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Chapter 1 – Introduction
About this Manual
This document covers all required administration information for v8.1 Loadbalancer.org appliances.

About the Appliance
The Loadbalancer.org appliance runs the GNU/Linux operating system with a custom kernel configured for load balancing.

The core software is based on customized versions of Centos 6.x / RHEL 6.x, Linux 3.10.x, LVS, HA-Linux, HAProxy, Pound, STunnel & Ldirectord. Full root access is provided which enables complete control of all settings.

The appliance is available in the following formats: hardware, virtual (VMware, HyperV, KVM, XEN) and cloud based (Amazon, Azure).

Appliances can be deployed as single units or as a clustered pair.

NOTE: Loadbalancer.org always recommend that clustered pairs should be used where possible for high availability and resilience, this avoids introducing a single point of failure to your network. For more information on configuring an HA pair please refer to page 181.

Version 8.1
The latest version of the appliance (v8.1.1) includes the following new features, updates and bug fixes:

HAProxy
- HAProxy updated to 1.7
- Source hash persistence is Deprecated
- Edit ACL Rules modal would not load in firefox 38.2.1 ESR
- Performance improvement for viewing a large number of stick table entries has been made

WAF
- We have updated the /etc/httpd/modsecurity.d/modsecurity_crs_10_config.conf to fully enable anomaly scoring. If you have made any change to the above file please back it up first
- Disabling the ProxyVia header is now possible
- Anomaly scores were not being correctly updated
- Further Isolation of the WAF from the web interface as they now run as 2 separate processes

HyperV
- Numa is now disabled at boot
**Syslog**
- It's now possible to enter a hostname as the syslog server

**Pound**
- Pound was unable to start if it did not own an IP address. This has been rectified

**Heartbeat**
- Breaking A HA-Pair left users with the inability to change the eth0 IP address

**Other**
- OpenSSL Updated to 1.0.1s
- STunnel Updated to 5.31

**EC2**
- Amazon ec2 php sdk updated to 2.8.27 allowing usage of the Frankfurt region
- Enable the possibility to use the appliance without a IAM role being set
- Integration with Auto Scaling groups to dynamically update running configuration

**RPMS**
- bash-4.1.2-33.el6_7.1.x86_64.rpm
- bind-libs-9.8.2-0.37.rc1.el6_7.6.x86_64.rpm
- bind-utils-9.8.2-0.37.rc1.el6_7.6.x86_64.rpm
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• nss-tools-3.19.1-8.el6_7.x86_64.rpm
• nss-util-3.19.1-5.el6_7.x86_64.rpm
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• parted-2.1-29.el6.x86_64.rpm
• python-2.6.6-64.el6.x86_64.rpm
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Appliance Configuration Overview

Initial network configuration can be carried out on the console by using the Network Setup Wizard, using standard Linux network setup commands, or by connecting to the default IP address:port in a browser (192.168.2.21:9080) and making changes using the WUI.

Once the network is configured, the appliance can be configured manually or by using the Setup Wizard (for layer 7 services). The WUI is accessible using HTTP on port 9080 and HTTPS on port 9443. It's also possible to configure the load balancer at the console using the text based Links browser, although using the WUI is the recommended method.

For a clustered pair, we recommend that the master is fully configured first, then the slave should be added. For more information on configuring a clustered pair, please refer to page 181. Once a pair is configured, load balanced services must be configured & modified on the master appliance. The slave appliance will then be kept in sync automatically.

Appliance Security

The appliance includes a security lockdown command (lbsecure) that enables passwords to set, network access to be locked down and SSH key regeneration in one simple step. This command can be run on a single appliance or an HA pair. For more details please refer to page 68.

• rpm-4.8.0-47.el6.x86_64.rpm
• rpm-libs-4.8.0-47.el6.x86_64.rpm
• rpm-python-4.8.0-47.el6.x86_64.rpm
• tar-1.23-13.el6.x86_64.rpm
• tcpdump-4.0.0-5.20090921gitdf3cb4.2.el6.x86_64.rpm
• tzdata-2016a-2.el6.noarch.rpm
• udev-147-2.63.el6_7.1.x86_64.rpm
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Deployment Guides

Deployment guides have also been written that focus on load balancing specific applications. An up to date listing is available on the applications page of our website: www.loadbalancer.org/applications/

At the time of writing, the following deployment & quick-reference guides are available:

• Load Balancing Microsoft IIS Web Servers
• Load Balancing Microsoft Terminal Services
• Load Balancing Microsoft Remote Desktop Services
• Load Balancing Microsoft Exchange 2013
• Load Balancing Microsoft Exchange 2010
• Load Balancing Microsoft Sharepoint
• Load Balancing Microsoft AD FS
• Load Balancing Microsoft DirectAccess
• Load Balancing VMware View
• Load Balancing Microsoft Lync 2010
• Load Balancing Microsoft OCS 2007 R2
• Load Balancing Web Proxies/Filters/Gateways (generic guide)
• Load Balancing Bloxx Web Filter
• Load Balancing McAfee Web Gateway
• Load Balancing Smoothwall Web Gateway
• Load Balancing Barracuda Web Filter
• Load Balancing Clearswift Web Gateway
• Load Balancing Trend Micro Web Gateway
• Load Balancing Sophos Web Gateway
• Load Balancing RSA Authentication Manager
• Load Balancing Oracle Application Server
• Load balancing Medical Imaging & Information Systems Protocols

Additional Information

This manual should provide you with enough information to be very productive with your Loadbalancer.org appliance. However, if there are aspects of the appliance that have not been covered, or if you have any questions, please contact our support team: support@loadbalancer.org.
Chapter 2 – Load Balancing Concepts
Load Balancing – the Basics
Loadbalancer.org appliances enable two or more servers to be combined into a cluster. This enables inbound requests to be distributed across multiple servers which provides improved performance, reliability and resilience. Appliances can also be deployed as a clustered pair (our recommended solution) which creates a highly-available configuration.

Supported Protocols
Loadbalancer.org appliances support virtually any TCP or UDP based protocol including HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, SMTP, RDP, SIP, IMAP, POP, DNS etc. etc.

Layer 4 & Layer 7
Load balancing at layer 4 and layer 7 is supported. LVS (Linux Virtual Server) is utilized at layer 4 whilst HAProxy is used at layer 7.

Load Balancing Algorithms
The Loadbalancer.org appliance supports several different load balancing algorithms. Each one has its advantages and disadvantages and it depends on the specific application which is the most appropriate to use. Usually the default method Weighted Least Connection is a good solution which works well in most situations. The following sections summarize each method supported.

Weighted Round Robin
With this method incoming requests are distributed to Real Servers proportionally to the Real Servers weight. Servers with higher weights receive new jobs first and get more jobs than servers with lower weights. Servers with equal weights get an equal distribution of new jobs. This method addresses the weakness of the simple round robin method. Weightings are relative, so it makes no difference if Real Server #1 and #2 have weightings of 50 and 100 respectively or 5 and 10 respectively.

Weighted Least Connection
This method distributes incoming requests based on the number of current connections and also the weighting of each server. Again, weightings are relative, so it makes no difference if Real Server #1 and #2 have weightings of 50 and 100 respectively or 5 and 10 respectively.

This is the default method for new VIPs.

Destination Hashing
This algorithm assign jobs to servers through looking up a statically assigned hash table by their destination IP addresses.

Real Server Agent
To compliment the methods above, Loadbalancer.org appliances also support Real Server (i.e back-end server) agents. This permits the load balancing algorithm to be dynamically modified based on each Real Servers running characteristics. For example, one Real Server could have a run-away process that is consuming excessive CPU resources or RAM. Without the agent, the load balancer has no way of knowing this and would continue to send requests to the overloaded server based on the algorithm selected. With the agent installed on the Real Server, feedback is provided to the load balancer and the algorithm is then adjusted to reduce requests that are sent to that server. For more details on using the agent please refer to page 147.
Layer 4 vs Layer 7

A fundamental choice when setting up the load balancer is whether to configure the services at layer 4 or layer 7.

The Basics

At layer 4 the primary protocols used are TCP and UDP. These protocols are not aware of upper level protocols such as FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, DNS, RDP etc. Therefore the load balancer can only make load balancing decisions based on details available at layers 4 and below such as port numbers and IP addresses. At layer 7, the load balancer has more information to make load balancing related decisions since more information about upper levels protocols is available.

Layer 7 load balancing uses a proxy at the application layer (HAProxy). HTTP requests are terminated on the load balancer, and the proxy generates a new request which is passed to the chosen Real Server.

Performance

Due to the increased amount of information at layer 7, performance is not as fast as at layer 4. If raw throughput is a primary concern, then layer 4 is probably the better choice.

Persistence

Persistence (aka affinity or sticky connections) is the ability to ensure that a specific client connects back to the same server within a specific time limit. It is normally required when the session state is stored locally on the web server rather than in a separate database. At Layer 4, Source IP persistence is the only option. At layer 7, additional methods are available such as HTTP cookie persistence where the load balancer sets a cookie to identify the session and Microsoft Connection Broker where the load balancer is able to utilize the redirection token for reconnecting users to existing sessions.

Real Server Changes

At Layer 4, either the ARP problem (please refer to page 79 for more details) has to be solved (required when using Layer 4 DR mode) or the default gateway on the Real Servers must be set to point at the load balancer (required when using Layer 4 NAT mode). At Layer 7, the connection is fully proxied and therefore the Real Servers do not need to be changed in any way.

Transparency

Transparency refers to the ability to see the originating IP address of the client. Connections at Layer 4 are always transparent where as at layer 7 the IP address of the load balancer is recorded as the source address unless additional configuration steps are taken (such as using TProxy or utilizing the X-Forwarded-For headers, please see pages 143 and 115 respectively).

Our Recommendation

Where possible we recommend that Layer 4 Direct Routing (DR) mode is used. This offers the best possible performance since replies go direct from the Real Servers to the client, not via the load balancer. It’s also relatively simple to implement.

Ultimately, the final choice depends on your specific requirements and infrastructure. If you need any advice - whether you’re an existing customer or just trialing, don’t hesitate to contact our support team: support@loadbalancer.org
### Loadbalancer.org Terminology

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<td>Load Balancer</td>
<td>An IP based traffic manager for server clusters</td>
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<tr>
<td>VIP</td>
<td>Virtual IP address – the address of the load balanced cluster of RIPv, the address presented to connecting clients</td>
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<tr>
<td>Floating IP</td>
<td>The Floating IP Address is automatically created whenever a VIP is configured, the FIP address is the same as the VIP address, it enables services to be moved between the master and slave appliance</td>
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<tr>
<td>RIP</td>
<td>The Real IP address of a back-end server in the cluster</td>
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<tr>
<td>GW</td>
<td>The Default Gateway for a back-end server in the cluster</td>
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<tr>
<td>WUI</td>
<td>Web User Interface</td>
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<td>Layer 4</td>
<td>Part of the seven layer OSI model, descriptive term for a network device that can route packets based on TCP/IP header information</td>
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<td>Layer 7</td>
<td>Part of the seven layer OSI model, descriptive term for a network device that can read and write the entire TCP/IP header and payload information at the application layer</td>
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<td>DR</td>
<td>Direct Routing (aka DSR / Direct Server Return) is a standard load balancing technique that distributes packets by altering only the destination MAC address of the packet</td>
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<td>NAT</td>
<td>Network Address Translation – Standard load balancing technique that changes the destination of packets to and from the VIP (external subnet to internal cluster subnet)</td>
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<td>SNAT (HAProxy)</td>
<td>Source Network Address Translation – the load balancer acts as a proxy for all incoming &amp; outgoing traffic</td>
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<td>SSL Termination (Pound &amp; STunnel)</td>
<td>The SSL certificate is installed on the load balancer in order to decrypt HTTPS traffic on behalf of the cluster</td>
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<td>MASQUERADE</td>
<td>Descriptive term for standard firewall technique where internal servers are represented as an external public IP address. Sometimes referred to as a combination of SNAT &amp; DNAT rules</td>
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<td>One-Arm</td>
<td>The load balancer has one physical network card connected to one subnet</td>
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<td>The load balancer has two interfaces connected to two subnets - this can be achieved using two physical network cards or by assigning two addresses to one physical network card</td>
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<td>Eth0</td>
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Chapter 3 – Load Balancing Methods
### Supported Methods

The Loadbalancer.org appliance is one of the most flexible load balancers on the market. The design allows different load balancing modules to utilize the core high availability framework of the appliance.

Multiple load balancing methods can be used at the same time or in combination with each other.

| Layer 4 | DR (Direct Routing) | Ultra-fast local server based load balancing  
*Requires solving the 'ARP problem' on the Real Servers* | One-Arm |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Layer 4 | NAT (Network Address Translation) | Fast Layer 4 load balancing, the appliance becomes the default gateway for the Real Servers  
*The appliance must be the default gateway for the Real Servers* | Two-Arm |
| Layer 4 | TUN | Similar to DR but works across IP encapsulated tunnels | One-Arm |
| Layer 7 | SSL Termination (Pound & STunnel) | Usually required in order to process cookie persistence in HTTPS streams on the load balancer  
*Processor intensive* | One or Two-Arm |
| Layer 7 | SNAT (Source Network Address Translation: HAProxy) | Layer 7 allows great flexibility including full SNAT and WAN load balancing, cookie insertion and URL switching  
*Not as fast as Layer 4* | One or Two-Arm |

**Key:**

- **Recommended for high performance fully transparent and scalable solutions**
- **Recommended if HTTP cookie persistence is required, also used for several Microsoft applications such as Exchange, Sharepoint & Remote Desktop Services and for overall deployment simplicity since real servers can be on any accessible subnet and no Real-Server changes are required**
- **Only required for Direct Routing implementation across routed networks (rarely used)**

### One-Arm and Two-Arm Configurations

The number of ‘arms’ is normally a descriptive term for how many physical connections (Ethernet interfaces) are used to connect a device to a network. It’s very common for a load balancer that uses a routing method (NAT) to have a two-arm configuration. Proxy based load balancers (SNAT) commonly use a one-arm configuration.

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<th>One-Arm</th>
<th>The load balancer has <strong>one</strong> physical network card connected to <strong>one</strong> subnet</th>
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<td>Two-Arm</td>
<td>The load balancer has <strong>two</strong> interfaces connected to <strong>two</strong> subnets – this can be achieved using two physical network cards or by assigning two addresses to one physical network card</td>
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Direct Routing (DR)

One-arm direct routing (DR) mode is a very high performance solution that requires little change to your existing infrastructure. *N.B. Kemp, Brocade, Barracuda & A10 Networks call this Direct Server Return and F5 call it N-Path.*

- Direct Routing 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 it to own the Virtual Services IP address (VIP). This means that you need to ensure that the Real Server (and the load balanced application) respond to both the Real Servers 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 Servers in this way is referred to as *Solving the ARP Problem.* Please refer to page 79 onwards for more details on this.
- On average, DR mode is 8 times quicker than NAT for HTTP, 50 times quicker for Terminal Services and much, much faster for streaming media or FTP.
- The load balancer must have an Interface in the same subnet as the Real Servers to ensure layer 2 connectivity required for DR mode to work.
- 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 in DR mode i.e. having a different RIP port than the VIP port.
- DR mode is transparent, i.e. the Real Server will see the source IP address of the client.
Network Address Translation (NAT)

Sometimes it's not possible to use DR mode. The two most common reasons being: if the application cannot bind to the RIP & VIP at the same time; or if the host operating system cannot be modified to handle the ARP problem. The second choice is Network Address Translation (NAT) mode. The basic requirement is that return traffic MUST go back via the load balancer.

- The load balancer translates all requests from the external Virtual Service to the internal Real Servers
- Normally eth0 is used for the internal network and eth1 is used for the external network although this is not mandatory. If the Real Servers require Internet access, Autonat should be enabled using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Advanced Configuration, the external interface should be selected
- NAT mode can be deployed in the following ways:
  2-arm (using 2 Interfaces), 2 subnets (as shown above) - One interface on the load balancer is connected to subnet1 and the second interface and Real Servers are connected to subnet2. The VIP is brought up in subnet1. The default gateway on the Real Servers is set to be an IP address in subnet2 on the load balancer. Clients can be located in subnet1 or any remote subnet provided they can route to the VIP
  2-arm (using 1 Interface), 2 subnets - same as above except that a single interface on the load balancer is allocated 2 IP addresses, one in each subnet
  1-arm (using 1 Interface), 1 subnet - Here, the VIP is brought up in the same subnet as the Real Servers. For clients located in remote networks the default gateway on the Real Servers must be set to be an IP address on the load balancer. For clients located on the same subnet, return traffic would normally be sent directly to the client bypassing the load balancer which would break NAT mode. To address this, the routing table on the Real Servers must be modified to force return traffic to go via the load balancer - For more details on One-Arm NAT Mode refer to page 102
- If you want Real Servers to be accessible on their own IP address for non-load balanced services, e.g. SMTP or RDP, you will need to setup individual SNAT and DNAT firewall script rules for each Real Server or add additional VIPs for this - please refer to page 101 for more details
- NAT mode is transparent, i.e. the Real Server will see the source IP address of the client
- Port translation is possible in NAT mode, i.e. VIP:80 → RIP8080 is possible
NAT Mode Packet re-Writing

In NAT mode, the inbound destination IP address is changed by the load balancer from the Virtual Service IP address (VIP) to the Real Server. For outbound replies the load balancer changes the source IP address of the Real Server to be the Virtual Services IP address.

The following table shows an example NAT mode setup:

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<th>Protocol</th>
<th>VIP</th>
<th>Port</th>
<th>RIP</th>
<th>Port</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>10.0.0.20</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>192.168.1.50</td>
<td>80</td>
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In this simple example all traffic destined for IP address 10.0.0.20 on port 80 is load-balanced to the real IP address 192.168.1.50 on port 80.

Packet rewriting works as follows:

1) The incoming packet for the web server has source and destination addresses as:

   SOURCE  x.x.x.x:34567
   DEST    10.0.0.20:80

2) The packet is rewritten and forwarded to the back-end server as:

   SOURCE  x.x.x.x:34567
   DEST    192.168.1.50:80

3) Replies return to the load balancer as:

   SOURCE  192.168.1.50:80
   DEST    x.x.x.x:34567

4) The packet is written back to the VIP address and returned to the client as:

   SOURCE  10.0.0.20:80
   DEST    x.x.x.x:34567
**Source Network Address Translation (SNAT)**

If your application requires that the load balancer handles cookie insertion then you need to use SNAT mode. This mode is also used with numerous Microsoft applications such as Exchange, Sharepoint, Lync etc.

This mode has can be deployed in one-arm or two-arm configuration and does not require any changes to the application servers. However, since the load balancer is acting as a full proxy it doesn't have the same raw throughput as the layer 4 methods.

The network diagram for the Layer 7 HAProxy SNAT mode is very similar to the Direct Routing example except that no re-configuration of the Real Servers is required. The load balancer proxies the application traffic to the servers so that the source of all traffic becomes the load balancer.

- SNAT is a full proxy and therefore load balanced Real Servers do not need to be changed in any way
- Because SNAT is a full proxy any server in the cluster can be on any accessible subnet including across the Internet or WAN
- SNAT 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 balancers IP address. If required, this can be solved by either enabling TProxy on the load balancer, or for HTTP, using X-forwarded-For headers. Please refer to pages 143 and 115 respectively for more details.
- SNAT mode can be deployed using either a 1-arm or 2-arm configuration

**NOTE:** For detailed configuration examples using various modes, please refer to chapter 11 starting on page 205.
Other Considerations

Does Your Application Cluster correctly Handle its own State?

NOTE: Load balancers work most effectively if the application servers are completely stateless. This means that if a web server fails and is automatically taken out of the cluster; then all the current user sessions will be transferred to other servers in the cluster without the users needing to re-login to the application again. If your application doesn’t have a persistent data store then you can’t have seamless fail over for your back-end servers.

Do your web servers store persistent information on local drives?

- Images (jpeg, png, gif etc.)
- Files (html, php, asp etc.)

If so, these files either need to be on shared storage such as an NFS/CIFS mount, or they need to be replicated to all of the nodes in the cluster.

Replication Solutions for Shared Data

On UNIX you can use the RSYNC command to replicate files, on Windows Server you can use RSYNC as well but you may prefer ROBOCOPY that’s included by default in newer versions of Windows Server or in the resource kit for older versions. Usually you will upload your content to one master server and then replicate it to the other servers in the cluster.

Solutions for Session Data

Standard ASP and PHP session data is stored locally by default, leaving your session data in a local store will prevent you from implementing seamless application server fail-over in your cluster. If an application server fails, all of the local session data will be lost and your user will need to re-log in and possibly lose shopping baskets etc.

This problem is easily resolvable by implementing a shared persistent data store for the cluster. This is usually either done with a shared back-end database or a shared memory solution.

Persistence (aka Affinity)

Persistence is a feature that is required by many web applications. Once a user has interacted with a particular server all subsequent requests are sent to the same server thus persisting to that particular server. It is normally required when the session state is stored locally to the web server as opposed to a database.
What do You do if Your Application is not Stateless?

Some applications require state to be maintained such as:

- Terminal Services / Remote Desktop Services
- SSH
- FTP (upload)
- SMTP (incoming)

You may also find that you are unable to modify your HTTP/HTTPS based application to handle shared session data.

For these cases, you can use persistence based on source IP address. You lose the ability to have transparent fail-over, but you do still get increased capacity and manageability. This persistence problem occurs with all load balancers and all vendors use standard methods and technologies to mitigate the issue.

Loadbalancer.org Persistence Options

- Source IP (subnet)
- Cookie (Active or Passive)
- SSL session ID
- Microsoft Connection Broker / Session Broker Integration

The standard Layer 4 persistence method is source IP persistence, you can handle millions of persistent connections at Layer 4. Just modify your Virtual Service to be persistent if you require source IP persistence.

Cookies are a Layer 7 based persistence method that can offer more even traffic distribution and also handle any clients where the source IP address may change during the session (e.g. mega proxies).

SSL session ID based persistence is useful in certain circumstances, although due to the way some browsers operate – notably older versions of Internet Explorer, the session ID can be renegotiated frequently (every few seconds) which effectively breaks the persistence.
Which Load Balancing Method should I Use?

**Layer 4 DR Mode** offers the best performance and requires limited physical Real Server changes. The server application must be able to bind to the both the RIP & VIP at the same time.

**Layer 4 NAT Mode** is also a high performance solution but not as fast as DR mode. It requires the implementation of a two-arm infrastructure with an internal and external subnet to carry out the translation (the same way a firewall works). Also each Real Server must use the load balancer as the default gateway.

**Layer 7 SNAT Mode** offers greater flexibility but at lower performance levels. It supports HTTP cookie insertion, RDP cookies, Connection Broker integration and works very well with either Pound or STunnel when SSL termination is required. It does not require any changes to the application servers and can be deployed in one-arm or two-arm mode and. HAProxy is a high performance solution, but since it operates as a full proxy, it cannot perform as fast as the layer 4 solutions.

**Our Recommendation**
Where possible we recommend that Layer 4 Direct Routing (DR) mode is used. This offers the best possible performance since replies go directly from the Real Servers to the client, not via the load balancer. It’s also relatively simple to implement.

Ultimately, the final choice does depend on your specific requirements and infrastructure.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** : If you are using Microsoft Windows Real Servers (i.e. back-end servers) make sure that Windows **NLB** (Network Load Balancing) is **completely disabled** to ensure that this does not interfere with the operation of the load balancer.
Chapter 4 – Appliance Fundamentals
The Hardware Appliance – Unpacking and Connecting

- Remove all packaging
- Rack mount the appliance if required
- The power supply is an auto sensing unit (100v to 240v)
- Connect the power lead from the power socket to the mains or UPS
- Connect a network cable from the switch to one of the Ethernet ports – typically eth0 but this is not mandatory
- If using a two-armed configuration connect another cable to a second Ethernet port – typically eth1 but this is not mandatory
- For a clustered hardware pair, the units must be able to communicate either via network (ucast), via serial cable or both. By default, ucast only is used. If serial is preferred or you want to use both methods, connect a serial cable (1 supplied with each appliance) between the two appliances.  
  N.B. If a serial cable is used, Heartbeat must be configured for this using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Heartbeat Configuration and enabling ‘Serial’
- Attach a monitor to the VGA port and keyboard to the USB or PS/2 port
- Check mains power is on and press the power switch to start the appliance (the fans should start & front panel LED’s should light)
- Allow a minute for booting

N.B. The above image shows the Enterprise MAX, for connecting other models please refer to page 262 in the Appendix.
The Virtual Appliance – Hypervisor Deployment

Supported Hypervisors

Currently, the Virtual Appliance is available for the following hypervisors:

- VMware & Virtual Box
- Microsoft Hyper-V
- KVM
- XEN

Host Requirements

To run the Loadbalancer.org Enterprise VA (irrespective of which Hypervisor is being used) the following basic server specifications must be met:

- 64bit CPU
- Virtual Technology hardware support – either Intel-VT or AMD-V compliant CPU’s

For an Intel based server, VT must be enabled in the BIOS as shown in the example below:

![BIOS Configuration Example](image)

If your server is unable to support 64bit guests, an error message will be displayed when attempting to start the VA.

Downloading the Appliance

All downloads are accessible from the following location: [http://www.loadbalancer.org/resources/free-trial](http://www.loadbalancer.org/resources/free-trial)

To access the downloads, enter your name, email address and phone number (optional), specify the application that you’ll be load balancing (optional) and select the Hypervisor type. Once the details have been entered, click **Download Now**. The various download links will then be presented on screen and we’ll also send you an email containing the same links.

Once downloaded, extract the archive using your preferred utility. The download also includes a quickstart guide which covers the VA deployment process in more detail.
NOTE: All information provided is 100% confidential. We may follow up with an email or phone call to see how you're getting on with the trial and offer assistance but under no circumstances will Loadbalancer.org send you other promotional material or share your information with a third party.

VMware Deployment

The steps required depend on which VMware environment is in use. The following list provides a basic guideline:

- For vSphere Client use: **File > Deploy ovf Template**
- For VMware Workstation use: **File > Open**
- For VMware Player use: **Player > File > Open**

Hyper-V Deployment

**Windows 2008 R2**

1. Start Hyper-V Manager, then using the right-click menu or the Actions pane select **Import Virtual Machine** and then click **Next**
2. Browse to the location of the extracted download and select the folder LBVMHYPER-Vv8
3. Select the option "Copy the virtual machine (create a new unique ID)" and also select the "Duplicate all files so the same virtual machine can be imported again" check-box, click **Import**
4. The import will start, once complete the new appliance will appear in the Virtual Machine list
5. The appliance has 4 NIC cards, to connect these right-click the appliance and select **Settings** then for each Network Adapter select the required network
6. Right-click and select **Start** to power up the appliance, allow a minute to boot
7. If you’re deploying a clustered pair, you’ll first need to do one of the following steps before importing the second virtual machine. If this is not done, the second virtual machine cannot be deployed because the disk from the first import already exists, and there will therefore be a conflict:
   i) Shutdown the first VM and modify the name of the disk
      or
   ii) Change the default file location using the Hyper-V **Settings** option in the **Actions** pane

Once one of the above is done, repeat steps 1-6 to create the second virtual machine.

**Windows 2012**

1. Start Hyper-V Manager, then using the right-click menu or the Actions pane select **Import Virtual Machine** then click **Next**
2. Browse to the location of the extracted download and select the folder LBVMHYPER-V3v8
3. Click **Next** until prompted for the Import Type, make sure that ‘Copy the virtual machine (create a
new unique ID) is selected and click Next

4. Tick the check-box ‘Store the Virtual Machine in different location’, then define a suitable location for the virtual machines files and click Next

5. Define a location for the virtual hard disk files

6. Click Next, then click Finish to complete the import process. Once complete, the load balancer will appear in the Virtual Machines list

7. The appliance has 4 NIC cards, to connect these right-click the appliance and select Settings then for each Network Adapter select the required network

8. Highlight the new load balancer and start it either by using the right-click menu or the Actions pane

If you’re deploying a clustered pair, repeat steps 2-8 for the slave unit, making sure that a different folder location is selected in steps 4 & 5.

**KVM Deployment**

The following steps should be followed on the KVM host:

1. Extract the archive to /var/lib/libvirt/images/
2. virsh define Loadbalancer*.xml
3. virsh start Loadbalancer*

_N.B. Network cards are set to NAT by default so adjust as needed before powering on. Also, please refer to the included XML file for additional configuration notes_

**XEN Deployment**

The following steps should be followed on the XEN host:

1. Extract the archive
2. Import the _xva_ file into XEN

**NOTE** : For more details of the cloud based products, please refer to the relevant quick start guide available in the [documentation library](#).
Initial Network Interface Configuration
By default the load balancer is pre-configured with the following IP address & subnet mask:

**192.168.2.21/24** *(192.168.2.21 / 255.255.255.0)*

This default address can be changed at the console in two ways:

- Using the built-in Network Setup Wizard
- Using traditional Linux commands

**NOTE:** For the VA, four NICs are included but only eth0 is connected by default at power on. If the other NICs are required, these should be connected using the network configuration screen within the Hypervisor.

Using the Network Setup Wizard
To run the wizard, login to the console of the appliance as the ‘setup’ user. This is explained in the initial console start-up message as shown below:

```
Welcome to the Loadbalancer.org appliance.
To perform initial network configuration, log in to the console as
Username: setup
Password: setup

To access the web interface and wizard, point your browser at
http://192.168.2.21:9000/
or
https://192.168.2.21:9443/
1bmaster login: _
```

login to the console:

*Username*: setup  
*Password*: setup

Once logged in, enter the IP address / mask, default gateway & DNS servers at the prompts as shown below:

```
Loadbalancer.org basic network set up

  Static IP address (eg. 192.168.0.26) : 192.168.67.23/18
  Default gateway (eg. 192.168.0.1) : 192.168.64.1
  DNS Servers
    Primary (eg. 192.168.0.250) : 192.168.64.1
    Secondary (Leave blank to omit) :
```


After the required settings have been entered, a summary will be presented along with details of how to access the WUI as shown below:

**Summary of settings**
- Static IP address: 192.168.67.23/18
- Default gateway: 192.168.64.1
- DNS servers: 192.168.64.1

You may now connect the eth0 network interface to your switch, and continue configuration through the web interface on:

```
```

Press any key...

As mentioned in the text the IP address is now configured for interface eth0.

IP addresses for the other interfaces can now be configured using the WUI option: *Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration* (to access the WUI please refer to pages 39 and 41) or by using Linux commands as explained in the following section.

**Using Linux Commands**

at the console or via an SSH session login as root:

- **Username:** root
- **Password:** loadbalancer

set the IP address using the following command:

```
ip addr add <IP address>/<mask> dev eth0
```

* e.g.

```
ip addr add 192.168.1.100/24 dev eth0
```

set the default gateway using the following command:

```
route add default gw <IP address> <interface>
```

* e.g.

```
route add default gw 192.168.1.254 eth0
```

**N.B. Setting the IP address in this way is temporary, the IP address MUST be set via the WUI to make this permanent otherwise settings will be lost after a reboot**
Appliance Access & Configuration Methods
The appliance can be accessed & configured both locally and remotely.

Local Methods

Console Access
To access the console, simply connect a monitor and keyboard to the load balancer, power up and you'll be presented with a login prompt. The console can also be accessed via the serial port if the default heartbeat configuration is used - i.e. heartbeat is configured to communicate over the network only.

Log in to the console:

*Username:* root  
*Password:* loadbalancer

Appliance Configuration using Links
Once logged into the console, the text based Links browser can be used to configure the appliance. To start Links and bring up the text based administration interface use the following command:

```
links 127.0.0.1:9080
```

Log in to Links:

*Username:* loadbalancer  
*Password:* loadbalancer

Use the *Up, Down & Enter* keys to move between and select the various menu options.

*N.B. The preferred configuration method is the WUI which can be accessed via a browser as detailed on page 39.*

Keyboard Layout
To change the keyboard locale edit the file: /etc/sysconfig/keyboard, e.g. to change from a UK to a US layout:

1. edit /etc/sysconfig/keyboard using a browser such as `vi` or `vim` for Linux or WinSCP under Windows
2. replace KEYTABLE="uk" with KEYTABLE="us"
3. re-boot the appliance
Remote Methods

When configuring the appliance remotely, take care when changing network and firewall settings. If you do lock yourself out, you'll either need local console access or you can use remote management tools such as IPMI or iDRAC. The Enterprise R20 and Enterprise MAX include IPMI support, iDRAC is included on the Enterprise 10G & R320. For details on configuring both IPMI & iDRAC please refer to the Appendix.

The appliance can be remotely accessed using the following tools:

- HTTP / HTTPS Web Browser
- OpenSSH (Linux hosts) or PuTTy (Windows hosts)
- OpenSCP (Linux hosts) or WinSCP (Windows hosts)

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Accessing the WUI

The WUI is accessed using a browser such as Firefox, Chrome etc. Appliance authentication is based on Apache .htaccess files. User admin tasks such as adding users and changing passwords can be performed using the WUI option: Maintenance > Passwords.

- Using a web browser, access the WUI using the following URL:

  http://192.168.2.21:9080/lbadmin/

  (replace 192.168.2.21 with your IP address if it's been changed)

  N.B. If you prefer you can use the HTTPS administration address:

  https://192.168.2.21:9443/lbadmin/

  (replace 192.168.2.21 with your IP address if it's been changed)

- Login to the WUI:

  Username: loadbalancer
  Password: loadbalancer

- Once logged in, you'll be asked if you want to run the web based setup wizard. If you click [Accept] the Layer 7 Virtual Service configuration wizard will start. If you prefer to configure the appliance manually, simple click [Dismiss].

  ![System Overview](image)

  **NOTE**: A number of compatibility issues have been found with various versions of IE. The WUI has been tested and verified using both Firefox & Chrome.

Configuring the Appliance using the Wizard

The wizard can be used to setup one or more Layer 7 Virtual Services and associated Real Servers. Layer 4 services must be configured manually.

Running the Wizard

First, set the IP address using one of the methods described on page 35. Then open the WUI and start the wizard by clicking the [Accept] link shown above, or by using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Setup Wizard and clicking General Layer 7 Virtual Service, and continue as detailed below:
• Define the required Virtual Service settings as shown in the example below:

![Setup Wizard - General Layer 7 Virtual Service](image)

**Create a new Layer 7 Virtual Service**

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<td>IP Address</td>
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<td>Ports</td>
<td>80</td>
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</table>

**Layer 7 Protocol**

Select the Layer 7 protocol to be handled by this Virtual Service. Advanced options may be set by editing this Virtual Service once it has been created.

