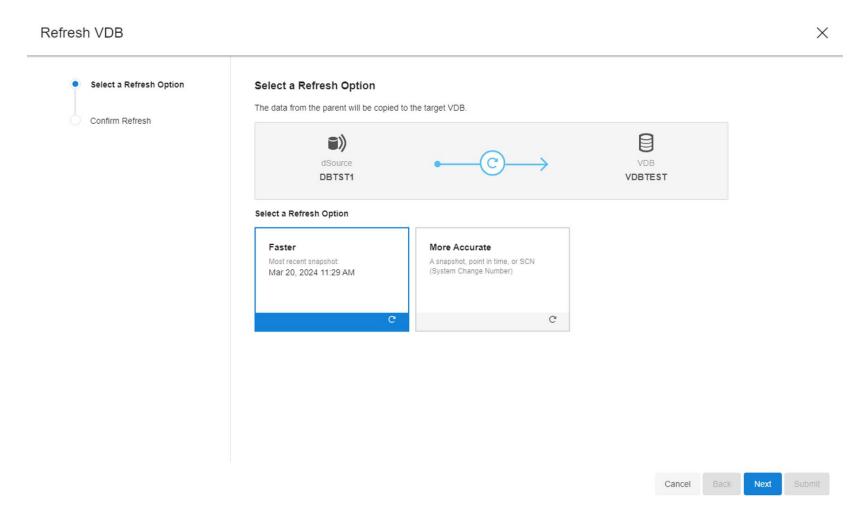




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Choose the point in time

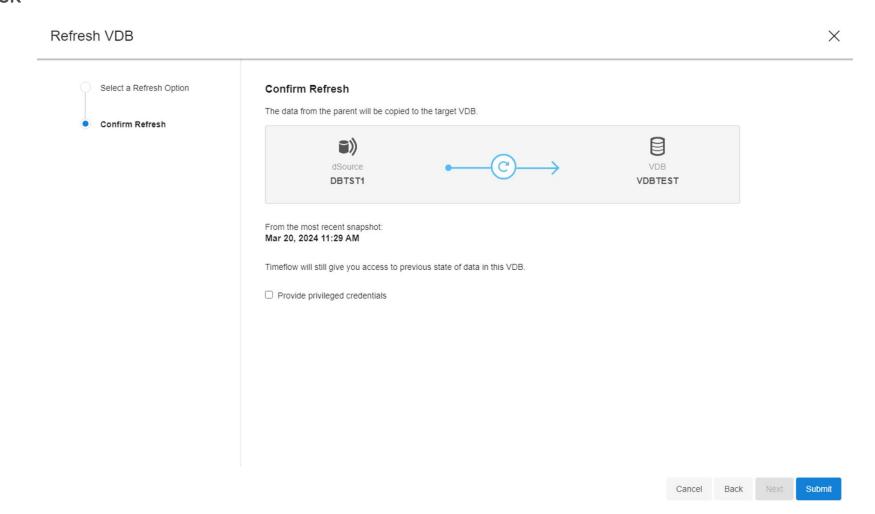




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Submit the task

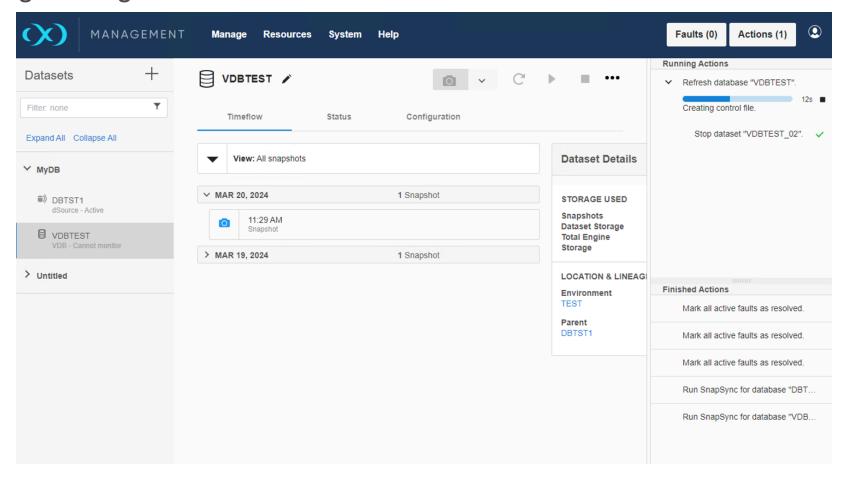




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Refresh is done through a background task

