



Configure the MetroCluster software in ONTAP

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Configure the MetroCluster software in ONTAP

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You must set up each node in the MetroCluster configuration in ONTAP, including the node-level configurations and the configuration of the nodes into two sites. You must also implement the MetroCluster relationship between the two sites.



Handling eight-node Configurations

An eight-node configuration will consist of two DR groups. Configure the first DR group by using the tasks in this section.

Then perform the tasks in [Expanding a four-node MetroCluster IP configuration to an eight-node configuration](#)

Gathering required information

You need to gather the required IP addresses for the controller modules before you begin the configuration process.

You can use these links to download csv files and fill in the tables with your site-specific information.

[MetroCluster IP setup worksheet, site_A](#)

[MetroCluster IP setup worksheet, site_B](#)

Similarities and differences between standard cluster and MetroCluster configurations

The configuration of the nodes in each cluster in a MetroCluster configuration is similar to that of nodes in a standard cluster.

The MetroCluster configuration is built on two standard clusters. Physically, the configuration must be symmetrical, with each node having the same hardware configuration, and all of the MetroCluster components must be cabled and configured. However, the basic software configuration for nodes in a MetroCluster configuration is the same as that for nodes in a standard cluster.

Configuration step	Standard cluster configuration	MetroCluster configuration
Configure management, cluster, and data LIFs on each node.	Same in both types of clusters	
Configure the root aggregate.	Same in both types of clusters	
Set up the cluster on one node in the cluster.	Same in both types of clusters	
Join the other node to the cluster.	Same in both types of clusters	
Create a mirrored root aggregate.	Optional	Required
Peer the clusters.	Optional	Required
Enable the MetroCluster configuration.	Does not apply	Required

Verifying the ha-config state of components

In a MetroCluster IP configuration that is not preconfigured at the factory, you must verify that the ha-config state of the controller and chassis components is set to “mccip” so that they boot up properly. For systems received from the factory, this value is preconfigured and you do not need to verify it.

Before you begin

The system must be in Maintenance mode.

Steps

1. Display the HA state of the controller module and chassis:

```
ha-config show
```

The controller module and chassis should show the value “mccip”.

2. If the displayed system state of the controller is not “mccip”, set the HA state for the controller:

```
ha-config modify controller mccip
```

3. If the displayed system state of the chassis is not “mccip”, set the HA state for the chassis:

```
ha-config modify chassis mccip
```

4. Repeat these steps on each node in the MetroCluster configuration.

Restoring system defaults on a controller module

Reset and restore defaults on the controller modules.

1. At the LOADER prompt, return environmental variables to their default setting: `set-defaults`
2. Boot the node to the boot menu: `boot_ontap menu`

After you run this command, wait until the boot menu is shown.

3. Clear the node configuration:

- If you are using systems configured for ADP, select option 9a from the boot menu, and respond `yes` when prompted.



This process is disruptive.

The following screen shows the boot menu prompt:

Please choose one of the following:

- (1) Normal Boot.
- (2) Boot without /etc/rc.
- (3) Change password.
- (4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
- (5) Maintenance mode boot.
- (6) Update flash from backup config.
- (7) Install new software first.
- (8) Reboot node.
- (9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.

Selection (1-9)? 9a

WARNING

This is a disruptive operation and will result in the loss of all filesystem data. Before proceeding further, make sure that:

- 1) This option (9a) has been executed or will be executed on the HA partner node, prior to reinitializing either system in the HA-pair.
- 2) The HA partner node is currently in a halted state or at the LOADER prompt.

Do you still want to continue (yes/no)? yes

- If your system is not configured for ADP, type `wipeconfig` at the boot menu prompt, and then press Enter.

The following screen shows the boot menu prompt:

Please choose one of the following:

- (1) Normal Boot.
- (2) Boot without /etc/rc.
- (3) Change password.
- (4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
- (5) Maintenance mode boot.
- (6) Update flash from backup config.
- (7) Install new software first.
- (8) Reboot node.
- (9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.

Selection (1-9)? wipeconfig

This option deletes critical system configuration, including cluster membership.

Warning: do not run this option on a HA node that has been taken over.

Are you sure you want to continue?: yes

Rebooting to finish wipeconfig request.

Manually assigning drives to pool 0

If you did not receive the systems pre-configured from the factory, you might have to manually assign the pool 0 drives. Depending on the platform model and whether the system is using ADP, you must manually assign drives to pool 0 for each node in the MetroCluster IP configuration. The procedure you use depends on the version of ONTAP you are using.

Manually assigning drives for pool 0 (ONTAP 9.4 and later)

If the system has not been pre-configured at the factory and does not meet the requirements for automatic drive assignment, you must manually assign the pool 0 drives.

About this task

This procedure applies to configurations running ONTAP 9.4 or later.

To determine if your system requires manual disk assignment, you should review [Considerations for automatic drive assignment and ADP systems in ONTAP 9.4 and later](#).

You perform these steps in Maintenance mode. The procedure must be performed on each node in the configuration.

Examples in this section are based on the following assumptions:

- node_A_1 and node_A_2 own drives on:
 - site_A-shelf_1 (local)
 - site_B-shelf_2 (remote)

- node_B_1 and node_B_2 own drives on:
 - site_B-shelf_1 (local)
 - site_A-shelf_2 (remote)

Steps

1. Display the boot menu:

```
boot_ontap menu
```

2. Select option 9a.

The following screen shows the boot menu prompt:

```
Please choose one of the following:
```

- ```
(1) Normal Boot.
(2) Boot without /etc/rc.
(3) Change password.
(4) Clean configuration and initialize all disks.
(5) Maintenance mode boot.
(6) Update flash from backup config.
(7) Install new software first.
(8) Reboot node.
(9) Configure Advanced Drive Partitioning.
```

```
Selection (1-9)? 9a
```

```
WARNING
```

```
This is a disruptive operation and will result in the
loss of all filesystem data. Before proceeding further,
make sure that:
```

- ```
1) This option (9a) has been executed or will be executed
on the HA partner node (and DR/DR-AUX partner nodes if
applicable), prior to reinitializing any system in the
HA-pair (or MetroCluster setup).
2) The HA partner node (and DR/DR-AUX partner nodes if
applicable) is currently waiting at the boot menu.
```

```
Do you still want to continue (yes/no)? yes
```

3. When the node restarts, press Ctrl-C when prompted to display the boot menu and then select the option for **Maintenance mode boot**.
4. In Maintenance mode, manually assign drives for the local aggregates on the node:

```
disk assign disk-id -p 0 -s local-node-sysid
```

The drives should be assigned symmetrically, so each node has an equal number of drives. The following steps are for a configuration with two storage shelves at each site.

- a. When configuring node_A_1, manually assign drives from slot 0 to 11 to pool0 of node A1 from site_A-shelf_1.
 - b. When configuring node_A_2, manually assign drives from slot 12 to 23 to pool0 of node A2 from site_A-shelf_1.
 - c. When configuring node_B_1, manually assign drives from slot 0 to 11 to pool0 of node B1 from site_B-shelf_1.
 - d. When configuring node_B_2, manually assign drives from slot 12 to 23 to pool0 of node B2 from site_B-shelf_1.
5. Exit Maintenance mode:

```
halt
```

6. Display the boot menu:

```
boot_ontap menu
```

7. Select option "4" from the boot menu and let the system boot.
8. Repeat these steps on the other nodes in the MetroCluster IP configuration.
9. Proceed to [Setting up ONTAP](#).

Manually assigning drives for pool 0 (ONTAP 9.3)

If you have at least two disk shelves for each node, you use ONTAP's auto-assignment functionality to automatically assign the local (pool 0) disks.

About this task

While the node is in Maintenance mode, you must first assign a single disk on the appropriate shelves to pool 0. ONTAP then automatically assigns the rest of the disks on the shelf to the same pool. This task is not required on systems received from the factory, which have pool 0 to contain the pre-configured root aggregate.

This procedure applies to configurations running ONTAP 9.3.

This procedure is not required if you received your MetroCluster configuration from the factory. Nodes from the factory are configured with pool 0 disks and root aggregates.

This procedure can be used only if you have at least two disk shelves for each node, which allows shelf-level autoassignment of disks. If you cannot use shelf-level autoassignment, you must manually assign your local disks so that each node has a local pool of disks (pool 0).

These steps must be performed in Maintenance mode.

Examples in this section assume the following disk shelves:

- node_A_1 owns disks on:
 - site_A-shelf_1 (local)
 - site_B-shelf_2 (remote)
- node_A_2 is connected to:
 - site_A-shelf_3 (local)
 - site_B-shelf_4 (remote)

- node_B_1 is connected to:
 - site_B-shelf_1 (local)
 - site_A-shelf_2 (remote)
- node_B_2 is connected to:
 - site_B-shelf_3 (local)
 - site_A-shelf_4 (remote)

Steps

1. Manually assign a single disk for root aggregate on each node:

```
disk assign disk-id -p 0 -s local-node-sysid
```

The manual assignment of these disks allows the ONTAP autoassignment feature to assign the rest of the disks on each shelf.

- a. On node_A_1, manually assign one disk from local site_A-shelf_1 to pool 0.
 - b. On node_A_2, manually assign one disk from local site_A-shelf_3 to pool 0.
 - c. On node_B_1, manually assign one disk from local site_B-shelf_1 to pool 0.
 - d. On node_B_2, manually assign one disk from local site_B-shelf_3 to pool 0.
2. Boot each node at site A, using option 4 on the boot menu:

You should complete this step on a node before proceeding to the next node.

