

# **Preparing for Upgrade**

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## HyperFlex Upgrade Preparation

**Note** The following upgrade process only applies to when a user is upgrading from Cisco HX Release 3.5(2x) or later.



Note If you are upgrading one of the following rather than a HyperFlex standard cluster:

- For HyperFlex Edge clusters, see HyperFlex Edge Upgrade.
- For Stretched clusters, see Stretched Cluster Upgrade.
- For split-upgrade procedures, see HyperFlex Offline Upgrade Workflow.

The following image describes the general upgrade workflow for a full-stack HyperFlex standard cluster.

#### HyperFlex Upgrade Workflow



The upgrade requires you to complete the following tasks in this order:

- 1. Complete all tasks in the Prerequisites section of this guide.
- 2. Run the Hypercheck Health & Pre-Upgrade tool to on your HyperFlex systems to ensure its stability and resiliency Hypercheck : Hyperflex Health & Pre-Upgrade Check Tool
- **3.** Verify that your VMware vCenter version is 7.0 U2, 7.0 U3, or 8.0 or later and that vCenter and your target ESXi version are compatible. See, *VMware Product Interoperability Matrices* on the VMware site. Also, verify the vCenter version is compatible with the target HXDP version.

### **Checking Cluster Storage Capacity**

Cisco recommends that you check the cluster storage capacity before starting the upgrade of an existing installation of Cisco HX Data Platform. If the storage utilization in the cluster is equal to 76% or more (capacity + overhead), the upgrade validation fails.

Refer to the *HX Storage Cluster Overview* chapter in the Cisco HyperFlex Data Platform Administration Guide for background details about checking cluster storage capacity.

Perform the following validations on each HyperFlex node before starting the upgrade.

- Verify that the HyperFlex cluster is healthy and online.
- Verify all HyperFlex cluster nodes are connected to the vCenter and are online.
- Verify that DRS is enabled and set to fully automated if licensed for DRS. If DRS is Disabled, manual intervention is required to vMotion the VMs manually when prompted by the upgrade process.
- Verify vMotion is configured on all the nodes, If vMotion is not configured, see Verify vMotion Configuration for HX Cluster before starting the upgrade.
- Verify that ESXi Agent Manager (EAM) health is normal.
- Verify the health of the UCSM Fabric Interconnect cluster in Cisco UCS Manager.

# Verify Health of an UCS Fabric Interconnect Cluster in Cisco UCS Manager

- **Step 1** Verify if the high availability status of the fabric interconnects shows that both the fabric interconnects are up and running. See the Cisco UCS Manager System Monitoring Guide for more information.
- **Step 2** Verify that all servers have been discovered.
- **Step 3** Verify that the HyperFlex servers have no faults.
- **Step 4** Verify that vNIC faults are cleared to ensure VMware ESXi vSwitch uplinks are up and operational.
- **Step 5** Verify that the data path is up and running. See the Cisco UCS Manager Firmware Management Guide for more information.

## **Viewing HyperFlex Cluster Health**

#### **Using CLI**

Log into any controller VM in the storage cluster. Run the command hxcli cluster info [flags].

```
address: 192.168.100.82
name: HX-Cluster01
state: online
uptime: 0 days 12 hours 16 minutes 44 seconds
activeNodes: 5 of 5
compressionSavings: 78.1228617455
deduplicationSavings: 0.0
freeCapacity: 38.1T
healingInfo:
    inProgress: False
resiliencvDetails:
        current ensemble size:5
        # of ssd failures before cluster shuts down:3
        minimum cache copies remaining:3
        minimum data copies available for some user data:3
        minimum metadata copies available for cluster metadata:3
        # of unavailable nodes:0
        # of nodes failure tolerable for cluster to be available:2
        health state reason:storage cluster is healthy.
        # of node failures before cluster shuts down:3
        # of node failures before cluster goes into readonly:3
        # of hdd failures tolerable for cluster to be available:2
       # of node failures before cluster goes to enospace warn trying to move the existing
 data:na
        # of hdd failures before cluster shuts down:3
        # of hdd failures before cluster goes into readonly:3
        # of ssd failures before cluster goes into readonly:na
        # of ssd failures tolerable for cluster to be available:2
resiliencyInfo:
   messages:
     Storage cluster is healthy.
     state: healthy
     hddFailuresTolerable: 2
     nodeFailuresTolerable: 1
     ssdFailuresTolerable: 2
spaceStatus: normal
totalCapacity: 38.5T
totalSavings: 78.1228617455
usedCapacity: 373.3G
clusterAccessPolicy: lenient
dataReplicationCompliance: compliant
dataReplicationFactor: 3
```

Sample response that indicates the HyperFlex storage cluster is online and healthy.

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