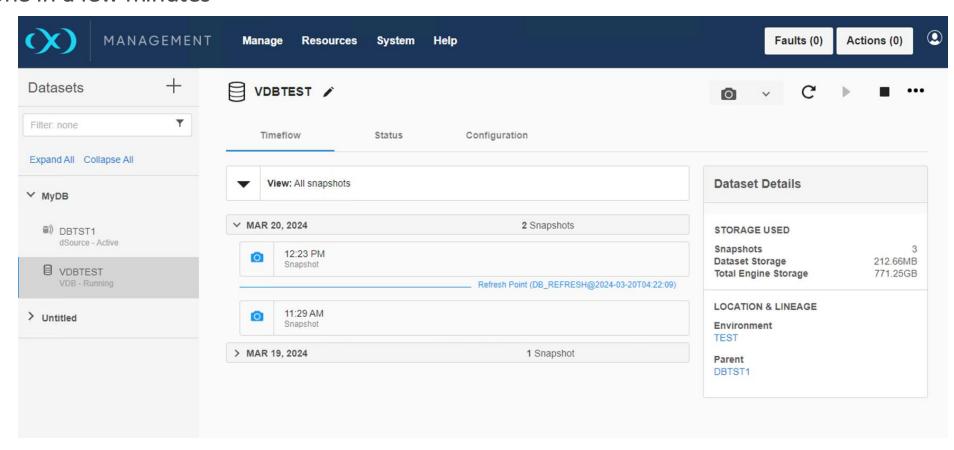




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Refresh is done in a few minutes

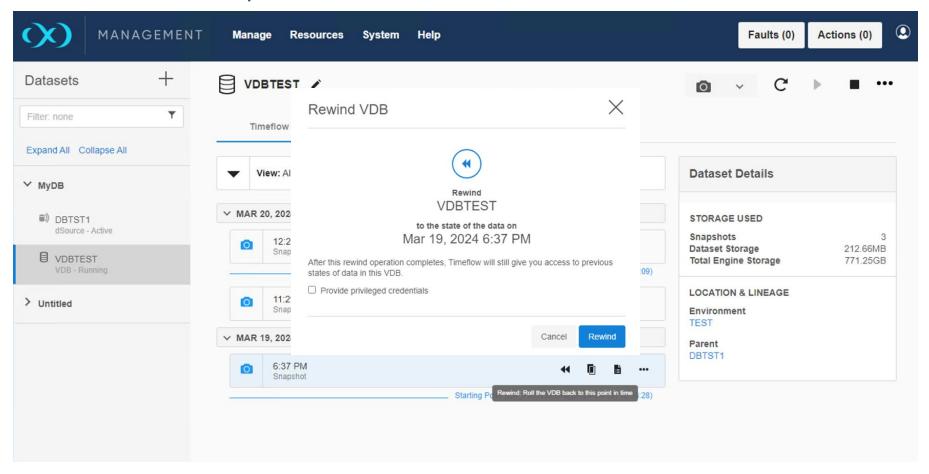




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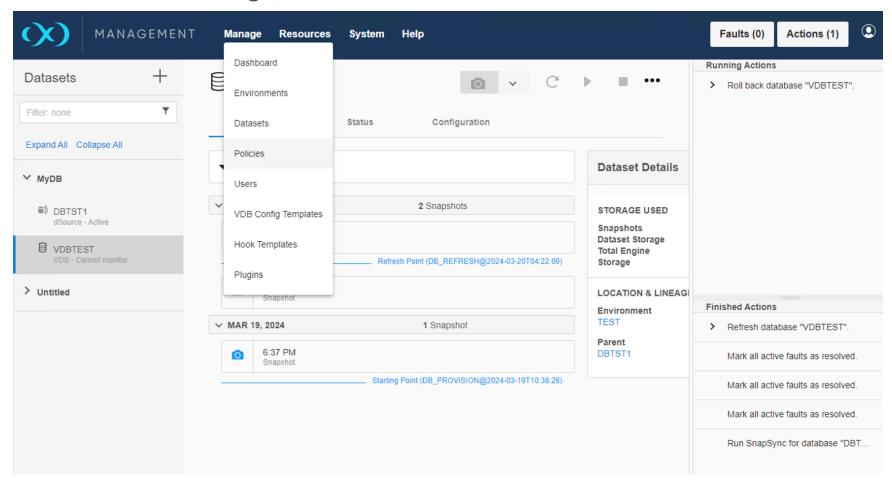
It's possible to revert to an old snapshot







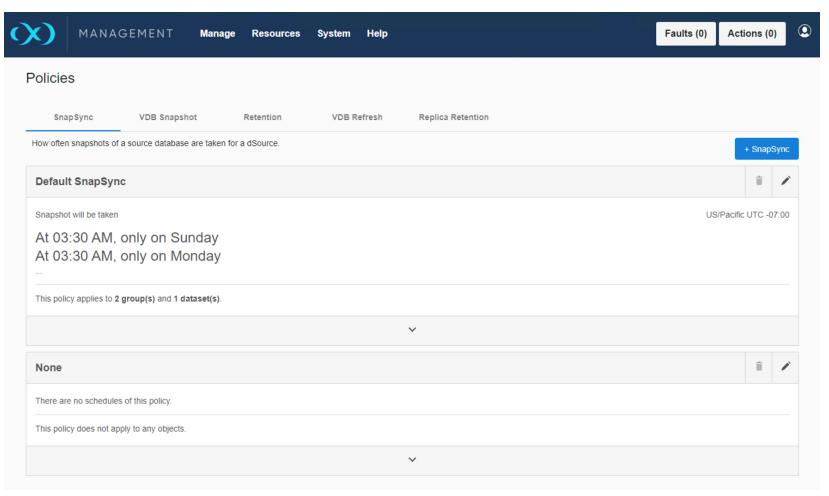
Policies can be fine tuned under Manage / Policies







