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# Product overview

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Veritas Storage Foundation product suites](#)
- [About Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability products](#)

## Veritas Storage Foundation product suites

Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability is a licensed product. Refer to the End User License Agreement (EULA) on the product disc for terms and conditions that govern the use of this product.

The following table lists the Symantec products and optionally licensed features available with each Veritas Storage Foundation product suite.

In the 5.1 release of Storage Foundation, the database utilities are included in the Storage Foundation release, rather than as options.

**Table 1-1** Contents of Veritas Storage Foundation products

Storage Foundation version	Products and features
Storage Foundation Basic	Veritas File System Veritas Volume Manager
Storage Foundation Standard	Veritas File System Veritas Volume Manager Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator

**Table 1-1** Contents of Veritas Storage Foundation products (*continued*)

Storage Foundation version	Products and features
Storage Foundation Standard HA	Veritas File System Veritas Volume Manager Veritas Cluster Server Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator Veritas Global Cluster Option
Storage Foundation Enterprise	Veritas File System Veritas Volume Manager Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Veritas Database Storage Checkpoint option Veritas Database Flashsnap Veritas Database Dynamic Storage Tiering Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator
Storage Foundation Enterprise HA	Veritas File System Veritas Volume Manager Veritas Cluster Server Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Veritas Database Storage Checkpoint option Veritas Database Flashsnap Veritas Database Dynamic Storage Tiering Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator Veritas Global Cluster Option

**Table 1-1** Contents of Veritas Storage Foundation products (*continued*)

Storage Foundation version	Products and features
Storage Foundation Cluster File System	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System Veritas Cluster Volume Manager Veritas Cluster Server Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Veritas Database Storage Checkpoint option Veritas Database Flashsnap Veritas Database Dynamic Storage Tiering Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator
Storage Foundation Cluster File System HA	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System Veritas Cluster Volume Manager Veritas Cluster Server Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Veritas Database Storage Checkpoint option Veritas Database Flashsnap Veritas Database Dynamic Storage Tiering Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator Veritas Global Cluster Option
Storage Foundation Cluster File System for Oracle RAC	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System Veritas Cluster Volume Manager Veritas Cluster Server Veritas Extension for Oracle Disk Manager option Veritas Storage Checkpoint option Veritas Dynamic Storage Tiering option Optionally licensed features: Veritas Volume Replicator Veritas Global Cluster Option

# About Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability products

The following sections describe the products and component software available in this Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions release.

## Component software

The following component software is available in this Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions release.

### Symantec Product Authentication Service

The Symantec Product Authentication Service is a common Symantec feature. This feature validates the identities that are based on existing network operating system domains (such as NIS and NT) or private domains. The authentication service protects communication channels among Symantec application clients and services through message integrity and confidentiality services.

Refer to the *Symantec Product Authentication Service* guides in the following directory:

```
<distribution>/authentication_service/docs
```

where *<distribution>* is the architecture directory such as, `sles10_x86_64`.

### Storage Foundation Management Server

Storage Foundation Management Server (SF Management Server) provides a centralized management console for Veritas Storage Foundation products. You can use SF Management Server to monitor, visualize, and manage storage resources and generate reports about those resources. You are prompted to set up an optional SF Management Server managed host during every Storage Foundation product installation. SF Management Server is not available on the Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions release and must be obtained separately. For information on ordering SF Management Server, visit the following URL:

[www.symantec.com/enterprise/sfms](http://www.symantec.com/enterprise/sfms)

### Veritas Cluster Server Management Console

The Veritas Cluster Server Management Console (VCSMC) enables administration and analysis of all clusters in an enterprise from a single console. The console uses any supported Web browser.

VCS Management Console (formerly CMC) is available for download externally at the following link:

<http://www.symantec.com/business/cluster-server>

Click on **Learn > Utilities > Veritas Cluster Server Management Console**

Documentation for VCSMC is at the following link:

<http://www.symantec.com/business/support/documentation.jsp?language=english&view=manuals&pid=54608>

## Web Server for Storage Foundation Host Management

Web Server for Storage Foundation Host Management provides web-based management capabilities for Storage Foundation products. After installing the Web server, you can remotely administer Storage Foundation products without requiring a client-side installation.

## Veritas Cluster Server

Before you install this product, complete the following tasks:

- Read the product release notes.
- Review the preliminary information.
- Follow the instructions in the *Veritas Cluster Server Installation Guide*.

These documents are located at the following directory in the release media.

```
<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_notes.pdf  
<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_install.pdf
```

where *<distribution>* is the architecture directory, such as `sles10_x86_64`.

