



# Thunder Series for SAP Enterprise Portal (Formerly SAP NetWeaver Portal)

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## Introduction

SAP, the global market leader in business resource planning and business management, has multiple applications that are integrated and certified with the A10 Thunder™ ADC product line. SAP applications and services enable companies of all sizes to work together more efficiently and use business insight more effectively.

This document shows how A10 Thunder ADC can be deployed with the SAP Enterprise Portal (formerly known as the SAP NetWeaver Portal). The solution shown in this document is based on the vThunder™ ADC running on an Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud infrastructure. The solution is also applicable for Thunder and AX Series ADC hardware appliances, other vThunder editions, and the Thunder Hybrid Virtual Appliance (HVA). Since the SAP Enterprise Portal application is based on Application Server (AS) Java, deploying the A10 solution as a server load balancer (SLB) will enhance the performance of the SAP Enterprise Portal cluster. This deployment guide provides detailed configuration steps on how to administer the Thunder ADC with SAP Enterprise Portal systems.

## Deployment Guide Prerequisites

This deployment guide was tested with the following:

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- Thunder ADC version 2.7.1 P3 or higher

SAP

- SAP Enterprise (NetWeaver) Portal 7.x
  - **Note:** This guide uses the NetWeaver name frequently. SAP states that there is no functionality difference with the rebranding from "NetWeaver" to "Enterprise."

**Note:** For additional deployment options and features that the A10 Thunder ADC can support, please visit the following URL: [http://www.a10networks.com/solutions/enterprise\\_data\\_center\\_solutions.php](http://www.a10networks.com/solutions/enterprise_data_center_solutions.php)

## Application Specific Deployment Notes

This section of the deployment guide provides implementation and deployment tips on how to expedite deployment of SAP NetWeaver Portal and A10 solutions.

1. The A10 load-balancing solution can be deployed in a single, active/active, active/standby or multi-cluster load balancing mode using an AX Virtual Chassis System (aVCS) with the SAP NetWeaver Portal.
2. SSL Offload using the Thunder ADC is recommended to free up the rigorous SSL processing requirements of the SAP NetWeaver Portal. When an SSL request is initiated, SSL processing requires that every request be decrypted within the initial SSL handshake. A10 SSL security processors are available in most of the Thunder ADCs, which are specially designed to accelerate the repetitive computational processing used to decrypt each SSL request. A10 also offers non-SSL ADC models, which provide the same service for low traffic SSL processing requirements. Refer to A10's ADC datasheets for more information.
3. The SSL traffic (HTTPS) is terminated in the ADC appliance as a reverse proxy. The traffic is then sent to the SAP backend server via unencrypted traffic (HTTP). This configuration allows the reverse proxy to become the defense point for outside attacks.
4. The Web Application Firewall (WAF) feature has been tested within the SAP and A10 solutions. The test was successful and the configuration details of the WAF solution will be included in the WAF section of this guide. Some of the WAF solutions such as credit card scrubbing and SSN scrubbing are features that can be deployed within NetWeaver to intelligently protect Web applications from attacks and vulnerabilities.
5. The ADC Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) mitigation feature was deployed in the SAP test bed, and Thunder ADC was able to protect the NetWeaver Portal from DDoS attacks. The DDoS feature consumes a low amount of CPU resources and can be enabled as needed. This is highly recommended, especially when the NetWeaver application is deployed within the DMZ.

6. SSL session caching (a.k.a. SSL session ID reuse) is an SSL enhancement that provides better SSL performance, and it is included in this deployment guide as an optional feature.
7. Optimization features such as TCP connection reuse and RAM caching are also available to be deployed within the Thunder ADC device.
8. Within the NetWeaver Portal deployment, we have configured the sample configuration to be deployed to Offload SSL encryption and decryption (HTTPS-to-HTTP).

## Accessing the Thunder Series Load Balancer

This section describes how to access the Thunder Series device, which can be accessed either from a command-line interface (CLI) or graphical user interface (GUI):

- CLI – Text-based interface in which you type commands on a command line. You can access the CLI directly through the serial console or over the network using either of the following protocols:
  - Secure protocol – SSH version 2
  - Unsecure protocol – Telnet (if enabled)
- GUI – Web-based interface in which you click to access configuration or management pages and type or select values to configure or manage the device. You can access the GUI using the following protocol:
  - Secure protocol – Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS)

**Note:** *HTTP requests are redirected to HTTPS by default on the Thunder ADC device.*

- Default username: "admin"
- Default password: "a10"
- Default IP address of the device: "172.31.31.31"

For detailed information about how to access the Thunder Series device, refer to the document "A10 Thunder Series System Configuration and Administration Guide.pdf."

