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IBM XIV Gen3 with IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller and Storwize V7000

This IBM® Redpaper™ publication describes preferred practices for attaching the IBM XIV® Storage System, Gen3, to either an IBM System Storage® SAN Volume Controller (SVC) or IBM Storwize® Version 7000 virtual storage. It also explains what to consider in XIV Storage System data migration when you use it in combination with an SVC or a Storwize V7000 storage.

This information is based on the assumption that you have an SVC or Storwize V7000 and that you are replacing back-end disk controllers with a new XIV system or adding an XIV as a new managed disk controller.

Benefits of combining storage systems

By combining the IBM XIV Storage System with either the IBM SVC or the IBM Storwize V7000, you gain the benefit of the high-performance grid architecture of the XIV and retain the business benefits of the SVC or Storwize V7000. Because the SVC and Storwize V7000 have virtualization layers that can overlay multiple homogeneous and non-homogenous storage systems, virtualizing an XIV can provide the following benefits:

- ▶ Non-disruptive data movement between multiple storage systems
- ▶ IBM FlashCopy® consistency groups across multiple storage systems
- ▶ IBM Metro Mirror and IBM Global Mirror relationships between multiple storage systems
- ▶ High availability and multisite mirroring with SVC stretched cluster and VDisk mirroring
- ▶ Support for operating systems that do not offer native multipath capability or that XIV does not support (such as HP Tru64 UNIX)
- ▶ Enhanced performance by using solid-state drives (SSDs) in the SVC or Storwize V7000 or other external storage when used in combination with IBM Easy Tier®
- ▶ Use of VMware Array API Integration across multiple storage systems to allow VMware vMotion to exploit the VAAI hardware accelerated storage feature
- ▶ Use of IBM Real-time Compression™

The sections that follow address each of the requirements of an implementation plan in the order in which they arise. However, this chapter does not cover physical implementation requirements (such as power requirements) because they are already addressed in *IBM XIV Storage System Architecture and Implementation*, SG24-7659.

Summary of steps for attaching XIV to an SVC or Storwize V7000 and migrating volumes to XIV

Review the following topics when you are placing a new XIV behind an SVC or Storwize V7000:

- ▶ “XIV and SVC or Storwize V7000 interoperability” on page 2
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XIV and SVC or Storwize V7000 interoperability

Because SVC-attached or Storwize V7000-attached hosts do not communicate directly with the XIV, only two interoperability considerations are covered in this section:

- ▶ Firmware versions
- ▶ Copy functions

Firmware versions

The SVC or Storwize V7000 and the XIV have minimum firmware requirements. Although the versions cited in this paper were current at the time of writing, they might have changed since then. To verify the current versions, see the IBM Systems Storage Interoperation Center (SSIC) and the SVC Interoperation websites:

<http://www.ibm.com/systems/support/storage/config/ssic/index.jsp>

<http://www.ibm.com/systems/storage/software/virtualization/svc/interop.html>

SVC firmware

The first SVC firmware version that supported XIV was 4.3.0.1. However, the SVC cluster needs to be on at least SVC firmware Version 4.3.1.4, or preferably the most recent level available from IBM.

Storwize V7000 firmware

The Storwize V7000 was first released with Version 6.1.x.x firmware. Because the Storwize V7000 firmware uses the same base as the SVC, that XIV support was inherited from the SVC and is essentially the same. You can display the SVC firmware version by viewing **Monitoring** → **System** in the SVC GUI as shown in Figure 1.

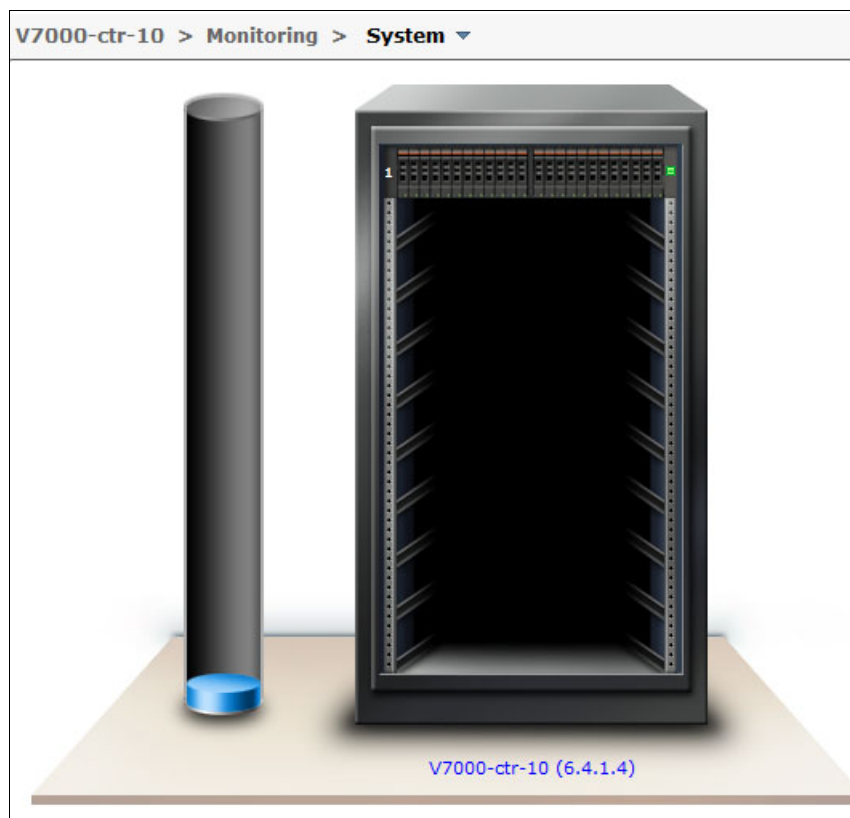


Figure 1 Displaying Storwize V7000 firmware version

Or you can use the `lssystem` command in the CLI as shown in Example 1. The Storwize V7000 is on code level 6.4.1.4.

Example 1 Displaying the Storwize V7000 firmware version

```
IBM_2145:SVC_A_B:superuser>lssystem
....
code_level 6.4.1.4 (build 75.3.1303080000)
....
```

XIV firmware

The XIV needs to be on at least XIV firmware Version 10.0.0.a. This is an earlier level, so it is highly unlikely that your XIV is on this level. The XIV firmware version is shown on the **All Systems** → **Connectivity** panel of the XIV GUI, as shown in Figure 2. If you focused on one XIV in the GUI, you can also use **Help** → **About XIV GUI**. At this writing, the XIV is using Version 11.4.0 (circled at the upper right, in red).

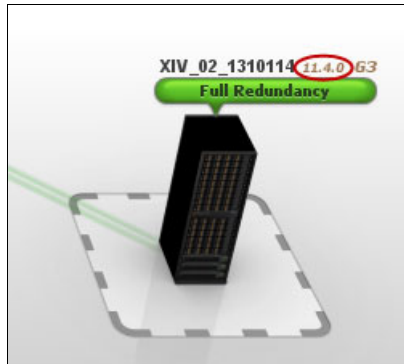


Figure 2 Checking the XIV version

You can check the XIV firmware version by using an XCLI command, as shown in Example 2, where the example machine uses XIV firmware Version 11.4.0.

Example 2 Displaying the XIV firmware version

```
XIV_02_1310114>>version_get
Version
11.4.0
```

Copy functions

The XIV Storage System has many advanced copy and remote mirror capabilities, but for XIV volumes that are being used as SVC or Storwize V7000 MDisk (including Image mode VDisks and MDisk), none of these functions can be used. If copy and mirror functions are necessary, perform them by using the equivalent functional capabilities in the SVC or Storwize V7000 (such as SVC or Storwize V7000 FlashCopy and SVC or Storwize V7000 Metro and Global Mirror). This is because XIV copy functions do not detect write cache data resident in the SVC or Storwize V7000 cache that is not destaged. Although it is possible to disable SVC or Storwize V7000 write-cache (when creating VDisks), this method is not supported for VDisks on the XIV.

IBM Tivoli Storage Productivity Center with XIV and SVC or Storwize V7000

IBM Tivoli® Storage Productivity Center Version 4.1.1.74 was the first version to support the XIV by using an embedded CIM object manager (CIMOM) within the XIV. The CIMOM was added in XIV code level 10.1.0.a.

Tivoli Storage Productivity Center Version 4.2 enhances XIV support by using native commands to communicate with the XIV rather than the embedded CIMOM. This enables Tivoli software for provisioning, for the Data Path Explorer view, and for performance management reporting.

Version 4.2.1 added support to detect more XIV management IP addresses and failover to these addresses (even if only one address was defined to Tivoli Storage Productivity Center).

Version 4.2.1.163 adds enhanced performance metrics when combined with XIV Firmware Version 10.2.4 and later.

Be sure to upgrade your Tivoli Storage Productivity Center to at least Version 4.2.1.163 when you combine it with XIV and SVC or Storwize V7000.

Zoning setup

One of the first tasks of implementing an XIV system is to add it to the storage area network (SAN) fabric so that the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster can communicate with the XIV over Fibre Channel technology. The XIV can have up to 24 Fibre Channel host ports. Each XIV reports a single worldwide node name (WWNN) that is the same for every XIV Fibre Channel host port. Each port also has a unique and persistent (WWPN). Therefore, you can potentially zone 24 unique worldwide port names (WWPNs) from an XIV to an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster. However, the current SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware requires that one SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster cannot detect more than 16 WWPNs per WWNN, so there is no value in zoning more than 16 ports to the SVC or Storwize V7000. Because the XIV can have up to six interface modules with four ports per module, it is better to use just two ports on each module (up to 12 ports, total).

For more information, see the V6.4 Configuration Limits and Restrictions for IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller web page:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ssg1S1004115>

When a partially populated XIV hardware is upgraded to add usable capacity, more data modules are added. At particular points in the upgrade path, the XIV gets more usable Fibre Channel ports. In each case, use half of the available ports on the XIV to communicate with an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster (to allow for growth as you add modules).

Depending on the total usable capacity of the XIV, not all interface modules have active Fibre Channel ports. Table 1 on page 6 shows which modules have active ports as capacity grows. You can also see how many XIV ports are zoned to the SVC or Storwize V7000 as capacity grows.

Table 1 XIV host ports as capacity grows with different drive capacity

XIV modules	Total usable capacity in TB decimal (1 TB)	Total usable capacity in TB decimal (2 TB)	Total usable capacity in TB decimal (3 TB)	Total usable capacity in TB decimal (4 TB)	Total XIV host ports	XIV host ports to zone to an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster	Active interface modules	Inactive interface modules
6	28	55	84	112	8	4	4:5	6
9	44	88	132	177	16	8	4:5:7:8	6:9
10	51	102	154	207	16	8	4:5:7:8	6:9
11	56	111	168	225	20	10	4:5:7:8:9	6
12	63	125	190	254	20	10	4:5:7:8:9	6
13	67	134	203	272	24	12	4:5:6:7:8:9	
14	75	149	225	301	24	12	4:5:6:7:8:9	
15	80	161	243	325	24	12	4:5:6:7:8:9	

Table 2 shows another way to view the activation state of the XIV interface modules. As more capacity is added to an XIV, more XIV host ports become available. Where a module is shown as inactive, this refers only to the host ports, not the data disks.

Table 2 XIV host ports as capacity grows

Module	6	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Module 9 host ports	Not present	Inactive	Inactive	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Module 8 host ports	Not present	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Module 7 host ports	Not present	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Module 6 host ports	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Active	Active	Active
Module 5 host ports	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Module 4 host ports	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active

Capacity on demand

If the XIV has the Capacity on Demand (CoD) feature, all active Fibre Channel interface ports are usable at the time of installation, regardless of how much usable capacity you purchased. For instance, if a 9-module machine is delivered with six modules active, you can use the interface ports in modules 4, 5, 7, and 8 even though, effectively, three of the nine modules are not yet activated through CoD.

Determining XIV WWPNs

The XIV WWPNs are in the *50:01:73:8x:xx:xx:RR:MP* format, which indicates the following specifications:

5	The WWPN format (1, 2, or 5, where XIV is always format 5)
0:01:73:8	The IEEE object identifier (OID) for IBM (formerly registered to XIV)
x:xx:xx	The XIV rack serial number in hexadecimal
RR	Rack ID (starts at 01)
M	Module ID (ranges from 4 through 9)
P	Port ID (0 to 3, although port numbers are 1 through 4)

The module/port (MP) value that makes up the last two digits of the WWPN is shown in each small box in Figure 3 on page 8. The diagram represents the patch panel that is at the rear of the XIV rack.

To display the XIV WWPNs, use the Back view on the XIV GUI or the XIV command-line interface (XCLI) **fc_port_list** command.

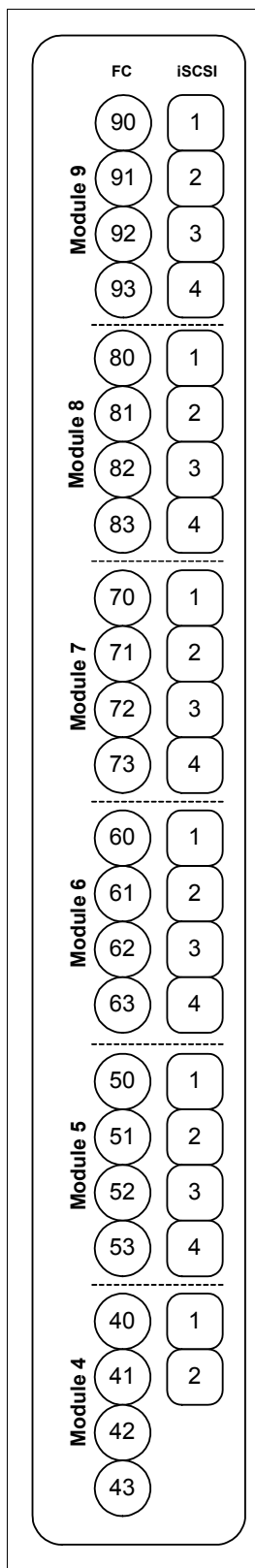


Figure 3 XIV WWPN determination

The output that is shown in Example 3 lists the four ports in Module 4.

Example 3 Listing of XIV Fibre Channel host ports

```
XIV_02_1310114>>fc_port_list module=1:Module:4
Component ID    Status    Currently Functioning    WWPN ....
1:FC_Port:4:1   OK        yes                      5001738027820140 ....
1:FC_Port:4:2   OK        yes                      5001738027820141 ....
1:FC_Port:4:3   OK        yes                      5001738027820142 ....
1:FC_Port:4:4   OK        yes                      5001738027820143 ....
```

Hardware dependencies

There are two Fibre Channel host bus adapters (HBAs) in each XIV interface module. They are in the following locations:

- ▶ Ports 1 and 2 are on the left HBA (viewed from the rear).
- ▶ Ports 3 and 4 are on the right HBA (viewed from the rear).

Consider the following configuration information:

- ▶ Ports 1, 2, and 3 are in *SCSI target* mode by default.
- ▶ Port 4 is set to *SCSI initiator* mode by default (for XIV replication and data migration).

Use Ports 1 and 3 for SVC or Storwize V7000 traffic because both ports are on different HBAs. If you have two fabrics, place Port 1 in the first fabric and Port 3 in the second fabric.

Sharing an XIV

It is possible to share XIV host ports between an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster and non-SVC or non-Storwize V7000 hosts, or between two different SVC or Storwize V7000 clusters. Simply zone the XIV host ports 1 and 3 on each XIV module to either SVC or Storwize V7000 or any other hosts as required.

Zoning rules

The XIV-to-SVC or Storwize V7000 zone needs to contain all of the XIV ports and all of the SVC or Storwize V7000 ports in that fabric. This is known as *one big zone*. This preference is relatively unique to SVC or Storwize V7000. If you zone individual hosts directly to the XIV (rather than through SVC or Storwize V7000), always use single-initiator zones, where each switch zone contains only one host (initiator) HBA WWPN and up to six XIV host port WWPNS.

