



# **Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade AFF A700 to AFF A900 running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later**

AFF and FAS Controller Upgrade

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# Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade AFF A700 to AFF A900 running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later

## Overview

This procedure describes how to upgrade the controller hardware using aggregate relocation (ARL) for the following system configuration:

| Method                                   | ONTAP version | Supported systems    | Description   |
|--|---------------|----------------------|---|
| Using system controller replace commands | 9.10 or later | AFF A700 to AFF A900 | Converts an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 by keeping the same chassis |

You can nondisruptively upgrade controller hardware on a high availability (HA) pair of AFF A700 nodes to an AFF A900 system by swapping the controller module and the NVRAM module. You migrate the non-root aggregates between the AFF A700 nodes. After installation, you then migrate the non-root aggregates from the AFF A700 nodes to the AFF A900 nodes. The data hosted on the nodes that you are upgrading is accessible during the upgrade procedure.

### About this task

During this controller upgrade procedure, you upgrade an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 system.



You swap only the two field replaceable units (FRUs) on each node on the AFF A700 system with the new FRUs. You do not need to move, disconnect, or reconnect the I/O cards, data cables, disk shelves, and disks.

This procedure uses a method called aggregate relocation (ARL), which takes advantage of the HA configuration to enable you to move ownership of non-root aggregates from one node to another if they share storage within the same cluster.

During the procedure, you upgrade the original controller hardware with the replacement controller hardware, relocating the ownership of non-root aggregates. You migrate aggregates multiple times from node to node to ensure that at least one node is serving data from the aggregates throughout the upgrade procedure. You also migrate data LIFs between nodes in the cluster as you proceed.



The terms **node1** and **node2**, are used only as a reference to node names in this document. When following the procedure, you must substitute the real names of your nodes.

### Important information

- This procedure is complex and assumes that you have advanced ONTAP administration skills. You also should read and understand the [Guidelines for upgrading from an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 with ARL](#) and the [Overview of the ARL upgrade](#) sections before beginning the upgrade.
- This procedure assumes that the replacement controller hardware is new and has not been used in another system. The steps required to prepare used controllers with the `wipeconfig` command are not included in this procedure. You must contact technical support if the replacement controller hardware was previously used as part of another ONTAP cluster or as a standalone single node system.

- You can use this procedure to upgrade the controller hardware in clusters with more than two nodes; however, you need to perform the procedure separately for each HA pair in the cluster.
- This procedure applies only to AFF A700 systems. For all other controller models that need upgrading to an AFF A900 system, refer to [References](#) to link to the *Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade controller hardware running ONTAP 9.8 or later* and the *Using Aggregate Relocation to Manually Upgrade Controller Hardware Running ONTAP 9.8 or Later* content.
- The AFF A900 systems only support high-line power (200V to 240V). If your AFF A700 system is running on low-line power (100V to 120V), you must convert the AFF A700 input power before using this procedure.
- If you are upgrading from an AFF A700 system with downtime, you can upgrade controller hardware by moving storage or contact technical support. Refer to [References](#) to link to *Upgrade by moving volumes or storage*.

## Automate the controller upgrade process

During this controller upgrade, you replace an AFF A700 controller with an AFF A900 controller. This content provides the steps for the automated procedure, which uses automatic disk assignment and network port reachability checks to simplify the controller upgrade experience.

## Decide whether to use the aggregate relocation procedure

This content describes how to upgrade storage controllers in an AFF A700 HA pair with new AFF A900 controllers, while keeping all the existing data and disks. This is a complex procedure that should be used only by experienced administrators.

Use this procedure under the following circumstances:

- You have verified with your NetApp sales representative that you have received an AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module and the parts required for the upgrade.
- You are running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later.
- You do not want to add the new controllers as a new HA pair to the cluster and migrate the data by using volume moves.
- You are experienced in administering ONTAP and are comfortable with the risks of working in diagnostic privilege mode.

Do **NOT** use this procedure under the following circumstances:

- You are using FlexArray Virtualization Software on AFF A700 systems.
- You are using a shared switch for cluster-interconnect and Ethernet attached storage.

For upgrading Fabric MetroCluster or MetroCluster IP configurations, see [References](#) to link to the *MetroCluster Upgrade and Expansion* content.



You can use NetApp Storage Encryption (NSE) and NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) with this procedure.

If you prefer a different method of upgrading the controller hardware and are willing to do volume moves, refer

to [References](#) to link to *Upgrade by moving volumes or storage*.

Refer to [References](#) to link to the *ONTAP 9 Documentation Center* where you can access ONTAP 9 product documentation.

## Required tools and documentation

You must have a grounding strap to perform the upgrade, and you need to reference other documents during the upgrade process.

Refer to [References](#) to access the list of reference documents and reference sites required for this upgrade.

## Guidelines for upgrading from an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 with ARL

Using ARL to upgrade a pair of AFF A700 controllers running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later to an AFF A900 system depends on the system and the configuration of both the original and replacement controllers.

### Supported upgrades for ARL

An AFF A700 to an AFF A900 upgrade using ARL and swapping only the controller module and the NVRAM module is the supported combination. If you have received a new AFF A900 system as a complete system, including a new chassis, refer to [References](#) to link to the *Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade controller hardware running ONTAP 9.8 or later* content.



This procedure strictly applies to an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 upgrade running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later. Do not use this procedure to perform an upgrade between any other system combinations.

Controller upgrade using ARL is supported on systems configured with SnapLock Enterprise and SnapLock Compliance volumes.

### Two-node switchless clusters

If you are upgrading nodes in a two-node switchless cluster, you can leave the nodes in the switchless cluster while performing the upgrade. You do not need to convert them to a switched cluster.

### Troubleshoot

If any problems occur while upgrading the controllers, see the [Troubleshoot](#) section at the end of the procedure for more information and possible solutions.

If you do not find a solution to the problem you encountered, contact technical support.

## Overview of the ARL upgrade

Before you upgrade the nodes using ARL, you should understand how the procedure works. In this content, the procedure is broken down into several stages.

## Upgrade the node pair

To upgrade the node pair, you need to prepare the original nodes and then perform a series of steps on both the original and new nodes. You can then decommission the original nodes.

### ARL upgrade sequence overview

During the procedure, you upgrade the original controller hardware with the replacement controller hardware, one controller at a time, taking advantage of the HA pair configuration to relocate the ownership of non-root aggregates. All non-root aggregates must undergo two relocations to reach their final destination, which is the correct upgraded node.

Each aggregate has a home owner and current owner. The home owner is the actual owner of the aggregate, and the current owner is the temporary owner.

The following table describes the high-level tasks you perform during each stage and the state of aggregate ownership at the end of the stage. Detailed steps are provided later in the procedure:

| Stage                        | Steps  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Stage 1: Prepare for upgrade | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Verify the upgrade hardware</li><li>2. Run prechecks to verify that you can perform the operation</li><li>3. Correct aggregate ownership if a precheck fails</li><li>4. Enter the cluster-base license keys</li><li>5. Get an IP address for storage encryption</li><li>6. Manage authentication by using a Key Management Operability Protocol (KMIP) server</li><li>7. Manage storage encryption by using an onboard key manager (OKM)</li><li>8. Quiesce the SnapMirror relationships (optional)</li></ol> <p>Aggregate ownership at the end of Stage 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Node1 is the home owner and current owner of the node1 aggregates</li><li>• Node2 is the home owner and current owner of the node2 aggregates</li></ul> |

| Stage   | Steps  |
|---|--|
| <p>Stage 2: Relocate resources from node1 and retire AFF A700 node1</p>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relocate non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs owned by node1 to node2</li> <li>2. Relocate failed or vetoed aggregates</li> <li>3. Retire node1</li> <li>4. Remove the AFF A700 controller module and NVRAM module</li> <li>5. Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node1</li> <li>6. Netboot node1</li> </ol> <p>Aggregate ownership at the end of Stage 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Node2 is the current owner of node1 aggregates</li> <li>• Node2 is the home owner and current owner of node2 aggregates</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Stage 3: Boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module NVRAM module</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module</li> <li>2. Verify that node1 is successfully installed</li> <li>3. Restore node1 network configuration</li> <li>4. Restore key-manager configuration on the upgraded node1</li> <li>5. Move non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs owned by node1 from node2 to the upgraded node1</li> </ol> <p>Aggregate ownership at the end of Stage 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgraded AFF A900 node1 is the home owner and current owner of node1 aggregates</li> <li>• Node2 is the home owner and current owner of node2 aggregates</li> </ul> |
| <p>Stage 4: Relocate resources from node2 and retire node2</p>              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relocate non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs from node2 to node1</li> <li>2. Retire node2</li> </ol> <p>Aggregate ownership at the end of Stage 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgraded node1 is the home owner and current owner of aggregates that originally belonged to node1</li> <li>• Node2 is the home owner of node2 aggregates</li> <li>• Upgraded node1 is the current owner of node2 aggregates</li> </ul>  |

| Stage   | Steps   |
|---|---|
| Stage 5: Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node2</li> <li>2. Netboot node2</li> </ol> <p>Aggregate ownership at the end of Stage 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Node1 is the home owner and current owner of the aggregates that originally belonged to node1.</li> <li>• Upgraded node2 is the home owner and current owner of aggregates that originally belonged to node2.</li> </ul> |
| Stage 6: Boot node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boot node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module</li> <li>2. Verify that node2 is correctly installed</li> <li>3. Restore node2 network configuration</li> <li>4. Move non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs back to node2</li> </ol>  |
| Stage 7: Complete the upgrade   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verify that the new controllers are set up correctly</li> <li>2. Set up Storage Encryption on the new controller module</li> <li>3. Set up NetApp Volume Encryption on the new controller module.</li> <li>4. Decommission the old system.</li> <li>5. Resume NetApp SnapMirror operations</li> </ol>   |

## Stage 1. Prepare for upgrade

### Verify the upgrade hardware

Before starting the upgrade, you must verify that you have the correct hardware to upgrade an AFF A700 system to an AFF A900 system. For each HA pair that you are upgrading, you must have two system controller modules and two NVRAM modules. If there are parts missing, contact technical support or your NetApp sales contact for assistance.

### Prepare the nodes for upgrade

During Stage 1, you must prepare the nodes for the upgrade and run a series of prechecks. You must also prepare to netboot the new controllers.

#### Steps

1. Begin the controller replacement process by entering the following command in the advanced privilege mode of the ONTAP command line:

```
set -privilege advanced
```



```
system controller replace start -nodes <node_names>
```

You will see output similar to the following:

Warning:

1. Current ONTAP version is 9.x

2. Verify that NVMEM or NVRAM batteries of the new nodes are charged, and charge them if they are not. You need to physically check the new nodes to see if the NVMEM or NVRAM batteries are charged. You can check the battery status either by connecting to a serial console or using SSH, logging into the Service Processor (SP) or Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) for your system, and use the system sensors to see if the battery has a sufficient charge.

Attention: Do not try to clear the NVRAM contents. If there is a need to clear the contents of NVRAM, contact NetApp technical support.

3. If a controller was previously part of a different cluster, run `wipeconfig` before using it as the replacement controller.