• Click **Create Virtual Service**

• Now continue and add the associated Real Servers as shown below:

**Attach Real Servers**

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<td>100</td>
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<td>RIP2</td>
<td>192.168.111.227</td>
<td>80</td>
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• Use the **Add Real Server** button to define additional Real Servers, once all are defined click **Attach Real Servers**

• Finally reload HAProxy using the **Reload HAProxy** button in the blue box at the top of the screen or by using the WUI option: **Maintenance > Restart Services** and clicking **Reload HAProxy**
NOTE: Running the wizard again will permit additional Layer 7 VIPs and associated RIPv to be defined.

NOTE: To restore manufacturer's settings use the WUI option: Maintenance > Backup & Restore > Restore Manufacturer’s Defaults. N.B. this will reset the IP address to 192.168.2.21/24

Configuring the Appliance using the WUI

If you have already used the web based wizard, then you will already be using the WUI. From here all administration tasks can be carried out. If not, access the WUI as follows:

With a web browser access the WUI: http://192.168.2.21:9080/lbadmin/

(replace 192.168.2.21 with the correct IP address)

log in to the WUI:

Username: loadbalancer
Password: loadbalancer

N.B. If you prefer you can use the HTTPS administration address: https://192.168.2.21:9443/lbadmin/

Once logged in, the WUI is displayed:
Main Menu Options:

**System Overview** – Displays a graphical summary of all VIPs, RIPv2s 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 & RIPv2s

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

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

**Reports** – View various appliance reports & graphs

**Logs** – View various appliance logs

**Support** – Create a support download, contact the support team & access useful links
**Full Root Access**

One of the great advantages of the Loadbalancer.org appliance is that you have full root access. This unlocks the benefits of the underlying Linux OS. Other vendors tend to lock this down and only provide limited access to certain tools.

**Appliance Configuration Files & Locations**

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<td><code>/etc/ha.d/conf/loadbalancer.cf</code></td>
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<td>Pound SSL configuration</td>
<td><code>/etc/pound/pound.cfg</code></td>
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<td>STunnel configuration</td>
<td><code>/etc/stunnel/stunnel.conf</code></td>
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<td>SSL Certificates</td>
<td><code>/etc/loadbalancer.org/certs</code></td>
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<td>Heartbeat configuration</td>
<td><code>/etc/ha.d/ha.cf</code></td>
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**NOTE:** If you do require a custom configuration please contact our support team to discuss your requirements: support@loadbalancer.org
Chapter 5 – Appliance Management
Network Configuration

Physical Interfaces
All hardware and virtual models have 4 network interfaces. For the VA, only the first interface is connected by default, the other interfaces can be connected when required using the Hypervisor’s management interface. If multiple logical interfaces are required, these can be added simply by specifying multiple IP addresses as shown on the following page. If multiple cables must be connected, an external switch can be used.

Typically, the main reason for using all 4 interfaces is when bonding (e.g. 802.3ad) is required in a two-arm NAT mode (layer 4) or two-arm SNAT mode (layer 7) highly available configuration.

Configuring IP Addresses
IP addresses can be configured using the WUI option: Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration. If a single interface is required, eth0 is typically used. If 2 interfaces are required, eth0 is typically used as the internal interface and eth1 is used as the external interface. However, unlike other appliances on the market you can use any interface for any purpose.

In a simple one-arm configuration, you would just need to configure the IP address and subnet mask for one interface, e.g. eth0 and if there are remote clients, the relevant default gateway. Both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses can be configured.

CIDR notation is used to specify IP addresses and subnet masks. For example, to specify an IP address of 192.168.2.100 with a subnet mask of 255.255.255.0, then 192.168.2.100/24 would be entered in the relevant interface field as shown in the example below:

```
eth0
192.168.2.100/24
```

Please refer to page 268 in the appendix for more details on CIDR notation.

To set IP address(es):

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration
- Assign the required IP address/mask, multiple addresses can be assigned as shown below:
Click Configure Interfaces

**NOTE:** If you already have Virtual Services defined when making changes to the network configuration, you should verify that your Virtual Services are still up and working correctly after making the changes.

**NOTE:** For the VA, four NICs are included but only eth0 is connected by default at power on. If the other NICs are required, these should be connected using the network configuration screen within the Hypervisor.

### Configuring Bonding

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration
- If you want to bond eth0 and eth1, check the box named **Bond eth0 & eth1 as bond0**
• Click **Modify Bonding**

• The eth0 and eth1 fields will be replaced with bond0

**NOTE:** At this point the interfaces will still have the same IP settings configured previously. Once an IP address is defined for the bond and **Configure Interfaces** in clicked these addresses will be removed and only the bond address will apply. If bonding is later disabled these addresses will be re-applied to the interfaces.

• Enter the IP address for bond0 and click **Configure Interfaces**

**NOTE:** If you have a master and slave configured as an HA pair, make sure you configure bonding in the same way on both units. Failure to do this will result in heartbeat (master / slave communication) related issues.

**Bonding Configuration Modes**

Ideally all single points of failure should be eliminated from a network. To help achieve this a cross-wired switch environment can be used. Every server including the load balancers is cross wired into two switch stacks. Then, if a network switch fails the servers & load balancers will activate the connection to the second switch.

Loadbalancer.org appliances support this using the standard Linux bonding driver. Once you have setup the appliance using a single network card and are happy with the configuration you can set up bonding using **Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration.**
If required you can change the bonding mode in the file: `/etc/modprobe.d/loadbalancer.conf`. By default mode 1 is used which configures the bond for high availability. Simply edit the file and set the mode setting as needed.

**Supported Modes:**

**Bonding for High-Availability (default mode)**

```plaintext
mode=1  
alias bond0 bonding  
options bond0 miimon=100 mode=1  
```

**Bonding for Bandwidth**

Change to mode 0

```plaintext
mode=0  
alias bond0 bonding  
options bond0 miimon=100 mode=0  
```

**Bonding for High-Availability & Bandwidth**

Change to mode 4

```plaintext
mode=4  
alias bond0 bonding  
options bond0 miimon=100 mode=4  
```

This option requires the ports on the switch to be configured as a TRUNK with 802.3ad support.

**NOTE**: If your Real Servers, ESX hosts etc. support network bonding using Broadcom’s SLB (Smart Load Balancing), this can cause issues in Layer 4 DR mode if older drivers are used. We have successfully tested SLB (Auto Fallback Disable) with driver version 15.2.0.5. Therefore at least this version is recommended.
**Configuring VLANs**

Native 802.1Q VLAN support can be enabled to load balance clusters on multiple VLANs.

In access mode, switch ports are dedicated to one VLAN. The switch handles all the tagging and detagging of frames – the station connected to the port does not need to be configured for the VLAN at all. In trunk mode, the switch passes on the raw VLAN frames, and the station must be configured to handle them. Trunk mode is usually used to connect two VLAN-carrying switches, or to connect a server or router to a switch.

If the load balancer is connected to an access mode switch port no VLAN configuration is required. If the load balancer is connected to a trunk port, then all the required VLANs will need to be configured on the load balancer.

To configure a VLAN:

- In the WUI, open *Local Configuration > Network Configuration*
- In the VLAN section select the required interface (e.g. eth0)
- Enter the VLAN ID (e.g. 250)
- Click **Add VLAN**
- An extra IP Address Assignment field named eth0.250 will be created as shown below, the required IP address should be entered in this field

![IP Address Assignment](image.png)

- Click **Configure Interfaces**

To delete the VLAN definition, click the appropriate **Delete** button

**NOTE:** If you have a clustered pair, don’t forget to configure the same VLANs on the slave as these will not be replicated / created automatically.
Configuring MTU Settings

To set the MTU setting for an interface:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Network Configuration

    ![MTU Configuration Example]

- Enter the required MTU setting
- Click Configure Interfaces

Configuring Default Gateway & Static Routes

To set the Default Gateway for IPv4 and IPv6:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Routing
- In the Default Gateway section define the default gateway as shown in the example below:

  ![Default Gateway Example]

- Click Configure Routing

To configure Static Routes:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Routing
- In the Static Routes section configure the subnets & gateway addresses shown in the example below:
- Click **Configure Routing**

  *N.B. Unlimited static routes can be defined, additional blank rows will be added to the WUI screen as they're used*

### Configuring Hostname & DNS Configuration

**To set the Hostname, Domain & DNS servers:**

- In the WUI, open **Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS**

  ![Hostname & DNS](image)

  - Specify the required Hostname, by default this is set to **lbmaster**
  - Specify the Domain name, by default this is set to **localhost**
  - Specify the required DNS servers
  - Click **Update**
System Date & Time and NTP Server Configuration

Auto Configuration using NTP Servers

To configure NTP:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > System Date & Time

  ![System Date & Time](image)

- Select the required System Timezone
- Define your NTP servers using the NTP Servers fields
- Click Set Timezone & NTP

Manual Configuration

To manually set the date & time:

- Set the data & time using the Date & time fields
- Click Set Date & Time
NOTE: When using a clustered pair (i.e. master & slave) date and time changes on the master will not be automatically replicated to the slave, therefore the date and time on the slave must also be set manually.

Appliance Internet Access via Proxy
The appliance supports the ability to access the Internet via a proxy server.

To set the Proxy Server’s IP address & Port:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Physical Advanced Configuration
- Enter an appropriate IP address in the IP Address field
- Enter an appropriate port in the Port field
- Click Update

SMTP Relay Configuration
The appliance can be configured with an SMTP smart host to receive all mail messages generated by the load balancer. If this field is not configured the address will be auto-configured based on an MX lookup of the destination email address that’s configured under Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Advanced Configuration.

To configure a smart host:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Physical Advanced Configuration
- Enter an appropriate IP address or hostname in the Smart Host field
- Click Update
Syslog Server Configuration

The appliance supports the ability to write all logs either locally, to an external Syslog Server or both. The Syslog server may be specified by IP address or hostname.

To configure a Syslog server:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Physical Advanced Configuration

- Define whether logs should be local, written to a remote Syslog server or both
- Enter an appropriate IP address or hostname in the Remote Syslog Server field
- Click Update

SNMP Configuration

The appliance supports SNMP. Typical SNMP settings can be configured using the WUI.

To Configure SNMP:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > SNMP Configuration

- Set the required settings (If you leave the fields blank, default values will be applied)
- Click Update
NOTE: Please refer to page 238 for details of the various OIDs and associated MIBs for the appliance.

Installing License Keys

License keys are required for all appliances. At initial power up, the VA will display the following message:

**WARNING:**
This evaluation version will expire in 30 days. Please enter your license key to remove this restriction.

The hardware appliance will display the following message:

**WARNING:**
This appliance is unregistered. Please enter your license key within 30 days to activate your appliance. If you do not have your license key please contact sales@loadbalancer.org

To install the license:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > License Key

  ![Install License Key](https://example.com/license.png)

  This unit is in evaluation mode. Please enter your license key to remove this restriction.

  If you do not have a license key, please contact sales@loadbalancer.org

  Choose file: No file chosen

  Install License Key

- Browse to the license file provided when the appliance was purchased

- Click Install License Key

Running OS Level Commands

The appliance supports the ability to run OS level commands directly from the WUI.

To run a command:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Execute Shell Command
**EXECUTE SHELL COMMAND**

- Enter the relevant command in the field
- Click **Execute Shell Command**
- The results of the command as well as any errors will be displayed at the top of the screen.

**Restoring Manufacturer’s Settings**

The load balancers settings can be reset to factory default values in two ways. In both cases this will remove all custom configuration from the load balancer. All VIPs and RIPs will be removed and the IP address configured for eth0 will be set to 192.168.2.21/24.

**Using the WUI**

To restore settings:

- In the WUI, open **Maintenance > Backup & Restore > Restore Tab**
- Click **Restore Manufacturer’s Defaults**

Once restored, restart the appliance to complete the process.

**Using the Console / SSH Session**

Run the following command:

```
lbrestore
```

Once restored, restart the appliance to complete the process.
Restarting & Reloading Services

The various services running on the appliance can be manually reloaded or restarted if required. This is normally only required for HAProxy, Pound, STunnel and Heartbeat when configuration changes are made.

**Restart Ldirectord**

Restart Layer 4 Services. Restarting Ldirectord will result in a loss of layer 4 services during the restart. This causes the related process to be stopped and a new instance started. Generally only needed if Ldirectord has failed for some reason and needs to be started again from scratch.

**Reload Ldirectord**

Reload Layer 4 Services. The Ldirectord configuration is re-read and re-applied. Note that a reload occurs automatically whenever a layer 4 VIP or RIP and added, deleted or modified.

**Restart HAProxy**

Restart Layer 7 Services. Restarting HAProxy will result in a loss of layer 7 services during the restart. Restarting HAProxy will cause any persistence tables to be dropped and all connections to be closed, it’s a complete restart and reload of the HAProxy configuration.

**Reload HAProxy**

Reload Layer 7 Services. HAProxy will start a new process (leaving the old one) with the new configuration. New connections will be passed onto this process, the old process will maintain existing connections and eventually terminate when there are no more connections accessing it. If you are using stick tables for persistence the entries will be copied between processes.
N.B. If you have long lasting TCP connections it can take quite some time for the old process to terminate, leaving those users running the old configuration. If this is taking too long – See Restart HAProxy.

Clear HAProxy Stick Table
Clears All HAProxy persistence tables. If you are using a Layer 7 persistence mode that relies on stick-tables (IP persistence or RDP cookie persistence), this option will clear all entries from these tables. Once cleared, clients may be directed to a different server upon re-connection.

Restart Pound
Restart Pound SSL Termination Service. Restarting Pound will result in a loss of SSL termination services during the restart.

Restart STunnel
Restart STunnel SSL Termination Service. Restarting STunnel will result in a loss of SSL termination services during the restart.

Restart Heartbeat
Restart Heartbeat Services. Restarting Heartbeat will result in a loss of service during the restart. Restarting heartbeat will cause a temporary loss of all layer 4, layer 7 and SSL services.

Reload Heartbeat
This option forces heartbeat to stop (for the active member of an HA pair the floating IP’s will also be taken down, for a single unit they will be left up) then after an appropriate delay heartbeat is reloaded.

Restart Firewall
Restarts iptables. This will clear then re-read and re-apply the firewall rules.

Restart Syslogd
Restart the syslog service.

Restart Collectd
Restart the graphs data collector service.

Restart SNMPD
Restart the SNMP service.

Reload Apache
Reload the Apache service.
Appliance Restart & Shutdown
The appliance can be restarted or shutdown using the WUI.

To restart or shutdown the appliance:

- In the WUI, open Maintenance > System Control

**SYSTEM CONTROL**

- [ ] Restart Load Balancer
- [ ] Halt Load Balancer

- Select the required option:
  
  - **Restart Load Balancer** – *Shutdown and restart the appliance*
  - **Halt Load Balancer** – *Shutdown and halt the appliance*

Appliance Software Updates
Loadbalancer.org continually develop and add new and improved features to the appliance. To ensure that customers can benefit from this and can also receive bug fixes and security updates, Loadbalancer.org have an online and an offline update facility that allows customers who have a valid maintenance and support contract to keep their appliance fully up to date. A security updates only option is also available for customers that don't require the benefits of our complete support package.

**NOTE:** Since services may be restarted during the update process we recommend performing the update during a maintenance window.

For some updates (e.g. v7.5.4 to 7.6) a full appliance restart is required. In these cases a restart notification message will be displayed after the update is complete.

Checking the Current Software Version & Revision

The software version number is displayed in the top right corner of the WUI. To determine the current revision run the following command at the console, via an SSH session or via the WUI using the following command:

```
cat /etc/loadbalancer.org/version.txt
```
Online Update

To perform an online update:

- In the WUI, open Maintenance > Software Update
- Select Online Update
- If the latest version is already installed, the following message will be displayed:

> Information: Version v8.1 is the current release. No updates are available.

- If an update is available, Information similar to the following will be displayed:

**Online Update**

Online updates are only available if your organisation has a valid authorisation key. An authorisation key may be obtained from LoadBalancer.org support.

Before starting the online update, we recommend that you backup the XML configuration file, firewall script, and any manual changes that have been made.

- [Download XML Configuration File]
- [Download Firewall Script]

Update from v8.0.1 to v8.0.2

Changes in this release:

**HAProxy**

External health checks were not working and the cfg parser was incorrectly stating that the configuration was wrong when it was not.

**Layer 4**

When changing to a multiport virtual service the healthcheck port was not getting written.

**Support**

Added policy based routing script to the support archive.

**Other**

The contact us page was being incorrectly displayed.

**RPMS**

vrn+what=1.11-1.2 x86 x86_64 .rpm

**WARNING:** Heartbeat will be restarted as part of the update causing a failover to the peer node if configured in a pair.

**WARNING:** HAProxy will be stopped as part of this update. Causing an interruption in service.

**WARNING:** Updates should only be installed during a maintenance window.

Note that this is a large update, and may take several minutes to complete. Please do not stop the web browser, or move to another page, whilst the LoadBalancer.org logo is spinning. When the update is complete, the message Update completed successfully will be displayed.

**Authorisation Key**

[Online Update]
• Enter the Authorisation key from your Technical Support document and click **Online Update**

• Once complete (the update can take several minutes depending on download speed and upgrade version) the following message is displayed:

> Information: Update completed successfully.

• If there are any specific post upgrade requirements such as a service restart these will be displayed on the screen after the installation completes.

**Notes:**

• As indicated in the WUI, we recommend that you should backup your XML configuration and firewall script (if changes have been made) using the links provided before running the update

• Make sure that the load balancer is able to access the Internet – if you have a proxy server, this can be defined using **Local Configuration > Physical Advanced Configuration**

• Make sure that the default gateway is set correctly (**Local Configuration > Routing**)

• Make sure that a valid DNS server is specified (**Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS**)

**Offline Update**

If the load balancer does not have access to the Internet, Offline Update can be used.

*To perform an offline update:*

• In the WUI, open **Maintenance > Software Update**

• Select **Offline Update**

• 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.

- As explained in the on-screen text, contact the Loadbalancer.org support to obtain the archive & checksum files
- Browse to and select these files
- Click Upload and Install

Updating a Clustered Pair

NOTE: Since services may be restarted during the update process, we recommend performing the update during a maintenance window.

To update a clustered pair:

1. Perform the update on the slave first. The updates are incremental, so we recommend installing each update in turn, ignoring calls to restart services or reboot the appliance until all available updates have been installed and the appliance is fully up to date.
2. Next, restart services or reboot the appliance as directed.
3. Now update the master unit in the same way.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For a clustered pair, we strongly recommend fully testing & validating the master / slave failover process before going live. If testing was not carried out before going live, we recommend scheduling a maintenance window to do this. For detailed steps, please refer to page 192.
Firewall Configuration

**NOTE:** Whilst the load balancer is capable of supporting complex firewall rules, we do not recommend using the load balancer as your main bastion host. We recommend that the load balancer is deployed behind your external firewall.

If you want to configure firewall rules, some points to consider are:

1. All Virtual Service connections are dealt with on the INPUT chain not the FORWARD chain
2. The WUI runs on HTTP port 9080 and HTTPS port 9443
3. SSH on the load balancer listens on the standard port (22)
4. SNAT & DNAT is handled automatically for all layer 4 NAT mode (LVS) and layer 7 (HAProxy) based Virtual/Real load balanced services
5. You can use the standard Linux filters against spoofing attacks and syn floods
6. LVS has built in DOS attack filters that can be implemented
7. Plenty of extra information is available on the Internet relating to Linux Netfilter and LVS, if you need any assistance please email our support team: support@loadbalancer.org

**Manual Firewall Configuration**

The firewall can be configured manually using the WUI based script editor. This enables iptables rules and any other required commands to be easily defined. The form allows you to directly edit `/etc/rc.d/rc.firewall`.

Custom rules can be configured, or for belt & braces security your external firewall settings can be replicated on to the load balancer for multi-layer security.

If you’re planning to use NAT mode you may want to use the load balancer as your main firewall but we recommend it is better and simpler to keep your firewall separate from the load balancer, especially if you want to set up VPNs etc.

You can also use the firewall script to group ports together using Firewall Marks (see page 103).

**To configure custom firewall rules:**

- In the WUI, open Maintenance > Firewall Script
- The following screen will be displayed:
**Firewall Script**

```
#!/bin/sh
# $ID: rc.firewall 4933 2014-10-23 11:27:112 mark 1
#
# User firewall script for loadbalancer.org appliance.
#
# Please note: Most configurations will not require any changes to be made to
# this script.
#
# Administrators will only need to modify this script if their
# needs are not met by the lock-down wizard, auto-NAT, and
# automatic firewall mark functions of the web interface.

# One-to-one NAT Mode
# for one-to-one NAT, TCP re-directs will need to be disabled.
# (1 = ON, 0 = OFF)
#echo "0" >proc/sys/net/ipip/conf/1/send_redirects
#echo "0" >proc/sys/net/ipip/conf/default/send_redirects

# Manual Firewall MARKS
# Example: Associate HTTP and HTTPS with Firewall Mark 1:
# MARK=18.0.0.66
# iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -p tcp --dport 80 -j MARK --set-mark 1
```

- Define additional rules anywhere in the script above the last two lines:
  ```
echo "Firewall Activated"
exit 0;
```
- Click **Update**

**WARNING**: Be careful! - make a backup before changing this script so that you know you can roll everything back if you cause a problem. A backup can be created using the WUI option: *Maintenance > Backup & Restore > Make Local Firewall Script Backup*

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**Firewall Lock-down Wizard**

The firewall lock down wizard can be used to automatically configure the load balancer to allow access to the various admin ports from one specific IP address or subnet. The wizard automatically detects the IP of the client running the WUI and inserts this into the Admin IP field. The default mask is set to 255.255.255.0 which can be changed as required.

The firewall lockdown wizard uses two files:

- `rc.lockdownwizard` contains the script that can be changed
- `rc.lockdownwizard.conf` contains a set of variable definitions that is written automatically when
  **Update firewall lock down** is clicked. The file depends on the `rc.lockdownwizard` script and the load balancers configuration. This file should not be changed manually.
When run, the script `rc.lockdownwizard` loads the settings from the definitions file `rc.lockdownwizard.conf` and uses them to generate the rules. The web interface writes the definitions `rc.lockdownwizard.conf`.

You can modify `rc.lockdownwizard` via ssh or from the web interface using the **Modify the firewall lockdown wizard script** button. Apart from this link there is no other influence from the WUI.

The default script does not depend on the configured Virtual Services or Real Servers, so the wizard does not need to be re-run when services are changed.

However, it does depend on the IP addresses of the master and slave, and the admin related ports used by the web interface, heartbeat, and HAProxy. If those settings are changed, the firewall lockdown wizard will need to be re-run in order to reflect the changes. Re-running the firewall lockdown wizard will adapt the `rc.lockdownwizard.conf` definitions file automatically – any changes made to the script `rc.lockdownwizard` will remain when you re-run the firewall lockdown wizard.

**To run the lock-down wizard:**

- In the WUI, open **Maintenance > Firewall Lock Down Wizard**
- The following screen will be displayed:

  ![Firewall Lock Down Wizard](image)

  - Define your administration subnet/host in the **Administration subnet** field

  *N.B. Make sure that the subnet mask is correct – by default a /24 mask is used*
  
  *N.B. To lock down access to a single host use <IP address>/32, e.g. 192.168.2.1/32*

- Click **Update firewall lock down**

  *N.B. For a clustered pair, the lockdown wizard must be run on each appliance*
Disabling the lock-down script

To disable the lock-down script un-check the Enable lock down script check-box and click the Update Firewall lock down button.

N.B. If you accidentally block your own access to the appliance you will need to clear the current firewall rules and try again. to clear the firewall tables completely use the following command at the console:

/etc/rc.d/rc.flush-iptables

Conntrack Table Size

By default the connection tracking table size is set to 524288 and is fine in most cases. For high traffic deployment using NAT mode, or when using connection tracking in the firewall script, this value may need to be increased. If the connection tracking table fills up, the following error will be reported in the log:

ip_conntrack: table full, dropping packet.

To modify this setting:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > Physical – Advanced Configuration
- Use the following section:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Firewall</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connection Tracking table size</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Set the required value using the Connection Tracking table size field
- Click Update

Users & Passwords

By default the appliance includes three pre-defined user accounts. The default usernames, passwords, group membership and their primary use are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Username</th>
<th>Default Password</th>
<th>Default Group</th>
<th>Description (see also the group table below)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>loadbalancer</td>
<td>loadbalancer</td>
<td>config *</td>
<td>appliance administration account</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reportuser</td>
<td>reportuser</td>
<td>report</td>
<td>viewing the appliance configuration, reports &amp; logs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>maintuser</td>
<td>maintuser</td>
<td>maint</td>
<td>same as reportuser plus can also take servers on/off line &amp; create the support download archive file</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* It's not possible to change the default group for user ‘loadbalancer’
N.B. These are Apache .htaccess style accounts and are not related to the local Linux OS level accounts.

The permissions for each group are shown below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Group</th>
<th>System Overview</th>
<th>Local configuration</th>
<th>Cluster Configuration</th>
<th>Maintenance</th>
<th>View Configuration</th>
<th>Reports</th>
<th>Logs</th>
<th>Support</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>config</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>Full</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>report</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>View</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>maint</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>View</td>
<td>Full</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Modifying User Passwords**

To modify a user’s password:

- In the WUI, open Maintenance > Passwords
- In the following section, click the **Modify** button next to the relevant user

**PASSWORDS**

- loadbalancer
- reportuser
- maintuser

- Now change the password for the selected user:

  Username: loadbalancer
  Password: [Field]
  Re-enter Password: [Field]

- Click **Edit User**
**Adding New Users**

To add new users:

- In the WUI, open *Maintenance > Passwords*
- Use the following section:

![Add New User Form](image)

- Enter the required *Username & Password* and click **Add New User**
- By default, new users will be added to the report group (least privilege). To change this, click **Modify** next to the user, select the required group and click **Edit User**

**Resetting forgotten Passwords**

It's possible to reset passwords via the command line if required. To do this you'll need to login as root to the console / SSH session. The `htpasswd` command can then be used as shown below:

```
htpasswd -b /etc/loadbalancer.org/passwords loadbalancer <new password>
```

**Appliance Security Lockdown Script**

To ensure that the appliance is secure it's recommended that a number of steps should be carried out. These steps have been incorporated into a lockdown script which can be run at the console (recommended) or via an SSH session. The script helps to lock down the following:

- the password for the 'loadbalancer' Web User Interface account
- the password for the Linux 'root' account
- which subnet / host is permitted to access the load balancer

It also regenerates the SSH keys that are used to secure communicating between the master and slave appliance. To start the script, at the console or via an SSH terminal session run the following command:

```
lbsecure
```

The image below illustrates how the script works for a single appliance:
Once the script has finished, the "Security enhancement complete" message is displayed as shown above.

NOTE: If lbsecure is run on the master of a correctly configured HA pair, the passwords, firewall rules and SSH keys will also be updated on the slave appliance.

To reverse the action of lbsecure, the command ibinsecure can be used.
SSH Keys
This menu option enables SSH keys to be managed.

NOTE: Normally this menu option will not be used because the keys are managed by the Loadbalancer.org appliance and under normal circumstances do not require user intervention.

To view / manage SSH keys:

- In the WUI, open Local Configuration > SSH Keys

The first tab (SSH Keys) enables the following keys to be viewed & managed:

Host Keys - the host identification key(s) of the local host
User Keys - the public key(s) of the user presented to remote hosts

The second tab (SSH Authentication) enables the following keys to be viewed & managed:

Host Keys (known_hosts) - the known key(s) of hosts that have been previously connected to or have been pre-configured. In an HA pair you will see the peer appliance keys.

User Keys (authorized_keys) - the public key(s) of remote hosts that can log in as the specified user. In an HA pair you will see the peer appliance keys.
Chapter 6 – Configuring Load Balanced Services
**Layer 4 Services**

**The Basics**

Layer 4 services are based on LVS (Linux Virtual Server). LVS implements transport layer load balancing inside the Linux kernel. It is used to direct requests for TCP/UDP based services to the Real Servers, and makes services on the Real Servers appear as a Virtual Service on a single IP address.

Layer 4 services are transparent by default, i.e. the source IP address is maintained through the load balancer.

Layer 4 persistence is based on source IP address & destination port. The time out value is in seconds and each time the client makes a connection the timer is reset, so even a 5 minute persistence setting could last for hours if the client is active and regularly refreshes their connection.

When a VIP is added the load balancer automatically adds a corresponding floating IP address which is activated instantly. Check View Configuration > Network Configuration to ensure that the Floating IP address has been activated correctly. They will show up as secondary addresses / aliases.

Multiple ports can be defined per VIP, for example 80 & 443. In this case it may also be useful to enable persistence (aka affinity / stickiness) to ensure that clients hit the same back-end server for both HTTP & HTTPS traffic and also prevent the client having to renegotiate the SSL connection.

**NOTE**: It’s not possible to configure a VIP on the same IP address as any of the network interfaces. this ensures that services can ‘float’ (move) between master and slave appliances.

**Creating Virtual Services (VIPs)**

Each Virtual Service can have an unlimited number of Real Servers (except the Enterprise R20 which is limited to 5 x VIPs each with up to 4 RIPS). Typically you’ll need one Virtual Service for each distinct cluster (group of load balanced servers). Multiple ports can also be specified.

**To add a new layer 4 VIP:**

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services
- Click Add a new Virtual Service

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>VIP Name</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>IP Address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>TCP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forwarding Method</td>
<td>Direct Routing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter an appropriate Label (name) for the new Virtual Service
- Enter the required IP address in the Virtual Service IP address field
- Enter the required port(s) in the Virtual Service Ports field, separate multiple ports with commas, specify a range with a hyphen and specify all ports using an asterisk (*)
NOTE: The following ports are used by the appliance and therefore cannot be used for Virtual Services: 22 (SSH), 9080 (WUI – HTTP), 9443 (WUI – HTTPS), 7777 (HAProxy statistics page), 7778 (HAProxy persistence table replication and 9081 (nginx fallback page).

- Set the **Protocol** as required
  
  **TCP** – Transmission Control Protocol is the default and most common option
  
  **UDP** – User Datagram Protocol – used for DNS, SIP, etc.
  
  **One Packet Scheduling** - used for UDP SIP connections
  
  **Firewall Marks** – For use when traffic has been tagged in the firewall script using the MARK target

- Select the required **Forwarding Method**

  **Direct Routing (DR)** - This is the default one-arm mode. Direct Routing is recommended as it’s easy to understand and implement with two load balancers in failover mode (our recommended configuration). It only requires one external Floating IP address on the same subnet as your web server cluster and only one network card.
  
  **NAT** – This is the default two-arm mode (Network Address Translation). This has the advantage that you can load balance any device without having to deal with the ARP problem. The Real Servers need their default gateway changed to be the internal floating VIP of the load balancer. Because the load balancer handles the return packet you will get more detailed statistics but slower speed than DR or TUN. NAT can also be implemented with a single NIC – just use the firewall script to set up an alias on the eth0 interface.
  
  **Tunneling** – This is for WAN links (Tunneling). Tunneling has somewhat limited use as it requires an ip tunnel between the load balancer and the Real Server as the VIP is the target address many routers will drop the packet assuming that it has been spoofed. However it is useful for private networks with Real Servers on multiple subnets.

- Click **Update**

- Now proceed to define the RIPv2s (Real Servers) as detailed on page 76.

### Modifying a Virtual Service

When first adding a Virtual Service, only certain settings can be configured, others are set at their default setting. These values can be changed after the Virtual Service has been created by clicking **Modify** next to the relevant Virtual Service. Additional settings that can be changed are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Sub-Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance Mode</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Weighted Least-Connection</strong> – assign more jobs to servers with fewer jobs, relative to the Real Servers’ weight (the default).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Weighted Round Robin</strong> – assign jobs to Real Servers proportionally to the Real Servers’ weight. Servers with higher weights receive new jobs first and get more jobs than servers with lower weights. Servers with equal weights get an equal distribution of new jobs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Destination Hash</strong></td>
<td>assign jobs to servers through looking up a statically assigned hash table by their destination IP addresses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Persistent</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enable persistence for this Virtual Service, by Source</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **IP or SIP call-ID. Sticky or persistent connections are required for some protocols such as FTP and SIP. It is also kind to clients when using SSL, and unfortunately sometimes required with HTTP if your web application cannot keep state between Real Servers.**

N.B. If your Real Servers cannot keep session state persistence themselves, then you will obtain performance benefits from a load balancer, but may not obtain reliability benefits. |
<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Timeout</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Granularity</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Health Checks</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Check Type</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Negotiate** – Scan the page specified in Request to send, and check the returned data for the Response expected string.

- **Connect to port** – Attempt to make a connection to the specified port.

- **Ping Server** – Use a simple ICMP ping to perform health checks.

- **External script** – Use a custom file for the health check. Specify the script path in the Check Command field.

- **No checks, always off** – all Real Servers are marked offline.

- **No checks, always on** – all Real Servers are marked online.

- **5 Connects, 1 Negotiate** – Repeating pattern of 5 Connect checks followed by 1 Negotiate check.
| **Check Port** | If you want the Service to check to be say HTTPS but not on the default port (443) then you can specify that here. |
| **External Script command** | The custom check script, used with the external check type. The script should be placed in /var/lib/loadbalancer.org/check, and given world read and execute permissions. |
| **10 Connects, 1 Negotiate** | Repeating pattern of 10 Connect checks followed by 1 Negotiate check. |
| **Negotiate Check Related Options** | The options available depend on which protocol is selected for the health-check. |
| **Protocol** | Specify the protocol to use for negotiate health checks. For common protocols, this will match the Virtual Service port. Simple TCP may be used to send an arbitrary string to the server, and match against its response. |
| **Virtual Host** | If the Negotiate check should be performed on a specific Virtual Host, specify the hostname here. |
| **Database Name** | The database to use for the MySQL Negotiate check. This is a required option if MySQL is selected under Negotiate Check Service above. There is no default. |
| **Radius Secret** | Configure the RADIUS secret string for the RADIUS negotiate check. |
| **Login** | The login name to use with the Negotiate check where authentication is required. |
| **Password** | The password to use with the Negotiate check where authentication is required. |
| **Request to send** | With negotiate checks, the request to send to the server. The use of this parameter varies with the protocol selected in Service to Check.  
With protocols such as HTTP and FTP, this should be the object to request from the server. Bare file names will be requested from the web or FTP root.  
With DNS, this should be either a name to look up in an A record, or an IP address to look up in a PTR record.  
With databases, this should be an SQL query. With LDAP, this should be the search base for the query. The load balancer will perform an (Object Class=*) search relative to this base.  
With Simple TCP, this should be a string to send verbatim to the server. |
| **Response expected** | This string will be matched against the response to a negotiate check. If the string matches anywhere in the response data, the negotiate check is considered a success. |
### Feedback Method

The method the load balancer uses to measure the performance of the Real Servers.

