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You can upgrade ONTAP nondisruptively for a two-node MetroCluster configuration. This method has several steps: initiating a negotiated switchover, updating the cluster at the “failed” site, initiating switchback, and then repeating the process on the cluster at the other site.

This procedure is for two-node MetroCluster configurations running ONTAP 9.2 or earlier only.

+ Do not use this procedure if you have a four-node MetroCluster configuration.

+ If you have a two-node MetroCluster configuration running ONTAP 9.3 or later, perform an automated nondisruptive upgrade using System Manager.

1. Set the privilege level to advanced, entering **y** when prompted to continue: `set -privilege advanced`

   The advanced prompt (`*>`) appears.

2. On the cluster to be upgraded, install the new ONTAP software image as the default: `system node image update -package package_location -setdefault true -replace-package true`

```
cluster_B::*> system node image update -package
http://www.example.com/NewImage.tgz -setdefault true -replace-package
true
```

3. Verify that the target software image is set as the default image: `system node image show`

   The following example shows that `NewImage` is set as the default image:

```
cluster_B::*> system node image show
                     Is      Is                              Install
Node     Image       Default Current Version                 Date
-------- -------     ------- ------- --------------------
------------------
node_B_1
         OldImage  false   true    X.X.X                 MM/DD/YYYY TIME
         NewImage  true    false   Y.Y.Y                 MM/DD/YYYY TIME
2 entries were displayed.
```

4. If the target software image is not set as the default image, then change it: `system image modify {-node * -iscurrent false} -isdefault true`

5. Verify that all cluster SVMs are in a health state: `metrocluster vserver show`

6. On the cluster that is not being updated, initiate a negotiated switchover: `metrocluster switchover`

   The operation can take several minutes. You can use the metrocluster operation show command to verify that the switchover is completed.

   In the following example, a negotiated switchover is performed on the remote cluster (“cluster_A”). This causes the local cluster (“cluster_B”) to halt so that you can update it.

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster switchover

Warning: negotiated switchover is about to start. It will stop all the
data
         Vservers on cluster "cluster_B" and
         automatically re-start them on cluster
         "cluster_A". It will finally gracefully shutdown
         cluster "cluster_B".
Do you want to continue? {y|n}: y
```

7. Verify that all cluster SVMs are in a health state: `metrocluster vserver show`
8. Resynchronize the data aggregates on the “surviving” cluster: `metrocluster heal -phase aggregates`

   After upgrading MetroCluster IP configurations to ONTAP 9.5 or later, the aggregates will be in a degraded state for a short period before resynchronizing and returning to a mirrored state.

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster heal -phase aggregates
[Job 130] Job succeeded: Heal Aggregates is successful.
```

9. Verify that the healing operation was completed successfully: `metrocluster operation show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: heal-aggregates
State: successful
Start Time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
End Time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
Errors: -
```

10. Resynchronize the root aggregates on the “surviving” cluster: `metrocluster heal -phase root-aggregates`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster heal -phase root-aggregates
[Job 131] Job succeeded: Heal Root Aggregates is successful.
```

11. Verify that the healing operation was completed successfully: `metrocluster operation show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: heal-root-aggregates
State: successful
Start Time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
End Time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
Errors: -
```

12. On the halted cluster, boot the node from the LOADER prompt: `boot_ontap`
13. Wait for the boot process to finish, and then verify that all cluster SVMs are in a health state: `metrocluster vserver show`
14. Perform a switchback from the “surviving” cluster: `metrocluster switchback`
15. Verify that the switchback was completed successfully: `metrocluster operation show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: switchback
State: successful
Start Time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
End Time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
Errors: -
```

16. Verify that all cluster SVMs are in a health state: `metrocluster vserver show`
17. Repeat all previous steps on the other cluster.
18. Verify that the MetroCluster configuration is healthy:
    a. Check the configuration: `metrocluster check run`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check run
Last Checked On: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
Component           Result
------------------- ---------
nodes               ok
lifs                ok
config-replication  ok
aggregates          ok
4 entries were displayed.

Command completed. Use the "metrocluster check show -instance"
command or sub-commands in "metrocluster check" directory for
detailed results.
To check if the nodes are ready to do a switchover or switchback
operation, run "metrocluster switchover -simulate" or "metrocluster
switchback -simulate", respectively.
```

b. If you want to view more detailed results, use the metrocluster check run command: `metrocluster check aggregate showmetrocluster check config-replication showmetrocluster check lif show``metrocluster check node show`

c. Set the privilege level to advanced: `set -privilege advanced`

d. Simulate the switchover operation: `metrocluster switchover -simulate`

e. Review the results of the switchover simulation: `metrocluster operation show`

```
cluster_A::*> metrocluster operation show
    Operation: switchover
        State: successful
   Start time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
     End time: MM/DD/YYYY TIME
       Errors: -
```

f. Return to the admin privilege level: `set -privilege admin`

g. Repeat these substeps on the other cluster.

You should perform any post-upgrade tasks.

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