Load Balancing Fiserv DNA SAF Server

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1. About this Guide

This guide details the steps required to configure a load balanced Fiserv DNA SAF Server environment utilizing Loadbalancer.org appliances. It covers the configuration of the load balancers and also any Fiserv DNA SAF Server configuration changes that are required to enable load balancing.

For more information about initial appliance deployment, network configuration and using the Web User Interface (WebUI), please also refer to the Administration Manual.

2. Loadbalancer.org Appliances Supported

All our products can be used with Fiserv DNA SAF Server. For full specifications of available models please refer to https://www.loadbalancer.org/products.

Some features may not be supported in all cloud platforms due to platform specific limitations, please check with Loadbalancer.org support for further details.

3. Loadbalancer.org Software Versions Supported

- V8.6.1 and later

4. Fiserv DNA SAF Server Software Versions Supported

- Fiserv DNA SAF Server – all versions

5. Fiserv DNA SAF Server

Fiserv is a provider of financial services and technologies. Fiserv’s DNA SAF server is one part of their product offering. In order to make the service highly available and to ensure uptime, it is recommended to deploy multiple SAF servers and place a highly available pair of load balancers in front of them.

6. Load Balancing Fiserv DNA SAF Server

**Note**

It’s highly recommended that you have a working Fiserv DNA SAF Server environment first before implementing the load balancer.

**Persistence (aka Server Affinity)**

Source IP affinity is required for a load balanced Fiserv DNA SAF Server deployment to function correctly. This is enabled by default when creating the virtual service as described in this document.

**Virtual Service (VIP) Requirements**

To provide load balancing and HA for Fiserv DNA SAF Server, only a single VIP is required:

- SAF

**Port Requirements**

The following table shows information regarding the port that is load balanced:
### 7. Deployment Concept

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<th>Port</th>
<th>Protocols</th>
<th>Use</th>
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<td>10001</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>DNA SAF service</td>
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VIPs = Virtual IP Addresses

**Note**

The load balancer can be deployed as a single unit, although Loadbalancer.org recommends a clustered pair for resilience & high availability. Please refer to the section Configuring HA - Adding a Secondary Appliance in the appendix for more details on configuring a clustered pair.

### 8. Loadbalancer.org Appliance – the Basics

**Virtual Appliance**

A fully featured, fully supported 30 day trial is available if you are conducting a PoC (Proof of Concept) deployment. The VA is currently available for VMware, Virtual Box, Hyper-V, KVM, XEN and Nutanix AHV and has been optimized for each Hypervisor. By default, the VA is allocated 2 vCPUs, 4GB of RAM and has a 20GB virtual disk. The Virtual Appliance can be downloaded [here](#).

**Note**

The same download is used for the licensed product, the only difference is that a license key file (supplied by our sales team when the product is purchased) must be applied using the appliance’s WebUI.

**Note**

Please refer to The Virtual Appliance - Hypervisor Deployment and the ReadMe.txt text file included in the VA download for more detailed information on deploying the VA using various Hypervisors.
Note  For the VA, 4 NICs are included but only eth0 is connected by default at power up. If the other NICs are required, these should be connected using the network configuration screen within the Hypervisor.

Initial Network Configuration
After boot up, follow the instructions on the console to configure the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, DNS and other network settings.

Important  Be sure to set a secure password for the load balancer, when prompted during the setup routine.

Accessing the WebUI
The WebUI is accessed using a web browser. Appliance authentication is based on Apache .htaccess files. User admin tasks such as adding users and changing passwords can be performed using the WebUI menu option: Maintenance > Passwords.

Note  A number of compatibility issues have been found with various versions of Internet Explorer and Edge. The WebUI has been tested and verified using both Chrome & Firefox.

Note  If required, users can also be authenticated against LDAP, LDAPS, Active Directory or Radius. For more information please refer to External Authentication.

1. Using a browser, access the WebUI using the following URL:


2. Log in to the WebUI:

   Username: loadbalancer
   Password: <configured-during-network-setup-wizard>

   Note  To change the password, use the WebUI menu option: Maintenance > Passwords.

Once logged in, the WebUI will be displayed as shown below:
Note: The WebUI for the VA is shown, the hardware and cloud appliances are very similar. The yellow licensing related message is platform & model dependent.

