


Dell Unisphere for PowerMax 9.2.0

REST API Concepts and Programmer's Guide

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Purpose

This document describes how to configure and use Unisphere REST API. The term Unisphere incorporates "Unisphere for PowerMax" for the management of PowerMax and All Flash storage systems using PowerMaxOS 5978, and "Unisphere for VMAX" for the management of VMAX All Flash and VMAX storage systems using HYPERMAX OS 5977 and Enginuity 5876.

Audience

This guide is intended for programmers who want to create interfaces, using REST APIs, in any of the programming environments that support standard REST clients such as web browsers and programming platforms that can issue HTTP requests.

Related documentation

The following resources are available for the Unisphere REST API:

- The [Unisphere for VMAX REST API Information Hub](#) has information about how to get started with Unisphere REST API.
- Change log—This document lists the changes to the Unisphere REST API in each release. It can be found on the [Dell support website](#) and searching for "REST API Change Log".
- Enunciate—This is the engine that is used to generate the Unisphere REST API documentation. More information can be found on the [Enunciate website](#).
- [Unisphere-specific examples](#)
- [PYU4V](#)

The following publications provide additional information:

- *Dell Unisphere for PowerMax Release Notes*
- *Dell Unisphere for PowerMax Installation Guide*

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Overview and Architecture

This guide is intended for programmers who want to create interfaces, using Representational State Transfer (REST) APIs, in any of the programming environments that support standard REST clients such as web browsers and programming platforms that can issue HTTP requests.

The term Unisphere incorporates "Unisphere for PowerMax" for the management of PowerMax and All Flash storage systems using PowerMaxOS 5978, and "Unisphere for VMAX" for the management of VMAX All Flash and VMAX storage systems using HYPERMAX OS 5977 and Enginuity OS 5876.

The REST API enables the access of diagnostic performance data, accessing configuration data, and performing storage provisioning operations for storage system hardware through robust APIs. These APIs can be used in any of the programming environments that support standard REST clients such as web browsers and programming platforms that can issue HTTP requests. The REST API supports both XML and JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) MIME types.

Unisphere is designed around the concept of the storage group for management of applications. A storage group is a container for a set of devices that are related in some way and are usually representative of an application or a tenant with data on the storage array. Most operations using REST API are built to take advantage of the storage group as a control entity, for example, SnapVX, and SRDF. Using a storage group for management reduces the number of objects that storage administrators need to manage. A storage group must exist for masking devices that are associated with a host (see [Provisioning and managing storage using REST API](#)).

REST API uses numbered versioning. The version of the API call is specified as part of the URL, for example,

```
https://UNIVMAX_IP:UNIVMAXPORT/univmax/restapi/VERSION
```

For Unisphere 9.2, the *VERSION* is 92. If no version is specified and the endpoint URL is valid, it is processed using the oldest supported version of the REST API. When beginning to use REST API, Dell EMC recommends that you use the most recent version of the REST API supported by your Unisphere server.

As outlined in the following figure, REST API resides at the same level in the application stack as the Unisphere GUI above the Unisphere server:



REST API is subdivided into several distinct resources which provide distinct endpoints for operations that run on the Unisphere server and the storage systems.

The resources and their functionality are:

- Service level provisioning for storage systems and all-flash storage systems running HYPERMAX OS 5977 and higher (for Open Systems and mainframe).
- Provisioning for VMAX storage systems running pre-HYPERMAX OS 5977 and all pre-V3 VMAX arrays (for Open Systems and mainframe).
- System - Provides management of alerts and jobs.
- Replication - Provides storage group-level management of SRDF and TimeFinder SnapVX
- Migration - Control of non-disruptive migration functionality, for live migration of running workloads from storage groups running Enginuity OS 5876 and storage groups running HYPERMAX OS 5977 to storage groups running HYPERMAX OS 5977 and PowerMaxOS 5978.
- Performance - Gathering of performance statistics of storage array components, storage groups, and configuration of performance threshold alerts.

REST model

REST is a manner of building networked software systems that enables the merging of documents, data and information services into an ecosystem of named resources.

