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Rapid Recovery 6.1.2 Release Notes

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These release notes provide information about the Rapid Recovery release, build 6.1.2.115.

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About this release

Rapid Recovery software delivers fast backups with verified recovery for your VMs and physical servers, on-premises or remote. Rapid Recovery is software built for IT professionals who need a powerful, affordable, and easy-to-use backup, replication, and recovery solution that provides protection for servers and business-critical applications like Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Exchange, and Microsoft SharePoint. Using Rapid Recovery, you can continuously back up and protect all your critical data and applications from a single web-based management console.

Since Rapid Recovery 6.1.2 is a maintenance release, the enhancements and defect fixes are unique to this release. Only the known issues are cumulative. For information on new features, enhanced functionality, resolved issues, known issues, or component changes for other releases, see release notes for the appropriate version of Rapid Recovery on our technical documentation website. For example:

- To see information specific to the most recent major release, Rapid Recovery 6.0, see Rapid Recovery 6.0.1 Release Notes.
- To see information specific to the most recent minor release, Rapid Recovery 6.1, see Rapid Recovery 6.1 Release Notes.
- To see information specific to the most recent prior maintenance release, Rapid Recovery 6.1.1, see Rapid Recovery 6.1.1 Release Notes.
- NOTE: The default view of the technical documentation website shows documentation for the most recent generally available version of the Rapid Recovery software. Using the filters at the top of the page, you can view documentation for a different software release or for a Quest DL series backup and recovery appliance. You can also filter the view by guide category.

Rebranding

Release 6.1.2 includes full rebranding of the Rapid Recovery product and documentation to reflect the Quest Software brand. For more information about Quest, see About us.

Prior to release 6.0x, Rapid Recovery was named AppAssure. All components of the product were rebranded to reflect the next step in its evolution. Details are described in the Rebranded components topic of the *Rapid Recovery 6.0.1 Release Notes*.

Repository upgrade advisory

Upgrading the Core software to release 6.1.x from any earlier version (for example, Rapid Recovery 6.0x, or AppAssure 5.x) changes the schema in your repository. The updates let you use new features in the latest release, including the ability to protect guests on a Microsoft Hyper-V host without installing Rapid Recovery Agent on each guest.

After you change the structure of your repository through an upgrade, you cannot downgrade the version of Core. Should you determine in the future that you want to use an earlier version of Core after upgrade to this release, you will need to archive the data in your repository. You could then re-import the information manually, which can be a substantial effort.

System requirements documentation advisory

For each software release, we review and update the system requirements for Rapid Recovery software and components. If using localized versions of product documentation, refer to the release notes for the most current system requirements. Release notes are sometimes updated and re-issued in a release cycle.

Rapid Recovery release designations

Rapid Recovery release designations consist of up to four parts. Each part consists of a set of numerals separated by decimal points.

- Major releases are specified by the first numeral. These releases include dramatic changes to UI, the repository, or application behavior.
- **Minor releases** are specified by the second numeral, which follows the first decimal point. Minor releases introduce new functionality that is smaller in scope than the types of changes included in major releases.
- **Maintenance releases** are specified by the third numeral, which follows the second decimal point. For release numbers at this point and in the future, if the third numeral is greater than 0, it is a maintenance release. Maintenance releases correct previously identified defects or behaviors.
- **Build numbers** (typically 3 or 4 digits) are specified by the fourth set of numerals. This part is used to differentiate version of the software program generated during the development process.
 - For the Rapid Recovery Agent software, build numbers may differ between Windows and Linux versions. If the first three parts of the release number are identical, interoperability between the Core and Agent with different build numbers is not affected.
 - Updated builds of the same software release may be made available on to the License Portal within a release cycle. Therefore, if your Core is set to automatically update the Agent version on protected machines, you may see differences in build numbers for a single release. These differences will not negatively influence functionality.
 - Build numbers may also differ between software-only versions of the Core and the versions used on the Quest DL series backup and recovery appliances.
 - Build numbers will differ between the Core and the Add-on for Kaseya component.
 - Difference in build numbers do not affect replication.

For release 6.1.2.115, the first digit (6) is the major release. The second digit (1) represents the minor release. The third digit (2) indicates that this is the second maintenance release to 6.1, containing defect fixes. In this case, the maintenance release also contains rebranding for Quest. The build number (115) is last and is generally only

referenced in release notes. The build number for this release is identical between Core, and Windows and Linux Agents, and components such as the Local Mount Utility.

Enhancements

This section lists enhancements implemented in Rapid Recovery release 6.1.2 or enhancements not previously described in technical product documentation.

Topics include:

- · Additional Linux distributions supported
- Exchange Server 2016 DAG support
- Limited support for vSphere/ESXi 6.5

Additional Linux distributions supported

Rapid Recovery release 6.1.2 includes updates to its Network Block Device (NBD) implementation that expand support for Rapid Recovery Agent to version 7.3 of CentOS, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), and Oracle Linux.

These three Linux operating systems rely on a third-party component, NBD, to support reading and writing data in fixed-size blocks over a TCP/IP network. The remaining Linux distributions supported by Rapid Recovery Agent include NBD in the kernel.

Exchange Server 2016 DAG support

Rapid Recovery now offers support for Exchange Server 2016 DAG clusters. The application and cluster configuration has been tested with release 6.1.1 and release 6.1.2 of Rapid Recovery and verified to be compatible with both releases of the software.

Limited support for vSphere/ESXi 6.5

Beginning with release 6.1, Rapid Recovery provides limited support for vSphere/ESXi 6.5. Unless otherwise indicated, functions supported for ESXi 6 now work for ESXi 6.5. Read the following details carefully for a full understanding.

The following functions are supported:

- · Protection of virtual machines on ESXi 6.5
- Replication of recovery points from ESXi 6.5
- Virtual export of recovery points to ESXi 6.5

The following limitations exist:

- You cannot export a virtual machine to vCenter/ESXi 6.5 if the source machine uses the Secure Boot option.
- When protecting virtual machines agentlessly on ESXi 6.5, you cannot protect encrypted VMs, which
 require VDDK 6.5. This limitation does not apply if the VM has the Agent software installed. Support for this
 feature is expected in Rapid Recovery release 7.0.0 and later, which includes an upgrade to VDDK 6.5.
- When protecting virtual machines agentlessly on ESXi 6.5, transfer does not work if the transport mode is set to SAN (storage area network). The SAN transport mode option is only available for agentless protection.

In general, new features specific to ESXi 6.5 may not function and are not supported until the VDDK is updated and tested in a future release of Rapid Recovery.

Deprecated in this release

This section includes a list of features, items, or related components that are deprecated in Rapid Recovery release 6.1.2.

Topics include:

Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 SP1 Rollup 5 deprecated

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Microsoft ended extended support for Exchange Server 2007 on April 11, 2017, based on their support lifecycle policy.

Quest tested Exchange Server 2007 SP1 Rollup 5 with Rapid Recovery release 6.1.2, and found no issues. Thus, limited support for this version of Exchange Server is provided to customers with a support agreement for release 6.1.2. Testing of this version of Exchange with Rapid Recovery 7.0.0 is also planned, and it will be supported in that release.

However, this version of Exchange Server is deprecated, and support will be discontinued in a future release of Rapid Recovery. Customers using Rapid Recovery to back up Exchange Server 2007 SP1 are advised to plan and implement an update to an Exchange Server version that is supported by Microsoft.

Resolved issues

Customer-facing issues resolved in this release are listed below.

Table 1. Core and Windows resolved issues

| Resolved Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| After upgrading version 5.4.3 or 6.0.x of the Agent software on a machine running Windows Server 2012 R2 or Windows Server 2016, a base image was taken instead of an incremental snapshot. | 102561 | Upgrading |
| In a case of replication failure, data that successfully replicated before the moment of failure was cleared from the staging area (target), which forced the next replication job to start over from the beginning instead of resuming from the point where the failure occurred. | 102578 | Replication |
| Mount for volumes with ReFS file system did not work on Windows Server 2016. | 102437 | Mounting |
| Requesting deletion of the same snapshot two or more times in a specific sequence in a DVM repository sometimes introduced data inconsistencies, and spammed the Core log with the error: 'unmanagedDvm.storageSubsystem.' | 102286 | Repository |

| Resolved Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| After implementing white labeling, the Volume page was empty for agentlessly protected VMs. | 101891 | Volumes page |
| When performing mountability checks on protected Exchange servers with large databases or servers under heavy load, gaps sometimes occurred between child jobs, which led to degradation of performance on the server, with some check jobs lasting hours. | 101797 | Exchange server checks |
| The Reports PowerShell script did not execute due to the relocation of a contract during refactoring. The code was updated to resolve. | 101678 | PowerShell |
| Arcserve Unified Data Protection software was not identified as an incompatible product. | 35798 | Validation |
| In the Add New Account dialog, there was no area for entering the service endpoint for an S3-compatible cloud account. | 35736 | Archiving |
| Archive to Amazon failed with error "The authorization mechanism you have provided is not supported. Please use AWS4-HMAC-SHA256" for buckets in Ohio, Mumbai and Seoul regions. | 35733 | Archiving |
| Korean translation in replication schedule settings was incorrect. | 35726 | Internationalization, replication |
| The 'State' column had the wrong translation on the Encryption Keys page for the Korean locale. | 35716 | Internationalization, encryption |
| In the Rapid Recovery software development kit, the AppRecoveryAPI sample AddClusterUnderProtectionSample did not work. | 35694 | SDK |
| Virtual export failed with the error "No physical extents have been found for cluster offset '19626746' cluster length '520.' Extent disk #'1' LCL '19627264' LCF '0' PSF '264192'" after specific steps. | 35626 | VM export |
| In the Settings page of the Core Console, validation in the client timeout fields sometimes worked incorrectly, showing the error "Uncaught Error." | 35572 | GUI, Core settings |
| In the Korean translation of the user interface, the Pause button showed the incorrect translation of 일지 중지 instead of 일시 중지. | 35557 | Localization, pausing protection |
| On the Schedule page of the Archive wizard, the tooltip text was wrong in all translations. | 35556 | Localization, Scheduled archive |
| In the Protect Machine wizards, the "Encrypt data using Core-based encryption with an existing key" option was highlighted when it was not selected. | 35554 | Protection, GUI |
| Volumes were not available after a recovery point from an attached archive created from an agentless Windows Server 2008 R2 protected machine was mounted as Writable. | 35542 | Archiving, Agentless protection |

| | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| The email notification template reverts to the default after the Core service restarts. | 35483 | Email notifications template, GU |
| Replication to a second target Core did not start if volumes were missing from the source Core. | 35358 | Replication |
| On a specific environment, the GPT volume on an agentlessly protected virtual machine could not be opened from a mount point mounted in Read-only mode. | 35100 | Agentless protection |
| When searching all transfer events using the Transfer Job per Machine widget (on the Core Console in dashboard view), the text string 'Transfer' was not translated. | 34774 | Localization |
| On the Events page and the Delete Recovery Points Range window, the date and time pickers worked incorrectly until users refreshed the page. | 34347 | Events, GUI |
| Disk metadata size skews progress tracking during archive. For example, if there are many databases on a volume, the progress bar stays at 1% for too long, then speeds up. | 32044 | Archiving, Metadata |
| Could not open databases from recovery points when the logs and data files were located in different directories. | 23285 | Recovery, application |
| were located in different directories. | | support |
| able 2. DocRetriever for SharePoint resolved issues | | |
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| Resolved Issue Description DocRetriever Agent did not work on a machine with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 (32-bit) installed. When retrieving list items from a SharePoint 2010 database, restore was not | ID | support Functional Area |
| Resolved Issue Description DocRetriever Agent did not work on a machine with Microsoft Office SharePoint | 102522 | Functional Area Restoring |
| Resolved Issue Description DocRetriever Agent did not work on a machine with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 (32-bit) installed. When retrieving list items from a SharePoint 2010 database, restore was not possible if the stored value is a character disallowed in XML. The error "Cannot find the original destination" appears after trying to perform | 102522 102062 | Functional Area Restoring Restoring |
| Resolved Issue Description DocRetriever Agent did not work on a machine with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 (32-bit) installed. When retrieving list items from a SharePoint 2010 database, restore was not possible if the stored value is a character disallowed in XML. The error "Cannot find the original destination" appears after trying to perform an in-place restore of a site from the "Farm" backup. | 102522 102062 | Functional Area Restoring Restoring |
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Table 4. Local Mount Utility resolved issues

| Resolved Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Volume image with enabled Data Deduplication (Windows Server 2012 feature) could not be mounted. | 101472 | Mounting | - |
| If the user tried to retrieve RPs for several Agents in the LMU, the "Connecting in progress " progress bar hung. | 100635 | GUI | _ |

Table 5. Mailbox Restore resolved issues

| Resolved Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Messages from an archive mailbox were restored to the user's usual mailbox after restoring to the original location. | 35654 | Restoring |

Known issues

The following is a list of customer-facing issues, including those issues attributed to third-party products, known to exist at the time of release.

Table 6. Central Management Console known issue

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Unable to authorize to Central Management Console on a single customer environment due to specific configuration of domain controller, groups and accounts. | 101227 | Authentication |
| Workaround: None. This issue is not expected to recur unless exact circumstances are duplicated. | | |

Table 7. Core and Windows known issues

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| A DVM repository stored on a Common Internet File System (CIFS) shared volume randomly goes offline with error: "Multiple connections error occurred while trying to map share." | 103240 | Repository |
| Workaround: Contact Support to request a patch that addresses this issue. | | |
| Archive compression speed for archives saved in 6.1.x decreased by as much as 50% over the speed attained in AppAssure release 5.4.3. | 103229 | Archive |
| Workaround: None. | | |
| When database files are located on a quorum disk for a protected SQL Server cluster, log truncation does not occur, with error: "SQL log truncation for the protected has been skipped, because there aren't any SQL databases in protection group." | 103225 | SQL log truncation |

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Workaround: Move the SQL Database on a different volume. Alternatively, schedule SQL log truncation separately using a post-transfer script or a scheduled job. | | |
| Archives created in Rapid Recovery Core releases 6.0.2 and later have lower performance than archives created in earlier releases, relative to both speed and compression ratio. Not a defect in 6.0.1. This defect first appeared in release 6.02, and recurs in releases 6.1.0, 6.1.1, and 6.1.2. | 103212 | Archive |
| Workaround: Contact Support to request a patch that addresses this issue as soon as it is available. | | |
| Validation is not present to restrict users from selecting Linux system folders as destinations for standard restore, resulting in error: 'System.ApplicationException: We do not support rollback to system folders at destination]." | 103178 | Restore, validation |
| Workaround: Use standard procedures to restore a non-system volume or perform a virtual export. To restore the system volume (for Linux or Windows machines), perform a bare metal restore, as documented in the <i>Rapid Recovery User Guide</i> . | | |
| Retention policy logic does not account for specific cases that could result in skipping generation of a monthly recovery point during rollup. For example, when an error occurs during capture of an incremental snapshot, or if nightly obs run over and cause rollup not to run, then when the rollup policy enforces the logic to keep one recovery point per month, in rare cases, the monthly recovery point may not be created. | 103165 | Retention policy |
| Workaround: If the cause is skipped rollup, workaround is to change the work that delays rollup from occurring. | | |
| Disks and volumes are not detected for VMs protected agentlessly if FIPS 140-2 protocol is enabled on Core. | 102508 | Agentless protection |
| Workaround: Disable FIPS 140-2 or contact Support for assistance. | | |
| Core cannot create a DVM repository greater in size than 16TB when write caching is enabled. | 102507 | DVM repository |
| Workaround: Create several 16TB or smaller storage locations in a single repository. | | |
| When using replication, the Core cannot consume a seed drive named 'AABackup." | 102506 | Replication, seed drive |
| Workaround: The folder name AABackup is reserved. If you specified the name AABackup for your seed drive, rename it to another value that does not include prohibited characters or phrases, as described in the glossary for the <i>Rapid</i> Recovery User Guide. | | |
| Slow incremental images are captured for volumes with specific write activity. | 102493 | Backups |
| Workaround: Contact Support for a custom binary that addresses this situation. | | |
| Deferred delete cancels after rollup job when localization is set to a French OS. | 102436 | Localization, |

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|----------------------|
| Sometimes exported machines use different drive letters than the source machines. Implement functionality to assign drive letters to exported machines that are identical to the drive letters associated with the original source machine. | 102390 | Virtual export |
| Workaround: Contact Support for a custom binary that addresses this situation. | | |
| In a unique environment, replication transfers all data instead of incremental because 'Recalculate deduplication cache for repository' failed. | 102297 | Replication |
| Workaround: Contact Support. | | |
| Local Hyper-V export fails on Windows Server 2016 with error: "WMI class "MsvmVirtualSystemGlobalSettingData" or error "properties in class 'MsvmVirtualSystemGlobalSettingData' was not found." | 102223 | Virtual export |
| Workaround: No workaround for local hyper-v server. Remote hyper-v export works as expected. | | |
| Hyper-V agentless protection for all nodes in a cluster fails with error: "Unrecognized Guid Format" due to the specific state of a VM hosted on a cluster. | 102221 | Hyper-V agentless |
| Workaround: Contact Support and request the custom binary that addresses this issue. | | |
| Checking archive job is canceled if storage is corrupted, instead of failing with appropriate informative error. | 102207 | Archiving |
| Workaround: None. | | |
| For replicated protected machines, the nightly job setting for 'Check recovery points integrity' sets to default (enabled) even if the setting on the source is changed to disabled before replicating. | 102105 | Replication |
| Workaround: None. | | |
| If trying to perform a one-time export of a recovery point on a protected machine to Azure, errors appear when you try to specify a new cloud service name in the Deploy page of the Virtual Machine Export Wizard. The error is "Object reference not set to an instance of an object." | 101819 | VM export |
| Workaround: Directly from your Azure account, create the cloud service in the same resource group as your other resources, using the Classic management model. Then, from the wizard in the Core, specify the existing cloud service name. | | |
| On the Recovery Points page of the Core Console, users would benefit from adding a menu for switching between the pages. | 101736 | UI |
| Workaround: Use existing navigation. | | |
| Seed drive job fails with error: "Write data task has failed." | 101617 | Replication |
| When Secure boot option is enabled on Windows Server 2016, installation of some drivers are blocked during Agent installation, displaying error: "The transfer failed." | 101573 | Installer |

