



## **Try ONTAP Select**

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# Try ONTAP Select

## Access ONTAP Select evaluation software

You can access the [ONTAP Select evaluation software](#) if you are a current customer of ONTAP Select and you have an active entitlement or a NetApp Partner and want to download a new Capacity Tiers evaluation license.

If you are neither of the above and would like to try ONTAP Select for an evaluation, you can follow these steps to request access to download the evaluation software.

### About this task

- This instruction is for NetApp sales, partners, and prospects engaged with NetApp.
- ONTAP Select Capacity Tiers evaluation licenses are limited to 90 days from the day you install them.



You cannot extend an evaluation license. At the end of the 90 days, the license no longer functions and you cannot access the associated data.

- The evaluation software has all the information that you need to download the ONTAP Select Deploy administration utility and deploy a cluster.

## Step 1: Register for an account

Complete the NetApp account registration, if needed, and request prospect access.

### Steps

1. Create a new account or sign out of an existing account.

#### Create new account

Register for an account on the [NetApp Support site](#) using your business email.



Free email accounts such as gmail or yahoo are not acceptable.

Make sure you are not signed in with the newly created account.

#### Existing account

If you already have an account, go to the [NetApp Support site](#) and make sure that you are not signed in.

2. Create a non-technical support case to elevate access levels to "prospect."
  - a. Select the **CASES** tab, then select **Create non-technical cases**
  - b. Select **User Registration Issue** as the feedback category.
  - c. Select **Create case**.

Fill out all required information and in the comments section, write: "My business email address is <your-email-address>. I would like to get prospect access to download the ONTAP Select evaluation software."

Include the name of your NetApp contact.

d. Select **Submit**.

## Step 2: Download ONTAP Select evaluation software

After your support case is reviewed and approved, NetApp support notifies you using the email address supplied.

### Step

1. [Download the ONTAP Select evaluation software](#).

The evaluation license file is located within the zip file.

2. To comply with legal requirements, you need to [open a support case](#) before gaining access. This helps NetApp maintain the correct control and documentation while providing you with the production-ready software you need.



NetApp provides the "production-ready" version of ONTAP Select, which is not an open-source or alternative version. Support is only available if you upgrade to a production license.

### What's next?

After the evaluation software download completes, follow the instructions to download the ONTAP Select Deploy administration utility and deploy a cluster.

### Related information

- [Learn about evaluation licenses for ONTAP Select deployments](#)
- [Convert an evaluation license to a production license](#)

