

Actifio Glossary

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| A | Actifio CDS™ | Actifio CDS is an enterprise-class physical appliance that brings the Actifio Virtual Data Pipeline (VDP) to your organization for large-scale deployments in heterogeneous data center environments. See CDS node . |
| | Actifio CDX™ | Actifio CDX is the newer generation of high-availability hardware for Actifio Virtual Data Pipeline (VDP) technology. See CDX node . |
| | Actifio Connector | An Actifio Connector is a lightweight service that may be run on physical or virtual appliances. It discovers and captures individual applications virtual and physical machines and servers so they can be replicated. |
| | Actifio Desktop | Legacy software for controlling the configuration and operation of individual physical (CDS) and virtual (Sky) Actifio appliances. |
| | Actifio Global Manager | The Actifio Global Manager (AGM) provides a web-based interface to manage multiple Actifio appliances, including day-to-day copy data operations. AGM is the successor to the Actifio Desktop . |
| | ActifioNOW | The Actifio user resource center, with product documentation, knowledge base, videos, training resources and more at http://now.actifio.com . |
| | Actifio Sky for AWS | Actifio Sky for AWS is a version of Actifio Sky software that creates and manages a virtual Actifio appliance in an Amazon AWS cloud space. |
| | Actifio Sky™ | Actifio Sky is a robust virtual appliance built on Actifio's patented Virtual Data Pipeline™ (VDP). Actifio Sky offers deployment flexibility and range. As a virtual appliance, Actifio Sky can be deployed in minutes at any site across an organization's locations and environments. |
| | AGM | See Actifio Global Manager . |
| | App or Application | An app or application is a data resource that can be discovered and protected by an Actifio appliance. Examples include Oracle or SQL databases, Exchange databases, network or local file systems or parts of file systems, virtual or physical machines, and so on. |
| | Application Aware mount | See Virtual Application . |
| | Appliance | An "appliance" is the generic term for either an Actifio physical or virtual server. Physical Actifio appliances are made up of two Actifio CDS or CDX nodes. Virtual Actifio appliances are referred to as Actifio Sky appliances. |
| Application Manager | The Application Manager service in the Actifio Global Manager and in the Actifio Desktop is used to discover applications, application data, and virtual machines, and to apply protection templates and resource profiles to them. | |

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| B | Baseboard System Identification | <p>The base board system identifier (BBSID) is an arbitrary unique number that becomes part of a unique suffix for a node's World Wide Node Number and World Wide Port Number. These both must be unique within a fabric.</p> <p>The BBSID is also used by Actifio to generate a unique ID for Actifio SecureConnect access.</p> |
| | BBSID | Baseboard System Identification |
| | Big Data Director (BDD) | Obsolete name for the NAS Director |
| C | CBT | Changed Block Tracking . |
| | CDS | See Actifio CDS™ . |
| | CDS node | A Copy Data Storage (CDS) node is one of a pair of servers (a primary and a secondary) running VDP software that makes up a physical appliance. |
| | CDX | See Actifio CDX™ . |
| | CDX node | A CDX node is one of a pair of identical high-availability servers running VDP software that makes up a physical appliance. |
| | Changed Block Tracking | Changed block tracking is the process of comparing the golden snapshot to incremental point in time snapshots in order to identify changed data that must be preserved. |
| | CLI | Command line interface. |
| | Clone | The clone function creates an independent copy of a data set. A virtual server or physical server data set can be copied from any application-consistent point in the system to a separate storage location anywhere in the environment. |
| | Clone VDisks | Clone VDisks, are the part of a Snapshot pool that contains full copies of an application's production data. |
| | Cloud Migration | Cloud migration/data migration enables organizations to manage their data proactively and stage it as required across diverse, distributed infrastructure. The ability to provide secure, network-optimized replication allows you to efficiently move data wherever it is needed. |
| | Cloud Vaulting | Cloud vaulting enables data vaulting across diverse infrastructure, including the use of targets in customer-owned data centers and field locations, private or service provider clouds, or public clouds like Amazon, Azure, and GCP. |
| | Connector | See Actifio Connector . |
| | Consistency Group | A group of storage resources protected as a single entity by an Actifio appliance. |
| | Copy Data Virtualization | Copy Data Virtualization is the Actifio data management model — capture data and process it in a virtual data pipeline to create a single golden master copy that is incrementally updated according to a service level agreement (SLA) and is used to generate a virtual copy of any application data from any point in time for any authorized use. |
| D | DAR | See Dedup Async Replication (DAR) . |
| | Dedup | Deduplication is a storage technology and a process that reduces the amount of storage space consumed by data by removing redundant data. |
| | Dedup Async Replication (DAR) | Dedup Async™ Replication is a unique, proprietary Actifio technology that keeps a remote copy of production data always up-to-date and ready for data recovery. Also see Dedup Backup Replication and StreamSnap . |

