

 LOADBALANCER

# Competitor Battlecards

HAProxy.org Community Edition versus  
Loadbalancer Enterprise



# Value prop comparison


## 1 Enterprise readiness

### Loadbalancer Enterprise

An enterprise and production-ready platform that eliminates the engineering tax of building infrastructure from scratch.

### HAProxy Community Edition

HAProxy is free software, but it isn't a free solution. It trades license fees for months of expensive DIY engineering time and high operational debt.

 WHY WE WIN

*Loadbalancer's  
turnkey solution*

**VS.**

*HAProxy's open  
source project*

## 2 Support

### Loadbalancer Enterprise

Unlimited, 24/7 access to Tier 3 High Availability specialists who act as an extension of the customer's own networking team.

### HAProxy Community Edition

When critical outages occur, the customer is on their own, searching for community fixes while their services stay offline.

 WHY WE WIN

*Loadbalancer's  
supported solution*

**VS.**

*HAProxy's DIY  
troubleshooting*


## 3 Functionality

### Loadbalancer Enterprise

Native, pre-configured WAF and GSLB provide a single pane of glass for global resilience and edge protection.

### HAProxy Community Edition

Baseline proxy logic only. Achieving multi-site failover or web security requires complex, manual 3rd-party integrations and manual monitoring/patching of CVEs.

 WHY WE WIN

*Loadbalancer's full  
stack load  
balancer*

**VS.**

*HAProxy's  
foundation-level  
tool*

# Feature comparison

| Feature                             | HAProxy.org Community Edition  |   | Loadbalancer Enterprise  |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| L4/L7 load balancing                | High-performance proxy-based L4 and L7 balancing   | ✓ | Robust, optimized LVS (L4) and HAProxy (L7) engines  | ✓ |
| Global Server Load Balancing (GSLB) | Not included   | ✗ | Integrated GSLB included straight out-of-the-box   | ✓ |
| Web Application Firewall (WAF)      | Not included   | ✗ | Advanced ModSecurity/OWASP WAF, included straight out-of-the-box   | ✓ |
| Throughput                          | Hardware dependent and self-managed  | ✓ | 1Gbps > Unrestricted   | ✓ |
| Scripting engine                    | Lua scripting and complex native config syntax   | ✓ | Advanced ACL rules; simpler to configure   | ✓ |
| Management API                      | Data Plane API requiring a separate setup/sidecar  | ✓ | Fully documented REST API  | ✓ |
| HA clustering                       | Fragmented assembly: Requires 3rd-party tools (Keepalived) and complex manual "Peers" configuration. | ✗ | Native synchronization: Built-in Heartbeat and state replication; setup wizard enables pairing in < 5 mins | ✓ |
| DDos protection                     | Reactive/ expert-only: Depends on manual ACL and Stick Table logic; high risk of misconfiguration.   | ✗ | Proactive defense: Automated L4/L7 mitigation rules pre-tuned for enterprise traffic patterns.             | ✓ |

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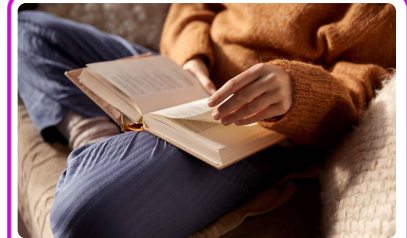
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