Do you want to continue? {y|n}: y

2. Select `y`. You will see the following output:

```
Controller replacement operation: Prechecks in progress.  
Controller replacement operation has been paused for user intervention.
```

During the prechecks phase, the system runs the following list of checks in the background.

| Precheck                          | Description   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Cluster Health Check              | Checks all the nodes in the cluster to confirm that they are healthy.   |
| Aggregate Relocation Status Check | Checks whether an aggregate relocation is already in progress. If another aggregate relocation is in progress, the check fails. |
| Model Name Check                  | Checks whether the controller models are supported for this procedure.<br>If the models are not supported, the task fails.      |
| Cluster Quorum Check              | Checks that the nodes being replaced are in quorum. If the nodes are not in quorum, the task fails.                             |

| Precheck                       | Description   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Image Version Check            | Checks that the nodes being replaced run the same version of ONTAP.<br>If the ONTAP image versions are different, the task fails.<br>The new nodes must have the same version of ONTAP 9.x installed on them that is installed on the original nodes. If the new nodes have a different version of ONTAP installed, you need to netboot the new controllers after you install them. For instructions on how to upgrade ONTAP, refer to <a href="#">References</a> to link to <i>Upgrade ONTAP</i> . |
| HA Status Check                | Checks if both the nodes being replaced are in a high availability (HA) pair configuration.<br>If storage failover is not enabled for the controllers, the task fails.  |
| Aggregate Status Check         | If the nodes being replaced own aggregates for which they are not the home owner, the task fails.<br>The nodes should not own any non-local aggregates.   |
| Disk Status Check              | If any nodes being replaced have missing or failed disks, the task fails.<br>If any disks are missing, refer to <a href="#">References</a> to link to <i>Disk and aggregate management with the CLI</i> , <i>Logical storage management with the CLI</i> , and <i>High Availability management</i> to configure storage for the HA pair.  |
| Data LIF Status Check          | Checks if any of the nodes being replaced have non-local data LIFs. The nodes should not contain any data LIFs for which they are not the home owner. If one of the nodes contains non-local data LIFs, the task fails.   |
| Cluster LIF Status             | Checks whether the cluster LIFs are up for both nodes. If the cluster LIFs are down, the task fails.  |
| ASUP Status Check              | If AutoSupport notifications are not configured, the task fails.<br>You must enable AutoSupport before beginning the controller replacement procedure.  |
| CPU Utilization Check          | Checks if the CPU utilization is more than 50% for any of the nodes being replaced.<br>If the CPU usage is more than 50% for a considerable period of time, the task fails.   |
| Aggregate Reconstruction Check | Checks if reconstruction is occurring on any data aggregates.<br>If aggregate reconstruction is in progress, the task fails.  |
| Node Affinity Job Check        | Checks if any node affinity jobs are running.<br>If node affinity jobs are running, the check fails.  |

- After the controller replacement operation is started and the prechecks are completed, the operation pauses, enabling you to collect output information that you might need later in the controller upgrade process.
- Run the below set of commands as directed by the controller replacement procedure on the system console.

You must run and save the output of the following commands individually:

- vservers services name-service dns show
- network interface show -curr-node <nodename> -role cluster,intercluster,node-mgmt,cluster-mgmt,data
- network port show -node <node\_name> -type physical
- service-processor show -node \* -instance
- network fcp adapter show -node <node\_name>
- network port ifgrp show
- system node show -instance -node <node\_name>
- run -node <node\_name> sysconfig
- storage aggregate show -node <node\_name>
- volume show -node <node\_name>
- storage array config show -switch <switch\_name>
- system license show -owner <node\_name>
- storage encryption disk show
- security key-manager onboard show-backup
- security key-manager external show
- security key-manager external show-status
- reachability show -detail



If NetApp Volume Encryption using Onboard Key Manager is in use, keep the key-manager passphrase ready to complete the key manager resync later in the procedure.

### Correct aggregate ownership if an ARL precheck fails

If the Aggregate Status Check fails, you must return aggregates owned by the partner node to the home owner node and initiate the precheck process again.

#### Steps

1. Return the aggregates currently owned by the partner node to the home owner node:

```
storage aggregate relocation start -node <source_node> -destination
<destination-node> - aggregate-list *
```

2. Verify that neither node1 nor node2 still owns aggregates for which it is the current owner (but not the home owner):

```
storage aggregate show -nodes <node_name> -is-home false -fields owner-
name,home- name,state
```

The following example shows the output of the command when a node is both the current owner and home owner of aggregates:

```
cluster::> storage aggregate show -nodes node1 -is-home true -fields
owner-name,home-name,state
aggregate    home-name  owner-name  state
-----
aggr1        node1       node1       online
aggr2        node1       node1       online
aggr3        node1       node1       online
aggr4        node1       node1       online

4 entries were displayed.
```

## After you finish

You must restart the controller replacement process:

```
system controller replace start -nodes <node_names>
```

## License

When you set up a cluster, the setup wizard prompts you to enter the cluster-base license key. However, some features require additional licenses, which are issued as *packages* that include one or more features. Each node in the cluster must have its own key for each feature to be used in the cluster.

If you do not have new license keys, currently licensed features in the cluster are available to the new controller. However, using unlicensed features on the controller might put you out of compliance with your license agreement, so you should install the new license key or keys for the new controller after the upgrade is complete.

Refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site* where you can obtain new 2-character license keys for 9.10.1 or later. The keys are available in the *My Support* section under *Software licenses*. If the site does not have the license keys you need, contact your NetApp sales representative.

For detailed information about licensing, refer to [References](#) to link to the *System Administration Reference*.

## Get an IP address of an external key management server for Storage Encryption

After upgrading, you must immediately configure Storage Encryption and establish a cluster-wide authentication key to replace the previous node-level authentication keys.

### Steps

1. Install the necessary client and server secure sockets layer (SSL) certificates required to communicate with key management servers:

```
security certificate install
```

2. Configure Storage Encryption on all nodes by using the following command on each node:

```
security key-manager external enable
```

3. Add the IP address for each key management server:

```
security key-manager external add-servers -key-servers  
<key_management_server_ip_address>
```

4. Verify that the same key management servers are configured and available on all nodes in the cluster:

```
security key-manager external show-status
```

5. Create a new cluster-wide authentication key:

```
security key-manager key create
```

6. Make a note of the new authentication key ID.

7. Rekey all self-encrypting drives with the new authentication key:

```
storage encryption disk modify -disk * -data-key-id <authentication_key_id>
```

## Manage authentication using KMIP servers

Beginning with ONTAP 9.10.1, you can use Key Management Interoperability Protocol (KMIP) servers to manage authentication keys.

### Steps

1. Add a new controller:

```
security key-manager external enable
```

2. Add the key manager:

```
security key-manager external add-servers -key-servers  
<key_management_server_ip_address>
```

3. Verify that the key management servers are configured and available to all nodes in the cluster:

```
security key-manager external show-status
```

4. Restore the authentication keys from all linked key management servers to the new node:

```
security key-manager external restore -node <new_controller_name>
```

5. Rekey all self-encrypting disks with the new authentication key:

```
storage encryption disk modify -disk * [-data-key-id nonMSID AK]
```

6. If you use the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS), rekey all self-encrypting disks with the new authentication key:

```
storage encryption disk modify -disk * [-fips-key-id nonMSID AK]
```

## Manage storage encryption using Onboard Key Manager

You can use the OKM to manage encryption keys. If you plan to use OKM, you must record the passphrase and backup material before beginning the upgrade.

### Steps

1. Save the passphrase to a secure location.
2. Create a backup for recovery purposes. Run the following command and save the output:

```
security key-manager onboard show-backup
```

## Quiesce the SnapMirror relationships (optional)

Before continuing with the procedure, you must confirm that all the SnapMirror relationships are quiesced. When a SnapMirror relationship is quiesced, it remains quiesced across reboots and failovers.

### Steps

1. Verify the SnapMirror relationship status on the destination cluster:

```
snapmirror show
```



If the status is "Transferring", you must abort those transfers:

```
snapmirror abort -destination-vserver <vserver_name>
```

The abort fails if the SnapMirror relationship is not in the "Transferring" state.

2. Quiesce all relationships between the cluster:

```
snapmirror quiesce -destination-vserver <vserver_name>
```

## Stage 2. Relocate resources and retire AFF A700 node1

### Relocate non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs owned by node1 to node2

Before you can replace node1 with the AFF A900 controller module and the NVRAM module, you must move the non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs from node1 to node2 before eventually restoring node1's resources back on node1 running on the AFF A900 system. This process is largely automated; the operation pauses to enable you to check its status.

### Before you begin

The operation should already be paused when you begin the task; you must manually resume the operation.

### About this task

Remote LIFs handle traffic to SAN LUNs during the upgrade procedure. You are not required to move SAN LIFs for cluster or service health during the upgrade. You must verify that the LIFs are healthy and located on appropriate ports after you bring node1 online as AFF A900.



The home owner for the aggregates and LIFs is not modified; only the current owner is modified.

## Steps

1. Resume the aggregate relocation and NAS data LIF move operations:

```
system controller replace resume
```

All the non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs are migrated from node1 to node2.

The operation pauses to enable you to verify whether all node1 non-root aggregates and non-SAN data LIFs have been migrated to node2.

2. Check the status of the aggregate relocation and NAS data LIF move operations:

```
system controller replace show-details
```

3. With the operation still paused, verify that all the non-root aggregates are online for their state on node2:

```
storage aggregate show -node <node2> -state online -root false
```

The following example shows that the non-root aggregates on node2 are online:

```
cluster::> storage aggregate show -node node2 state online -root false
```

| Aggregate                 | Size    | Available | Used% | State  | #Vols | Nodes | RAID Status |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------------|
| -----                     | -----   | -----     | ----- | -----  | ----- | ----- |             |
| -----                     |         |           |       |        |       |       |             |
| aggr_1                    | 744.9GB | 744.8GB   | 0%    | online | 5     | node2 |             |
| raid_dp,normal            |         |           |       |        |       |       |             |
| aggr_2                    | 825.0GB | 825.0GB   | 0%    | online | 1     | node2 |             |
| raid_dp,normal            |         |           |       |        |       |       |             |
| 2 entries were displayed. |         |           |       |        |       |       |             |

If the aggregates have gone offline or become foreign on node2, bring them online by using the following command on node2, once for each aggregate:

```
storage aggregate online -aggregate <aggr_name>
```

4. Verify that all the volumes are online on node2 by using the following command on node2 and examining its output:

```
volume show -node <node2> -state offline
```

If any volumes are offline on node2, bring them online by using the following command on node2, once for each volume:

```
volume online -vserver <vserver_name> -volume <volume_name>
```

The <vserver\_name> to use with this command is found in the output of the previous `volume show` command.

5. If any LIFs are down, set the administrative status of the LIFs to `up` by using the following command,

once for each LIF:

```
network interface modify -vserver <vserver_name> -lif <LIF_name> -home-node
<nodename> - status-admin up
```

## Relocate failed or vetoed aggregates

If any aggregates fail to relocate or are vetoed, you must manually relocate the aggregates, or if necessary, override either the vetoes or destination checks.

### About this task

The relocation operation will have paused due to the error.

### Steps

1. Check the event management system (EMS) logs to determine why the aggregate failed to relocate or was vetoed.
2. Relocate any failed or vetoed aggregates:

```
storage aggregate relocation start -node <node1> -destination <node2>
aggregate-list <aggr_name> -ndo-controller-upgrade true
```

3. When prompted, enter `y`.
4. You can force relocation by using one of the following methods:

| Option                        | Description  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Overriding veto checks        | Use the following command:<br>storage aggregate relocation start -node node1<br>-destination node2 -aggregate-list <aggr_list> -ndo<br>-controller-upgrade true -override-vetoes true                                      |
| Overriding destination checks | Use the following command:<br>storage aggregate relocation start -node node1<br>-destination node2 -aggregate-list <aggr_list> -ndo<br>-controller-upgrade true -override-vetoes true<br>-override-destination-checks true |

## Retire node1

To retire node1, resume the automated operation to disable the HA pair with node2 and shut down node1 correctly. You must later remove the AFF A700 controller module and the NVRAM module from the node1 chassis and then install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node1.

### Steps

1. Resume the operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

2. Verify that node1 has been halted:



```
system controller replace show-details
```

After node1 has completely halted, node1 should be at the LOADER> prompt. To see the LOADER> prompt, connect to the serial console of node1.

## Remove the AFF A700 controller module and NVRAM module

At this stage, node1 is down and all data is served by node2. Because node1 and node2 are in the same chassis and powered by the same set of power supplies, do NOT power off the chassis. You must take care to remove only the node1 controller module and the node1 NVRAM module. Typically, node1 is controller A, located on the left side of the chassis when looking at the controllers from the rear of the system. The controller label is located on the chassis directly above the controller module.

### Before you begin

If you are not already grounded, correctly ground yourself.

### Remove the AFF A700 controller module

Use the following procedure to remove the AFF A700 controller module.

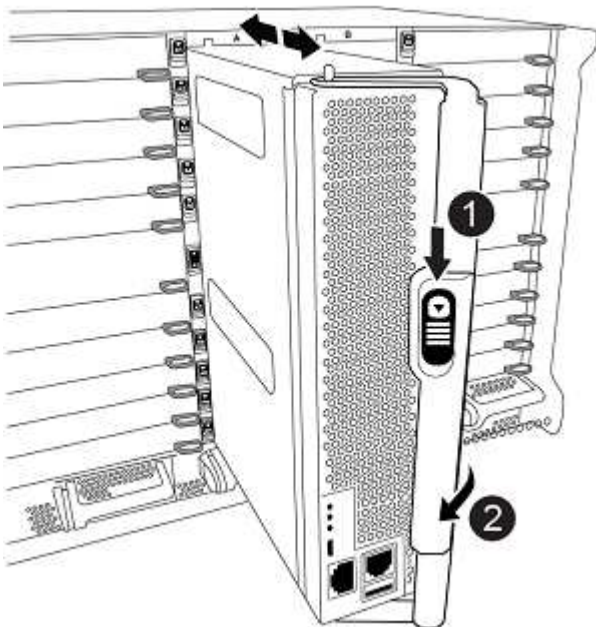
#### Steps

1. Detach the console cable, if any, and the management cable from the node1 controller module before removing the controller module from node1.