Resource	Anything important enough to be referenced as a noun.
Resource name	A unique identification of the resource.
Resource representation	Useful information about the current state of a resource. Resource representation is what is used to transfer its information to the client using the HTTP protocol.
Resource link	A link to another representation of the same resource.
Resource interface	A uniform interface for accessing the resource and manipulating its state.

The following table describes the standard resource methods:

Table 1. REST resource methods

HTTP operation	Description	Access to Method
PUT	Modify a resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrator

Table 1. REST resource methods (continued)

HTTP operation	Description	Access to Method
GET	Retrieve the state of a resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage Administrator All roles
POST	Create a resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrator Performance Monitor (for Performance URLs only) Storage Administrator
DELETE	Delete a resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrator Storage Administrator

For assigning user roles for each array, see [Setting up user authentication](#).

REST client

The REST client provides both a front-end GUI for the REST API documents and a Unisphere-specific REST client that is based on the WADL file that is received from the Unisphere host. The REST client enables you to visualize the REST schema and helps to identify the calls you need to build scripts and code functions. The REST client, while useful, is not a replacement for the documentation, as the documentation has a greater level of detail.

For Unisphere for PowerMax 9.2, the REST client must be a minimum of version 2.10.

For more information, see the REST Client information which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) and searching for "REST client."

Provisioning and managing storage using REST API

Provisioning storage using the REST API follows the same rules and logic as provisioning using the Unisphere GUI. All end points for storage provisioning on storage systems running HYPERMAX OS 5977 and higher are located in the following location:

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/sloprovisioning/
```

You do not need to create storage volumes before you provision the storage, because REST API is using the logic of the Unisphere server. When storage volumes are requested for a given storage group, the Unisphere server first checks for unused volumes in the system that match the capacity and type and uses these volumes. If no volumes exist, new volumes are created to match the required capacity.

Storage is provisioned to a host using a masking view. A masking view consists of the following three components which need to exist already or be created before being combined in the masking view:

- Storage Group
- Host or Host Group
- Port Group

The REST API caters for all of the above steps in a single REST API call with a payload package that creates each component and combines them into a masking view.

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/sloprovisioning/symmetrix/{symmetrixId}/maskingview
```

Adding additional storage volumes to a host or system, when the masking view is already in place, is performed using a PUT call to the storage group resource object. This call also has several action parameters that enable the expansion of a specific volume in the group or that enable expansion of all volumes in the group to a specified size.

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/sloprovisioning/symmetrix/{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}
```

Device expansion is also supported on per volume level with a PUT call.

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/sloprovisioning/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/volume/{volumeId}
```

Snapshot management using REST API

REST API supports TimeFinder SnapVX Snapshots. These snapshots are space efficient with a low footprint. Snapshots are managed at a storage group level.

The endpoints for SnapVX are under

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}/snapshot
```

Creating a snapshot is a POST call to the endpoint. If you send multiple POST calls with the same payload, multiple generations of the same snapshot are created. The latest version of a SnapVX snapshot is always generation 0.

Managing Snapshots with REST API requires the use of the snapshot generation. If you want to do any PUT or DELETE operations, you need to consider snapshot generation. These operations are located under the following resource endpoint:

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}/snapshot/{snapshotId}/generation/  
{generationNumber}
```

The 9.2 release introduces new endpoints that make it easier to work with higher volumes of snapshots

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}/snapshot/{snapshotId}/snapid/{snapId}
```

Linking a snapshot is the operation that makes snapshot data visible using a host accessible volume, and is a PUT call. REST API has automated the process of volume creation and storage group creation if you specify a storage group for the link that does not exist. This behavior helps simplify workflows.

Workflow to link a snapshot:

- Identify snapshot on the source storage group (GET)

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}/snapshot
```

- If multiple generations identify the correct timestamp (GET)

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}/snapshot/{snapshotId}/generation/  
{generationNumber}
```

- Link to new storage group (PUT)

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/  
{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}/snapshot/{snapshotId}/generation/  
{generationNumber}
```

- Create Masking View for the target storage group (POST)

