



# Setting Up the Dell™ DR Series System as an NFS Target on Amanda Enterprise 3.3.5

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## Executive summary

This paper provides information about how to set up the Dell DR Series system as a backup target for Amanda Enterprise 3.3.5.

For additional information, see the DR Series system documentation and other data management application best practices whitepapers for your specific DR Series system at:

<http://www.dell.com/powervaultmanuals>

For more information about Amanda, refer to the Amanda documentation at:

[http://docs.zmanda.com/Project:Amanda\\_Enterprise\\_3.3/ZMC\\_Users\\_Manual](http://docs.zmanda.com/Project:Amanda_Enterprise_3.3/ZMC_Users_Manual)

**Note:** The DR Series system/ Amanda build version and screenshots used in this document may vary slightly, depending on the version of the DR Series system/ Amanda Software version you are using.

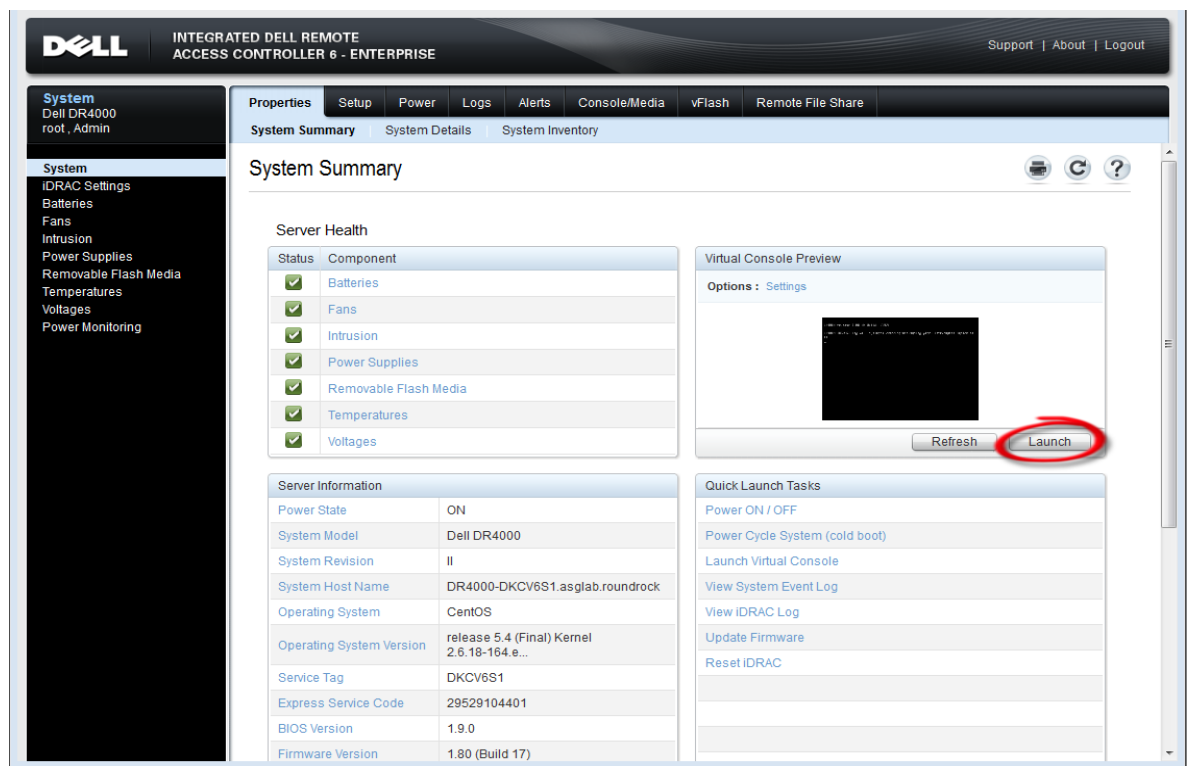


# 1 Installing and configuring the DR Series system

1. Rack and cable the DR Series system, and power it on.

In the *Dell DR Series System Administrator Guide*, see the sections, "iDRAC Connection", "Logging in and Initializing the DR Series system", and "Accessing iDRAC6/iDRAC7 Using RACADM," for information about using the iDRAC connection and initializing the appliance.

2. Log on to iDRAC using the default address **192.168.0.120**, or the IP address that is assigned to the iDRAC interface by using the user name and password of "**root/calvin**".
3. Launch the virtual console.



4. After the virtual console is open, log on to the system as the user **administrator** with the password **St0r@ge!** (The "0" in the password is the numeral zero).

```
Debarina release 1 (EAR-1.00.00) Build: 32850
Kernel 2.6.18-164.el5 on an x86_64

localhost login: administrator
Password: St0r@ge!
```

5. Set the user-defined networking preferences.

```
Would you like to use DHCP (yes/no) ?
Please enter an IP address:
Please enter a subnet mask:
Please enter a default gateway address:
Please enter a DNS Suffix (example: abc.com):
Please enter primary DNS server IP address:
Would you like to define a secondary DNS server (yes/no) ?
Please enter secondary DNS server IP address:
```

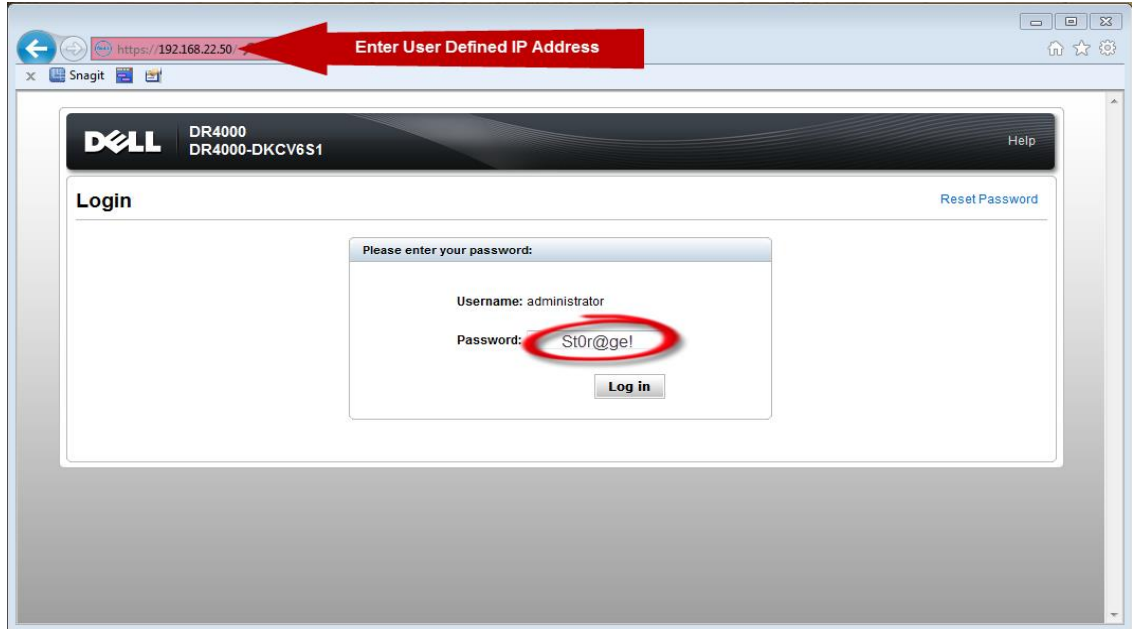
6. View the summary of preferences and confirm that it is correct.

```
=====
                          Set Static IP Address
=====
IP Address      : 10.10.86.108
Network Mask   : 255.255.255.128
Default Gateway : 10.10.86.126
DNS Suffix     : idmdemo.local
Primary DNS Server : 10.10.86.101
Secondary DNS Server : 143.166.216.237
Host Name      : DR4000-5

Are the above settings correct (yes/no) ? _
```



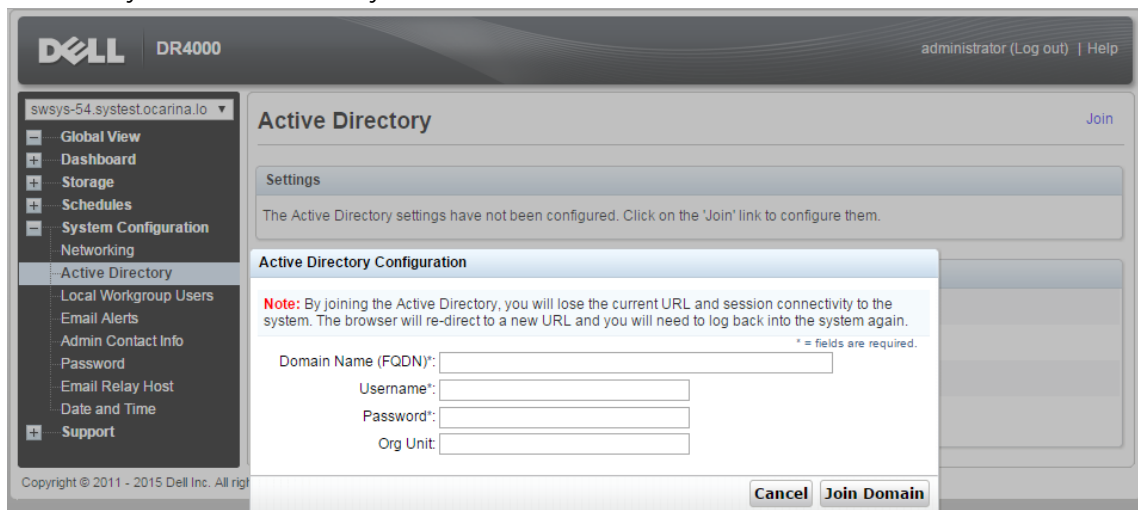
7. Log on to the DR Series system administrator console, using the IP address with username **administrator** and password **St0r@ge!** (The "0" in the password is the numeral zero).



