

Load Balancing Harmonic VOS

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1. About this Brief

This brief outlines the steps required to configure a load balanced Harmonic VOS environment utilizing Loadbalancer.org appliances. It covers the configuration of the load balancers and also any Harmonic VOS 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 Harmonic VOS. For full specifications of available models please refer to <https://www.loadbalancer.org/products>.

Some features may not be available or fully supported in all cloud platforms due to platform specific limitations. For more details, please refer to the "Main Differences to our Standard (Non-Cloud) Product" section in the appropriate cloud platform [Quick Start Guide](#) or check with Loadbalancer.org support.

3. Software Versions Supported

3.1. Loadbalancer.org Appliance

- V8.9.1 and later

Note

The screenshots used throughout this document aim to track the latest Loadbalancer.org software version. If you're using an older version, or the very latest, the screenshots presented here may not match your WebUI exactly.

3.2. Harmonic VOS

- All versions

4. Harmonic VOS

Harmonic VOS (Virtualized Operating System) is a software platform designed to support video and media workloads, often used in broadcast and streaming environments. VOS is essentially an integrated suite of tools and services for media processing, and it helps with tasks like encoding, transcoding, playout, and delivery of video content.

5. Load Balancing Harmonic VOS

Note

It's highly recommended that you have a working Harmonic VOS environment first before implementing the load balancer.

5.1. Load Balancing & HA Requirements



Harmonic VOS can be installed on multiple servers and load balanced to provide load sharing, HA and resilience. The following protocols can be load balanced:

- **HTTP/HTTPS traffic** – For REST API requests or web-based interactions with the VOS system. This traffic is essential for control, configuration, and monitoring of the VOS services.
- **RTSP (Real-Time Streaming Protocol)** – For streaming video feeds between encoders/decoders, players, or servers, especially for live video streaming.
- **RTMP (Real-Time Messaging Protocol)** – Often used for streaming video to platforms or for broadcasting live media.
- **UDP/TCP traffic** – Used for media streams, especially in transport protocols like MPEG-TS (Transport Stream) or other packetized video formats.

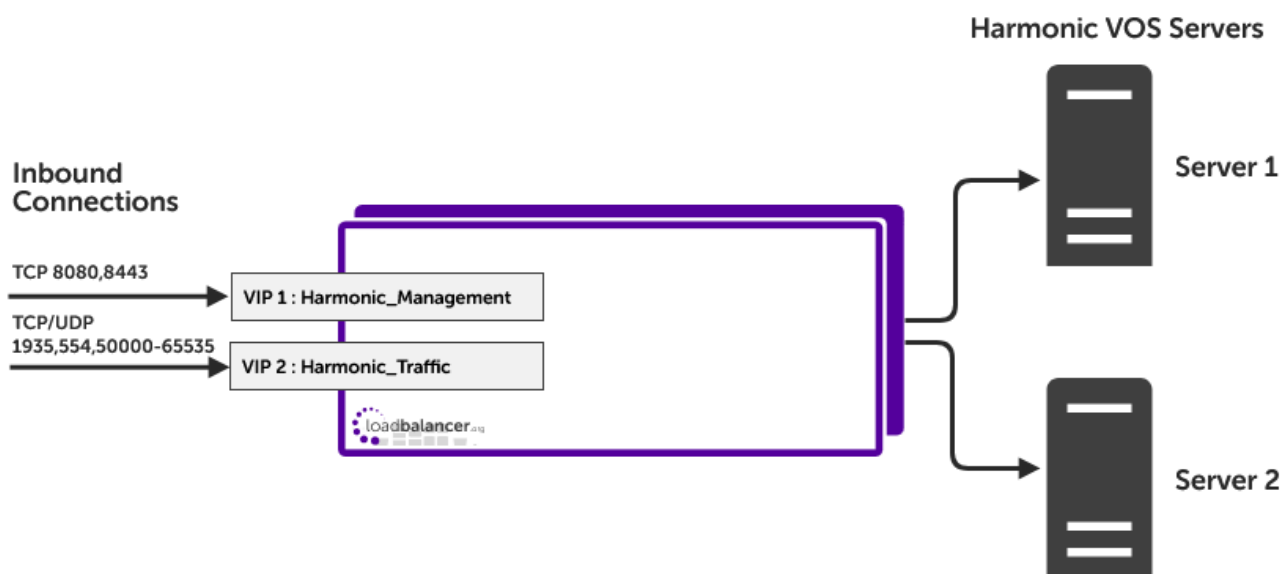
5.2. Virtual Service (VIP) Requirements

To provide load balancing and HA for Harmonic VOS, the following VIPs are required:

Ref.	VIP Name	Mode	Port(s)	Persistence Mode	Health Check
VIP 1	Harmonic_Management	L7 SNAT	8080,8443	Source IP	HTTPS (GET)
VIP 2	Harmonic_Traffic	L4 DR	1935,554,50000-65535	Source IP	HTTPS (GET)

6. Deployment Concept

Once the load balancer is deployed, clients connect to the Virtual Services (VIPs) rather than connecting directly to one of the Harmonic VOS servers. These connections are then load balanced across the Harmonic VOS servers to distribute the load according to the load balancing algorithm selected.



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.

7. Load Balancer Deployment Methods

The load balancer can be deployed in 4 fundamental ways: *Layer 4 DR mode*, *Layer 4 NAT mode*, *Layer 4 SNAT mode*, and *Layer 7 SNAT mode*.