For SVC or Storwize V7000, follow these rules:

- ▶ With current SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware levels, do not zone more than 16 WWPNS from a single WWNN to an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster. Because the XIV has only one WWNN, zone no more than 16 XIV host ports to a specific SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster. If you use the suggestions in Table 1 on page 6, this restriction is not a concern.
- ▶ All nodes in an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster must be able to see the same set of XIV host ports. Operation in a mode where two nodes see a different set of host ports on the same XIV results in the controller showing as degraded on the SVC or Storwize V7000, so the system error log requests a repair.

Volume size for XIV with SVC or Storwize V7000

There are several considerations when you are attaching an XIV system to an SVC or Storwize V7000. Volume size is an important one. The optimum volume size depends on the maximum SCSI queue depth of the SVC or Storwize V7000 MDisk.

SCSI queue depth considerations

Before firmware Version 6.3, the SVC or Storwize V7000 uses one XIV host port as a preferred port for each MDisk (assigning them in a round-robin fashion). Therefore, the preferred practice is to configure sufficient volumes on the XIV to ensure that the following situations are met:

- ▶ Each XIV host port receives closely matching I/O levels.
- ▶ The SVC or Storwize V7000 uses the deep queue depth of each XIV host port.

Ideally, the number of MDisk presented by the XIV to the SVC or Storwize V7000 is a multiple of the number of XIV host ports, from one to four.

Because Version 6.3 SVC or Storwize V7000 uses round-robin for each MDisk, it is no longer necessary to balance the load manually. But it is still necessary to have several MDisk because of the following queue depth limitation of SVC and Storwize V7000.

The XIV can handle a queue depth of 1400 per Fibre Channel host port and a queue depth of 256 per mapped volume per host port:target port:volume tuple. However, the SVC or Storwize V7000 sets the following internal limits:

- ▶ The maximum queue depth per MDisk is 60.
- ▶ The maximum queue depth per target host port on an XIV is 1000.

Based on this knowledge, you can determine an ideal number of XIV volumes to map to the SVC or Storwize V7000 for use as MDisk by using the following algorithm:

$$Q = ((P \times C) / N) / M$$

The algorithm has the following components:

- Q** Calculated queue depth for each MDisk
- P** Number of XIV host ports (unique WWPNs) that are visible to the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster (use 4, 8, 10, or 12, depending on the number of modules in the XIV)
- N** Number of nodes in the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster (2, 4, 6, or 8)
- M** Number of volumes presented by the XIV to the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster (detected as MDisk)
- C** 1000 (the maximum SCSI queue depth that an SVC or Storwize V7000 uses for each XIV host port)

If a 2-node SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster is being used with four ports on an IBM XIV System and 17 MDisk, this yields the following queue depth:

$$Q = ((4 \text{ ports} \times 1000) / 2 \text{ nodes}) / 17 \text{ MDisk} = 117.6$$

Because 117.6 is greater than 60, the SVC or Storwize V7000 uses a queue depth of 60 per MDisk.

If a 4-node SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster is being used with 12 host ports on the IBM XIV System and 50 MDisk, this yields the following queue depth:

$$Q = ((12 \text{ ports} * 1000) / 4 \text{ nodes}) / 50 \text{ MDisk} = 60$$

Because 60 is the maximum queue depth, the SVC or Storwize V7000 uses a queue depth of 60 per MDisk. A 4-node SVC or Storwize V7000 is a good reference configuration for all other node configurations.

Starting with firmware Version 6.4, SVC or Storwize V7000 clusters support MDisk greater than 2 TB from the XIV system. When you use earlier versions of the SVC code, smaller volume sizes for 2 TB, 3 TB, and 4 TB drives are necessary.

This leads to the suggested volume sizes and quantities for an SVC or a Storwize V7000 system Version 6.4 or higher on the XIV with different drive capacities, as shown in Table 3. These suggestions are valid for SVC Version 6.4 or later.

Table 3 XIV volume size and quantity recommendations

Modules	XIV host ports	Volume size (GB) 1 TB drives	Volume size (GB) 2 TB drives	Volume size (GB) 3 TB drives	Volume size (GB) 4 TB drives	Volume quantity	Ratio of volumes to XIV host ports
6	4	1600	3201	4801	6401	17	4.3
9	8	1600	3201	4801	6401	27	3.4
10	8	1600	3201	4801	6401	31	3.9
11	10	1600	3201	4801	6401	34	3.4
12	10	1600	3201	4801	6401	39	3.9
13	12	1600	3201	4801	6401	41	3.4
14	12	1600	3201	4801	6401	46	3.8
15	12	1600	3201	4801	6401	50	4.2

Note: Because firmware Version 6.3 for SVC or Storwize V7000 uses round-robin scheme for each MDisk, it is not necessary to balance the load manually. Therefore, the volume quantity does not need to be a multiple of the XIV ports.

Using these volume sizes leaves free space. You can use the space for testing or for non-SVC or non-Storwize V7000 direct-attach hosts. If you map the remaining space to the SVC or Storwize V7000 as an odd-sized volume, VDisk striping is not balanced. Therefore, that I/O might not be evenly striped across all XIV host ports.

Tip: If you provision only part of the usable XIV space to be allocated to the SVC or Storwize V7000, the calculations no longer work. Instead, size your MDisk to ensure that at least two (up to four) MDisk are created for each host port on the XIV.

XIV volume sizes

All volume sizes that are shown on the XIV GUI use decimal counting (10^9), so 1 GB = 1,000,000,000 bytes. However, a GB that is using binary counting (by using 2^{30} bytes) counts 1 GiB as 1,073,741,824 bytes. (It is called a *GiB* to differentiate it from a GB where size is calculated by using decimal counting.)

- By default, the SVC and Storwize V7000 use MiB, GiB, and TiB (binary counting method) for MDisk and VDisk (volume) size displays. However, the SVC and Storwize V7000 still use the terms MB, GB, and TB in the SVC or Storwize V7000 GUI and CLI output for device size displays. The SVC or Storwize V7000 CLI displays capacity in the unit is the most readable by humans.
- By default, the XIV uses GB (the decimal counting method) in the XIV GUI and CLI output for volume size displays, although volume sizes can also be shown in blocks (which are 512 bytes).

It is important to understand that a volume created on an XIV is created in 17 GB increments that are not exactly 17 GB. The size of an XIV 17-GB volume can be described in four ways:

GB	Decimal sizing where 1 GB is 1,000,000,000 bytes
GiB	Binary counting where 1 GiB = 2^{30} bytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes
Bytes	Number of bytes
Blocks	Blocks that are 512 bytes

Table 4 shows how these values are used in the XIV.

Table 4 XIV space allocation in units

Measure	XIV
GB	17 GB (rounded down)
GiB	16 GiB (rounded down)
Bytes	17,208,180,736 bytes
Blocks	33,609,728 blocks

Therefore, XIV is using binary sizing when creating volumes but displaying it in decimals and then rounding it down.

The suggested size for XIV volumes presented to the SVC or Storwize V7000 for 2 TB drives, where only 1 TB is used, is 1600 GB on the XIV. Although there is nothing special about this volume size, it divides nicely to create, on average, four to eight XIV volumes per XIV host port (for queue depth). Table 5 lists suggested volume sizes.

Table 5 Suggested volume sizes on the XIV for 2 TB drives presented to SVC or Storwize V7000

Measure	XIV
GB	1600 GB
GiB	1490.452 GiB
Bytes	1,600,360,808,448 bytes
Blocks	3,125,704,704 blocks

The SVC and Storwize V7000 report each MDisk presented by XIV by using binary GiB. Figure 4 shows what the XIV reports.



Name ▲	Size (GB)	Used (GB)	Size (Blocks)
<div>  SVCPool <div>0%</div> </div>			
<div>  SVC_Vol_001 </div>	1,600	0	3,125,704,704

Figure 4 An XIV volume that is sized for use with SVC or Storwize V7000

This volume is 3,125,704,704 blocks in size. If you multiply 3,125,704,704 by 512 (because there are 512 bytes in a SCSI block), you get 1,600,360,808,448 bytes. That is exactly what the SVC or Storwize V7000 reports for the same volume (MDisk), as shown in Example 4.

Example 4 XIV MDisk

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmdisk -bytes
id name      status mode      mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
0 mdisk0 online unmanaged          1600360808448 ....
```

Creating XIV volumes that are the same size as SVC or Storwize V7000 VDisks

To create an XIV volume that is the same size as an existing SVC or Storwize V7000 VDisk, you can use the process that is documented in “Create Image mode destination volumes on the XIV” on page 37. This is only for a transition to or from Image mode.

SVC or Storwize V7000 2 TB volume limit with firmware earlier than 6.4

For the XIV, you can create volumes of any size up to the entire capacity of the XIV. However, in Version 6.3 or earlier of SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware, the largest XIV-presented MDisk that an SVC or Storwize V7000 can detect is 2 TiB (which is 2048 GiB).

Creating managed disk groups

All volumes that are presented by the XIV to the SVC or Storwize V7000 are represented on the SVC or Storwize V7000 as MDisks, which are then grouped into one or more managed disk groups (MDisk groups or pools). Your decision is how many MDisk groups to use.

If you are virtualizing multiple XIVs (or other storage devices) behind an SVC or Storwize V7000, create at least one managed disk group for each additional storage device. Except for SSD-based MDisks that are used for Easy Tier, do not have MDisks from different storage devices in a common managed disk group.

In general, create only one managed disk group for each XIV, because that is the simplest and most effective way to configure your storage. However, if you have many managed disk groups, you need to understand the way that the SVC and Storwize V7000 partition cache data when they accept write I/O. Because the SVC or Storwize V7000 can virtualize storage from many storage devices, you might encounter an issue if there are slow-draining storage controllers. This occurs if write data is entering the SVC cache faster than the SVC can destage write data to the back-end disk. To avoid a situation in which a full write cache affects all storage devices that are being virtualized, the SVC partitions the cache for writes on a managed disk group level. Table 6 on page 14 shows the percentage of cache that can be used for write I/O by one managed disk group. It varies, based on the maximum number of managed disk groups that exist on the SVC or Storwize V7000.

Table 6 Upper limit of write cache data

Number of managed disk groups	Upper limit of write cache data
1	100%
2	66%
3	40%
4	30%
5 or more	25%

For example, this happens if three managed disk groups exist on an SVC or Storwize V7000, where two of them represent slow-draining, older storage devices and the third is used by an XIV. The result is that the XIV can be restricted to 20% of the SVC cache for write I/O. This might become an issue during periods of high write I/O. The solution in that case might be to have multiple managed disk groups for a single XIV. For more information, see the IBM Redpaper titled *IBM SAN Volume Controller 4.2.1 Cache Partitioning*, REDP-4426.

SVC or Storwize V7000 MDisk group extent sizes

SVC or Storwize V7000 MDisk groups have a fixed extent size. This extent size affects the maximum size of an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster. When you migrate SVC or Storwize V7000 data from other disk technology to the XIV, change the extent size to 1 GB (the default extent size since SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware Version 7.1). This allows for larger SVC or Storwize V7000 clusters and ensures that the data from each extent uses the striping mechanism in the XIV optimally. The XIV divides each volume into 1 MB partitions, so the MDisk group extent size in MB must exceed the maximum number of disks that are likely to exist in a single XIV footprint. For many IBM clients, this means that an extent size of 256 MB is acceptable (because 256 MB covers 256 disks, but a single XIV rack has only 180 disks). However, consider using an extent size of 1024 MB, because that size covers the possibility of using multiple XIV systems in one extent pool. Do not expect to see any difference in overall performance by using a smaller or larger extent size.

For the available SVC or Storwize V7000 extent sizes and the effect on maximum SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster size, see Table 7.

Table 7 SVC or Storwize V7000 extent size and cluster size Striped mode VDisks

MDisk group extent size	Maximum SVC cluster size
16 MB	64 TB
32 MB	128 TB
64 MB	256 TB
128 MB	512 TB
256 MB	1 PB
512 MB	2 PB
1024 MB	4 PB
2048 MB	8 PB
4096 MB	16 PB
8192 MB	32 PB

Create all VDisks in an XIV-based managed disk group as *striped* and striped across all MDisks in the group. This ensures that you stripe the SVC or Storwize V7000 host I/O evenly across all of the XIV host ports. Do not create sequential VDisks, because they result in uneven host port use. Use Image mode VDisks only for migration purposes.

Using an XIV system for SVC or Storwize V7000 quorum disks

The SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster uses three MDisks as quorum disk candidates; one is active. Starting with SVC or Storwize V7000 Version 6.3, the quorum disks are selected automatically from different storage systems, if possible. The Storwize V7000 can also use internal SAS drives as quorum disks. It uses a small area on each of these MDisks or drives to store important SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster management information.

Using an XIV for SVC or Storwize V7000 quorum disks before V6.3

If you are replacing non-XIV disk storage with XIV, ensure that you relocate the quorum disks before you remove the MDisks. Review the IBM Technote tip titled *Guidance for Identifying and Changing Managed Disks Assigned as Quorum Disk Candidates*:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ssg1S1003311>

To determine whether removing a managed disk controller requires quorum disk relocation, use the **svcinfo lsquorum** command, as shown in Example 5.

Example 5 Using the svcinfo lsquorum command on an SVC code level 5.1 and later

```
IBM_2145:mycluster:admin>lsquorum
```

quorum_index	status	id	name	controller_id	controller_name	active
0	online	0	mdisk0	0	DS6800_1	yes
1	online	1	mdisk1	1	DS6800_1	no
2	online	2	mdisk2	2	DS4700	no

To move the quorum disk function, specify three MDisks to become quorum disks. Depending on your MDisk group extent size, each selected MDisk must have between 272 and 1024 MB of free space. Run the **setquorum** commands before you start migration. If all available MDisk space is allocated to VDisks, you cannot use that MDisk as a quorum disk. Table 8 shows the amount of space that is required on each MDisk.

Table 8 Quorum disk space requirements for each of the three quorum MDisks

Extent size	Number of extents needed by quorum	Amount of space per MDisk needed by quorum
16 MB	17	272 MB
32 MB	9	288 MB
64 MB	5	320 MB
128 MB	3	384 MB
256 MB	2	512 MB
1024 MB or more	1	One extent

Understanding SVC and Storwize V7000 controller path values

If you display the detailed description of a controller as seen by SVC, for each controller host port, you see a path value. The **path_count** is the number of MDisks that are using that port multiplied by the number of SVC or Storwize V7000 nodes, which equals 2 in this example. In Example 6, the Storwize V7000 cluster has two nodes and can access three XIV volumes (MDisks), so 3 volumes times 2 nodes equals 6 paths per WWPN.

You can confirm that the Storwize V7000 is using all six XIV interface modules. In Example 6, because the WWPN ending in 70 is from XIV Module 7, the module with a WWPN that ends in 60 is from XIV Module 6, and so on. XIV interface modules 4 – 9 are zoned to the SVC. To decode the WWPNs, use the process described in, “Determining XIV WWPNs” on page 7.

Example 6 Path count as seen by an SVC

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lscontroller 0
id 0
controller_name XIV_02_1310114
WWNN 5001738027820000
mdisk_link_count 3
max_mdisk_link_count 4
degraded no
vendor_id IBM
product_id_low 2810XIV-
product_id_high LUN-0
product_revision 0000
ctrl_s/n 27820000
allow_quorum yes
WWPN 5001738027820150
path_count 6
max_path_count 6
WWPN 5001738027820140
path_count 6
max_path_count 6
WWPN 5001738027820160
path_count 6
max_path_count 6
WWPN 5001738027820170
path_count 6
max_path_count 6
WWPN 5001738027820180
path_count 6
max_path_count 6
WWPN 5001738027820190
path_count 6
max_path_count 6
```

Configuring an XIV for attachment to SVC or Storwize V7000

This section presents the steps to configure the XIV and Storwize V7000 combination.

