Load Balancing Microsoft Skype For Business

v1.1.2
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1. About this Guide
This guide details the steps required to configure a load balanced Microsoft Skype For Business (SFB) environment utilizing Loadbalancer.org appliances. It covers the configuration of the load balancers and also any Microsoft Skype For Business 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 relevant Administration Manual:

- v7 Administration Manual
- v8 Administration Manual

2. Loadbalancer.org Appliances Supported
Due to the number of Virtual Services (VIPs) required for SFB, the Enterprise R16 & R20 are not supported. All other models can be used with SFB as listed below:

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* For full specifications of these models please refer to: http://www.loadbalancer.org/products/hardware

3. Loadbalancer.org Software Versions Supported

- V7.6.4 and later

4. Microsoft SFB Software Versions Supported

- Microsoft Skype for Business – all versions

5. Microsoft SFB & Loadbalancer.org
Deploying Microsoft SFB with Loadbalancer.org appliances enables organizations to create a feature rich highly resilient solution that ensures that wherever staff are located and however they connect, they can depend on a platform that allows seamless communications wherever and whenever needed using the communications medium of their choice.

Loadbalancer.org appliances are configured to present a series of Virtual Services (VIPs). These VIPs become the connection points for internal and external clients. The appliance is then able to distribute requests to the Skype For Business Servers that make up the various pools.
6. Microsoft Skype For Business

Skype for Business, formerly known as Microsoft Lync Server, is a unified communications (UC) platform that integrates common channels of business communication including instant messaging (IM), VoIP (voice over IP), file transfer, Web conferencing, voice mail and email.

Skype For Business Editions

Standard Edition

Standard Edition enables many of the features of SFB to run on a single server. This enables the key requirements of SFB but at a much lower cost - ideally suited to smaller companies. Standard Edition does not support the high availability features that are included with Enterprise Edition.

Enterprise Edition

Enterprise Edition supports many more users through scalability and distribution of Server Roles. The various roles (Front End, Director, Edge, Mediation etc.) are distributed across multiple servers which are then deployed in load balanced server pools to provide high availability and resilience.

7. Skype For Business Server Roles

System functionality is split into multiple roles as shown in the following table. For the Standard edition, all roles are installed on a single server, for the Enterprise edition, roles can be distributed across multiple servers depending on the number of end-users, server performance and HA requirements. The table also summarizes the scalability, HA & co-location (if applicable) options for each role.

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<th>Role</th>
<th>Details</th>
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| Front End Server| **Purpose:** As the core server role, the Front End Server runs many Skype For Business services. This role along with the back-end SQL server are the minimum required roles for Skype For Business.  
**Scalability:** A Front End Pool can have up to 12 servers and support up to 80,000 users.  
**High Availability:** Use a pool of servers with load balancing. |
| Back End Server | **Purpose:** The back-end SQL Server hosts various databases to keep track of Skype For Business's configuration and state information.  
**High Availability:** Use clustering/Mirroring techniques. |
| Director Server | **Purpose:** This is an optional role and is recommended when either:  
1) Edge Servers are deployed. In this scenario, the Director authenticates the external users, and then passes their traffic on to internal servers. This relieves Front End pool servers from the }
overhead of performing authentication of these users. It also helps insulate internal Front End pools from malicious traffic such as denial-of-service attacks. If this occurs, this traffic ends at the Director.

b) If multiple Front End pools are deployed at a central site, in this scenario, all authentication requests go first to the Director, which then routes them to the correct Front End pool.

**scalability:** One Director for every 12,000 users who will access a site remotely. (Microsoft recommend a minimum of 2 Director Servers for high availability).

**High Availability:** Use a pool of servers with load balancing

| Edge Server | **Purpose:** Enables users to communicate and collaborate with users outside the organization's firewalls without using VPNs. These external users can include the organization's own users who are currently working off-site, users from federated partner organizations, and outside users (i.e. users without an AD account in this or any federated organization) who have been invited to join conferences hosted on your Skype For Business Server deployment. This role also enables connectivity to public IM connectivity services, including Windows Live, AOL, and Yahoo.

**scalability:** One Edge Server for every 12,000 users who will access a site remotely. (Microsoft recommend a minimum of 2 Edge Servers for high availability).

**High Availability:** Use a pool of servers with load balancing |

Note: Please refer to page **11** for additional information on the Edge environment.

| Mediation Server | **Purpose:** Enables Enterprise Voice and dial-in conferencing. Mediation Server translates signaling and, in some configurations, media between your internal Skype For Business Server infrastructure and a public switched telephone network (PSTN) gateway, IP-PBX, or a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) trunk.

**scalability:** A dedicated Mediation Server supports up to 1500 calls. Co-located with a Front End Server, it supports up to 150 calls.

**High Availability:** Use a pool of servers with load balancing

**Co-location:** By default this role is co-located with the Front End Server, but can also be deployed separately – this is recommended for larger deployments with a higher number of calls. |

| Persistent Chat Server | **Purpose:** Persistent chat enables users to participate in multiparty, topic-based conversations that persist over time. The Persistent Chat Front End Server runs the persistent chat service. The Persistent Chat Back End Server stores the chat history data, and information about categories and chat rooms.

**scalability:** Each server supports up to 20,000 users. Up to 4 persistent chat servers can be deployed to support up to 80,000 users.

**High Availability:** Use a pool of servers with DNS round robin

### Video Interop Server

**Purpose:** Video Interop Server is a new role in Skype for Business Server 2015. It enables you to integrate your Skype for Business Server deployment with certain third-party VTC (Video Teleconferencing System) solutions. A VIS acts as an intermediary between a 3rd party teleconference system and a Skype for Business Server deployment.

**High Availability:** Use a pool of servers with DNS round robin


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8. **Load Balancing Skype For Business**

Note: It's highly recommended that you have a working Skype For Business environment first before implementing the load balancer.

**Load Balancing Methods Supported**

Microsoft Skype for Business supports two types of load balancing:

- DNS load balancing
- Hardware Load Balancing (HLB)

**DNS Load Balancing**

With DNS load balancing, when the Lync or Skype for Business client queries DNS for the pool members IP addresses, all member addresses are returned. Then, the client attempts to establish a TCP connection to one of the IP addresses. If that fails, the client tries the next IP address in the cache. If the TCP connection succeeds, the client negotiates TLS to connect to the Front End Server. If it gets to the end without a successful connection, the user is notified that no servers running Skype for Business are available at the moment. It's not possible to use DNS load balancing for client to server HTTP/HTTPS traffic because these are session state oriented protocols. In this case a Hardware Load Balancer must be used.