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/sloprovisioning/  
symmetrix/{symmetrixId}/maskingview
```

Create snapshots with a time to live value to ensure that they expire automatically. Scripted snapshots on a rotating basis should also be monitored. Ensure that alerting and notifications are set up as documented in the [TimeFinder SnapVX Local Replication](#).

If you are planning a high volume of snapshots at frequent intervals, Dell recommends that you check with your local storage system performance expert to review before implementing.

Snapshots do not autoexpire if they are linked.

For Unisphere 9.0 and later releases, the local replication role is assigned at the storage group level. This privilege ensures that the assigned user can create and terminate their own snapshots. Link, unlink, and restore operations require extra privileges.

For detailed information about SnapVX, see the [TimeFinder SnapVX Local Replication](#).

The operations for managing snapshot policies are located under the following resource endpoint:

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/{symmetrixId}/snapshot_policy
```

Protecting Storage with SRDF using REST API

To remotely replicate the storage system, SRDF emulations must exist, and a pair of front-end ports must be mapped to the SRDF emulation. Zoning or IP routes must exist to the remote array.

Automation is available in the SRDF replication workflows in Unisphere to simplify, not only the GUI management, but also the management flows using REST API. REST API fully supports all modes of SRDF operation and storage groups can be protected in a single call. The workflow for protecting a storage group with SRDF is as follows:

- Verify that the source array is SRDF capable.
- Verify that the target array is visible and connected over SRDF links.
- Protect the source storage group using a POST call to

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/{version}/replication/symmetrix/{symmetrixId}/storagegroup/{storageGroupId}
```

- Optional: Mask the storage group on the remote storage system to a host for visibility to remote storage after data has been synchronized.

The POST call to protect the storage group with SRDF performs several operations depending on the mode of SRDF operation that is chosen for the protection.

- Automatic creation of devices on the target array to be paired with the sources.
- If Metro or asynchronous mode is specified in the payload, a new SRDF group is created between the source and destination arrays if an unused one does not already exist. This behavior ensures that all devices are managed together.
- If synchronous mode is set, the devices are added to the least loaded SRDF group between the source and target arrays.
- If protecting with SRDF synchronous mode and you want to ensure that the devices are placed in a separate group, the POST call provides optional parameters to do this. Refer to the documentation or the REST Client for more details.

 **NOTE:** There are 250 SRDF groups in total per array, so design your system with these limits in mind. Each SRDF group can have up to 64 K volumes.

Managing SRDF replicated storage using REST API

Management of SRDF replicated storage has been simplified since the release of Unisphere 9.1 and corresponding endpoints. New parameters enable smarter automation of SRDF volume add and remove operations at the storage group level.

The `sloprovisioning` PUT endpoints have optional `remoteSymmSGInfoParam` stanza and keys. For the JSON payloads for SRDF protected storage groups, with the supplied parameters, devices are added and replication is put in place in a single step, even for multihop SRDF environments.

The remove options have been enhanced so that users can remove devices with a single step process, automatically suspending, deleting pairs and removing devices from all management storage groups on both the local and remote arrays.

 **NOTE:** To utilize this functionality the REST API calls must be directed at the R1 Array.

For more information, see this [example](#).

The recommended practices for REST API and SRDF are as follows:

SRDF protection can take time as there is a lot going on in the background. SRDF POST calls are ideal candidates to be run asynchronously.

Large data transfers and initial sync should be completed in Adaptive copy mode; switch to primary mode SRDF/Sync or Async when close to synchronized. Specify the optional parameter `,"establish":false` when protecting with a POST call. If

protecting storage groups at the time of creation, since data does not already exist, there should be no reason to delay the synchronization or switch mode of operation.

To start the synchronization, or to modify the groups state of the data, you can use a PUT call to modify SRDF mode to adaptive copy and begin synchronization. When close to being fully synchronized, a second PUT call can be used to switch SRDF modes back to Sync or Async. This ensures normal operation.

Recommended Practices for Gathering Performance Metrics using REST API

Performance calls in Unisphere 8.4.0 and greater are no longer versioned. All performance REST API calls are under

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/performance
```

If new metrics are added and you want to collect them, the calls are added under a new endpoint under this base URL.

