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Administer and monitor

Manage client access to storage VMs on ASA r2 storage systems

Storage units on an ASA r2 system are contained inside storage virtual machines (VMs). Storage VMs are used to serve data to your SAN clients. Use ONTAP System Manager to create a LIF (network interface) for your SAN clients to connect to a storage VM and access data in the storage units. You can optionally use subnets to simplify LIF creation and IPspaces to provide your storage VMs with their own secure storage, administration, and routing.

Create IPspaces

An IPspace is a distinct IP address space in which storage VMs reside. When you create IPspaces, you enable your storage VMs to have their own secure storage, administration, and routing. You also enable clients in administratively separate network domains to use overlapping IP addresses from the same IP address subnet range.

You must create an IPspace before you can create a subnet.

Steps

- 1. Select Network > Overview.
- 2. Under **IPspaces**, select + Add .
- 3. Enter a name for the IPspace or accept the default name.

An IPspace name cannot be "all" because "all" is a system-reserved name.

Select Save.

What's next?

Now that you have created an IPspace, you can use it to create a subnet.

Create subnets

A subnet allows you to allocate specific blocks of IPv4 or IPv6 addresses to use when you create a LIF (network interface) . A subnet simplifies LIF creation by allowing you to specify the subnet name instead of a specific IP address and network mask for each LIF.

Before you begin

- You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.
- The broadcast domain and IPspace where you plan to add the subnet must already exist.

Steps

- 1. Select **Network > Overview**.
- 2. Select **Subnets**; then select + Add
- 3. Enter the subnet name.

All subnet names must be unique within an IPspace.

- 4. Enter the subnet IP address and subnet mask.
- 5. Specify the IP address range for the subnet.

When you specify the IP address range for the subnet, do not overlap IP addresses with other subnets. Network issues can occur when subnet IP addresses overlap and different subnets or hosts attempt to use the same IP address.

- 6. Select the broadcast domain for the subnet.
- Select Add.

What's next?

You have created a subnet which you can now use to simplify the creation of your LIFs.

Create a LIF (network interface)

A LIF (network interface) is an IP address associated with a physical or logical port. Create LIFs on the ports you want to use to access data. Storage VMs serve data to clients through one or more LIFs. If there is a component failure, a LIF can fail over or be migrated to a different physical port, so that network communication is not interrupted.

When an IP data LIF is created, it can service both iSCSI and NVMe/TCP traffic by default. Separate data LIFs must be created for FC and NVMe/FC traffic.

Before you begin

- You must be a cluster administrator to perform this task.
- The underlying physical or logical network port must have been configured to the administrative up status.
- If you are planning to use a subnet name to allocate the IP address and network mask value for a LIF, the subnet must already exist.
- A LIF handling intracluster traffic between nodes should not be on the same subnet as a LIF handling management traffic or a LIF handling data traffic.

Steps

- 1. Select **Network > Overview**.
- 2. Select **Network interfaces**; then select + Add
- 3. Select the interface type and protocol; then select the storage VM.
- 4. Enter a name for the LIF or accept the default name.
- 5. Select the home node for the network interface; then enter the IP address and subnet mask.
- 6. Select Save.

Result

You have created a LIF for data access.

Modify a LIF (network interfaces)

LIFs can be disabled or renamed as needed. You can also change the LIF IP address and subnet mask.

Steps

- 1. Select **Network > Overview**; then select **Network interfaces**.
- Hover over the network interface you want to edit; then select .
- Select Edit.
- 4. You can disable the network interface, rename the network interface, change the IP address, or change the subnet mask.
- 5. Select Save.

Result

Your LIF has been modified.

Manage cluster networking on ASA r2 storage systems

You can use ONTAP System Manager to perform basic storage network administration on your ASA r2 system. For example, you can add a broadcast domain or reassign ports to a different broadcast domain.

Add a broadcast domain

Use broadcast domains to simplify management of your cluster network by grouping network ports that belong to the same layer 2 network. Storage virtual machines (VMs) can then use the ports in the group for data or management traffic.

