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PURE STORAGE FLASHARRAY PLUG-IN

FOR ORACLE ENTERPRISE MANAGER





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INTRODUCTION

Pure Storage® provides simple, comprehensive integration with the Oracle® Enterprise Manager platform via the Pure Storage REST API and the FlashArray Plug-in for OEM. This guide provides an overview of the plug-in's integration with OEM and best practices for its use.

PREREQUISITES

Oracle Environment Prerequisites

The following sections describe the supported software versions and operating systems for the various components of the Oracle Enterprise Manager system.

ORACLE ENTERPRISE MANAGER

The plug-in supports the following Oracle Enterprise Manager versions:

• Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control 13c R3 (13.3.1.0.0)

ORACLE MANAGEMENT SERVER (OMS)

The plug-in is supported for all Oracle Management Server platforms.

ORACLE MANAGEMENT AGENT (OMA)

The plug-in is supported for the following Oracle Management Agent platforms:

- Linux x86-64
- Microsoft Windows x64 (64-bit)
- Oracle Solaris on SPARC (64-bit)

Pure Environment Prerequisites

The plug-in uses the Pure Storage REST API for data collection from the Pure Storage array. The following versions of the REST API are supported:

• Pure Storage REST API 1.4 or later





INSTALLING AND CONFIGURING THE PURE STORAGE FLASHARRAY PLUG-IN

Installation Overview

This chapter describes installation and configuration steps in detail.

Ensure that the OEM environment is properly setup for plug-in deployment before beginning. The **emcli** utility must be configured and working locally on the Oracle Management Server to successfully complete the installation.

Download the Plug-in

To download the plug-in, go to the Oracle Extensibility Exchange website (http://www.oracle.com/goto/emextensibility) and search for the Pure Storage FlashArray plugin. That website will redirect to the VLSS download page (http://www.vlss-llc.com/pure-storage-oem/), where the plug-in zip file can be downloaded. The zip file contains the OPAR as well as a PDF copy of this document.

Transfer the OPAR to any accessible location on the Oracle Management Server host.

Import the Plug-in OPAR

After the OPAR is located on the management server, it needs to be imported into the OEM environment. Use the **emcli** utility to import the OPAR.

Login to the OMS from the command line:

\$ emcli login -username=sysman

Type the following command:

\$ emcli import_update -file="<path to downloaded *.opar file>" -omslocal

The **-omslocal** flag indicates that the file is located on the same host as the Oracle Management Server. Please see the Oracle documentation for importing the OPAR from a remote host.

For example:

\$ emcli import_update -file=/home/oracle/Downloads/13.3.1.0.0_vlss.pure.xvp1_2000_0.opar -omslocal Processing update: Plug-in - Pure Storage Flash Array. Operation completed successfully. Update has been uploaded to Enterprise Manager. Please use the Self Update Home to manage this update.





Deploy the Plug-in on the Oracle Management Server (OMS)

After the OPAR is imported, it must be deployed on the OMS. There are two methods to deploy to the OMS:

THROUGH THE OEM CONSOLE

To deploy the plug-in through the console:

- 1. From the Setup menu, select Extensibility and then Plug-ins.
- From the Plug-ins page, select the Pure Storage FlashArray plug-in. Then select Deploy On and choose Management Servers.

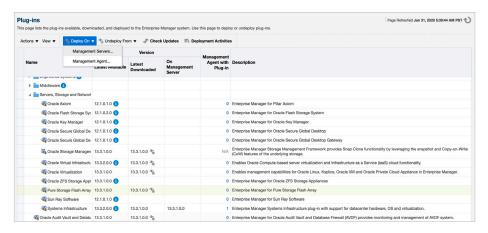


FIGURE 1. Deploying the plug-in on OMS

- 3. In the Deploy Plug-in on Management Servers: Plug-ins page, click Next.
- 4. In the **Deploy Plug-in on Management Servers: Pre-requisite Checks** page, verify that the checks were successfully completed and click **Next**.
- 5. In the **Deploy Plug-in on Management Servers: Repository** page, enter the SYS credentials for the repository or select existing credentials and click **Next**.
- 6. In the Deploy Plug-in on Management Servers: Review page, click Deploy to deploy the plug-in on the OMS.
- 7. In the **Deploy Plug-in on Management Servers: Confirmation** page, click **Show Status** to view the steps of the deployment.
- 8. In the **Deployment Activities** page, verify that the deployment was successful with a green checkmark in the **Status** column.





