



Install and setup

ONTAP Systems

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For most configurations, you can choose from different content formats.

- [Quick steps](#)

A printable PDF of step-by-step instructions with live links to additional content.

- [Video steps](#)

Video step-by-step instructions.

- [Detailed steps](#)

Online step-by-step instructions with live links to additional content.

If your system is in a MetroCluster IP configuration, see the [Install MetroCluster IP Configuration](#) instructions.

Quick guide - AFF A320

This guide gives graphic instructions for a typical installation of your system from racking and cabling, through initial system bring-up. Use this guide if you are familiar with installing NetApp systems.

Access the *Installation and Setup Instructions* PDF poster:

[AFF A320 Systems Installation and Setup Instructions](#)

Videos - AFF A320

There are two videos; one showing how to rack and cable your system and one showing an example of using the System Manager Guided Setup to perform initial system configuration.

Video one of two: Hardware installation and cabling

The following video shows how to install and cable your new system.

[NetApp video: AFF A320 Installation and setup](#)

Video two of two: Performing end-to-end software configuration

The following video shows end-to-end software configuration for systems running ONTAP 9.2 and later.

[NetApp video: Software configuration for vSphere NAS datastores for FAS/AFF systems running ONTAP 9.2](#)

Detailed guide - AFF A320

This guide gives detailed step-by-step instructions for installing a typical NetApp system. Use this guide if you want more detailed installation instructions.

Prepare for installation

To install your AFF A320 system, you need to create an account, register the system, and get license keys. You also need to inventory the appropriate number and type of cables for your system and collect specific network information.

You need to have access to the Hardware Universe for information about site requirements as well as additional information on your configured system. You might also want to have access to the Release Notes for your version of ONTAP for more information about this system.

[NetApp Hardware Universe](#)

[Find the Release Notes for your version of ONTAP 9](#)

You need to provide the following at your site:

- Rack space for the storage system
- Phillips #2 screwdriver
- Additional networking cables to connect your system to your network switch and laptop or console with a Web browser
- A laptop or console with an RJ-45 connection and access to a Web browser
 1. Unpack the contents of all boxes.
 2. Record the system serial number from the controllers.



3. Set up your account:
 - a. Log in to your existing account or create an account.
 - b. Register your system.

[NetApp Product Registration](#)

4. Inventory and make a note of the number and types of cables you received.

The following table identifies the types of cables you might receive. If you receive a cable not listed in the table, see the Hardware Universe to locate the cable and identify its use.

[NetApp Hardware Universe](#)

| Type of cable... | Part number and length | Connector type | For... |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| 100 GbE cable (QSFP28) | X66211A-05 (112-00595), 0.5m X66211A-1 (112-00573), 1m X66211A-2 (112-00574), 2m X66211A-5 (112-00574), 5m |  | Storage, cluster interconnect/HA, and Ethernet data (order-dependent) |
| 40 GbE cable | X66211A-1 (112-00573), 1m; X66211A-3 (112-00543), 3m; X66211A-5 (112-00576), 5m |  | Storage, cluster interconnect/HA, and Ethernet data (order-dependent) |
| Ethernet cable - MPO | X66200-2 (112-00326), 2m X66250-5 (112-00328), 5m X66250-30 (112-00331), 30m |  | Ethernet cable (order dependent) |
| Optical cables | SR: X6553-R6 (112-00188), 2m X6554-R6 (112-00189), 15m X6537-R6 (112-00091), 30m LR: X66250-3 (112-00342), 2m X66260-5 (112-00344), 5m X66260-30 (112-00354), 30m |  | FC configurations (order-dependent) |
| RJ-45 (order dependent) | X6585-R6 (112-00291), 3m X6562-R6 (112-00196), 5m |  | Management network |
| Micro-USB console cable | Not applicable |  | Console connection used during software setup if laptop or console does not support network discovery. |
| Power cables | Not applicable |  | Powering up the system |

5. Download and complete the *Cluster configuration worksheet*.

Install the hardware

You need to install your system in a 4-post rack or NetApp system cabinet, as applicable.

1. Install the rail kits, as needed.
2. Install and secure your system using the instructions included with the rail kit.



You need to be aware of the safety concerns associated with the weight of the system.



3. Attach cable management devices (as shown).



4. Place the bezel on the front of the system.

Cable controllers to your network

You can cable the controllers to your network by using the two-node switchless cluster method or by using the cluster interconnect network.

