



# Add nodes to cluster

## ONTAP System Manager

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# Add nodes to cluster

You can increase the size and capabilities of your cluster by adding new nodes.

## *Before you Start*

You should have already cabled the new nodes to the cluster.

There are separate processes for working with System Manager in ONTAP 9.7 or ONTAP 9.8.

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## Adding nodes to a cluster with System Manager 9.7

### *Steps*

1. Click **(Return to classic version)**.
2. Click **Configurations > Cluster Expansion**.

System Manager automatically discovers the new nodes.

3. Click **Switch to the new experience**.
4. Click **Cluster > Overview** to view the new nodes.

## Adding nodes to a cluster with System Manager 9.8

### *Steps*

1. Select **Cluster > Overview**.

The new controllers are shown as nodes connected to the cluster network but are not in the cluster.

2. Click **Add**.
  - The nodes are added into the cluster.
  - Storage is allocated implicitly.

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