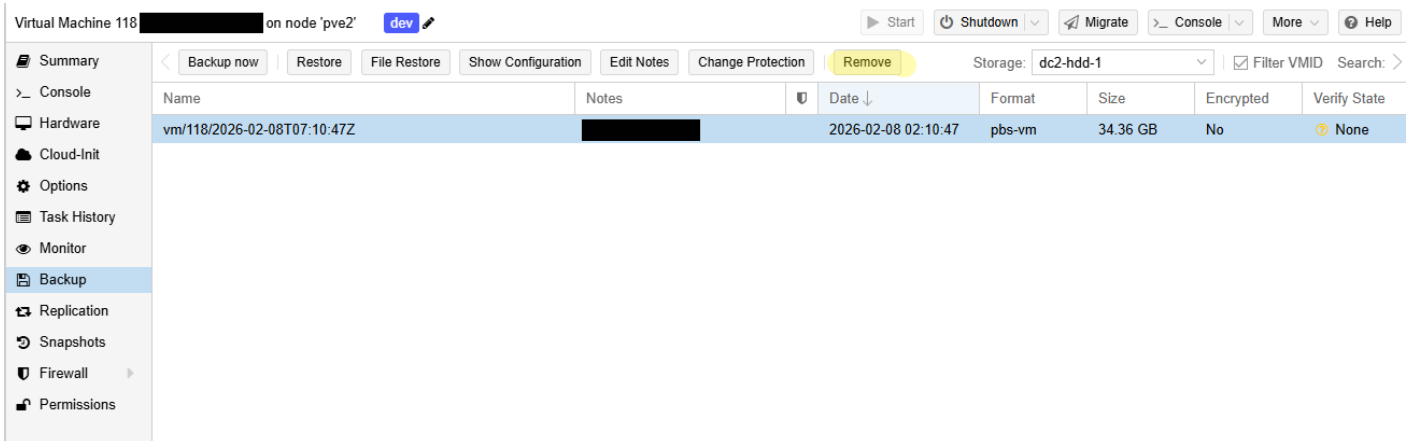


Removing/Pruning Backups

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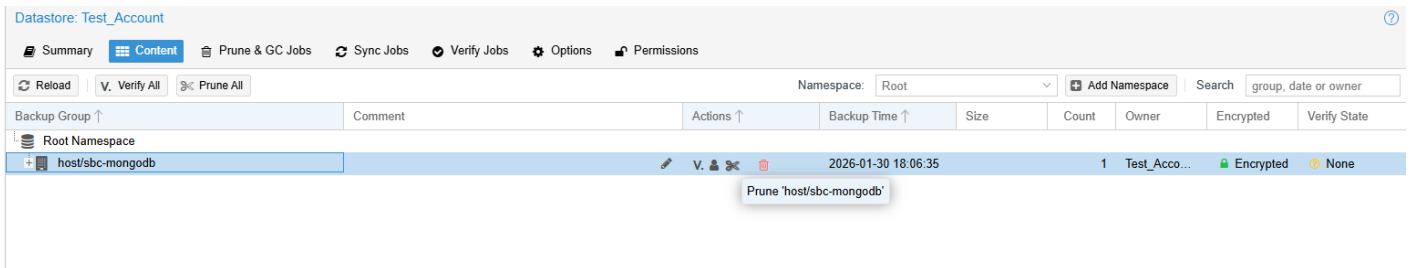
How to Remove Backups

To remove backups from Proxmox VE, navigate to the virtual machine or container you would like to remove. Once you are there, go to the backup tab. You should see the list of backups for your vm.