3. You'll be asked if you want to run the Setup Wizard. If you click Accept the Layer 7 Virtual Service configuration wizard will start. If you want to configure the appliance manually, simple click Dismiss.

Main Menu Options

**System Overview** - Displays a graphical summary of all VIPs, RIPv and key appliance statistics

**Local Configuration** - Configure local host settings such as IP address, DNS, system time etc.

**Cluster Configuration** - Configure load balanced services such as VIPs & RIPv

**Maintenance** - Perform maintenance tasks such as service restarts and taking backups

**View Configuration** - Display the saved appliance configuration settings

**Reports** - View various appliance reports & graphs
HA Clustered Pair Configuration
Loadbalancer.org recommend that load balancer appliances are deployed in pairs for high availability. In this guide a single unit is deployed first, adding a secondary unit is covered in the section Configuring HA - Adding a Secondary Appliance of the appendix.

9. Appliance Configuration for Fiserv DNA SAF Server

Configuring the Virtual Service (VIP)

1. Using the web user interface, navigate to Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services and click on Add a new Virtual Service.
2. Define the Label for the virtual service as required, e.g. SAF_VIP.
3. Set the Virtual Service IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.85.150.
4. Set the Ports field to 10001.
5. Set the Layer 7 Protocol to TCP Mode.
6. Click Update to create the virtual service.

7. Click Modify next to the newly created VIP.
8. In the Other section click Advanced to expand the menu.
9. Check the Timeout checkbox.
10. Set Client Timeout to 1h (one hour).
11. Set Real Server Timeout to 1h (one hour).
12. Click **Update**.

**Defining the Real Servers (RIPs)**

1. Using the web user interface, navigate to **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers** and click on **Add a new Real Server** next to the newly created VIP.

2. Define the **Label** for the real server as required, e.g. **Prod_SAF_01**.

3. Set the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.85.200**.

4. Click **Update**.

5. Repeat these steps to add additional servers as required.

**Finalizing the Configuration**

To apply the new settings, HAProxy must be reloaded as follows:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Maintenance > Restart Services** and click **Reload HAProxy**.

**10. Testing & Verification**

**Using System Overview**

The System Overview can be viewed in the WebUI. It shows a graphical view of all VIPs & RIPs (i.e. the Fiserv DNA SAF servers) and shows the state/health of each server as well as the state of the cluster as a whole. The example below shows that both DNA SAF servers are healthy and available to accept connections:
11. Technical Support

For more details about configuring the appliance and assistance with designing your deployment please don’t hesitate to contact the support team using the following email address: support@loadbalancer.org

12. Further Documentation


13. Conclusion

Loadbalancer.org appliances provide a very cost effective solution for highly available load balanced Fiserv DNA SAF Server environments.
Configuring HA - Adding a Secondary Appliance

Our recommended configuration is to use a clustered HA pair of load balancers to provide a highly available and resilient load balancing solution.

We recommend that the Primary appliance should be configured first, then the Secondary should be added. Once the Primary and Secondary are paired, all load balanced services configured on the Primary are automatically replicated to the Secondary over the network using SSH/SCP.

For Enterprise Azure, the HA pair should be configured first. In Azure, when creating a VIP using an HA pair, 2 private IPs must be specified – one for the VIP when it’s active on the Primary and one for the VIP when it’s active on the Secondary. Configuring the HA pair first, enables both IPs to be specified when the VIP is created.

The clustered HA pair uses Heartbeat to determine the state of the other appliance. Should the active device (normally the Primary) suffer a failure, the passive device (normally the Secondary) will take over.

A number of settings are not replicated as part of the Primary/Secondary pairing process and therefore must be manually configured on the Secondary appliance. These are listed by WebUI menu option in the table below:

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To add a Secondary node - i.e. create a highly available clustered pair:
1. Deploy a second appliance that will be the Secondary and configure initial network settings.

2. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > High-Availability Configuration.

3. Specify the IP address and the loadbalancer user’s password for the Secondary (peer) appliance as shown above.

4. Click Add new node.

5. The pairing process now commences as shown below:

6. Once complete, the following will be displayed:
7. To finalize the configuration, restart heartbeat and any other services as prompted in the blue message box at the top of the screen.

Note: Clicking the **Restart Heartbeat** button on the Primary appliance will also automatically restart heartbeat on the Secondary appliance.

Note: For more details on configuring HA with 2 appliances, please refer to [Appliance Clustering for HA](#).
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