8. Join the DR Series system to Active Directory.

**Note:** if you do not want to add the DR Series system to Active Directory, see the *DR Series System Owner's Manual* for guest logon instructions.

- a. Under System Configuration, select **Active Directory** from the left navigation area of the DR Series system GUI.
- b. Enter your Active Directory credentials, and click **Join Domain**.



9. Create and mount the container by selecting **Containers** in the left navigation area, and then clicking the **Create** link at the top of the page.

DELL DR4000 administrator (Log out) | Help

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**Containers** [Create](#) | [Edit](#) | [Delete](#) | [Display Statistics](#)

Number of Containers: 8 Container Path: /containers

Containers	Files	Marker Type	Access Protocol Enabled	Replication	Select
backup	5011	Auto	NFS, CIFS	Not Configured	<input type="radio"/>

10. Enter a container name and click **Next**.

Container Wizard - Create New Container \* = required fields

Container Name

Max 32 characters, including only letters, numbers, hyphen, and underscore. Name must start with a letter.

Container Name\*:

Virtual Tape Library (VTL):





11. Select the protocol as **NAS (NFS, CIFS)** and then click **Next**.

Container Wizard - Create New Container

Select Access Protocols

Storage Access Protocol\*:  Dell Rapid Data Storage (RDS)  Symantec OpenStorage (OST)  NAS (NFS, CIFS)

Container Name and Type  
sample

< Back Cancel Next >

12. Select **NFS** as the access protocol and the Marker Type as **Unix Dump**, and then click **Next**.

Edit Container: amandasavings

Configure NAS Access

Enable Access Protocols:  NFS (Use NFS to backup UNIX or LINUX clients)  CIFS (Use CIFS to backup MS Windows clients)

Marker Type\*:  None  Auto  Networker  Unix Dump  BridgeHead  Time Navigator

Container Name and Type  
amandasavings

Access Protocols  
NAS (NFS, CIFS)

Cancel Next >

13. Configure the NFS client access settings and click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Container Wizard - Create New Container' dialog box, specifically the 'Configure NFS Access' step. The window title is 'Container Wizard - Create New Container' and it includes a note '\* = required fields'. The 'NFS Options' section has 'Read Write Access' selected with a radio button, and 'Insecure' checked with a checkbox. 'Read Only Access' is unselected. The 'Map root to:' field is a dropdown menu currently showing '-select-'. The 'Client Access' section has 'Open (allow all clients)' selected with a radio button, and 'Create Client Access List' is unselected. Below this is a 'Client FQDN or IP:' input field with an 'Add' button to its right. Underneath is a list box labeled 'allow access client(s)' with an empty list and a 'Remove' button to its right. On the right side of the dialog, there are two sections: 'Container Name and Type' with the value 'sample', and 'Access Protocols' with 'NAS (NFS, CIFS)' and 'Auto' listed. At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: '< Back', 'Cancel', and 'Next >'. The 'Next >' button is highlighted, indicating it is the intended action.

14. Review the summary and then click **Create a New Container**.

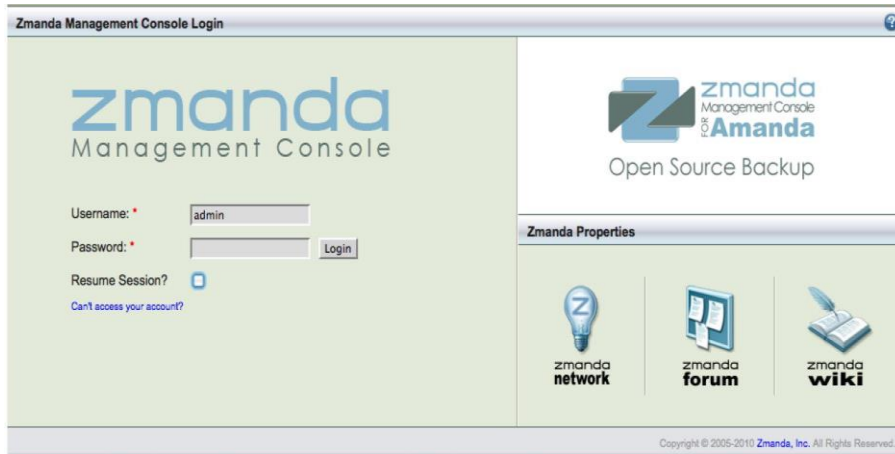
15. Confirm that the container is added.



## 2 Setting up for Unix/Linux environment backup

**NOTE:** Before you begin, ensure that you can mount/verify the NFS share from the UNIX/Linux client system. For more details, please refer to the Amanda documentation at: [http://docs.zmanda.com/Project:Amanda\\_Enterprise\\_3.3/ZMC\\_Users\\_Manual](http://docs.zmanda.com/Project:Amanda_Enterprise_3.3/ZMC_Users_Manual)

You can access the zmanda Management Console for Amanda in a Web browser by navigating to and logging on at the following location:  
https://<host name of the Amanda server>:<port number>/



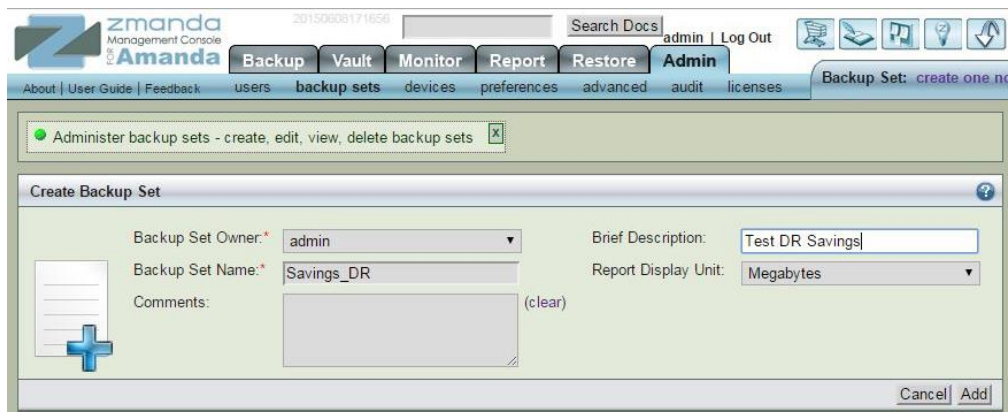
### 2.1 Creating the backup set

A backup set is a uniquely-named record of backup policies, including:

- Hosts, directories, and files to exclude.
- Backup target, which can be a tape device or disk (via holding disk or virtual tape)
- Type of backup to perform (such as, full or incremental); schedules are automatically configured.

Follow these steps to create a backup set.

1. On the Admin tab, click **backup sets**, enter the name and other details for the backup set as needed, and then click **Add**.



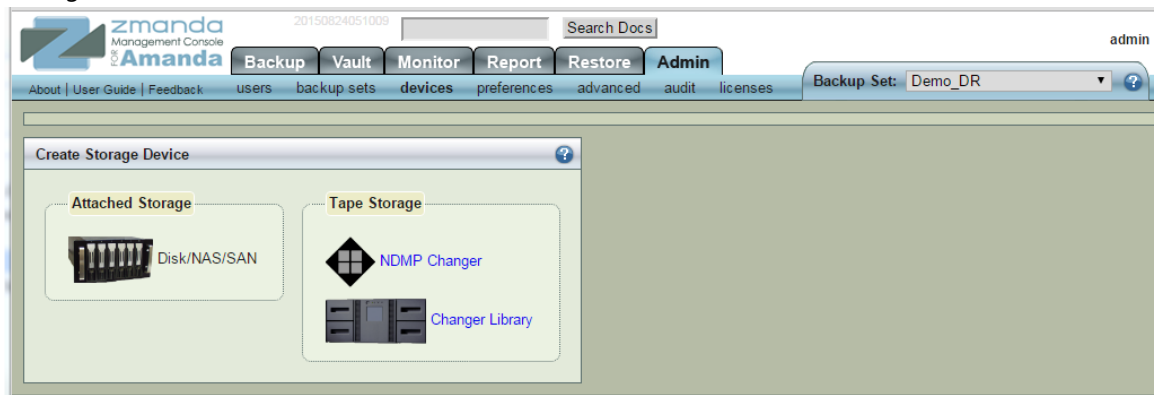
## 2.2 Creating the storage devices

Before you begin, log on to the Amanda server and add the DR Series system nfs mount. Run the following commands to use the DR Series system container as a backup target in the Amanda backup server:

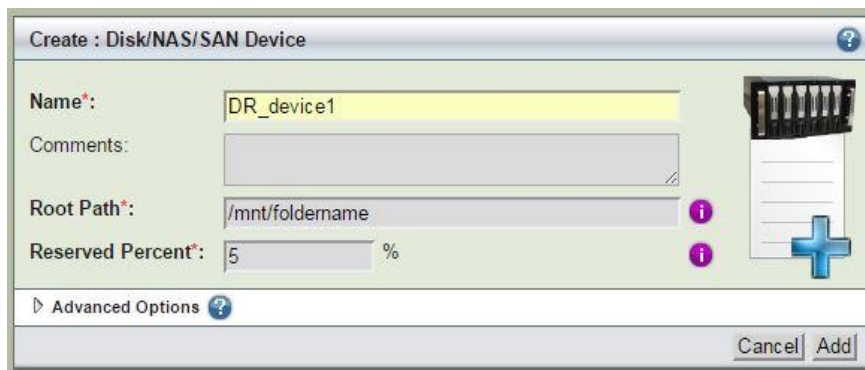
```
mkdir -p /mnt/DR_container_amanda
chmod -R 700 '/mnt/DR_container_amanda'
chown -R amandabackup:disk '/mnt/DR_container_amanda'
mount -t nfs <DR FQDN>:/containers/amanda-src /mnt/DR_container_amanda
```

Then, follow these steps to create the storage devices.