To query performance metrics, the array must first be registered for performance data collection using the Unisphere user interface. To find out what arrays are registered for performance statistics with the instance of Unisphere, a GET call can be made to

```
https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAXPORT}/univmax/restapi/performance/Array/keys
```

Each sub-resource under the performance API calls also provides a "keys" endpoint to return a list of valid values. For example, to get a list of the front-end directors for a particular array to gather metrics for each, you can make a single call to the

```
/performance/FEDirector/keys
```

endpoint and pass the serial number for the storage array. This returns a list that can be parsed to extract the directorID which can be used to build the URL for extra calls. Using keys to dynamically build your performance calls ensures that you do not make calls for objects that return no data.

All performance calls accept a payload that requests multiple metrics. This is more efficient as there is no need to make multiple requests to the same resource for multiple metric values.

Gathering performance statistics from Unisphere REST API is always a POST (Create) call. This may seem counter intuitive, however the REST call constructs a return object based on the JSON payload parameters, and the server responds with this object as a JSON object containing the requested data.

Performance metrics are calculated and stored at 5 minute intervals, so any REST API scripts, except for real-time collections, should be run at an interval of 5 minutes or higher. Device level performance stats are not accessible using REST API calls. If device level metrics are required, they can be accessed using the Unisphere user interface.

REST API calls for performance data require that date/times are specified in epoch/Unix time (the number of seconds that have elapsed since 00:00:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), Thursday, 1 January 1970, not counting leap seconds). All timestamps are in milliseconds, so you need to take this into account when building the payload start_date and end_date.

You can extract real-time performance data at system and storage group level. For real-time data, it is recommended that you set the query interval to 1 minute or higher. The maximum query interval for real-time data using REST is 1 hour. Queries return data at 5 second intervals for array and component data, and at 30 second intervals for storage group data.

Code Examples

Sample code for the main use cases have been posted [here](#).

New in this release

The complete Unisphere REST API change log can be found by going to the Dell EMC support website and searching for "REST API Change Log".

Unisphere REST API for 9.2 has the following changes:

Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added cloud provider performance endpoints. • Added masking view performance endpoints. • Added a new metric, AvgQOSDelayPerIO, to the Storage Group category.
Service Level Provisioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded editVolumeActionParam to allow enabling and disabling the mobility ID on individual volumes. • Add the UUID field to storage group GET. • Added the mobility id enabled field to GET volume responses. • Added snapshot policies to storage group POST • Added the Pause/Resume/Add/Remove Snapshot policy
Replication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added Cloud Snapshot management to a Storage Group. • Added MetroDR. • Added Snapshot Policies. • Added SRDFA attributes to the RDF group GET. • Added RDFG Set Attributes and Enable DSE. • Items that are looked up and are not found return a 404 response code. Inputs that are invalid return a 400 response code.
Migration	Items that are looked up and are not found return a 404 response code. Inputs that are invalid return a 400 response code.
vVols	Added VASA replication groups.
System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added Cloud System, Cloud Storage Groups, Cloud Providers, Cloud Jobs, and Cloud Networking endpoints. • Added Audit log. • Added Set Service Level RT Multiplier. • Removed Symmetrix Level Job endpoints.

Documentation

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Downloading documentation

Prerequisites

Before you download REST API documentation, Unisphere must be installed and user access roles must be set up (see [Setting up user authentication](#)).

Steps

1. Point the browser to: **`https://{UNIVMAX_IP}:{UNIVMAX_PORT}/univmax/restapi/docs`**
where *UNIVMAX_IP* is the IP address and *UNIVMAX_PORT* is the port of the host running Unisphere.
2. Copy the .zip file (`restapi-docs.zip`) locally, extract the file, and go to `target/docs/index.html`.
3. To access the documented resources, open the `index.html` file.

Transport protocol

REST API uses the Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) version 1.1 as the transport for API requests. For PUT and POST requests, method arguments are passed in the HTTP Request message body. API methods return standard HTTP status codes and result content in the HTTP Response message body.

REST API supports two media-types:

- `application/xml`** Allows marshalling/un-marshalling using XML
- `application/json`** Allows marshalling/un-marshalling using JSON

Product version and compatibility

The Unisphere REST API is the same version as the Unisphere application.

Backward compatibility

Since the REST API is a method-based API, the methods remain backwards compatible with older versions if the argument and result types have only optional properties added to newer versions of the API.

If extra properties are required or existing properties require modification, create an extra method. Deprecated methods are maintained to service older clients, and eventually removed. New REST API methods are backwards compatible.

