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## Compare ONTAP versions to understand the benefits and risks of using software updates

It is very important to compare and understand the benefits and risks associated with the ONTAP target version before updating the ONTAP version for the storage system.

You can choose the target version and compare it with the current version to understand the benefits of updating to the specific version on ONTAP. You can also see the risks that will be resolved and the new risks (if any) that will arise on updating to the specific version of ONTAP.



You can use this feature only if you are running ONTAP 9.10.1 or later versions.

### Steps

1. From the Console left navigation, select **Health > Software updates**.

The list of cluster that require an software update is displayed. You can either update to the recommended target version or choose another version.

If you...	Do this...
Want to update to the recommended version	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In the <b>Target version</b> column, click <b>Compare versions</b> to view the feature benefits and risks benefits of updating to the recommended ONTAP version.</li><li>2. Select and view information about the risks that will be resolved, risk that will continue to remain, and the new risks that will be introduced after the update.</li><li>3. Optionally, click <b>Download update plan</b> to download the a copy of the update plan.</li><li>4. Click <b>Start update</b> to initiate the update process.</li></ol>
Want to choose another version	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In the <b>Target version</b> column, click the drop-down and select <b>Choose other versions</b>.</li><li>2. Select the version to view the feature benefits and risks benefits.</li><li>3. Select and view information about the risks that will be resolved, risk that will continue to remain, and the new risks that will be introduced after the update.</li><li>4. Optionally, click <b>Download update plan</b> to download the a copy of the update plan.</li><li>5. Select <b>Start update</b> to initiate the update process.</li></ol>

# Fix all blockers using software updates before an ONTAP upgrade

After you have identified the ONTAP target version for your ONTAP storage system, you should fix and acknowledge all blockers and review the warnings before updating the ONTAP storage system.

You must fix and acknowledge all blockers before updating the software.

## Steps

1. From the Console left navigation, select **Health > Software updates**.

The Console displays the list of clusters that require a software update.

2. Identify the ONTAP target version for your storage system. For information about identifying the ONTAP target version, see [Compare ONTAP versions to understand the benefits and risks of using software updates](#).
3. After you have decided on the ONTAP target version, select **Prepare for update** to initiate the update process.

The list of blockers and warnings are displayed.

4. Select the blocker to view the instructions to fix the blocker.
5. Manually perform the steps provided to fix the blocker.
6. Select the blockers that have been fixed and select **Acknowledge selected** to acknowledge that that blockers have been fixed.



You must fix and acknowledge all the blockers to proceed with the update.

7. Select **Warnings** tab to review the warnings before proceeding with the software update.
8. Select **Acknowledge** tab to view the blockers that have been fixed.
9. Select **Continue to update** to proceed with the update process.

## Initiate the ONTAP update using software updates

After you have identified the ONTAP target version, fixed and acknowledged all the blockers, you can now initiate the update of your ONTAP storage system.

## Steps

1. From the Console left navigation, select **Health > Software updates**.

The list of clusters that require an software update is displayed.

2. Identify the ONTAP target version for your storage system.

For information about identifying the ONTAP target version, see [Compare ONTAP versions to understand the benefits and risks of using software updates](#).

3. Fix and acknowledge the ONTAP blockers.

For information about fixing blockers, see [Fix all blockers using software updates before an ONTAP upgrade](#).

4. Read and accept the End user license agreement.

Wait for the ONTAP image to be retrieved.

5. Click **Install Update** to complete the update process.

## Validate the status of ONTAP storage system update

You can use software updates to validate the status of the ONTAP update.

### Steps

1. From the Console left navigation, select **Health > Software updates**.
2. Click the **History** tab to view the status of the ONTAP update.



It takes 2 to 3 hours for the cluster to reflect in the history tab.

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