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| After a few weeks, VM export fails. TCP/IP event 4227 appears in system log, with message "TCP/IP failed to establish an outgoing connection because the selected local endpoint was recently used to connect to the same remote endpoint." This error typically occurs when outgoing connections are opened and closed at a high rate, causing all available local ports to be used and forcing TCP/IP to reuse a local port for an outgoing connection. | 101485 | Virtual export |
| Workaround: Temporarily increase dynamic port range, and restart the server periodically. | | |
| ESXi exports start to fail with error: "System.OutOfMemoryException" on DL backup and recovery appliances under heavy load after several days. | 101246 | Virtual export |
| ESXi Virtual Standby fails with error: "An entry with the same key already exists" on a system test environment. | 100868 | Virtual export |
| There is no warning message that rollup is not performed for recovery points on a seed drive that has not yet been consumed. This is only relevant for environments using replication with an outstanding seed drive. | 35823 | Replication |
| Workaround: No workaround is required since the defect only describes the absence of a notification. | | |
| "Maximum connection pooling size" and "Minimum connection pooling size" fields for the MongoDB connection are not validated, allowing users to set a maximum value below the minimum value. | 35607 | Core settings |
| Workaround: Set appropriate values. | | |
| A base image is captured instead of an incremental image on a Windows Server 2012 R2 protected machine when NTFS Boot Sector copy was changed. This defect only affects users who installed third-party software that changed in the NTFS Boot Sector copy. | 34981 | Backups |
| Workaround: There is no workaround. | | |
| Unexpected base images captured in ESXi VMs that have snapshots with quiescing enabled. Defect affects users who protect vCenter virtual machines that have SAN snapshots with quiescing enabled. Workaround: Disable quiescing. | 34916 | Virtual export |
| When searching all transfer events using the Transfer Job per Machine widget (on the Core Console in dashboard view), the text string 'Transfer' is not translated. | 34774 | Localization |
| Export rate is slow for recovery points from repositories that have high fragmentation. | 34758 | Virtual export, Repository |
| Workaround: Two options are available. Option 1: Pause machine protection, archive all recovery points for that machine, remove the repository, create a new repository, assign the protected machine to the new repository, import the archive to the new repository, and then resume protection. Option 2: Contact Support and request the custom binary that addresses this issue. | | |
| Virtual standby performance is slow when performing export of multiple concurrent protected machines (for example, 36). | 34434 | Virtual export |

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Workaround: Decrease the number of concurrent export jobs allowed. | | |
| Warning message: "Information about allocated space for some volumes is unavailable " displays on the Summary page for a protected machine if the VM is located on a Network File System (NFS) datastore. | 33551 | Summary information |
| Workaround: There is no workaround. This is a limitation of VMs stored on an NFS datastore. | | |
| Replication rate becomes extremely slow if a virtual export job is started concurrent to the replication job. | 33230 | Virtual export replication, |
| Workaround: Use schedule to avoid replication and export run simultaneously. | | resource consumption |
| When archiving 2 or more jobs simultaneously, if the target network storage device runs out of space, all running archive jobs fail with error: "There is not enough space on the disk." | 31827 | Archiving |
| Workaround: Create different schedules for running each archive so that the archives do not run simultaneously in the network share. | | |
| After virtual export of a WinXPx86 machine protected agentlessly, or virtual export of any machine protected on an ESXi host, the resulting VM is not bootable. Issue relates to controller drivers for SCSI and IDE controllers not present in the exported VM. | 31705 | Virtual export |
| Workaround: There is no workaround at this time. | | |
| After virtual export of RHEL 6 or 7 from an ESXi host, the resulting VM is not bootable. | 31277 | Virtual export |
| Workaround: None. | | |
| ESXi agentless restore or virtual export using SAN transport mode fails with the error, "One of the parameters was invalid." | 29508 | VMware agentless, |
| Workaround:Use Network Transport mode for restoring data. | | restoring data |
| If using auto disk mapping for VM export from ESXi, in rare cases an error occurs with an uninformative message: "Task 'ReconfigVM_Task' failed: Invalid configuration for device '0'." | 27309 | Virtual export |
| Workaround: Try the operation again and it should succeed. | | |
| ble 8. DL Appliance known issues | | |
| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
| In a specific customer environment, the Provisioning appliance page is unavailable, with an error: "CIM Chassis error" due to a storage pool referencing an enclosure that does not exist. | 102495 | GUI |
| Workaround: Contact Support and request the custom binary that addresses | | |

this issue.

Sometimes "Internal Server Error" appears on Backup page.

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Storage Provisioning

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Workaround: Ignore and close the error message. | | , |
| Repository maintaining failed after the restore provisioning configuration after upgrade to 6.1.2. | 102340 | Windows Backup |
| Workaround: Contact Support. | | |
| User can launch several remount jobs simultaneously on DL Appliance. Workaround: Do not launch remount job several times until you ensure that no other jobs are running. If you experience this issue, please contact Quest | 102322 | Storage Provisioning |
| Support to remount repository. | | |
| Incorrect default value of Repository name field on the Add New Repository Wizard. | 101348 | Storage Provisioning |
| Workaround: Manually enter Repository name that fits the field validation rules. | | |
| Remount job does not restore Core's localization. | 101316 | Storage |
| Workaround: Manually change Core localization from Core Settings. | | Provisioning |
| Jobs are failing with error: "System.OutOfMemoryException" on DL Appliances after running for some time. | 101246 | Storage Provisioning |
| Workaround: Install the latest Windows updates and reboot the appliance. If this problem persists, contact Support. | | |
| Statuses of volumes are displayed as 'Not valid' if a letter is assigned to 'Recovery' partition. | 101224 | Virtual Export |
| Workaround: Wait until the RASR USB creation job completes. | | |
| RASR fails to start with fatal exception on DL1300 and DL4300 with new ID modules. | 101051 | Storage Provisioning |
| Workaround: Contact Support. | | |
| Windows Backup could not be created due to inappropriate determining of necessary volume items for backup if letters for volumes were changed. | 100985 | RASR |
| Workaround: Remove current policy with mixed/changed letters for partitions and create a new policy with heterogeneous volume labels. | | |
| Parameters in 'Expand Existing Repository' pop-up does not reflect true available space for repository expansion on internal controller on DL1300 after upgrade via RUU#3.1. | 100908 | Windows Backup |
| Workaround: Expand repository from Repository configuration page. | | |
| Storage Provisioning and Restore the Provisioning Configuration jobs could be launched simultaneously in spite of incompatibility for launching of these jobs. | 100907 | Storage Provisioning |
| Workaround: 1) Remove created Repository 2 Virtual Disk using OMSA. 2) Restart Core service. | | |
| RASR USB could not be created on the server after upgrade using RUU if server was restored from Windows backup. | 100905 | Storage Provisioning |

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area | |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| Workaround: Perform RASR restore from the following places: 1) Previously created RASR USB; 2) RECOVERY partition by pressing F8 during POST; 3) RASRdisk virtual disk; 4) IDSDM (DL4300 only). | | | |
| Core interface becomes unavailable if force collecting Core and Appliance logs. | 100904 | RASR | |
| Workaround: Refresh page to make GUI available again | | | |
| Main Appliance status receives a red state without the ability to resolve if Windows Backup was forced on the server with old Winbackups with volume size of 75GB and without free space on Internal controller. | 100887 | UI | |
| Workaround: Clear the Windows Backup logs as follows: 1) Open event viewer. 2) Go to Applications and Services Logs. 3) Navigate under Microsoft -> Windows -> Backup. 4) Right click on the Operational channel and select Save and Clear (or, if you don't want to save, select Clear). | | | |
| Restore the provisioning configuration job fails with an uninformative error: 'Cannot mount volume to the folder 'I:\' because it contains files or folders" if the virtual disk has a letter assigned that was already used before remount. | 35805 | Provisioning | |
| Workaround: Remove assigned letters from attached virtual media via disk manager. Perform Volumes Remount job again from Appliance Provisioning page. | | | |
| ncorrect behavior of provisioning size determining logic. | 35770 | Windows | |
| Workaround: When performing provisioning, specify the intended sizea few GB smaller than the available space. | | Backup | |
| VMM actions are available when ESXi host is in maintenance mode. | 35740 | Storage | |
| Workaround: Do not perform any VM operations from the Virtual Standby page f an ESXi host is in Maintenance mode. | | Provisioning | |
| The GUI should be disabled immediately after confirmation of the remount process. | 35579 | Virtual Machine | |
| Workaround: Wait for a few minutes and refresh Core Console page. | | Management | |
| Monitor Active Task hangs at 95% during creation of RASR USB job. | 35531 | Storage | |
| Workaround: Refresh the GUI. Typically, the job completes successfully, but in some cases does not reflect the correct status until you refresh the GUI. | | Provisioning | |
| Job "Restore the provisioning configuration" fails on a specific environment. | 35137 | RASR | |
| Workaround: Detach all physical and virtual media from server before performing "Restore provisioning" operations. | | | |
| On the Backups page, incorrect translation of 'State' appears in the 'Items Baced Jp' section for some non-English language. | 35031 | Storage Provisioning | |
| Workaround: None. | | | |
| VD disk provisioning fails with return code 4 if storage pool does not have consistent empty space. | 34937 | Localization | |
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Workaround: Contact Support.