XIV setup

Use the following steps to set up the XIV Storage System. The steps are shown for using either the XIV GUI or CLI, and you can use either method.

1. Click **Hosts and Clusters** → **Hosts and Clusters**, and then define the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster either by clicking **Add Cluster**, as shown in Figure 5, or by using the XCLI, as shown Example 7. An SVC cluster consists of several nodes, with each SVC node defined as a separate host. Leave the default for Cluster Type. All volumes that you are mapping to the SVC or Storwize V7000 are mapped to the cluster to avoid problems with mismatched logical unit number (LUN) IDs.

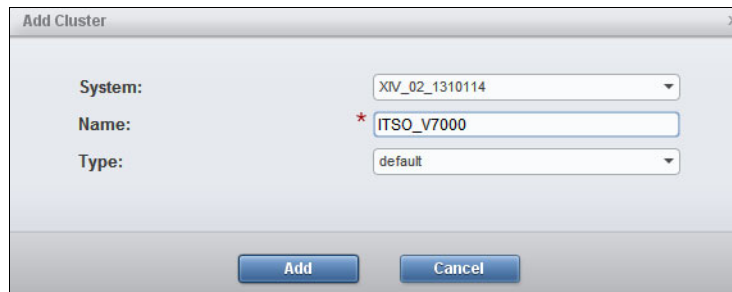


Figure 5 Define SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster to map to the XIV

Example 7 Define the SVC cluster to map to the XIV

```
cluster_create cluster="ITSO_V7000"
special_type_set cluster="ITSO_V7000" type="default"
```

2. After you click **Add Host**, define the SVC or Storwize V7000 nodes mapped to the XIV (as members of the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster), as shown in Figure 6 and in Example 8 on page 18. By defining each node as a separate host, you can get more information about individual SVC nodes from the XIV performance statistics display. You might need to do this up to eight times, depending on how many nodes you have.

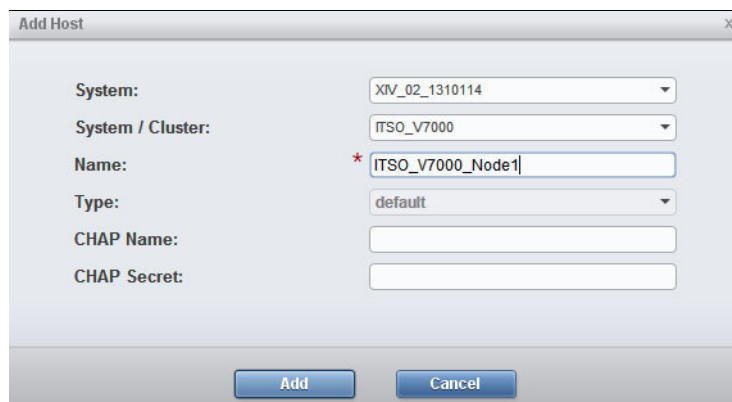


Figure 6 Adding SVC or Storwize V7000 nodes to the cluster

Example 8 Define the Storwize V7000 nodes mapped to the XIV

```
host_define host="ITSO_V7000_Node1" cluster="ITSO_V7000"  
host_define host="ITSO_V7000_Node2" cluster="ITSO_V7000"
```

3. Add the SVC or Storwize V7000 host ports to the host definition of each SVC or Storwize V7000 node by right-clicking it and selecting **Add Port**, as shown in Figure 7 and in Example 9. Define up to four ports per node. If you do not know what the WWPNs for the node are, you can use the `svcinfo lsnode` command against each node (use an SSH session to the SVC or Storwize V7000).

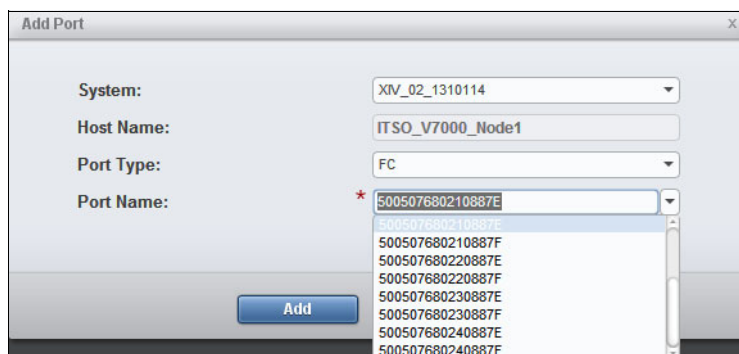


Figure 7 Adding SVC or Storwize V7000 host ports to the hosts defined on the XIV

Example 9 Define the WWPNs of the first SVC node

```
host_add_port host="ITSO_V7000_Node1" fcaddress="500507680210887E"  
host_add_port host="ITSO_V7000_Node1" fcaddress="500507680220887E"  
host_add_port host="ITSO_V7000_Node1" fcaddress="500507680230887E"  
host_add_port host="ITSO_V7000_Node1" fcaddress="500507680240887E"
```

4. Add the SVC or Storwize V7000 host ports to the host definition of the second node.
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for each SVC I/O group or Storwize V7000 cluster. If you have only two nodes (or one single-control enclosure Storwize V7000), you have only one I/O group.
6. In the XIV menu, click **Pools** → **Volumes by Pools**, and then create a storage pool by clicking **Create Pool**. Figure 8 on page 19 shows creating a pool with 10015 GB of space and no snapshot space. The total size of the pool is determined by the volume size that you choose to use.

Note: The pool size example that is shown in Figure 8 on page 19 is not an ideal size, so do not use it as a guide.

You do not need the snapshot space because you cannot use XIV snapshots with SVC MDisks (instead, use SVC or Storwize V7000 snapshots at the VDisk level).

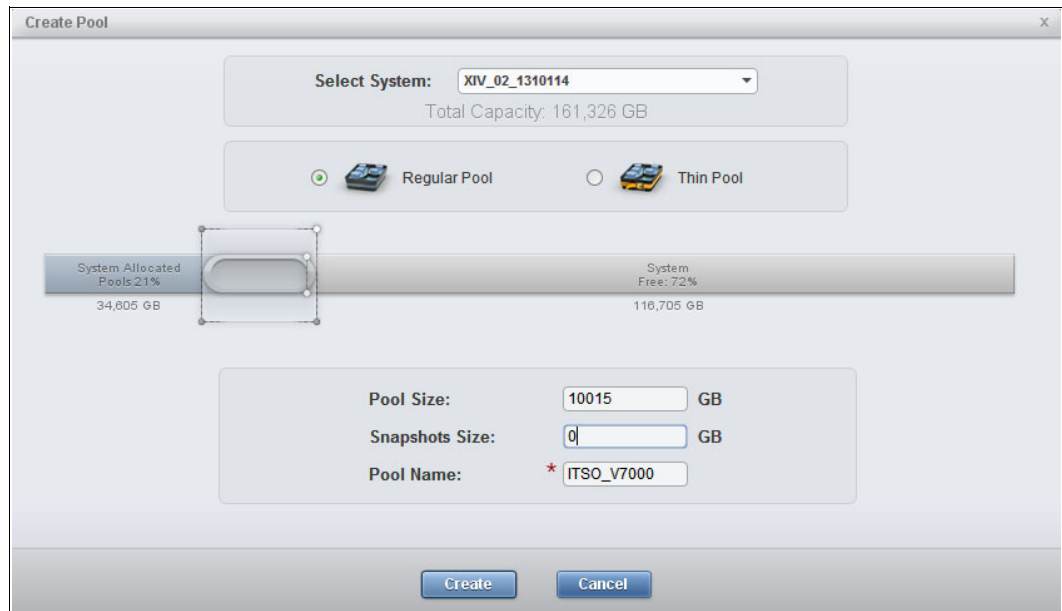


Figure 8 Create a pool on the XIV

Example 10 Create a pool on the XIV

```
pool_create pool="ITSO_V7000" size=10015 snapshot_size=0
```

Important: It is not supported to use an XIV Thin Pool with the SVC or Storwize V7000. You must use a Regular Pool. Example 10 and Figure 8 show creation of a Regular Pool (where the soft size is the same as the hard size).

7. Create the volumes in the pool on the XIV by clicking **Create Volumes**, as shown in Figure 9 and in Example 11 on page 20. This example creates volumes that are 3200 GB in size because that is the suggested volume size on an XIV system with 2-TB drives.

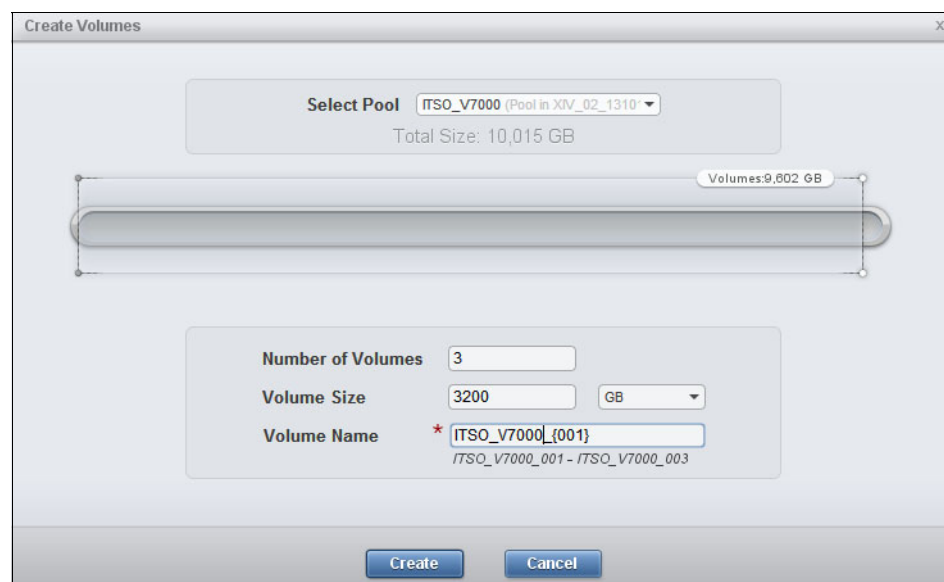


Figure 9 Add XIV volumes

Example 11 Commands to create XIV volumes for use by the SVC

```
vol_create size=3200 pool="ITS0_V7000" vol="ITS0_V7000_001"  
vol_create size=3200 pool="ITS0_V7000" vol="ITS0_V7000_002"  
vol_create size=3200 pool="ITS0_V7000" vol="ITS0_V7000_003"
```

8. Map the volumes. Select and right-click the volumes, and then select **Map selected volumes**, and choose either the SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster, as shown in Figure 10 and Example 12.



Figure 10 Map XIV volumes to the SVC or Storwize V7000

Example 12 Commands to map XIV volumes to the SVC cluster

```
map_vol cluster="ITS0_V7000" override=yes vol="ITS0_V7000_001" lun="1"  
map_vol cluster="ITS0_V7000" override=yes vol="ITS0_V7000_002" lun="2"  
map_vol cluster="ITS0_V7000" override=yes vol="ITS0_V7000_003" lun="3"
```

Important: All volumes must be mapped with the same LUN ID to all nodes of an SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster. Therefore, map the volumes to the cluster, not to individual nodes of the cluster.

Tip: The XIV GUI normally reserves LUN ID 0 for in-band management. The SVC or Storwize V7000 cannot take advantage of this, but neither is affected.

9. If necessary, change the system name for XIV so that it matches the controller name that is used on the SVC or Storwize V7000. If you are using the XIV GUI, click **Systems** → **System Settings** → **System** to change the XIV system name. Example 13 on page 21 uses the XCLI **config_get** command to determine the machine type and serial number. Then, you can use the XCLI **config_set** command to set the **system_name**. If your SVC is using code Version 5.1, limit the name to 14 characters. However, SVC and Storwize V7000 firmware Version 6.1 and later allow names of up to 63 characters.

Example 13 Command to set the XIV system name

```
XIV_02_1310114>>config_get
Name                                     Value
dns_primary                             Unknown
dns_secondary                           Unknown
system_name                             XIV_02_1310114
snmp_location                           Unknown
snmp_contact                             Unknown
snmp_community                           XIV
snmp_trap_community                       XIV
system_id                                10114
machine_type                             2810
machine_model                             214
machine_serial_number                     1310114
email_sender_address                      {severity}: {description}
email_reply_to_address                    iqn.2005-10.com.xivstorage:010114
email_subject_format                      {severity}: {description}
iscsi_name                                iqn.2005-10.com.xivstorage:010114
ntp_server                                Management
support_center_port_type                  Management
isns_server                               enabled
ipv6_state                                disabled
ipsec_state                               no
ipsec_track_tunnels                       no
impending_power_loss_detection_method     UPS
```

The XIV configuration tasks are now complete.

SVC setup steps

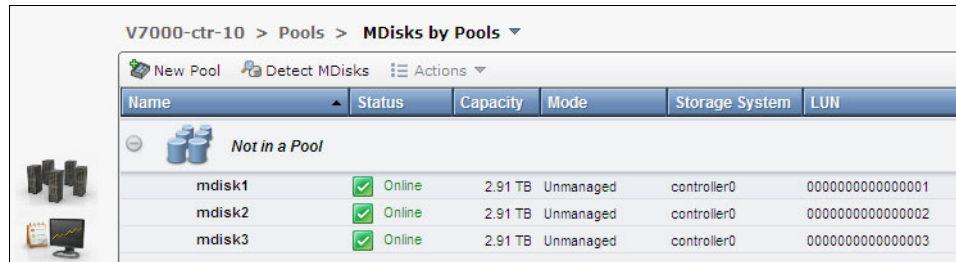
Assuming that the SVC or Storwize V7000 is zoned to the XIV, switch to the SVC or Storwize V7000 and run the following commands:

1. Detect the XIV volumes either by using the **svctask detectmdisk** CLI command, or use the SVC or Storwize V7000 GUI shown in Figure 11 to click **Pools** → **MDisks by Pools** → **Detect MDisks**.



Figure 11 Detecting MDisks by using the SVC or Storwize V7000 GUI

2. List the newly detected MDisks, shown in Figure 12 on page 22 and Example 14 on page 22, where there are three free MDisks. They are 2.91 TiB in size (3201 GB).



The screenshot shows the 'MDisks by Pools' section of the IBM Storwize V7000 GUI. It displays a table of detected MDisk groups. The table has columns for Name, Status, Capacity, Mode, Storage System, and LUN. There are three MDisk groups listed: mdisk1, mdisk2, and mdisk3, all with a status of 'Online' and a capacity of 2.91 TB. They are all in 'Unmanaged' mode and connected to 'controller0'.

