Understanding the Python scripts

ONTAP Select

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The sample Python scripts allow you to perform several different tasks. You should understand the scripts before using them at a live Deploy instance.

Common design characteristics

The scripts have been designed with the following common characteristics:

- Execute from command line interface at a client machine
 You can run the Python scripts from any properly configured client machine. See *Before you begin*for more information.
- Accept CLI input parameters
 Each script is controlled at the CLI through input parameters.
- Read input file
 Each script reads an input file based on its purpose. When creating or deleting a cluster, you must provide a JSON configuration file. When adding a node license, you must provide a valid license file.
- Use a common support module
 The common support module deploy_requests.py contains a single class. It is imported and used by
 each of the scripts.

Creating a cluster

You can create an ONTAP Select cluster using the script cluster.py. Based on the CLI parameters and contents of the JSON input file, you can modify the script to your deployment environment as follows:

- Hypervisor
 You can deploy to ESXI or KVM. When deploying to ESXi, the hypervisor can be managed by vCenter or can be a standalone host.
- Cluster size
 You can deploy a single-node or multiple-node cluster.
- Evaluation or production license You can deploy a cluster with an evaluation or purchased license for production.

The CLI input parameters for the script include:

- Host name or IP address of the Deploy server
- Password for the admin user account
- · Name of the ISON configuration file
- · Verbose flag for message output

Adding a node license

If you choose to deploy a production cluster, you must add a license for each node using the script *add_license.py*. You can add the license before or after you deploy the cluster.

The CLI input parameters for the script include:

- Host name or IP address of the Deploy server
- Password for the admin user account
- Name of the license file
- ONTAP user name with privileges to add the license
- Password for the ONTAP user

Deleting a cluster

You can delete an existing ONTAP Select cluster using the script *delete_cluster.py*.

The CLI input parameters for the script include:

- Host name or IP address of the Deploy server
- Password for the admin user account
- Name of the JSON configuration file

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