## Installation overview

Cluster Server is included in all Veritas high availability (HA) products. If you have purchased a Veritas product suite that includes Cluster Server, it is installed and updated as part of that product suite. Do not install or update it as an individual component.

## About this product

Veritas Cluster Server by Symantec (VCS) is an open systems clustering solution that provides the following benefits:

- Eliminates the downtime
- Facilitates the consolidation and the failover of servers

- Effectively manages a wide range of applications in heterogeneous environments

## Veritas high availability agents

Before you install this product, review the preliminary information and follow the instructions in the relevant agent installation and configuration guide.

The high availability agents are in the `cluster_server` directory. Before you install the agents, read the relevant agent installation and configuration guide.

These documents are located at the following directory in the release media.

```
<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_notes.pdf
```

```
<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_install.pdf
```

where *<distribution>* is the architecture directory such as, `sles10_x86_64`.

### Installation overview

Agents are typically installed as part of a Storage Foundation product.

### About this product

Veritas agents provide high availability for specific resources and applications. Each agent manages resources of a particular type. For example, the Oracle agent manages Oracle databases. Typically, agents start, stop, and monitor resources and report state changes.

In addition to the agents that are provided in this release, other agents are available through an independent Symantec offer. The independent Symantec offer is called the Veritas Cluster Server Agent Pack. The agent pack includes the currently shipping agents and is re-released quarterly to add the new agents that are now under development.

Contact your Symantec sales representative for the following details:

- The application agents and the replication agents that are included in the agent pack
- Agents under development
- Agents available through Symantec consulting services

### Supported VCS agents

Veritas agents support a specified application version on Linux if the application vendor supports that version on Linux.

See the *Veritas Cluster Server Release Notes* for the supported VCS agents.

## Veritas Volume Replicator

Before you install this product, complete the following tasks:

- Read the product release notes.
- Review the preliminary information.
- Follow the instructions in the *Storage Foundation Installation Guide*.

These documents are located at the following directories in the release media.

```
<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sf_notes.pdf  
<distribution>storage_foundation/docs/sf_install.pdf
```

where *<distribution>* is the architecture directory such as, sles10\_x86\_64.

### About this product

Veritas Volume Replicator by Symantec is an optional, separately-licensable feature of Veritas Volume Manager. Volume Replicator is a fully integrated component of Veritas Volume Manager. This component replicates data to remote locations over any standard IP network to provide continuous data availability.

The Volume Replicator option is available with Veritas Storage Foundation Standard and Enterprise products.

## Veritas Storage Foundation

Before you install this product, complete the following tasks:

- Read the product release notes.
- Review the preliminary information.
- Follow the instructions in the *Storage Foundation Installation Guide*.

These documents are located at the following directories in the release media.

```
<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sf_notes.pdf  
<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sf_install.pdf
```

For HA installations, also read the following documents.

```
<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_notes.pdf  
<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_install.pdf
```

where *<distribution>* is the architecture directory such as, sles10\_x86\_64.

## About this product

Veritas Storage Foundation by Symantec includes Veritas File System by Symantec (VxFS) and Veritas Volume Manager by Symantec (VxVM) with various feature levels.

Veritas File System is a high performance journaling file system that provides easy management and quick-recovery for applications. Veritas File System delivers scalable performance, continuous availability, increased I/O throughput, and structural integrity.

Veritas Volume Manager removes the physical limitations of disk storage. You can configure, share, manage, and optimize storage I/O performance online without interrupting data availability. Veritas Volume Manager also provides easy-to-use, online storage management tools to reduce downtime.

You add high availability functionality to Storage Foundation HA by installing Veritas Cluster Server software.

VxFS and VxVM are included in all Veritas Storage Foundation products. If you have purchased a Veritas Storage Foundation product, VxFS and VxVM are installed and updated as part of that product. Do not install or update them as individual components.

Veritas Storage Foundation has the following products:

- Storage Foundation Standard
- Storage Foundation Standard HA
- Storage Foundation Enterprise
- Storage Foundation Enterprise HA

The Veritas products table lists the optionally licensed features available with each Storage Foundation version.

See “[Veritas Storage Foundation product suites](#)” on page 9.

## Veritas Storage Foundation Basic

Veritas Storage Foundation Basic by Symantec (SF Basic) is a special product that is available on a separate Storage Foundation Basic disc. Also, SF Basic is available by download from the Symantec Web site. SF Basic is not part of the Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions product suite. For complete information on ordering this product, licensing, and technical support, visit the following URL:

[www.symantec.com/enterprise/sfbasic](http://www.symantec.com/enterprise/sfbasic)



Use SF Basic with Veritas Storage Foundation Management Server to set up a centrally managed host to monitor, visualize, and manage storage resources across multiple installations. SF Management Server is a separately available product.