1. On the **Admin** tab, under Attached Storage, click **Disk/NAS/SAN** to add a DR container as a storage device.



2. Enter the device name and any comments, enter the DR Series container mount point path in the **Root Path** field, and then click **Add**.



After the storage devices are successfully added, you can see the storage device in the list of backup set devices.


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Backup Vault Monitor Report Restore Admin

About | User Guide | Feedback users backup sets devices preferences advanced audit licenses Backup Set: Demo\_DR


Create Storage Device

Attached Storage




Disk/NAS/SAN

Tape Storage




NDMP Changer



Changer Library

View and edit backup set devices

All	Type	Device Name	Status	Path	Comments	Used With	Last Modified	By
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DR_device1	OK	/mnt/DR_container_amanda		Demo_DR	2015-08-20 23:23:14	admin

Invert Selection | Refresh Table | Edit | Delete | List | Expert | Use

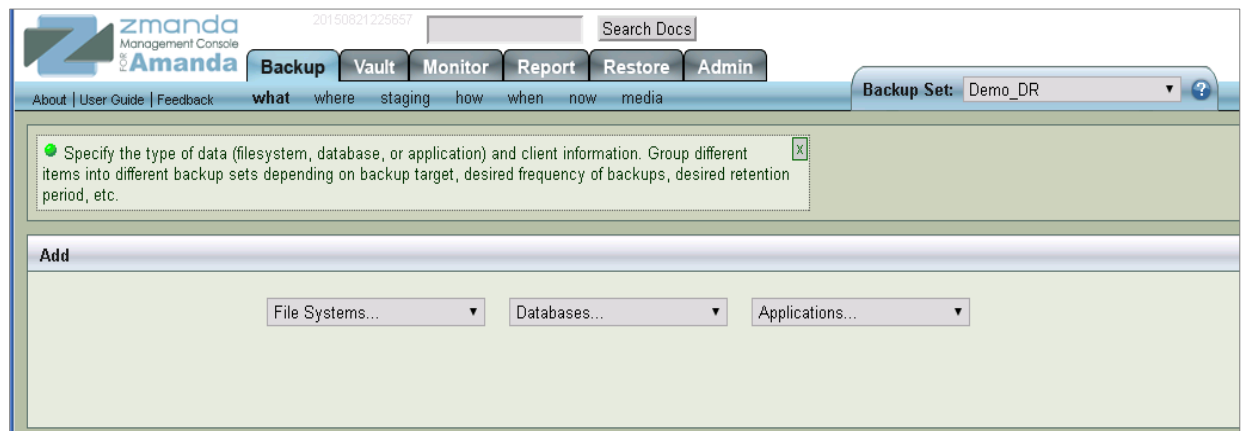


## 3 Creating a new backup job with the DR Series system as the target

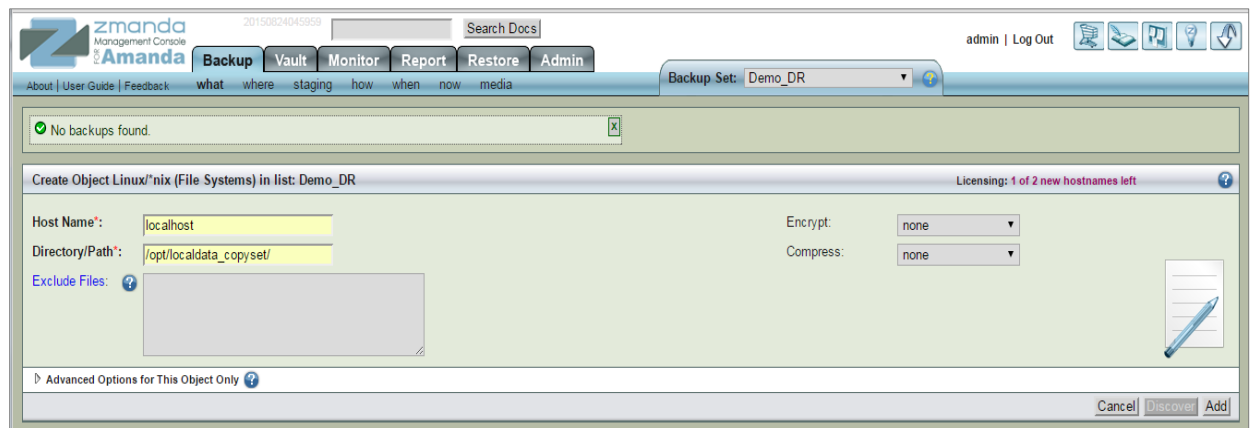
### 3.1 Defining the backup set

In the zmanda Management Console, *Backup what* defines the host system and directories to include in the backup set.

1. On the Backup tab, click **what**, and on the File Systems drop-down menu, select **Linux**.



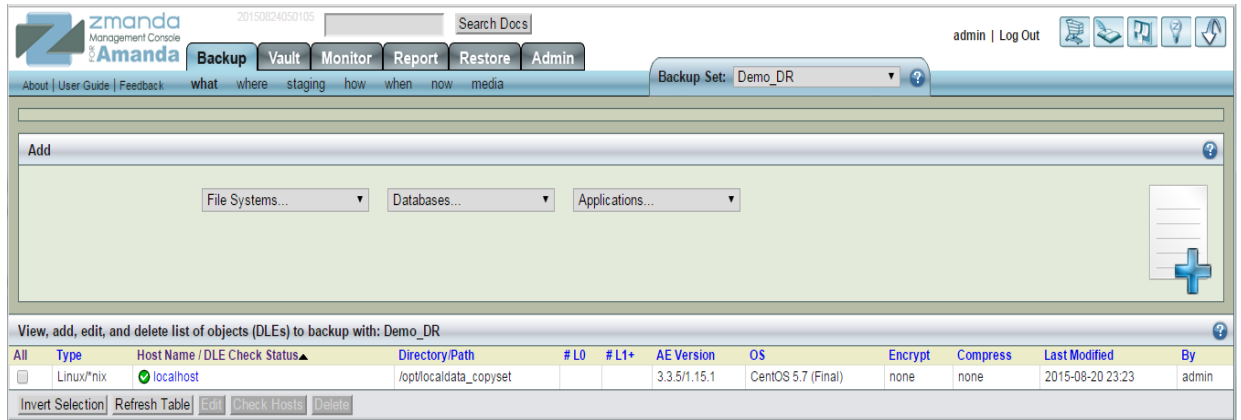
2. Enter the host name and location of the folder to back up, and then click **Add**.



**Note:** For better space savings, Dell recommends that the Encrypt and Compress options be set to **none**.

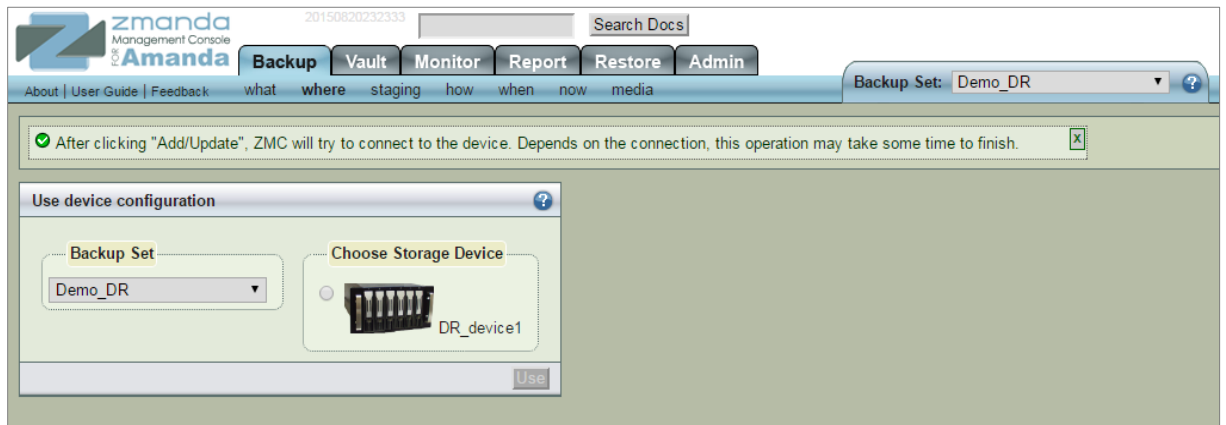


Upon successful addition, the data set will be listed at the bottom of the management console window.

