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Information Covered

From version X12.5 onwards, this guide applies only to the Cisco Expressway Series product (Expressway) and no longer applies to the Cisco VCS product (VCS). Older VCS guides on [Cisco.com](#) are still valid for the VCS versions they apply to—as specified on the title page of each guide.

The guide covers the following topics:

- [Clustering Requirements](#)
Describes the required network environment and minimum configuration of the peer Expressways before you can cluster them.
- [How to Form a Cluster](#)
How to form a cluster of one, add peers to a cluster, and configure cluster address mapping if necessary.
- [How to Change a Cluster](#)
Processes like upgrading, taking peers offline, changing the primary peer, and disbanding the cluster.
- [How to Connect the Expressway Cluster to Other Systems](#)
How to connect the cluster with external systems like Cisco TMS, other Expressways, and endpoints.
- [Troubleshooting](#)
Guidance that may assist if the cluster is not working as expected.
- [Reference](#)
Additional material that may be relevant to your environment.

For information about license usage and capacity with clustered systems, refer to the *Expressway Administrator Guide* on the *Cisco Expressway Series Maintain and Operate Guides* page.

Change History

Table 1: Change History

Date	Change	Reason
June 2023	<p>First published for X14.3 release</p> <p>Included a section "Usage Note for Expressway-E Traversal Zones" in chapter "(Optional) Use Fully Qualified Domain Names to Form a Cluster"</p> <p>Included a Note to the section "Mix Cluster Deployment With Expressway and Expressway Select" in chapter "Clustering Requirements"</p>	X14.3 release
July 2021	<p>Updates for X14.0.2 release</p> <p>Addressed a few CDETs</p>	X14.0.2 release
April 2021	<p>First published for X14.0 release</p> <p>Included a few "Expressway Alarms and Warning" in the chapter "Troubleshooting"</p>	X14.0 release
June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated for X12.6. Also remove cluster license usage and capacity guidelines, which are now in the <i>Expressway Administrator Guide</i>. • Update <i>Clustering Requirements</i> to clarify DNS SRV record with A or AAAA records per peer for B2B deployments is recommended but not required. 	X12.6 release and document correction
March 2019	<p>Clarify that removal of a cluster peer deletes <i>all</i> configuration for the LAN2 interface in dual NIC deployments.</p>	Clarification
February 2019	<p>Updated for X12.5.</p> <p>From this version, the guide applies only to Cisco Expressway Series and not to Cisco VCS.</p>	X12.5 release

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February 2019	Cluster Address Mapping section edited. Software version updated to X8.11.4 maintenance release. Other superficial enhancements to text.	Documentation defect, X8.11.4 release
September 2018	Updated for Webex and Spark platform rebranding, CE1200 appliance, and X8.11.1 maintenance release.	X8.11.1 release
August 2018	Corrected text and example in “Cluster Name and DNS SRV Records” section.	Correction
July 2018	Updated for X8.11.	X8.11 release
November 2017	Updated round trip delay and maximum hop distances in “Prerequisites” section.	Update
October 2017	Strengthened advice on cluster upgrade order.	Clarification
August 2017	Added note that all cluster peers should be configured in the same domain.	Omission
July 2017	Updated for X8.10.	X8.10 release
April 2017	Added section and related edits for cluster address mapping.	X8.9.2 release
December 2016	Added section on clusters in isolated networks in relation to TLS.	X8.9 release
June 2016	Cluster communications now use TLS. Registrations, FindMe, TMSPE support introduced on Expressway.	X8.8 release
November 2015	Updated for X8.7.	
July 2015	Updated for X8.6. New procedure for replacing a peer.	
April 2015	Menu path changes for X8.5 onwards. Republished with X8.5.2.	
December 2014	Updated for X8.5.	

Date	Change	Reason
June 2014	Republished for X8.2.	
April 2014	Updated for Expressway X8.1.1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New 'Upgrading a cluster' section for Expressway• New 'Replacing an Expressway peer' section• Updates to 'IP ports and protocols' appendix	
December 2013	First release of Expressway version of this document. For older VCS versions see VCS Configuration Guides page.	