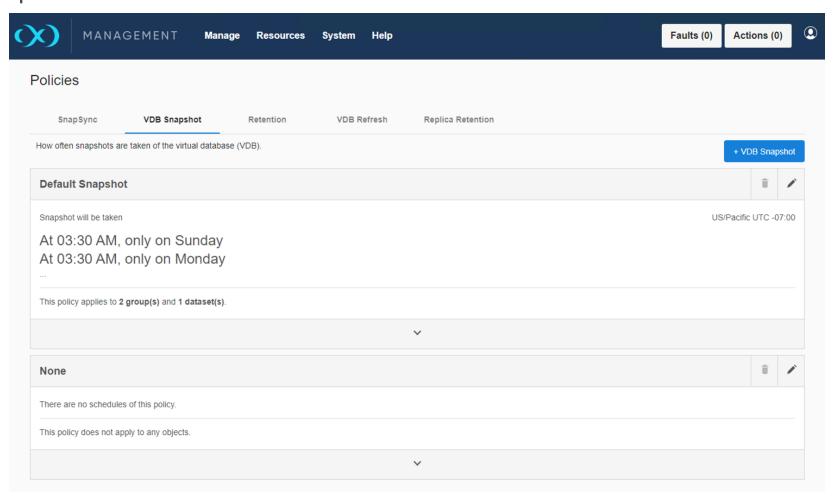
Policy for dSource refresh







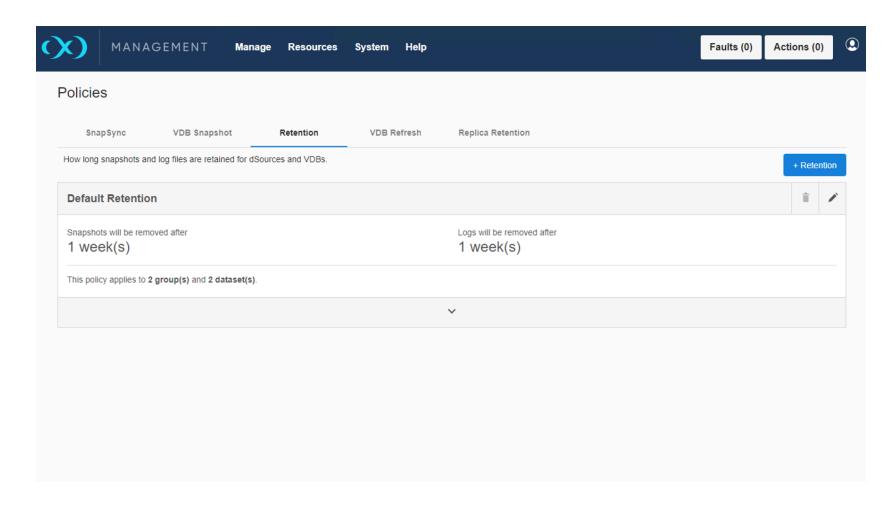
Policy for VDB snapshots







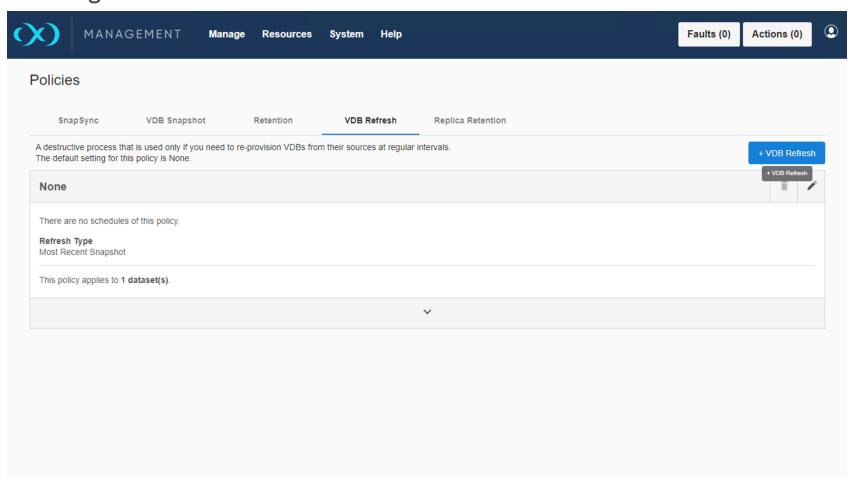
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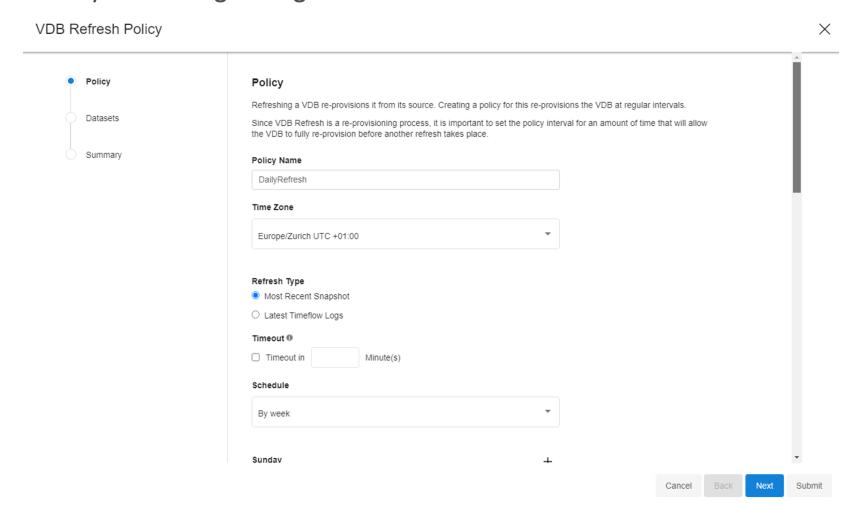
