

Setting up Quest[®] QoreStor[™] as an RDA Backup Target for NetVault Backup

Technical White Paper

Quest Engineering

January 2023



© 2023 Quest Software Inc.

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

THIS WHITE PAPER IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, AND MAY CONTAIN TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS AND TECHNICAL INACCURACIES. THE CONTENT IS PROVIDED AS IS, WITHOUT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND

This guide contains proprietary information protected by copyright. The software described in this guide is furnished under a software license or nondisclosure agreement. This software may be used or copied only in accordance with the terms of the applicable agreement. No part of this guide may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and recording for any purpose other than the purchaser's personal use without the written permission of Quest Software Inc.

The information in this document is provided in connection with Quest Software products. No license, express or implied, by estoppel or otherwise, to any intellectual property right is granted by this document or in connection with the sale of Quest Software products. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SPECIFIED IN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THIS PRODUCT, QUEST SOFTWARE ASSUMES NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER AND DISCLAIMS ANY EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY WARRANTY RELATING TO ITS PRODUCTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. IN NO EVENT SHALL QUEST SOFTWARE BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF PROFITS, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION OR LOSS OF INFORMATION) ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THIS DOCUMENT, EVEN IF QUEST SOFTWARE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. Quest Software makes no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy or completeness of the contents of this document and reserves the right to make changes to specifications and product descriptions at any time without notice. Quest Software does not make any commitment to update the information contained in this document.

If you have any questions regarding your potential use of this material, contact:

Quest Software Inc.

Attn: LEGAL Dept

4 Polaris Way

Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Refer to our Web site (<https://www.quest.com>) for regional and international office information.


Patents


Quest Software is proud of our advanced technology. Patents and pending patents may apply to this product. For the most current information about applicable patents for this product, please visit our website at <https://www.quest.com/legal>.

Trademarks

Quest, the Quest logo, and Join the Innovation are trademarks and registered trademarks of Quest Software Inc. For a complete list of Quest marks, visit <https://www.quest.com/legal/trademark-information.aspx>. Microsoft®, Windows®, Windows Server®, Internet Explorer®, MS-DOS®, Windows Vista®, and Active Directory® are either trademarks or registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries. Red Hat® and Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® are registered trademarks of Red Hat, Inc. in the United States and/or other countries. Novell® and SUSE® are registered trademarks of Novell Inc. in the United States and other countries. Zmanda is a trademark of Zmanda Incorporated in the USA. All other trademarks and registered trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Legend

 **WARNING:** A WARNING icon indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION icon indicates potential damage to hardware or loss of data if instructions are not followed.

 **IMPORTANT, NOTE, TIP, MOBILE, or VIDEO:** An information icon indicates supporting information.

Setting up Quest® QoreStor™ as an RDA Backup Target for NetVault Backup

Updated – February 21, 2023

Contents

Installing and configuring QoreStor	5
Adding a QoreStor device to NetVault Backup	6
Creating an RDS container for NetVault Backup.....	9
Adding a RDS container to NetVault Backup	11
Configuring transport modes for NetVault Backup	13
Performance Tier	14
Setting up Performance Tier with QoreStor	14
Cloud/Archive Tier.....	17
Cloud Tier	17
Important Considerations for Cloud Tier with NetVault	17
Creating a policy driven Cloud Tier	18
Archive Tier	23
Important Considerations for Archive Tier with NetVault	23
Creating a policy driven Archive Tier	24
Creating a Cloud or Archive Container	28
Creating a QoreStor storage group	31
Setting up the QoreStor system cleaner	34
Monitoring deduplication, compression and performance	37

Executive Summary

This white paper provides information about how to set up QoreStor as a backup target for Netvault Backup. This document is a quick reference guide and does not include all QoreStor deployment best practices.

For additional information, see the QoreStor documentation and other data management application best practices whitepapers at:

<http://support.quest.com/qorestor>

For more information about NetVault Backup, refer to the NetVault documentation at:

<https://support.quest.com/productline/netvault>

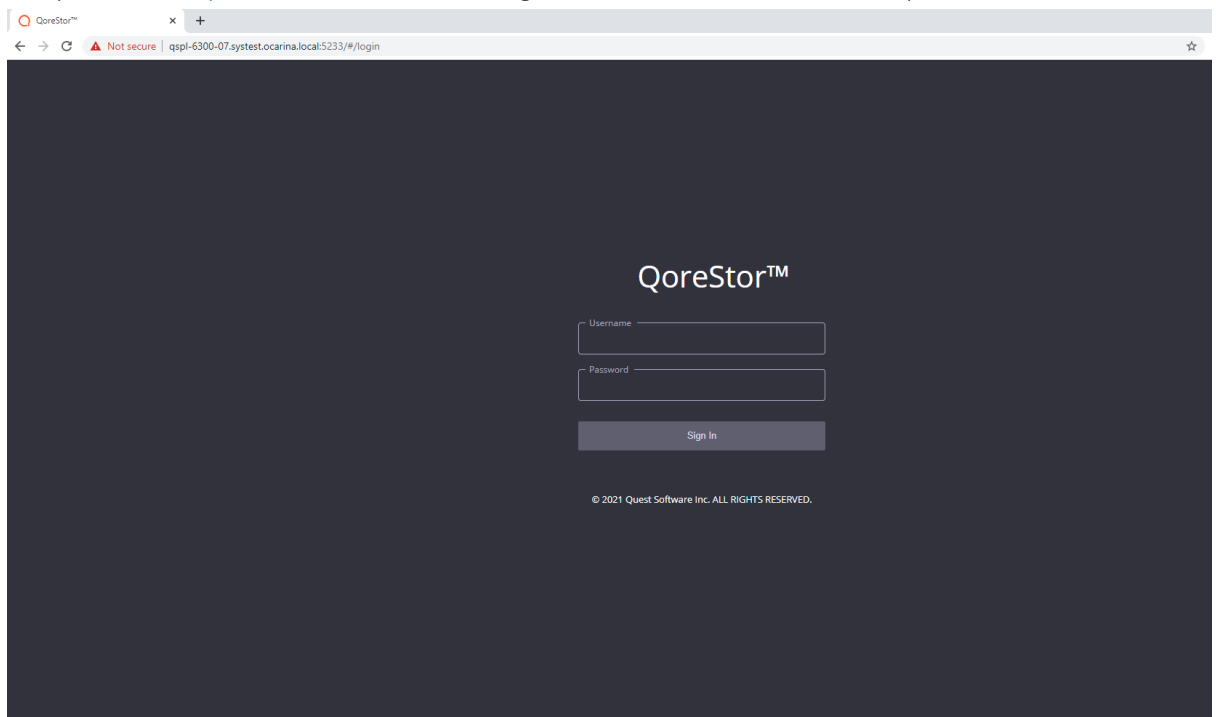
i **NOTE:** The QoreStor and NetVault Backup screenshots used in this document might vary slightly depending on the QoreStor version and NetVault Backup version you are using.

Installing and configuring QoreStor

Before installing QoreStor, refer to the *QoreStor Interoperability Guide* to ensure your system(s) meet the installation requirements.

To install QoreStor on your system(s), follow the procedures documented in the *QoreStor Installation Guide*.

Using a supported web browser (refer to *QoreStor Interoperability Guide* for a list of supported browsers), connect to the QoreStor administrative console via https, using the host IP address/FQDN and port 5233 (<https://<hostname>:5233>). Log in with the username `admin` and password



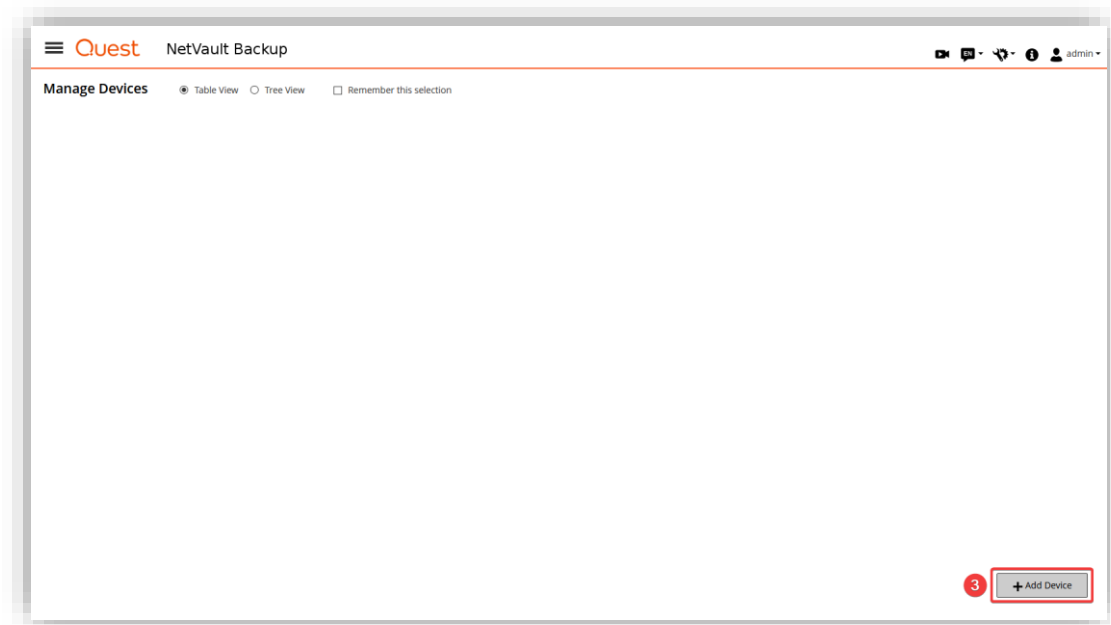
By default, QoreStor has a user with RDA Role named `backup_user` and password "St0r@ge!". Refer to the *QoreStor User Guide* for information on changing user accounts.