- a. Exit Maintenance mode:

```
halt
```

- b. Display the boot menu:

```
boot_ontap menu
```

- c. Select option 4 from the boot menu and proceed.

3. Boot each node at site B, using option 4 on the boot menu:

You should complete this step on a node before proceeding to the next node.

- a. Exit Maintenance mode:

```
halt
```

- b. Display the boot menu:

```
boot_ontap menu
```

- c. Select option 4 from the boot menu and proceed.

Setting up ONTAP

After you boot each node, you are prompted to perform basic node and cluster

configuration. After configuring the cluster, you return to the ONTAP CLI to create aggregates and create the MetroCluster configuration.

Before you begin

- You must have cabled the MetroCluster configuration.
- You must not have configured the Service Processor.

If you need to netboot the new controllers, see [Netbooting the new controller modules](#).

About this task

This task must be performed on both clusters in the MetroCluster configuration.

Steps

1. Power up each node at the local site if you have not already done so and let them all boot completely.

If the system is in Maintenance mode, you need to issue the `halt` command to exit Maintenance mode, and then issue the `boot_ontap` command to boot the system and get to cluster setup.

2. On the first node in each cluster, proceed through the prompts to configure the cluster.
 - a. Enable the AutoSupport tool by following the directions provided by the system.

The output should be similar to the following:

Welcome to the cluster setup wizard.

You can enter the following commands at any time:

"help" or "?" - if you want to have a question clarified,
"back" - if you want to change previously answered questions, and
"exit" or "quit" - if you want to quit the cluster setup wizard.
Any changes you made before quitting will be saved.

You can return to cluster setup at any time by typing "cluster setup".

To accept a default or omit a question, do not enter a value.

This system will send event messages and periodic reports to NetApp Technical

Support. To disable this feature, enter
autosupport modify -support disable
within 24 hours.

Enabling AutoSupport can significantly speed problem determination and

resolution should a problem occur on your system.

For further information on AutoSupport, see:

<http://support.netapp.com/autosupport/>

Type yes to confirm and continue {yes}: yes

.
.
.

b. Configure the node management interface by responding to the prompts.

The prompts are similar to the following:

```
Enter the node management interface port [e0M]:
Enter the node management interface IP address: 172.17.8.229
Enter the node management interface netmask: 255.255.254.0
Enter the node management interface default gateway: 172.17.8.1
A node management interface on port e0M with IP address 172.17.8.229
has been created.
```

c. Create the cluster by responding to the prompts.

The prompts are similar to the following:

```
Do you want to create a new cluster or join an existing cluster?
{create, join}:
create
```

```
Do you intend for this node to be used as a single node cluster?
{yes, no} [no]:
no
```

Existing cluster interface configuration found:

```
Port MTU IP Netmask
e0a 1500 169.254.18.124 255.255.0.0
e1a 1500 169.254.184.44 255.255.0.0
```

```
Do you want to use this configuration? {yes, no} [yes]: no
```

System Defaults:

```
Private cluster network ports [e0a,e1a].
Cluster port MTU values will be set to 9000.
Cluster interface IP addresses will be automatically generated.
```

```
Do you want to use these defaults? {yes, no} [yes]: no
```

Enter the cluster administrator's (username "admin") password:

Retype the password:

Step 1 of 5: Create a Cluster

You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.

```
List the private cluster network ports [e0a,e1a]:
Enter the cluster ports' MTU size [9000]:
Enter the cluster network netmask [255.255.0.0]: 255.255.254.0
Enter the cluster interface IP address for port e0a: 172.17.10.228
Enter the cluster interface IP address for port e1a: 172.17.10.229
Enter the cluster name: cluster_A
```

Creating cluster cluster_A

Starting cluster support services ...

Cluster cluster_A has been created.

- d. Add licenses, set up a Cluster Administration SVM, and enter DNS information by responding to the prompts.

The prompts are similar to the following:

```
Step 2 of 5: Add Feature License Keys
You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.

Enter an additional license key []:

Step 3 of 5: Set Up a Vserver for Cluster Administration
You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.

Enter the cluster management interface port [e3a]:
Enter the cluster management interface IP address: 172.17.12.153
Enter the cluster management interface netmask: 255.255.252.0
Enter the cluster management interface default gateway: 172.17.12.1

A cluster management interface on port e3a with IP address
172.17.12.153 has been created. You can use this address to connect
to and manage the cluster.

Enter the DNS domain names: lab.netapp.com
Enter the name server IP addresses: 172.19.2.30
DNS lookup for the admin Vserver will use the lab.netapp.com domain.

Step 4 of 5: Configure Storage Failover (SFO)
You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.

SFO will be enabled when the partner joins the cluster.

Step 5 of 5: Set Up the Node
You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.

Where is the controller located []: svl
```

- e. Enable storage failover and set up the node by responding to the prompts.

The prompts are similar to the following:

```
Step 4 of 5: Configure Storage Failover (SFO)
You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.
```

```
SFO will be enabled when the partner joins the cluster.
```

```
Step 5 of 5: Set Up the Node
You can type "back", "exit", or "help" at any question.
```

```
Where is the controller located []: site_A
```

- f. Complete the configuration of the node, but do not create data aggregates.

You can use ONTAP System Manager, pointing your web browser to the cluster management IP address (<https://172.17.12.153>).

[Cluster management using System Manager \(Versions 9.0 to 9.6\)](#)

[ONTAP System Manager \(Version 9.7 and later\)](#)

3. Boot the next controller and join it to the cluster, following the prompts.
4. Confirm that nodes are configured in high-availability mode:

```
storage failover show -fields mode
```

If not, you must configure HA mode on each node, and then reboot the nodes:

```
storage failover modify -mode ha -node localhost
```



The expected configuration state of HA and storage failover is as follows:

- HA mode is configured but storage failover is not enabled.
- HA takeover capability is disabled.
- HA interfaces are offline.
- HA mode, storage failover, and interfaces are configured later in the process.

5. Confirm that you have four ports configured as cluster interconnects:

```
network port show
```

The MetroCluster IP interfaces are not configured at this time and do not appear in the command output.

The following example shows two cluster ports on node_A_1:

```
cluster_A::*> network port show -role cluster
```

Node: node_A_1

Ignore

						Speed(Mbps)	Health
Port	IPspace	Broadcast	Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper	Status
Status							
-----	-----	-----		----	----	-----	-----

e4a	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/40000	healthy
false							
e4e	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/40000	healthy
false							

Node: node_A_2

Ignore

						Speed (Mbps)	Health
Health							
Port	IPspace	Broadcast	Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper	Status
Status							

e4a	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/40000	healthy
false							
e4e	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/40000	healthy
false							

4 entries were displayed.

6. Repeat these steps on the partner cluster.

What to do next

Return to the ONTAP command-line interface and complete the MetroCluster configuration by performing the tasks that follow.

Configuring the clusters into a MetroCluster configuration

You must peer the clusters, mirror the root aggregates, create a mirrored data aggregate, and then issue the command to implement the MetroCluster operations.

Disabling automatic drive assignment (if doing manual assignment in ONTAP 9.4)

In ONTAP 9.4, if your MetroCluster IP configuration has fewer than four external storage shelves per site, you must disable automatic drive assignment on all nodes and manually assign drives.

About this task

This task is not required in ONTAP 9.5 and later.

This task does not apply to an AFF A800 system with an internal shelf and no external shelves.

[Considerations for automatic drive assignment and ADP systems in ONTAP 9.4 and later](#)

Steps

1. Disable automatic drive assignment:

```
storage disk option modify -node node_name -autoassign off
```

2. You need to issue this command on all nodes in the MetroCluster IP configuration.

Verifying drive assignment of pool 0 drives

You must verify that the remote drives are visible to the nodes and have been assigned correctly.

About this task

Automatic assignment depends on the storage system platform model and drive shelf arrangement.

[Considerations for automatic drive assignment and ADP systems in ONTAP 9.4 and later](#)

Steps

1. Verify that pool 0 drives are assigned automatically:

```
disk show
```

The following example shows the "cluster_A" output for an AFF A800 system with no external shelves.

One quarter (8 drives) were automatically assigned to "node_A_1" and one quarter were automatically assigned to "node_A_2". The remaining drives will be remote (pool 1) drives for "node_B_1" and "node_B_2".

```
cluster_A::*> disk show
```

Disk Owner	Usable Size	Disk Shelf	Bay	Container Type	Type	Container Name	
node_A_1:0n.12	1.75TB	0	12	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.13	1.75TB	0	13	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.14	1.75TB	0	14	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.15	1.75TB	0	15	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.16	1.75TB	0	16	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.17	1.75TB	0	17	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.18	1.75TB	0	18	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0	
node_A_1:0n.19	1.75TB	0	19	SSD-NVM	shared	-	
node_A_2:0n.0	1.75TB	0	0	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.1	1.75TB	0	1	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.2	1.75TB	0	2	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.3	1.75TB	0	3	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.4	1.75TB	0	4	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.5	1.75TB	0	5	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.6	1.75TB	0	6	SSD-NVM	shared		
aggr0_node_A_2_0	node_A_2						
node_A_2:0n.7	1.75TB	0	7	SSD-NVM	shared	-	
node_A_2:0n.24	-	0	24	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.25	-	0	25	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.26	-	0	26	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.27	-	0	27	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.28	-	0	28	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.29	-	0	29	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.30	-	0	30	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.31	-	0	31	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-
node_A_2:0n.36	-	0	36	SSD-NVM	unassigned	-	-

```

node_A_2:0n.37  -          0      37  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_A_2:0n.38  -          0      38  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_A_2:0n.39  -          0      39  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_A_2:0n.40  -          0      40  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_A_2:0n.41  -          0      41  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_A_2:0n.42  -          0      42  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_A_2:0n.43  -          0      43  SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
32 entries were displayed.