## Amazon Web Services Configuration

The A10 and SAP NetWeaver Portal solution has been deployed and tested with vThunder within an Amazon Web Services (AWS) infrastructure. The following important notes should be considered when the A10 solution is deployed within AWS.

Samples shown below represent the configuration required on the primary interface using CLI only. AWS requires that the primary interface be in Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), and it can be utilized as single management IP for management, virtual IP (VIP) and source NAT (SNAT).

The following commands are required:

```
interface ethernet 1
ip address dhcp
```

After the initial login, you will also need to specify the specific TCP ports being used, since port 80 is used for data traffic by default.

The following commands are required for interface ethernet 1:

```
web-service server
web-service port 8080
web-service secure-server
web-service secure-port 8443
```

The following command is required for NAT pool using interface ethernet for SNAT:

```
ip nat pool if SNAT use-if-ip ethernet 1
```

For VIP configuration, the configuration below is required:

```
slb virtual-server v1 use-if-ip ethernet 1
port 80 http
system pbslb bw-list loic
system pbslb over-limit lockup 5 logging 10
```

**Note:** If you are interested in A10 vThunder AWS, you can access the AMI build on AWS Marketplace at:

[https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B00HQP4WMO/ref=portal\\_asin\\_url](https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B00HQP4WMO/ref=portal_asin_url)

There are different A10 offerings within AWS Marketplace. These range from 10 Mbps, 50 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 200 Mbps, and 500 Mbps. You will also find Buy Your Own License (BYOL) options.

AWS documentation is available at the following links below:

**vThunder AWS Installation Guide**

[https://www.a10networks.com/resources/files/vThunder\\_AWS\\_Install\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.a10networks.com/resources/files/vThunder_AWS_Install_Guide.pdf)

**vThunder for AWS Product Overview**

[http://www.a10networks.com/products/vThunder\\_Amazon\\_Web\\_Services.php](http://www.a10networks.com/products/vThunder_Amazon_Web_Services.php)

## Architecture Overview

The network topology in Figure 1a and 1b are sample diagrams of how SAP NetWeaver Portal can be deployed in a regional data center. Other redundancy options can be paired with A10 Thunder ADC and SAP cloud solutions for additional redundancy as a failover site or deployed as a traffic load sharing site using Global Server Load Balancing (GSLB) protocol.