Adding a QoreStor device to NetVault Backup

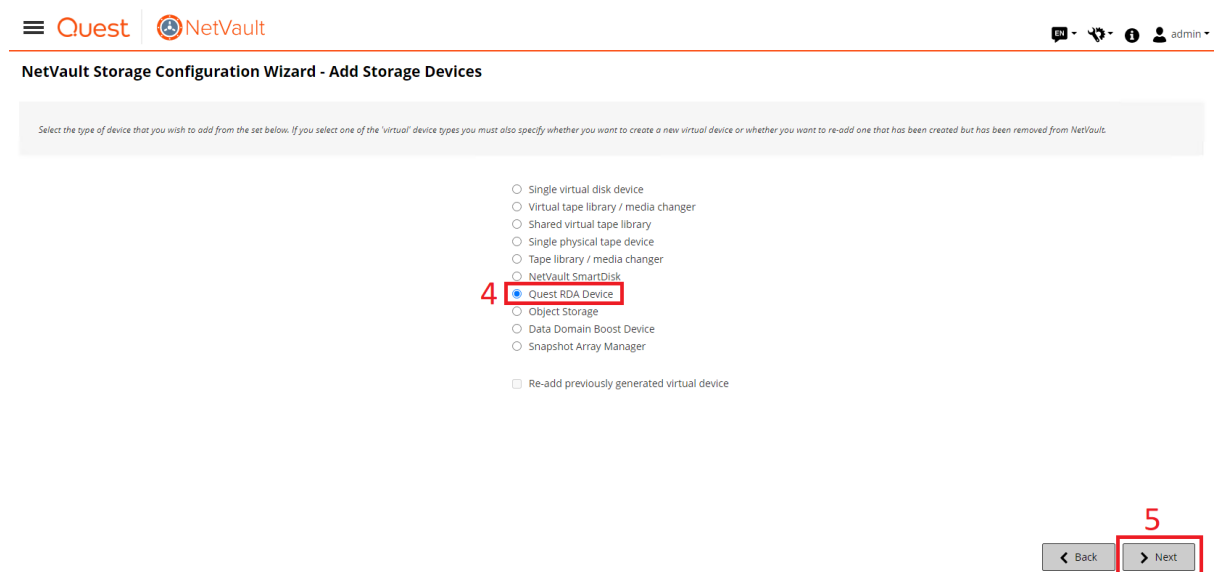
1. Open the NetVault Backup UI
2. Open the **menu drawer** ①, and select **Manage Devices** ②

The screenshot displays the NetVault Backup user interface. At the top left, the 'Quest' logo is followed by a menu drawer icon (three horizontal lines) labeled with a circled '1'. The 'NetVault' logo is to its right. In the top right corner, there are icons for help, search, and a user profile labeled 'admin'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Client Status' (1 / 1), 'Storage Devices' (0 / 0), and 'Total Data Stored' (0.00 bytes). Below these sections is a large empty area with a grid and a y-axis labeled 'Remaining Space'. At the bottom of the interface, there are radio buttons for '8 hrs', '12 hrs', and '24 hrs', and a legend for 'Errors Only', 'Key Events', and 'All Events'. The 'Manage Devices' option in the left-hand menu is highlighted with a red box and labeled with a circled '2'. Other menu items include 'Monitoring', 'Jobs', 'Reporting', 'Configuration', and 'Help'.

3. Click the **Add Device** button **3**



4. Select **Quest RDA Device** **4** and click the **Next** button **5**



i | **NOTE:** If using NetVault 11.4.5 select **Add Quest DR Device**.

5. Specify the:
 - IP Address or FQDN of the QoreStor host,
 - RDA Username
 - Password **6**

6. Click the **Add RDA Device** button **7**.

Quest NetVault Backup

admin

Add Quest RDA Device

Provide Quest RDA server hostname/IP address and user credentials...

Hostname/IP	myqrestorhost.mydomain.local
Username	backup_user
Password	*****

6

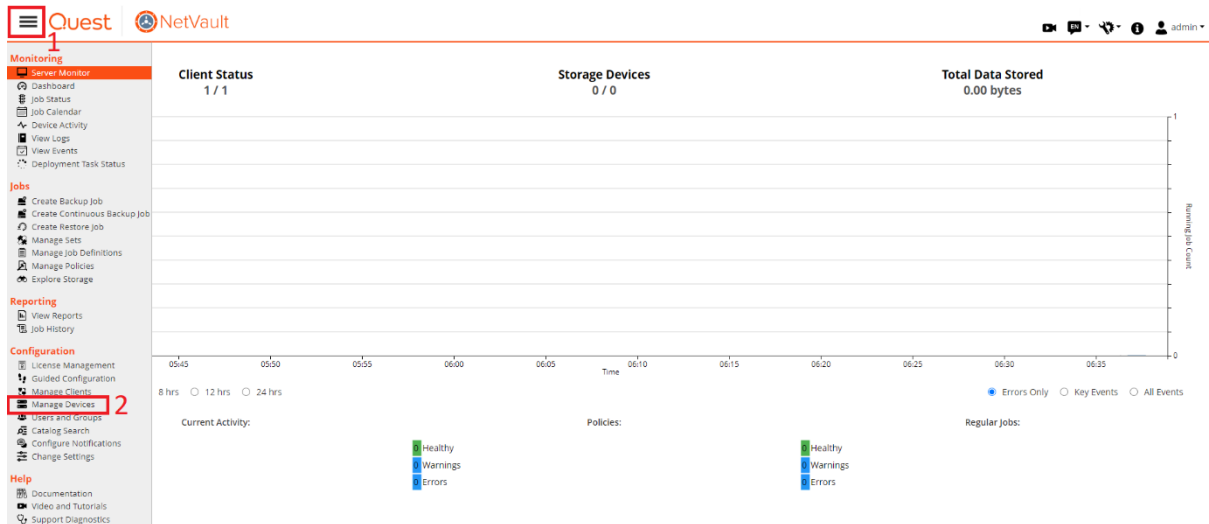
7

Back + Add RDA Device

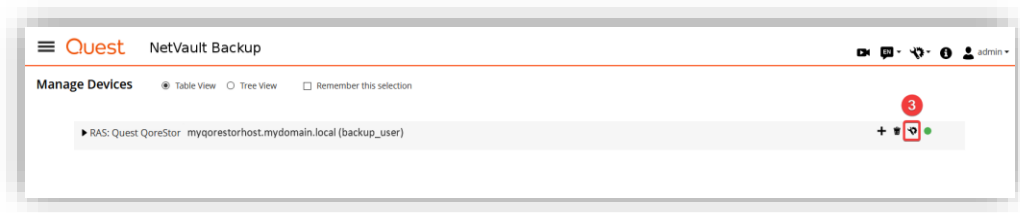
Creating an RDS container for NetVault Backup

This section provides information needed to create an RDS container for NetVault Backup using the NetVault Backup UI. If you wish to use the QoreStor administrative console or CLI, please refer to the *QoreStor User Guide* or the *QoreStor CLI Reference Guide* respectively.

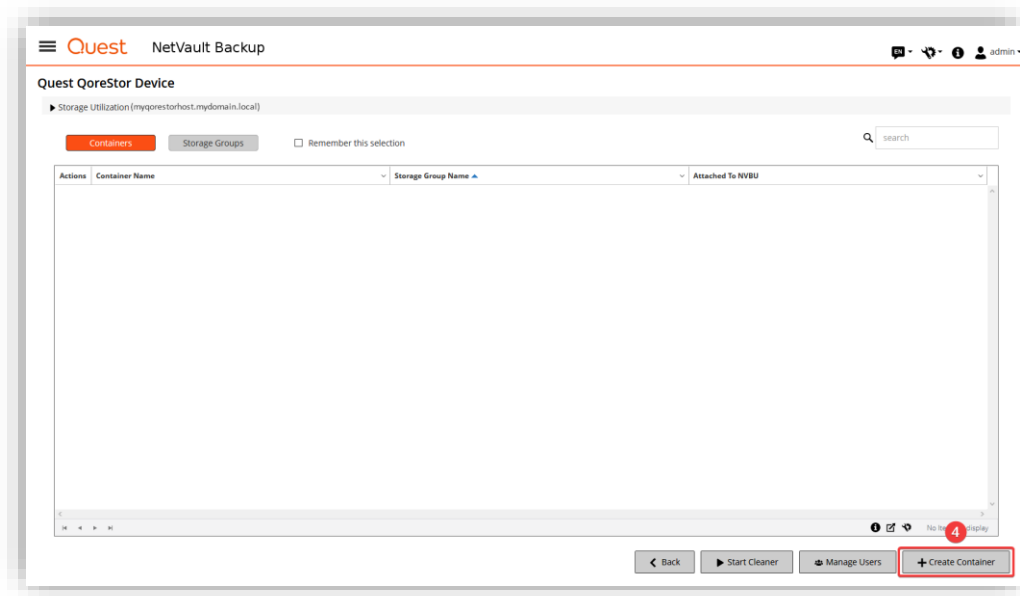
1. Open the NetVault Backup UI
2. Open the **menu drawer** ❶ and select **Manage Devices** ❷



3. Click on the **Manage Device** button ❸

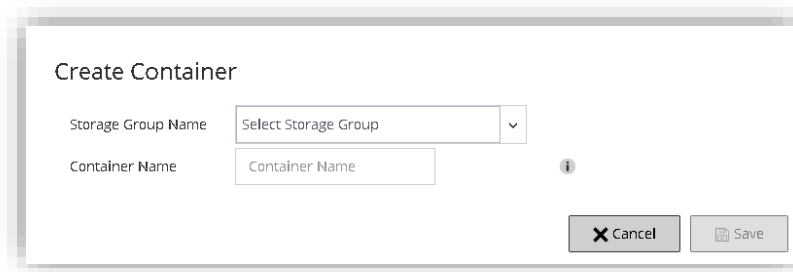


4. Click the **Create Container** button ④



5. On the pop-up dialog:

- a Select the **Storage Group Name*** from the drop-down arrow
- b Enter a Container Name
- c Click the **Save** button.