VDB refresh scheduling







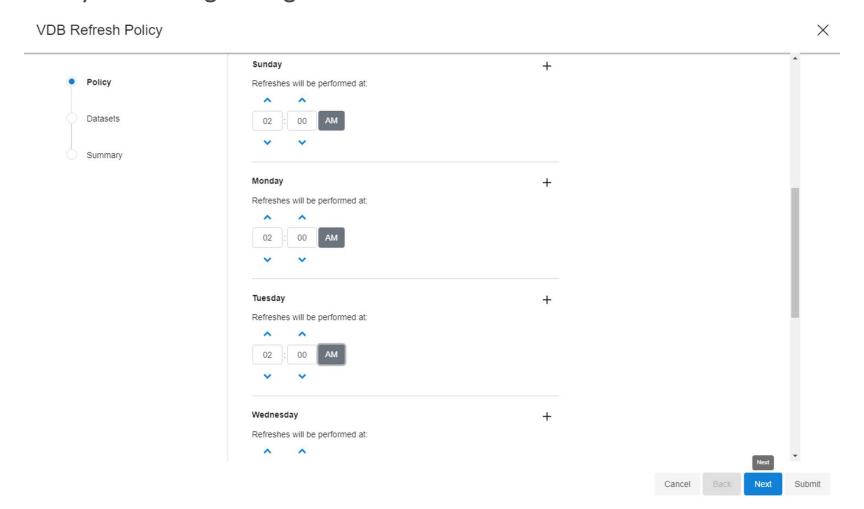
Plan a daily refresh for my VDB during the night







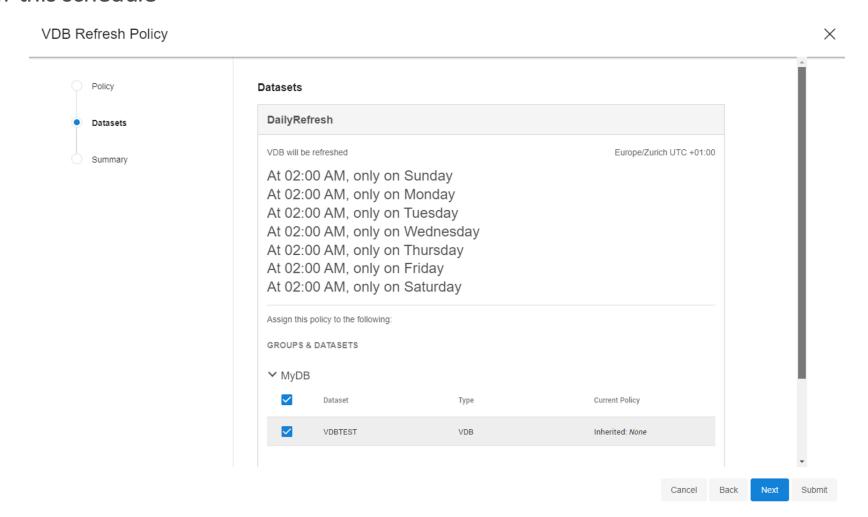
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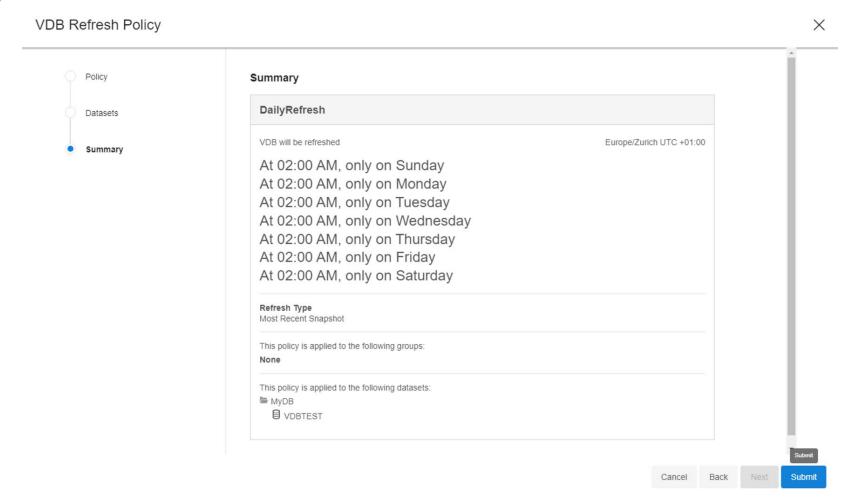
Choose the VDB for this schedule