```

The following example shows the "cluster_B" output:

```

cluster_B::> disk show

Disk              Usable      Disk              Container      Container
Owner            Size        Shelf Bay Type      Type          Name
-----
-----

Info: This cluster has partitioned disks. To get a complete list of
spare disk
capacity use "storage aggregate show-spare-disks".
node_B_1:0n.12    1.75TB      0      12  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.13    1.75TB      0      13  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.14    1.75TB      0      14  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.15    1.75TB      0      15  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.16    1.75TB      0      16  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.17    1.75TB      0      17  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.18    1.75TB      0      18  SSD-NVM shared      aggr0
node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.19    1.75TB      0      19  SSD-NVM shared      -
node_B_1
node_B_2:0n.0     1.75TB      0      0   SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.1     1.75TB      0      1   SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.2     1.75TB      0      2   SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.3     1.75TB      0      3   SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2

```

```

node_B_2:0n.4      1.75TB      0      4      SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.5      1.75TB      0      5      SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.6      1.75TB      0      6      SSD-NVM shared
aggr0_node_B_1_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.7      1.75TB      0      7      SSD-NVM shared      -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.24      -            0      24      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.25      -            0      25      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.26      -            0      26      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.27      -            0      27      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.28      -            0      28      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.29      -            0      29      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.30      -            0      30      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.31      -            0      31      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.36      -            0      36      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.37      -            0      37      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.38      -            0      38      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.39      -            0      39      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.40      -            0      40      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.41      -            0      41      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.42      -            0      42      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
node_B_2:0n.43      -            0      43      SSD-NVM unassigned -      -
32 entries were displayed.

cluster_B::>

```

Peering the clusters

The clusters in the MetroCluster configuration must be in a peer relationship so that they can communicate with each other and perform the data mirroring essential to MetroCluster disaster recovery.

Related information

[Cluster and SVM peering express configuration](#)

[Considerations when using dedicated ports](#)

[Considerations when sharing data ports](#)

Configuring intercluster LIFs for cluster peering

You must create intercluster LIFs on ports used for communication between the MetroCluster partner clusters. You can use dedicated ports or ports that also have data traffic.

Configuring intercluster LIFs on dedicated ports

You can configure intercluster LIFs on dedicated ports. Doing so typically increases the available bandwidth for replication traffic.

Steps

1. List the ports in the cluster:

```
network port show
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows the network ports in "cluster01":

```
cluster01::> network port show
```

						Speed
(Mbps)						
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
cluster01-01						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
cluster01-02						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

2. Determine which ports are available to dedicate to intercluster communication:

```
network interface show -fields home-port,curr-port
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that ports "e0e" and "e0f" have not been assigned LIFs:

```
cluster01::> network interface show -fields home-port,curr-port
vserver lif                home-port curr-port
-----
Cluster cluster01-01_clus1  e0a      e0a
Cluster cluster01-01_clus2  e0b      e0b
Cluster cluster01-02_clus1  e0a      e0a
Cluster cluster01-02_clus2  e0b      e0b
cluster01
      cluster_mgmt          e0c      e0c
cluster01
      cluster01-01_mgmt1    e0c      e0c
cluster01
      cluster01-02_mgmt1    e0c      e0c
```

3. Create a failover group for the dedicated ports:

```
network interface failover-groups create -vserver system_SVM -failover-group
failover_group -targets physical_or_logical_ports
```

The following example assigns ports "e0e" and "e0f" to failover group "intercluster01" on system "SVMcluster01":

```
cluster01::> network interface failover-groups create -vserver cluster01
-failover-group
intercluster01 -targets
cluster01-01:e0e,cluster01-01:e0f,cluster01-02:e0e,cluster01-02:e0f
```

4. Verify that the failover group was created:

```
network interface failover-groups show
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

```

cluster01::> network interface failover-groups show

Vserver          Group          Failover
-----
Targets
-----
Cluster
Cluster
cluster01        cluster01-01:e0a, cluster01-01:e0b,
                  cluster01-02:e0a, cluster01-02:e0b

Default
cluster01-01:e0c, cluster01-01:e0d,
cluster01-02:e0c, cluster01-02:e0d,
cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f
cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f

intercluster01
cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f
cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f

```

5. Create intercluster LIFs on the system SVM and assign them to the failover group.

ONTAP version	Command
9.6 and later	<pre> network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -service -policy default-intercluster -home -node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask -failover -group failover_group </pre>
9.5 and earlier	<pre> network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -role intercluster -home-node node -home -port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask -failover-group failover_group </pre>

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates intercluster LIFs "cluster01_icl01" and "cluster01_icl02" in failover group "intercluster01":

```
cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl01 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-01 -home-port e0e
-address 192.168.1.201
-netmask 255.255.255.0 -failover-group intercluster01

cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl02 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-02 -home-port e0e
-address 192.168.1.202
-netmask 255.255.255.0 -failover-group intercluster01
```

6. Verify that the intercluster LIFs were created:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

Current Is	Logical	Status	Network	Current
Vserver	Interface	Admin/Oper	Address/Mask	Node
Home				Port
cluster01	cluster01_icl01	up/up	192.168.1.201/24	cluster01-01 e0e
true	cluster01_icl02	up/up	192.168.1.202/24	cluster01-02 e0f
true				

7. Verify that the intercluster LIFs are redundant:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover
```


In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster -failover
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that the intercluster LIFs "cluster01_icl01", and "cluster01_icl02" on the "SVMe0e" port will fail over to the "e0f" port.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
-failover
```

Vserver	Logical Interface	Home Node:Port	Failover Policy	Failover Group
cluster01	cluster01_icl01	cluster01-01:e0e	local-only	
intercluster01			Failover Targets: cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f	
cluster01	cluster01_icl02	cluster01-02:e0e	local-only	
intercluster01			Failover Targets: cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f	

Related information

[Considerations when using dedicated ports](#)

Configuring intercluster LIFs on shared data ports

You can configure intercluster LIFs on ports shared with the data network. Doing so reduces the number of ports you need for intercluster networking.

Steps

1. List the ports in the cluster:

```
network port show
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows the network ports in "cluster01":

```
cluster01::> network port show
```

(Mbps)					Speed	
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
cluster01-01						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
cluster01-02						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

2. Create intercluster LIFs on the system SVM:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -service-policy
default-intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask
netmask
```

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -role intercluster
-home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates intercluster LIFs "cluster01_icl01" and "cluster01_icl02":

```
cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl01 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-01 -home-port e0c
-address 192.168.1.201
-netmask 255.255.255.0

cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl02 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-02 -home-port e0c
-address 192.168.1.202
-netmask 255.255.255.0
```

3. Verify that the intercluster LIFs were created:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

	Logical	Status	Network	Current	
Current Is					
Vserver	Interface	Admin/Oper	Address/Mask	Node	Port
Home					
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
cluster01					
	cluster01_icl01				
		up/up	192.168.1.201/24	cluster01-01	e0c
true					
	cluster01_icl02				
		up/up	192.168.1.202/24	cluster01-02	e0c
true					

4. Verify that the intercluster LIFs are redundant:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover
```

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster -failover
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that intercluster LIFs "cluster01_icl01" and "cluster01_icl02" on the "e0c" port will fail over to the "e0d" port.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
-failover
```

Vserver	Logical Interface	Home Node:Port	Failover Policy	Failover Group
cluster01				
	cluster01_icl01	cluster01-01:e0c	local-only	
192.168.1.201/24				
			Failover Targets: cluster01-01:e0c,	
			cluster01-01:e0d	
	cluster01_icl02	cluster01-02:e0c	local-only	
192.168.1.201/24				
			Failover Targets: cluster01-02:e0c,	
			cluster01-02:e0d	

Related information

[Considerations when sharing data ports](#)

Creating a cluster peer relationship

You can use the `cluster peer create` command to create a peer relationship between a local and remote cluster. After the peer relationship has been created, you can run `cluster peer create` on the remote cluster to authenticate it to the local cluster.

About this task

- You must have created intercluster LIFs on every node in the clusters that are being peered.
- The clusters must be running ONTAP 9.3 or later.

Steps

1. On the destination cluster, create a peer relationship with the source cluster:

```
cluster peer create -generate-passphrase -offer-expiration MM/DD/YYYY
HH:MM:SS|1...7days|1...168hours -peer-addr peer_LIF_IPs -ipspace ipspace
```

If you specify both `-generate-passphrase` and `-peer-addr`s, only the cluster whose intercluster LIFs are specified in `-peer-addr`s can use the generated password.

You can ignore the `-ipspace` option if you are not using a custom IPspace. For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates a cluster peer relationship on an unspecified remote cluster:

```
cluster02::> cluster peer create -generate-passphrase -offer-expiration
2days
```

```
                Passphrase: UCa+6lRVICXeL/gq1WrK7ShR
                Expiration Time: 6/7/2017 08:16:10 EST
Initial Allowed Vserver Peers: -
                Intercluster LIF IP: 192.140.112.101
                Peer Cluster Name: Clus_7ShR (temporary generated)
```

Warning: make a note of the passphrase - it cannot be displayed again.

2. On the source cluster, authenticate the source cluster to the destination cluster:

```
cluster peer create -peer-addr peer_LIF_IPs -ip-space ip-space
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example authenticates the local cluster to the remote cluster at intercluster LIF IP addresses "192.140.112.101" and "192.140.112.102":

```
cluster01::> cluster peer create -peer-addr
192.140.112.101,192.140.112.102
```

Notice: Use a generated passphrase or choose a passphrase of 8 or more characters.