When you are working on node1, you only remove the console and e0M cables from node1. You must not remove or change any other cables or connections on either node1 or node2 during this process.

2. Unlock and remove the controller module A from the chassis.
  - a. Slide the orange button on the cam handle downward until it unlocks.



|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | Cam handle release button |
| 2 | Cam handle                |

- b. Rotate the cam handle so that it completely disengages the controller module from the chassis, and then slide the controller module out of the chassis.

Make sure that you support the bottom of the controller module as you slide it out of the chassis.

#### Remove the AFF A700 NVRAM module

Use the following procedure to remove the AFF A700 NVRAM module.



The AFF A700 NVRAM module is in slot 6 and is double the height of the other modules in the system.

#### Steps

1. Unlock and remove the NVRAM module from slot 6 of node1.

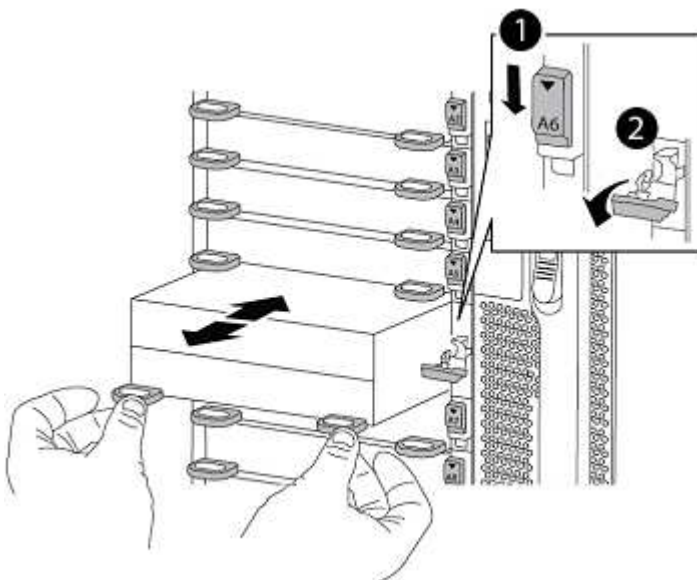
- a. Depress the lettered and numbered cam button.

The cam button moves away from the chassis.

- b. Rotate the cam latch down until it is in a horizontal position.

The NVRAM module disengages from the chassis and moves a few inches.

- c. Remove the NVRAM module from the chassis by pulling on the pull tabs on the sides of the module face.



|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Lettered and numbered I/O cam latch |
|---|-------------------------------------|

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 2 | I/O latch completely unlocked |
|---|-------------------------------|

- If you are using any add-on modules as coredump devices on the AFF A700 NVRAM module, do NOT transfer them to the AFF A900 NVRAM module.

### Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node1

You must install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module that you received for the upgrade on node1. Do NOT move the coredump devices from the AFF A700 NVRAM module to the AFF A900 NVRAM module.

#### Before you begin

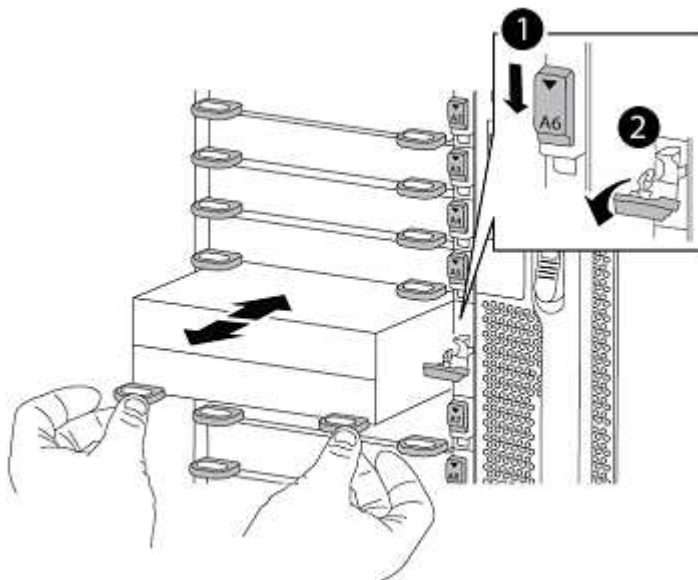
If you are not already grounded, correctly ground yourself.

#### Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module

Use the following procedure to install the AFF A900 NVRAM module in slot 6 of node1.

#### Steps

- Align the NVRAM module with the edges of the chassis opening in slot 6.
- Gently slide the NVRAM module into the slot until the lettered and numbered I/O cam latch begins to engage with the I/O cam pin, and then push the I/O cam latch all the way up to lock the NVRAM module in place.



|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Lettered and numbered I/O cam latch |
| 2 | I/O latch completely unlocked       |

**Install the AFF A900 controller module on node1.**

Use the following procedure to install the AFF A900 controller module in node1.

**Steps**

- 1. Align the end of the controller module with opening A in the chassis, and then gently push the controller module halfway into the system.



Do not completely insert the controller module in the chassis until instructed to do so later in the procedure.

- 2. Cable the management and console ports to the node1 controller module.



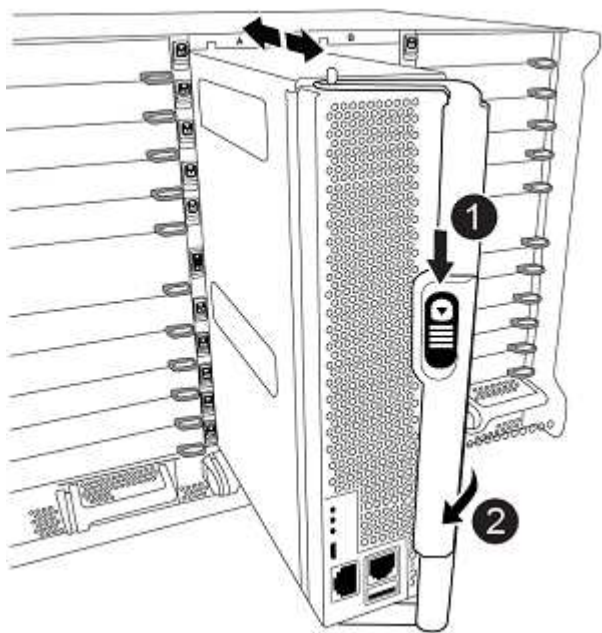
Because the chassis is already powered ON, node1 starts BIOS initialization followed by autoboot as soon as it is fully seated. To interrupt the node1 boot, before completely inserting the controller module into the slot, it is recommended that you connect the serial console and management cables to the node1 controller module.

- 3. Firmly push the controller module into the chassis until it meets the midplane and is fully seated.

The locking latch rises when the controller module is fully seated.



To avoid damaging the connectors, do not use excessive force when sliding the controller module into the chassis.



|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Cam handle locking latch            |
| 2 | Cam handle in the unlocked position |

- 4. Connect the serial console as soon as the module is seated and be ready to interrupt AUTOBOOT of

node1.

5. After you interrupt AUTOBOOT, node1 stops at the LOADER prompt. If you do not interrupt AUTOBOOT on time and node1 starts booting, wait for the prompt and press **Ctrl-C** to go into the boot menu. After the node stops at the boot menu, use option 8 to reboot the node and interrupt the AUTOBOOT during reboot.
6. At the LOADER> prompt of node1, set the default environment variables:

```
set-defaults
```

7. Save the default environment variables settings:

```
saveenv
```

## Netboot node1

After swapping the corresponding AFF A900 node1 controller module and NVRAM module, you must netboot node1. The term netboot means that you are booting from an ONTAP image stored on a remote server. When preparing for netboot, you must add a copy of the ONTAP 9 boot image onto a web server that the system can access.

It is not possible to check the version of ONTAP installed on the boot media of an AFF A900 controller module unless it is installed in a chassis and powered ON. The ONTAP version on the AFF A900 boot media must be same as the ONTAP version running on the AFF A700 system that is being upgraded and both the primary and backup boot images must match. You can configure the images by performing a netboot followed by the `wipeconfig` command from the boot menu. If the controller module was previously used in another cluster, the `wipeconfig` command clears any residual configuration on the boot media.



You can also use the USB boot option to perform the netboot. See the [NetApp KB Article: How to use the boot\\_recovery LOADER command for installing ONTAP for initial setup of a system.](#)

### Before you begin

- Verify that you can access a HTTP server with the system.
- Download the necessary system files for your system and the correct version of ONTAP from the *NetApp Support Site*. Refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site*.

### About this task


You must netboot the new controllers if they do not have the same version of ONTAP 9 installed on them that is installed on the original controllers. After you install each new controller, you boot the system from the ONTAP 9 image stored on the web server. You can then download the correct files to the boot media device for subsequent system boots.

### Steps

1. Refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site* to download the files used for performing the netboot of the system.
2. Download the appropriate ONTAP software from the software download section of the *NetApp Support Site* and store the `<ontap_version>_image.tgz` file on a web-accessible directory.
3. Change to the web-accessible directory and verify that the files you need are available.
4. Your directory listing should contain `<ontap_version>_image.tgz`.
5. Configure the netboot connection by choosing one of the following actions.



You must use the management port and IP as the netboot connection. Do not use a data LIF IP or a data outage might occur while the upgrade is being performed.

| If Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is... | Then...   |
|---|---|
| Running   | Configure the connection automatically by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:<br><code>ifconfig e0M -auto</code>  |
| Not running   | <p>Manually configure the connection by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:</p> <pre>ifconfig e0M -addr=&lt;filer_addr&gt; -mask=&lt;netmask&gt; -gw=&lt;gateway&gt; - dns=&lt;dns_addr&gt; domain=&lt;dns_domain&gt;</pre> <p>&lt;filer_addr&gt; is the IP address of the storage system.<br/>           &lt;netmask&gt; is the network mask of the storage system.<br/>           &lt;gateway&gt; is the gateway for the storage system.<br/>           &lt;dns_addr&gt; is the IP address of a name server on your network.<br/>           This parameter is optional.<br/>           &lt;dns_domain&gt; is the Domain Name Service (DNS) domain name.<br/>           This parameter is optional.</p> <div>  <p>Other parameters might be necessary for your interface. Enter <code>help ifconfig</code> at the firmware prompt for details.</p> </div> |

#### 6. Perform netboot on node1:

```
netboot http://<web_server_ip/path_to_web_accessible_directory>/netboot/kernel
```



Do not interrupt the boot.

#### 7. Wait for the node1 now running on the AFF A900 controller module to boot and display the boot menu options as shown below:

Please choose one of the following:

- (1) Normal Boot.
  - (2) Boot without /etc/rc.
  - (3) Change password.
  - (4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
  - (5) Maintenance mode boot.
  - (6) Update flash from backup config.
  - (7) Install new software first.
  - (8) Reboot node.
  - (9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
  - (10) Set Onboard Key Manager recovery secrets.
  - (11) Configure node for external key management.
- Selection (1-11)?

8. From the boot menu, select option (7) Install new software first.

This menu option downloads and installs the new ONTAP image to the boot device.



Disregard the following message: This procedure is not supported for Non-Disruptive Upgrade on an HA pair. This note applies to nondisruptive ONTAP software upgrades, and not controller upgrades.

Always use netboot to update the new node to the desired image. If you use another method to install the image on the new controller, the wrong image might install. This issue applies to all ONTAP releases.

9. If you are prompted to continue the procedure, enter `y`, and when prompted for the package, enter the URL:

```
http://<web_server_ip/path_to_web-  
accessible_directory>/<ontap_version>_image.tgz
```

The `<path_to_the_web-accessible_directory>` should lead to where you downloaded the `<ontap_version>_image.tgz` in [Step 2](#).

10. Complete the following substeps to reboot the controller module:

- a. Enter `n` to skip the backup recovery when you see the following prompt:

```
Do you want to restore the backup configuration now? {y|n}
```

- b. Enter `y` to reboot when you see the following prompt:

```
The node must be rebooted to start using the newly installed  
software. Do you want to reboot now? {y|n}
```

The controller module reboots but stops at the boot menu because the boot device was reformatted, and the configuration data must be restored.