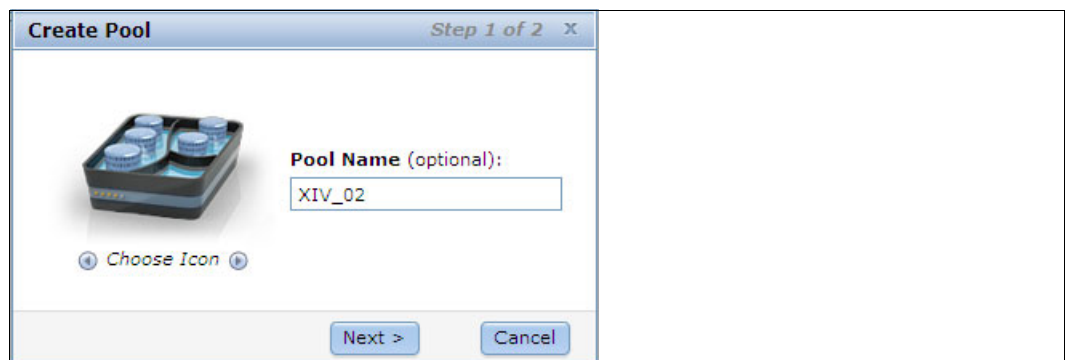
Name	Status	Capacity	Mode	Storage System	LUN
mdisk1	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	controller0	0000000000000001
mdisk2	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	controller0	0000000000000002
mdisk3	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	controller0	0000000000000003

Figure 12 XIV MDiskS detected by the SVC or Storwize V7000

Example 14 Command for New XIV MDiskS detected by SVC

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmdisk -filtervalue mode=unmanaged
id name      status mode      mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
1  mdisk1 online unmanaged                2.9TB ....
2  mdisk2 online unmanaged                2.9TB ....
3  mdisk3 online unmanaged                2.9TB ....
```

3. Create a pool (or MDisk group) on the SVC or Storwize V7000 by clicking **New Pool**. Figure 13 shows the Create Pool window.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Pool' window, which is part of a two-step process. It features a graphic of a storage unit on the left. On the right, there is a text input field for 'Pool Name (optional):' with the value 'XIV_02' entered. Below the input field is a 'Choose Icon' button. At the bottom of the window are 'Next >' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 13 Create an MDisk group or pool by using the XIV MDiskS

4. When you are prompted, select which MDiskS to place into the pool, as shown in Figure 14 on page 23.

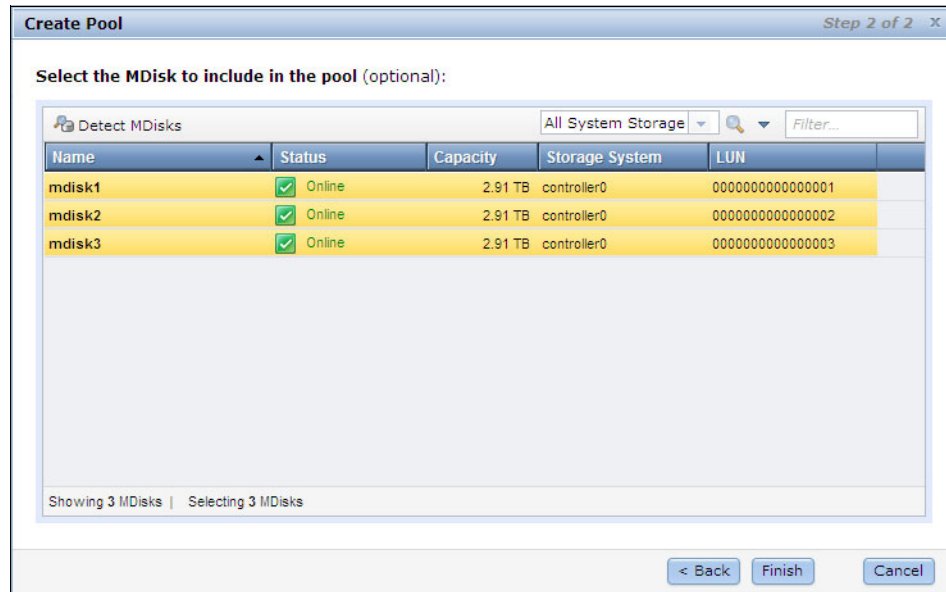


Figure 14 Select MDisk to include in the SVC or Storwize V7000 pool

In the Storwize V7000 or SVC GUI, there is no way to define the extent size for the pool. It defaults to 256 MB for SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware versions before 7.1. With 7.1, it defaults to 1024 MB. The SVC CLI offers the choice to specify a different extent size, but it also defaults to 256 MB before firmware Version 7.1. This is not an issue. However, if you choose to use the CLI, you can specify an extent size of 1024 MB, as shown in Example 15.

Example 15 Command to create the MDisk group

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>svctask mkmdiskgrp -name XIV_02 -mdisk 1:2:3 -ext 1024
MDisk Group, id [0], successfully created
```

Important: Adding a new managed disk group to the SVC might result in an SVC or Storwize V7000 report that you exceeded the virtualization license limit, with an event code 3025 or a message, such as CMMVC6373W: The virtualized storage capacity that the cluster is using exceeds the virtualized storage capacity that is licensed. Although this does not affect operation of the SVC, you continue to receive this error message until you correct the situation either by removing the MDisk group or by increasing the virtualization license. If you are not replacing the non-XIV disk with the XIV, ensure that you purchased an additional license. Then, increase the virtualization limit by using the **svctask chlicense -virtualization xx** command (where xx specifies the new limit in TB). Storwize V7000 licenses external storage by enclosure rather than TB. A 15-module XIV requires 15 enclosure licenses.

5. Relocate quorum disks, if necessary, as documented in “Using an XIV system for SVC or Storwize V7000 quorum disks” on page 15.

6. Rename the default controller name by clicking the name in **Pools** → **External Storage**, as shown in Figure 15.

A managed disk controller is given a default name by the SVC or Storwize V7000, such as controller0 or controller1 (depending on how many controllers are detected). Because the XIV can have a system name that is defined for it, match the two names closely. The controller name used by SVC Version 5.1 code cannot have spaces and cannot be more than 15 characters long. SVC firmware Version 6.1 and later and Storwize V7000 firmware have a 63-character name limit.



Figure 15 Rename the controller

In Example 16, controller number 2 is renamed to match the system name that is used by the XIV (which was set in Example 13 on page 21).

Example 16 Command to rename the XIV controller definition at the SVC

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lscontroller
id controller_name ctrl_s/n          vendor_id          product_id_low
product_id_high
0 controller0      27820000          IBM                2810XIV-
LUN-0
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>chcontroller -name "XIV_02_1310114" 0
```

Now you can follow one of the migration strategies described in the next section.

Data movement strategy overview

Three possible data movement strategies are described in this and subsequent sections. For more information about SVC data movement (migration), see these two IBM Redbooks® publications:

- ▶ *Data Migration to IBM Disk Storage Systems*, SG24-7432
- ▶ *Implementing the IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller V6.3*, SG24-7933

Using SVC migration to move data

You can use standard SVC and Storwize V7000 migration to move volumes from MDisk groups with MDisk groups from a non-XIV disk controller to MDisk groups with MDisk groups from XIV. This process does *not* require a host outage, but it does *not* allow the MDisk group extent size to be changed.

The process requires the following steps:

1. Start with existing volumes (VDisks) in an existing pool (MDisk group) that uses MDisk groups from an old storage device. Confirm the extent size of that MDisk group. This is called the *source* MDisk group.

2. Create new volumes on the XIV, and map these to the SVC or Storwize V7000 by using volumes that are sized according to the principles described in “XIV volume sizes” on page 12.
3. On the SVC or Storwize V7000, detect these new MDisk groups and use them to create a new MDisk group. This is called the *target* MDisk group. The target MDisk group must use the same extent size as the source MDisk group.
4. Migrate each VDisk from the source MDisk group to the target MDisk group.
5. When all of the VDIs have been migrated, you can choose to delete the source MDisk group (in preparation for removing the non-XIV storage), which puts the MDisk groups in this group in Unmanaged mode.

For more information, see “Using SVC or Storwize V7000 migration to move data to XIV” on page 26.

Using VDisk mirroring to move the data

You can use the VDisk copy (mirror) function in SVC firmware Version 4.3 and later to create two copies of the data, one in the source MDisk group and one in the target MDisk group. Remove the VDisk copy in the source MDisk group (pool) and retain the VDisk copy present in the target MDisk group. This process does *not* require a host outage, and it enables you to move to a larger MDisk group extent size. However, it also uses more SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster memory and processor power while the multiple copies are managed by the SVC or Storwize V7000.

The process requires the following steps:

1. Start with existing VDIs in an existing MDisk group. The extent size of that MDisk group is not relevant. This is called the *source* MDisk group.
2. Create new volumes on the XIV, and map these to the SVC or Storwize V7000 by using volumes that are sized according to the principles described in, “XIV volume sizes” on page 12.
3. Detect these XIV MDisk groups, and create an MDisk group by using an extent size of 1024 MB. This is called the *target* MDisk group.
4. For each VDisk in the source MDisk group, create a VDisk copy in the target MDisk group.
5. When the two copies are in sync, remove the VDisk copy from the source MDisk group.
6. When all of the VDIs are copied from the source MDisk group to the target MDisk group, either delete the source MDisk group (in preparation for removing the non-XIV storage) or split the VDisk copies and retain the copy from the source MDisk group for as long as necessary.

For more information, see “Using VDisk mirroring to move the data” on page 30.

Using SVC migration with Image mode

This migration method is used in the following situations:

- ▶ The extent size must be changed, but VDisk mirroring cannot be used.
- ▶ You want to move the VDIs from one SVC cluster to a different one.
- ▶ You want to move the data away from the SVC without using XIV migration.

If you take the Image mode VDisk from the SVC or Storwize V7000 to move it to another system, there will be a host outage, although you can keep it short (potentially only seconds or minutes).

Removing an Image mode VDisk requires the following steps:

1. Start with VDisks in an existing MDisk group. The extent size of this MDisk group might be small (for example, 16 MB). This is the *source* MDisk group.
2. Create XIV volumes that are the same size (or larger) than the existing VDisks. This might require extra steps, because the XIV volumes must be created by using 512-byte blocks. Map these specially sized volumes to the SVC.
3. Migrate each VDisk to Image mode by using these new volumes (presented as unmanaged MDisk groups). The new volumes move into the source MDisk group as Image mode MDisk groups, and the VDisks become Image mode VDisks.
4. Delete all of the Image mode VDisks from the source MDisk group. This is the disruptive part of this process. These are now unmanaged MDisk groups, but the data on these volumes is intact. You can map these volumes to a different SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster, or you can remove them from the SVC (in that case, the process is complete).

The following steps outline the process for bringing in an Image mode VDisk:

1. Create another managed disk group by using free space on the XIV. Use an extent size of 1024 MB. This is the *target* MDisk group.
2. Import the Image mode MDisk groups to managed mode VDisks by importing the MDisk groups into a *transition* MDisk group (which is automatically created by the import), and then move the data from the transition MDisk group to the *target* MDisk group. The MDisk groups are already on the XIV.
3. When the process is complete, delete the transition MDisk group, unmap the unmanaged MDisk volumes on the XIV, and delete these XIV volumes so that you can reuse the space. Use the space to create more volumes to present to the SVC. You can add these to the existing MDisk group or use them to create a new one.

For more information, see “Using SVC migration with Image mode” on page 37.

Using SVC or Storwize V7000 migration to move data to XIV

This process migrates data from a source MDisk group (pool) to a target MDisk group (pool) by using the same extent size. This process has no interruption to the host I/O.

Determine the required extent size and VDisk candidates

You must determine the extent size of the source MDisk group. Click **Pools** → **MDisks by Pools**, select **mdisk4**, right-click it, and select **Properties**. Figure 16 on page 27 shows the properties of mdisk4, and the stripe size (extent size) is 256 (MB).

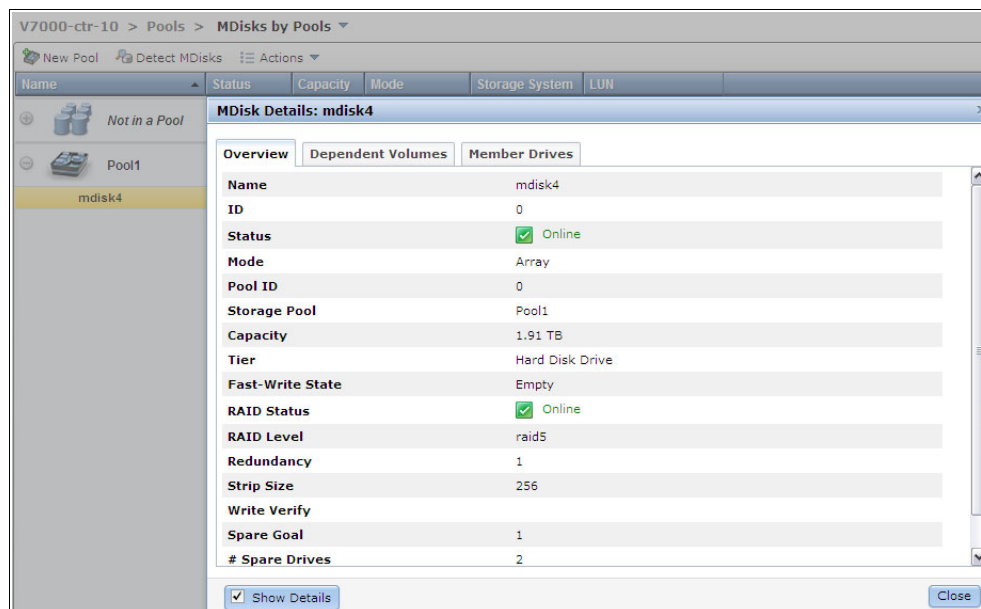


Figure 16 List MDisk properties

In Example 17, MDisk group ID 0 is the source group and has an extent size of 256 (MB).

Example 17 Command to list MDisk groups

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmdiskgrp
id name status mdisk_count vdisk_count capacity extent_size ....
0 Pool1 online 1 1 1.91TB 256 ....
```

To identify the VDisk to migrate, click **Pools** → **Volumes by Pool**. In Pool1, VDisk Vol1 is displayed, as shown in Figure 17.



Figure 17 Volumes by Pool window

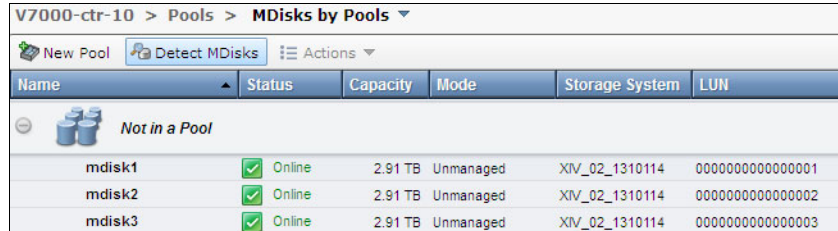
To get VDisks that belong to one pool (MDisk group), filter by MDisk group ID, as shown in Example 18, where only one VDisk must be migrated.

