

Load Balancing Philips Healthcare Vue PACS

Version 1.2



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1. About this Guide

This guide details the steps required to configure a load balanced Philips Healthcare Vue PACS environment utilizing Loadbalancer.org appliances. It covers the configuration of the load balancers and also any Vue PACS configuration changes that are required to enable load balancing.

1.1. Acronyms & Terminology Used in the Guide

Acronym	Description
WFM	Work Flow Manager
EIS	Extensible Integration Software (Worklist Server)
VIP	Virtual IP address - the IP address of the load balanced cluster of RIPs, the address presented to connecting clients. Also refers to the logical load balancer configuration and is used as an acronym for Virtual Service.
RIP	The Real IP address - the IP address of a backend server in the cluster. Also refers to the logical load balancer configuration and is used as an acronym for Real Server.
Virtual Service	The main building block used to define load balanced services. It defines the IP address clients connect to, which Real Servers are load balanced and other settings such as health check options, persistence options and timeout settings.
Real Server	The actual backend server being load balanced. Multiple Real Servers are associated with a Virtual Service.

2. Prerequisites

1. Ensure that firewalls and other network devices are configured to allow management and other required access to the appliance - for details of all ports used refer to [Ports Used by the Appliance](#).
2. Ensure that firewalls and other network devices are configured to allow client/test access to all Virtual Services (VIPs).
3. Ensure that firewalls and other network devices are configured to allow load balancer access to all Vue PACS servers.
4. Have IP addresses for the appliance and all required Virtual Services.

3. Software Versions Supported

3.1. Loadbalancer.org Appliance

- V8.8.1 & later

3.2. Philips Vue PACS

- V12.2.5 & later



4. Load Balancing Philips Vue PACS

Note

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

4.1. Virtual Services (VIP) Requirements

To provide load balancing and HA for Vue PACS, the following VIPs are required:

Ref.	VIP Name	Mode/Type	Port(s)	Persistence	Health Check
VIP 1	DICOM_VIP	L7 SNAT	2104	Source IP	Connect to Port
VIP 2	DMWL_VIP	L7 SNAT	3320	Source IP	Connect to Port
VIP 3	PORTAL_VIP	L7 SNAT	80	Source IP	External Script
VIP 3-B1	CHAT	L7 SNAT	-	None	HTTPS (GET)
VIP 4	PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY	L7 SNAT	80	Source IP	External Script
VIP 4-B1	CHAT_STANDBY	L7 SNAT	-	None	HTTPS (GET)
VIP 5	CLIENT_VIP	L7 SNAT	80,443,514,2 104,22104,32 338	Source IP	Connect to Port
VIP 6	CLIENT_DB_VIP	L7 SNAT	1521	Source IP	Connect to Port
VIP 7	HL7_VIP	L7 SNAT	10010,4001,4 003,4005	Source IP	Connect to Port

Note

VIPs with references in the format **VIP <number>-B<number>** are *Backend Only* VIPs. These define a pool of Real Servers and are used for chat and syscfg traffic. ACL's are used by the 'parent' VIP to determine when the *Backend Only* VIPs are used based on the requested URL.

Note

VIP 4 - PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY is only required when there is a secondary site and that site has multiple Portal servers. If the standby site has a single server VIP 4 is not needed.

(1) Important

Ensure that the required DNS records are created that point to the appropriate VIP. If DNS records already exist, ensure that they are modified to point to the VIP rather than individual servers.

4.2. SSL Termination

SSL Termination is configured on the load balancer for the following VIPs:

- VIP 3 - PORTAL_VIP
- VIP 4 - PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY



This provides a corresponding HTTPS Virtual Service for each VIP. Certificates in PEM or PFX format can be uploaded or if required a CSR can be generated on the load balancer to request a new certificate.

5. Ports Used by the Appliance

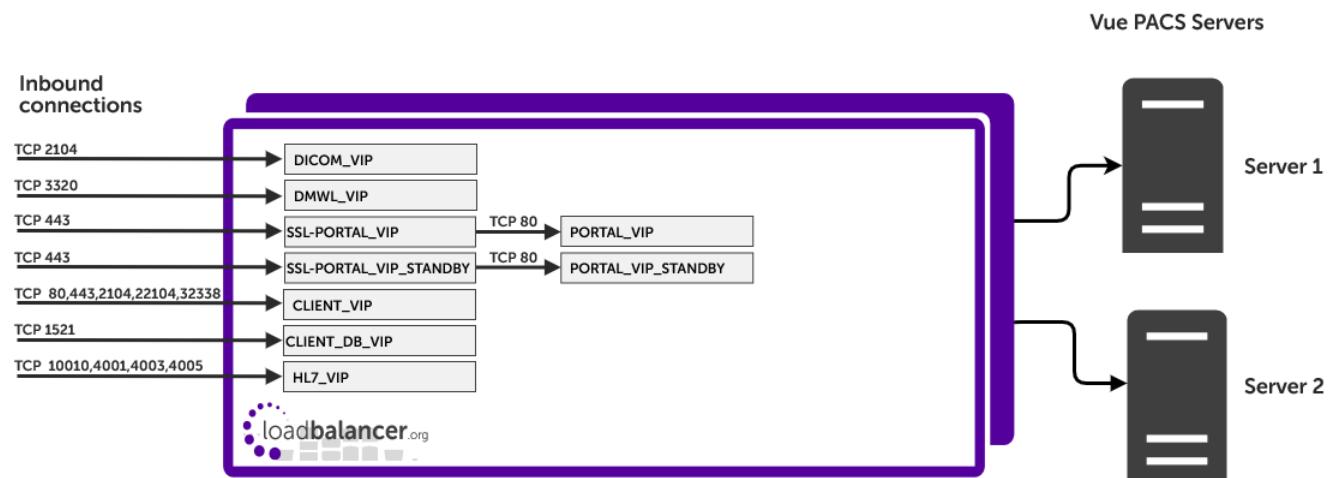
By default, the appliance uses the following TCP & UDP ports:

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

Note

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

6. Deployment Concept



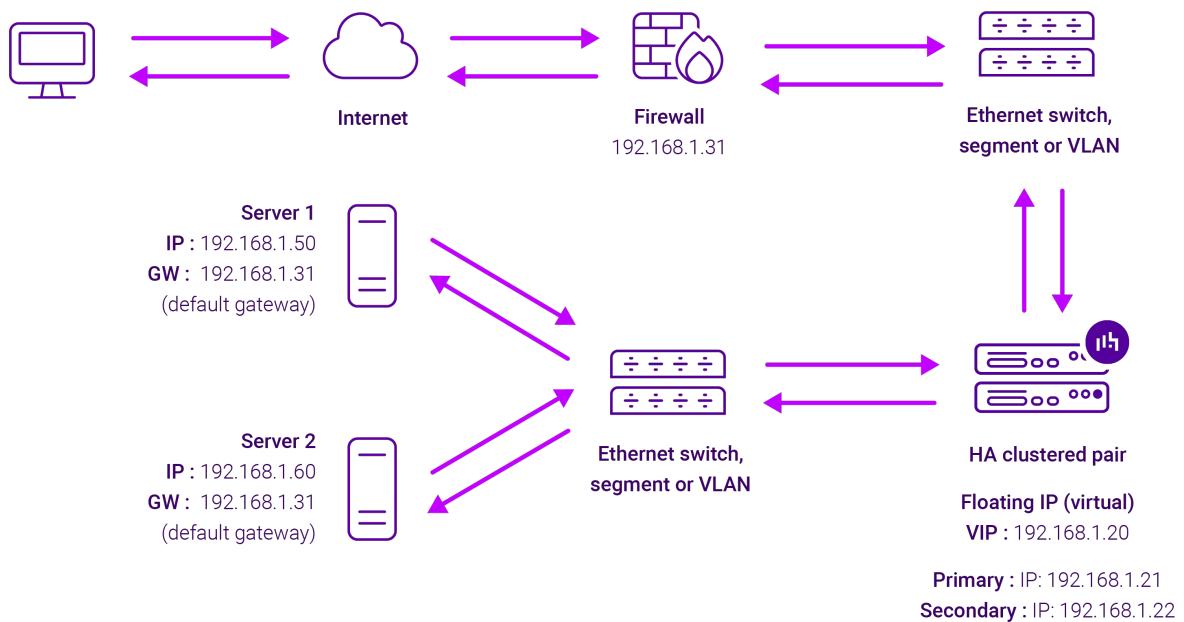
7. Load Balancer Deployment Methods



For Vue PACS, both layer 4 DR mode and layer 7 SNAT mode are used. These modes are described below and are used for the configurations presented in this guide.

7.1. Layer 7 SNAT Mode

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



- Because layer 7 SNAT mode is a full proxy, Real Servers in the cluster can be on any accessible network including across the Internet or WAN.
- Layer 7 SNAT mode is not transparent by default, i.e. the Real Servers will not see the source IP address of the client, they will see the load balancer's own IP address by default, or any other local appliance IP address if preferred (e.g. the VIP address). This can be configured per layer 7 VIP. If required, the load balancer can be configured to provide the actual client IP address to the Real Servers in 2 ways. Either by inserting a header that contains the client's source IP address, or by modifying the Source Address field of the IP packets and replacing the IP address of the load balancer with the IP address of the client. For more information on these methods please refer to [Transparency at Layer 7](#).
- Layer 7 SNAT mode can be deployed using either a one-arm or two-arm configuration. For two-arm deployments, **eth1** is typically used for client side connections and **eth0** is used for Real Server connections, although this is not mandatory since any interface can be used for any purpose.
- Requires no mode-specific configuration changes to the load balanced Real Servers.
- Port translation is possible with Layer 7 SNAT mode, e.g. VIP:80 → RIP:8080 is supported.
- You should not use the same RIP:PORT combination for layer 7 SNAT mode VIPs and layer 4 SNAT mode VIPs because the required firewall rules conflict.

8. Configuring Vue PACS for Load Balancing

8.1. Layer 7 SNAT Mode

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

9. Load Balancer Appliance Installation & Configuration for Vue PACS

9.1. Overview

For Vue PACS deployments, 2 load balancer appliances must be installed and configured and then paired to create an active/passive HA clustered pair.

The following is an overview of the installation and configuration process:

1. Deploy 2 appliances - either hardware or virtual (VMware or Hyper-V) - refer to [Section 9.2](#) or [Section 9.3](#)
2. Configure the management IP address and other basic settings on **both** appliances - refer to [Section 9.4](#)
3. Run a software update check on **both** appliances - refer to [Section 9.7](#)
4. Configure the appliance security mode on **both** appliances - refer to [Section 9.8](#)
5. Verify network connections and configure any additional settings on **both** appliances - refer to [Section 9.9](#)
6. Configure the required load balanced services on the **Primary** appliance - refer to [Section 9.10](#)
7. Restart services on the **Primary** appliance - refer to [Section 9.10.10](#)
8. Verify that everything is working as expected on the **Primary** appliance - refer to [Section 11](#)
9. Configure the HA Pair on the **Primary** appliance - this will replicate all load balanced services to the Secondary appliance, once configured the Secondary appliance will be kept in-sync automatically - refer to [Section 12](#)
10. Configure any required optional settings on **both** appliances - refer to [Section 13](#)

9.2. Hardware Appliance Installation

Follow the steps below to install 2 appliances, one as the Primary the other as the Secondary.

1. Remove all packaging and rack mount the appliance if required.
2. Connect the power lead.

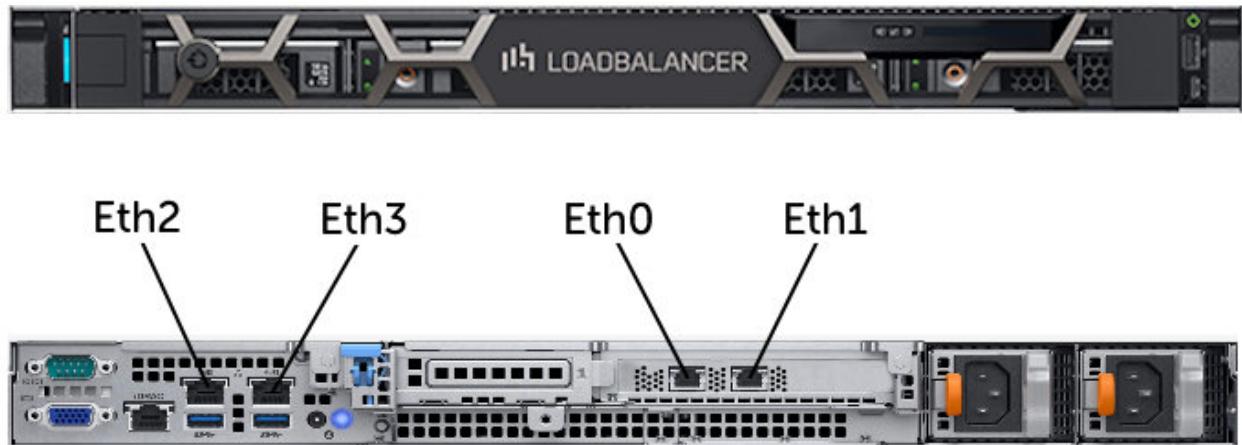


The power supply is an auto-sensing unit (100v to 240v).

