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Hardware install workflow for Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 shared switches

To install and configure the hardware for a 9336C-FX2 shared switch, follow these steps:

1. **Complete the cabling worksheet**

The sample cabling worksheet provides examples of recommended port assignments from the switches to the controllers. The blank worksheet provides a template that you can use in setting up your cluster.

2. **Install the switch**

Install the 9336C-FX2 switch.

3. **Install the switch in a NetApp cabinet**

Install the 9336C-FX2 switch and pass-through panel in a NetApp cabinet as required.

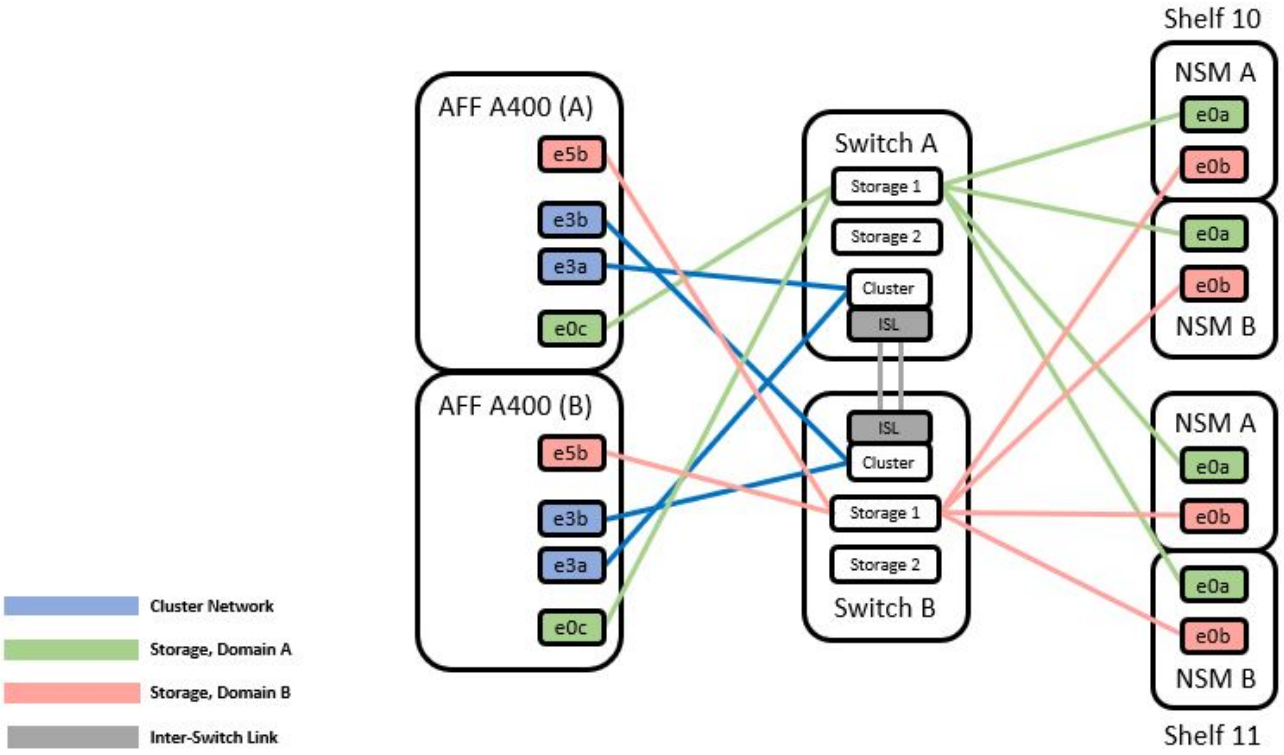
Complete the Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 cabling worksheet

Use the following cabling images to complete the cabling between the controllers and the switches.

Cable NS224 storage as switch-attached

If you want to cable NS224 storage as switch-attached, follow the switch-attached diagram:

