

How to use layer 3 wide-area networks

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Considerations for layer 3 wide-area networks

Beginning with ONTAP 9.9.1, MetroCluster IP configurations can be implemented with IP-routed (layer 3) backend connections.

The MetroCluster backend switches are connected to the routed IP network, either directly to routers (as shown in the following simplified example) or through other intervening switches.





NetApp supports only NetApp-validated switches. These switches are tested and sold by NetApp. They are listed in the NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool (IMT) and in Cabling the IP switches.

The MetroCluster environment is configured and cabled as a standard MetroCluster IP configuration as described in Configure the MetroCluster hardware components. When you perform the installation and cabling procedure, you must perform the steps specific to the layer 3 configuration:

- The MetroCluster switches can be connected directly to the router or to one or more intervening switches. The VLAN must be extended to the gateway device.
- You use the -gateway parameter to configure the MetroCluster IP (MCC-IP) interface address with an IP gateway address.

When you configure routers and gateway IP addresses, ensure the following requirements are met:

- On each node, two interfaces cannot have the same gateway IP address.
- The corresponding interfaces on the HA pairs on each site must have the same gateway IP address.
- The corresponding interfaces on a node and its DR and AUX partners cannot have the same gateway IP address.
- The corresponding interfaces on a node and its DR and AUX partners must have the same VLAN ID.

The MetroCluster VLANs must extend from the edge MetroCluster switch to the gateway router so that MetroCluster traffic reaches the gateway (refer to the diagram shown above). The VLAN IDs for the MetroCluster VLANs must be the same at each site. However, the subnets can be different.

You use the RCF files that are created by the RcfFileGenerator tool. The network between the MetroCluster

nodes and the gateway router must provide the same VLAN IDs as set in the RCF file.

IP-routed network requirements

The IP-routed network must meet the following requirements:

- Basic MetroCluster ISL requirements
- · ISL requirements in shared layer 2 networks
- Required settings on intermediate switches
- Dynamic routing is not supported for the MetroCluster traffic.
- Only four-node MetroCluster configurations are supported (two nodes at each site).
- Two subnets are required on each MetroCluster site—one in each network.
- Auto-IP assignment is not supported.

Modifying address, netmask, and gateway in a MetroCluster IP

Starting from ONTAP 9.10.1, you can change the following properties of a MetroCluster IP interface: IP address and mask, and gateway. You can use any combination of parameters to update.

You might need to update these properties, for example, if a duplicate IP address is detected or if a gateway needs to change in the case of a layer 3 network due to router configuration changes.

You can only change one interface at a time. There will be traffic disruption on that interface until the other interfaces are updated and connections are reestablished.

Use the metrocluster configuration-settings interface modify command to change any MetroCluster IP interface property.



These commands change the configuration on a particular node for a particular port. To restore complete network connectivity, similar commands are needed on other ports. Similarly, network switches also need to update their configuration. For example, if the gateway is updated, ideally it is changed on both nodes of an HA pair, since they are same. Plus the switch connected to those nodes also needs to update its gateway.

Use the metrocluster configuration-settings interface show, metrocluster connection check and metrocluster connection show commands to verify that all connectivity is working in all interfaces.

Modify the IP address, netmask, and gateway

1. Update the IP address, netmask, and gateway for a single node and interface: metrocluster configuration-settings interface modify