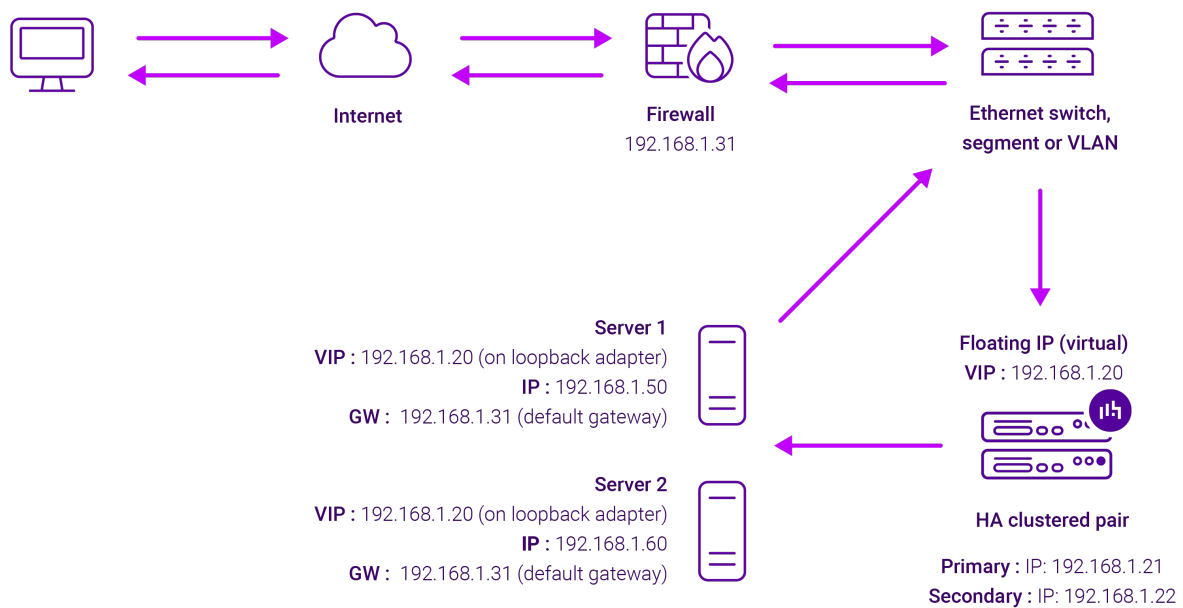
For Harmonic VOS, Layer 4 DR mode and layer 7 SNAT mode are recommended. These modes are described below and are used for the configuration presented in this guide.

7.1. Layer 4 DR Mode

Layer 4 DR (Direct Routing) mode is a very high performance solution that requires little change to your existing infrastructure. The image below shows an example network diagram for this mode.

Note

Kemp, Brocade, Barracuda & A10 Networks call this *Direct Server Return* and F5 call it *nPath*.

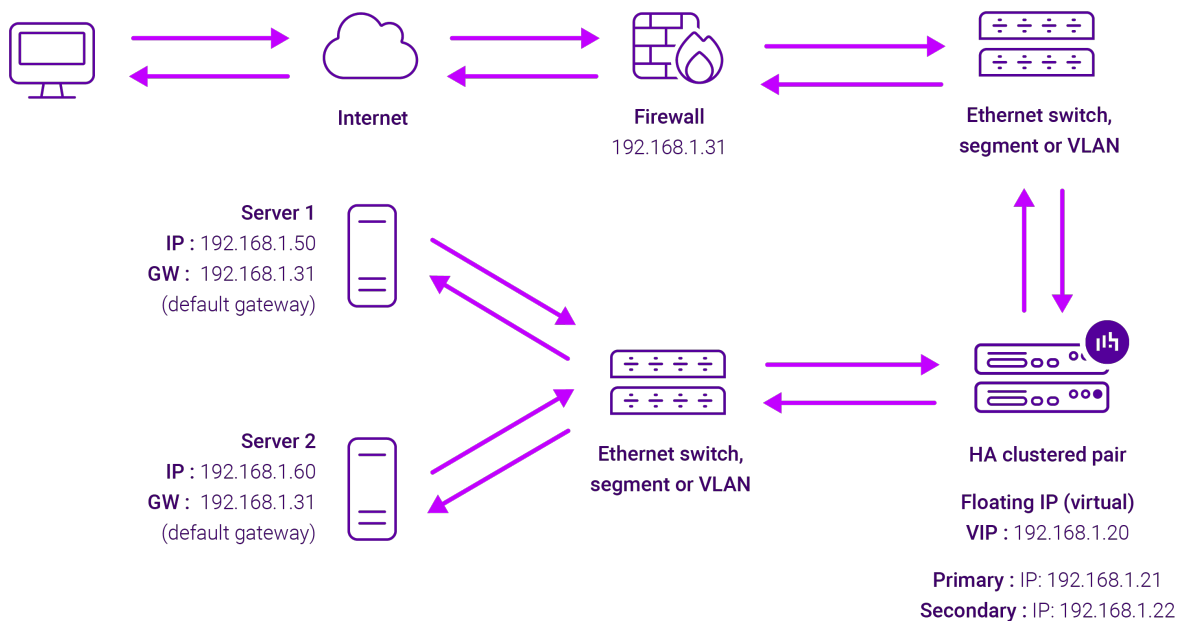


- DR mode works by changing the destination MAC address of the incoming packet to match the selected Real Server on the fly which is very fast.
- When the packet reaches the Real Server it expects the Real Server to own the Virtual Services IP address (VIP). This means that each Real Server (and the load balanced application) must respond to both the Real Server's own IP address and the VIP.
- The Real Server should not respond to ARP requests for the VIP. Only the load balancer should do this. Configuring the Real Server in this way is referred to as "Solving the ARP Problem". For more information please refer to [DR Mode Considerations](#).
- On average, DR mode is 8 times quicker than NAT mode for HTTP and much faster for other applications such as Remote Desktop Services, streaming media and FTP.