Option 1: Cable a two-node switchless cluster

The optional data ports, optional NIC cards, and management ports on the controller modules are connected to switches. The cluster interconnect/HA ports are cabled on both controller modules.

You must have contacted your network administrator for information about connecting the system to the switches.

Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can use the illustration or the step-by-step instructions to complete the cabling between the controllers and to the switches:



| Step | Perform on each controller module |
|------|---|
| 1 | <p>Cable the cluster/HA ports to each other with the 100 GbE (QSFP28) cable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e0a to e0a • e0d to e0d |

Step**Perform on each controller module****2**

If you are using your onboard ports for a data network connection, connect the 100GbE or 40GbE cables to the appropriate data network switches:

- e0g and e0h

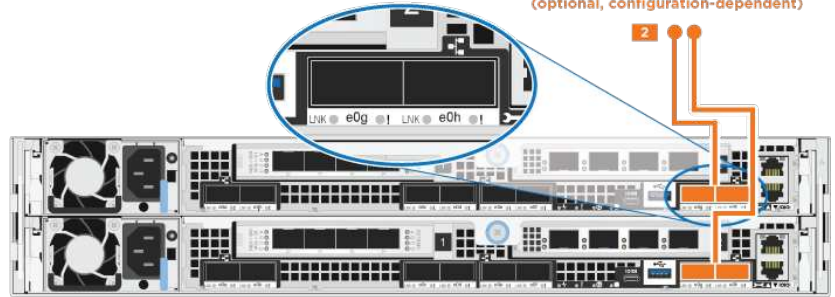


100 GbE cables



40 GbE cables

To 40 GbE or 100 GbE
data network switches
(optional, configuration-dependent)

**3**

If you are using your NIC cards for Ethernet or FC connections, connect the NIC card(s) to the appropriate switches:



100 GbE cables

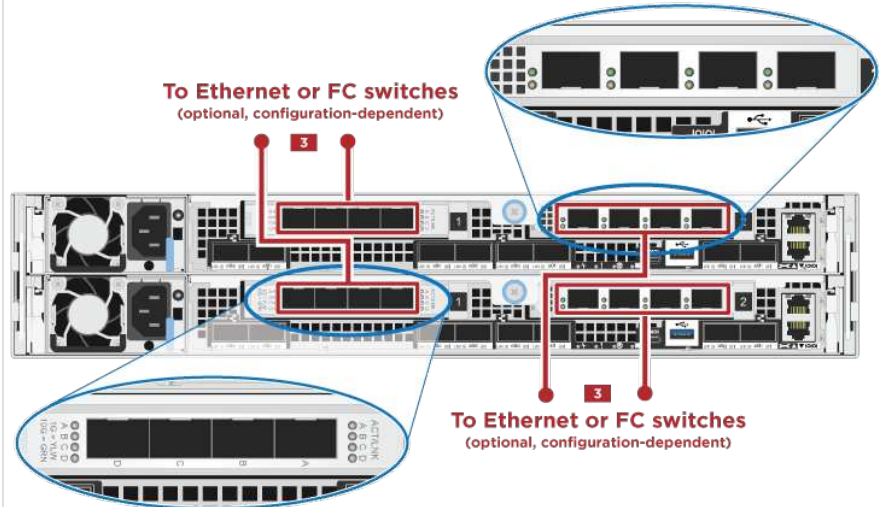


40 GbE cables



FC cables

To Ethernet or FC switches
(optional, configuration-dependent)



To Ethernet or FC switches
(optional, configuration-dependent)

| Step | Perform on each controller module |
|---|---|
| 4 | <p>Cable the e0M ports to the management network switches with the RJ45 cables.</p>  <p>Ethernet cables</p> |
|  | DO NOT plug in the power cords at this point. |

2. Cable your storage: [Cabling controllers to drive shelves](#)

Option 2: Cabling a switched cluster

The optional data ports, optional NIC cards, and management ports on the controller modules are connected to switches. The cluster interconnect/HA ports are cabled on to the cluster/HA switch.

You must have contacted your network administrator for information about connecting the system to the switches.

