

# Disk Vertical Scaling in Azure (Preview)

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# About this feature

## Introduction

There are many clusters that are deployed with standard magnetic storage. With the growing lineage data, these disks are running out of space on core nodes. These need to be moved to General Purpose SSDs and or resized to a bigger disk.

The disks attached to the Data Lake and Cloudera Data Hub clusters can be changed or resized Azure without downtime.

## Limitations

When using this preview feature, be aware of the following limitations:

- This feature is only available for AZURE.
- The disks can only be resized up, meaning you cannot reduce the size of an attached block storage. If there are multiple disks of different sizes, the size of all the disks attached to the instances in the group that are smaller or lesser than the requested size will be increased to the requested size.
- This feature will only resize additional block storages in an instance and not the root volume.
- Clusters and cluster services must be in running state before disk vertical scaling is performed.
- Current implementation does not support this feature through Cloudera UI; It is available only through Beta CDP CLI.
- Disk type change is not supported for AZURE.
- Not supported for Ultra disks or Premium SSD v2 disks.
- Not supported for shared disks.
- Not available on some classic VMs.
- If a disk is 4 TB or less, you should deallocate your VM and detach the disk before expanding it beyond 4 TB. If a disk is already greater than 4 TB, you can expand it without deallocating the VM and detaching the disk, as mentioned in [Expand virtual hard disks on a Linux VM](#).
- If the above points aren't satisfied, resizing will require downtime; That is, Cloudera will have to deallocate (stop VM), and then resize and start VM.

## Azure permissions

This feature requires the following permissions to be added to the minimal set of permissions described in [Prerequisites for the provisioning credential](#):

- Microsoft.Compute/disks/write

This permission allows users to update disk sizes on a resource.

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## Download Beta CDP CLI

You have to use Beta CDP CLI to modify disks attached to an instance group. To install Beta CDP, refer to [Installing Beta CDP CLI](#).

## Modify Disks

### Modifying disks using CDP CLI

Use the following Beta CDP CLI command to modify the volumes attached to the instances in a host group. Replace the placeholders with actual values. For example <DATA LAKE-NAME> should be replaced with an actual name. As part of this update, the instance-template parameter in the vertical scaling command has been made optional. But one of the instance-template or disk-options have to be provided.

Additional parameters for vertical scaling have been added to both the datalake and datahub commands. The modification request is sent as part of the `--disk-options` parameter.

The <VOLUME-TYPE> placeholder is for the type of volume the disks are being modified to. It is an optional field and should be added if the volume type has to be modified, in which case the type will not be modified.

The <SIZE> placeholder is optional as well and is for the size the disks are being increased to in GB. Please specify only the integer value.

```
//DATA LAKE
cdp datalake start-datalake-vertical-scaling
    --datalake <DATA LAKE-NAME>
    --group <INSTANCE-GROUP-NAME>
    --disk-options
modifyDisks="{volumeType=\"<VOLUME-TYPE>\",size=<SIZE>}"

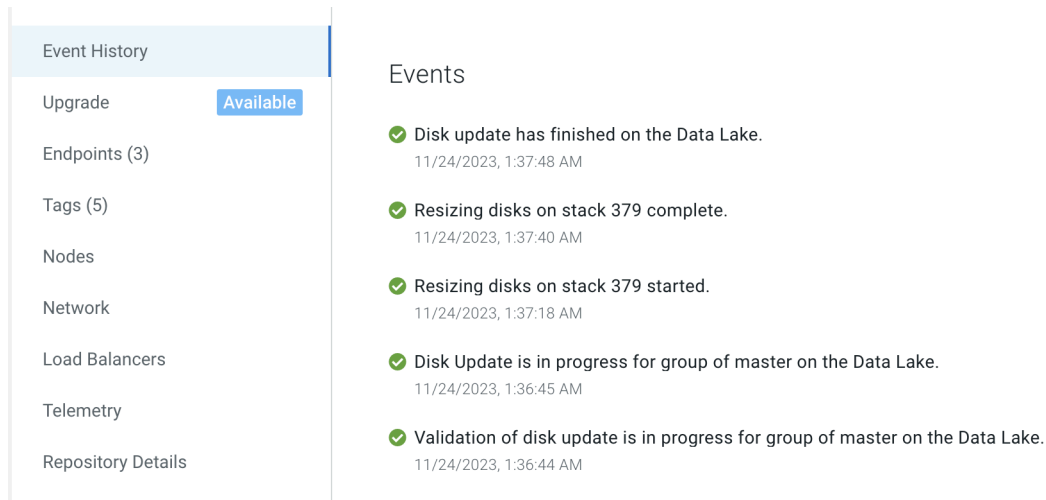
//DATA HUB
cdp datahub start-cluster-vertical-scaling
    --datahub <DATAHUB-NAME>
    --group <INSTANCE-GROUP-NAME>
    --disk-options
modifyDisks="{volumeType=\"<VOLUME-TYPE>\",size=<SIZE>}"
```

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## Verifying that modification is complete

