Alternate Control Path (ACP) capability

For maximum storage availability and stability, storage systems with DS2246 disk shelves have the option to use the ACP capability. ACP is a protocol that enables Data ONTAP® to manage and control the DS2246 disk shelf storage subsystem. It uses a separate network from the data path so that it can independently perform recovery whenever certain interruptions are detected in the data path.

To use the ACP capability, you must cable the ACP ports on the disk shelves and connect the disk shelves to the dedicated network interface on each storage system controller. At system setup, you enable ACP functionality by configuring ACP parameters. If your storage system does not have a dedicated onboard network interface for ACP, you assign one at system setup.

Standard ACP cabling rules apply to all storage systems and can be found in the DS2246 Disk Shelf Installation and Service Guide. ACP functionality, configuration, and enabling information can be found in the Data ONTAP Storage Management Guide.

Note: If at initial storage system setup you choose not to use the ACP capability, you can use it later by cabling the ACP connections and enabling ACP by running setup again.

Hot-adding disk shelves

If you are hot-adding disk shelves to an existing storage system, see the applicable document for the system requirements and procedure:

- For storage systems, see the DS4243, DS2246, DS4486, and DS4246 Disk Shelf Installation and Service Guide.
- For MetroCluster systems using SAS optical cables, see Configuring a stretch MetroCluster system with SAS disk shelves and SAS optical cables.
- For MetroCluster systems using FibreBridge 6520N bridges, see Configuring a MetroCluster system with SAS disk shelves and FibreBridge 6520N bridges.

These documents can be found on the NetApp Support Site at support.netapp.com.
1. **Ground yourself**
   Ground yourself to the storage system chassis using the grounding leash that came with your storage system. Note: You do not need to ground DS2246 disk shelves; grounding is done through the power cords.

2. **Install the disk shelf in a rack**
   If the DS2246 disk shelf did not come in a system cabinet, you must install it in an equipment rack using the four-post rail kit or the two-post telco tray kit that came with your disk shelf. See the rack installation flyer that came with the rack kit for detailed instructions.

3. **Set disk shelf IDs**
   1. Connect power cords to the disk shelf, and then turn on the power to the disk shelf. Note: Connect power supplies to different power sources for resiliency.
   2. Visually verify that the ID for each disk shelf is unique, and if not, set the disk shelf ID:
      - a. Remove the left ear cover.
      - b. Press and hold the shelf ID button until the first digit blinks.
      - c. Press the button until the correct number is displayed.
      - d. Repeat steps a and b for the second digit.
      - e. Press and hold the button until the second number stops blinking.
      - f. Power-cycle the disk shelf to make the new disk shelf ID take effect.
   For the detailed procedure, see the DS4243, DS2246, DS4486, and DS4246 Disk Shelf Installation and Service Guide.

4. **Cable the system**
   If you are using HBAs, they must already be installed in the storage system.
   1. Connect controllers.
      - See the documentation that came with your storage system for how to cable the controllers.
   2. Cable disk shelves.
      - Following are steps to cable two common configurations. For SAS and ACP rules, and more cabling examples, see the Universal SAS and ACP Cabling Guide.

5. **Boot the system and proceed with setup**
   - See the Installation and Setup Instructions that came with your storage system for booting your storage system and for system setup.
   - To take advantage of the ACP capability, you can enable it at setup or later. See the Data ONTAP Software Setup Guide for the setup worksheet and other setup information.

For more disk shelf and safety information, see the DS4243, DS2246, DS4486, and DS4246 Disk Shelf Installation and Service Guide. All documentation can be found on the NetApp Support Site at support.netapp.com.