3. Connect network cables from all 4 interfaces (eth0 to eth3) to the relevant switch. All interfaces are configured as a single bond in the following section ([Section 9.4](#)).



4. Attach a monitor & keyboard to the appliance.



Note

The above image shows the Enterprise Loadbalancer on the Dell R350. Other supported Philips models include the Enterprise R20, Enterprise 1G and Dell R240.

Once both appliances are installed, connect a serial (heartbeat) cable between them.

Check that mains power is on and power up both appliances. The fans should start & the front panel LEDs should light.

9.3. Virtual Appliance Installation

Follow the relevant sections below to download and deploy 2 virtual appliances (either VMware or Hyper-V), one as the Primary the other as the Secondary.

9.3.1. Download & Extract the Appliance

1. Download the required Virtual Appliance.
2. Unzip the contents of the file to your chosen location.

9.3.2. Virtual Hardware Resource Allocations

By default the appliance is allocated the following resources:

- 2 vCPUs
- 4GB RAM
- 20GB disk

9.3.2.1. Virtual Hardware Resource Requirements

Configure the appliance's vCPU and RAM resources according to the following table:

Required Throughput	Processors	Memory
1Gbps	2 vCPU (default)	4GB (default)



Required Throughput	Processors	Memory
4Gbps	4 vCPU	8GB

9.3.3. VMware vSphere Client

The steps below apply to VMware ESX/ESXi & vSphere Client v6.7 and later.

9.3.3.1. Upgrading to the latest Hardware Version

When the appliance is deployed, the virtual hardware version is set to 11. This enables compatibility with ESX version 6.0 and later. You can upgrade to a later hardware version if required.



Note Create a snapshot or backup of the virtual machine first before upgrading.

9.3.3.2. Installing the Appliance using vSphere Client

1. Right-click the inventory object where the appliance is to be located and select **Deploy OVF Template**.
2. In the **Select an OVF Template** screen, select the **Local File** option, click **Browse**, navigate to the download location, select both the **.ovf** and **.vmdk** files and click **Next**.

Deploy OVF Template

1 Select an OVF template

2 Select a name and folder
3 Select a compute resource
4 Review details
5 Select storage
6 Ready to complete

Select an OVF template
Select an OVF template from remote URL or local file system

Enter a URL to download and install the OVF package from the Internet, or browse to a location accessible from your computer, such as a local hard drive, a network share, or a CD/DVD drive.

URL
http://https://remoteserver-address/filetodeploy.ovf | .ova

Local file

Choose Files 2 files

CANCEL BACK NEXT

3. In the **Select a name and folder** screen, type a suitable name for the appliance - this can be up to 80 characters in length.
4. Select the required location for the appliance - by default this will be the location of the inventory object from where the wizard was started and click **Next**.



Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- 2 Select a name and folder
- 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Ready to complete

Select a name and folder

Specify a unique name and target location

Virtual machine name: Loadbalancer.org Enterprise VA

Select a location for the virtual machine.

vcs.loadbalancer.org
Portsmouth

CANCEL BACK NEXT

5. In the **Select a compute resource** screen, select the required compute resource for the appliance - by default this will be the inventory object from where the wizard was started and click **Next**.

Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Ready to complete

Select a compute resource

Select the destination compute resource for this operation

Portsmouth
Compass House
host1.loadbalancer.org
host2.loadbalancer.org
Accounts
Dev
Solutions
Support
Test Lab - 192.168.120.x

Compatibility

✓ Compatibility checks succeeded.

CANCEL BACK NEXT

6. In the **Review details** screen, verify the template details and click **Next**.



Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details**
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Select networks
- 7 Ready to complete

Review details
Verify the template details.

Publisher	No certificate present
Description	Loadbalancer.org VA - Traffic Management and Load Balancing Appliance from www.loadbalancer.org
Download size	437.9 MB
Size on disk	1.3 GB (thin provisioned)
	20.0 GB (thick provisioned)

CANCEL **BACK** **NEXT**

7. In the **Select Storage** screen, first select the required storage location for the appliance.

8. Now select the required disk format and click **Next**.

Note

Loadbalancer.org recommends selecting a thick provision format. By default the appliance disk is 20GB.

Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- ✓ 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage**
- 6 Select networks
- 7 Ready to complete

Select storage
Select the storage for the configuration and disk files

Encrypt this virtual machine (Requires Key Management Server)

Select virtual disk format: **Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed**

VM Storage Policy: **Datastore Default**

Disable Storage DRS for this virtual machine

Name	Capacity	Provisioned	Free	Type	Cluster
Portsmouth Datastore	65.49 TB	25.65 TB	39.83 TB		
ISO Store	179.99 GB	86.77 GB	93.22 GB	NFS v3	
Linux Templates	196.98 GB	59.67 GB	137.32 GB	NFS v3	
Loadbalancer Appliance...	196.98 GB	109.67 GB	87.31 GB	NFS v3	
Windows Template Store	296.98 GB	184.39 GB	112.59 GB	NFS v3	

Compatibility

 Compatibility checks succeeded.

CANCEL **BACK** **NEXT**

9. In the **Select Networks** screen, select the required destination network using the drop-down next to **VM Network** and click **Next**.



Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- ✓ 4 Review details
- ✓ 5 Select storage
- 6 Select networks**
- 7 Ready to complete

Select networks
Select a destination network for each source network.

Source Network	Destination Network
VM Network	Office Port Group

1 items

IP Allocation Settings

IP allocation: Static - Manual
IP protocol: IPv4

CANCEL BACK NEXT

10. In the **Ready to complete** screen, review the settings and click **Finish** to create the virtual appliance. To change a setting, use the **Back** button to navigate back through the screens as required.

Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- ✓ 4 Review details
- ✓ 5 Select storage
- ✓ 6 Select networks
- 7 Ready to complete**

Ready to complete
Click Finish to start creation.

Provisioning type	Deploy from template
Name	Loadbalancer.org Enterprise VA
Template name	Loadbalancer.org Enterprise VA
Download size	437.9 MB
Size on disk	20.0 GB
Folder	Portsmouth
Resource	Solutions
Storage mapping	1
All disks	Datastore: Portsmouth Datastore; Format: Thick provision lazy zeroed
Network mapping	1
VM Network	VM Network
IP allocation settings	
IP protocol	IPV4
IP allocation	Static - Manual

CANCEL BACK FINISH

9.3.3.3. Configure Network Adapters

The appliance has 4 network adapters. By default only the first adapter is connected. Philips Healthcare deployments require all 4 network adapters to be connected and configured as a single bond as described in Section 9.4. To connect additional network adapters:



1. Right-click the appliance, select **Edit Settings**.
2. Network adapter 1 should already be connected. This will be **eth0** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
3. Select the required **Network** for **Network Adapter 2** and tick (check) the **Connected** check-box and click **OK**.
This will be **eth1** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
4. Select the required **Network** for **Network Adapter 3** and tick (check) the **Connected** check-box and click **OK**.
This will be **eth2** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
5. Select the required **Network** for **Network Adapter 4** and tick (check) the **Connected** check-box and click **OK**.
This will be **eth3** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.

9.3.3.4. Start the Appliance

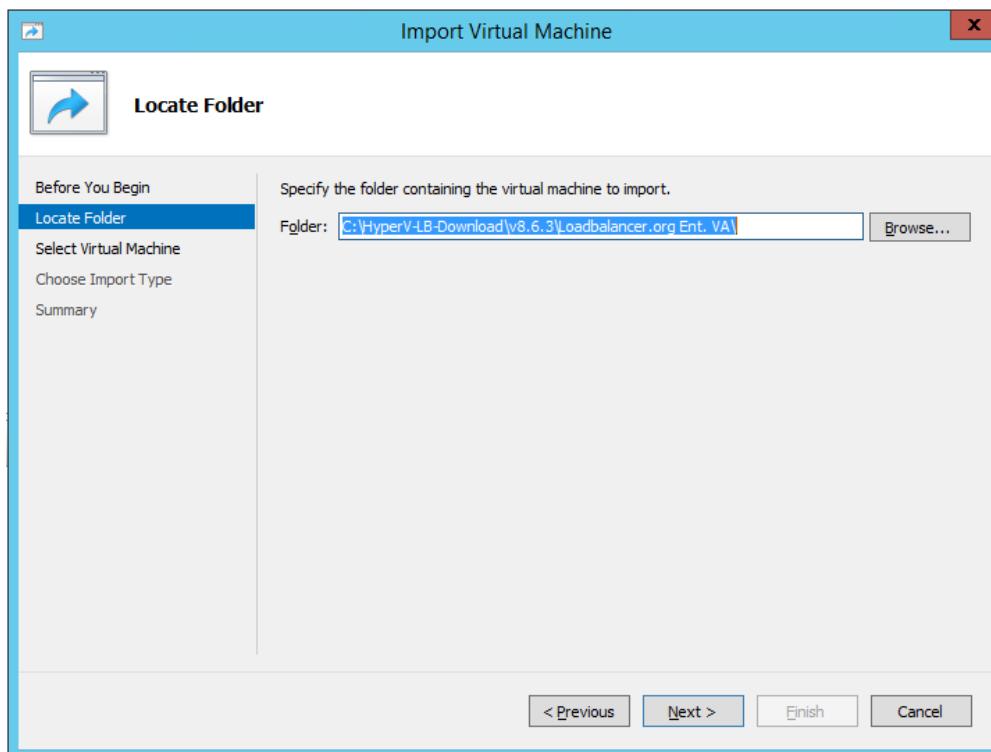
Now power up the appliance.

9.3.4. Microsoft Hyper-V

The steps below apply to Windows Hyper-V 2012 & later.

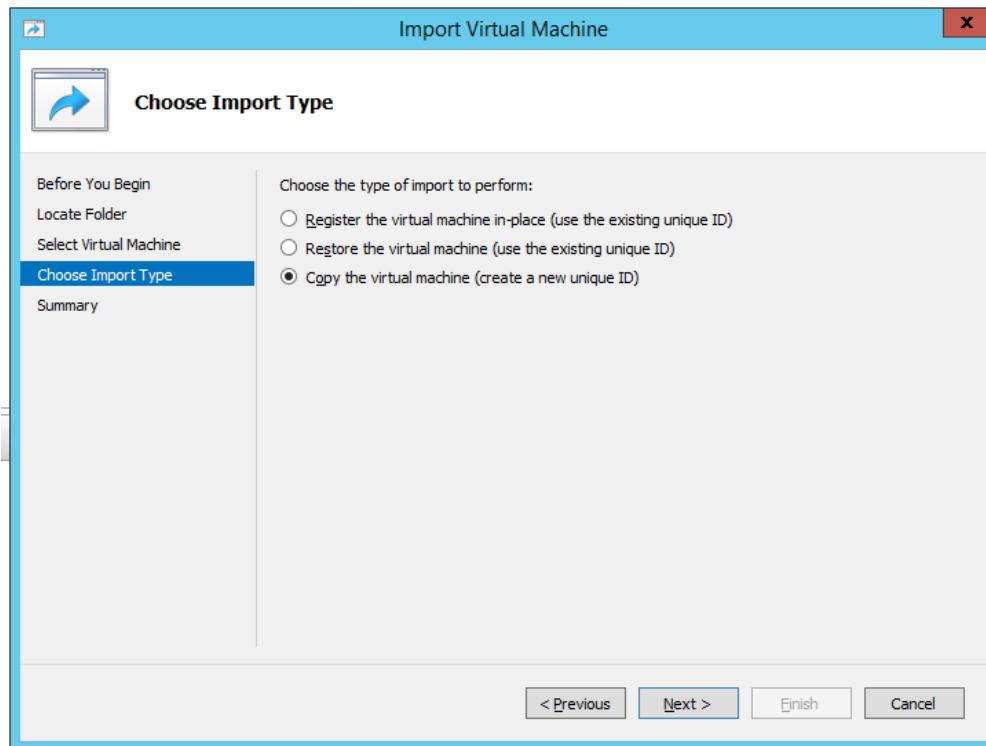
9.3.4.1. Installing the Appliance using Hyper-V Manager

1. Start Hyper-V Manager, then using the right-click menu or the Actions pane select **Import Virtual Machine** and click **Next**.
2. In the **Locate folder** screen, browse to the location of the extracted download and select the **Loadbalancer.org Ent. VA** folder.