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Sometimes error "invalid state; already open" appears on the Virtual Standby page for DL4x00 Appliances. | 31477 | Storage Provisioning |
| Workaround: Close the error message. If the issue persists, reload page by clicking F5. | | |
| Start VM / Network Adapters buttons should be all in disabled state if ESXi/ Hyper-V export of machine was launched on Appliances. Workaround: Do not click these buttons until the corresponding VM export is complete. | 30989 | Virtual Machine Management |
| able 9. Documentation known issues | | |
| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
| The component Microsoft Windows Azure Storage 7.2.1 does not appear in the list of third-party components found in the product. An outdated version of the component appears in its place. | 102504 | Context- sensitive help |
| Workaround: Microsoft Windows Azure Storage 7.2.1 uses the Apache 2.0 license, which can be found in the Third-Party Contributions list in the in-product Help and hyperlinked from the About Rapid Recovery page. | | |
| The component DataGridViewImageAnimator 1.0 appears in the list of third-party components found in the product, even though it was not used in Rapid Recovery 6.1.2. | 102503 | Context- sensitive help |
| Workaround: The component will be removed from the Third-Party Contributions list in a future release. | | |
| The component SimpleRestServices 1.3.0.3 does not appear in the list of third- party components found in the product. An outdated version of the component appears in its place. | 102502 | Context- sensitive help |
| Workaround: SimpleRestServices 1.3.0.3 is used in Rapid Recovery 6.1.2. The component uses the MIT N/A license. A copy of this license can be found at http://quest.com/legal/third-party-licenses.aspx . | | |
| The component OpenStack.NET 1.4.0.2 does not appear in the list of third- party components found in the product. An outdated version of the component appears in its place. | 102501 | Context- sensitive help |
| Workaround: OpenStack.NET 1.4.0.2 was used in Rapid Recovery 6.1.2. The component uses the MIT N/A license. A copy of this license can be found at http://quest.com/legal/third-party-licenses.aspx . | | |
| The component NLog 3.2.1 does not appear in the list of third-party components found in the product. An outdated version of the component appears in its place. | 102500 | Context- sensitive help |
| Workaround: NLog 3.2.1 was used in Rapid Recovery 6.1.2. The component uses the BSD - Kowalski 2011 license, Copyright (c) 2004-2011 Jaroslaw Kowalski <jaak@jkowwalski.net>. A copy of this license can be found at http://quest.com/legal/third-party-licenses.aspx.</jaak@jkowwalski.net> | | |
| The component AWS SDK for .NET 3.3.1.2 does not appear in the list of third-party components found in the product. An outdated version of the component appears in its place. | 102499 | Context- sensitive help |

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| Workaround: AWS SDK for .NET 3.3.1.2 uses the Apache 2.0 license, which can be found in the Third-Party Contributions list in the in-product Help and hyperlinked from the About Rapid Recovery page. | | |
| Context-sensitive help found in-product for Rapid Recovery Core has been rebranded as of release 6.1.2 to reflect its ownership by Quest Software. Other than rebranding, no content changes appear for help files in this release. | 70130 | Context- sensitive help |
| The Rapid Recovery User Guide procedure "Deploying a virtual machine in Azure" for release 6.1.x contains unnecessary steps. Future versions of documentation are to be modified accordingly. | 101859 | Azure export |
| Workaround: When following this procedure, disregard Steps 4 through 8. The step currently numbered Step 9 should start with "On the Destination page". | | |
| The Rapid Recovery User Guide procedure "Setting up continual export to Azure" for release 6.1.x contains unnecessary steps. Future versions of documentation are to be modified accordingly. | 101858 | Azure export |
| Workaround: When following this procedure, disregard Steps 4 and 5. Since you are defining ongoing continual export, you are not prompted to select a recovery point. Likewise, there is no Summary page at the end of the wizard. On the Volumes page of the wizard, click Finish (instead of Next). | | |
| Containers created in Azure are used to store virtual machines exported from the Rapid Recovery Core to your associated Azure account. If you create a specific container prior to performing virtual export, the Virtual Machine Export Wizard typically displays that container as one of the choices in the Container name field of the Destination window. If you create the container by typing a valid container name into the Container name field as part of the process of defining a virtual export, the container may not be immediately visible in the wizard. This behavior is not reflected in the appropriate procedures in the <i>Rapid Recovery User Guide</i> . | 101853 | Azure export |
| Workaround: If you create a container from the Virtual Machine Export Wizard, and that container is not accessible in the wizard UI, simply close the wizard, and launch it again, and you should then be able to access the newly created container. Future versions of documentation are to be modified accordingly. | | |
| When performing virtual export to Azure, the Rapid Recovery Core uses Azure storage and containers created using the Classic management model. Containers created in Azure using the newer Resource Manager deployment model are not recognized by the Core. The <i>Rapid Recovery User Guide</i> procedure "Creating a container in an Azure storage account" for release 6.1.x does not specify that the Classic management model is required. Future versions of documentation are to be modified accordingly. | 101837 | Azure export |
| Workaround: Use the Classic management model to create storage accounts and containers for virtual export. If you already have a storage account created using the Classic model, any new containers created for it will automatically use the correct model (Classic). | | |

Table 10. Kaseya Add-On known issues

| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|
| In some cases, credentials for Cores and Agents in the Kaseya Server are stored in unencrypted text in the AppRecoveryParams.json file. | 102096 | Authentication |
| Table 11. Linux protection known issues | | |
| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
| Unable to protect an Ubuntu Linux Agent if it contains a "non fs data" partition type. | 102284 | Metadata |
| Unable to use Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2 protocol with Linux Agent. Workaround: Disable TLS. | 101279 | Security |
| There is no warning message indicating that the Agent service cannot be started if it was installed on a Linux machine using an init system other than the originally installed system. For example, Debian 8 uses SysD by default. If SysD is removed and SysV installed, the Agent does not start. | 35818 | Notifications |
| Workaround: No workaround is required since the defect only describes the absence of a notification. | | |
| Specific volumes are not mounted after virtual export of Linux machine. This defect applies only to customers with LVM volumes on an iSCSI Dell EqualLogic machine. | 35288 | Virtual export (ESXi) |
| Workaround: There is no workaround at this time. | | |
| Agentlessly protected Ubuntu machine is not bootable after BMR. Workaround: Use the Rapid Recovery Agent on Ubuntu instead of using agentless protection. | 31206 | BMR bootability |
| able 12. Local Mount Utility known issues | | |
| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
| For mounted recovery points on a Windows Server 2016 machine, the "Explore" button is disabled. | 101860 | Mounts |
| Workaround: Use Windows Explorer to find data in mounted recovery points. | | |
| able 13. Mailbox Restore known issues | | |
| Known Issue Description | Issue ID | Functional Area |
| MailboxRestore cannot restore a message containing emoticon symbols such as unamused face (ASCII symbol "😒"). | 102360 | Restoring |
| Workaround: Contact Support and request the custom binary that addresses this issue. | | |
| During restore of permissions for a public folder, an uninformative error message displays if user was not found in the Global Address List. | 102018 | Restoring |

Workaround: No workaround is required since the defect only describes an error message which can be ignored.

Rapid Recovery system requirements

This section describes the system and license requirements for installing the Rapid Recovery Core, Rapid Recovery Agent, and Rapid Recovery Central Management Console.

Topics include:

- · Recommended network infrastructure
- UEFI and ReFS support
- · Support for dynamic and basic volumes
- Support for Cluster Shared Volumes
- Rapid Recovery Core installation requirements
- · Rapid Recovery release 6.1 operating system installation and compatibility matrix
- Rapid Recovery Core and Central Management Console requirements
- · Rapid Recovery Agent software requirements
- Rapid Recovery Local Mount Utility software requirements
- · Rapid Snap for Virtual agentless protection
- Hypervisor requirements
- · DVM repository requirements
- · License requirements
- Quest Support policy

Recommended network infrastructure

For running Rapid Recovery, Quest requires a minimum network infrastructure of 1 gigabit Ethernet (GbE) for efficient performance. Quest recommends 10GbE networks for robust environments. 10GbE networks are also recommended when protecting servers featuring large volumes (5TB or higher).

If multiple network interface cards (NICs) are available on the Core machine that support NIC teaming (grouping several physical NICs into a single logical NIC), and if the switches on the network allow it, then using NIC teaming on the Core may provide extra performance. In such cases, teaming up spare network cards that support NIC teaming on any protected machines, when possible, may also increase overall performance.

If the core uses iSCSI or Network Attached Storage (NAS), Quest recommends using separate NIC cards for storage and network traffic, respectively.

Use network cables with the appropriate rating to obtain the expected bandwidth. Quest recommends testing your network performance regularly and adjusting your hardware accordingly.

These suggestions are based on typical networking needs of a network infrastructure to support all business operations, in addition to the backup, replication, and recovery capabilities Rapid Recovery provides.

UEFI and ReFS support

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) is a replacement for Basic Input/Output System (BIOS). For Windows systems, UEFI uses the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) system partitions that are handled as simple FAT32 volumes.

Protection and recovery capabilities are available in Rapid Recovery for EFI system partitions with the following operating systems:

- Windows: Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10; Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Windows Server 2016.
- Linux: All supported versions of Linux.

Rapid Recovery also supports the protection and recovery of Resilient File System (ReFS) volumes for Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2016.

Support for dynamic and basic volumes

Rapid Recovery supports taking snapshots of all dynamic and basic volumes. Rapid Recovery also supports exporting simple dynamic volumes that are on a single physical disk. As their name implies, simple dynamic volumes are not striped, mirrored, spanned, or RAID volumes.

The behavior for virtual export of dynamic disks differs, based on whether the volume you want to export is protected by the Rapid Recovery Agent software, or is a VM using agentless protection. This is because non-simple or complex dynamic volumes have arbitrary disk geometries that cannot be fully interpreted by the Rapid Recovery Agent.

When you try to export a complex dynamic disk from a machine with the Rapid Recovery Agent software, a notification appears in the user interface to alert you that exports are limited and restricted to simple dynamic volumes. If you attempt to export anything other than a simple dynamic volume with the Rapid Recovery Agent, the export job fails.

