



# Testing the MetroCluster configuration

## ONTAP MetroCluster

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# Testing the MetroCluster configuration

You can test failure scenarios to confirm the correct operation of the MetroCluster configuration.

## Verifying negotiated switchover

You can test the negotiated (planned) switchover operation to confirm uninterrupted data availability.

This test validates that data availability is not affected (except for Microsoft Server Message Block (SMB) and Solaris Fibre Channel protocols) by switching the cluster over to the second data center.

This test should take about 30 minutes.

This procedure has the following expected results:

- The metrocluster switchover command will present a warning prompt.

If you respond **yes** to the prompt, the site the command is issued from will switch over the partner site.

For MetroCluster IP configurations:

- For ONTAP 9.4 and earlier:
  - Mirrored aggregates will become degraded after the negotiated switchover.
- For ONTAP 9.5 and later:
  - Mirrored aggregates will remain in normal state if the remote storage is accessible.
  - Mirrored aggregates will become degraded after the negotiated switchover if access to the remote storage is lost.
- For ONTAP 9.8 and later:
  - Unmirrored aggregates that are located at the disaster site will become unavailable if access to the remote storage is lost. This might lead to a controller outage.

1. Confirm that all nodes are in the configured state and normal mode: `metrocluster node show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster node show
```

Cluster	Configuration State	Mode
Local: cluster_A	configured	normal
Remote: cluster_B	configured	normal

2. Begin the switchover operation: `metrocluster switchover`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster switchover
Warning: negotiated switchover is about to start. It will stop all
the data Vservers on cluster "cluster_B" and
automatically re-start them on cluster "cluster_A". It will
finally gracefully shutdown cluster "cluster_B".
```

3. Confirm that the local cluster is in the configured state and switchover mode: `metrocluster node show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster node show
```

Cluster	Configuration State	Mode
-----	-----	
Local: cluster_A	configured	switchover
Remote: cluster_B	not-reachable	-
configured	normal	

4. Confirm that the switchover operation was successful: `metrocluster operation show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster operation show

cluster_A::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: switchover
State: successful
Start Time: 2/6/2016 13:28:50
End Time: 2/6/2016 13:29:41
Errors: -
```

5. Use the `vserver show` and `network interface show` commands to verify that DR SVMs and LIFs have come online.

## Verifying healing and manual switchback

You can test the healing and manual switchback operations to verify that data availability is not affected (except for SMB and Solaris FC configurations) by switching back the cluster to the original data center after a negotiated switchover.

This test should take about 30 minutes.

The expected result of this procedure is that services should be switched back to their home nodes.

The healing steps are not required on systems running ONTAP 9.5 or later, on which healing is performed automatically after a negotiated switchover. On systems running ONTAP 9.6 and later, healing is also

performed automatically after unscheduled switchover.

1. If the system is running ONTAP 9.4 or earlier, heal the data aggregate: `metrocluster heal aggregates`

The following example shows the successful completion of the command:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster heal aggregates
[Job 936] Job succeeded: Heal Aggregates is successful.
```

2. If the system is running ONTAP 9.4 or earlier, heal the root aggregate: `metrocluster heal root-aggregates`

This step is required on the following configurations:

- MetroCluster FC configurations.
- MetroCluster IP configurations running ONTAP 9.4 or earlier. The following example shows the successful completion of the command:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster heal root-aggregates
[Job 937] Job succeeded: Heal Root Aggregates is successful.
```

3. Verify that healing is completed: `metrocluster node show`

The following example shows the successful completion of the command:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster node show
DR
Group Cluster Node          Configuration  DR
State          Mirroring Mode
-----
1      cluster_A
      node_A_1      configured    enabled    heal roots
completed
      cluster_B
      node_B_2      unreachable    -          switched over
42 entries were displayed.metrocluster operation show
```

If the automatic healing operation fails for any reason, you must issue the `metrocluster heal` commands manually as done in ONTAP versions prior to ONTAP 9.5. You can use the `metrocluster operation show` and `metrocluster operation history show -instance` commands to monitor the status of healing and determine the cause of a failure.

4. Verify that all aggregates are mirrored: `storage aggregate show`

The following example shows that all aggregates have a RAID Status of mirrored:

```
cluster_A::> storage aggregate show
cluster Aggregates:
Aggregate Size      Available Used% State   #Vols  Nodes      RAID
Status
-----
data_cluster
      4.19TB      4.13TB    2% online      8 node_A_1  raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal

root_cluster
      715.5GB    212.7GB   70% online      1 node_A_1  raid4,
mirrored,
normal

cluster_B Switched Over Aggregates:
Aggregate Size      Available Used% State   #Vols  Nodes      RAID
Status
-----
data_cluster_B
      4.19TB      4.11TB    2% online      5 node_A_1  raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal

root_cluster_B      -          -      - unknown      - node_A_1  -
```

5. Boot nodes from the disaster site.

6. Check the status of switchback recovery: `metrocluster node show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster node show
DR
Group Cluster Node      Configuration  DR
State          Mirroring Mode
-----
1      cluster_A
      node_A_1      configured    enabled      heal roots
completed
      cluster_B
      node_B_2      configured    enabled      waiting for
switchback                                     recovery

2 entries were displayed.
```

7. Perform the switchback: `metrocluster switchback`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster switchback
[Job 938] Job succeeded: Switchback is successful.Verify switchback
```

8. Confirm status of the nodes: `metrocluster node show`

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster node show
DR                               Configuration  DR
Group Cluster Node              State        Mirroring Mode
-----
1      cluster_A
      node_A_1      configured    enabled    normal
      cluster_B
      node_B_2      configured    enabled    normal

2 entries were displayed.
```

9. Confirm status of the metrocluster operation: `metrocluster operation show`

The output should show a successful state.

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: switchback
State: successful
Start Time: 2/6/2016 13:54:25
End Time: 2/6/2016 13:56:15
Errors: -
```

## Verifying operation after power line disruption

You can test the MetroCluster configuration's response to the failure of a PDU.

The best practice is for each power supply unit (PSU) in a component to be connected to separate power supplies. If both PSUs are connected to the same power distribution unit (PDU) and an electrical disruption occurs, the site could down or a complete shelf might become unavailable. Failure of one power line is tested to confirm that there is no cabling mismatch that could cause a service disruption.

This test should take about 15 minutes.

This test requires turning off power to all left-hand PDUs and then all right-hand PDUs on all of the racks containing the MetroCluster components.

This procedure has the following expected results:

- Errors should be generated as the PDUs are disconnected.

- No failover or loss of service should occur.
1. Turn off the power of the PDUs on the left-hand side of the rack containing the MetroCluster components.
  2. Monitor the result on the console by using the system environment sensors show -state fault and storage shelf show -errors commands.

```
cluster_A::> system environment sensors show -state fault
```

Node	Sensor	State	Value/Units	Crit-Low	Warn-Low	Warn-Hi	Crit-Hi
-----							
node_A_1							
	PSU1	fault					
			PSU_OFF				
	PSU1 Pwr In OK	fault					
			FAULT				
node_A_2							
	PSU1	fault					
			PSU_OFF				
	PSU1 Pwr In OK	fault					
			FAULT				

4 entries were displayed.

```
cluster_A::> storage shelf show -errors
```

Shelf Name: 1.1  
Shelf UID: 50:0a:09:80:03:6c:44:d5  
Serial Number: SHFHU1443000059

Error Type	Description
Power	Critical condition is detected in storage shelf power supply unit "1". The unit might fail.Reconnect PSU1

3. Turn the power back on to the left-hand PDUs.
4. Make sure that ONTAP clears the error condition.
5. Repeat the previous steps with the right-hand PDUs.

## Verifying operation after loss of a single storage shelf

You can test the failure of a single storage shelf to verify that there is no single point of failure.

This procedure has the following expected results:



- An error message should be reported by the monitoring software.
- No failover or loss of service should occur.
- Mirror resynchronization starts automatically after the hardware failure is restored.

1. Check the storage failover status: `storage failover show`

```
cluster_A::> storage failover show
```

Node	Partner	Possible	State Description
-----	-----	-----	
node_A_1	node_A_2	true	Connected to node_A_2
node_A_2	node_A_1	true	Connected to node_A_1

2 entries were displayed.

2. Check the aggregate status: `storage aggregate show`

```

cluster_A::> storage aggregate show

cluster Aggregates:
Aggregate      Size Available Used% State  #Vols  Nodes
RAID Status
-----
node_A_1data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      3.40TB    18% online      3 node_A_1
raid_dp,

mirrored,

normal
node_A_1root
      707.7GB      34.29GB    95% online      1 node_A_1
raid_dp,

mirrored,

normal
node_A_2_data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      4.12TB     1% online      2 node_A_2
raid_dp,

mirrored,

normal
node_A_2_data02_unmirrored
      2.18TB      2.18TB     0% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,

normal
node_A_2_root
      707.7GB      34.27GB    95% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,

mirrored,

normal

```

3. Verify that all data SVMs and data volumes are online and serving data: `vserver show -type datanetwork interface show -fields is-home falsevolume show !vol0,!MDV*`