Example 18 Command to list VDisks filtered by the MDisk group

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsvdisk -filtervalue mdisk_grp_id=0
id name IO_group_id IO_group_name status mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
0 Vol1 0 io_grp0 online 0 Pool1 5.00GB ....
```

Create the MDisk group

You must create volumes on the XIV and map them to the Storwize V7000 cluster. After you do this, you can detect them under **Pools** → **MDisks by Pools** by clicking **Detect MDisks**, as shown in Figure 18, where three MDisks are displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'MDisks by Pools' view in the IBM Storwize V7000 management console. It displays a table with columns: Name, Status, Capacity, Mode, Storage System, and LUN. Three MDisks are listed: mdisk1, mdisk2, and mdisk3, all with a status of 'Online' and a capacity of 2.91 TB. The storage system for all is XIV_02_1310114.

Name	Status	Capacity	Mode	Storage System	LUN
mdisk1	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000001
mdisk2	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000002
mdisk3	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000003

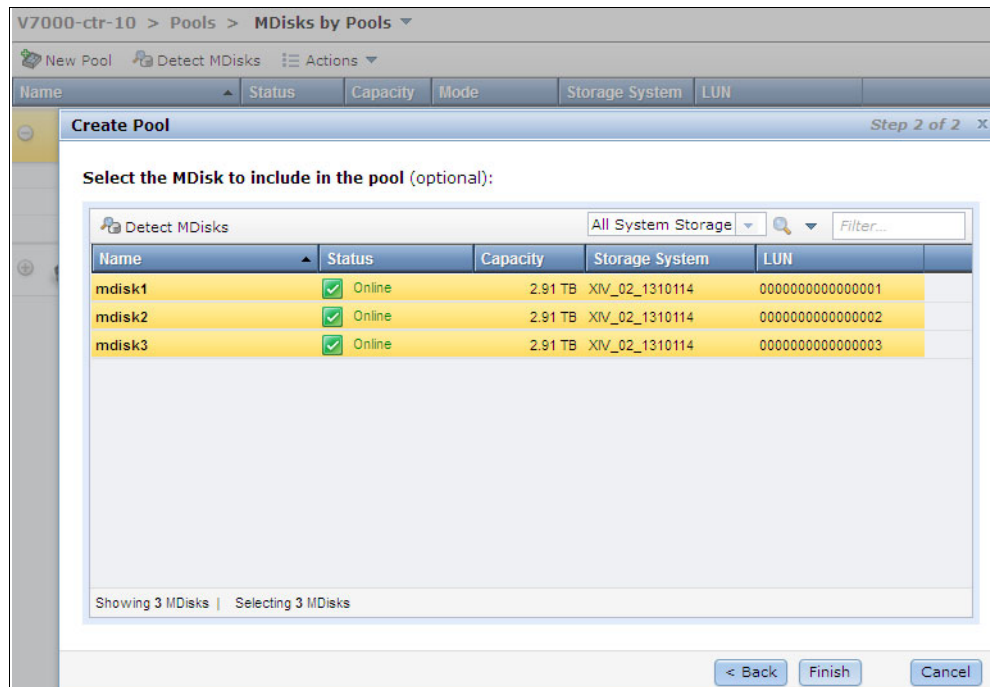
Figure 18 Detect MDisks

Example 19 shows the accompanying CLI commands.

Example 19 Commands for detecting new MDisks

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>detectmdisk
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmdisk -filtervalue mode=unmanaged
id name status mode mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ctrl_LUN# ....
1 mdisk1 online unmanaged 2.9TB 0000000000000001 ....
2 mdisk2 online unmanaged 2.9TB 0000000000000002 ....
3 mdisk3 online unmanaged 2.9TB 0000000000000003 ....
```

Then, create a pool called XIV02 by clicking **New Pool** and using the new XIV MDisks, with the same default extent size 256 MB as the source group, as shown in Figure 19.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Pool' dialog box in the IBM Storwize V7000 management console. It is titled 'Create Pool' and is on 'Step 2 of 2'. The main section is 'Select the MDisk to include in the pool (optional):'. It contains a table with columns: Name, Status, Capacity, Storage System, and LUN. Three MDisks are listed: mdisk1, mdisk2, and mdisk3, all with a status of 'Online' and a capacity of 2.91 TB. The storage system for all is XIV_02_1310114. At the bottom, there are buttons for '< Back', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

Name	Status	Capacity	Storage System	LUN
mdisk1	Online	2.91 TB	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000001
mdisk2	Online	2.91 TB	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000002
mdisk3	Online	2.91 TB	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000003

Figure 19 Create a new pool

The CLI command that the GUI invokes to create the pool is shown in Example 20.

Example 20 Command to create an MDisk group

```
svctask mkmdiskgrp -easytier auto -ext 256 -guid 0 -mdisk 3:2:1 -name XIV02 -warning 80%
```

The pool (ID 1) was successfully created.

Migration

Now you are ready to migrate the VDisk.

Click **Pools** → **Volumes by Pool**, right-click **Vol1**, and select **Migrate to Another Pool**. Then, select pool **XIV02** as illustrated in Figure 20.

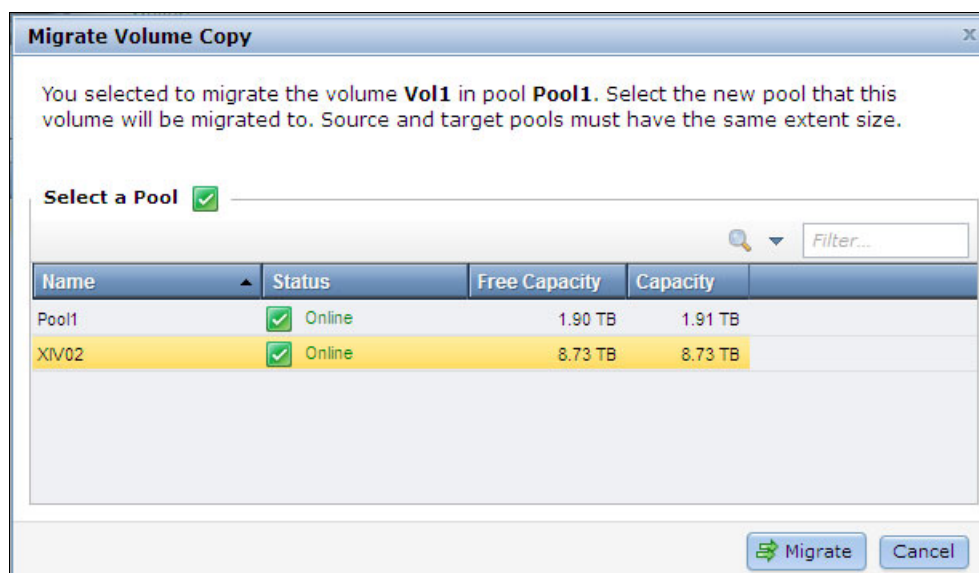


Figure 20 Migrate the VDisk to another pool

Example 21 shows the CLI command that the GUI invokes to migrate the VDisk to another pool.

Example 21 Command for migrating a VDisk

```
Svctask migratevdisk -copy 0 -mdiskgrp XIV02 -vdisk Vol1
```

After all VDisks are migrated from the source MDisk group, you can delete the source MDisk group by clicking **Pools** → **MDisks by Pools**, right-clicking **Pool1**, and selecting **Delete Pool**, which opens the Delete Pool window shown in Figure 21 on page 30.

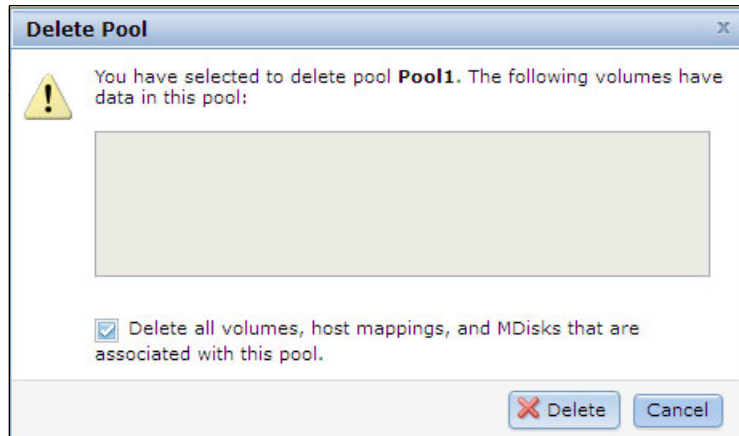


Figure 21 Delete Pool window

The corresponding CLI command is shown in Example 22.

Example 22 Command for removing non-XIV MDisks and the MDisk group

```
Svctask rmmdiskgrp -force 0
```

Important: Scripts that use VDisk names or IDs are not affected by the use of VDisk migration because the VDisk names and IDs do not change.

Using VDisk mirroring to move the data

This process mirrors data from a source MDisk group to a target MDisk group by using a different extent size, with no interruption to the host.

Determine the required extent size and VDisk candidates

The determination of the source MDisk group is as shown in Figure 16 on page 27 and in Example 17 on page 27.

The identification of the VDisks that you are migrating is as shown in Figure 17 on page 27 and in Example 18 on page 27.

Create the MDisk group

Create an MDisk group by using an extent size of 1024 MB with the three free MDisks that are shown in Figure 18 on page 28 and in Example 19 on page 28. In Example 23, the MDisk group with ID of one is created (id [1]). With SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware Versions before 7.1, you must use the CLI to create an MDisk group with an extent size different from the default size of 256 MB.

Example 23 Command for creating an MDisk group

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>mkmdiskgrp -name XIV02 -mdisk 1:2:3 -ext 1024
MDisk Group, id [1], successfully created
```

Set up the I/O group for mirroring

The I/O group requires reserved memory for mirroring. First, determine whether the memory is reserved. You can do that only by using the CLI. In Example 24, the output of the **lsiogrp 0** command shows that enough space is assigned for mirroring.

Example 24 Checking the I/O group for mirroring

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsiogrp 0
id 0
name io_grp0
node_count 2
vdisk_count 1
host_count 0
flash_copy_total_memory 20.0MB
flash_copy_free_memory 20.0MB
remote_copy_total_memory 20.0MB
remote_copy_free_memory 20.0MB
mirroring_total_memory 20.0MB
mirroring_free_memory 20.0MB
raid_total_memory 40.0MB
raid_free_memory 39.6MB
maintenance no
compression_active no
accessible_vdisk_count 1
compression_supported yes
```

Create the mirror

To create the VDisk mirror, click **Pools** → **Volumes by Pool**, right-click **Vol1**, and select **Volume Copy Actions** → **Add Mirrored Copy**.

When the Add Volume Copy window opens, select **XIV02** as the pool, and click **Add Copy**, as shown in Figure 22 on page 32.

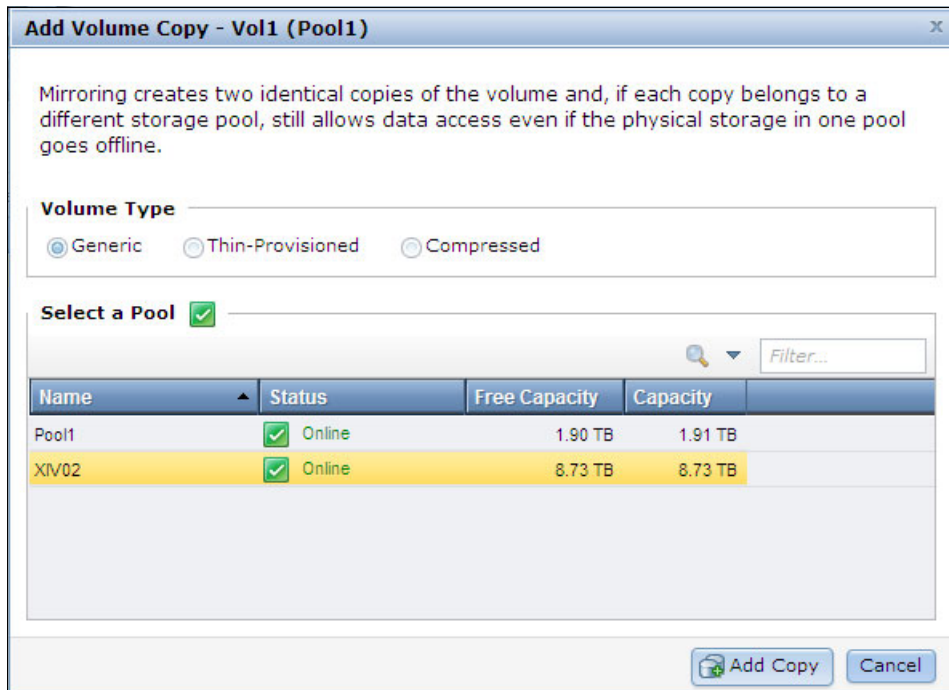


Figure 22 Add Volume Copy window

Example 25 shows the CLI command that the GUI invokes.

Example 25 Command for adding the volume copy

```
svctask addvdiskcopy -mdiskgrp 1 0
```

In Figure 23, the second volume copy is visible.

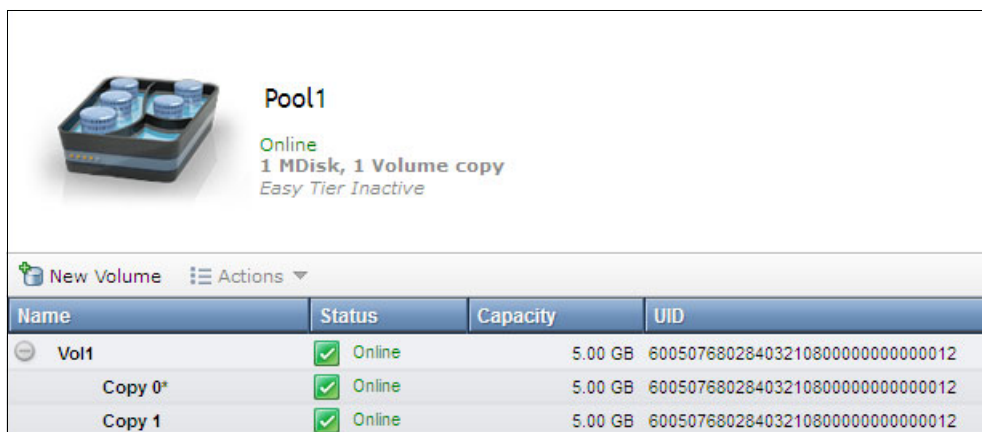


Figure 23 Volume copies listed

In Example 26, you can see the two copies (they are not yet in sync).

Example 26 Command for monitoring mirroring progress

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsvdiskcopy
vdisk_id vdisk_name copy_id status sync primary mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
0        Vol1       0      online yes   yes   0          Pool1       5.00GB ....
0        Vol1       1      online no    no    1          XIV02      5.00GB ....
```

To display the progress of the VDisk copy process, click **Running Tasks** at the bottom of the GUI, and select **Volume Synchronization**, as shown in Figure 24.

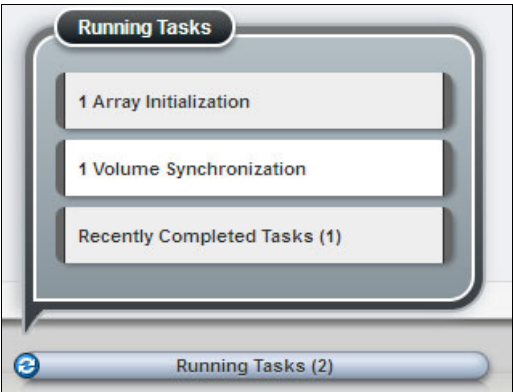


Figure 24 Running Tasks display

Figure 25 displays the progress.

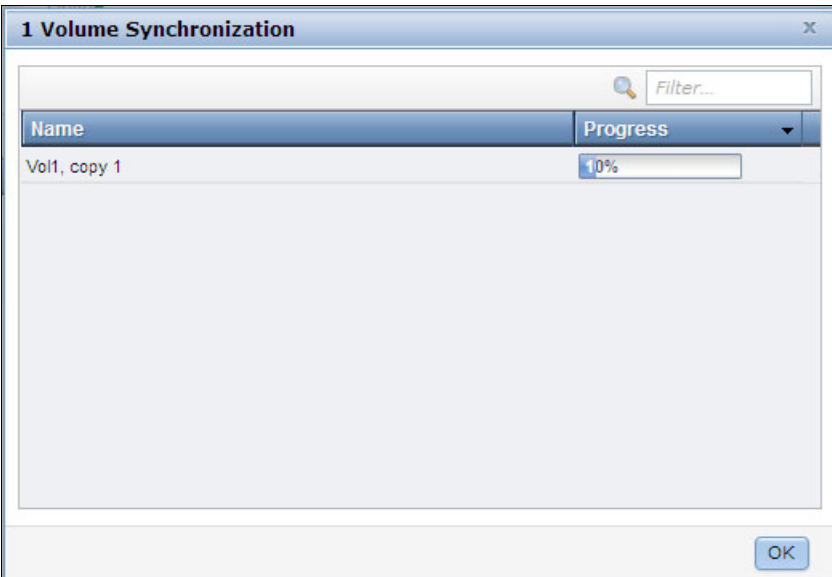


Figure 25 Volume Synchronization progress display

Example 27 shows the CLI command to monitor the VDisk sync progress.

Example 27 Command for checking the VDisk sync

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsvdisksyncprogress
vdisk_id vdisk_name copy_id progress estimated_completion_time
0         Vol1      1       11      131007134415
```

If copying proceeds too slowly, you can set a higher sync rate when you create the copy or at any time while the copy process is running. The default value is 50 (2 MBps), and the maximum value is 100 (64 MBps). This change affects the VDisk and any future copies.