In contrast, dynamic volumes for VMs you protect agentlessly are supported for protection, virtual export, restoring data, and BMR, and for repository storage, with some important restrictions. For example:

- **Protection:** In the case when a dynamic volume spans multiple disks, you must protect those disks together to maintain the integrity of the volume.
- Virtual export: You can export complex dynamic volumes such as striped, mirrored, spanned, or RAID volumes from an ESXi or Hyper-V host using agentless protection. However, the volumes are exported at the disk level, with no volume parsing. For example, if exporting a dynamic volume spanned across two disks, the export will include two distinct disk volumes.
 - CAUTION: When exporting a dynamic volume that spans multiple disks, you must export the dynamic disks with the original system volumes to preserve the disk types.
- Restoring data: When restoring a dynamic volume that spans multiple disks, you must restore the dynamic
 disks with the original system volumes to preserve the disk types. If you restore only one disk, you will
 break the disk configuration.

Repository storage: Additionally, Rapid Recovery supports the creation of repositories on complex dynamic volumes (striped, mirrored, spanned, or RAID). The file system of the machine hosting the repository must be NTFS or ReFS.

Support for Cluster Shared Volumes

Rapid Recovery release 6.1 and later includes the Rapid Snap for Virtual feature. With the Rapid Recovery Agent installed on each node, you can protect and restore supported VMs hosted on Hyper-V cluster-shared volumes (CSVs) installed on Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows Server 2016.

In addition, Rapid Recovery release 6.1 and later supports virtual export to Hyper-V CSVs installed on Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Windows Server 2016. For information about supported hypervisors, see Hypervisor requirements.

Rapid Recovery only supports protection and restore of CSV volumes running on Windows Server 2008 R2.

The following table depicts current Rapid Recovery support for cluster-shared volumes.

Table 14. Rapid Recovery support for cluster-shared volumes

| Operating System | Protect ¹ and Restore ² VMs on a Hyper-V CSV | | Virtual Export to Hyper-V CSV | | Protect ¹ and Restore ³ of CSV | | |
|------------------------|--|-------|----------------------------------|-------|--|---------------------------|--|
| CSV Operating System | Operating System Rapid Recovery Version | | Rapid Recovery Version | | Rapid Re Version | Rapid Recovery Version | |
| | 6.0.x | 6.1.x | 6.0.x | 6.1.x | 6.0.x | 6.1.x | |
| Windows Server 2008 R2 | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Windows Server 2012 | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | |
| Windows Server 2012 R2 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | |
| Windows Server 2016 | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | |

¹ Protect includes protection, replication, rollup, mount, and archiving.

Rapid Recovery Core installation requirements

Install the Rapid Recovery Core on a dedicated Windows 64-bit server. Servers should not have any other applications, roles, or features installed that are not related to Rapid Recovery. As an example, do not use the Core machine to also serve as a hypervisor host (unless the server is an appropriately sized Quest DL series backup and recovery appliance).

As another example, do not use the Core server as a high-traffic web server. If possible, do not install and run Microsoft Exchange Server, SQL Server, or Microsoft SharePoint on the Core machine. If SQL Server is required on the Core machine – for example, if you are using Rapid Recovery DocRetriever for SharePoint – make sure you allocate more resources, in addition to those needed for efficient Core operations.

Depending on your license and your environment requirements, you may need to install multiple Cores, each on a dedicated server. Optionally, for remote management of multiple Cores, you can install the Rapid Recovery Central Management Console on a 64-bit Windows computer.

For each machine you want to protect in a Rapid Recovery Core, install the Rapid Recovery Agent software version appropriate to that machine's operating system. Optionally, you can protect virtual machines on a VMware

² Restore includes file-level restore, volume-level restore, bare metal restore, and virtual export.

³ Restore includes file-level restore, volume-level restore, and bare metal restore.

ESXi host without installing the Rapid Recovery Agent. This agentless protection has some limitations. For more information, see the topic "Understanding Rapid Snap for Virtual" in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

Before installing Rapid Recovery release 6.1, ensure that your system meets the following minimum hardware and software requirements. For additional guidance for sizing your hardware, software, memory, storage, and network requirements, see knowledge base article 185962, "Sizing Rapid Recovery Deployments."

- CAUTION: Quest does not support running the Rapid Recovery Core on Windows Core operating systems, which offer limited server roles. This includes all editions of Windows Server 2008 Core, Windows Server 2008 R2 Core, Windows Server 2012 Core, Windows Server 2012 R2 Core, and Windows Server 2016 Core. Excluding Windows Server 2008 Core, these Core edition operating systems are supported for running the Rapid Recovery Agent software.
- NOTE: Quest does not recommend installing Rapid Recovery Core on an all-in-one server suite such as Microsoft Small Business Server or Microsoft Windows Server Essentials.
- CAUTION: Quest does not recommend running the Rapid Recovery Core on the same physical machine that serves as the Hyper-V host. (This recommendation does not apply to Quest DL series of backup and recovery appliances.)

Rapid Recovery release 6.1 operating system installation and compatibility matrix

Microsoft Windows operating systems

Rapid Recovery Core must be installed on an appropriately sized server running a supported 64-bit Microsoft Windows operating system. The following table and notes list each Windows operating system and describes compatibility for each Rapid Recovery component or feature.

NOTE: This information is provided to educate users on compatibility. Quest does not support operating systems that have reached end of life.

Table 15. Rapid Recovery components and features compatible with Windows operating systems

This table lists each supported Windows OS and the Rapid Recovery components compatible with it.

| Windows OS | Core/ Central Manage Console | | Agent- less | LMU | MR | DR | URC Restore | VM Export to Azure |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Windows XP SP3 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes ¹ | No |
| Windows Vista | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes ¹ | No |
| Windows Vista SP2 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ¹ | No |
| Windows 7 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows 7 SP1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows 8 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows 8.1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |

| Windows OS | Core/ Central Manage Console | | Agent- less | LMU | MR | DR | URC Restore | VM Export to Azure |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Windows 10 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2003 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes ¹ | No |
| Windows Server 2008 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes ¹ | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2008 SP2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ¹ | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2008 R2 | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2012 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2012 R2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ² |
| Windows Server 2016 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Windows installation and support notes:

Linux operating systems

Linux operating systems are supported as protected machines in a Rapid Recovery Core. You can use agentless protection, or install the Rapid Recovery Agent. The following table and notes list each supported Linux operating system and distribution, and describes support for each Rapid Recovery component or feature.

Table 16. Compatible Rapid Recovery components and features by Linux operating system

This table lists each supported Linux distribution and the Rapid Recovery components compatible with it.

| Windows OS | Core/ Central Management Console | Agent | Agentless |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| Linux OS or distribution | Agent | Agentless | Live DVD |
| Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.3 - 6.8 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.0 - 7.3 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| CentOS Linux 6.3 - 6.8 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| CentOS Linux 7.0 - 7.3 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Debian Linux 7, 8 | Yes | Yes | Yes |

¹ The boot CD supports bare metal restore, but does not support driver injection.

² VM export to Azure works only for x64 editions of operating systems listed.

| Windows OS | Core/ Central Management Console | Agent | Agentless |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| Oracle Linux 6.3 - 6.8 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Oracle Linux 7.0 - 7.3 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ubuntu Linux 12.04 LTS, 12.10 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ubuntu Linux 13.04, 13.10 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ubuntu Linux 14.04 LTS, 14.10 | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ |
| Ubuntu Linux 15.04, 15.10 | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ |
| Ubuntu Linux 16.04 LTS | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ |
| SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 11 SP2 or later | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| SLES 12 | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ | Yes ¹ |

Linux installation and support notes:

Rapid Recovery Core and Central Management Console requirements

Requirements for the Rapid Recovery Core and the Central Management Console (CMC) are described in the following table.

Operating system requirements for the Central Management Console are identical to the requirements for the Rapid Recovery Core. These components can be installed on the same machine or on different machines, as your needs dictate.

Table 17. Rapid Recovery Core and Central Management Console requirements

| Requirement | Details |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | The Rapid Recovery Core and Central Management Console require one of the following 64-bit Windows operating systems (OS). They do not run on 32-bit Windows systems or |

¹ B-tree file system (BTRFS) is supported only on operating systems with kernel version 4.2. or later. Compliant operating systems currently include Ubuntu versions 14.04.4, 15.10, and 16.04. SLES versions 12 and 12 SP1 have older kernel versions, and so Rapid Recovery does not support their implementations of BTRFS.

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any Linux distribution. Rapid Recovery Core requires one of the following x64 Windows operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows 7 SP1
- Microsoft Windows 8, 8,1*
- Microsoft Windows 10
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2, 2008 R2 SP1 (except Core editions)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012, 2012 R2* (except Core editions)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016* (except Core editions)

Windows operating systems require the .NET Framework 4.5.2 to be installed to run the Rapid Recovery Core service. Additionally, any OS marked with * requires the ASP .NET 4.5x role or feature. When installing or upgrading the Core, the installer checks for these components based on the OS of the Core server, and installs or activates them automatically if required.

The Rapid Recovery Core supports all x64 editions of the Windows OS listed, unless otherwise indicated. The Rapid Recovery Core does not support Windows Server core editions.

If any operating system listed specifies a service pack (for example, Windows 7 SP1), then the OS with the specified service pack is the minimum requirement. If an operating system is listed without a service pack (for example, Windows 8), then the base operating system is supported. Any subsequent SP for a listed OS is also supported, unless explicitly excluded.

For optimal performance, it is recommended that you install the Rapid Recovery Core on more recent operating systems such as Windows 8.1 (or later) and Windows Server 2012 (or later).

Architecture

64-bit only

Memory

8GB RAM or more

Quest highly recommends using Error Checking & Correction (ECC) memory, to ensure optimum performance of Rapid Recovery Core servers.