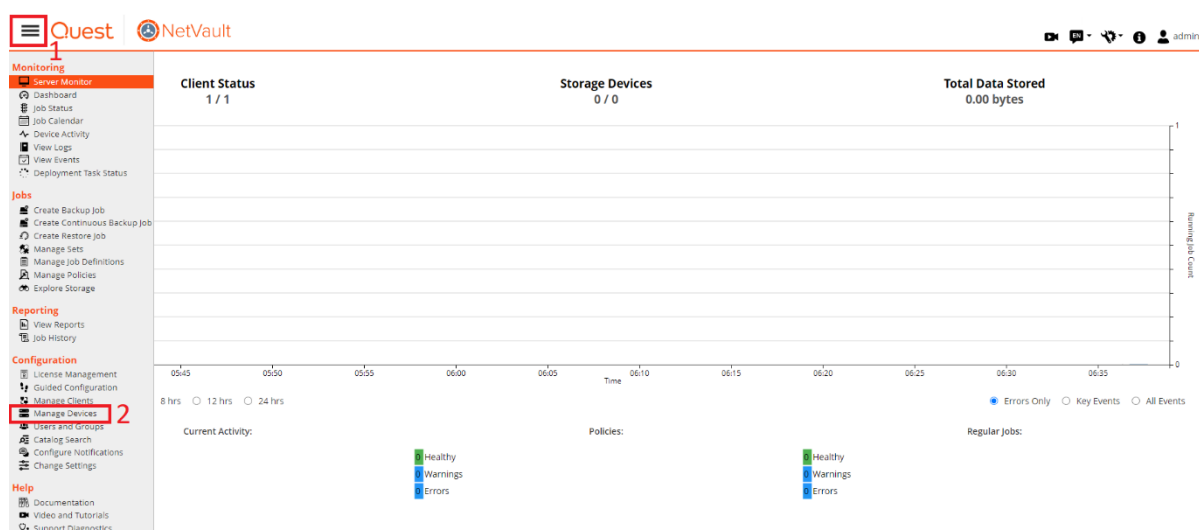
* By default, the QoreStor host has a storage group created, *DefaultGroup*. If you wish to create a new storage group, please refer to Appendix C in this guide.

i **NOTE:** If using NetVault 11.4.5, after clicking the **Manage Device** button, open the **menu drawer** under **Actions** and select **Explore** for the chosen Storage Group; then click the **Add LSU** button and enter the name for the Container you wish to create under **Add LSU Name**.

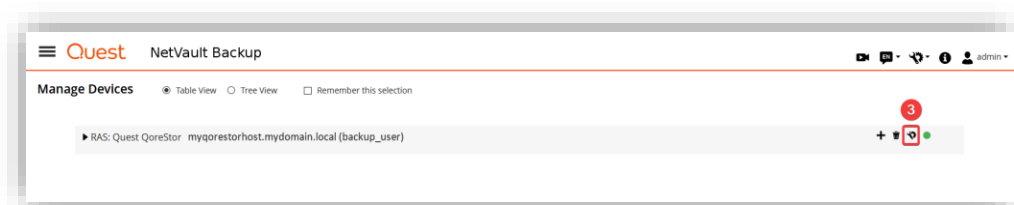
Adding an RDS container to NetVault Backup

This section provides information needed to add an existing or newly created RDS container to NetVault Backup. The steps below assume that the QoreStor Device has been added to the NetVault Backup configuration. If not, please refer to [Adding a QoreStor Device to NetVault Backup](#) in this document.

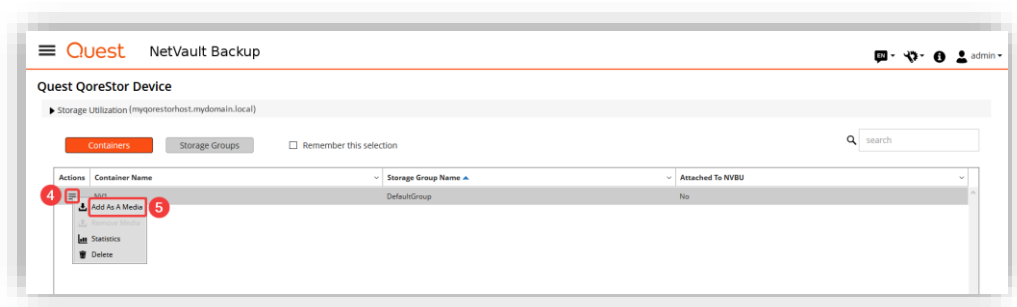
- 1 Open the NetVault Backup UI
 - a Open the **menu drawer** ❶ and select **Manage Devices** ❷



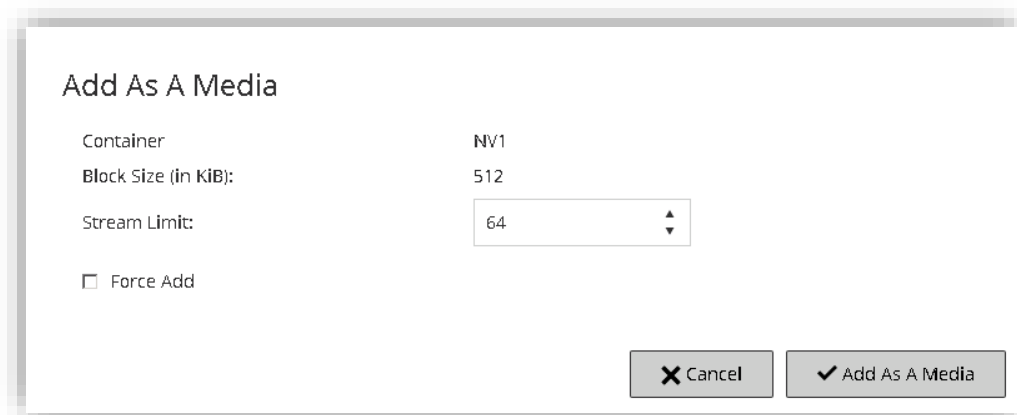
- b Click on the **Manage Device** button ❸



- c If you wish to add the container, click the **Actions menu drawer** ④ and select **Add As A Media** ⑤



- d On the pop-up dialog, chose the **Stream Limit** and click on **Add As A Media** button.



i **NOTE:** QoreStor supports a maximum of 64 streams per connection with a maximum of 64 connections.

Configuring transport modes for NetVault Backup

There are two transport modes for backing up data over RDA: **Optimized/Dedupe** and **Passthrough**. Optimized backup does source-side dedupe on the NVBU clients. The Passthrough mode does target side dedupe on the QoreStor host.

The default mode for each client is decided based on the number of CPU cores in the client machine and whether the architecture is 32-bit or 64-bit. In general, there is no need to change the mode. In the event you want to change the mode, proceed by setting the RDA mode in the QoreStor using the following CLI command:

```
rda --update_client --name <RDA Client Hostname> --mode <auto|passthrough|dedupe>
```

Performance Tier

A Performance Tier allows you to define a set of faster disks as a Storage Group and created a container within that group. This Performance container will always read/write to these faster disks which will allow operations like restores and standard (non-fast clone) synthetic backups to occur quickly. This tier does not stage data off to the standard disks, this is because a restore of synthetic operation reading from the standard disks would still hamper the operation. All data written to the Performance Tier stays within the performance Tier. Because of this, it is recommended to write only specific jobs, which are required to be highly available and are sized to fit within the performance tier size. Please read the QoreStor User Guide for more details about the Performance Tier.



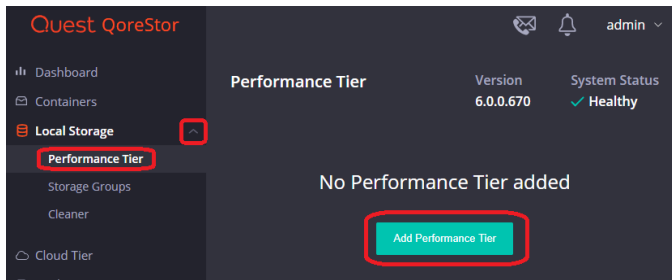
Warning: Please note that once a Performance Tier is added to a system it cannot be easily removed and attempting to do so will most likely result in the destruction of data. Please disable any backup or data copy jobs to the QoreStor system and contact support before attempting removal to find out if this is possible.