Right-click **Vol1**, and select **Properties**.

Change the value of Mirror sync rate by using the Volume Details dialog window that is shown in Figure 26 on page 34.

Click **Save** after you change the sync rate.

Volume Details: Vol1

Overview | Host Maps | Member MDisks

Volume Name	Vol1
Volume ID	0
Status	Online
Capacity	5.00 GB
# of FlashCopy Mappings	0
Volume UID	60050768028403210800000000000012
Caching I/O Group	io_grp0
Accessible I/O Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> io_grp0
Preferred Node	node2
I/O Throttling	Disabled
Mirror Sync Rate	100
Cache Mode	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Cache State	Empty
UDID (OpenVMS)	

☒ Show Details

Copy 0

100%

Pool: Pool1

Striped

Copy Status: Online

Easy Tier Status: Inactive

Capacity:

SSD Tier: 0 bytes

HDD Tier: 5.00 GB

Total: 5.00 GB

Copy 1

100%

Pool: XIV02

Striped

Copy Status: Online

Easy Tier Status: Inactive

Capacity:

SSD Tier: 0 bytes

HDD Tier: 5.00 GB

Total: 5.00 GB

Figure 26 Volume Details window

Example 28 shows the corresponding CLI command.

Example 28 Command for changing the VDisk sync rate

```
svctask chvdisk -syncrate 100 Vol1
```

There are several possible sync rates, as listed in Table 9 on page 35. A value of zero prevents synchronization.

Table 9 VDisk copy sync rates

VDisk sync rate	Actual copy speed per second
0	Prevents synchronization
1 – 10	128 KBps
11 – 20	256 KBps
21 – 30	512 KBps
31 – 40	1 MBps
41 – 50	2 MBps
51 – 60	4 MBps
61 – 70	8 MBps
71 – 80	16 MBps
81 – 90	32 MBps
91 – 100	64 MBps

If you want to display the sync rates of all defined VDisks, paste the entire command that is shown in Example 29 into an SSH session.

Example 29 Command to display VDisk sync rates on all VDisks

```
svcinfo lsvdisk -nohdr |while read id name IO_group_id;do svcinfo lsvdisk $id
|while read id value;do if [[ $id == "sync_rate" ]];then echo $value"
"$name;fi;done;done
```

If you want to change the sync rate on all VDisks at the same time, paste the entire command that is shown in Example 30 into an SSH session. This example command sets the **syncrate** to 50 (2 MBps, which is the default). To set the **syncrate** on every VDisk to another value, change the value in the command from 50 to another number.

Example 30 Command for changing the VDisk syncrate on all VDisks at the same time

```
svcinfo lsvdisk -nohdr |while read id name IO_group_id;do svctask chvdisk
-syncrate 50 $id;done
```

Removing or splitting the VDisk copy

Now that the synchronization is finished, you can remove Copy 0 from the VDisk so that the VDisk uses only Copy 1 (which must be on the XIV). You can do this either by removing one copy or by splitting the copies.

Remove the VDisk copy

To delete Copy 0, right-click the copy, and select **Delete this Copy**, as shown in Figure 27 on page 36. This discards the VDisk copy in the MDisk source group. This is simple and quick, but it has one disadvantage, which is that you must mirror the data if you decide to reverse the change.

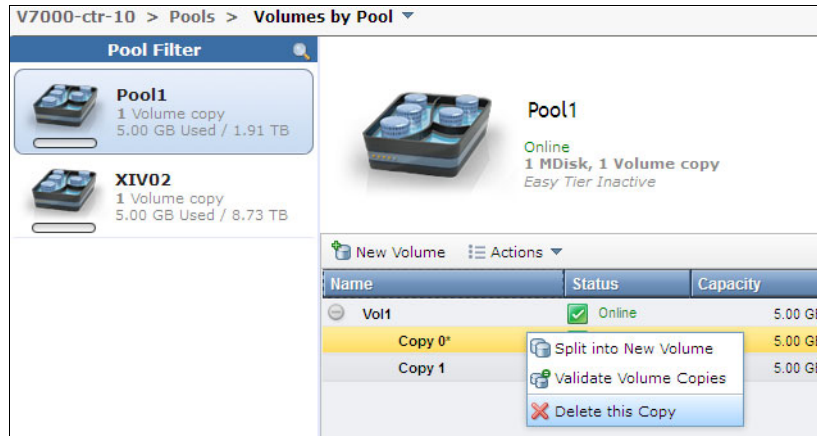


Figure 27 Delete the volume copy

Example 31 shows the corresponding CLI command.

Example 31 Command for removing the VDisk copy

```
svctask rmvdiskcopy -copy 0 0
```

Split the VDisk copies

Figure 28 and Figure 29 on page 37 show splitting the VDisk copies and moving Copy 0 (on the Pool1 MDisk group) to become a new, unmapped VDisk. This means that the host continues to access Copy 1 on the XIV02 MDisk group as VDisk 0. The advantage of doing this is that the original VDisk copy remains available if you decide to reverse the action (although it might no longer be in sync after you split the copies). Another step is necessary to specifically delete the new VDisk that was created when you split the two.

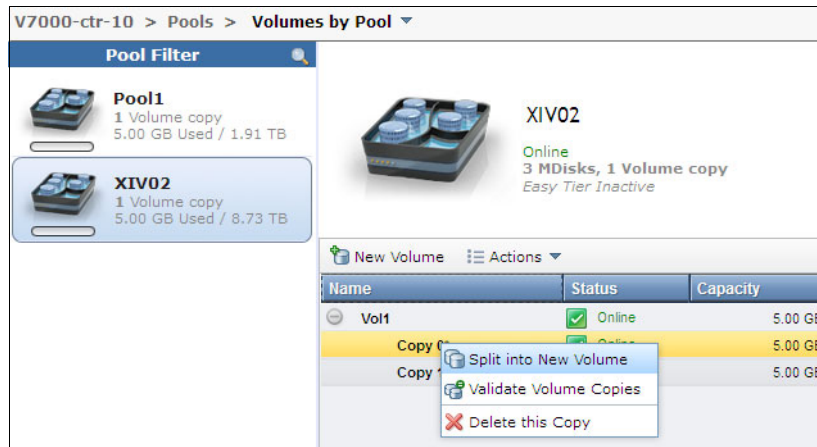


Figure 28 Split into New Volume selected in Volumes by Pool window

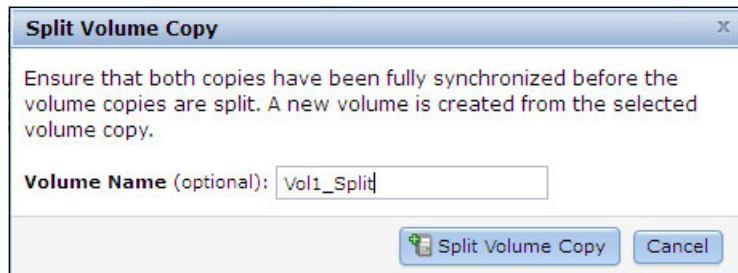


Figure 29 Split the volume copy and enter a new volume name

Example 32 shows the corresponding CLI command.

Example 32 Command for splitting the VDisk copies

```
svctask splitvdiskcopy -copy 0 -name Vol1_Split 0
```

Important: Scripts that use VDisk names or IDs are not affected by the use of VDisk mirroring because the VDisk names and IDs do not change. However, if you split the VDisk copies and continue to use Copy 0, it will be a new VDisk with a new name and a new ID.

Using SVC migration with Image mode

This process converts SVC or Storwize V7000 VDisks to Image mode MDisk on the XIV. You can reassign the XIV to a different SVC or release it from the SVC (you can use that method as a way of migrating from SVC to XIV). Because of this extra step, the XIV might require sufficient space to hold both the transitional volumes (for Image mode MDisk) and the final destination volumes (for managed mode MDisk if you migrate to managed mode).

Create Image mode destination volumes on the XIV

On the XIV, you must create one new volume for each SVC VDisk that you are migrating (it must be the exact size as the source VDisk or larger). These are to allow transition of the VDisk to Image mode. To do this, you must determine the size of the VDisk so that you can create a matching XIV volume.

To identify the VDisk to be migrated, click **Pools** → **Volumes by Pool**. In Pool1, VDisk Vol2 is displayed as shown in Figure 30 on page 38.



Figure 30 Volumes by Pool window

To ensure that the VDisks belong to one pool (MDisk group), by using the CLI, filter by MDisk group ID. In Example 33, Vol2 is the VDisk that must be migrated.

Example 33 Command for listing VDisks

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsvdisk -filtervalue mdisk_grp_id=0
id name IO_group_id IO_group_name status mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
0 Vol1 0 io_grp0 online 0 Pool1 5.00GB ....
1 Vol2 0 io_grp0 online 0 Pool1 10.00GB ....
```

Option 1. Create a larger volume

Now, you can make an XIV volume that is either larger than the source VDisk or that is exactly the same size. The easier solution is to create a larger volume. Because the XIV creates volumes in rounded-down 16 GiB portions (those display in the GUI as rounded decimal 17 GB chunks), you can create a 17 GB LUN. Navigate to **Pools → Volumes by Pools**, and click **Create Volumes** on the XIV GUI, as shown in Figure 31.

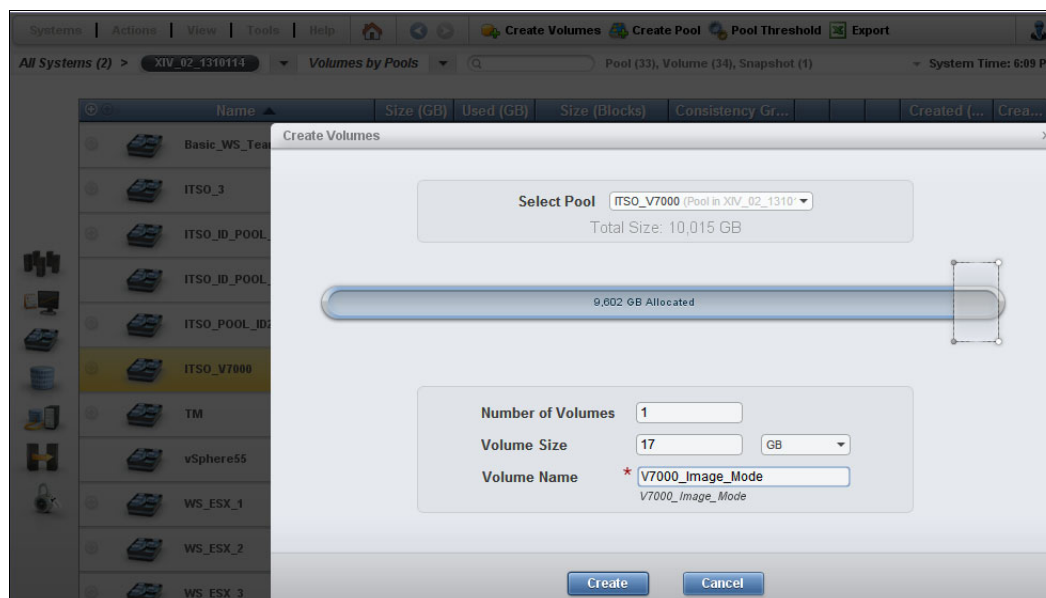


Figure 31 Create a volume on the XIV

Map it to the Storwize V7000 by right-clicking the **V7000_Image_Mode** volume and selecting **Map selected volumes**, as shown in Figure 32. In this example, the Storwize V7000 host is defined by the XIV as *ITSO_V7000*.

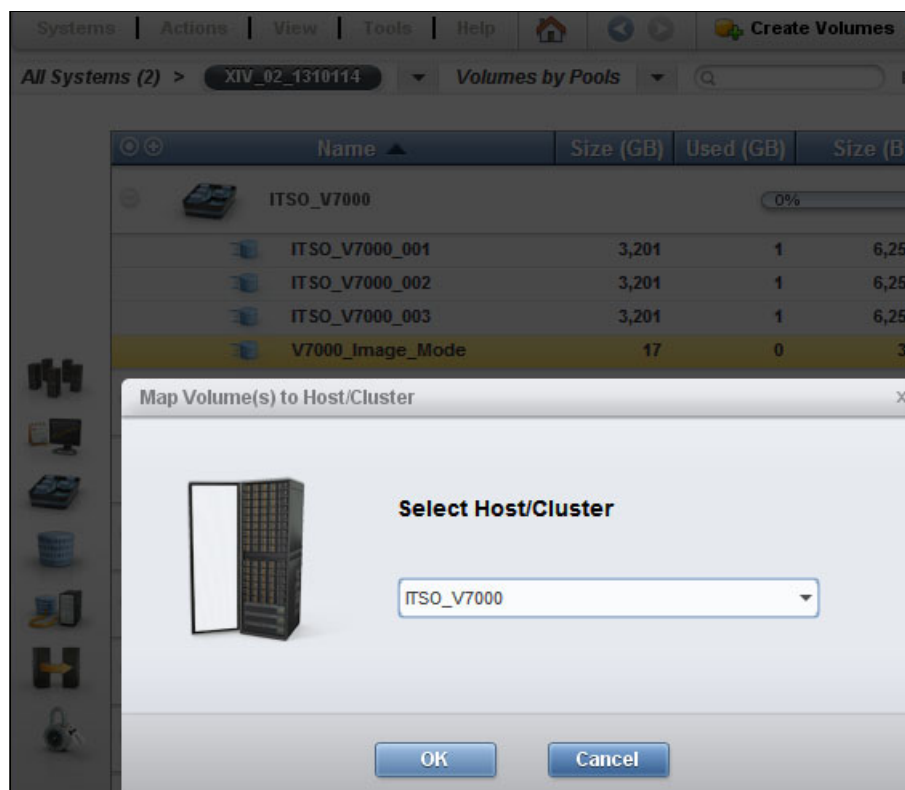


Figure 32 Map volumes on the XIV

Example 34 shows the corresponding XIV CLI commands.

Example 34 Commands to create transitional volumes

