

Configuring the clusters into a MetroCluster configuration

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Configuring the clusters into a MetroCluster configuration

You must peer the clusters, mirror the root aggregates, create a mirrored data aggregate, and then issue the command to implement the MetroCluster operations.

Configuring intercluster LIFs

You must create intercluster LIFs on ports used for communication between the MetroCluster partner clusters. You can use dedicated ports or ports that also have data traffic.

Configuring intercluster LIFs on dedicated ports

You can configure intercluster LIFs on dedicated ports. Doing so typically increases the available bandwidth for replication traffic.

Steps

1. List the ports in the cluster:

network port show

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows the network ports in cluster01:

cluste	r01::> net	work port show	Ñ			
						Speed
(Mbps)						
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
cluste	r01-01					
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	eOf	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
cluste	r01-02					
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	eOf	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

2. Determine which ports are available to dedicate to intercluster communication:

network interface show -fields home-port, curr-port

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that ports e0e and e0f have not been assigned LIFs:

```
cluster01::> network interface show -fields home-port,curr-port
vserver lif
                       home-port curr-port
-----
Cluster cluster01-01 clus1 e0a
                              e0a
Cluster cluster01-01 clus2 e0b
                              e0b
Cluster cluster01-02 clus1 e0a
                               e0a
Cluster cluster01-02 clus2 e0b
                              e0b
cluster01
      cluster mgmt
                      e0c e0c
cluster01
      cluster01-01 mgmt1 e0c
                               e0c
cluster01
      cluster01-02 mgmt1
                       e0c
                               e0c
```

3. Create a failover group for the dedicated ports:

network interface failover-groups create -vserver system_SVM -failover-group failover group -targets physical or logical ports

The following example assigns ports e0e and e0f to the failover group intercluster01 on the system SVMcluster01:

```
cluster01::> network interface failover-groups create -vserver cluster01
-failover-group
intercluster01 -targets
cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f, cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f
```

4. Verify that the failover group was created:

network interface failover-groups show

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

		Failover	
Vserver	Group	Targets	
 Cluster			
	Cluster		
		cluster01-01:e0a,	cluster01-01:e0b,
		cluster01-02:e0a,	cluster01-02:e0b
cluster01			
	Default		
		cluster01-01:e0c,	cluster01-01:e0d,
		cluster01-02:e0c,	cluster01-02:e0d,
		cluster01-01:e0e,	cluster01-01:e0f
		cluster01-02:e0e,	cluster01-02:e0f
	intercluster01		
		cluster01-01:e0e,	cluster01-01:e0f
		cluster01-02:e0e,	cluster01-02:e0f

5. Create intercluster LIFs on the system SVM and assign them to the failover group.

ONTAP version	Command
9.6 and later	network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -service-policy default-intercluster -home-node node -home -port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask -failover -group failover_group

9.5 and earlier network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -role intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask -failover-group failover_group

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates intercluster LIFs <code>cluster01_icl01</code> and <code>cluster01_icl02</code> in the failover group intercluster01:

```
cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl01 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-01 -home-port e0e
-address 192.168.1.201
-netmask 255.255.255.0 -failover-group intercluster01

cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl02 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-02 -home-port e0e
-address 192.168.1.202
-netmask 255.255.255.0 -failover-group intercluster01
```

6. Verify that the intercluster LIFs were created:

```
In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

network interface show -role intercluster
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

7. Verify that the intercluster LIFs are redundant:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later: network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier: network interface show -role intercluster -failover

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that the intercluster LIFs <code>cluster01_icl01</code> and <code>cluster01_icl02</code> on the SVMe0e port will fail over to the e0f port.

cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover Failover Logical Home Failover Vserver Interface Node:Port Policy Group cluster01 cluster01 icl01 cluster01-01:e0e local-only intercluster01 Failover Targets: cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f cluster01 icl02 cluster01-02:e0e local-only intercluster01 Failover Targets: cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f

Configuring intercluster LIFs on shared data ports

You can configure intercluster LIFs on ports shared with the data network. Doing so reduces the number of ports you need for intercluster networking.

Steps

1. List the ports in the cluster:

```
network port show
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows the network ports in cluster01:

cluste	r01::> net	work port show	W			
						Speed
(Mbps)						
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
cluste	r01-01					
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
cluste	r01-02					
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

2. Create intercluster LIFs on the system SVM:

In ONTAP 9.6 and later: network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -service-policy default-intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier: network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -role intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask *netmask

