



Install and setup

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Start here: Choose your installation and setup experience

For most configurations, you can choose from different content formats.

- [Quick steps](#)

A printable PDF of step-by-step instructions with live links to additional content.

- [Video steps](#)

Video step-by-step instructions.

- [Detailed steps](#)

Online step-by-step instructions with live links to additional content.

If your system is in a MetroCluster IP configuration, see the [Install MetroCluster IP Configuration](#) instructions.

Quick guide - AFF A320

This guide gives graphic instructions for a typical installation of your system from racking and cabling, through initial system bring-up. Use this guide if you are familiar with installing NetApp systems.

Access the *Installation and Setup Instructions* PDF poster:

[AFF A320 Systems Installation and Setup Instructions](#)

Videos - AFF A320

There are two videos; one showing how to rack and cable your system and one showing an example of using the System Manager Guided Setup to perform initial system configuration.

Video one of two: Hardware installation and cabling

The following video shows how to install and cable your new system.

[NetApp video: AFF A320 Installation and setup](#)

Video two of two: Performing end-to-end software configuration

The following video shows end-to-end software configuration for systems running ONTAP 9.2 and later.

[NetApp video: Software configuration for vSphere NAS datastores for FAS/AFF systems running ONTAP 9.2](#)

Detailed guide - AFF A320

This guide gives detailed step-by-step instructions for installing a typical NetApp system. Use this guide if you want more detailed installation instructions.

Prepare for installation

To install your AFF A320 system, you need to create an account, register the system, and get license keys. You also need to inventory the appropriate number and type of cables for your system and collect specific network information.

You need to have access to the Hardware Universe for information about site requirements as well as additional information on your configured system. You might also want to have access to the Release Notes for your version of ONTAP for more information about this system.

[NetApp Hardware Universe](#)

[Find the Release Notes for your version of ONTAP 9](#)

You need to provide the following at your site:

- Rack space for the storage system
- Phillips #2 screwdriver
- Additional networking cables to connect your system to your network switch and laptop or console with a Web browser
- A laptop or console with an RJ-45 connection and access to a Web browser
 1. Unpack the contents of all boxes.
 2. Record the system serial number from the controllers.



3. Set up your account:
 - a. Log in to your existing account or create an account.
 - b. Register your system.

[NetApp Product Registration](#)

4. Inventory and make a note of the number and types of cables you received.

The following table identifies the types of cables you might receive. If you receive a cable not listed in the table, see the Hardware Universe to locate the cable and identify its use.

[NetApp Hardware Universe](#)

Type of cable...	Part number and length	Connector type	For...
100 GbE cable (QSFP28)	X66211A-05 (112-00595), 0.5m X66211A-1 (112-00573), 1m X66211A-2 (112-00574), 2m X66211A-5 (112-00574), 5m		Storage, cluster interconnect/HA, and Ethernet data (order-dependent)
40 GbE cable	X66211A-1 (112-00573), 1m; X66211A-3 (112-00543), 3m; X66211A-5 (112-00576), 5m		Storage, cluster interconnect/HA, and Ethernet data (order-dependent)
Ethernet cable - MPO	X66200-2 (112-00326), 2m X66250-5 (112-00328), 5m X66250-30 (112-00331), 30m		Ethernet cable (order dependent)
Optical cables	SR: X6553-R6 (112-00188), 2m X6554-R6 (112-00189), 15m X6537-R6 (112-00091), 30m LR: X66250-3 (112-00342), 2m X66260-5 (112-00344), 5m X66260-30 (112-00354), 30m		FC configurations (order-dependent)
RJ-45 (order dependent)	X6585-R6 (112-00291), 3m X6562-R6 (112-00196), 5m		Management network
Micro-USB console cable	Not applicable		Console connection used during software setup if laptop or console does not support network discovery.
Power cables	Not applicable		Powering up the system

5. Download and complete the *Cluster configuration worksheet*.

Install the hardware

You need to install your system in a 4-post rack or NetApp system cabinet, as applicable.

1. Install the rail kits, as needed.
2. Install and secure your system using the instructions included with the rail kit.



You need to be aware of the safety concerns associated with the weight of the system.