**Hardware Load Balancing (HLB)**

Using a hardware or virtual loadbalancer (e.g. VMware or Hyper-V) for all services has the following advantages:

1. **Rapid failed Pool member removal**
   - Proactive Intelligent server health-checking permits rapid automatic failed server removal from a pool
2. **Simplified server maintenance**
   - This can be done at the HLB and requires no temporary DNS changes to remove the server from the pool
3. **Supports server failover in the following scenarios (DNS load balancing does not):**
   - Federation with organizations that are running versions of Office Communications Server released prior to Lync Server 2010
   - Instant message exchange with users of public instant messaging (IM) services AOL and Yahoo!, in addition to XMPP-based providers and servers, such as Google Talk
4. **Supports server failover for the following Exchange 2010 and earlier UM functionality (DNS load balancing does not):**
   - Playing their Enterprise Voice voice mail on their phone
   - Transferring calls from an Exchange UM Auto Attendant

**Hybrid Load Balancing (DNS & HLB)**
It's also possible to use a mix of DNS and hardware load balancing if preferred, provided that the HLB is used for HTTP/HTTPS Web Services traffic.

**This Guide**
The configuration presented in this manual uses hardware load balancing for all protocols. This provides a simpler, clearer setup and enables all load balanced services to be configured in a consistent manner using the same management interface. Using a hardware load balancer also enables real time Skype Server monitoring as mentioned above which ensures user sessions are always passed to a healthy server and failed servers and marked as offline.

**Loadbalancer.org Appliance Considerations**

**Load Balancer Deployment Mode**
The following Loadbalancer.org modes are used in this guide:

1) **Layer 7 SNAT Mode**
In this mode, when the Loadbalancer.org appliance receives a request from the client it will create a second connection to the real server with the source address becoming a load balancer IP (In this guide this is set to be the VIPs own address). This creates two connections as described below:

SFB Client <-> Appliance & Appliance <-> SFB Server

Note: In this guide, single arm Layer 7 SNAT mode is used for all services except the internal & external Edge A/V UDP services and the external A/V TCP service.

2) **Layer 4 NAT Mode**
For Layer 4 NAT mode, unlike layer 7 SNAT mode, the client source IP address is maintained right through to the servers (i.e. it's transparent).
Note: In this guide, single arm Layer 4 NAT mode is used for the internal & external Edge A/V UDP services and the external A/V edge TCP service.

Note: For more details of these modes, please refer to the Administration Manual.

Note: Layer 4 DR (Direct Return) mode aka Direct Server Return (DSR) is not supported Skype for Business.

Persistence (aka Server Affinity)
Most SFB protocols are configured using source IP address persistence with a 20 minute timeout. For Web Services, if only SFB & Lync 2013 front-end/director servers are used, no persistence is required. If you still have any Lync 2010 Front End Servers in your deployment, you’ll need to use cookie based persistence on the load balancer. The requirements for this are explained in the relevant sections (page 32 & 38) later in this guide.

TCP Timeout Settings
The TCP idle time-out should be set to be at least 20 minutes. This value should be above the Maximum SIP connection idle timeout which is typically set to 20 minutes. In this guide, TCP related idle timeouts are set to 20 minutes.

SSL Termination
This is required when there are still 2010 Front End Servers in the deployment - to enable cookie based persistence to be configured on the load balancer. Or, when the load balancer in the DMZ or an additional dedicated appliance is used as the Reverse Proxy.

Note: Please refer to page 27 for details on using an additional Loadbalancer.org appliance as the Reverse Proxy. Please refer to page 28 for details on using the appliance in the DMZ as the reverse proxy.

Load Balancer High Availability
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 slave unit is covered in section 1 of the Appendix on page 59.
## 9. Edge Environment

### Edge Servers

Edge Servers send and receive network traffic to external users for the services offered by your internal Skype for Business Server deployment. To do this successfully, each Edge Server runs the following services:

- **Access Edge service** (SIP): Provides a single, trusted connection point for both outbound and inbound Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) traffic
- **Web Conferencing Edge service** (PSOM): Enables external users to join meetings that are hosted on your internal Skype for Business Server environment
- **A/V Edge service** (SRTP/SRTCP): Makes audio, video, application sharing and file transfer available to external users
- **XMPP Proxy service** (XMPP): Accepts and sends extensible messaging and presence protocol (XMPP) messages to and from configured XMPP Federated partners

### ICE STUN & TURN

Edge Servers are combined ICE, TURN and STUN servers. ICE is a protocol that is used to find & establish media paths for a call. As for SIP, where there is a SIP server (the Front End Server) and a SIP client (the Lync/SFB Client), for ICE there is an ICE server (the Edge Server) and an ICE Client (the Lync/SFB Client). ICE uses two other Protocols to find and establish a suitable media path for a call, these Protocols are:

- **STUN** (Session Traversal Utilities for NAT)
- **TURN** (Traversal Using Relays around NAT)

The key difference between these protocols is:

- **STUN**: the media travels directly between both endpoints in a call (the NAT device is considered an endpoint)
- **TURN**: the media will be proxied using the TURN server (Edge Server) between both endpoints in a call

Source: [Simple Understanding of Media Traversal in Lync / Skype for Business](#)

Other useful Microsoft sources:

- [Lync Deep Dive: Edge Media Connectivity with ICE](#)
- [Troubleshoot media flows in Skype for Business across online, server and hybrid](#)

### Edge Topology

Edge Servers can be configured to use a single IP address with distinct ports for each service (5061, 444 & 443 by default), or can use distinct IP addresses for each service, but use the same default port which is TCP 443 (the traffic is not HTTPS; it’s still SIP, PSOM & SRTP/SRTCP). Microsoft recommends separate IP addresses for each service, all listening on Port 443.
Note: For the 3 x IP scenario, clients don't connect on port 5061, only on 443. Port 5061 is only used for federation, & server to server communication.

### Edge Servers IP Addresses

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<th>Number of Edge Servers per pool</th>
<th>Number of required IP addresses for hardware load balancing</th>
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<td>3 (1 per VIP) + 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3 (1 per VIP) + 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>3 (1 per VIP) + 12</td>
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</table>

Source: [Edge Server environmental requirements in Skype for Business Server 2015](#)

### Direct Server Access

Once the media session is established, traffic goes directly from the client to the Edge Server and does not pass via the load balancer. To achieve this, the Edge Server returns its external IP address in the first UDP packet of a media session, the client then sends subsequent UDP traffic directly to that IP address instead of through the load balancer. Source: [A/VP Edge and Publicly routable IP addresses](#)

### Edge Server Certificates

- the Internal Edge can use a private certificate from the internal corporate CA, the External Edge requires a certificate from a public CA.

Important Note: All Edge Servers must have the same certificate with the same private key for the Media Relay Authentication service. This applies to both the Internal Edge and the External Edge.