The "Default" broadcast domain and the "Cluster" broadcast domain are created during cluster setup. The "Default" broadcast domain contains ports that are in the "Default" IPspace. These ports are used primarily to serve data. Cluster management and node management ports are also in this broadcast domain. The "Cluster" broadcast domain contains ports that are in the "Cluster" IPspace. These ports are used for cluster communication and include all cluster ports from all nodes in the cluster.

You can create additional broadcast domains after your cluster has been initialized. When you create a broadcast domain, a failover group that contains the same ports is automatically created.

About this task

The maximum transmission unit (MTU) of the ports added to a broadcast domain are updated to the MTU value set in the broadcast domain.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select **Network > Overview**.
- 2. Under **Broadcast** domains, select + Add .
- 3. Enter a name for the broadcast domain or accept the default name.

All broadcast domain names must be unique within an IPspace.

4. Select the IPspace for the broadcast domain.

If you don't specify an IPspace name, the broadcast domain is created in the "Default" IPspace.

5. Enter the maximum transmission unit (MTU).

MTU is the largest data packet that can be accepted in your broadcast domain.

6. Select the desired ports; then select Save.

Result

You have added a new broadcast domain.

Reassign ports to a different broadcast domain

Ports can belong to only one broadcast domain. If you want to change the broadcast domain to which a port belongs, you need to reassign the port from its existing broadcast domain to a new broadcast domain.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select **Network > Overview**.
- 2. Under Broadcast Domains, select : next to the domain name; then select Edit.
- 3. Deselect the Ethernet ports that you want to reassign to another domain.
- 4. Select the broadcast domain to which you want to reassign the port; then select Reassign.
- Select Save.

Result

You have reassigned ports to a different broadcast domain.

Create a VLAN

A VLAN consists of switch ports grouped together into a broadcast domain. VLANs enable you to increase security, isolate problems, and limit available paths within your IP network infrastructure.

Before you begin

The switches deployed in the network must either comply with IEEE 802.1Q standards or have a vendorspecific implementation of VLANs.

About this task

- A VLAN can't be created on an interface group port that contains no member ports.
- When you configure a VLAN over a port for the first time, the port might go down, resulting in a temporary disconnection of the network. Subsequent VLAN additions to the same port do not affect the port state.
- You should not create a VLAN on a network interface with the same identifier as the native VLAN of the switch. For example, if the network interface e0b is on native VLAN 10, you should not create a VLAN e0b-10 on that interface.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select **Network > Ethernet ports**; then select + VIAN.
- 2. Select the node and broadcast domain for the VLAN.
- 3. Select the port for the VLAN.

The VLAN can't be attached to a port hosting a cluster LIF or to ports assigned to the cluster IPspace.

- 4. Enter a VLAN ID.
- 5. Select Save.

Result

You have created a VLAN to increase security, isolate problems, and limit available paths within your IP

Monitor usage and increase capacity

Monitor cluster and storage unit performance on ASA r2 storage systems

Use ONTAP System Manager to monitor the overall performance of your cluster and the performance of specific storage units to determine how latency, IOPS and throughput are impacting your critical business applications. Performance can be monitored over various spans of time ranging from one hour to one year.

For example, suppose a critical application is experiencing high latency and low throughput. When uou view cluster performance for the last five business days, you notice a decrease in performance at the same time each day. You use this information to determine that the critical application is competing for cluster resources when a non-critical process begins running in the background. You are then able to modify your QoS policy to limit the impact of the non-critical workload on system resources and to ensure that your critical workload meets minimum throughput targets.

Monitor cluster performance

Use cluster performance metrics to determine whether you need to shift workloads to minimize latency and maximize IOPS and throughput for your critical applications.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Dashboard.
- 2. Under **Performance**, view the latency, IOPS, and throughput for the cluster by hour, day, week, month, or year.
- 3. Select \checkmark to download the performance data.

What's next?

Use your cluster performance metrics to analyze if you need to modify your QoS policies or make other adjustments to your application workloads to maximize your overall cluster performance.