Processor

Quad-core or higher

Storage

Quest recommends locating your repository on direct attached storage (DAS), storage area network (SAN), or network attached storage (NAS) devices (listed in order of preference).



NOTE: If installing on a NAS, Quest recommends limiting the repository size to 6TB. Any storage device must meet the minimum input/output requirements. See Quest knowledge base article 185962, "Sizing Rapid Recovery Deployments" for guidance in sizing your hardware, software, memory, storage, and network requirements.

Network

1 gigabit Ethernet (GbE) minimum



NOTE: Quest recommends a 10GbE network backbone for robust environments.

Network hardware

Use network cables with the appropriate rating to obtain the expected bandwidth.



NOTE: Quest recommends testing your network performance regularly and adjusting your hardware accordingly.

Rapid Recovery Agent software requirements

Requirements for the Rapid Recovery Agent software are described in the following table.

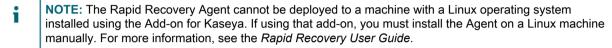


Table 18. Rapid Recovery Agent software requirements

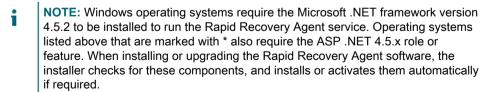
The first column of the following table lists Agent software requirements, including operating system, architecture, memory, processor, Exchange Server, SQL Server, SharePoint, storage, network and network hardware. The second column includes specific details for each.

| Ran | uirem | ont | Details |
|-----|--------|-----|---------|
| Red | luirem | ent | Details |

Operating system

The Rapid Recovery Agent software supports 32-bit and 64-bit Windows and Linux operating systems, including the following:

- Microsoft Windows Vista SP2
- Microsoft Windows 7 SP1
- Microsoft Windows 8, 8,1*
- Microsoft Windows 10
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2, 2008 R2 SP1 (all editions except Windows Server 2008 Core)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012, 2012 R2*
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016*
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
- CentOS Linux 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
- Oracle Linux 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
- Debian Linux 7, 8
- Ubuntu Linux 12.04 LTS, 12.10, 13.04, 13.10, 14.04 LTS, 14.10, 15.04, 15.10, 16.04 LTS
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 11 (SP2 and later), 12



Additional operating systems are supported for agentless protection only. For more information, see Rapid Snap for Virtual agentless protection.

If any operating system listed specifies a service pack (for example, Windows 7 SP1), then the OS with the specified service pack is the minimum requirement. If an operating system is listed without a service pack (for example, Windows 8), then the base

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operating system is supported. Any subsequent SP for a listed OS is also supported, unless explicitly excluded.

The Rapid Recovery Agent software supports Windows Server Core edition installations for Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Windows Server 2016. For Windows Server 2008 R2 Core only, you must have SP1 or later. Windows Server 2008 Core edition is not supported.

The Rapid Recovery Agent software supports the Linux distributions included in this list. Most of the released kernel versions have been tested. File systems supported include ext2, ext3, ext4, and xfs. BTRFS is also supported (only on certain Linux operating systems with kernel version 4.2. or later). For more information, see the Rapid Recovery release 6.1 operating system installation and compatibility matrix.

Agents installed on Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2012 operate in the Core edition mode of Windows Server 2012.



NOTE: Native backup of cluster shared volumes is supported on Windows 2008 R2 (SP2 and later) protected machines only.

| | The state of the s |
|---|--|
| Architecture | 32-bit or 64-bit |
| Memory | 4GB or higher |
| Processor | Single processor or higher |
| Microsoft Exchange Server support | Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 SP1 Rollup 5 or later , Exchange Server 2010, Exchange Server 2013, or Exchange Server 2016 |
| Microsoft SQL Server support | Microsoft SQL Server 2008 or higher |
| Microsoft | Microsoft SharePoint 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 |
| SharePoint Server support | NOTE: Support for "SharePoint" refers to fully licensed versions of Microsoft SharePoint Server for the versions listed above. |
| Storage | Direct attached storage, storage area network or network attached storage |
| Network | 1 gigabit Ethernet (GbE) minimum |
| | NOTE: Quest recommends a 10GbE network backbone for robust environments. |
| | Quest does not recommend protecting machines over a wide-area network (WAN). If you have multiple networked sites, Quest recommends installing a Core at each site. |

Quest does not recommend protecting machines over a wide-area network (WAN). If you have multiple networked sites, Quest recommends installing a Core at each site. To share information, you can replicate between the Cores located at different sites. Replication between Cores is WAN-optimized. The data transmitted is compressed, deduplicated, and encrypted during transfer.

Network hardware

Use network cables with the appropriate rating to obtain the expected bandwidth.



NOTE: Quest recommends testing your network performance regularly and adjusting your hardware accordingly.

Rapid Recovery Local Mount Utility software requirements

The Local Mount Utility (LMU) is included with Rapid Recovery. You can obtain the LMU installer from the Downloads page from either the Core Console or the Rapid Recovery License Portal.

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Table 19. Local Mount Utility software requirements Requirement **Details** Operating The Rapid Recovery Local Mount Utility software supports 32-bit and 64-bit Windows operating systems, including the following: system Microsoft Windows Vista SP2 Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 Microsoft Windows 8, 8.1* Microsoft Windows 10 Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2, 2008 R2 SP1 (all editions except Windows Server 2008 Core and Windows Server 2008 R2 Core) Microsoft Windows Server 2012, 2012 R2* Microsoft Windows Server 2016* NOTE: Windows operating systems require the Microsoft .NET framework version 4.5.2 to be installed to run the Local Mount Utility service. Operating systems listed above that are marked with * also require the ASP .NET 4.5.x role or feature. When installing or upgrading the LMU, the installer checks for these

If any operating system listed specifies a service pack (for example, Windows 7 SP1), then the OS with the specified service pack is the minimum requirement. If an operating system is listed without a service pack (for example, Windows 8), then the base operating system is supported. Any subsequent SP for a listed OS is also supported, unless explicitly excluded.

components, and installs or activates them automatically if required.

The LMU software supports Windows Server Core edition installations for Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Windows Server 2016. Windows Server

| | 2008 Core edition and Windows Server 2008 R2 Core edition are not supported. | | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Architecture | 32-bit or 64-bit | | | | |
| Memory | 4GB or higher | | | | |
| Processor | Single processor or higher | | | | |
| Network | 1 gigabit Ethernet (GbE) minimum NOTE: Quest recommends a 10GbE network backbone for robust environments. | | | | |
| Network | Use network cables with the appropriate rating to obtain the expected bandwidth. | | | | |

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NOTE: Quest recommends testing your network performance regularly and adjusting your hardware accordingly.

Rapid Snap for Virtual agentless protection

The Rapid Snap for Virtual feature of Rapid Recovery lets you protect virtual machines (VMs) on specific hypervisor platforms without installing the Rapid Recovery Agent on each quest machine.

When using this feature on the Hyper-V hypervisor platform, you only install Agent on the Hyper-V host. When using this feature on VMware ESXi, the ESXi host uses native APIs to extend protection to its guest machines.

Since the Agent software is not required to be installed on every VM, this feature is known in the industry as agentless protection. On Hyper-V, we also refer to this as host-based protection.

Rapid Snap for Virtual offers several benefits, and also some restrictions. As an example, you cannot capture snapshots of dynamic volumes (such as spanned, striped, mirrored, or RAID volumes) at the volume level. You can, however, capture snapshots on dynamic volumes at the disk level. Ensure that you understand both the benefits and restrictions before using this feature. For more information, see the topic Understanding Rapid Snap for Virtual in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

When using agentless or host-based protection, your VMs have the same minimum requirements for base operating system, RAM, storage, and network infrastructure as machines protected with the Rapid Recovery Agent software. For details, see the topic Rapid Recovery Agent software requirements.

Agentless support for other operating systems

Rapid Recovery release 6.x uses Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.5.2, which is not supported by Windows XP SP3, Windows Vista (prior to SP2), Windows Server 2003, and Windows Server 2008. If you protected machines with these operating systems in an earlier Core version (such as AppAssure Core 5.4.3), the corresponding version of AppAssure Agent (which used an earlier version of .NET) was supported.

You can continue to protect these machines in a Rapid Recovery Core, using the earlier Agent version.

However, protected machines with these operating systems cannot be upgraded to Rapid Recovery Agent release 6.x.

Nonetheless, machines with these Windows operating systems can be protected in a Rapid Recovery release 6.x Core using one of the following methods:

- Protect virtual machines on a VMware ESXi host using agentless protection.
- Install and run an earlier compatible version of Agent on a physical or virtual machine you want to protect. For release 6.0.2, the only supported compatible Agent version for these OS is AppAssure Agent 5.4.3.

VMware ESXi environments are compatible with some operating systems that Quest does not support. For example, Windows XP SP3, Windows Vista (prior to SP2), Windows Server 2003, and Windows Server 2008 have all reached end of life with Microsoft.

During testing, the full range of Rapid Recovery features (backup, restore, replication, and export) functioned properly with these specific operating systems.

Nonetheless, use these operating systems at your own risk. Quest Support will not be able to assist you with issues for operating systems that have reached end of life, or that are listed as unsupported for Rapid Recovery Agent.

Rapid Snap for Virtual (agentless protection) support limitations

For a list of supported operating systems, see Rapid Recovery release 6.1 operating system installation and compatibility matrix. Any known limitations are included in these matrices, or as notes to the software requirements tables for the Core or the Agent, respectively. If a defect precludes the use of specific features

temporarily, this information is typically reported in the release notes for any specific release. Quest strongly encourages users to review system requirements and release notes prior to installing any software version.