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates intercluster LIFs <code>cluster01_icl01</code> and <code>cluster01_icl02</code>:

```
cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl01 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-01 -home-port e0c
-address 192.168.1.201
-netmask 255.255.255.0

cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl02 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-02 -home-port e0c
-address 192.168.1.202
-netmask 255.255.255.0
```

3. Verify that the intercluster LIFs were created:

```
In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

network interface show -role intercluster
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

4. Verify that the intercluster LIFs are redundant:

```
In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover
```

```
In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

network interface show -role intercluster -failover
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that the intercluster LIFs <code>cluster01_icl01</code> and <code>cluster01_icl02</code> on the <code>e0c</code> port will fail over to the <code>e0d</code> port.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
-failover
       Logical
                   Home
                                       Failover
                                                   Failover
Vserver Interface
                   Node:Port
                                      Policy
                                                   Group
cluster01
       cluster01 icl01 cluster01-01:e0c local-only
192.168.1.201/24
                       Failover Targets: cluster01-01:e0c,
                                     cluster01-01:e0d
       cluster01 icl02 cluster01-02:e0c local-only
192.168.1.201/24
                       Failover Targets: cluster01-02:e0c,
                                      cluster01-02:e0d
```

Mirroring the root aggregates

You must mirror the root aggregates to provide data protection.

By default, the root aggregate is created as RAID-DP type aggregate. You can change the root aggregate from RAID-DP to RAID4 type aggregate. The following command modifies the root aggregate for RAID4 type aggregate:

```
storage aggregate modify -aggregate aggr_name -raidtype raid4
```



On non-ADP systems, the RAID type of the aggregate can be modified from the default RAID-DP to RAID4 before or after the aggregate is mirrored.

Steps

1. Mirror the root aggregate:

```
storage aggregate mirror aggr_name
```

The following command mirrors the root aggregate for controller A 1:

```
controller_A_1::> storage aggregate mirror aggr0_controller_A_1
```

This mirrors the aggregate, so it consists of a local plex and a remote plex located at the remote MetroCluster site.

2. Repeat the previous step for each node in the MetroCluster configuration.

Implementing the MetroCluster configuration

You must run the metrocluster configure -refresh true command to start data protection on the nodes that you have added to a MetroCluster configuration.

You issue the metrocluster configure -refresh true command once, on one of the newly added nodes, to refresh the MetroCluster configuration. You do not need to issue the command on each of the sites or nodes.

The metrocluster configure -refresh true command automatically pairs the two nodes with the lowest system IDs in each of the two clusters as disaster recovery (DR) partners. In a four-node MetroCluster configuration, there are two DR partner pairs. The second DR pair is created from the two nodes with higher system IDs.

Steps

- 1. Refresh the MetroCluster configuration:
 - a. Enter advanced privilege mode:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

b. Refresh the MetroCluster configuration on one of the new nodes:

```
metrocluster configure -refresh true
```

The following example shows the MetroCluster configuration refreshed on both DR groups:

```
controller_A_2::*> metrocluster configure -refresh true
[Job 726] Job succeeded: Configure is successful.
```

```
controller_A_4::*> metrocluster configure -refresh true
[Job 740] Job succeeded: Configure is successful.
```

c. Return to admin privilege mode:

```
set -privilege admin
```

2. Verify the networking status on site A:

```
network port show
```

The following example shows the network port usage on a four-node MetroCluster configuration:

						Speed (Mbps)
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
contro	oller_A_1					
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	eOf	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0g	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
contro	oller_A_2					
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	eOf	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0g	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

- 3. Verify the MetroCluster configuration from both sites in the MetroCluster configuration:
 - a. Verify the configuration from site A:

metrocluster show

b. Verify the configuration from site B:

metrocluster show

Creating a mirrored data aggregate on each node

You must create a mirrored data aggregate on each node in the DR group.

- You should know what drives will be used in the new aggregate.
- If you have multiple drive types in your system (heterogeneous storage), you should understand how you can ensure that the correct drive type is selected.
- Drives are owned by a specific node; when you create an aggregate, all drives in that aggregate must be owned by the same node, which becomes the home node for that aggregate.

In systems using ADP, aggregates are created using partitions in which each drive is partitioned in to P1, P2 and P3 partitions.

 Aggregate names should conform to the naming scheme you determined when you planned your MetroCluster configuration.

Disk and aggregate management

1. Display a list of available spares:

```
storage disk show -spare -owner node_name
```

2. Create the aggregate by using the storage aggregate create -mirror true command.

If you are logged in to the cluster on the cluster management interface, you can create an aggregate on any node in the cluster. To ensure that the aggregate is created on a specific node, use the -node parameter or specify drives that are owned by that node.

You can specify the following options:

- Aggregate's home node (that is, the node that owns the aggregate in normal operation)
- List of specific drives that are to be added to the aggregate
- Number of drives to include



In the minimum supported configuration, in which a limited number of drives are available, you must use the force-small-aggregate option to allow the creation of a three disk RAID-DP aggregate.

- Checksum style to use for the aggregate
- Type of drives to use
- Size of drives to use
- Drive speed to use
- RAID type for RAID groups on the aggregate
- Maximum number of drives that can be included in a RAID group
- Whether drives with different RPM are allowed For more information about these options, see the storage aggregate create man page.

The following command creates a mirrored aggregate with 10 disks:

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```
cluster_A::> storage aggregate create aggr1_node_A_1 -diskcount 10 -node
node_A_1 -mirror true
[Job 15] Job is queued: Create aggr1_node_A_1.
[Job 15] The job is starting.
[Job 15] Job succeeded: DONE
```

1. Verify the RAID group and drives of your new aggregate:

```
storage aggregate show-status -aggregate aggregate-name
```

Configuring FC-to-SAS bridges for health monitoring

- Third-party SNMP monitoring tools are not supported for FibreBridge bridges.
- Starting with ONTAP 9.8, FC-to-SAS bridges are monitored via in-band connections by default, and additional configuration is not required.



Starting with ONTAP 9.8, the storage bridge command is replaced with system bridge. The following steps show the storage bridge command, but if you are running ONTAP 9.8 or later, the system bridge command is preferred.

Steps

- 1. From the ONTAP cluster prompt, add the bridge to health monitoring:
 - a. Add the bridge, using the command for your version of ONTAP:

ONTAP version	Command
9.5 and later	storage bridge add -address 0.0.0.0 -managed-by in-band -name bridge-name

ONTAP version	Command		
9.4 and earlier	storage bridge add -address bridge- ip-address -name bridge-name		

b. Verify that the bridge has been added and is properly configured:

```
storage bridge show
```

It might take as long as 15 minutes to reflect all data because of the polling interval. The ONTAP health monitor can contact and monitor the bridge if the value in the **Status** column is **ok**, and other information, such as the worldwide name (WWN), is displayed.

The following example shows that the FC-to-SAS bridges are configured:

```
controller A 1::> storage bridge show
Bridge Symbolic Name Is Monitored Monitor Status
Vendor Model
                      Bridge WWN
ATTO 10.10.20.10 atto01 true
                                   ok
                                                   Atto
FibreBridge 7500N 20000010867038c0
ATTO 10.10.20.11 atto02 true
                                    ok
                                                 Atto
FibreBridge 7500N 20000010867033c0
ATTO 10.10.20.12 atto03 true
                                     ok
                                                   Atto
FibreBridge 7500N 20000010867030c0
ATTO 10.10.20.13 atto04 true
                                                 Atto
                                     ok
FibreBridge 7500N 2000001086703b80
4 entries were displayed
controller A 1::>
```

Moving a metadata volume in MetroCluster configurations

You can move a metadata volume from one aggregate to another aggregate in a MetroCluster configuration. You might want to move a metadata volume when the source aggregate is decommissioned or unmirrored, or for other reasons that make the aggregate ineligible.

- You must have cluster administrator privileges to perform this task.
- The target aggregate must be mirrored and should not be in the degraded state.
- The available space in the target aggregate must be larger than the metadata volume that you are moving.

Steps

1. Set the privilege level to advanced:

set -privilege advanced

2. Identify the metadata volume that should be moved:

volume show MDV CRS*

```
Cluster_A::*> volume show MDV_CRS*
Vserver Volume
                 Aggregate State
                                      Type Size
Available Used%
_____
Cluster A
         MDV CRS 14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1 A
                     Node A 1 aggr1
                                online RW
                                                    10GB
9.50GB
         5%
Cluster A
         MDV CRS 14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1 B
                     Node A 2 aggr1
                                 online
                                          RW
                                                    10GB
9.50GB
         5%
Cluster A
         MDV CRS_15035e66c9f311e7902700a098439625 A
                     Node B 1 aggr1
                                           RW
Cluster A
         MDV CRS 15035e66c9f311e7902700a098439625 B
                     Node B 2 aggr1
                                           RW
4 entries were displayed.
Cluster A::>
```