THROUGH THE EMCLI UTILITY

1. Type the following command:

```
$ emcli deploy_plugin_on_server -sys_password=<Repository SYS password>
-plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1:13.3.1.0.0
```

2. The deploy will run in the background after the following output:

```
Performing pre-requisites check... This will take a while.

Prerequisites check succeeded

Deployment of plug-in on the management servers is in progress

Use "emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1" to track the plug-in deployment status.
```

3. Verify the deployment is successful by running the status command:

\$ emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1

Deploy the Plug-in on the Oracle Management Agent (OMA)

Now the plug-in must be deployed on at least one OMA which can connect to the Pure Storage REST API. Again, there are two methods of deploying to an OMA:

THROUGH THE OEM CONSOLE

To deploy the plug-in through the console:

- 1. From the **Setup** menu, select **Extensibility** and then **Plug-ins**.
- From the Plug-ins page, select the Pure Storage FlashArray plug-in. Then select Deploy On and choose Management Agent.

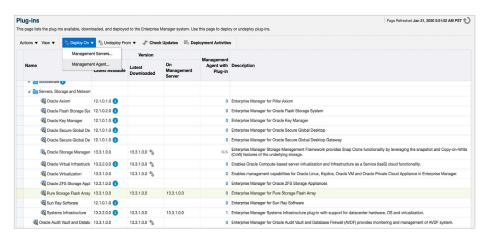


FIGURE 2. Deploying the plug-in on OMA

3. In the Deploy Plug-in on Management Agent page, click Continue.





- In the Deploy Plug-in on Management Agent: Select Management Agent page, select an agent for deployment and click Continue.
- In the Deploy Plug-in on Management Agent: Pre-requisite Checks page, verify that the checks were successfully completed and click Next.
- 6. In the Deploy Plug-in on Management Agent: Review page, click Deploy to deploy the plug-in on the OMA.
- 7. In the **Deploy Plug-in on Management Agent: Confirmation** page, click **Show Status** to view the steps of the deployment.
- 8. In the **Deployment Activities** page, verify that the deployment was successful with a green checkmark in the **Status** column.

THROUGH THE EMCLI UTILITY

1. Type the following command:

```
$ emcli deploy_plugin_on_agent -agent_names="<Hostname of agent>:<Port>"
-plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1:13.3.1.0.0
```

2. The deploy will run in the background after the following output:

```
Performing pre-requisites check... This will take a while.

Prerequisites check succeeded

Deployment of plug-in on the management agent is in progress

Use "emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1" to track the plug-in deployment status.
```

3. Verify the deployment is successful by running the status command:

```
$ emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1
```

Verify Plug-in Deployment

To verify that the plug-in deployment was successful, check the Exensibility page:

- 1. From the **Setup** menu, select **Extensibility** and then **Plug-ins**.
- 2. From the Plug-ins page, select the **Pure Storage FlashArray** plug-in. Verify that the **On Management Server** column is populated and that the **Management Agent with Plug-in** column is greater than zero.





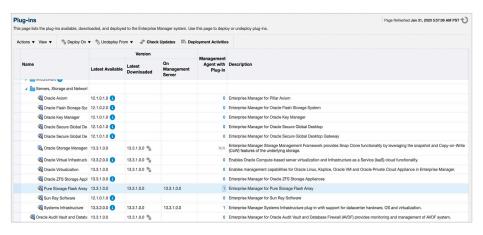


FIGURE 3. Verify plug-in deployment

Create the Pure Storage FlashArray Target

The Pure Storage FlashArray target is the only target needed to monitor the storage system. It provides a dashboard for monitoring the system details, capacity, performance and historical metrics of the array.