Quest does not fully test with unsupported operating systems. If using agentless protection to protect virtual machines with an OS not supported by the Rapid Recovery Agent software, do so at your own risk. Users are cautioned that some restrictions or limitations may apply. These restrictions may include:

- An inability to perform virtual export (one-time or continual)
- · An inability to save to an archive or restore from an archive
- An inability to restore to a system volume using bare metal restore

For example, if agentlessly protecting a machine with Windows 95, attempts at virtual export to Hyper-V will fail. This failure is due to restrictions in Hyper-V support of that older operating system.

To report specific difficulties, you can contact your Quest Support representative. Reporting such difficulties lets Quest potentially include specific incompatibilities in knowledge base articles or future editions of release notes.

Hypervisor requirements

A hypervisor creates and runs virtual machines (guests) on a host machine. Each guest has its own operating system.

Using the virtual export feature of Rapid Recovery, you can perform a one-time virtual export, or define requirements for continual virtual export known as virtual standby. This process can be performed from any protected machine, physical or virtual. If a protected machine goes down, you can boot up the virtual machine to restore operations, and then perform recovery.

Rapid Recovery lets you perform virtual export to VM hosts described in the following table.

Table 20. Hypervisor requirements supporting virtual export

The following table lists hypervisor requirements. The first column lists each requirement: virtual machine host, quest OS, storage, and architecture. The second column specifies details for each requirement.

| Requirement | Details | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Virtual machine | VMware: | | | | | |
| host | VMware Workstation 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10, 11, 12 | | | | | |
| | VMware vSphere on ESXi 5.0, 5.1, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5 | | | | | |
| | NOTE: Quest recommends running on the most recent supported VMware version. Future major releases of our software are not expected to support ESXi 5.0 and 5.1. | | | | | |
| | NOTE: Secure Boot is a new ESXi 6.5 feature. Rapid Recovery support for this feature is planned for the near future. At this time, Rapid Recovery does not support virtual export to vCenter/ESXi 6.5 if the source machine uses the Secure Boot option. | | | | | |
| | Microsoft Hyper-V: | | | | | |



NOTE: For virtual export to any Hyper-V host, .NET 4.5.2 and .NET 2.0 are required on the Hyper-V host.

- · First generation:
 - Hyper-V running on Microsoft Server versions 2008 SP2, 2008 R2 SP1, 2012. 2012 R2. 2016
 - Hyper-V running on Microsoft Windows 8, 8.1 with Hyper-V, Windows 10
- · Second generation:
 - Hyper-V running on Microsoft Server 2012 R2, 2016
 - Hyper-V running on Microsoft Windows 8.1, Windows 10
 - NOTE: Only protected machines with the following Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) operating systems support virtual export to Hyper-V second-generation hosts:
 - Windows 8 (UEFI)
 - Windows 8.1 (UEFI)
 - Windows Server 2012 (UEFI)
 - Windows Server 2012 R2 (UEFI)
 - Windows Server 2016 (UEFI)

NOTE: Hyper-V export to second-generation VM can fail if the Hyper-V host does not have enough RAM allocated to perform the export.

Oracle VirtualBox:

· VirtualBox 4.2.18 and higher

Guest (exported) operating system

Volumes under 2TB. For protected volumes under 2TB, the VM (guest) can use the same supported operating systems described in the topic Rapid Recovery Agent software requirements.

Volumes over 2TB. If you want to perform virtual export on a system for which the protected volumes exceed 2TB, use Windows 2012 R2, Windows Server 2016, VMware ESXi 5.5, or VMware ESXi 6.0. Earlier operating systems are not supported based on an inability of the host to connect to the virtual hard disk (VHD).

Both Hyper-V generation 1 and generation 2 VMs are supported.



NOTE: Not all operating systems are supported on all hypervisors.

Storage

The storage reserved on the host must be equal to or larger than the storage in the guest VMs.

Architecture

32-bit or 64-bit

Rapid Recovery lets you protect VM hosts without installing the Rapid Recovery Agent software on each guest. This is known as agentless protection. For more information, including exclusions for agentless protection, see the *Rapid Recovery User Guide* topic "Understanding Rapid Snap for Virtual."

Agentless protection is supported as described in the following table.

Table 21. Hypervisor requirements supporting agentless or host-based protection

The following table lists hypervisor requirements specific to agentless (or host-based) protection. The first column lists each requirement: virtual machine host, OS, storage, and architecture. The second column specifies details for each requirement.

Requirement **Details** Virtual machine VMware: host VMware vSphere on ESXi 5.0 (build 623860 or later), 5.1, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5. You should also install the latest VMware Tools on each guest. NOTE: The following limitations apply to agentless protection using vSphere/ESXi version 6.5: Secure Boot is a new ESXi 6.5 feature. Rapid Recovery support for this feature is planned for the near future. At this time, Rapid Recovery does not support virtual export to vCenter/ESXi 6.5 if the source machine uses the Secure Boot option. ESXi 6.5 introduced support for encrypted VMs. However, that feature requires Virtual Disk Development Kit (VDDK) version 6.5. Support for VDDK 6.5 for agentless protection is planned for Rapid Recovery version 7.0.0 and later. Until that change, agentless protection of encrypted VMs in ESXi version 6.5 or higher by Rapid Recovery is not supported. Transfer for VMs agentlessly protected on ESXi 6.5 does not work if the transport mode is set to SAN (storage area network). NOTE: Quest strongly recommends running on the most recent supported VMware version. Future major releases of our software are not expected to support ESXi 5.0 and 5.1. Microsoft Hyper-V: Windows Server 2012 R2 Windows Server 2016 Windows 8 x64 Windows 8.1 x64 Windows 10 x64 For volume-level protection, volumes on guest VMs must have GPT or MBR partition Operating system tables. If other partition tables are found, protection occurs at the disk level, not at the volume level. The storage reserved on the host must be equal to or larger than the storage in the Storage guest VMs.

Architecture

32-bit or 64-bit

DVM repository requirements

When you create a Deduplication Volume Manager (DVM) repository, you can specify its location on a local storage volume or on a storage volume on a Common Internet File System (CIFS) shared location. If creating the repository locally on the Core server, you must allocate resources accordingly.

DVM repositories must be stored on primary storage devices. Archival storage devices such as Data Domain are not supported due to performance limitations. Similarly, repositories should not be stored on NAS filers that tier to the cloud, as these devices tend to have performance limitations when used as primary storage.

Quest recommends locating your repository on direct attached storage (DAS), storage area network (SAN), or network attached storage (NAS) devices. These are listed in order of preference. If installing on a NAS, Quest recommends limiting the repository size to 6TB. Any storage device must meet the minimum input/output requirements. For these requirements, and for additional guidance for sizing your hardware, software, memory, storage, and network requirements, see the *Rapid Recovery Sizing Guide* referenced below.

When creating a DVM repository, you are required to specify the repository size on a volume. Each DVM repository supports up to 4096 repository extents (additional storage volumes).

Quest does not support installing a Rapid Recovery Core or a repository for a Core on a cluster shared volume (CSV).

You can install multiple DVM repositories on any volume on a supported physical or virtual host. The installer lets you determine the size of a DVM repository.

NOTE: You can generate an on-demand or scheduled report to monitor the size and health of your repository. For more information on generating a Repository report, see the topic Generating a report from the Core Console in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

Always create your repository in a dedicated folder or directory, not the root folder on a volume. For example, if installing on a local path, use D:\Repository\ instead of D:\. The best practice is to create separate directories for data and metadata. For example, D:\Repository\Data and D:\Repository\Metadata.

For more information on using Rapid Recovery, see the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*. For more information on managing Rapid Recovery licenses, see the *Rapid Recovery License Portal User Guide*. For more information on sizing your hardware, software, memory, storage, and network requirements, see the *Rapid Recovery Sizing Guide* referenced in knowledge base article 185962, "Sizing Rapid Recovery Deployments."

License requirements

Before you can install Rapid Recovery components, you must register at the Rapid Recovery License Portal, create an account, and obtain a license key or file, which is required to download the Rapid Recovery Core and Rapid Recovery Agent software and to configure and protect machines. To register the Core with the license portal, the server must have internet connectivity, and be able to check in with the license portal on a regular basis.

For more information about the Rapid Recovery License Portal, obtaining a license key, and registering for an account, see the *Rapid Recovery License Portal User Guide*.

Quest Support policy

For customers with a valid support agreement, Quest provides call-in or email support for the current major and minor release, when patched to the latest maintenance release. That release is known as N. Quest also fully supports N - 1 and N - 2. Intermediate versions receive limited support.

Quest describes its product lifecycle (PLC) support policy on its Support website (visit https://support.quest.com/rapid-recovery/, click **Policies & PLC**, and then expand **Software Product Support Lifecycle Policy**). To understand full support, limited support, and discontinued support, consult the policy referenced above.

Product licensing

To use and manage any version of Rapid Recovery, AppAssure, or Quest DL series backup and recovery appliance software, you need two items:

An account on the Rapid Recovery License Portal.

License portal accounts are free. If you are a new user, register at https://licenseportal.com. When you register, use the email address that is on file with your Quest sales representative. If upgrading from a trial version, use the email address associated with the trial version. If you need to use a different email address, contact your Quest sales representative for assistance.

NOTE: This license portal was recently rebranded. If you previously registered a license portal account to use with AppAssure or Rapid Recovery, then use that account information. Previous license portal users do not need to register a new account for Rapid Recovery.

For more details about the license portal, please see the *Rapid Recovery License Portal User Guide* on our documentation website.