To ensure the authenticity of the peering relationship, use a phrase or sequence of characters that would be hard to guess.

Enter the passphrase:

Confirm the passphrase:

Clusters cluster02 and cluster01 are peered.

Enter the passphrase for the peer relationship when prompted.

3. Verify that the cluster peer relationship was created:

```
cluster peer show -instance
```

```
cluster01::> cluster peer show -instance
```

```
Peer Cluster Name: cluster02
Remote Intercluster Addresses: 192.140.112.101,
192.140.112.102
Availability of the Remote Cluster: Available
Remote Cluster Name: cluster2
Active IP Addresses: 192.140.112.101,
192.140.112.102
Cluster Serial Number: 1-80-123456
Address Family of Relationship: ipv4
Authentication Status Administrative: no-authentication
Authentication Status Operational: absent
Last Update Time: 02/05 21:05:41
IPspace for the Relationship: Default
```

4. Check the connectivity and status of the nodes in the peer relationship:

```
cluster peer health show
```

```
cluster01::> cluster peer health show
```

Node	cluster-Name	Node-Name		
	Ping-Status	RDB-Health	Cluster-Health	Avail...
-----	-----	-----	-----	
cluster01-01				
	cluster02	cluster02-01		
	Data: interface_reachable			
	ICMP: interface_reachable	true	true	true
		cluster02-02		
	Data: interface_reachable			
	ICMP: interface_reachable	true	true	true
cluster01-02				
	cluster02	cluster02-01		
	Data: interface_reachable			
	ICMP: interface_reachable	true	true	true
		cluster02-02		
	Data: interface_reachable			
	ICMP: interface_reachable	true	true	true

Creating the DR group

You must create the disaster recovery (DR) group relationships between the clusters.

About this task

You perform this procedure on one of the clusters in the MetroCluster configuration to create the DR relationships between the nodes in both clusters.



The DR relationships cannot be changed after the DR groups are created.



Steps

1. Verify that the nodes are ready for creation of the DR group by entering the following command on each node:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings show-status
```

The command output should show that the nodes are ready:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings show-status
Cluster                Node                Configuration Settings Status
-----
cluster_A              node_A_1            ready for DR group create
                        node_A_2            ready for DR group create
2 entries were displayed.
```

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster configuration-settings show-status
Cluster                Node                Configuration Settings Status
-----
cluster_B              node_B_1            ready for DR group create
                        node_B_2            ready for DR group create
2 entries were displayed.
```

2. Create the DR group:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings dr-group create -partner-cluster partner-cluster-name -local-node local-node-name -remote-node remote-node-name
```

This command is issued only once. It does not need to be repeated on the partner cluster. In the command, you specify the name of the remote cluster and the name of one local node and one node on the partner cluster.

The two nodes you specify are configured as DR partners and the other two nodes (which are not specified in the command) are configured as the second DR pair in the DR group. These relationships cannot be changed after you enter this command.

The following command creates these DR pairs:

- node_A_1 and node_B_1
- node_A_2 and node_B_2

```
Cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings dr-group create  
-partner-cluster cluster_B -local-node node_A_1 -remote-node node_B_1  
[Job 27] Job succeeded: DR Group Create is successful.
```

Configuring and connecting the MetroCluster IP interfaces

You must configure the MetroCluster IP interfaces that are used for replication of each node's storage and nonvolatile cache. You then establish the connections using the MetroCluster IP interfaces. This creates iSCSI connections for storage replication.

About this task



You must choose the MetroCluster IP addresses carefully because you cannot change them after initial configuration.

- You must create two interfaces for each node. The interfaces must be associated with the VLANs defined in the MetroCluster RCF file.
- You must create all MetroCluster IP interface "A" ports in the same VLAN and all MetroCluster IP interface "B" ports in the other VLAN. Refer to [Considerations for MetroCluster IP configuration](#).



- Certain platforms use a VLAN for the MetroCluster IP interface. By default, each of the two ports use a different VLAN: 10 and 20. You can also specify a different (non-default) VLAN higher than 100 (between 101 and 4095) using the `-vlan-id` parameter in the `metrocluster configuration-settings interface create` command.
- Beginning with ONTAP 9.9.1, if you are using a layer 3 configuration, you must also specify the `-gateway` parameter when creating MetroCluster IP interfaces. Refer to [Considerations for layer 3 wide-area networks](#).

The following platform models can be added to the existing MetroCluster configuration if the VLANs used are 10/20 or greater than 100. If any other VLANs are used, then these platforms cannot be added to the existing configuration as the MetroCluster interface cannot be configured. If you are using any other platform, the VLAN configuration is not relevant as this is not required in ONTAP.

AFF platforms	FAS platforms
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFF A220 • AFF A250 • AFF A400 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAS2750 • FAS500f • FAS8300 • FAS8700
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The following IP addresses and subnets are used in the examples:

Node	Interface	IP address	Subnet
node_A_1	MetroCluster IP interface 1	10.1.1.1	10.1.1/24
	MetroCluster IP interface 2	10.1.2.1	10.1.2/24
node_A_2	MetroCluster IP interface 1	10.1.1.2	10.1.1/24
	MetroCluster IP interface 2	10.1.2.2	10.1.2/24
node_B_1	MetroCluster IP interface 1	10.1.1.3	10.1.1/24
	MetroCluster IP interface 2	10.1.2.3	10.1.2/24
node_B_2	MetroCluster IP interface 1	10.1.1.4	10.1.1/24
	MetroCluster IP interface 2	10.1.2.4	10.1.2/24

The physical ports used by the MetroCluster IP interfaces depends on the platform model, as shown in the following table.

Platform model	MetroCluster IP port	Note
AFF A900 and FAS9500	e5b	
	e7b	
AFF A800	e0b	
	e1b	

Platform model	MetroCluster IP port	Note
AFF A700 and FAS9000	e5a	
	e5b	
AFF A400	e1a	
	e1b	
AFF A320	e0g	
	e0h	
AFF A300 and FAS8200	e1a	
	e1b	
AFF A220 and FAS2750	e0a	On these systems, these physical ports are also used as cluster interfaces.
	e0b	
AFF A250 and FAS500f	e0c	
	e0d	
FAS8300 and FAS8700	e1a	
	e1b	

The port usage in the following examples is for an AFF A700 or a FAS9000 system.

Steps

1. Confirm that each node has disk automatic assignment enabled:

```
storage disk option show
```

Disk automatic assignment will assign pool 0 and pool 1 disks on a shelf-by-shelf basis.

The Auto Assign column indicates whether disk automatic assignment is enabled.

Node	BKg. FW. Upd.	Auto Copy	Auto Assign	Auto Assign Policy
node_A_1	on	on	on	default
node_A_2	on	on	on	default

2 entries were displayed.

2. Verify you can create MetroCluster IP interfaces on the nodes:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings show-status
```

All nodes should be ready:

Cluster	Node	Configuration Settings Status
cluster_A	node_A_1	ready for interface create
	node_A_2	ready for interface create
cluster_B	node_B_1	ready for interface create
	node_B_2	ready for interface create

4 entries were displayed.

3. Create the interfaces on node_A_1.



- The port usage in the following examples is for an AFF A700 or a FAS9000 system (e5a and e5b). You must configure the interfaces on the correct ports for your platform model, as given above.
- Beginning with ONTAP 9.9.1, if you are using a layer 3 configuration, you must also specify the `-gateway` parameter when creating MetroCluster IP interfaces. Refer to [Considerations for layer 3 wide-area networks](#).
- On platform models that support VLANs for the MetroCluster IP interface, you can include the `-vlan-id` parameter if you don't want to use the default VLAN IDs.

a. Configure the interface on port "e5a" on "node_A_1":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-
name -home-node node-name -home-port e5a -address ip-address -netmask
netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5a" on "node_A_1" with IP address "10.1.1.1":

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create
-cluster-name cluster_A -home-node node_A_1 -home-port e5a -address
10.1.1.1 -netmask 255.255.255.0
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.
cluster_A::>
```

b. Configure the interface on port "e5b" on "node_A_1":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-
name -home-node node-name -home-port e5b -address ip-address -netmask
netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5b" on "node_A_1" with IP address "10.1.2.1":

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create
-cluster-name cluster_A -home-node node_A_1 -home-port e5b -address
10.1.2.1 -netmask 255.255.255.0
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.
cluster_A::>
```



You can verify that these interfaces are present using the `metrocluster configuration-settings interface show` command.

4. Create the interfaces on node_A_2.



- The port usage in the following examples is for an AFF A700 or a FAS9000 system (e5a and e5b). You must configure the interfaces on the correct ports for your platform model, as given above.
- Beginning with ONTAP 9.9.1, if you are using a layer 3 configuration, you must also specify the `-gateway` parameter when creating MetroCluster IP interfaces. Refer to [Considerations for layer 3 wide-area networks](#).
- On platform models that support VLANs for the MetroCluster IP interface, you can include the `-vlan-id` parameter if you don't want to use the default VLAN IDs.

a. Configure the interface on port "e5a" on "node_A_2":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-
name -home-node node-name -home-port e5a -address ip-address -netmask
netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5a" on "node_A_2" with IP address "10.1.1.2":

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create
-cluster-name cluster_A -home-node node_A_2 -home-port e5a -address
10.1.1.2 -netmask 255.255.255.0
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.
cluster_A::>
```

