# Add nodes to cluster

**ONTAP System Manager** 

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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.

- Adding nodes to a cluster with System Manager 9.7
- Adding nodes to a cluster with System Manager 9.8

### 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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