Setting up Performance Tier with QoreStor

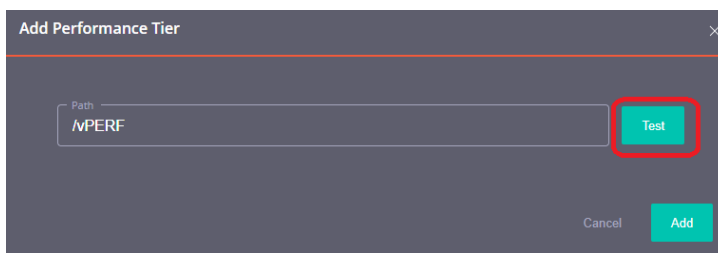
In this section, we are not going to cover adding a device, creating a partition, creating an XFS filesystem, or defining a mount point in detail. Please reference the QoreStor Installer Guide for this information.

- 1 We first need to cable and add the disks to the OS level. Once seen as a device in the OS an aligned partition will need to be created, an XFS file system created, and a mount point defined in fstab that includes mount option requirements defined in the QoreStor Installer guide.

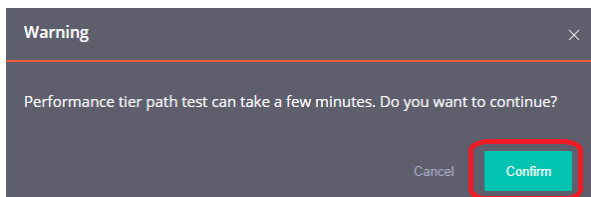
- 2 Once a file system path to the high-performance storage is added the next step is to add that path as a performance tier in QoreStor. In the QoreStor UI expand **Local Storage** and select the **Performance Tier** tab. Click **Add Performance Tier**.



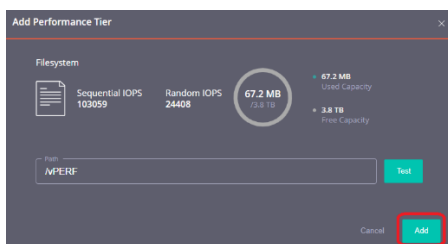
- 3 Enter the performance tier mount path and click the **Test** button.



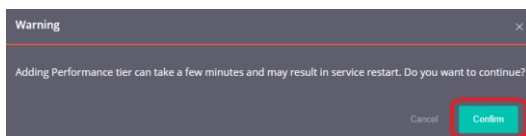
- 4 Click the **Confirm** button



- 5 If the path gets the expected performance click **Add**.

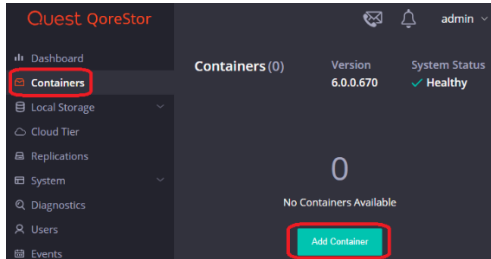


- 6 Click **Confirm** to finish adding the performance Tier, QoreStor services will be restarted

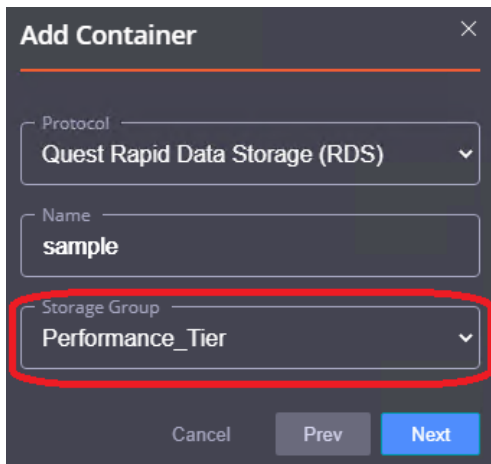


7 Once the performance Tier is added you will be logged out. Once logged back in the Performance Tier tab will now list a dashboard for the performance Tier.

8 Navigate to the Containers tab and click Add Container



9 In the **Storage Group** dropdown, select **PerformanceTier**. Enter the container **Name** and set the **Protocol** to **Quest Rapid Data Storage (RDS)**. Click **Next**.



10 Follow the rest of the steps listed in the **Creating an RDS container for NetVault Backup** and **Adding an RDS container to NetVault Backup** sections of this guild to finish configuring your Performance Tier container.

Cloud/Archive Tier

Cloud Tier

Important Considerations for Cloud Tier with NetVault

Cloud tiering is achieved by sending deduplicated data blocks to low-cost cloud storage on a cloud provider. These data blocks are identified via a per-container policy manager. The Policy manager options are Idle Time, On-Prem Retention, Include/Exclude Directory paths, and Include/Exclude file types.

- **Idle Time before cloud migration** - Replicates stable data blocks idle for more than the selected number of days/hours to the cloud. After this completes data blocks will be located both On-Premises and on the cloud. All restores will come from the On-Premises data block and not induce any cost.
- **On-Prem Retention Age** - After the selected number of days/hours data blocks that have replicated to the cloud will be removed from On-Premises storage. After this, any data reads, such as restore or synthetic full backups, will be from the Cloud Provider. This can be slower and induce costs from the provider. Any attempted modification of files after this retention time will result in access-denied errors.
- **Folder Paths** - Allows for including or excluding specific paths from cloud tiering replication. Usually, this feature shouldn't be needed with NetVault.
- **File Extensions** - Allows for including or excluding specific file types from cloud tiering replication. Usually, this feature shouldn't be needed with NetVault.

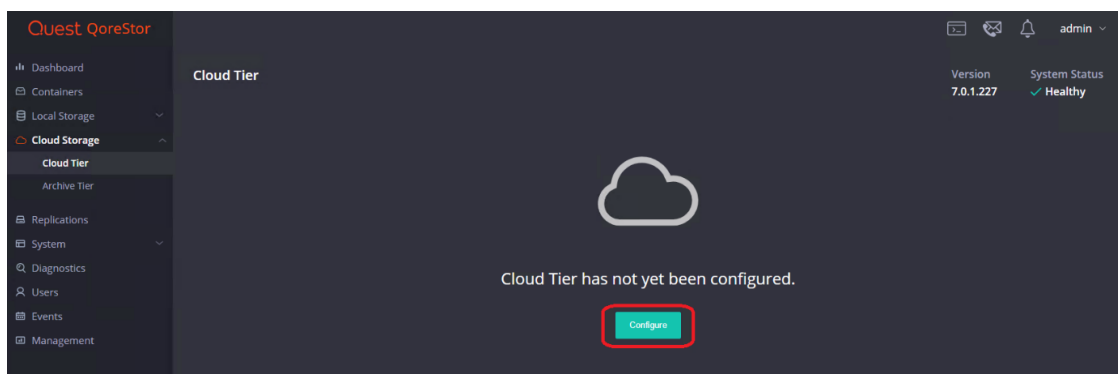


Warning: Idle time is especially important to consider with some synthetic or CDP workflows.

Creating a policy-driven Cloud Tier

Cloud Tier is a feature that allows a QoreStor system to tier deduplicated blocks of files to a cloud provider via S3 protocol. There are several cloud and on-prem solution providers supported including Azure, AWS, Wasabi, IBM, Google, and many other S3-compatible solutions. Once added one or more containers can be added to a policy. How that policy is configured can determine how long the data is available on-prem in QoreStor, how long it's available both on-prem and in the cloud simultaneously, and finally at what point is it only available in the cloud.

1. Open the QoreStor UI, expand the **Cloud Storage** section, and select the **Cloud Tier** page. Click the **Configure** button.



2. Select the **Cloud Provider** dropdown and pick your required provider, depending on the provider the fields below will change. The **Container** field will be a folder/bucket created in the cloud provider, there is no need to create a folder on your own. This folder name is usually limited in accepted characters by the provider. Also please make sure to keep your **passphrase**, without this the data is not recoverable in a Disaster Recovery scenario. Click **Configure**.

The screenshot shows a 'Configure Cloud Tier' dialog box with the following fields and controls:

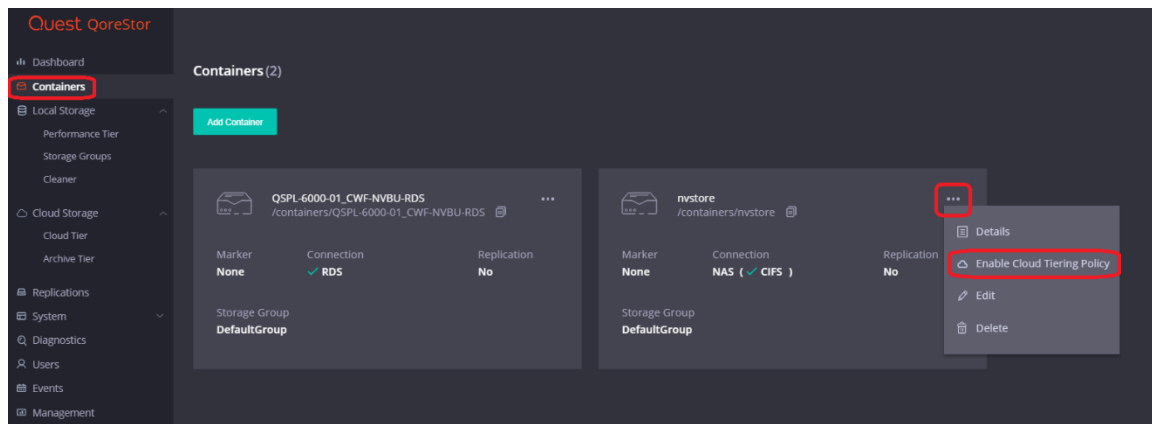
- Cloud Provider:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Azure Blob'.
- Need Help?:** A link with a question mark icon.
- Azure Container:** An empty text input field.
- Connection String:** An empty text input field.
- Cloud Tier Encryption:** A section containing two empty text input fields: 'Passphrase' and 'Confirm Passphrase'.
- Buttons:** 'Close' and 'Configure' buttons at the bottom right.

