



Sending a custom AutoSupport message prior to adding nodes to the MetroCluster configuration

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You should issue an AutoSupport message to notify NetApp technical support that maintenance is underway. Informing technical support that maintenance is underway prevents them from opening a case on the assumption that a disruption has occurred.

About this task

This task must be performed on each MetroCluster site.

Steps

1. Log in to the cluster at Site_A.
2. Invoke an AutoSupport message indicating the start of the maintenance:

```
system node autosupport invoke -node * -type all -message MAINT=maintenance-  
window-in-hours
```

The `maintenance-window-in-hours` parameter specifies the length of the maintenance window and can be a maximum of 72 hours. If the maintenance is completed before the time has elapsed, you can issue the following command to indicating that the maintenance period has ended:

```
system node autosupport invoke -node * -type all -message MAINT=end
```

3. Repeat this step on the partner site.

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