Switch Attached

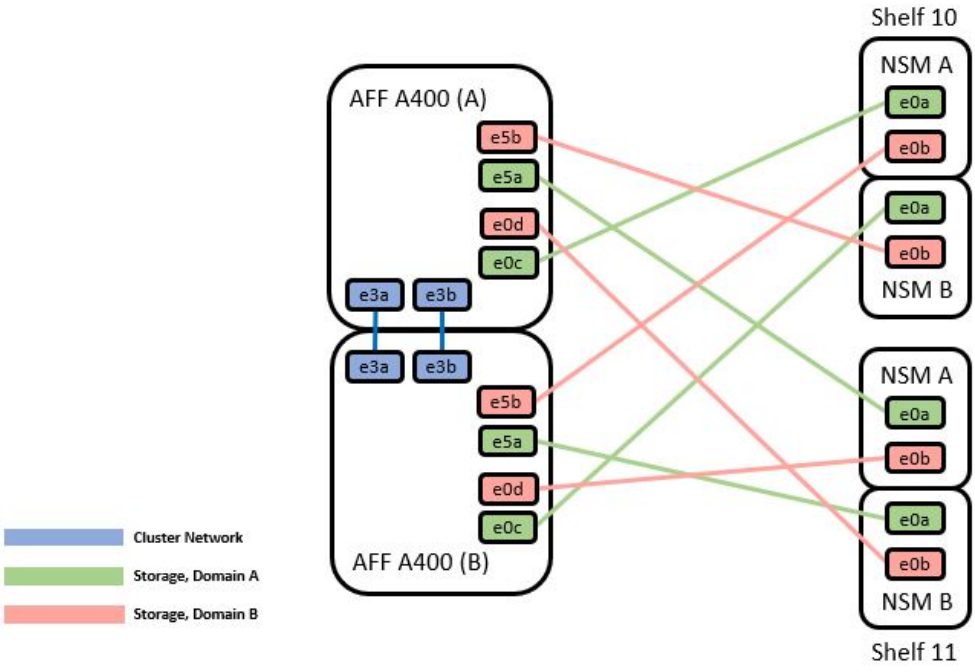


See the Hardware Universe for more information on switch ports. See What additional information do I need to install my equipment that is not in HWU? for more information about switch installation requirements.

Cable NS224 storage as direct-attached

If you want to cable NS224 storage as direct-attached instead of using the shared switch storage ports, follow the direct-attached diagram:

Direct Attached



	Port	Node
Path_A	e0c	Node_A
		Node_B
	e5a	Node_A
		Node_B
Path_B	e5b	Node_A
		Node_B
	e0d	Node_A
		Node_B

See the Hardware Universe for more information on switch ports.

Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 cabling worksheet

If you want to document the supported platforms, you must complete the blank cabling worksheet by using completed sample cabling worksheet as a guide.

The sample port definition on each pair of switches is as follows:

Switch A			Switch B		
Switch port	Port role	Port usage	Switch port	Port role	Port usage
1	Cluster	40/10GbE	1	Cluster	40/10GbE
2	Cluster	40/10GbE	2	Cluster	40/10GbE
3	Cluster	40/10GbE	3	Cluster	40/10GbE
4	Cluster	40/10GbE	4	Cluster	40/10GbE
5	Cluster	40/10GbE	5	Cluster	40/10GbE
6	Cluster	40/10GbE	6	Cluster	40/10GbE
7	Cluster	40/10GbE	7	Cluster	40/10GbE
8	Cluster	40/10GbE	8	Cluster	40/10GbE
9	Cluster	40GbE w/4x10GbE b/o	9	Cluster	40GbE w/4x10GbE b/o
10	Cluster	100GbE w/4x25GbE b/o	10	Cluster	100GbE w/4x25GbE b/o
11	Storage-1	100GbE	11	Storage-1	100GbE
12	Storage-1	100GbE	12	Storage-1	100GbE
13	Storage-1	100GbE	13	Storage-1	100GbE
14	Storage-1	100GbE	14	Storage-1	100GbE
15	Storage-1	100GbE	15	Storage-1	100GbE
16	Storage-1	100GbE	16	Storage-1	100GbE
17	Storage-1	100GbE	17	Storage-1	100GbE
18	Storage-1	100GbE	18	Storage-1	100GbE
19	Storage-1	100GbE	19	Storage-1	100GbE
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26	Storage-2	100GbE	26	Storage-2	100GbE
27	Storage-2	100GbE	27	Storage-2	100GbE
28	Storage-2	100GbE	28	Storage-2	100GbE
29	Storage-2	100GbE	29	Storage-2	100GbE
30	Storage-2	100GbE	30	Storage-2	100GbE
31	Storage-2	100GbE	31	Storage-2	100GbE
32	Storage-2	100GbE	32	Storage-2	100GbE
33	Storage-2	100GbE	33	Storage-2	100GbE
34	Storage-2	100GbE	34	Storage-2	100GbE
35	ISL	100GbE	35	ISL	100GbE
36	ISL	100GbE	36	ISL	100GbE

Where:

- 100G ISL to switch A port 35
- 100G ISL to switch A port 36
- 100G ISL to switch B port 35
- 100G ISL to switch B port 36

Blank cabling worksheet

You can use the blank cabling worksheet to document the platforms that are supported as nodes in a cluster. The Supported Cluster Connections table of the Hardware Universe defines the cluster ports used by the platform.

