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Cluster setup workflows

After installing the hardware, you should use System Setup whenever possible to set up the cluster. However, if System Setup does not support your configuration, you can use the CLI.

Related information

NetApp Documentation: System Setup (current releases)
Setting up the cluster

Setting up the cluster involves setting up each node, creating the cluster on the first node, and joining any remaining nodes to the cluster.

Steps

1. **Completing the cluster setup worksheet** on page 6
   The cluster setup worksheet enables you to record the values that you need during the cluster setup process. If a default value is provided, you can use that value or else enter your own.

2. **Creating the cluster on the first node** on page 12
   You use the Cluster Setup wizard to create the cluster on the first node. The wizard helps you to configure the cluster network that connects the nodes (if the cluster consists of two or more nodes), create the cluster admin Storage Virtual Machine (SVM), add feature license keys, and create the node management interface for the first node.

3. **Joining a node to the cluster** on page 14
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   Before you configure high-severity EMS event notifications, you need to decide whether to send the notifications to an email address, a syslog server, or an SNMP traphost.

Completing the cluster setup worksheet

The cluster setup worksheet enables you to record the values that you need during the cluster setup process. If a default value is provided, you can use that value or else enter your own.

**System defaults (for clusters configured to use network switches)**

The system defaults are the default values for the private cluster network. It is best to use these default values. However, if they do not meet your requirements, you can use the table to record your own values.

You only need to consider the system defaults for clusters that are connected using network switches. Single-node clusters and two-node switchless clusters do not use a cluster network.
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<td>Cluster interface IP addresses (for each cluster network port on each node)</td>
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### Cluster information

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<td>The name must begin with a letter, and it must be fewer than 44 characters. The name can include the following special characters:</td>
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<td>Cluster base license key</td>
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<tr>
<td>The cluster base license key is not required to complete setup. However, it must be installed before you can install any feature licenses.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>To find your cluster base license key:</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Go to the the NetApp Support Site.</td>
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<td>2. Click My Support &gt; Software Licenses.</td>
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## Feature license keys

You can find license keys for your initial or add-on software orders at the NetApp Support Site under **My Support > Software Licenses**.

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## Admin Storage Virtual Machine (SVM)

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The password for the admin account that the cluster requires before granting cluster administrator access to the console or through a secure protocol.

The default rules for passwords are as follows:

- A password must be at least eight characters long.
- A password must contain at least one letter and one number.
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<td>Cluster management interface port</td>
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<td>The physical port that is connected to the data network and enables the cluster administrator to manage the cluster.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cluster management interface IP address</td>
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<tr>
<td>A unique IPv4 or IPv6 address for the cluster management interface. The cluster administrator uses this address to access the admin SVM and manage the cluster. Typically, this address should be on the data network. You can obtain this IP address from the administrator responsible for assigning IP addresses in your organization. Example: 192.0.2.66</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cluster management interface netmask (IPv4)</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>The subnet mask that defines the range of valid IPv4 addresses on the cluster management network. Example: 255.255.255.0</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cluster management interface netmask length (IPv6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>If the cluster management interface uses an IPv6 address, then this value represents the prefix length that defines the range of valid IPv6 addresses on the cluster management network. Example: 64</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cluster management interface default gateway</td>
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<tr>
<td>The IP address for the router on the cluster management network.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DNS domain name</td>
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<tr>
<td>The name of your network's DNS domain. The domain name must consist of alphanumeric characters. To enter multiple DNS domain names, separate each name with either a comma or a space.</td>
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<td>A description of the physical location of the controller. Use a description that identifies where to find this node in the cluster (for example, “Lab 5, Row 7, Rack B”).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Node management interface port</td>
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<tr>
<td>The physical port that is connected to the node management network and enables the cluster administrator to manage the node.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Node management interface IP address</td>
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<tr>
<td>A unique IPv4 or IPv6 address for the node management interface on the management network. If you defined the node management interface port to be a data port, then this IP address should be a unique IP address on the data network. You can obtain this IP address from the administrator responsible for assigning IP addresses in your organization. Example: 192.0.2.66</td>
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<td>Node management interface netmask (IPv4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>The subnet mask that defines the range of valid IP addresses on the node management network. If you defined the node management interface port to be a data port, then the netmask should be the subnet mask for the data network. Example: 255.255.255.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>The IP address for the router on the node management network.</td>
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<tr>
<td>System configuration backup destination address (single-node clusters only)</td>
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<tr>
<td>The remote URL where the cluster configuration backups will be uploaded. You can specify either an HTTP or FTP address. <strong>Note:</strong> The web server that serves the remote URL must have PUT operations enabled.</td>
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<tr>
<td>User name for the configuration backup destination address (single-node clusters only)</td>
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<tr>
<td>The user name required to log in to the remote URL and upload the configuration backup file.</td>
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<td>Password for the configuration backup destination address (single-node clusters only)</td>
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<td>The password for the remote URL, if the user name requires a password.</td>
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### NTP server information

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<td>NTP server addresses</td>
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<td>The IP addresses of the Network Time Protocol (NTP) servers at your site. These servers are used to synchronize the time across the cluster.</td>
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Creating the cluster on the first node

You use the Cluster Setup wizard to create the cluster on the first node. The wizard helps you to configure the cluster network that connects the nodes (if the cluster consists of two or more nodes), create the cluster admin Storage Virtual Machine (SVM), add feature license keys, and create the node management interface for the first node.