Again, there are two methods of creating the Pure Storage FlashArray target:

THROUGH THE OEM CONSOLE

1. From the Setup menu, select Add Target and then Add Targets Manually

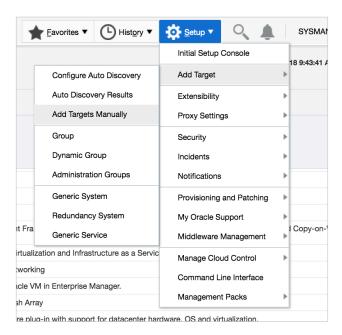


FIGURE 4. Add Target

2. Select Add Targets Declaratively.





- 3. Select **Pure Storage FlashArray** from the drop down and select a Monitoring Agent that has the Pure Storage Plug-in deployed on it. Then click **Add Manually...**
- 4. On the Add: Pure Storage FlashArray page, enter a Target Name. Then enter an API Token that has at least read privileges through the REST API. Finally, enter Array Hostname / IP Address for one of the virtual IPs on the array. Then click OK.

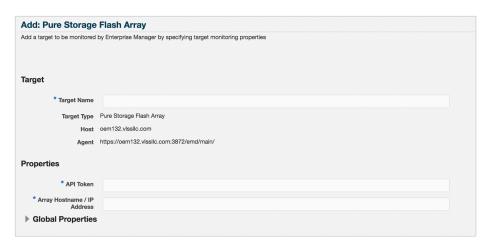


Figure 5. Add: Pure Storage FlashArray

The Add Target popup should appear and shortly thereafter a confirmation message that the Add Target –
 Completed Successfully.

THROUGH THE EMCLI UTILITY

1. Type the following command:

```
$ emcli add_target -name="'<Target Name>" -type="pure_flash_array" -host="'<Host Name>"
-properties="ARRAY_HOME:<IP or Hostname for the Pure Storage Array>;API_TOKEN:<API Token>"
```

2. The deploy will run in the background after the following output:

```
Target "<Target Name>:pure_flash_array" added successfully
```





USING THE PLUG-IN

Home Page

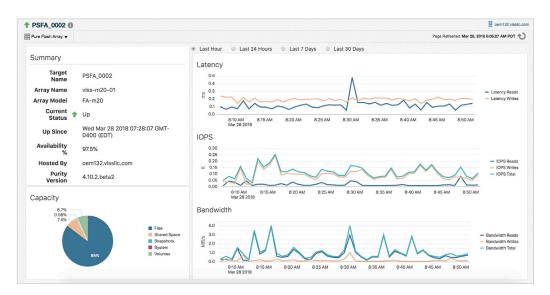


FIGURE 6. Home page

The Pure Storage FlashArray home page is a single-pane dashboard into the array. It contains the following sections:

1. **The Summary pane** – displays the relevant system information of the array, including array name, array model, uptime, and Purity version.

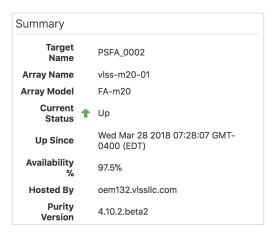


FIGURE 7. Summary pane





 The Capacity pane – displays the current usage of the storage array, including volumes, shared space, snapshots, system, and free space.

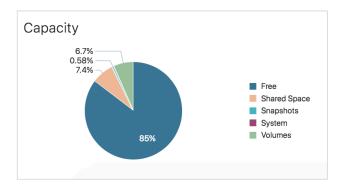


FIGURE 8. Capacity pane

3. **The Performance pane** – displays read and write latency; read, write, and total IOPS; and read, write, and total bandwidth of the array for the past hour in milliseconds. The time period radio button at the top allows for changing the time domain between the last hour, the last day, the last week, and the last month.