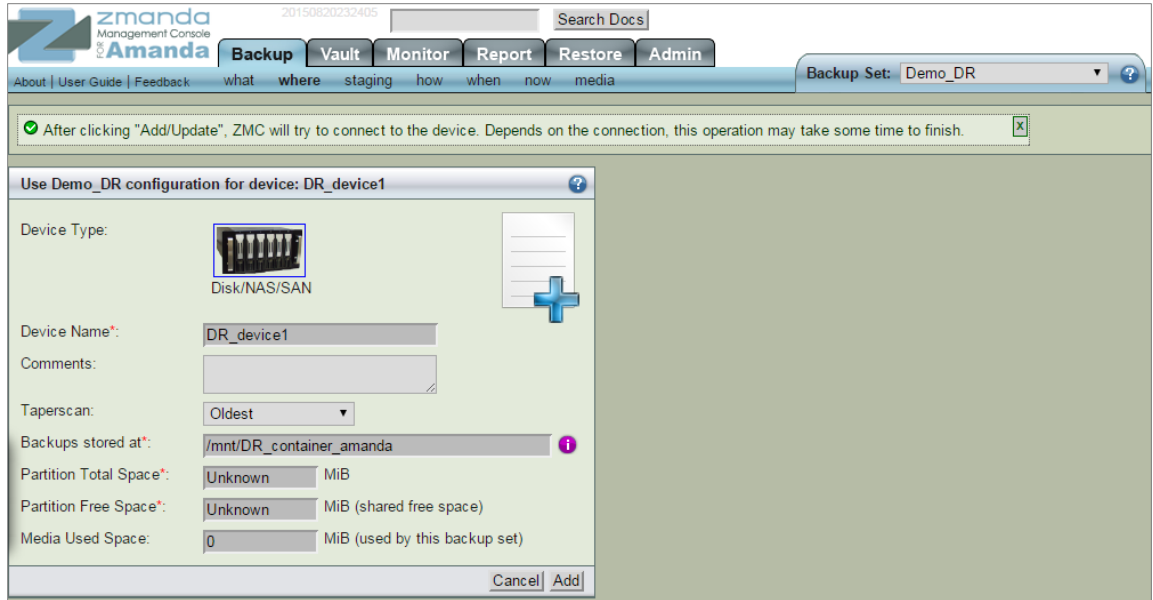


## 3.2 Defining where to back up

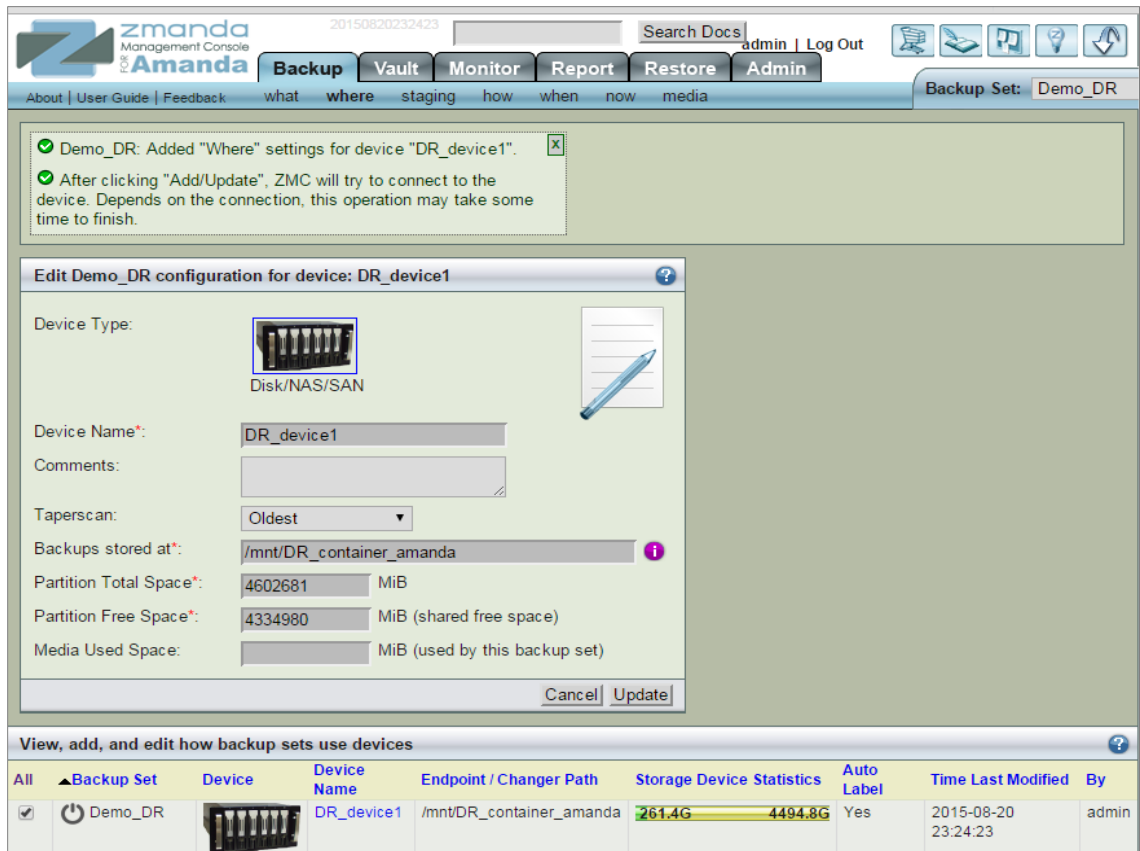
1. On the Backup tab in the zmanda Management Console for Amanda, click **where**.
2. Select the storage device that you created previously (that is, the DR Series system), and then click **Use**.



3. Click **Add**.



The DR Series system is added.

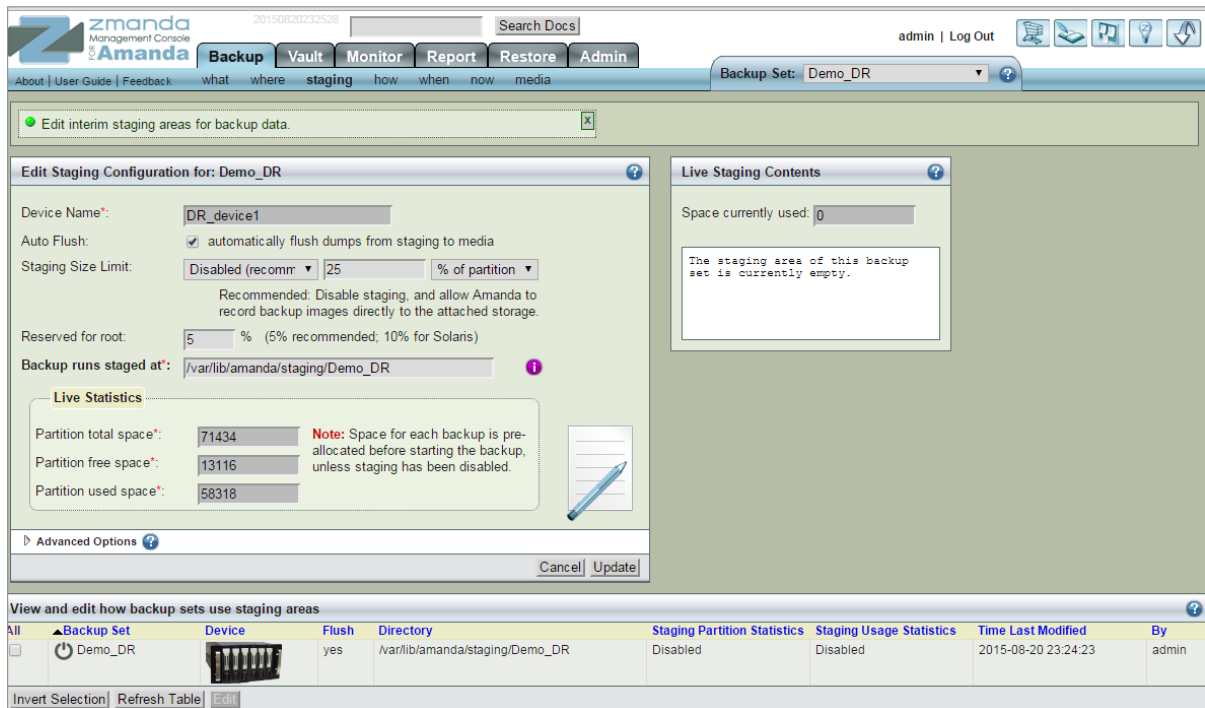




### 3.3 Staging a backup

In the zmanda Management Console you can define a staging area (an optional write-cache mechanism), which stores the backup image on the server's hard disk. Because backups can be written in parallel to the staging area, backups can be completed in smaller windows than if writing directly to the device.

To set up a staging configuration, on the Backup tab, click **staging**. You can change the default options as needed. For more information, see the Amanda documentation.




The screenshot shows the zmanda Management Console interface. The main window is titled "Edit Staging Configuration for: Demo\_DR". It contains several configuration options:

- Device Name\*: DR\_device1
- Auto Flush:  automatically flush dumps from staging to media
- Staging Size Limit: Disabled (recomm) | 25 % of partition
- Reserved for root: 5 % (5% recommended; 10% for Solaris)
- Backup runs staged at: /var/lib/amanda/staging/Demo\_DR

Below these options is a "Live Statistics" section with a table:

Partition total space*:	71434	Note: Space for each backup is pre-allocated before starting the backup, unless staging has been disabled.
Partition free space*:	13116	
Partition used space*:	58318	

At the bottom of the console, there is a table titled "View and edit how backup sets use staging areas":

All	Backup Set	Device	Flush	Directory	Staging Partition Statistics	Staging Usage Statistics	Time Last Modified	By
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demo_DR		yes	/var/lib/amanda/staging/Demo_DR	Disabled	Disabled	2015-08-20 23:24:23	admin

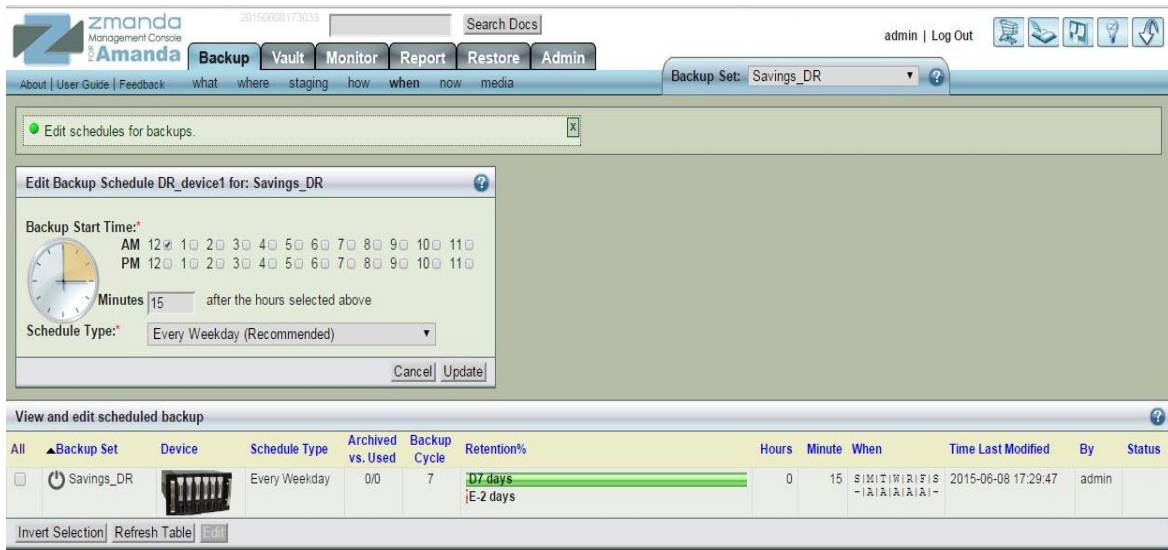
### 3.4 Defining when to back up

On the Backup tab, click **when** to define when to perform backups.