3. Attach cable management devices (as shown).



4. Place the bezel on the front of the system.

Cable controllers to your network

You can cable the controllers to your network by using the two-node switchless cluster method or by using the cluster interconnect network.

Option 1: Cable a two-node switchless cluster

The optional data ports, optional NIC cards, and management ports on the controller modules are connected to switches. The cluster interconnect/HA ports are cabled on both controller modules.

You must have contacted your network administrator for information about connecting the system to the switches.

Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can use the illustration or the step-by-step instructions to complete the cabling between the controllers and to the switches:



Step	Perform on each controller module
1	<p>Cable the cluster/HA ports to each other with the 100 GbE (QSFP28) cable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e0a to e0a • e0d to e0d <p>Cluster interconnect and HA cables</p> <p>Cluster/HA Cluster/HA</p>

Step	Perform on each controller module
<div data-bbox="183 153 245 195" data-label="Text">2</div>	<p data-bbox="621 153 1487 258">If you are using your onboard ports for a data network connection, connect the 100GbE or 40GbE cables to the appropriate data network switches:</p> <ul data-bbox="646 289 824 321" style="list-style-type: none"> • e0g and e0h <div data-bbox="678 342 1487 741">  <p data-bbox="683 394 850 422">100 GbE cables</p> <p data-bbox="943 394 1101 422">40 GbE cables</p> <p data-bbox="1187 394 1463 457">To 40 GbE or 100 GbE data network switches (optional, configuration-dependent)</p> </div>

Step	Perform on each controller module
4	<p>Cable the e0M ports to the management network switches with the RJ45 cables.</p>  <p>Ethernet cables</p> <p>To management network switches</p>
	DO NOT plug in the power cords at this point.

2. Cable your storage: [Cabling controllers to drive shelves](#)

Option 2: Cabling a switched cluster

The optional data ports, optional NIC cards, and management ports on the controller modules are connected to switches. The cluster interconnect/HA ports are cabled on to the cluster/HA switch.

You must have contacted your network administrator for information about connecting the system to the switches.

Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can used the illustration or the step-by step instructions to complete the cabling between the controllers and to the switches:



Step	Perform on each controller module
<div data-bbox="183 751 245 789" data-label="Text">1</div>	<p data-bbox="513 751 1354 821">Cable the cluster/HA ports to the cluster/HA switch with the 100 GbE (QSFP28) cable:</p> <ul data-bbox="537 852 1141 932" style="list-style-type: none"> • e0a on both controllers to the cluster/HA switch • e0d on both controllers to the cluster/HA switch <div data-bbox="561 963 1489 1409"> </div>

Step**Perform on each controller module****2**

If you are using your onboard ports for a data network connection, connect the 100GbE or 40GbE cables to the appropriate data network switches:

- e0g and e0h



100 GbE cables



40 GbE cables

**3**

If you are using your NIC cards for Ethernet or FC connections, connect the NIC card(s) to the appropriate switches:



100 GbE cables



40 GbE cables



FC cables



Step	Perform on each controller module
4	<p>Cable the e0M ports to the management network switches with the RJ45 cables.</p>  <p>Ethernet cables</p>
	<p>DO NOT plug in the power cords at this point.</p>

2. Cable your storage: [Cabling controllers to drive shelves](#)

Cable controllers to drive shelves

You must cable the controllers to your shelves using the onboard storage ports.

Option 1: Cable the controllers to a single drive shelf

You must cable each controller to the NSM modules on the NS224 drive shelf.

Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

1. You can use the illustration or the step-by-step instructions to cable your controllers to a single shelf.



Step	Perform on each controller module
<div data-bbox="181 682 246 724" data-label="Text">1</div>	<div data-bbox="509 682 878 716" data-label="Text">Cable controller A to the shelf</div> <div data-bbox="509 741 1479 1375" data-label="Diagram"> <p>Diagram illustrating the connection of 100 GbE cables from Controller A to the Shelf. The diagram shows the physical layout of the rack with modules NSM A, NSM B, Controller A, and Controller B. Blue lines indicate the cable connections. Callouts show the specific ports involved: e0a and e0b on the Shelf, and e0c and e0f on Controller A.</p> </div>

Step	Perform on each controller module
2	<p>Cable controller B to the shelf:</p>  <p>The diagram illustrates the connection of 100 GbE cables from Controller B to the shelf. It shows two NSM modules (NSM A and NSM B) and two Controller modules (Controller A and Controller B) installed in a shelf. A yellow box highlights the connection points. Callouts show the 100 GbE cables, the shelf, and the specific ports on the NSM modules (e0a, e0b) and Controller B (e0c, e0d, e0e, e0f).</p>

- To complete setting up your system, see [Completing system setup and configuration](#).