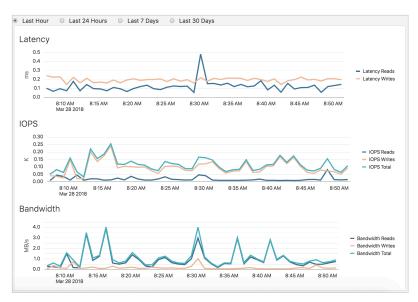
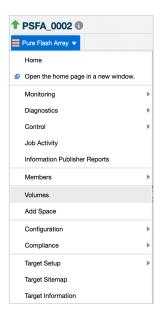


FIGURE 9. Performance pane



Volumes Page

Navigate to the **Volumes** page from the FlashArray menu.



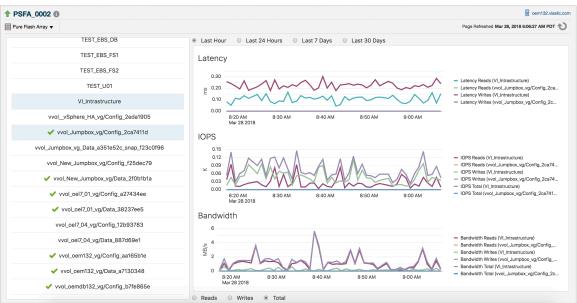


FIGURE 10. Navigating to the Volumes page

From there the volume information should be shown. All volumes are on the left. A green check indicates snapshots. The search box should restrict results. "Include Inactive" shows volumes that no longer exist, and time and read / write / total radio buttons should work on selected volumes, which should be multiselect enabled.





Add Space

The Add Space functionality makes system level changes to the plug-in hosts. It generally requires root access to do so. Ensure that you are aware of the implications of the Add Space functionality.

Navigate to the **Add Space** page from the FlashArray menu.

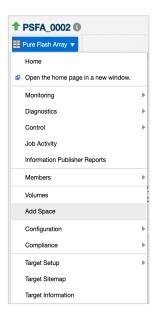


FIGURE 11. Add Space page

From the Add Space page, there are three different options for adding space via the plug-in: Add Space to LVM, Add Space to ASM, and Add Space to ZFS.

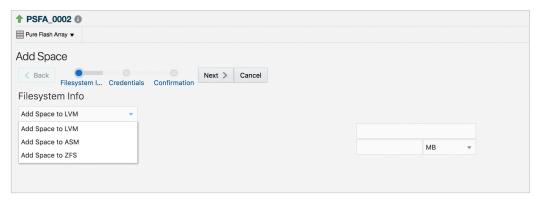


FIGURE 12. Add Space – Select Type





ADD SPACE TO LVM

The **Add Space to LVM** functionality will create a new Pure Storage volume, attach the volume to a host, and extend the specified logical volume to the new Pure Storage volume.

Prerequisites:

- 1. The plug-in is only supported on Oracle Linux, RedHat Linux and CentOS versions 6 and 7.
- 2. The plug-in hostname, the actual hostname, and the hostname in Pure Storage **MUST** be the same for the process to succeed.

From the **Add Space to LVM** page, enter the name of the logical volume to extend, enter the size of the new volume, and select the size type (MB, GB, TB) from the drop down.

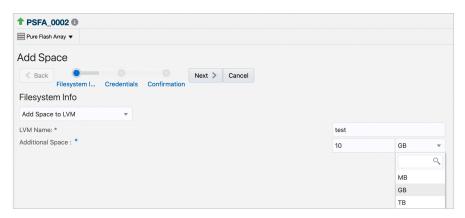


FIGURE 13. Add Space to LVM - Filesystem Info

Click Next. Select or enter credentials to execute the process.

