



Expanding a four-node MetroCluster FC configuration to an eight-node configuration

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Expanding a four-node MetroCluster FC configuration to an eight-node MetroCluster FC configuration involves adding two controllers to each cluster to form a second HA pair at each MetroCluster site, and then running the MetroCluster FC configuration operation.

- The nodes must be running ONTAP 9 in a MetroCluster FC configuration.

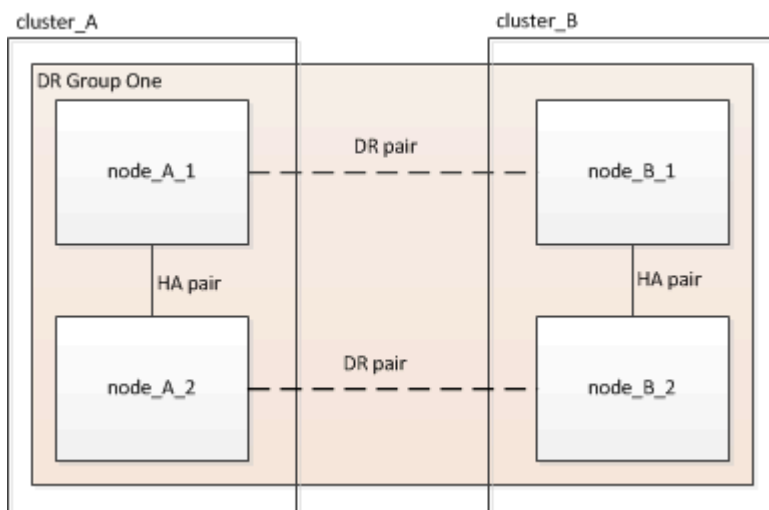
This procedure is not supported on earlier versions of ONTAP or in MetroCluster IP configurations.

- The existing MetroCluster FC configuration must be healthy.
- The equipment you are adding must be supported and meet all the requirements described in the *Fabric-attached MetroCluster Installation and Configuration Guide*.

[Fabric-attached MetroCluster installation and configuration](#)

- You must have available FC switch ports to accommodate the new controllers and any new bridges.
- You need the admin password and access to an FTP or SCP server.
- This procedure applies only to MetroCluster FC configurations.
- This procedure is nondisruptive and takes approximately one day to complete (excluding rack and stack) when disks are zeroed.

Before performing this procedure, the MetroCluster FC configuration consists of four nodes, with one HA pair at each site:



At the conclusion of this procedure, the MetroCluster FC configuration consists of two HA pairs at each site:



Both sites must be expanded equally. A MetroCluster FC configuration cannot consist of an uneven number of nodes.

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