Before you begin

The cluster setup worksheet should be completed, the storage system hardware should be installed and cabled, and the console should be connected to the node on which you intend to create the cluster.

Steps

1. Power on the first node.

   The node boots, and then the Node Setup wizard starts on the console, informing you that AutoSupport will be enabled automatically.

   Welcome to node setup.

   You can enter the following commands at any time:
   "help" or "?" - if you want to have a question clarified,
   "back" - if you want to change previously answered questions, and
   "exit" or "quit" - if you want to quit the setup wizard.
   Any changes you made before quitting will be saved.

   To accept a default or omit a question, do not enter a value.

   This system will send event messages and weekly reports to NetApp Technical Support. To disable this feature, enter "autosupport modify -support disable"
   within 24 hours. Enabling AutoSupport can significantly speed problem determination and resolution should a problem occur on your system. For
   further information on AutoSupport, see:
   http://support.netapp.com/autosupport/

   Type yes to confirm and continue {yes}:

2. Exit the Node Setup wizard:

   exit
The Node Setup wizard enables you to configure the node's node management interface for use with System Setup. You do not need to use the Node Setup wizard if you are setting up the cluster in the CLI.

The Node Setup wizard exits, and a login prompt appears, warning that you have not completed the setup tasks:

```
Exiting the node setup wizard. Any changes you made have been saved.
Warning: You have exited the node setup wizard before completing all of the tasks. The node is not configured. You can complete node setup by typing "node setup" in the command line interface.
login:
```

3. Log in to the admin account by using the admin user name.

4. Start the Cluster Setup wizard:
   
   `cluster setup`
   
   `::> cluster setup`
   
   Welcome to the cluster setup wizard.
   
   You can enter the following commands at any time:
   - "help" or "?" - if you want to have a question clarified,
   - "back" - if you want to change previously answered questions, and
   - "exit" or "quit" - if you want to quit the cluster setup wizard.
     Any changes you made before quitting will be saved.
   
   You can return to cluster setup at any time by typing "cluster setup".
   To accept a default or omit a question, do not enter a value.

   Do you want to create a new cluster or join an existing cluster?
   {create, join}:
   
5. Create a new cluster:
   
   `create`
   
6. Accept the system defaults or enter your own values:
   
   - To accept the system defaults, press Enter.
   - To enter your own values, type `no`, and then press Enter.
   
7. Follow the prompts to complete the Cluster Setup wizard:
   
   - To accept the default value for a prompt, press Enter.
The default values are determined automatically based on your platform and network configuration.

- To enter your own value for the prompt, enter the value, and then press Enter.

8. After the **Cluster Setup** wizard is completed and exits, verify that the cluster is active and the first node is healthy:

   `cluster show`

**Example**

The following example shows a cluster in which the first node (cluster1-01) is healthy and eligible to participate:

```
cluster1::> cluster show
Node                  Health  Eligibility
--------------------- ------- ------------
cluster1-01           true    true
```

You can access the Cluster Setup wizard to change any of the values you entered for the admin SVM or node SVM by using the `cluster setup` command.

**After you finish**

If the cluster consists of two or more nodes, you should join each remaining node to the cluster.

### Joining a node to the cluster

After creating a new cluster, you use the Cluster Setup wizard to join each remaining node to the cluster one at a time. The wizard helps you to configure each node's node management interface.

**Before you begin**

The cluster must be created on the first node.

**About this task**

You can only join one node to the cluster at a time. When you start to join a node to the cluster, you must complete the join, and the node must be part of the cluster before you can start to join the next node.

**Steps**

1. Power on the node.

   The node boots, and then the Node Setup wizard starts on the console, informing you that AutoSupport will be enabled automatically.
Welcome to node setup.

You can enter the following commands at any time:
  "help" or "?" - if you want to have a question clarified,
  "back" - if you want to change previously answered questions, and
  "exit" or "quit" - if you want to quit the setup wizard.
  Any changes you made before quitting will be saved.

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For further information on AutoSupport, see:
http://support.netapp.com/autosupport/

Type yes to confirm and continue {yes}:

2. Exit the Node Setup wizard:

  exit

The Node Setup wizard exits, and a login prompt appears, warning that you have not completed the setup tasks:

Exiting the node setup wizard. Any changes you made have been saved.