- The load balancer must have an interface in the same subnet as the Real Servers to ensure layer 2 connectivity which is required for DR mode to operate.
- The VIP can be brought up on the same subnet as the Real Servers or on a different subnet provided that the load balancer has an interface in that subnet.
- Port translation is not possible with DR mode, e.g. VIP:80 → RIP:8080 is not supported.
- DR mode is transparent, i.e. the Real Server will see the source IP address of the client.

7.2. Layer 7 SNAT Mode

Layer 7 SNAT mode uses a proxy (HAProxy) at the application layer. Inbound requests are terminated on the load balancer and HAProxy generates a new corresponding request to the chosen Real Server. As a result, Layer 7 is typically not as fast as the Layer 4 methods. Layer 7 is typically chosen when either enhanced options such as SSL termination, cookie based persistence, URL rewriting, header insertion/deletion etc. are required, or when the network topology prohibits the use of the layer 4 methods. The image below shows an example network diagram for this mode.



- Because layer 7 SNAT mode is a full proxy, Real Servers in the cluster can be on any accessible network including across the Internet or WAN.
- Layer 7 SNAT mode is not transparent by default, i.e. the Real Servers will not see the source IP address of the client, they will see the load balancer's own IP address by default, or any other local appliance IP address if preferred (e.g. the VIP address). This can be configured per layer 7 VIP. If required, the load balancer can be configured to provide the actual client IP address to the Real Servers in 2 ways. Either by inserting a header that contains the client's source IP address, or by modifying the Source Address field of the IP packets and replacing the IP address of the load balancer with the IP address of the client. For more information on these methods please refer to [Transparency at Layer 7](#).
- Layer 7 SNAT mode can be deployed using either a one-arm or two-arm configuration. For two-arm deployments, **eth1** is typically used for client side connections and **eth0** is used for Real Server connections, although this is not mandatory since any interface can be used for any purpose.

- Requires no mode-specific configuration changes to the load balanced Real Servers.
- Port translation is possible with Layer 7 SNAT mode, e.g. VIP:80 → RIP:8080 is supported.
- You should not use the same RIP:PORT combination for layer 7 SNAT mode VIPs and layer 4 SNAT mode VIPs because the required firewall rules conflict.

8. Configuring Harmonic VOS for Load Balancing

8.1. Layer 7 SNAT Mode VIPs

Layer 7 SNAT mode VIPs do not require any mode specific configuration changes to the load balanced Real Servers.

8.2. Layer 4 DR Mode VIPs

Layer 4 DR mode VIPs require the "ARP problem" to be solved on each load balanced Real Server. This enables DR mode to work correctly.

Detailed steps on solving the "ARP problem" for Windows 2012 & later are presented below. These steps must be followed on each Real Server.

8.2.1. Windows Server 2012 & Later

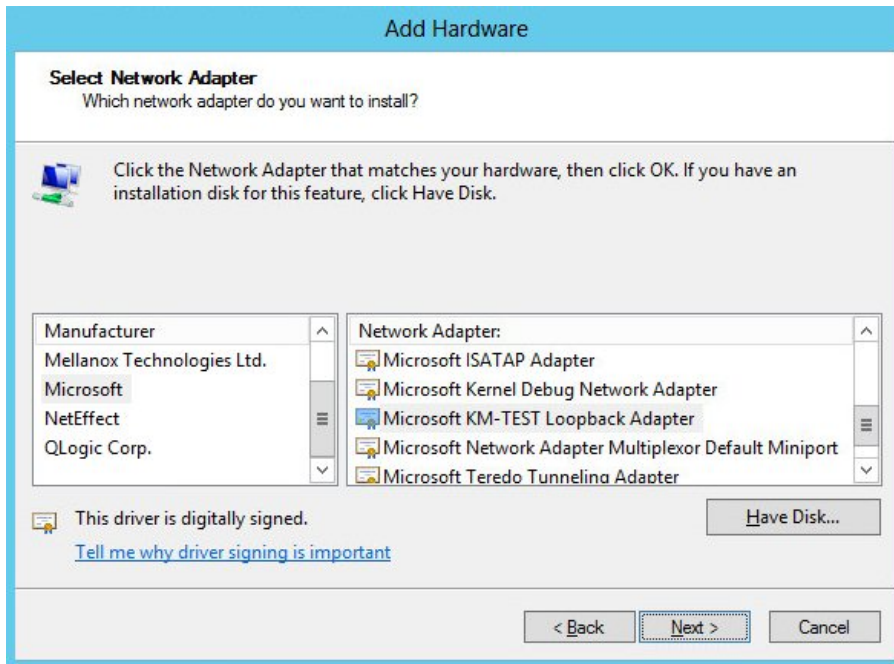
Windows Server 2012 and later support Direct Routing (DR) mode through the use of the Microsoft Loopback Adapter that must be installed and configured on each load balanced (Real) Server. The IP address configured on the Loopback Adapter must be the same as the Virtual Service (VIP) address. This enables the server to receive packets that have their destination set as the VIP address. If a Real Server is included in multiple DR mode VIPs, an IP address for each VIP must be added to the Loopback Adapter.

In addition, the strong/weak host behavior must be configured on each Real Server. The weak host model allows packets with any IP to be sent or received via an interface. The strong host model only allows packets with an IP belonging to the interface to be sent or received.