On platform models that support VLANs for the MetroCluster IP interface, you can include the `-vlan-id` parameter if you don't want to use the default VLAN IDs. The following example shows the command for an AFF A220 system with a VLAN ID of 120:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create
-cluster-name cluster_A -home-node node_A_2 -home-port e0a -address
10.1.1.2 -netmask 255.255.255.0 -vlan-id 120
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.
cluster_A::>
```

b. Configure the interface on port "e5b" on "node_A_2":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-
name -home-node node-name -home-port e5b -address ip-address -netmask
netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5b" on "node_A_2" with IP address "10.1.2.2":

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create
-cluster-name cluster_A -home-node node_A_2 -home-port e5b -address
10.1.2.2 -netmask 255.255.255.0
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.
cluster_A::>
```

On platform models that support VLANs for the MetroCluster IP interface, you can include the `-vlan-id` parameter if you don't want to use the default VLAN IDs. The following example shows the command for an AFF A220 system with a VLAN ID of 220:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create
-cluster-name cluster_A -home-node node_A_2 -home-port e0b -address
10.1.2.2 -netmask 255.255.255.0 -vlan-id 220
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.
cluster_A::>
```

5. Create the interfaces on "node_B_1".



- The port usage in the following examples is for an AFF A700 or a FAS9000 system (e5a and e5b). You must configure the interfaces on the correct ports for your platform model, as given above.
- Beginning with ONTAP 9.9.1, if you are using a layer 3 configuration, you must also specify the `-gateway` parameter when creating MetroCluster IP interfaces. Refer to [Considerations for layer 3 wide-area networks](#).
- On platform models that support VLANs for the MetroCluster IP interface, you can include the `-vlan-id` parameter if you don't want to use the default VLAN IDs.

a. Configure the interface on port "e5a" on "node_B_1":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-name -home-node node-name -home-port e5a -address ip-address -netmask netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5a" on "node_B_1" with IP address "10.1.1.3":

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create  
-cluster-name cluster_B -home-node node_B_1 -home-port e5a -address  
10.1.1.3 -netmask 255.255.255.0  
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.cluster_B::>
```

b. Configure the interface on port "e5b" on "node_B_1":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-name -home-node node-name -home-port e5a -address ip-address -netmask netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5b" on "node_B_1" with IP address "10.1.2.3":

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create  
-cluster-name cluster_B -home-node node_B_1 -home-port e5b -address  
10.1.2.3 -netmask 255.255.255.0  
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.cluster_B::>
```

6. Create the interfaces on "node_B_2".



- The port usage in the following examples is for an AFF A700 or a FAS9000 system (e5a and e5b). You must configure the interfaces on the correct ports for your platform model, as given above.
- Beginning with ONTAP 9.9.1, if you are using a layer 3 configuration, you must also specify the `-gateway` parameter when creating MetroCluster IP interfaces. Refer to [Considerations for layer 3 wide-area networks](#).
- On platform models that support VLANs for the MetroCluster IP interface, you can include the `-vlan-id` parameter if you don't want to use the default VLAN IDs.

a. Configure the interface on port e5a on node_B_2:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-name -home-node node-name -home-port e5a -address ip-address -netmask netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5a" on "node_B_2" with IP address "10.1.1.4":

```
cluster_B::>metrocluster configuration-settings interface create  
-cluster-name cluster_B -home-node node_B_2 -home-port e5a -address  
10.1.1.4 -netmask 255.255.255.0  
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.cluster_A::>
```

b. Configure the interface on port "e5b" on "node_B_2":

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface create -cluster-name cluster-name -home-node node-name -home-port e5b -address ip-address -netmask netmask
```

The following example shows the creation of the interface on port "e5b" on "node_B_2" with IP address "10.1.2.4":

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface create  
-cluster-name cluster_B -home-node node_B_2 -home-port e5b -address  
10.1.2.4 -netmask 255.255.255.0  
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Create is successful.  
cluster_A::>
```

7. Verify that the interfaces have been configured:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings interface show
```

The following example shows that the configuration state for each interface is completed.

```

cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings interface show
DR
Group Cluster Node      Network Address Netmask      Gateway      Config
-----
-----
1      cluster_A  node_A_1
      Home Port: e5a
      10.1.1.1      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      Home Port: e5b
      10.1.2.1      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      node_A_2
      Home Port: e5a
      10.1.1.2      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      Home Port: e5b
      10.1.2.2      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      cluster_B  node_B_1
      Home Port: e5a
      10.1.1.3      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      Home Port: e5b
      10.1.2.3      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      node_B_2
      Home Port: e5a
      10.1.1.4      255.255.255.0    -            completed
      Home Port: e5b
      10.1.2.4      255.255.255.0    -            completed
8 entries were displayed.
cluster_A::>

```

8. Verify that the nodes are ready to connect the MetroCluster interfaces:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings show-status
```

The following example shows all nodes in the "ready for connection" state:

```

Cluster      Node      Configuration Settings Status
-----
cluster_A
      node_A_1      ready for connection connect
      node_A_2      ready for connection connect
cluster_B
      node_B_1      ready for connection connect
      node_B_2      ready for connection connect
4 entries were displayed.

```


9. Establish the connections: `metrocluster configuration-settings connection connect`

The IP addresses cannot be changed after you issue this command.

The following example shows `cluster_A` is successfully connected:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster configuration-settings connection connect
[Job 53] Job succeeded: Connect is successful.
cluster_A::>
```

10. Verify that the connections have been established:

`metrocluster configuration-settings show-status`

The configuration settings status for all nodes should be completed:

Cluster	Node	Configuration Settings Status
cluster_A	node_A_1	completed
	node_A_2	completed
cluster_B	node_B_1	completed
	node_B_2	completed

4 entries were displayed.

11. Verify that the iSCSI connections have been established:

a. Change to the advanced privilege level:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

You need to respond with `y` when you are prompted to continue into advanced mode and you see the advanced mode prompt (`*>`).

b. Display the connections:

```
storage iscsi-initiator show
```

On systems running ONTAP 9.5, there are eight MetroCluster IP initiators on each cluster that should appear in the output.

On systems running ONTAP 9.4 and earlier, there are four MetroCluster IP initiators on each cluster that should appear in the output.

The following example shows the eight MetroCluster IP initiators on a cluster running ONTAP 9.5:

```
cluster_A::*> storage iscsi-initiator show
```

Node	Type	Label	Target	Portal	Target Name
Admin/Op					

cluster_A-01					
		dr_auxiliary			
		mccip-aux-a-initiator			
			10.227.16.113:65200		prod506.com.company:abab44
up/up					
		mccip-aux-a-initiator2			
			10.227.16.113:65200		prod507.com.company:abab44
up/up					
		mccip-aux-b-initiator			
			10.227.95.166:65200		prod506.com.company:abab44
up/up					
		mccip-aux-b-initiator2			
			10.227.95.166:65200		prod507.com.company:abab44
up/up					
		dr_partner			
		mccip-pri-a-initiator			
			10.227.16.112:65200		prod506.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
		mccip-pri-a-initiator2			
			10.227.16.112:65200		prod507.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
		mccip-pri-b-initiator			
			10.227.95.165:65200		prod506.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
		mccip-pri-b-initiator2			
			10.227.95.165:65200		prod507.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
cluster_A-02					
		dr_auxiliary			
		mccip-aux-a-initiator			
			10.227.16.112:65200		prod506.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
		mccip-aux-a-initiator2			
			10.227.16.112:65200		prod507.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
		mccip-aux-b-initiator			
			10.227.95.165:65200		prod506.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					
		mccip-aux-b-initiator2			
			10.227.95.165:65200		prod507.com.company:cdcd88
up/up					

```

dr_partner
    mccip-pri-a-initiator
        10.227.16.113:65200      prod506.com.company:abab44
up/up
    mccip-pri-a-initiator2
        10.227.16.113:65200      prod507.com.company:abab44
up/up
    mccip-pri-b-initiator
        10.227.95.166:65200      prod506.com.company:abab44
up/up
    mccip-pri-b-initiator2
        10.227.95.166:65200      prod507.com.company:abab44
up/up
16 entries were displayed.

```

c. Return to the admin privilege level:

```
set -privilege admin
```

12. Verify that the nodes are ready for final implementation of the MetroCluster configuration:

```
metrocluster node show
```

```

cluster_A::> metrocluster node show
DR
Group Cluster Node          Configuration  DR
-----
-      cluster_A
        node_A_1             ready to configure -    -
        node_A_2             ready to configure -    -
2 entries were displayed.
cluster_A::>

```

```

cluster_B::> metrocluster node show
DR
Group Cluster Node          Configuration  DR
-----
-      cluster_B
        node_B_1             ready to configure -    -
        node_B_2             ready to configure -    -
2 entries were displayed.
cluster_B::>

```

Verifying or manually performing pool 1 drives assignment

Depending on the storage configuration, you must either verify pool 1 drive assignment or manually assign drives to pool 1 for each node in the MetroCluster IP configuration. The procedure you use depends on the version of ONTAP you are using.

Configuration type	Procedure
The systems meet the requirements for automatic drive assignment or, if running ONTAP 9.3, were received from the factory.	Verifying disk assignment for pool 1 disks
The configuration includes either three shelves, or, if it contains more than four shelves, has an uneven multiple of four shelves (for example, seven shelves), and is running ONTAP 9.5.	Manually assigning drives for pool 1 (ONTAP 9.4 or later)
The configuration does not include four storage shelves per site and is running ONTAP 9.4	Manually assigning drives for pool 1 (ONTAP 9.4 or later)
The systems were not received from the factory and are running ONTAP 9.3Systems received from the factory are pre-configured with assigned drives.	Manually assigning disks for pool 1 (ONTAP 9.3)

Verifying disk assignment for pool 1 disks

You must verify that the remote disks are visible to the nodes and have been assigned correctly.

