

# Veritas CloudPoint™ QuickStart Guide for Amazon Web Services (AWS)

## What is CloudPoint?

CloudPoint is a lightweight, snapshot-based data protection solution for public clouds and modern data centers. Beginning with release 2.0, CloudPoint introduces important new data protection and orchestration capabilities needed in the cloud and aligns closely with Veritas' multi-cloud data management strategy.

Veritas CloudPoint is purposely built for the data center and multi-cloud.

It delivers:

- Native, multi-cloud data protection
- Streamline and automated snapshots
- Application-consistent snapshots
- Faster recovery with finer controls
- Modular architecture for rapid workload integration

### KEY FEATURES

- Snapshot-based data protection
- Automated scheduling and creation
- Multi-cloud visibility and orchestration
- Auto-deletion of expired snapshots
- Fast RPO and RTO
- Deep integration with storage arrays, and public and private cloud platforms
- Modular architecture for rapid workload proliferation
- Intuitive interface and reporting
- RESTful APIs for storage management and administration

## Prepare for installation

### 1 Verify system requirements

<b>Operating system</b>	Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
<b>Virtual machine</b>	Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance type: t3.large
<b>Virtual CPUs</b>	2
<b>RAM:</b>	8 GB
<b>Root disk</b>	30 GB with a solid-state drive (GP2)
<b>Data volume</b>	50 GB Elastic Block Store (EBS) volume of type GP2 with encryption for the snapshot asset database Use this as a starting value and expand your storage as needed.

### 2 Create a volume and a file system for the CloudPoint data

- 1 On the EC2 dashboard, click **Volumes > Create Volumes**.
- 2 Follow the instructions on the screen and specify the following:
  - Volume type: General Purpose SSD
  - Size: 50 GB
- 3 Create a file system and mount the device to `/cloudpoint` on the instance host.

Refer to the instructions available here: <http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ebs-using-volumes.html>

### 3 Verify AWS permissions and get keys

The Amazon Web Services (AWS) plug-in lets you create, restore, and delete snapshots of the following assets in an Amazon cloud:

- Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instances
- Elastic Block Store (EBS) volumes
- RDS instances
- Aurora clusters

**Note:** The following privileges are required to use this plug-in:

- **AmazonEC2FullAccess**
- **AmazonRDSFullAccess**

Before you install CloudPoint, have the following information ready:

<b>Access key</b>	The access key ID, when specified with the secret access key, authorizes CloudPoint to interact with the AWS APIs.
<b>Secret key</b>	The secret key.
<b>Regions</b>	One or more AWS regions in which to discover cloud assets.

## Install CloudPoint

### 1 Deploy CloudPoint

- 1 Create an instance or prepare the physical host to install CloudPoint.
  - Choose an Ubuntu 16.04 Server LTS instance image that meets CloudPoint installation requirements.
  - Add sufficient storage to the instance to meet the installation requirements.
- 2 Install Docker for Ubuntu.  

```
# sudo apt-get install docker -ce
```

<https://docs.docker.com/install/linux/docker-ce/ubuntu/>
- 3 Download the CloudPoint image from MyVeritas.
- 4 Load the image.  

```
# sudo docker load -i /install_directory/cloudpoint_image
```
- 5 On the instance, open the following ports:
  - 443** CloudPoint user interface uses this port as the default HTTPS port.
  - 5671** The RabbitMQ server uses this port for communications. This port must be opened to support multiple agents.
- 6 Run the CloudPoint container.  

```
# sudo docker docker run -it --rm -v /volume_name:/path_to_volume -v /var/run/docker.sock:/var/run/docker.sock veritas/cloudpoint_image install --restart always
```

### 2 Configure CloudPoint

- 1 Open your browser and point it to the host on which CloudPoint is installed.  
**https://ubuntu\_docker\_host\_name**  
The configuration screen is displayed, and the host name is added to the list of hosts on which to configure CloudPoint.

- 2 Enter a valid email address for the admin user name and enter a password. Click **Configure**.
- 3 On the sign in screen, enter your admin user name and password.

### 3 Configure the AWS plug-in

- 1 On the coffee screen, click **Manage clouds and arrays**.
- 2 On the **Clouds and Arrays** page, click on the Amazon AWS row.
- 3 On the Details page, click **Add configuration**.
- 4 On the **Add a New Configuration for Amazon AWS** page, enter the **Access Key**, **Secret Key**, and one or more **Regions**.

- 5 Click **Save**.

# Protect an asset

## 1 Create a protection policy

- 1 On the CloudPoint dashboard, in the **Administration** area, find **Policies**, and click **Manage**.
- 2 On the Policies page, click **New Policy**.
- 3 Complete the **New Policy** page.

Enter the following:

### Policy Information

**Policy Name** Enter lower case letters, numbers, and hyphens. The name should begin and end with a letter.

**Description** Summarize what the snapshot does. (Optional)

**Storage Level** Select disk, host, or application. (An application snapshot requires a CloudPoint Enterprise license.)

**Application Consistent** Specify whether to take an application-consistent snapshot or a crash-consistent snapshot.

An application-consistent snapshot is recommended for taking snapshots of database applications. (An application consistent snapshot requires a CloudPoint Enterprise license.)

**Enable replication** Select this check box if you want to copy snapshots to another physical location for added protection.

**Retention** Specify the number of snapshot versions to keep for each asset associated with this policy.

**Scheduling** Select how often a snapshot is taken: hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly. Depending on your choice, also specify the time (by clicking the clock icon), the date, or the day of the week.

The following example creates a weekly disk level snapshot policy.

- 4 Click **Save**.

## 2 Assign an asset to a policy

- 1 On the CloudPoint dashboard, in the **Environment** area, find the asset type you want to protect, and click **Manage**. This example protects an application.
- 2 On the **Asset Management** page, select the asset you want to protect.
- 3 On the **Details** page, click **Policies**.

- 4 On the **Policies for asset name** screen assign one or more policies to the asset. In the **Available Policies** column, click the policy you want to assign. Repeat this step for as many policies as you want to add.

- 5 When you are done assigning policies, click **Save**.