11. At the prompt, run the `wipeconfig` command to clear any previous configuration on the boot media:
  - a. When you see the message below, answer `yes`:

```
This will delete critical system configuration, including cluster
membership.
Warning: do not run this option on a HA node that has been taken
over.
Are you sure you want to continue?:
```

- b. The node reboots to finish the `wipeconfig` and then stops at the boot menu.
12. Select option 5 to go to maintenance mode from the boot menu. Answer `yes` to the prompts until the node stops at maintenance mode and the command prompt `*>`.
13. Verify that the controller and chassis are configured as `ha`:

```
ha-config show
```

The following example shows the output of the `ha-config show` command:

```
Chassis HA configuration: ha
Controller HA configuration: ha
```

14. If the controller and chassis are not configured as `ha`, use the following commands to correct the configuration:

```
ha-config modify controller ha
```

```
ha-config modify chassis ha
```

15. Verify the `ha-config` settings:

```
ha-config show
```

```
Chassis HA configuration: ha
Controller HA configuration: ha
```

16. Halt node1:

```
halt
```

Node1 should stop at the **LOADER** prompt.

17. On node2, check the system date, time, and time zone:



date

18. On node1, check the date by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:

```
show date
```

19. If necessary, set the date on node1:

```
set date <mm/dd/yyyy>
```



Set the corresponding UTC date on node1.

20. On node1, check the time by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:

```
show time
```

21. If necessary, set the time on node1:

```
set time <hh:mm:ss>
```



Set the corresponding UTC time on node1.

22. Set the partner system ID on node1:

```
setenv partner-sysid <node2_sysid>
```

You can obtain the node2 system ID from the `node show -node <node2>` command output on node2.

a. Save the settings:

```
saveenv
```

23. On node1, at the LOADER prompt, verify the `partner-sysid` for node1:

```
printenv partner-sysid
```

For node1, the `partner-sysid` must be that of node2.

## Stage 3. Boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module

### Boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module

Node1 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module is now ready for boot up. Upgrading from an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 by swapping the controller module and NVRAM module involves moving only the console and management connections. This section provides the steps required to boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module.

#### Steps

1. If NetApp Storage Encryption (NSE) is in use on this configuration, the `setenv bootarg.storageencryption.support` command must be set to `true`, and the `kmip.init.maxwait` variable must be set to `off` to avoid a boot loop after the node1 configuration is loaded:

```
setenv bootarg.storageencryption.support true
```

```
setenv kmip.init.maxwait off
```

2. Boot the node into `boot_menu`:

```
boot_ontap menu
```

3. The node stops at the boot menu. Enter "22/7" and select the hidden option `boot_after_controller_replacement`. To reassign the AFF A700 node1 disks to AFF A900 node1, at the prompt, enter the actual node name of node1. Use the following example as a reference:

```
LOADER-A> boot_ontap menu
.
.
<output truncated>
.
All rights reserved.
*****
*                                     *
* Press Ctrl-C for Boot Menu. *
*                                     *
*****
.
<output truncated>
.
Please choose one of the following:

(1) Normal Boot.
(2) Boot without /etc/rc.
(3) Change password.
(4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
(5) Maintenance mode boot.
(6) Update flash from backup config.
(7) Install new software first.
(8) Reboot node.
(9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
(10) Set Onboard Key Manager recovery secrets.
(11) Configure node for external key management.
Selection (1-11)? 22/7

(22/7)                                     Print this secret List
(25/6)                                     Force boot with multiple filesystem
```

```

disks missing.
(25/7)                                Boot w/ disk labels forced to clean.
(29/7)                                Bypass media errors.
(44/4a)                               Zero disks if needed and create new
flexible root volume.
(44/7)                                Assign all disks, Initialize all disks
as SPARE, write DDR labels
.
.
<output truncated>
.
.
(wipeconfig)                          Clean all configuration on boot
device
(boot_after_controller_replacement)  Boot after controller upgrade
(boot_after_mcc_transition)           Boot after MCC transition
(9a)                                  Unpartition all disks and remove
their ownership information.
(9b)                                  Clean configuration and initialize
node with partitioned disks.
(9c)                                  Clean configuration and initialize
node with whole disks.
(9d)                                  Reboot the node.
(9e)                                  Return to main boot menu.

```

The boot device has changed. System configuration information could be lost. Use option (6) to restore the system configuration, or option (4) to initialize all disks and setup a new system.  
Normal Boot is prohibited.

Please choose one of the following:

- (1) Normal Boot.
  - (2) Boot without /etc/rc.
  - (3) Change password.
  - (4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
  - (5) Maintenance mode boot.
  - (6) Update flash from backup config.
  - (7) Install new software first.
  - (8) Reboot node.
  - (9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
  - (10) Set Onboard Key Manager recovery secrets.
  - (11) Configure node for external key management.
- Selection (1-11)? boot\_after\_controller\_replacement

This will replace all flash-based configuration with the last backup to disks. Are you sure you want to continue?: yes

.  
.

<output truncated>

.  
.

Controller Replacement: Provide name of the node you would like to replace:<nodename of the node being replaced>

Changing sysid of node node1 disks.

Fetches sanown old\_owner\_sysid = 536940063 and calculated old sys id = 536940063

Partner sysid = 4294967295, owner sysid = 536940063

.  
.

<output truncated>

.  
.

varfs\_backup\_restore: restore using /mroot/etc/varfs.tgz

varfs\_backup\_restore: attempting to restore /var/kmip to the boot device

varfs\_backup\_restore: failed to restore /var/kmip to the boot device

varfs\_backup\_restore: attempting to restore env file to the boot device

varfs\_backup\_restore: successfully restored env file to the boot device  
wrote key file "/tmp/rndc.key"

varfs\_backup\_restore: timeout waiting for login

varfs\_backup\_restore: Rebooting to load the new varfs

Terminated

<node reboots>

System rebooting...

.  
.

Restoring env file from boot media...

copy\_env\_file:scenario = head upgrade

Successfully restored env file from boot media...

Rebooting to load the restored env file...

.  
.

System rebooting...

.  
.  
.

<output truncated>

.  
.

```
.  
.br/>WARNING: System ID mismatch. This usually occurs when replacing a boot  
device or NVRAM cards!  
Override system ID? {y|n} y  
.br/>.br/>.br/>.br/>Login:
```

In the preceding console output example, ONTAP will prompt you for the partner node name if the system uses Advanced Disk Partitioning (ADP) disks.



The system IDs shown in the preceding example are example IDs. The actual system IDs of the nodes that you are upgrading will be different.

Between entering node names at the prompt and the login prompt, the node reboots a few times to restore the environment variables, update firmware on the cards in the system, and for other ONTAP updates.

## Verify the node1 installation

You must verify the node1 installation with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module. Because there is no change to physical ports, you are not required to map the physical ports from the AFF A700 node1 to the AFF A900 node1.

### About this task

After you boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module, you must verify that it is installed correctly. You must wait for node1 to join quorum and then resume the controller replacement operation.

At this point in the procedure, the controller upgrade operation should have paused as node1 attempts to join quorum automatically.

### Steps

1. Verify that node1 has joined quorum:

```
cluster show -node node1 -fields health
```

The output of the `health` field should be `true`.

2. Verify that node1 is part of the same cluster as node2 and that it is healthy:

```
cluster show
```

3. Switch to advanced privilege mode:

```
set advanced
```

4. Check the status of the controller replacement operation and verify that it is in a paused state and in the same state that it was in before node1 was halted to perform the physical tasks of installing new controllers and moving cables:

```
system controller replace show
```

```
system controller replace show-details
```

5. Resume the controller replacement operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

6. The controller replacement operation pauses for intervention with the following message:

```
Cluster::*> system controller replace show
```

| Node  | Status                  | Error-Action                     |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Node1 | Paused-for-intervention | Follow the instructions given in |
| Node2 | None                    | Step Details                     |

Step Details:

To complete the Network Reachability task, the ONTAP network configuration must be manually adjusted to match the new physical network configuration of the hardware. This includes:

1. Re-create the interface group, if needed, before restoring VLANs. For detailed commands and instructions, refer to the "Re-creating VLANs, ifgrps, and broadcast domains" section of the upgrade controller hardware guide for the ONTAP version running on the new controllers.
  2. Run the command "cluster controller-replacement network displaced-vlans show" to check if any VLAN is displaced.
  3. If any VLAN is displaced, run the command "cluster controller-replacement network displaced-vlans restore" to restore the VLAN on the desired port.
- 2 entries were displayed.



In this procedure, section *Re-creating VLANs, ifgrps, and broadcast domains* has been renamed *Restore network configuration on node1*.

7. With the controller replacement in a paused state, proceed to [Restore network configuration on node1](#).

## Restore network configuration on node1

After you confirm that node1 is in quorum and can communicate with node2, verify that node1's VLANs, interface groups, and broadcast domains are seen on node1. Also, verify that all node1 network ports are configured in their correct broadcast domains.

### About this task

For more information on creating and re-creating VLANs, interface groups, and broadcast domains, refer to [References](#) to link to the *Network Management* content.

### Steps

1. List all the physical ports that are on upgraded node1:

```
network port show -node node1
```

All physical network ports, VLAN ports, and interface group ports on the node are displayed. From this output, you can see any physical ports that have been moved into the `Cluster` broadcast domain by ONTAP. You can use this output to aid in deciding which ports should be used as interface group member ports, VLAN base ports, or standalone physical ports for hosting LIFs.

2. List the broadcast domains on the cluster:

```
broadcast-domain show
```

3. List the network port reachability of all ports on node1:

```
network port reachability show -node node1
```

You should see output like the following example:

```
Cluster::> reachability show -node node1
(network port reachability show)
Node      Port      Expected Reachability      Reachability
Status
-----
Node1
a0a       Default:Default      ok
a0a-822   Default:822          ok
a0a-823   Default:823          ok
e0M       Default:Mgmt         ok
e11a      -                    no-reachability
e11b      -                    no-reachability
e11c      -                    no-reachability
e11d      -                    no-reachability
e3a       -                    no-reachability
e3b       -                    no-reachability
e4a       Cluster:Cluster      ok
e4e       Cluster:Cluster      ok
e5a       -                    no-reachability
e7a       -                    no-reachability
e9a       Default:Default      ok
e9a-822   Default:822          ok
e9a-823   Default:823          ok
e9b       Default:Default      ok
e9b-822   Default:822          ok
e9b-823   Default:823          ok
e9c       Default:Default      ok
e9d       Default:Default      ok
22 entries were displayed.
```

In the preceding example, node1 booted after the controller replacement. Some ports do not have reachability because there is no physical connectivity. You must repair any ports with a reachability status other than `ok`.



During an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 controller upgrade, the network ports and their connectivity should not change. All ports should reside in the correct broadcast domains and the network port reachability should not change. However, before moving LIFs from node2 back to node1, you must verify the reachability and health status of the network ports.

4. Repair the reachability for each of the ports on node1 with a reachability status other than `ok` by using the following command, in the following order:

```
network port reachability repair -node <node_name> -port <port_name>
```

- a. Physical ports



## b. VLAN ports

You should see output like the following example:

```
Cluster ::> reachability repair -node node1 -port e11b
```

```
Warning: Repairing port "node1:e11b" may cause it to move into a
different broadcast domain, which can cause LIFs to be re-homed away
from the port. Are you sure you want to continue? {y|n}:
```

A warning message, as shown in the preceding example, is expected for ports with a reachability status that might be different from the reachability status of the broadcast domain where it is currently located. Review the connectivity of the port and answer `y` or `n` as appropriate.

Verify that all physical ports have their expected reachability:

```
network port reachability show
```

As the reachability repair is performed, ONTAP attempts to place the ports in the correct broadcast domains. However, if a port's reachability cannot be determined and does not belong to any of the existing broadcast domains, ONTAP will create new broadcast domains for these ports.

## 5. Verify port reachability:

```
network port reachability show
```

When all ports are correctly configured and added to the correct broadcast domains, the `network port reachability show` command should report the reachability status as `ok` for all connected ports, and the status as `no-reachability` for ports with no physical connectivity. If any port reports a status other than these two, perform the reachability repair and add or remove ports from their broadcast domains as instructed in [Step 4](#).