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| | Dedup Backup Replication | An Actifio proprietary deduplication-aware replication protocol used for replication of captured images from one Actifio appliance to a second and optionally to a third for long-term storage. Also see StreamSnap , and Dedup Async Replication (DAR) . |
| | Domain Manager | The Domain Manager service in the Actifio Global Manager and in the Actifio Desktop controls the organizations and users that have access to an Actifio appliance, identify hosts that Actifio can protect, and manages the resources on which copy data resides. |
| E | Enumeration | Enumeration is the first phase Garbage Collection . Enumeration analyzes the catalog of deduplicated data to determine what data must be kept and what can be deleted. Enumeration is followed by Sweep . |
| | External Snapshot Pool | Actifio has extended its Virtual Data Pipeline to use and manage external snapshot pools using with IBM Storwize/SVC and Pure FlashStorage. You can use the array native snapshots for Actifio's snapshot pool, gaining the storage arrays' performance, connectivity, and availability. |
| F | Failback | Failback is the recovery process used when a primary system or data is restored to operation after a Failover . Also see Syncback . |
| | Failover | The process of using a secondary system, usually hardware, to replace a primary system that fails during operation. Also used to describe the data copied when a failover occurs. See Failback and Syncback . |
| | Fibre Channel | Fibre channel is a high-speed network technology commonly running at 2, 4, 8 or 16-gigabit per second that is used primarily to connect data storage devices. |
| | Filter Driver | The mechanism used by the Actifio Connector for Changed Block Tracking . |
| G | Garbage Collection | Garbage collection is the two-phase process of reclaiming space in the dedup pool. Enumeration , the first phase, is the selection of data that can be deleted. Sweep is the removal of the unneeded data. |
| | GC | See Garbage Collection . |
| H | Host | A server with managed or manageable applications. |
| | Hyper-V | Microsoft's virtual machine platform is a native hypervisor that can create virtual machines on x86-64 systems. |
| I-K | IGC | Incremental Garbage Collection was deprecated in Actifio CDS/Sky 7.0 |
| | Immutability | You can use policy settings to make a backup image immutable. An immutable image cannot be expired by any user until it reaches a date set in the policy. |
| | In-Band | In-band is a network architecture describing protected applications that are connected directly to Actifio storage. See also Out-of-Band and LAN-Free . |
| | iSCSI | The Internet Small Computer System Interface works on top of the Transport Control Protocol (TCP) and allows the SCSI command to be sent end-to-end over local-area networks (LANs), wide-area networks (WANs) or the Internet. |
| L | LAN-Free | LAN-free is a network architecture in which application data is protected using a shared, central storage device without sending the data over the local area network (LAN). See also In-Band and Out-of-Band . |
| | LiveClone | An independent clone of a captured image that consumes full storage resources and can be mounted to a host. It can be refreshed incrementally from another captured image, allowing very fast and efficient data refreshes for ETL and test & development purposes. A LiveClone can also be mounted for direct modification to support operations such as data masking. |
| M | Managed Data License (MDL) | Actifio's Copy Data Virtualization licensing. It is based on the amount of source data managed. |