```
vol_create size=17 pool="ITSO_V7000" vol="V7000_Image_Mode"
map_vol cluster="ITSO_V7000" override=yes vol="V7000_Image_Mode" lun="4"
```

Option 2. Create a volume that is exactly the same size

The drawback of using a larger volume size is that you use extra space. Therefore, it is better to create a volume that is the same size. To do this, you must know the size of the VDisk of Vol2, which is 10 GiB as shown in Figure 30 on page 38 and in Example 33 on page 38.

Now that you know the size of the source VDisk in bytes, you can divide this value by 512 to get the size in blocks (there are always 512 bytes in a standard SCSI block). So, 10,737,418,240 bytes divided by 512 bytes per block is 20,971,520 blocks. This is the size that you use on the XIV to create your Image mode transitional volume, as shown in Figure 33 on page 40.

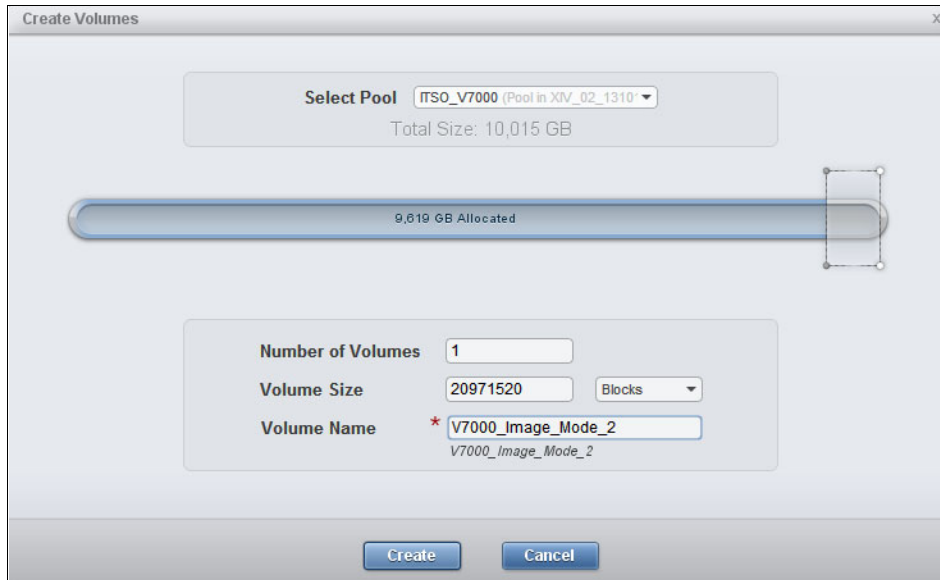


Figure 33 Create a volume in blocks on the XIV

Example 35 shows the XCLI command to create a volume by using blocks.

Example 35 Command for creating an XIV volume by using blocks

```
vol_create size_blocks=20971520 pool="ITS0_V7000" vol="V7000_Image_Mode_2"
```

After creating the volume, map the XIV to the Storwize V7000 (by using the XIV GUI or XCLI). Then, on the Storwize V7000, you can detect it as an unmanaged MDisk by using the **svctask detectmdisk** command or in the GUI under **Pools → MDisks by Pools** by clicking **Detect MDisks**, as shown in Figure 18 on page 28.

Migrate the VDisk to Image mode

Now, migrate the source VDisk to Image mode by using the MDisk that you created for transition. These examples show an MDisk identified as mdisk4 that is 16.03 GiB (17 GB rounded down on the XIV GUI). This example also shows what eventually happens if you do not match sizes exactly.

Figure 34 shows the MDisks. They are not in a pool, so they are unmanaged.

V7000-ctr-10 > Pools > MDisks by Pools ▾						
New Pool Detect MDisks Actions ▾						
Name	Status	Capacity	Mode	Storage System	LUN	
Not in a Pool						
mdisk4	Online	16.03 GB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000004	
mdisk5	Online	10.00 GB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000005	
Pool1	Online	1%		15.00 GB Used / 1.91 TB		
XIV02	Online	0%		0 bytes Used / 8.73 TB		

Figure 34 Unmanaged MDisks

In Example 36 on page 41, the unmanaged MDisks are listed by using the CLI.

Example 36 Command for listing unmanaged MDisk

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmdisk -filtervalue mode=unmanaged
id name      status mode      mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
4  mdisk4 online unmanaged          16.0GB ....
5  mdisk5 online unmanaged          10.0GB ....
```

In Example 33 on page 38 and in Figure 30 on page 38, a source VDisk (Vol2) of 10 GiB and a target MDisk (mdisk4) of 16.03 GiB are identified.

Now, migrate the VDisk into Image mode without changing pools (stay in Pool1, which is where the source VDisk is located). The target MDisk must be unmanaged to be able to do this. If you migrate to a different MDisk group, the extent size of the target group must be the same as the source group. The advantage of using the same group is simplicity, but the disadvantage is that the MDisk group contains MDisk from two different controllers. That is not the best option for normal operations.

Navigate to **Pools** → **Volumes by Pool**, right-click **Vol2**, and select **Export to Image Mode**, as shown in Figure 35.

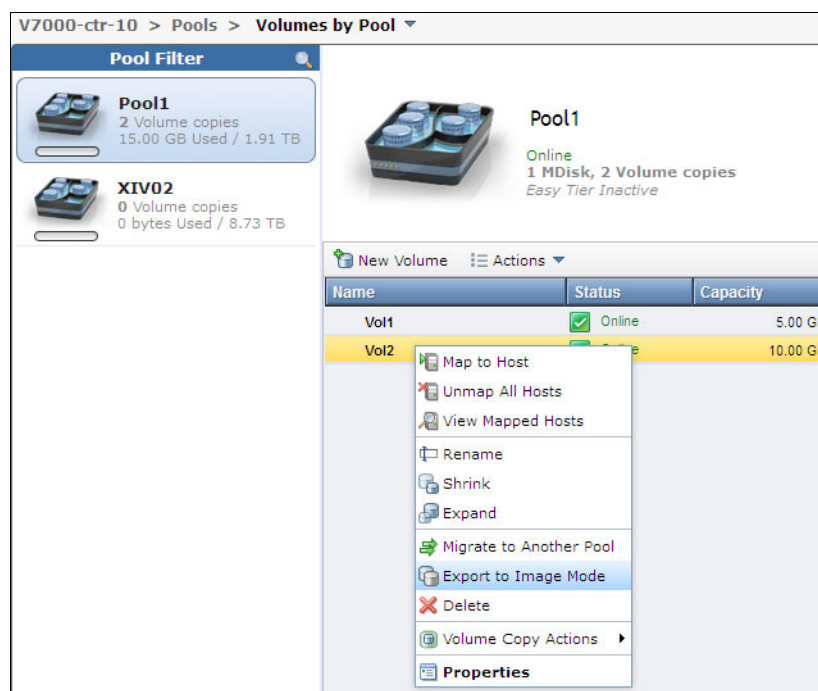


Figure 35 Export to Image mode

Select the MDisk (**mdisk4** in this example) target for Image mode migration, as shown in Figure 36 on page 42.

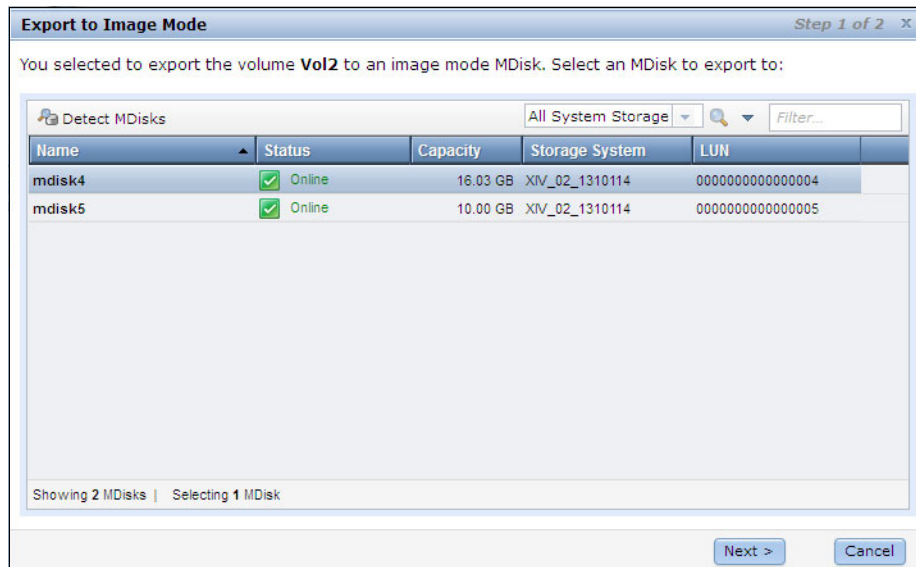


Figure 36 Export to Image mode MDisk selection

Select the target pool for the Image mode volume (**Pool1** in this example), as shown in Figure 37.

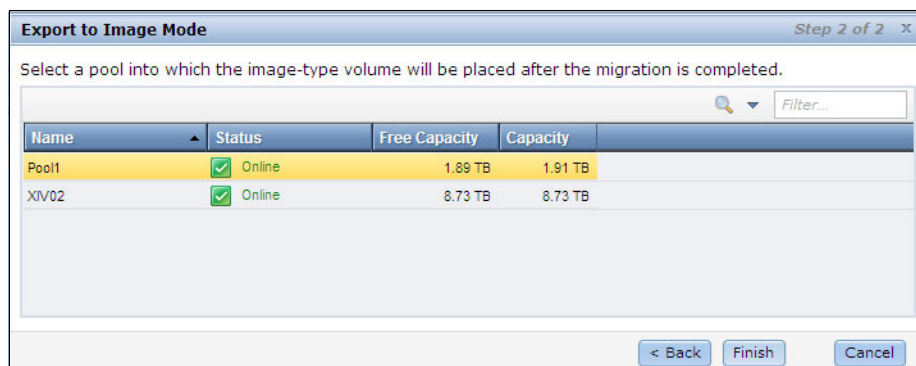


Figure 37 Export to Image mode pool selection

Example 37 shows the corresponding CLI command to start the migration.

Example 37 Command for migrating a VDisk to Image mode

```
svctask migratetoimage -mdisk mdisk4 -mdiskgrp Pool1 -vdisk Vol2
```

To monitor the migration and check for completion, click **Running Tasks**, as shown in Figure 24 on page 33 at the bottom of the GUI, and then select **Migration**. In the CLI, use the **lsmigrate** command shown in Example 38 (no response means that migration is complete).

Example 38 Command for monitoring the migration

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmigrate
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>
```

Important: You must confirm that the VDisk is in Image mode or data loss will occur in the next step.

Right-click the volume, and select **Properties** to open the Properties window shown in Figure 38.

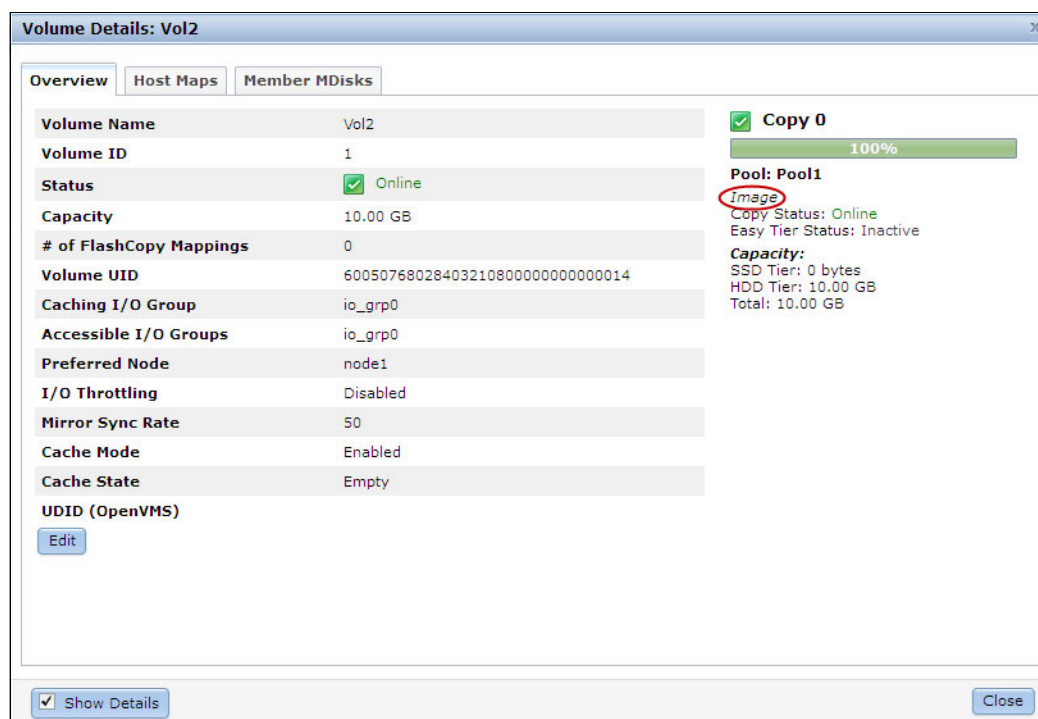


Figure 38 Confirm that the volume is in Image mode

Use the `lsvdisk` command in Example 39 to confirm that the volume is in Image mode.

Example 39 Command for using the `lsvdisk` command to verify that the volume is in Image mode

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsvdisk
id name IO_group_id IO_group_name status mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity type
0 Vol1 0 io_grp0 online 0 Pool1 5.00GB striped
1 Vol2 0 io_grp0 online 0 Pool1 10.00GB image
```

At this point, a system downtime outage is required.

Remove the Image mode VDisk

At the SVC or Storwize V7000, unmap the volume (which disrupts the host) and then remove the VDisk. At the host, you must have unmounted the volume (or shut down the host) to ensure that any data cached at the host has been flushed to the SVC. However, if write data is still in the cache for this VDisk at the SVC, you do not get an Empty message. You can check whether this is the case by displaying the `fast_write_state` for the VDisk by using an `svcinfo lsvdisk` command. You must wait for the data to flush from the cache, which might take several minutes.

To unmap the volume, right-click it and select **Unmap All Hosts**, as shown in Figure 39 on page 44.

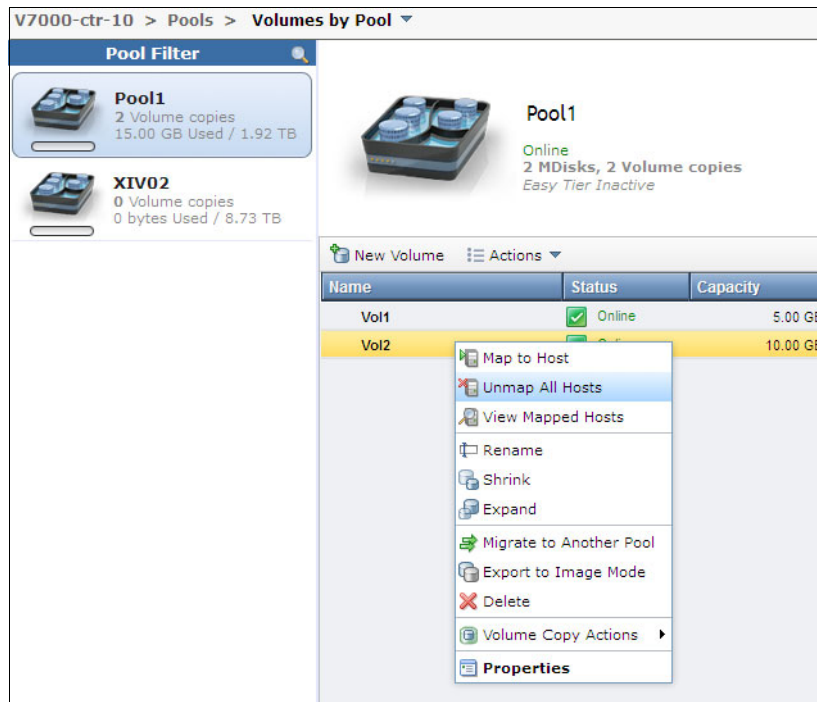


Figure 39 Unmap All Hosts selected

The corresponding CLI command is displayed in Example 40.

Example 40 Command for unmapping the host

```
rmvdiskhostmap -host Blade4 Vol2
```

To delete the volume, right-click it and select **Delete**, enter 1 for one volume, and click **Delete**, as shown in Figure 40.

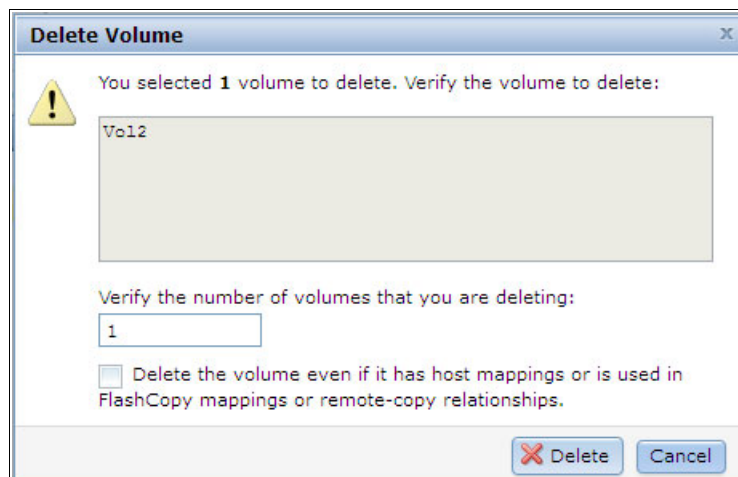


Figure 40 Delete Volume dialog window

Example 41 shows the corresponding CLI command.