### Reverse Proxy

A Reverse Proxy is an essential component of an edge deployment. A reverse proxy allows external users to:

- Connect to meetings or dial-in conferences using simple URLs
- Download meeting content
- Expand distribution groups
- Get user-based certificates for client certificate based authentication
- Download files from the Address Book Server, or to submit queries to the Address Book Web Query service
- Obtain updates to client and device software
• Enable mobile devices to automatically discover Front End Servers offering mobility services
• Enable push notifications from Office 365 to mobile devices

Options For The Reverse Proxy
The options for the Reverse Proxy include:

• Microsoft TMG 2010 (now discontinued), for configuration guidelines click [here](#)
• Microsoft IIS with AAR (Application Request Routing), for configuration details click [here](#)
• Deploy a dedicated Loadbalancer.org appliance – Please refer to page 27 for more information
• Defining additional VIPs on the load balancer in the DMZ - Please refer to page 28 for more information

Reverse Proxy Certs
When generating the certificate for the Front End Server External Web Services, the SAN for the External Director Web Services can also be added so that the certificate can be used for both purposes.

Note: For more information on generating the CSR & certificate for External Web Services and also installing the certificate on the Reverse Proxy, please refer to section 2 of the appendix on page 61.

10. Load Balanced Ports/Protocols

Front End Servers

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<td>TCP/HTTP</td>
<td>Internal Web Services</td>
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<td>135</td>
<td>TCP/DCOM/RPC</td>
<td>Various DCOM based operations</td>
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<td>443</td>
<td>TCP/HTTPS</td>
<td>Internal Web Services</td>
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<td>444</td>
<td>TCP/HTTPS</td>
<td>Used for HTTPS communication between the Focus (the Skype for Business Server component that manages conference state) and the individual servers.</td>
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<td>448</td>
<td>TCP/TURN</td>
<td>Used for call admission control by the Skype for Business Server Bandwidth Policy Service</td>
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<td>5061</td>
<td>TCP/TLS/MTLS/SIP</td>
<td>Various SIP based communication</td>
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<td>5070</td>
<td>TCP/SIP/TLS</td>
<td>Used by the Mediation Server for incoming requests from the Front End Server to the Mediation Server</td>
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<td>TCP/SIP/MTLS</td>
<td>Used for incoming SIP requests for the Response Group application</td>
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<td>TCP/SIP/MTLS</td>
<td>Used for incoming SIP requests for Attendant (dial in conferencing)</td>
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<td>5073</td>
<td>TCP/SIP/MTLS</td>
<td>Used for incoming SIP requests for the Skype for Business Server Conferencing Announcement service (that is, for dial-in conferencing)</td>
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<td>TCP/SIP/MTLS</td>
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<td>TCP/SIP</td>
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<td>TCP</td>
<td>Used for call admission control by the Bandwidth Policy service for A/V Edge TURN traffic</td>
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<td>TCP/HTTPS</td>
<td>External Web Services – from Reverse Proxy</td>
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<td>Inter-server communication between Front End and Director</td>
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<td>TCP/TLS/MTLS/SIP</td>
<td>Internal SIP communications between servers and for client connections</td>
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<td>TCP/MTLS/SIP</td>
<td>Access (SIP proxy) service</td>
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<td>TCP/MTLS/SIP</td>
<td>Audio/Visual authentication service</td>
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<td>TCP/XMPP</td>
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Sources:
- [Ports and Protocols for Internal Server](#)
- [Edge Server environmental requirements in Skype for Business Server 2015](#)

11. Skype For Business Topology Builder

The image below shows the topology of the test environment:
The image below shows the Front End Pool Web Services configuration:

![Front End Pool Web Services Configuration](image1)

The image below shows the Director Pool Web Services configuration:

![Director Pool Web Services Configuration](image2)

The image below shows the Edge Pool external configuration:

![Edge Pool External Configuration](image3)
12. DNS Configuration

The internal and external DNS settings used for the test environment are shown below:

Note: Microsoft recommends pointing External Web Services at Director Servers if these are in your deployment.

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admin.lbtestdom.com 192.168.112.111 Points to the internal Front End Web Services
pool-ws.lbtestdom.com 192.168.112.111 Points to the internal Front End Web Services
dirpool-ws.lbtestdom.com 192.168.112.121 Points to the internal Director Web Services
lyncdiscoverinternal.lbtestdom.com 192.168.112.111 Points to the internal Director Web Services

External clients

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Useful Reference: [DNS requirements for Skype for Business](#)  

13. Server SSL Certificates

Internal Servers

Note: Certificates for internal servers can be exported/imported from one server to another (if the Private key is marked as exportable) or requested/assigned on each server – here the key does not need to be exportable.

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**Useful Reference:** [Environmental requirements for Skype for Business Server 2015 – Certs](#)

**Edge Server**

Note: The edge servers **MUST** have the same certificate/private key. This is required for the A/V authentication service and applies to both the internal and external edge.
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**Useful Reference:** [Edge Server environmental requirements in Skype for Business Server 2015 – Certs](#)

### Reverse Proxy

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**Useful Reference:** [Certificate summary - Reverse proxy in Lync Server 2013](#)

* For the lab, the internal CA was used
14. Deployment Architecture

Loadbalancer.org SFB test Environment – Overview

Main Components:

- Load Balancer LB1 – Used to load balance the Internal Edge, the Director Servers and the Front End Servers (A Clustered Pair of appliances is recommended for HA – please refer to page 59).
- Load Balancer LB2 – Used to load balance the External Edge (A Clustered Pair of appliances is recommended for HA – please refer to page 59).
- Front End Pool with multiple Front End Servers
  - Includes the co-located Mediation Server
- Director Pool with multiple Director Servers
- Edge Pool with Multiple Edge Servers
- Office WebApp Server(s)
- Reverse Proxy
Front End Pool – the Details

A single VIP with all required ports is used for the Front-End Pool, and a second VIP is used for the Front End Internal Web Services.

NOTES:

- Microsoft recommends a minimum of 3 Front End servers in a pool
- Clients must be able to access the VIPs and the Front End Servers directly
- Services are deployed using Layer 7 SNAT mode
- Please refer to page 32 for detailed steps on creating the Front End VIPs shown above (grey boxes)

Source: Skype for Business Client Registration Process through HLB
Director Pool – the Details

A single VIP with all required ports is used for the Director Pool, and a second VIP is used for the Director Internal Web Services.

NOTES:

• Clients must be able to access the VIPs and the Director Servers directly
  Source: Skype for Business Client Registration Process through HLB

• Load balanced services are deployed using Layer 7 SNAT mode

• Please refer to page 38 for detailed steps on creating the Director VIPs shown above (grey boxes)
NOTES:

- Load balanced services are deployed using Layer 7 SNAT mode
- Please refer to page 44 for detailed steps on creating the Office WebApp VIP shown above (grey boxes)
Internal clients must be able to access the Edge Servers via the load balanced VIP and also directly. To allow internal SFB/Lync Clients to access the Edge Servers directly, static routes are added to the internal test clients:

```
netsh interface ipv4 add route 172.24.7.0/24 "Lan" 192.168.112.254
```

To allow Edge Server return traffic to reach internal clients, static routes are added to each Edge Server:

```
netsh interface ipv4 add route 192.168.64.0/18 "Internal" 172.24.7.254
```

A default gateway is not set on the internal interface of the Edge Servers, this should be configured on the external interface only.