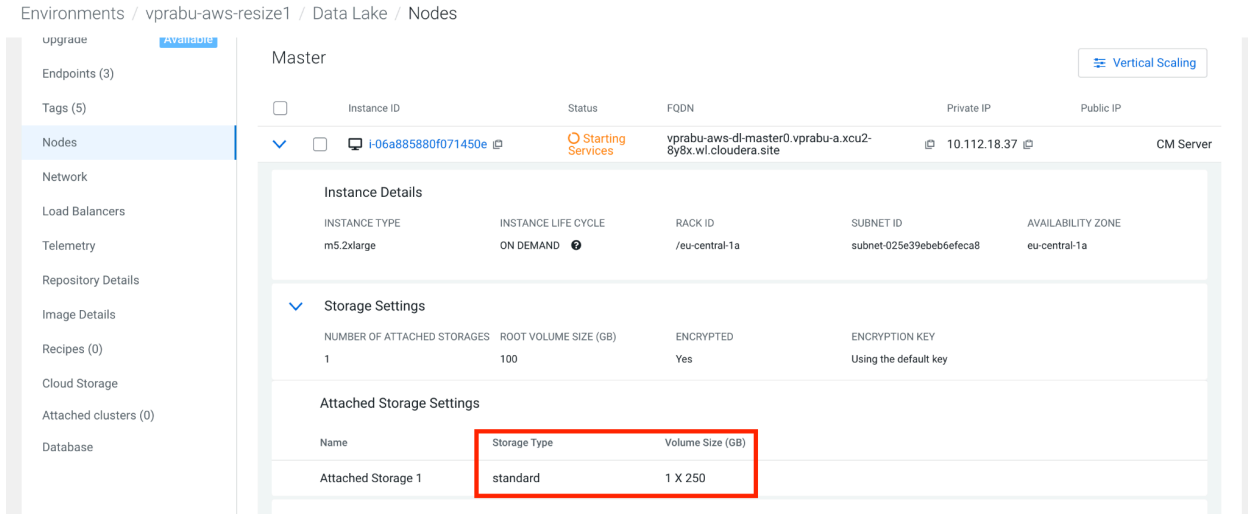
The change to the disk can be verified through Cloudera UI, or by logging into the instances directly, after the flow is completed in the Event History.

Here is a screenshot from Event History showing the completion of the disk update:



## Verifying disk size/type in Cloudera UI

1. Navigate to the **Management Console > Data Lake** or **Management Console > Data Hub**.
2. Click into the Data Lake / Cloudera Data Hub cluster that was modified.
3. Click on the **Nodes** in the left hand tree.
4. Open accordion of the instance group that was modified.
5. Open **Storage Settings** accordion in any of the instances in the group.
6. The Storage Type and Volume Size should be updated based on the request.



## Add Disks

In some cases when customers run out of memory, it is cheaper to add an additional volume instead of resizing to a bigger volume. This feature allows for adding additional block storages to an instance group with minimum interruption. Only the services running on the instance group are stopped, as the additional volume has to be mounted and configured for use on the instances.

Based on the request, 'N' number of disks of the same type and size can be added to the instance group.

## Adding disks using CDP CLI

Use the following CDP CLI Beta command to add additional volumes attached to the instances in a host group. Replace the placeholders with actual values. For example <DATA LAKE-NAME> should be replaced with an actual name. As part of this update, the instance-template parameter in the vertical scaling command has been made optional. But one of the instance-template or disk-options have to be provided.

The add disks request is sent as part of the `--disk-options` parameter. All parameters for the add disk input are required.

The <NUMBER\_OF\_DISKS> placeholder is for the number of volumes being added.

The <VOLUME-TYPE> placeholder is for the type of volume being added.

The <SIZE> placeholder is for the size the disks being added in GB. Please specify only the integer value.

The cloudVolumeUsageType is the purpose for which the disk is being added - it is an enum field with either "GENERAL" or "DATABASE" value.

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```
//DATALAKE

cdp datalake start-datalake-vertical-scaling --datalake=<DATALAKE_NAME>
--group=<DATALAKE_INSTANCE_GROUP_NAME> --disk-options
addDisks="{numberOfDisks=<NUMBER_OF_DISKS_TO_ADD>,
volumeType=\"<TYPE_OF_VOLUME_TO_ADD>\",size=<SIZE_OF_VOLUME>,cloudVolume
UsageType=\"GENERAL\"|\"DATABASE\"}"

//DATAHUB

cdp datahub start-cluster-vertical-scaling --datahub=<DATAHUB_NAME>
--group=<DATAHUB_INSTANCE_GROUP_NAME> --disk-options
addDisks="{numberOfDisks=<NUMBER_OF_DISKS_TO_ADD>,
volumeType=\"<TYPE_OF_VOLUME_TO_ADD>\",size=<SIZE_OF_VOLUME>,cloudV
olumeUsageType=\"GENERAL\"|\"DATABASE\"}"
```

## Deleting Disks

In cases where only compute services are being run on an instance group, any block storage attached to the instance is going to cost the customer even if the cluster is stopped. As compute services do not store any persistent data on attached volumes, having additional volumes to store temporary data is unnecessary. In such cases, customers can use this command to delete all attached volumes on instances in an instance group.

This can be done only for compute instance groups on only datahubs, as datalakes need persistent volumes. This command deletes all additional volumes for instances in an instance group.

## Deleting disks using CDP CLI

Use the following CDP CLI Beta command to deleting all attached additional volumes to the instances in a host group. Replace the placeholders with actual values. For example **<DATALAKE-NAME>** should be replaced with an actual name. As part of this update, the instance-template parameter in the vertical scaling command has been made optional. But one of the instance-template or disk-options have to be provided.

The delete disks request is sent as part of the **--disk-options** parameter. All parameters for the add disk input are required.

The **<deleteDisks>** parameter accepts a boolean value with true/ false.

```
//DATAHUB
```

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```
cdp datahub start-cluster-vertical-scaling --datahub=<DATAHUB_NAME>  
--group=<DATAHUB_INSTANCE_GROUP_NAME> --disk-options  
deleteDisks=true|false
```

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