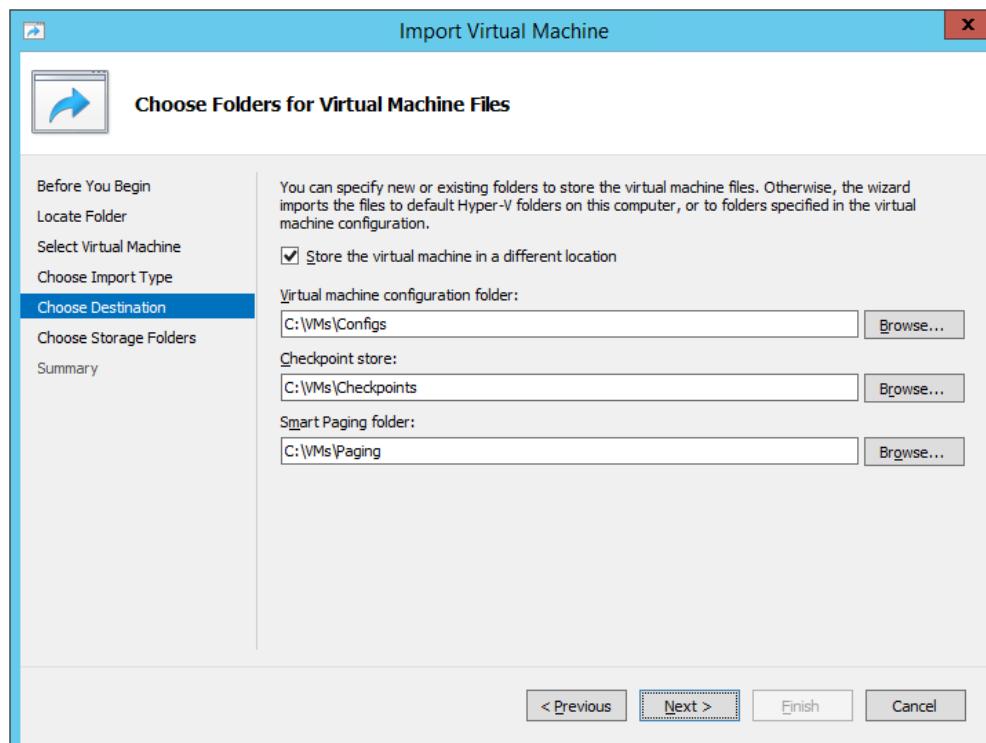


3. Click **Next** until you reach the **Choose Import Type** screen, select the option **Copy the virtual machine (create a new unique ID)** and click **Next**.



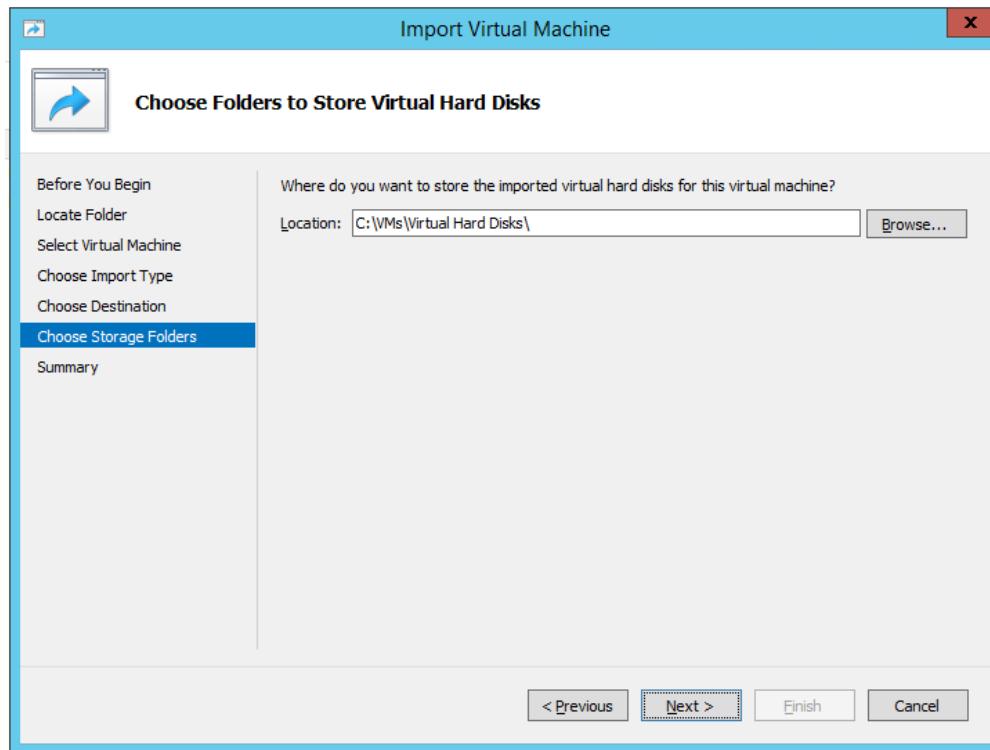


4. In the **Choose Folder For Virtual Machine Files** screen, tick (check) the checkbox **Store the Virtual Machine in different location**, then select a suitable location for the virtual machines files and click **Next**.

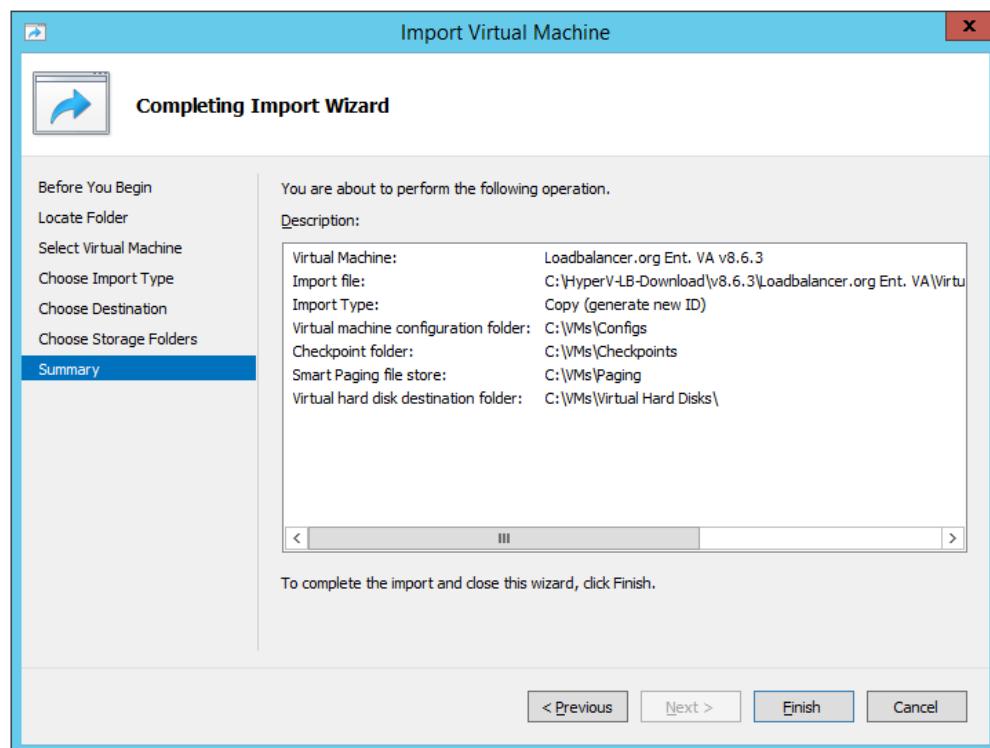


5. In the **Choose Folder to store Virtual Hard Disks** screen, select a suitable location for the virtual hard disk files and click **Next**.





6. In the **Completing Import Wizard** screen, verify that all settings are correct and click **Finish** to complete the import process. To change a setting, use the **Previous** button to navigate back through the screens as required.



Once complete, the load balancer will appear in the **Virtual Machines** list.



Note

For a clustered pair, make sure that you select a different folder location in steps 4 & 5.



9.3.4.2. Configure Network Adapters

The appliance has 4 network adapters, these remain disconnected once deployment completes. Philips Healthcare deployments require all 4 network adapters to be connected and configured as a single bond as described in [Section 9.4](#). To connect the network adapters:

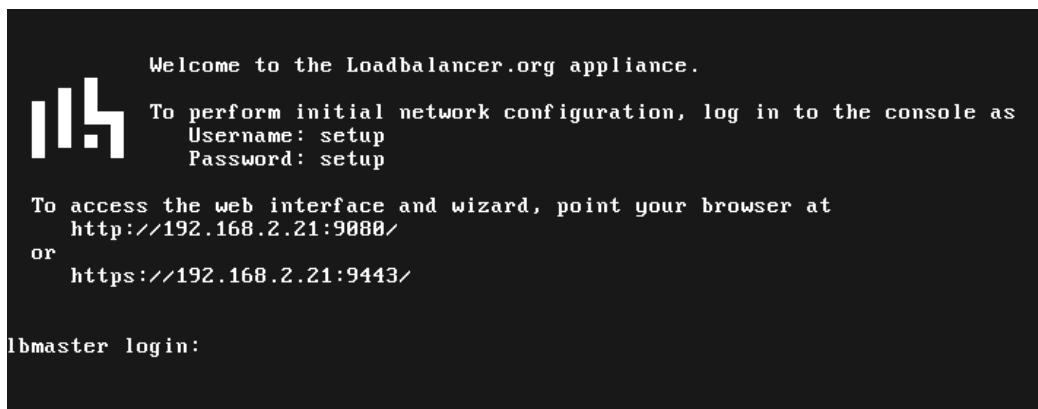
1. Right-click the appliance, select **Settings**.
2. Select the first network adapter and set the required virtual switch that the adapter should be connected to. This will be **eth0** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
3. Select the second network adapter and set the required virtual switch that the adapter should be connected to. This will be **eth1** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
4. Select the third network adapter and set the required virtual that the adapter should be connected to. This will be **eth2** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
5. Select the forth network adapter and set the required virtual that the adapter should be connected to. This will be **eth3** when viewed in the appliance WebUI.
6. Click **Apply**.

9.3.4.3. Start the Appliance

Now power up the appliance.

9.4. Configuring Initial Network Settings

After power up, the following startup message is displayed on the appliance console:



The screenshot shows a black terminal window with white text. It starts with a welcome message: "Welcome to the Loadbalancer.org appliance." Below this is a logo consisting of three vertical bars of increasing height followed by a stylized 'L'. The text continues with instructions for initial network configuration: "To perform initial network configuration, log in to the console as Username: setup Password: setup". It then provides instructions for accessing the web interface: "To access the web interface and wizard, point your browser at http://192.168.2.21:9080/ or https://192.168.2.21:9443/". Finally, it prompts for an "lbmaster login".

As mentioned in the text, to perform initial network configuration, login as the "setup" user at the appliance console.

Once logged in, the Network Setup Wizard will start automatically. This will enable you to configure the management IP address and other network settings for the appliance.

login to the console:

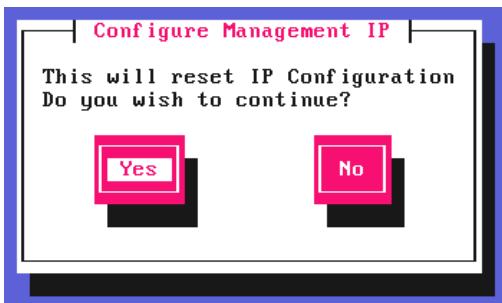
Username: setup

Password: setup

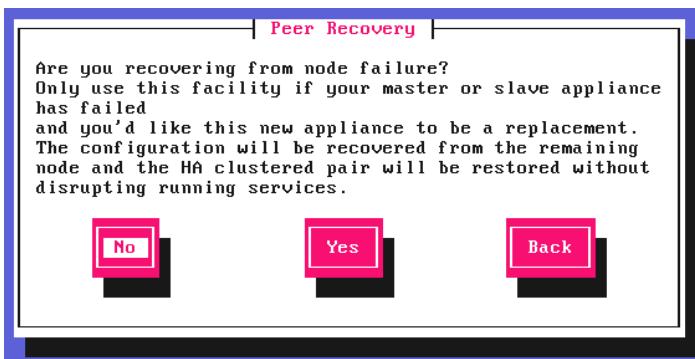
A series of screens will be displayed that allow network settings to be configured:



In the **Configure Management IP** screen, leave **Yes** selected and hit <ENTER> to continue.



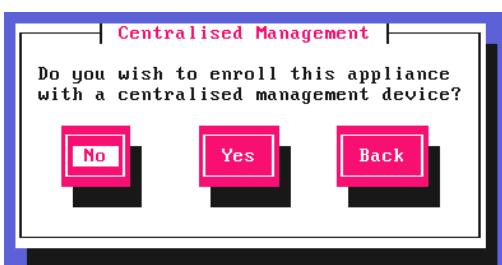
In the **Peer Recovery** screen, leave **No** selected and hit <ENTER> to continue.



Note

For more details on node recovery using this option please refer to [Disaster Recovery After Node \(Primary or Secondary\) Failure](#).

In the **Centralized Management** screen, if you have been provided with Management Server details select **Yes**, otherwise leave **No** selected, then hit <ENTER> to continue.

