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Cloud Manager

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Cloud Manager handles the set up of networking components for Cloud Volumes ONTAP, such as IP addresses, netmasks, and routes. You need to make sure that outbound internet access is available, that enough private IP addresses are available, that the right connections are in place, and more.

General requirements

The following requirements must be met in AWS.

Outbound internet access for Cloud Volumes ONTAP nodes

Cloud Volumes ONTAP nodes require outbound internet access to send messages to NetApp AutoSupport, which proactively monitors the health of your storage.

Routing and firewall policies must allow AWS HTTP/HTTPS traffic to the following endpoints so Cloud Volumes ONTAP can send AutoSupport messages:

- https://support.netapp.com/aods/asupmessage
- https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup

If you have a NAT instance, you must define an inbound security group rule that allows HTTPS traffic from the private subnet to the internet.

Learn how to configure AutoSupport.

Outbound internet access for the HA mediator

The HA mediator instance must have an outbound connection to the AWS EC2 service so it can assist with storage failover. To provide the connection, you can add a public IP address, specify a proxy server, or use a manual option.

The manual option can be a NAT gateway or an interface VPC endpoint from the target subnet to the AWS EC2 service. For details about VPC endpoints, refer to AWS Documentation: Interface VPC Endpoints (AWS PrivateLink).

Private IP addresses

Cloud Manager automatically allocates the required number of private IP addresses to Cloud Volumes ONTAP. You need to ensure that your networking has enough private IP addresses available.

The number of LIFs that Cloud Manager allocates for Cloud Volumes ONTAP depends on whether you deploy a single node system or an HA pair. A LIF is an IP address associated with a physical port.

IP addresses for a single node system

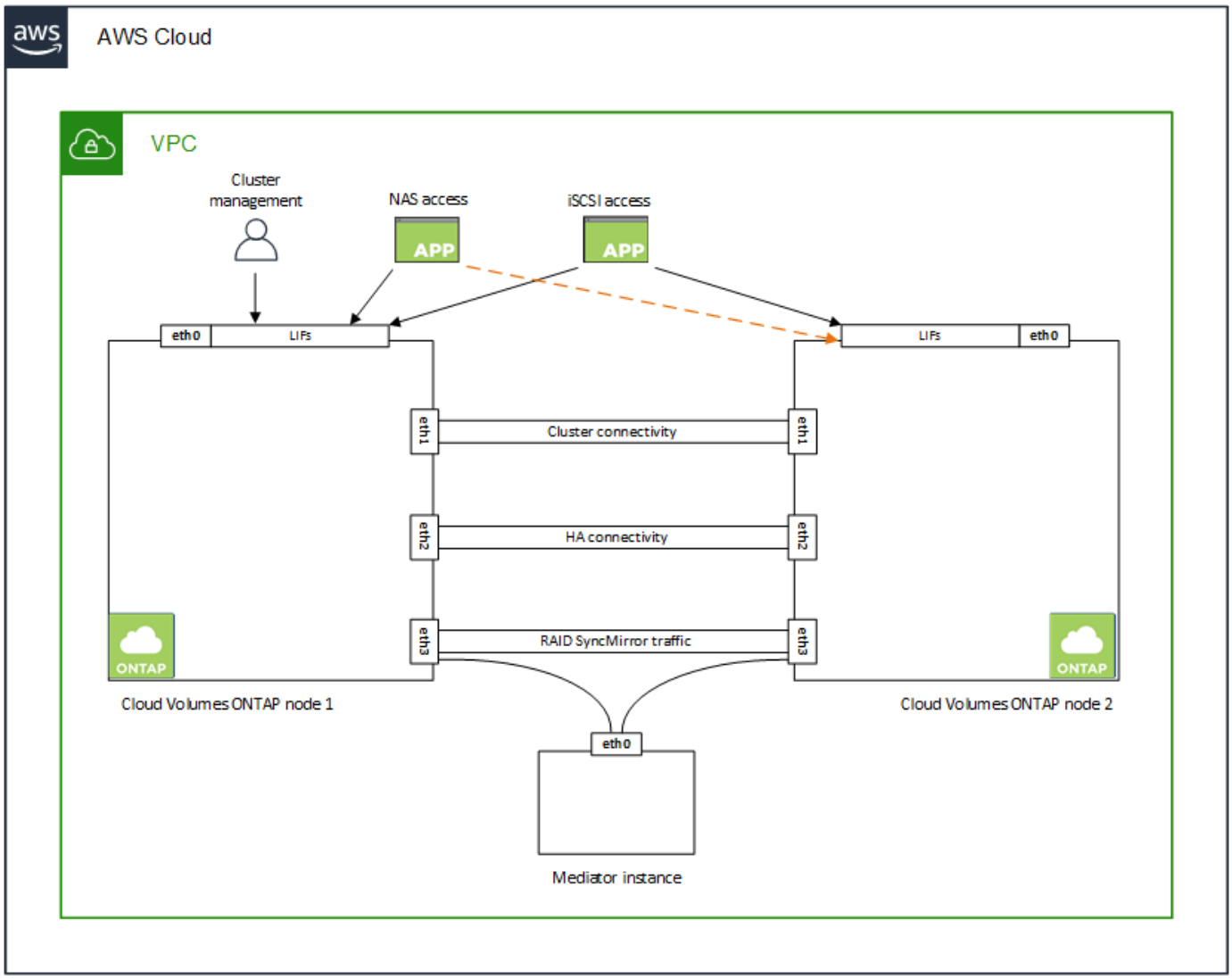
Cloud Manager allocates 6 IP addresses to a single node system:

- Cluster management LIF
- Node management LIF
- Intercluster LIF
- NAS data LIF
- iSCSI data LIF
- Storage VM management LIF

  A storage VM management LIF is used with management tools like SnapCenter.

IP addresses for HA pairs

HA pairs require more IP addresses than a single node system does. These IP addresses are spread across different ethernet interfaces, as shown in the following image:



The number of private IP addresses required for an HA pair depends on which deployment model you choose. An HA pair deployed in a *single* AWS Availability Zone (AZ) requires 15 private IP addresses, while an HA pair deployed in *multiple* AZs requires 13 private IP addresses.

The following tables provide details about the LIFs that are associated with each private IP address.

LIFs for HA pairs in a single AZ

LIF	Interface	Node	Purpose
Cluster management	eth0	node 1	Administrative management of the entire cluster (HA pair).
Node management	eth0	node 1 and node 2	Administrative management of a node.
Intercluster	eth0	node 1 and node 2	Cross-cluster communication, backup, and replication.
NAS data	eth0	node 1	Client access over NAS protocols.
iSCSI data	eth0	node 1 and node 2	Client access over the iSCSI protocol.
Cluster connectivity	eth1	node 1 and node 2	Enables the nodes to communicate with each other and to move data within the cluster.
HA connectivity	eth2	node 1 and node 2	Communication between the two nodes in case of failover.
RSM iSCSI traffic	eth3	node 1 and node 2	RAID SyncMirror iSCSI traffic, as well as communication between the two Cloud Volumes ONTAP nodes and the mediator.
Mediator	eth0	Mediator	A communication channel between the nodes and the mediator to assist in storage takeover and giveback processes.

LIFs for HA pairs in multiple AZs

LIF	Interface	Node	Purpose
Node management	eth0	node 1 and node 2	Administrative management of a node.
Intercluster	eth0	node 1 and node 2	Cross-cluster communication, backup, and replication.
iSCSI data	eth0	node 1 and node 2	Client access over the iSCSI protocol. This LIF also manages the migration of floating IP addresses between nodes.
Cluster connectivity	eth1	node 1 and node 2	Enables the nodes to communicate with each other and to move data within the cluster.
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When deployed in multiple Availability Zones, several LIFs are associated with floating IP addresses, which don't count against the AWS private IP limit.

Security groups

You do not need to create security groups because Cloud Manager does that for you. If you need to use your own, refer to Security group rules.