- **Agent** – A simple telnet to port 3333 on the Real Server.
- **HTTP** – A simple HTTP GET to port 3333 on the Real Server.
- **None** – No feedback (default setting).

The load balancer expects a 0-99 integer response from the agent, usually relating to the CPU idle; i.e. a response of 92 would imply that the Real Servers CPU is 92% idle. The load balancer will then use the formula \((\frac{92}{10} \times \text{requested_weight})\) to find the new weight. Using this method an idle Real Server will get 10 times as many new connections as an overloaded server.

### Fallback Server

The server to route to if all of the Real Servers in the group fail the health check. The local nginx fallback server is configured for the ports 80 and 9081 (configured to always show the index.html page). When using HAPerxy Layer 7 the nginx server port 80 is automatically disabled. You can also configure the fallback server to be a ‘Hot Spare’ if required. For example you have one server in the cluster and one fallback they will act as a master / slave pair.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Set the fallback server IP Address.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>Set the fallback server port, for DR mode leave this blank as it must be the same as the VIP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MASQ Fallback</td>
<td>Masquerade fallback. When enables, this enables the fallback server to be set as a Layer 7 Virtual Service. This is especially useful in WAN/DR site environments.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email Alert Destination Address</td>
<td>Destination email address for server health-check notifications.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE**: For more details on configuring health-checks please refer to chapter 8 on page 164

### Creating Real Servers (RIPs)

You can add an unlimited number of Real Servers to each Virtual Service (except the Enterprise R20 which is limited to 5 x VIPs each with up to 4 RIPs). In DR mode, since port redirection is not possible the Real Server port field is not available and the port is automatically set to be the same as the Virtual Service, whilst for a NAT mode Real Server, it’s possible to configure the port to be the same or different to the Virtual Service’s port.

To add a new layer 4 RIP:

- In the WUI, open **Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Real Servers**
- Click **Add a new Real Server** next to the relevant Virtual Service

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Label</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Real Server Port</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

- Enter an appropriate **Label** (name) for the new Real Server
- Enter the required IP address in the **Real Server IP Address** field
- Enter the required port in the **Real Server Port** field. This only applies to NAT mode, in DR mode port redirection is not possible so by default the port is the same as defined in the VIP
- Specify the required **Weight**, this is an integer specifying the capacity of a server relative to the others in the pool, the valid values of weight are 0 through to 65535, the default is 100. The higher the value, the more connections the server will receive
- Specify the **Minimum Connections**, this is an integer specifying the lower connection threshold of a server. The valid values are 0 through to 65535. The default is 0, which means the lower connection threshold is not set

  If Minimum Connections is set with other values, the server will receive new connections when the number of its connections drops below its lower connection threshold. If Minimum Connections is not set but Maximum Connections is set, the server will receive new connections when the number of its connections drops below three fourths of its upper connection threshold

- Specify the **Maximum Connections**, this is an integer specifying the upper connection threshold of a server. The valid values of Maximum Connections are 0 through to 65535. The default is 0, which means the upper connection threshold is not set
Persistence Considerations

Persistence State Table Replication

If you want the current persistent connection table to work when the active appliance (typically the master) swaps over to the passive appliance (typically the slave appliance) then you can start the synchronization daemons on each load balancer to replicate the data in real time as detailed below.

First login to the master appliance using SSH or at the console, then as root run the following commands:

```
ipvsadm --start-daemon master
ipvsadm --start-daemon backup
```

Then login to the slave appliance using SSH or at the console, then as root run the following commands:

```
ipvsadm --start-daemon master
ipvsadm --start-daemon backup
```

*N.B. To ensure that these sync daemons are started on each reboot put these commands in the rc.firewall. This can be done via the WUI using Maintenance > Firewall Script. Make sure that the full path is specified in the firewall script, i.e.*

```
/usr/local/sbin/ipvsadm --start-daemon master
/usr/local/sbin/ipvsadm --start-daemon backup
```

After a few seconds you can confirm that it is working by seeing the output from:

```
ipvsadm -Lc
```

*N.B. This is the same command that the ‘Layer 4 Current Connections’ report is based on.*

*When run on the active device the output will show all connections including those in state ‘NONE’ i.e. the persistence entries. When run on the passive device, the output will only include connections in state ‘NONE’ since only these are being replicated.*

To stop the replication, run the following commands on both appliance’s:

```
ipvsadm --stop-daemon master
ipvsadm --stop-daemon backup
```

**NOTE**: Setting this option can generate a high level traffic between the master and slave appliances.

**NOTE**: Once configured, you’ll see multicast traffic from the active appliance on IP address 224.0.0.81, port 8848.
**DR Mode Considerations**

**The ARP Problem**

DR mode works by changing the MAC address of the inbound packets to match the Real Server selected by the load balancing algorithm. To enable DR mode to operate:

- Each Real Server must be configured to accept packets destined for both the VIP address and the Real Servers IP address (RIP). This is because in DR mode the destination address of load balanced packets is the VIP address, whilst for other traffic such as health-checks, administration traffic etc. it's the Real Server's own IP address (the RIP). The service/process (e.g. IIS) must also respond to both addresses.
- Each Real Server must be configured so that it does not respond to ARP requests for the VIP address – only the load balancer should do this.

Configuring the Real Servers in this way is referred to as 'Solving the ARP problem'. The steps required depend on the OS used as detailed in the following sections.

**Detecting the ARP Problem**

Attempt to connect to the VIP and then use Reports > Layer 4 Current Connections to check whether the connection state is SYN_RECV as shown below. If it is, this is normally a good indication that the ARP problem has not been correctly solved.

**Layer 4 Current Connections**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IPVS connection entries</th>
<th>source</th>
<th>virtual</th>
<th>destination</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TCP 00:26 SYN_RECV</td>
<td>192.168.64.7:20415</td>
<td>192.168.111.232:80</td>
<td>192.168.110.240:80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP 00:26 SYN_RECV</td>
<td>192.168.64.7:20414</td>
<td>192.168.111.232:80</td>
<td>192.168.110.240:80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP 04:18 NONE</td>
<td>192.168.64.7:0</td>
<td>192.168.111.232:80</td>
<td>192.168.110.240:80</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Solving the ARP Problem for Linux**

**Method 1 (using iptables)**

You can use iptables (netfilter) on each Real Server to re-direct incoming packets destined for the Virtual Service IP address. To make this permanent, simply add the command to an appropriate start-up script such as /etc/rc.local. If the Real Server is serving multiple VIPs, add additional iptables rules for each VIP.

```
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d <VIP> -j REDIRECT
```

*example:

```
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d 10.0.0.21 -j REDIRECT
```

*(Change the IP address to be the same as your Virtual Service)*

This means redirect any incoming packets destined for 10.0.0.21 (the Virtual Service) locally, i.e. to the primary address of the incoming interface on the Real Server.
NOTE: Method 1 may not always be appropriate if you’re using IP-based virtual hosting on your web server. This is because the iptables rule above redirects incoming packets to the primary address of the incoming interface on the web server rather than any of the virtual hosts that are configured. Where this is an issue, use method 2 below instead.

Also, Method 1 does not work with IPv6 Virtual Services, use method 2 below instead.

Method 2 (using `arp_ignore` sysctl values)

This is the preferred method as it supports both IPv4 and IPv6. Each Real Server needs the loopback adapter to be configured with the Virtual Services IP address. This address must not respond to ARP requests and the web server also needs to be configured to respond to this address. To set this up follow steps 1-4 below.

**Step 1: re-configure ARP on the Real Servers (this step can be skipped for IPv6 Virtual Services)**

To do this add the following lines to `/etc/sysctl.conf`:

```plaintext
net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_ignore=1
net.ipv4.conf.eth0.arp_ignore=1
net.ipv4.conf.eth1.arp_ignore=1
net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_announce=2
net.ipv4.conf.eth0.arp_announce=2
net.ipv4.conf.eth1.arp_announce=2
```

**Step 2: re-configure DAD on the Real Servers (this step can be skipped for IPv4 Virtual Services)**

```plaintext
net.ipv6.conf.lo.dad_transmits=0
net.ipv6.conf.lo.accept_dad=0
```

**Step 3: apply these settings**

Either reboot the Real Server or run the following command to apply these settings:

```
/sbin/sysctl -p
```

**Step 4: add the Virtual Services IP address to the loopback adapter**

Run the following command for each VIP. To make this permanent, simply add the command to an appropriate startup script such as `/etc/rc.local`.

```
ip addr add dev lo <IPv4-VIP>/32
```

For IPv6 addresses use:

```
ip addr add dev lo <IPv6-VIP>/128
```
N.B. Steps 1, 2 & 3 can be replaced by writing directly to the required files using the following commands:
(temporary until the next reboot)

```
echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/all/arp_ignore
echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/arp_ignore
echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth1/arpIgnore
```

Solving the ARP Problem for Solaris

With Solaris the loopback interface does not respond to ARP requests so you just add your VIPs to it.

```
ifconfig lo0:1 plumb
ifconfig lo0:1 VIP netmask 255.255.255.255 up
```

You will need to add this to the startup scripts for your server.

Solving the ARP Problem for Mac OS X / BSD

OS X is BSDish, so you need to use BSDish syntax:

```
ifconfig lo0 alias VIP netmask 255.255.255 -arp up
```

You will need to add this to the startup scripts for your server.

**NOTE:** Don't forget that the service on the Real Servers needs to listen on both the RIP address and VIP address as mentioned previously.

**NOTE:** Failure to correctly configure the Real Servers to handle the ARP problem is the most common mistake in DR mode configurations.
Solving the ARP Problem for Windows Servers

Windows Server 2000

Windows Server 2000 supports the direct routing (DR) method through the use of the MS Loopback Adapter to handle the traffic. The IP address on the Loopback Adapter must be set to be the same as the Virtual Services IP address (VIP). If the Real Server is included in multiple VIPs, you can add additional IP addresses to the Loopback Adapter that correspond to each VIP.

Step 1: Install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter

1. Open the Control Panel and double-click **Add/Remove Hardware**
2. Once the Hardware Wizard opens, click **Next**
3. Select **Add/Troubleshoot a device**, click **Next**
4. Once the device list appears, select **Add a new device** at the top of the list, click **Next**
5. Select **No, I want to select the hardware from a list**, click **Next**
6. Scroll down the list and select **Network Adapters**, click **Next**
7. Select **Microsoft & Microsoft Loopback Adapter**, click **Next** as shown below

   ![Add/Remove Hardware Wizard](image)

   - **Select Network Adapter**
     - Which network adapter do you want to install?
   - **Manufacturers:**
     - Madge
     - Micronet
     - Microgate
     - Microsoft
   - **Network Adapter:**
     - Microsoft Loopback Adapter

8. Click **Next** to start the installation, when complete click **Finish**

Step 2: Configure the Loopback Adapter
1. Open the Control Panel and double-click **Network and Dial-up Connections**

2. Right-click the new Loopback Adapter and select **Properties**

3. Un-check all items except **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** as shown below

4. Select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**, click **Properties** and configure the IP address and mask to be the same as the Virtual Service IP address (VIP), e.g. 192.168.2.20/24 as shown below

5. Click **Advanced** and change the **Interface metric** to 254 as shown below, this prevents the
adapter responding to ARP requests for the VIP address

6. Click **OK** on Advanced Settings, TCP/IP Properties and Connection Properties to save and apply the new settings

7. Repeat the above steps for all other Windows 2000 Real Servers
Windows Server 2003

Windows server 2003 supports the direct routing (DR) method through the use of the MS Loopback Adapter to handle the traffic. The IP address on the Loopback Adapter must be set to be the same as the Virtual Services IP address (VIP). If the Real Server is included in multiple VIPs, you can add additional IP addresses to the Loopback Adapter that correspond to each VIP.

**Step 1: Install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter**

1. Open the Control Panel and double-click **Add Hardware**
2. Once the Hardware Wizard opens, click **Next**
3. Select **Yes, I have already connected the hardware**, click **Next**
4. Scroll to the bottom of the list, select **Add a new hardware device**, click **Next**
5. Select **Install the hardware that I manually select from a list (Advanced)**, click **Next**
6. Select **Network adapters**, click **Next**
7. Select **Microsoft & Microsoft Loopback Adapter**, click **Next** as shown below

8. Click **Next** to start the installation, when complete click **Finish**
Step 2: Configure the Loopback Adapter

1. Open the Control Panel and double-click **Network Connections**

2. Right-click the new Loopback Adapter and select **Properties**

3. Un-check all items except **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** as shown below

![Local Area Connection 2 Properties](image)

4. Select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**, click **Properties** and configure the IP address and mask to be the same as the Virtual Service (VIP), e.g. 192.168.2.20/24 as shown below

![Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties](image)
5. Click **Advanced**, un-check **Automatic metric** and change **Interface metric** to 254 as shown below, this prevents the adapter responding to ARP requests for the VIP address

6. Click **OK** on Advanced Settings & TCP/IP Properties, then click **Close** on Connection Properties to save and apply the new settings

7. Now repeat the above process for all other Windows 2003 Real Servers
Windows Server 2008

The basic concept is the same as for Windows 2000 / 2003. However, additional steps are required to set the strong / weak host behavior. This is used to either block or allow interfaces receiving packets destined for a different interface on the same server. As with Windows 2000 / 2003, if the Real Server is included in multiple VIPs, you can add additional IP addresses to the Loopback Adapter that correspond to each VIP.

Step 1: Install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter

1. Click **Start**, then run **hdwwiz** to start the Hardware Installation Wizard
2. When 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 Loopback Adapter**, click **Next**

![Add Hardware]

6. Click **Next** to start the installation, when complete click **Finish**

Step 2: Configure the Loopback Adapter

1. Open Control Panel and click **View Network status and tasks** under **Network and internet**
2. Click **Change adapter settings**
3. Right-click the new Loopback Adapter and select **Properties**
4. Un-check all items except **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** and **Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6)** as shown below

*N.B. leaving both checked ensures that both IPv4 and IPv6 are supported. If preferred, only the protocol to be used can be checked*

![Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties](image)

5. If configuring IPv4 addresses select **Internet Protocol Version (TCP/IPv4)**, click **Properties** and configure the IP address to be the same as the Virtual Service (VIP) with a subnet mask of 255.255.255.255, e.g. 192.168.2.20 / 255.255.255.255 as shown below

![Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties](image)

6. If configuring IPv6 addresses select **Internet Protocol Version (TCP/IPv6)**, 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
7. Click **OK**, then click **Close** to save and apply the new settings

8. Now repeat the above process on the other Windows 2008 Real Servers

*N.B. For Windows 2008, it’s not necessary to modify the interface metric on the advanced tab and should be left set to Automatic*

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

Windows Server 2000 and Windows Server 2003 use the weak host model for sending and receiving for all IPv4 interfaces and the strong host model for sending and receiving for all IPv6 interfaces. You cannot configure this behavior.

The Next Generation TCP/IP stack in Windows 2008 and later supports strong host sends and receives for both IPv4 and IPv6 by default. To ensure that Windows 2008 is running in the correct mode to be able to respond to the VIP, the following commands must be run on each Real Server:

**For IPv4 addresses:**

```bash
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 these commands to work, the LAN connection NIC must be named "net" and the loopback NIC must be named "loopback" as shown below. If you prefer to leave your current NIC names, then the commands above must be modified accordingly. For example, if your network adapters are named "LAN" and "LOOPBACK", the commands required would be:

```bash
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "LAN" 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
```

For these commands to work, the LAN connection NIC must be named "net" and the loopback NIC must be named "loopback" as shown below. If you prefer to leave your current NIC names, then the commands above must be modified accordingly. For example, if your network adapters are named "LAN" and "LOOPBACK", the commands required would be:

```
netsh interface ipv6 set interface "LAN" 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
```

N.B. The names for the NICs are case sensitive, so make sure that the name used for the interface and the name used in the commands match exactly.

1. Start Powershell or use a command window to run the appropriate netsh commands as shown in the example below

```
C:\Users\Administrator\RoboTest> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "net" weakhostreceive=enabled
OK.
C:\Users\Administrator\RoboTest> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" weakhostreceive=enabled
OK.
C:\Users\Administrator\RoboTest> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" weakhostsend=enabled
OK.
C:\Users\Administrator\RoboTest> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" dadtransmits=0
OK.
```

N.B. This shows an IPv6 example, use the IPv4 commands if you're using IPv4 addresses

2. Now repeat these 4 commands on the other Windows 2008 Real Servers
Windows Server 2012

The basic concept is the same as for Windows 2000 / 2003. However, additional steps are required to set the strong / weak host behavior. This is used to either block or allow interfaces receiving packets destined for a different interface on the same server. As with Windows 2000 / 2003 / 2008, if the Real Server is included in multiple VIPs, you can add additional IP addresses to the Loopback Adapter that correspond to each VIP.

Step 1: Install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter

1. Click Start, then run hdwwiz to start the Hardware Installation Wizard
2. When 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

   ![Add Hardware](image)

   Add Hardware

   Select Network Adapter
   Which network adapter do you want to install?

   ![Manufacturer](image)
   ![Network Adapter](image)

   ![This driver is digitally signed.](image)

   ![Tell me why driver signing is important](image)

   ![Have Disk...](image)

   ![< Back](image)
   ![Next >](image)
   ![Cancel](image)

6. Click Next to start the installation, when complete click Finish

Step 2: 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
4. Un-check all items except Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) and Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6) as shown below.

_N.B. leaving both checked ensures that both IPv4 and IPv6 are supported. If preferred, only the protocol to be used can be checked._

![IPv4 and IPv6 settings](image)

5. If configuring IPv4 addresses select **Internet Protocol Version (TCP/IPv4)**, click **Properties** and configure the IP address to be the same as the Virtual Service (VIP) with a subnet mask of 255.255.255.255, e.g., 192.168.2.20 / 255.255.255.255 as shown below.

![IPv4 configuration](image)

6. If configuring IPv6 addresses select **Internet Protocol Version (TCP/IPv6)**, 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.

![IPv6 configuration](image)
7. Click **OK** on TCP/IP Properties, then click **Close** on Ethernet Properties to save and apply the new settings.

8. Now repeat the above process on the other Windows 2012 Real Servers.

   *N.B. For Windows 2012, it’s not necessary to modify the interface metric on the advanced tab and should be left set to Automatic*

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

Windows Server 2000 and Windows Server 2003 use the weak host model for sending and receiving for all IPv4 interfaces and the strong host model for sending and receiving for all IPv6 interfaces. You cannot configure this behavior.

The Next Generation TCP/IP stack in Windows 2008 and later supports strong host sends and receives for both IPv4 and IPv6 by default. To ensure that Windows 2012 is running in the correct mode to be able to respond to the VIP, the following commands must be run on each Real Server:

**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 these commands to work, the LAN connection NIC must be named “net” and the loopback NIC must be named “loopback” as shown below. If you prefer to leave your current NIC names, then the commands above must be modified accordingly. For example, if your network adapters are named “LAN” and “LOOPBACK”, the commands required would be:

```
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "LAN" weakhostreceive=enabled
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "LOOPBACK" weakhostreceive=enabled
netsh interface ipv4 set interface "LOOPBACK" weakhostsend=enabled
```
For IPv6 addresses:

```plaintext
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
```

For these commands to work, the LAN connection NIC must be named "net" and the loopback NIC must be named "loopback" as shown below. If you prefer to leave your current NIC names, then the commands above must be modified accordingly. For example, if your network adapters are named "LAN" and "LOOPBACK", the commands required would be:

```plaintext
netsh interface ipv6 set interface "LAN" 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
```

N.B. The names for the NICs are case sensitive, so make sure that the name used for the interface and the name used in the commands match exactly.

1. Start Powershell or use a command window to run the appropriate netsh commands as shown in the example below

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator.ROBTEST> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "net" weakhostreceive=enabled
Ok.
PS C:\Users\Administrator.ROBTEST> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" weakhostreceive=enabled
Ok.
PS C:\Users\Administrator.ROBTEST> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" weakhostsend=enabled
Ok.
PS C:\Users\Administrator.ROBTEST> netsh interface ipv6 set interface "loopback" dadtransmits=0
Ok.
PS C:\Users\Administrator.ROBTEST>
```

N.B. This shows an IPv6 example, use the IPv4 commands if you're using IPv4 addresses

2. Now repeat these 4 commands on the other Windows 2012 Real Servers
Verifying netsh Settings for Windows 2008 & 2012

To verify that settings have been configured correctly, run the following command on each Real Server to clearly list the settings that have been applied to the interface:

```
netsh interface ipv4 show interface <interface name>
```

i.e.

for the 'loopback' adapter run: `netsh interface ipv4 show interface loopback`

for the 'net' adapter run: `netsh interface ipv4 show interface net`

(N.B. For IPv6, simply replace 'ipv4' with 'ipv6' in the above commands)

e.g.

C:\Users\Administrator>netsh interface ipv4 show interface loopback

```
Interface Loopback Parameters
-----------------------------------------------
IfIndex          : ethernet_9
State            : connected
Metric           : 30
Link MTU         : 1500 bytes
Reachable Time   : 28500 ms
Base Reachable Time : 30000 ms
Retransmission Interval : 1000 ms
DAD Transmits    : 3
Site Prefix Length: 64
Site Id          : 1
Forwarding       : disabled
Advertising      : disabled
Neighbor Discovery : enabled
Neighbor Unreachability Detection : enabled
Router Discovery : dhcp
Managed Address Configuration : enabled
Other Stateful Configuration : enabled
Weak Host Sends  : enabled
Weak Host Receives : enabled
Use Automatic Metric : enabled
Ignore Default Routes : disabled
Advertised Router Lifetime : 1800 seconds
Advertise Default Route : disabled
Current Hop Limit : 0
Force ARPNP wake up patterns : disabled
Directed MAC wake up patterns : disabled
```

C:\Users\Administrator>

This shows that the settings have been applied correctly.

NOTE: For Windows server 2008 / 2012, if you want to leave the built-in firewall enabled, you'll either need to enable the relevant default firewall exceptions or create your own to enable access to the web server. By default these exceptions will allow traffic on both the network and loopback adapters.

NOTE: Failure to correctly configure the Real Servers to handle the ARP problem is the most common problem in DR configurations.
Configuring IIS to Respond to both the RIP and VIP

For DR & TUN modes, it's also important to make sure that your application (IIS in this case) responds to both the VIP and RIP.

Windows 2000 / 2003

By default, IIS listens on all configured IP addresses, this is shown in the example below (shows Windows 2003 example). As can be seen the IP address field is set to 'All Unassigned'.

If the default configuration is left, no further IIS configuration is required. If you do change the IP address in the bindings from 'All Unassigned' to a specific IP address, then you need to make sure that you also add a binding for the Virtual Service IP address (VIP) as shown in the example below:

NOTE: These examples illustrate how IIS must be configured to ensure that its listening on both the RIP and VIP address. It's important to remember that this applies equally to all applications when running in DR mode.
Windows 2008 / 2012

By default, IIS listens on all configured IP addresses, this is shown in the example below (shows Windows 2008 example). As can be seen the IP address field is set to "All Unassigned".

If the default configuration is left, no further IIS configuration is required. If you do change the IP address in the bindings from "All Unassigned" to a specific IP address, then you need to make sure that you also add a binding for the Virtual Service IP address (VIP) as shown in the example below:

**NOTE:** These examples illustrate how IIS must be configured to ensure that its listening on both the RIP and VIP address. It’s important to remember that this applies equally to all applications when running in DR mode.
Windows Firewall Settings

Windows 2003 SP1+

For Windows Server 2003 SP1 & later, if you have enabled the built-in firewall, you will need to enable the Web Server (HTTP) exception to permit access to the web server. This exception is created automatically when IIS is installed and when enabled allows traffic on both the network and Loopback Adapters.

![Windows Firewall Settings for Windows 2003 SP1+](image)

Windows 2008 R1 Firewall Settings

For Windows 2008 R1 the firewall configuration is very similar to windows 2003 R2. Again, an exception is created automatically that must be enabled to permit port 80 HTTP traffic. You just need to enable the firewall for both interfaces then ensure that the WWW service check-box is ticked as shown below:

![Windows Firewall Setting for Windows 2008 R1](image)
Windows 2008 R2 Firewall Settings

Windows 2008 automatically creates several default firewall rules for both inbound and outbound traffic. There are 3 firewall profiles and interfaces can be associated with one of these 3 profiles (domain, private and public) although the Loopback Adapter automatically gets associated with the public profile and this cannot be changed.

For a web server listening on port 80 the following default HTTP rules need to be enabled as shown below:

![Windows Firewall with Advanced Security](image1.png)

Windows 2012 Firewall Settings

Windows 2012 is very similar to Windows 2008 R2 as shown below.

![Windows Firewall with Advanced Security](image2.png)
**NAT Mode Considerations**

NAT mode load balancing has the advantage that the only change required to the Real Servers is to modify the default gateway and possibly the IP address and subnet. Whilst NAT mode is fairly straightforward, a few points need to be considered.

**NAT Mode Potential Issues**

1. By default your Real Servers won't be able to access the Internet through the new default gateway (except when replying to requests made through the external VIP).

2. Non-load balanced services on the Real Servers (e.g. RDP for management access to Windows servers) will not be accessible since these have not been exposed via the load balancer.

**Enabling Real Server Internet access using Auto-NAT**

To enable Auto-NAT:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Advanced Configuration
- Change Auto-NAT from off to the external interface being used – typically eth1
- Click Update

This activates the `rc.nat` script that forces external network traffic to be MASQUERADED to and from the external network. The iptables masquerade rule that’s used for this is shown below:

```
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth1 -j MASQUERADE
```

**Enabling Access to non Load-Balanced Services**

If you want specific services to be exposed on your Real Servers you have two choices:

- Setup a Virtual Service with a single Real Server for each service
- or
- Setup a floating IP address and individual SNAT/DNAT rules for each service as shown in the example below. These lines can be added to the firewall script using the WUI option Maintenance > Firewall Script

```
INT_ADDR="10.50.110.238"
EXT_ADDR="192.168.111.250"

iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -p tcp -s $INT_ADDR --to-source $EXT_ADDR
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -p tcp --to-destination $INT_ADDR
```

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Once the above SNAT/DNAT rules have been configured, the following firewall entries will be listed under View Configuration > Firewall Rules

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<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

N.B If Autonat is already enabled, only the DNAT rule (i.e. not the SNAT rule) will be required.

**NOTE**: Please don’t hesitate to contact support@loadbalancer.org to discuss any specific requirements you may have.

One-Arm (Single Subnet) NAT Mode

Normally the VIP is located on a different subnet to the Real Servers.

However, it is possible to perform NAT mode load balancing on a single subnet. Here, the VIP is brought up in the same subnet as the Real Servers. For clients located on this subnet, return traffic would normally be sent directly to the client bypassing the load balancer which would break NAT mode. To address this, the routing table on the Real Servers must be modified to force return traffic to go via the load balancer.

The sections below explain how routing must be modified for Windows hosts and Linux hosts.

**Route Configuration for Windows Servers**

To rectify this issue for Windows servers, a route must be added to each server that takes priority over the default Windows routing rules.

This is a simple case of deleting the default route and adding a permanent route via the load balancer as shown below:

```
route delete 192.168.2.0 mask 255.255.255.0
route add -p 192.168.2.0 mask 255.255.255.0 192.168.2.21 metric 1
```

or using netsh commands:

```
netsh interface ipv4 delete route 192.168.2.0/24 "LAN"
netsh interface ipv4 add route 192.168.2.0/24 "LAN" 192.168.2.21
```

_N.B. Replace 192.168.2.0 with your local subnet address_  
_N.B. Replace 192.168.2.21 with the IP address of your load balancer_  
_N.B. Replace “LAN” with the name of your Interface_

This replaces the default route with a new route which goes via the loadbalancer.

Any local traffic (same subnet) is handled by this route and any external traffic is handled by the default route (which also points at the load balancer).
**Route Configuration for Linux Servers**

To rectify this issue for Linux servers, we need to modify the local network route by changing to a higher metric:

```
route del -net 192.168.2.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 dev eth0
route add -net 192.168.2.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 metric 2000 dev eth0
```

Then we need to make sure that local network access uses the load balancer as its default route:

```
route add -net 192.168.2.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 gateway 192.168.2.21 metric 0 dev eth0
```

_N.B. Replace 192.168.2.21 with the IP address of your load balancer_

Any local traffic (same subnet) is then handled by this manual route and any external traffic is handled by the default route (which also points at the load balancer).

**Firewall Marks**

Using firewall marks enables multiple ports and/or multiple IP addresses to be combined into a single Virtual Service. A common use of this feature is to aggregate port 80 (HTTP) and port 443 (HTTPS) so that when a client fills their shopping cart via HTTP, then move to HTTPS to give their credit card information, they will remain on the same Real Server.

**Firewall Marks – Auto Configuration**

When defining a layer 4 VIP with multiple ports, firewall marks are used automatically in the background to enable this functionality. For example, to configure an HTTP & HTTPS NAT mode Virtual Service, port 80 & 443 must be specified separated by a comma in the ‘Virtual Service Ports’ field as shown below:

```
Label: HTTP-Cluster
Virtual Service: 192.168.115.100
Ports: 80,443
Protocol: TCP
Forwarding Method: NAT
```

This will automatically configure the load balancer for firewall marks.

_N.B. Persistence will be enabled automatically_
For NAT mode VIPs, leave the Real Server port blank as shown below:

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</table>
```

Packets will then be forwarded to the Real Servers on the same port as it was received at the VIP.

_N.B. For Layer 4 DR mode VIPs, there is no Real Server Port field since port translation is not possible in this mode and packets will be forwarded to the same port as specified for the VIP_

**NOTE:** To create an auto firewall mark VIP that listens on all ports, simply specify * in the ports field rather than a specific port number.

**NOTE:** The health check port is automatically set to be the first port in the list, e.g. if ports 80 & 443 are defined for the VIP, the check port is automatically set to port 80. This can be changed if required using the Check Port field.

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**Firewall Marks – Manual Configuration**

Firewall Marks can also be configured manually. This may be required for example when both TCP and UDP are needed for a particular VIP. The basic concept is to create a firewall rule that matches incoming packets to a particular IP address / port(s) and mark them with an arbitrary integer. A Virtual Service is also configured specifying this firewall mark integer instead of the IP address.

**EXAMPLE 1 – Setup a new DR Mode Firewall Mark when no Initial VIP has been Created**

**Step 1: Create the New VIP**

- Using the WUI, go to _Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services_
- Click _Add a new Virtual Service_
- Define the required _Label (name)_ for the VIP
- Instead of entering an IP address, enter a numeric value representing the ‘mark’ as shown below, e.g. 1
Leave the Virtual Service Ports field blank (the ports will be defined in the firewall script in step 5 below)

- Set Protocol to Firewall Marks
- Set the Forwarding Method to Direct Routing
- Click Update

N.B. Persistence will be enabled automatically

### Step 2: Define a Health-Check Port

- Using the WUI, go to Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services
- Click Modify next to the new Virtual Service
- Enter the appropriate value in the Check Port field
- Click Update

### Step 3: Add the Real Servers

- Using the WUI, go to Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Real Servers
- Click Add a new Real Server
- Enter the required details as shown below
  
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>Server1</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.111.241</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Click Update
Step 4: Add the Associated Floating IP Address for the VIP

- Using the WUI, go to *Cluster Configuration > Floating IPs*
- Add a floating IP that corresponds to the required VIP, in this example **192.168.111.240**

  ![New Floating IP](image)

  **New Floating IP**  
  192.168.111.240

  ![Add Floating IP](image)

  - Click **Add Floating IP**

Step 5: Modify the Firewall Script

- Using the WUI, go to *Maintenance > Firewall Script*
- Add the following, as shown below:

  ```
  VIP1="192.168.111.240"
  iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d $VIP1 --dport 8025 -j MARK --set-mark 1
  iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -p udp -d $VIP1 --dport 8025 -j MARK --set-mark 1
  ```

  ![Firewall Script](image)

  - Click **Update**
  - If using a clustered pair, make the same changes to the firewall script (i.e. step 5) on the slave unit.

*** The VIP is now configured and will be accessible on 192.168.111.240, TCP & UDP port 8025 ***
EXAMPLE 2 – Setup a Firewall Mark by Modifying an Existing VIP

In this case, the floating IP address associated with the VIP will already exist so does not need to be created manually.

Step 1: Modify the Existing Virtual Service

- Using the WUI, go to Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services
- Click Modify next to the relevant VIP

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>Cluster-2</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>IP Address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>Firewall Marks</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Change the IP address to the chosen ‘mark’ value as shown above
- Clear the Virtual Service Ports field
- Set the Protocol field to Firewall Marks
- Click Update

Step 2: Define a Health-Check Port

- Using the WUI, go to Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services
- Click Modify next to the new Virtual Service
- Enter the appropriate value in the Check Port field
- Click Update

Step 3: Modify the Firewall Script

- Using the WUI, go to Maintenance > Firewall Script
- Un-comment / modify the example firewall marks section as shown in the following example. Additional ports can be added as required by adding additional iptables entries and specifying the appropriate port / protocol.
Click Update

*** The VIP is now configured and will be accessible on 192.168.111.240, TCP ports 80 & 443 ***

Firewall Mark Notes:

- When using firewall marks the load balancer forwards traffic to the selected Real Server without changing the destination port. So, incoming traffic to port 80 on the Virtual IP will be forwarded to port 80 on one of the Real Servers. Likewise, incoming traffic to port 443 will be forwarded to port 443 on the same Real Server.

- You can only have one health check port assigned, so if you are grouping port 80 and 443 traffic together you can only check one of these ports, typically this would be port 80.

- You can specify a range of ports rather than a single port as shown below:

  ```
  iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d 10.141.12.34 --dport 1024:5000 -j MARK --set-mark 1
  this specifies destination ports from 1024 to 5000
  ```

- You can leave the upper limit blank to use the default upper limit as shown below:

  ```
  iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d 10.141.12.34 --dport 1024: -j MARK --set-mark 1
  this specifies destination ports from 1024 to 65536
  ```
• You can specify a range of IP addresses as shown below:

    iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -p tcp -m iprange --dst-range 10.141.12.34-10.141.12.40 --dport 80
    -j MARK --set-mark 1

this specifies the destination IP address as a range from 10.141.12.34 to 10.141.12.40

**Layer 4 – Advanced Configuration**

This section allows you to configure the various layer 4 global settings.

**Layer 4 – Advanced Configuration**

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<tr>
<th>Feature</th>
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<td>Lock Ldirectord Configuration</td>
<td>off</td>
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<tr>
<td>Check Interval</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Check Timeout</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Negotiate Timeout</td>
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<td>Failure Count</td>
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<td>Quiescent</td>
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<td>Email Alert Source Address</td>
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<td>Email Alert Destination Address</td>
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<tr>
<td>Auto-NAT</td>
<td>off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Multi-threaded</td>
<td>yes</td>
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</table>

**Lock Ldirectord Configuration** – Prevent the web interface from writing the Ldirectord configuration file, so that manual changes are retained. Manual changes to the Ldirectord configuration file may be overwritten if settings are edited in the WUI. Locking the configuration file will prevent the web interface from modifying the file so that custom edits are preserved.

A warning message will be displayed on all Layer 4 configuration pages, and changes will be denied.

**Warning:** The Layer 4 configuration is set to read-only – changes made on this page will not be saved. Read-only mode may be disabled on the Advanced Configuration page.

**NOTE:** If manual changes are made to configuration files, then *Lock Ldirectord Configuration* is unchecked, any changes made via the WUI will overwrite the manual changes.
Check Interval – Layer 4 (Ldirectord) health check interval in seconds. If this setting is too low, you may experience unexpected Real Server downtime.

Check Timeout – Layer 4 (Ldirectord) health check timeout in seconds. If this setting is too low, you may induce unexpected Real Server downtime.

Negotiate Timeout – Layer 4 (Ldirectord) negotiate health check timeout in seconds. The negotiate checks may take longer to process as they involve more server side processing than a simple TCP socket connect check. If this setting is too low, you may induce unexpected Real Server downtime.

Failure Count – Layer 4 (Ldirectord) number of times a check has to fail before taking server offline. The time to detect a failure and take down a server will be (check interval + check timeout) * failure count.

Quiescent – When a Real Server fails a health check, do we kill all connections?
When Quiescent is set to yes, on a health check failure the Real Server is not removed from the load balancing table, but the weight is set to 0. Persistent connections will continue to be routed to the failed server, but no new connections will be accepted.
When Quiescent is set to no, the server is completely removed from the load balancing table on a health check failure. Persistent connections will be broken and sent to a different Real Server.

N.B. Quiescent only applies to health checks – it has no effect on taking Real Servers offline in System Overview. To manually force a Real Server to fail its health check. This may be done, for example, by shutting down the daemon or service, changing the negotiate check value, or shutting down the server.

Email Alert Source Address – Specify the global source address of the email alerts. When an email alert is sent, the system will use this address as the ‘From’ field.

Email Alert Destination Address – Specify the global destination email alert address. This address is used to send notifications of Real Server health check failures. This can also be configured on a Virtual Service level.

Auto NAT – Automatically NAT outbound network connections from internal servers. By default servers behind the load balancer in a NAT configuration will not have access to the outside network. However clients on the outside will be able to access load balanced services. By enabling Auto NAT the internal servers will have their requests automatically mapped to the load balancers external IP address. The default configuration is to map all requests originating from internal network eth0 to the external IP on eth1. If you are using a different interface for external traffic you can select it here. Manual SNAT and DNAT configurations for individual servers can also be configured in the firewall script.

Multi-threaded – Perform health checks with multiple threads. Using multiple-threads for health checks will increase performance when you have a large number of Virtual Services.
Layer 7 Services

The Basics

Layer 7 services are based on HAProxy which is a fast and reliable proxying and load balancing solution for TCP and HTTP-based applications.

Since HAProxy is a full proxy, Layer 7 services are not transparent by default, i.e. the client source IP address is lost as requests pass through the load balancer and instead are replaced by the load balancer’s own IP address.

Layer 7 supports a number of persistence methods including source IP address, HTTP cookie (both application based and inserted), Connection Broker, RDP cookie and SSL session ID.

When a VIP is added the load balancer automatically adds a corresponding floating IP address which is activated instantly. Check View Configuration > Network Configuration to ensure that the Floating IP address has been activated correctly. They will show up as secondary IP addresses under the relevant interface.

Multiple ports can be defined per VIP, for example 80 & 443. In this case it may also be useful to enable persistence (aka affinity / stickiness) to ensure that clients hit the same back-end server for both HTTP & HTTPS traffic and also prevent the client having to renegotiate the SSL connection.

With Layer 7, port re-direction is possible, i.e. VIP:80 → RIP:8080 is supported

Manual configuration of layer 7 services is possible using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Manual Configuration

NOTE: It’s not possible to configure a VIP on the same IP address as any of the network interfaces. this ensures services can ‘float’ (move) between master and slave appliances

Creating Virtual Services (VIPs)

Each Virtual Service can have an unlimited number of Real Servers (except the Enterprise R20 which is limited to 5 x VIPs each with up to 4 RIPS). Typically you’ll need one Virtual Service for each distinct cluster. Multiple ports can also be specified.

to add a new layer 7 VIP:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services
- Click Add a new Virtual Service
• Enter an appropriate Label (name) for the new Virtual Service

• Enter the required IP address in the Virtual Service IP Address field

• Enter the required ports(s) in the Virtual Service Ports field, separate multiple ports with commas, specify a range with a hyphen and specify all ports using an asterisk

**NOTE:** the following ports are used by the appliance and therefore cannot be used for Virtual Services: 22 (SSH), 9080 (WUI – HTTP), 9443 (WUI – HTTPS), 7777 (HAProxy statistics page), 7778 (HAProxy persistence table replication) and 9081 (nginx fallback page).

• Select the Layer 7 protocol to be handled by this Virtual Service, either HTTP or TCP

  **HTTP Mode** – Selected if the Virtual Service will handle only HTTP traffic. Allows more flexibility in the processing of connections. The HTTP Cookie and HTTP application cookie modes, and the X-Forwarded-For header all require HTTP to be selected. In addition, HAProxy logs will show more information on the client requests and Real Server responses.

  **TCP Mode** – Required for non HTTP traffic such as HTTPS, RPC, RDP, FTP etc.

• If the VIP will be configured manually, check (enable) the Manual Configuration check-box

  N.B. Please refer to page 119 for more information on manually configuring layer 7 services

• Click Update

• Now proceed to define the RIPS (Real Servers) as detailed on page 118

**Modifying a Virtual Service**

When first adding a Virtual Service, only certain values can be configured, others are set at their default setting. These values can be changed after the Virtual Service has been created by clicking Modify next to the relevant Virtual Service. Additional settings that can be changed are:

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<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>HTTP Pipeline Mode</td>
<td>Select how HAProxy should handle HTTP pipelining to client and server</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>No change</strong> - Act as a transparent tunnel, allowing the client and server to negotiate pipelining.</td>
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<td><strong>Close both client and server</strong> - Disable pipelining, always closing connections to both client and server using HTTP.</td>
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<td><strong>Keep-alive client, close server</strong> - Allow client to negotiate pipelining, whilst closing the server connection using HTTP.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Close client, force close server</strong> - Close the server connection at the TCP layer, as well as sending the Connection: close header. Also close the client connection using HTTP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Work around broken Connection: close</td>
<td>Work around Real Servers that do not correctly implement the HTTP Connection:close option. This does not take effect when HTTP pipeline mode is set to No change.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Configure Content Redirection

This allows ACL's to be configured. Please see the section below for more details.

Balance Mode

The scheduler used to specify server rotation. Specify the scheduler to utilize when deciding the back-end server to use for the next new connection.

Persistence Mode

Select how the load balancer should track clients so as to direct each request to the same server.

HTTP Cookie - The load balancer will set an HTTP Cookie to track each client.

Application Cookie - Where an existing HTTP Cookie is set by the web application on the Real Servers, use this to track each client.

SSL Session ID - Read the Session ID from the SSL connection and use this to track each client.

MS Session Broker - Use the server-set msts RDP Cookie to track clients connecting to a Microsoft Terminal Server. The Session Broker service must be enabled on the real servers.

RDP Client Cookie - Use the client-set mstshash RDP Cookie to track clients connecting to a Microsoft Terminal Server. If the cookie is missing, source IP persistence will be used instead.

Source IP - Make sure the same source IP always hits the same server.

HTTP Cookie and Source IP - As HTTP Cookie, falling back to Source IP if the cookie is missing from the HTTP request.

X-Forwarded-For and Source IP – Use X-Forwarded-For, falling back to Source IP if the X-Forwarded-For header is missing form the request.

(NOTE: You cannot use the set X-Forwarded-For header option with this method of persistence. It will be disabled.

None - No persistence. The allocation of clients to Real Servers will be determined solely by the Balance Mode.

Persistence Options

The persistence options depend on which mode is selected. The following list details all available options.

HTTP Cookie name – set the name of the HTTP cookie

Application Cookie name - The name of a cookie used by the application running on the Real Servers. If set, this enables connection persistence based on an existing application cookie, ensuring that a client is always directed to the same Real Server. Note that this option requires the selection of HTTP Application Cookie persistence mode.

Application Cookie Length – The number of characters of the application cookie value to match. When storing and matching an Application Cookie value, the loadbalancer will use only the number of characters given here. If the cookie value is shorter than this maximum, only the actual length will be stored.

Application Cookie hold time - The time-out period before an idle application cookie is removed from memory. The application cookie will be removed from memory when it has been idle for longer than the Hold
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Time period. The default units are milliseconds.</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Persistence timeout</strong> - The time-out period before an idle connection is removed from the connection table. The source IP address will be removed from memory when it has been idle for longer than the persistence timeout. The default units are minutes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Persistence table size</strong> - The size of the table of connections in KB. The size of the table of connections (approx 50 bytes per entry) where connection information is stored to allow a session to return to the same server within the timeout period. The default units are in KB.</td>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Feedback Method</strong></th>
<th>Select whether HAProxy should query each Real Server for its load level.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Agent</strong> - The Real Server is queried every health check interval for the real server's percent CPU idle. This is used to set each Real Server's weight to a value proportional to its initial weight. For example, if the initial weight is 100 and the percentage cpu idle is 34, the weight will be set to 34. Remember lower numbers mean lower priority for traffic, when compared with other real servers in the pool.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>None</strong> - HAProxy will not modify the Real Server's weight.</td>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Fallback Server</strong></th>
<th>Configure fallback server settings. i.e. where to direct requests if all RIPS are down.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>IP Address</strong> - define the serves IP address</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Port</strong> - define the serves IP address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Fallback Persistence</strong> - Configure the Fallback server to be persistent. During a health-check failure users can be forwarded to a fallback server. Setting this to on will make this server persistent so that when the Real Servers are put back in the pool, they will remain on the fallback server until their persistence times out. Setting this to off will move users to a Real Server as soon as one is available.</td>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Health Checks</strong></th>
<th>Specify the type of health check to be performed on the real servers.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Negotiate HTTP</strong> - Scan the page specified in Request to Send, and check the returned data for the Response Expected string.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Negotiate HTTPS</strong> - Scan the page specified in Request to Send, and check the returned data for the Response Expected string.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>N.B. If a negotiate http or https check is used and Request to Send is configured but Response Expected is left blank, the appliance looks for a 200 OK response from the real server.</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Connect to port</strong> - Attempt to make a connection to the specified port.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>External Script</strong> - Use a custom file for the health check. Specify the script name &amp; path in the Check Script field.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MySQL</strong> - The check consists of sending two MySQL packets, one Client Authentication packet, and one QUIT packet, to correctly close the MySQL session. It then parses the MySQL Handshake Initialization packet and/or Error packet. It’s a basic but useful test and does not produce errors or aborted connects on the server. However, it requires adding an authorization in the MySQL table as follows:</td>
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</table>
use mysql; INSERT INTO user (Host,User) values ('<appliance-IP>', '<username>'); flush privileges;

e.g.
use mysql; INSERT INTO user (Host,User) values ('192.168.1.1', 'probe'); flush privileges;

**No checks, Always on** – No health checks, all real servers are marked online.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Health Check Options</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Check Port</strong></td>
<td>Specify a different port for health checks. If specified this setting overrides the default checkport, useful when you are balancing multiple ports.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Request to send</strong></td>
<td>Specify a specific file for the health check. Open the specified file and check for the response expected. This may be used to run a server-side script to check the health of the backend application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Response expected</strong></td>
<td>The content expected for a valid health check on the specified file. The response expected can be any valid regular expression. Continuing the example above, if the file index.html contained the word 'Copyright' response expected would be set to <strong>Copyright</strong>. The following check directive would then be automatically created in the HAProxy configuration file: http-check expect rstring Copyright</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Check Script</strong></td>
<td>Specify the external check script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Username</strong></td>
<td>Specify the SQL database username.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Host Header</strong></td>
<td>Set the HTTP Host header to be sent with health check requests. If the real server's web server is configured to require a Host header, the value to be used in health checks may be set here.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Maximum Connections | Specifies the maximal number of concurrent connections that will be sent to this server. If the number of incoming concurrent requests goes higher than this value, they will be queued, waiting for a connection to be released. |
| Timeout             | Use this option to override the default client & server timeouts in the Layer 7 advanced section. |
| Set X-Forwarded-For Header | Instruct HAProxy to add an X-Forwarded-For (XFF) header to all requests, showing the client's IP Address. If HTTP is selected under Layer 7 Protocol, HAProxy is able to process the header of incoming requests. With this option enabled, it will append a new X-Forwarded-For header containing the client's IP Address. This information may be extracted by the Real Server for use in web applications or logging. |
**Force to HTTPS**

If set to ‘Yes’ any HTTP connections that are made on this VIP will be forced to reconnect using HTTPS. This will keep any entered URL. If you are terminating the SSL on the Loadbalancer you should use the same VIP address for both the SSL Termination and Layer7 configurations.

**HTTPS Redirect Code (available when Force to HTTPS is enabled)**

Indicates which type of HTTP redirection is desired. Codes 301, 302, 303, 307 and 308 are supported, with 302 used by default if no code is specified.

- 301 means “Moved permanently”, and a browser may cache the Location.
- 302 means “Moved permanently” and means that the browser should not cache the redirection.
- 303 is equivalent to 302 except that the browser will fetch the location with a GET method.
- 307 is just like 302 but makes it clear that the same method must be reused.
- 308 replaces 301 if the same method must be used.

**Proxy Protocol**

Enable Proxy Protocol if using STunnel SSL Off-load. If you wish to use this VIP with STunnel for SSL off-load whilst passing the client’s IP address to the real servers this option needs to be enabled (checked). Please ensure that TProxy is enabled in the Layer7 Advanced options and that the ‘Set as Transparent Proxy’ is enabled in your STunnel VIP.

**Enable Compression**

Enable gzip HTTP compression. The following MIME types will be compressed when this is enabled: text/html, text/plain, text/css, text/xml, text/javascript, application/javascript, application/xml

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**NOTE:** For more details on configuring health-checks please refer to Chapter 8 starting on page 164.

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**Configuring Content Redirection (ACLs)**

The WUI now supports the ability to create ACLs which can be used to control and direct HTTP traffic based on the rules defined.

**HAProyx ACL List.**

- Multiple rules can be defined using the Add button
- Once all rules have been defined, click Save to save the rules, then click Update to update the VIP, then click Reload HAProyx at the top of the page to apply the new settings

In the example above, requests are redirected to the URL location http://www.example.com if the path
begins with /example

e.g. if the requested URL is: http://www.domain.com/example
the request is redirected to: http://www.example.com

Other Examples:

In the example above, requests are redirected to the URL prefix http://www.domain3.com if the host header value is www.domain1.com

e.g. if the requested URL is: http://www.domain1.com/contract
the request is redirected to: http://www.domain3.com/contract

In the example above, requests are forwarded to the backend called Blog if the path begins with /blog

e.g. if the requested URL is: http://www.domain1.com/blog
the request is forwarded to the manually defined backend called Blog

Requests to http://www.domain1.com/<other locations> are forwarded to the Real Servers that were defined using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers

To define the backend, use the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Manual Configuration

The following example shows how the backend is defined:

backend Blog
  mode http
balance roundrobin	onption forwardfor
server rip3 192.168.110.242:80 weight 1 check
server rip4 192.168.110.243:80 weight 1 check

NOTE: When defining ACL’s that refer to backends, the backend must exist before HAPerxy can be successfully restarted.

NOTE: for more details on configuring ACL’s please also refer to the HAPerxy online documentation available here

Creating Real Servers (RIPs)

You can add an unlimited number of Real Servers to each Virtual Service (except the Enterprise R20 which is limited to 5 x VIPs each with up to 4 RIPs). For layer 7 VIPs port redirection is possible so the Real Server port field can be set to a different value to the VIP port. Real Servers in a Layer 7 configuration can be on any subnet in any network as long as they are accessible from the load balancer.

to add a new layer 7 RIP:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers
- Click Add a new Real Server next to the relevant Virtual Server

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>RIP Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
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<tr>
<td>Real Server Port</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
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- Enter an appropriate Label (name) for the new Real Server
- Enter the required IP address in the Real Server IP Address field
- Specify the required Weight, this is an integer specifying the capacity of a server relative to the others in the pool, the valid values of weight are 0 through to 65535, the default is 1

NOTE: The configuration options Re-Encrypt to Backend, Minimum Connections and Maximum Connections are available when the Real Server is modified using Modify after the RIP has been created.
Persistence Considerations

Persistence State Table Replication

If you want the current persistent connection table to work when the master load balancer swaps over to
the slave then this can be enabled using the WUI. Enabling this option will replicate persistence tables for
all relevant layer 7 VIPs to the peer load balancer.

to enable persistence state table replication:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration
- Enable the Persistence Table Replication
- Click Update

Layer 7 – Custom Configurations

Custom Layer 7 services can be configured via the WUI.

Configuring Manual Virtual Services

Step 1
Create a new layer 7 Virtual Service using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Virtual Services
ensuring that the Manual Configuration check-box is ticked. Enabling this option stops the HAProxy
configuration file being written for this virtual service, leaving the user to configure via the WUI option:
Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Manual Configuration instead.

Step 2
Define the required layer 7 Real Servers using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real
Servers.

Step 3
Use the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Manual Configuration to manually define the Virtual
Service and Real Servers using the same Names, IP Addresses and Ports used in steps 1 & 2.

NOTE : Make sure you use the same Names, IP Addresses and Ports in Step 3 as you did in
Step 1 & 2. This is required to ensure that the system overview is able to report the VIP & RIP
status correctly. If different details were used, this would not be possible.

NOTE : It’s now possible to define ACL rules at layer 7 using the WUI so depending on your
requirements a manual configuration may not be required. Please refer to page 116 for more
details on configuring ACL’s.
Manual Config Ex. 1 – Simple HTTP Redirect

In this example, requests that start with /staff/ or /staff will be redirected to https://login.domain.com

```
listen VIP1
bind 192.168.2.110:80
mode http
balance leastconn
acl ACL-1 path_beg /staff/  ← see note 1
acl ACL-2 path_beg /staff  ← see note 1
redirect location https://login.domain.com if ACL-1 or ACL-2  ← see note 2
cookie SERVERID insert nocache indirect
server backup 127.0.0.1:9081 backup non-stick
option httpclose
option forwardfor
option redispatch
option abortonclose
maxconn 40000
server rip1 192.168.110.111:80 weight 1 cookie rip1 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions
server rip1 192.168.110.112:80 weight 1 cookie rip1 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions
```

Configuration Steps:

1. Using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services* create a Layer 7 VIP with the required Label (name), IP Address and Port, and ensure that the Manual Configuration checkbox is enabled, e.g. :

```
Label: VIP1
Virtual Service: 192.168.2.110
Ports: 80
Layer 7 Protocol: HTTP Mode
Manual Configuration: ✓
```

2. Using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers* define the associated RIPs in the normal way, e.g. :

```
Label: rip1
Real Server IP Address: 192.168.110.111
Real Server Port: 80
Weight: 100
```
3. Select the WUI option: **Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Manual Configuration** and define the required VIP / RIP settings in the text window using the same Names, IP Addresses and Ports used in the WUI. *e.g.*:

```
listen VIP1
bind 192.168.2.110:80
mode http
balance leastconn
acl ACL-1 path_beg /staff/
acl ACL-2 path_beg /staff
redirect location https://login.domain.com if ACL-1 or ACL-2
cookie SERVERID insert nocache indirect
server backup 127.0.0.1:9081 backup non-stick
option httpclose
option forwardfor
option redispatch
option abortonclose
maxconn 40000
server rip1 192.168.110.111:80 weight 1 cookie rip1 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3 minconn 0
maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions
server rip1 192.168.110.112:80 weight 1 cookie rip1 check inter 2000 rise 2 fall 3 minconn 0
maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions
```

4. Click **Update**

5. Now reload HAProxy using the **Reload HAProxy** button in the blue **Commit Changes** box at the top of the screen or by using the WUI option: **Maintenance > Restart Services**

**Notes:**

1. These lines configure 2 ACL’s named **ACL-1 & ACL-2** where the criteria for a match is that the URL starts with either **/staff/ or /staff**

2. This line causes a redirect to **https://login.domain.com** to occur when either acl is matched

**Manual Config Ex. 2 – Load Balancing with URL matching using ACL’s**

To support URL matched load balancing the structure of the HAProxy configuration file must be changed to use the front-end / back-end model as shown in the example below:

```
frontend f1
   bind 192.168.2.110:80
   acl ACL-1 path_beg /test1
   acl ACL-2 path_beg /test2
   use_backend b1 if ACL-1
   use_backend b2 if ACL-2
   default_backend b2
   option httpclose

backend b1
   cookie SERVERID insert nocache indirect
   server s1 192.168.2.111:80 weight 1 cookie s1 check
   server s2 192.168.2.112:80 weight 1 cookie s2 check

backend b2
   cookie SERVERID insert nocache indirect
   server s3 192.168.2.113:80 weight 1 cookie s3 check
   server s4 192.168.2.114:80 weight 1 cookie s4 check
```

**Configuration Steps:**
1. Using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Floating IPs*, add a floating IP for the new VIP, in this example 192.168.2.110 is added to match the IP address required:

   **FLOATING IPs**

   ![Floating IPs](image)

   New Floating IP: 192.168.2.110

   ![Add Floating IP Button]

2. Click **Add Floating IP**

3. Select the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Manual Configuration* and define the required VIP / RIP settings in the text window, e.g.:

   - frontend F1
   - bind 192.168.2.110:80
   - acl ACL-1 path_beg /test1
   - acl ACL-2 path_beg /test2
   - use_backend B1 if ACL-1
   - use_backend B2 if ACL-2
   - default_backend B2
   - option httpclose

   - backend B1
     - cookie SERVERID insert nocache indirect
     - server s1 192.168.2.111:80 weight 1 cookie s1 check
     - server s2 192.168.2.112:80 weight 1 cookie s2 check

   - backend B2
     - cookie SERVERID insert nocache indirect
     - server s3 192.168.2.113:80 weight 1 cookie s3 check
     - server s3 192.168.2.114:80 weight 1 cookie s3 check

4. Click **Update**

5. Now reload HAProxy using the **Reload HAProxy** button in the blue **Commit Changes** box at the top of the screen or by using the WUI option: *Maintenance > Restart Services*

**Notes:**

1. **ACL-1** & **ACL-2** are the names of the ACLs

2. **path_beg** matches the beginning of the path to a certain value, in this case /test1 & /test2 and then directs requests to the appropriate back-end, either backend B1 or B2

**IMPORTANT**: This example uses the Frontend/Backend structure to define the Layer 7 Virtual Service. When using this structure, the related Virtual Service cannot be displayed in the System Overview so there is no need to define a matching VIP in this case.
These are fairly simple examples to show the principle of using ACLs. For much more information please refer to the HAProxy manual at the following link:

http://www.haproxy.org/download/1.6/doc/configuration.txt

(Search that page for "Using ACLs")

**NOTE:** Don’t hesitate to contact support@loadbalancer.org to discuss any specific ACL or other custom configuration requirements you may have.

### HAProxy Error Codes

For reference, HAProxy’s own error codes are as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>When / Reason</th>
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<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>access to stats, and when replying to monitoring requests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>301</td>
<td>when performing a redirection, depending on the configured code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>302</td>
<td>when performing a redirection, depending on the configured code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>303</td>
<td>when performing a redirection, depending on the configured code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>400</td>
<td>for an invalid or too large request</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>401</td>
<td>when an authentication is required to perform the action (when accessing the stats page)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>403</td>
<td>when a request is forbidden by a “block” ACL or “reqdeny” filter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>408</td>
<td>when the request timeout strikes before the request is complete</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>when HAProxy encounters an unrecoverable internal error, such as a memory allocation failure, which should never happen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>502</td>
<td>when the server returns an empty, invalid or incomplete response, or when an “rspdeny” filter blocks the response</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>503</td>
<td>when no server was available to handle the request, or in response to monitoring requests which match the &quot;monitor fail&quot; condition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>504</td>
<td>when the response timeout strikes before the server responds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For a complete HAProxy reference please refer to the following link:

http://www.haproxy.org/download/1.6/doc/configuration.txt
### Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration

This section allows you to configure the various layer 7 global settings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Configuration</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lock HAProxy Configuration</td>
<td>Deprecated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logging</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Log Only Errors</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Redispacht</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connection Timeout</td>
<td>4000 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Client Timeout</td>
<td>42000 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Real Server Timeout</td>
<td>43000 ms</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Connections</td>
<td>40000</td>
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<tr>
<td>ulimit</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Abort on Close</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Transparent Proxy</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Disable On Start</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interval</td>
<td>5000 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rise</td>
<td>2 checks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>3 checks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feedback Agent Interval</td>
<td>2000 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HAProxy Statistics Page</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>7777</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advanced Stats</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Request buffer length</td>
<td>16384 bytes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Header buffer length</td>
<td>1024 bytes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persistence Table Replication</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replication port</td>
<td>7778</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eMail Alert From</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eMail Alert To</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eMail Server Address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eMail Server Port</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Lock HAProxy Configuration – Prevent the WUI writing to the HAProxy configuration file. Manual changes to the HAProxy configuration file may be overwritten if settings are edited in the web interface. Locking the configuration file will prevent the web interface from modifying the file, so that custom edits are preserved. A warning message will be displayed on all Layer 7 configuration pages, and changes will be denied.

**Warning:** The HAProxy configuration is set to read-only – changes made on this page will not be saved. Read-only mode may be disabled on the Advanced Configuration page.

**NOTE:** This Feature is now deprecated. It’s now possible to configure each virtual service as read-only. The manual configuration can then be created using the WUI option: Layer 7 - Manual Configuration

Logging – Activate detailed logging of the Layer 7 HAProxy service. When activated the HAProxy log is written to /var/log/haproxy.log.

Log Only Errors – Do not log operational connection details, only log errors.

Redispatch – Allows HAProxy to break persistence and redistribute to working servers should failure occur. Normally this setting should not require changing.

Connection Timeout – HAProxy connection timeout in milliseconds. This setting should normally not require changing.

Client Timeout – HAProxy client timeout in milliseconds. This setting should normally not require changing.

Real Server Timeout – HAProxy Real Server timeout in milliseconds. This setting should not require changing.

Maximum Connections – HAProxy maximum concurrent connections. This setting should not require changing, unless you are running a high volume site. See also Maximum Connections for a Virtual Service (HAProxy).

Ulimit – The maximum number of file descriptors used for layer 7 load balancing.

This value is auto-configured internally based on other system parameters and does not need to be set here.

Abort on Close – Abort connections when users close their connection. Recommended as the probability for a closed input channel to represent a user hitting the ‘STOP’ button is close to 100%

Transparent Proxy – Enable TProxy support for Layer 7 HAProxy. TProxy support is required in order for the Real Servers behind a layer 7 HAProxy configuration to see the client source IP address. The load balancer must be in a NAT configuration (internal and external subnets) with the Real Servers using an IP address on the load balancer (preferably a floating IP) as their default gateway.

N.B. all Layer 4 methods are transparent by default

**NOTE:** For more details on using TProxy, refer to page 143.

N.B. Since the load balancer must be in a NAT configuration (i.e. VIPs & RIPs in different subnets and default gateway on the real servers set as an IP on the load balancer) to utilize TProxy, it’s not always an appropriate solution. In situations such as this, it’s also possible to use the X-forwarded-for header with
layer 7 Virtual Services. Most web servers can then be configured to record the X-Forwarded-For IP address in the log files.

For details on how to enable X-Forwarded-For support, please refer to page 115. For details on how to enable X-Forwarded-For support with Apache and IIS, please refer to the following Loadbalancer.org blog links:

Apache - http://www.loadbalancer.org/blog/apache-and-x-forwarded-for-headers
IIS - http://www.loadbalancer.org/blog/iis-and-x-forwarded-for-header

Interval – Interval between health checks. This is the time interval between Real Server health checks in milliseconds.

Rise – Number of health checks to Rise. The number of positive health checks required before re-activating a Real Server.

Fall – Number of health checks to Fall. The number of negative health checks required before de-activating a Real Server.

Feedback Agent Interval - The time in milliseconds between each feedback agent check from HAProxy to the feedback agent.

HAProxy Statistics Page Password – Set the password used to access Reports > Layer 7 Status.

HAProxy Statistics Page Port – Change the listening port for the HAProxy web based statistics report from the default of TCP 7777.

Advanced Stats - Enable/disable additional actions available on the HAProxy stats page.

Request Buffer Length – Set the health check buffer length in bytes.

N.B. Changing this value will effect the performance of HAProxy. Do not make changes unless you know exactly what you are doing.

Lower values allow more sessions to coexist in the same amount of RAM, and higher values allow some applications with very large cookies to work. The default value is 16384 bytes. It is strongly recommended not to change this from the default value, as very low values will break some services such as statistics, and values larger than the default size will increase memory usage, possibly causing the system to run out of memory. Administrators should consider reducing the Maximum Connections parameter if the request buffer is increased.

Header Buffer Length – Set the header buffer length, in bytes The header buffer is a section of the request buffer, reserved for the addition and rewriting of request headers. The default value is 1024 bytes. Most applications will only require a small header buffer, as few headers are added or rewritten.

Persistence Table Replication – When enabled, HAProxy’s persistence tables are replicated to the slave device.

Persistence Table Replication Port – Set the TCP port to use for persistence table replication. The default port is TCP 7778.

eMail Alert From – Set the ‘from address’ for email alerts

eMail Alert To – Set the ‘to address’ for email alerts

eMail Server Address – Set the email server address as either an IP address or FQDN

eMail Server Port – Set the email server TCP port
SSL Termination

Concepts
SSL termination can be performed on the Real Servers (aka *SSL pass-through*) or on the load balancer (aka *SSL offloading*).

### SSL Termination on the Real Servers:

![Diagram: SSL Termination on Real Servers]

**Notes:**
- Data is encrypted from client to server. This provides full end-to-end data encryption as shown in the diagram below.
- It's not possible to use HTTP cookie persistence since the packet is encrypted and therefore the cookie cannot be read – in this case the only option is source IP persistence.

### SSL Termination on the Load Balancer:

![Diagram: SSL Termination on Load Balancer]

**Notes:**
- Since SSL is terminated on the load balancer, by default, data from the load balancer to the web servers is not encrypted as shown in the diagram above. This may or may not be an issue depending on the network structure between the load balancer and web servers and your security requirements.

*N.B. Re-encryption is possible between the load balancer and the Real Servers (aka *SSL bridging*). To use this, enable the 'Re-encrypt to Backend' option for each RIP and click Update. Each server must be correctly configured for HTTPS for this to work and an appropriate certificate must also be installed. See page 138 for more details.*
• It’s possible to use HTTP cookie based persistence

• A Pound or STunnel SSL VIP is used to terminate SSL. The backend for the VIP can be either a Layer 4 NAT mode VIP or a Layer 7 HAProxy VIP. Layer 4 DR mode cannot be used since Pound acts as a proxy, and the real servers see requests with a source IP address of the VIP. However, since the real servers believe that they own the VIP (due to the loopback adapter configured to handle to ARP problem) they are unable to reply to Pound.

**NOTE:** SSL termination on the load balancer can be very CPU intensive. In most cases, for a scalable solution, terminating SSL on the Real Servers is the best option.

### SSL Termination on the Real Servers (Recommended)

In this case SSL certificates are installed on each Real Server in the normal way. The load balancer is then configured with a VIP that listens on HTTPS port 443 and distributes inbound requests to the Real Servers again on port 443 as shown in the layer 4 DR mode example below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SSL</th>
<th>192.168.11.50</th>
<th>Port 443/tcp</th>
<th>Direct Routing</th>
<th>[ Add a new Real Server ]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SSL1</td>
<td>192.168.11.51</td>
<td>Weight 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ Modify ] [ Delete ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL2</td>
<td>192.168.11.52</td>
<td>Weight 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ Modify ] [ Delete ]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A fairly common configuration is to include port 80 in the VIPs definition and also enable persistence. This ensures that both HTTP and HTTPS requests from a particular client are always sent to the same Real Server as shown below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SSL</th>
<th>192.168.11.50</th>
<th>Ports 80,443/tcp</th>
<th>Direct Routing</th>
<th>[ Add a new Real Server ]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<td>SSL1</td>
<td>192.168.11.51</td>
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<td>192.168.11.52</td>
<td>Weight 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ Modify ] [ Delete ]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SSL Termination on the Load Balancer

In this case an SSL certificate must be installed on the load balancer. The appliance supports the use of both STunnel (default) and Pound for SSL termination.

To configure SSL termination on the appliance an SSL Virtual Service must be defined that specifies an IP address and port to listen for inbound HTTPS connections and a back-end IP address / port where to forward the corresponding un-encrypted HTTP connection.

By default a self-signed certificate is used for the new VIP which is ideal for testing but needs to be replaced for production deployments.
Creating an STunnel SSL Virtual Service (the Default SSL Terminator)

to add an STunnel SSL VIP:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination
- Click Add a new Virtual Service

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>VIP Name</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service IP address</td>
<td>10.0.0.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service Port</td>
<td>443</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backend Virtual Service IP Address</td>
<td>10.0.0.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backend Virtual Service Port</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cliphers to use</td>
<td>ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Do not insert empty fragments</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL Terminator</td>
<td>Pound STunnel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delay DNS Lookups</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSLv2 Cliphers</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSLv3 Cliphers</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow Client Renegotation</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSL Renegotation</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time To Close</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set as Transparent Proxy</td>
<td>□</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter an appropriate Label (name) for the new Virtual Service
- Enter the required IP address in the Virtual Service IP address field
- Enter the required port in the Virtual Service Port field – typically 443
- Enter the required IP address in the Back-end Virtual Service IP Address field

This is normally the same IP address as the Virtual Service IP address but can be any valid IP. The IP address specified must correspond to a Layer 7 HAProxy VIP or a Layer 4 NAT mode VIP. Unencrypted traffic will be sent here for load balancing.

N.B. DR mode cannot be used since STunnel acts as a proxy, and the Real Servers see requests with a source IP address of the Virtual Service. However since the Real Servers believe that they own the Virtual IP (due to the Loopback Adapter configured to handle to ARP problem) they are unable to reply to STunnel
Enter the required port in the Back-end Virtual Service Port field

Define the list of accepted ciphers using the Ciphers to use field.
By default the cipher is set to: ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-RC4-SHA:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:RC4:HIGHE!MD5:!aNULL:!EDH
This can be modified as required, or the field can be cleared (blank) to allow all available ciphers (not recommended)

Configure Do not Insert Empty Fragments
Disables a countermeasure against a SSL 3.0/TLS 1.0 protocol vulnerability affecting CBC ciphers. This option needs to be enabled (checked) to ensure mitigation of both the BEAST and CRIME MITM attacks. It is also required for PCI Testing.

Ensure SSL Terminator is set to STunnel

Configure Delay DNS Lookup
Delay DNS lookup for 'connect' option. This option is useful for dynamic DNS, or when DNS is not available during STunnel startup (road warrior VPN, dial-up configurations).

Configure Disable SSLv2 Ciphers
When ticked this option disables all SSLv2 Ciphers by using the OpenSSL 'SSL_OP_NO_SSLv2' option.

Configure Disable SSLv3 Ciphers
When ticked this option disables all SSLv3 Ciphers by using the OpenSSL 'SSL_OP_NO_SSLv3' option. Please note that entering '!SSLv3' into a Cipher list can have an adverse effect and we recommend using this option and not entering '!SSLv3'.

Configure Allow Client Renegotiation
Sets whether the client is allowed to renegotiate the cipher order. This option should be enabled (checked) to mitigate the BEAST attack.

Configure Disable SSL Renegotiation
Applications of the SSL renegotiation include some authentication scenarios, or re-keying long lasting connections. On the other hand this feature can facilitate a trivial CPU-exhaustion DoS attack. This option should be enabled (checked) to mitigate the BEAST Attack.

Configure Time to Close
Configure the global client response timeout in seconds. This setting should not require changing.

Configure Set as Transparent Proxy
If you wish to use HAProxy and TProxy this option needs to be enabled (checked) to allow SSL termination on the load balancer whilst passing the client’s IP address to the Real Servers. This option only enables TProxy on a Single STunnel VIP – if you’re using HAProxy with this VIP you will also need to enable TProxy for your HAProxy VIP (please refer to the examples on page 143)

Click Update to create the SSL VIP

STunnel Cipher Settings and the BEAST Attack

The following STunnel options should be set to mitigate the BEAST attack:
**Ciphers to use** – a minimum cipher list of ‘RC4:HIGH:!MD5:!aNULL’ is required

**Allow Client Renegotiation** – this option should be disabled (un-checked)

**Do Not Insert Empty Fragments** – this option should be enabled (checked)

**Disable SSL Renegotiation** – this option should be enabled (checked)

If these options are set, this should prevent the BEAST attack, and should also help to mitigate DoS attacks and MITM Attacks.

### Creating a Pound SSL Virtual Service

**to add a Pound SSL VIP:**

- In the WUI, open **Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination**
- Click **Add a new Virtual Service**

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<td>Virtual Service Port</td>
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<tr>
<td>Backend Virtual Service IP Address</td>
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<tr>
<td>Backend Virtual Service Port</td>
<td>80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ciphers to use</td>
<td>ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Do not insert empty fragments</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL Terminator</td>
<td>Pound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable WebDAV Verbs</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rewrite HTTP Redirects</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honor Cipher Order</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow Client Renegotiation</td>
<td>No Client Renegotiation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSLv2 Ciphers</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSLv3 Ciphers</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSL Compression</td>
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- Enter an appropriate **Label (name)** for the new Virtual Service
• Enter the required IP address in the Virtual Service IP address field

• Enter the required port in the Virtual Service Port field – typically 443

• Enter the required IP address in the Back-end Virtual Service IP address field

  This is normally the same IP address as the Virtual Service IP address but can be any valid IP. The IP address specified must correspond to a Layer 7 HAProxy VIP or a Layer 4 NAT mode VIP. Unencrypted traffic will be sent here for load balancing.

  *N.B. DR mode cannot be used since Pound acts as a proxy, and the Real Servers see requests with a source IP address of the Virtual Service. However since the Real Servers believe that they own the Virtual IP (due to the Loopback Adapter configured to handle to ARP problem) they are unable to reply to Pound*

• Enter the required port in the Back-end Virtual Service Port field

• Define the list of accepted ciphers using the Ciphers to use field


  This can be modified as required, or the field can be cleared (blank) to allow all available ciphers (not recommended)

• Configure **Do Not Insert Empty Fragments**

  Disables a countermeasure against a SSL 3.0/TLS 1.0 protocol vulnerability affecting CBC ciphers. This option needs to be enabled (checked) to ensure mitigation of both the BEAST and CRIME MITM attacks. It is also required for PCI Testing.

• Ensure **SSL Terminator** is set to **Pound**

• Configure **Enable WebDAV Verbs**

  When enabled extends which HTTP / WebDAV verbs are accepted.

• Configure **Rewrite HTTP Redirects**

  Pound to change the Location: and Content-location: headers in responses If they point to the back-end itself or to the listener (but with the wrong protocol) the response will be changed to show the virtual host in the request. NOTE: If you do not know what this means leave this as the default (enabled).

• Configure **Honor Cipher Order**

  When choosing a cipher during a handshake, normally the client’s preference is used. If this directive is enabled, the server’s preference will be used instead. When choosing a cipher during an SSLv3 or TLSv1 handshake, normally the client’s preference is used. If this directive is enabled, the server’s preference will be used instead.

  This option should be enabled to mitigate the BEAST attack.

• Configure **Allow Client Renegotiation**

  Sets whether the client is allowed to renegotiate the cipher order. In Pound when set to either:
  - No Client Renegotiation, no client renegotiation will be honored
  - Secure Renegotiation, secure renegotiation will be honored
  - Insecure Renegotiation, insecure renegotiation will be honored

  This option should be set to ‘No Client Renegotiation’ to mitigate the BEAST attack.

• Configure **Disable SSLv2 Ciphers**
Allow the option to Disable all SSLv2 Ciphers. When ticked this option disables all SSLv2 Ciphers by using the OpenSSL `SSL_OP_NO_SSLv2` option.

- **Configure Disable SSLv3 Ciphers**
  When ticked this option disables all SSLv3 Ciphers by using the OpenSSL `SSL_OP_NO_SSLv3` option. Please note that entering '!SSLv3' into a Cipher list can have an adverse effect and we recommend using this option and not entering '!SSLv3'.

- **Configure Disable SSL Compression**
  Disable DEFLATE compression even if both server and client supports it. If this option is enabled (checked), the server will disable DEFLATE compression even if both server and client supports it. In case compression is enabled an attacker with access to encrypted network traffic can conduct a "CRIME" attack by making client issue requests with specific character sequences and observing whether they got compressed or not, indicating their presence in part of the request that is not under his control (e.g. cookie headers).

- **Click Update** to create the SSL VIP

### Modifying a Pound SSL Virtual Service

When first adding a Pound SSL Virtual Service, only certain values can be configured, others are set at their default setting. These values can be changed after the Virtual Service has been created by clicking **Modify** next to the relevant Virtual Service. Additional settings that can be changed are:

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<td>Header Field Value</td>
<td>Add your own header to be passed on by Pound. Set Field Value allows the value part of the header to be specified: <code>[field-name]</code>: <code>[field-value]</code></td>
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### Pound Cipher Settings and the BEAST Attack

The following Pound options should be set to mitigate the BEAST attack:

- **Ciphers to use** – a minimum cipher list of `RC4:HIGH:!MD5:!aNULL` is required

- **Honor Cipher Order** – this option should be enabled (checked)

- **Allow Client Renegotiation** – this option should be set to 'No Client Renegotiation'

- **Do not Insert Empty Fragments** – this option should be enabled (checked)

If these options are set, this should prevent the BEAST attack, and should also help to mitigate DoS attacks and MITM Attacks.
Generating a CSR on the Load Balancer

By default, when creating an SSL Virtual Service a self-signed certificate is used. This is ideal for testing but needs to be replaced for production deployments.

In order to obtain a valid signed certificate from a certificate authority such as Verisign or Thawte you’ll need to generate a certificate request (CSR).

to generate a CSR

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination
- Click [Certificate] next to the relevant Virtual Service
- Complete the fields as shown in the example below:

  ![Certificate Request Fields](image)

- Click Generate SSL Certificate Request
Copy the resulting CSR from the top pane and send this to your chosen Certificate Authority

N.B. Select Apache as the platform type during the certificate generation process.

Once you receive your signed certificate from the CA, copy/paste this into the lower pane.

If you need to add an intermediate certificate, paste it after the signed certificate in the lower pane.

Click **Upload signed certificate**
Using an Existing Certificate

It’s possible to upload both PEM and PFX format certificates. PEM files should contain the private key (*without a password*), the signed certificate issued by a Certificate Authority (CA) and also any additional validation / intermediate certificates that may be required by the CA.

Creating a PEM file

- Using a text editor such as vi or vim under Linux or Notepad under Windows create an empty file called pem.txt for example. Then copy/paste the **Certificate**, the **Private Key** and any additional **Intermediate Certificates** into the file as follows (*truncated versions are shown*):

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MiICdDCAhmgAwIBAgIJAL98jhjEiUm3MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAMExCzAuBgNVBAMT
zDMNu6wCdvtySzl6EypUcIvEwao7ZbyaEbcSVymqQjdgs6W6ajiLSIE
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIICXAIBAAKBgQCcPYkYHm8gYwim3HyoVjymusw3ElFgZIWyaebbireCplv3yd7Rf
YwC2ZCEEh4q4cA4hJeNq4ctnhGeNvq4gDxlgCTyX5sco/Dxv/KZI6p4HU7qTq6E4Lunf
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MiICdDCAhmgAwIBAgIJAL98jhjEiUm3MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAMExCzAuBgNVBAMT
zDMNu6wCdvtySzl6EypUcIvEwao7ZbyaEbcSVymqQjdgs6W6ajiLSIE
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

- Save the file

Exporting PFX Certificates from Windows Servers

When exporting certificates from Windows servers, make sure that **Yes, export the private key** is selected, this will enable the output format to be PFX. Also make sure that **Include all certificates in the certification path if possible** is selected.

Uploading PEM & PFX Certificates

- Using the WUI open **Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination**

- Click **[Certificate]** next to the relevant Virtual Service

- Navigate to the bottom of the screen, the using the browse option select the relevant certificate file (either PEM or PFX format)

