Load Balancing For Clustered Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances in the New Microsoft Azure Management Portal

This guide will walk you through the steps to load balance traffic across multiple instances of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall deployed in the new Microsoft Azure Management Portal.

In Microsoft Azure, you can create Services using the **WAN IP Address** of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall.

**Configuring a Load-Balanced Set Using the Azure Resource Manager Model**

Follow the steps below to configure a load-balanced set using the Resource Manager model in the new Microsoft Azure Management Portal:

- **Step 1. Create a Resource Group**
- **Step 2. Create a Load Balancer for the Resource Group**
- **Step 3. Create an Availability Set for the Resource Group**
- **Step 4. Deploy and Provision the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VM(s) Using the Resource Manager**
- **Step 5. Configure the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs and Add them to the Cluster Setup**
- **Step 6. Add the Clustered Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances to the Load Balance Set**

**Step 1. Create a Resource Group**

1. Log into the [Microsoft Azure Management Portal](#).
2. Click **Resource groups** on the left panel.
3. In the **Resource groups** page, click **Add** and specify values for the following:
   1. **Resource group name**: Enter a name for the resource group.
   2. **Subscription**: Select the subscription from the drop-down list.
   3. **Resource group location**: Select the location for the resource group.
   4. Click **Create**.
4. The created resource group gets displayed in the Resource groups list.

**Step 2. Create a Load Balancer for the Resource Group**

1. In the Microsoft Azure Management Portal, click Resource groups on the left panel.
2. In the Resource group list, locate and click on the resource group created in Step 1. Create a Resource Group.
3. Click Add in the Resource group page, and enter Load Balancer in the search field.
4. In the search results, select the Microsoft Load Balancer.
5. Click **Create**.

6. On the **Create load balancer** page, specify values for the following:
   1. **Name**: Enter a name for the load balancer.
   2. **Scheme**: Select **Public**.
   3. **Public IP address**: Assign a new public IP address, or select a public IP address from the existing list.
   4. **Subscription**: Select the subscription where you want to deploy the load balancer.
   5. **Resource group**: Select the resource group created in **Step 1, Create a Resource Group**.
   6. **Location**: Select a location for the load balancer. **Note**: Ensure that the location of the resource group and the load balancer is same.

7. Click **Create**.
Step 3. Create an Availability Set for the Resource Group

1. In the Microsoft Azure Management Portal, click Resource groups on the left panel.
2. In the Resource group list, locate and click on the resource group created in Step 1. Create a Resource Group from the existing Resource group list.
3. Click Add in the Resource group page, and enter Availability Set in the search field.
4. In the search results, select the Microsoft Availability Set.
5. Click **Create**.

6. In the **Create availability set** page, specify values for the following:
   1. **Name**: Enter a name for the availability set.
   2. **Fault domains**: Set the value to 1.
   3. **Update domains**: Set the value to 1.
   4. **Subscription**: Select the subscription where you want to deploy the availability set.
   5. **Resource group**: Select the resource group created in **Step 1. Create a Resource Group** from the existing **Resource group** list.
   6. **Location**: Select a location for the availability set. **Note**: Ensure that the location of the resource group and the availability set is same.

7. Click **Create**.
Step 4. Deploy and Provision the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VM(s) Using the Resource Manager

To load balance the traffic between the Barracuda Web Application Firewall virtual machines (VMs), deploy and provision the Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances in the resource group created in Step 1. Create a Resource Group (which includes load balancer and availability set created in Step 2. Create a Load Balancer for the Resource Group and Step 3. Create an Availability Set for the Resource Group respectively). Perform the following steps to deploy and provision the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs:

The Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances deployed in Microsoft Azure are assigned with a public IP address through which they can be accessed. If the deployed instances are configured behind an azure load balancer, the public IP addresses assigned to the instances before being associated with the azure load balancer will continue to work as earlier.
1. In the Microsoft Azure Management Portal, click Resource groups on the left panel.
2. In the Resource group list, locate and click on the resource group created in Step 1. Create a Resource Group.
3. Click Add in the Resource group page, and enter Barracuda Web Application Firewall
4. In the search field. In the search results, select Barracuda Web Application Firewall (BYOL or Hourly as per your requirement).