 **Important** The following 3 steps must be completed on **all** Real Servers associated with the VIP.

Step 1 of 3: Install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter

1. Click **Start**, then run **hdwwiz** to start the Hardware Installation Wizard.
2. Once the Wizard has started, click **Next**.
3. Select **Install the hardware that I manually select from a list (Advanced)**, click **Next**.
4. Select **Network adapters**, click **Next**.



5. Select **Microsoft & Microsoft KM-Test Loopback Adapter**, click **Next**.
6. Click **Next** to start the installation, when complete click **Finish**.

Step 2 of 3: Configure the Loopback Adapter

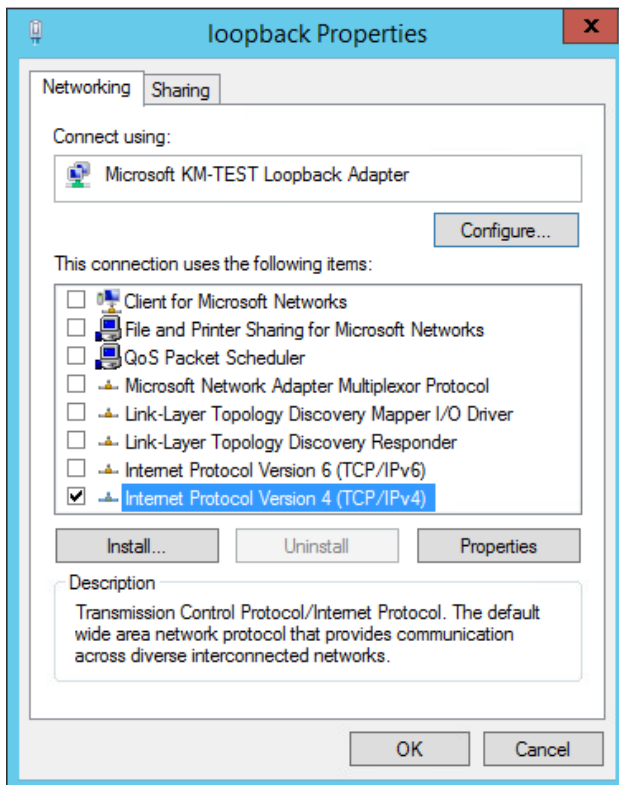
1. Open Control Panel and click **Network and Sharing Center**.
2. Click **Change adapter settings**.
3. Right-click the new Loopback Adapter and select **Properties**.

Note

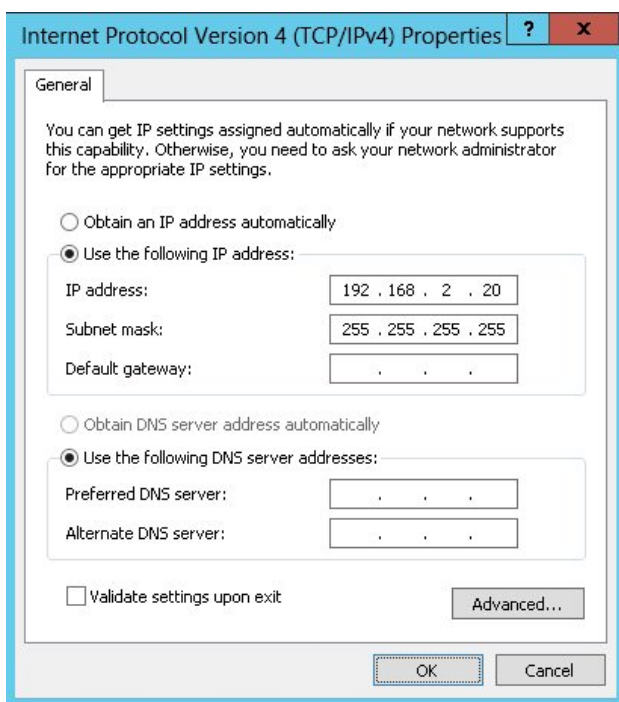
You can configure IPv4 or IPv6 addresses or both depending on your requirements.

IPv4 Addresses

1. Uncheck all items except **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** as shown below:



2. Ensure that **Internet Protocol Version (TCP/IPv4)** is selected, click **Properties** and configure the IP address to be the same as the Virtual Service address (VIP) with a subnet mask of **255.255.255.255**, e.g. **192.168.2.20/255.255.255.255** as shown below:



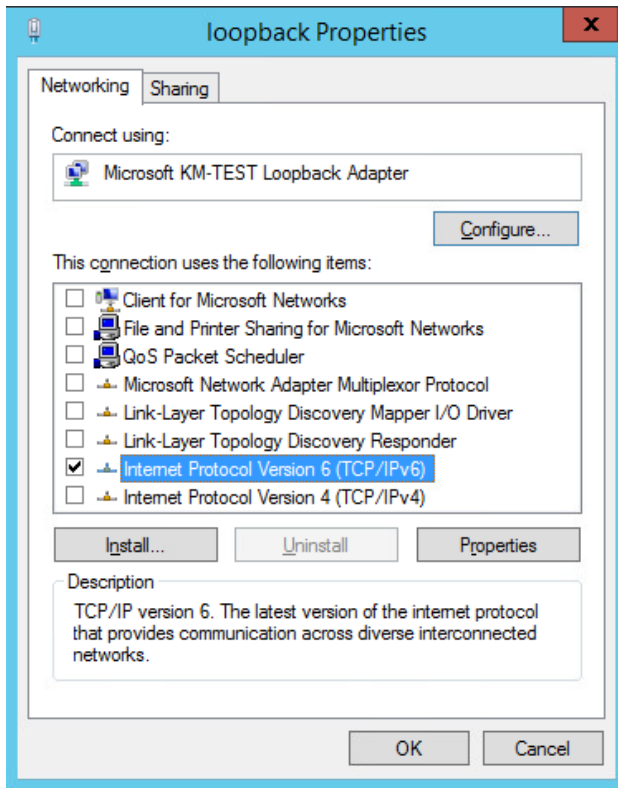
Note **192.168.2.20** is an example, make sure you specify the correct VIP address.