The Backup Schedule table shows the list of backup sets and backup schedules. This overall view of the backup schedules provides helpful information about how backup windows overlap and the number of backups running at any time.

- Edit the backup schedule as needed, and then click **Update**.

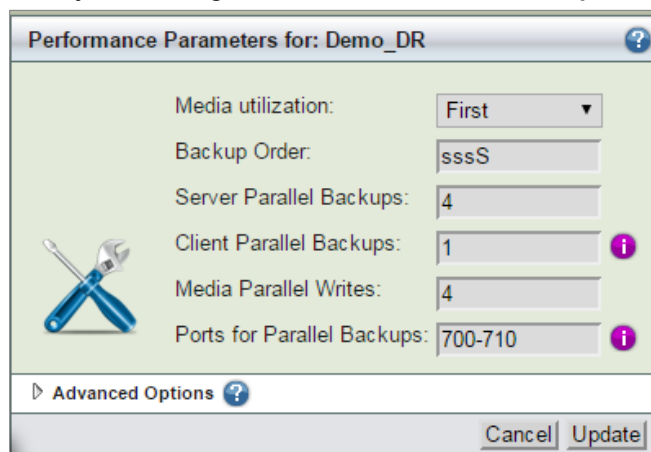




### 3.5 Defining additional backup settings

After you have defined what, where, and when for the backup set in the zmanda Management Console, you can use the **Backup How** page to define key internal parameters that control how the backup set will run after it has been activated. In most situations, the default settings are appropriate. Before adjusting these settings, advanced users should study the logs and reports of previous backups, and modify parameters for each backup set as needed.

1. On the Backup tab, click **how** to define backup settings.
2. Select a backup set at the bottom of the management console page.
3. Modify the settings as needed, and then click **Update**.



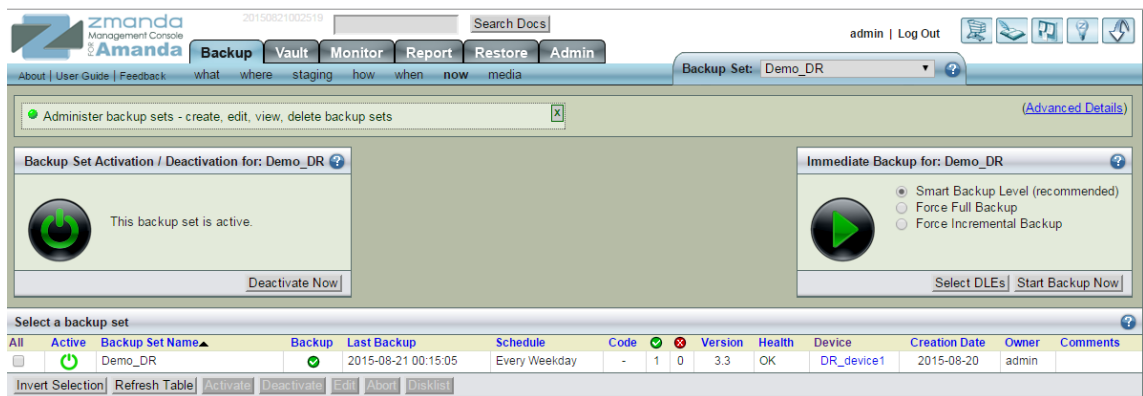
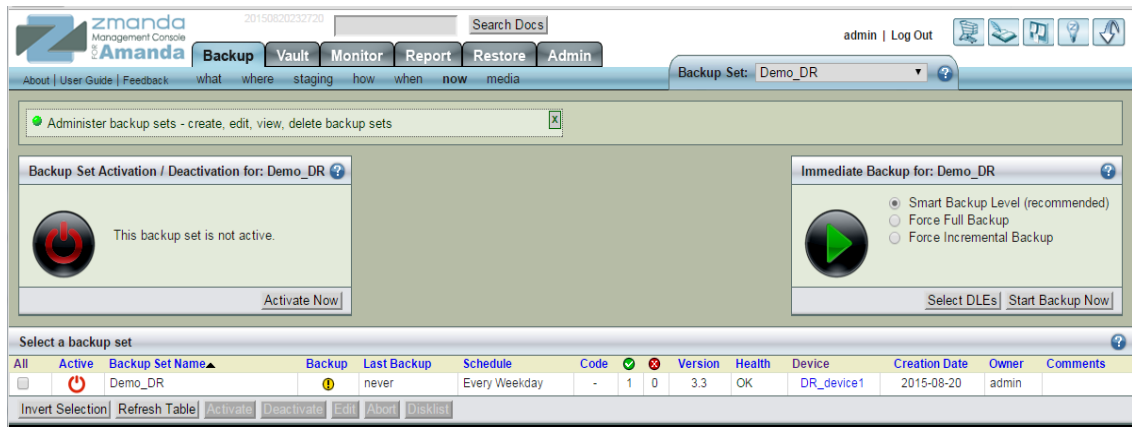
**Note:** For information about limits on the number of parallel streams supported or backups to the DR Series system, see the *Dell DR Series System Interoperability Guide*.



## 3.6 Activating a backup

A backup set must be activated for automatically-scheduled backups to execute. Backup sets must be activated individually.

1. On the Backup tab, click **now**.
2. In the Backup Set Activation section, click **Activate Now** to activate a backup set.
3. For immediate execution of a backup set, click **Start Backup Now** in the Immediate Backup section. You can execute an immediate backup at any time.



When an Immediate Backup is run, you can observe the progress of the backup in the **Monitor** page.

zmanda Management Console  
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Backup Vault Monitor Report Restore Admin

About | User Guide | Feedback backups alerts events Backup Set: Demo\_DR

Refreshed at: 2015-08-21 00:25:58 (1 second refresh interval)

**Monitor Backups**

Show Backups: newer than 2 days

Which Backup Set?: ALL

Auto Refresh?:  ...

Total Backups: 1

Backup Type	Hide?
Completed: 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
In Staging: 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failed: 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
In Progress: 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older Backups: 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details	<input type="checkbox"/>

Refresh

**Legend: Backup States**

Backup Level	Full	1	>=2
Success			
Warning			
Failure			
In Progress			

**Timeline Monitor Chart**

Date and Time	Backup Set	Type	Level	Host Name	Directory/Path	State	Clearing Staging Area	Checking Backup Plan	Transferring Backup to Server	Writing to Backup Media
2015-08-21 00:15	Demo_DR	Linux/nix		localhost	/opt/localdata_copysset				22032m dumping to tape (21870m done (99.27%)) (0:15:09)	22032m finished (0:20:06)

Refresh Table

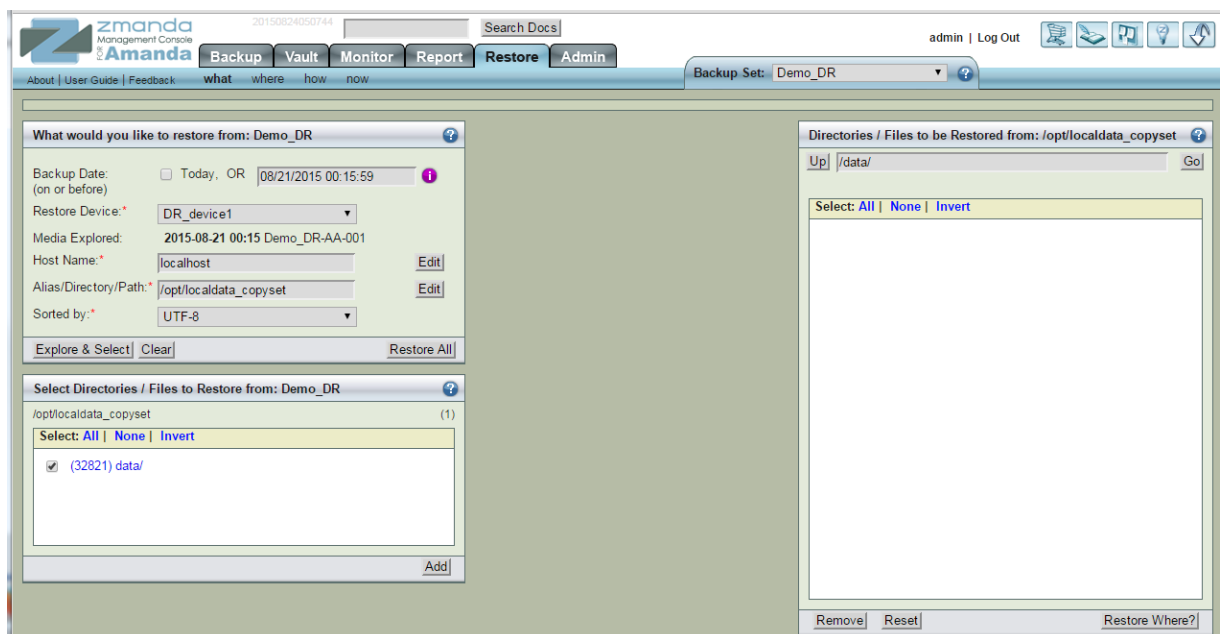


## 4 Creating a new restore job

### 4.1 Defining what to restore

On the Restore What page you can define the data to restore. You can select a single file or a single directory or all directories/files under a single directory.