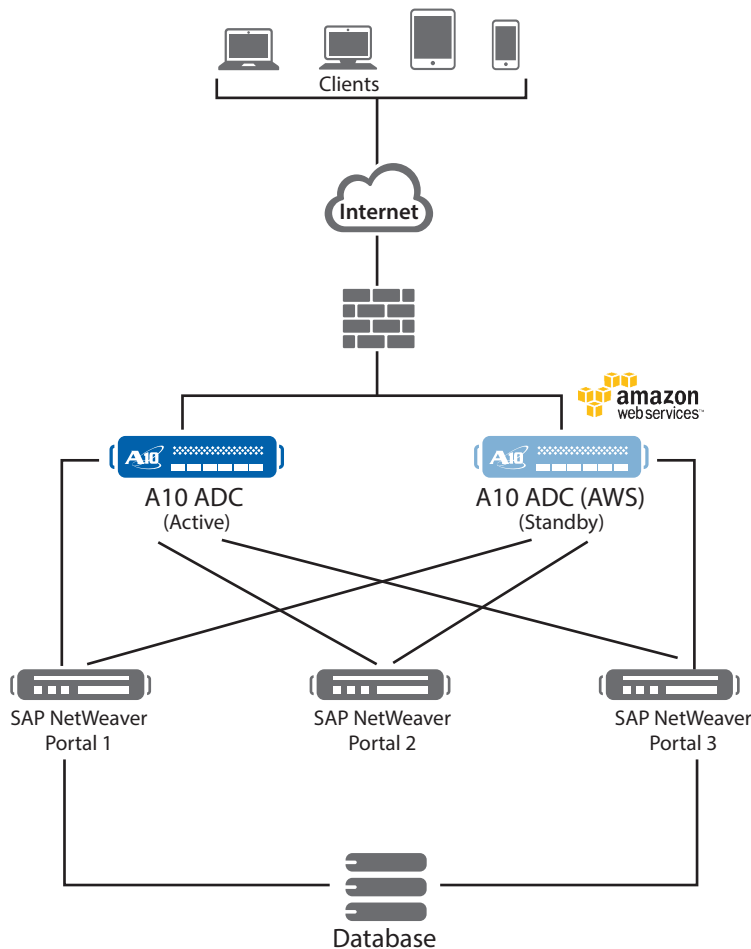


Figure 1a: A10 Thunder ADC with AWS active/standby solution

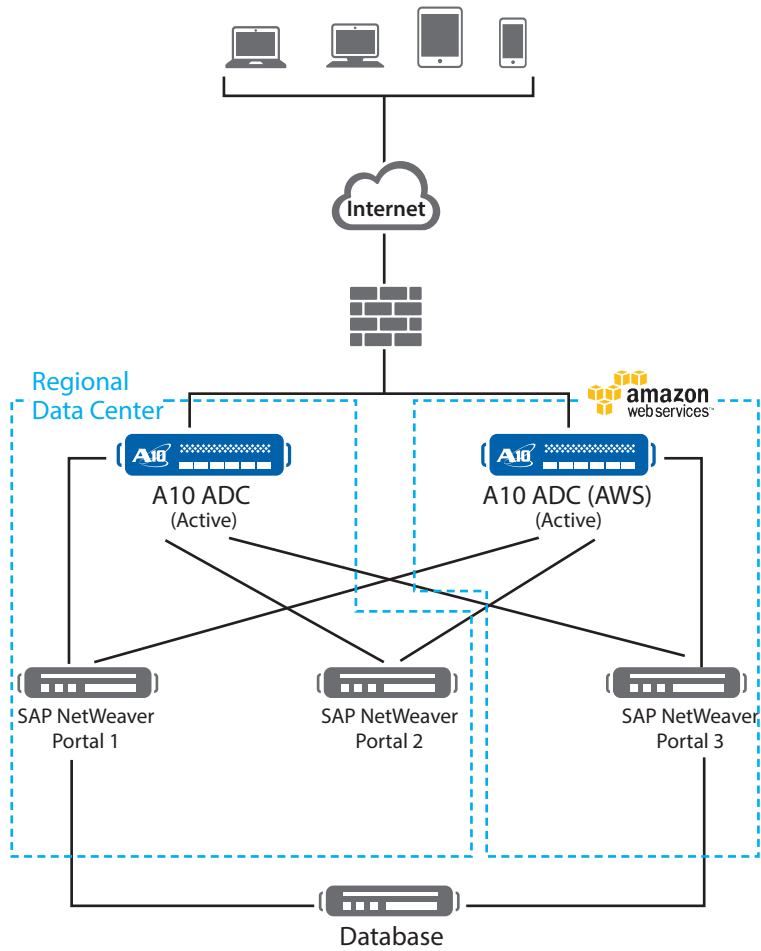


Figure 1b: A10 Thunder ADC and SAP NetWeaver Portal active/active solution with AWS solution

## Feature Template Preparation

This section describes how to prepare the Thunder ADC device to enhance SAP NetWeaver Portal components. The templates below will be bound with the HTTPS (50001) Virtual Service once the VIP is created.

- SSL Offload
- Cookie persistence
- TCP Proxy
- Source NAT (Network Address Translation)
- Web Application Firewall (WAF)
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)

## SSL Offload

SSL Offload acts as an acceleration feature by removing the burden of processing SSL traffic from the SAP NetWeaver Portal servers. Instead of having NetWeaver Portal servers handling the SSL processing, the Thunder ADC appliance decrypts and encrypts all HTTPS traffic, forwarding the traffic to the server over HTTP (unencrypted).

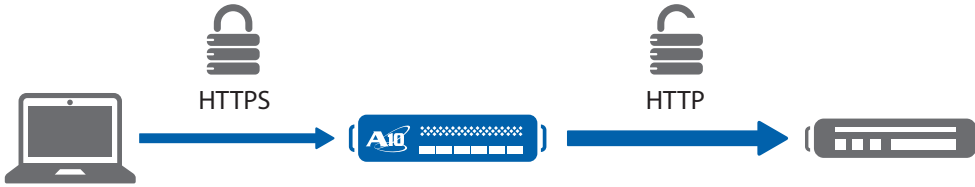


Figure 2: SSL Offload overview

To configure SSL Offload, the following configurations are required:

- Use HTTP for the communication between NetWeaver Portal web servers and Thunder ADC
- Use HTTPS on VIP for the communication between clients and Thunder ADC
- Import existing NetWeaver Portal web server SSL certificate or create self-signed CA on the Thunder ADC device
- Create SSL template and associate VIP with the SSL template