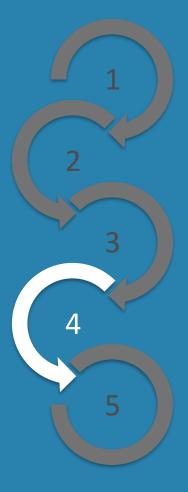
Submit this policy





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Self-Service portal Introduction



Purpose of the Self-Service features:

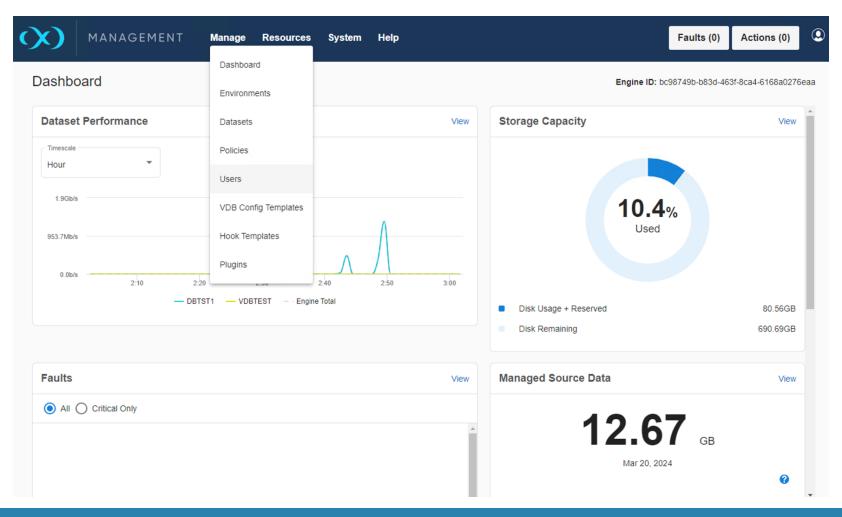
- > Provide developers full control over a VDB timeline
- > Release the DBA from refresh and restore tasks