Note If a Real Server is included in multiple DR mode VIPs, an IP address for each VIP must be added to the Loopback Adapter.

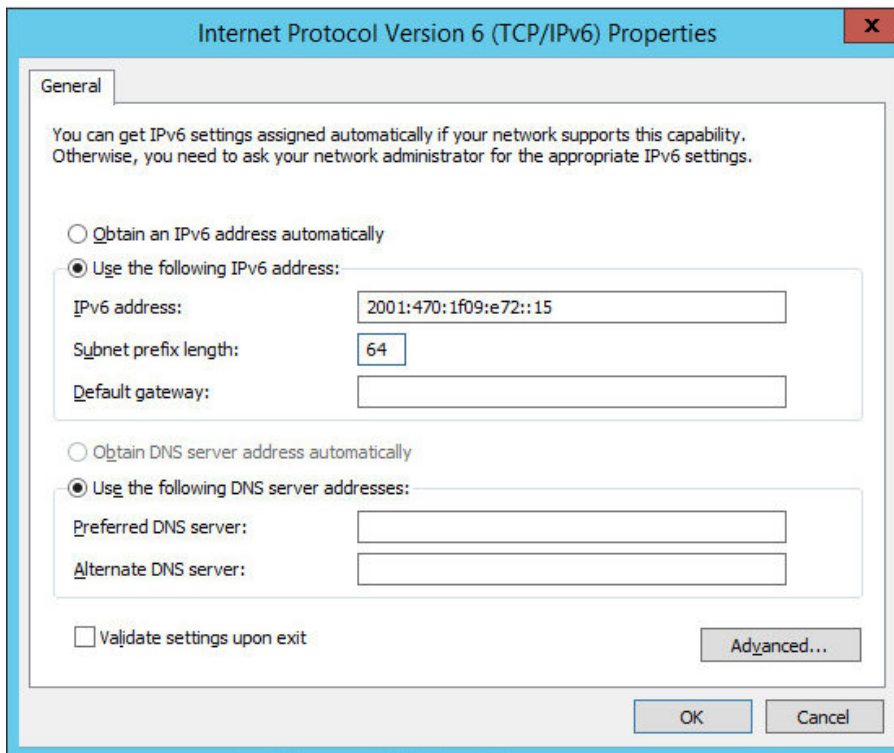
3. Click **OK** then click **Close** to save and apply the new settings.

IPv6 Addresses

1. Uncheck all items except **Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6)** as shown below:



2. Ensure that **Internet Protocol Version (TCP/IPv6)** is selected, click **Properties** and configure the IP address to be the same as the Virtual Service (VIP) and set the **Subnet Prefix Length** to be the same as your network setting, e.g. **2001:470:1f09:e72::15/64** as shown below:



Note 2001:470:1f09:e72::15/64 is an example, make sure you specify the correct VIP address.

Note If a Real Server is included in multiple DR mode VIPs, an IP address for each VIP must be added to the Loopback Adapter.

3. Click **OK** then click **Close** to save and apply the new settings.

Step 3 of 3: Configure the strong/weak host behavior

The strong/weak host behavior can be configured using either of the following 2 methods:

- Option 1 - Using network shell (netsh) commands
- Option 2 - Using PowerShell cmdlets

The commands in this section assume that the LAN Adapter is named "**net**" and the Loopback Adapter is named "**loopback**" as shown in the example below:



Important Either adjust the commands to use the names allocated to your LAN and loopback adapters, or rename the adapters before running the commands. Names are case sensitive so make sure

that the interface names used in the commands match the adapter names exactly.

Option 1 - Using Network Shell (netsh) Commands

To configure the correct strong/weak host behavior run the following commands:

For IPv4 addresses:

```
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "net" weakhostreceive=enabled
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "loopback" weakhostreceive=enabled
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "loopback" weakhostsend=enabled
```

For IPv6 addresses:

```
netsh interface ipv6 set interface "net" weakhostreceive=enabled
netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" weakhostreceive=enabled
netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" weakhostsend=enabled
netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" dadtransmits=0
```

Option 2 - Using PowerShell Cmdlets

For IPv4 addresses:

```
Set-NetIpInterface -InterfaceAlias loopback -WeakHostReceive enabled -WeakHostSend enabled
-DadTransmits 0 -AddressFamily IPv4
```

```
Set-NetIpInterface -InterfaceAlias net -WeakHostReceive enabled -AddressFamily IPv4
```

For IPv6 Addresses:

```
Set-NetIpInterface -InterfaceAlias loopback -WeakHostReceive enabled -WeakHostSend enabled
-DadTransmits 0 -AddressFamily IPv6
```

```
Set-NetIpInterface -InterfaceAlias net -WeakHostReceive enabled -AddressFamily IPv6
```

9. Loadbalancer.org Appliance – the Basics

9.1. 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 [Virtual Appliance Installation](#) and the ReadMe.txt text file included in the VA download for additional information on deploying the VA using the various Hypervisors.

 **Note**

The VA has 4 network adapters. For VMware only the first adapter (**eth0**) is connected by default. For HyperV, KVM, XEN and Nutanix AHV all adapters are disconnected by default. Use the network configuration screen within the Hypervisor to connect the required adapters.