The following command shows how to update the IP address, netmask and gateway:

```
cluster A::* metrocluster configuration-settings interface modify -cluster
-name cluster A -home-node node A 1 -home-port e0a-10 -address
192.168.12.101 -gateway 192.168.12.1 -netmask 255.255.254.0
(metrocluster configuration-settings interface modify)
Warning: This operation will disconnect and reconnect iSCSI and RDMA
connections used for DR protection through port "e0a-10". Partner nodes
may need modifications for port "e0a-10" in order to completely establish
network connectivity.
Do you want to continue?" yes
[Job 28] Setting up iSCSI target configuration. (pass2:iscsi13:0:-1:0):
xpt action default: CCB type 0xe XPT DEV ADVINFO not supported
[Job 28] Establishing iSCSI initiator connections.
(pass6:iscsi14:0:-1:0): xpt action default: CCB type 0xe XPT DEV ADVINFO
not supported
(pass8:iscsi15:0:-1:0): xpt action default: CCB type 0xe XPT DEV ADVINFO
not supported
(pass9:iscsi16:0:-1:0): xpt action default: CCB type 0xe XPT DEV ADVINFO
not supported
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Modify is successful.
cluster A::*> metrocluster configuration-settings interface modify
-cluster-name cluster A -home-node node A 2 -home-port e0a-10 -address
192.168.12.201 -gateway 192.168.12.1 -netmask 255.255.254.0
(metrocluster configuration-settings interface modify)
Warning: This operation will disconnect and reconnect iSCSI and RDMA
connections used for DR protection through port "e0a-10". Partner nodes
may need modifications for port "e0a-10" in order to completely establish
network connectivity.
Do you want to continue?" yes
[Job 28] Job succeeded: Interface Modify is successful
```

2. Verify that all connectivity is working for all interfaces: metrocluster configuration-settings interface show

The following command shows how to verify that all connectivity is working for all interfaces:

```
cluster A::*> metrocluster configuration-settings interface show
(metrocluster configuration-settings interface show)
              Config
Group Cluster Node Network Address Netmask Gateway
State
_____ ______
1 cluster A node A 2
               Home Port: e0a-10
                   192.168.12.201 255.255.254.0 192.168.12.1
completed
               Home Port: e0b-20
                   192.168.20.200 255.255.255.0 192.168.20.1
completed
              node A 1
               Home Port: e0a-10
                   192.168.12.101 255.255.254.0 192.168.12.1
completed
               Home Port: e0b-20
                   192.168.20.101 255.255.255.0 192.168.20.1
completed
     cluster B node B 1
               Home Port: e0a-10
                   192.168.11.151 255.255.255.0 192.168.11.1
completed
               Home Port: e0b-20
                   192.168.21.150 255.255.255.0 192.168.21.1
completed
              node B 2
               Home Port: e0a-10
                   192.168.11.250 255.255.255.0 192.168.11.1
completed
               Home Port: e0b-20
                   192.168.21.250 255.255.255.0 192.168.21.1
completed
8 entries were displayed.
```

3. **Verify that all connections are working**: metrocluster configuration-settings connection show

The following command shows how to verify that all connections are working:

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Group	Cluster Node	Network Address	Network Address	Partner Type Config
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comple		e Port: e0a-10		
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comple		e Port: e0a-10		
	пОШ		192.168.11.151	DP Auvilians
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COMPTE		e Port: e0b-20		
	HOIII		192.168.20.100	UN Dartner
comple	x+ o.d	192.100.20.200	192.100.20.100	na raithei
COMPTE		e Port: e0b-20		
	110111		192.168.21.250	DP Partner
comple	2+ ad	172.100.20.200	172.100.21.250	DN rarcher
COMPTE		e Port: e0b-20		
	11010		192.168.21.150	DR Auviliaru
comple	2+ ad	192.100.20.200	1,72,100,21,130	DR Auxilialy
COMPTC	node	Δ 1		
		-^^- e Port: e0a-10		
	110111		192.168.10.200	HA Partner
comple	1+ed	192.100.10.101	1,72,100,10,200	in rarence
COMPTO		e Port: e0a-10		
	110111		192.168.11.151	DR Partner
comple	eted	192.100.10.101	1,2,1,00,11,1,1,1	DI. Taronor
20mp10		e Port: e0a-10		
	110111	192.168.10.101	192.168.11.250	DR Auxiliary
comple	eted	192.100.10.101	1,2.100.11.200	21. 11d2111141 y
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COMPTO		e Port: e0b-20		
	110111	192.168.20.100	192.168.21.150	DR Partner
comple	eted			
- 0p + C		e Port: e0b-20		
	110111	192.168.20.100	192.168.21.250	DR Auxiliary
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