Monitor storage unit performance

Use storage unit performance metrics to determine the impact of specific applications on latency, IOPS and throughput.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Storage.
- 2. Select the storage unit you want to monitor; then select **Overview**.
- 3. Under **Performance**, view the latency, IOPS, and throughput for the storage unit by hour, day, week, month, or year.
- 4. Select \checkmark to download the performance data.

What's next?

Use your storage unit performance metrics to analyze if you need to modify the QoS policies assigned to your storage units to decrease latency and maximize IOPS and throughput.

Monitor cluster and storage unit utilization on ASA r2 storage systems

Use ONTAP System Manager to monitor your storage utilization to ensure you have the storage capacity you need to serve current and future workloads.

Monitor cluster utilization

Regularly monitor the amount of storage consumed by your cluster to ensure that, if needed, you are prepared to expand the cluster capacity before running out of space.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Dashboard.
- Under Capacity, view the amount of physical used space and the amount of available space on your cluster.

The data reduction ration represents the amount of space saved through storage efficiency.

What's next?

If your cluster is running low on space or if it doesn't have the capacity to meet a future demand, you should plan to add new drives to your ASA r2 system to increase your storage capacity.

Monitor storage unit utilization

Monitor the amount of storage consumed by a storage unit so that you can proactively increase the size of the storage unit based on your business needs.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select **Storage**.
- 2. Select the storage unit you want to monitor; then select **Overview**.
- 3. Under **Storage**, view the following:
 - Size of your storage unit
 - · Amount of used space
 - Data reduction ratio

The data reduction ratio represents the amount of space saved through storage efficiency

Snapshot used

Snapshot used represents the amount of storage used by snapshots.

What's next?

If your storage unit is nearing capacity, you should modify the storage unit to increase its size.

Increase storage capacity on ASA r2 storage systems

Add drives to a node or shelf to increase the storage capacity of your ASA r2 system.

Use NetApp Hardware Universe to prepare for installation of a new drive

Before you install a new drive to a node or shelf, use the NetApp Hardware Universe to confirm that the drive you want to add is supported by your ASA r2 platform and to identify the correct slot for the new drive. The correct slots for adding drives vary depending on the platform model and ONTAP version. In some cases, you need to add drives to specific slots in sequence.

Steps

- 1. Go the NetApp Hardware Universe.
- 2. Under **Products**, select your hardware configurations.
- 3. Select your ASA r2 platform.
- Select your ONTAP version; then select Show Results.
- 5. Beneath the graphic, select **Click here to see alternative views**; then choose the view that matches your configuration.
- 6. Use the view of your configuration to confirm that your new drive is supported and the correct slot for installation.

Result

You have confirmed that your new drive is supported and you know the appropriate slot for installation.

Install a new drive on the ASA r2

The minimum number of drives you should add in a single procedure is six. Adding a single drive might reduce performance.

About this task

You should repeat the steps in this procedure for each drive.

Steps

- 1. Properly ground yourself.
- 2. Gently remove the bezel from the front of the platform.
- 3. Insert the new drive into the correct slot.
 - a. With the cam handle in the open position, use both hands to insert the new drive.
 - b. Push until the drive stops.
 - c. Close the cam handle so that the drive is fully seated into the mid plane and the handle clicks into place.

Be sure to close the cam handle slowly so that it aligns correctly with the face of the drive.

- 4. Verify that the drive's activity LED (green) is illuminated.
 - IF the LED is solid, the drive has power.
 - If the LED is blinking, the drive has power and I/O is in progress. The LED will also blink if the drive firmware is being updated.

Drive firmware is automatically updated (nondisruptively) on new drives that do not have current firmware versions.

5. If your node is configured for drive auto-assignment, you can wait for ONTAP to automatically assign the new drives to a node. If your node isn't configured for drive auto-assignment or if preferred, you can assign

the drives manually.

The new drives are not recognized until they are assigned to a node.

What's next?

After the new drives have been recognized, verify that they have been added and their ownership is specified correctly.