Load balanced services are deployed using Layer 7 SNAT mode and Layer 4 NAT mode.

Please refer to page 46 for detailed steps on creating the Internal Edge VIPs shown above (grey boxes).
NOTE:

• 10.200.xxx.xxx addresses are used to depict public IP’s
• External clients must be able to access the Edge Servers via the load balanced VIPs and also directly
• External test clients have their default gateway set as the external router/firewall (10.200.60.254)
• Microsoft recommend that 3 Public IP’s are used for the external edge services rather than a single IP with different ports for each service, please refer to this URL
• In a production deployment Public IP addresses are required for the 3 Edge Service VIPs and also for each corresponding service on the real servers. In the above example this means a total of 9 public IP addresses, please refer to this URL.
• The default gateway of the Edge Servers is set to be the load balancer – set this on the external NIC, do not set a default gateway on the internal NIC
• The default gateway of the load balancer is set to be the external router/firewall
• Load balanced services are deployed using Layer 7 SNAT mode and Layer 4 NAT mode
• Please refer to page 49 for detailed steps on creating the Edge External VIPs shown above (grey boxes)
Reverse Proxy – Use an Additional Loadbalancer.org Appliance (LB3)

- VIPs are shown for Front End Server External Web Services, similar VIPs are also configured for the Director Server External Web Services (if applicable)
- The Reverse Proxy (LB3) redirects port 80 to 8080 and port 443 to 4443
- The Reverse Proxy acts as an SSL bridge, it terminates SSL using the public signed certificate and then re-encrypts the traffic using the private certificate on the Front End and Director Servers
- The Reverse Proxy forwards requests to the VIPs on LB1, LB1 then proxies these requests to the Front End & Director Servers

Note: Alternatively, you can forward requests directly to the Front End / Director Servers if preferred rather than via LB1. In this case the 4 x External Web Services VIPs on LB1 (FePoolWsExt4443, FePoolWsExt8080, DirPoolWsExt4443, DirPoolWsExt8080) would not be required.

- Depending on your network topology, the appliance’s routing configuration may need to be changed to prevent DMZ bridging. Please contact support@loadbalancer.org for assistance
Please refer to page 61 for details on configuring a Loadbalancer.org appliance as a Reverse Proxy

Reverse Proxy – Use LB2 in the DMZ as the Reverse Proxy

- VIPs are shown for Front End Server External Web Services, similar VIPs are also configured for the Director Server External Web Services (if applicable)
- The Reverse Proxy (LB2) redirects port 80 to 8080 and port 443 to 4443
- The Reverse Proxy acts as an SSL bridge, it terminates SSL using the public signed certificate and then re-encrypts the traffic using the private certificate on the Front End and Director Servers
- The Reverse Proxy forwards requests to the VIPs on LB1, LB1 then proxies these requests to the Front End & Director Servers

Note: Alternatively, you can forward requests directly to the Front End / Director Servers if preferred rather than via LB1. In this case the 4 x External Web Services VIPs on LB1 (FePoolWsExt4443, FePoolWsExt8080, DirPoolWsExt4443, DirPoolWsExt8080) would not be required.
• The appliance spans multiple network zones. VLANs can be defined to help secure this traffic. If this configuration does not meet your security policies, a separate Reverse Proxy device should be used. An example of this using a dedicated Loadbalancer.org appliance as the Reverse Proxy is shown on page 27.

• Depending on your network topology, the appliance’s routing configuration may need to be changed to prevent DMZ bridging. Please contact support@loadbalancer.org for assistance.

• Please refer to page 61 for details on configuring a Loadbalancer.org appliance as a Reverse Proxy.

15. Loadbalancer.org Appliance – the Basics

Virtual Appliance Download & Deployment
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 and XEN and has been optimized for each Hypervisor. By default, the VA is allocated 1 CPU, 2GB of RAM and has an 8GB 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 Administration Manual and the ReadMe.txt text file included in the VA download for more detailed information on deploying the VA using various Hypervisors.

Initial Network Configuration
The IP address, subnet mask, default gateway and DNS settings can be configured in several ways as detailed below:

Method 1 - Using the Network Setup Wizard at the console
After boot up, follow the instructions on the console to configure the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway and DNS settings.

Method 2 - Using the WebUI
Using a browser, connect to the WebUI on the default IP address/port: http://192.168.2.21:9443
To set the IP address & subnet mask, use: Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration
To set the default gateway, use: Local Configuration > Routing
To configure DNS settings, use: Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS
Accessing the Web User Interface (WebUI)

1. Browse to the following URL: https://192.168.2.21:9443/lbadmin/ (replace with your IP address if it’s been changed)
   * Note the port number → 9443

2. Login to the WebUI:

   **Username:** loadbalancer
   **Password:** loadbalancer

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

Once logged in, the WebUI will be displayed as shown below:
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 slave unit is covered in section 1 of the Appendix on page 58.
16. Internal Appliance Configuration for SFB (LB1)
This section covers the configuration of the Internal LAN based load balancer appliance.

STEP 1 – Configure Layer 7 Global Settings
To configure the TCP timeouts required by Skype For Business, HAProxy’s client and server timeouts must be changed from their default values of 43 seconds and 45 seconds respectively to 20 minutes. To do this follow the steps below:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration

   ![Connection Timeout](image)

   ![Client Timeout](image)

   ![Real Server Timeout](image)

2. Change **Client Timeout** to **20m** as shown above (i.e. 20 minutes)
3. Change **Real Server Timeout** to **20m** as shown above (i.e. 20 minutes)
4. Click the **Update** button to save the settings

STEP 2 – Configuring the Load Balanced Front End Services

Virtual Services (VIPs) Required

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIP Name (Label)</th>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Port(s)</th>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Layer 7 Protocol</th>
<th>Persistence Method</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>FePool</td>
<td>192.168.112.110</td>
<td>80, 135, 443, 444, 448, 5061, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5075, 5076, 5080</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
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<td>4443</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>None or cookie *</td>
</tr>
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</table>

* If you want to use cookie based persistence (this is normally only required if you still have any Lync 2010 Front End Servers in your deployment), make sure that you comply with the following Microsoft requirements when configuring the VIP:

- Set Persistence Mode to HTTP Cookie
- Set HTTP Cookie Name to MS-WSMAN
- Clear the Cookie Max Idle Duration field
- Clear the Cookie Max life Duration field
Configuring The Fe-Pool VIP

Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service and click Add a New Virtual Service
2. Enter the following details:

   - Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. FePool
   - Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.110
   - Set the Virtual Service Ports field to the following port list: 80,135,443,444,448,5061,5070,5071,5072,5073,5075,5076,5080
   - Set Layer 7 Protocol to TCP Mode
   - Click Update
   - Now click Modify next to the newly created VIP
   - In the Persistence section, click the Advanced button to show more options
   - Ensure Persistence Mode is set to Source IP
   - Change Persistence Timeout to 20 (i.e. 20 minutes)
   - In the Health Checks section, click Advanced to expand the section
   - Set the Check Port field to 5061
   - In the Other section, click Advanced to expand the section
   - Enter the VIP address in Set Source Address, e.g. 192.168.112.110
   - Click Update

Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. *FE1*
4. Change the *Real Server IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. *192.168.112.51*
5. Leave the *Real Server Port* field *blank* as shown above
6. Click *Update*
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Front End Server(s)

Configuring The Fe-Pool-Ws-Int VIP

Create the VIP:
1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services* and click *Add a New Virtual Service*
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. *FePoolWsInt*
4. Set the *Virtual Service IP address* field to the required IP address, e.g. *192.168.112.111*
5. Set the *Virtual Service Ports* field to the following ports *80,443*
6. Set *Layer 7 Protocol* to *TCP Mode*
7. Click *Update*
8. Now click *Modify* next to the newly created VIP
9. In the *Persistence* section, click the *Advanced* button to show more options
10. Ensure Persistence Mode is set to Source IP
11. Change Persistence Timeout to 20 (i.e. 20 minutes)
12. In the Health Checks section, click Advanced to expand the section
13. Set the Check Port field to 5061
14. In the Other section, click Advanced to expand the section
15. Enter the VIP address in Set Source Address, e.g. 192.168.112.111
16. Click Update

Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

![Real Server Configuration](image)

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. FE1
4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.51
5. Leave the Real Server Port field blank as shown above
6. Click Update
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Front End Server(s)

Configuring The Fe-Pool-Ws-Ext-8080 VIP

Note: This VIP is not required if you forward Reverse Proxy traffic directly to the Front End Servers.

Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service and click Add a New Virtual Service
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **FePoolWsExt8080**

4. Set the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.112**

5. Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to **8080**

6. Set **Layer 7 Protocol** to **HTTP Mode**

7. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP

8. Ensure that **Persistence Mode** is set to **None**

9. In the **Health Checks** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section

10. Set the Check Port field to **5061**

11. In the **Other** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section

12. Enter the VIP address in **Set Source Address**, e.g. **192.168.112.112**

13. Click **Update**

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**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

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

2. Enter the following details:

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3. Enter an appropriate label for the RSP, e.g. **FE1**

4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.51**

5. Set the **Real Server Port** field to **8080**
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Front End Server(s)

**Configuring The Fe-Pool-Ws-Ext-4443 VIP**

**Note:** This VIP is not required if you forward Reverse Proxy traffic directly to the Front End Servers.

**Create the VIP:**
1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service** and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
   - Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. *FePoolWsExt4443*
   - Set the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. *192.168.112.112*
   - Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to *4443*
   - Set **Layer 7 Protocol** to **TCP Mode**
   - Click **Update**

8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
9. Ensure that **Persistence Mode** is set to **None**
10. In the **Health Checks** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
11. Set the Check Port field to *5061*
12. In the **Other** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
13. Enter the VIP address in **Set Source Address**, e.g. *192.168.112.112*
14. Click **Update**

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**
1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers** and click **Add a new Real Server** next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

![Label Form](image)

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. **FE1**
4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.51**
5. Set the **Real Server Port** field to **4443**
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Front End Server(s)

**STEP 3 – Configuring the Load Balanced Director Services**

**Virtual Services (VIPs) Required**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIP Name (Label)</th>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Port(s)</th>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Layer 7 Protocol</th>
<th>Persistence Method</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DirPool</td>
<td>192.168.112.120</td>
<td>443, 444, 5061</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirPoolWsInt</td>
<td>192.168.112.121</td>
<td>80, 443</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirPoolWsExt8080</td>
<td>192.168.112.122</td>
<td>8080</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>HTTP</td>
<td>None or cookie *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirPoolWsExt4443</td>
<td>192.168.112.122</td>
<td>4443</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>None or cookie *</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* If you want to use cookie based persistence (this is normally only required if you still have any Lync 2010 Director Servers in your deployment), make sure that you comply with the following Microsoft requirements when configuring the VIP:

- Set Persistence Mode to HTTP Cookie
- Set HTTP Cookie Name to MS-WSMAN
- Clear the Cookie Max Idle Duration field
- Clear the Cookie Max life Duration field

**Configuring The Dir-Pool VIP**

**Create the VIP:**

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

2. Enter the following details:

![Virtual Service Configuration]

3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **DirPool**
4. Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.120**
5. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to **443,444,5061**
6. Set Layer 7 Protocol to **TCP Mode**
7. Click **Update**
8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
9. In the Persistence section, click the **Advanced** button to show more options
10. Ensure Persistence Mode is set to **Source IP**
11. Change Persistence Timeout to **20** (i.e. 20 minutes)
12. In the Health Checks section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
13. Set the Check Port field to **5061**
14. In the Other section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
15. Enter the VIP address in Set Source Address, e.g. **192.168.112.120**
16. Click **Update**

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers** and click **Add a new Real Server** next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. DIR1
4. Change the *Real Server IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.55
5. Leave the *Real Server Port* field blank as shown above
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Director Server(s)

Configuring The Dir-Pool-Ws-Int VIP

Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate: to Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:

   ![Virtual Service Configuration](image.png)

   3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **DirPoolWsInt**
   4. Set the *Virtual Service IP address* field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.121
   5. Set the *Virtual Service Ports* field to the following ports **80,443**
   6. Set *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**
   7. Click **Update**
   8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
   9. In the *Persistence* section, click the **Advanced** button to show more options
10. Ensure Persistence Mode is set to **Source IP**
11. Change Persistence Timeout to **20** (i.e. 20 minutes)
12. In the Health Checks section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
13. Set the Check Port field to **5061**
14. In the Other section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
15. Enter the VIP address in **Set Source Address**, e.g. **192.168.112.121**
16. Click **Update**

Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:

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

![Real Server Configuration](image)

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. **DIR1**
4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.55**
5. Leave the **Real Server Port** field **blank** as shown above
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Director Server(s)

**Configuring The Dir-Pool-Ws-Ext-8080 VIP**

![Virtual Service Configuration](image)

Note: This VIP is not required if you forward Reverse Proxy traffic directly to the Director Servers.