3. Once added, this is how the cloud tier page should appear.

The screenshot displays the 'Cloud Tier' configuration page in Quest QoreStor. The page includes a sidebar with navigation options like Dashboard, Containers, Local Storage, and Cloud Storage. The main content area shows the following details:

- Connector Details:** Connection String (masked), Connection Type: AZURE, Cloud Container: test, Encryption Mode: static.
- Savings:** Two circular gauges for 'DEDUPE' and 'COMPRESSION', both showing 0B current bytes and 0.0% total savings.
- Capacity:** A bar chart comparing 'Used Licensed Cloud Capacity' (N/A) and 'Licensed Cloud Capacity' (65.97 TB).
- Summary:** Name: DefaultCloudTier, Encryption: Enabled, Compression Mode: Fast, Status: Online, Key Rotation Interval: 0, Quota: N/A, Passphrase Set: True, Created On: May 7, 2021, 3:55:38 PM.

4. We need to add a cloud tiering policy to a specific container. Do this by navigating to the **Containers** page, selecting the **ellipsis** in the top right corner of the specific container, and clicking **Enabled Cloud Tiering Policy**.



5. In the next window, we need to define the policy. **Idle time before cloud migration** specifies the number of hours/days datablocks must be kept idle before being sent to the cloud. **On-Prem Retention age** specifies the number of hours/days files will be kept locally after they are sent to the cloud. We also need to add a few advanced options for NetVault. Click **Advanced Options** and add `/config` into the **Exclude Folder Paths** field as well as `*.(stnz|check_status)` into the **Stub Exclude File Regular Expression** field. Finally, click **Enable**.

Edit Cloud Policy

Cloud Policy

Idle time before cloud migration: 7 format: days

On-Prem Retention Age: 90 format: days

Advanced Options

Folder Paths (Optional)

Include Folder Paths: /dir, /c, /d

Exclude Folder Paths: /config

File Extensions/Regular Expressions (Optional)

Type: Exclude Regular Expression

Extensions:

Stub Exclude Dir/Extensions/Regular Expressions (Optional)

Stub Exclude Directory List: /dir, /c, /d

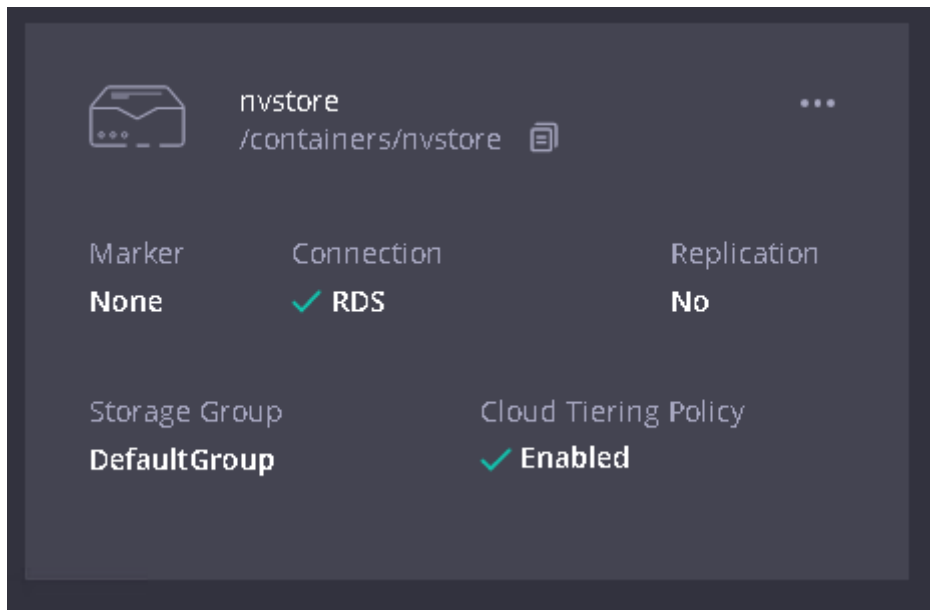
Stub Exclude File Extension List: .txt, .log

Stub Exclude File Regular Expression: *.(stnz|check_status)

Cancel Enable

CAUTION: Make Please use the Command line command documented in the “Important Considerations” section for Cloud and Archive tier to insure required NetVault files do not get tiered

6. The container should now show with the cloud tiering policy enabled.



Archive Tier

Important Considerations for Archive Tier with NetVault

QoreStor's archive tier feature enables QoreStor data to be quickly and easily archived to long-term Amazon S3 Glacier or Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive storage. Using NetVault and a supported protocol (Object container(S3)), files can be written to a QoreStor container and migrated to your archive tier according to easily defined policies. QoreStor provides a policy engine that allows you to set file age and on-premises retention criteria to be used in identifying which files are most suited for replication to the cloud. Policies are defined at the container level and apply to all files within that container. Using the QoreStor Cloud Policy, you can replicate files based on:

- **Idle time** - replicate stable files idle for more than the selected number of hours.
- **File extensions** - replicate files that match or do not match names in a list of extensions.
- **Regular expressions** - include or exclude files based on their match to configured regular expressions.
- **File locations** - replicated files in a list of directories, or all files except those in a list of directories.

Any data that is archived from the QoreStor instance by the archive tier is encrypted with zero knowledge encryption. The encryption keys are solely owned by you. If the encryption keys are placed in the archive tier, a passphrase is used to encrypt those keys and that passphrase is only known to you. For added security, QoreStor obfuscates metadata names such as blockmap and data store objects that are stored in the archive tier.

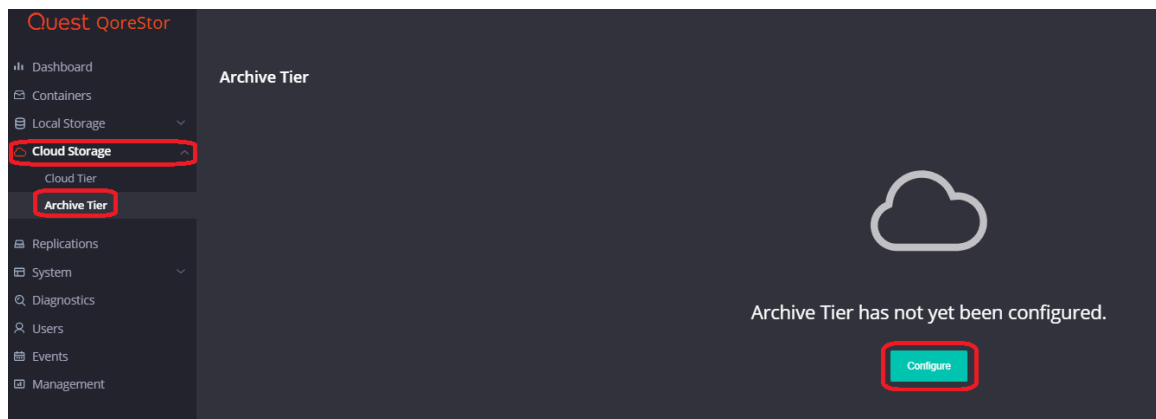
Data stored in the archive tier is not available for immediate recovery. When recovery is initiated, the data stays in the archive tier while a copy is made in S3 standard storage and kept for an amount of time specified by the **archive_retention_in_warm** parameter. Although recovery times may vary, the general expectations for recovery times are:

- Amazon S3 Glacier storage: 3-5 hours
- Amazon S3 Glacier Deep Archive: within 12 hours

Creating a policy-driven Archive Tier

Archive Tier is a feature that allows a QoreStor system to tier deduplicated blocks of files to an AWS glacier/deep archive via S3 protocol. Once added one or more containers can be added to a policy. How that policy is configured can determine how long the data is available on-prem in QoreStor, how long it's available both on-prem and in the archive simultaneously, and finally at what point is it only available in the cloud. Archive Tier restores are more difficult, careful consideration should be given to how long the data should be available on-prem before configuring the archive tier.

1. Open the QoreStor UI, expand the **Cloud Storage** section, and select the **Archive Tier** page. Click the **Configure** button.