Update firmware on ASA r2 storage systems

ONTAP automatically downloads and updates firmware and system files on your ASA r2 system by default. If you want the flexibility of viewing recommended updates before they are downloaded and installed, you can use ONTAP System Manager to disable automated updates or to edit update parameters to show you notifications of available updates before any action is performed.

Enable automatic updates

Recommended updates for storage firmware, SP/BMC firmware and system files are automatically downloaded and installed on your ASA r2 system by default. If automatic updates have been disabled, you can enable them to reinstate the default behavior.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- Next to Automatic update select , then select Enable.
- 3. Read and accept the EULA.
- 4. Accept the defaults to automatically update your firmware and system files. Optionally, select to show notifications or to automatically dismiss recommended updates.
- 5. Select to acknowledge that your update modifications will be applied to all current and future updates.
- 6 Select Save

Result

Recommended updates are automatically downloaded and installed on your ASA r2 system based upon your update selections.

Disable automatic updates

Disable automatic updates if you want the flexibility to view recommended updates before they are installed. If you disable automatic updates, you need to perform firmware and system file updates manually.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Next to Automatic update select , then select Disable.

Result

Automatic updates are disabled. You should regularly check for recommended updates and decide if you want to perform a manual installation.

View automatic updates

View a list of firmware and system file updates that have been downloaded to your cluster and are scheduled for automatic installation. Also view updates that have been previously automatically installed.

Steps

- In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Next to Automatic update select ;, then select View all automatic updates.

Edit automatic updates

You can select to have recommended updates for your storage firmware, SP/BMC firmware and your system files automatically downloaded and installed on your cluster, or you can select to have recommended updates automatically dismissed. If you want to manually control installation or dismissal of updates, select to be notified when a recommended update is available; then you can manually select to install or dismiss it.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Next to Automatic update select **!**, then select Edit automatic updates.
- 3. Update the selections for automatic updates.
- 4. Select Save.

Result

Automatic updates are modified based on your selections.

Update firmware manually

If you want the flexibility of viewing recommended updates before they are downloaded and installed, you can disable automated updates and update your firmware manually.

Steps

- 1. Download your firmware update file to a server or local client.
- 2. In System Manager, select Cluster > Overview, then select Update.
- 3. Select **Firmware update**; the select **+ Update firmware**

Result

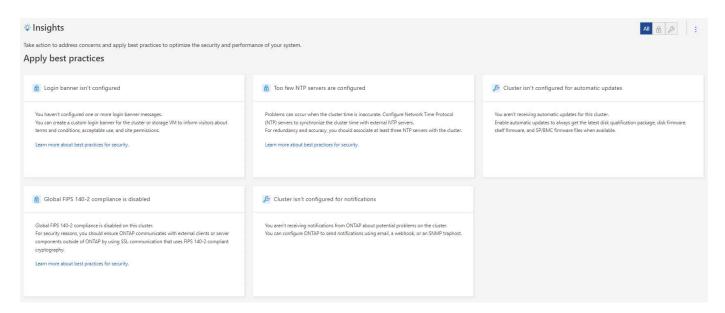
Your firmware is updated.

Optimize cluster security and performance with ASA r2 storage system insights

View *Insights* in ONTAP System Manager to identify best practices and configuration modifications that you can implement on your ASA r2 system to optimize cluster security and performance.

For example, suppose you have Network Time Protocol (NTP) servers configured for your cluster. However, you are unaware that you have less than the recommended number of NTP servers needed for optimal cluster time management. To help you prevent problems that can occur when the cluster time is inaccurate, Insights

will notify you that you have too few NTP servers configured and give you options to either learn more about this issue, fix it, or dismiss it.



Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Insights.
- 2. Review recommendations.

What's next

Perform any necessary actions to implement best practices and optimize your cluster security and performance.

View cluster events and jobs on ASA r2 storage systems

Use ONTAP System Manager to view a list of errors or alerts that have occurred in your system along with recommended corrective actions. You can also view system audit logs and a list of jobs that are active, completed, or failed.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select **Events & Jobs**.
- 2. View cluster events and jobs.