Warning: You have exited the node setup wizard before completing all of the tasks. The node is not configured. You can complete node setup by typing
"node setup" in the command line interface.

login:

3. Log in to the admin account by using the admin user name.

4. Start the Cluster Setup wizard:

  cluster setup

  ::> cluster setup

Welcome to the cluster setup wizard.

You can enter the following commands at any time:
  "help" or "?" - if you want to have a question clarified,
  "back" - if you want to change previously answered questions, and
"exit" or "quit" - if you want to quit the cluster setup wizard. Any changes you made before quitting will be saved.

You can return to cluster setup at any time by typing "cluster setup". To accept a default or omit a question, do not enter a value.

Do you want to create a new cluster or join an existing cluster? {create, join}:

5. Join the node to the cluster:

   join

6. Follow the prompts to set up the node and join it to the cluster:
   • To accept the default value for a prompt, press Enter.
   • To enter your own value for the prompt, enter the value, and then press Enter.

7. After the Cluster Setup wizard is completed and exits, verify that the node is healthy and eligible to participate in the cluster:

   cluster show

Example

The following example shows a cluster after the second node (cluster1-02) has been joined to the cluster:

```
cluster1::> cluster show
Node                  Health  Eligibility
--------------------- ------- ------------
cluster1-01           true    true
cluster1-02           true    true
```

You can access the Cluster Setup wizard to change any of the values you entered for the admin SVM or node SVM by using the `cluster setup` command.

8. Repeat this task for each remaining node.

**Synchronizing the system time across the cluster**

Synchronizing the time ensures that every node in the cluster has the same time, and prevents CIFS and Kerberos failures.

**Before you begin**

A Network Time Protocol (NTP) server should be set up at your site.
About this task

You synchronize the time across the cluster by associating the cluster with one or more NTP servers.

Steps

1. Verify that the system time and time zone is set correctly for each node.

   All nodes in the cluster should be set to the same time zone.

   a. Use the `cluster date show` command to display the current date, time, and time zone for each node.

      **Example**

      ```
      cluster1::> cluster date show
      Node         Date                Time zone
      ------------ ------------------- -----------------
      cluster1-01  01/06/2015 09:35:15 America/New_York
      cluster1-02  01/06/2015 09:35:15 America/New_York
      cluster1-03  01/06/2015 09:35:15 America/New_York
      cluster1-04  01/06/2015 09:35:15 America/New_York
      4 entries were displayed.
      ```

   b. Optional: Use the `cluster date modify` command to change the date or time zone for all of the nodes.

      **Example**

      This example changes the time zone for the cluster to be GMT:

      ```
      cluster1::> cluster date modify -timezone GMT
      ```

2. Use the `cluster time-service ntp server create` command to associate the cluster with your NTP server.

   **Example**

   This example assumes that DNS has been configured for the cluster. If you have not configured DNS, you must specify the IP address of the NTP server:

   ```
   cluster1::> cluster time-service ntp server create -server ntp1.example.com
   ```

3. Verify that the cluster is associated with an NTP server:

   ```
   cluster time-service ntp server show
   ```
Example

```bash
cluster1::> cluster time-service ntp server show
Server               Version
---------------------  -----------
ntp1.example.com     auto
```

Related information

*Clustered Data ONTAP 8.3 System Administration Guide for Cluster Administrators*

Deciding where to send high-severity event notifications

Before you configure high-severity EMS event notifications, you need to decide whether to send the notifications to a email address, a syslog server, or an SNMP traphost.

**About this task**

If your environment already contains a syslog server for aggregating the logged events from other systems, such as servers and applications, then it is easier to use that syslog server also for high-severity event notifications from storage systems.

If your environment does not already contain a syslog server, then it is easier to use email for high-severity event notifications.

If you already forward event notifications to an SNMP traphost, then you might want to monitor that traphost for high-severity events.

**Note:** SNMP supports only a small subset of the high-severity events. The Technical Report *NetApp Technical Report 4220: SNMP Support in Data ONTAP 8.2.x and Data ONTAP 8.3.x* contains lists of all default events that are supported by SNMP.

**Choices**

- If you want the EMS to send high-severity event notifications to an email address, see *Configuring high-severity EMS events to send email notifications* on page 19.

- If you want the EMS to forward high-severity event notifications to a syslog server, see *Configuring high-severity EMS events to forward notifications to a syslog server* on page 20.

- If you want the EMS to forward event notifications to an SNMP traphost, see *Configuring SNMP traphosts to receive event notifications* on page 21.
Configuring high-severity EMS events to send email notifications

To receive email notifications of the most severe events, you must configure the EMS to send email messages for the top three severity levels (Critical, Alert, Emergency) and a few additional events that signal high-severity activity.