Create users



Go to Manage / Users for configuring a new user

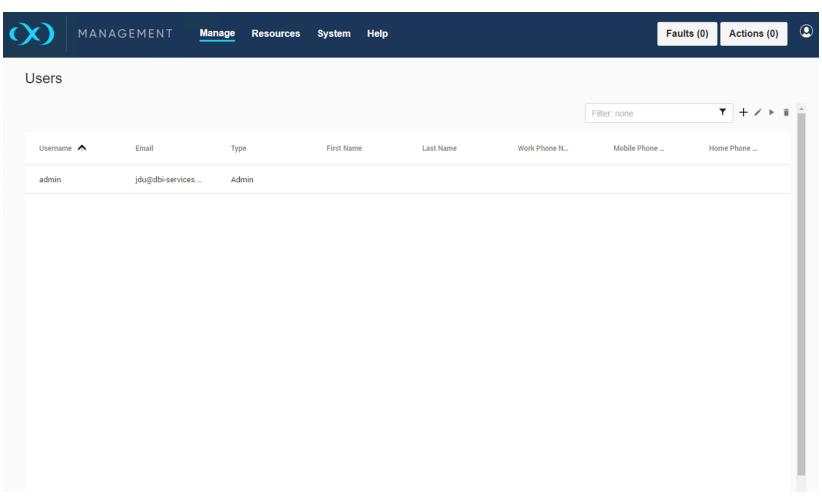




Create users



Only user admin exists until now: click on +





Create users



Choose Self-Service Only and configure a username and a password

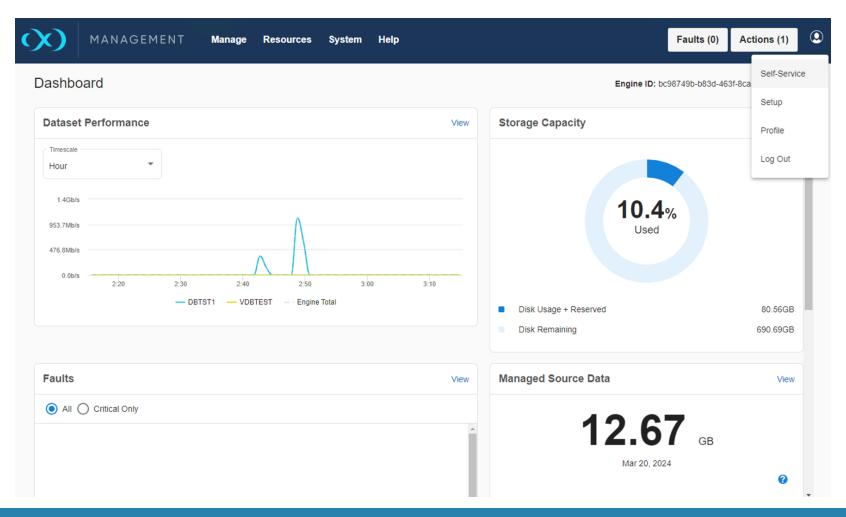
d User		
• User Summary	User User Type	
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Create a Data Template