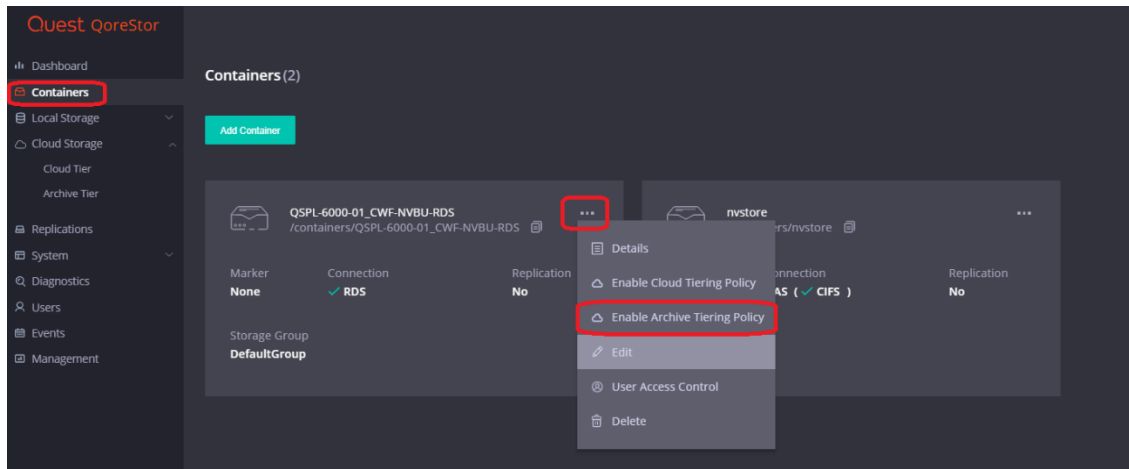


2. You will have to provide several bits of information from your AWS account including the **access key, secret, correct region, ARN role,** and select an **Archive Service Name**. The **S3 bucket name** will be created and is character limited by the provider. Also please make sure to keep your **passphrase**, without this the data is not recoverable in a Disaster Recovery scenario. Finally, click **Configure**.

The screenshot shows a 'Configure Archive Tier' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Archive Provider:** A dropdown menu set to 'AWS S3'.
- Need Help?:** A blue question mark icon.
- S3 Bucket:** A text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Default/Custom:** Two radio buttons, with 'Default' selected.
- Access Key:** A text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Secret Key:** A text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Region:** A dropdown menu with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Archive Tier Encryption:**
 - Passphrase:** A text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
 - Confirm Passphrase:** A text input field.
- Archive Tier Options:**
 - Archive Retention in Warm Cloud in days:** A text input field containing '1' with a red arrow pointing to it.
 - Archive Role ARN:** A text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
 - Archive Service Name:** A dropdown menu with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Buttons:** 'Close' and 'Configure' buttons at the bottom right, with 'Configure' highlighted by a red box.

3. We need to add an Archive tiering policy to a specific container. Do this by navigating to the **Containers** page, selecting the **ellipsis** in the top right corner of the specific container, and clicking **Enabled Cloud Tiering Policy**.



4. In the next window, we need to define the policy. **Idle time before cloud migration** specifies the number of hours/days datablocks must be kept idle before being sent to the cloud. **On-Prem Retention age** specifies the number of hours/days files will be kept locally after they are sent to the cloud. We also need to add a few advanced options for NetVault. Click **Advanced Options** and add “/config” into the **Exclude Folder Paths** field as well as “.*(stnz|check_status)” into the **Stub Exclude File Regular Expression** field. Finally, click **Enable**.

Edit Archive Policy

Archive Policy

Idle time before cloud migration: 7, format: days

On-Prem Retention Age: 90, format: days

Advanced Options

Folder Paths(Optional)

Include Folder Paths: /dir, /c, /d

Exclude Folder Paths: /config

File Extensions/Regular Expressions (Optional)

Type: Exclude Regular Expression

Stub Exclude Dir/Extensions/Regular Expressions(Optional)

Stub Exclude Directory List: /dir, /c, /d

Stub Exclude File Extension List: .txt, .log

Stub Exclude File Regular Expression: .*.(stnz|check_status)

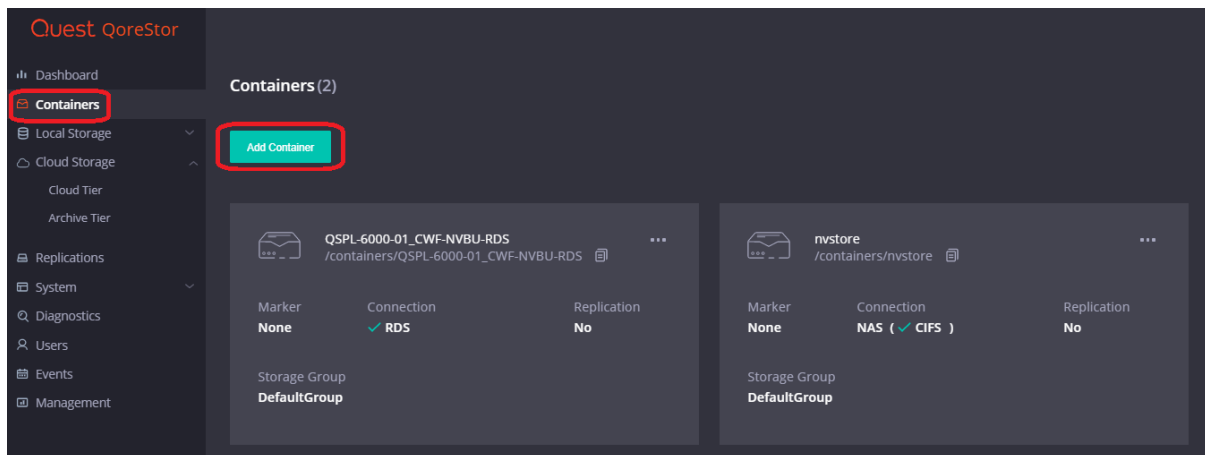
Cancel Enable

CAUTION: Make Please use the Command line command documented in the “Important Considerations” section for Cloud and Archive tier to insure required NetVault files do not get tiered

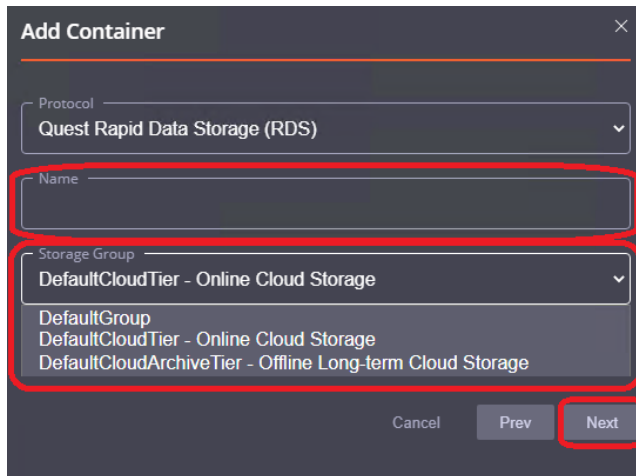
Creating a Cloud or Archive Container

A Cloud or Archive container is a container created directly in the cloud or archive storage group. This container does not have a policy defined, all data written to it goes directly to the cloud or archive. The use case for this is to allow users to configure their data management application with multiple storage devices. Thus, controlling what data is sent to the cloud simply be writing data to one container or the other. Before following these steps please complete the steps documented in the *Creating a policy-driven Cloud Tier* or *Creating a policy-driven Archive Tier* Sections.

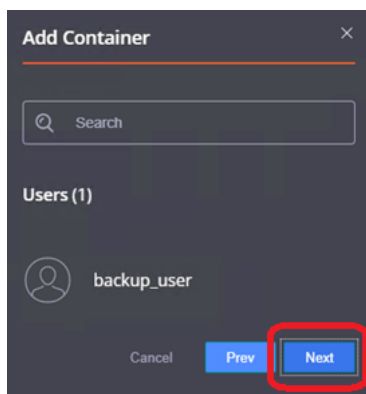
1. Open the QoreStor UI and navigate to the **containers** page. Click **Add Container**.



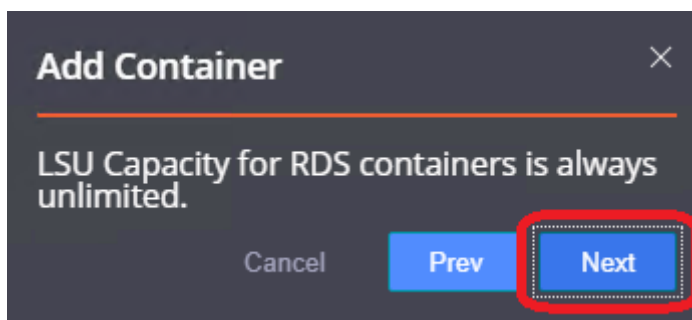
2. In the **Add Container** wizard enter a **Name** for the container then change the **Storage Group** to either **DefaultCloudTier** or **DefaultCloudArchiveTier** depending on need. These storage groups will not show unless the cloud tier or archive tier is already configured. Click **Next**.