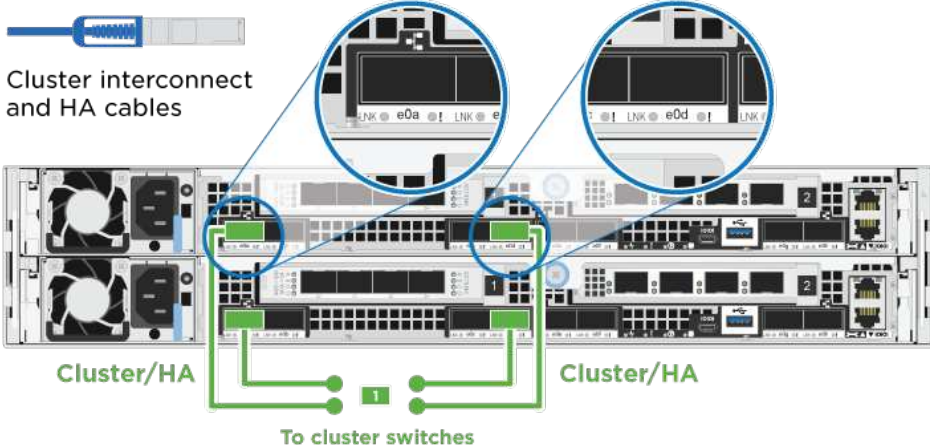
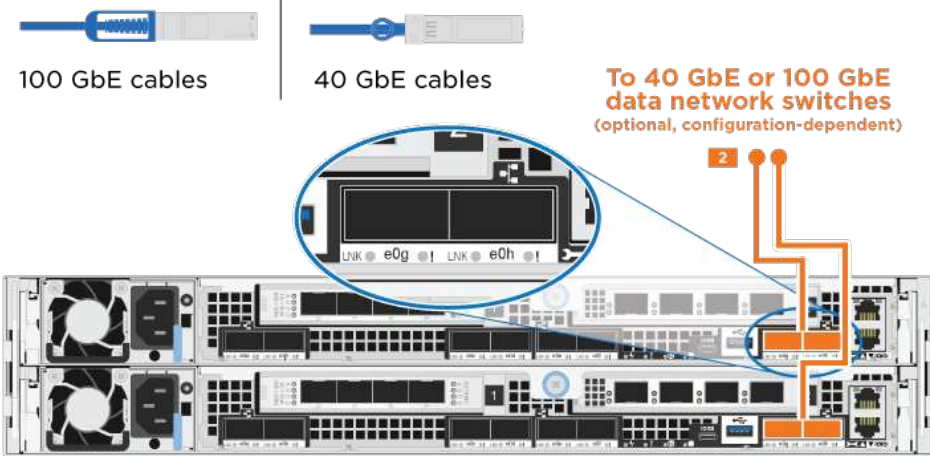
Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can used the illustration or the step-by step instructions to complete the cabling between the controllers and to the switches:

[drw a320 switched network cabling composite animated gif] |

| Step | Perform on each controller module |
|---|---|
| <div data-bbox="183 216 245 258" data-label="Text"> <p>1</p> </div> | <p data-bbox="511 216 1356 283">Cable the cluster/HA ports to the cluster/HA switch with the 100 GbE (QSFP28) cable:</p> <ul data-bbox="535 315 1144 399" style="list-style-type: none"> • e0a on both controllers to the cluster/HA switch • e0d on both controllers to the cluster/HA switch <div data-bbox="560 430 1484 871">  <p data-bbox="560 493 812 546">Cluster interconnect and HA cables</p> <p data-bbox="609 787 755 814">Cluster/HA</p> <p data-bbox="836 850 1031 871">To cluster switches</p> <p data-bbox="1112 787 1258 814">Cluster/HA</p> </div> |
| <div data-bbox="183 951 245 993" data-label="Text"> <p>2</p> </div> | <p data-bbox="511 951 1477 1018">If you are using your onboard ports for a data network connection, connect the 100GbE or 40GbE cables to the appropriate data network switches:</p> <ul data-bbox="535 1050 722 1081" style="list-style-type: none"> • e0g and e0h <div data-bbox="560 1102 1484 1554">  <p data-bbox="576 1165 771 1192">100 GbE cables</p> <p data-bbox="868 1165 1047 1192">40 GbE cables</p> <p data-bbox="1144 1165 1453 1234">To 40 GbE or 100 GbE data network switches (optional, configuration-dependent)</p> </div> |