1. On the Restore tab, click **what**.
2. In the **What would you like to restore from** pane, specify which backup image is to be restored.
3. Do one of the following:
  - Click the **Explore & Select** button to specify more detailed information about what is to be restored
  - Or, click the **Express Restore** button to restore the complete backup image.



4. If you clicked Explore & Select, select the directories/files to be restored by clicking left and right arrows. Selected entries appear in the right pane.

**Note:** The Explore process can take some time depending on the number of entries in the Amanda index for the Host Name and the Directory.

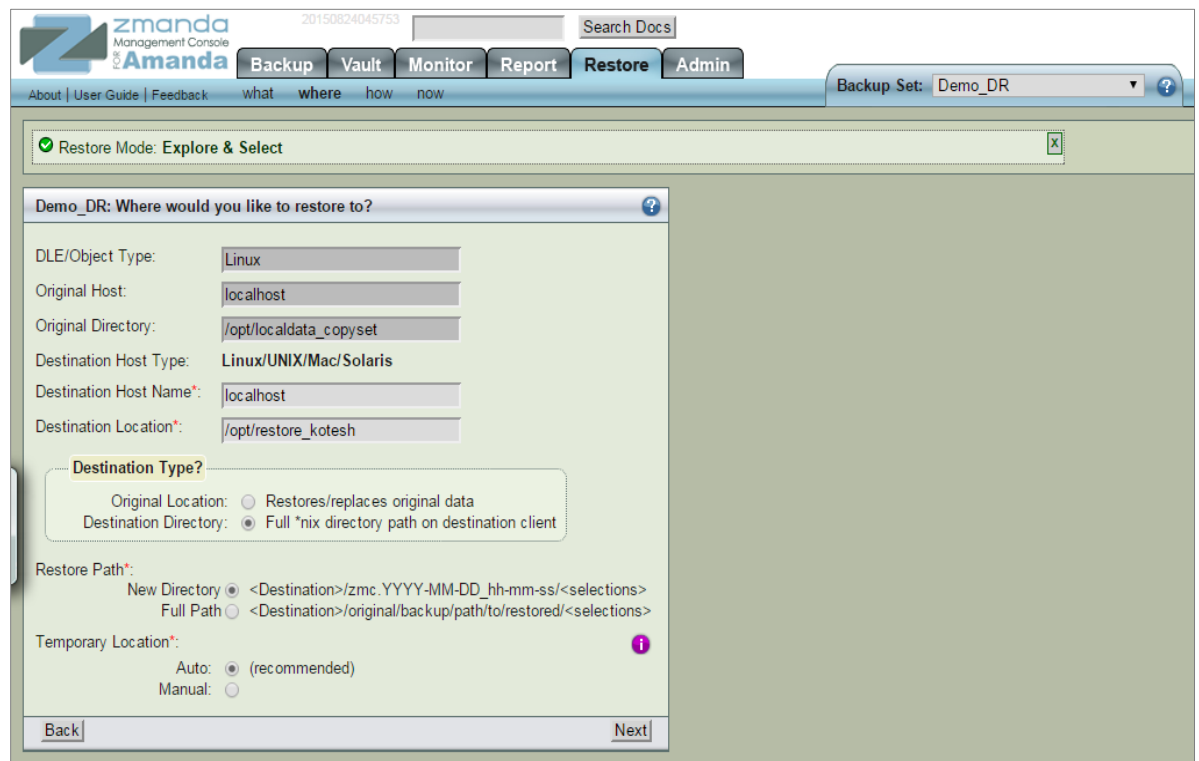
5. When you have selected all required directories/files, click **Restore Where**.

## 4.2 Defining where to restore

The Run Restore process is the last step in the recovery process. In the Run Restore page, you can review the restore options you have specified, start the actual restore process, and monitor progress.

**Note:** Only one restore process can be performed for a backup set in the zmanda Management Console.

1. On the Restore tab, click **where**.  
The Restore From, Restore To, and Tapes Needed panels provide information about the restore job. Make sure the required tapes are in the tape changer (in the slots reserved for the backup set) if the restore is from a tape.
2. Enter information for the Destination Host Name, Destination Location, and select the other restore settings and then click **Next**.



The screenshot shows the zmanda Management Console interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Backup', 'Vault', 'Monitor', 'Report', 'Restore', and 'Admin'. The 'Restore' tab is active, and the 'where' sub-tab is selected. The main content area displays a dialog box titled 'Demo\_DR: Where would you like to restore to?'. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

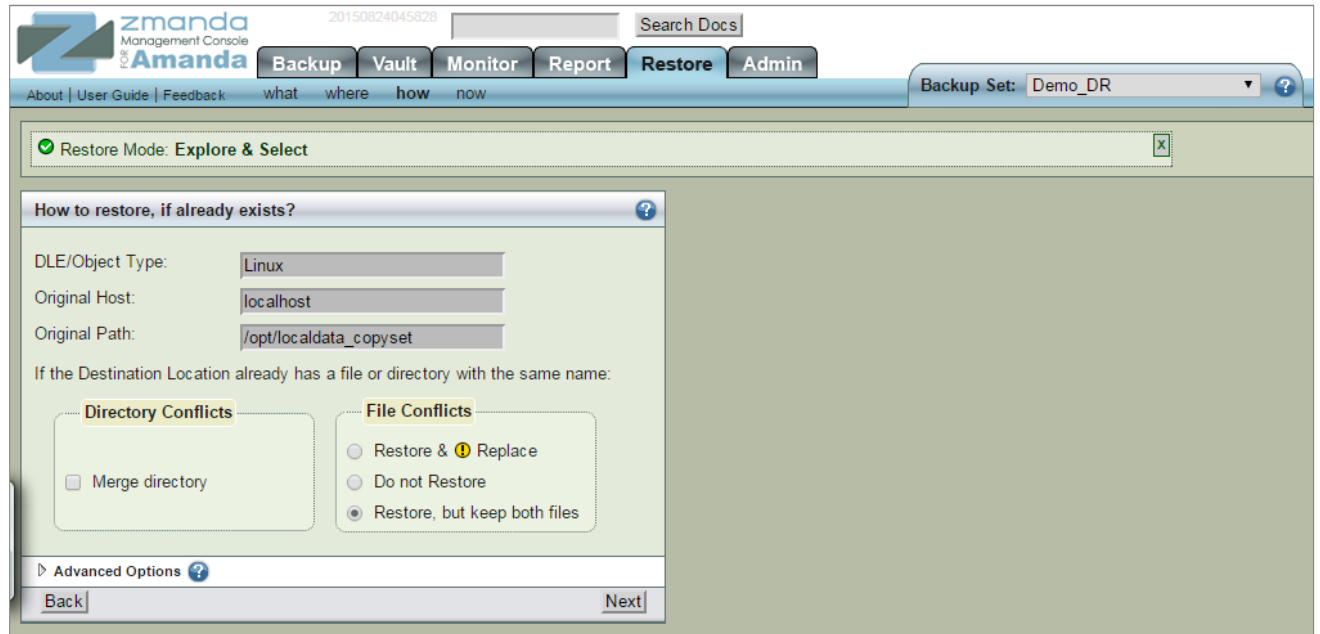
- DLE/Object Type: Linux
- Original Host: localhost
- Original Directory: /opt/localdata\_copysset
- Destination Host Type: Linux/UNIX/Mac/Solaris
- Destination Host Name\*: localhost
- Destination Location\*: /opt/restore\_kotesh
- Destination Type?**
  - Original Location:  Restores/replaces original data
  - Destination Directory:  Full \*nix directory path on destination client
- Restore Path\*:
  - New Directory  <Destination>/zmc.YYYY-MM-DD\_hh-mm-ss/<selections>
  - Full Path  <Destination>/original/backup/path/to/restored/<selections>
- Temporary Location\*:
  - Auto:  (recommended)
  - Manual:

At the bottom of the dialog are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons.

**Note:** The destination hostname can be a remote machine. The prerequisite for the remote machine is to install the zmanda client software.

## 4.3 Defining how to restore

On the Restore tab, click **how**. On this page you can configure the conflict resolution policies during restoration of file system.



The screenshot shows the Zmanda Management Console interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Backup, Vault, Monitor, Report, Restore, and Admin. The 'Restore' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a 'Backup Set' dropdown menu set to 'Demo\_DR'. The main content area displays a dialog box titled 'How to restore, if already exists?'. The dialog box contains the following fields and options:

- DLE/Object Type: Linux
- Original Host: localhost
- Original Path: /opt/localdata\_copyset
- If the Destination Location already has a file or directory with the same name:
  - Directory Conflicts**
    - Merge directory
  - File Conflicts**
    - Restore & Replace
    - Do not Restore
    - Restore, but keep both files
- Advanced Options (expanded)
- Buttons: Back, Next

**Note:** You can select different options for directory and file name conflicts. Dell recommends to restore to a new directory so there will be no conflicts.

## 4.4 Performing the restore

1. On the Restore tab, click **now**.
2. Define the settings on this page as needed. When defining the settings on this page, keep the following in mind:
  - **DLE/Object Type** and **Source Host Type** are non-editable fields and are provided for information to fill other fields.
  - **Destination Host Name** -The Destination Host is the machine(s) where you want restore the files. It need not be the same machine that originally contained the backed up data.
  - If no **Destination Host** is specified, the files are restored to the Amanda server machine.
  - **Destination Host Type:** Choose either Linux/Unix/Mac/Solaris or Windows.