3. Identify an eligible target aggregate:

```
metrocluster check config-replication show-aggregate-eligibility
```

The following command identifies the aggregates in cluster_A that are eligible to host metadata volumes:

```
Cluster_A::*> metrocluster check config-replication show-aggregate-eligibility

Aggregate Hosted Config Replication Vols Host Addl Vols Comments

------

Node_A_1_aggr0 - false Root Aggregate

Node_A_2_aggr0 - false Root Aggregate

Node_A_1_aggr1 MDV_CRS_1bc7134a5ddf11e3b63f123478563412_A true -

Node_A_2_aggr1 MDV_CRS_1bc7134a5ddf11e3b63f123478563412_B true -

Node_A_1_aggr2 - true

Node_A_2_aggr2 - true

Node_A_2_aggr2 - true

Node_A_1_aggr3 - false Unable to determine available space of aggregate

Node_A_1_aggr5 - false Unable to determine mirror configuration

Node_A_2_aggr6 - false Mirror configuration does not match requirement

Node_B_1_aggr4 - false NonLocal Aggregate
```



In the previous example, Node_A_1_aggr2 and Node_A_2_aggr2 are eligible.

4. Start the volume move operation:

volume move start -vserver svm_name -volume metadata_volume_name -destination
-aggregate destination aggregate name

The following command moves metadata volume MDV_CRS_14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1 from aggregate Node_A_1_aggr1 to aggregate Node_A_1_aggr2:

5. Verify the state of the volume move operation:

```
volume move show -volume vol constituent name
```

6. Return to the admin privilege level:

```
set -privilege admin
```

Checking the MetroCluster configuration

You can check that the components and relationships in the MetroCluster configuration are working correctly. You should do a check after initial configuration and after making any changes to the MetroCluster configuration. You should also do a check before a negotiated (planned) switchover or a switchback operation.

If the metrocluster check run command is issued twice within a short time on either or both clusters, a conflict can occur and the command might not collect all data. Subsequent metrocluster check show commands do not show the expected output.

Steps

1. Check the configuration:

```
metrocluster check run
```

The command runs as a background job and might not be completed immediately.

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check run
The operation has been started and is running in the background. Wait
for
it to complete and run "metrocluster check show" to view the results. To
check the status of the running metrocluster check operation, use the
command,
"metrocluster operation history show -job-id 2245"
```

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check show
Last Checked On: 9/13/2018 20:41:37

Component Result
------
nodes ok
lifs ok
config-replication ok
aggregates ok
clusters ok
connections ok
6 entries were displayed.
```

2. Display more detailed results from the most recent metrocluster check run command:

```
metrocluster check aggregate show

metrocluster check cluster show

metrocluster check config-replication show

metrocluster check lif show

metrocluster check node show
```

The metrocluster check show commands show the results of the most recent metrocluster check run command. You should always run the metrocluster check run command prior to using the metrocluster check show commands so that the information displayed is current.

The following example shows the metrocluster check aggregate show command output for a healthy four-node MetroCluster configuration:

```
Cluster_A::> metrocluster check aggregate show

Last Checked On: 8/5/2014 00:42:58

Node Aggregate Check
Result
------
controller_A_1 controller_A_1_aggr0
mirroring-status

ok
disk-pool-allocation

ok
ownership-state
```

	controller_A_1_aggr1	
ok		mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
	controller_A_1_aggr2	mirroring-status
ok		-
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
controller_A_2	controller_A_2_aggr0	mirroring-status
ok		-
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
	controller_A_2_aggr1	mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		
ok		ownership-state
	controller_A_2_aggr2	mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
ok		ownersurb_scare
18 entries were disp	layed.	

The following example shows the metrocluster check cluster show command output for a healthy four-node MetroCluster configuration. It indicates that the clusters are ready to perform a negotiated switchover if necessary.

Cluster	Check	Result
mccint-fas9000-0102		
	negotiated-switchover-ready	not-applicable
	switchback-ready	not-applicable
	job-schedules	ok
	licenses	ok
	periodic-check-enabled	ok
mccint-fas9000-0304		
	negotiated-switchover-ready	not-applicable
	switchback-ready	not-applicable
	job-schedules	ok
	licenses	ok
	periodic-check-enabled	ok

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