Before you begin

You must wait at least ten minutes for disk auto-assignment to complete after the MetroCluster IP interfaces and connections were created with the `metrocluster configuration-settings connection connect` command.

Command output will show disk names in the form: `node-name:0m.i1.0L1`

Considerations for automatic drive assignment and ADP systems in ONTAP 9.4 and later

Steps

1. Verify pool 1 disks are auto-assigned:

```
disk show
```

The following output shows the output for an AFF A800 system with no external shelves.

Drive autoassignment has assigned one quarter (8 drives) to "node_A_1" and one quarter to "node_A_2". The remaining drives will be remote (pool 1) disks for "node_B_1" and "node_B_2".

```
cluster_B::> disk show -host-adapter 0m -owner node_B_2
           Usable      Disk              Container  Container
Disk       Size      Shelf Bay Type      Type      Name
Owner
```

```

-----
node_B_2:0m.i0.2L4  894.0GB  0    29  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.2L10 894.0GB  0    25  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L3  894.0GB  0    28  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L9  894.0GB  0    24  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L11 894.0GB  0    26  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L12 894.0GB  0    27  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L15 894.0GB  0    30  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L16 894.0GB  0    31  SSD-NVM shared  -
node_B_2
8 entries were displayed.

cluster_B::> disk show -host-adapter 0m -owner node_B_1

```

Disk Owner	Usable Size	Disk Shelf	Bay	Type	Container Type	Container Name
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L19	1.75TB	0	42	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L20	1.75TB	0	43	SSD-NVM	spare	Pool1
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L23	1.75TB	0	40	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L24	1.75TB	0	41	SSD-NVM	spare	Pool1
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L29	1.75TB	0	36	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L30	1.75TB	0	37	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L31	1.75TB	0	38	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_B_1						
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L32	1.75TB	0	39	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_B_1						

```

8 entries were displayed.

cluster_B::> disk show

```

	Usable	Disk		Container	Container
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Disk Owner	Size	Shelf	Bay	Type	Type	Name
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
node_B_1:0m.i1.0L6	1.75TB	0	1	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_A_2						
node_B_1:0m.i1.0L8	1.75TB	0	3	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_A_2						
node_B_1:0m.i1.0L17	1.75TB	0	18	SSD-NVM	shared	-
node_A_1						
node_B_1:0m.i1.0L22	1.75TB	0	17	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i1.0L25	1.75TB	0	12	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i1.2L2	1.75TB	0	5	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0m.i1.2L7	1.75TB	0	2	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0m.i1.2L14	1.75TB	0	7	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0m.i1.2L21	1.75TB	0	16	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i1.2L27	1.75TB	0	14	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i1.2L28	1.75TB	0	15	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.1L1	1.75TB	0	4	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0m.i2.1L5	1.75TB	0	0	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0m.i2.1L13	1.75TB	0	6	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0m.i2.1L18	1.75TB	0	19	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.1L26	1.75TB	0	13	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L19	1.75TB	0	42	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L20	1.75TB	0	43	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L23	1.75TB	0	40	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L24	1.75TB	0	41	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L29	1.75TB	0	36	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L30	1.75TB	0	37	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L31	1.75TB	0	38	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0m.i2.3L32	1.75TB	0	39	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.12	1.75TB	0	12	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.13	1.75TB	0	13	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.14	1.75TB	0	14	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.15	1.75TB	0	15	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.16	1.75TB	0	16	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.17	1.75TB	0	17	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.18	1.75TB	0	18	SSD-NVM	shared	aggr0 node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.19	1.75TB	0	19	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_B_1
node_B_1:0n.24	894.0GB	0	24	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.25	894.0GB	0	25	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.26	894.0GB	0	26	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.27	894.0GB	0	27	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.28	894.0GB	0	28	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.29	894.0GB	0	29	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.30	894.0GB	0	30	SSD-NVM	shared	- node_A_2

```

node_B_1:0n.31      894.0GB 0 31 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_B_1:0n.36      1.75TB 0 36 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.37      1.75TB 0 37 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.38      1.75TB 0 38 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.39      1.75TB 0 39 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.40      1.75TB 0 40 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.41      1.75TB 0 41 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.42      1.75TB 0 42 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_1:0n.43      1.75TB 0 43 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_B_2:0m.i0.2L4  894.0GB 0 29 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.2L10 894.0GB 0 25 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L3  894.0GB 0 28 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L9  894.0GB 0 24 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L11 894.0GB 0 26 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L12 894.0GB 0 27 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L15 894.0GB 0 30 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0m.i0.3L16 894.0GB 0 31 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.0       1.75TB 0 0 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0
node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.1 1.75TB 0 1 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.2 1.75TB 0 2 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.3 1.75TB 0 3 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.4 1.75TB 0 4 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.5 1.75TB 0 5 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.6 1.75TB 0 6 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_rha12_b1_cm_02_0 node_B_2
node_B_2:0n.7 1.75TB 0 7 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
64 entries were displayed.

```

```
cluster_B::>
```

```
cluster_A::> disk show
```

```
Usable Disk Container Container
```

```
Disk Size Shelf Bay Type Type Name Owner
```

```

-----
-----
node_A_1:0m.i1.0L2 1.75TB 0 5 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i1.0L8 1.75TB 0 3 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i1.0L18 1.75TB 0 19 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i1.0L25 1.75TB 0 12 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i1.0L27 1.75TB 0 14 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i1.2L1 1.75TB 0 4 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i1.2L6 1.75TB 0 1 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i1.2L7 1.75TB 0 2 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i1.2L14 1.75TB 0 7 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i1.2L17 1.75TB 0 18 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1

```

```

node_A_1:0m.i1.2L22 1.75TB 0 17 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.1L5 1.75TB 0 0 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i2.1L13 1.75TB 0 6 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0m.i2.1L21 1.75TB 0 16 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.1L26 1.75TB 0 13 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.1L28 1.75TB 0 15 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L19 1.75TB 0 42 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L20 1.75TB 0 43 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L23 1.75TB 0 40 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L24 1.75TB 0 41 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L29 1.75TB 0 36 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L30 1.75TB 0 37 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L31 1.75TB 0 38 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0m.i2.3L32 1.75TB 0 39 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.12 1.75TB 0 12 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.13 1.75TB 0 13 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.14 1.75TB 0 14 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.15 1.75TB 0 15 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.16 1.75TB 0 16 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.17 1.75TB 0 17 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.18 1.75TB 0 18 SSD-NVM shared aggr0 node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.19 1.75TB 0 19 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_1
node_A_1:0n.24 894.0GB 0 24 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.25 894.0GB 0 25 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.26 894.0GB 0 26 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.27 894.0GB 0 27 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.28 894.0GB 0 28 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.29 894.0GB 0 29 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.30 894.0GB 0 30 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.31 894.0GB 0 31 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_2
node_A_1:0n.36 1.75TB 0 36 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.37 1.75TB 0 37 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.38 1.75TB 0 38 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.39 1.75TB 0 39 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.40 1.75TB 0 40 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.41 1.75TB 0 41 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.42 1.75TB 0 42 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_1:0n.43 1.75TB 0 43 SSD-NVM shared - node_B_1
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L3 894.0GB 0 28 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L4 894.0GB 0 29 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L9 894.0GB 0 24 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L10 894.0GB 0 25 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L11 894.0GB 0 26 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L12 894.0GB 0 27 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L15 894.0GB 0 30 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
node_A_2:0m.i2.3L16 894.0GB 0 31 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2

```



```
node_A_2:0n.0 1.75TB 0 0 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.1 1.75TB 0 1 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.2 1.75TB 0 2 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.3 1.75TB 0 3 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.4 1.75TB 0 4 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.5 1.75TB 0 5 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.6 1.75TB 0 6 SSD-NVM shared aggr0_node_A_2_0 node_A_2
node_A_2:0n.7 1.75TB 0 7 SSD-NVM shared - node_A_2
64 entries were displayed.

cluster_A::>
```

Manually assigning drives for pool 1 (ONTAP 9.4 or later)

If the system was not preconfigured at the factory and does not meet the requirements for automatic drive assignment, you must manually assign the remote pool 1 drives.

About this task

This procedure applies to configurations running ONTAP 9.4 or later.

Details for determining whether your system requires manual disk assignment are included in [Considerations for automatic drive assignment and ADP systems in ONTAP 9.4 and later](#).

When the configuration includes only two external shelves per site, pool 1 drives for each site should be shared from the same shelf as shown in the following examples:

- node_A_1 is assigned drives in bays 0-11 on site_B-shelf_2 (remote)
- node_A_2 is assigned drives in bays 12-23 on site_B-shelf_2 (remote)

Steps

1. From each node in the MetroCluster IP configuration, assign remote drives to pool 1.
 - a. Display the list of unassigned drives:

```
disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```

```
cluster_A::> disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```

Disk Owner	Usable Size	Shelf	Bay	Disk Type	Container Type	Container Name
-----	-----	-----	---	-----	-----	-----
6.23.0	-	23	0	SSD	unassigned	-
6.23.1	-	23	1	SSD	unassigned	-
.						
.						
.						
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L51	-	21	14	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L64	-	21	10	SSD	unassigned	-
.						
.						
.						

