Disk Vertical Scaling - Disk Type Change and Resizing in AWS (Preview)

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About this feature

Introduction

Many AWS clusters are deployed with standard magnetic storage. With growing lineage data, these disks can run out of space on core nodes. If necessary, you can move these disks to General Purpose (gp2/gp3) SSDs and/or resize to a bigger disk.

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

Limitations

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

- This feature is only available for AWS. Support for AZURE will be rolled out soon.
- The disks can only be resized up, meaning you cannot reduce the size of an attached block storage. If there are multiple disks of different sizes, the size of all the disks attached to the instances in the group that are smaller or lesser than the requested size will be increased to the requested size.
- This feature will only resize additional block storages in an instance and not the root volume.
- The disk modification feature on AWS can only be used once in 6 hours. This is a limitation on the AWS side.
- Current implementation does not support this feature through CDP UI. You must use the Beta CDP CLI.

AWS permissions

This feature requires the following permissions to be added to the Cross-Account policy:

- ec2:ModifyVolume
- ec2:DescribeVolumesModifications
- ec2:DescribeVolumeStatus

The following table explains why CDP needs these permissions:

Permission	Description
ec2:ModifyVolume	ModifyVolume is required to modify the volume attributes such as type, size and IOPS capacity. Without this, volume modifications cannot be performed by CDP.

ec2:DescribeVolumesModifications	This is required to verify whether the volume modifications performed by CDP were successful. Only upon successful modification can other steps like resizing take place.
ec2:DescribeVolumeStatus	This is required to make sure that the volume being modified is attached to an instance and not an orphaned volume.

Download Beta CDP CLI

You must use the beta CDP CLI to modify disks attached to an instance group.

1. Download the latest Beta CDP CLI. For more information see *Installing Beta CDP CLI*.

```
pip install cpdcli-beta
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If you have previously installed Beta CDP CLI, you can update it to the latest version using: pip3 install cdpcli-beta --upgrade --user

Modifying disks

Modify disks using the beta CDP CLI

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

An additional parameter for vertical scaling has been added to both Data Lakes and Data Hubs. The modification request is sent as part of the --disk-options parameter.

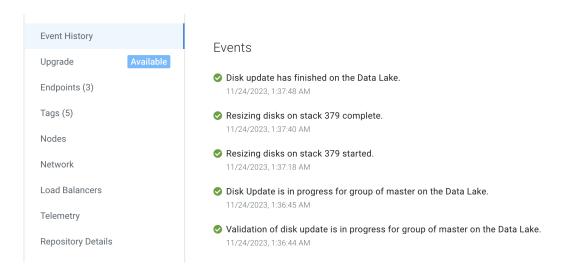
The <VOLUME-TYPE> placeholder is for the type of volume the disks are being modified to. It is a non-null field and can contain current disk type value, in which case the type will not be modified.

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

The parameters important for this feature are highlighted:

Verifying modification is complete

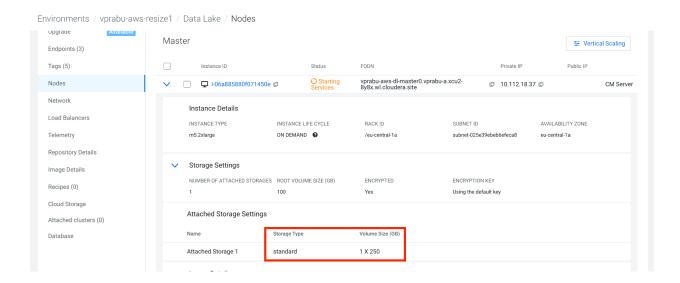
The change to the disk can be verified through CDP UI, the AWS console, or by logging into the instances directly, after the flow is completed in the **Event History**.



Verifying disk size/type in CDP UI

- 1. Navigate to the Management Console > Data Lake/Data Hub.
- 2. Click into the Data Lake/Data Hub that was modified.
- 3. Click on **Nodes** in the left-hand menu.
- 4. Click the accordion button of the instance group that was modified.

- 5. Click the **Storage Settings** accordion button in any of the instances in the group.
- 6. The Storage Type and Volume Size should be updated based on the request.



Verifying disk size/type in AWS Console

- 1. Navigate to the **Management Console > Data Lake/Data Hub.**
- 2. Click into the Datalake/Data Hub that was modified.
- 3. Click on **Nodes** in the left-hand menu.
- 4. Click on the AWS link for the instance and log into the AWS Console.
- 5. Select the **Storage** tab for the instance.
- 6. The volume size should be updated based on the request.
- 7. You can also click into an individual volume to make sure the type and size are modified correctly.

