



## Customer Communiqué

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### Introducing MetroCluster Plug-in 1.0 for vSphere

NetApp announces the availability of MetroCluster™ Plug-in 1.0 for vSphere® for First Customer Ship.

The MetroCluster Plug-in for vSphere is a new vSphere web client plug-in that enables visualization, configuration, and simplified initiation of a disaster recovery process on a 7-Mode MetroCluster configuration.

The plug-in adds a new MetroCluster section under the Manage tab in the Hosts and Clusters view in the vSphere web client when a cluster is selected from the vSphere inventory.

The MetroCluster Plug-in for vSphere enables a virtual system administrator using VMware vCenter to perform key disaster recovery operations on a MetroCluster configuration without the need to use other storage management tools. This simplifies the initiation of a disaster recovery process. Supported features include MetroCluster visualization, virtual machine evacuation, and MetroCluster takeover and giveback.

**MetroCluster Visualization:** MetroCluster Plug-in for vSphere enables a VMware vCenter administrator to view NetApp storage systems running Data ONTAP operating in 7-Mode in a MetroCluster configuration within the vSphere cluster inventory. Hosts, datastores, and VMs can be viewed at each site.

**Virtual Machine Evacuation:** The plug-in performs an evacuation by placing all host systems at one site in a MetroCluster configuration in maintenance mode and migrating all virtual machines from servers at one site to servers at the other site.

**MetroCluster Takeover and Giveback:** The plug-in can perform MetroCluster takeover and giveback operations. Takeover and giveback are the operations that let an administrator take advantage of the high-availability (HA) configuration to perform nondisruptive operations and avoid service interruptions. A takeover operation may be necessary when a system failure occurs or when system maintenance is required. After all issues are resolved or maintenance is complete, a giveback operation can be performed to restore normal storage operation.

The MetroCluster Plug-in for vSphere is available now for download at no cost.

#### Supported Platforms:

- NetApp Data ONTAP® 7-Mode MetroCluster only (8.1.x/8.2.x)
- VMware vCenter™ v5.5 or later
- Hosts supported: ESXi 5.0 and above

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