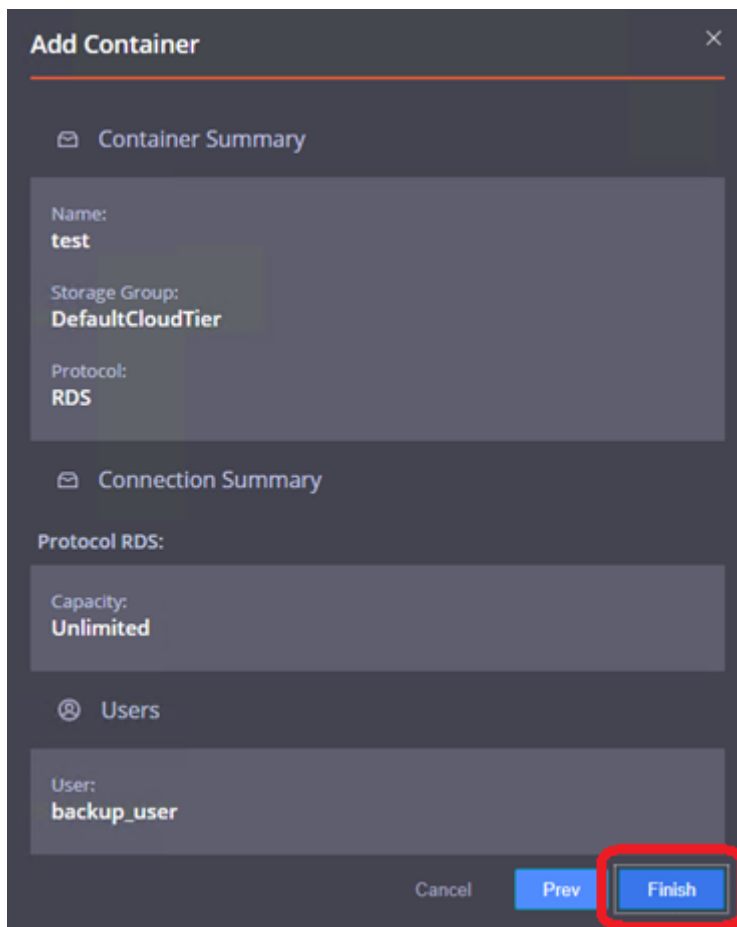
3. Click **Next** On the user page.



4. Click **Next** on the capacity page.



5. Verify configuration and click **Finish**.



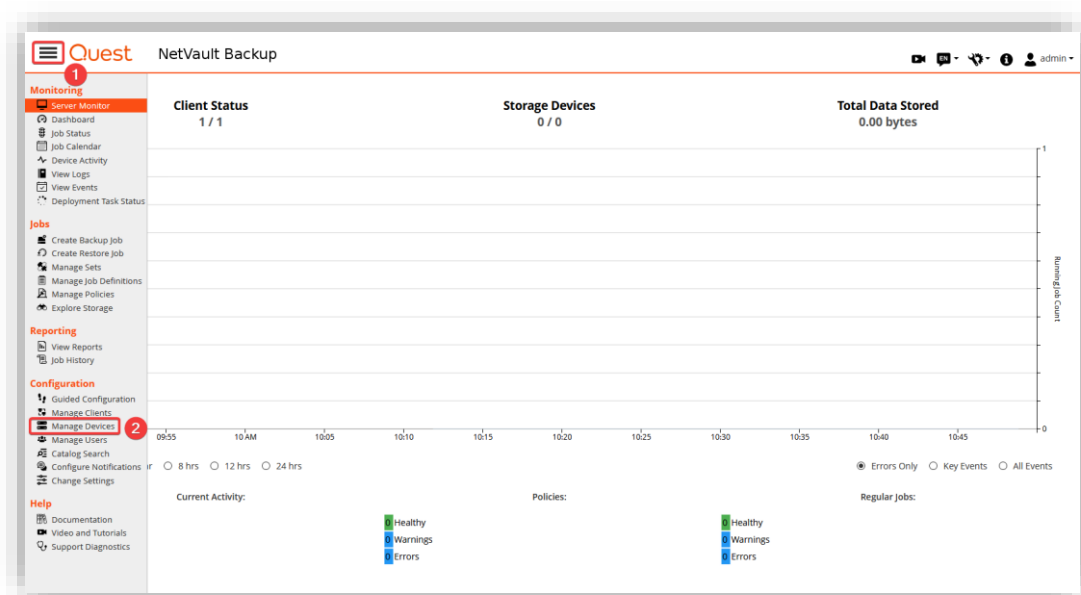
6. Add this container to the DMA just like previously listed in this guide. All backups to this specific container will go to the cloud/archive without being stored on-prem via policy.

Creating a QoreStor storage group

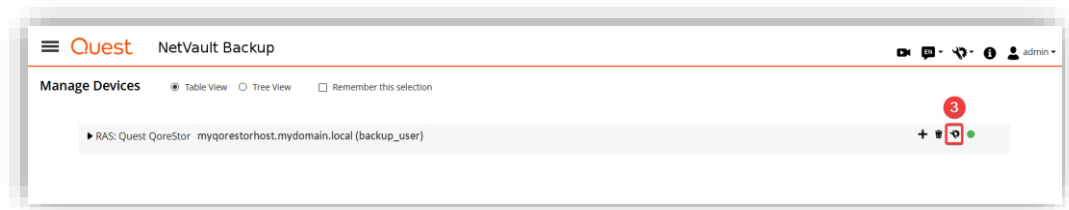
If you wish to create a QoreStor storage group, you can use the QoreStor Administrative Console, QoreStor CLI, or the NetVault Backup UI. In this document, we will show how to do it using the NetVault Backup UI.

1. Open the NetVault Backup UI

Open the **menu drawer** ❶ and select **Manage Devices** ❷

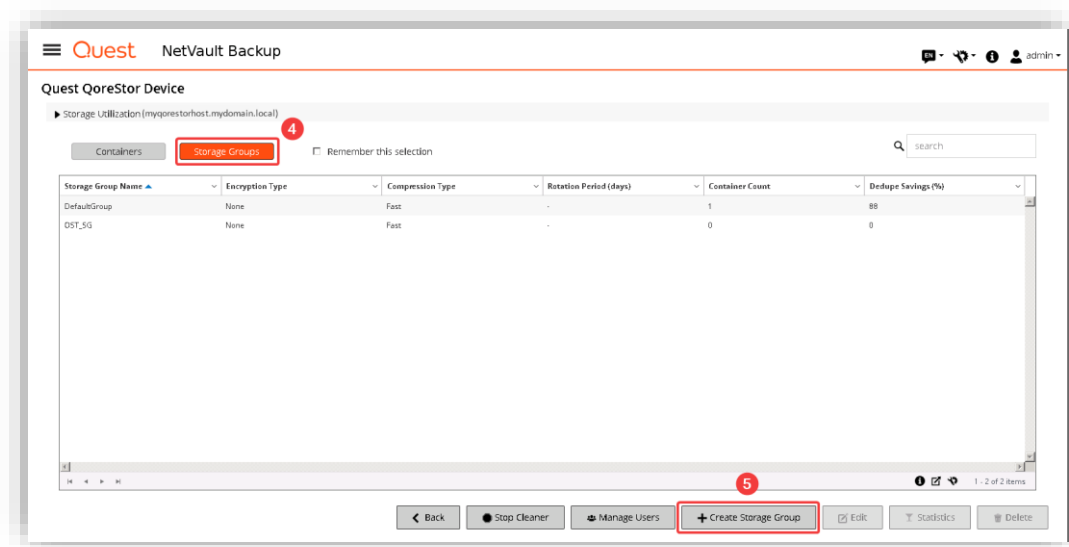


Click on the **Manage Device** button ③



Click the **Storage Groups** button ④

Click the Create Storage Group button ⑤



On the pop-up dialog:

- a Enter the Storage Group Name
- b Select the desired **Compression Type** using the dropdown arrow
- c Select the desired **Encryption Type** using the dropdown arrow if you wish to use encryption
If you select Internal, chose a Passphrase, Confirm passphrase, and Rotation Period
- d Click the **Save** button

The screenshot shows a 'Create Storage Group' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Storage Group Name:** Text input field with placeholder 'Storage Group Name' and an information icon (i).
- Compression Type:** Dropdown menu with 'Fast' selected and an information icon (i).
- Encryption Type:** Dropdown menu with 'None' selected and an information icon (i).
- Passphrase:** Text input field with placeholder 'Passphrase' and an information icon (i).
- Confirm passphrase:** Text input field with placeholder 'Confirm passphrase' and an information icon (i).
- Rotation Period:** Spinner box with '30' and 'Days' label and an information icon (i).

Buttons at the bottom right: **Cancel** and **Save**.

i **NOTE:** If using NetVault 11.4.5, after clicking the **Manage Device** button, open the **menu drawer** under **Actions** and select **Explore** for the chosen Storage Group; then click the **Add LSU** button and enter the name for the Container you wish to create under **Add LSU Name**.

