



# Disable the smartd service on NetApp HCI compute nodes

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# Disable the **smartd** service on NetApp HCI compute nodes

By default, the **smartd** service periodically polls the drives in your compute nodes. You should disable this service on all compute nodes after you deploy NetApp HCI.

## *Steps*

1. Using SSH or a local console session, log in to VMware ESXi on the compute node using root credentials.
2. Stop the running **smartd** service:

```
/etc/init.d/smartd stop
```

3. Prevent the **smartd** service from starting at boot:

```
chkconfig smartd off
```

4. Repeat these steps on the rest of the compute nodes in your installation.

## Find more information

- [Turn off the smartd service in VMware ESXi](#)
- [VMware KB article 2133286](#)

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