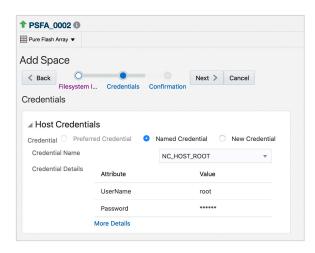


FIGURE 14. Add Space to LVM – Credentials

Click Next.





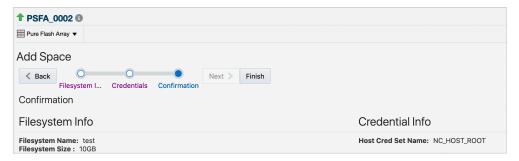


FIGURE 15. Add Space to LVM - Finish

Click Finish. The Add Space to LVM process will execute and a result message will be displayed.

ADD SPACE TO ASM

The **Add Space to ASM** functionality will create a new Pure Storage volume, attach the volume to a host, and extend the specified ASM disk group to the new Pure Storage volume.

Prerequisites:

- 1. Oracle ASM must be configured with **oracleasm**. udev setups are not supported.
- 2. The plug-in hostname, the actual hostname, and the hostname in Pure Storage **MUST** be the same for the process to succeed.

From the **Add Space to ASM** page, enter the name of the ASM disk group to extend, enter the size of the new volume, and select the size type (MB, GB, TB) from the drop down. In this scenario, the Oracle Home for the ASM instance, the ASM SID, and the user that owns the ASM instance need to be specified as well.



FIGURE 16. Add Space to ASM – ASM Info

Click **Next**. Select or enter credentials to execute the process.





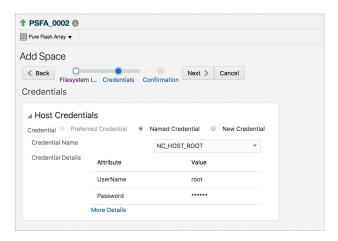


FIGURE 17. Add Space to ASM – Credentials

Click Next.



FIGURE 18. Add Space to ASM – Finish

Click Finish. The Add Space to ASM process will execute and a result message will be displayed.

ADD SPACE TO ZFS

The **Add Space to ZFS** functionality will create a new Pure Storage volume, attach the volume to a host, and extend the specified zpool to the new Pure Storage volume.

Prerequisites:

- 1. The is only supported on Solaris 10 and 11.
- 2. The plug-in hostname, the actual hostname, and the hostname in Pure Storage **MUST** be the same for the process to succeed.

From the **Add Space to ZFS** page, enter the name of the zpool to extend, enter the size of the new volume, and select the size type (MB, GB, TB) from the drop down.







FIGURE 19. Add Space to ZFS – Filesystem Info

Click Next. Select or enter credentials to execute the process.

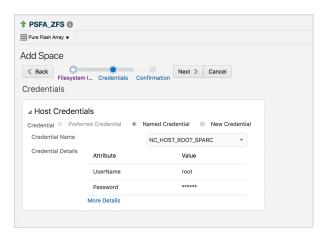


FIGURE 20. Add Space to ZFS – Credentials

Click Next.



FIGURE 21. Add Space to ZFS – Finish

Click **Finish**. The Add Space to ZFS process will execute and a result message will be displayed.





ASM Reclamation Utility

The ASM Reclamation Utility is a new job that becomes available with the Pure Storage FlashArray plugin. The ASRU consolidates the fragmented data within an ASM disk group to allow for the Pure Storage array to reclaim unused space in the underlying volumes. The Pure Storage FlashArray target must be on the same host as the disk group.

Navigate to Enterprise, then Job, then Activity.



FIGURE 26. Job Activity

Click on Create Job.

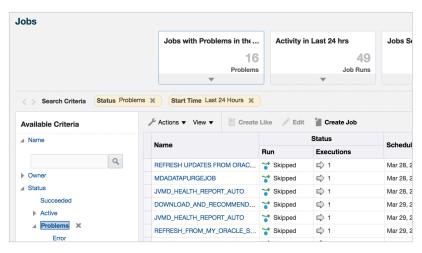


FIGURE 27. Create Job

Select **ASM Reclamation Utility** from the Job List.





