



Preparing cluster ports on an existing controller module

ONTAP MetroCluster

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Before installing a new controller module, you must configure cluster ports on the existing controller module so that the cluster ports can provide cluster communication with the new controller module.

If you are creating a two-node switchless cluster (with no cluster network switches), you must enable the switchless cluster networking mode.

For detailed information about port, LIF, and network configuration in ONTAP, see the [Network Management Guide](#).

Steps

1. Determine which ports should be used as the node's cluster ports.

For a list of the default port roles for your platform, see the [Hardware Universe](#)

The *Installation and Setup Instructions* for your platform on the NetApp Support Site contains information about the ports for cluster network connections.

2. For each cluster port, identify the port roles: **network port show**

In the following example, ports e0a, e0b, e0c, and e0d must be changed to cluster ports:

```
cluster_A::> network port show
```

```
Node: controller_A_1
```

```
Speed(Mbps) Health
```

Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper	Status
e0M	Default	mgmt_bd_1500	up	1500	auto/1000	healthy
e0a	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e0b	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e0i	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10	-
e0j	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10	-
e0k	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10	-
e0l	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10	-
e2a	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e2b	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e4a	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e4b	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy

```
13 entries were displayed.
```

3. For any data LIF that is using a cluster port as the home-port or current-port, modify the LIF to use a data port as its home-port: **network interface modify**

The following example changes the home port of a data LIF to a data port:

```
cluster1::> network interface modify -lif datalif1 -vserver vs1 -home
-port e1b
```

4. For each LIF that you modified, revert the LIF to its new home port: **network interface revert**

The following example reverts the LIF datalif1 to its new home port e1b:

```
cluster1::> network interface revert -lif datalif1 -vserver vs1
```

5. Remove any VLAN ports using cluster ports as member ports and ifgrps using cluster ports as member ports.

- a. Delete VLAN ports:

network port vlan delete -node *node-name* -vlan-name *portid-vlandid*

For example:

```
network port vlan delete -node node1 -vlan-name e1c-80
```

- b. Remove physical ports from the interface groups:

network port ifgrp remove-port -node *node-name* -ifgrp *interface-group-name* -port *portid*

For example:

```
network port ifgrp remove-port -node node1 -ifgrp ala -port e0d
```

- c. Remove VLAN and interface group ports from broadcast domain::

network port broadcast-domain remove-ports -ipspace *ipspace* -broadcast -domain *broadcast-domain-name* -ports *nodename:portname,nodename:portname,..

- d. Modify interface group ports to use other physical ports as member as needed.:

ifgrp add-port -node *node-name* -ifgrp *interface-group-name* -port *port-id

6. Verify that the port roles have changed: **network port show**

The following example shows that ports e0a, e0b, e0c, and e0d are now cluster ports:

Node: controller_A_1

Speed(Mbps) Health

Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper	Status
e0M	Default	mgmt_bd_1500	up	1500	auto/1000	healthy
e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
e0c	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
e0d	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
e0i	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10 -	
e0j	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10 -	
e0k	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10 -	
e0l	Default	Default	down	1500	auto/10 -	
e2a	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e2b	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e4a	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy
e4b	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/10000	healthy

13 entries were displayed.

7. If your system is part of a switched cluster, create cluster LIFs on the cluster ports: **network interface create**

The following example creates a cluster LIF on one of the node's cluster ports. The **-auto** parameter configures the LIF to use a link-local IP address.

```
cluster1::> network interface create -vserver Cluster -lif clus1 -role
cluster -home-node node0 -home-port e1a -auto true
```

8. If you are creating a two-node switchless cluster, enable the switchless cluster networking mode:

- a. Change to the advanced privilege level from either node:

set -privilege advanced

You can respond **y** when prompted whether you want to continue into advanced mode. The advanced mode prompt appears (***>**).

- b. Enable the switchless cluster networking mode: **network options switchless-cluster modify -enabled true**

- c. Return to the admin privilege level: **set -privilege admin**



Cluster interface creation for the existing node in a two-node switchless cluster system is completed after cluster setup is completed through a netboot on the new controller module.

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