9.2. Initial Network Configuration

After boot up, follow the instructions on the appliance console to configure the management IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, DNS servers and other network and administrative settings.

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

9.3. Accessing the Appliance WebUI

The WebUI is accessed using a web browser. By default, users are authenticated using Apache authentication. Users can also be authenticated against LDAP, LDAPS, Active Directory or Radius - for more information, please refer to [External Authentication](#).

 **Note**

There are certain differences when accessing the WebUI for the cloud appliances. For details, please refer to the relevant [Quick Start / Configuration Guide](#).

1. Using a browser, navigate to the following URL:

<https://<IP-address-configured-during-the-network-setup-wizard>:9443/lbadmin/>

 **Note**

You'll receive a warning about the WebUI's SSL certificate. This is due to the default self signed certificate that is used. If preferred, you can upload your own certificate - for more information, please refer to [Appliance Security Features](#).

 **Note**

If you need to change the port, IP address or protocol that the WebUI listens on, please refer to [Service Socket Addresses](#).

2. Log in to the WebUI using the following credentials:

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:

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Primary | Secondary Active | Passive Link 3 Seconds ↻

- System Overview
- Local Configuration
- Cluster Configuration
- Maintenance
- View Configuration
- Reports
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System Overview 2024-10-22 09:04:43 UTC

VIRTUAL SERVICE ⌵ IP ⌵ PORTS ⌵ CONNS ⌵ PROTOCOL ⌵ METHOD ⌵ MODE ⌵

No Virtual Services configured.

Network Bandwidth

Bytes/s

Mon 12:00 Mon 18:00 Tue 00:00 Tue 06:00

■ RX -nan Min, -nan Avg, -nan Total,
■ TX -nan Min, -nan Avg, -nan Total,

System Load Average

System Load

Mon 12:00 Mon 18:00 Tue 00:00 Tue 06:00

■ 1m average -nan Min, -nan Avg, -nan Max
■ 5m average -nan Min, -nan Avg, -nan Max
■ 15m average -nan Min, -nan Avg, -nan Max

Memory Usage

Bytes

Mon 12:00 Mon 18:00 Tue 00:00 Tue 06:00

9.3.1. Main Menu Options

System Overview - Displays a graphical summary of all VIPs, RIPs 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 & RIPs

Maintenance - Perform maintenance tasks such as service restarts and creating backups

View Configuration - Display the saved appliance configuration settings

Reports - View various appliance reports & graphs

Logs - View various appliance logs


Support - Create a support download, contact the support team & access useful links


Live Chat - Start a live chat session with one of our Support Engineers



9.4. Appliance Software Update

We recommend that the appliance is kept up to date to ensure that you benefit from the latest bug fixes, security updates and feature improvements. Both online and offline update are supported.

 **Note** For full details, please refer to [Appliance Software Update](#) in the Administration Manual.

 **Note** Services may need to be restarted/reloaded after the update process completes or in some cases a full appliance restart may be required. We therefore recommend performing the update during a maintenance window.


9.4.1. Online Update

The appliance periodically contacts the Loadbalancer.org update server (update.loadbalancer.org) and checks for updates. This is the default behavior and can be disabled if preferred. If an update is found, a notification similar to the example below will be displayed at the top of the WebUI:

Information: Update 8.13.0 is now available for this appliance.

[Online Update](#)

Click **Online Update**. A summary of all new features, improvements, bug fixes and security updates included in the update will be displayed. Click **Update** at the bottom of the page to start the update process.

 **Important** Do not navigate away whilst the update is ongoing, this may cause the update to fail.

The update can take several minutes depending on download speed and upgrade version. Once complete, the following message will be displayed:

Information: Update completed successfully. Return to [system overview](#).

If services need to be reloaded/restarted or the appliance needs a full restart, you'll be prompted accordingly.

9.4.2. Offline Update

If the appliance does not have access to the Internet, offline update can be used.

To check for the latest version, please refer to our product roadmap page available [here](#). To obtain the latest offline update files contact support@loadbalancer.org.

To perform an offline update:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Maintenance > Software Update**.



2. Select **Offline Update**.
3. The following screen will be displayed:

Software Update

Offline Update

The following steps will lead you through offline update.

1. Contact **Loadbalancer.org support** to obtain the offline update archive and checksum.
2. Save the archive and checksum to your local machine.
3. Select the archive and checksum files in the upload form below.
4. Click *Upload and Install* to begin the update process.

Archive: No file chosen

Checksum: No file chosen

4. Select the *Archive* and *Checksum* files.
5. Click **Upload and Install**.
6. If services need to be reloaded/restarted or the appliance needs a full restart, you'll be prompted accordingly.

9.5. Ports Used by the Appliance

By default, the appliance uses the following TCP & UDP ports:

Protocol	Port	Purpose
TCP	22 *	SSH
TCP & UDP	53 *	DNS / GSLB
TCP & UDP	123	NTP
TCP & UDP	161 *	SNMP
UDP	6694	Heartbeat between Primary & Secondary appliances in HA mode
TCP	7778	HAProxy persistence table replication
TCP	9000 *	Gateway service (Centralized/Portal Management)
TCP	9080 *	WebUI - HTTP (disabled by default)
TCP	9081 *	Nginx fallback page
TCP	9443 *	WebUI - HTTPS
TCP	25565 *	Shuttle service (Centralized/Portal Management)

Note

The ports used for SSH, GSLB, SNMP, the WebUI, the fallback page, the gateway service and the shuttle service can be changed if required. For more information, please refer to [Service Socket Addresses](#).



9.6. 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.

10. Appliance Configuration for Harmonic VOS

10.1. VIP 1 - Harmonic_Management

10.1.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services* and click **Add a new Virtual Service**.