```

cluster_A::> vservers show -type data

cluster_A::> vservers show -type data

```

Vserver	Type	Subtype	Admin State	Operational State	Root Volume
Aggregate					
SVM1	data	sync-source		running	SVM1_root
node_A_1_data01_mirrored					
SVM2	data	sync-source		running	SVM2_root
node_A_2_data01_mirrored					

```

cluster_A::> network interface show -fields is-home false
There are no entries matching your query.

cluster_A::> volume show !vol0,!MDV*

```

Vserver	Volume	Aggregate	State	Type	Size
Available	Used%				
SVM1					
	SVM1_root	node_A_1data01_mirrored	online	RW	10GB
9.50GB	5%				
SVM1					
	SVM1_data_vol	node_A_1data01_mirrored	online	RW	10GB
9.49GB	5%				
SVM2					
	SVM2_root	node_A_2_data01_mirrored	online	RW	10GB
9.49GB	5%				
SVM2					
	SVM2_data_vol	node_A_2_data02_unmirrored	online	RW	1GB
972.6MB	5%				

- Identify a shelf in Pool 1 for node node\_A\_2 to power off to simulate a sudden hardware failure:  

```
storage aggregate show -r -node node-name !*root
```

The shelf you select must contain drives that are part of a mirrored data aggregate.

In the following example, shelf ID 31 is selected to fail.

```
cluster_A::> storage aggregate show -r -node node_A_2 !*root
Owner Node: node_A_2
Aggregate: node_A_2_data01_mirrored (online, raid_dp, mirrored)
(block checksums)
Plex: /node_A_2_data01_mirrored/plex0 (online, normal, active,
pool0)
RAID Group /node_A_2_data01_mirrored/plex0/rg0 (normal, block
checksums)
```

					Usable	
Physical	Position	Disk	Pool	Type	RPM	Size
Size	Status					
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
dparity	2.30.3		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
parity	2.30.4		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	2.30.6		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	2.30.8		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	2.30.5		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					

```

Plex: /node_A_2_data01_mirrored/plex4 (online, normal, active,
pool1)
RAID Group /node_A_2_data01_mirrored/plex4/rg0 (normal, block
checksums)
```

					Usable	
Physical	Position	Disk	Pool	Type	RPM	Size
Size	Status					
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
dparity	1.31.7		1	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
parity	1.31.6		1	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	1.31.3		1	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	1.31.4		1	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	1.31.5		1	BSAS	7200	827.7GB

```

828.0GB (normal)

Aggregate: node_A_2_data02_unmirrored (online, raid_dp) (block
checksums)
Plex: /node_A_2_data02_unmirrored/plex0 (online, normal, active,
pool0)
RAID Group /node_A_2_data02_unmirrored/plex0/rg0 (normal, block
checksums)

Physical
Position Disk Pool Type RPM Usable
Size Status Size
-----
-----
dparity 2.30.12 0 BSAS 7200 827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
parity 2.30.22 0 BSAS 7200 827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
data 2.30.21 0 BSAS 7200 827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
data 2.30.20 0 BSAS 7200 827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
data 2.30.14 0 BSAS 7200 827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
15 entries were displayed.

```

5. Physically power off the shelf that you selected.
6. Check the aggregate status again: `storage aggregate show`storage aggregate show -r -node node_A_2 !*root`

The aggregate with drives on the powered-off shelf should have a **degraded** RAID status, and drives on the affected plex should have a **failed** status, as shown in the following example:

```

cluster_A::> storage aggregate show
Aggregate      Size Available Used% State  #Vols  Nodes
RAID Status
-----
-----
node_A_1data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      3.40TB   18% online      3 node_A_1
raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal

```

```

node_A_1root
      707.7GB   34.29GB   95% online      1 node_A_1
raid_dp,

mirrored,

normal
node_A_2_data01_mirrored
      4.15TB    4.12TB    1% online      2 node_A_2
raid_dp,

mirror

degraded
node_A_2_data02_unmirrored
      2.18TB    2.18TB    0% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,

normal
node_A_2_root
      707.7GB   34.27GB   95% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,

mirror

degraded
cluster_A::> storage aggregate show -r -node node_A_2 !*root
Owner Node: node_A_2
Aggregate: node_A_2_data01_mirrored (online, raid_dp, mirror
degraded) (block checksums)
Plex: /node_A_2_data01_mirrored/plex0 (online, normal, active,
pool0)
RAID Group /node_A_2_data01_mirrored/plex0/rg0 (normal, block
checksums)

```

					Usable	
Physical	Position	Disk	Pool	Type	RPM	Size
Size	Status					
	-----	-----	----	-----	-----	-----
	-----	-----	----	-----	-----	-----
dparity	2.30.3		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
parity	2.30.4		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					
data	2.30.6		0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB	(normal)					

