# Convert 40GbE NIC ports into multiple 10GbE ports for 10GbE connectivity

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You can convert the X1144A-R6 and the X91440A-R6 40GbE Network Interface Cards (NICs) to support four 10GbE ports.

If you are connecting a hardware platform that supports one of these NICs to a cluster that supports 10GbE cluster interconnect and customer data connections, the NIC must be converted to provide the necessary 10GbE connections.

## Before you begin

You must be using a supported breakout cable.

#### About this task

For a complete list of platforms that support NICs, see the Hardware Universe.



On the X1144A-R6 NIC, only port A can be converted to support the four 10GbE connections. Once port A is converted, port e is not available for use.

### **Steps**

- 1. Enter maintenance mode.
- 2. Convert the NIC from 40GbE support to 10GbE support.

```
nicadmin convert —m [40G | 10G] [port-name]
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- 3. After using the convert command, halt the node.
- 4. Install or change the cable.
- 5. Depending on the hardware model, use the SP (Service Processor) or BMC (Baseboard Management Controller) to power-cycle the node for the conversion to take effect.

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