**Create the VIP:**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service* and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIR, e.g. DIR1
4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.55
5. Set the Real Server Port field to 8080
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Director Server(s)

### Configuring The Dir-Pool-Ws-Ext-4443 VIP

**Note:** This VIP is not required if you forward Reverse Proxy traffic directly to the Director Servers.

### Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service* and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
   - Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **FePoolWsExt4443**
   - Set the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.122**
   - Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to **4443**
   - Set **Layer 7 Protocol** to **TCP Mode**
   - Click **Update**
   - Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
   - Ensure that **Persistence Mode** is set to **None**
   - In the **Health Checks** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
   - Set the Check Port field to **5061**
   - In the **Other** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
   - Enter the VIP address in **Set Source Address**, e.g. **192.168.112.122**
   - Click **Update**

### Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:

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

2. Enter the following details:

![VIP Configuration Screen]

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. DIR1
4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.55
5. Set the Real Server Port field to 4443
6. Click Update
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Director Server(s)

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**STEP 4 – Configuring the Load Balanced Office Web Application Servers**

**Virtual Services (VIPs) Required**

The table below shows the VIP that must be created:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIP Name (Label)</th>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Port(s)</th>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Layer 7 Protocol</th>
<th>Persistence Method</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OfficeWebApp</td>
<td>192.168.112.125</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services* and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **OfficeWebApp**

4. Set the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.125**

5. Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to the following port **443**

6. Set **Layer 7 Protocol** to **TCP Mode**

7. Click **Update**

8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP

9. In the **Persistence** section, click the **Advanced** button to show more options

10. Ensure **Persistence Mode** is set to **Source IP**

11. Change **Persistence Timeout** to **20** (i.e. 20 minutes)

12. In the **Other** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section

13. Enter the VIP address in **Set Source Address**, e.g. **192.168.112.125**

14. Click **Update**

---

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

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

2. Enter the following details:

   ![Real Server Configuration](image)

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. **OWA1**
4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.130
5. Set the Real Server port to 443
6. Click Update
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Office Web App Server(s)

STEP 5 – Configuring the Load Balanced Edge Pool Services (Internal)

Virtual Services (VIPS) Required

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIP Name (Label)</th>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Port</th>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Persistence Method</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EdgeIntTCP</td>
<td>192.168.112.140</td>
<td>443, 5061, 5062</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EdgeIntUDP</td>
<td>192.168.112.140</td>
<td>3478</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Configuring The Edge-Int-TCP VIP

Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:

![Virtual Service Configuration UI](image)

3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **EdgeIntTCP**
4. Change the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.140
5. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 443,5061,5062
6. Leave Protocol set to **TCP Mode**
7. Click **Update**
8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
9. In the Persistence section, click the **Advanced** button to show more options
10. Ensure Persistence Mode is set to **Source IP**
11. Change Persistence Timeout to 20 (i.e. 20 minutes)
12. In the Health Checks section, click Advanced to expand the section
13. Set the Check Port field to 5061
14. In the Other section, click Advanced to expand the section
15. Enter the VIP address in Set Source Address, e.g. 192.168.112.140
16. Click Update

Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

   ![Real Server Configuration](image)

   3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. Edge1
   4. Change the Real Server IP Address to the required IP address, e.g. 172.24.7.1
   5. Leave the Real Server Port field blank as shown above
   6. Click Update
   7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Edge Server(s)

Configuring The Edge-Int-UDP VIP

Create the VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services and click Add a New Virtual Service
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **EdgeIntUDP**

4. Change the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.140**

5. Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to **3478**

6. **Set Protocol** to **UDP**

7. **Set Forwarding Method** to **NAT**

8. Click **Update**

9. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP

10. Ensure that **Persistent** is enabled (ticked)

11. Change **Persistence Timeout** to **1200**

12. Ensure that **Check Type** is set to **ping server**

13. Click **Update**

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

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

2. Enter the following details:

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIPv, e.g. **Edge1**
4. Change the Real Server IP Address to the required IP address, e.g. 172.24.71
5. Set the Real Server Port field to 3478
6. Click Update
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Edge Server(s)

**STEP 6 – Finalizing the Configuration**

To apply the new settings for the Layer 7 based VIPs, HAProxy must be restarted as follows:

1. Navigate to: Maintenance > Restart Services and click Restart HAProxy

**17. DMZ Appliance Configuration for SFB (LB2)**

This section covers the configuration of the external DMZ based load balancer appliance.

**STEP 1 – Configure Layer 7 Global Settings**

To configure the TCP timeouts required by Skype For Business, HAProxy’s client and server timeouts must be changed from their default values of 43 seconds and 45 seconds respectively to 20 minutes. To do this follow the steps below:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration

2. Change Client Timeout to 20m as shown above (i.e. 20 minutes)
3. Change Real Server Timeout to 20m as shown above (i.e. 20 minutes)
4. Click the Update button to save the settings

**STEP 2 – Configuring the Load Balanced Edge Pool Services (External)**

Virtual Services (VIPs) Required

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIP Name (Label)</th>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Port</th>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Persistence Method</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EdgeExtAccess</td>
<td>10.20.50.100</td>
<td>443, 5061, 5269</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EdgeExtWeb</td>
<td>10.20.50.110</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EdgeExtAvTCP</td>
<td>10.20.50.120</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EdgeExtAvUDP</td>
<td>10.20.50.120</td>
<td>3478</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Source IP address</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Configuring The Edge-Ext-Access VIP

Create the VIP:
1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services and click Add a New Virtual Service
2. Enter the following details:
   - Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. EdgeExtAccess
   - Change the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.100
   - Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 443,5061,5269
   - Set Layer 7 Protocol to TCP Mode
   - Click Update
3. Now click Modify next to the newly created VIP
4. In the Persistence section, click the Advanced button to show more options
5. Ensure Persistence Mode is set to Source IP
6. Change Persistence Timeout to 20 (i.e. 20 minutes)
7. In the Other section, click Advanced to expand the section
8. Enter the VIP address in Set Source Address, e.g. 10.200.50.100
9. Click Update

Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:
1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. **Edge1**
4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required address, e.g. **10.200.50.101**
5. Leave the **Real Server Port** field **blank** as shown above
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Edge Server(s)

**Configuring The Edge-Ext-Web VIP**

**Create the VIP:**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services** and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:

   ![Screen Shot](image)

   3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **EdgeExtWeb**
   4. Change the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.200.50.110**
   5. Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to **443**
   6. Set **Layer 7 Protocol** to **TCP Mode**
   7. Click **Update**
   8. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
   9. In the **Persistence** section, click the **Advanced** button to show more options
10. Ensure **Persistence Mode** is set to **Source IP**
11. Change **Persistence Timeout** to **20** (i.e. 20 minutes)
12. In the **Other** section, click **Advanced** to expand the section
13. Enter the **VIP address** in **Set Source Address**, e.g. **10.200.50.110**
14. Click **Update**

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

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

   ![Real Server Configuration](image)

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. **Edge1**
4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required address, e.g. **10.200.50.111**
5. Set the **Real Server Port** to **443**
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Edge Server(s)

**Configuring The Edge-Ext-Av-TCP VIP**

**Create the VIP:**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services** and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **EdgeExtAvTCP**

4. Change the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.200.50.120**

5. Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to **443**

6. Set **Protocol** to **TCP**

7. Set **Forwarding Method** to **NAT**

8. Click **Update**

9. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP

10. Change **Persistent timeout** to **1200** (i.e. 20 minutes)

11. Click **Update**

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

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

2. Enter the following details:

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP e.g. **Edge1**

4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required address, e.g. **10.200.50.121**

5. Set the **Real Server Port** to **443**
6. Click **Update**
7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Edge Server(s)

**Configuring The Edge-Ext-Av-UDP VIP**

**Create the VIP:**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services* and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:

   ![VIP Configuration Screen]

   3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. **EdgeExtAvUDP**
4. Change the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.200.50.120**
5. Set the **Virtual Service Ports** field to **3478**
6. Set **Protocol** to **UDP**
7. Set **Forwarding Method** to **NAT**
8. Click **Update**
9. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP
10. Change **Persistence Timeout** to **20** (i.e. 20 minutes)
11. Click **Update**

**Define the Real Servers for the VIP just created:**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers* and click **Add a new Real Server** next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP e.g. **Edge1**

4. Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required address, e.g. **10.200.50.121**

5. Set the **Real Server Port** to **3478**

6. Click **Update**

7. Repeat the above steps to add your other Edge Server(s)

**STEP 3 – Finalizing the Configuration**

To apply the new settings for the Layer 7 based VIPs, HAProxy must be restarted as follows:

1. Navigate to: **Maintenance > Restart Services** and click **Restart HAProxy**

**18. Testing & Validation**

**Client connections bypass the load balancer**

It's important to remember that client connections can be via the load balancer and also direct to the Skype for Business server.