## 6. Verify that all ports have been placed into broadcast domains:

```
network port show
```

## 7. Verify that all ports in the broadcast domains have the correct maximum transmission unit (MTU) configured:

```
network port broadcast-domain show
```

## 8. Restore LIF home ports, specifying the Vserver and LIF home ports, if any, that need to be restored by using the following steps:

### a. List any LIFs that are displaced:

```
displaced-interface show
```

### b. Restore LIF home nodes and home ports:

```
displaced-interface restore-home-node -node <node_name> -vserver
```

```
<vserver_name> -lif-name <LIF_name>
```

9. Verify that all LIFs have a home port and are administratively up:

```
network interface show -fields home-port,status-admin
```

## Restore key-manager configuration on the upgraded node1

If you are using NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) to encrypt volumes on the system you are upgrading, the encryption configuration must be synchronized to the new nodes. Encrypted volumes are taken offline when ARL is complete for node1 aggregates from node2 to node1.

### About this task

Synchronize the encryption configuration to the new nodes by performing the following steps:

#### Steps

1. Synchronize the encryption configuration for Onboard Key Manager (OKM) by using the following command at the cluster prompt:

```
security key-manager onboard sync
```

2. Enter the cluster-wide passphrase for the OKM.

## Move non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs owned by node1 from node2 to the upgraded node1

After you verify network configuration on node1 and before you relocate aggregates from node2 to node1, you must verify that the NAS data LIFs belonging to node1 that are currently on node2 are relocated from node2 to node1. You must also verify that the SAN LIFs exist on node1.

### About this task

Remote LIFs handle traffic to SAN LUNs during the upgrade procedure. Moving SAN LIFs is not necessary for cluster or service health during the upgrade. SAN LIFs are not moved unless they need to be mapped to new ports. After you bring node1 online, you must verify that the LIFs are healthy and located on the appropriate ports.

#### Steps

1. Resume the relocation operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The system performs the following tasks:

- Cluster quorum check
- System ID check
- Image version check
- Target platform check

- Network reachability check

The operation pauses at this stage in the network reachability check.

2. Perform a network reachability check:

```
network port reachability -show-detail -node node1
```

Confirm that all connected ports, including the interface group and VLAN ports, show their status as OK.

3. Resume the relocation operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The system performs the following checks:

- Cluster health check
- Cluster LIF status check

After performing these checks, the system relocates the non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs owned by node1 to the new node1.

The controller replacement operation pauses after the resource relocation is complete.

4. Check the status of the aggregate relocation and NAS data LIF move operations:

```
system controller replace show-details
```

If the controller replacement procedure is paused, check and correct the error, if any, and then issue `resume` to continue the operation.

5. If necessary, restore and revert any displaced LIFs. List any displaced LIFs:

```
cluster controller-replacement network displaced-interface show
```

If any LIFs are displaced, restore the home node back to node1:

```
cluster controller-replacement network displaced-interface restore-home-node
```

6. Resume the operation to prompt the system to perform the required post-checks:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The system performs the following post-checks:

- Cluster quorum check
- Cluster health check
- Aggregates reconstruction check
- Aggregate status check
- Disk status check
- Cluster LIF status check

- Volume check

## Stage 4. Relocate resources from node2 and retire node2

### Relocate non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs from node2 to node1

Before you can replace node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and the NVRAM module, you must first relocate the non-root aggregates that are owned by node2 to node1.

#### Before you begin

After the post-checks from the previous stage complete, the resource release for node2 starts automatically. The non-root aggregates and non-SAN data LIFs are migrated from node2 to the new node1.

#### About this task

After the aggregates and LIFs are migrated, the operation is paused for verification purposes. At this stage, you must verify that all the non-root aggregates and non-SAN data LIFs are migrated to the new node1.

The home owner for the aggregates and LIFs are not modified; only the current owner is modified.

#### Steps

1. Verify that all the non-root aggregates are online and their state on node1:

```
storage aggregate show -node node1 -state online -root false
```

The following example shows that the non-root aggregates on node1 are online:

```
cluster::> storage aggregate show -node node1 state online -root false
```

| Aggregate<br>RAID | Size<br>Status | Available | Used% | State  | #Vols | Nodes   |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
| aggr_1            | 744.9GB        | 744.8GB   | 0%    | online | 5     | node1   |
| normal            |                |           |       |        |       | raid_dp |
| aggr_2            | 825.0GB        | 825.0GB   | 0%    | online | 1     | node1   |
| normal            |                |           |       |        |       | raid_dp |

2 entries were displayed.

If the aggregates have gone offline or become foreign on node1, bring them online by using the following command on the new node1, once for each aggregate:

```
storage aggregate online -aggregate <aggr_name>
```

2. Verify that all the volumes are online on node1 by using the following command on node1 and examining its output:

```
volume show -node node1 -state offline
```

If any volumes are offline on node1, bring them online by using the following command on node1, once for each volume:

```
volume online -vserver <vserver-name> -volume <volume-name>
```

The <vserver-name> to use with this command is found in the output of the previous `volume show` command.

3. Verify that the LIFs have been moved to the correct ports and have a status of `up`. If any LIFs are down, set the administrative status of the LIFs to `up` by entering the following command, once for each LIF:

```
network interface modify -vserver <vserver_name> -lif <LIF_name> -home-node  
<nodename> - status-admin up
```

4. Verify that there are no data LIFs remaining on node2 by using the following command and examining the output:

```
network interface show -curr-node <node2> -role data
```

## Retire node2

To retire node2, you must shut node2 down correctly and remove it from the rack or chassis.

### Steps

1. Resume the operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The node halts automatically.

### After you finish

You can decommission node2 after the upgrade is completed. See [Decommission the old system](#).

## Stage 5. Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node2

### Install AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module on node2

You must install the AFF A900 NVRAM module and controller module that you received for the upgrade on node2. Node2 is controller B located on the right side of the chassis when looking at the controllers from the rear of the system.

### Before you begin

If you are not already grounded, correctly ground yourself.

### Install the AFF A900 NVRAM module

Use the following procedure to install the AFF A900 NVRAM module in slot 6 of node2.

## Steps

1. Align the NVRAM module with the edges of the chassis opening in slot 6.
2. Gently slide the NVRAM module into the slot until the lettered and numbered I/O cam latch begins to engage with the I/O cam pin, and then push the I/O cam latch all the way up to lock the NVRAM module in place.

## Install the AFF A900 controller module in node2.

Use the following procedure to install the AFF A900 controller module in node2.

## Steps

1. Align the end of the controller module with bay B in the chassis, and then gently push the controller module halfway into the system.



The bay label is located on the chassis directly above the controller module.



Do not completely insert the controller module in the chassis until you are instructed to do so later in the procedure.

2. Cable the management and console ports to the node2 controller module.



Because the chassis is already powered ON, node2 starts booting as soon as it is fully seated. To avoid node2 booting, it is recommended that you connect the console and management cables to the node2 controller module before completely inserting the controller module into the slot.

3. Firmly push the controller module into the chassis until it meets the midplane and is fully seated.

The locking latch rises when the controller module is fully seated.



To avoid damaging the connectors, do not use excessive force when sliding the controller module into the chassis.


4. Connect the serial console as soon as the module is seated and be ready to interrupt AUTOBOOT of node1.
5. After you interrupt AUTOBOOT, node2 stops at the LOADER prompt. If you do not interrupt AUTOBOOT on time and node2 starts booting, wait for the prompt and press **Ctrl-C** to go into the boot menu. After the node stops at the boot menu, use option 8 to reboot the node and interrupt the AUTOBOOT during reboot.

## Netboot node2

After swapping the corresponding AFF A900 node2 controller module and NVRAM, module you might need to netboot them. The term netboot means that you are booting from an ONTAP image stored on a remote server. When preparing for netboot, you must put a copy of the ONTAP 9 boot image onto a web server that the system can access.

It is not possible to check the version of ONTAP installed on the boot media of an AFF A900 controller module unless it is installed in a chassis and powered ON. The ONTAP version on the AFF A900 boot media must be same as the ONTAP version running on the AFF A700 system that is being upgraded and both the primary and backup boot images must match. You can configure the images by performing a netboot followed by the

wipeconfig command from the boot menu. If the controller module was previously used in another cluster, the wipeconfig command clears any residual configuration on the boot media.



You can also use the USB boot option to perform the netboot. See the [NetApp KB Article: How to use the boot\\_recovery LOADER command for installing ONTAP for initial setup of a system.](#)

Before you begin


- Verify that you can access a HTTP server with the system.
- Download the necessary system files for your system and the correct version of ONTAP from the *NetApp Support Site*. Refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site*.

About this task

You must netboot the new controllers if they do not have the same version of ONTAP 9 installed on them that is installed on the original controllers. After you install each new controller, you boot the system from the ONTAP 9 image stored on the web server. You can then download the correct files to the boot media device for subsequent system boots.


Steps

1. Refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site* to download the files used for performing the netboot of the system.
2. Download the appropriate ONTAP software from the software download section of the NetApp Support Site and store the <ontap\_version>\_image.tgz file on a web-accessible directory.
3. Change to the web-accessible directory and verify that the files you need are available.
4. Your directory listing should contain <ontap\_version>\_image.tgz.
5. Configure the netboot connection by choosing one of the following actions.



You must use the management port and IP as the netboot connection. Do not use a data LIF IP or a data outage might occur while the upgrade is being performed.

| If Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is... | Then...   |
|---|---|
| Running   | Configure the connection automatically by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:<br>ifconfig e0M -auto |

| If Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is... | Then...   |
|---|---|
| Not running   | <p>Manually configure the connection by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:</p> <pre>ifconfig e0M -addr=&lt;filer_addr&gt; -mask=&lt;netmask&gt; -gw=&lt;gateway&gt; - dns=&lt;dns_addr&gt; domain=&lt;dns_domain&gt;</pre> <p>&lt;filer_addr&gt; is the IP address of the storage system.<br/>         &lt;netmask&gt; is the network mask of the storage system.<br/>         &lt;gateway&gt; is the gateway for the storage system.<br/>         &lt;dns_addr&gt; is the IP address of a name server on your network.<br/>         This parameter is optional.<br/>         &lt;dns_domain&gt; is the Domain Name Service (DNS) domain name.<br/>         This parameter is optional.</p> <div>  <p>Other parameters might be necessary for your interface. Enter <code>help ifconfig</code> at the firmware prompt for details.</p> </div> |

6. Perform netboot on node2:

```
netboot http://<web_server_ip/path_to_web_accessible_directory>/netboot/kernel
```



Do not interrupt the boot.

7. Wait for the node2 now running on the AFF A900 controller module to boot and display the boot menu options as shown in the following output:

Please choose one of the following:

- (1) Normal Boot.
  - (2) Boot without /etc/rc.
  - (3) Change password.
  - (4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
  - (5) Maintenance mode boot.
  - (6) Update flash from backup config.
  - (7) Install new software first.
  - (8) Reboot node.
  - (9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
  - (10) Set Onboard Key Manager recovery secrets.
  - (11) Configure node for external key management.
- Selection (1-11)?

8. From the boot menu, select option (7) Install new software first.

This menu option downloads and installs the new ONTAP image to the boot device.





Disregard the following message: This procedure is not supported for Non-Disruptive Upgrade on an HA pair. This note applies to nondisruptive ONTAP software upgrades, and not controller upgrades.

Always use netboot to update the new node to the desired image. If you use another method to install the image on the new controller, the wrong image might install. This issue applies to all ONTAP releases.

9. If you are prompted to continue the procedure, enter `y`, and when prompted for the package, enter the URL:

```
http://<web_server_ip/path_to_web-  
accessible_directory>/<ontap_version>_image.tgz
```

The `<path_to_the_web-accessible_directory>` should lead to where you downloaded the `<ontap_version>_image.tgz` in [Step 2](#).

10. Complete the following substeps to reboot the controller module:
  - a. Enter `n` to skip the backup recovery when you see the following prompt:

```
Do you want to restore the backup configuration now? {y|n}
```

- b. Enter `y` to reboot when you see the following prompt:

```
The node must be rebooted to start using the newly installed  
software. Do you want to reboot now? {y|n}
```

The controller module reboots but stops at the boot menu because the boot device was reformatted, and the configuration data must be restored.