```

      data      2.30.8                0   BSAS    7200  827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
      data      2.30.5                0   BSAS    7200  827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)

```

Plex: /node\_A\_2\_data01\_mirrored/plex4 (offline, failed, inactive, pool1)

RAID Group /node\_A\_2\_data01\_mirrored/plex4/rg0 (partial, none checksums)

					Usable
Physical					
Position	Disk	Pool	Type	RPM	Size
Size	Status				
-----					
-----					
dparity	FAILED	-	-	-	827.7GB
- (failed)					
parity	FAILED	-	-	-	827.7GB
- (failed)					
data	FAILED	-	-	-	827.7GB
- (failed)					
data	FAILED	-	-	-	827.7GB
- (failed)					
data	FAILED	-	-	-	827.7GB
- (failed)					

Aggregate: node\_A\_2\_data02\_unmirrored (online, raid\_dp) (block checksums)

Plex: /node\_A\_2\_data02\_unmirrored/plex0 (online, normal, active, pool0)

RAID Group /node\_A\_2\_data02\_unmirrored/plex0/rg0 (normal, block checksums)

					Usable
Physical					
Position	Disk	Pool	Type	RPM	Size
Size	Status				
-----					
-----					
dparity	2.30.12	0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)					
parity	2.30.22	0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)					
data	2.30.21	0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)					
data	2.30.20	0	BSAS	7200	827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)					

```
data      2.30.14      0      BSAS      7200      827.7GB
828.0GB (normal)
15 entries were displayed.
```

7. Verify that the data is being served and that all volumes are still online: `vserver show -type datanetwork interface show -fields is-home falsevolume show !vol0,!MDV*`



```

cluster_A::> vservers show -type data

cluster_A::> vservers show -type data

```

Vserver	Type	Subtype	Admin State	Operational State	Root Volume
Aggregate					
SVM1	data	sync-source		running	SVM1_root
node_A_1_data01_mirrored					
SVM2	data	sync-source		running	SVM2_root
node_A_1_data01_mirrored					

```

cluster_A::> network interface show -fields is-home false
There are no entries matching your query.

cluster_A::> volume show !vol0,!MDV*

```

Vserver	Volume	Aggregate	State	Type	Size
Available	Used%				
SVM1					
	SVM1_root	node_A_1data01_mirrored	online	RW	10GB
9.50GB	5%				
SVM1					
	SVM1_data_vol	node_A_1data01_mirrored	online	RW	10GB
9.49GB	5%				
SVM2					
	SVM2_root	node_A_1data01_mirrored	online	RW	10GB
9.49GB	5%				
SVM2					
	SVM2_data_vol	node_A_2_data02_unmirrored	online	RW	1GB
972.6MB	5%				

## 8. Physically power on the shelf.

Resynchronization starts automatically.

9. Verify that resynchronization has started: `storage aggregate show`

The affected aggregate should have a `resyncing` RAID status, as shown in the following example:

```
cluster_A::> storage aggregate show
cluster Aggregates:
Aggregate      Size Available Used% State  #Vols  Nodes
RAID Status
-----
node_A_1_data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      3.40TB   18% online      3 node_A_1
raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal
node_A_1_root
      707.7GB      34.29GB   95% online      1 node_A_1
raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal
node_A_2_data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      4.12TB    1% online      2 node_A_2
raid_dp,
resyncing
node_A_2_data02_unmirrored
      2.18TB      2.18TB    0% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,
normal
node_A_2_root
      707.7GB      34.27GB   95% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,
resyncing
```

10. Monitor the aggregate to confirm that resynchronization is complete: `storage aggregate show`

The affected aggregate should have a `normal` RAID status, as shown in the following example:

```

cluster_A::> storage aggregate show
cluster Aggregates:
Aggregate      Size Available Used% State  #Vols  Nodes
RAID Status
-----
node_A_1data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      3.40TB    18% online      3 node_A_1
raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal
node_A_1root
      707.7GB      34.29GB    95% online      1 node_A_1
raid_dp,
mirrored,
normal
node_A_2_data01_mirrored
      4.15TB      4.12TB     1% online      2 node_A_2
raid_dp,
normal
node_A_2_data02_unmirrored
      2.18TB      2.18TB     0% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,
normal
node_A_2_root
      707.7GB      34.27GB    95% online      1 node_A_2
raid_dp,
resyncing

```

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