Connection for data tiering

If you want to use EBS as a performance tier and AWS S3 as a capacity tier, you must ensure that Cloud Volumes ONTAP has a connection to S3. The best way to provide that connection is by creating a VPC Endpoint to the S3 service. For instructions, see AWS Documentation: Creating a Gateway Endpoint.

When you create the VPC Endpoint, be sure to select the region, VPC, and route table that corresponds to the Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance. You must also modify the security group to add an outbound HTTPS rule that enables traffic to the S3 endpoint. Otherwise, Cloud Volumes ONTAP cannot connect to the S3 service.

If you experience any issues, see AWS Support Knowledge Center: Why can't I connect to an S3 bucket using a gateway VPC endpoint?

Connections to ONTAP systems

To replicate data between a Cloud Volumes ONTAP system in AWS and ONTAP systems in other networks, you must have a VPN connection between the AWS VPC and the other network—for example, an Azure VNet or your corporate network. For instructions, see AWS Documentation: Setting Up an AWS VPN Connection.

DNS and Active Directory for CIFS

If you want to provision CIFS storage, you must set up DNS and Active Directory in AWS or extend your on-premises setup to AWS.

The DNS server must provide name resolution services for the Active Directory environment. You can configure DHCP option sets to use the default EC2 DNS server, which must not be the DNS server used by the Active Directory environment.

For instructions, refer to AWS Documentation: Active Directory Domain Services on the AWS Cloud: Quick Start Reference Deployment.

Requirements for HA pairs in multiple AZs

Additional AWS networking requirements apply to Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA configurations that use multiple Availability Zones (AZs). You should review these requirements before you launch an HA pair because you must enter the networking details in Cloud Manager when you create the working environment.

To understand how HA pairs work, see High-availability pairs.

Availability Zones

This HA deployment model uses multiple AZs to ensure high availability of your data. You should use a dedicated AZ for each Cloud Volumes ONTAP instance and the mediator instance, which provides a communication channel between the HA pair.

A subnet should be available in each Availability Zone.

Floating IP addresses for NAS data and cluster/SVM management

HA configurations in multiple AZs use floating IP addresses that migrate between nodes if failures occur. They are not natively accessible from outside the VPC, unless you set up an AWS transit gateway.