Virtual Service		[Advanced +]
Label	<input type="text" value="Harmonic_Management"/>	?
IP Address	<input type="text" value="192.168.94.100"/>	?
Ports	<input type="text" value="8080,8443"/>	?
Protocol		[Advanced +]
Layer 7 Protocol	<input type="text" value="TCP Mode"/>	?
		<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Update"/>

2. Enter a suitable *Label* (name) for the Virtual Service, e.g. **Harmonic_Management**.
3. Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.94.100**.
4. Set *Ports* to **8080,8443**.
5. Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**.
6. Click **Update**.
7. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
8. Scroll down to the *Health Checks* section.
 - Set *Health Checks* to **Negotiate HTTPS (GET)**.
 - Set *Request to Send* to **/admin/status**.
 - Set *Response Expected* to **Equals** and set the value to **Healthy**.
9. Click **Update**.

10.1.2. Configure the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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



Label	<input type="text" value="HM1"/>	?
Real Server IP Address	<input type="text" value="192.168.94.105"/>	?
Real Server Port	<input type="text"/>	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	<input type="text" value="100"/>	?

2. Enter a suitable *Label* (name) for the Real Server, e.g. **HM1**.
3. Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.94.105**.
4. Leave the *Real Server Port* field blank.
5. Click **Update**.
6. Repeat these steps to add additional Real Servers as required.

10.2. VIP 2 - Harmonic_Traffic

10.2.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services* and click **Add a new Virtual Service**.

Virtual Service		
Label	<input type="text" value="Harmonic_Traffic"/>	?
IP Address	<input type="text" value="192.168.94.110"/>	?
Ports	<input type="text" value="1935,554,50000-65535"/>	?
Protocol		
Protocol	<input type="text" value="TCP/UDP"/>	?
Forwarding		
Forwarding Method	<input type="text" value="Direct Routing"/>	?

2. Enter a suitable *Label* (name) for the Virtual Service, e.g. **Harmonic_Traffic**.
3. Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.94.110**.
4. Set *Ports* to **1935,554,50000-65535**.
5. Set the *Protocol* to **TCP/UDP**.

6. Leave *Forwarding Method* set to **Direct Routing**.
7. Click **Update**.
8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
9. Scroll down to the *Health Checks* section.
 - Set *Check Type* to **Negotiate**.
 - Set *Protocol* to **HTTPS**.
 - Set *Request to Send* to **/admin/status**.
 - Set *Response Expected* to **Healthy**.
10. Click **Update**.

10.2.2. Configure the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Real Servers* and click on **Add a new Real Server** next to the newly created VIP.

Label	<input type="text" value="HT1"/>	?
Real Server IP Address	<input type="text" value="192.168.94.115"/>	?
Weight	<input type="text" value="100"/>	?
Minimum Connections	<input type="text" value="0"/>	?
Maximum Connections	<input type="text" value="0"/>	?

Enter a suitable *Label* (name) for the Real Server, e.g. **HT1**.

2. Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.94.115**.
3. Click **Update**.
4. Repeat these steps to add additional Real Servers as required.

10.3. Finalizing the Configuration

To apply the new settings, HAProxy must be reloaded. This can be done using the button in the "Commit changes" box at the top of the screen or by using the Restart Services menu option:

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

11. Testing & Verification



Note

For additional guidance on diagnosing and resolving any issues you may have, please also refer to [Diagnostics & Troubleshooting](#).

11.1. Accessing Harmonic VOS via the Load Balancer

Verify that you're able to successfully access all load balanced applications and services via the Virtual Services on the load balancer.

Note













Make sure that DNS is updated so that any FQDNs used point to the VIPs rather than individual servers.

11.2. Using System Overview

The System Overview can be viewed in the WebUI. It shows a graphical view of all Virtual Services & the associated Real Servers (i.e. the Harmonic VOS servers) and shows the state/health of each server as well as the overall state of each cluster. The example below shows that all servers are healthy (green) and available to accept connections:

System Overview

2025-02-25 14:35:25 UTC

VIRTUAL SERVICE	IP	PORTS	CONNS	PROTOCOL	METHOD	MODE	
 Harmonic_Management	192.168.94.100	8080,8443	0	TCP	Layer 7	Proxy	
<i>REAL SERVER</i>							
 HM1	192.168.94.105	8080,8443	100	0	Drain	Halt	
 HM2	192.168.94.106	8080,8443	100	0	Drain	Halt	
 Harmonic_Traffic	192.168.94.110	554,1935,..	0	TCPUDP	Layer 4	DR	
<i>REAL SERVER</i>							
 HT1	192.168.94.115	554,1935,5..	100	0	Drain	Halt	
 HT2	192.168.94.116	554,1935,5..	100	0	Drain	Halt	

12. 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.

13. Further Documentation

For additional information, please refer to the [Administration Manual](#).



14. Appendix

14.1. 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 is fully configured first, then the Secondary appliance can be added to create an HA pair. Once the HA pair is configured, load balanced services must be configured and modified on the Primary appliance. The Secondary appliance will be automatically kept in sync.

 **Note**

For Enterprise Azure, the HA pair should be configured first. For more information, please refer to the Azure Quick Start/Configuration Guide available in the [documentation library](#)

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.