Switch A			Switch B		
Switch port	Port role	Port usage	Switch port	Port role	Port usage
1			1		
2			2		
3			3		
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6			6		
7			7		
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Where:

- 100G ISL to switch A port 35

- 100G ISL to switch A port 36
- 100G ISL to switch B port 35
- 100G ISL to switch B port 36

What's next

After you've completed your cabling worksheets, you can install the switch.

Install Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 shared switches

Follow these instructions to configure Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 shared switches.

Before you begin

Make sure you have the following:

- Required shared switch documentation, controller documentation and ONTAP documentation. See Documentation requirements for Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 shared switches and NetApp ONTAP documentation.
- Applicable licenses, network and configuration information, and cables.
- Completed cabling worksheets. See Complete the Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 cabling worksheet. For more information on cabling, refer to the Hardware Universe.

Steps

1. Rack the switches, controllers and NS224 NVMe storage shelves.

   See the Racking instructions to learn how to rack the switch in a NetApp cabinet.

2. Power on the switches, controllers and NS224 NVMe storage shelves.

What's next?

Optionally, you can install a Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 switch in a NetApp cabinet. Otherwise, go to Configure the switch.

Install a Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 switch in a NetApp cabinet

Depending on your configuration, you might need to install the Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 switch and pass-through panel in a NetApp cabinet. Standard brackets are included with the switch.

Before you begin

Make sure you have the following:

- For each switch, you must supply the eight 10-32 or 12-24 screws and clip nuts to mount the brackets and slider rails to the front and rear cabinet posts.
- You must use the Cisco standard rail kit to install the switch in a NetApp cabinet.

The jumper cords are not included with the pass-through kit and should be included with your switches. If they were not shipped with the switches, you can order them from NetApp (part number X1558A-R6).

Required documentation

Review the initial preparation requirements, kit contents, and safety precautions in the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series Hardware Installation Guide.

Steps

1. Install the pass-through blanking panel in the NetApp cabinet.

   The pass-through panel kit is available from NetApp (part number X8784-R6).

   The NetApp pass-through panel kit contains the following hardware:

   - One pass-through blanking panel
   - Four 10-32 x .75 screws
   - Four 10-32 clip nuts

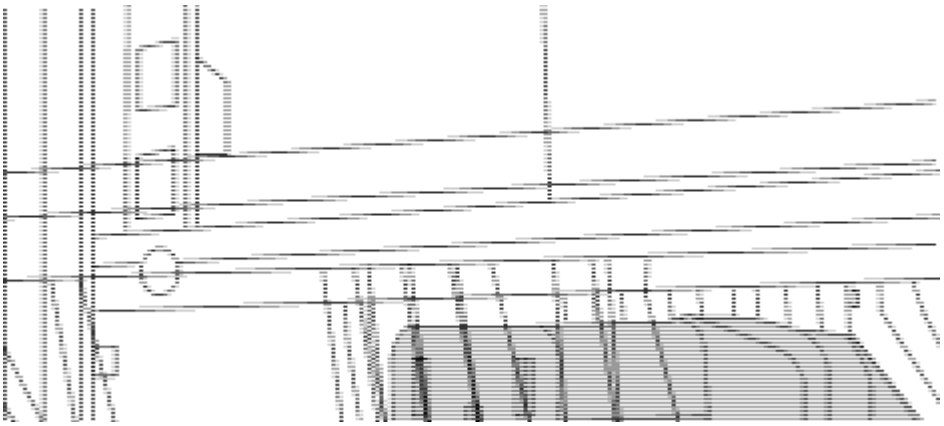
   a. Determine the vertical location of the switches and blanking panel in the cabinet.

      In this procedure, the blanking panel will be installed in U40.

   b. Install two clip nuts on each side in the appropriate square holes for front cabinet rails.

   c. Center the panel vertically to prevent intrusion into adjacent rack space, and then tighten the screws.