## Import or Generate Certificate

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > SSL Management > Certificate**
2. There are two options to configure when installing an SSL template from the ADC appliance:

**Option 1:** Generate a self-signed CA from the Thunder ADC

**Option 2:** Import an SSL certificate and key, then export existing CA certificate from NetWeaver Portal web servers and import to Thunder ADC

### Option 1: Generate a Self-Signed CA from Thunder ADC

1. Click **Create** to add a new SSL certificate using SSL Management.
2. Enter the File Name of the certificate: **"nwp"**
3. From the Issuer: Select **"Self"** from the dropdown menu, and then enter the following values:
  - a. Common Name: **"a10"**
  - b. Division: **"a10"**
  - c. Organization: **"a10"**
  - d. Locality: **"sanjose"**
  - e. State or Province: **"ca"**
  - f. Country: **"USA"**
  - g. Email Address: **"sapadmin@example.com"**
  - h. Valid Days: **"730"** (Default)
  - i. Key Size (Bits): **"2048"**

**Note:** Thunder ADC supports 1028, 2048 and 4096 bit SSL keys. The higher bit SSL key size, the more CPU processing will be required. The Thunder ADC SSL models handle the SSL transaction in hardware.

4. Click **"OK"** and then click **"Save"** to store your configuration changes.

<b>General</b>	
File Name: *	nwp
<b>Certificate</b>	
Issuer:	Self
Common Name: *	a10
Division:	a10
Organization:	a10
Locality:	sanjose
State or Province:	ca
Country (C): *	United States of America
	US
Email Address:	sapadmin@example.com
Valid Days:	730 days
<b>Key</b>	
Key Size:	2048 Bits

Figure 3: Client SSL certificate creation

**Option 2: Import SSL Certificate and Key**

1. Click "Import" to add a new SSL certificate using SSL Management
2. Enter a name for the certificate ("nwp")
3. Select "Local" from **Import Certificate from:** (this value will depend on the originating location of the certificate)
4. Enter Certificate Password (if applicable)
5. Enter Certificate Source (if applicable)
6. Click "OK" and then click "Save" to store your configuration changes

*Note: If you are importing a CA-signed certificate for which you used the Thunder Series device to generate the certificate signing request (CSR), you do not need to import the key. The key is automatically generated on the Thunder ADC when you generate the CSR.*

<b>Import</b>	
Name: *	nwp
Import Certificate from:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Local <input type="radio"/> Remote <input type="radio"/> Text
Certificate Format:	PFX
Password:	***
Certificate Source:	Browse... nwp.pfx

Figure 4: Import SSL certificate



## Configure and Apply Client SSL Template

This section describes how to configure a client SSL template and apply it to the VIP.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Template > SSL > Client SSL**
2. Click **"Add"**
3. Enter Name: **"nwpcientssl"**
4. Enter Certificate Name: **"portal"**
5. Enter Key Name: **"portal"**
6. Enter Pass Phrase: **"example"**
7. Enter Confirm Pass Phrase: **"example"**
8. Session Cache Size: **"8000000"** (optional)
9. Session Cache Timeout: **"28800"** (optional)
10. Session Ticket Lifetime: **"28800"** (optional)

Client SSL	
Name: *	<input type="text" value="nwpcientssl"/>
Certificate Name:	<input type="text" value="nwp"/>
Chain Cert Name:	<input type="text" value="nwp"/>
Key Name:	<input type="text" value="nwp"/>
Pass Phrase:	<input type="password" value="..."/>
Confirm Pass Phrase:	<input type="password" value="..."/>
Bypass SSLv2:	<input type="text"/>
Session Cache Size:	<input type="text" value="8000000"/>
Session Cache Timeout:	<input type="text" value="28800"/> Seconds
Session Ticket Lifetime:	<input type="text" value="28800"/> Seconds
SSL False Start:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
Reject Client Requests for SSLv3:	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled

Figure 5: Client SSL

Once the Client SSL template is completed, you must bind the Client SSL to the HTTPS VIP (Port 443), as follows:

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Virtual Server**
2. Click on **"Virtual Server name"**
3. Select **"443"** and click **"Edit"**
4. Apply the Client SSL template created by clicking the **Client-SSL template** dropdown menu
5. Select **"clientssl"** from the dropdown menu

HTTP Template:	<input type="text"/>
RAM Caching Template:	<input type="text"/>
Client-SSL Template:	<input type="text" value="clientssl"/>
Server-SSL Template:	<input type="text"/>

Figure 6: Client SSL binding

6. Click **"OK"** and then click **"Save"** to store your configuration changes

## Cookie Persistence

Cookie persistence enables you to insert a cookie into server responses to clients, in order to direct clients to the same service group, real server or real service port for subsequent requests for this service. The advantage of cookie persistence within the SAP NetWeaver solution is that you can direct all requests to the same SAP NetWeaver backend server that was recently visited, as long as the expiry time has not been exceeded.