5. Follow the steps mentioned in the Deploying and Provisioning the Barracuda Web Application Firewall Using Resource Manager in the New Microsoft Azure Portal article to deploy the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VM. When deploying the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VM, ensure that you:
   1. Select the resource group created in Step 1. Create a Resource Group from the existing resource group list.
   2. Select the same location as that of the resource group created in Step 1. Create a Resource Group.
   3. Select the availability set created in Step 3. Add an Availability Set to the Resource Group from the existing Availability set list.
6. Repeat step 5 to deploy multiple Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs into the same load balance set.

If you have deployed the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VM(s) with the “Bring Your Own License (BYOL)” option, license the VM(s) by following the steps mentioned under Licensing the Barracuda Web Application Firewall on Microsoft Azure in the Barracuda Web Application Firewall Quick Start Guide – Microsoft Azure article.

If the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VM(s) is deployed with the “Hourly” option, the VM(s) is licensed automatically.

**Step 5. Configure the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs and Add them to the Cluster Setup**

1. Log into the Barracuda Web Application Firewall web interface using the public IP address of the VM with port 8000 (for HTTP), or using only the public IP address (for HTTPS).
2. Verify the configuration on the BASIC > IP Configuration page, and change the system password on the BASIC > Administration page. For more information, see the Verify Configuration and Change the Password section in the Barracuda Web Application Firewall Quick Start Guide - Microsoft Azure.
3. Perform the cluster by following the steps mentioned under Step 2. Set Up a High Availability Environment with the Barracuda Web Application Firewall in the Configuring a Load-Balanced Set Using the Classic Model section.
4. Repeat step 3 to add the remaining Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs into the cluster setup.

Ensure the endpoints are opened on all the Barracuda Web Application Firewalls for the applications/services created.

**Step 6 - Add the Clustered Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances to the Load Balance Set**

1. In the Microsoft Azure Management Portal, click Browse at the bottom of the screen on the left panel and select Load Balancers.
2. On the **Load balancers** page, select the load balancer created in Step 2. Add a Load Balancer to the **Resource Group**.

3. On the **Settings** page, select **Probes**.

4. On the **Probes** page, click **Add** and specify values for the following in the **Add probe** page:
   1. **Name**: Enter a name for the probe.
   2. **Protocol**: Select **HTTP**.
   3. **Port**: Enter **8000**.
   4. **Interval**: Enter the interval time (in seconds) between probes sent by the Microsoft Azure to the Barracuda Web Application Firewall virtual machine to determine the health status. **Note**: It is recommended to keep the default values.
   5. **Unhealthy threshold**: Enter the number of probe failures that are allowed before marking the virtual machine as unhealthy. **Note**: It is recommended to keep the default values.
   6. Click **OK**.
5. On the **Settings** page, click **Backend pools**.
6. On the **Backend address pools** page, click **Add**.
7. On the **Add backend pool** page:
   1. **Name**: Enter a name for the backend pool.
   2. **Virtual machines**: Click **Add a virtual machine**.
8. On the **Choose virtual machines** page:
   1. Click **Availability set** and select the availability set created in **Step 3. Create an Availability Set for the Resource Group**.
   2. Click **Virtual machines**, select the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs you added in **Step 5. Configure the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMs and Add them to the Cluster Setup** on the **Choose virtual machines** page, and click **Select**.

9. Click **OK** on the **Choose virtual machines** page, and on the **Add backend pool** page.
10. On the **Settings** page, click **Load balancing rules**.
11. On the **Load balancing rules** page, click **Add** and specify values for the following in the **Add load balancing rule** page:

    - **Name**: [WAF-AS1]
    - **Availability set**: [WAF-AS1]
    - **Virtual machines**: [WAF-VM1, WAF-VM2]

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1. **Name**: Enter a name for the load balancing rule.
2. **Protocol**: Select TCP.
3. **Port**: Enter the port on which you want to receive the traffic on the Load Balancer to load balance the traffic between the Barracuda Web Application Firewalls.
4. **Backend port**: Enter the port on the Barracuda Web Application Firewall to which you want to distribute the traffic.
5. **Backend pool**: Select the backend pool created in step 7 in the Step 6, Add the Clustered Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances to the Load Balance Set section.
6. **Probe**: Select the probe created in step 4 in the Step 6, Add the Clustered Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances to the Load Balance Set section.
7. **Session persistence**: Select the persistence as per your requirement.
8. **Idle timeout (minutes)**: Keep the default value.
9. **Floating IP (direct server return)**: Select Disabled.
10. Click OK.