To view this	Do this
Cluster events	Select Events; then select Event log.
Active IQ suggestions	Select Events; then select Active IQ suggestions.
System alerts	a. Select System alerts.b. Select the system alert for which you want to take action.c. Acknowledge or suppress the alert.

To view this	Do this
Cluster jobs	Select Jobs .
Audit logs	Select Audit logs.

Send email notifications for cluster events and audit logs

Configure your system to send a notification to specific email addresses when there is a cluster event or audit log entry.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Next to Notifications management select :
- 3. To configure an event destination, select **View event destinations**; then select **Event destinations**. To configure an audit log destination, select **View audit destinations**; then select **Audit log destinations**.
- 4. Select + Add .
- 5. Enter the destination information; then select Add.

Result

The email address you added will now receive the specified email notifications for cluster events and audit logs.

Manage nodes

Reboot a node on an ASA r2 storage system

You might need to reboot a node for maintenance, troubleshooting, software updates or other administrative reasons. When a node is rebooted, its HA partner automatically executes a takeover. The partner node then performs an automatic giveback after the rebooted node comes back online.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Overview.
- Select next to the node you want to reboot; then select Reboot.
- 3. Enter the reason you are rebooting the node; then select **Reboot**.

The reason you enter for the reboot is recorded in the system audit log.

What's next?

While the node is being rebooted, its HA partner performs a takeover so that there is no interruption in data service. When the reboot is complete, the HA partner performs a giveback.

Rename a node on an ASA r2 storage system

You can use ONTAP System Manager to rename a node on your ASA r2 system. You

might need to rename a node to align with the naming conventions of your organization or for other administrative reasons.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Overview.
- 2. Select next to the node you want to rename; then select **Rename**.
- 3. Enter the new name for the node, then select Rename.

Result

The new name is applied to the node.

Manage user accounts and roles on ASA r2 storage systems

Use System Manager to configure active directory domain controller access, LDAP and SAML authentication for your user accounts. Create user account roles to define specific functions that users assigned to the roles can perform on your cluster.

Configure active directory domain controller access

Configure active directory (AD) domain controller access to your cluster or storage VM so that you can enable AD account access.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. In the Security section, under Active Directory, select Configure.

What's next?

You can now enable AD account access on your ASA r2 system.

Configure LDAP

Configure a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server to centrally maintain user information for authentication.

Before you begin

You must have generated a certificate signing request and added a CA-signed server digital certificate.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. In the **Security** section, next to **LDAP**, select 🚳.
- 3. Enter the necessary LDAP server and binding information; then select Save.

What's next?

You can now use LDAP for user information and authentication.

Configure SAML authentication

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) authentication allows users to be authenticated by a secure identity provider (IdP) instead of the direct service providers such as Active Directory and LDAP.

Before you begin

• The IdP that you plan to use for remote authentication must be configured.

See the IdP documentation for configuration.

· You must have the URI of the IdP.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Under Security, next to SAML authentication, select 🚳.
- Select Enable SAML authentication.
- 4. Enter the IdP URL and the host system IP address; then select Save.

A confirmation window displays the metadata information, which has been automatically copied to your clipboard.

- 5. Go to the IdP system you specified; then copy the metadata from your clipboard to update the system metadata.
- 6. Return to the confirmation window in System Manager; then select I have configured the IdP with the host URI or metadata.
- Select Logout to enable SAML-based authentication.

The IdP system will display an authentication screen.

What's next?

You can now use SAML authentication for your user accounts.

Create user account roles

Roles for cluster administrators and storage VM administrators are automatically created when your cluster is initialized. Create additional user account roles to define specific functions that users assigned to the roles can perform on your cluster.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. In the **Security** section, next to **Users and roles**, select \rightarrow .
- Under Roles, select + Add .
- 4. Select the role attributes.

To add multiple attributes, select + Add.

5. Select Save.

Result

A new user account is created and available for use on your ASA r2 system.