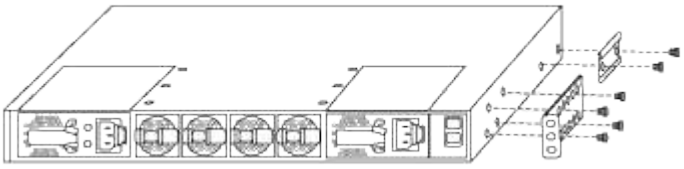
   d. Insert the female connectors of both 48-inch jumper cords from the rear of the panel and through the brush assembly.



(1) Female connector of the jumper cord.

2. Install the rack-mount brackets on the Nexus 9336C-FX2 switch chassis.

   a. Position a front rack-mount bracket on one side of the switch chassis so that the mounting ear is aligned with the chassis faceplate (on the PSU or fan side), and then use four M4 screws to attach the bracket to the chassis.

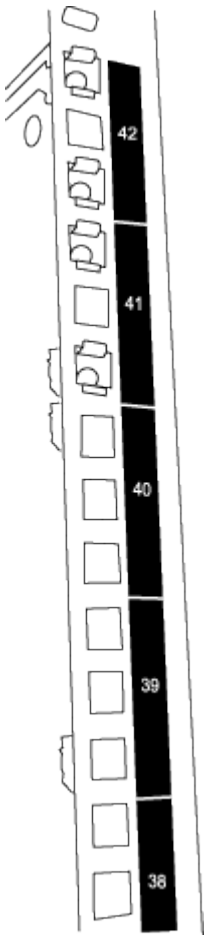


   b. Repeat step 2a with the other front rack-mount bracket on the other side of the switch.

c. Install the rear rack-mount bracket on the switch chassis.

d. Repeat step 2c with the other rear rack-mount bracket on the other side of the switch.

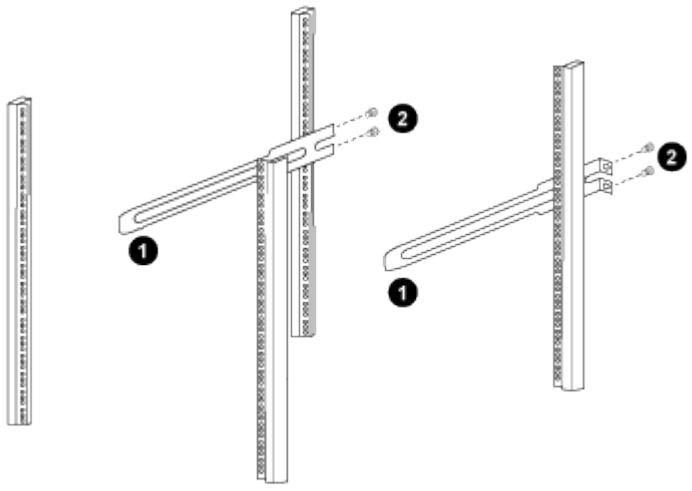
3. Install the clip nuts in the square hole locations for all four IEA posts.



The two 9336C-FX2 switches will always be mounted in the top 2U of the cabinet RU41 and 42.

4. Install the slider rails in the cabinet.

a. Position the first slider rail at the RU42 mark on the back side of the rear left post, insert screws with the matching thread type, and then tighten the screws with your fingers.



(1) As you gently slide the slider rail, align it to the screw holes in the rack.

(2) Tighten the screws of the slider rails to the cabinet posts.

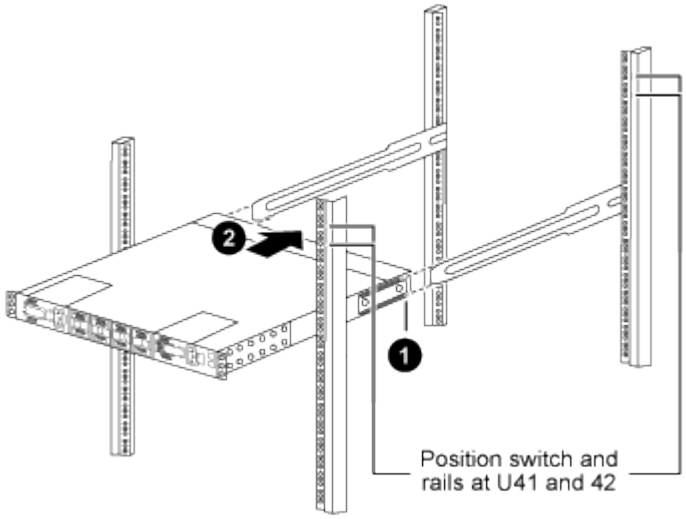
b. Repeat step 4a for the right side rear post.

c. Repeat steps 4a and 4b at the RU41 locations on the cabinet.