11. At the prompt, run the `wipeconfig` command to clear any previous configuration on the boot media.
  - a. When you see the message below, answer yes:

```
This will delete critical system configuration, including cluster  
membership.  
Warning: do not run this option on a HA node that has been taken  
over.  
Are you sure you want to continue?:
```

- b. The node reboots to finish the `wipeconfig` and then stops at the boot menu.
12. Select maintenance mode 5 from the boot menu and enter `y` when you are prompted to continue with the boot.
13. Verify that the controller and chassis are configured as `ha`:

```
ha-config show
```

The following example shows the output of the `ha-config show` command:

```
Chassis HA configuration: ha
Controller HA configuration: ha
```

14. If the controller and chassis are not configured as `ha`, use the following commands to correct the configuration:

```
ha-config modify controller ha
```

```
ha-config modify chassis ha
```

15. Halt node2:

```
halt
```

Node2 should stop at the `LOADER>` prompt.

16. On node2, check the system date, time, and time zone:

```
date
```

17. On node2, check the date by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:

```
show date
```

18. If necessary, set the date on node2:

```
set date <mm/dd/yyyy>
```



Set the corresponding UTC date on node2.

19. On node2, check the time by using the following command at the boot environment prompt:

```
show time
```

20. If necessary, set the time on node2:

```
set time <hh:mm:ss>
```



Set the corresponding UTC time on node2.

21. If necessary, set the partner system ID on node2:



This is the system ID of the node1 that you are upgrading to an AFF A900.

```
setenv partner-sysid <node1_sysid>
```

- a. Save the settings:

```
saveenv
```

22. On node2, at the LOADER prompt, verify the `partner-sysid` for node1:

```
printenv partner-sysid
```

For node2, the `partner-sysid` must be that of node1.

## Stage 6. Boot node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module

### Boot node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module

Node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module is now ready for upgrade. Upgrading from an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 by swapping the controller module and NVRAM module involves moving only the console and management connections. This section provides the steps required to boot node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module.

#### Steps

1. If NetApp Storage Encryption (NSE) is in use on this configuration, the `setenv bootarg.storageencryption.support` command must be set to `true`, and the `kmip.init.maxwait` variable must be set to `off` to avoid a boot loop after the node2 configuration is loaded:

```
setenv bootarg.storageencryption.support true
```

```
setenv kmip.init.maxwait off
```

2. Boot the node into `boot_menu`:

```
boot_ontap menu
```

3. The node stops at the boot menu. Enter "22/7" and select the hidden option `boot_after_controller_replacement`. To reassign the AFF A700 node1 disks to AFF A900 node1, at the prompt, enter the actual node name of node2. Use the following example as a reference:

```
LOADER-A> boot_ontap menu
.
.
<output truncated>
.
All rights reserved.
*****
*                                     *
* Press Ctrl-C for Boot Menu.      *
*                                     *
*****
```

```

.
<output truncated>
.
Please choose one of the following:

(1) Normal Boot.
(2) Boot without /etc/rc.
(3) Change password.
(4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
(5) Maintenance mode boot.
(6) Update flash from backup config.
(7) Install new software first.
(8) Reboot node.
(9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
(10) Set Onboard Key Manager recovery secrets.
(11) Configure node for external key management.
Selection (1-11)? 22/7

(22/7) Print this secret List
(25/6) Force boot with multiple filesystem
disks missing.
(25/7) Boot w/ disk labels forced to clean.
(29/7) Bypass media errors.
(44/4a) Zero disks if needed and create new
flexible root volume.
(44/7) Assign all disks, Initialize all disks
as SPARE, write DDR labels
.
.
<output truncated>
.
.
(wipeconfig) Clean all configuration on boot
device
(boot_after_controller_replacement) Boot after controller upgrade
(boot_after_mcc_transition) Boot after MCC transition
(9a) Unpartition all disks and remove
their ownership information.
(9b) Clean configuration and initialize
node with partitioned disks.
(9c) Clean configuration and initialize
node with whole disks.
(9d) Reboot the node.
(9e) Return to main boot menu.

```

The boot device has changed. System configuration information could be lost. Use option (6) to restore the system configuration, or option (4) to initialize all disks and setup a new system.  
Normal Boot is prohibited.

Please choose one of the following:

- (1) Normal Boot.
  - (2) Boot without /etc/rc.
  - (3) Change password.
  - (4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
  - (5) Maintenance mode boot.
  - (6) Update flash from backup config.
  - (7) Install new software first.
  - (8) Reboot node.
  - (9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
  - (10) Set Onboard Key Manager recovery secrets.
  - (11) Configure node for external key management.
- Selection (1-11)? boot\_after\_controller\_replacement

This will replace all flash-based configuration with the last backup to disks. Are you sure you want to continue?: yes

.  
.

<output truncated>

.  
.

Controller Replacement: Provide name of the node you would like to replace:<nodename of the node being replaced>

Changing sysid of node node1 disks.

Fetches sanown old\_owner\_sysid = 536940063 and calculated old sys id = 536940063

Partner sysid = 4294967295, owner sysid = 536940063

.  
.

<output truncated>

.  
.

varfs\_backup\_restore: restore using /mroot/etc/varfs.tgz

varfs\_backup\_restore: attempting to restore /var/kmip to the boot device

varfs\_backup\_restore: failed to restore /var/kmip to the boot device

varfs\_backup\_restore: attempting to restore env file to the boot device

varfs\_backup\_restore: successfully restored env file to the boot device  
wrote key file "/tmp/rndc.key"

```

varfs_backup_restore: timeout waiting for login
varfs_backup_restore: Rebooting to load the new varfs
Terminated
<node reboots>

System rebooting...

.
.
Restoring env file from boot media...
copy_env_file:scenario = head upgrade
Successfully restored env file from boot media...
Rebooting to load the restored env file...

.
System rebooting...

.
.
.
<output truncated>

.
.
.
.
WARNING: System ID mismatch. This usually occurs when replacing a boot
device or NVRAM cards!
Override system ID? {y|n} y

.
.
.
.
Login:

```

In the preceding console output example, ONTAP will prompt you for the partner node name if the system uses Advanced Disk Partitioning (ADP) disks.



The system IDs shown in the preceding example are example IDs. The actual system IDs of the nodes that you are upgrading will be different.

Between entering node names at the prompt and the login prompt, the node reboots a few times to restore the environment variables, update firmware on the cards in the system, and for other ONTAP updates.

## Verify the node2 installation

You must verify the node2 installation with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module. Because there is no change to physical ports, you are not required to map the

physical ports from the AFF A700 node2 to the AFF A900 node2.

### About this task

After you boot node1 with the AFF A900 controller module, you must verify that it is installed correctly. You must wait for node2 to join quorum and then resume the controller replacement operation.

At this point in the procedure, the operation pauses while node2 joins quorum.

### Steps

1. Verify that node2 has joined quorum:

```
cluster show -node node2 -fields health
```

The output of the `health` field should be `true`.

2. Verify that node2 is part of the same cluster as node1 and that it is healthy:

```
cluster show
```

3. Switch to advanced privilege mode:

```
set advanced
```

4. Check the status of the controller replacement operation and verify that it is in a paused state and in the same state that it was in before node2 was halted to perform the physical tasks of installing new controllers and moving cables:

```
system controller replace show
```

```
system controller replace show-details
```

5. Resume the controller replacement operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

6. The controller replacement operation pauses for intervention with the following message:

```
Cluster::*> system controller replace show
```

| Node  | Status                  | Error-Action                     |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Node2 | Paused-for-intervention | Follow the instructions given in |
| Node1 | None                    | Step Details                     |

Step Details:

-----

To complete the Network Reachability task, the ONTAP network configuration must be manually adjusted to match the new physical network configuration of the hardware. This includes:

1. Re-create the interface group, if needed, before restoring VLANs. For detailed commands and instructions, refer to the "Re-creating VLANs, ifgrps, and broadcast domains" section of the upgrade controller hardware guide for the ONTAP version running on the new controllers.
2. Run the command "cluster controller-replacement network displaced-vlans show" to check if any VLAN is displaced.
3. If any VLAN is displaced, run the command "cluster controller-replacement network displaced-vlans restore" to restore the VLAN on the desired port.

2 entries were displayed.



In this procedure, section *Re-creating VLANs, ifgrps, and broadcast domains* has been renamed *Restore network configuration on node2*.

7. With the controller replacement in a paused state, proceed to [Restore network configuration on node2](#).

## Restore network configuration on node2

After you confirm that node2 is in quorum and can communicate with node1, verify that node1's VLANs, interface groups, and broadcast domains are seen on node2. Also, verify that all node2 network ports are configured in their correct broadcast domains.

### About this task

For more information on creating and re-creating VLANs, interface groups, and broadcast domains, refer to [References](#) to link to the *Network Management* content.

### Steps

1. List all the physical ports that are on upgraded node2:

```
network port show -node node2
```



All physical network ports, VLAN ports, and interface group ports on the node are displayed. From this output, you can see any physical ports that have been moved into the `Cluster` broadcast domain by ONTAP. You can use this output to aid in deciding which ports should be used as interface group member ports, VLAN base ports, or standalone physical ports for hosting LIFs.

2. List the broadcast domains on the cluster:

```
broadcast-domain show
```

3. List network port reachability of all ports on node2:

```
network port reachability show -node node2
```

You should see output similar to the following example. The port and broadcast names vary.

```
Cluster::*> network port reachability show -node local
Node      Port      Expected Reachability      Reachability
Status
-----
Node2
      e0M      Default:Mgmt      no-reachability
      e10a      Default:Default-3      ok
      e10b      Default:Default-4      ok
      e11a      Cluster:Cluster      no-reachability
      e11b      Cluster:Cluster      no-reachability
      e11c      -      no-reachability
      e11d      -      no-reachability
      e2a      Default:Default-1      ok
      e2b      Default:Default-2      ok
      e9a      Default:Default      no-reachability
      e9b      Default:Default      no-reachability
      e9c      Default:Default      no-reachability
      e9d      Default:Default      no-reachability
13 entries were displayed.
```

In the preceding example, node2 has booted and joined quorum after controller replacement. It has several ports that have no reachability and are pending a reachability scan.

4. Repair the reachability for each of the ports on node2 with a reachability status other than `ok` by using the following command, in the following order:

```
network port reachability repair -node <node_name> -port <port_name>
```

- a. Physical ports
- b. VLAN ports

You should see output like the following example:

```
Cluster ::> reachability repair -node node2 -port e9d
```

```
Warning: Repairing port "node2:e9d" may cause it to move into a
different broadcast domain, which can cause LIFs to be re-homed away
from the port. Are you sure you want to continue? {y|n}:
```

A warning message, as shown in the preceding example, is expected for ports with a reachability status that might be different from the reachability status of the broadcast domain where it is currently located. Review the connectivity of the port and answer `y` or `n` as appropriate.

Verify that all physical ports have their expected reachability:

```
network port reachability show
```

As the reachability repair is performed, ONTAP attempts to place the ports in the correct broadcast domains. However, if a port's reachability cannot be determined and does not belong to any of the existing broadcast domains, ONTAP will create new broadcast domains for these ports.

5. Verify port reachability:

```
network port reachability show
```

When all ports are correctly configured and added to the correct broadcast domains, the `network port reachability show` command should report the reachability status as `ok` for all connected ports, and the status as `no-reachability` for ports with no physical connectivity. If any port reports a status other than these two, perform the reachability repair and add or remove ports from their broadcast domains as instructed in [Step 4](#).

6. Verify that all ports have been placed into broadcast domains:

```
network port show
```

7. Verify that all ports in the broadcast domains have the correct maximum transmission unit (MTU) configured:

```
network port broadcast-domain show
```

8. Restore LIF home ports, specifying the Vserver and LIF home ports, if any, that need to be restored by using the following steps:

a. List any LIFs that are displaced:

```
displaced-interface show
```

b. Restore LIF home nodes and home ports:

```
displaced-interface restore-home-node -node <node_name> -vserver
<vserver_name> -lif-name <LIF_name>
```

9. Verify that all LIFs have a home port and are administratively up:

```
network interface show -fields home-port,status-admin
```

## Restore key-manager configuration on node2

If you are using NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) to encrypt volumes on the system that you are upgrading, the encryption configuration must be synchronized to the new nodes. Encrypted volumes are taken offline when ARL is complete for node1 aggregates from node2 to node1.

### About this task

Synchronize the encryption configuration to the new nodes by performing the following steps:

#### Steps

1. Synchronize the encryption configuration for Onboard Key Manager (OKM) by using the following command at the cluster prompt:

```
security key-manager onboard sync
```

2. Enter the cluster-wide passphrase for the OKM.

## Move non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs back to node2

After you verify network configuration on node2 and before you relocate aggregates from node1 to node2, you must verify that the NAS data LIFs belonging to node2 that are currently on node1 are relocated from node1 to node2. You must also verify that the SAN LIFs exist on node2.