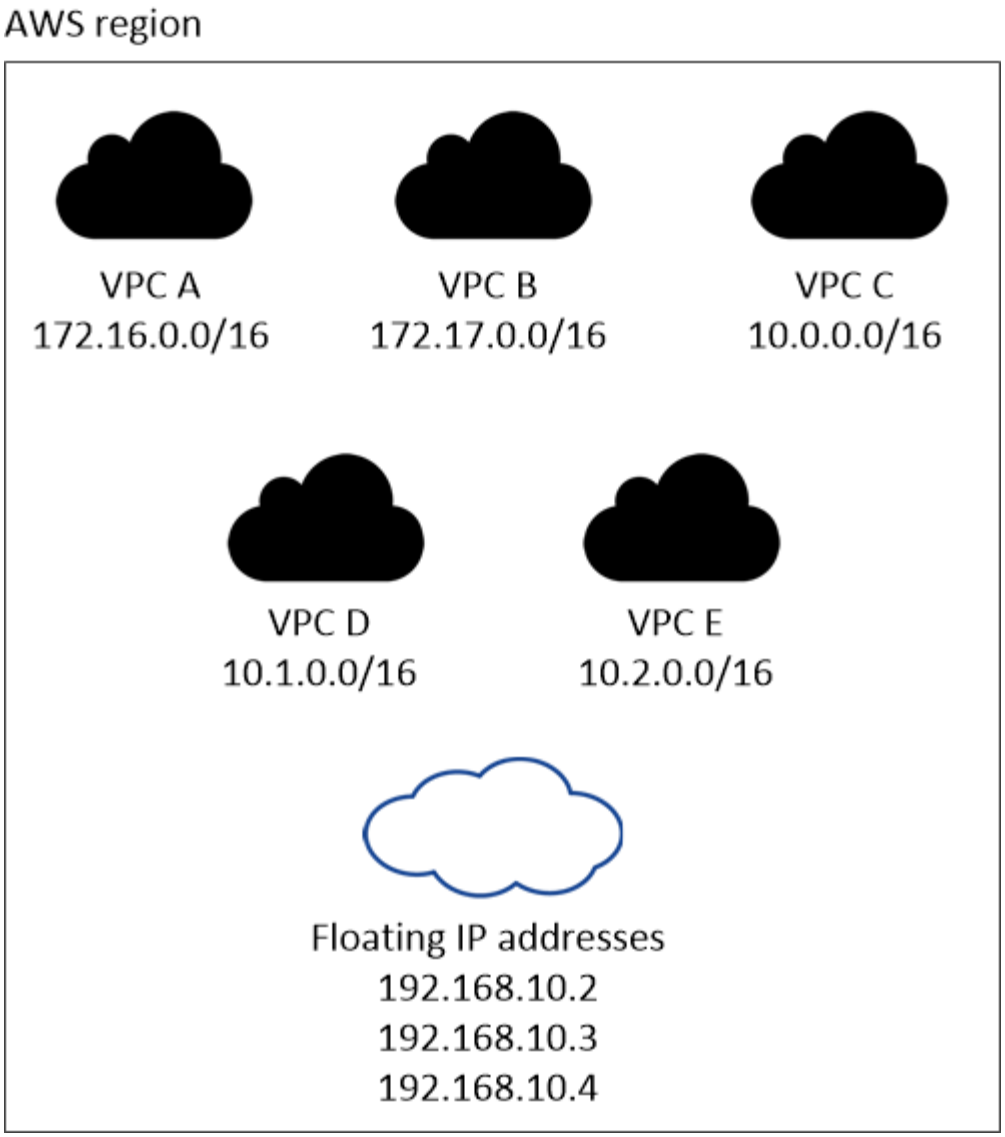
One floating IP address is for cluster management, one is for NFS/CIFS data on node 1, and one is for NFS/CIFS data on node 2. A fourth floating IP address for SVM management is optional.

> ⓘ A floating IP address is required for the SVM management LIF if you use SnapDrive for Windows or SnapCenter with the HA pair. If you don't specify the IP address when you deploy the system, you can create the LIF later. For details, see Setting up Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

You need to enter the floating IP addresses in Cloud Manager when you create a Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA working environment. Cloud Manager allocates the IP addresses to the HA pair when it launches the system.

The floating IP addresses must be outside of the CIDR blocks for all VPCs in the AWS region in which you deploy the HA configuration. Think of the floating IP addresses as a logical subnet that's outside of the VPCs in your region.

The following example shows the relationship between floating IP addresses and the VPCs in an AWS region. While the floating IP addresses are outside the CIDR blocks for all VPCs, they're routable to subnets through route tables.



Cloud Manager automatically creates static IP addresses for iSCSI access and for NAS access from clients outside the VPC. You don't need to meet any requirements for these types of IP addresses.

Transit gateway to enable floating IP access from outside the VPC

If needed, set up an AWS transit gateway to enable access to an HA pair's floating IP addresses from outside the VPC where the HA pair resides.

Route tables

After you specify the floating IP addresses in Cloud Manager, you are then prompted to select the route tables that should include routes to the floating IP addresses. This enables client access to the HA pair.

If you have just one route table for the subnets in your VPC (the main route table), then Cloud Manager automatically adds the floating IP addresses to that route table. If you have more than one route table, it's very important to select the correct route tables when launching the HA pair. Otherwise, some clients might not have access to Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

For example, you might have two subnets that are associated with different route tables. If you select route table A, but not route table B, then clients in the subnet associated with route table A can access the HA

pair, but clients in the subnet associated with route table B can't.

For more information about route tables, refer to AWS Documentation: Route Tables.

