



# Join an existing VMware vSphere deployment

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Configure NetApp HCI to take advantage of an existing vSphere deployment by providing the vCenter Server network information and credentials.

## *What you'll need*

- If you are joining an existing vSphere 6.7 deployment, make sure vCenter Server is running version 6.7 Update 1.
- If you are joining an existing vSphere 6.5 deployment, make sure vCenter Server is running version 6.5 Update 2 or later.
- Obtain the network details and administrator credentials for your existing vSphere deployment.

## *About this task*

If you join multiple vCenter Server systems that are connected using vCenter Linked Mode, NetApp HCI only recognizes one of the vCenter Server systems.

## *Steps*

1. Click **Join and extend an existing vSphere deployment**.
2. Enter the domain name or IP address in the **vCenter Server Domain Name or IP address** field.  
If you enter a domain name, you also need to enter the IP address of an active DNS server in the **DNS Server IP Address** field that appears.
3. Enter the credentials of a vSphere administrator in the **User Name and Password** fields.
4. Click **Continue**.

## Find more information

- [Firmware and driver versions in NetApp HCI and NetApp Element software](#)

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