**Internal Servers:** In an HLB only configuration, both web traffic and initial SIP traffic are passed through HLB, however unlike the web traffic which always pass through the HLB, there is a need for the SIP traffic to flow directly to the FE servers. Source: [Skype for Business Client Registration Process through HLB](#)

**Edge Servers:** Once the media session is established, traffic goes directly from the client to the Edge Server and does not pass via the load balancer. To achieve this, the Edge Server returns its external IP address in the first UDP packet of a media session, the client then sends subsequent UDP traffic directly to that IP address instead of through the load balancer. Source: [AV Edge and Publicly routable IP addresses](#)

**Taking Skype for Business Servers Offline**

As mentioned above, client connections can be direct to the Skype Servers. In this case, taking a server offline using only the load balancer will have no effect. Therefore, a two step approach must be used:
1. **Run the following Skype for Business commands on the server you want to take offline:**
   
   ```
   Get-CsPoolFabricState -PoolFqdn <PoolFQDN>
   ```

   *If this cmdlet shows any missing replicas, then run the following cmdlet to recover the pool before you apply any patches:*

   ```
   Reset-CsPoolRegistrarState -ResetType QuorumLossRecovery
   ```

   *Now run the following cmdlet to moves all services to other Front End Servers in the pool, and takes this server offline:*

   ```
   Invoke-CsComputerFailOver -ComputerName <Front End Server to be patched>
   ```

2. **Take the server offline (Drain) using System Overview in the load balancer’s WebUI** – this will ensure that existing connections can continue until closed, new connections that pass via the load balancer will be directed to a different Front End server.

Source: [Patch or update Front End Servers in Skype for Business Server 2015](#)

**Testing External URL's via Reverse Proxy**

It's important to verify that the Web Services related URL's are working correctly through the Reverse Proxy. This is covered in [this Microsoft article](#).

**Microsoft Skype For Business Testing Tool**

The Microsoft SFBI/Lync/OCS Server Remote Connectivity Analyzer tool is a useful Web-based Microsoft tool designed to help IT Administrators troubleshoot their Skype For Business deployments. It's available at the following link: [https://testconnectivity.microsoft.com/](https://testconnectivity.microsoft.com/)

**Skype for Business Debugging Tools**

Skype for Business Server 2015, [Debugging Tools](#), are provided to help IT Administrators with troubleshooting deployments of Skype for Business Server 2015. The collection of tools includes: **Snooper, CLSLogger & CLSScenarioEdit.psm1**.

**Verifying Candidate Selection Using Snooper**

Skype For Business looks for the optimum path for client communication. Direct communication is preferred over relaying (using the Edge Servers), UDP is preferred over TCP. Client logs can be viewed in snooper to check that optimum paths are being used.

Client logs are located in the users profile in the following location: `...\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Office16.0\Lync\Tracing\Lync-UccApi-0.UccApilog`

**Example**

Internal client: 192.168.64.7

External Client: 10.200.60.58
Edge Server A/V service: 10.200.50.122

Search for “candidate” to verify path selection:

![Screen shot 1](image1)

![Screen shot 2](image2)

These screen shots show that the optimum path has been selected for an external client to internal client. This is the host IP address of the external client to the internal client via the Edge Server over UDP.

**Wireshark Protocol Analyzer**

Wireshark is an excellent tool that can be used to analyze network traffic when diagnosing any network related issues. Wireshark is available for download [here](https://www.wireshark.org).

19. **Technical Support**

If you have any questions regarding the appliance or would like assistance designing your deployment, please don’t hesitate to contact our support team: support@loadbalancer.org.

20. **Further Documentation**

21. Conclusion
Loadbalancer.org appliances provide a very cost effective solution for highly available load balanced Microsoft Skype For Business Server environments.
22. Appendix

1 – Clustered Pair Configuration – Adding a Slave Unit

If you initially configured just the master unit and now need to add a slave - our recommended procedure, please refer to the relevant section below for more details:

Note: A number of settings are not replicated as part of the master/slave pairing process and therefore must be manually configured on the slave appliance. These are listed below:

- Hostname & DNS settings
- Network settings including IP addresses, bonding configuration and VLANs
- Routing configuration including default gateways and static routes
- Date & time settings
- Physical – Advanced Configuration settings including Internet Proxy IP address & port, Firewall table size, SMTP relay and Syslog Server
- SNMP settings
- Graphing settings
- Firewall Script & Firewall Lockdown Script settings
- Software updates

Version 7:
Please refer to Chapter 8 – Appliance Clustering for HA in the v7 Administration Manual

Version 8:
To add a slave node – i.e. create a highly available clustered pair:

- Deploy a second appliance that will be the slave and configure initial network settings
- Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > High-Availability Configuration
• Specify the IP address and the loadbalancer users password (the default is 'loadbalancer') for the slave (peer) appliance as shown above

• Click **Add new node**

• The pairing process now commences as shown below:

![Create a Clustered Pair](image)

• Once complete, the following will be displayed:

![High Availability Configuration - Master](image)

• 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 master appliance will also automatically restart heartbeat on the slave appliance.

Note: Please refer to chapter 9 – Appliance Clustering for HA in the [Administration Manual](#) for more detailed information on configuring HA with 2 appliances.
2 - Configuring a Loadbalancer.org Appliance as a Reverse Proxy

A Loadbalancer.org appliance can be configured as a Reverse Proxy. This can be achieved either by defining VIPs on a separate dedicated appliance, or on the appliance in the DMZ (LB2). These scenarios are illustrated on page 27 & 28.

In both cases a public certificate is required for the External Web Services. One of the Front End Servers can be used to generate a CSR (which includes the Director Server SAN requirements), the signed certificate from the CA is then imported into the Front End Server. This certificate along with the Private Key is then exported as a PFX certificate ready for import into the load balancer.