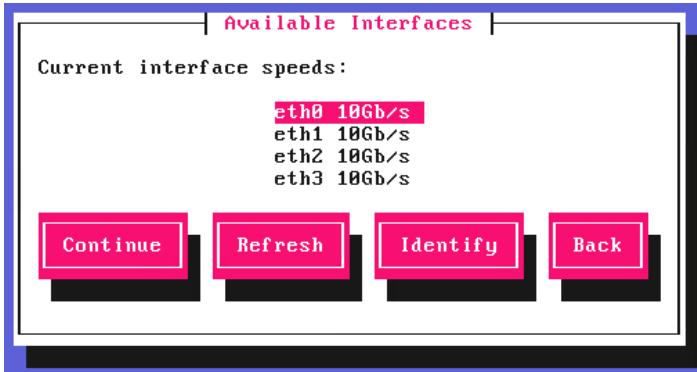


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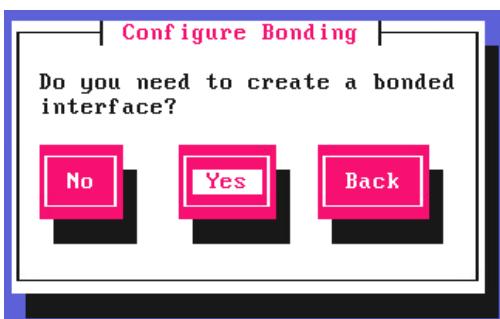
For information on how to modify Centralized Management settings via the WebUI, please refer to [Portal Management & Appliance Adoption](#).

In the **Available Interfaces** screen, a list of available interfaces will be displayed, hit <ENTER> to continue.

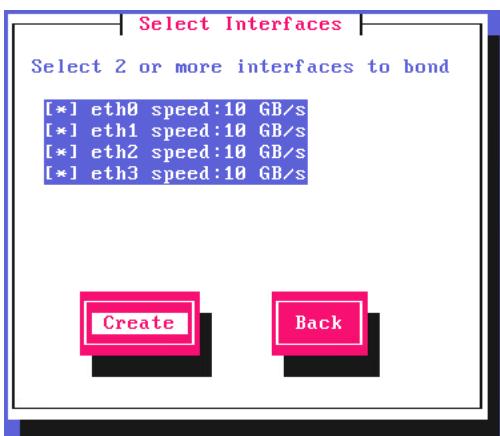




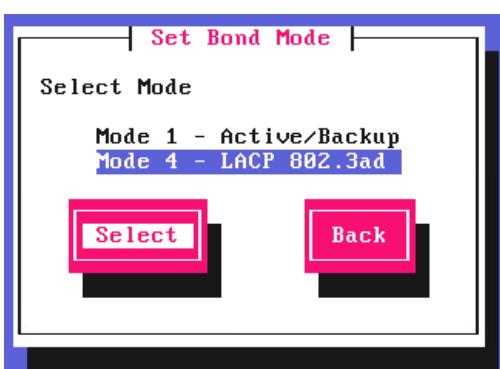
In the **Configure Bonding** screen, select **Yes** and hit <ENTER> to continue.



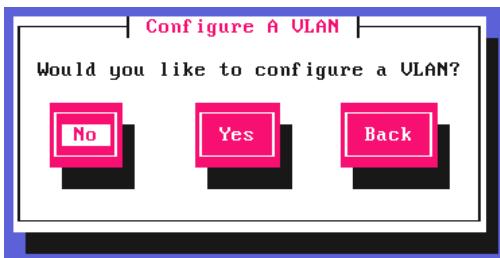
The **Select Interfaces** screen will be displayed. Using the space bar, select all 4 interfaces for the bond, select **Create** and hit <ENTER> to continue.



In the **Set Bond Mode** screen, select **Mode 4 - LACP 802.3ad**, select the **Select** button and hit <ENTER> to continue.



In the **Configure a VLAN** screen, leave **No** selected, then hit <ENTER> to continue.



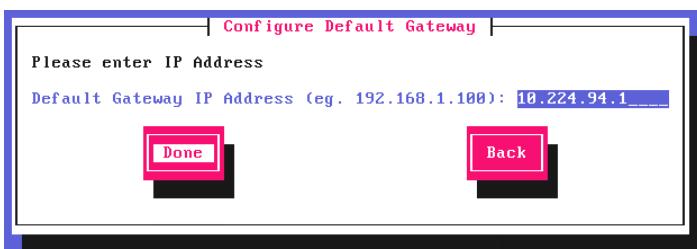
In the **Set IP address** screen, enter the required *Static IP Address & CIDR Prefix* and select **Done** and hit <ENTER> to continue.



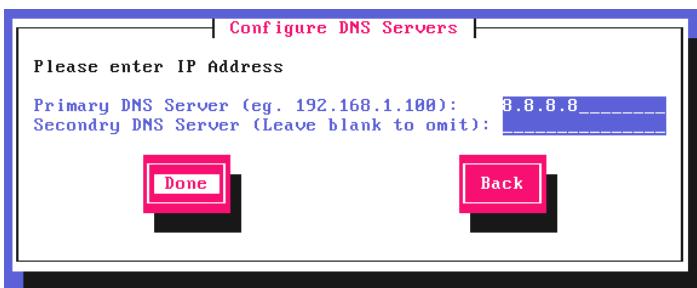
Note

A subnet mask such as 255.255.255.0 is not valid, in this case enter 24 instead.

In the **Configure Default Gateway** screen, enter the required *Default Gateway IP Address*, select **Done** and hit <ENTER> to continue.



In the **Configure DNS Servers** screen, configure the required DNS server(s), select **Done** and hit <ENTER> to continue.

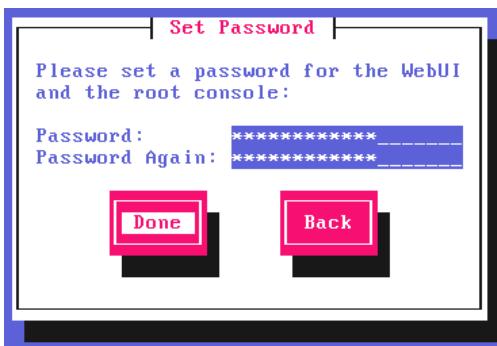


In the **Set Password** screen, hit <ENTER> to continue.

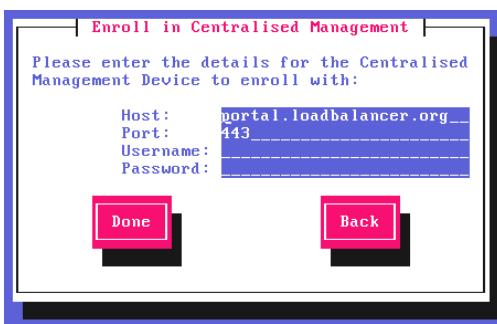




Enter the **Password** you'd like to use for the **loadbalancer** WebUI user account and the **root** Linux user account. Repeat the password, select **Done** and hit <ENTER> to continue.



If you selected **Yes** when asked if you want to enroll for Centralized Management, you'll now be prompted for the details. Default values for the **Host** and **Port** are set and can be changed if required. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for the management server account you'd like the appliance to be associated with, select **Done** and hit <ENTER> to continue.

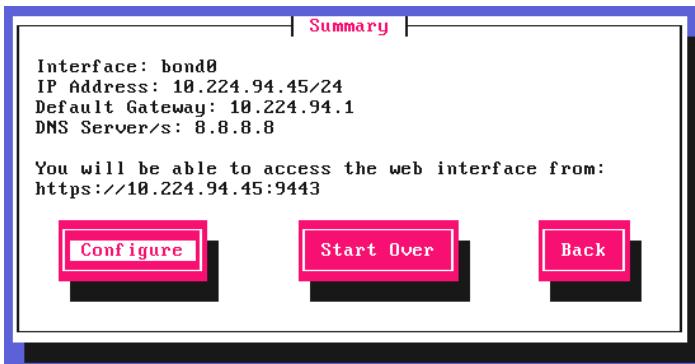


In the **Summary** screen, check all settings. If everything is correct, leave **Configure** selected and hit <ENTER> to continue. All settings will be applied. If you need to change a setting, use the **Back** button.

Note

For v8.13.2 and later, once the settings have been applied the appliance will check if a software update is available. If an update is found, it will be installed automatically.





Once the configuration has been written, the **Configuration Complete** screen and message will be displayed. Click **OK** to exit the wizard and return to the command prompt.



9.5. Accessing the Appliance WebUI

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

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

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

Note

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

Note

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

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

Username: loadbalancer

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

Note

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

Once logged in, the WebUI will be displayed as shown below:



Primary | Secondary Active | Passive Link 38 Seconds 

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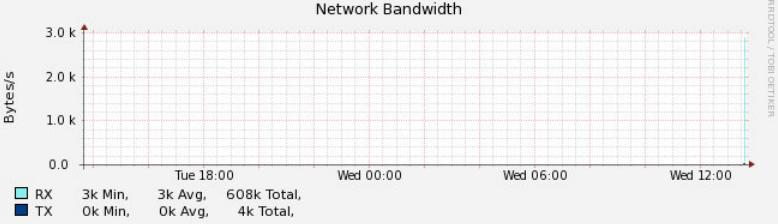
System Overview 

2024-01-31 13:39:34 UTC

VIRTUAL SERVICE  IP  PORTS  CONNS  PROTOCOL  METHOD  MODE 

No Virtual Services configured.

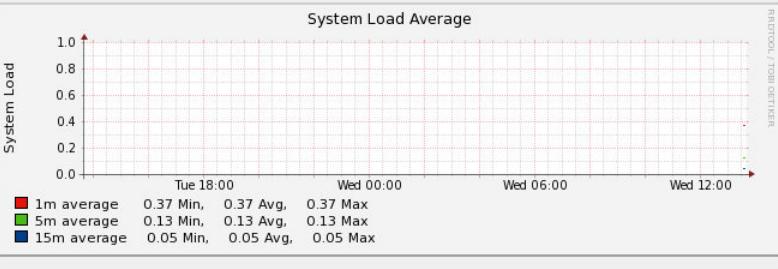
Network Bandwidth



Bytes/s

Tue 18:00 Wed 00:00 Wed 06:00 Wed 12:00

System Load Average



System Load

Tue 18:00 Wed 00:00 Wed 06:00 Wed 12:00

Memory Usage



Bytes

4.0 G 3.0 G 2.0 G

9.5.1. Main Menu Options

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

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

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

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

View Configuration - Display the saved appliance configuration settings

Reports - View various appliance reports & graphs

Logs - View various appliance logs

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

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

9.6. Installing the License Key

The appliance can be used completely unrestricted for 30 days without installing a license key. After 30 days, the appliance continues to work but it's no longer possible to make configuration changes.

For an unlicensed VA, the following message is displayed:



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For an unlicensed hardware appliance, the following message is displayed:

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 Us](#)

To install the license key:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Local Configuration > License Key*.

Install License Key

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.

No file chosen

2. Click **Choose File** then browse to and select the license file provided when the appliance was purchased.
3. Click **Install License Key**.

 **Note**

Once the license is applied, these warning messages will no longer be displayed.

9.7. Appliance Software Update

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

 **Note**

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

 **Note**

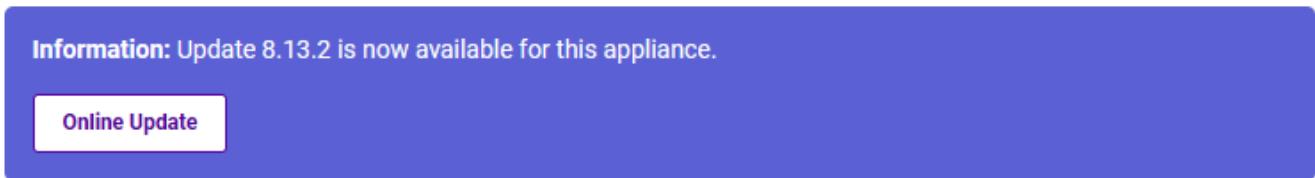
Services may need to be restarted/reloaded after the update process completes or in some cases a full appliance restart may be required. We therefore recommend performing the update during a maintenance window.

9.7.1. Online Update

The appliance periodically contacts the Loadbalancer.org update server (update.loadbalancer.org) and checks



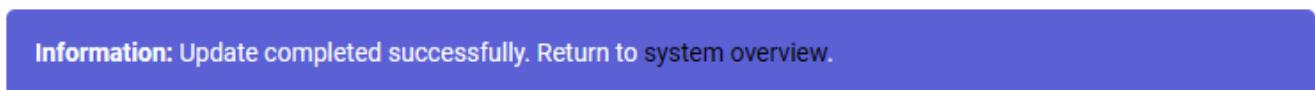
for updates. This is the default behavior and can be disabled if preferred. If an update is found, a notification similar to the example below will be displayed at the top of the WebUI:



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

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

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



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

9.7.2. Offline Update

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

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

To perform an offline update:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Maintenance > Software Update**.
2. Select **Offline Update**.
3. The following screen will be displayed:



Software Update

Offline Update

The following steps will lead you through offline update.

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

Archive: No file chosen

Checksum: No file chosen

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

9.8. Appliance Security Mode Configuration

To enable shell commands to be run from the WebUI and to enable SSH access, the appliance Security Mode must be configured:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Local Configuration > Security**.
2. Set **Appliance Security Mode** to **Custom**.
3. If SSH access is required, un-check **Disable SSH Password Access**.
4. Click **Update**.