```
Upload prepared PEM/PFX file
```

- Click **Open** to upload the certificate

- Once uploaded, restart Pound / STunnel using the restart link at the top of the page or via the WUI option: **Maintenance > Restart Services**
Converting between certificate formats

In some circumstances it may be required to manually convert certificates between formats. In these cases OpenSSL can be used. This is usually included by default in Linux distributions. For Windows, it can be freely downloaded from the following location:

http://slproweb.com/products/Win32OpenSSL.html

At this URL you’ll need to download and install the Visual C++ 2008 Redistributable, then download either the light or full version of OpenSSL. Once installed, you’ll have an OpenSSL directory located on your filesystem (default location c:\OpenSSL)

To use the program, open a command window, navigate to the location where it was installed (by default c:\OpenSSL\bin) then run the required command as detailed below.

Converting PFX certificates to PEM format

Using OpenSSL under Windows:

openssl pkcs12 -in drive:\path\filename.pfx -nodes -out drive:\path\filename.pem

e.g.

openssl pkcs12 -in c:\cert.pfx -nodes -out c:\cert.pem

Using the Appliance / Linux:

openssl pkcs12 -in /path/filename.pfx -nodes -out /path/filename.pem

e.g.

openssl pkcs12 -in /root/cert.pfx -nodes -out /root/cert.pem

Converting .cer certificates to PEM format

Using OpenSSL under Windows:

openssl x509 -in filename.cer -inform DER -out filename.pem -outform PEM

e.g.

openssl x509 -in c:\cert.cer -inform DER -out c:\cert.pem -outform PEM
Using the Appliance / Linux:

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Converting an Encrypted Private Key to an Unencrypted Key

If a password has been included in the private key, this should be removed before it is used with your PEM file. This can be done using the following OpenSSL command either on the load balancer or another machine with openssl installed:

| openssl rsa -in encrypted-server.key -out unencrypted-server.key |

SSL Re-encryption (aka SSL Bridging)

It's possible to terminate SSL on the load balancer and then re-encrypt the HTTP traffic between the load balancer and each Real Server. Each Real Server must have an SSL certificate and be correctly configured for HTTPS. This option DOES NOT check the state of the installed SSL Certificate on the Real Server which will allow for the use of locally generated SSL Certificates.

To enable re-encryption:

- For each Real Server use the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers > Modify
- Enable the option Re-Encrypt to Backend

- Click Update
- Repeat for your other Real Server(s)
SSL – Advanced Configuration

Pound Global Settings

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**Lock Pound Configuration** – When enabled it will stop the user interface overwriting the configuration files so manual changes can be made.

**Logging** – Activate detailed logging of the Pound SSL termination service. When activated the Pound log is written to /var/log/Poundssl.

**Client Timeout** – Configure the global client response timeout in seconds. This setting should not require changing.

**Global Server Timeout** – Configure the global Real Server response timeout in seconds. This setting should not require changing.

**Ulimit** – Set Ulimit value for Pound the process. This setting will change the maximum number of file descriptors available to the Pound process. The default is 81000.

**NOTE** : One consequence of using transparent proxy with both Pound and HAProxy is that you can no longer access the HAProxy Virtual Service directly. With transparency turned on HAProxy will only accept traffic from Pound. One way to get around this is to configure the HAProxy VIP to listen on 2 ports. One will listen on port 80, and be your standard HTTP service. The other will listen on a different port, 81 for example – and will be the destination for traffic from Pound. This is covered on page 144.
**STunnel Global Settings**

**Debug Level** – Option to set the debugging level for all STunnel Services. The Debug Level is one of the syslog level names or numbers: emergency (0), Alert (1), Critical (2), err (3), Warning (4), Notice (5), Information (6), or Debug (7). The higher the number, the more detail will be contained in the STunnel Logs.

**Disable Nagle Algorithm** – With this option ticked (enabled), the Nagle Algorithm will be disabled. More details can be found in RFC 896.
HTTP to HTTPS Redirection

V7.6 introduced the capability to force HTTP to HTTPS redirection via the WUI. Previously, a manual edit was required. This can be achieved both when terminating SSL on the Real Servers and when offloading SSL on the load balancer.

SSL Termination on the Real Servers (Recommended)

This method requires 2 VIPs:

VIP1 – This is a layer 7 (HAProxy), HTTP mode VIP that listens on port 80 and redirects all connections to VIP2

\textit{N.B. This VIP will show purple/green in the System Overview. This occurs once Force to HTTPS is enabled (see below)}

VIP2 – This is a layer 7 (HAProxy), TCP mode VIP that listens on port 443 and load balances connections between real servers RIP1 & RIP2

VIP1 Redirect Configuration

Enable the Force to HTTPS options as shown below and set the redirect code as required:

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\hline
Force to HTTPS & \textbf{Yes} \quad \textbf{No} \\
\hline
HTTPS Redirect Code & \textit{301 (Moved Permanently)} \\
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\end{tabular}
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\textbf{NOTE :} It’s not possible to enable TProxy when using this configuration.
**SSL Termination on the Load Balancer**

This method requires 2 VIPs:

- **VIP1** – This is a Pound or STunnel VIP that listens on port 443, terminates the SSL connection and then forwards the decrypted HTTP connections to VIP2 on port 80

- **VIP2** – This is a layer 7 (HAProxy), HTTP mode VIP that listens on port 80 and load balances connections between real servers RIP1 and RIP2. It also redirects connections that have NOT come from Pound or STunnel, i.e. client connections directly on port 80

**VIP2 Redirect Configuration**

Enable the **Force to HTTPS** options as shown below and set the redirect code as required:

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**NOTE:** It's not possible to enable TProxy when using this configuration.

**NOTE:** If you require to re-encrypt the data from the load balancer to the Real Server, enable the **Re-encrypt to Backend** option for the each real server. See page 138 for more details.
Using Transparent Proxy (TProxy)

HAProxy, Pound and STunnel are proxies which means that a new connection is established from the proxy out to the back-end server in response to an inbound client connection to the proxy. This means that the source IP address of the packet reaching the server will be the proxies address, or more specifically the IP address assigned to the load balancers Ethernet interface.

TProxy can be used with HAProxy, Pound and STunnel to maintain the actual source IP address of the client. When enabling TProxy, it’s important to be aware of the topology requirements for TProxy to work correctly. This is covered in the examples below.

TProxy & HAProxy

In this example, TProxy is enabled with a layer 7 Virtual Service. This setup is illustrated in the following diagram.

Topology Requirements / Notes

- The RIPv must be on a different subnet to the VIP – this can achieved by using 2 IP addresses assigned to a single interface, or two separate interfaces (in the above example, eth1 = 192.168.2.1 and eth0 = 192.168.4.1)

- TProxy must be enabled using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration and setting Transparent Proxy to ‘On’

- On the Real Servers, the default gateway must be configured to be an IP address on the load balancer. When using a clustered pair, this should be a floating IP to allow failover to the slave
**TProxy, HAProxy & Pound**

In this example, Pound is used to terminate SSL. Pound passes the decrypted traffic to a layer 7 back-end VIP where the Real Servers are configured. This setup is illustrated in the following diagram.

![Diagram of TProxy, HAProxy & Pound setup](image)

**N.B. Using STunnel rather than Pound in this scenario is not supported. For STunnel, 2 separate HAProxy VIPs must be used as described on the following page.**

**Topology Requirements / Notes**

- The RIPS **must** be on a different subnet to the VIP – this can achieved by using 2 IP addresses assigned to a single interface, or two separate interfaces (in the above example, eth1 = 192.168.2.1 and eth0 = 192.168.4.1)

- Configure the Layer 7 VIP to listen on 2 ports – e.g. 80 & 81, then use port 81 for the Pound back-end and port 80 for client connections. Configure the Pound VIP to listen on the same IP address / port 443 and set its back-end to be port 81 of the HAProxy VIP.
  
  This way, clients connect to a single IP address listening on port 80 & 443.

- TProxy for HAProxy must be enabled using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration* and setting **Transparent Proxy** to ‘On’

- TProxy for Pound must be enabled using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > SSL – Advanced Configuration* and setting **Transparent Proxy** to ‘On’

- On the Real Servers, the default gateway must be configured to be an IP address on the load balancer. When using a clustered pair, this should be a floating IP to allow failover to the slave
**TProxy, HAProxy & STunnel**

In this example, STunnel is used to terminate SSL. STunnel passes the decrypted traffic to a layer 7 back-end VIP where the Real Servers are configured. As mentioned in the previous section, when STunnel is used, 2 separate HAProxy VIPs are required. This setup is illustrated in the following diagram.

N.B. If you require a single IP address with persistence across both ports 80 and 443, use the Tproxy / HAProxy / Pound configuration described on the previous page.

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**Topology Requirements / Notes**

- The RIPs **must** be on a different subnet to the VIP – this can be achieved by using 2 IP addresses assigned to a single interface, or two separate interfaces (in the above example, eth1 = 192.168.2.1 and eth0 = 192.168.4.1)

- Configure each Layer 7 VIP to listen on 1 port – e.g. port 80. Then configure the same Real Servers for both VIPs

- TProxy for HAProxy must be enabled using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration* and setting **Transparent Proxy** to ‘On’

- For VIP2, TProxy for STunnel must be enabled by checking the **Proxy Protocol** option when creating or modifying the VIP

- For the STunnel VIP, TProxy must be enabled by checking the **Set as Transparent Proxy** option when creating or modifying the VIP

- On the Real Servers, the default gateway must be configured to be an IP address on the load balancer. When using a clustered pair, this should be a floating IP to allow failover to the slave
Floating IPs

In order for the load balancer to function, the unit must physically own the Virtual IP address that the clients are accessing before they get re-directed to a Real Server in the cluster. Floating IP(s) are added automatically when new Virtual Services are created.

It’s also possible to manually define floating IP(s) if required, this is normally only required when manually configuring firewall marks or when using layer 4 NAT mode or TProxy where in both cases the load balancer must be the default gateway for the Real Servers.

The Floating IP(s) are controlled by heartbeat to ensure that only one of the load balancer appliance’s (normally the master) owns the Floating IP(s) at any time.

To manually add a Floating IP:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Floating IPs

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New Floating IP

- Specify the new floating IP
- Click Add Floating IP

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: When using a clustered pair, ensure that the slave also has a static IP address assigned that’s in the same subnet as the floating IP being added. Failure to do so will result in heartbeat issues during a failover.

**NOTE**: Floating IPs are not deleted automatically when Virtual Services are removed or the IP address is changed, this must be done manually.
Server Feedback Agent

The load balancer can modify the weight (amount of traffic) of each server by gathering data from either a custom agent or an HTTP server. For layer 4 VIPs the feedback method can be set to either agent or HTTP, for Layer 7 VIPs, only the agent method is supported.

A telnet to port 3333 on a Real Server with the agent installed will return the current idle stats as an integer value in the range 0 – 100. The figure returned can be related to CPU utilization, RAM usage or a combination of both. This can be configured using the XML configuration file located in the agents installation folder (by default C:\ProgramData\LoadBalancer.org\LoadBalancer).

The load balancer typically expects a 0-99 integer response from the agent which by default relates to the current CPU idle state, e.g. a response of 92 would imply that the Real Servers CPU is 92% idle. The load balancer will then use the formula $(92/100*\text{requested}\_\text{weight})$ to find the new optimized weight.

*N.B. The 'Requested Weight' is the weight set in the WUI for each Real Server.*

For more information please also refer to the following blog article:

http://www.loadbalancer.org/blog/open-source-windows-service-for-reporting-server-load-back-to-haproxy-load-balancer-feedback-agent

Windows Agent

The latest Windows feedback agent can be downloaded from:

http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/loadbalanceragent.msi

To install the agent, run loadbalanceragent.msi on each Real Server

![LoadBalancer CPU monitor setup wizard](image)

Click Next
Select the installation folder and click **Next**

Click **Next** to start the installation

*N.B.* .NET Framework v3.5 is required by the agent and .NET Framework v4.0 is required by the Monitor

*N.B.* The agent should be installed on all Real Serves in the cluster

**Starting the Agent**

Once the installation has completed, you'll need to start the service on the Real Servers. The service is controlled by the Feedback Agent Monitor program that is also installed along with the Agent. The monitor can be accessed on the Windows server using: *All Programs > Loadbalancer.org > Monitor*. It’s also possible to start the service using the services snap-in – the service is called 'Loadbalancer CPU monitor'.
To start the service, click the **Start** button

To stop the service, click the **Stop** button

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**Linux / Unix Agent**

The Linux feedback agent files can be downloaded using the following links:

- **readme file:** [http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/linux/v4.1/readme.txt](http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/linux/v4.1/readme.txt)
- **xinetd file:** [http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/linux/v4.1/lb-feedback](http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/linux/v4.1/lb-feedback)
- **feedback script:** [http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/linux/v4.1/lb-feedback.sh](http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/agent/linux/v4.1/lb-feedback.sh)

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**Installation**

*N.B. The agent files must be installed on all Real Servers, *not* the load balancer.*

```
# Install xinetd
apt-get install xinetd (if not already installed)

# Insert this line into /etc/services
lb-feedback 3333/tcp                        # Loadbalancer.org feedback daemon

# Then
cp lb-feedback.sh /usr/bin/lb-feedback.sh
chmod +x /usr/bin/lb-feedback.sh

# Testing
telnet 127.0.0.1 3333
```

Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to 127.0.0.1.
Escape character is '^]'.
95%

Connection closed by foreign host.
Custom HTTP Agent

You can use any HTTP server responding on port 3333 to give feedback information to the load balancer. The format of this information must be an integer number of 0-100 without any header information. Using this method you can generate a custom response based on your applications requirements i.e. a mixture of memory usage, IO, CPU etc.

Configuration

As mentioned, both layer 4 and layer 7 VIPs can be configured to use the feedback agent. To Configure Virtual Services to use Agent / HTTP Feedback follow the steps below:

- Go to Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 - Virtual Services  
  or  
  Layer 7 - Virtual Services
- Click Modify next to the Virtual Service

![Configuration Diagram]

- Change the Feedback Method to either Agent or HTTP for layer 4 VIPs
- Change the Feedback Method to Agent for layer 7 VIPs
- Click Update
- Reload / restart services as prompted
## Configuring VIPs & Rips via Script & Command Line

### Configuring L4 & L7 Services using the CLI Script (lbcli)

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<td><code>lbcli --action drain --vip &lt;VIP Name&gt; --rip &lt;RIP Name&gt;</code></td>
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<td>Halt a server</td>
<td><code>lbcli --action halt --vip &lt;VIP Name&gt; --rip &lt;RIP Name&gt;</code></td>
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<td>Online a server</td>
<td><code>lbcli --action online --vip &lt;VIP Name&gt; --rip &lt;RIP Name&gt;</code></td>
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| **VIP actions** | Add a VIP     | `Layer 4 VIP
lbcli --action add-vip --layer 4 --vip_type <ipv4|ipv6> --vip <VIP Name> --ip <VIP IP Address> --ports <ports> --forwarding <gate|masq|ipip> --protocol <tcp|udp|

`Layer 7 VIP
lbcli --action add-vip --layer 7 --vip_type <ipv4|ipv6> --vip <VIP Name> --ip <VIP IP Address> --ports <ports> --mode <http|tcp>` |
|                 | Delete a VIP  | `lbcli --action delete-vip --vip <VIP Name>` |
|                 | Edit a VIP    | *Advanced option* - Please ask for assistance from Support if you need to use this option |
| **RIP actions** | Add a RIP     | `Layer 4 RIP
lbcli --action add-rip --vip <VIP Name> --rip_type <ipv4|ipv6> --rip <RIP Name> --layer 4 --ip <RIP IP Address> --port <Port Value> --weight <Weight value> --minconn <minconn> --maxconn <maxconn>` |
|                 | Delete a RIP  | `lbcli --action delete-rip --vip <VIP Name> --rip <RIP Name>` |
|                 | Edit a RIP    | *Advanced option* - Please ask for assistance from Support if you need to use this option |
| **Floating IP** | Add a FIP     | `lbcli --action add-floating-ip --ip <IP Address>` |
|                 | Delete a FIP  | `lbcli --action delete-floating-ip --ip <IP Address>` |
| **Service actions** | Restart HAProxy | `lbcli --action restart-haproxy` |
|                  | Reload HAProxy| `lbcli --action reload-haproxy` |
|                  | Restart Ldirectord | `lbcli --action restart-ldirectord` |
|                  | Reload Ldirectord | `lbcli --action reload-ldirectord` |
|                  | Generate Support Archive | `lbcli --action support-download` |

N.B. The above help information is also displayed when typing the following command:

`lbcli --action help`
Running `lbcli` from a remote Linux Host:

These commands can be run from a remote Linux host. This example halts VIP1 / RIP1:

```
ssh root@192.168.111.42 "lbcli --action halt --vip L72 --rip RIP_Name"
```

Running `lbcli` from a remote Windows Host:

These commands can be run from a remote Windows host. This example halts VIP1 / RIP1:

```
plink -pw loadbalancer root@192.168.111.42 "lbcli --action halt --vip VIP1 --rip RIP1"
```

Notes:

1. PuTTy must be installed to use the `plink` command
   (see: http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html)

2. `loadbalancer` is the default password for the root user

3. 192.168.111.42 is the IP address of the load balancer
**Configuring Layer 4 Services using ipvsadm**

For layer 4 services, the ipvsadm command can also be used. Several examples are provided below.

*Add a TCP based Virtual Service & use weighted round robin scheduling:*

```
ipvsadm -A -t 192.168.65.192:80 -s wrr
```

*Add a TCP based Real Server in DR mode:*

```
ipvsadm -a -t 192.168.65.192:80 -g -r 192.168.70.196:80
```

*Add a TCP based Real Server in NAT mode:*

```
ipvsadm -a -t 192.168.65.192:80 -m -r 192.168.70.196:80
```

*Add a UDP based Virtual Service & use weighted least connection scheduling:*

```
ipvsadm -A -u 192.168.65.192:80 -s wlc
```

*Add a UDP based Real Server in DR mode:*

```
ipvsadm -a -u 192.168.65.192:80 -g -r 192.168.70.196:80
```

*Delete a TCP based Virtual Service:*

```
ipvsadm -D -t 192.168.65.180:80
```

*Delete a TCP based Real Server:*

```
ipvsadm -d -t 192.168.65.122:80 -r 192.168.70.134:80
```

*View the current running config:*

```
ipvsadm -ln
```

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</table>
Configuring Layer 7 Services using Linux Socket Commands

For layer 7 HAProxy VIPs, the socat socket command can also be used as shown in the examples below.

To take a server offline:
```
echo "disable server VIP_Name/RIP_Name" | socat unix-connect:/var/run/haproxy.stat stdio
```

To bring a server online:
```
echo "enable server VIP_Name/RIP_Name" | socat unix-connect:/var/run/haproxy.stat stdio
```

To set the weight of a Real Server:
```
echo "set weight VIP_Name/RIP_Name 0" | socat unix-connect:/var/run/haproxy.stat stdio
```

To view HAProxy's running configuration:
```
echo "show info" | socat unix-connect:/var/run/haproxy.stat stdio
```

To clear HAProxy's statistics:
```
echo "clear counters all" | socat unix-connect:/var/run/haproxy.stat stdio
```

N.B. Other examples can be found by searching for “Unix Socket Commands” at the following link:

http://haproxy.1wt.eu/download/1.6/doc/configuration.txt

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Please note that since these changes are being made directly to the running configuration, the services that are displayed in the System Overview will no longer match the running configuration when ipvsadm / socat commands are used.

Using the **lbcli** command does not have this disadvantage and the System Overview will show the correct VIP and RIP status.

**NOTE**: For additional assistance don’t hesitate to contact: support@loadbalancer.org.
Chapter 7 – Web Application Firewall (WAF)
Introduction

The Web Application Firewall (WAF) is based on the Modsecurity Open Source Project.

The default vulnerability rule-set is based on the “OWASP top 10”. This defines 10 areas of vulnerability that can affect Web Applications. These are summarised in the table below:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>A1 - Injection</td>
<td>Injection flaws, such as SQL, OS, and LDAP injection occur when untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query. The attacker's hostile data can trick the interpreter into executing unintended commands or accessing data without proper authorization.</td>
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<td>A2 - Broken Authentication and Session Management</td>
<td>Application functions related to authentication and session management are often not implemented correctly, allowing attackers to compromise passwords, keys, or session tokens, or to exploit other implementation flaws to assume other users’ identities.</td>
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<td>A3 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)</td>
<td>XSS flaws occur whenever an application takes untrusted data and sends it to a web browser without proper validation or escaping. XSS allows attackers to execute scripts in the victim's browser which can hijack user sessions, deface web sites, or redirect the user to malicious sites.</td>
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<tr>
<td>A4 - Insecure Direct Object References</td>
<td>A direct object reference occurs when a developer exposes a reference to an internal implementation object, such as a file, directory, or database key. Without an access control check or other protection, attackers can manipulate these references to access unauthorized data.</td>
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<tr>
<td>A5 - Security Misconfiguration</td>
<td>Good security requires having a secure configuration defined and deployed for the application, frameworks, application server, web server, database server, and platform. Secure settings should be defined, implemented, and maintained, as defaults are often insecure. Additionally, software should be kept up to date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A6 - Sensitive Data Exposure</td>
<td>Many web applications do not properly protect sensitive data, such as credit cards, tax IDs, and authentication credentials. Attackers may steal or modify such weakly protected data to conduct credit card fraud, identity theft, or other crimes. Sensitive data deserves extra protection such as encryption at rest or in transit, as well as special precautions when exchanged with the browser.</td>
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<tr>
<td>A7 - Missing Function Level Access Control</td>
<td>Most web applications verify function level access rights before making that functionality visible in the UI. However, applications need to perform the same access control checks on the server when each function is accessed. If requests are not verified, attackers will be able to forge requests in order to access functionality without proper authorization.</td>
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<tr>
<td>A8 - Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)</td>
<td>A CSRF attack forces a logged-on victim's browser to send a forged HTTP request, including the victim's session cookie and any other automatically included authentication information, to a vulnerable web application. This allows the attacker to force the victim's browser to generate requests the vulnerable application thinks are legitimate requests from the victim.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A9 - Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities</td>
<td>Components, such as libraries, frameworks, and other software modules, almost always run with full privileges. If a vulnerable component is exploited, such an attack can facilitate serious data loss or server takeover. Applications using components with known vulnerabilities have a higher risk of being compromised.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
vulnerabilities may undermine application defenses and enable a range of possible attacks and impacts.

| A10 - Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards | Web applications frequently redirect and forward users to other pages and websites, and use untrusted data to determine the destination pages. Without proper validation, attackers can redirect victims to phishing or malware sites, or use forwards to access unauthorized pages |

More details can be found here: [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2013-Top_10](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2013-Top_10)

**Implementation Concepts**

When a WAF gateway is created on the load balancer, the data path is automatically modified so that the WAF becomes the initial connection point for inbound client connections as illustrated below:

**Data flow without WAF deployed**

![Diagram of data flow without WAF deployed]

**Modified data flow once WAF is deployed**

![Diagram of modified data flow once WAF is deployed]
NOTES:

• When defining a WAF Gateway on the load balancer, the associated layer 7 VIP must be selected from a drop-down list. This enables the WAF to be automatically configured to listen on the same TCP socket as the original layer 7 VIP.

  The WAF gateway is then automatically configured to forward packets to the original layer 7 VIP.

• Each WAF gateway is associated with one layer 7 VIP.

• Once the WAF gateway is defined, the Label, IP Address, Port and Protocol of the associated layer 7 VIP cannot be edited to ensure the association remains intact. If changes to these settings are required, remove the WAF, make the changes, then recreate the WAF.

• Each WAF gateway is comprised of an additional layer 7 VIP which acts as the WAF front-end and an Apache/ModSecurity config. Both are auto-created when the WAF Gateway is configured.

WAF Gateway Configuration

Initial Setup

For reasons mentioned in the previous section, the layer 7 VIP must be created first, then the WAF gateway.

Step 1 – Create the Layer 7 VIP

• Using the WUI open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services and click Add a new Virtual Service.

  Label: HTTP-Cluster
  IP Address: 192.168.110.46
  Port: 80

• Enter a suitable Label (name) for the VIP, e.g. HTTP-Cluster

• Enter a valid IP address, e.g. 192.168.110.46

• Enter a valid port, e.g. 80

• Click Update

Step 2 – Define the associated Real Servers (RIPs)

• Using the WUI open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server next the the VIP just created.
Step 3 – Define the WAF Gateway

• Using the WUI open Cluster Configuration > WAF - Gateway and click Add a new WAF gateway

• Select the VIP created in step 1 in the drop down
• Enter a suitable Label (name) for the WAF, e.g. WAF1
• Leave other options at their default settings
• Click Update

Step 4 – Reload Services to Apply the new Settings

• Click System Overview in the WUI
• Reload the services (Apache and HAProxy) as prompted in the blue message box
Step 5 – View Configured Services

- The original layer 7 VIP and the auto created layer 7 WAF front-end VIP are now displayed in the system overview as shown below:

<table>
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<th>VIRTUAL SERVICE</th>
<th>IP</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>HTTP</td>
<td>Layer 7</td>
<td>Proxy</td>
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</table>

**WAF Gateway Operating Mode**

By default, the WAF Gateway only logs any breaches of the ModSecurity rules, it doesn’t block any requests.

The WAF gateway should initially be left in this mode so that any rule matches are logged. If there are no false positives, blocking mode can be enabled to reject any malicious requests and respond with a 403 Forbidden response.

To enable blocking mode:

- Using the WUI open *Cluster Configuration > WAF – Gateway* and click **Modify** next to the relevant WAF
- Enable the *Rule Engine Traffic Blocking* checkbox
- Click **Update**
- Click **System Overview** in the WUI
- Reload the services (Apache and HAProxy) as prompted in the blue message box

**WAF Gateway Rules**

Rules can easily be switched off if required. This maybe required if the default settings prove to restrictive.

To disable rules:

- Using the WUI open *Cluster Configuration > WAF – Manual Configuration*
- Select the relevant WAF in the drop-down
WAF - Manual Configuration

Add an extra line specifying the rule to disable

e.g.
SecRuleRemoveById 960022

N.B. The rule ID can be obtained from the logs whilst in non blocking mode. For more details on viewing the logs see the next section – WAF Gateway Monitoring

Click Update
Click System Overview in the WUI
Reload Apache as prompted in the blue message box

Browsing by IP Address

The default rules block browsing by IP address. e.g. http://192.168.110.10/. This particular rule can be disabled by going to Cluster Configuration > WAF - Manual Configuration, selecting the WAF in the dropdown, then un-commenting the following line, i.e. removing the #

#SecRuleRemoveById 960017

Then reloading Apache as directed in the blue message box.

Any rule can be excluded in this way, as long as you know the ID, this can be obtained from the log entry as explained in the next section.
WAF Gateway Logging & Monitoring

The WAF always logs malicious requests. The actual log entry depends on whether the WAF is running in logging only mode or blocking mode.

To View the log:

- In the WUI select: Logs > WAF Logs
- In the drop-down select Error <WAF_NAME>

Example Log Entries:

1 - Example log entry (LOGGING ONLY mode)


In this example, the matching rule is: 981317 as highlighted above

2 - Example log entry (BLOCKING mode)


In this example, the matching rule is also: 981317 as highlighted above

The difference here is that access was denied as highlighted
Modifying Default Actions

Default actions can easily be modified if required, a good example is to modify the response when access is denied. By default a 403 (forbidden) response is returned to the requesting client. This can be changed to redirect to a different URL using the **SecDefaultAction** as detailed below.

To customize default behavior:

- Using the WUI go to *Cluster Configuration > WAF – Manual configuration*
- Using the drop-down at the top of the page, select the required WAF
- In the Edit Window, add the following lines at the bottom of the page as shown below:

```
SecDefaultAction "phase:1,deny,log,redirect:https://www.yourdomain.com/pageforbidden.html"
SecDefaultAction "phase:2,deny,log,redirect:https://www.yourdomain.com/pageforbidden.html"
```

- Click **Update**
- Reload the services (Apache and HAProxy) as prompted in the blue message box at the top of the screen

**NOTE:** For more information, please refer to the [ModSecurity Reference Manual](#).
Chapter 8 – Real Server Health Monitoring & Control
Configuring Health Checks

The appliance supports a range of health-check options to check and verify the health of Real Servers. These range from simple ping checks to more complex negotiate options to determine that the underlying daemon / service is running. The specific options available depend on whether services are deployed at Layer 4 or Layer 7, details of both are covered in the following sections.

Heath Checks for Layer 4 Services

At layer 4, Real Server health checking is provided by Ldirectord. This is integrated into Loadbalancer.org appliances and allows a full range of options to check that Real Servers are operational.

To configure health checks use the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 - Virtual Services > Modify

The exact options available depend on the check type selected. For the default (Connect to port), one field is required:

Health Checks
Check Type
Connect to port
Check Port

As the drop-down is changed, the field list changes. The full list of options is shown below:

Default Health Check

By default, a TCP connect health check is used for newly created layer 4 Virtual Services.

Check Types

Negotiate – Sends a request and looks for a specific response (see Negotiate Check Service below)
Connect to port – Just do a simple connect to the specified port/service & verify that it’s able to accept a connection
Ping server – Sends an ICMP echo request packet to the Real Server
External check – Use a custom file for the health check. Specify the file path in the ‘Check Command’ field.
No checks, always Off – All Real Servers are off
No checks, always On – All Real Servers are on (no checking)
5 Connects, 1 Negotiate – Do 5 connect checks and then 1 negotiate check
10 Connects, 1 Negotiate – Do 10 connect checks and then 1 negotiate check
Check Port

This can be used if the port to check is non standard, e.g., the service to check is HTTPS, but the port used is 4443 instead of the standard 443. Leaving the field blank will cause the health-check to occur on the port specified for the Real Server (note that in DR mode there is no Real Server port field since port remapping is not possible, the port specified for the Virtual Service is used).

External Script Command

The custom check script, used with the external check type. The script should be placed in 
/var/lib/loadbalancer.org/check, and given world read and execute permissions.

The following example illustrates how scripts can be constructed. This script uses the Linux command 'wget' to connect to the Real Server, then uses the Linux command 'grep' to look for the text 'OK' in the file 'check.txt'. The variable 'EXIT_CODE' which indicates a pass or fail is then returned to Ldirectord to control whether the server should be left online or removed.

```
#!/bin/bash
# Variables
REALIP="$3"
PORT="$4"
REQUEST="check.txt"
RESPONSE="OK"

# Get the Page/File
wget -qO- --header="Host: host.domain.com" http://$REALIP:$PORT/$REQUEST |grep -e $RESPONSE
if [ "$?" -eq "0" ]; then
  EXIT_CODE="0"
else
  EXIT_CODE="1"
fi

exit $EXIT_CODE
```

Notes:

$3 and $4 are Ldirectord variables that are passed to the script. The following Ldirectord variables are available and can be used as required:

$1 – the VIP address
$2 – the VIP port
$3 – the RIP address
$4 – the RIP port

Negotiate Check Service

If negotiate is selected as the check type, the following methods are valid: HTTP – use HTTP as the negotiate protocol (also requires filename, path + text expected)

HTTPS – use HTTPS as the negotiate protocol (also requires filename, path + text expected)

HTTP Proxy – Use an HTTP proxy check

FTP – use FTP as the negotiate protocol (also requires login/password, filename in the default folder)

IMAP (IPv4 only) – use IMAP as the negotiate protocol (requires login/password)

IMAPS (IPv4 only) - use IMAPS as the negotiate protocol (requires login/password)

POP – use POP as the negotiate protocol (also requires login/password)
POPS – use POPS as the negotiate protocol (also requires login/password)

LDAP (IPv4 only) – use LDAP as the negotiate protocol (also requires username/password)

SMTP – use SMTP as the negotiate protocol

NNTP (IPv4 only) – use NNTP as the negotiate protocol

DNS – use DNS as the negotiate protocol

MySQL (IPv4 only) – use MySQL as the negotiate protocol (also requires username/password)

SIP – use SIP as the negotiate protocol (also requires username/password)

Simple TCP – sends a request string to the server and checks the response

RADIUS (IPv4 only) – use RADIUS as the negotiate protocol (also requires username/password)

Virtual Host
If the Real Server will only respond to a URL or ‘virtualhost’ rather than an ip address, you can specify the virtual host to request here.

Database Name
The database to use for the MySQL Negotiate check. This is a required option if MySQL is selected under Negotiate Check Service above.

Radius Secret
The secret to use with Radius servers.

Login
The login name to use with negotiate checks where authentication is required.

Password
The password to use with negotiate checks where authentication is required.

Request to Send
This is used with negotiate checks and specifies the request to send to the server. The use of this parameter varies with the protocol selected in Negotiate Check Service. With protocols such as HTTP and FTP, this should be the object to request from the server. Bare filenames will be requested from the web or FTP root. With DNS, this should be either a name to look up in an A record, or an IP address to look up in a PTR record. With databases, this should be an SQL SELECT query (N.B. the response expected field in not used by the SQL health check since the data returned in not read, the answer must simply be 1 or more rows). With LDAP, this should be the search base for the query. The load balancer will perform an (ObjectClass=*) search relative to this base. With Simple TCP, this should be a string to send verbatim to the server.

Response Expected
This is the response that must be received for the negotiate check to be a success. The negotiate check succeeds if the specified text (response) is found anywhere in the response from the web server when the file specified in the Request to Send field is requested. For example, a file called 'check.txt' could be placed in the default folder of the web server, this text file could just have the text OK in the file, then when the negotiate check runs, it would look for a file called 'check.txt' containing OK. If found, the test would succeed, if not found it would fail and no new sessions will be sent to that server.

Additional Health Check Settings
Additional Layer 4 health check options such as Check Interval, Failure Count etc. are available using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Advanced Configuration
Health Checks for Layer 7 Services

At layer 7, Real Server health checking is handled by HAPer. This is integrated into Loadbalancer.org appliances and allows a range of options to check that Real Servers are operational.

To configure health checks use the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Virtual Services > Modify

As with Layer 4 Services, as the drop-down is changed, the field list changes.

Default Health Check

By default, a TCP connect health check is used for newly created layer 7 Virtual Services.

Check Types

**Negotiate HTTP** – Sends an HTTP request and looks for a specific response. Also set the *Request to Send* & *Response Expected* fields.

**Negotiate HTTPS** – Sends an HTTPS request and looks for a specific response. Also set the *Request to Send* & *Response Expected* fields.

N.B. If a negotiate HTTP or HTTPS check is used and Request to Send is configured but Response Expected is left blank, the appliance looks for a 200 OK response from the real server.

**Connect to port** – Just do a simple TCP connect to the specified port/service & verify that it’s able to accept a connection

**External Script** – use a custom file for the health check. Specify the script path in the *Check Script* field.

**MySQL** - The check consists of sending two MySQL packets, one Client Authentication packet, and one QUIT packet, to correctly close the MySQL session. It then parses the MySQL Handshake Initialization packet and/or Error packet. It is a basic but useful test and does not produce error nor aborted connect on the server. However, it does require adding an authorization in the MySQL table as follows:

use mysql; INSERT INTO user (Host,User) values ('<appliance-IP>','<username>'); flush privileges;

e.g.

use mysql; INSERT INTO user (Host,User) values ('192.168.1.1','probe'); flush privileges;

**No checks, always On** – All Real Servers are on (i.e. no checking)
Check Port
Specify a different port for health checks. If this field is left blank, health checks occur on the port specified for each Real Server. If the VIP includes multiple ports (e.g. 80 & 443) by default the check occurs on the first port listed. If a different port must be checked, it can be specified here.

Request to Send
Specify a specific file for the health check. Open the specified file and check for the response expected. Useful for checking a server sided script to check the health of the back-end application.

Response Expected
The content expected for a valid health check on the specified file. The response expected can be any valid regular expression statement.

Request to Send / Response Expected Example:
If the server has a virtual directory called /customers, with a default page that contains the word ‘welcome’ the required setup would be as follows:

Request to send: customers
Response expected: welcome

These settings would configure the following check directives in the HAProxy configuration file:

option httpchk GET /customers HTTP/1.0
http-check expect rstring welcome

N.B. the forward-slash character before ‘customers’ is added automatically

In this example, provided that the load balancer can access the page and see the text ‘welcome’, the health-check would pass.

External Script Command
The custom check script, used with the external check type. The script should be placed in /var/lib/loadbalancer.org/check, and given world read and execute permissions.

The following example illustrates how scripts can be constructed. This script uses the Linux command ‘wget’ to connect to the Real Server, then uses the Linux command ‘grep’ to look for the text ‘OK’ in the file ‘check.txt’. The variable ‘EXIT_CODE’ which indicates a pass or fail is then returned to HAProxy to control whether the server should be left online or removed.

#!/bin/bash
export PATH=/bin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/usr/sbin

# Variables
REALIP="$3"
PORT="$4"
REQUEST="check.txt"
RESPONSE="OK"

# Get the Page/File
wget -qO- --header="Host: host.domain.com" http://$REALIP:$PORT/$REQUEST |grep -qe $RESPONSE
if [ "$?” -eq "0" ]; then
  EXIT_CODE="0"
else
  EXIT_CODE="1"
fi

# Return the Code to HAProxy
echo "$EXIT_CODE"
else
EXIT_CODE="1"
fi

exit $EXIT_CODE

Notes:

$3 and $4 are HAProxy variables that are passed to the script. The following HAProxy variables are available and can be used as required:

$1 – the VIP address
$2 – the VIP port
$3 – the RIP address
$4 – the RIP port

N.B. It’s important that the commands are set the run in quite mode, i.e. no output. Otherwise HAProxy may misinterpret the return data. This is achieved in the above example with -q options for the commands ‘wget’ and ‘grep’.

Testing the script at the command line

A health-check script can be checked at the command line using the following format:

# ./<check-script-name> <$1> <$2> <$3> <$4>

e.g.

# ./check.sh 192.168.1.1 80 192.168.1.10 80

to check the return value, use the command:

# echo $?

A return value of 0 means the check has passed, 1 means it has failed.
Additional Health Check Settings

Additional Layer 7 health check options such as the check interval and failure count are available using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration

**NOTE**: For more details of these options, please refer to page 124.

Simulating Health-Check Failures

It may not always be possible to take a server offline to check that health-checks are working correctly. In these cases, firewall rules can be used. The following rules can be configured at the console, using SSH or via the WUI under Local Configuration > Execute a Shell Command

To block access to a particular Real Server port:

```
iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport <Check Port> -d <REAL-SERVER-IP> -j DROP
```

E.g. `iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -d 192.168.65.60 -j DROP`

To re-enable access to a particular Real Server port:

```
iptables -D OUTPUT -p tcp --dport <Check Port> -d <REAL-SERVER-IP> -j DROP
```

E.g. `iptables -D OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -d 192.168.65.60 -j DROP`

**N.B. Make sure these rule are cleared after testing & verification is complete!**

Disabling Health-Checks

In some cases it may be desirable to completely disable health checking and simply assume that the real servers are up and working correctly. The can be configured simply by setting the health-check option to **No Checks, Always On** – this applies to both layer 4 and layer 7 services.

Fallback Server Settings

The appliance uses NGINX for the local fallback server. The fallback server is activated under the following conditions for Layer 4 & Layer 7 Virtual Services:

**Layer 4**

The fallback page is displayed when all Real Servers are unavailable and when all servers are taken offline via the WUI. The fallback page can be hosted on the load balancer or on an external server. It can also be configured to be a Layer 7 VIP. Set the Fallback Server option of the VIP accordingly.
Layer 7

For layer 7 VIPs the fallback page is displayed when all Real Servers are unavailable and when all servers are taken offline via the WUI. The page can be hosted on the load balancer or on an external server. Set the Fallback Server option of the VIP accordingly.

The local fallback page can be modified using the WUI option: Maintenance > Fallback Page

**Fallback Page**

```
<html>
<head>
<title>The page is temporarily unavailable</title>
</head>
<body { font-family: Tahoma, Verdana, Arial, sans-serif; }
</body>
</html>
```

**Notes:**

- The local fallback server is an NGINX instance that by default listens on port 9081
- If a layer 4 VIP is added that listens on port 80, NGINX is automatically configured to listen on ports 9081 & 80
- You can use any valid HTML for the default page, simply copy and paste the required HTML into the Fallback Page using the Maintenance menu

**Additional Fallback Server Notes:**

**Using the load balancers built-in Fallback Server:**

- If you are using the load balancer for your holding page and your web servers are offline then the local NGINX server is exposed to hacking attempts, if you are concerned about this you can change the fallback server to be one of your internal servers.

**Using an External, Dedicated Server:**

- For DR mode the fallback server must be listening on the same port as the VIP (port re-mapping is not possible with DR mode). Also, don't forget to solve the ARP problem for the dedicated fallback server (see page 79)
- For NAT mode don’t forget to set the default gateway of the fallback server to the internal IP of the load balancer or when you have 2 appliances in a cluster, to a floating IP.
Using a Layer 7 VIP as the fallback server for Layer 4 VIPs:

- It’s possible to set the fallback server for a layer 4 VIP to be a layer 7 VIP. This is especially useful in WAN/DR site environments.

It also enables an external fallback server to be easily configured for Layer 4 VIPs – simply create a fallback VIP and configure the fallback server as an associated RIP, then enable the MASQ option for the Layer 4 VIP and set the fallback VIP as its fallback server. If all servers are down, requests will then be routed via the Layer 7 VIP to the external server. If the layer 4 VIP is multi-port, specify 0 as the port for the fallback server. Requests will then be forwarded to the correct port.

Configuring Email Alerts

Email alerts can be configured for Virtual Services. This enables emails to be sent when Real Servers fail their health-checks and are removed from the table, and also when they subsequently start to pass checks and are re-added to the table.

Layer 4

At layer 4, settings can be configured globally that apply to all VIPs or individually to each VIP.

Global Settings

Once configured, these settings apply to all layer 4 VIPs by default.

To configure global email alert settings for layer 4 services:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 Advanced Configuration
• Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert Source Address field
  e.g. lbmaster1@loadbalancer.org

• Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert Destination Address field
  e.g. alerts@loadbalancer.org

• Click Update

N.B. Make sure that you also configure an SMTP smart host using the WUI option: Local Configuration > Physical Advanced configuration > Smart Host. This will be auto-configured (if a DNS server has already been defined) to the MX record of the destination address domain name.

VIP Level Settings
Once configured, these settings apply to individual VIPs.

To configure VIP level email alerts:

• In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 Advanced Configuration

• Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert Source Address field
  e.g. LB1@loadbalancer.org

• In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 Virtual Service and click Modify next to the VIP to be configured

• Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert Destination Address field
  e.g. alerts@loadbalancer.org

• Click Update

N.B. Make sure that you also configure an SMTP smart host using the WUI option: Local Configuration > Physical Advanced configuration > Smart Host. This will be auto-configured (if a DNS server has already been defined) to the MX record of the destination address domain name.
Layer 7

At layer 7, email settings must be configured globally rather than at the individual VIP level.

To configure global email alert settings for layer 7 services:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 Advanced Configuration

  - Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert From field
    e.g. lbmaster1@loadbalancer.org
  - Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert To field
    e.g. alerts@loadbalancer.org
  - Enter an appropriate email address in the Email Alert To field
    e.g. mail.domain.com
  - Click Update
Real Server Monitoring & Control using System Overview

Real Server Monitoring

The System Overview includes a visual display indicating the health status of all Virtual and Real Servers as shown in the example below:

Clicking on each Virtual Service expands the view so that the associated Real Servers can also be seen:

The various colors used to indicate status are:

- **Green** – All Real Servers in the cluster are healthy
- **Yellow** – One or more Real Servers in the cluster has failed or has been taken offline using *Halt* or *Drain*
- **Red** – All Real Servers in the cluster have failed
- **Blue** – All Real Servers have been taken offline using *Drain* or *Halt* (see below)
- **Purple / Green** – Used to indicate that a particular VIP is used for HTTP to HTTPS redirection

This information is also displayed when clicking the system overview help button:
Real Server Control

The System Overview also enables the state of each Real Server to be controlled. Real Servers can be put in the following modes:

- **Drain** – This option allows existing connections to close gracefully and prevents new connections.
- **Halt** – This option prevents new connections and drops all existing connections immediately without waiting.

The screen shot below shows that RDS2 has been put into drain mode:

To bring RDS2 back online, click the *Online (drain)* link. If the server had been halted rather than drained, the link would be displayed as *Online (Halt)*.

**NOTE:** If a particular Real Server is used in multiple VIPs you can choose to apply the offline / online action to all relevant VIPs or only a single VIP. This simplifies taking Real Servers offline for maintenance purposes.

**NOTE:** Halting or draining all Real Servers in a cluster at layer 7 and layer 4 activates the fallback server.
### Ordering of VIPs

The display order of configured VIPs can be changed either by clicking on the column heading, or by drag and drop.

#### Sort by Column

If VIPs are ordered by a particular column, this is indicated using arrows next to the column heading as shown below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Virtual Service</th>
<th>IP</th>
<th>Ports</th>
<th>ConnS</th>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Mode</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HTTP Cluster</td>
<td>192.168.110.150</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>HTTP</td>
<td>Layer 7</td>
<td>Proxy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RDS Cluster</td>
<td>192.168.110.152</td>
<td>3389</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>Layer 7</td>
<td>Proxy</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In this example, the VIPs are ordered alpha-numerically by Virtual Service name. To change the order, click on the required column heading then click save. If you want to reverse the order for a particular column, click that column heading again.

**e.g.** Clicking on the IP column heading shows the following:

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Clicking on the IP column heading again changes the order to:

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Once you've set the required order, click **Save**.
Drag & Drop
To re-order VIPs by drag and drop, simply click the mouse on any part of the VIP:

Then drag it to the required position:

And release it.

Once you've set the required order, click Save.
Real Server Control using the HAProxy Statistics Page

It's also possible to control layer 7 Real Servers using the HAProxy statistics page. By default this is not enabled.

To enable this:

- In the WUI, open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced
- Enable the Advanced Stats option as shown below:

  ![Advanced Stats](image)

  - Click Update
  - Reload HAProxy using the button at the top of screen

With this setting, the HAProxy stats page has the ability to control the state of real servers as shown below:

### HAProxy

#### Statistics Report for pid 29981

![Statistics Report](image)

Use the check-boxes to select the relevant Real Server(s), then select the required action in the drop-down, then click Apply
Chapter 9 – Appliance Clustering for HA
Introduction

Appliances can be deployed as single units or as a clustered pair.

**NOTE:** We always recommend deploying a clustered pair to avoid introducing a single point of failure.

Clustered Pair Considerations

When configured as a clustered pair, the appliances work in **Active-Passive** mode. In this mode the active unit (normally the master) handles all traffic under normal circumstances. If the active unit fails, the passive unit (normally the slave) becomes active and handles all traffic.

Master / Slave Operation

Heartbeat

By default, heartbeat uses ucast over UDP port 6694 to communicate between the master and slave appliances. The link enables the state of each to be monitored by the other and permits a failover to the passive unit if the active unit should fail. For hardware appliances, it's also possible to configure ucast and serial communication if required.

**NOTE:** For hardware appliances we recommend that heartbeat is configured to use both ucast and serial when possible for added resilience. Once the serial cable is connected between the appliances, the serial option must be enabled under: **Cluster Configuration > Heartbeat Configuration**

Ping checks to a common node such as the default gateway can also be configured. If the active node loses access to the ping node, the system will fail-over to the peer. However, if both nodes lose access, no fail-over will occur.

Master Slave Replication

Once the master and slave are paired, all settings related to the layer 4 and layer 7 load balanced services are automatically replicated from master to slave. This ensures that should the master unit fail, the slave is already configured to run the same services. Note that replication of the configured load balanced services from the master to the slave appliance occurs over the network using SSH/SCP.

Settings that are NOT Replicated to the Slave Appliance

Settings that are not replicated and therefore must be manually configured on the slave unit 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

High Availability Configuration
Units can be combined into a clustered pair for high-availability and resilience. Points to note:

• Pairing should be performed on the unit that is to be the master appliance
• The master and slave appliance must be able to perform an ICMP echo request (ping) to each other
• The master and slave appliance must be able to communicate with each other on TCP port 22
• The master and slave appliance must be able to communicate with each other on UDP port 6694 (or the selected custom port if this has been changed)

To Create an HA Pair (Add a slave)

• In the WUI, open: Cluster Configuration > High-Availability Configuration

![CREATE A CLUSTERED PAIR](image)

• 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
• A warning will be displayed indicating that the pairing process will overwrite the new slave appliance’s existing configuration, click OK to continue
• The pairing process now commences as shown below:
Once complete, the following will be displayed:

N.B. Clicking the **Restart Heartbeat** button on the master appliance will also automatically restart heartbeat on the slave appliance

To Break an HA Pair (Remove a slave)

- In the WUI of the master or slave appliance, open: *Cluster Configuration > High-Availability Configuration*

- To break the pair, click the red **Break** button
• Once the process is complete, the pairing configuration screen will be displayed:

NOTES:

• Load balanced services will be momentarily interrupted as system services are restarted

• After the pair is broken, the slave will be left configured as a slave and any configured load balanced services will remain.

• If you later want to use the slave as a master, use the Cluster Configuration > High Availability Configuration menu option on the slave to setup a new pair. The slave will then be re-configured as a master, and the added peer will be configured as a slave.
**Promoting a Slave to Master**

This is useful if the master unit fails and you'd like to change the now active slave to be a master, and then add the repaired / replaced master back as a slave unit.

**to promote a slave unit to become a master:**

- In the WUI of the slave appliance, open: *Cluster Configuration > High-Availability Configuration*

  ![Cluster Configuration](image1)

- Click **Promote**

  ![Cluster Configuration](image2)

  **N.B. If the master is still up and operational, it will not be possible to promote the slave**

- Once complete, the unit will be configured as a master

**NOTE:** Please refer to page 249 for details on how to recover from various failure scenarios.
**Configuring Heartbeat**

*To configure Heartbeat:*

- In the WUI of the Master appliance, open *Cluster Configuration > Heartbeat Configuration*

*N.B. The screen shot below shows the configuration screen for a hardware appliance. The virtual appliance does not have the serial option checkbox in the communications method section*

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Communication method</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Serial</strong></td>
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<td><strong>UDP Unicast</strong></td>
<td>![on]</td>
<td>![on]</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>UDP Broadcast (Deprecated)</strong></td>
<td>![off]</td>
<td>![off]</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>UDP Port for broadcast &amp; unicast</strong></td>
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**Peer Failure Detection**

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<td><strong>Keep alive message interval</strong></td>
<td>3</td>
<td>seconds</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dead peer timer</strong></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Warning timer</strong></td>
<td>6</td>
<td>seconds</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Routing Failure Detection**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Test IP addresses</strong></td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Test time-out</strong></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>seconds</td>
</tr>
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**Email Alerts**

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<td><strong>Email Alert Destination Address</strong></td>
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**Automatic Fail-back**

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**Serial** – Enable or disable heartbeat master/slave communication over the serial port. Ucast is the default heartbeat communication method. However, if the load balancer pair is located in close proximity, enabling serial communication in addition to ucast is recommended. This method requires a null modem cable (one cable is supplied with each appliance) to be connected between the two load balancers in the cluster. This enables heartbeat checks to utilize the serial port. When serial communication is disabled, console access via the serial port is activated.

**UDP Unicast** – Enable or disable unicast heartbeat master/slave communication. This is the default method of heartbeat communication and uses unicast UDP between master and slave, with a destination port specified by the *UDP Port for broadcast & unicast* parameter. When unicast is enabled, the load balancer determines the correct interface and IP addresses to use based upon the configured slave IP address.
**UDP Broadcast (Deprecated)** – Enable or disable broadcast heartbeat master/slave communication, and choose the interface. This option is deprecated - please migrate to Unicast. This method of heartbeat communication uses broadcast UDP between master and slave, with a destination port specified by the **UDP Port for broadcast & unicast** parameter. Care must be taken when using broadcast on multiple pairs of load balancers in the same network. Each high-availability pair must operate on a different UDP port if they are not to interfere with each other. If heartbeat communication over the network is required, it is recommended that unicast be used in preference to broadcast.

**UDP Port for unicast & broadcast** – The UDP port number used by heartbeat for network communication over unicast or broadcast. By default, heartbeat uses UDP port 6694 for unicast or broadcast communication. If you have multiple load balancer pairs on the same subnet, and wish to use broadcast, you will need to set each pair to a different UDP port.

**Keep-alive message interval** – Specify the number of seconds between keepalive pings. The Keepalive setting must be less than the warntime and deadtime.

**Dead peer timer** – The number of seconds communication can fail before a fail over is performed. A very low setting of deadtime could cause unexpected failovers.

**Warning timer** – If communication fails for this length of time write a warning to the logs. This is useful for tuning your deadtime without causing failovers in production.

**Test IP address** – Specify one or more mutually accessible IP address to test network availability. A good ping node to specify is the IP address of a router that both the master and slave node can access. If the active node loses access to the ping node, the system will fail-over to the peer. However, if both nodes lose access, no fail-over will occur. Multiple IP addresses may be given, separated by spaces or commas. In this case, if any one address is reachable the routing test will pass.

**Test time-out** – Specify the time-out, in seconds, for the routing test. If a response is not received from the test address within the time-out period, the route to that host will be considered dead.

**Email Alert Destination Address** – Specify the Email address to send heartbeat alerts. In the event of failover the email address specified will receive an alert.

**Automatic Fail-back** – Enable/disable auto-failback. When the master returns to service after a failure, should it become active again? This option controls the cluster behavior when the master returns to service after a failure. With Automatic Fail-back enabled, the master will automatically return to active status, taking back the floating IP addresses from the slave. With Automatic Fail-back disabled, the slave will remain active and will retain the floating IP addresses. Fail-over back to the master must then be controlled manually.

**NOTE** : Automatic Fail-back is disabled by default. Manual intervention is required to force the repaired master to become active and the slave unit to return to passive mode. For more details refer to page 191. Auto fail-back can be enabled if required using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Heartbeat Configuration* and enabling **Automatic Fail-Back**.
Clustered Pair Diagnostics

Heartbeat State Diagnostics

The status of the appliance is shown at the top of the screen. For a working pair, the normal view is shown below:

This shows that the master unit is active and that the heartbeat link is up between master & slave.

N.B. If no VIPs are defined, the status on master & slave appears as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Master</th>
<th>Slave</th>
<th>Active</th>
<th>Passive</th>
<th>Link</th>
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<td>Master</td>
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Other states:

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</table>
| Master | Slave | Active | Passive | Link | this is a master unit, a slave unit has been defined, but the link is down (e.g. serial cable unplugged) so the state cannot be determined. In this case the floating IP's may be active on both units. Action: check & verify the heartbeat configuration,
Split Brain Scenarios

Split brain can occur if heartbeat on the master/slave clustered pair can no longer communicate with one another. In this case both units will bring up the Virtual Services and the system status will look similar to the following on both units:

When heartbeat communication is re-established, heartbeat will automatically attempt to resolve the split brain and ensure that only one of the units is active. If heartbeat fails to do this automatically, the system status will show as follows on both units:

The **Take over** button can then be used on either master or slave to attempt to force that unit to become active.
Forcing Master/Slave Failover & Failback

**To force the slave to become active & the master to become passive**

Either use the Take over button in the slave's system overview:

![System Overview]

N.B. Click the [Advanced] link to show this button.

Or run the following command on the slave:

```
/usr/local/sbin/hb_takeover.php all
```

**To force the master to become active & the slave to become passive**

Either use the Take over button on the master as explained above, or run the following command on the master:

```
/usr/local/sbin/hb_takeover.php all
```

N.B. these commands can either be run on the console, via an SSH session or via the WUI using: Local Configuration > Execute Shell Command
**Testing & Verifying Master/Slave Replication & Failover**

**NOTE:** It’s very important to verify that master/slave failover occurs correctly before going live. This proves the resilience of the HA cluster and makes you aware of the failover/failback process.

**NOTE:** When testing appliance fail-over, if heartbeat is configured to use only the serial link don’t just pull the serial cable out. This will not cause a fail-over but will cause a split brain (i.e. both units active) to occur. Testing must be done by pulling both the network and serial cable (if used) as detailed below.

**STEP 1 - Verify Basic Settings for the clustered pair**

1) On the master unit verify that the system status appears as follows:

```
Master | Slave    | Active | Passive | Link
```

2) On the slave unit verify that the system status appears as follows:

```
Master | Slave    | Active | Passive | Link
```

**STEP 2 - Verify Replication**

1) Verify that the load balanced services have been replicated to the slave unit, this can be done by using either the View Configuration or Edit Configuration menus to validate that the same Virtual & Real Servers exist on the slave as on the master.

**STEP 3 - Verify Failover to the Slave (using the Take over button)**

1) On the slave unit, click the [Advanced] option in the green information box, then click the Take Over button

2) Verify that the slave's status changes to Active:

```
Master | Slave    | Active | Passive | Link
```

3) Verify that the master's status changes to Passive:

```
Master | Slave    | Active | Passive | Link
```
4) Using the WUI option: View Configuration > Network Configuration verify that the floating IPs associated with the VIPs have been brought up on the slave unit and brought down on the master e.g. the partial screen shot below from the View Network Configuration screen on the slave unit shows the status of eth0:

```
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP qlen 1000
   link/ether 00:0c:29:92:18:4f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 192.168.111.233/18 brd 192.168.127.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet 192.168.111.72/18 brd 192.168.127.255 scope global secondary eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

This shows the secondary IP address 192.168.111.72 (the VIP address) is up and therefore the slave has become active as intended.

**STEP 4 - Verify Fallback to the Master (using the Take over button)**

1) On the master unit, click the [Advanced] option in the green information box, then click the Take Over button

2) Verify that the master’s status has changed to Active:

```
| Master | Slave | Active | Passive | Link |
```

3) Verify that the slave’s status has changed to Passive:

```
| Master | Slave | Active | Passive | Link |
```

4) Also, using the WUI option: View Configuration > Network Configuration verify that the floating IPs associated with the VIPs have been brought up on the master unit and brought down on the slave (see STEP 3 above for more details)

**STEP 5 - Verify Failover to the Slave (when removing the network and serial cable from master)**

1) Remove the network cable and serial cable (if applicable) from the master

2) verify that the slave’s status has changed as follows:

```
| Master | Slave | Active | Passive | Link |
```

_ERROR: The heartbeat link to the master node is down_

_ERROR: heartbeat may be active on both load balancers_
This indicates that the slave is unable to communicate with the master. This means that either the master is down, or is still up but is unreachable. In both cases the slave will go active.