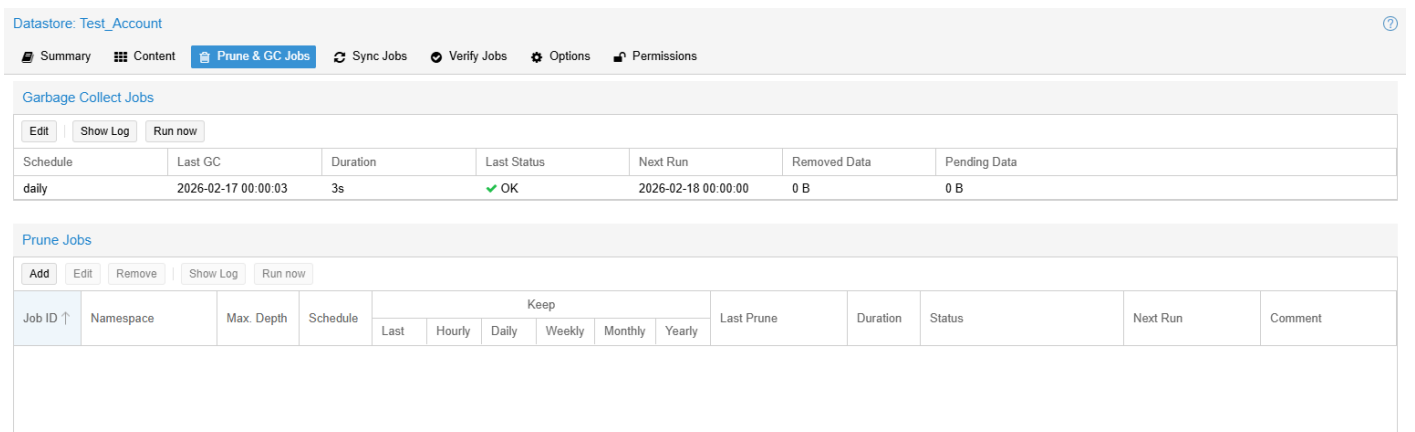


Select the backup you would like to remove and select the remove button.

Pruning allows you to specify which backup snapshots you want to keep and which ones you'd like to remove. To prune a single backup, within your Proxmox backup server account's datastore navigate to the snapshot you'd like to prune. Pruning keeps your backups in a recycle bin, to truly remove it you will have to run garbage collection.

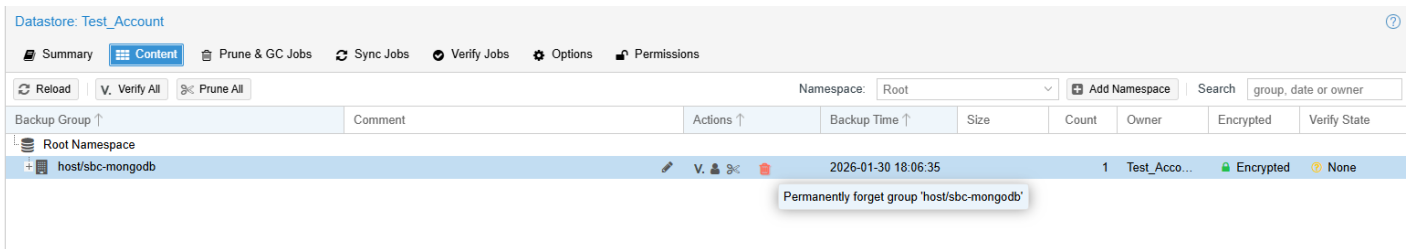


You can schedule pruning jobs under the Prune & GC Jobs under your datastore.



You can add a new prune job, for details on how to set up your prune job, please refer to [Proxmox's Official Documentation](#)

If you'd like to skip the pruning step, you can go ahead and permanently delete the snapshot as well.



The screenshot shows the Proxmox Backup Client interface for a datastore named 'Test_Account'. The top navigation bar includes 'Summary', 'Content', 'Prune & GC Jobs', 'Sync Jobs', 'Verify Jobs', 'Options', and 'Permissions'. Below this, there are buttons for 'Reload', 'Verify All', and 'Prune All'. The main area displays a table of backup groups under the 'Root Namespace'. The table has columns for 'Backup Group', 'Comment', 'Actions', 'Backup Time', 'Size', 'Count', 'Owner', 'Encrypted', and 'Verify State'. One backup group is visible: 'host/sbc-mongodb', with a backup time of '2026-01-30 18:06:35', a count of '1', owner 'Test_Acco...', and status 'Encrypted' and 'None'. A tooltip is shown over the 'host/sbc-mongodb' group, containing the text 'Permanently forget group 'host/sbc-mongodb''.

Backup Group	Comment	Actions	Backup Time	Size	Count	Owner	Encrypted	Verify State
host/sbc-mongodb			2026-01-30 18:06:35		1	Test_Acco...	Encrypted	None