Now, any requests coming to the load balancer public IP address/DNS configured in step 6.c in the Step 2, Create a Load Balancer for the Resource Group section will be distributed between the specified Barracuda Web Application Firewalls.

### Configuring a Load-Balanced Set Using the Classic Model

Follow the steps below to configure a load-balanced set using the Classic model in the new Microsoft Azure Management Portal:

- [Step 1. Deploy the Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances in Microsoft Azure](#)
- [Step 2. Set Up a High Availability Environment With the Barracuda Web Application Firewall](#)
- [Step 3. Set Up Load Balancing on the First Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instance](#)
- [Step 4. Add Other Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances to the Load-Balanced Set](#)

#### Step 1. Deploy the Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances in Microsoft Azure

1. Follow the steps in Deploying and Provisioning the Barracuda Web Application Firewall in the New Microsoft Azure Management Portal. To license and configure your virtual machine, continue with Barracuda Web Application Firewall Quick Start Guide - Microsoft Azure. In these instructions, the newly configured virtual machine is called Barracuda-WAF1.
2. Verify that Barracuda-WAF1 is accessible through port 8000 (for HTTP) and port 8443 (for HTTPS).
3. Add new ports for HTTP and HTTPS to Barracuda-WAF1 in ENDPOINTS (for example, port 8001 for HTTP and port 8444 for HTTPS).
4. In the web interface of Barracuda-WAF1, do the following:
   1. Enter the HTTP port number you configured in step 3 into Web Interface HTTP Port under Web Interface Settings on the BASIC > Administration page.
   2. Enter the HTTPS port number you configured in step 3 into Web Interface HTTPS/SSL Port on the ADVANCED > Secure Administration page.
5. Verify that you can access Barracuda-WAF1 using the HTTP and HTTPS ports specified in the step 4 (a) and (b).
6. In Microsoft Azure, delete port 8000 and port 8443 from the listed ENDPOINTS for Barracuda-WAF1.
7. To deploy another Barracuda Web Application Firewall (called Barracuda-WAF2) in Microsoft Azure, follow the instructions in the Deploying and Provisioning the Barracuda Web Application Firewall in the New Microsoft Azure Management Portal article.

When you configure the CLOUD SERVICE DNS NAME, choose the CLOUD SERVICE DNS NAME of Barracuda-WAF1 from the CLOUD SERVICE list.
When the second Barracuda Web Application Firewall instance is added to the same CLOUD SERVICE to set up load balancing between clustered Barracuda Web Application Firewalls, Microsoft Azure may add a random high port as ENDPOINTS for Public Port instead of adding 8000 and 8443 ports. In this case, do the following:

- Access the second Barracuda Web Application Firewall web interface using the random high port, as the high port ENDPOINTS added in Public Port are NATed with the configured Private Port’s ENDPOINTS.

OR

- Edit the high port and configure desired ports (i.e. port 8000 and 8443) in the ENDPOINTS for the deployed VM before accessing.

8. Continue with Barracuda Web Application Firewall Quick Start Guide - Microsoft Azure to license and configure your virtual machine.
9. By default, the Barracuda-WAF2 is configured with port 8000 (for HTTP) and port 8443 (for HTTPS).

Now, Barracuda-WAF1 is accessible through port 8001 for HTTP and port 8444 for HTTPS, and Barracuda-WAF2 is accessible through port 8000 for HTTP and port 8443 for HTTPS.

Step 2. Set Up a High Availability Environment With the Barracuda Web Application Firewall

Follow these steps to cluster your Barracuda Web Application Firewall virtual machines in Microsoft Azure:

The Barracuda Web Application Firewall virtual machines should all be deployed in the same CLOUD SERVICE for High Availability in Microsoft Azure.