For information on ordering SF Management Server, visit the following Symantec Web site:

[www.symantec.com/enterprise/sfms](http://www.symantec.com/enterprise/sfms)

## About this product

Storage Foundation Basic supports all Storage Foundation Standard features, however, there are deployment and technical support limitations.

### Limited deployment

Storage Foundation Basic has a limited set of configurations.

SF Basic deployment is limited to the following configurations:

- Maximum four VxVM volumes per physical server (excludes the system volumes that are required for starting the system from root disks)
- Maximum four VxFS file systems per physical server (excludes root file systems)
- Maximum server capacity of two CPU sockets

### Technical support

Technical support is self-service only, available from the Veritas Support Web site. You can purchase additional support corresponding to the terms of the Storage Foundation Basic license. To access the self-service knowledge base, go to the following URL:

<http://entsupport.symantec.com>

### Installation overview

The Veritas Storage Foundation software is on the Veritas Storage Foundation Basic disc. You cannot install Storage Foundation Basic if another Veritas Storage Foundation product is installed unless that product is first removed from the system.

Before you install this product, complete the following tasks:

- Read the product release notes.
- Review the preliminary information.

- Follow the instructions in the *Storage Foundation Installation Guide*.

`<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sf_install.pdf`

where `<distribution>` is the architecture directory such as, `sles10_x86_64`.

## Upgrade paths

Storage Foundation Basic offers several upgrade paths.

Storage Foundation Basic provides the following upgrade paths:

- Upgrade from SF Basic to Storage Foundation Standard or Storage Foundation Enterprise.
- Upgrade from SF Basic to Storage Foundation Enterprise plus Veritas Volume Replicator by installing the appropriate products.
- Upgrade from SF Basic to any other Storage Foundation product by uninstalling SF Basic and by installing the new product.

To determine the release level of any Storage Foundation product on your system, run the `vxlicrep` command.

See the *Storage Foundation Installation Guide* for more information on upgrades.

## Storage Foundation Cluster File System

Before you install this product, complete the following tasks:

- Read the product release notes.
- Review the preliminary information.
- Follow the instructions in the *Storage Foundation Cluster File System Installation Guide*.

These documents are located at the following directories in the release media.

`<distribution>/storage_foundation_cluster_file_system/docs/sfcfs_notes.pdf`

`<distribution>/storage_foundation_cluster_file_system/docs/sfcfs_install.pdf`

`<distribution>/cluster_server/docs/vcs_notes.pdf`

where `<distribution>` is the architecture directory such as, `sles10_x86_64`.

## About Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System

Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System by Symantec extends Veritas File System and Veritas Volume Manager to support shared data in a storage area network (SAN) environment. Using Storage Foundation Cluster File System, multiple servers can concurrently access shared storage and files transparently to applications.

Storage Foundation Cluster File System HA adds the failover functionality of Veritas Cluster Server. This functionality can protect everything from a single critical database instance to very large multiple-application clusters in networked environments. Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System also provides increased automation and intelligent management of availability and performance.

The Veritas Volume Replicator feature, which replicates data to remote locations over an IP network, can also be licensed with this product.

## Storage Foundation Cluster File System for Oracle RAC

Before you install this product, complete the following tasks:

- Read the product release notes.
- Review the preliminary information.
- Follow the instructions in the *Storage Foundation Cluster File System for Oracle RAC Installation Guide*.

These documents are located at the following directories in the release media.

```
<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sfcfsrac_notes.pdf  
<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sfcfsrac_install.pdf  
<distribution>/storage_foundation/docs/sfcfs_admin.pdf
```

where *<distribution>* is the architecture directory such as, `sles10_x86_64`.



# How the discs are organized

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Contents of the software discs in the media kit](#)
- [Disc directory structure](#)

## Contents of the software discs in the media kit

The Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions media kit includes multiple software discs. The contents of each disc is shown on the disc label.

Find the location of the Getting Started Guide and Release Notes for each product in the corresponding product sections. Read the Getting Started Guide and release notes for your product before you begin an installation procedure.

You can use the `vxkeyless` command only for temporary installation and configuration of the Storage Foundation and High availability 5.1 software products.

Refer to the product Release Notes for more information on Veritas keyless licensing.

Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability is a licensed product. Refer to the End User License Agreement (EULA) on the product disc for terms and conditions that govern the use of this product.