A software license. Use of Rapid Recovery requires a license. You can use a trial license, which has
a limited lifetime; or you can use a long-term (non-trial) license. After a trial license expires, the Rapid
Recovery Core stops taking snapshots until you obtain and register a valid long-term license.

If you registered for a trial version of Rapid Recovery, the installer is configured with a trial license which you can use immediately. This temporary license is valid for 14 days, and can be extended one time by the group administrator to a 28-day license.

If you purchased a DL backup and recovery appliance, your appliance is configured with a 30-day temporary license that is activated automatically the first time you start the Core on the appliance. After you purchase software or a DL appliance, you receive by email a long-term (non-trial) license file or license number. If specified on the sales order, the license is sent to the end user email address. Otherwise, the long-term license is sent to the contact email address on the sales order.

To enable a trial software license:

When you register for a trial version, a trial license is written into the Rapid Recovery Core software installer. Simply log in to your license portal account and download the Rapid Recovery Core software. Carefully review the Rapid Recovery system requirements, and install a Rapid Recovery Core. You can begin protecting machines and backing up immediately.

To enable a purchased commercial software license (without a trial license):

If you purchased a software license and did not start with a trial license, then you are prompted for the license from the Core Console after you install the Rapid Recovery Core. Enter the license number, or browse and locate the license file provided to you by email in your sales order. For more information, see the topic Updating or changing a license in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

To enable a trial DL appliance license:

Each Quest DL series appliance contains a 30-day license that is activated automatically the first time you start the Core on the appliance.

To upgrade a trial license:

For uninterrupted backups, upgrade to a long-term license before the trial period expires. Once a trial license expires, the Rapid Recovery Core stops taking snapshots. To resume backups interrupted by the lack of a license, obtain a long-term license and enter the license information into the Core Console.

If a Core does not contact the license portal for 20 days after the grace period, it will be removed from the license pool automatically. If the Core subsequently connects to the license portal, it will be restored automatically on the license portal.

To request a license upgrade, contact your sales representative by completing the Contact Sales web form at https://www.quest.com/register/95291/. Once you have upgraded or purchased your long-term Rapid Recovery license through your Sales representative, you receive an email that includes your new license key or file. Enter this license information in the Core Console. For more information, see the topic Updating or changing a license in the Rapid Recovery User Guide.

To add a license to a DL series backup and recovery appliance, see the topic Adding a license in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

Getting started with Rapid Recovery

These topics provide information you can use to begin protecting your data with Rapid Recovery.

Topics include:

- Rapid Recovery Core and Agent compatibility
- Upgrade and installation instructions
- · Additional resources

Rapid Recovery Core and Agent compatibility

The following table provides a visual guide of the interoperability between Core and Agent software versions. This table lists versions tested for release 6.1.2.

Table 22. Tested interoperability between Core and Agent versions

This table explicitly lists compatibility between specific Agent and Core software versions.

| | AppAssure 5.4.3 Core | Rapid Recovery 6.0.2 Core | Rapid Recovery 6.1.0 Core | Rapid Recovery 6.1.1 Core |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| AppAssure 5.4.3 Agent ¹ | Interoperability tested, fully compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible ^{2, 3} |
| Rapid Recovery 6.0.2 Agent | Not compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible ³ |
| Rapid Recovery 6.1.0 Agent | Not compatible | Not compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible ³ |
| Rapid Recovery 6.1.1 Agent | Not compatible | Not compatible | Not compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible |
| Rapid Recovery 6.1.2 Agent | Not compatible | Not compatible | Not compatible | Interoperability tested, fully compatible |

The matrix shows releases that have been fully tested with this release, and represent fully supported releases, plus the most recent release (6.1.0). Other software versions, in limited support status, are also expected to work.

Other factors affect interoperability. For example, the Rapid Snap for Virtual feature was first introduced in Rapid Recovery Core version 6.0, letting you protect VMware ESXi VMs agentlessly. Rapid Recovery release 6.1.0 expanded this support to host-based protection for Hyper-V VMs. Logically, users of Core version 5.4.3 cannot agentlessly protect any VMs. And users of Core version 6.0 cannot protect VMs on Hyper-V without installing the Agent software.

Upgrade and installation instructions

Quest recommends users carefully read and understand the *Rapid Recovery Installation and Upgrade Guide* before installing or upgrading. Specifically, when upgrading, read all topics in the chapter Upgrading to Rapid Recovery. For new installations, read all topics in the chapter Installing Rapid Recovery.

Additionally, Quest requires users to carefully review the release notes for each release, and the Rapid Recovery system requirements for that release, prior to upgrading. This process helps to identify and preclude potential issues. Since the release notes are updated last of all the product documents for each release, it is your best source for updated system requirements.

If upgrading from AppAssure Core release 5.4.3, or Rapid Recovery Core release 6.0.x or 6.1.x, then run the latest Core installer software on your Core server. If using replication, always upgrade the target Core before the source Core.

To protect machines using the Agent software, if upgrading from AppAssure Core release 5.4.3, or Rapid Recovery Core release 6.0.x or 6.1.x, run the latest Rapid Recovery Agent installer on each machine you want to protect. For more information, see the subtopic Protection.

You can also use the Rapid Snap for Virtual feature to protect virtual machines on supported hypervisor platforms agentlessly. Important restrictions apply. For more information on benefits or restrictions for agentless protection, see the topic Understanding Rapid Snap for Virtual in the release 6.1 edition of the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

Quest Software policy is to support two previous major/minor releases of Rapid Recovery. If you want to upgrade an older version, best practice is to first upgrade to the fully supported release (Rapid Recovery Core release 6.0.2), or the one prior (AppAssure Core release 5.4.3). You can then run the 6.1.2 installer for the appropriate Rapid Recovery software component.



NOTE: Release 6.0.1 did not include localization support. If running a localized AppAssure 5.4.3 Core in a language other than English, upgrade to Rapid Recovery Core release 6.0.2 or later.

For more information, see the Rapid Recovery Installation and Upgrade Guide.

When upgrading a protected Linux machine from AppAssure Agent to Rapid Recovery Agent version 6.x, you must first uninstall AppAssure Agent. For more information and specific instructions, see the *Rapid Recovery Installation and Upgrade Guide*.

To download the Rapid Recovery Core software, you must have an account registered on the license portal. Upon successful registration, you can then download the software, carefully review the Rapid Recovery system requirements, and install a Rapid Recovery Core.

¹ EFI partitions on protected machines must be upgraded to Rapid Recovery Agent release 6.0.x or later to successfully restore data, perform bare metal restore, or perform virtual export.

² Release 6.1 release notes erroneously indicated that 5.4.3 Agent in 6.1.0 Core was not supported. This configuration is tested and supported. See Note 1.

³ Users can protect machines using older versions of the Agent software in a newer Core. Logically, newer features provided in more recent versions of Rapid Recovery Agent are not available for machines protected with older versions of Agent installed. In the same manner

Licensing

Trial versions of Rapid Recovery Core may include a temporary license key. A license key is required to perform uninterrupted backups, replication, or data restoration. For more information, see the following resources:

- · Basic information about license keys is available in the Product licensing section of these release notes.
- For information about managing licenses from the Rapid Recovery Core, see the topic Managing licenses in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.
- For complete details on licensing, see the Rapid Recovery License Portal User Guide.

Protection

To protect any physical or virtual machine (except VMs on VMware vSphere), you must install the Rapid Recovery Agent software. You can download Rapid Recovery Agent from the license portal to install on each machine you want to protect. You can also deploy Agent to the machines you want to protect from a properly configured Rapid Recovery Core.

If using a VMware vSphere host for your Core and protected machines, in many cases, you have the option to protect your machines without installing Rapid Recovery Agent. If using agentless protection, some limitations apply (especially for SQL Server or Exchange servers). For more information about these limitations, see the topic Understanding agentless protection in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*.

Add your machines to protection on the Rapid Recovery Core by using the Protect Machine or Protect Multiple Machines wizard.

NOTE: Before protecting a cluster, you must first create a repository. For more information, see the topic Creating a DVM repository in the in the *Rapid Recovery User Guide*. Although a repository is also required to protect a machine, you have the option to create a repository during the workflow for protecting a machine.

Additional resources

Additional information is available from the following:

- · Technical documentation
- · Videos and tutorials
- Knowledge base
- Technical support forum
- · Training and certification
- · Rapid Recovery License Portal

Globalization

This section contains information about installing and operating this product in non-English configurations, such as those needed by customers outside of North America. This section does not replace the materials about supported platforms and configurations found elsewhere in the product documentation.

This release is Unicode-enabled and supports any character set. In this release, all product components should be configured to use the same or compatible character encodings and should be installed to use the same locale and regional options. This release is targeted to support operations in the following regions: North America, Western Europe and Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Far-East Asia, Japan. It supports bidirectional writing (Arabic and Hebrew). The release supports Complex Script (Central Asia – India, Thailand).

The release is localized to the following languages: Chinese (Simplified), French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish.

This release has the following known capabilities or limitations:

- Rapid Recovery requires the Microsoft .NET 4.5.2 Framework. AppAssure used an earlier .NET version.
 There is no downgrade option available. If you upgrade from AppAssure to Rapid Recovery and then subsequently decide to use a prior version of AppAssure, you must perform a new installation of AppAssure Core and Agent.
- Logs and KB articles for Rapid Recovery are in English only.
- · The Rapid Recovery Add-On for Kaseya is in English only.
- Technical product documentation for this release is in English only, except for Release Notes, which are available in all of the languages listed above.

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