5. Install the switch in the cabinet.

> This step requires two people: one person to support the switch from the front and another to guide the switch into the rear slider rails.

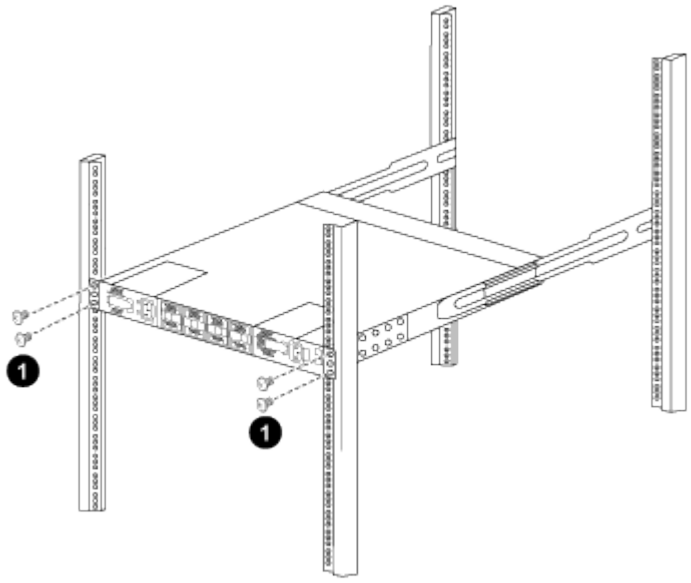
a. Position the back of the switch at RU41.



(1) As the chassis is pushed toward the rear posts, align the two rear rack-mount guides with the slider rails.

(2) Gently slide the switch until the front rack-mount brackets are flush with the front posts.

b. Attach the switch to the cabinet.



(1) With one person holding the front of the chassis level, the other person should fully tighten the four rear screws to the cabinet posts.

c. With the chassis now supported without assistance, fully tighten the front screws to the posts.

d. Repeat steps 5a through 5c for the second switch at the RU42 location.

> By using the fully installed switch as a support, it is not necessary to hold the front of the second switch during the installation process.

6. When the switches are installed, connect the jumper cords to the switch power inlets.
7. Connect the male plugs of both jumper cords to the closest available PDU outlets.

> To maintain redundancy, the two cords must be connected to different PDUs.

8. Connect the management port on each 9336C-FX2 switch to either of the management switches (if ordered) or connect them directly to your management network.

   The management port is the upper-right port located on the PSU side of the switch. The CAT6 cable for each switch needs to be routed through the pass-through panel after the switches are installed to connect to the management switches or management network.

Review cabling and configuration considerations

Before configuring your 9336C-FX2 and 9336C-FX2-T switches, review the cabling and configuration requirements.

Support for NVIDIA CX6, CX6-DX, and CX7 Ethernet ports

If you are connecting a switch port to an ONTAP controller using NVIDIA ConnectX-6 (CX6), ConnectX-6 Dx (CX6-DX), or ConnectX-7 (CX7) NIC ports, you must hard-code the switch port speed.

```
(cs1)(config)# interface Ethernet1/19
For 100GbE speed:
(cs1)(config-if)# speed 100000
For 40GbE speed:
(cs1)(config-if)# speed 40000
(cs1)(config-if)# no negotiate auto
(cs1)(config-if)# exit
(cs1)(config)# exit
Save the changes:
(cs1)# copy running-config startup-config
```

25GbE FEC requirements

FAS2820 e0a/e0b ports

FAS2820 e0a and e0b ports require FEC configuration changes to link up with 9336C-FX2 and 9336C-FX2-T

switch ports.
For switch ports e0a and e0b, the `fec` setting is set to `rs-cons16`.

```
(cs1)(config)# interface Ethernet1/8-9
(cs1)(config-if-range)# fec rs-cons16
(cs1)(config-if-range)# exit
(cs1)(config)# exit
Save the changes:
(cs1)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Ports do not link up due to TCAM resources

On the 9336C-FX2 and 9336C-FX2-T switches, the Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM) resources configured in the configuration utilized by the switch are exhausted.

Related information

- Refer to Hardware Universe for more information on switch ports.
- See What additional information do I need to install my equipment that is not in HWU? for more information about switch installation requirements.
- See the Knowledge Base article Ports do not link up on Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 due to TCAM resources for details on how to resolve TCAM issues.

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