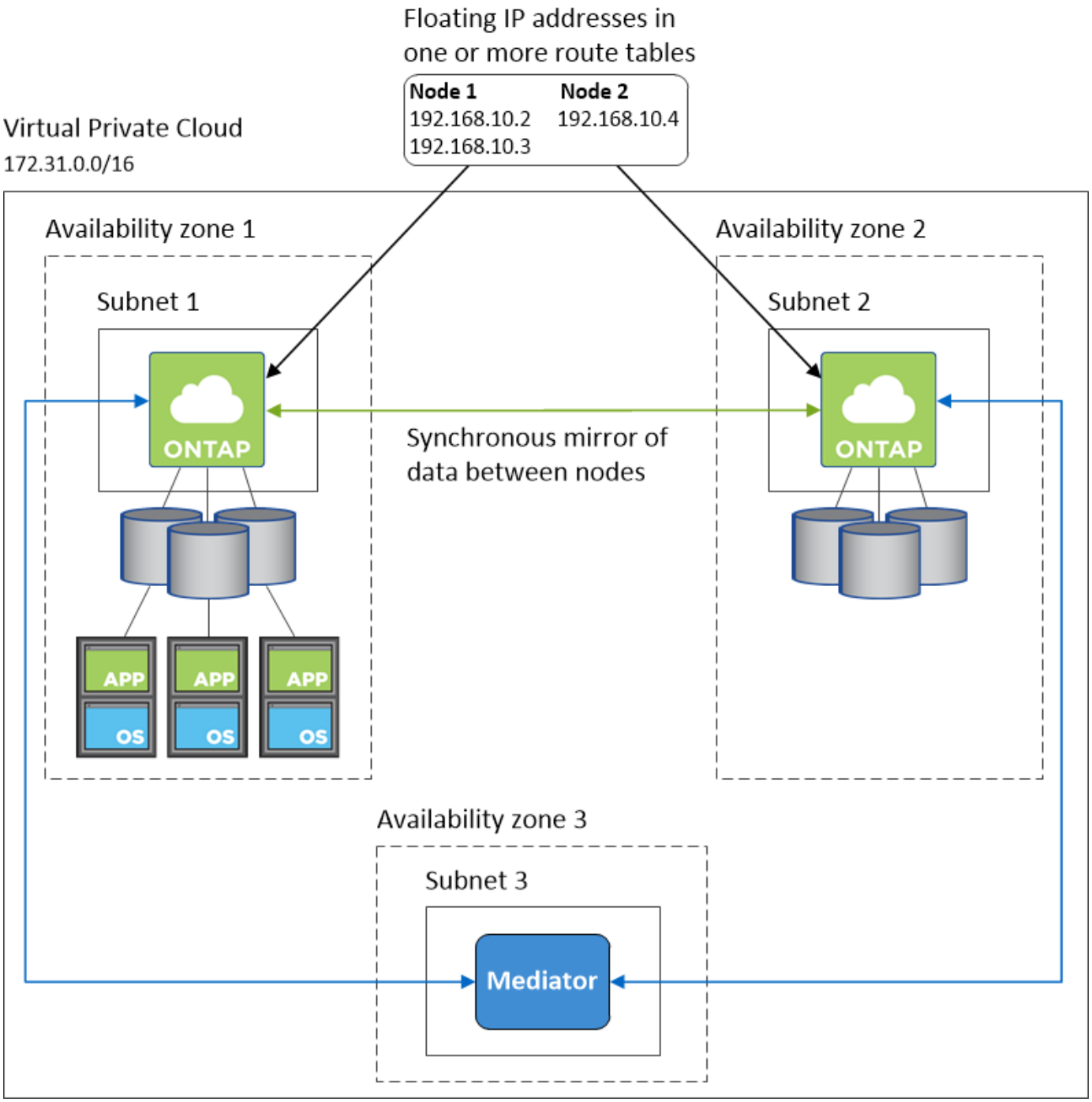
Connection to NetApp management tools

To use NetApp management tools with HA configurations that are in multiple AZs, you have two connection options:

1. Deploy the NetApp management tools in a different VPC and set up an AWS transit gateway. The gateway enables access to the floating IP address for the cluster management interface from outside the VPC.
2. Deploy the NetApp management tools in the same VPC with a similar routing configuration as NAS clients.

Example HA configuration

The following image illustrates the networking components specific to an HA pair in multiple AZs: three Availability Zones, three subnets, floating IP addresses, and a route table.