### About this task

Remote LIFs handle traffic to SAN LUNs during the upgrade procedure. Moving SAN LIFs is not necessary for cluster or service health during the upgrade. SAN LIFs are not moved unless they need to be mapped to new ports. After you bring node2 online, you must verify that the LIFs are healthy and located on the appropriate ports.

#### Steps

1. Resume the relocation operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The system performs the following tasks:

- Cluster quorum check
- System ID check
- Image version check
- Target platform check
- Network reachability check

The operation pauses at this stage in the network reachability check.

2. Resume the relocation operation:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The system performs the following checks:

- Cluster health check
- Cluster LIF status check

After performing these checks, the system relocates the non-root aggregates and NAS data LIFs back to node2, which is now running on the AFF A900 controller.

The controller replacement operation pauses after the resource relocation is complete.

3. Check the status of the aggregate relocation and NAS data LIF move operations:

```
system controller replace show-details
```

If the controller replacement procedure is paused, check and correct the error, if any, and then issue `resume` to continue the operation.

4. If necessary, restore and revert any displaced LIFs. List any displaced LIFs:

```
cluster controller-replacement network displaced-interface show
```

If any LIFs are displaced, restore the home node back to node2:

```
cluster controller-replacement network displaced-interface restore-home-node
```

5. Resume the operation to prompt the system to perform the required post-checks:

```
system controller replace resume
```

The system performs the following post-checks:

- Cluster quorum check
- Cluster health check
- Aggregates reconstruction check
- Aggregate status check
- Disk status check
- Cluster LIF status check
- Volume check

## Stage 7. Complete the upgrade

### Confirm that the new controllers are set up correctly

To confirm the correct setup, you must verify that the HA pair is enabled. You must also verify that node1 and node2 can access each other's storage and that neither owns data LIFs belonging to other nodes on the cluster. In addition, you must verify that all data aggregates are on their correct home nodes, and that the volumes for both nodes are

online. If one of the new nodes has a unified target adapter, you must restore any port configurations and you might need to change the use of the adapter.

### Steps

1. After the post-checks of node2, the storage failover and cluster HA pair for the node2 cluster are enabled. When the operation is done, both nodes show as completed and the system performs some cleanup operations.

2. Verify that storage failover is enabled:

```
storage failover show
```

The following example shows the output of the command when storage failover is enabled:

```
cluster::> storage failover show
```

| Node  | Partner | Takeover<br>Possible | State Description  |
|-------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|
| node1 | node2   | true                 | Connected to node2 |
| node2 | node1   | true                 | Connected to node1 |

3. Verify that node1 and node2 belong to the same cluster by using the following command and examining the output:

```
cluster show
```

4. Verify that node1 and node2 can access each other's storage by using the following command and examining the output:

```
storage failover show -fields local-missing-disks,partner-missing-disks
```

5. Verify that neither node1 nor node2 owns data LIFs home-owned by other nodes in the cluster by using the following command and examining the output:

```
network interface show
```

If neither node1 or node2 owns data LIFs home-owned by other nodes in the cluster, revert the data LIFs to their home owner:

```
network interface revert
```

6. Verify that the aggregates are owned by their respective home nodes.

```
storage aggregate show -owner-name <node1>
```

```
storage aggregate show -owner-name <node2>
```

7. Determine whether any volumes are offline:

```
volume show -node <node1> -state offline
```

```
volume show -node <node2> -state offline
```

8. If any volumes are offline, compare them with the list of offline volumes that you captured in the section [Prepare the nodes for upgrade](#), and bring online any of the offline volumes, as required, by using the following command, once for each volume:

```
volume online -vserver <vserver_name> -volume <volume_name>
```

9. Install new licenses for the new nodes by using the following command for each node:

```
system license add -license-code <license_code,license_code,license_code...>
```

The license-code parameter accepts a list of 28 upper-case alphabetic character keys. You can add one license at a time, or you can add multiple licenses at once, separating each license key by a comma.

10. Remove all of the old licenses from the original nodes by using one of the following commands:

```
system license clean-up -unused -expired
```

```
system license delete -serial-number <node_serial_number> -package  
<licensable_package>
```

- Delete all expired licenses:

```
system license clean-up -expired
```

- Delete all unused licenses:

```
system license clean-up -unused
```

- Delete a specific license from a cluster by using the following commands on the nodes:

```
system license delete -serial-number <node1_serial_number> -package *  
system license delete -serial-number <node2_serial_number> -package *
```

The following output is displayed:

```
Warning: The following licenses will be removed:  
<list of each installed package>  
Do you want to continue? {y|n}: y
```

Enter `y` to remove all of the packages.

11. Verify that the licenses are correctly installed by using the following command and examining its output:

```
system license show
```

You can compare the output with the output that you captured in the [Prepare the nodes for upgrade](#) section.

12. If NetApp Storage Encryption (NSE) was in use on the configuration and you set the `setenv`

`bootarg.storageencryption.support` command to `true` with the `<kmip.init.maxwait>` variable off (in *Boot node2 with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module*, [Step 1](#)), you must reset the variable:

```
set diag; systemshell -node <node_name> -command sudo kenv -u -p  
kmip.init.maxwait
```

13. Configure the SPs by using the following command on both nodes:

```
system service-processor network modify -node <node_name>
```

Refer to [References](#) to link to the *System Administration Reference* for information about the SPs and the *ONTAP 9 Commands: Manual Page Reference* for detailed information about the `system service-processor network modify` command.

14. Take the following actions on one of the new nodes:

- a. Enter advanced privilege level:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

- b. Enter the following command:

```
storage failover modify -node <node_name> - cifs- ndo-duration  
default|medium|low
```

- Enter `medium` if the system will have workloads in which 50% to 75% of the operations will be 4 KB or smaller.
- Enter `low` if the system will have workloads in which 75% to 100% of the operations will be 4 KB or smaller.

- c. Return to the admin level:

```
set -privilege admin
```

- d. Reboot the system to ensure that the changes take effect.

15. If you want to set up a switchless cluster on the new nodes, refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site* and follow the instructions in *Transitioning to a two-node switchless cluster*.

### After you finish

If Storage Encryption is enabled on node1 and node2, complete the section [Set up Storage Encryption on the new controller module](#). Otherwise, complete the section [Decommission the old system](#).

## Set up Storage Encryption on the new controller module

If the replaced controller or the HA partner of the new controller uses Storage Encryption, you must configure the new controller module for Storage Encryption, including installing SSL certificates and setting up key management servers.

### About this task

This procedure includes steps that are performed on the new controller module. You must enter the command on the correct node.

## Steps

1. Verify that the key management servers are still available, their status, and their authentication key information:

```
security key-manager external show-status
```

```
security key-manager onboard shoecw-backup
```

2. Add the key management servers listed in the previous step to the key management server list in the new controller.
  - a. Add the key management server:

```
security key-manager external add-servers -key-servers  
<key_management_server_ip_address>
```

- b. Repeat the previous step for each listed key management server. You can link up to four key management servers.
- c. Verify the that the key management servers were added successfully:

```
security key-manager external show
```

3. On the new controller module, run the key management setup wizard to set up and install the key management servers.

You must install the same key management servers that are installed on the existing controller module.

- a. Launch the key management server setup wizard on the new node:

```
security key-manager external enable
```

- b. Complete the steps in the wizard to configure key management servers.

4. Restore authentication keys from all linked key management servers to the new node:

```
security key-manager external restore -node <new_controller_name>
```

## Set up NetApp Volume Encryption on the new controller module

If the replaced controller or high availability (HA) partner of the new controller uses NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE), you must configure the new controller module for NVE.

### About this task

This procedure includes steps that are performed on the new controller module. You must enter the command on the correct node.

## Steps

1. Verify that the key management servers are still available, their status, and their authentication key information:

```
security key-manager key query -node node
```



2. Add the key management servers listed in the previous step to the key management server list in the new controller:

- a. Add the key management server:

```
security key-manager external add-servers -key-servers  
<key_management_server_ip_address>
```

- b. Repeat the previous step for each listed key management server. You can link up to four key management servers.
- c. Verify that the key management servers were added successfully:

```
security key-manager external show
```

3. On the new controller module, run the key management setup wizard to set up and install the key management servers.

You must install the same key management servers that are installed on the existing controller module.

- a. Launch the key management server setup wizard on the new node:

```
security key-manager external enable
```

- b. Complete the steps in the wizard to configure key management servers.

4. Restore authentication keys from all linked key management servers to the new node:

| For...                        | Use this command...   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| External key management (EKM) | <pre>security key-manager external restore</pre> <p>This command needs the OKM passphrase</p> |
| Onboard Key Manager           | <pre>security key-manager onboard sync</pre>  |

### After you finish

Check if any volumes were taken offline because authentication keys were not available or EKM servers could not be reached. Bring those volumes back online by using the `volume online` command.

### After you finish

Check if any volumes were taken offline because authentication keys were not available or External Key Management servers could not be reached. Bring those volumes back online using the `volume online` command.

## Decommission the old system

After upgrading, you can decommission the old system through the NetApp Support Site. Decommissioning the system tells NetApp that the system is no longer in operation and removes it from support databases.

### Steps

1. Refer to [References](#) to link to the *NetApp Support Site* and log in.

2. Select **Products > My Products** from the menu.
3. On the **View Installed Systems** page, choose which **Selection Criteria** you want to use to display information about your system.

You can choose one of the following to locate your system:

- Serial Number (located on the back of the unit)
- Serial Numbers for My Location

4. Select **Go!**

A table displays cluster information, including the serial numbers.

5. Locate the cluster in the table and select **Decommission this system** from the Product Tool Set drop-down menu.

## Resume SnapMirror operations

You can resume SnapMirror transfers that were quiesced before upgrade and resume the SnapMirror relationships. The updates are on schedule after the upgrade is completed.

### Steps

1. Verify the SnapMirror status on the destination:

```
snapmirror show
```

2. Resume the SnapMirror relationship:

```
snapmirror resume -destination-vserver <vserver_name>
```

## Troubleshoot

### Troubleshoot

You might encounter a failure while upgrading the node pair. The node might crash, aggregates might not relocate, or LIFs might not migrate. The cause of the failure and its solution depend on when the failure occurred during the upgrade procedure.

Refer to the table describing the different phases of the procedure in the section [Overview of the ARL upgrade](#). Information about the failures that can occur is listed by the phase of the procedure.

### Aggregate relocation failures

Aggregate relocation (ARL) might fail at different points during the upgrade.

#### Check for aggregate relocation failure

During the procedure, ARL might fail in Stage 2, Stage 3, or Stage 5.

### Steps

1. Enter the following command and examine the output:

```
storage aggregate relocation show
```

The `storage aggregate relocation show` command shows you which aggregates were successfully relocated and which ones were not, along with the causes of failure.

2. Check the console for any EMS messages.

3. Take one of the following actions:

- Take the appropriate corrective action, depending on the output of the `storage aggregate relocation show` command and the output of the EMS message.
- Force relocation of the aggregate or aggregates by using the `override-vetoes` option or the `override-destination-checks` option of the `storage aggregate relocation start` command.

For detailed information about the `storage aggregate relocation start`, `override-vetoes`, and `override-destination-checks` options, refer to [References](#) to link to the *ONTAP 9 Commands: Manual Page Reference*.

### Aggregates originally on node1 are owned by node2 after completion of the upgrade

At the end of the upgrade procedure, node1 should be the new home node of aggregates that originally had node1 as the home node. You can relocate them after the upgrade.

#### About this task

Aggregates might fail to relocate correctly, that is, they have node2 as their home node instead of node1, under the following circumstances:

- During Stage 3, when aggregates are relocated from node2 to node1.

Some of the aggregates being relocated have node1 as their home node. For example, such an aggregate could be called `aggr_node_1`. If relocation of `aggr_node_1` fails during Stage 3, and relocation cannot be forced, then the aggregate is left behind on node2.

- After Stage 4, when node2 is replaced with the AFF A900 controller module and NVRAM module.

When node2 is replaced, `aggr_node_1` will come online with node1 as its home node instead of node2.