Setting up the QoreStor system cleaner

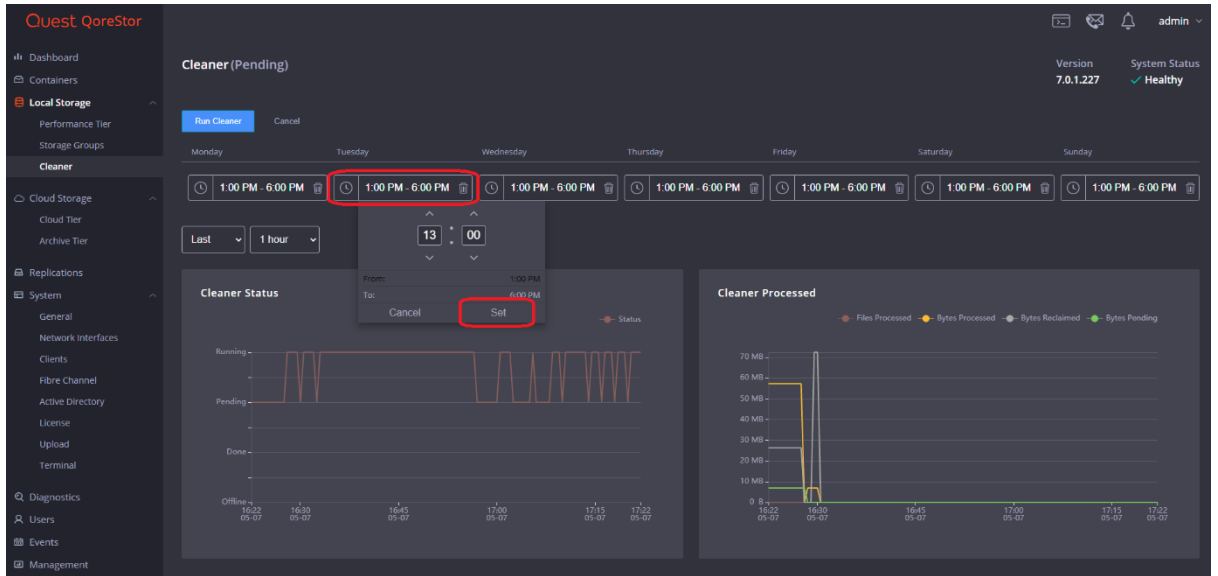
Performing scheduled disk space reclamation operations are needed as a method for recovering disk space from system containers in which files were deleted as a result of deduplication. Ideally, the QoreStor cleaner should complete a full cycle at least once a week. This will be accomplished in most cases by the predefined QoreStor cleaner schedule. The cleaner also runs during idle time.

To change the predefined cleaner schedule times, perform the following steps:

1. Open the QoreStor administrative console
2. Expand **Local Storage** in the top navigation area
3. Select **Cleaner**
4. Click **Edit Schedule**.

The screenshot displays the Quest QoreStor administrative console interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'Local Storage' expanded and 'Cleaner' selected. The main content area shows the 'Cleaner (Running)' configuration page. At the top right, the system version is 7.0.1.227 and the system status is Healthy. The cleaner schedule is shown for each day of the week, with a consistent schedule of 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Below the schedule, there are two charts: 'Cleaner Status' and 'Cleaner Processed'. The 'Cleaner Status' chart shows the cleaner's status over time, with 'Running' periods indicated by orange bars. The 'Cleaner Processed' chart shows the amount of data processed, including files, bytes processed, bytes reclaimed, and bytes pending, over time.

- Define the schedule and click **Set**.



If necessary, you can also perform a full cleaning cycle manually using either the QoreStor Administrative Console, QoreStor CLI, or the NetVault Backup UI.

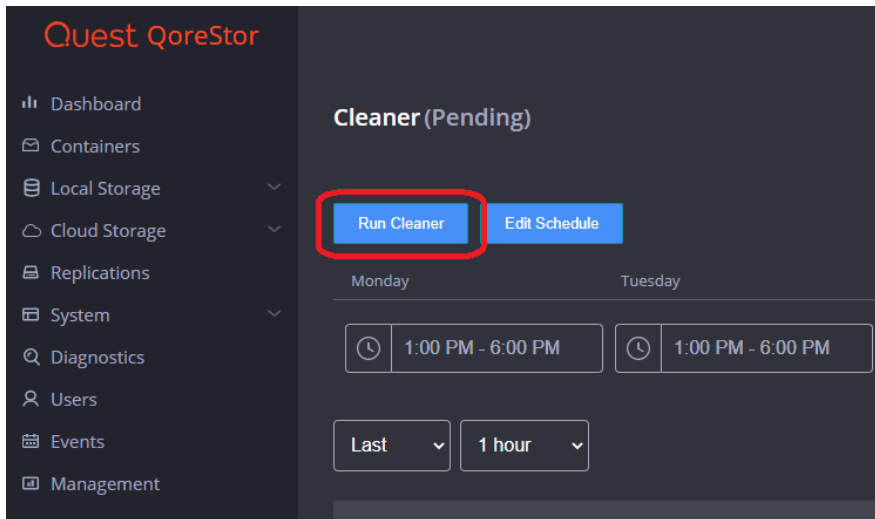


Figure 1: Using the QoreStor Administrative Console

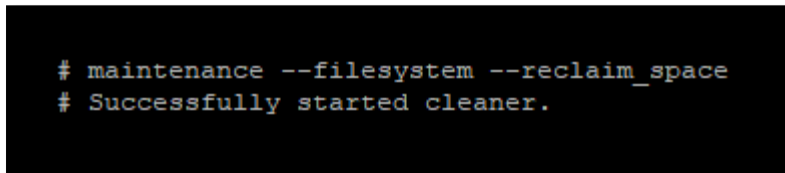


Figure 2: Using the QoreStor CLI

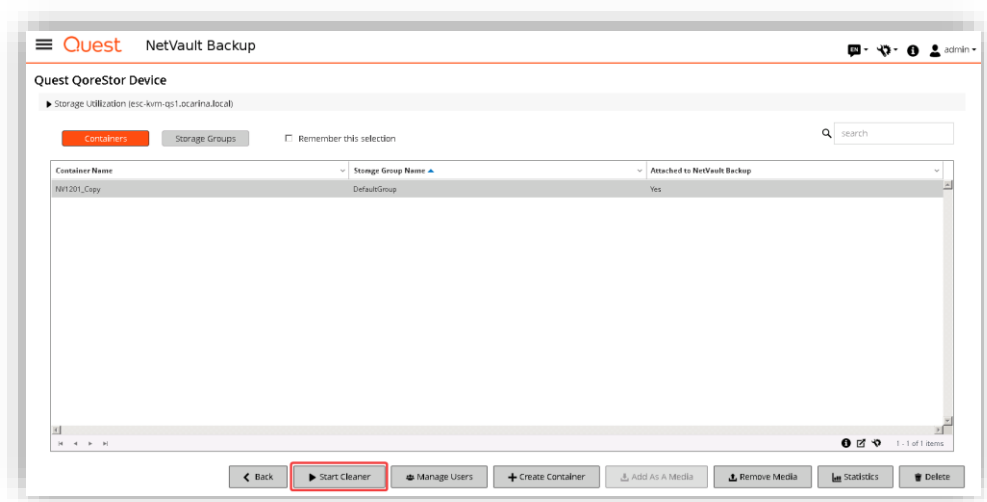
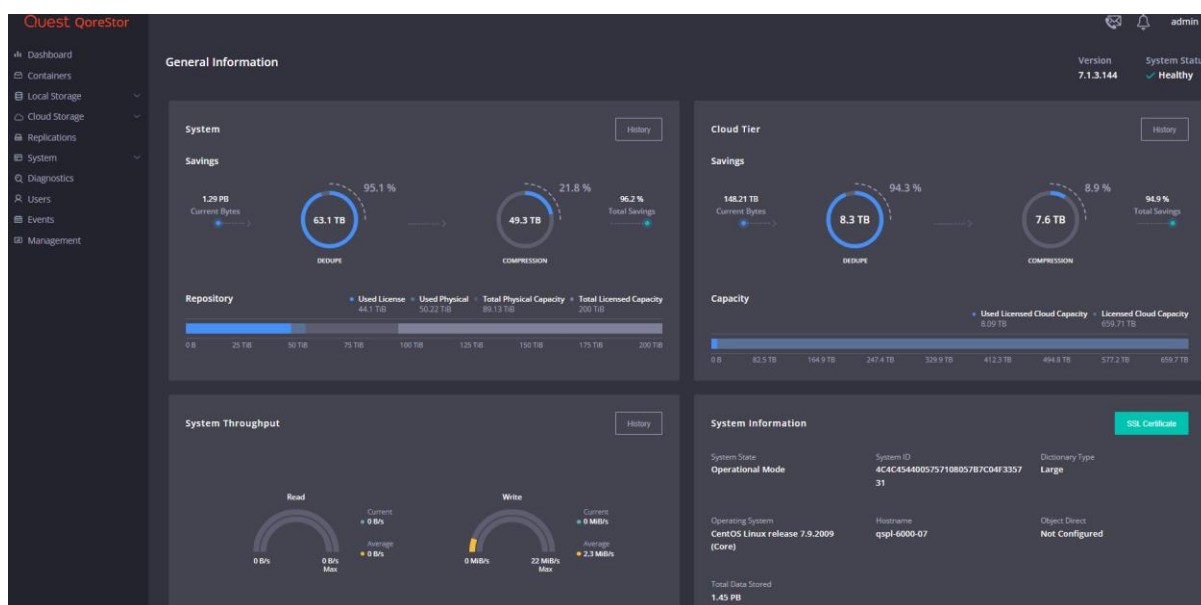


Figure 3: Using the NetVault Backup UI

Monitoring deduplication, compression, and performance

After backup jobs have run, QoreStor tracks capacity, storage savings, and throughput. The historical representation of these values is shown in the dashboard of the QoreStor administrative console. This information is valuable in understanding the benefits of QoreStor.



NOTE: Deduplication ratios increase over time. It is not uncommon to see a 2-4x reduction (25-50% total savings) on the initial backup. As additional full backup jobs are completed, the ratios will increase. Backup jobs with a 12-week retention will average a 15x ratio in most cases.