Generating The CSR & SSL Certificate

1. On one of the Front End Servers open the Skype for Business Deployment Wizard
2. Click Run Again under Step 3: Request, Install or Assign Certificates
3. Select Web services external as shown below, then click Request
4. Enter the appropriate details on the Certificate Request screen, then click Advanced
5. Select the **Prepare the Request now, but send it later (offline certificate request)** option

![Certificate Request](image)

6. Click **Next**

![Certificate Request File](image)

7. Enter an appropriate path and name for the CSR

8. Click **Next**

9. Click **Next** on the **Specify Alternate Certificate Template** screen
10. Ensure that *Mark the certificate’s private key as exportable* is checked.
11. Click **Next**.
12. Add the FQDN for the Director Pool External Web Services as an additional SAN (if applicable).

13. Click **Finish**.
14. At the Certificate Request main screen click **Next**.
15. Verify the details in the Certificate Request Summary screen

16. Click Next

17. The green **Completed** task status message will be displayed if the process is successful

18. Click **Next**

19. The CSR will now be saved in the location specified previously

20. Click **View** or open the file and copy/paste the text into your chosen CA's request form
21. Once the certificate is received from the CA, return to the Certificate Wizard main screen.

22. Click **Import Certificate**

23. Specify the location of the certificate, click **Next** to complete the import.

24. Finally export the certificate and private key in **pfx** format ready for import into the appliance.

**Importing The Certificate Into The Load Balancer**

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > SSL Certificate**

2. Enter a suitable **Label**, e.g. **ExtWebSvcs**

3. Browse to and select the **.pfx** certificate file.

4. Enter the password.

5. Click **Add Certificate**

**Appliance Network Configuration**

If an additional appliance is used as the Reverse Proxy, you can use a one-arm or two-arm configuration depending on your network topology. Any appliance interface can be used, but typically eth0 would be used for a one-arm deployment and eth0 & eth1 would be used for a two-arm deployment.
If the load balancer in the DMZ (LB2 in this guide) will also be used as a Reverse Proxy, a second interface must be configured as illustrated on page 28. VLANs can then be defined to isolate and secure the traffic.

In addition, depending on your network topology, the appliance's routing configuration may need to be changed to prevent DMZ bridging. Please contact support@loadbalancer.org for assistance.

Configuring Reverse Proxy VIPs & RIPs

This example shows Reverse Proxy VIPs & RIPs for the Front End Server External Web Services. VIPs & RIPs for the External Director Web Services should be defined in a similar way if these are also required.

Note: As mentioned on pages 27 & 28, the Loadbalancer.org Reverse Proxy can either send traffic to LB1 and then on to the Front End Servers, or directly to the Front End Servers. OPTION 1 below shows traffic being forwarded to the 2 x External Web Services VIPs on LB1 (FePoolWsExt8080 & FePoolWsExt4443), OPTION 2 shows traffic being sent directly to the Front End Servers.

OPTION 1 – Forward Traffic to the VIPs on LB1 (i.e. FePoolWsExt8080 & FePoolWsExt4443)

Create the HTTP VIP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service and click Add a New Virtual Service
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. ReverseProxyFE-HTTP
4. Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.160
5. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 80
6. Set Layer 7 Protocol to HTTP Mode
7. Click Update
8. Now click Modify next to the newly created VIP
9. Change Persistence Mode to None
10. Click Update
Define the Real Server for the VIP just created:

**Note:** In this scenario, there is only one RIP - the VIP `FePoolWsExt8080` on LB1.

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: `Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Real Servers` and click **Add a new Real Server** next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

   ![Real Server Configuration](image)

   - Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. `FePoolWsExt8080`
   - Change the **Real Server IP Address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **192.168.112.112** (this is the IP address for the `FePoolWsExt8080` VIP on LB1, only this single RIP needs to be defined)
   - Set the **Real Server Port** field to **8080**
   - Leave **Layer 7 Protocol** set to **HTTP Mode**
   - Click **Update**

Create the SSL Termination VIP using the newly Uploaded Certificate

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: `Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination` and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. FeRpSSL
4. Select the Certificate uploaded previously – ExtWebSvcs
5. Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.160
6. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 443
7. Set the Backend Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.160
8. Set the Backend Virtual Service Ports field to 8081 (this can be any suitable free port, the Backend Virtual Service (created below) listens on this port)
9. Click **Update**

Create the SSL Backend VIP

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service** and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:

3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. FeRp8081
4. Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.160
5. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 8081
6. Set Layer 7 Protocol to HTTP Mode
7. Click Update
8. Now click Modify next to the newly created VIP
9. Change Persistence Mode to None
10. Click Update

Define the Real Server for the VIP just created:

Note: In this scenario, there is only one RIP – VIP FePoolWsExt4443 on LB1.

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

   ![Real Server Configuration](image)

   3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. FePoolWsExt4443
   4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.112 (this is the IP address for the FePoolWsExt4443 VIP on LB1, only this single RIP needs to be defined)
   5. Set the Real Server Port field to 4443
   6. Enable (tick) the Re-Encrypt to Backend check box
   7. Click Update

OPTION 2 – Forward Traffic Directly to the Front End Servers

Create the HTTP VIP:

11. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service and click Add a New Virtual Service
12. Enter the following details:
13. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. ReverseProxyFE-HTTP
14. Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.160
15. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 80
16. Set Layer 7 Protocol to HTTP Mode
17. Click Update
18. Now click Modify next to the newly created VIP
19. Change Persistence Mode to None
20. In the Health Checks section, click Advanced to expand the section
21. Set Check Port to 5061
22. Click Update

Define the Real Server for the VIP just created:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. FE1
4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.51
5. Set the Real Server Port field to 8080
6. Click Update
7. Repeat for your other Front End Server(s)

Create the SSL Termination VIP using the newly Uploaded Certificate

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:

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4. Select the Certificate uploaded previously – **ExtWebSvcs**
5. Set the **Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.200.50.160**
6. Set the **Virtual Service Port** field to **443**
7. Set the **Backend Virtual Service IP address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.200.50.160**
8. Set the **Backend Virtual Service Ports** field to **8081** (this can be any suitable free port, the Backend Virtual Service (created below) listens on this port)
9. Click **Update**

Create the SSL Backend VIP

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Service and click **Add a New Virtual Service**
2. Enter the following details:
3. Enter an appropriate label for the VIP, e.g. FeRp8081
4. Set the Virtual Service IP address field to the required IP address, e.g. 10.200.50.160
5. Set the Virtual Service Ports field to 8081
6. Set Layer 7 Protocol to HTTP Mode
7. Click Update
8. Now click Modify next to the newly created VIP
9. Change Persistence Mode to None
10. Click Update

Define the Real Server for the VIP just created:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next to the newly created VIP
2. Enter the following details:

   3. Enter an appropriate label for the RIP, e.g. FE1
   4. Change the Real Server IP Address field to the required IP address, e.g. 192.168.112.51
   5. Set the Real Server Port field to 4443
   6. Enable (tick) the Re-Encrypt to Backend check box
   7. Click Update
   8. Repeat the above steps to add your other Front End Server(s)
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