9.9. Appliance Network Configuration

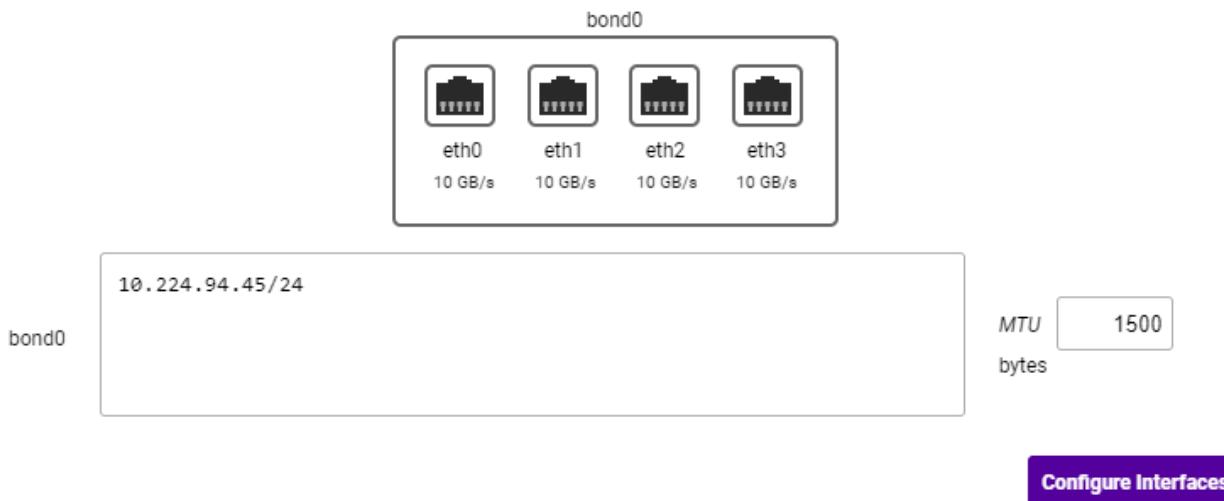
The standard Vue PACS network configuration uses all 4 network adapters configured as an LACP 802.3ad bonded interface.

9.9.1. Verify Network Connections

1. Verify that all 4 network adapters are connected to the appropriate switch.
2. Using the WebUI, navigate to: **Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration**.



IP Address Assignment



- Verify that the network is configured as required.

Note

The IP address/CIDR prefix for **bond0** was set during the Network Setup Wizard and will be shown here, e.g. **10.224.94.45/24**.

Note

If you need to configure VLANs, modify the default gateway, configure static routes or configure Policy Based Routing, please refer to the [Appendix](#).

9.9.2. Configuring a floating IP Address for use as a Default Gateway

For layer 7 SNAT mode VIPs with TProxy (transparency) enabled, the load balancer must be the default gateway for the Real Servers. When using a clustered pair, a floating IP address must be used as the default gateway for the Real Servers to allow the gateway address to be brought up on either appliance. This should be a spare, unused IP in the same subnet as the Real Servers.

- Using the Appliance WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Floating IPs*.
- Enter the required address in the *New Floating IP* field, e.g. **10.224.94.250**.

New Floating IP

10.224.94.250

Add Floating IP

- Click **Add Floating IP**.

(!) Important

The default gateway for each Real Server associated with the following VIP must be configured to be this floating IP address:

- VIP 1 - **DICOM_VIP**



9.9.3. Configuring Hostname & DNS

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Local Configuration > Hostname & DNS*.
2. Set the required *Hostname* and *Domain Name*.
3. Configure additional DNS servers if required.
4. Click **Update**.

9.9.4. Configuring NTP

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Local Configuration > System Date & Time*.
2. Select the required *System Timezone*.
3. Navigate to the first field in the *NTP Servers* section, specify the IP address of an appropriate NTP server used at the site.
4. Click **Set Timezone & NTP**.

9.10. Configuring Load Balanced Vue PACS Services

 **Note**

All Virtual Services are listed in the table in [Virtual Services \(VIP\) Requirements](#).

9.10.1. VIP 1 - DICOM_VIP

9.10.1.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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

Virtual Service		[Advanced +]
Label	DICOM_VIP	
IP Address	10.224.94.10	
Ports	2104	
Protocol		
Layer 7 Protocol	TCP Mode 	
		Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **DICOM_VIP**.
- Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.10**.
- Set the *Ports* field to **2104**.

 **Note**

If additional ports are needed, use a comma between each port number, e.g.



104,2104. If the associated Real Server's port is left blank, connections will be passed through on the same port. If a Real Server port is specified, e.g. **2104** all connections will be forwarded to that port.

- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.

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

5. Scroll to the *Fallback Server* section.

- Set the *IP Address* to the address of the Secondary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.101**.
- Set the *Port* to **2104**.

6. Scroll to the *Other* section and click **[Advanced]**.

- Enable (check) the *Transparent Proxy* checkbox.

7. Leave all other settings at their default value.

8. Click **Update**.

9.10.1.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

Label	WFM1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.100	?
Real Server Port	2104	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?
		Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **WFM1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the Primary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.100**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to **2104**.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.

4. Click **Update**.

(1) Important

The default gateway of the primary and secondary WFM servers must be set to be the load balancer. Specify the floating IP address that was configured in [Section 9.9.2](#).

9.10.2. VIP 2 - DMWL_VIP

9.10.2.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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

Virtual Service		[Advanced +]
Label	DMWL_VIP	?
IP Address	10.224.94.12	?
Ports	3320	?

Protocol	
Layer 7 Protocol	TCP Mode

Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **DMWL_VIP**.
- Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.12**.
- Set the *Ports* field to **3320**.
- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.
4. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
5. Scroll to the *Other* section and click **[Advanced]**.
 - Enable (check) the *Timeout* checkbox.
 - Set *Client Timeout* and *Real Server Timeout* to **15m** (15 minutes).
6. Leave all other settings at their default value.
7. Click **Update**.

9.10.2.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

Label	EIS1	
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.100	
Real Server Port	3320	
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Weight	100	

Cancel
Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **EIS1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the Primary EIS Server, e.g. **10.224.94.100**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to **3320**.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.
4. Repeat these steps to add the remaining EIS server(s)
5. Click **Update**.

9.10.3. VIP 3 - PORTAL_VIP

9.10.3.1. Configure the Custom Health Check

A custom health check is required to enable port 443 on the portal and also port 7070 or 11111 on the primary WFM to be checked. In this way, if the portal or the WFM port is down, automatic failover to the standby WFM will occur. The script is shown below:

```
#!/bin/bash
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/root/bin:/root/

# Variables passed to the health check script.
# $1 = VIP Address
# $2 = VIP Port
# $3 = Real Server IP
# $4 = Real Server Port

# Script Variables.
AGENT_IP="10.3.147.27"
AGENT_PORT="11111"
CHECK_PORTAL_URL="/portal/WebLogin.aspx?force_all_browsers=true"
CHECK_PORTAL_URL_RESPONSE=""
EXPECTED_PORTAL_URL_RESPONSE="200"
CHECK_TIMEOUT=5

nc -w $CHECK_TIMEOUT -zvn $AGENT_IP $AGENT_PORT &>/dev/null
AGENT_RESPONSE=$?

if [[ "$AGENT_RESPONSE" == "0" ]]
then
  if [[ $(curl -k -m $CHECK_TIMEOUT -o /dev/null -s -w "%{http_code}\n" https://$3:$4
/$CHECK_PORTAL_URL) == "$EXPECTED_PORTAL_URL_RESPONSE" ]]
  then
    echo "Health check passed"
  else
    echo "Health check failed: $AGENT_RESPONSE"
  fi
fi
```



```

then
    ec=0
else
    ec=20
fi
else
    ec=10
fi
exit $ec

```

Note

The **AGENT_IP** and **AGENT_PORT** variables must be edited and set to the correct values.

To add this custom script to the load balancer:

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

Health Check Details	
Name:	Philips_Multi_Check
Type:	Virtual Service
Template:	Example

- Set the **Name** to **Philips_Multi_Check**.
- Leave the **Type** drop-down set to **Virtual Service**.
- Copy the script above into the edit window over writing all current content.
- Set the **AGENT_IP** and **AGENT_PORT** variables to the correct values.

4. Click **Update** to save the new health check script.

9.10.3.2. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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



Virtual Service
[Advanced +]

Label	PORTAL_VIP	?
IP Address	10.224.94.14	?
Ports	80	?

Protocol

Layer 7 Protocol	HTTP Mode	?
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Cancel
Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **PORTAL_VIP**.
- Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.14**.
- Set the *Ports* field to **80**.
- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **HTTP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.
4. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
5. Scroll to the *Protocol* section and click **[Advanced]**.

- Enable (check) the *Reuse Idle HTTP Connections* checkbox.

6. Scroll to the *Fallback Server* section.
 - **If the standby site has a single portal server:**
 - Set the *IP Address* to the address of the standby portal server, e.g. **10.224.94.120**.
 - Set the *Port* to **80**.
 - **If the standby site has multiple portal servers:**
 - Set the *IP Address* to the address of VIP 4 (PORTAL_VIP_STANDY), e.g. **10.224.94.16**.
 - Set the *Port* to **80**.

7. Scroll to the *Health Checks* section.
 - Set the *Check Type* to **External Script**.
 - Set the *Check Script* to the custom health check created previously, e.g. **Philips_Multi_Check**.
8. Scroll to the *ACL Rules* section.
9. Using the **Add Rule** button, add the following ACL rules:

- **Rule 1**

Type:	path_beg
Bool:	Equals
URL/Text:	-m reg [^a-zA-Z]chat[^a-zA-Z]
Action:	Use Backend



Location/Value: CHAT

▪ **Rule 2**

Type:	path_beg
Bool:	Equals
URL/Text:	-m reg [^a-zA-Z]syscfg[^a-zA-Z]
Action:	Use Backend
Location/Value:	CHAT

10. Leave all other settings at their default value.

11. Click **Update**.

9.10.3.3. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

Label	Portal1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.110	?
Real Server Port	443	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Enable Redirect	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?

Cancel **Update**

▪ Specify an appropriate **Label** for the RIP, e.g. **Portal1**.

▪ **If the primary site has a single portal server:**

- Set the **Real Server IP Address** field to the address of the primary portal server, e.g. **10.224.94.110**.
- Set the **Real Server Port** field to **443**.
- Enable (check) **Re-Encrypt to Backend**.
- Leave all other settings at their default value.

▪ **If the primary site has multiple portal servers:**

- Set the **Real Server IP Address** field to the address of the first portal server, e.g. **10.224.94.110**.
- Set the **Real Server Port** field to **443**.
- Enable (check) **Re-Encrypt to Backend**.



- Leave all other settings at their default value.
- Repeat these steps to add the remaining portal server(s).

3. Click **Update**.

9.10.3.4. Upload the SSL Certificate

Note

If the production certificate is not currently available, continue to the next section (configuring SSL Termination) and leave **SSL Certificate** set to **Default Self Signed Certificate**. Once you have the production certificate, follow the steps in this section to upload the certificate and then navigate to *Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination*, click **Modify** next to the SSL termination, change **SSL Certificate** to the new certificate and click **Update**.

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > SSL Certificate* and click **Add a new SSL Certificate**.
2. Select the option **Upload prepared PEM/PFX file**.
3. Enter the following details:

Upload prepared PEM/PFX file

I would like to:

Create a new SSL Certificate Signing Request (CSR) ?

Create a new Self-Signed SSL Certificate. ?

Label ?

File to upload portal-cert.pem ?

Upload Certificate

- Specify an appropriate **Label**, e.g. **PORTAL_CERT**.
- Click **Choose File**.
- Browse to and select the relevant PEM or PFX file.
- For PFX files specify the password if required.

4. Click **Upload Certificate**.

Note

If you don't have a certificate and want to create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) on the load balancer, please refer to [Generating a CSR on the Load Balancer](#).

9.10.3.5. Configuring SSL Termination

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



Label	SSL-PORTAL_VIP	?
Associated Virtual Service	PORTAL_VIP	?
Virtual Service Port	443	?
SSL Operation Mode	High Security	?
SSL Certificate	portal_cert	?
Source IP Address		?
Enable Proxy Protocol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Bind Proxy Protocol to L7 VIP	PORTAL_VIP	?
		Cancel Update

- Using the *Associated Virtual Service* drop-down, select the Virtual Service created previously, e.g. **PORTAL_VIP**.

Note

Once the VIP is selected, the *Label* field will be auto-populated with **SSL-PORTAL_VIP**. This can be changed if preferred.

- Ensure that the *Virtual Service Port* is set to **443**.
- Leave *SSL Operation Mode* set to **High Security**.
- Select the *SSL certificate* uploaded previously, e.g. **portal_cert**.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.

4. Click **Update**.

9.10.4. VIP 3-B1 - CHAT

9.10.4.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services* and click **Add a new Virtual Service**.
2. Click **[Advanced]**.
3. Enter the following details:



Virtual Service		[Advanced -]
Manual Configuration	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Create Backend Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Label	CHAT	?
Protocol		
Layer 7 Protocol	HTTP Mode ▾	?
		Cancel Update

- Select (Check) **Create Backend Only**.
- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **CHAT**.
- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **HTTP Mode**.

4. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.
5. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
6. Scroll to the *Persistence* section.
 - Set *Persistence Mode* to **None**.
7. Scroll to the *Health Checks* section.
 - Set the *Check Type* to **Negotiate HTTPS (GET)**.
8. Leave all other settings at their default value.
9. Click **Update**.

9.10.4.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

Label	chat1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.100	?
Real Server Port	443	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Enable Redirect	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?
		Cancel Update



- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **chat1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the Primary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.100**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to 443.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.
4. Repeat these steps to add a second portal server.
5. Click **Update**.

9.10.4.3. Customize the Configuration

All chat and syscfg traffic should be handled by the primary portal server. If this server fails, the second portal server should take over. It's not currently possible to define a fallback server directly in the WebUI for a backend only VIP, so a manual configuration is needed:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *View Configuration > Layer 7*.
2. Scroll down to the section that starts with "**Backend CHAT**".
3. Now copy the entire configuration for the VIP as shown below:

```
backend CHAT
  id 1220791148
  mode http
  balance leastconn
  option httpchk GET / HTTP/1.0
  acl :connection_via_termination always_false
  option http-keep-alive
  timeout http-request 5s
  option forwardfor
  timeout tunnel 1h
  option redispatch
  option abortonclose
  server Chat1 10.224.94.110:443 id 2 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host)
  server Chat2 10.224.94.111:443 id 3 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host)
```

4. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services*.
5. Click **Modify** next to the **CHAT** VIP.
6. In the *Virtual Service* section at the top of the page, click **[Advanced]** and enable (check) the *Manual Configuration* checkbox.
7. Click **Update**.
8. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Manual Configuration*.
9. Paste the VIP's configuration into the edit window and add following text to the end of the last line:

```
backup
```



As shown in bold below:

```
backend CHAT
  id 1220791148
  mode http
  balance leastconn
  option httpchk GET / HTTP/1.0
  acl :connection_via_termination always_false
  option http-keep-alive
  timeout http-request 5s
  option forwardfor
  timeout tunnel 1h
  option redispatch
  option abortonclose
  server Chat1 10.224.94.110:443 id 2 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host)
  server Chat2 10.224.94.111:443 id 3 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host) backup
```

10. Click **Update**.

Note

Creating the VIP in the normal way and then converting it to a Manual Configuration ensures the VIP and associated Real Server(s) can be viewed in the appliance WebUI.

9.10.5. VIP 4 - PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY

Note

This VIP is only required when there is a secondary site and that site has multiple Portal servers. If the standby site has a single server VIP 4 is not needed.

9.10.5.1. Configure the Custom Health Check

A custom health check is required to enable port 443 on the portal AND also 7070 or 11111 to the primary WFM to be checked. In this way, if the portal or the WFM port (either 7070 or 11111) is down, automatic failover to the standby WFM will occur. The script is shown below:

```
#!/bin/bash
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/root/bin:/root/

# Variables passed to the health check script.
# $1 = VIP Address
# $2 = VIP Port
# $3 = Real Server IP
# $4 = Real Server Port

# Script Variables.
AGENT_IP="10.3.147.27"
AGENT_PORT="11111"
CHECK_PORTAL_URL="/portal/WebLogin.aspx?force_all_browsers=true"
CHECK_PORTAL_URL_RESPONSE=""
EXPECTED_PORTAL_URL_RESPONSE="200"
CHECK_TIMEOUT=5
```



```

nc -w $CHECK_TIMEOUT -zvn $AGENT_IP $AGENT_PORT &>/dev/null
AGENT_RESPONSE=$?

if [[ "$AGENT_RESPONSE" == "0" ]]
then
  if [[ $(curl -k -m $CHECK_TIMEOUT -o /dev/null -s -w "%{http_code}\n" https://$3:$4
/$CHECK_PORTAL_URL) == "$EXPECTED_PORTAL_URL_RESPONSE" ]]
  then
    ec=0
  else
    ec=20
  fi
else
  ec=10
fi
exit $ec

```

Note

The **AGENT_IP** and **AGENT_PORT** variables must be edited and set to the correct values.

To add this custom script to the load balancer:

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

Health Check Details		
Name:	Philips_Multi_Check_Standb	?
Type:	Virtual Service	?
Template:	Example	?

- Set the **Name** to **Philips_Multi_Check_Standby**.
- Leave the **Type** drop-down set to **Virtual Service**.
- Copy the script above into the edit window over writing all current content.
- Set the **AGENT_IP** and **AGENT_PORT** variables to the correct values.

4. Click **Update** to save the new health check script.

9.10.5.2. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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



Virtual Service
[Advanced +]

Label	PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY	?
IP Address	10.224.94.16	?
Ports	80	?

Protocol

Layer 7 Protocol	HTTP Mode ▾	?
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Cancel
Update

- Specify an appropriate **Label** for the Virtual Service, e.g. **PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY**.
- Set the **Virtual Service IP Address** field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.16**.
- Set the **Ports** field to **80**.
- Set the **Layer 7 Protocol** to **HTTP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.
4. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
5. Scroll to the **Protocol** section and click **[Advanced]**.
 - Enable (check) the **Reuse Idle HTTP Connections** checkbox.
6. Scroll to the **Health Checks** section.
 - Set the **Check Type** to **External Script**.
 - Set the **Check Script** to the custom health check created previously, e.g. **Philips_Multi_Check_Standby**.
7. Scroll to the **ACL Rules** section.
8. Using the **Add Rule** button, add the following ACL rules:

▪ **Rule 1**

```

Type: path_beg
Bool: Equals
URL/Text: -m reg [^a-zA-Z]chat[^a-zA-Z]
Action: Use Backend
Location/Value: CHAT_STANDBY
  
```

▪ **Rule 2**

```

Type: path_beg
Bool: Equals
URL/Text: -m reg [^a-zA-Z]syscfg[^a-zA-Z]
Action: Use Backend
Location/Value: CHAT_STANDBY
  
```



9. Leave all other settings at their default value.

10. Click **Update**.

9.10.5.3. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

2. Enter the following details:

Label	Portal-Standby1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.120	?
Real Server Port	443	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Enable Redirect	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?
		Cancel Update

▪ Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **Portal-Standby1**.

▪ **If the standby site has a single portal server:**

- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to the address of the primary portal server, e.g. **10.224.94.115**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to **443**.
- Enable (check) *Re-Encrypt to Backend*.
- Leave all other settings at their default value.

▪ **If the standby site has multiple portal servers:**

- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to the address of the first portal server, e.g. **10.224.94.115**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to **443**.
- Enable (check) *Re-Encrypt to Backend*.
- Leave all other settings at their default value.
- Repeat these steps to add the remaining portal server(s).

3. Click **Update**.

9.10.5.4. Upload the SSL Certificate

Note

If the production certificate is not currently available, continue to the next section (configuring SSL Termination) and leave *SSL Certificate* set to **Default Self Signed Certificate**. Once you have the production certificate, follow the steps in this section to upload the certificate and then navigate to *Cluster Configuration > SSL Termination*, click **Modify** next to the SSL termination,



change **SSL Certificate** to the new certificate and click **Update**.

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > SSL Certificate* and click **Add a new SSL Certificate**.
2. Select the option **Upload prepared PEM/PFX file**.
3. Enter the following details:

Upload prepared PEM/PFX file

I would like to:

- Create a new SSL Certificate Signing Request (CSR)
- Create a new Self-Signed SSL Certificate.

Label: PORTAL_STANDBY_CERT

File to upload: Choose File portal-standby-cert.pem

Upload Certificate

- Specify an appropriate *Label*, e.g. **PORTAL_STANDBY_CERT**.
- Click **Choose File**.
- Browse to and select the relevant PEM or PFX file.
- For PFX files specify the password if required.

4. Click **Upload Certificate**.

Note

If you don't have a certificate and want to create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) on the load balancer, please refer to [Generating a CSR on the Load Balancer](#).

9.10.5.5. Configuring SSL Termination

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

Label	SSL-PORTAL_VIP_STANDE	?
Associated Virtual Service	PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY	?
Virtual Service Port	443	?
SSL Operation Mode	High Security	?
SSL Certificate	portal_standby_cert	?
Source IP Address		?
Enable Proxy Protocol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Bind Proxy Protocol to L7 VIP	PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY	?
Cancel Update		

- Using the *Associated Virtual Service* drop-down, select the Virtual Service created previously, e.g. **PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY**.

 **Note**

Once the VIP is selected, the *Label* field will be auto-populated with **SSL-PORTAL_VIP_STANDBY**. This can be changed if preferred.

- Ensure that the *Virtual Service Port* is set to **443**.
- Leave *SSL Operation Mode* set to **High Security**.
- Select the *SSL certificate* uploaded previously, e.g. **portal_cert**.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.
4. Click **Update**.

9.10.6. VIP 4-B1 - CHAT_STANDBY

9.10.6.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services* and click **Add a new Virtual Service**.
2. Click **[Advanced]**.
3. Enter the following details:



Virtual Service		[Advanced -]
Manual Configuration	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Create Backend Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Label	CHAT_STANDBY	?
Protocol		
Layer 7 Protocol	HTTP Mode	?
		Cancel Update

- Select (Check) **Create Backend Only**.
- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **CHAT_STANDBY**.
- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **HTTP Mode**.

4. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.
5. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
6. Scroll to the *Persistence* section.
 - Set *Persistence Mode* to **None**.
7. Scroll to the *Health Checks* section.
 - Set the *Check Type* to **Negotiate HTTPS (GET)**.
8. Leave all other settings at their default value.
9. Click **Update**.

9.10.6.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

Label	chat_standby1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.115	?
Real Server Port	443	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	?
Enable Redirect	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?
		Cancel Update



- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **chat_standby1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the standby WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.115**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to 443.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.
4. Repeat these steps to add a second portal server.
5. Click **Update**.

9.10.6.3. Customize the Configuration

All chat and syscfg traffic should be handled by the primary portal server. If this server fails, the second portal server should take over. It's not currently possible to define a fallback server directly in the WebUI for a backend only VIP, so a manual configuration is needed:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *View Configuration > Layer 7*.
2. Scroll down to the section that starts with "**Backend CHAT_STANDBY**".
3. Now copy the entire configuration for the VIP as shown below:

```
backend CHAT_STANDBY
  id 1220791148
  mode http
  balance leastconn
  option httpchk GET / HTTP/1.0
  acl :connection_via_termination always_false
  option http-keep-alive
  timeout http-request 5s
  option forwardfor
  timeout tunnel 1h
  option redispatch
  option abortonclose
  server Chat1 10.224.94.115:443 id 2 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host)
  server Chat2 10.224.94.116:443 id 3 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host)
```

4. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services*.
5. Click **Modify** next to the **CHAT** VIP.
6. In the *Virtual Service* section at the top of the page, click **[Advanced]** and enable (check) the *Manual Configuration* checkbox.
7. Click **Update**.
8. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Manual Configuration*.
9. Paste the VIP's configuration into the edit window and add following text to the end of the last line:

```
backup
```



As shown in bold below:

```
backend CHAT_STANDBY
  id 1220791148
  mode http
  balance leastconn
  option httpchk GET / HTTP/1.0
  acl :connection_via_termination always_false
  option http-keep-alive
  timeout http-request 5s
  option forwardfor
  timeout tunnel 1h
  option redispatch
  option abortonclose
  server Chat1 10.224.94.110:443 id 2 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host)
  server Chat2 10.224.94.111:443 id 3 weight 100 check check-ssl verify none inter 4000
  rise 2 fall 2 slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions ssl
  verify none sni req.hdr(host) backup
```

10. Click **Update**.

Note

Creating the VIP in the normal way and then converting it to a Manual Configuration ensures the VIP and associated Real Server(s) can be viewed in the appliance WebUI.

9.10.7. VIP 5 - CLIENT_VIP

9.10.7.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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

2. Enter the following details:

Virtual Service		[Advanced +]
Label	CLIENT_VIP	?
IP Address	10.224.94.18	?
Ports	80,443,514,2104,22104,323	?
Protocol		
Layer 7 Protocol	TCP Mode	?
		Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **CLIENT_VIP**.
- Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.18**.



- Set the *Ports* field to **80,443,514,2104,22104,32338**.

- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.

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

5. Scroll to the *Fallback Server* section.

- Set the *IP Address* to the address of the Secondary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.101**.
- Ensure that the *Port* field is left blank.

6. Leave all other settings at their default value.

7. Click **Update**.

9.10.7.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

2. Enter the following details:

Label	WFM1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.100	?
Real Server Port		?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?
		Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **WFM1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the Primary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.100**.
- Leave the *Real Server Port* field blank.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.

4. Click **Update**.

9.10.8. VIP 6 - CLIENT_DB_VIP

Note

This VIP is only needed for **Infoscaler/Veritas** implementations where the backend is made up of 2 core nodes - 1 running the application and 1 running the DB.

9.10.8.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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



2. Enter the following details:

Virtual Service		[Advanced +]
Label	CLIENT_DB_VIP	?
IP Address	10.224.94.18	?
Ports	1521	?
Protocol		
Layer 7 Protocol	TCP Mode	?
		Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **CLIENT_DB_VIP**.
- Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.20**.
- Set the *Ports* field to **1521**.
- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.