### Create Cookie Persistence Template

To enable cookie persistence, the template must be created first as follows:

1. Navigate to **Config mode > SLB > Template > Persistent > Cookie Persistence**
2. Click **"Add"** to add a new cookie persistence template
3. Select the Expiration radio button and enter **"86400"** in the **Seconds** field
4. Cookie Name: **"SAPcookie"**
5. Domain: **"example"**
6. Match Type: Select **"Service Group"**
7. Select **"Port"** (select the appropriate match type)
8. Select the **Insert Always** check box

Cookie Persistence	
Name: *	SAPCookie
Expiration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15900 Seconds
Cookie Name:	sapcookie
Domain:	example
Path:	
Match Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Group Port
Insert Always:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Don't Honor Conn Rules:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 7: Cookie persistence template

9. Click **"OK"** and then click **"Save"** to store your configuration changes

## TCP Proxy

TCP Proxy controls TCP stack settings, such as the TCP idle connection timeout. The TCP idle connection timeout determines how long users can be idle before the Thunder ADC appliance terminates the connection.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > Template > TCP Proxy**
2. Click **"Add"**
3. Enter TCP Proxy Name: **"sap"**
4. Fin Timeout: **5** seconds
5. Idle Timeout: **28800** seconds (number of seconds that a connection can be idle before the Thunder ADC terminates the connection)
6. Retransmit Retries: **3**
7. SYN Retries: **5**
8. Time Wait: **5** seconds
9. Receive Buffer: **87380** Bytes (maximum number of bytes addressed to the port that the Thunder ADC will buffer)
10. Transmit Buffer: **87380** Bytes (number of bytes sent by the port that the Thunder ADC will buffer)
11. Initial Windows Size: **16324**
12. MSS (Maximum segment size): **1460**
13. Click **"OK"** and then click **"Save"** to store your configuration changes

TCP Proxy		
Name: *	<input type="text" value="sap"/>	
FIN Timeout:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Seconds
Idle Timeout:	<input type="text" value="28800"/>	Seconds
Force Delete Timeout:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Retransmit Retries:	<input type="text" value="3"/>	
SYN Retries:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	
Time Wait:	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Seconds
Receive Buffer:	<input type="text" value="87380"/>	Bytes
Transmit Buffer:	<input type="text" value="87380"/>	Bytes
Initial Window Size:	<input type="text" value="16324"/>	
QOS:	<input type="text"/>	
Nagle:	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled	
Backend Window Scaling:	<input type="text"/>	
Half-closed Idle Timeout:	<input type="text"/>	Seconds
MSS:	<input type="text" value="1460"/>	
Reno:	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled	
Initial CWND:	<input type="text" value="4"/>	
ACK Aggressiveness:	<input type="text"/>	
Keep-alive Interval:	<input type="text"/>	
Keep-alive Probes:	<input type="text"/>	
Dynamic Buffer Allocation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reset Forward:	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled	
Reset Receive:	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled	

Figure 8: TCP Proxy template

## IP Source NAT

This section configures the IP address pool to be used for IP SNAT. When incoming traffic from a client accesses the VIP address (for example: 172.16.1.200), the client requests are “source NAT-ed,” which means that Thunder ADC replaces the client’s source IP address based on the configured address pool of the source NAT. SNAT is a requirement when your network topology is based on “one-arm” deployment and if you have internal clients that reside on the same subnet as the VIP. The SNAT template must be applied in the virtual server port for the NAT to take effect.

### Create IP Source NAT Template

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > IP Source NAT > IPv4 Pool**
2. Click “Add”
3. Enter IP Source NAT Name: “SNAT”
4. Enter Start IP Address: 172.16.1.250 (example)
5. Enter End IP Address: 172.16.1.250 (example)
6. Enter Netmask: 255.255.255.0

IPv4 Pool	
Name: *	SNAT
Start IP Address: *	172.16.1.250
End IP Address: *	172.16.1.250
Netmask: *	255.255.255.0
Gateway:	
HA Group:	

Figure 9: IP SNAT configuration

7. Click "OK" and then click "Save" to store your configuration changes

**Note:** Apply the SNAT template to the virtual server port. If your SAP NetWeaver environment will consist of many concurrent users, it is advisable to configure multiple SNAT IP addresses. One IP address can be used for up to 64,000 flows. There is also an auto SNAT check option within virtual server port for ease of implementation.