You can fix the incorrect ownership problem after Stage 6, after you have enabled storage failover by completing the following steps:

#### Steps

1. Get a list of aggregates:

```
storage aggregate show -nodes <node2> -is-home true
```

To identify aggregates that were not correctly relocated, refer to the list of aggregates with the home owner of node1 that you obtained in the section [Prepare the nodes for upgrade](#) and compare it with the output of the above command.

2. Compare the output of Step 1 with the output you captured for node1 in the section [Prepare the nodes for upgrade](#) and note any aggregates that were not correctly relocated.

### 3. Relocate the aggregates left behind on node2:

```
storage aggregate relocation start -node <node2> -aggr <aggr_node_1>
-destination <node1>
```

Do not use the `-ndo-controller-upgrade` parameter during this relocation.

### 4. Verify that node1 is now the home owner of the aggregates:

```
storage aggregate show -aggregate <aggr1,aggr2,aggr3...> -fields home-name
```

`<aggr1,aggr2,aggr3...>` is the list of aggregates that had node1 as the original home owner.

Aggregates that do not have node1 as home owner can be relocated to node1 using the same relocation command in Step 3.

## Reboots, panics, or power cycles

The system might crash – reboot, panic, or go through a power cycle – during different stages of the upgrade.

The solution to these problems depends on when they occur.

### Reboots, panics, or power cycles during the pre-check phase

#### Node1 or node2 crashes before the pre-check phase with HA pair still enabled

If either node1 or node2 crashes before the pre-check phase, no aggregates have been relocated yet and the HA pair configuration is still enabled.

#### About this task

Takeover and giveback can proceed normally.

#### Steps

1. Check the console for EMS messages that the system might have issued and take the recommended corrective action.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### Reboots, panics, or power cycles during first resource-release phase

#### Node1 crashes during the first resource-release phase with HA pair still enabled

Some or all aggregates have been relocated from node1 to node2, and HA pair is still enabled. Node2 takes over node1's root volume and any non-root aggregates that were not relocated.

#### About this task

Ownership of aggregates that were relocated look the same as the ownership of non-root aggregates that were taken over because the home owner has not changed.

When node1 enters the `waiting for giveback` state, node2 gives back all of the node1 non- root aggregates.

### Steps

1. After node1 is booted up, all the non-root aggregates of node1 have moved back to node1. You must perform a manual aggregate relocation of the aggregates from node1 to node2:  

```
storage aggregate relocation start -node node1 -destination node2 -aggregate  
-list * -ndocontroller-upgrade true
```
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### Node1 crashes during the first resource-release phase while HA pair is disabled

Node2 does not take over, but it is still serving data from all non-root aggregates.

### Steps

1. Bring up node1.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### Node2 fails during the first resource-release phase with HA pair still enabled

Node1 has relocated some or all of its aggregates to node2. The HA pair is enabled.

### About this task

Node1 takes over all of node2's aggregates as well as any of its own aggregates that it had relocated to node2. When node2 boots up, the aggregate relocation is completed automatically.

### Steps

1. Bring up node2.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### Node2 crashes during the first resource-release phase and after HA pair is disabled

Node1 does not take over.

### Steps

1. Bring up node2.

A client outage occurs for all aggregates while node2 is booting up.

2. Continue the with rest of the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### Reboots, panics, or power cycles during the first verification phase

### Node2 crashes during the first verification phase with HA pair disabled

Node1 does not take over following a node2 crash as the HA pair is already disabled.

### Steps

1. Bring up node2.

A client outage occurs for all aggregates while node2 is booting up.

2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### **Node1 crashes during the first verification phase with HA pair disabled**

Node2 does not take over, but it is still serving data from all non-root aggregates.

#### **Steps**

1. Bring up node1.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### **Reboots, panics, or power cycles during first resource-regain phase**

#### **Node2 crashes during the first resource-regain phase during aggregate relocation**

Node2 has relocated some or all of its aggregates from node1 to node1. Node1 serves data from aggregates that were relocated. The HA pair is disabled and hence there is no takeover.

#### **About this task**

There is client outage for aggregates that were not relocated. On booting up node2, the aggregates of node1 are relocated to node1.

#### **Steps**

1. Bring up node2.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

#### **Node1 crashes during the first resource-regain phase during aggregate relocation**

If node1 crashes while node2 is relocating aggregates to node1, the task continues after node1 boots up.

#### **About this task**

Node2 continues to serve remaining aggregates, but aggregates that were already relocated to node1 encounter client outage while node1 is booting up.

#### **Steps**

1. Bring up node1.
2. Continue with the controller upgrade.

### **Reboots, panics, or power cycles during post-check phase**

#### **Node1 or node2 crashes during the post-check phase**

The HA pair is disabled hence this is no takeover. There is a client outage for aggregates belonging to the node that rebooted.

#### **Steps**

1. Bring up the node.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### **Reboots, panics, or power cycles during second resource-release phase**

#### **Node1 crashes during the second resource-release phase**

If node1 crashes while node2 is relocating aggregates, the task continues after node1 boots up.

### **About this task**

Node2 continues to serve remaining aggregates but aggregates that were already relocated to node1 and node1's own aggregates encounter client outages while node1 is booting.

### **Steps**

1. Bring up node1.
2. Continue with the controller upgrade procedure.

### **Node2 crashes during the second resource-release phase**

If node2 crashes during aggregate relocation, node2 is not taken over.

### **About this task**

Node1 continues to serve the aggregates that have been relocated, but the aggregates owned by node2 encounter client outages.

### **Steps**

1. Bring up node2.
2. Continue with the controller upgrade procedure.

### **Reboots, panics, or power cycles during the second verification phase**

#### **Node1 crashes during the second verification phase**

If node1 crashes during this phase, takeover does not happen because the HA pair is already disabled.

### **About this task**

There is a client outage for all aggregates until node1 reboots.

### **Steps**

1. Bring up node1.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

#### **Node2 crashes during the second verification phase**

If node2 crashes during this phase, takeover does not happen. Node1 serves data from the aggregates.

### **About this task**

There is an outage for non-root aggregates that were already relocated until node2 reboots.

### **Steps**

1. Bring up node2.
2. Continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

### **Issues that can arise in multiple stages of the procedure**

Some issues can occur during different stages of the procedure.

## Unexpected "storage failover show" command output

During the procedure, if the node that hosts all data aggregates panics or is rebooted accidentally, you might see unexpected output for the `storage failover show` command before and after the reboot, panic, or power cycle.

### About this task

You might see unexpected output from the `storage failover show` command in Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4, or Stage 5.

The following example shows the expected output of the `storage failover show` command if there are no reboots or panics on the node that hosts all the data aggregates:

```
cluster::> storage failover show
```

| Node  | Partner | Takeover<br>Possible | State Description  |
|-------|---------|----------------------|--|
| node1 | node2   | false                | Unknown  |
| node2 | node1   | false                | Node owns partner aggregates as part of the non-disruptive head upgrade procedure. Takeover is not possible: Storage failover is disabled. |

The following example shows the output of the `storage failover show` command after a reboot or panic:

```
cluster::> storage failover show
```

| Node  | Partner | Takeover<br>Possible | State Description   |
|-------|---------|----------------------|---|
| node1 | node2   | -                    | Unknown   |
| node2 | node1   | false                | Waiting for node1, Partial giveback, Takeover is not possible: Storage failover is disabled |

Although the output says that a node is in partial giveback and that storage failover is disabled, you can disregard this message.

### Steps

No action is required; continue with the node-pair upgrade procedure.

## LIF migration failure

After you migrate LIFs, they might not come online after migration in Stage 2, Stage 3, or Stage 5.

### Steps

1. Verify that the port MTU size is the same as that of the source node.



For example, if the cluster port MTU size is 9000 on the source node, it should be 9000 on the destination node.

2. Check the physical connectivity of the network cable if the physical state of the port is down.

## References

When performing the procedures in this content, you might need to consult reference content or go to reference websites.

- [Reference content](#)
- [Reference sites](#)

### Reference content

Content specific to this upgrade are listed in the table below.

| Content   | Description  |
|---|--|
| <a href="#">Administration overview with the CLI</a>                                    | Describes how to administer ONTAP systems, shows you how to use the CLI interface, how to access the cluster, how to manage nodes, and much more.  |
| <a href="#">Decide whether to use System Manager or the ONTAP CLI for cluster setup</a> | Describes how to set up and configure ONTAP.   |
| <a href="#">Disk and aggregate management with the CLI</a>                              | Describes how to manage ONTAP physical storage using the CLI. It shows you how to create, expand, and manage aggregates, how to work with Flash Pool aggregates, how to manage disks, and how to manage RAID policies.                               |
| <a href="#">Fabric-attached MetroCluster Installation and Configuration</a>             | Describes how to install and configure the MetroCluster hardware and software components in a fabric configuration.  |
| <a href="#">FlexArray Virtualization Installation Requirements and Reference</a>        | Contains cabling instructions and other information for FlexArray Virtualization systems.  |
| <a href="#">High Availability management</a>  | Describes how to install and manage high-availability clustered configurations, including storage failover and takeover/giveback.  |
| <a href="#">Logical storage management with the CLI</a>                                 | Describes how to efficiently manage your logical storage resources, using volumes, FlexClone volumes, files, and LUNs, FlexCache volumes, deduplication, compression, qtrees, and quotas.  |
| <a href="#">MetroCluster Management and Disaster Recovery</a>                           | Describes how to perform MetroCluster switchover and switchback operations, both in planned maintenance operations, or in the event of a disaster.   |
| <a href="#">MetroCluster Upgrade and Expansion</a>                                      | Provides procedures for upgrading controller and storage models in the MetroCluster configuration, transitioning from a MetroCluster FC to a MetroCluster IP configuration, and expanding the MetroCluster configuration by adding additional nodes. |

| Content  | Description  |
|--|--|
| <a href="#">Network Management</a>   | Describes how to configure and manage physical and virtual network ports (VLANs and interface groups), LIFs, routing, and host-resolution services in clusters; optimize network traffic by load balancing; and monitor the cluster by using SNMP. |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.0 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.0 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.1 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.1 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.2 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.2 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.3 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.3 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.4 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.4 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.5 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.5 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.6 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.6 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.7 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.7 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.8 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.8 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.9.1 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>  | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.9.1 commands.  |
| <a href="#">ONTAP 9.10.1 Commands: Manual Page Reference</a>   | Describes syntax and usage of supported ONTAP 9.10.1 commands.   |
| <a href="#">SAN management with the CLI</a>  | Describes how to configure and manage LUNs, igroups, and targets using the iSCSI and FC protocols, and namespaces and subsystems using the NVMe/FC protocol.   |
| <a href="#">SAN configuration reference</a>  | Contains information about FC and iSCSI topologies and wiring schemes.   |
| <a href="#">Upgrade by moving volumes or storage</a>   | Describes how to quickly upgrade controller hardware in a cluster by moving storage or volumes. Also describes how to convert a supported model to a disk shelf.   |
| <a href="#">Upgrade ONTAP</a>  | Contains instructions for downloading and upgrading ONTAP.   |
| <a href="#">Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade AFF A700 to AFF A900 running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later</a> | Describes the aggregate relocation procedures needed to non-disruptively upgrade an AFF A700 to an AFF A900 running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later by using "system controller replace" commands.   |
| <a href="#">Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade controller hardware running ONTAP 9.8 or later</a>     | Describes the aggregate relocation procedures needed to non-disruptively upgrade controllers running ONTAP 9.8 by using "system controller replace" commands.  |

| Content  | Description  |
|--|--|
| <a href="#">Use aggregate relocation to manually upgrade controller hardware running ONTAP 9.8 or later</a>            | Describes the aggregate relocation procedures needed to perform manual non-disruptive controller upgrades running ONTAP 9.8 or later.                                      |
| <a href="#">Use "system controller replace" commands to upgrade controller hardware running ONTAP 9.5 to ONTAP 9.7</a> | Describes the aggregate relocation procedures needed to non-disruptively upgrade controllers running ONTAP 9.5 to ONTAP 9.7 by using "system controller replace" commands. |
| <a href="#">Use aggregate relocation to manually upgrade controller hardware running ONTAP 9.7 or earlier</a>          | Describes the aggregate relocation procedures needed to perform manual non-disruptive controller upgrades running ONTAP 9.7 or earlier.                                    |

## Reference sites

The [NetApp Support Site](#) also contains documentation about network interface cards (NICs) and other hardware that you might use with your system. It also contains the [Hardware Universe](#), which provides information about the hardware that the new system supports.

Access [ONTAP 9 documentation](#).

Access the [Active IQ Config Advisor](#) tool.

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