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

5. Scroll to the *Fallback Server* section.

- Set the *IP Address* to the address of the Secondary WFM-DB Server, e.g. **10.224.94.106**.
- Set the *Port* field to **1521**.

6. Scroll to the *Other* section and click **[Advanced]**.

- Enable (check) the *Timeout* checkbox.
- Set *Client Timeout* and *Real Server Timeout* to **15m** (15 minutes).

7. Leave all other settings at their default value.

8. Click **Update**.

9.10.8.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

2. Enter the following details:



Label	WFM-DB1	?
Real Server IP Address	10.224.94.105	?
Real Server Port	1521	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	100	?

Cancel
Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **WFM-DB1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the Primary WFM-DB Server, e.g. **10.224.94.105**.
- Set the *Real Server Port* field to **1521**.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.

4. Click **Update**.

9.10.9. VIP 7 - HL7_VIP

9.10.9.1. Virtual Service (VIP) Configuration

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

Virtual Service		[Advanced +]
Label	HL7_VIP	?
IP Address	10.224.94.22	?
Ports	4001,4003,4005,10010	?
Protocol		
Layer 7 Protocol	TCP Mode	?

Cancel
Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the Virtual Service, e.g. **HL7_VIP**.
- Set the *Virtual Service IP Address* field to the required IP address, e.g. **10.224.94.22**.
- Set the *Ports* field to **4001,4003,4005,10010**.

 **Note**

The ports required are site specific, please verify that the port list is correct for the particular site.



- Set the *Layer 7 Protocol* to **TCP Mode**.

3. Click **Update** to create the Virtual Service.
4. Now click **Modify** next to the newly created VIP.
5. Scroll to the *Fallback Server* section.
 - Set the *IP Address* to the address of the Secondary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.101**.
 - Ensure that the *Port* field is left blank.
6. Scroll to the *Other* section and click **[Advanced]**.
 - Enable (check) the *Timeout* checkbox.
 - Set *Client Timeout* and *Real Server Timeout* to **15m** (15 minutes).
7. Leave all other settings at their default value.
8. Click **Update**.

9.10.9.2. Define the Associated Real Servers (RIPs)

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

Label	<input type="text" value="WFM1"/>	?
Real Server IP Address	<input type="text" value="10.224.94.100"/>	?
Real Server Port	<input type="text"/>	?
Re-Encrypt to Backend	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Weight	<input type="text" value="100"/>	?
		Cancel Update

- Specify an appropriate *Label* for the RIP, e.g. **WFM1**.
- Set the *Real Server IP Address* field to address of the Primary WFM Server, e.g. **10.224.94.100**.
- Leave the *Real Server Port* field blank.

3. Leave all other settings at their default value.
4. Click **Update**.

9.10.9.3. Customize the Configuration

HL7 connections are typically established in the morning and stay connected throughout the day. When a failover from primary to standby occurs, this connection is moved to the standby server. However, with the default configuration, when the primary is made active again, the active session is NOT disconnected and moved back to the primary server. The HL7 VIP requires a custom configuration to force this:



1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *View Configuration > Layer 7*.
2. Scroll down to the section that starts with "**listen HL7_VIP**".
3. Now copy the entire configuration for the VIP as shown below:

```
listen HL7_VIP
  bind 10.224.94.22:4001,10.224.94.22:4003 transparent
  bind 10.224.94.22:4005,10.224.94.22:10010 transparent
  id 969879036
  mode tcp
  balance leastconn
  stick on src
  stick-table type ip size 10240k expire 30m peers loadbalancer_replication
  server backup 10.224.94.101: backup non-stick
  timeout client 15m
  timeout server 15m
  acl :connection_via_termination always_false
  option redispatch
  option abortonclose
  maxconn 40000
  option tcplog
  server WFM1 10.224.94.100 id 2 weight 100 check port 4001 inter 4000 rise 2 fall 2
  slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions
```

4. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services*.
5. Click **Modify** next to **HL7_VIP**.
6. In the *Virtual Service* section at the top of the page, click **[Advanced]** and enable (check) the **Manual Configuration** checkbox.
7. Click **Update**.
8. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 - Manual Configuration*.
9. Paste the VIP's configuration into the edit window and add following text to the end of the last line:

```
on-marked-up shutdown-backup-sessions
```

As shown in bold below:

```
listen HL7_VIP
  bind 10.224.94.22:4001,10.224.94.22:4003 transparent
  bind 10.224.94.22:4005,10.224.94.22:10010 transparent
  id 969879036
  mode tcp
  balance leastconn
  stick on src
  stick-table type ip size 10240k expire 30m peers loadbalancer_replication
  server backup 10.224.94.101: backup non-stick
  timeout client 15m
  timeout server 15m
  acl :connection_via_termination always_false
  option redispatch
```



```
option abortonclose
maxconn 40000
option tcplog
server WFM1 10.224.94.100 id 2 weight 100 check port 4001 inter 4000 rise 2 fall 2
slowstart 8000 minconn 0 maxconn 0 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions on-marked-up shutdown-backup-sessions
```

10. Click **Update**.

 **Note**

Creating the VIP in the normal way and then converting it to a Manual Configuration ensures the VIP and associated Real Server(s) can be viewed in the appliance WebUI.

9.10.10. Finalizing the Configuration

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

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

10. Outbound (Iexport) configuration

For layer 7 VIPs, the source IP address of outbound packets from the load balancer to the Real Server is the interface IP address by default. For the configuration presented in this guide, this will be the IP address assigned to **bond0**.

This can be changed if required - to the VIP address for example by following the steps below.

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to *Cluster Configuration > Layer 7 – Virtual Services*.
2. Click **Modify** next to relevant VIP.
3. Scroll down to the *Other* section and click **[Advanced]**.
4. Enter the required IP address in the **Set Source Address** field.
5. Click **Update**.

11. Testing & Verification

 **Note**

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

The System Overview can be accessed via the WebUI. It shows a graphical view of all VIPs & RIPs (i.e. the Vue PACS servers) and shows the state/health of each server as well as the state of each cluster as a whole. The example below shows that all Vue PACS servers are healthy (green) and available to accept connections:



VIRTUAL SERVICE	IP	PORTS	CONNNS	PROTOCOL	METHOD	MODE
DICOM_VIP	10.224.94.10	2104	0	TCP	Layer 7	Proxy
DMWL_VIP	10.224.94.12	3320	0	TCP	Layer 7	Proxy
PORTAL_VIP	10.224.94.14	80	0	HTTP	Layer 7	Proxy
CHAT	-	-	0	HTTP	Layer 7	Proxy
PORTAL_VIP_STAND..	10.224.94.16	80	0	HTTP	Layer 7	Proxy
CHAT_STANDBY	-	-	0	HTTP	Layer 7	Proxy
CLIENT_VIP	10.224.94.18	80,443,21..	0	TCP	Layer 7	Proxy
CLIENT_DB_VIP	10.224.94.20	1521	0	TCP	Layer 7	Proxy
HL7_VIP	10.224.94.22	4001,4003..	0	TCP	Layer 7	Proxy

If one of the servers within a cluster fails its health check, that server will be colored red and the cluster will be colored yellow as shown below:

PORTAL_VIP	IP	PORTS	WEIGHT	CONNNS	Layer 7		Proxy					
					REAL SERVER	IP	PORTS	WEIGHT	CONNNS	Drain	Halt	
 Portal1	10.224.94.110	443	100	0	 Portal1	10.224.94.110	443	100	0	Drain	Halt	
 Portal2	10.224.94.111	443	100	0	 Portal2	10.224.94.111	443	100	0	Drain	Halt	
 Portal3	10.224.94.112	443	100	0	 Portal3	10.224.94.112	443	100	0	Drain	Halt	

If the services are up (green) verify that clients can connect to the VIPs and access all services.

 **Note**

Make sure that DNS points at the VIPs rather than individual servers.

Once you have completed the verification process, continue to the next section and add a Secondary appliance to form the HA (active/passive) clustered pair.

12. Configuring HA - Adding a Secondary Appliance

Our recommended configuration is to use a clustered HA pair of load balancers to provide a highly available and resilient load balancing solution. We recommend that the Primary appliance is fully configured first, then the Secondary appliance can be added to create an HA pair. Once the HA pair is configured, load balanced services must be configured and modified on the Primary appliance. The Secondary appliance will be automatically kept in sync.



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

12.1. Non-Replicated Settings

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

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

① Important

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

12.2. Configuring the HA Clustered Pair

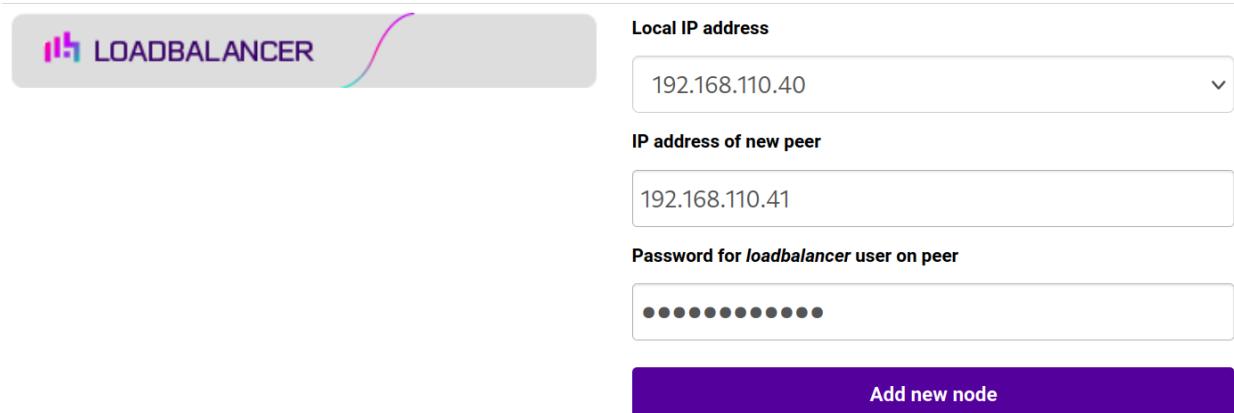
Note

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

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



Create a Clustered Pair



LOADBALANCER

Local IP address: 192.168.110.40

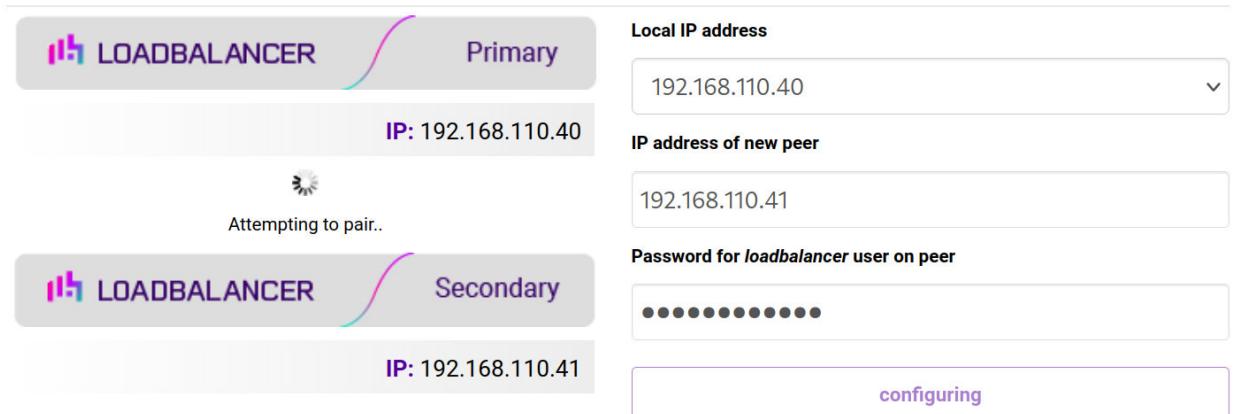
IP address of new peer: 192.168.110.41

Password for *loadbalancer* user on peer:

Add new node

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

Create a Clustered Pair



LOADBALANCER Primary

IP: 192.168.110.40

Attempting to pair..

LOADBALANCER Secondary

IP: 192.168.110.41

Local IP address: 192.168.110.40

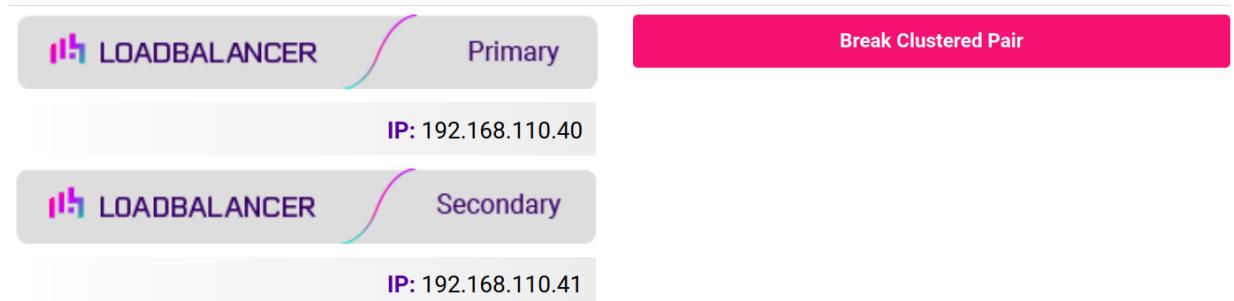
IP address of new peer: 192.168.110.41

Password for *loadbalancer* user on peer:

configuring

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

High Availability Configuration - primary



LOADBALANCER Primary

IP: 192.168.110.40

LOADBALANCER Secondary

IP: 192.168.110.41

Break Clustered Pair

- To finalize the configuration, restart heartbeat and any other services as prompted in the "Commit changes" message box at the top of the screen.