Option 2: Cable the controllers to two drive shelves

You must cable each controller to the NSM modules on both NS224 drive shelves.

Be sure to check the illustration arrow for the proper cable connector pull-tab orientation.



As you insert the connector, you should feel it click into place; if you do not feel it click, remove it, turn it around and try again.

- You can use the following illustration or the written steps to cable your controllers to two drive shelves.



Step

1

Perform on each controller module

Cable controller A to the shelves:



Step	Perform on each controller module
<div data-bbox="183 159 245 197" data-label="Text">2</div>	<p data-bbox="841 159 1252 191">Cable controller B to the shelves:</p> 

- To complete setting up your system, see [Completing system setup and configuration](#).

Complete system setup and configuration

You can complete the system setup and configuration using cluster discovery with only a connection to the switch and laptop, or by connecting directly to a controller in the system and then connecting to the management switch.

Option 1: Completing system setup and configuration if network discovery is enabled

If you have network discovery enabled on your laptop, you can complete system setup and configuration using automatic cluster discovery.

- Plug the power cords into the controller power supplies, and then connect them to power sources on different circuits.

The system begins to boot. Initial booting may take up to eight minutes

- Make sure that your laptop has network discovery enabled.

See your laptop's online help for more information.

- Use the following animation to connect your laptop to the Management switch.

[Connecting your laptop to the Management switch](#)

- Select an ONTAP icon listed to discover:



- a. Open File Explorer.
- b. Click network in the left pane.
- c. Right click and select refresh.
- d. Double-click either ONTAP icon and accept any certificates displayed on your screen.



XXXXX is the system serial number for the target node.

System Manager opens.

5. Use System Manager guided setup to configure your system using the data you collected in the *NetApp ONTAP Configuration Guide*.

[ONTAP Configuration Guide](#)

6. Verify the health of your system by running Config Advisor.
7. After you have completed the initial configuration, go to the [ONTAP & ONTAP System Manager Documentation Resources](#) page for information about configuring additional features in ONTAP.

Option 2: Completing system setup and configuration if network discovery is not enabled

If network discovery is not enabled on your laptop, you must complete the configuration and setup using this task.

1. Cable and configure your laptop or console:
 - a. Set the console port on the laptop or console to 115,200 baud with N-8-1.



See your laptop or console's online help for how to configure the console port.

- b. Connect the console cable to the laptop or console using the console cable that came with your system, and then connect the laptop to the management switch on the management subnet.



- c. Assign a TCP/IP address to the laptop or console, using one that is on the management subnet.
2. Use the following animation to set one or more drive shelf IDs:

Setting drive shelf IDs

3. Plug the power cords into the controller power supplies, and then connect them to power sources on different circuits.

The system begins to boot. Initial booting may take up to eight minutes

4. Assign an initial node management IP address to one of the nodes.

If the management network has DHCP...	Then...
Configured	Record the IP address assigned to the new controllers.
Not configured	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open a console session using PuTTY, a terminal server, or the equivalent for your environment. <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-right: 10px;"> <i>i</i> </div> <div> <p>Check your laptop or console's online help if you do not know how to configure PuTTY.</p> </div> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Enter the management IP address when prompted by the script.

5. Using System Manager on your laptop or console, configure your cluster:
 - a. Point your browser to the node management IP address.



The format for the address is https://x.x.x.x.

- b. Configure the system using the data you collected in the *NetApp ONTAP Configuration guide*.

ONTAP Configuration Guide

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7. After you have completed the initial configuration, go to the [ONTAP & ONTAP System Manager Documentation Resources](#) page for information about configuring additional features in ONTAP.

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