## Contents of the product disc

The following products are on the product disc:

- Veritas Cluster Server
- Veritas File System
- Veritas Volume Manager

- Veritas Storage Foundation
- Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System
- Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System for Oracle RAC
- Symantec Product Authentication Service

## Disc directory structure

[Table 2-1](#), [Table 2-2](#), and [Table 2-3](#) list the directory and contents of the Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions 5.1 discs.

**Table 2-1** Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Disc 1 directories

Directory name	Contents—Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.0
rhel5	For x86 64-bit systems
rhel5 subdirectory:	
authentication_service	Symantec Authentication Services packages and documentation
cluster_server	Veritas Cluster Server packages, scripts, and documentation
file_system	Veritas File System packages and scripts
installer	Product installation script
perl	Perl language binaries and library functions
storage_foundation	Veritas Storage Foundation, Veritas File System, and Veritas Volume Manager packages, scripts, and documentation
storage_foundation_cluster_file_system	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System packages, scripts, and documentation
storage_foundation_cluster_file_system_for_oracle_rac	Veritas Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC packages, scripts, and documentation
volume_manager	Veritas Volume Manager packages and scripts
webinstaller	GUI Web-based installer

**Table 2-1** Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Disc 1 directories  
(continued)

Directory name	Contents—Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.0
windows	Volume Replicator advisor Windows clients, VCS Windows installers, VCS Cluster Server Centralized Management installers, Symantec Product Authentication Services installer
rhel5_x86_64	For x86 64-bit systems
rhel5_x86_64 subdirectory:	
authentication_service	Symantec Authentication Services packages and documentation
cluster_server	Veritas Cluster Server packages, scripts, and documentation
file_system	Veritas File System packages and scripts
installer	Product installation script
perl	Perl language binaries and library functions
storage_foundation	Veritas Storage Foundation, Veritas File System, and Veritas Volume Manager packages, scripts, and documentation
storage_foundation_cluster_file_system	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System packages, scripts, and documentation
storage_foundation_cluster_file_system_for_oracle_rac	Veritas Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC packages, scripts, and documentation
volume_manager	Veritas Volume Manager packages and scripts
webinstaller	GUI Web-based installer
windows	Volume Replicator advisor Windows clients, VCS Windows installers, VCS Cluster Server Centralized Management installers, Symantec Product Authentication Services installer
xprtl	xprtl binaries used by the Web-based installer

**Table 2-2** Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Disc 2 directories

Directory name	Contents—SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9, 10, and 11
sles10_x86_64	For x86 64-bit systems
sles10_x86_64 subdirectory:	
authentication_service	Symantec Authentication Services packages and documentation
cluster_server	Veritas Cluster Server packages, scripts, and documentation
file_system	Veritas File System packages and scripts
installer	Product installation script
perl	Perl language binaries and library functions
scripts	Veritas scripts
storage_foundation	Veritas Storage Foundation, Veritas File System, and Veritas Volume Manager packages, scripts, and documentation
storage_foundation_cluster_file_system	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System packages, scripts, and documentation
volume_manager	Veritas Volume Manager packages and scripts
volume_replicator	Veritas Volume Replicator packages, scripts, and documentation
webinstaller	GUI Web-based installer
windows	Volume Replicator advisor Windows clients, VCS Windows installers, VCS Cluster Server Centralized Management installers, Symantec Product Authentication Services installer
xprt1	xprtld binaries used by the Web-based installer
sles11_x86_64	For x86 64-bit systems
sles11_x86_64 subdirectory:	
authentication_service	Symantec Authentication Services packages and documentation



**Table 2-2** Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Disc 2 directories (continued)

Directory name	Contents—SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9, 10, and 11
cluster_server	Veritas Cluster Server packages, scripts, and documentation
file_system	Veritas File System packages and scripts
installer	Product installation script
perl	Perl language binaries and library functions
scripts	Veritas scripts
storage_foundation	Veritas Storage Foundation, Veritas File System, and Veritas Volume Manager packages, scripts, and documentation
storage_foundation_cluster_file_system	Veritas Storage Foundation Cluster File System packages, scripts, and documentation
volume_manager	Veritas Volume Manager packages and scripts
volume_replicator	Veritas Volume Replicator packages, scripts, and documentation
webinstaller	GUI Web-based installer
windows	Volume Replicator advisor Windows clients, VCS Windows installers, VCS Cluster Server Centralized Management installers, Symantec Product Authentication Services installer
xprtl	xprtld binaries used by the Web-based installer