## SLB Configuration

In this section of the deployment guide, SLB servers, service group, virtual services and VIP are configured. Once the SLB components are configured, you will be able to apply all of the preconfigured templates that were created from the previous sections.

## Server Configuration

This section demonstrates how to configure the NetWeaver web servers in the Thunder ADC appliance.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Service > Server**
2. Click "Add" to add a new server
3. Within the Server section, enter the following required information:
  - a. Name: "nwp1"
  - b. IP Address /Host: 192.0.2.2

**Note:** Enter additional servers if needed.

General	
Name: *	nwp1
IP Address/Host: *	192.0.2.2
GSLB External IP Address:	
IPv6 address Mapping of GSLB:	

Figure 10: Real server configuration

4. To add ports to the server configuration, navigate to: **Config Mode > SLB > Service > Server > Port**
5. Enter **Port**, **Protocol** type and then click "Add"

	Port	Protocol	W	No SSL	CL	CR	SPT	SST	HM	ES	KDCSN
<input type="checkbox"/>	50000	TCP	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8000000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	default		(default)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Figure 11: Real server port configuration

6. Click "OK" and then click "Save" to store your configuration changes

## Health Monitor Configuration

The Thunder ADC device can automatically initiate the health status checks of real servers and service ports. This provides clients assurance that all requests are going to functional and available servers. If a server or a port does not respond appropriately to a health check, the server will be temporarily removed from the list of available servers. Once the server is restored and starts responding appropriately to the health checks, the server will be automatically added back to the list of available servers.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Health Monitor > Health Monitor**
2. Health Monitor: Click the dropdown menu and select **Create**
3. Enter the Health Monitor Name: "nwphc"
4. Under Method type: Select "HTTP"

**Note:** By default, Thunder ADC expects the response code 200 (OK) with "HTTP." Please update "URL" or "Expect" section according to your environment.

5. Click **OK** and then continue with the Service Group configuration

Health Monitor	
Name: *	nwphc
Retry:	3
Consec Pass Req'd:	1
Interval:	5 Seconds
Timeout:	5 Seconds
Strictly Retry:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable After Down:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Method	
Override IPv4:	<input type="text"/>
Override IPv6:	<input type="text"/>
Override Port:	<input type="text"/>
Method:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal <input type="radio"/> External
Type:	HTTP
Port:	80
Host:	<input type="text"/>
URL:	GET /
User:	<input type="text"/>
Password:	<input type="text"/>
Expect:	<input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Text <input checked="" type="radio"/> Code
Maintenance Code:	<input type="text"/>
Passive Status:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 12: Health Monitor configuration

## Service Group Configuration

This section demonstrates how to configure the NetWeaver web servers in a service group. A service group contains a set of real servers from which the Thunder ADC can select to service client requests. A service group supports multiple NetWeaver real servers as one logical server.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Service > Service Group**
2. Click **"Add"** to add a new service group
3. Within the Server Group section, enter the following required information:
  - a. Name: **"sg50000"**
  - b. Type: Select **"TCP"** from the dropdown menu
  - c. Algorithm: Select **"LeastConnection"** from the dropdown menu
  - d. Health Monitor: Select **"nwphc"**

The following is another health check that differs from the previously configured server health check. This is an optional server group health check, and you can specify the method type or you can select the default "ping" health check. In this guide, you can either use HTTP or HTTPS depending on the setup configured on the backend servers, either an SSL Offload or full SSL.

Service Group	
Name: *	sg50000
Type:	TCP
Algorithm:	Least Connection <input type="checkbox"/> Pseudo Round Robin: <input type="checkbox"/>
Auto Stateless Method:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Replication:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Monitor:	nwphc

Figure 13: Service Group configuration

4. From the Server section of the window, add one or more servers from the server dropdown list:

Server: Select "nwp1" from the dropdown menu  
 Port: Enter "50000"

5. Click "Add" and enter all available NetWeaver web servers

In Figure 14, the server names nwp1 and nwp2 are entered, each with port 50000.