| Step | Perform on each controller module |
|---|---|
| <div data-bbox="183 159 245 197" data-label="Text">3</div> | <p data-bbox="511 159 1446 226">If you are using your NIC cards for Ethernet or FC connections, connect the NIC card(s) to the appropriate switches:</p> <div data-bbox="511 275 1481 989" data-label="Image"> <p>The diagram illustrates the connection of Network Interface Cards (NICs) to switches. At the top, three cable types are shown: 100 GbE (blue, multi-fiber), 40 GbE (blue, standard RJ45), and FC (blue, SFP). Below, a server rack is shown with two controller modules highlighted. Red lines indicate connections from the NICs on these modules to switch ports. Callouts specify 'To Ethernet or FC switches (optional, configuration-dependent)'. A detailed inset shows the NIC ports on the controller module and the corresponding switch ports.</p> </div> |
| <div data-bbox="183 1062 245 1100" data-label="Text">4</div> | <p data-bbox="511 1062 1409 1129">Cable the e0M ports to the management network switches with the RJ45 cables.</p> <div data-bbox="511 1192 1481 1535" data-label="Image"> <p>The diagram shows the connection of e0M (Ethernet over Management) ports. An Ethernet cable is shown at the top. Below, a server rack is shown with two controller modules. Purple lines indicate connections from the e0M ports on these modules to management network switch ports. A callout specifies 'To management network switches'. A detailed inset shows the e0M ports on the controller module and the corresponding switch ports.</p> </div> |
| <div data-bbox="183 1608 245 1682" data-label="Image"> </div> | <p data-bbox="511 1608 1073 1640">DO NOT plug in the power cords at this point.</p> |

2. Cable your storage: [Cabling controllers to drive shelves](#)

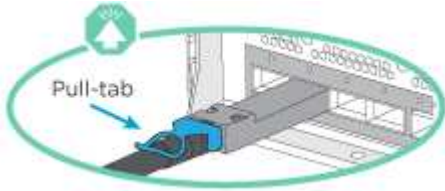
Cable controllers to drive shelves

You must cable the controllers to your shelves using the onboard storage ports.

Option 1: Cable the controllers to a single drive shelf

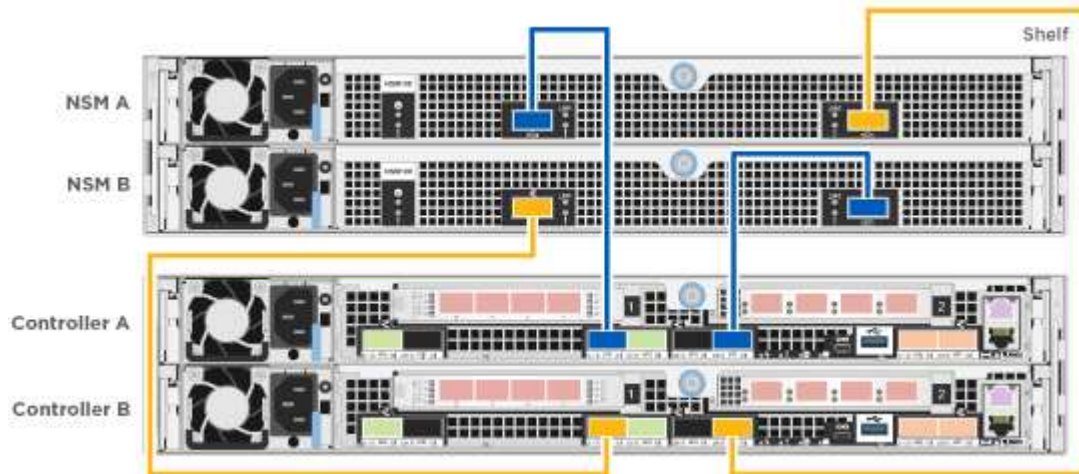
You must cable each controller to the NSM modules on the NS224 drive shelf.

Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can use the illustration or the step-by-step instructions to cable your controllers to a single shelf.



