



Access the NetApp Deployment Engine

NetApp HCI

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NetApp Deployment Engine access options overview

To deploy NetApp HCI, you need to access the NetApp Deployment Engine on one of the NetApp H-Series storage nodes via the IPv4 address assigned to the Bond1G interface, which is the logical interface that combines ports A and B for storage nodes. This storage node becomes the controlling storage node for the deployment process. Depending on your environment, you need to either configure the IPv4 address or retrieve it from one of the storage nodes.



You can only access the NetApp Deployment Engine using the Bond1G interface of a storage node. Using the Bond10G interface, the logical interface that combines ports C and D for storage nodes, is not supported.

Use one of the following methods that best describes your network environment to access the NetApp Deployment Engine:

Scenario	Method
You do not have DHCP in your environment	Access the NetApp Deployment Engine in environments without DHCP
You have DHCP in your environment	Access the NetApp Deployment Engine in environments with DHCP
You want to assign all IP addresses manually	Manually assign IP addresses to access the NetApp Deployment Engine

Find more information

- [Configure Fully Qualified Domain Name web UI access](#)

Access the NetApp Deployment Engine in environments without DHCP

When DHCP is not in use on the network, you need to set a static IPv4 address on the Bond1G interface of one of the storage nodes (also known as a controlling storage node) that you will use to access the NetApp Deployment Engine. The NetApp Deployment Engine on the controlling storage node will discover and communicate with other compute and storage nodes using IPv4 addresses that have been auto-configured on the Bond10G interfaces of all nodes. You should use this method unless your network has special requirements.

What you'll need

- You or your network administrator have completed the tasks in the Installation and Setup Instructions document.
- You have physical access to the NetApp HCI nodes.

- All of the NetApp HCI nodes are powered on.
- DHCP is not enabled for the NetApp HCI networks and the NetApp HCI nodes have not obtained IP addresses from DHCP servers.
- The NetApp HCI management network is configured as the native VLAN on the Bond1G and Bond10G interfaces of all nodes.

Steps

1. Plug a KVM into the back of one of the NetApp HCI storage nodes (this node will become the controlling storage node).
2. Configure the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address for Bond1G in the user interface. You can also configure a VLAN ID for the Bond1G network if needed.



You cannot reuse this IPv4 address later during deployment with the NetApp Deployment Engine.

3. Open a web browser on a computer that can access the NetApp HCI management network.
4. Browse to the IP address you assigned to the controlling storage node. For example:

```
http://<Bond1G IP address>
```



Make sure you use HTTP here.

This takes you to the NetApp Deployment Engine user interface.

Find more information

- [Supported firmware and ESXi driver versions for NetApp HCI and firmware versions for NetApp HCI storage nodes](#)

Access the NetApp Deployment Engine in environments with DHCP

In environments where servers automatically acquire IPv4 configuration from DHCP, you can access the NetApp Deployment Engine using the IPv4 address assigned to the Bond1G interface on one of the storage nodes. You can use a USB stick to retrieve the IPv4 address from one of the storage nodes. The NetApp Deployment Engine will automatically discover other compute and storage nodes that use DHCP-assigned IPv4 addresses. You should not use this method unless your network has special requirements.

What you'll need

- You or your network administrator have completed the tasks in the Installation and Setup Instructions document.
- You have physical access to the NetApp HCI nodes.
- All of the NetApp HCI nodes are powered on.

- DHCP is enabled on the NetApp HCI management and storage networks.
- The DHCP address pool is large enough to accommodate two IPv4 addresses per NetApp HCI node.



For the NetApp HCI deployment to succeed, all nodes in the deployment must either have DHCP-acquired or auto-configured IPv4 addresses (you cannot mix IPv4 address assignment methods).

About this task

If DHCP is in use only for the storage network (Bond10G interfaces), you should use the steps outlined in [xref:/docs/Access the NetApp Deployment Engine in environments without DHCP](#) to access the NetApp Deployment Engine.

Steps

1. Wait several minutes for the nodes to request IP addresses.
2. Choose a storage node and insert a USB stick into the node. Leave it in for at least five seconds.
3. Remove the USB stick, and insert it into your computer.
4. Open the `readme.html` file. This takes you to the NetApp Deployment Engine user interface.

Find more information

- [Supported firmware and ESXi driver versions for NetApp HCI](#) and [firmware versions for NetApp HCI storage nodes](#)

Manually assign IP addresses to access the NetApp Deployment Engine

You can manually assign static IPv4 addresses to the Bond1G and Bond10G interfaces on all NetApp HCI nodes to access the NetApp Deployment Engine and deploy NetApp HCI. You should not use this method unless your network has special requirements.

What you'll need

- You or your network administrator have completed the tasks in the Installation and Setup Instructions document.
- You have physical access to the NetApp HCI nodes.
- All of the NetApp HCI nodes are powered on.
- DHCP is not enabled for the NetApp HCI networks and the NetApp HCI nodes have not obtained IP addresses from DHCP servers.

NOTE: All IP addresses you assign manually before using the NetApp Deployment Engine to deploy the system are temporary and cannot be reused. If you choose to manually assign IP addresses, you need to set aside a second permanent set of unused IP addresses that you can assign during final deployment.

About this task

In this configuration, compute and storage nodes will use static IPv4 addresses to discover and communicate with other nodes during deployment. This configuration is not recommended.

Steps

1. Plug a KVM into the back of one of the NetApp HCI storage nodes (this node will become the controlling

storage node).

2. Configure the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address for Bond1G and Bond10G in the user interface. You can also configure a VLAN ID for each network if needed.
3. Repeat step 2 for the remaining storage and compute nodes.
4. Open a web browser on a computer that can access the NetApp HCI management network.
5. Browse to the Bond1G IP address you assigned to the controlling storage node. For example:

```
http://<Bond1G IP address>
```

This takes you to the NetApp Deployment Engine user interface.

Find more information

- [Supported firmware and ESXi driver versions for NetApp HCI and firmware versions for NetApp HCI storage nodes](#)

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