The latest versioning endpoints are accessed through `/restapi/92`. Requests made to URIs at the earlier endpoints `/90` and `/91` will continue to operate. Your scripts work with updates to access the newer versions, but if you want to take advantage of new data returned in `/92` REST calls, then scripts must be updated to access the new keys. For more information, see the Unisphere REST API change log.

NOTE: In each REST API release, at least four major versions are available: The latest version and three previous versions. The two newest versions are not marked as deprecated. The older versions are marked as deprecated and you should upgrade when you can.

Versioning is handled in two different ways:

- For the following resources, REST API guarantees backwards compatibility for two major releases by versioning the URIs:
 - DSA
 - Migration
 - WLP
 - VVol
 - System
 - Provisioning
 - Sloprovisioning
 - Replication
 - Migration
- For the following resources, REST API guarantees backwards compatibility for two major releases by versioning the attributes:
 - Common
 - Performance

Client/Server compatibility

If the Unisphere REST client API version is older than the server version, interaction proceeds as designed. If the client REST API version is newer than the server version, the server delivers an HTTP status 400 or HTTP status 404, indicating an illegal request.

Concurrent operations

Note the following recommendations on REST API client limits, which must be adhered to in order to achieve optimal performance:

NOTE: If the recommendation above are not followed, it might result in performance degradation of the Unisphere for PowerMax server.

- Each REST API session counts as a concurrent user while the REST calls are running.
- A maximum of 5 REST API clients can connect to the Unisphere server concurrently.
- A maximum of 50 GET calls can be made to the Unisphere server per second. These can be made up of performance REST API GET calls and non-performance REST API GET calls.
- A maximum of 5 non-performance POST or PUT calls can be run against the Unisphere server concurrently.
- It is recommended that you use bulk REST API calls, where possible.

Making the JSON root element backwards compatible

About this task

For prior versions of the REST API, the JSON root is included in the API request and response. The current version of REST API does not include the JSON root in the API request and response. To support backwards compatibility, the *JSON root* property must be modified. This task is supported only on stand-alone Unisphere installations and not on eManagement. Complete the following steps:

Steps

1. Stop the SMAS service.
2. Remove `install_dir\jboss\domain\deploy0` directory.

NOTE: Do not remove the `deploy` directory.

3. Open the `install_dir\jboss\domain\deploy\smc.ear\smc.war\WEB-INF\web.xml` file for editing.
4. Set the property `com.emc.em.restapi.WrapJsonRoot` to `true`.
5. Start SMAS.

REST API request and response

The following example shows a REST API request and response with and without the JSON root:

Request:

```
https://unisphere_IP:unisphere_port>/univmax/restapi/90/sloprovisioning/symmetrix/  
000195900063/storagegroup
```

Response without JSON root (default):

```
{  
  "num_of_storage_groups": 64,  
  "storageGroupId":  
  [  
    "App2_SG",  
    "App2_SG",  
    "Finance2_SG",  
    "Database1_SG",  
  ],  
  "success": true  
}
```

Response with JSON root:

```
{  
  "listStorageGroupResult":  
  {  
    "num_of_storage_groups": 64,  
    "storageGroupId":  
    [  
      "App2_SG",  
      "App2_SG",  
      "Finance2_SG",  
      "Database1_SG",  
    ],  
    "success": true  
  }  
}
```

Iterators

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- [How iterators are used in REST API](#)
- [Sample iterator methods and typical use case](#)

How iterators are used in REST API

An iterator is an object that enables you to cycle through the elements in a collection and display each element. REST API uses iterators to retrieve a collection of performance data only when the API interface defines that there are unbounded instances in the result. For example, the method to retrieve array metrics takes an `ArrayParamType` argument and returns an unbounded number of `ArrayResultType` results.

See [Downloading documentation](#) for instructions on how to access the REST resources. From the REST API home page, select Performance, then any metrics resource, and under Response Body select Iterator to view how the iterator cycles through the elements to collect the results.

The REST API also uses iterators to control resource consumption on the server when multiple clients are querying for large sets of data. Each iterator has a unique ID and provides two ways to control excess server consumption: maximum page size, and an expiration time for the iterator instance. The page size and expiration time are dependent on server load and resource availability. Also, Unisphere imposes limits on the number of concurrent requests it accepts. Refer to [Sample iterator methods and typical use case](#).