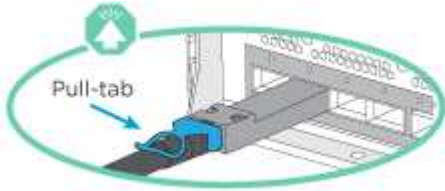
| Step | Perform on each controller module |
|--|--|
| <div data-bbox="183 153 246 197" data-label="Text">1</div> | <div data-bbox="511 153 878 191" data-label="Text">Cable controller A to the shelf</div> <div data-bbox="511 216 1479 850" data-label="Diagram"> <p>100 GbE cables</p> <p>NSM A</p> <p>NSM B</p> <p>Controller A</p> <p>Controller B</p> <p>Shelf</p> </div> |
| <div data-bbox="183 924 246 968" data-label="Text">2</div> | <div data-bbox="511 924 878 961" data-label="Text">Cable controller B to the shelf:</div> <div data-bbox="511 987 1479 1696" data-label="Diagram"> <p>100 GbE cables</p> <p>NSM A</p> <p>NSM B</p> <p>Controller A</p> <p>Controller B</p> <p>Shelf</p> </div> |

2. To complete setting up your system, see [Completing system setup and configuration](#).

Option 2: Cable the controllers to two drive shelves

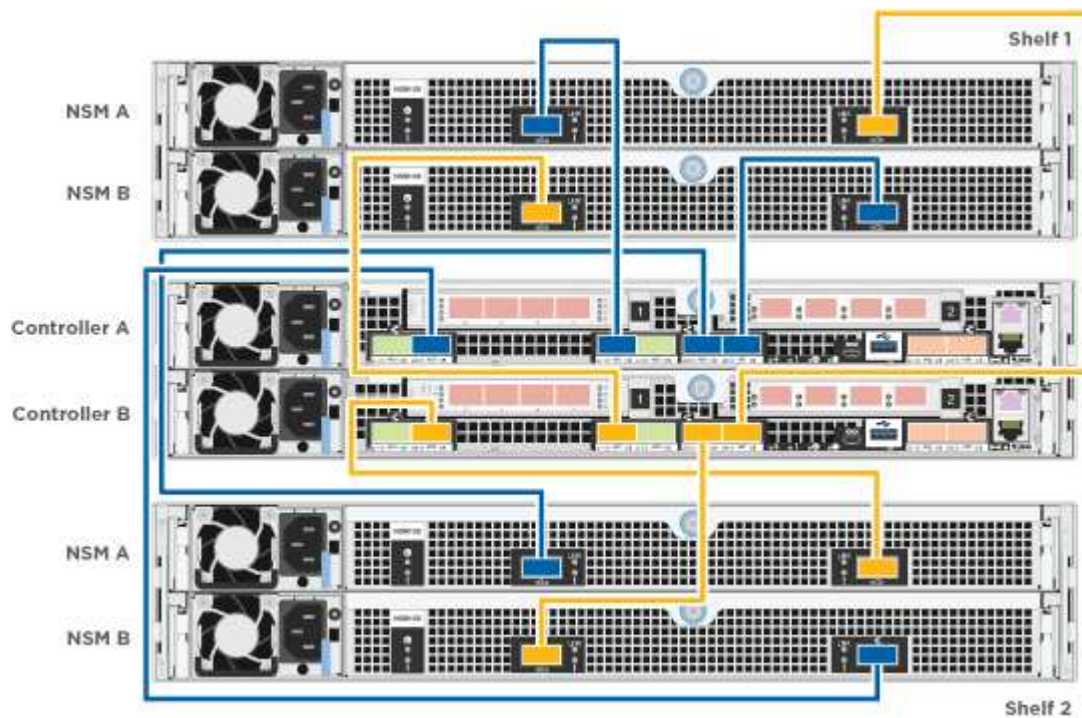
You must cable each controller to the NSM modules on both NS224 drive shelves.