Go to the Self-Service portal

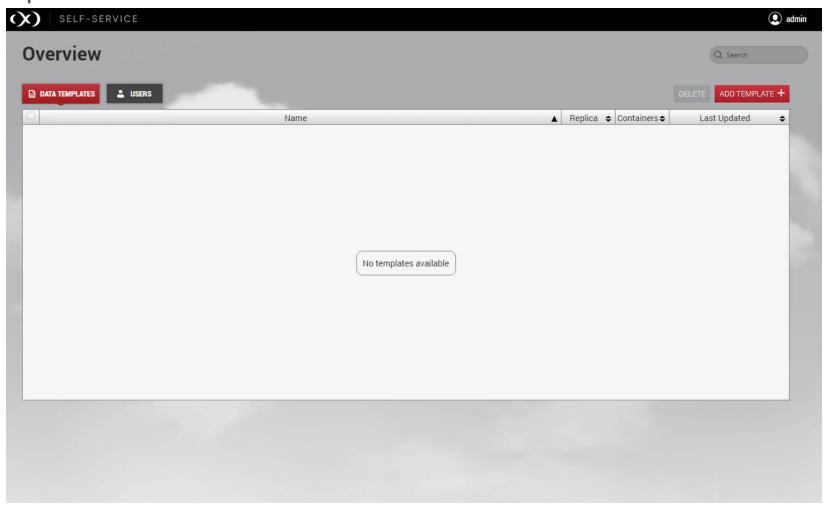




Create a Data Template



Create a new Data Template

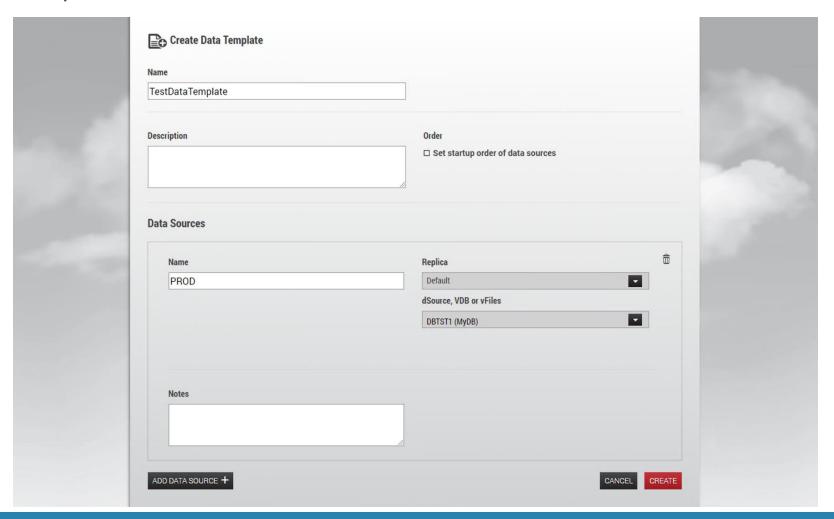




Create a Data Template



Configure the Data Template with the dSource

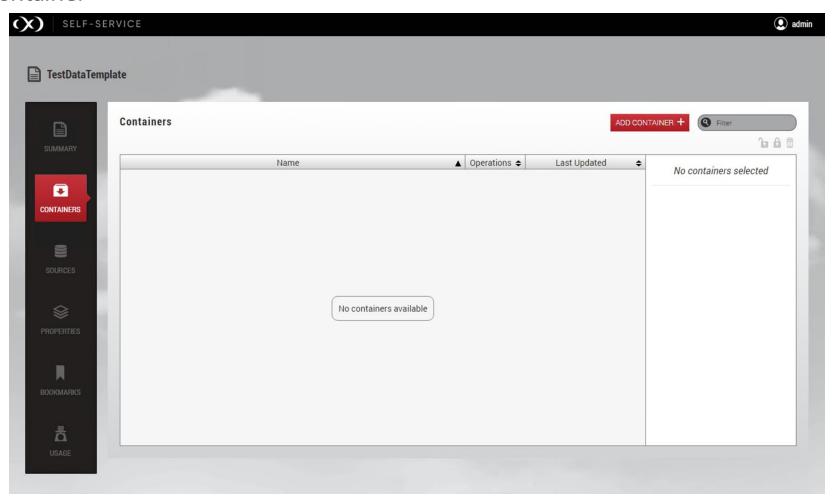




Create a Data Container



Click on Add Container

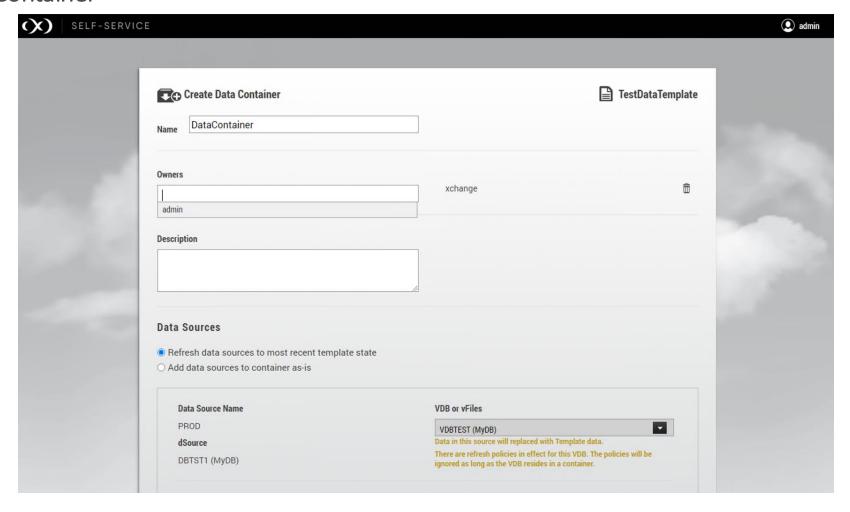




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Create a Data Container



Choose VDB as the target database (policies defined on the VDB won't run anymore)

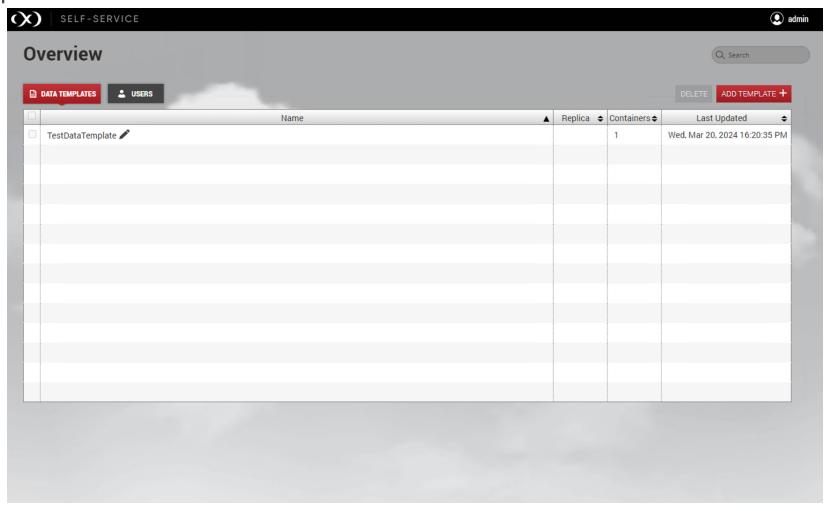
Data Source Name	VDB or vFiles
PROD dSource DBTST1 (MyDB)	VDBTEST (MyDB) Data in this source will replaced with Template data. There are refresh policies in effect for this VDB. The policies will be ignored as long as the VDB resides in a container.
Connection Info Host	Description