Before you begin
DNS must be configured on the cluster to resolve the email addresses.

About this task
Before you configure the events, you must first create a dedicated email destination for the event notifications. Event email notifications are sent to configured email addresses using SMTP.

This task configures all events of severity level Critical, Alert, and Emergency. It also configures a selected group of additional events that also report high-severity activity. You must configure all these events to make sure you are notified of system issues that require prompt attention.

You can perform this task any time the cluster is running by entering the commands on the Data ONTAP command line.

Steps
1. Configure the event SMTP mail server settings:
   ```
   event config modify -mailserver mailhost@your_domain
   -mailfrom cluster_name@your_domain
   ```

2. Create an email destination for high-severity event notifications:
   ```
   event destination create -name important_events
   -mail your_email@your_domain
   ```

3. Configure all high-severity events to send email notifications.
   a. Configure all events of severity level Critical, Alert, and Emergency to send email notifications to the email address important_events that you just created:
      ```
      event route add-destinations {-severity CRITICAL|ALERT|EMERGENCY}
      -destinations important_events
      ```
   b. Configure additional high-severity events to send email notifications to important_events:
      ```
      event route add-destinations {csm.sessionFailed| secd.dns*| secd.nis*| secd.ldap*| callhome.aggr.restricted| callhome.c.fan*| callhome.carrier.fault| callhome.ch.ps.*| callhome.chassis.*| callhome.client.app.emerg| callhome.client.app.crit| callhome.client.app.alert| callhome.cpu*| callhome.hm.alert.*| callhome.netif.fatal.error| callhome.reboot*| callhome.sblade.import.susp| callhome.sblade.unavailable|
      ```
Configuring high-severity EMS events to forward notifications to a syslog server

To log notifications of the most severe events on a syslog server, you must configure the EMS to forward notifications for the top three severity levels (Critical, Alert, Emergency) and a few additional events that signal high-severity activity.

Before you begin

DNS must be configured on the cluster to resolve the syslog server name.

About this task

If your environment does not already contain a syslog server for event notifications, you must first create one. If your environment already contains a syslog server for logging events from other systems, then you might want to use that one for high-severity event notifications.

This task configures all events of severity level Critical, Alert, and Emergency. It also configures a selected group of additional events that also report high-severity activity. You must configure all these events to make sure you are notified of system issues that require prompt attention.

You can perform this task any time the cluster is running by entering the commands on the Data ONTAP command line.

Steps

1. Create a syslog server destination for high-severity events:

   ```bash
   event destination create -name syslog_ems -syslog ip_address -syslog-facility default
   ```

2. Configure all high-severity events to forward notifications to the syslog server.

   a. Configure all events of severity level Critical, Alert, and Emergency to forward notifications to the syslog server that you just created or to your existing syslog server:

   ```bash
   event route add-destinations {-severity CRITICAL|ALERT|EMERGENCY} -destinations syslog_ems
   ```

   b. Configure additional high-severity events to forward notifications to the syslog server:

   ```bash
   event route add-destinations {csm.sessionFailed| secd.dns*| secd.nis*| secd.ldap*| callhome.aggr.restricted| callhome.c.fan*| callhome.carrier.fault| callhome.ch.ps.*| callhome.chassis.*| callhome.client.app.emerg| callhome.client.app.crit| callhome.client.app.alert| callhome.cpu*| callhome.hm.alert.*| clam.takeover | clam.heartbeat.state.change} -destinations important_events
   ```
Configuring SNMP traphosts to receive event notifications

To receive event notifications on an SNMP traphost, you must configure a traphost. SNMP supports only a small subset of the top three severity level events (Critical, Alert, Emergency) and none of the additional events that signal high-severity activity.

Before you begin

- SNMP and SNMP traps must be enabled on the cluster.
  
  Note: SNMP and SNMP traps are enabled by default.

- DNS must be configured on the cluster to resolve the traphost names.

About this task

If you do not already have an SNMP traphost configured to receive event notifications (SNMP traps), you must add one.

The Technical Report NetApp Technical Report 4220: SNMP Support in Data ONTAP 8.2.x and Data ONTAP 8.3.x contains lists of all default events that are supported by SNMP.

You can perform this task any time the cluster is running by entering the commands on the Data ONTAP command line.

Step

1. If your environment does not already have an SNMP traphost configured to receive event notifications, add one:

   ```
   system snmp traphost add -peer-address snmp_traphost_name
   ```

   All event notifications that are supported by SNMP by default are forwarded to the SNMP traphost, which includes both high-severity and low-severity event notifications.
Additional system configuration tasks to complete

After setting up the cluster, you can use either OnCommand System Manager or the Data ONTAP CLI to continue configuring the cluster.

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