14.1.1. Non-Replicated Settings

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:

WebUI Main Menu Option	Sub Menu Option	Description
Local Configuration	Hostname & DNS	Hostname and DNS settings
Local Configuration	Network Interface Configuration	Interface IP addresses, bonding configuration and VLANs
Local Configuration	Routing	Default gateways and static routes
Local Configuration	System Date & time	Time and date related settings
Local Configuration	Physical – Advanced Configuration	Various appliance settings
Local Configuration	Portal Management	Portal management settings
Local Configuration	Security	Security settings
Local Configuration	SNMP Configuration	SNMP settings
Local Configuration	Graphing	Graphing settings
Local Configuration	License Key	Appliance licensing
Maintenance	Backup & Restore	Local XML backups
Maintenance	Software Updates	Appliance software updates
Maintenance	Fallback Page	Fallback page configuration
Maintenance	Firewall Script	Firewall (iptables) configuration
Maintenance	Firewall Lockdown Wizard	Appliance management lockdown settings



⚠ Important

Make sure that where any of the above have been configured on the Primary appliance, they're also configured on the Secondary.

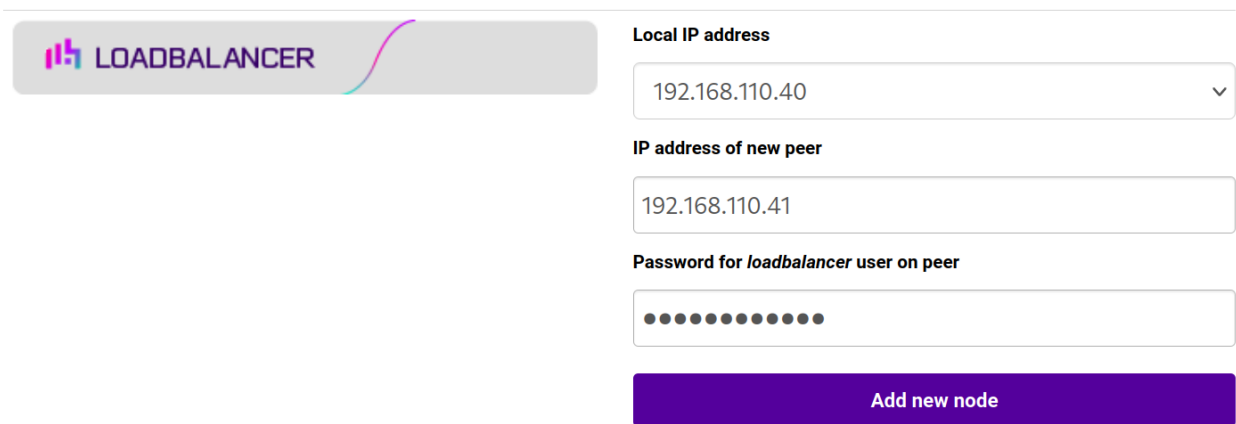
14.1.2. Configuring the HA Clustered Pair

📌 Note

If you have already run the firewall lockdown wizard on either appliance, you'll need to ensure that it is temporarily disabled on both appliances whilst performing the pairing process.

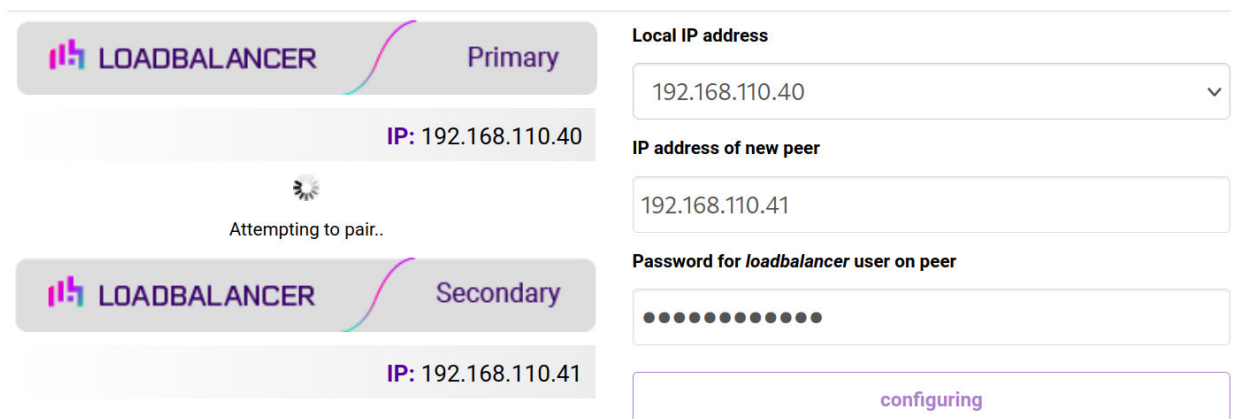
1. Deploy a second appliance that will be the Secondary and configure initial network settings.
2. Using the WebUI on the Primary appliance, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > High-Availability Configuration**.

Create a Clustered Pair



3. Specify the IP address and the *loadbalancer* user's password for the Secondary (peer) appliance as shown in the example above.
4. Click **Add new node**.
5. The pairing process now commences as shown below:

Create a Clustered Pair



6. Once complete, the following will be displayed on the Primary appliance:

High Availability Configuration - primary

The screenshot displays a configuration interface for a High Availability (HA) setup. It features two Loadbalancer appliances arranged vertically. The top appliance is labeled 'Primary' and has the IP address 192.168.110.40. The bottom appliance is labeled 'Secondary' and has the IP address 192.168.110.41. Both appliances are represented by a grey rounded rectangle with the 'LOADBALANCER' logo and a pink-to-purple gradient wave on the right side. To the right of the appliances is a prominent pink button labeled 'Break Clustered Pair'.

7. To finalize the configuration, restart heartbeat and any other services as prompted in the "Commit changes" 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](#).

Note

For details on testing and verifying HA, please refer to [Clustered Pair Diagnostics](#).

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