Example 41 Command for deleting a volume

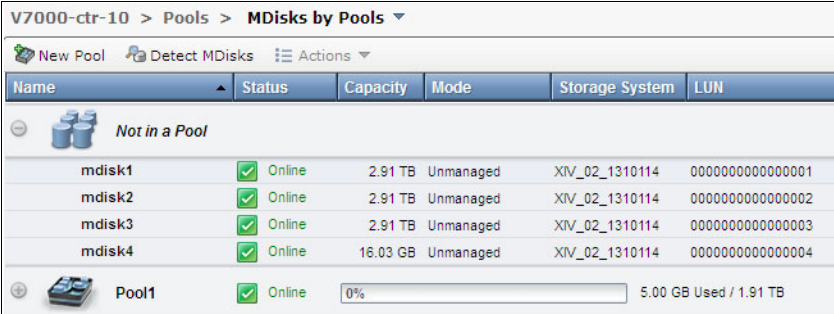
```
rmvdisk Vol2
```

The MDisk is now unmanaged (even though it contains data). From the XIV, remap that volume to a different SVC or Storwize V7000 cluster, or map the volume directly to a host (to convert that volume to a native XIV volume).

Migration from Image mode to managed mode

Now, migrate the VDisks from Image mode on individual Image mode MDisks to striped mode VDisks in a managed mode MDisk group. (These instructions are based on the assumption that the volume is already unmapped from the host on the XIV and mapped to SVC.) Use the Image mode MDisk from “Migrate the VDisk to Image mode” on page 40 for the following examples.

First, create a new pool (MDisk group) by using volumes on the XIV that you intend to use as the destination. Detect the MDisks under **Pools** → **MDisks by Pools** by clicking **Detect MDisks**, as shown in Figure 11 on page 21. Four MDisks are displayed in Figure 41. MDisk4 is the Image mode MDisk. Create a pool for the other three MDisks (MDisk group).



Name	Status	Capacity	Mode	Storage System	LUN
Not in a Pool					
mdisk1	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000001
mdisk2	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000002
mdisk3	Online	2.91 TB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000003
mdisk4	Online	16.03 GB	Unmanaged	XIV_02_1310114	0000000000000004
Pool1					
	Online	0%		5.00 GB Used / 1.91 TB	

Figure 41 Detect MDisks by pools

Example 42 shows the accompanying CLI command.

Example 42 Command for listing the free MDisks

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsmdisk -filtervalue mode=unmanaged
id name      status mode      mdisk_grp_id mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
1  mdisk1 online unmanaged                2.9TB ....
2  mdisk2 online unmanaged                2.9TB ....
3  mdisk3 online unmanaged                2.9TB ....
4  mdisk4 online unmanaged                16.0GB ....
```

Create an MDisk group by using an extent size of 1024 MB with the three free MDisks. In Example 43, an MDisk group with an ID of 1 (id [1]) is created. In SVC or Storwize V7000 firmware versions before 7.1, you can create an MDisk group with a different extent size than the default of 256 MB only through the CLI.

Example 43 Command for creating the target MDisk group

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>mkmdiskgrp -name XIV02 -mdisk 1:2:3 -ext 1024
MDisk Group, id [1], successfully created
```

Now, import the Image mode MDisk, **mdisk4**, to an Image mode VDisk (volume) by right-clicking the MDisk and selecting **Import** (see Figure 42 on page 46).

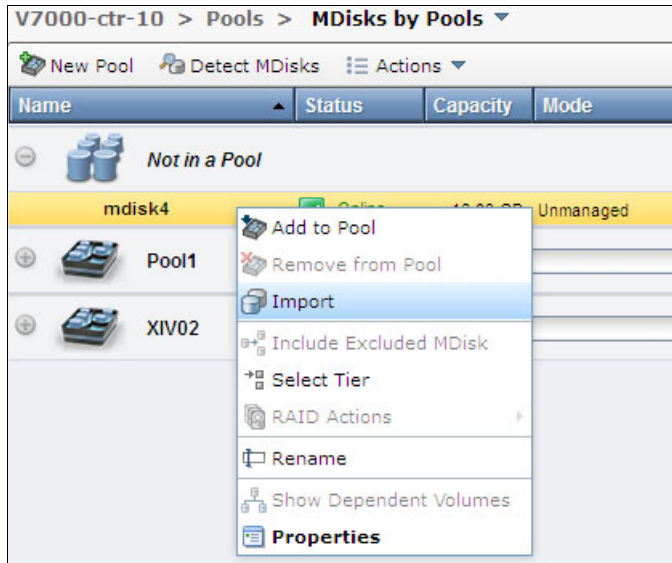


Figure 42 Import selected to import the MDisk

When the Import Wizard window shown in Figure 43 opens, click **Next**.

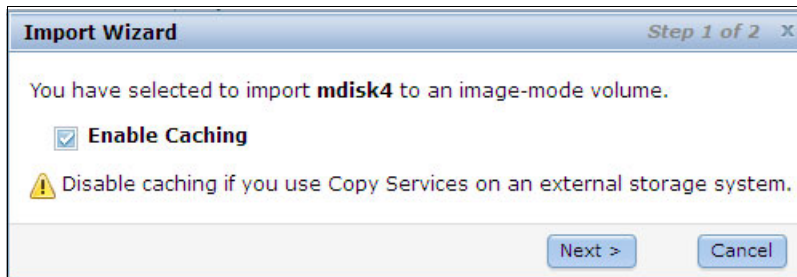


Figure 43 Import Wizard, Step 1

Select pool **XIV02**, and then click **Finish**, as shown in Figure 44.

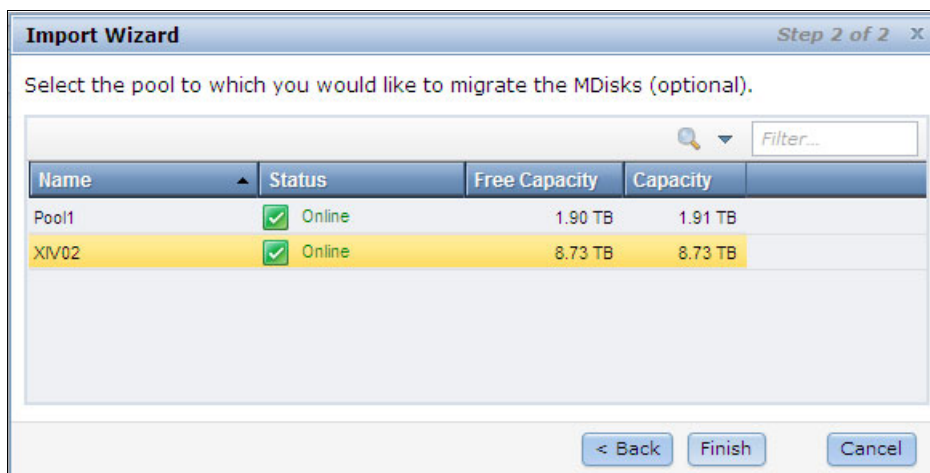


Figure 44 Import Wizard, Step 2

The corresponding CLI commands to import and migrate the VDisk are shown in Example 44 on page 47.

Example 44 Commands to import and migrate the VDisk

```
svctask mkvdisk -iogrp io_grp0 -mdisk mdisk4 -mdiskgrp MigrationPool_1024 -name
XIV_02_1310114_000000000000000004 -syncrate 80 -vtype image
svctask migratevdisk -mdiskgrp XIV02 -vdisk 1
```

For this example, we created an Image mode VDisk from the MDisk in the automatically created pool, MigrationPool_1024. In the second step, we migrated the VDisk to pool XIV02. Notice in Figure 45 that it is now 16.03 GB rather than 10 GB. This is because we initially migrated it to a 16 GB Image mode MDisk. It is better to use the 10 GB Image mode MDisk instead.

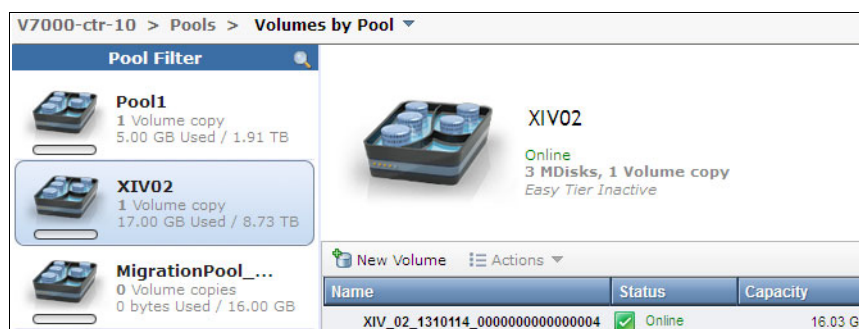


Figure 45 Volumes by Pool window

Use the **lsvdisk** command to confirm the size of the volume, as shown in Example 45.

Example 45 Command for confirming VDisk space use

```
IBM_2076:V7000-ctr-10:superuser>lsvdisk
id name ..... mdisk_grp_name capacity ....
0 Vol1 ..... Pool1 5.00GB ....
1 XIV_02_1310114_000000000000000004 .... XIV02 16.03GB ....
```

Under **Running Tasks**, check whether the migration has finished, as shown in Figure 24 on page 33 at the bottom of the GUI. Then, either select **Migration** or run the **ismigrate** command (no response means that the migration is finished) shown in Example 38 on page 42.

Remove transitional MDisk group

Now, under **Pools** → **MDisks by Pools**, you can delete MigrationPool_1024 by right-clicking **MigrationPool_1024** and selecting **Delete Pool** to open the Delete Pool window that is shown in Figure 46 on page 48. The deletion of MigrationPool_1024 also places mdisk4 in unmanaged mode.

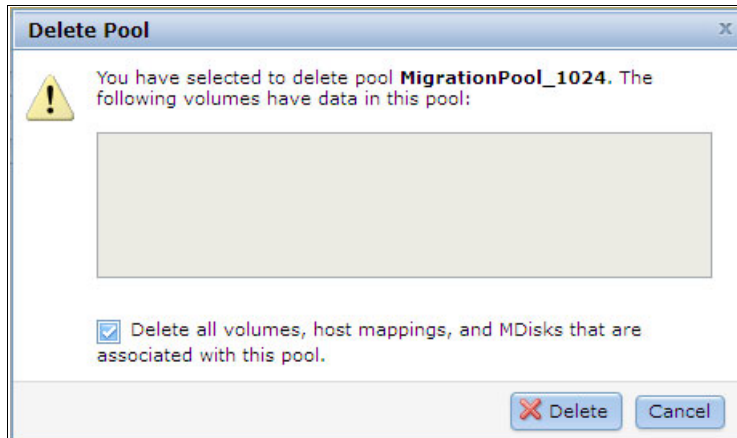


Figure 46 Delete Pool window to delete the migration pool

Example 46 shows the accompanying CLI command.

Example 46 Command to delete the MDisk migration group

```
svctask rmmdiskgrp -force 2
```

You can then unmap and delete the transition volume on the XIV to free the space so you can reuse that space for other migrations.

Use transitional space as managed space

If all volumes are migrated from non-XIV disks to XIV disks, you can now use the space on the XIV that you reserved for the transitional Image mode MDisks to create new volumes to assign to the SVC. These volumes can be put into either the existing MDisk group or a new MDisk group.

Remove non-XIV MDisks

The non-XIV disk controller's MDisks still exist. You can remove the MDisk group. Then, by using the non-XIV disk interface, you can unmap these LUNS from the SVC and reuse or remove the non-XIV disk controller.

Future configuration tasks

This section documents other tasks that might be necessary after installation and migration are finished.

Adding capacity to the XIV

When more capacity is added to a partially populated XIV, perform the following steps:

1. IBM adds the additional modules as a hardware upgrade (known as a miscellaneous equipment specification, or MES). The additional capacity appears as free space after the IBM service support representative completes the process to equip these modules.

Note: If the XIV has the Capacity on Demand (CoD) feature, no hardware change or license key is necessary to use available capacity that you have not purchased yet. You simply start using the additional capacity until all available usable space is allocated. The billing process to purchase this capacity occurs afterward.

2. From the Pools section of the XIV GUI, right-click the relevant pool and resize it, depending on how you plan to split the new capacity between any pools. If all of the space on the XIV is dedicated to a single SVC, there might be only one pool.
3. From the Volumes by Pools section of the XIV GUI, add new, identically sized volumes until you cannot create more volumes. (There is space left over that you can use as scratch space for testing and for non-SVC hosts.)
4. From the Host section of the XIV GUI, map these new volumes to the relevant SVC cluster. This completes the XIV portion of the upgrade.
5. From the SVC, detect and then add the new MDisk to the existing managed disk group. Alternatively, you can create a new managed disk group. Every MDisk uses a different XIV host port. Ideally, a new MDisk group contains several MDisk to spread the Fibre Channel traffic.
6. If new volumes are added to an existing managed disk group, “Why an extent rebalance might be desirable” explains when it might be desirable to rebalance the existing extents across the new space.

Why an extent rebalance might be desirable

The SVC or Storwize V7000 before firmware Version 6.3 uses one XIV host port as a preferred port for each MDisk. If a VDisk is striped across eight MDisk, I/O from that VDisk is potentially striped across eight separate I/O ports on the XIV. If the space on these eight MDisk is fully allocated, when new capacity is added to the MDisk group, new VDisk are striped only across the new MDisk. If additional capacity that supplies only two new MDisk is added, I/O for VDisk striped across just those two MDisk is directed to only two host ports on the XIV. Therefore, the performance characteristics of these VDisk might be slightly different even though all XIV volumes have effectively the same back-end disk performance. You can find the script to do an extent rebalance in the IBM developerWorks® Community for Scripting Tools for SAN Volume Controller:

<http://ibm.co/1c9h0Gr>

SVC with XIV implementation checklist

Table 10 contains a checklist that you can use when you are implementing XIV behind SVC. It is based on the assumption that the XIV has been installed already by the IBM service support representative.

Table 10 XIV implementation checklist

Task number	Completed	Where to perform	Task
1		SVC	Increase SVC virtualization license if required.
2		XIV	Get XIV WWPNs.
3		SVC	Get SVC WWPNs.
4		Fabric	Zone XIV to SVC (one big zone).
5		XIV	Define the SVC cluster as a cluster.
6		XIV	Define the SVC nodes as hosts.
7		XIV	Add the SVC ports to the hosts.
8		XIV	Create a storage pool.
9		XIV	Create volumes in the pool.
10		XIV	Map the volumes to the SVC cluster.
11		XIV	Rename the XIV.
12		SVC	Detect the MDisk.
13		SVC	Rename the XIV controller.
14		SVC	Rename the XIV MDisk.
15		SVC	Create an MDisk group.
16		SVC	Relocate the quorum disks if necessary.
17		SVC	Identify VDIsks to migrate.
18		SVC	Mirror or migrate your data to XIV.
19		SVC	Monitor migration.
20		SVC	Remove non-XIV MDisk.
21		SVC	Remove non-XIV MDisk group.
22		Non-XIV storage	Unmap LUNs from SVC.
23		SAN	Remove zone that connects SVC to non-XIV disk.
24		SVC	Clear 1630 error that was generated by Task 23 (unzoning non-XIV disk from SVC).

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