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Installation and setup workflow for Cisco Nexus 3232C switches

Cisco Nexus 3232C switches can be used as cluster switches in your AFF or FAS cluster. Cluster switches allow you to build ONTAP clusters with more than two nodes.

Follow these workflow steps to install and setup your to Cisco Nexus 3232C switch.

Configuration requirements

Review the configuration requirements for the 3232C cluster switch.

Required documentation

Review specific switch and controller documentation to set up your 3232C switches and the ONTAP cluster.

Smart Call Home requirements

Review the requirements for the Cisco Smart Call Home feature, used to monitor the hardware and software components on your network.

Install the hardware

Install the switch hardware.

Configure the software

Configure the switch software.

Configuration requirements for Cisco Nexus 3232C switches

For Cisco Nexus 3232C switch installation and maintenance, be sure to review configuration and network requirements.

Configuration requirements

To configure your cluster, you need the appropriate number and type of cables and cable connectors for your switches. Depending on the type of switch you are initially configuring, you need to connect to the switch console port with the included console cable; you also need to provide specific network information.

Network requirements

You need the following network information for all switch configurations:

- IP subnet for management network traffic
- Host names and IP addresses for each of the storage system controllers and all applicable switches
- Most storage system controllers are managed through the e0M interface by connecting to the Ethernet service port (wrench icon). On AFF A800 and AFF A700 systems, the e0M interface uses a dedicated Ethernet port.

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

What's next

After you've confirmed your configuration requirements, you can review the required documentation.

Documentation requirements for Cisco Nexus 3232C switches

For Cisco Nexus 3232C switch installation and maintenance, be sure to review all recommended documentation.

Switch documentation

To set up the Cisco Nexus 3232C switches, you need the following documentation from the Cisco Nexus 3000 Series Switches Support page.

Document title	Description
Nexus 3000 Series Hardware Installation Guide	Provides detailed information about site requirements, switch hardware details, and installation options.
Cisco Nexus 3000 Series Switch Software Configuration Guides (choose the guide for the NX-OS release installed on your switches)	Provides initial switch configuration information that you need before you can configure the switch for ONTAP operation.
Cisco Nexus 3000 Series NX-OS Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide (choose the guide for the NX-OS release installed on your switches)	Provides information on how to downgrade the switch to ONTAP supported switch software, if necessary.
Cisco Nexus 3000 Series NX-OS Command Reference Master Index	Provides links to the various command references provided by Cisco.
Cisco Nexus 3000 MIBs Reference	Describes the Management Information Base (MIB) files for the Nexus 3000 switches.

Document title	Description
Nexus 3000 Series NX-OS System Message Reference	Describes the system messages for Cisco Nexus 3000 series switches, those that are informational, and others that might help diagnose problems with links, internal hardware, or the system software.
Cisco Nexus 3000 Series NX-OS Release Notes (choose the notes for the NX-OS release installed on your switches)	Describes the features, bugs, and limitations for the Cisco Nexus 3000 Series.
Regulatory, Compliance, and Safety Information for the Cisco Nexus 6000, Cisco Nexus 5000 Series, Cisco Nexus 3000 Series, and Cisco Nexus 2000 Series	Provides international agency compliance, safety, and statutory information for the Nexus 3000 series switches.

ONTAP systems documentation

To set up an ONTAP system, you need the following documents for your version of the operating system from ONTAP 9.

Name	Description
Controller-specific *Installation and Setup Instructions*	Describes how to install NetApp hardware.
ONTAP documentation	Provides detailed information about all aspects of the ONTAP releases.
Hardware Universe	Provides NetApp hardware configuration and compatibility information.

Rail kit and cabinet documentation

To install a 3232C Cisco switch in a NetApp cabinet, see the following hardware documentation.

Name	Description
42U System Cabinet, Deep Guide	Describes the FRUs associated with the 42U system cabinet, and provides maintenance and FRU replacement instructions.
Install a Cisco Nexus 3232C switch in a NetApp Cabinet	Describes how to install a Cisco Nexus 3232C switch in a four-post NetApp cabinet.

Smart Call Home requirements

To use Smart Call Home, you must configure a cluster network switch to communicate using email with the Smart Call Home system. In addition, you can optionally set up your cluster network switch to take advantage of Cisco's embedded Smart Call Home support

feature.

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Before you can use Smart Call Home, be aware of the following requirements:

- An email server must be in place.
- The switch must have IP connectivity to the email server.
- The contact name (SNMP server contact), phone number, and street address information must be configured. This is required to determine the origin of messages received.
- A CCO ID must be associated with an appropriate Cisco SMARTnet Service contract for your company.
- Cisco SMARTnet Service must be in place for the device to be registered.

The Cisco support site contains information about the commands to configure Smart Call Home.

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