3) On the slave using the WUI option: View Configuration > Network Configuration verify that the floating IPs associated with the VIPs have been brought up (see STEP 3 above for more details)

### STEP 6 - Verify normal operation resumes (when reconnecting the network & serial cable to master)

1) Reconnect the cables to the master

2) Verify that the master’s status is set to **Active**:

```
Master | Slave       | Active | Passive | Link
```

3) Verify that the slave has changed to **Passive**:

```
Master | Slave       | Active | Passive | Link
```

4) Also, using the WUI option: View Configuration > Network Configuration verify that the floating IPs associated with the VIPs have been brought up on the master unit and brought down on the slave

**NOTE**: If the power cable on the master had been removed rather than disconnecting the network cable and serial cable (if applicable), once the master is brought back up the slave would remain active and the master would come back up in a passive state. The **Take over** button on the master would then need to be used to force the master to become active.
Chapter 10 – Application Specific Settings
FTP

FTP is a multi-port service in both active and passive modes:

**active** 20,21
**passive** 21,high_port

**Layer 4 Virtual Services for FTP**

When configuring a Virtual Service at layer 4 for FTP, simply setup a layer 4 VIP in the normal way and set the Virtual Service / Real Server port field to port 21. Where Firewall Marks are required to handle other FTP ports, these will be configured automatically. This applies to both active and passive mode. In NAT mode, the ip_vs_ftp module is used to ensure that the client connects back via the load balancer rather than attempting to connect directly to the Real Server.

*N.B. Since the VIP is auto-configured for multi-port operation, ensure the checkport is set manually as shown in the image below (typically port 21)*

**FTP Layer 4 Negotiate Health Check**

You can modify the layer 4 Virtual Service so that rather than doing a simple socket connect check, it will attempt to log into the FTP server and read a file for a specific response:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Health Checks</th>
<th>Check Type</th>
<th>Negotiate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Check Port</td>
<td>21</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>FTP</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Login</td>
<td>health</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>*****************</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Request to send</td>
<td>check.txt</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Response expected</td>
<td>OK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Key Points:**

- Change the *Check Type* to *Negotiate*
- Ensure the *Check Port* is set to 21
- Make sure the *Negotiate Check Service* is set to FTP
- Specify a suitable *login* and *password* for the FTP server
- Specify the file to check using the *Request to send* field (defaults to the root directory)
- The file is parsed for the *Response expected* that you specify
FTP Recommended Persistence Settings

When using multiple FTP servers in a cluster you should be aware of the effects of a client switching to a different server. For sites that are download only, you generally don’t need any special settings on the load balancer as the connection will usually stay on the same server for the length of the connection. You may however wish to force persistence to something sensible like 15mins.

If you are using the FTP servers for upload it is recommended to use a single FTP server for uploads and then replicate the data to the read only cluster for downloads (or use a clustered file system). For upload it is especially important to use persistence.

Automatically resuming a broken download is no problem even if you switch servers in a cluster on re-connect. This is because the FTP resume functionality is client based and does not need any server session information.

Layer 7 Virtual Services for FTP

Active Mode

In active mode, the FTP server connects back to the client, so it must be aware of the clients IP address. To achieve this, TProxy must be enabled to make the load balancer transparent at layer 7. For this to work, two subnets must be used – the Virtual Server (VIP) in one subnet, the RIPS (i.e. the FTP servers) in another. For more details on TProxy, please refer to page 143.

Also, to ensure that the client receives a connection from the same address that it established the control connection to, an iptables SNAT rule must be defined in the firewall script for each FTP server. The format of the required rule is as follows:

```
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -p tcp -s <FTP-Server-IP> -j SNAT --to-source <FTP-VIP>
```

**e.g.**

```
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -p tcp -s 10.20.1.1 -j SNAT --to-source 192.168.2.180
```

(one rule must be added for each FTP server in the cluster)

_N.B. These rules can be added to the firewall script using the WUI option: Maintenance > Firewall Script_

Active Mode – Key Points:

- Use separate subnets for the VIP & RIPS
- Enable TProxy
- Set the default gateway on the FTP servers to be an IP on the load balancer (ideally a floating IP to permit failover to the slave unit)
- Setup a layer 7 VIP listening on port 21 & configure the RIPS also to listen on port 21
- Ensure the Layer 7 Protocol is set to ‘Other TCP’
- Increase the default client & server HAProxy timeouts to 5 minutes
- Add the SNAT firewall rules for each FTP server
**Windows 2008 Example**

- Create a L7 VIP with the following settings changing the name and IP address as required:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>FTP-ClusterACTV</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>IP Address 192.168.2.150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Define the FTP servers as RIPS for the VIP just created as illustrated below (these must be on a different subnet to the VIP to enable TProxy to work correctly):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>Rp1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
<td>10.10.1.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Real Server Port</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enable TProxy using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration*

- Set *Client Timeout* and *Real Server timeout* to 5m (i.e. 5 minutes) using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration*

- Now restart HAProxy using the WUI option: *Maintenance > Restart Services*

- Define a SNAT rule for each FTP server using the WUI option: *Maintenance > Firewall Script*

  `iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -p tcp -s 10.10.1.1 -j SNAT --to-source 192.168.2.180`
  `iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -p tcp -s 10.10.1.2 -j SNAT --to-source 192.168.2.180`

- Configure the default gateway on each FTP server to be the load balancer. Ideally this should be a floating IP address to allow it to move between the master & slave appliance. This can be added using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Floating IPs*

- Active FTP clients should now be able to connect to the VIP address (192.168.2.180) and view the directory listing successfully
Passive Mode

In passive mode all connections are initiated by the client. The server passes the client a port to use for the inbound data connection. By default, FTP serves can use a wide range of ports for the inbound connection and it’s often useful to limit this range. The following section “Limiting Passive FTP ports” on page 201 covers this for a range of OS’s & FTP servers.

N.B. This method configures HAProxy to listen on port 21 (control channel) and all passive ports (data channel)

Passive Mode – Key Points:

- It’s sensible to use a controlled passive port range, this can be configured on the FTP server
- Configure the VIP to listen on port 21 and also the passive range selected, e.g. 50000-50100
- Configure the RIPs without specifying a port
- Ensure the Layer 7 Protocol is set to ‘TCP Mode’
- If transparency is required (for passive mode this is optional), enable TProxy using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration
  
  N.B. If TProxy is enabled, make sure that the RIPs (i.e. the FTP servers) are located in a different subnet to the Virtual Server (VIP). The default gateway on each FTP server must also be set to be an IP on the load balancer – preferably a floating IP which then allows failover to the slave unit (see page 143 for more details on using TProxy)

- Using the WUI option: Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration increase the default Client timeout & Real Server Timeout to 5m (i.e. 5 minutes)

- To ensure the correct address is passed back to the client, on each FTP server specify the external address to be the VIP address.

  e.g.

  - for Windows 2008 use the External IP address of Firewall field
  
  - for Linux vsftpd use the directive: pasv_address=xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
  
  - for Linux ProFTPd use the directive: MasqueradeAddress=xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
Windows 2008 Example

- Create a L7 VIP with the following settings changing the name, IP address & passive port range as required:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>FTP-ClusterPASV</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.2.150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>21:50000-50100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Configure the VIP to listen on both the control port (21) and passive range (e.g. 50000-50100) as shown

- Define the FTP servers as RIPS for the VIP just created leaving the port field blanks as illustrated below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>ftp1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IP Address</td>
<td>10.10.1.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Set *Client Timeout* and *Real Server timeout* to 5m (i.e. 5 minutes) using the WUI option: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration*

- Now restart HAProxy using the WUI option: *Maintenance > Restart Services*

- On each FTP server using IIS Manager define the same passive port range and set the external IP address to be the Virtual Server (VIP) address as shown in the example below:

FTPD Firewall Support

The settings on this page let you configure your FTP server to accept passive connections from an external firewall.

**Data Channel Port Range:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Range</th>
<th>50000-50100</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Example</td>
<td>5000-6000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**External IP Address of Firewall:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>192.168.2.160</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Example</td>
<td>10.0.0.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*N.B. The external IP address must be set to be the VIP address, this ensure that this IP address is passed back to the client to use for the subsequent inbound connection*
• If TProxy is enabled, make sure the gateway of each FTP sever is set to be an IP on the load balancer (preferably a floating IP to allow failover to the slave unit)

• Now restart both IIS and the Microsoft FTP Service on each FTP server

• Passive FTP clients should now be able to connect to the VIP address (192.168.2.180) and view the directory listing successfully

Limiting Passive FTP Ports
Limiting passive ports allows your firewall to be more tightly locked down. The following sections show how this is achieved for a range of Operating Systems / FTP servers.

For Windows 2008
Open the IIS Management console, highlight the server node, then double-click the FTP Firewall Support icon.

The following screen will be displayed:

FTP Firewall Support

The settings on this page let you configure your FTP server to accept passive connections from an external firewall.

Data Channel Port Range:
50000-50100
Examples: 5000-6000

External IP Address of Firewall:
Example: 10.0.0.1

Specify a suitable range, in the example above this is 50000-50100
**IMPORTANT!** - Make sure you restart IIS and the Microsoft FTP Service to apply these settings.

For Windows 2003

**a) Enable Direct Metabase Edit**

1. Open the IIS Management Console
2. Right-click on the Local Computer node
3. Select Properties
4. Make sure the Enable Direct Metabase Edit check-box is checked

**b) Configure PassivePortRange via ADSUTIL script**

1. Click Start, click Run, type cmd, and then click OK
2. Type cd Inetpub\AdminScripts and then press ENTER
3. Type the following command from a command prompt
   `adsutil.vbs set /MSFTPSVC/PassivePortRange "50000-50100"
`        
4. Restart the FTP service

For Windows 2000

**Configure PassivePortRange via the Registry Editor**

1. Start Registry Editor (Regedt32.exe)
2. Locate the following registry key:
   `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Msftpsvc\Parameters\`
3. Add a value named "PassivePortRange" (without the quotation marks) of type REG_SZ
4. Close Registry Editor
5. Restart the FTP service

(SP4 or higher must be installed for this to work)

*N.B. The range that FTP will validate is from 5001 to 65535*

For Linux

*For vsftpd*, the following line can be added to the vsftpd.conf file to limit the port range:

```
pasv_max_port – max is 65535
pasv_min_port – min is 1024
```

*For proftpd*, the following line can be added to the proftpd.conf file to limit the port range:

```
PassivePorts 50000 – 50100
```

*For pureftpd*, the following startup switch can be used:

```
-p --passiveportrange <min port:max port>
```
**Terminal Services / Remote Desktop Services**

**Layer 4 – IP Persistence**

RDP is a TCP based service usually on port 3389. Clients will need to be sent to the same server to allow reconnection to existing sessions. The persistence setting should be changed to suit your requirements. A typical setting to use is `persistence = 7200` (i.e. 7200s = 2 hours). This means that when a client reconnects within this time, they will be sent to the same Terminal Server / Remote Desktop Server. If a client is idle for more than 2 hours, then the load balancer will treat the next connection as a new connection and possibly take them to a different server.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>RDP-Cluster</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>192.168.10.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>TCP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forwarding Method</td>
<td>Direct Routing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance Mode</td>
<td>Weighted Least Connection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persistent</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timeout</td>
<td>7200 seconds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Layer 7 – Microsoft Connection Broker / Session Directory**

It’s possible to configure the load balancer to interact with Session Directory / Connection Broker by enabling Routing Token Redirection mode. This mode allows the reconnection of disconnected sessions by utilizing a routing token to enable the load balancer to re-connect the client to the correct server. Simply create Layer 7 VIP as shown below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>192.168.10.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>3389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Layer 7 Protocol</td>
<td>TCP Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP Keep-alive</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance Mode</td>
<td>Weighted Least Connections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persistence Mode</td>
<td>MS Session Broker</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Layer 7 – RDP Cookies

The appliance also supports persistence based on RDP cookies. This method utilizes the cookie sent from the client in the initial Connection Request PDU (mstshash). This cookie is created when the username is entered at the first client login prompt (mstsc.exe). Note that if the username is not entered here, the cookie is not created. An associated persistence entry is also created in a stick table on the load balancer for each connection. If the cookie is not found, it will fallback to source IP persistence.

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<th>Label</th>
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<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>192.168.10.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>3389</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Layer 7 Protocol: TCP Mode
TCP Keep-alive: checked
Balance Mode: Weighted Least Connections
Persistence Mode: RDP Client Cookie
Persistence Timeout: 120

Again, persistence can be set as required, but as per the previous example 2 hours (120m) has been configured in the example above.

Initial connections are distributed to the Real Servers based on the balance mode selected (defaults to weighted least connection). Re-connecting clients utilize the stick table to return the client to the same server first connected to. This enables clients to reconnect to their disconnected sessions.

**NOTE:** For additional information, please refer to the following Deployment Guides:
Remote Desktop Services Deployment Guide
Terminal Services Deployment Guide

Other Applications

The appliance is able to support virtually any TCP or UDP based protocol which enables most applications to be load balanced. For a list of deployment guides currently available for popular applications such as Microsoft Exchange, IIS, Lync etc., please refer to page 16 earlier in this manual.

**NOTE:** Don’t hesitate to contact support@loadbalancer.org for advice on load balancing your application if it’s not listed.
Introduction

This section presents three example configurations that illustrate how the appliance is configured.

Initial Network Settings

For details on configuring initial network settings and accessing the WUI please refer to page 35 and page 39.

Example 1 – One-Arm DR Mode (Single Appliance)

This DR (Direct Return) mode example has one Virtual Service (VIP) with two Real Servers (RIPs). It's a straightforward deployment mode that can be used in many situations. It also offers the highest performance because return traffic passes directly from the Real Servers to the client rather than passing back via the load balancer.

Configuration Overview

- **Configure Network Settings** – a single Interface is needed, eth0 is normally used
- **Define the Virtual Service (VIP)** – all Real (back-end) Servers are accessed via this IP address
- **Define the Real Servers (RIPs)** – define the Real Servers that make up the cluster
- **Implement the required changes to the Real Servers** – for DR mode, the ARP issue must be solved

Network Settings

_N.B. this step can be skipped if all network settings have already been configured_

Configure the various network settings as outlined below:

- Using the WUI open *Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IP Address Assignment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>eth0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>192.168.2.120/24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Specify the IP address & subnet mask for eth0 (normally eth0 is used for single-arm configurations although this is not mandatory), e.g. **192.168.2.120/24**
- Click **Configure Interfaces**
Using the WUI open *Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS*

- Specify the DNS server(s)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Domain Name Server</th>
<th>Primary</th>
<th>192.168.2.254</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tertiary</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Click *Update*

- Using the WUI open *Local Configuration > Routing*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Default Gateway</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IP v4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP v6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Specify the Default Gateway

- Click *Configure Routing*

### Virtual Service (VIP)

Next, configure the Virtual Service. This is the IP address that is presented to clients. Any packet arriving at the load balancer with that IP address and port number will be forwarded to the the Real Servers associated with the Virtual Service.

- Using the WUI open *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services* and click *Add a new Virtual Service*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>ExVIP1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.2.150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ports</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>TCP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forwarding Method</td>
<td>Direct Routing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter a suitable Label (name) for the VIP, e.g. *ExVIP1*

- Enter a valid IP address, e.g. *192.168.2.150*

- Enter a valid port, e.g. *80*

- Ensure that *Forwarding Method* is set to *Direct Routing (N.B. this is the default)*
**Real Servers (RIPs)**
Each Virtual Service requires a cluster of Real Servers (back-end servers) to forward the traffic to.

- Using the WUI open *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Real Servers* and click **Add a new Real Server** next to the relevant Virtual Service.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>RIP1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.2.151</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter a suitable Label (name) for the RIP, e.g. **RIP1**
- Enter a valid IP address, e.g. **192.168.2.151**

  *N.B. A port is not required since port redirection is not possible in DR mode. The port used will be the same as that configured for the VIP*

- The weight defaults to 100 making the Real Server active immediately
- Leave **Minimum Connections** & **Maximum Connections** set to 0 which means unrestricted
- Click **Update**
- Repeat for the remaining Real Servers

**Real Server Changes – Solve the ARP Problem**
Since this example uses the one-arm DR mode load balancing method each Real Server requires the ARP problem to be solved:

- Each Real Server must be configured to respond to its own IP address *and* the VIP address
- Each Real Server must be configured so that it only responds to ARP requests for its own IP address, it should *not* respond to ARP requests for the VIP address – only the load balancer must respond to these requests

**NOTE:** Failure to correctly configure the Real Servers to handle the ARP problem is the most common problem in DR configurations. Please refer to page 79 for more details.
Basic Testing & Verification

Once configured, a few quick checks can be performed to verify the setup:

- Using *System Overview* check that the VIP & RIPs are shown as active (green)
- Using a browser, navigate to the VIP address, i.e. http://192.168.2.150 to verify that you can reach the Real Servers via the Virtual Service
- Check *Reports > Layer 4 Current Connections* to ensure that client connections are reported in state ‘ESTABLISHED’. If connections are in state ‘SYN_RECV’, this normally indicates that the ARP problem on the Real Servers has not been correctly solved
Example 2 – Two-Arm NAT Mode (Clustered Pair)

This example covers the process of configuring two load balancers (as a clustered pair) in NAT mode.

NOTE: Using two appliances configured as a clustered pair is Loadbalancer.org’s recommended configuration and ensures that no single point of failure is introduced.

NOTE: When using two-arm NAT mode all Real Servers should be in the same subnet as the internal interface of the load balancer and the default gateway on each Real Server must be set to be the load balancer.

Configuration Overview

- Configure the Master’s Network Settings – two Interfaces are needed, this can be either two physical interfaces such as eth0 and eth1, or one physical interface and a secondary interface/alias
- Configure the Slave’s Network Settings – two Interfaces are needed, this can be either two physical interfaces such as eth0 and eth1, or one physical interface and a secondary interface/alias
- Configure the Master & Slave Heartbeat Settings – set the heartbeat comms method
- Define the Virtual Service (VIP) – all Real Servers are accessed via this IP address
- Define the Real Servers (RIPs) – define the Real Servers that make up the cluster
- Implement the required changes to the Real Servers – in NAT mode, the Real Servers default gateway must be set to be the load balancer

Master Unit – Network Settings

- Using the WUI on the master unit, open Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IP Address Assignment</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IP Address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eth0: 192.168.2.128/24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eth1: 192.168.20.128/24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Specify the IP address & mask for eth0 – normally eth0 is configured as the internal interface although this is not mandatory, e.g. 192.168.2.120/24

Specify the IP address & mask for eth1 – normally eth1 is configured as the external interface although this is not mandatory, e.g. 192.168.20.120/24

N.B. For a VA make sure that the virtual NIC associated with eth1 is connected to the virtual switch. By default only the first NIC is connected.

Click Configure Interfaces

Using the WUI open Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS

- Ensure that Role is set to master
- Ensure that the DNS server(s) are set correctly
- Click Update

Using the WUI open Local Configuration > Routing

- Specify the Default Gateway, e.g. 192.168.254
- Click Configure Routing

Slave Unit – Network Settings

Configure the various network settings as outlined below:

- Using the WUI on the slave unit open Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration
• Specify the IP address & mask for eth0 – normally eth0 is configured as the *internal* interface although this is not mandatory, e.g. 192.168.2.121/24

• Specify the IP address & mask for eth1 – normally eth1 is configured as the *external* interface although this is not mandatory, e.g. 192.168.20.121/24

• Click **Configure Interfaces**

• Using the WUI open **Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS**

  
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hostname</th>
<th>lbmaster</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Domain Name</td>
<td>localhost</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Role</td>
<td>slave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Domain Name Server</td>
<td>192.168.2.254</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

  
  • Ensure that **Role** is set to **slave**
  
  • Ensure that the DNS server(s) are set correctly
  
  • Click **Update**
  
  *N.B. Once update is clicked the Hostname field will automatically change to lbslave*

  
  • Using the WUI open **Local Configuration > Routing**
- Specify the default gateway, e.g. **192.168.2.254**
- Click **Configure Routing**

**Master Unit – Heartbeat Settings**

- Using the WUI on the master unit open *Cluster Configuration > Heartbeat Configuration*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Communication method</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UDP Unicast</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UDP Broadcast (Deprecated)</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UDP Port for broadcast &amp; unicast</td>
<td>6994</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Peer Failure Detection**

<p>| | |</p>
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<td>Dead peer timer</td>
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<td>Warning timer</td>
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**Routing Failure Detection**

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<tr>
<td>Test IP addresses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Test time-out</td>
<td>10 seconds</td>
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**Email Alerts**

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<tr>
<td>Email Alert Destination Address</td>
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</table>

- Define the slave load balancers IP address in the *Slave LoadBalancer Address* field, e.g. **192.168.2.121**
- Set the heartbeat communications method as required. The default is UDP unicast.
- Click **Modify Heartbeat Configuration**, this will apply the heartbeat configuration on the local master and copy and apply the heartbeat configuration to the slave
- Now click **Restart Heartbeat** as prompted in the blue commit changes box – this will restart heartbeat both locally and on the slave unit to ensure that heartbeat synchronization occurs successfully
NOTE: If Virtual Services have already been defined, you’ll need to use the WUI option: Maintenance > Backup & Restore > Synchronization > Synchronize Configuration with Peer to copy all configured services from master to slave. If Virtual Services are setup after the units have been paired, they are automatically copied over to the slave.

Checking the Status

A successfully configured clustered pair will display the following status:

On the Master unit:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Master</th>
<th>Slave</th>
<th>Active</th>
<th>Passive</th>
<th>Link</th>
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On the Slave unit:

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Virtual Service (VIP)

Next, configure the Virtual Service. This is the IP address that is presented to clients. Any packet arriving at the load balancer with that IP address and port number will be forwarded to the the Real Servers associated with the Virtual Service.

- Using the WUI open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services and click Add a new Virtual Service

- Enter a suitable label (name) for the VIP, e.g. ExVIP2
- Enter a valid IP address, e.g. 192.168.2.150
- Enter a valid port, e.g. 80
- Ensure that Forwarding Method is set to NAT
- Click Update, this will save the VIP locally and also replicate it to the slave
Real Servers (RIP)

Each Virtual Service requires a cluster of Real Servers (back-end servers) to forward the traffic to.

- Open Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.2.151</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Real Server Port</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Minimum Connections</td>
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<td>Maximum Connections</td>
<td>0</td>
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</table>

- Enter a suitable Label (name) for the RIP, e.g. RIP1
- Enter a valid IP address, e.g. 192.168.2.151
- Enter a valid port, e.g. 80
- Weight defaults to 100 making the Real Server active immediately
- Leave Minimum Connections & Maximum Connections set to 0 which means unrestricted
- Click Update, this will save the RIP locally and also replicate it to the slave
- Repeat for the remaining Real Servers

Real Server Changes – Set the Default Gateway

When using NAT mode, each Real Server’s default gateway must be changed to be the load balancer. For a clustered pair, you must define an additional floating IP for this purpose. Then, if failover is required the same IP will also be brought up on the slave.

To add a floating IP to use as the default gateway, use Cluster Configuration > Floating IP’s.

New Floating IP

192.168.2.254

Add Floating IP

Define the IP address that you’d like to use for the default gateway, then click Add Floating IP. Now configure the default gateway on each Real Server to use this address.
**Verify the Slave Configuration**

To verify that the new VIP & RIP have been replicated correctly, open the WUI on the slave and open *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Virtual Services* and *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 – Real Servers* and check that your configuration appears there also. For a correctly configured pair, the VIPs and RIPs are automatically replicated to the slave as they are defined on the master.

If not, double check that both units are configured correctly and that the IP address for the slave defined on the master is correct. Then on the master open *Maintenance > Backup & Restore* and click *Synchronize Configuration with peer*. This will force the VIPs & RIPs to be copied from the master to the slave, then check again.

**Basic Testing & Verification**

A few quick checks can be performed to verify the configuration:

- On the master, use *System Overview* to check that the VIP & RIPs are shown as active (green)
- Using a browser, navigate to the VIP address, i.e. **http://192.168.2.150** to verify that you can reach the Real Servers via the Virtual Service
- On the master, check *Reports > Layer 4 Current Connections* to ensure that client connections are reported in state ‘ESTABLISHED’. If not, double-check that you have set the default gateway on all Real Servers to be an IP address on the load balancer.
Example 3 – One-Arm SNAT Mode & SSL Termination (Single Appliance)

This example uses HAProxy and STunnel at layer 7. STunnel is used to terminate SSL on the load balancer. STunnel then passes un-encrypted HTTP traffic to the HAProxy VIP / RIP cluster.

HAProxy does not offer the raw throughput of layer 4, but is still a high performance solution that is appropriate in many situations.

*N.B. Pound can also be used for SSL termination, although STunnel is the preferred and default method*

In this example it's assumed that the Real Server application has not been designed to track & share session details between Real Servers. Therefore, cookie based persistence will be enabled on the load balancer to ensure that clients connect to the same Real Server on each subsequent connection (within the persistence timeout window). If persistence is not configured then new connections may get distributed to a different Real Server which may result in failure of the application.

**NOTE:** Because HAProxy is a full proxy, any server in the cluster can be on any accessible subnet including across the Internet or WAN.

**NOTE:** In this mode, no changes are required to the Real Servers.

**NOTE:** We generally recommend that SSL is terminated on the real servers rather than on the load balancer. This ensures that the SSL load is distributed and also ensures scalability.

Configuration Overview

- **Configure Network Settings** – A single Interface is needed, eth0 is normally used
- **Define the Virtual Service (VIP)** – All Real Servers are accessed via this IP address
- **Define the Real Servers (RIPs)** – Define the Real Servers that make up the cluster
- **Configure SSL Termination** – Configure STunnel for SSL termination

Network Settings

Configure the various network settings as outlined below:

- Using the WUI open *Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration*
• Specify the IP address & mask for eth0 – normally eth0 is used for one-arm configurations although this is not mandatory, e.g. 192.168.2.120/24

• Click **Configure Interfaces**

• Using the WUI open **Local Configuration > DNS & Hostname**

• Specify the DNS server(s)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hostname</th>
<th>lbmaster</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Domain Name</td>
<td>localhost</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Role</td>
<td>master</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Domain Name Server</td>
<td>Primary 192.168.2.254</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Secondary</td>
</tr>
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<td>Tertiary</td>
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</table>

  ![Update Button]

• Click **Update**

• Using the WUI open **Local Configuration > Routing**

  ![Default Gateway]

• Specify the Default Gateway, e.g. 192.168.2.254

• Click **Configure Routing**
Virtual Service (VIP)

Next, configure the Virtual Service. This is the IP address that is presented to clients. Any packet arriving at the load balancer with that IP address and port number will be handled by the Real Servers associated with the Virtual Service.

- Using the WUI open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services and click Add a new Virtual Service

<table>
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<tr>
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<td>Virtual Service</td>
<td>IP Address</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Ports</td>
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<td>Layer 7 Protocol</td>
<td>HTTP Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manual Configuration</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter a suitable Label (name) for the VIP, e.g. ExVIP3
- Enter a valid IP address, e.g. 192.168.2.150
- Enter a valid port, e.g. 80
- Click Update

Real Servers (RIP)

Each Virtual Service requires a cluster of Real Servers (back-end servers) to forward the traffic to.

- Using the WUI open Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Real Servers and click Add a new Real Server

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<td>Real Server IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.111.151</td>
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<tr>
<td>Real Server Port</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter a suitable Label (name) for the RIP, e.g. RIP1
- Enter a valid IP address, e.g. 192.168.2.151

N.B. In this mode it’s possible to have a different port for the RIP than was configured for the VIP, in this example both are the same
- Enter a valid port, e.g. 80
- The **Weight** defaults to 100 making Real Servers active as soon as HAProxy is restarted
- Click **Update**
- Repeat for the remaining Real Servers
- Restart HAProxy to apply the new settings using the link provided in the blue box

### SSL Termination

An STunnel (default) or Pound VIP can be configured on port 443 using the same IP address as the Layer 7 VIP created previously. This allows a single IP address to be used.

- Open **Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination** and click **Add a new Virtual Service**

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<tr>
<td>Virtual Service IP address</td>
<td>192.168.2.160</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Service Port</td>
<td>443</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backend Virtual Service IP Address</td>
<td>192.168.2.150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backend Virtual Service Port</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ciphers to use</td>
<td>ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-CTR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Do not insert empty fragments</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL Terminator</td>
<td>Pound STunnel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delay DNS Lookups</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSLv2 Ciphers</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSLv3 Ciphers</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow Client Renegotation</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable SSL Renegotation</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time To Close</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set as Transparent Proxy</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Enter a suitable Label (name) for the VIP, e.g. ExSSL
- Set **Virtual Service IP address** to be the same as the layer 7 VIP created earlier, i.e. **192.168.2.150**
- Leave **Virtual Service Port** set to **443**
- Set **Backend Virtual Service IP address** to be the same as the layer 7 VIP created earlier, i.e. **192.168.2.150**
• Leave Backend Virtual Service Port set to 80
• Leave the other settings at their default values
• Click Update
• Restart STunnel to apply the new settings using the link provided in the blue box

When creating the SSL Virtual Service, by default a self-signed certificate is used. This is ideal for testing but needs to be replaced for live deployments.

NOTE: For more detailed information on SSL termination please refer to page 127.

Basic Testing & Verification

A few quick checks can be performed to verify the configuration:

• Using System Overview, verify that the VIP & RIP are shown as active (green)
• Using a browser, navigate to the VIP address, i.e. http://192.168.2.150 to verify that you can reach the Real Servers via the Virtual Service using HTTP
• Using a browser, navigate to the STunnel SSL VIP address, i.e. https://192.168.2.150 to verify that you can reach the Real Servers via the Virtual Service using HTTPS
• Check / verify the certificate details
Chapter 12 – Testing Load Balanced Services
Testing Load Balanced Services

For example, to test a web server based configuration, add a page to each web servers root directory e.g. test.html and put the server name on this page for easy identification during the tests.

Use two or more clients to do the testing. Open up a web browser on each test clients and enter the URL for the VIP e.g. http://192.168.110.10

Each client should see a different server name because of the load balancing algorithm in use i.e. they are being load balanced across the cluster.

**Why test using two clients?** If you use a single client it will most likely keep on hitting the same server for multiple requests. This is to do with the way that the load balancing algorithms are optimized.

Diagnosing VIP Connection Problems

1. **Make sure that the device is active** - this can be checked in the WUI. For a single appliance, the status bar should report *Master & Active* as shown below:

   ![status_bar](image)

2. **Check that the VIP/浮动IP is up** - Using View Configuration > Network Configuration verify that the VIP is active on the load balancer, if not check Logs > Heartbeat for errors.