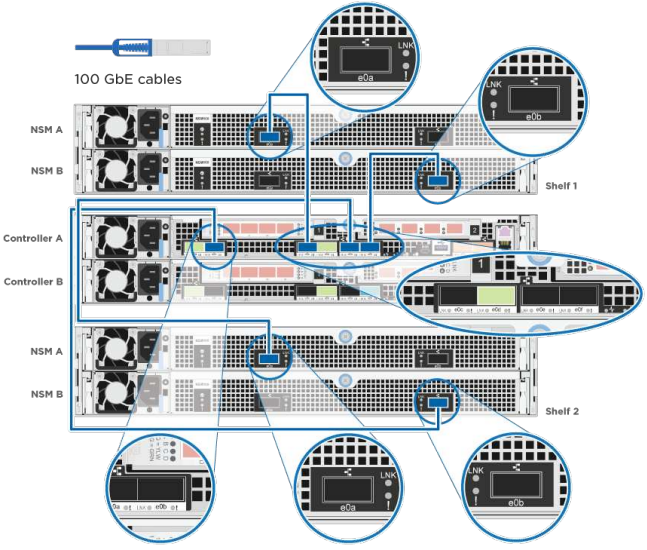
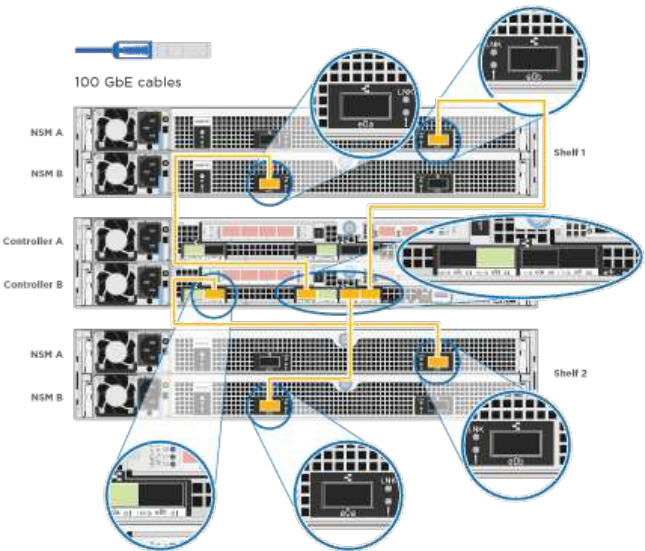
Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can use the following illustration or the written steps to cable your controllers to two drive shelves.



| Step | Perform on each controller module |
|--|--|
| <div data-bbox="183 155 245 197" data-label="Text">1</div> | <p data-bbox="841 159 1247 191">Cable controller A to the shelves:</p>  |
| <div data-bbox="183 800 245 842" data-label="Text">2</div> | <p data-bbox="841 804 1247 835">Cable controller B to the shelves:</p>  |

2. To complete setting up your system, see [Completing system setup and configuration](#).

Complete system setup and configuration

You can complete the system setup and configuration using cluster discovery with only a connection to the switch and laptop, or by connecting directly to a controller in the system and then connecting to the management switch.

Option 1: Completing system setup and configuration if network discovery is enabled

If you have network discovery enabled on your laptop, you can complete system setup and configuration using automatic cluster discovery.

1. Plug the power cords into the controller power supplies, and then connect them to power sources on different circuits.

The system begins to boot. Initial booting may take up to eight minutes

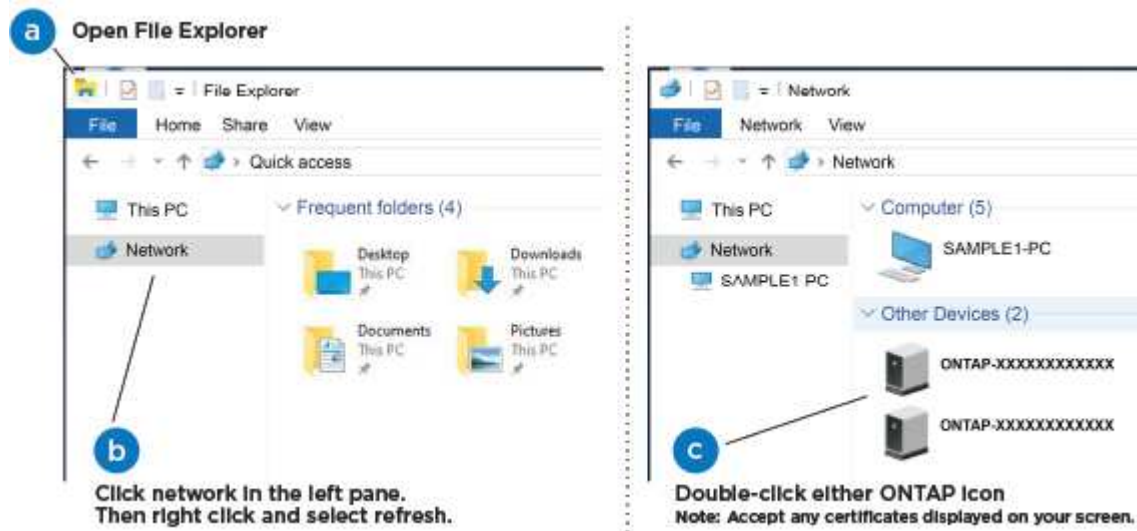
2. Make sure that your laptop has network discovery enabled.