3. Click the **Restore** button to start the restore process.

The screenshot shows the Zmanda Management Console interface for the 'Restore' tab. The top navigation bar includes 'Backup', 'Vault', 'Monitor', 'Report', 'Restore', and 'Admin'. The 'Restore' section is active, showing configuration for Backup Set 'Demo\_DR'. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Restore from Backup Image of:** Shows backup details: 'Backup made before: August 21, 2015, 12:15 am', 'DLE/Object Type: Linux', 'Original Host: localhost', and 'Original Directory: /opt/localdata\_copysset'.
- Restore to Destination:** Shows destination details: 'Destination Host: localhost' and 'Destination Location: /opt/restore\_kotesh/zmc.2015-08-24\_05-MM-SS'.
- Media Needed:** A table showing media requirements:

Level	Size	%	Date	Time	Label
0	22032M	1	2015-08-21	00:15:05	Demo_DR-AA-001
- Demo\_DR Restore Status: Not Started:** A status panel with the text 'Restore not started.' and a large green play button icon.

At the bottom right of the main content area, there is a 'Restore' button.





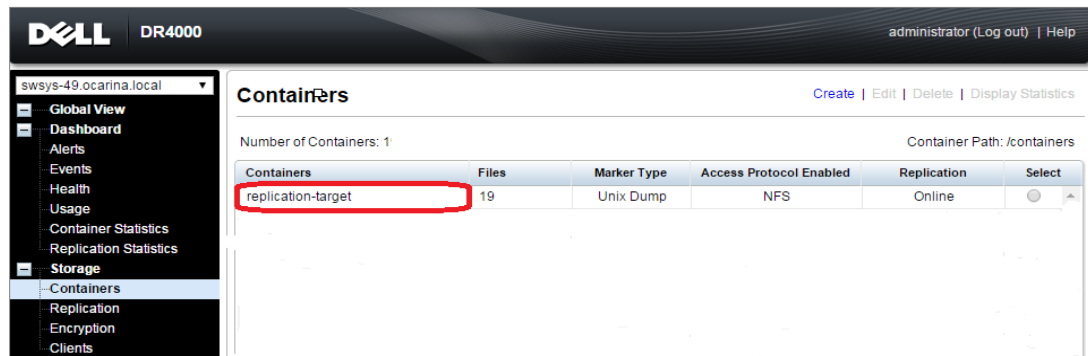
## 5 Setting up DR Series system native replication and restore from the replication target container

### 5.1 Building a replication relationship between DR Series systems

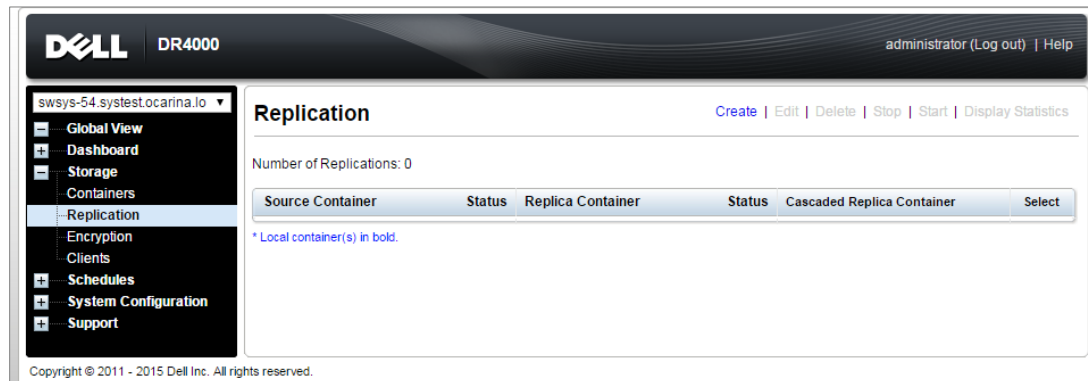
This section will refer to the example DR Series system and container *amand-src* as the source DR and replication source respectively.

Replication can be set up when no backups have been taken on the source or after the source has some backups.

1. Create an NFS container on the target DR Series system to be configured as the replication target. (Follow the same steps used for creating the container as in section 1 of this document.)



2. On the source DR Series system, click **Replication** on the left navigation menu, and then click **Create**.



3. In the Create Replication dialog box, on the **Select container from Local System** drop down menu, select a source container.
4. Configure the Replica Container as follows:
  - a. Select the option, **Select container from remote system**
  - b. Enter the target DR Series system logon credentials.
  - c. Click **Retrieve Remote Containers**, and then select the target container from the list.



- Click **Create Replication**.

- Verify that the replication is created successfully, and that the Status column shows a check box for the replication session.

Message

- Successfully added replication for container 'amanda-src' - 'replication-target'.
- NOTE: Replication connection(s) are being established. Information updates may be briefly delayed until the connection is completed.

Number of Replications: 1

Source Container	Status	Replica Container	Status	Cascaded Replica Container	Select
swsys-54 amanda-src	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	swsys-49 replication-target	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Configured	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Local container(s) in bold.

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7. Select the replication session, and then click **Start** to start the replication. Once replication has completed, the Status column will display the status, **INSYNC**.

The screenshot shows the Dell DR4000 GUI. The top navigation bar includes the Dell logo, 'DR4000', and user information 'administrator (Log out) | Help'. A left-hand navigation menu lists various system components, with 'Replication' selected. The main content area is titled 'Replication' and includes action buttons: 'Create | Edit | Delete | Stop | **Start** | Display Statistics'. Below this, it states 'Number of Replications: 1'. A table displays the replication details:

Source Container	Status	Replica Container	Status	Cascaded Replica Container	Select
<b>swsys-54 amanda-src</b>	✓	swsys-49 replication-target	✓	Not Configured	<input type="radio"/>

A note below the table reads: '\* Local container(s) in bold.'

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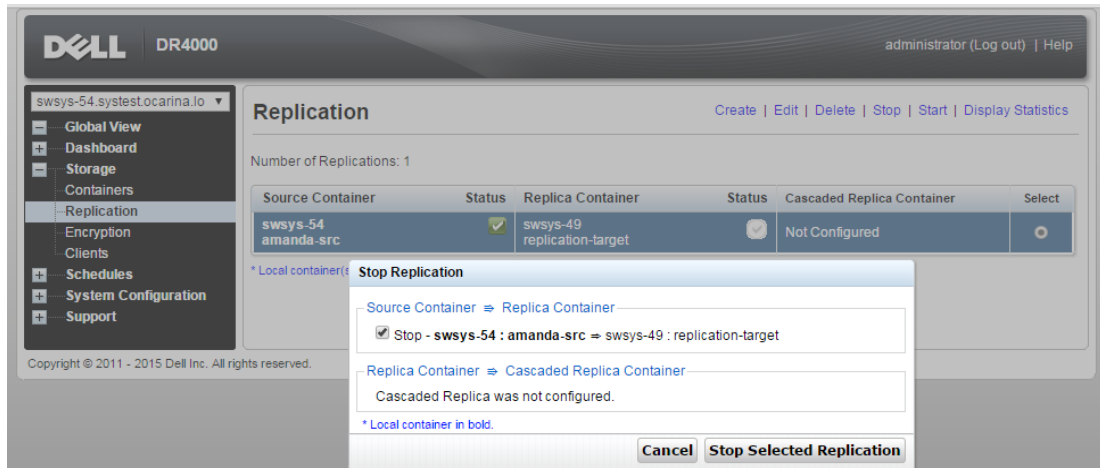
## 5.2 Restoring data from the target DR Series system

Before you begin, ensure the following:

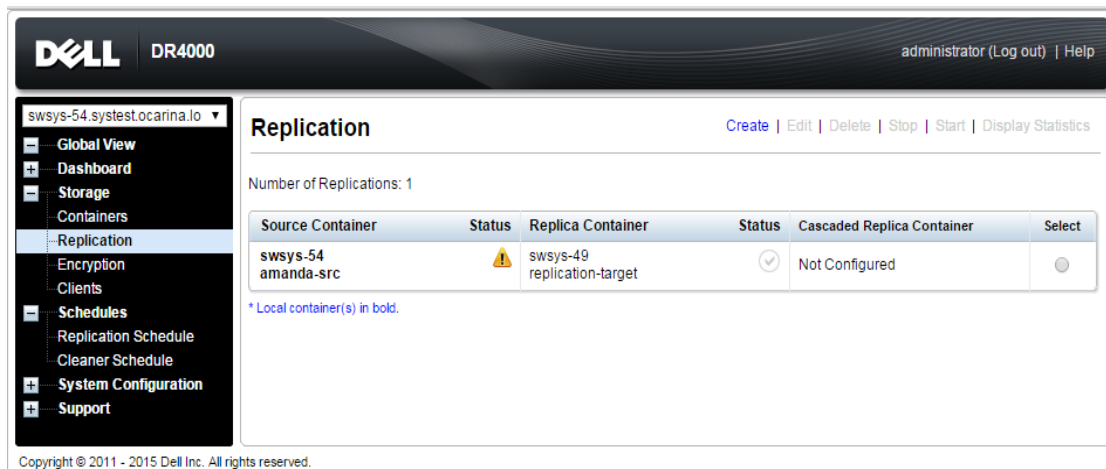
- The replication session has a Peer Status of **Online** if restoring from the replication target is needed,
- The replication is in an **INSYNC** state from the Replication Statistics menu before Stopping/Deleting the replication.
- The replication target has an **NFS** connection enabled to restore from the container using Amanda.
- When restoring the data from a replication target, the replication relationship between the source and target containers must be removed.

Follow these steps to restore data from a target DR Series system.