Server																			
IPv4/IPv6:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> IPv4 <input type="radio"/> IPv6																		
Server: *	nwp1 <input type="button" value="Add"/>																		
Port: *	50000 <input type="button" value="Update"/>																		
Server Port Template(SPT):	default <input type="button" value="Delete"/>																		
Priority:	1 <input type="button" value="Enable"/>																		
Stats Data:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled <input type="button" value="Disable"/>																		
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Figure 14: Service Group server configuration

6. Once completed, click "OK" and then click "Save" to store your configuration changes

**Note:** It is best practice to put each NetWeaver application in a service group. For example, if you have multiple Haiku servers, those servers should be provisioned to be in the same service group.

## Virtual Server

This section demonstrates how to configure the VIP with the Thunder ADC appliance.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Service > Virtual Server**
2. Within the **General** section, enter the following required information:
  - a. Name: "SAPVIP"
  - b. IP Address or CIDR Subnet: 10.0.0.200

General	
Name: *	nwvip
IP Address or CIDR Subnet: *	10.0.0.200 <input checked="" type="radio"/> IPv4 <input type="radio"/> IPv6
Status:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
Disabled on Condition:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled When All Ports Down <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled When Any Port Down

Figure 15: Virtual Server or VIP configuration

3. In the **Port** section:
  - a. Click **"Add"**
  - b. Enter the Virtual Server Port information
4. Type: From the dropdown menu, select **"HTTPS"**
5. Port: Enter **"50001"**
6. Service Group: From the dropdown menu, select **"sg50000"** to bind the virtual server to the real servers

Virtual Server Port	
Virtual Server:	nwpvip
Type: *	HTTPS
Port: *	50001
Service Group:	sg50000
Connection Limit:	<input type="checkbox"/> 8000000 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Drop <input type="radio"/> Reset <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Use default server selection when preferred method fails

Figure 16: Virtual Server Port configuration

7. Click **"OK"** and then click **"Save"** to store your configuration changes.

Port					<input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/> <input type="button" value="Enable"/> <input type="button" value="Disable"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Status	Port	Type	Service Group		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	✓	50001	HTTPS	sg50000		

Figure 17: Virtual Port lists

8. Click **"OK"** and then click **"Save"** to store your configuration changes

**Note:** To test and access the SAP NetWeaver Portal with load balancing, use a browser and navigate to the following URL: <https://<FQDN/VIP>:50001/irj/portal>

## Configuration Templates

Once the templates such as SSL, TCP Proxy and persistence are configured, you can now bind the templates to the port on the VIP to make them operational.

1. Navigate to **Config Mode > SLB > Virtual Service**
2. Click on the virtual service name

Apply the features by selecting the templates from the applicable dropdown lists.

Client-SSL Template:	nwpclientsl
Server-SSL Template:	
Connection Reuse Template:	
TCP-Proxy Template:	sap
Persistence Template Type:	Cookie Persistence Template
Cookie Persistence Template:	SAPCookie
WAF:	sapwaf

Figure 18: Applying features

3. Click **OK**, then click the **Save** icon at the top of the GUI window to save the configuration



## Web Application Firewall (Optional)

This part of the deployment guide will provide additional security protection to the SAP applications using Web Application Firewall (WAF). This feature can be deployed as a pass-through SSL solution using the A10 device as a WAF. To deploy this solution, you need to:

1. Create a WAF template within **Config Mode > Security > WAF > Template**
2. Click "Add"
3. Enter Name: "sapwaf"
4. Select Deployment Mode as "Active"

General	
Name: *	sapwaf
Deployment Mode:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Active <input type="radio"/> Passive <input type="radio"/> Learning
Logging Template:	<input type="text"/>

Figure 19: WAF general configuration

This section of the WAF feature is where you specify the location and enable the WAF request protection features. To understand the details of each of the features, refer to the A10 Web Application Firewall Guide. Select the needed protection required for your deployment.

Request Protection	
Allowed HTTP Methods:	GET POST
SQLIA Check:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Reject <input type="radio"/> Disabled <input type="radio"/> Sanitize <input type="checkbox"/> Change Default Definition: sqlia_defs
Bot Check:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Change Default Definition: bot_defs
CSRF Check:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
URL closure:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
HTTP Check:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
Form Consistency Check:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled
XSS Check:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Reject <input type="radio"/> Disabled <input type="radio"/> Sanitize <input type="checkbox"/> Change Default Definition: jscript_defs
Max Cookies:	20
Max Headers:	20
Buffer Overflow:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enabled <input type="radio"/> Disabled Max Cookie Length: 4096 Bytes Max Headers Length: 4096 Bytes Max URL Length: 1024 Bytes Max Post Size: 20480 Bytes
Referer Check:	<input type="radio"/> Enabled <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disabled <input type="radio"/> Only-If-Present Allowed Referer Domains: <input type="text"/> Safe URL: <input type="text"/>
Deny Action:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> http-resp-403 <input type="radio"/> http-resp-200 <input type="radio"/> http-redirect <input type="radio"/> reset-conn
URI Black List:	<input type="text"/>
URI White List:	<input type="text"/>

Figure 20: WAF Request Protection configuration

This section will be used to configure the Response Protection required for your deployment.

