



Performing a forced switchover after a disaster

ONTAP MetroCluster

Martin Houser, Thom Illingworth, Zachary Wambold
June 21, 2021

This PDF was generated from https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/ontap-metrocluster/disaster-recovery/task_perform_a_forced_switchover_after_a_disaster.html on September 24, 2021. Always check docs.netapp.com for the latest.

Table of Contents

- Performing a forced switchover after a disaster 1
 - Fencing off the disaster site 1
 - Performing a forced switchover 1
 - Output for the storage aggregate plex show command is indeterminate after a MetroCluster switchover . . . 2
 - Accessing volumes in NVFAIL state after a switchover 2

Performing a forced switchover after a disaster

If a disaster has occurred, there are steps you must perform on both the disaster cluster and the surviving cluster after the switchover to ensure safe and continued data service.

Determining if a disaster has occurred is done by:

- An administrator
- The MetroCluster Tiebreaker software, if it is configured
- The ONTAP Mediator software, if it is configured

Fencing off the disaster site

After the disaster, if the disaster site nodes must be replaced, you must halt them to prevent the site from resuming service. Otherwise, you risk the possibility of data corruption if clients start accessing the nodes before the replacement procedure is completed.

Step

1. Halt the nodes at the disaster site and keep them powered down or at the LOADER prompt until directed to boot ONTAP:

```
system node halt -node disaster-site-node-name
```

If the disaster site nodes have been destroyed or cannot be halted, turn off power to the nodes and do not boot the replacement nodes until directed to in the recovery procedure.

Performing a forced switchover

The switchover process, in addition to providing nondisruptive operations during testing and maintenance, enables you to recover from a site failure with a single command.

Before you begin

- At least one of the surviving site nodes must be up and running before you perform the switchover.
- All previous configuration changes must be complete before performing a switchback operation.

This is to avoid competition with the negotiated switchover or switchback operation.



SnapMirror and SnapVault configurations are deleted automatically.

About this task

The `metrocluster switchover` command switches over the nodes in all DR groups in the MetroCluster configuration. For example, in an eight-node MetroCluster configuration, it switches over the nodes in both DR groups.

Steps

1. Implement the switchover:

```
metrocluster switchover -forced-on-disaster true
```

The operation can take a period of minutes to complete.

2. Answer `y` when prompted to continue with the switchover.
3. Verify that the switchover was completed successfully by running the `metrocluster operation show` command.

```
mcclA::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: switchover
Start time: 10/4/2012 19:04:13
State: in-progress
End time: -
Errors:

mcclA::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: switchover
Start time: 10/4/2012 19:04:13
State: successful
End time: 10/4/2012 19:04:22
Errors: -
```

If the switchover is vetoed, you have the option of reissuing the `metrocluster switchover-forced-on-disaster true` command with the `--override-vetoes` option. If you use this optional parameter, the system overrides any soft vetoes that prevented the switchover.

After you finish

SnapMirror relationships need to be reestablished after switchover.

Output for the storage aggregate plex show command is indeterminate after a MetroCluster switchover

When you run the `storage aggregate plex show` command after a MetroCluster switchover, the status of plex0 of the switched over root aggregate is indeterminate and is displayed as failed. During this time, the switched over root is not updated. The actual status of this plex can only be determined after the MetroCluster healing phase.

Accessing volumes in NVFAIL state after a switchover

After a switchover, you must clear the NVFAIL state by resetting the `-in-nvfailed-state` parameter of the `volume modify` command to remove the restriction of clients to access data.

Before you begin

The database or file system must not be running or trying to access the affected volume.

About this task

Setting the `-in-nvfailed-state` parameter requires advanced-level privilege.

Step

1. Recover the volume by using the `volume modify` command with the `-in-nvfailed-state` parameter set to `false`.

After you finish

For instructions about examining database file validity, see the documentation for your specific database software.

If your database uses LUNs, review the steps to make the LUNs accessible to the host after an NVRAM failure.

Related information

[Monitoring and protecting database validity by using NVFAIL](#)

Copyright Information

Copyright © 2021 NetApp, Inc. All rights reserved. Printed in the U.S. No part of this document covered by copyright may be reproduced in any form or by any means-graphic, electronic, or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, taping, or storage in an electronic retrieval system- without prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Software derived from copyrighted NetApp material is subject to the following license and disclaimer:

THIS SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED BY NETAPP "AS IS" AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WHICH ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. IN NO EVENT SHALL NETAPP BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE, DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE.

NetApp reserves the right to change any products described herein at any time, and without notice. NetApp assumes no responsibility or liability arising from the use of products described herein, except as expressly agreed to in writing by NetApp. The use or purchase of this product does not convey a license under any patent rights, trademark rights, or any other intellectual property rights of NetApp.

The product described in this manual may be protected by one or more U.S. patents, foreign patents, or pending applications.

RESTRICTED RIGHTS LEGEND: Use, duplication, or disclosure by the government is subject to restrictions as set forth in subparagraph (c)(1)(ii) of the Rights in Technical Data and Computer Software clause at DFARS 252.277-7103 (October 1988) and FAR 52-227-19 (June 1987).

Trademark Information

NETAPP, the NETAPP logo, and the marks listed at <http://www.netapp.com/TM> are trademarks of NetApp, Inc. Other company and product names may be trademarks of their respective owners.