**Table 2-3** Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Disc 3 directories

Directory name	Contents—Storage Foundation Basic
rhe15_x86_64	For x86 64-bit systems
sles10_x86_64	For x86 64-bit systems
sles11_x86_64	For x86 64-bit systems



# Installation overview

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Documentation references, before you install](#)
- [Performing preinstallation checks and configuration](#)
- [About the Web-based installer](#)
- [About the common product installer](#)
- [About Veritas Operations Services](#)

## Documentation references, before you install

Before you install this product, become familiar with the following 5.1 documentation:

- Review the product release notes and getting started guide
- Review the preliminary information

## Performing preinstallation checks and configuration

This installation guide is designed for system administrators who already have a knowledge of basic UNIX system and network administration. Basic knowledge includes commands such as `tar`, `mkdir`, and simple shell scripting. Also required is basic familiarity with the specific platform and operating system where Storage Foundation is installed.

If you already have an earlier version of any of the Veritas products installed, refer to the upgrade procedures.

Only users with superuser privileges can install and initialize Storage Foundation.

Review the preinstallation requirements and system requirements. Install the operating system, before installing the Veritas software.

The product documentation is available on the web at the following location:

<http://www.symantec.com/business/support/index.jsp>

To produce a report of the preinstallation requirements, run the installer with the `precheck` option.

```
# ./installer -precheck
```

If patches to the Linux operating system are required, the patches should be applied prior to installing the Veritas products. Patches may be required to resolve Linux kernel, product performance, or other issues.

The system should be in a quiescent state before adding patches.

See the product *Release Notes* for last minute information on recommended patches.

For remote installation, or installation on multiple systems, set up `remsh` or `ssh`.

Mount the Veritas software disc, or download and uncompress the Storage Foundation software.

## About the Web-based installer

The Web-based installer is a convenient GUI method to install the Veritas products. The Web-based installer also enables you to configure the product and verify preinstallation requirements.

The `webinstaller` script is used to start and stop the Veritas XPortal Server `xprtld` process. The `webinstaller` script can also be used to check the status of the XPortal Server.

When the `webinstaller` script starts the `xprtld` process, the script displays a URL. Use this URL to access the Web-based installer from a Web browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox.

The Web installer creates log files whenever the Web installer is operating. While the installation processes are operating, the log files are located in a session-based directory under the `/var/tmp` directory. After the install process completes, the log files are located in the `/opt/VRTS/install/logs` directory. It is recommended that you keep the files for auditing, debugging, and future use.

The location of the Veritas XPortal Server configuration file is `/var/opt/webinstaller/xprtld.conf`.

## About the common product installer

The product installer is the recommended method to license and install the Veritas products. The installer also enables you to configure the product, verify preinstallation requirements, and view the product's description.

If you obtained a standalone Veritas product from an electronic download site, the single product download files do not contain the general product installer. Use the product installation script to install the product.

At most points during an installation, you can type `b` (back) to return to a previous section of the installation procedure. The back feature of the installation scripts is context-sensitive, so it returns to the beginning of a grouped section of questions. If an installation procedure hangs, use `Control-C` to stop and exit the program. After a short delay, the script exits. You can also enter `q` to quit the installer or `?` to display help information.

Default responses are in parentheses. Press Return to accept the defaults.

Additional options are available for the common product installer.

## About Veritas Operations Services

Veritas Operations Services (VOS) is a Web-based application that is designed specifically for Veritas CommandCentral and Veritas Storage Foundation and High Availability products. VOS increases operational efficiency and helps improve application availability.

VOS automates and simplifies administrator tasks, including:

- Determining if systems are ready to install or upgrade Veritas products
- Gathering deployment and usage information on Veritas products
- Receiving notifications about the latest updates for:
  - Patches
  - Hardware Compatibility Lists (HCLs)
  - Array Support Libraries (ASLs)
  - Array Policy Modules (APMs)
- Determining whether your Veritas product configurations conform to best practices
- Managing server and environmental configuration data from a single Website
- Interpreting Unified Message Identifier (UMI) codes and their solutions

- Identifying and downloading patches for Veritas products

To access VOS, go to:

<http://vos.symantec.com/>

# Where to find more information

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Documentation](#)
- [Service and support](#)

## Documentation

Veritas documents are in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the product discs or downloaded software.

You can access product documentation in the following ways:

- The product documentation is available on the Web at the following URL:  
<http://www.symantec.com/business/support/overview.jsp?pid=15107>
- Mount the appropriate product software disc and go to the `product_name/docs` directory for the product guides.

## Service and support

To access the self-service knowledge base, go to the following URL:

<http://entsupport.symantec.com>