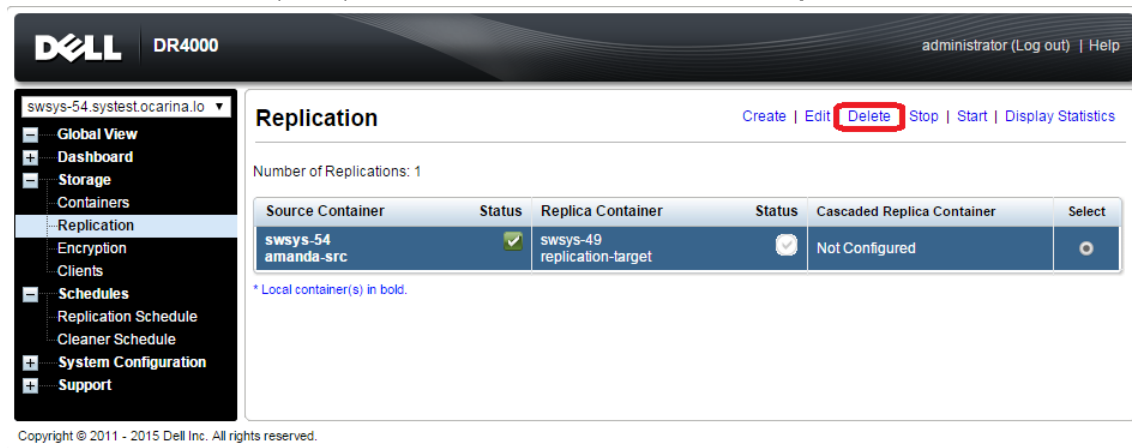
1. In the DR Series system GUI, navigate to the Replication page by selecting **Replication** in the left navigation area.
2. Select the replication pair, and click **Stop**. Follow the on-screen prompts and click **Stop Selected Replication**.

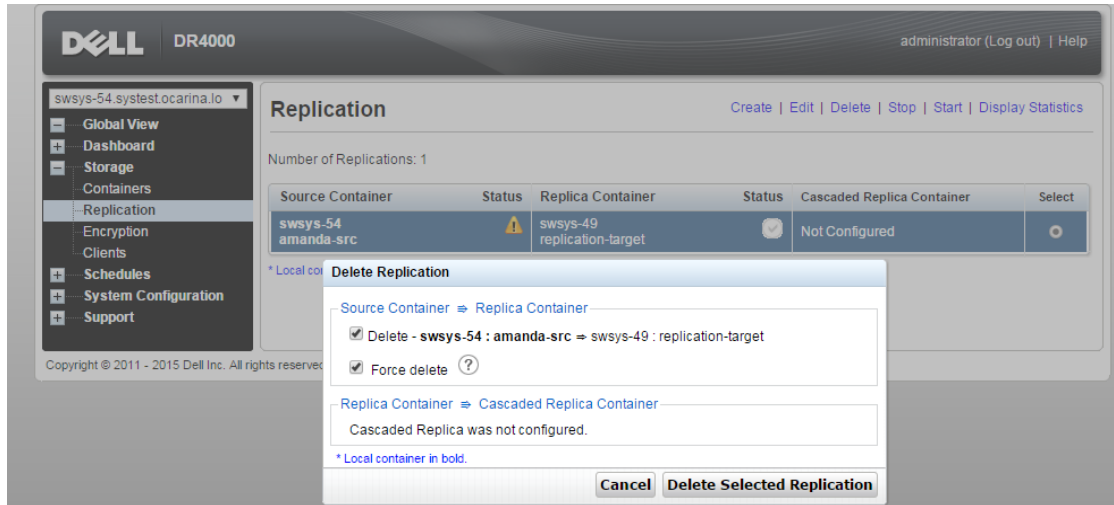


The Status will change to a warning when the replication stops.

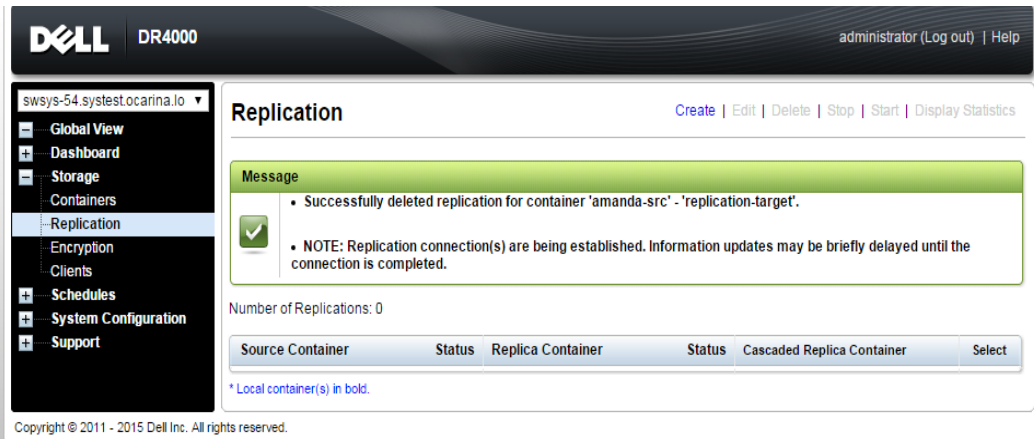


3. Delete the replication by selecting the replication pair and clicking **Delete** at the top of the page. Follow the on-screen prompts and then click **Delete Selected Replication**.





A message is displayed when the Replication is successfully deleted.



4. Log on to the Amanda Server, and unmount the DR Series system source container, for example amanda-src, mounted at **/mnt/DR\_container\_amanda**:

```
umount /mnt/DR_container_amanda
```

5. On the same mount point, mount the DR Series system replication target container, for example:

```
mount -t nfs <Replication Target DR FQDN>:/containers/replication-target /mnt/DRNFSTarget
```

6. For the instructions for restoring, refer to the section in this document, *Creating a new restore job*.

**NOTE:** The device name and backup set remains the same for restoring data from the replication target.

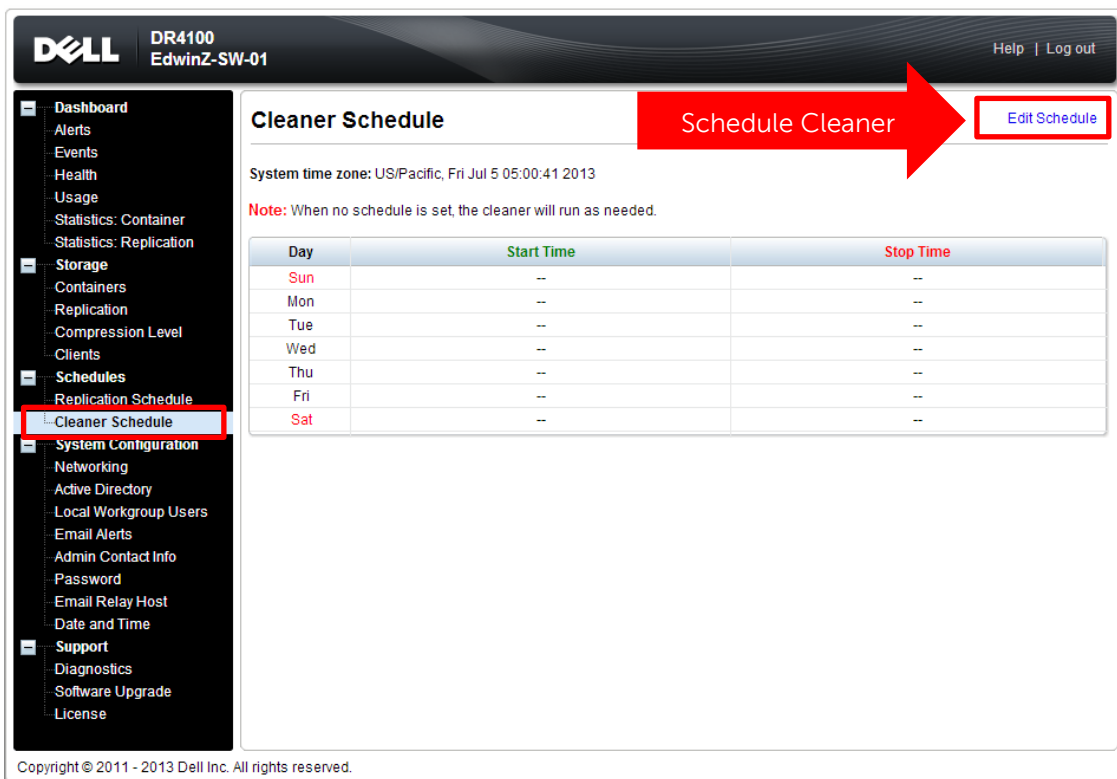


## 6 Setting up the DR Series system cleaner

Performing scheduled disk space reclamation operations are recommended as a method for recovering disk space from system containers in which files were deleted as a result of deduplication.

The system cleaner runs during idle time. If your workflow does not have a sufficient amount of idle time on a daily basis, then you should consider scheduling the cleaner to force it to run during a scheduled time.

If necessary, you can perform the procedure shown in the following example screenshot to force the cleaner to run. After all of the backup jobs are set up, the DR Series system cleaner can be scheduled. The DR Series system cleaner should run at least 40 hours per week when backups are not taking place, and generally after a backup job has completed.



The screenshot displays the Dell DR Series system cleaner configuration interface. The top header shows the Dell logo, the system name 'DR4100 EdwinZ-SW-01', and 'Help | Log out' links. The sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with categories like Dashboard, Alerts, Events, Health, Usage, Statistics, Storage, Containers, Replication, Compression Level, Clients, Schedules, System Configuration, and Support. The 'Cleaner Schedule' option is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled 'Cleaner Schedule' and includes a 'Schedule Cleaner' button (indicated by a red arrow) and an 'Edit Schedule' button. Below the buttons, the system time zone is set to 'US/Pacific, Fri Jul 5 05:00:41 2013'. A note states: 'Note: When no schedule is set, the cleaner will run as needed.' A table with columns 'Day', 'Start Time', and 'Stop Time' is shown, with rows for Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, and Sat, all having '--' in the Start and Stop Time columns.

Day	Start Time	Stop Time
Sun	--	--
Mon	--	--
Tue	--	--
Wed	--	--
Thu	--	--
Fri	--	--
Sat	--	--



## 7 Monitoring deduplication, compression and performance

After backup jobs have run, the DR Series system tracks capacity, storage savings, and throughput on the DR Series system dashboard. This information is valuable in understanding the benefits of the DR Series system.

**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.