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| | Managed Disk | A SCSI Disk presented by a RAID controller and managed by the Actifio appliance. The Managed Disk is not visible to host systems on the SAN. |
| | Managed disk group (MDiskgrp or MDG) | A collection of Managed Disks that jointly contain all the data for a specified set of Virtual Disks. |
| | MDisk | These are disks presented to and managed by the Actifio solution |
| | Mount | The mount function is the most frequently used data access method, as it directly leverages the virtual copies of data stored on an Actifio appliance. By eliminating the data movement from the process, data sets of any size can be accessed instantly on any server. |
| | Multi-Hop replication | Replication, usually Dedup Backup Replication , is the process that replicates data from a "source" Actifio appliance to a "remote" Actifio appliance, and then from the remote appliance to a third Actifio appliance. |
| N-O | NAS Director | The Actifio NAS Director creates an efficient platform to reliably capture, archive, replicate, and recover petabyte-sized unstructured datasets from large file systems. |
| | OnVault | The Actifio appliance vaults data to selected cloud storage according to a defined OnVault policy. Supported cloud storage platforms include Amazon S3, Google Nearline Storage, IBM Cloud Object Storage, and Microsoft Azure. Users manage and pay for their own cloud storage directly with the provider |
| | Out-of-Band | Out-of-Band is a network architecture describing protected applications that are housed on storage systems that are not connected directly to Actifio storage. See also In-Band and LAN-Free . |
| P-Q | Performance pool | The Snapshot pool . |
| | Policy | A policy defines when data will be captured, how long it will be retained, and where it will be replicated. |
| | Policy template | A collection of policies that, together, define when to perform a snapshot, when to perform dedup activity that creates an image, and how long to retain the image. |
| | PSRV | The platform service is a component of Actifio VDP software that coordinates other VDP services and functions. |
| R | RD | See Resiliency Director . |
| | ReadyVM | The CLI shorthand term for replicating a VMware VM to an ESX datastore. This is an asynchronous replication mechanism in which the data is directly replicated onto the datastore volumes that are configured for the remote VM. This lets you use an existing or a new virtual machine as the replication target. |
| | Report Manager | The report manager is an optional stand alone software package that reports on data protection and recovery operations. |
| | Resiliency Director | Resiliency Director is an optional product that works with Actifio appliances to create and manage data that are part of disaster recovery services. |
| | Resource Profile | A resource profile specifies if, and which, Snapshot pool is used by Actifio and/or to which remote Actifio appliance data will be replicated. A resource profile is paired with policy templates to protect a specific application by the Application Manager . |
| | Restore | The restore function reverts the production data to look exactly as it did at the time of the data collection point. Typical use cases for restore would be to recover an entire server or application to a valid state after a massive data corruption or storage array failure. |
| | RM | Report Manager . |

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| | RPO | A recovery point objective is the maximum period in which data might be lost from an IT service due to a major incident. See RTO . |
| | RTO | The recovery time objective is a period of time and a service level within which a business process must be restored after a disruption in order to avoid a break in business continuity. See RPO . |
| S | SARG | The Simple Actifio Report Generator, a command-line reporting tool documented in the <i>SARG User Guide</i> . SARG is not the same as the Actifio Report Manager, which has a GUI. |
| | Service Level Agreement | An Actifio service level agreement is the linkage of a single policy template that defines when to perform actions, and a resource template that defines what storage resources are used by the actions. |
| | SideBand | See LAN-Free |
| | Sky | See Actifio Sky™ |
| | SLA | See Service Level Agreement . |
| | Snapshot | A snapshot is the process that captures and stores the state of a Snapshot VDisk as a Snapshot VDisk . |
| | Snapshot pool | The snapshot pool holds “golden copies” of application data for short-term retention. Data is instantly accessible and not deduplicated. Policies determine how long data is kept in the pool and when data is deduplicated and moved to another pool. The snapshot pool contains Staging VDisk , Snapshot VDisk , and Clone VDIs . |
| | Snapshot VDisk | A Snapshot VDisk is part of a Snapshot pool that preserves the state of Staging VDisk at specific points in time. Snapshots are retained according to a predefined protection policy. |
| | Staging VDisk | A Staging VDisk is part of a Snapshot pool that contains the Actifio golden copy of an application. It is retained for as long as an application is protected. |
| | | StreamSnap |
| | Sweep | Sweep is the second phase Garbage Collection . It copies data that must be preserved from discrete areas of the dedup store into a new, contiguous area of the dedup store to both defragment storage media and to free areas for reuse. See Garbage Collection and Enumeration . |
| | Syncback | Syncback is the process that verifies data that has failed over to be valid before a Failback . Also see Failover . |
| | System Monitor | A service within the Actifio Global Manager and in the Actifio Desktop the monitors the process of jobs. |
| T | Tape-Out | Actifio Tape-Out is a legacy product for long-term storage and archival. |
| U | UDS | Universal data system |
| V | VDisk | Also referred to as a <i>volume</i> . See Virtual disk . |
| | VDP | See Virtual Data Pipeline™ . |
| | Virtual Application | You can mount captured Microsoft SQL and Oracle databases as “Application Aware mounts,” fully functional replicas of the original database. This allows you to quickly bring a database online without having to manually configure a new instance of the database and actually move the data into it. |

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| | Virtual Data Pipeline™ | Actifio's data virtualization platform helps companies take control of their data, delivering greater resilience and agility while enabling secure mobility of data to and from the cloud. By virtualizing data, creating a single "gold copy" available for instant access and use, Actifio frees application data from underlying infrastructure, enabling transformational change in IT and the business. |
| | Virtual disk | These are disks presented to applications by the Actifio solution that appear to host systems attached to the storage area network as a SCSI disk. Each VDisk is associated with one I/O group. |
| | VM | Virtual machine. Actifio supports both VMware and Hyper-V instances. |
| W-Z | Workflow | Actifio Workflows automate access to captured data. Workflows can run according to a schedule or on demand. Workflows present captured data as a LiveClone, a virtual application, or as just the application data. |