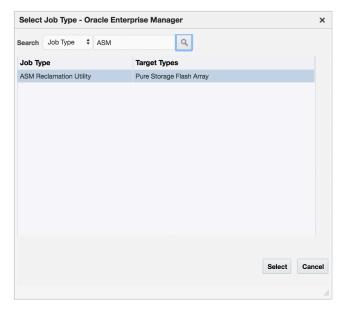


FIGURE 28. ASRU Job

Enter details about the **Job**, including **Name**, and select a **Target**.

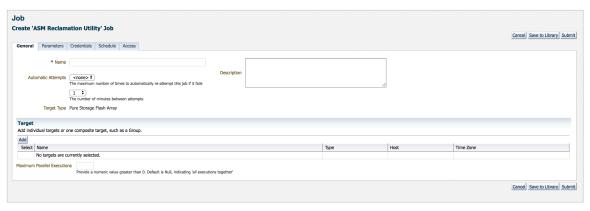


FIGURE 29. ASRU Job – Details

Click **Parameters**. Enter the required three parameters:

- **Disk Group** the ASM disk group from which to reclaim space
- **ASM SID** the SID of the ASM instance (usually +ASM)
- Oracle Home the Oracle home of the ASM instance, usually the Grid home





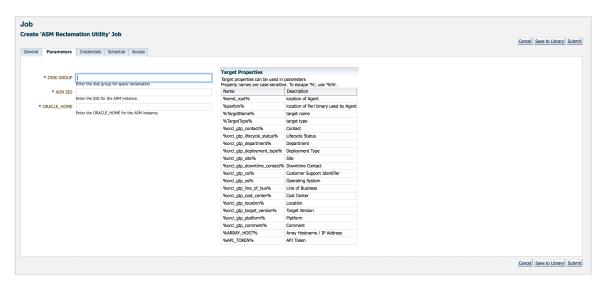


FIGURE 30. ASRU Job – Parameters

Select Credentials, Schedule, and Access, if desired. Click Submit to start the ASM Reclamation Utility job.



UNDEPLOY THE PLUG-IN

Delete the Pure Storage FlashArray Target

There are two methods of deleting the Pure Storage FlashArray target:

THROUGH THE OEM CONSOLE

1. From the Target Home menu, select Target Setup, and then Remove Target

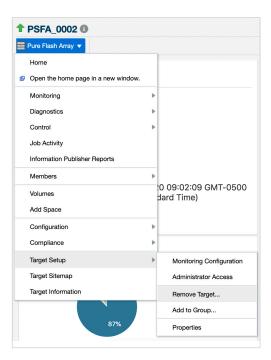


FIGURE 31. Delete Target

2. Select Ok.

THROUGH THE EMCLI UTILITY

- 1. Type the following command:
 - \$ emcli delete_target -name="<Target Name>" -type="pure_flash_array"
- 2. The deploy will run in the background after the following output:
 - Target "<Target Name>:pure_flash_array" deleted successfully





Undeploy the Plug-in on the Oracle Management Agent (OMA)

Again, there are two methods of undeploying an OMA:

THROUGH THE OEM CONSOLE

To undeploy the plug-in through the console:

- 1. From the **Setup** menu, select **Extensibility**, and then **Plug-ins**.
- From the Plug-ins page, select the Pure Storage FlashArray plug-in. Then select Undeploy From and choose Management Agent.