Requirements for the Connector

Set up your networking so that the Connector can manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment. The most important step is ensuring outbound internet access to various endpoints.

If your network uses a proxy server for all communication to the internet, you can specify the proxy server from the Settings page. Refer to Configuring the Connector to use a proxy server.

Connection to target networks

A Connector requires a network connection to the VPCs and VNets in which you want to deploy Cloud

Volumes ONTAP.

For example, if you install a Connector in your corporate network, then you must set up a VPN connection to the VPC or VNet in which you launch Cloud Volumes ONTAP.

Outbound internet access

The Connector requires outbound internet access to manage resources and processes within your public cloud environment. A Connector contacts the following endpoints when managing resources in AWS:

If your VPC uses a network access control list (ACL) to filter traffic, then make sure that you enable these endpoints for both outbound and inbound traffic.

Endpoints	Purpose
AWS services (amazonaws.com): • CloudFormation • Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) • Key Management Service (KMS) • Security Token Service (STS) • Simple Storage Service (S3) The exact endpoint depends on the region in which you deploy Cloud Volumes ONTAP. Refer to AWS documentation for details.	Enables the Connector to deploy and manage Cloud Volumes ONTAP in AWS.
https://api.services.cloud.netapp.com:443	API requests to NetApp Cloud Central.
https://cloud.support.netapp.com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	Provides access to software images, manifests, and templates.
https://cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com https://cognito-identity.us-east-1.amazonaws.com https://sts.amazonaws.com https://cloud-support-netapp-com-accelerated.s3.amazonaws.com	Enables the Connector to access and download manifests, templates, and Cloud Volumes ONTAP upgrade images.
https://cloudmanagerinfraprod.azurecr.io *.blob.core.windows.net	Access to software images of container components for an infrastructure that's running Docker and provides a solution for service integrations with Cloud Manager.
https://kinesis.us-east-1.amazonaws.com	Enables NetApp to stream data from audit records.
https://cloudmanager.cloud.netapp.com	Communication with the Cloud Manager service, which includes Cloud Central accounts.
https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com	Communication with NetApp Cloud Central for centralized user authentication.
support.netapp.com:443 https://mysupport.netapp.com	Communication with NetApp AutoSupport. Note that the Connector communicates with support.netapp.com:443, which redirects to https://mysupport.netapp.com.

Endpoints	Purpose
https://support.netapp.com/svcgw https://support.netapp.com/ServiceGW/entitlement https://eval.lic.netapp.com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com https://cloud-support-netapp-com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	Communication with NetApp for system licensing and support registration.
https://client.infra.support.netapp.com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com https://cloud-support-netapp-com-accelerated.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com https://trigger.asup.netapp.com.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	Enables NetApp to collect information needed to troubleshoot support issues.
https://ipa-signer.cloudmanager.netapp.com	Enables Cloud Manager to generate licenses (for example, a FlexCache license for Cloud Volumes ONTAP)
Various third-party locations, for example: • https://repo1.maven.org/maven2 • https://oss.sonatype.org/content/repositories • https://repo.typesafe.com Third-party locations are subject to change.	During upgrades, Cloud Manager downloads the latest packages for third-party dependencies.

While you should perform almost all tasks from the SaaS user interface, a local user interface is still available on the Connector. The machine running the web browser must have connections to the following endpoints:

Endpoints	Purpose
The Connector host	You must enter the host's IP address from a web browser to load the Cloud Manager console. Depending on your connectivity to your cloud provider, you can use the private IP or a public IP assigned to the host: • A private IP works if you have a VPN and direct connect access to your virtual network • A public IP works in any networking scenario In any case, you should secure network access by ensuring that security group rules allow access from only authorized IPs or subnets.
https://auth0.com https://cdn.auth0.com https://netapp-cloud-account.auth0.com https://services.cloud.netapp.com	Your web browser connects to these endpoints for centralized user authentication through NetApp Cloud Central.

Endpoints	Purpose
https://widget.intercom.io	For in-product chat that enables you to talk to NetApp cloud experts.