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When you use NetApp HCI, you might need additional licenses depending on what you are using.

NetApp HCI and VMware vSphere licensing

VMware vSphere licensing depends on your configuration:

Networking option	Licensing
Option A: Two cables for compute nodes using VLAN tagging (All compute nodes)	Requires use of vSphere Distributed Switch, which requires VMware vSphere Enterprise Plus licensing.
Option B: Six cables for compute nodes using tagged VLANs (H410C 2RU 4-Node compute node)	This configuration uses vSphere Standard Switch as the default. Optional use of vSphere Distributed Switch requires VMware Enterprise Plus licensing.
Option C: Six cables for compute nodes using native and tagged VLANs (H410C, 2RU 4-Node Compute Node)	This configuration uses vSphere Standard Switch as the default. Optional use of vSphere Distributed Switch requires VMware Enterprise Plus licensing.

NetApp HCI and ONTAP Select licensing

If you were provided a version of ONTAP Select for use in conjunction with a purchased NetApp HCI system, the following additional limitations apply:

- The ONTAP Select license, which is bundled with a NetApp HCI system sale, may only be used in conjunction with NetApp HCI compute nodes.
- The storage for those ONTAP Select instances must reside only on the NetApp HCI storage nodes.
- The use of third-party compute nodes or third-party storage nodes is prohibited.

Find more information

- NetApp Element Plug-in for vCenter Server
- SolidFire and Element Software Documentation Center

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