1. Install each system and ensure that each Barracuda Web Application Firewall is running the same firmware version. Each Barracuda Web Application Firewall in a cluster must have the same model number and firmware version.
2. Make a backup of each Barracuda Web Application Firewall configuration.
3. No processes should be running on any virtual machine when you link them together. To be sure, go to the ADVANCED > Task Manager page of each Barracuda Web Application Firewall and verify that no processes are running.
4. From the ADVANCED > High Availability page of Barracuda-WAF1, enter a Cluster Shared Secret password, and click Save.
5. From the ADVANCED > High Availability page of Barracuda-WAF2, do the following:
   1. Enter the same Cluster Shared Secret password, and click Save. Both units in a cluster must have the same Cluster Shared Secret to communicate with each other.
   2. In the Clustered Systems section, enter the WAN IP address of Barracuda-WAF1, and click Join Cluster. Make sure that the join cluster task is not cancelled when the join is in progress.
6. On each Barracuda Web Application Firewall, refresh the ADVANCED > High Availability page, and verify the following:
   1. Each system’s Hostname, serial number and WAN IP address appears in the Clustered Systems list.
   2. The identity of the system (Self or Peer) displays in the Type field.
   3. The Status is green for all virtual machines in the cluster.
7. View the Cluster Status from the BASIC > Dashboard page, under Performance Statistics.

To add more units to the existing cluster, repeat step 1 to 5.a. and then do the following:

- From the ADVANCED > High Availability page of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall you are adding to the cluster, enter the WAN IP address of any system in the cluster in the Peer IP Address field and click Join Cluster. Verify that the following occurs:
The configuration of the cluster automatically propagates to the newly added system. The new unit information propagates to all other units in the cluster.

**Step 3. Set Up Load Balancing on the First Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instance**

2. On the [Microsoft Azure Home](https://portal.azure.com) page, select **Virtual machines (classic)** on the left panel.

   ![Virtual machines (classic) page](image)

4. In the **Essentials** section, click **All Settings**, and select **Load balanced sets**.

   ![Load balanced sets page](image)

5. On the **Load balanced sets** page, click **Join** and specify values for the following fields in the **Join a load balanced set** page:
   1. **Load balanced set type**: Public
   2. **Endpoint Name**: Enter a name for the endpoint. **Example**: HTTP
   3. **Private Port**: Enter the internal port that should listen to traffic on the endpoint. **Example**: 80.
   4. Click **Load balanced set Configure required settings**, and select **Create a load balanced set**.

6. On the **Create a load balanced set** page, specify values for the following fields:
   1. **Name**: Enter a name for the load-balanced set. **Example**: WAF-LB-80
   2. **Protocol**: Select TCP from the list.
   3. **Public Port**: Enter the port number of the service you are load balancing. **Example**: Port 80 for HTTP traffic.
   4. Set **Floating IP** to **Disabled**.
   5. Select the **Protocol** to be used for probing, enter values for **Port**, **Interval (seconds)** and **Number of retries** as required, and click **OK**.
7. Now, click **OK** under **Join a load balanced set**. This will create the load balanced set and join it to **Barracuda-WAF1**.
8. Click **OK** to set up the load balanced set.

9. Repeat the process to add more ports to the load-balanced set.

**Step 4. Add Other Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instances to the Load-Balanced Set**

After you create the load-balanced set for Barracuda-WAF1, add other Barracuda Web Application Firewall virtual machines to the set. **Example**: Barracuda-WAF2

2. On the **Microsoft Azure Home** page, select **Virtual machines (classic)** on the left panel.
3. On the **Virtual machines (classic)** page, select **Barracuda-WAF2**.
4. In the **Essentials** section, click **All Settings**, and select **Load balanced sets**.

5. On the **Load balanced sets** page, click **Join** and specify values for the following fields in the **Join a load balanced set** page:
   1. Set the **Load balanced set type** to **Public**.
   2. Click **Load balanced set Configure required settings**.

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6. On the **Choose a load balanced set** page, select the load balanced set you created in step 6 under **Step 3. Set Up Load Balancing on the First Barracuda Web Application Firewall Instance**.

7. On the **Join a load balanced set** page, you will see the load balanced set associated with the *Barracuda-WAF2* instance.
8. Click **OK** to add the **Barracuda-WAF2** instance to the load balanced set.

9. Repeat the process to add more Barracuda Web Application Firewall virtual machines to the load-balanced set.