Controller-to-stack cabling worksheet and cabling example for a quad-path HA configuration with two quad-port SAS HBAs - shelves with IOM12 modules

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You can use the completed controller-to-stack cabling worksheet and cabling example to cable a quad-path HA configuration that has two quad-port SAS HBAs.

- If needed, you can refer to SAS cabling rules for information about supported configurations, the controller slot numbering convention, shelf-to-shelf connectivity, and controller-to-shelf connectivity (including the use of port pairs).
- If needed, you can refer to How to read a worksheet to cable controller-to-stack connections for quad-pathed connectivity.
- The cabling example shows controller-to-stack cables as solid or dashed to distinguish controller A and C port connections from controller B and D port connections.

Controller-to-Stack Cable Type Key	
Cable Type	Description
	▪ Connects controller **A** and **C** ports to the logical **first** disk shelf in a stack ▪ The **primary** path from a controller to a stack
	▪ Connects controller **B** and **D** ports to the logical **last** disk shelf in a stack ▪ The **secondary** path from a controller to a stack

- Cables in the cabling examples and their corresponding port pairs in the worksheets are color-coded to distinguish connectivity to each stack in the HA pair.

Controller-to-Stack Cable Color Key			
Cable Color		Connects to...	From...
	Dark blue	Stack 1	Each controller by a unique port pair
	Orange	Stack 2	

- The cabling example visually distinguishes the two sets of multipathed cabling needed to achieve quad-pathed connectivity for each controller to each stack in an HA pair or single-controller configuration.

  The first set of multipathed cabling is referred to as “multipathed”. The second set of multipathed cabling is referred to as “quad-pathed”. The second set of cabling is referred to as “quad-pathed” because completing this set of cabling gives you the quad-pathed connectivity.

Controller-to-Stack Quad-Pathed Connectivity Key			
Quad-pathed connectivity consists of two sets of cabling		Shown by color-coded ports on controllers and IOMs	Description
Set 1	Multipathed	No color	Ports (on controllers and IOMs) cabled with multipathed connectivity are shown without a color.
Set 2	Quad-pathed	The cable color associated with the applicable stack	Ports (on controllers and IOMs) cabled with quad-pathed connectivity are the same color as the cables connecting the stack, as shown in the “Controller-to-Stack Cable Color Key”.

- The worksheet example shows port pairs designated for multipathed cabling or quad-pathed cabling to the applicable stack.

  Each port pair designated for multipathed cabling is encircled by an oval that is the color associated with the stack it is cabled to. Each port pair designated for quad-pathed cabling is encircled by a rectangle that is the color associated with the stack it is cabled to.

Quad-path HA with two quad-port SAS HBAs and two multi-shelf stacks

The following worksheet and cabling example uses port pairs 1a/2b (multipathed) and 2a/1d (quad-pathed) for stack 1, and port pairs 1c/2d (multipathed) and 2c/1b (quad-pathed) for stack2.

Controller-to-Stack Cabling Worksheet for Quad-Pathed Connectivity									
Controller SAS ports	Controllers	Cable to disk shelf IOMs				Stacks			
		Shelf	IOM	Port		1		2	
				Multipathed	Quad-pathed	Port pairs			
A and C	1	First	A	1	2	1a	2a	1c	2c
	2	First	B	1	2				
B and D						~~1b~~	~~2b~~	~~1d~~	~~2d~~
	1	Last	B	3	4	2b	1d	2d	1b
	2	Last	A	3	4				

Quad-path HA configuration