48 entries were displayed.

```
cluster_A::>
```

- b. Assign ownership of remote drives (0m) to pool 1 of the first node (for example, node_A_1):

```
disk assign -disk disk-id -pool 1 -owner owner-node-name
```

disk-id must identify a drive on a remote shelf of *owner-node-name*.

- c. Confirm that the drives were assigned to pool 1:

```
disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```



The iSCSI connection used to access the remote drives appears as device 0m.

The following output shows that the drives on shelf 23 were assigned because they no longer appear in the list of unassigned drives:

```
cluster_A::> disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```

Disk Owner	Usable Size	Shelf	Bay	Disk Type	Container Type	Container Name
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L51	-	21	14	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L64	-	21	10	SSD	unassigned	-
.						
.						
.						
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L90	-	21	19	SSD	unassigned	-

24 entries were displayed.

```
cluster_A::>
```

- d. Repeat these steps to assign pool 1 drives to the second node on site A (for example, "node_A_2").
- e. Repeat these steps on site B.

Manually assigning disks for pool 1 (ONTAP 9.3)

If you have at least two disk shelves for each node, you use ONTAP's auto-assignment functionality to automatically assign the remote (pool1) disks.

Before you begin

You must first assign a disk on the shelf to pool 1. ONTAP then automatically assigns the rest of the disks on the shelf to the same pool.

About this task

This procedure applies to configurations running ONTAP 9.3.

This procedure can be used only if you have at least two disk shelves for each node, which allows shelf-level auto-assignment of disks.

If you cannot use shelf-level auto-assignment, you must manually assign your remote disks so that each node has a remote pool of disks (pool 1).

The ONTAP automatic disk assignment feature assigns the disks on a shelf-by-shelf basis. For example:

- All the disks on site_B-shelf_2 are auto-assigned to pool1 of node_A_1
- All the disks on site_B-shelf_4 are auto-assigned to pool1 of node_A_2
- All the disks on site_A-shelf_2 are auto-assigned to pool1 of node_B_1
- All the disks on site_A-shelf_4 are auto-assigned to pool1 of node_B_2

You must "seed" the auto-assignment by specifying a single disk on each shelf.

Steps

1. From each node in the MetroCluster IP configuration, assign a remote disk to pool 1.

a. Display the list of unassigned disks:

```
disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```

```
cluster_A::> disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```

Disk	Usable	Size	Shelf	Bay	Disk Type	Container Type	Container Name
6.23.0	-		23	0	SSD	unassigned	-
6.23.1	-		23	1	SSD	unassigned	-
.							
.							
.							
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L51	-		21	14	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L64	-		21	10	SSD	unassigned	-
.							
.							
.							

48 entries were displayed.

```
cluster_A::>
```

b. Select a remote disk (0m) and assign ownership of the disk to pool 1 of the first node (for example, "node_A_1"):

```
disk assign -disk disk-id -pool 1 -owner owner-node-name
```

The *disk-id* must identify a disk on a remote shelf of *owner-node-name*.

The ONTAP disk auto-assignment feature assigns all disks on the remote shelf that contains the specified disk.

c. After waiting at least 60 seconds for disk auto-assignment to take place, verify that the remote disks on the shelf were auto-assigned to pool 1:

```
disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```



The iSCSI connection used to access the remote disks appears as device 0m.

The following output shows that the disks on shelf 23 have now been assigned and no longer appear:

```
cluster_A::> disk show -host-adapter 0m -container-type unassigned
```

Disk Owner	Usable Size	Shelf	Bay	Disk Type	Container Type	Container Name
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L51	-	21	14	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L64	-	21	10	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L72	-	21	23	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L74	-	21	1	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L83	-	21	22	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.2L90	-	21	7	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L52	-	21	6	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L59	-	21	13	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L66	-	21	17	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L73	-	21	12	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L80	-	21	5	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L81	-	21	2	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L82	-	21	16	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i1.3L91	-	21	3	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.0L49	-	21	15	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.0L50	-	21	4	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L57	-	21	18	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L58	-	21	11	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L59	-	21	21	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L65	-	21	20	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L72	-	21	9	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L80	-	21	0	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L88	-	21	8	SSD	unassigned	-
node_A_2:0m.i2.1L90	-	21	19	SSD	unassigned	-

24 entries were displayed.

```
cluster_A::>
```

- d. Repeat these steps to assign pool 1 disks to the second node on site A (for example, "node_A_2").
- e. Repeat these steps on site B.

Enabling automatic drive assignment in ONTAP 9.4

About this task

In ONTAP 9.4, if you disabled automatic drive assignment as directed previously in this procedure, you must reenable it on all nodes.

[Considerations for automatic drive assignment and ADP systems in ONTAP 9.4 and later](#)

Steps

1. Enable automatic drive assignment:

```
storage disk option modify -node node_name -autoassign on
```

You must issue this command on all nodes in the MetroCluster IP configuration.

Mirroring the root aggregates

You must mirror the root aggregates to provide data protection.

About this task

By default, the root aggregate is created as RAID-DP type aggregate. You can change the root aggregate from RAID-DP to RAID4 type aggregate. The following command modifies the root aggregate for RAID4 type aggregate:

```
storage aggregate modify -aggregate aggr_name -raidtype raid4
```



On non-ADP systems, the RAID type of the aggregate can be modified from the default RAID-DP to RAID4 before or after the aggregate is mirrored.

Steps

1. Mirror the root aggregate:

```
storage aggregate mirror aggr_name
```

The following command mirrors the root aggregate for "controller_A_1":

```
controller_A_1::> storage aggregate mirror aggr0_controller_A_1
```

This mirrors the aggregate, so it consists of a local plex and a remote plex located at the remote MetroCluster site.

2. Repeat the previous step for each node in the MetroCluster configuration.

Related information

[Logical storage management](#)

Creating a mirrored data aggregate on each node

You must create a mirrored data aggregate on each node in the DR group.

About this task

- You should know what drives will be used in the new aggregate.
- If you have multiple drive types in your system (heterogeneous storage), you should understand how you can ensure that the correct drive type is selected.
- Drives are owned by a specific node; when you create an aggregate, all drives in that aggregate must be owned by the same node, which becomes the home node for that aggregate.

In systems using ADP, aggregates are created using partitions in which each drive is partitioned in to P1,

P2 and P3 partitions.

- Aggregate names should conform to the naming scheme you determined when you planned your MetroCluster configuration.

Disk and aggregate management

Steps

1. Display a list of available spares:

```
storage disk show -spare -owner node_name
```

2. Create the aggregate:

```
storage aggregate create -mirror true
```

If you are logged in to the cluster on the cluster management interface, you can create an aggregate on any node in the cluster. To ensure that the aggregate is created on a specific node, use the `-node` parameter or specify drives that are owned by that node.

You can specify the following options:

- Aggregate's home node (that is, the node that owns the aggregate in normal operation)
- List of specific drives that are to be added to the aggregate
- Number of drives to include



In the minimum supported configuration, in which a limited number of drives are available, you must use the `force-small-aggregate` option to allow the creation of a three disk RAID-DP aggregate.

- Checksum style to use for the aggregate
- Type of drives to use
- Size of drives to use
- Drive speed to use
- RAID type for RAID groups on the aggregate
- Maximum number of drives that can be included in a RAID group
- Whether drives with different RPM are allowed For more information about these options, see the `storage aggregate create` man page.

The following command creates a mirrored aggregate with 10 disks:

```
cluster_A::> storage aggregate create aggr1_node_A_1 -diskcount 10
-node node_A_1 -mirror true
[Job 15] Job is queued: Create aggr1_node_A_1.
[Job 15] The job is starting.
[Job 15] Job succeeded: DONE
```

3. Verify the RAID group and drives of your new aggregate:

```
storage aggregate show-status -aggregate aggregate-name
```

Implementing the MetroCluster configuration

You must run the `metrocluster configure` command to start data protection in a MetroCluster configuration.

About this task

- There should be at least two non-root mirrored data aggregates on each cluster.

You can verify this with the `storage aggregate show` command.



If you want to use a single mirrored data aggregate, then see [Step 1](#) for instructions.

- The ha-config state of the controllers and chassis must be "mccip".

You issue the `metrocluster configure` command once on any of the nodes to enable the MetroCluster configuration. You do not need to issue the command on each of the sites or nodes, and it does not matter which node or site you choose to issue the command on.

The `metrocluster configure` command automatically pairs the two nodes with the lowest system IDs in each of the two clusters as disaster recovery (DR) partners. In a four-node MetroCluster configuration, there are two DR partner pairs. The second DR pair is created from the two nodes with higher system IDs.



You must **not** configure Onboard Key Manager (OKM) or external key management before you run the command `metrocluster configure`.

Steps

1. Configure the MetroCluster in the following format:

If your MetroCluster configuration has...	Then do this...
Multiple data aggregates	From any node's prompt, configure MetroCluster: <code>metrocluster configure <i>node-name</i></code>

A single mirrored data aggregate

- a. From any node's prompt, change to the advanced privilege level:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

You need to respond with `y` when you are prompted to continue into advanced mode and you see the advanced mode prompt (`*>`).

- b. Configure the MetroCluster with the `-allow-with-one-aggregate true` parameter:

```
metrocluster configure -allow-with-one-aggregate true node-name
```

- c. Return to the admin privilege level:

```
set -privilege admin
```



The best practice is to have multiple data aggregates. If the first DR group has only one aggregate and you want to add a DR group with one aggregate, you must move the metadata volume off the single data aggregate. For more information on this procedure, see [Moving a metadata volume in MetroCluster configurations](#).

The following command enables the MetroCluster configuration on all of the nodes in the DR group that contains "controller_A_1":