## Deploy a 90-day evaluation instance of an ONTAP Select cluster

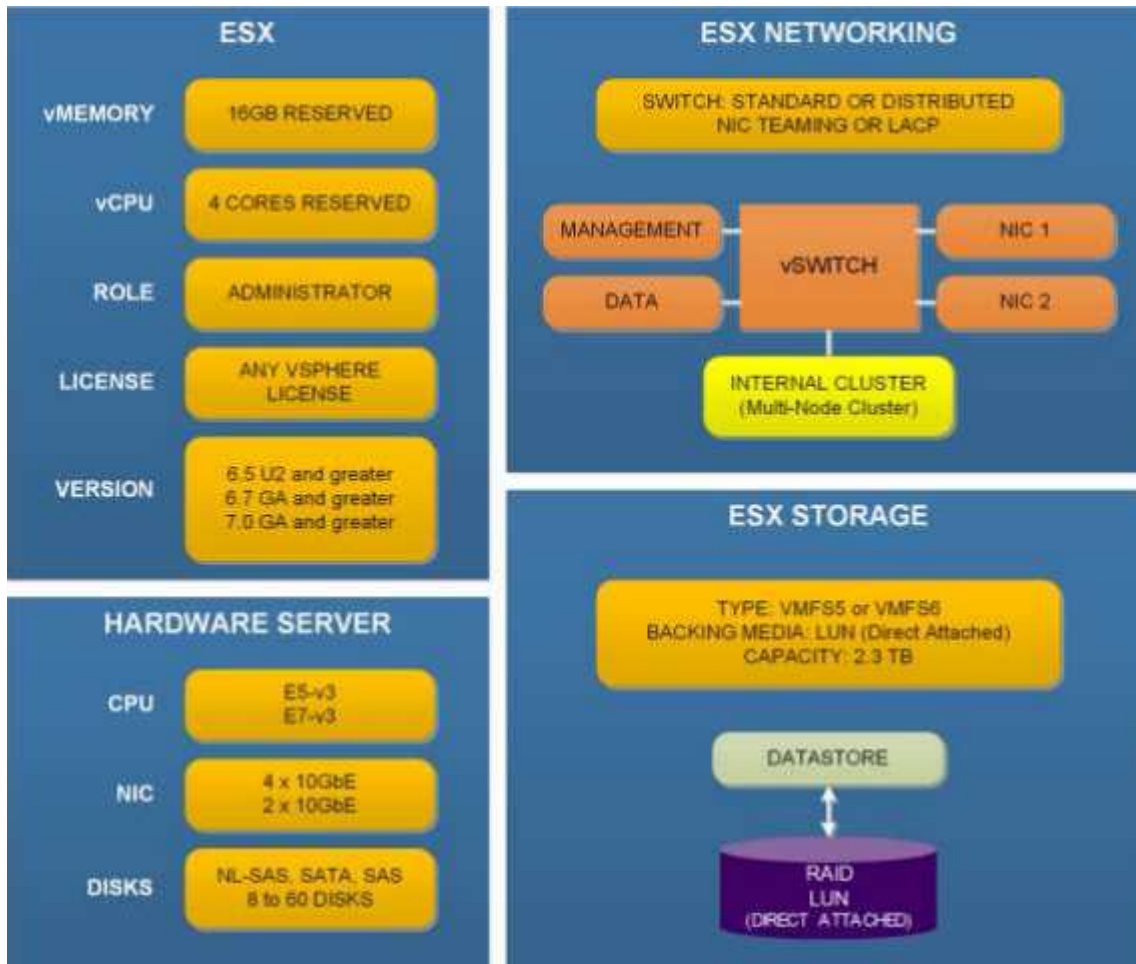
You can deploy a 90-day evaluation instance of an ONTAP select cluster ranging in size from a single-node up to 99 nodes using an OVF template on VMware ESXi. You can download an evaluation license if you are an existing or new customer. For example, you are an existing customer and you want to try a new configuration before purchasing a license.

### About this task

- You don't need to obtain a serial number or storage capacity license from NetApp.
- You can allocate the same amount of storage for user data as a purchased license.
- You can't upgrade the node from an evaluation license to a purchased license.
- You can only use a vCenter account to deploy the OVF template. Installing directly to an ESXi host is currently not supported.
- You must install the OVF template (contained in an ova file) using the vSphere standalone client or vSphere web client (the only option for ESXi 8.0 and later). You don't use the ONTAP Select Deploy administration utility.

## Step 1: Prepare the ONTAP Select cluster host

Use the following requirements to prepare the ESXi host where the ONTAP Select cluster is deployed. The platform description is based on the standard or small instance type configuration with local direct-attached storage (DAS) formatted using the VMFS-5 or VMFS-6 file system.



For additional information about host configuration options, see the [ONTAP Select Install documentation](#).

## Step 2: Deploy a single-node ONTAP Select cluster using an OVF template

Complete the following steps on a supported 64-bit ESXi host server.

### Steps

1. Go to the NetApp Evaluation Products Program page and select **ONTAP Select** to download the ONTAP Select OVF template to your local workstation.
2. Sign in to the VMware vSphere web client using an account with administrative privileges.
3. Select the host using one of the following options:
  - Select **File > Deploy OVF Template**.
  - Select **Datacenter**. Then right-click and select **Deploy OVF Template**.
4. Select the ONTAP Select source OVA file on your local workstation, then select **Next**.
5. Review the OVF template details and select **Next**.

6. Review the EULA details and select **Accept**. Then select **Next**.
7. Type the name of the new virtual machine and select **Next**.
8. If more than one datastore is available, select the datastore and select **Next**.
9. Select **Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed**, then select **Next**.
10. Select the data and management networks, then select **Next**.
11. On the **Properties** page, provide all the required values and select **Next**.
12. Review the deployment details and select **Power on after deployment**.
13. Select **Finish** to begin the deployment process.
14. After the ONTAP Select cluster has been deployed, you can configure the cluster using the System Manager or the CLI interface. You must assign the disk using the standard ONTAP **disk assign** operation.

#### Related information

- [Learn about evaluation licenses for ONTAP Select deployments](#)
- [Interoperability Matrix Tool](#)

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