Create an administrator account

Create an administrator user account to enable the account user to perform specific actions on your cluster based on the role assigned to the account. To enhance account security, set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) when you create the account.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- In the Security section, next to Users and roles, select >.
- 3. Under **Users**, select + Add .
- 4. Enter a username; then select a role to assign to the user.
- 5. Select the user login method and the authentication method.
- 6. To enable MFA, select + Add; then select a secondary login method and authentication method
- 7. Enter a password for the user.
- 8. Select Save.

Result

A new administrator account is created and available for use on your ASA r2 cluster.

Manage security certificates on ASA r2 storage systems

Use digital security certificates to verify the identity of remote servers.

Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) validates the status of digital certificate requests from ONTAP services using SSL and Transport Layer Security (TLS) connections.

Generate a certificate signing request

Generate a certificate signing request (CSR) to create a private key which can be used to generate a public certificate.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Under **Security**, next to **Certificates**, select \Rightarrow ; then select + **Generate CSR**.
- 3. Enter the subject common name; then select the country.
- 4. If you want to change the GSR defaults, select extended key usage, or add subject alternative names, select More options; then make the desired updates.
- 5. Select Generate.

Result

You have generated a CSR to which can be used to generate a public certificate.

Add a trusted certificate authority

ONTAP provides a default set of trusted root certificates for applications using Transport Layer Security (TLS). You can add additional trusted certificate authorities as needed.

Steps

- 1. Select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Under **Security**, next to **Certificates**, select \rightarrow .
- Select Trusted certificate authorities.
- 4. Enter or import the certificate details; then select + Add

Result

You have added a new trusted certificate authority to your ASA r2 system.

Renew or delete a trusted certificate authority

Trusted certificate authorities must be renewed annually. If you do not want to renew an expired certificate, you should delete it.

Steps

- 1. Select Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Under **Security**, next to **Certificates**, select \rightarrow .
- Select Trusted certificate authorities.
- 4. Select the trust certificate authority that you want to renew or delete.
- 5. Renew or delete the certificate authority.

To renew the certificate authority, do this	To delete the certificate authority, do this
a. Select ; then select Renew .	a. Select ; then select Delete .
b. Enter or import the certificate information; then select Renew .	b. Confirm that you want to delete; then select Delete .

Result

You have renewed or deleted an existing trusted certificate authority on your ASA r2 system.

Add a client/server certificate or local certificate authorities

Add a client/server certificate or local certificate authorities to enable secure web services.

Steps

- 1. In System Manager, select Cluster > Settings.
- Under Security, next to Certificates, select →.
- 3. Select Client/server certificates or Local certificate authorities.
- 4. Add the certificate information; then select + Add

Result

You have added a new client/server certificate or local authorities to your ASA r2 system.

Renew or delete a client/server certificate or local certificate authorities

Client/server certificates and local certificate authorities must be renewed annually. If you do not want to renew

an expired certificate or local certificate authorities, you should delete them.

Steps

- 1. Select Cluster > Settings.
- Under Security, next to Certificates, select →.
- Select Client/server certificates, or Local certificate authorities.
- 4. Select the certificate you want to renew or delete.
- 5. Renew or delete the certificate authority.

To renew the certificate authority, do this	To delete the certificate authority, do this
a. Select ; then select Renew .	Select ; then select Delete .
b. Enter or import the certificate information; then select Renew .	

Result

You have renewed or deleted an existing client/server certificate or local certificate authority on your ASA r2 system.

Verify host connectivity on your ASA r2 storage system

If there is an issue with host data operations, you can use ONTAP System Manager to verify that the connection from your host to your ASA r2 storage system is active.

Steps

1. In System Manager, select **Host**.

The host connectivity status is indicated next to name of the host group as follows:

- OK: Indicates all initiators are connected to both nodes.
- Partially Connected: Indicates that some of the initiators are not connected both nodes.
- None Connected: Indicates that no initiators are connected.

What's next?

Make updates on your host to correct connectivity issues. ONTAP will recheck the connection status every fifteen minutes.

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