Note

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

Note

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

Note

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

13. Optional Appliance Configuration

13.1. SNMP Configuration

The appliance supports SNMP v1, v2 and v3.

To configure SNMP:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Local Configuration > SNMP Configuration*.

Protocol Versions		
Enable SNMP v1 and v2	<input type="checkbox"/>	?
Enable SNMP v3	<input type="checkbox"/>	?

Details		
SNMP location	Unknown	?
SNMP contact	IT Dept	?

Authentication		
SNMP v1/v2 community string	public	?
USM Username		?
USM Authorization Algorithm	SHA	?
USM Authorization Passphrase		?
USM Privacy Algorithm	AES	?
USM Privacy Passphrase		?

Update

2. Enable the required SNMP version(s).
3. Enter the required **SNMP location** and **SNMP contact**.
4. For SNMP v1 & v2:



- Enter the required **SNMP v1/v2 community string**.

5. For SNMP v3:

- Specify the **USM Username**.
- Select the required **USM Authorization Algorithm**.
- Specify the **USM Authorization Passphrase**, it should be at least 8 characters.
- Select the required **USM Privacy Algorithm**.
- Specify **USM Privacy Passphrase**, it should be at least 8 characters.

6. Click **Update**.

7. Restart SNMPD using the **Restart SNMPD** button at the top of the screen.

 **Note** Valid characters for the *Community string*, *USM Username*, *USM Authorization Passphrase* and *USM Privacy Passphrase* fields are: a-z A-Z 0-9 [] # ~ _ * ! = - \$ % ? { } @ : ; ^

 **Note** For more information about the various OIDs and associated MIBs supported by the appliance, please refer to [SNMP Reporting](#).

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

13.2. Configuring Email Alerts for Virtual Services

Email alerts can be configured for layer 4 and layer 7 Virtual Services. This enables emails to be sent when one or more of the associated Real Servers fail their health check and also when they subsequently start to pass their health check.

13.2.1. Layer 4

For layer 4 Virtual Services, settings can be configured globally for all VIPs or individually per VIP.

13.2.1.1. Global Layer 4 Email Settings

Once configured, these settings apply to all layer 4 VIPs by default.

To configure global email alert settings for layer 4 services:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 Advanced Configuration*.



Email Alert Source Address	lb1@loadbalancer.org	?
Email Alert Destination Address	alerts@loadbalancer.org	?
Auto-NAT	off ▾	?
Multi-threaded	yes ▾	?
		Update

2. Enter an appropriate email address in the *Email Alert Source Address* field.

e.g. lb1@loadbalancer.org

3. Enter an appropriate email address in the *Email Alert Destination Address* field.

e.g. alerts@loadbalancer.org

4. Click **Update**.

13.2.1.2. VIP Level Settings



VIP level settings override the global settings.

Once configured, these settings apply to the individual VIP.

To configure VIP level email alerts:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Layer 4 Virtual Service* and click **Modify** next to the VIP to be configured.
2. Scroll down to the *Fallback Server* section.

Email Alert Destination Address	alerts@loadbalancer.org	?
		Cancel Update

3. Enter an appropriate email address in the *Email Alert Destination Address* field.

e.g. alerts@loadbalancer.org

4. Click **Update**.



You can set the *Email Alert Source Address* field as explained above if required to configure a default source address.



13.2.2. Layer 7

For layer 7 services, email settings are configured globally for all VIPs.

To configure global email alert settings for layer 7 services:

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

eMail Alert From	lb1@loadbalancer.org	?
eMail Alert To	alerts@loadbalancer.org	?
eMail Server Address	mail.loadbalancer.org	?
eMail Server Port	25	?

2. Enter an appropriate email address in the **eMail Alert From** field.

e.g. lb1@loadbalancer.org

3. Enter an appropriate email address in the **eMail Alert To** field.

e.g. alerts@loadbalancer.org

4. Enter an appropriate IP address/FQDN in the **eMail Server Address** field.

e.g. mail.loadbalancer.org

5. Enter an appropriate port in the **eMail Server Port** field.

e.g. 25

6. Click **Update**.

13.3. Configuring Email Alerts for Heartbeat

Email alerts can be setup for heartbeat once a clustered pair has been configured. This enables alerts to be sent when the primary/secondary communication state has changed. This can occur when the secondary appliance takes over from the primary, when the primary takes over from the secondary and also when there is a communication issue between the 2 appliances.

To configure email alert settings for Heartbeat:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > Heartbeat Configuration*.
2. Scroll down to the **Email Alerts** section.



Email Alerts

Email Alert Destination Address	alerts@loadbalancer.org	?
Email Alert Source Address	lb1@loadbalancer.org	?

3. Enter an appropriate email address in the *Email Alert Destination Address* field.
4. Enter an appropriate email address in the *Email Alert Source Address* field.
5. Click **Modify Heartbeat Configuration**.

13.4. Configuring a Smart Host (SMTP relay)

For Heartbeat (and layer 4 services), email alerts are sent from the load balancer directly to the mail server defined in the destination domain's DNS MX record by default. Alternatively, a custom smart host (mail relay server) can be specified. A smart host is an email server through which approved devices can send emails. Where possible, we recommend that you use a smart host for email alerts as this often helps improve the deliverability of emails.

To configure a Smart Host:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Local Configuration > Physical - Advanced Configuration*.
2. Scroll down to the **SMTP Relay** section.
3. Specify the FQDN or IP address of the *Smart Host*.
4. Click **Update**.

 **Note**

By default the *Smart Host* is set as the destination email domain's DNS MX record when the *Email Alert Destination Address* is configured. It must either be left at its default setting or a custom smart host must be configured to enable email alerts to be sent.

14. Technical Support

If you require any assistance please contact support@loadbalancer.org.

15. Further Documentation

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



16. Appendix

16.1. Configuring VLAN Interfaces

If the deployment requires the load balancer to be connected to multiple tagged VLANs, these must be configured on the appliance and an IP address must be set for each.

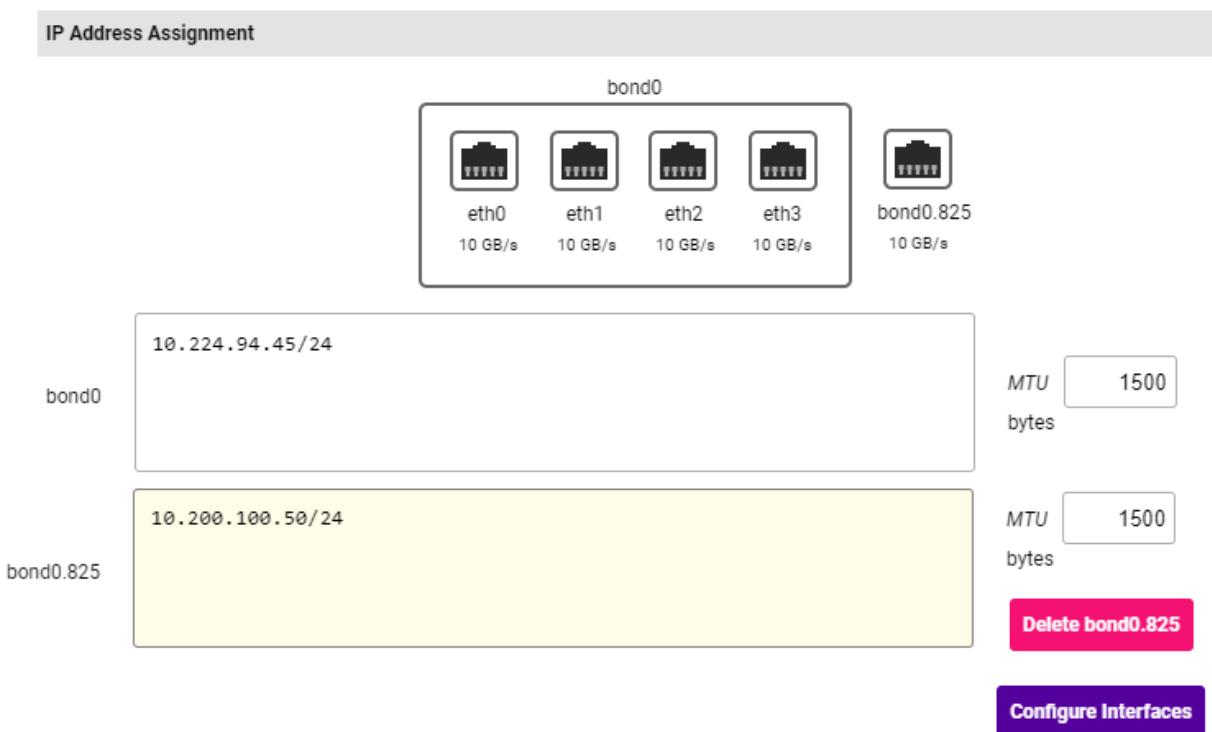
To configure a VLAN:

1. Using the appliance WebUI navigate to: *Local Configuration > Network Interface Configuration*.
2. Scroll down to the **VLAN** section.
3. Select the appropriate network adapter in the *Interface* dropdown.

 **Note**

If you have run through the network configuration wizard and have not configured any additional network adapters then **eth0** should be selected.

4. Enter the appropriate *VLAN ID*, e.g. **825**.
5. Enter an appropriate IP address for the appliance within the VLAN, e.g. **10.200.100.50/24**.



6. Click **Add VLAN**.
7. If required, repeat these steps to configure additional VLAN interfaces.

16.2. Configuring the Default Gateway

The default gateway is configured during the network setup wizard. If this needs to be changed follow the steps below.



1. Using the appliance WebUI navigate to: *Local Configuration > Routing*.
2. Set the required gateway address.
3. Click **Configure Routing**.

16.3. Traffic Routing Options

The load balancer enables static routes and Policy Based Routing (PBR) to be configured. Static routes can be used where it makes sense for the rule to be based on the destination, PBR can be used when it makes sense for the rule to be based on the source.

16.3.1. Configuring Static Routes

Using the WebUI menu option: *Local Configuration > Routing* the following static route could be added to the load balancer:

Static Routes			
Subnet	10.250.100.0/24	via gateway	10.224.94.252

This would force return traffic destined for the 10.250.100.0/24 network to be sent via the 10.224.94.252 gateway.

16.3.2. Configuring PBR (Policy Based Routing)

Using the WebUI menu option: *Cluster Configuration > PBR Default Gateways* the following gateway could be added to the load balancer:

Select Floating IP	10.224.94.18	Gateway Address	10.224.94.252	Submit
Floating IP	Gateway IP	Table Name		

This would ensure that all traffic with a source address of 10.224.94.18 is sent via the 10.224.94.252 gateway.

16.4. Generating a CSR on the Load Balancer

If you have an SSL certificate in either PFX or PEM file format, this can be uploaded to the Load balancer using the certificate upload option. Alternatively, you can create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) on the load balancer and send this to your chosen CA to create a new certificate.

To generate a CSR:

1. Using the WebUI, navigate to: *Cluster Configuration > SSL Certificates*.
2. Click **Add a new SSL Certificate** & select *Create a New SSL Certificate (CSR)*.



Add a new SSL Certificate

I would like to: Create a new SSL Certificate Signing Request (CSR) Upload prepared PEM/PFX file Create a new Self-Signed SSL Certificate.

Label: ris-cert

Domain (CN): domain.com

Subject Alternate Name: domain.com

Organisation (O): Company Name

Organisation unit (OU): IT Department

City (L): London

State or Province (ST): Greater London

Country code (C): United Kingdom

Email address: support@domain.com

CSR Key Length: 2048 bits

Create

3. Enter a suitable *Label* (name) for the certificate.
4. Populate the remaining fields according to your requirements.

Note

To specify multiple SANs, separate each name with a comma.

5. Once all fields are complete click **Create**.
6. To view the CSR click **Modify** next to the new certificate, then expand the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) section.
7. Copy the CSR and send this to your chosen CA.
8. Once received, copy/paste your signed certificate into the **Your Certificate** section.
9. Intermediate and root certificates can be copied/pasted into the **Intermediate Certificate** and **Root Certificate** sections as required.
10. Click **Update** to complete the process.

The new certificate will now be displayed under *Cluster Configuration > SSL Certificates*.



17. Document Revision History

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1.0	22 March 2024	Initial version		RJC
1.1	18 April 2024	Corrected network interface referencing on rear panel layout image		RJC
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