See your laptop's online help for more information.

3. Use the following animation to connect your laptop to the Management switch.

[Connecting your laptop to the Management switch](#)

4. Select an ONTAP icon listed to discover:



- a. Open File Explorer.
- b. Click network in the left pane.
- c. Right click and select refresh.
- d. Double-click either ONTAP icon and accept any certificates displayed on your screen.



XXXXX is the system serial number for the target node.

System Manager opens.

5. Use System Manager guided setup to configure your system using the data you collected in the *NetApp ONTAP Configuration Guide*.

[ONTAP Configuration Guide](#)

6. Verify the health of your system by running Config Advisor.
7. After you have completed the initial configuration, go to the [ONTAP & ONTAP System Manager Documentation Resources](#) page for information about configuring additional features in ONTAP.

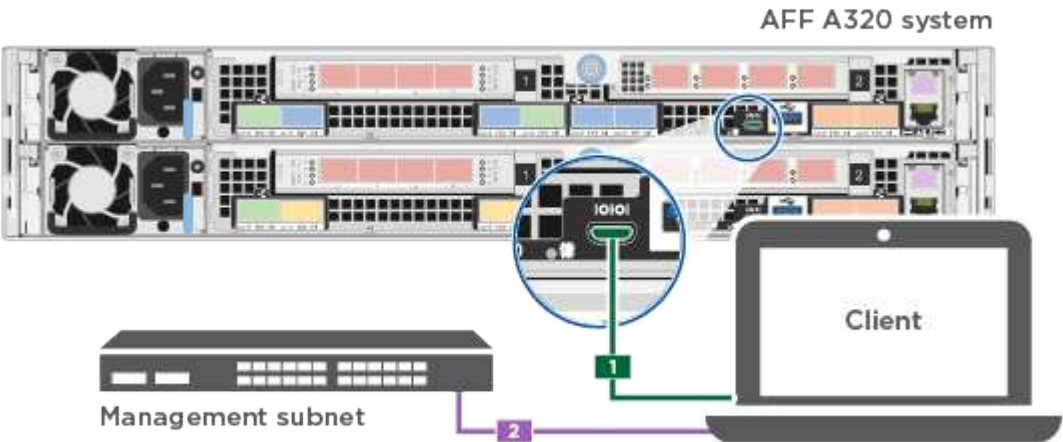
Option 2: Completing system setup and configuration if network discovery is not enabled

If network discovery is not enabled on your laptop, you must complete the configuration and setup using this task.

- 1. Cable and configure your laptop or console:
 - a. Set the console port on the laptop or console to 115,200 baud with N-8-1.
 - b. Connect the console cable to the laptop or console using the console cable that came with your system, and then connect the laptop to the management switch on the management subnet.



See your laptop or console’s online help for how to configure the console port.



- c. Assign a TCP/IP address to the laptop or console, using one that is on the management subnet.
- 2. Use the following animation to set one or more drive shelf IDs:


[Setting drive shelf IDs](#)

- 3. Plug the power cords into the controller power supplies, and then connect them to power sources on different circuits.

The system begins to boot. Initial booting may take up to eight minutes

- 4. Assign an initial node management IP address to one of the nodes.

| If the management network has DHCP... | Then... |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Configured | Record the IP address assigned to the new controllers. |

| If the management network has DHCP... | Then... |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Not configured | <p>a. Open a console session using PuTTY, a terminal server, or the equivalent for your environment.</p> <div>  <p>Check your laptop or console's online help if you do not know how to configure PuTTY.</p> </div> <p>b. Enter the management IP address when prompted by the script.</p> |

5. Using System Manager on your laptop or console, configure your cluster:

- a. Point your browser to the node management IP address.



The format for the address is https://x.x.x.x.

- b. Configure the system using the data you collected in the *NetApp ONTAP Configuration guide*.

[ONTAP Configuration Guide](#)

6. Verify the health of your system by running Config Advisor.

7. After you have completed the initial configuration, go to the [ONTAP & ONTAP System Manager Documentation Resources](#) page for information about configuring additional features in ONTAP.

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