Sample iterator methods and typical use case

The infrastructure provides three method endpoints for clients to interact with the iterators.

- Get iterator info.
- Get iterator page.
- Delete iterator.

A typical use case is as follows:

i NOTE: If a client becomes unresponsive, or disconnects from the Unisphere server, the iterator expires, based on a preconfigured timeout (10 minutes). When the iterator expires, server resources are released. If the iterator expires before the client has finished paging over all the results, the client must reissue the request.

1. The client invokes a REST API method that returns an iterator.
2. The client pages over the results of an existing iterator until all results are retrieved by issuing

```
Get common /Iterator/{iteratorId}/page
```

3. If the iterator has not expired, the client deletes the iterator by issuing

```
Delete common/Iterator/{iteratorId}
```

Samples

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Setting up user authentication

About this task

Before you use the REST API, user authorization must be assigned for each storage array that the user is permitted to access.

Steps


1. Log in to Unisphere.
2. Select  to display the **Settings** panel.
3. Select **Users and Groups > Authorized Users and Groups** to open the **Authorized Users and Groups** list view.
4. Click **Create** to open the **Add New Authorization Rule** dialog box.
5. Select the **Roles** tab and create a user login profile for each storage array that the user wants to access, and assign them to any of the following roles:
 - The following users have storage array access:
 - Administrator—Can initiate GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE methods.
 - Storage Administrator—Can initiate GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE methods.
 - Performance Monitor—Can initiate GET and POST (for Performance URLs only) methods.
 - Monitor—Can initiate GET methods.
 - Auditor—Can initiate GET methods.
 - Security Administrator—Can initiate GET methods.
 - Local Replication (LREP)—A user with LREP can perform the following operations on storage groups for which they have been LREP rights, either all the storage groups on the storage array or a subset of storage groups:
 - POST - Create snapshots for a storage group (cannot specify 'Secure' - Storage Administrator rights are needed for creating snapshots).
 - PUT - Manage snapshots on a storage group as specified in the following list of rules except for setting Secure (Storage Administrator rights are needed for that.):
 - If restoring, the user must also have device manage rights on the storage group.
 - If linking, the storage group must already exist on the storage array and the user must also have device manage rights for that storage group .The LREP user cannot create a storage group (Storage Administrator rights are needed for that), similarly for relinking and unlinking.
 - Set Mode - The user must have device management rights on linked storage group.
 - DELETE on snapshot generation.
 - Remote Replication (RREP)—A user with RREP can perform the following operations on storage groups for which they have been RREP rights, either all the storage groups on the storage array or a subset of storage groups:
 - PUT - Manage remote replication for a storage group - establish, suspend.
 - Delete storage group pairings.

A user with RREP cannot create storage group pairings as this action requires the creation of a storage group and possibly an SRDF group and these actions need Storage Administrator rights.

All operations on an SRDF group also need (at a minimum) Storage Administrator rights.
 - Users that are not allowed storage array access:
 - None

6. Click **OK**.


Client authentication

 **NOTE:** The minimum supported TLS version is 1.2.

REST API uses HTTP Basic Access Authentication to authenticate API clients, described in RFC 2617. HTTP Basic Access Authentication is simple; it does not require cookies, session handling, or login pages. Instead, HTTP Basic Access Authentication uses static headers, requiring no handshakes.

Users of the REST API are assigned user credentials for associated storage arrays within Unisphere . A username and password is supplied with every request to REST API in the “Authorization” header, as specified in RFC 2617. Every request to REST API is authenticated and authorized.

Ensure that usernames and passwords are encoded using the UTF-8 charset.

 **NOTE:** If X509 certificate-based client authentication is enabled, Unisphere ignores the username/password REST basic authentication credential. However, to meet the REST standard basic authentication requirement, REST clients must provide a nonempty username/password credential of their own creation.

Sample client request and response examples

Sample client request and response examples are in the `restapi-docs.zip` file that you can download from the Unisphere for VMAX host.

For more information about downloading the REST API documentation .zip file, see [Downloading documentation](#).