Figure 21: WAF Response Protection configuration

- Once configured, click **OK** and bind the WAF feature to the HTTPS virtual port for the feature to work

- Once completed click **OK** and click **Save** to store the configuration

## DDoS Mitigation (Optional)

This section is an additional security feature to protect the SAP application from DDoS attacks. To configure this feature within the A10 Advanced Core Operating System (ACOS®) platform, navigate to **Config Mode > Security > Network > DDoS Protection**.

The DDoS Protection feature is a global configuration, and to enable this feature, you will select the DDoS attacks you would like to drop. In the diagram below, we have selected the DDoS mitigation attack required. Once completed, click **OK** and then **Save** to store your configuration.

Figure 22: DDoS Protection configuration

In addition, these two command lines are also required to deploy system-wide Policy-Based Server Load Balancing (PBSLB) using a CLI.

```
system pbslb bw-list sap
system pbslb over-limit lockup 5 logging 10
```

The blacklist/whitelist is applied to the system-wide PBSLB within a locking time of 5 minutes and login interface of 10 minutes.

**Note:** The sample BW-List contains group ID 1; however, you don't need to configure the group ID in a PBSLB configuration since a wildcard address is used in the list. To use a specific host or subnet address in the list, please configure the action (reset or drop) for each group ID accordingly.

## Summary and Conclusion

The configuration steps described above show how to set up the Thunder ADC appliance for an SAP Enterprise (NetWeaver) Portal. By using Thunder ADC to load balance Enterprise Portal web application servers, the following benefits are achieved:

- Higher availability if an SAP Enterprise Portal web server fails, meaning there is no direct impact on how users can access the applications
- Reduced application server CPU utilization rates, as Thunder ADC transparently load balances requests across multiple SAP Enterprise Portal applications and web servers
- Greater connection throughput and faster end user responsiveness, by offloading intensive security processing to the Thunder ADC device
- Additional protection against DDoS attacks and an additional level of protection, using the A10 WAF feature

By using Thunder ADC, significant benefits are achieved for all SAP NetWeaver Portal users. For more information about A10 Thunder Series products, please refer to the following URLs:

<http://www.a10networks.com/products/thunder-adc.php>

[http://www.a10networks.com/products/application\\_delivery\\_controllers.php](http://www.a10networks.com/products/application_delivery_controllers.php)

## Appendix

Attached is a sample CLI configuration based on the configuration tested above.

```
health monitor nwphc
  method http

slb server nwp1 192.0.2.2
  health-check ping
  port 50000 tcp

slb server nwp2 192.0.2.3
  health-check ping
  port 50000 tcp

slb service-group sg50000 tcp
  method least-connection
  health-check nwphc
  member nwp1:50000
  member nwp2:50000

slb template tcp-proxy sap
  idle-timeout 28800
  receive-buffer 87380
  transmit-buffer 87380
  initial-window-size 16324

slb template cache ramcaching
  policy uri .jpg cache
  policy uri .doc cache
  policy uri .docx cache

slb template waf sapwaf
  bot-check
  http-check
  xss-check reject
  form-consistency-check
```

```

csrf-check
ccn-mask
ssn-mask
sqlia-check reject

slb template client-ssl nwpclientssl
cert nwp
chain-cert nwp
key nwp pass-phrase encrypted
37048xvi8uY8Eiy41dsA5zwQjLjV2wDnPBCMuNXbAOc8Eiy41dsA5zwQjLjV2wDn
session-cache-timeout 28800
session-cache-size 8000000
session-ticket-lifetime 28800

slb template persist cookie SAPCookie
name sapcookie
domain example
expire 15900
insert-always
match-type service-group

slb virtual-server nwpvip 10.0.0.200
port 50001 https
name _10.0.0.200_HTTPS_50001
source-nat auto
service-group sg50000
template tcp-proxy sap
template waf sapwaf
template client-ssl nwpclientssl
template persist cookie SAPCookie

system pbslb bw-list sap
system pbslb over-limit lockup 5 logging 10
monitor buffer-usage 91750
end

```

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