



# NetApp HCI licensing

## HCI

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# NetApp HCI licensing

When you use NetApp HCI, you might need additional licenses depending on what you are using.

## NetApp HCI and VMware vSphere licensing

VMware vSphere licensing depends on your configuration:

Networking option	Licensing
Option A: Two cables for compute nodes using VLAN tagging (All compute nodes)	Requires use of vSphere Distributed Switch, which requires VMware vSphere Enterprise Plus licensing.
Option B: Six cables for compute nodes using tagged VLANs (H410C 2RU 4-Node compute node)	This configuration uses vSphere Standard Switch as the default. Optional use of vSphere Distributed Switch requires VMware Enterprise Plus licensing.
Option C: Six cables for compute nodes using native and tagged VLANs (H410C, 2RU 4-Node Compute Node)	This configuration uses vSphere Standard Switch as the default. Optional use of vSphere Distributed Switch requires VMware Enterprise Plus licensing.

## NetApp HCI and ONTAP Select licensing

If you were provided a version of ONTAP Select for use in conjunction with a purchased NetApp HCI system, the following additional limitations apply:

- The ONTAP Select license, which is bundled with a NetApp HCI system sale, may only be used in conjunction with NetApp HCI compute nodes.
- The storage for those ONTAP Select instances must reside only on the NetApp HCI storage nodes.
- The use of third-party compute nodes or third-party storage nodes is prohibited.

## Find more information

- [NetApp HCI Documentation Center](#)
- [SolidFire and Element Software Documentation Center](#)

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