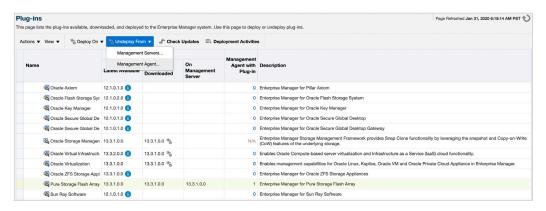


FIGURE 32. Undeploy From OMA

- 3. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Agent** page, select an OMA for undeployment and click **Continue**.
- 4. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Agent: Pre-requisite Checks** page, verify that the checks were successfully completed and click **Next**.
- 5. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Agent: Review page**, click **Undeploy** to deploy the plug-in on the OMA.
- 6. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Agent: Confirmation** page, click **Show Status** to view the steps of the undeployment.
- 7. In the **Deployment Activities** page, verify that the undeployment was successful with a green checkmark in the **Status** column.

THROUGH THE EMCLI UTILITY

- 1. Type the following command:
 - \$ emcli undeploy_plugin_from_agent -agent_names="<Hostname of agent>:<Port>"
 -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1:13.3.1.0.0
- 2. The deploy will run in the background after the following output:
 - Plug-in undeployment from the Management Agents is in progress





Use "emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1" to track the plug-in undeployment status.

3. Verify the deployment is successful by running the status command:

\$ emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1

Undeploy the Plug-in on the Oracle Management Server (OMS)

There are two methods to undeploy from the OMS:

THROUGH THE OEM CONSOLE

To undeploy the plug-in through the console:

- 1. From the **Setup** menu, select **Extensibility**, and then **Plug-ins**.
- 2. From the Plug-ins page, select the Pure Storage FlashArray plug-in. Then select Undeploy From and choose Management Servers.

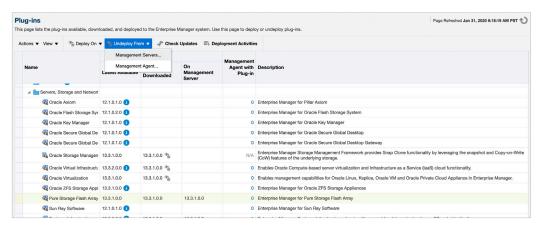


FIGURE 33. Undeploy from OMS

- 3. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Servers: Plug-ins** page, enter the SYS credentials for the repository or select existing credentials and click **Next**.
- 4. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Servers: Review** page, click **Undeploy** to undeploy the plug-in from the OMS.
- 5. In the **Undeploy Plug-in from Management Servers: Confirmation** page, click **Show Status** to view the steps of the deployment.
- 6. In the **Deployment Activities** page, verify that the undeployment was successful with a green checkmark in the **Status** column.





THROUGH THE EMCLI UTILITY

1. Type the following command:

```
$ emcli undeploy_plugin_from_server -sys_password=<Repository SYS password>
-plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1:13.3.1.0.0
```

2. The deploy will run in the background after the following output:

```
Undeployment of plug-in from the management servers is in progress

Use "emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1 "

to track plug-in un-deployment status.
```

3. Verify the deployment is successful by running the status command:

\$ emcli get_plugin_deployment_status -plugin=vlss.pure.xvp1

DELETE PLUG-IN PACKAGE

To delete the plug-in package entirely, you must use the console:

- 1. From the Setup menu, select Extensibility, and then Self-Update
- 2. Select Plug-In, and select Pure Storage FlashArray plug-in. Then select Delete from the Actions menu.

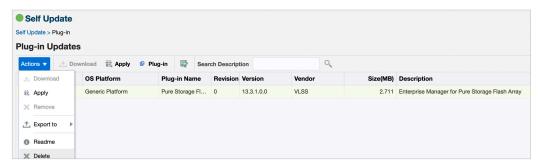


FIGURE 34. Delete package





TROUBLESHOOTING

Add Space Functionality

Execution of **Add Space** does not work?

Do the **agent_name**, the **hostname**, and the host name in Purity all match? If not, the **Add Space** functionality will not work.

Are you running with a privileged account? root is generally required to make system level changes.

Log information can be found in <AGENT_HOME>/agent_inst/sysman/emd/pfa_admin.log

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