```
cluster_A::*> metrocluster configure -node-name controller_A_1  
  
[Job 121] Job succeeded: Configure is successful.
```

2. Verify the networking status on site A:

```
network port show
```

The following example shows the network port usage on a four-node MetroCluster configuration:

```
cluster_A::> network port show
```

Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Speed (Mbps) Admin/Oper
controller_A_1						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0g	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
controller_A_2						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0g	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

```
14 entries were displayed.
```

3. Verify the MetroCluster configuration from both sites in the MetroCluster configuration.

a. Verify the configuration from site A:

```
metrocluster show
```

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster show
```

```
Configuration: IP fabric
```

Cluster	Entry Name	State
Local: cluster_A	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal
Remote: cluster_B	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal

b. Verify the configuration from site B:

```
metrocluster show
```

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster show
```

```
Configuration: IP fabric
```

Cluster	Entry Name	State
Local: cluster_B	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal
Remote: cluster_A	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal

4. To avoid possible issues with nonvolatile memory mirroring, reboot each of the four nodes:

```
node reboot -node node-name -inhibit-takeover true
```

5. Issue the `metrocluster show` command on both clusters to again verify the configuration.

Configuring the second DR group in an eight-node configuration

Repeat the previous tasks to configure the nodes in the second DR group.

Creating unmirrored data aggregates

You can optionally create unmirrored data aggregates for data that does not require the redundant mirroring provided by MetroCluster configurations.

About this task

- You should know what drives or array LUNs will be used in the new aggregate.
- If you have multiple drive types in your system (heterogeneous storage), you should understand how you can verify that the correct drive type is selected.



In MetroCluster IP configurations, remote unmirrored aggregates are not accessible after a switchover



The unmirrored aggregates must be local to the node owning them.

- Drives and array LUNs are owned by a specific node; when you create an aggregate, all drives in that aggregate must be owned by the same node, which becomes the home node for that aggregate.
- Aggregate names should conform to the naming scheme you determined when you planned your MetroCluster configuration.
- *Disks and aggregates management* contains more information about mirroring aggregates.

Steps

1. Enable unmirrored aggregate deployment:

```
metrocluster modify -enable-unmirrored-aggr-deployment true
```

2. Verify that disk autoassignment is disabled:

```
disk option show
```

3. Install and cable the disk shelves that will contain the unmirrored aggregates.

You can use the procedures in the Installation and Setup documentation for your platform and disk shelves.

[AFF and FAS Documentation Center](#)

4. Manually assign all disks on the new shelf to the appropriate node:

```
disk assign -disk disk-id -owner owner-node-name
```

5. Create the aggregate:

```
storage aggregate create
```

If you are logged in to the cluster on the cluster management interface, you can create an aggregate on any node in the cluster. To verify that the aggregate is created on a specific node, you should use the `-node` parameter or specify drives that are owned by that node.

You must also ensure that you are only including drives on the unmirrored shelf to the aggregate.

You can specify the following options:

- Aggregate's home node (that is, the node that owns the aggregate in normal operation)
- List of specific drives or array LUNs that are to be added to the aggregate
- Number of drives to include
- Checksum style to use for the aggregate
- Type of drives to use
- Size of drives to use
- Drive speed to use
- RAID type for RAID groups on the aggregate
- Maximum number of drives or array LUNs that can be included in a RAID group
- Whether drives with different RPM are allowed

For more information about these options, see the `storage aggregate create` man page.

The following command creates a unmirrored aggregate with 10 disks:

```
controller_A_1::> storage aggregate create aggr1_controller_A_1
-diskcount 10 -node controller_A_1
[Job 15] Job is queued: Create aggr1_controller_A_1.
[Job 15] The job is starting.
[Job 15] Job succeeded: DONE
```

6. Verify the RAID group and drives of your new aggregate:

```
storage aggregate show-status -aggregate aggregate-name
```

7. Disable unmirrored aggregate deployment:

```
metrocluster modify -enable-unmirrored-aggr-deployment false
```

8. Verify that disk autoassignment is enabled:

```
disk option show
```

Related information

[Disk and aggregate management](#)

Checking the MetroCluster configuration

You can check that the components and relationships in the MetroCluster configuration are working correctly.

About this task

You should do a check after initial configuration and after making any changes to the MetroCluster configuration.

You should also do a check before a negotiated (planned) switchover or a switchback operation.

If the `metrocluster check run` command is issued twice within a short time on either or both clusters, a conflict can occur and the command might not collect all data. Subsequent `metrocluster check show` commands do not show the expected output.

Steps

1. Check the configuration:

```
metrocluster check run
```

The command runs as a background job and might not be completed immediately.

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check run
The operation has been started and is running in the background. Wait
for
it to complete and run "metrocluster check show" to view the results. To
check the status of the running metrocluster check operation, use the
command,
"metrocluster operation history show -job-id 2245"
```

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check show
Last Checked On: 9/13/2018 20:41:37
```

Component	Result
nodes	ok
lifs	ok
config-replication	ok
aggregates	ok
clusters	ok
connections	ok

6 entries were displayed.

2. Display more detailed results from the most recent metrocluster check run command:

```
metrocluster check aggregate show
```

```
metrocluster check cluster show
```

```
metrocluster check config-replication show
```

```
metrocluster check lif show
```

```
metrocluster check node show
```



The `metrocluster check show` commands show the results of the most recent `metrocluster check run` command. You should always run the `metrocluster check run` command prior to using the `metrocluster check show` commands so that the information displayed is current.

The following example shows the `metrocluster check aggregate show` command output for a healthy four-node MetroCluster configuration:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check aggregate show
```

```
Last Checked On: 8/5/2014 00:42:58
```

Node	Aggregate	Check
Result		
controller_A_1	controller_A_1_aggr0	mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		

```

ok                                     ownership-state
                                     controller_A_1_aggr1
                                     mirroring-status
ok                                     disk-pool-allocation
ok                                     ownership-state
ok                                     controller_A_1_aggr2
                                     mirroring-status
ok                                     disk-pool-allocation
ok                                     ownership-state
ok                                     controller_A_2_aggr0
                                     mirroring-status
ok                                     disk-pool-allocation
ok                                     ownership-state
ok                                     controller_A_2_aggr1
                                     mirroring-status
ok                                     disk-pool-allocation
ok                                     ownership-state
ok                                     controller_A_2_aggr2
                                     mirroring-status
ok                                     disk-pool-allocation
ok                                     ownership-state
18 entries were displayed.

```

The following example shows the `metrocluster check cluster show` command output for a healthy four-node MetroCluster configuration. It indicates that the clusters are ready to perform a negotiated switchover if necessary.

Last Checked On: 9/13/2017 20:47:04

Cluster	Check	Result

mccint-fas9000-0102	negotiated-switchover-ready	not-applicable
	switchback-ready	not-applicable
	job-schedules	ok
	licenses	ok
	periodic-check-enabled	ok
mccint-fas9000-0304	negotiated-switchover-ready	not-applicable
	switchback-ready	not-applicable
	job-schedules	ok
	licenses	ok
	periodic-check-enabled	ok
10 entries were displayed.		

Related information

[Disk and aggregate management](#)

[Network and LIF management](#)

Completing ONTAP configuration

After configuring, enabling, and checking the MetroCluster configuration, you can proceed to complete the cluster configuration by adding additional SVMs, network interfaces and other ONTAP functionality as needed.

Verifying switchover, healing, and switchback

You should verify the switchover, healing, and switchback operations of the MetroCluster configuration.

Step

1. Use the procedures for negotiated switchover, healing, and switchback that are mentioned in the *MetroCluster Management and Disaster Recovery Guide*.

[MetroCluster management and disaster recovery](#)

Configuring the MetroCluster Tiebreaker or ONTAP Mediator software

You can download and install on a third site either the MetroCluster Tiebreaker software, or, beginning with ONTAP 9.7, the ONTAP Mediator.

Before you begin

You must have a Linux host available that has network connectivity to both clusters in the MetroCluster configuration. The specific requirements are in the MetroCluster Tiebreaker or ONTAP Mediator documentation.

If you are connecting to an existing Tiebreaker or ONTAP Mediator instance, you need the username, password, and IP address of the Tiebreaker or Mediator service.

If you must install a new instance of the ONTAP Mediator, follow the directions to install and configure the software.

Configuring the ONTAP Mediator service for unplanned automatic switchover

If you must install a new instance of the Tiebreaker software, follow the [directions to install and configure the software](#).

About this task

You cannot use both the MetroCluster Tiebreaker software and the ONTAP Mediator with the same MetroCluster configuration.

Considerations for using ONTAP Mediator or MetroCluster Tiebreaker

Step

1. Configure the ONTAP Mediator service or the Tiebreaker software:
 - If you are using an existing instance of the ONTAP Mediator, add the ONTAP Mediator service to ONTAP:

```
metrocluster configuration-settings mediator add -mediator-address ip-  
address-of-mediator-host
```

- If you are using the Tiebreaker software, refer to the [Tiebreaker documentation](#).

Protecting configuration backup files

You can provide additional protection for the cluster configuration backup files by specifying a remote URL (either HTTP or FTP) where the configuration backup files will be uploaded in addition to the default locations in the local cluster.

Step

1. Set the URL of the remote destination for the configuration backup files:

```
system configuration backup settings modify URL-of-destination
```

The [Cluster Management with the CLI](#) contains additional information under the section *Managing configuration backups*.

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