Create a Data Container



Now the template has its data container





Self-Service usage



Login with xchange user credentials

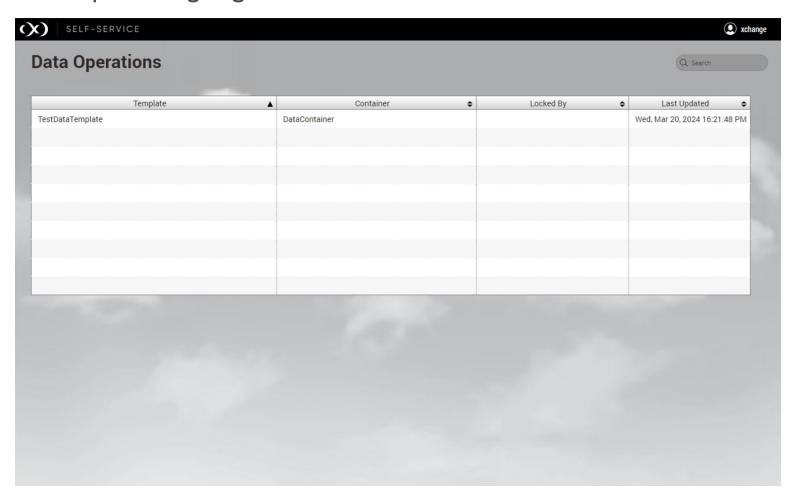




Self-Service usage



Click on TestDataTemplate for going to the VDB timeline

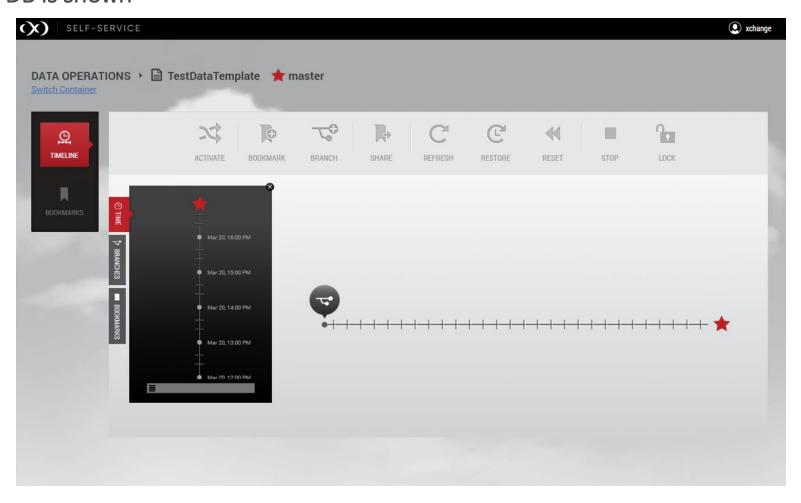




Self-Service usage



Timeline of the VDB is shown

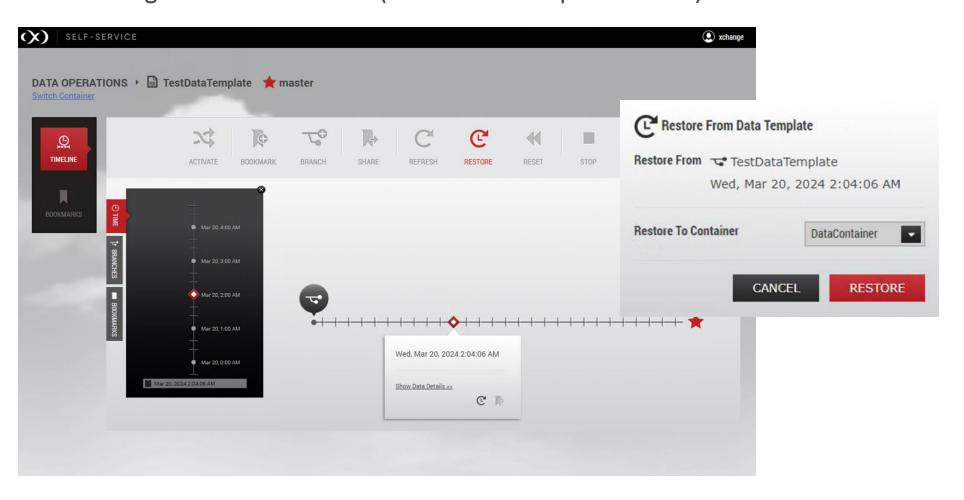




Self-Service usage



The xchange user can navigate within a timeline (and restore to a point in time)

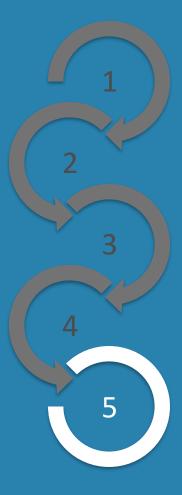




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Pros

- > Smart solution
- > Can run on multiple platforms
- > Do not need shared storage
- > Do not need specific hardware
- > Save on storage costs
- > Make sense with Delphix Continuous Compliance
- > GUI and API driven solution
- > No additional Oracle licenses needed
- > Updates are rather easy



Cons

- > Annual Subscription for 3TB minimum
- > To be compared with additional cores/options
- > Not really needed for small databases (<<1TB)
- > Self-Service portal not so user-friendly

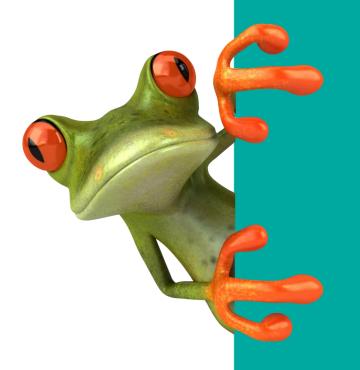












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