   ```
   2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP qlen 1000
   link/ether 00:0c:29:cf:18:03 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 192.168.110.85/18 brd 192.168.110.255 scope global eth0
   valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet 192.168.110.90/18 brd 192.168.110.255 scope global secondary eth0
   valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   ```

   The above example shows that the interface address (192.168.110.85) and the VIP address (192.168.110.90) are both up.

3. **Check that the Real Servers are up** - Using System Overview make sure that none of your VIPs are colored red. If they are, the entire cluster is down (i.e. all Real Servers). Green indicates a healthy cluster, yellow indicates that your cluster may need attention (one or more of the Real Servers may be down), and blue indicates all Real Server have been deliberately taken offline (by using either Halt or Drain).

4. **Check the connection state** -
For Layer 4 DR mode VIPs check Reports > Layer 4 Current Connections to view the current traffic in detail. Any packets with state SYN_RECV imply that the ‘ARP Problem’ has not been correctly solved on the Real Servers. See page 79 for more details on solving the ARP problem.

For layer 4 NAT mode VIPs check Reports > Layer 4 Current Connections to view the current traffic in detail. Any packets with state SYN_RECV often imply that the default gateway on the Real Servers has not been set to be an IP address on the load balancer.

For Layer 7 VIPs check Reports > Layer 7 Status. The default credentials required are:

- **username**: loadbalancer
- **password**: loadbalancer

This will open a second tab in the browser and display a statistics/status report as shown in the example below:

**Statistics Report for pid 3261**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Queue</th>
<th>Session rate</th>
<th>Sessions</th>
<th>Datas</th>
<th>Dropped</th>
<th>Errors</th>
<th>Errors</th>
<th>Warnings</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Server</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Portland</td>
<td>0 15 0 4 49 000 55</td>
<td>2 1 095 1 385 782</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0</td>
<td>OPEN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>0 0 0</td>
<td>1 1 1 1 1</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Taking Real Servers Offline**

1) Using the **System Overview** check that when you Halt one of the Real Servers the connections are redirected to the other server in the cluster.

2) Remove the network cable from one of the web servers or stop the web service/process, wait a few seconds (for the load balancer to detect the change) and then refresh the browsers on both clients. They should now both switch to the same server (since one has been removed from the load balancing list). Also check that the server is shown red (down) in the system overview.

3) Replace the network cable, wait a few seconds and then refresh the browsers again. After a few refreshes they should again show different web servers. Also check that the server is shown green (up) in the system overview.

The **System Overview** will also show the updated status as these tests are performed:
In this example:

‘rip1’ is green, this indicates that it’s operating normally.

‘rip2’ is blue, this indicates that it has been either Halted or Drained. in this example Halt has been used as indicated by Online (Halt) being displayed. If it had been drained it would show as Online (Drain).

‘rip3’ is red, this indicates that it has failed a health check.

**NOTE:** The System Overview supports sorting of VIPs. This can be done by clicking on the column headings or by drag & drop. For more details please refer to page 178.

**Using Log Files**

The appliance includes several log files that are very useful when diagnosing issues. Please refer to the next chapter for more details on the logs available.

**Using Reports**

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**NOTE:** When testing a clustered pair, also make sure that failover to the slave appliance and failback to the master appliance is working correctly. For more details please refer to page 192.
Chapter 13 – Appliance Monitoring
Appliance Log Files

All appliance logs can be accessed using the Logs option in the WUI.

Load Balancer

File: /var/log/lbadmin.log

The lbadmin log shows all changes made to the appliances configuration. This is very useful for tracking changes made to the configuration.

Layer 4

File: /var/log/ldirectord.log

The Ldirectord log shows the output from the health checking daemon. This is useful for checking the health your Real Servers or pinning down any configuration errors. The logging here can be quite verbose but it clearly shows exactly what the health checking process is doing.

Layer 7

File: /var/log/haproxy.log

If activated via Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration, this will show the contents of the HAProxy log. This is a very detailed log of all HAProxy transactions. It’s also possible to configure HAProxy to log errors only.

SSL Termination (Pound)

File: /var/log/poundssl.log

If activated via Cluster Configuration > SSL – Advanced Configuration, this will show the contents of the Pound log. This is a very detailed log of all Pound SSL transactions.

SSL Termination (STunnel)

File: /var/log/stunnel.log

If activated via Edit Configuration > SSL – Advanced Configuration, this will show the contents of the STunnel log. The required debug level can also be set.

Heartbeat

File: /var/log/ha.log

The heartbeat log shows the status of the heartbeat daemons. Heartbeat is used whether configured as a single device or as a clustered pair. The log provides a detailed real-time status of heartbeat.

Apache Error Log

File: /var/log/httpd/error.log

Shows Apache errors. These can be generated by the WUI and WAF (Web Application Firewall).

Apache User Log

File: /var/log/httpd/user_access.log
Shows Apache user access logs. Can be generated by WUI and the WAF (Web Application Firewall) since both utilize Apache for their operation.

**WAF Logs**

Various log file for monitoring WAFs.

**Appliance Reports**

All reports can be accessed using the *Reports* option in the WUI.

**Layer 4 Status**

This report shows the current weight and number of active & inactive connections for each Real Server. If a Real Server has failed a health check, it will not be listed. Use the *Logs > Layer 4* option to view the Ldirectord log file if expected servers are not listed.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Virtual Service</th>
<th>Real Server</th>
<th>Forwarding Method</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Active Connections</th>
<th>Inactive Connections</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><em>HTTP-Cluster1</em></td>
<td>RIP1</td>
<td>Route</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>RIP2</td>
<td>Route</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>RIP3</td>
<td>Route</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In the example above, the details for RIP3 are not displayed because it’s failing its health checks.


**Layer 4 Traffic Rate**

This report shows the current connections per second and bytes per second to each Real Server. If a Real Server has failed a health check, it will not be listed.

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<table>
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<tr>
<th>Virtual Service</th>
<th>Real Server</th>
<th>Connections / s</th>
<th>Incoming Packets / s</th>
<th>Outgoing Packets / s</th>
<th>Incoming Bytes / s</th>
<th>Outgoing Bytes / s</th>
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**IP Virtual Server version 1.2.1 (size=32768)**

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<th>OutPPS</th>
<th>InBPS</th>
<th>OutBPS</th>
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<tr>
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</table>

In the example above, the details for RIP3 are not displayed because it’s failing its health checks.
Layer 4 traffic Counters

This report shows the volume of traffic to each Real Server since the counters were last re-set. If a Real Server has failed a health check, it will not be listed.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Virtual Service</th>
<th>Real Server IP</th>
<th>Connections</th>
<th>Incoming Packets</th>
<th>Outgoing Packets</th>
<th>Incoming Bytes</th>
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<td>RIP3</td>
<td>192.168.110.242</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

N.B. These reports are generated in real time. Direct Routing is the default load balancing method and you will not see any stats for return packets as shown above (as they do not pass through the load balancer). They will be seen for NAT mode since return traffic does pass back via the load balancer.

In the example above, the details for RIP3 are not displayed because it’s failing its health checks.
Layer 4 Current Connections

The current connections report is very useful for diagnosing issues with routing or ARP related problems. In the example below, the state is shown as `SYN_RECV`. For layer 4 DR mode this is normally a good indication that the ARP problem has not been solved. For NAT mode, this is a good indication that the Real Servers default gateway has not been configured to be the load balancer and therefore return traffic is not routed correctly.

N.B. The IPVS connection entries in state **NONE** represent the persistence related entries for client connections, and are not actual client connections. These only appear when persistence is enabled.

Layer 4 Current Connections (resolve hostnames)

This is the same as the current connections report but is slower as it looks up the DNS name of each IP address.

Layer 7 Status

This report is provided by the stats instance of HAProxy. This web page contains the current live status of all of the configured layer 7 HAProxy virtual and Real Servers.

Log in using:

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

N.B. This password can be changed using the 'statistics password' field available under Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Advanced Configuration
Layer 7 Stick Table

Displays the layer 7 stick tables. For example, if a layer 7 VIP is created using RDP cookie persistence, a stick table will be used. The related VIP is then available in the drop-down as shown below:

Notes:

- Stick tables are used when either source IP persistence or RDP cookie persistence is used with layer 7 Virtual Services
- Individual stick table entries can be removed by clicking the red ‘X’ in the remove column, the whole table can be cleared by clicking the Clear Table button

Graphing

Graphs are automatically configured when new Virtual and Real Servers are defined.

Graphs – Load Balanced Services

Graphs for the configured Virtual & Real Servers can be accessed either from the System Overview using the appropriate blue colored graph icon that appears next to each VIP and RIP or from the drop-down available in the WUI under Reports > Graphing.

Using the System Overview

The graph is displayed by clicking the relevant blue icon that’s displayed next to each VIP / RIP:

When this method is used, the daily Service Connections Graph (i.e. the last 24 hrs) is displayed for the particular VIP or RIP:
Clicking anywhere within this graph opens the complete list of graphs for the VIP / RIP in question. This is the same as selecting the VIP/RIP in the Reports > Graphing menu options as explained below.

**Using the WUI Option: Reports > Graphing**

When selected, a drop-down similar to the following is displayed:

When selected in this way, a complete list of graphs is displayed for the VIP / RIP selected as shown below:

_N.B. As VIPs & RIPS are added or removed, these are automatically added / removed from the drop-down list._
The following graphs are displayed for each VIP or RIP selected:

- 5 x **Connection graphs**: Hourly, daily, weekly, monthly and yearly
- 5 x **Bytes/s graphs**: Hourly, daily, weekly, monthly and yearly
Graphs – Appliance Specific

Appliance specific graphs are available for the following statistics:

- Network Throughout
- Load Average
- Memory Usage
- Disk Usage

The first three graphs listed above are displayed in the System Overview by default although these can be disabled/hidden if preferred using the WUI option: Local Configuration > Graphing.

All four graphs can also be accessed using the WUI option: Reports > Graphing, then selecting the required graph from the bottom of the list.

System Overview Graphs
As shown above, daily graphs for **Network Bandwidth**, **System Load Average** and **Memory Usage** are displayed by default in the System Overview. Clicking anywhere within these graph opens the full list of related graphs (hourly, daily, weekly etc.). This is the same as selecting the graph in the Reports menu as explained below.

### Using the Reports Menu

When selected, a drop-down including all VIPs / RIPS as well as the 4 appliance specific graphs is displayed:

#### Graph Options

A number of graph options are available.

**To change the settings:**

- In the WUI, open *Local Configuration > Graphing*

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>On/Off</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Layer 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Layer 7</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Interfaces</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Load Average</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disk Usage</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

Data collection for each graphing category can be enabled (default) by selecting *On* and clicking **Update**.

Data collection for each graphing category can be disabled by selecting *Off* and clicking **Update**.

The stored data for each graphing category can be removed by selecting *Delete* and clicking **Update**.
Advanced Configuration Settings

**Interval** - Set the data collector Interval time specified in seconds. Change the interval for which data is recorded by the collector. This is a global value and will effect all collectors. Do not change unless advised to do so by support.

*WARNING – Changing this value will reset the RRD database files and you will loose all your previous data!!*

**Timeout** - Set the data collector timeout specified in seconds. Change the timeout for the data collector when querying the various services. Do not change unless advised to do so by support.

**Threads** - Set the number of data collector process threads. Change the number of collector process threads to use for reading stats. Do not change unless advised to do so by support.

**Logging** - Enable collector logging for collectd. Warning this is incredibly verbose and should only be used for debugging purposes.
SNMP Reporting

By default, SNMP is disabled on the appliance. Once the SNMP settings are configured using the WUI option: *Local Configuration > SNMP Configuration*, the SNMP service is set to auto start at boot.

SNMP for Layer 4 Based Services

The root OID for Layer 4 based services is: 1.3.6.1.4.1.8225.4711

You can test if everything works by running the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c -m LVS-MIB localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.8225.4711
```

```
LVS-MIB::lvsVersion.0 = STRING: "1.2.0"
LVS-MIB::lvsNumServices.0 = INTEGER: 2
LVS-MIB::lvsHashTableSize.0 = INTEGER: 4096
LVS-MIB::lvsTcpTimeOut.0 = INTEGER: 900
LVS-MIB::lvsTcpFinTimeOut.0 = INTEGER: 120
LVS-MIB::lvsUdpTimeOut.0 = INTEGER: 300
LVS-MIB::lvsDaemonState.0 = INTEGER: none(0)
...
```

*etc.*

N.B. LVS-MIB.txt and other MIB files are available on the appliance in /usr/share/snmp/mibs/

You can also use all the usual MIB II counters and gauges such as network and CPU etc.

Monitoring Layer 4 VIPs & RIPS using SNMP

To list the Virtual Services use the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c -m LVS-MIB localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.8225.4711.17.1.4
```

```
LVS-MIB::lvsServiceAddr.1 = IpAddress: 192.168.110.194
```

To list the Real Servers use the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c -m LVS-MIB localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.8225.4711.18.1.3
```

```
LVS-MIB::lvsRealServerAddr.2.1 = IpAddress: 10.0.0.101
LVS-MIB::lvsRealServerAddr.2.2 = IpAddress: 10.0.0.100
```

This indicates that all servers are passing their health-check. If the check fails, that server will be omitted from the list as shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c -m LVS-MIB localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.8225.4711.18.1.3
```

```
LVS-MIB::lvsRealServerAddr.2.1 = IpAddress: 10.0.0.100
```

*In this case, 10.0.0.101 is now failing its health-check so has been omitted from the list.*
**SNMP for Layer 7 Based Services**

The root OID for Layer 7 front-end services is: 1.3.6.1.4.1.29385.106.1.0
The root OID for Layer 7 back-end services is: 1.3.6.1.4.1.29385.106.1.1

To list the Front End stats use the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.29385.106.1.0
```

```plaintext
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.0.1.0 = STRING: "stats"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.1.1.0 = STRING: "FRONTEND"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.2.1.0 = ""
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.3.1.0 = ""
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.4.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.5.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.0.6.1.0 = STRING: "2000"
etc.
```

To list the Back End stats use the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.29385.106.1.1
```

```plaintext
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.0.1.0 = STRING: "stats"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.1.1.0 = STRING: "BACKEND"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.2.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.3.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.4.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.5.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.6.1.0 = STRING: "2000"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.7.1.0 = STRING: "0"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.1.8.1.0 = STRING: "0"
etc.
```

**Monitoring Layer 7 RlPs using SNMP**

To list the Real Servers use the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.29385.106.1.2.1
```

```plaintext
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.1.1.1 = STRING: "backup"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.1.2.1 = STRING: "IIS1"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.1.3.1 = STRING: "IIS2"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.1.4.1 = STRING: "backup"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.1.5.1 = STRING: "RDP1"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.1.6.1 = STRING: "RDP2"
```
To get the health status of each of these Real Servers use the command shown below:

```
[root@lbmaster ~]# snmpwalk -c public -v 2c localhost 1.3.6.1.4.1.29385.106.1.2.17
```

SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.17.1.1 = STRING: "no check"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.17.1.2 = STRING: "UP"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.17.1.3 = STRING: "DOWN"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.17.2.1 = STRING: "no check"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.17.2.2 = STRING: "DOWN"
SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.29385.106.1.2.17.2.3 = STRING: "DOWN"

In this example, IIS1 is passing its health-check and IIS2, RDP1 & RDP2 are failing their health-checks.

**NOTE:** Please refer to page 54 for details on configuring SNMP settings such as community string etc.
Chapter 14 – Useful Tools & Utilities
Useful Diagnostics Tools

Full root access to the appliance is supported which enables many useful commands to be run directly at the console or via an SSH session. Many commands can also be run using the WUI option: Local Configuration > Execute Shell Command. Several commonly used examples are listed below.

**Netstat**

Print network connections, routing tables, interface statistics, masquerade connections, and multicast memberships. Useful to check that services are listening on the correct IP / port.

e.g. `netstat -anp`

Command Output:

Active Internet connections (servers and established)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Proto</th>
<th>Recv-Q</th>
<th>Send-Q</th>
<th>Local Address</th>
<th>Foreign Address</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>PID/Program name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0.0.0.0:7777</td>
<td>0.0.0.*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>19216/haproxy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>127.0.0.1:7778</td>
<td>0.0.0.*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>19216/haproxy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>127.0.0.1:199</td>
<td>0.0.0.*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>19938/snmpd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0.0.0.0:22</td>
<td>0.0.0.*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>1466/sshd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0.0.0.0:9081</td>
<td>0.0.0.0:*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>16114/nginx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>::9443</td>
<td>:::*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>1627/httpd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2001:470:1f09:d72::146:80</td>
<td>:::*</td>
<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>19216/haproxy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tcp</td>
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<td>0</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Telnet**

The telnet command is used to communicate with another host using the TELNET protocol. Useful for testing that a connection to a specific port can be made. Note that this command should be run from the console or a terminal session rather than via the WUI.

e.g. `telnet 192.168.100.10 80`

In this example, 192.168.100.10 is a Real Server, the command is useful to ensure that the load balancer is able to successfully connect to this server on port 80.

[root@lbmaster ~]# telnet 192.168.100.10 80

Trying 192.168.100.10...
Connected to 192.168.100.10.
Escape character is '^]':

**Tcpdump**

Tcpdump enables network traffic to be dumped to a file for analysis. Filters can also be applied if required to select which traffic is captured. Very useful tool when diagnosing network issues. Note that this command should be run from the console or a terminal session rather than via the WUI.

**e.g.**  `tcpdump -i any -s 0 -w tcpdump-file.pcap`

This command captures all network traffic on all interfaces using the maximum packet size of 65535 bytes and dumps it to a file called tcpdump-file.pcap. To end the capture use CTRL+C.

Our support department may ask you to run this command and send the resulting output file to help them diagnose certain network issues.

**Ethtool**

Ethtool is used for querying settings of an Ethernet device and changing them.

**e.g.**  `ethtool eth0`

**Output:**

Settings for eth0:
- Supported ports: [ TP ]
- Supported link modes: 10baseT/Half 10baseT/Full
  100baseT/Half 100baseT/Full
  1000baseT/Full
- Supports auto-negotiation: Yes
- Advertised link modes: 10baseT/Half 100baseT/Full
  1000baseT/Full
- Advertised pause frame use: No
- Advertised auto-negotiation: Yes
- Speed: 100Mb/s
- Duplex: Full
- Port: Twisted Pair
- PHYAD: 1
- Transceiver: internal
- Auto-negotiation: on
- MDI-X: off
- Supports Wake-on: pumbag
- Wake-on: g
- Current message level: 0x00000001 (1)
  - drv
- Link detected: yes
**Wireshark**

Wireshark is an open source application that can be used to analyze tcpdump output files. It can be downloaded from the following location:

http://www.wireshark.org/download.html

**Windows Specific Tools**

**WinSCP**

WinSCP is an open source application that allows files to be uploaded/downloaded to/from the load balancer using Windows. It can be downloaded from the following location:

http://winscp.net/eng/download.php

**PuTTY**

PuTTY is an open source SSH client for Windows. It can be downloaded from the following location:

http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html
Remote Support Tools

The Loadbalancer.org Support Department uses Teamviewer for remote desktop support. The client-side software is available at the following links:

**Windows clients:** [http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/support/quicksupport/WindowsQS.exe](http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/support/quicksupport/WindowsQS.exe)

**Mac clients:** [http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/support/quicksupport/MacQS.zip](http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/support/quicksupport/MacQS.zip)

**Linux clients:** [http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/support/quicksupport/LinuxQS.tar.gz](http://downloads.loadbalancer.org/support/quicksupport/LinuxQS.tar.gz)

Once downloaded, the client should be installed on a local machine that has access to the load balancer’s WUI and also to the load balancer via SSH (Putty, WinSCP for Windows). Our Support Engineers will provide guidance as required.

**NOTE:** The download links mentioned above can also be accessed using the WUI option: Support > Useful Links
Chapter 15 – Backup & Restore and Disaster Recovery
**Introduction**

The appliance uses various configuration files to store all settings. Files that must be backed up to enable a full restore are as follows:

**XML configuration file** – The is the main file for the appliance. All configuration details including local settings and load balanced services settings are stored here. This file can be backed up using the WUI.

**Firewall Script** – If manual changes such as manual firewall marks have been made, this file is also important. This file can be backed up using the WUI.

**SSL Certificate PEM files** – If SSL is terminated on the appliance, these files are also important. These files can be backed up using the WUI.

**Backup & Restore**

The WUI can be used for to perform backup and restore functions. To access these options:

- In the WUI, open *Maintenance > Backup & Restore*

  **BACKUP & RESTORE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Backup</th>
<th>Restore</th>
<th>Synchronisation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Download XML configuration file</td>
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<tr>
<td>Download Firewall script</td>
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<tr>
<td>Download SSL Certificates</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Download HAProxy manual configuration</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Make local XML backup</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Make local Firewall script backup</td>
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</table>

**Backup Options**

- **Download XML configuration file** – download and save the load balancer's XML configuration file
- **Download Firewall script** – download and save load balancer's firewall script
- **Download SSL Certificates** – download and save the load balancer's SSL certificates
- **Download HAProxy manual configuration** – download and save the load balancer's layer 7 manual configuration file
- **Make local XML backup** – creates a local backup of the current XML file in `/etc/loadbalancer.org/userbkup`
- **Make local Firewall Script backup** – creates a local backup of the current rc.firewall in `/etc/loadbalancer.org/userbkup`
**Restore Options**

**Upload XML file and Restore** – upload an XML file and restore load balancer settings

**Restore from the last local XML backup** – Restore the last local backup created with the ‘Make local XML Backup’ option

**Restore Manufacturer’s defaults** – Restore system settings to default values

*N.B. The xml restore feature is not backward compatible with previous major versions of the software, e.g. it’s not possible to restore a V7.6.4 xml file to a v7.5 appliance.*

**Synchronization Options**

**Synchronize Configuration with peer** – replicate the load balanced services configuration to the slave device.

NOTE: For details of which settings are NOT replicated from master to slave when using this option, please refer to page 182.

**Restoring XML Files**

The screen shot below shows an ongoing restore from a local XML file backup:

**Backup & Restore**

**Restoring Configuration from local backup...**

**Restoring network interfaces...**

If the restored configuration removes the IP address that you are using to connect to the web interface, you will need to reconnect to the load balancer on one of its new IP addresses.

**Restoring heartbeat configuration...**

**Restoring Layer 4 configuration...**

**Restoring HAProxy configuration...**

**Restoring Pound configuration...**

Once complete, you’ll need to either restart or reload heartbeat to complete the restore process as explained in the yellow message box:

**Information: Restored configuration from local backup.**

**Warning:** Please note that heartbeat has been stopped to prevent interference with a running peer. When the configuration of this node is correct, heartbeat must be restarted (for a single unit) or reloaded (when using a clustered pair).
**Disaster Recovery**

**Being Prepared**

To be able to quickly recover your appliance when a disaster occurs it’s important that you create a backup of the XML file as well as other relevant configuration files and keep them stored in a secure location off the load balancer. Ideally you should keep a backup of both the master and slave configurations. This can easily be done by following the steps below:

**Backing Up SSH System Files**

The following SSH related files must be backed up from both the master and slave devices to ensure that an HA pair can be recovered without disrupting running services. Under Windows, WinSCP can be used - Please refer to page 244 for more details.

```
/root/.ssh/authorized_keys2
/root/.ssh/id_rsa
/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
/etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
/etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub
/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts
```

**IMPORTANT!** - these files should be kept in a secure location

**Backing Up Configuration Files to a Remote Location**

Login to the Web User Interface:

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

Backup the XML configuration file:

- Select *Maintenance > Backup & Restore* and click **Download XML configuration file**
- Select an appropriate location to store the file
- Update the filename if required then save the file

If manual firewall marks have been configured or any other manual firewall script changes have been made, backup the firewall configuration:

- Select *Maintenance > Backup & Restore* and click **Download Firewall Script**
- Select an appropriate location to store the file
- Update the filename if required then save the file

If you’re terminating SSL on the load balancer, backup your certificates as well:

- Select *Maintenance > Backup & Restore* and click **Download SSL Certificates**
- Select an appropriate location to store the file
- Update the filename if required then save the file

If you have manual layer 7 services, back these up too:

- Select *Maintenance > Backup & Restore* and click **Download Haproxy manual configuration**
- Select an appropriate location to store the file
- Update the filename if required then save the file
Using wget to Copy the Files

It's also possible to use wget from a remote Linux host to pull the XML configuration file and firewall script from the appliance:

```
wget --user=loadbalancer --password=loadbalancer http://<IP>:9080/lbadmin/config/getxmlconfig.php -O lb_config.xml
```

```
wget --user=loadbalancer --password=loadbalancer http://<IP>:9080/lbadmin/config/getfirewall.php -O rc.firewall
```

*N.B. Replace the password 'loadbalancer' with your password if it's been changed.*

Backing up locally on the Load Balancer

To create local backups of the various configuration files, follow these steps:

Log in to the web interface:

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

- Select **Maintenance > Backup & Restore** and click **Make local XML backup**
- Select **Maintenance > Backup & Restore** > and click **Make local Firewall Script backup**

A copy of these files will be stored in /etc/loadbalancer.org/userbkup

Appliance Recovery using a USB Memory Stick

*NOTE:* This will only work on 64Bit hardware. From v6.x onwards, all appliances are 64Bit. If you're running an older version, this may or may not be possible depending on the hardware.

Checking older hardware for Compatibility

If you are running v5.x and wish to determine whether your appliance is 64Bit and can be upgraded to the latest version, use the following command:

```
grep flags /proc/cpuinfo
```

This can be run from the WUI using **Local Configuration > Execute Shell command**, at the console or via a terminal session.

If **lm** (long mode) is present in the output then the CPU is 64Bit and you can proceed. If not then your appliance is 32Bit and you are limited to the latest v5 software.

The latest images require a standard disk (Dell hardware) or a high speed IDE DOM / SATA SSD (Supermicro hardware) of at least 4GB in size. If you're already running v6.x or later then you will already have this and should be able to simply re-image your current drive, disk module or SSD.

If you're upgrading from v5.x you may need to upgrade the storage device and possibly the hardware.
Obtaining the latest disk image

The latest disk image can be downloaded from our website – please contact support@loadbalancer.org for more details.

Extracting the image from the compressed archive

Extract the image using tar under Linux or something like WinRar or 7-Zip under Windows (not the built-in Windows extractor).

Preparing the USB stick

Under Linux:

after formatting the USB stick run the command:

```
dd if=/imagefilename.img of=/dev/nameofusbdisk
```

e.g.

```
dd if=/tmp/v7.5.0_r3368.img of=/dev/sda
```

Do not use /dev/sdx where 'x' is a number, for example – /dev/sda1 as this will install to a partition on your usb stick. Use the whole disk /dev/sda Instead.

**NOTE:** Be careful using this command – make sure you specify the correct disk !!

Under Windows:

For Windows, a third party image writer must be used. Several free ones are available, the example below uses **Win32 Disk Imager** which can be downloaded here:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/win32diskimager/

First extract the archive, then run the executable
Select the image file and set the appropriate output Device as shown above

Click Write

**NOTE:** Be careful using this utility – make sure you specify the correct disk !!

**Using the USB Stick to restore the Appliance**

- Change the appliance’s BIOS settings to boot from USB first (on some models the stick must be plugged in to allow it to be selected as a boot device)
- Boot the appliance, after the initial boot messages the following prompt will appear: DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE?
  Please enter yes or no
- Type **yes** and press <Enter>
- The installation will take around 2-3 minutes, once complete the following message will be displayed: Installation Finished
- As directed, press any key to shutdown the load balancer
- Once shutdown, remove the USB stick
- Power up the appliance
- Login at the console:
  
  **Username:** root  
  **Password:** loadbalancer

- Run the following command:

  `lbrestore <Enter>`

- Reboot the appliance once again
- Set the required IP address using the network setup wizard as described on page 35.

**NOTE:** You’ll need to reapply your license key file to ensure the newly restored appliance is correctly licensed. Please contact support@loadbalancer.org if you have any issues.
Disaster Recovery After Slave Failure

If the slave unit has failed, the master will continue to provide load balancing services as normal. However it's important to recover the slave unit as soon as possible to restore the HA pair.

Recovery Steps

**NOTE:** This procedure ensures that the HA pair is re-established *without disrupting currently running services*. The is achieved by restoring all relevant files to the new/re-imaged slave device, then **reloading** heartbeat rather than restarting.

- If the failed slave is still on, power it down
- For a hardware appliance:
  - Disconnect all cables
  - If the SSD / HD has failed and has been replaced and needs to be re-imaged, follow the steps on page 250 to restore the appliance firmware
- Power up the new/re-imaged appliance
- Login to the console as:
  
  ```
  username: setup
  password: setup
  ```

  now run through the network setup wizard to configure the initial network settings
- On the new/re-imaged slave appliance open the WUI option: Maintenance > Backup & Restore, select the restore tab, browse to the XML backup that was taken from the original slave unit, then click **Upload**
- On the new/re-imaged slave appliance restore the following SSH related files that were backed up from the original slave unit:
  
  ```
  /root/.ssh/authorized_keys2
  /root/.ssh/id_rsa
  /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
  /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
  /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub
  /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts
  ```

  *N.B. restoring these files ensure that the remaining master can successfully communicate with the new slave device via SSH. If this was not done, the pair would need to be broken and re-established which will cause running services to be interrupted*

- On the new/re-imaged slave appliance open the WUI option: Maintenance > Restart Services, then click **Reload Heartbeat**
Verify the HA Configuration

Once the HA pair has been reconfigured:

- Verify that the master displays: Master | Active | Link
- Verify that the slave displays: Slave | Passive | Link

**NOTE:** For more details on verifying the HA pair please refer to page 189.

Creating a Slave XML File from the Running Master

If a backup copy from the slave is not available, it's also possible to use the XML file from the master instead. If there is no current backup of this, then use the WUI option: Maintenance > Backup & Restore > Download XML Configuration file to create the file. A couple of changes then need to be made so the file represents the slave unit rather than the master as detailed below.

*Steps (with example IP addresses) to modify a copy of the masters XML file for use on the slave:*

**find & Change:**

```xml
<physical>
  <network>
    <role>master</role>
    <hostname>lbmaster</hostname>
    <master>192.168.67.22</master>
    <slave>192.168.67.23</slave>
  </network>
</physical>
```

To:

```xml
<physical>
  <network>
    <role>slave</role>  (i.e. change the role to slave)
    <hostname>lbslave</hostname>  (i.e. change the hostname to lbslave)
    <master>192.168.67.22</master>
    <slave>192.168.67.23</slave>
  </network>
</physical>
```

**Find & Change:**

```xml
<rip>
  <eth0>192.168.67.22/24</eth0>
  <eth1></eth1>
</rip>
```

To:

```xml
<rip>
  <eth0>192.168.67.23/24</eth0>  (i.e. change to the slaves IP address)
  <eth1></eth1>
</rip>
```
Disaster Recovery After Master Failure

If the master unit has failed, the slave will take over and provide load balancing services. However it's important to recover the master unit as soon as possible to restore the HA pair.

Recovery Steps

**NOTE:** This procedure ensures that the HA pair is re-established *without disrupting currently running services*. The is achieved by restoring all relevant files to the new/re-imaged master device, then *reloading* heartbeat rather than restarting.

- If the failed master is still on, power it down
- For a hardware appliance:
  - Disconnect all cables
  - If the SSD / HD has failed and has been replaced and needs to be re-imaged, follow the steps on page 250 to restore the appliance firmware
- Power up the new/re-imaged appliance
- Login to the console as:
  
  **username:** setup  
  **password:** setup

  now run through the network setup wizard to configure the initial network settings
- On the new/re-imaged master appliance open the WUI option: *Maintenance > Backup & Restore*, select the restore tab, browse to the XML backup that was taken from the original master unit, then click *Upload*
- On the new/re-imaged master appliance restore the following SSH files that were backed up from the original master unit:
  - `/root/.ssh/authorized_keys2`
  - `/root/.ssh/id_rsa`
  - `/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`
  - `/etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key`
  - `/etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub`
  - `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts`

  *N.B. restoring these files ensures that the remaining slave can successfully communicate with the new master device via SSH. If this was not done, the pair would need to be broken and re-established which will cause running services to be interrupted*
- On the new/re-imaged master appliance open the WUI option: *Maintenance > Restart Services*, then click *Reload Heartbeat*
Verify the HA Configuration

Once the HA pair has been reconfigured:

- Verify that the master displays: **Master | Passive | Link**
- Verify that the slave displays: **Slave | Active | Link**

**NOTE:** For more details on verifying the HA pair please refer to page 189.

Creating a Master XML File from the Running Slave

If a backup copy from the master is not available, it’s also possible to use the XML file from the slave instead. If there is no current backup of this, then use the WUI option: Maintenance > Backup & Restore > Download XML Configuration file to create the file. A couple of changes then need to be made so the file represents the master unit rather than the slave as detailed below.

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    <slave>192.168.67.23</slave>
  </network>
</physical>
```

To:

```xml
<physical>
  <network>
    <role>master</role> (i.e. change the role to master)
    <hostname>lbmaster</hostname> (i.e. change the hostname to lbmaster)
    <master>192.168.67.22</master>
    <slave>192.168.67.23</slave>
  </network>
</physical>
```

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```

To:

```xml
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  <eth1></eth1>
</rip>
```
Chapter 16 – Technical Support
Introduction
Loadbalancer.org have a team of very experienced support Engineers who are available to assist with your load balancer deployment.

Unlimited support is available as follows:

- During the cover period of any active support agreement
  (to purchase a support package, please contact: sales@loadbalancer.org)

- During the 30 day Virtual Appliance trial period
  (to download the trial please go to: http://www.loadbalancer.org/resources/free-trial)

WUI Support Options

Contact Us
This option provides details on how to contact Loadbalancer.org, how to report any issues and what information we'll need to resolve issues as quickly as we can. As mentioned here, the Loadbalancer.org support team can be contacted using the email address: support@loadbalancer.org

Sending an email to this address creates a ticket in our help desk system and enables all technical support staff to view the case. This is the most efficient way to contact support and guarantees that any reported issues will be acted upon and addressed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Contact Us
For Support, please email: support@loadbalancer.org

Contact Support Procedure - If your appliance is version 7.1 or later please follow the below procedure for contacting support:

- Please compose an email to support@loadbalancer.org detailing the issue that you are seeing or the question you may have. (Be specific as possible, you can never have too much detail)

- Next under the support menu click on Technical Support Download. (This will compress all of your log files and configuration files ready to be sent to us).

- Wait for the Loading icon to be replaced with a link to download the file. NB this can take up to 15 mins depending on the size of your logs and complexity of your configuration (during this time please do not refresh the page).

- Attach the downloaded file to your email and send it to support@loadbalancer.org

By completing the above steps it will enable us to assess the situation and make recommendations for solutions as efficiently as possible.
Technical Support Download

This option enables the Support Download to be created. The download is a compressed archive containing all log files and configuration files from the appliance and should be attached to your email.

To generate the archive, click the Generate Archive button.

Once complete, a link will be available to download the archive:

Download support archive: master_2015-04-28_11_57_59+0000.tar.bz2

Once downloaded, attach the file to your email when contacting support, or if the file is large, it can be posted to our upload server – please ask our support staff about this option.
Useful Links

This option presents a number of self explanatory web links.

Useful Links

Manuals

All Manuals
Quick Start Guide
Full Administration Manual
Virtual Appliance Quick Start Guide

Deployment Guides

Deployment Guides All

Support

Support Site
Open A Ticket
News
Upload Support Archive

Executables

Feed-Back Agent (Win)
Teamviewer (Win)
Teamviewer (OSX)
Teamviewer (Linux)
Appendix
Front & Rear Panel Layouts

**Enterprise R20 & Enterprise Max**

![Diagram of Enterprise R20 & Enterprise Max](image)

**Enterprise 10G & Enterprise R320**

![Diagram of Enterprise 10G & Enterprise R320](image)
IPMI (Remote Management) Configuration for the Enterprise R20 & MAX
The Enterprise R20 and Enterprise MAX includes an IPMI module to allow remote control & management. This can either be accessed via the dedicated IPMI Ethernet interface or via one of the standard Ethernet interfaces in bridged mode.
To use the dedicated IPMI interface, ensure that a network cable is plugged into the interface before powering up the appliance.

Configuring the IP Address
By default the IP address is set using DHCP. The address allocated is displayed in the IPMI sub-menu in system setup. If preferred, a static IP address can also be set using the same menu. To access system setup, hit <DEL> as directed at boot time.

IPMI BIOS Menu:
To set the address

change **Update IPMI LAN configuration** to 'Yes'
change **Configuration Address Source** to 'Static'
now set the IP address, mask etc. as required.

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<td>Gateway IP address</td>
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IPMI BIOS Menu:

![BIOS SETUP UTILITY](image)

- **Boot Feature**
- **CPU Configuration**
- **Advanced Chipset Control**
- **IDE/SATA Configuration**
- **PCI/PnP Configuration**
- **SuperIO Configuration**
- **Remote Access Configuration**
- **Hardware Health Configuration**
- **ACPI Configuration**
- **IPMI Configuration**
- **Event Log Configuration**

**IPMI configuration**
including server monitoring and event log.

- 00 Select Screen
- 11 Select Item
- Enter 60 to Sub Screen
- F1 General Help
- F10 Save and Exit
- ESC Exit
To set the address

select **Set LAN Configuration**

change **IP Address Source** to ‘Static’

now set the IP address, mask etc. as required.

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Accessing the login page

Using a browser, connect to http://<ip address>

the following login prompt is displayed:

![Login page](image)

**username:** ADMIN

**default password:** ADMIN

Once logged in, the following screen is displayed:
IPMI Interface

As mentioned above IPMI can be accessed via the dedicated interface or via one of the standard on-board NICs. This can be configured in the IPMI interface using: Configuration > Network > LAN Interface

- **Dedicate** – use the dedicated interface only
- **Share** – run in bridge mode using one of the standard NICs
- **Failover** – allows either connection method to be used (the default)

Remote Control

To access the systems console, simple click on the Remote Console Preview image. A new window will open with access to the console of the appliance.

*N.B. You cannot SSH into the module directly. You need to connect via the IPMI’s web interface, then use the remote control option as mentioned above. This can also be accessed using the ‘Remote Control’ option in the top menu. From here you can use the Launch Console option to launch a virtual Java console which will allow you to use the device as if you stood in front of the device. Next the ‘Power Control’ options menu will give you several options such as Restart Server, Power off and Power Cycle server. these options will perform the same function as pressing the physical reset button on the unit (Reset Server) as well as being able to perform the same functions as the physical power switch as well.

Please do remember that the IPMI power control options are completely independent of the Loadbalancer software and that the reset option is the same as pressing reset on your PC.*
iDRAC (Remote Management) Configuration for the Enterprise 10G & R320

iDRAC enables remote management of the Enterprise 10G and Enterprise R320 appliances. The following models include iDRAC by default:

**Default IP Address**

By default the following static IP address & mask is assigned to the iDRAC interface:

IP address: **192.168.0.120**

Mask: **255.255.255.0**

This can be changed using the iDRAC management interface accessible at boot-up.

**Default Username & Password**

The default username & password is:

username: **root**

password: **calvin**
**Appliance IPv4 Address Format (CIDR notation)**

When specifying IP addresses on the appliance, CIDR format is used. The following table shows the various masks and the corresponding IPv4 IP/CIDR equivalents:

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