How to Configure Packet-Based Balancing for VPN Tunnels with Traffic Intelligence

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Packet-Based Balancing distributes traffic on a per-packet basis over multiple VPN transports in the same transport class. VPN transports using Packet-Based Balancing must have the same bandwidth and latency. In most cases, using Adaptive Session Balancing is preferable to Packet-Based Balancing because it allows for different link-quality requirements.

Limitations

- VPN transports must be in the same transport class.
- WAN links must have the same bandwidth and latency. For example: multiple identical WAN links from the same ISP.

Before You Begin

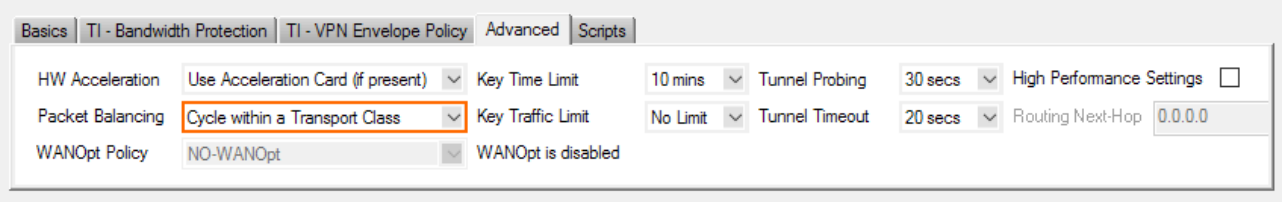
Create a multi-transport VPN tunnel between two F-Series Firewalls:

- Create a TINA site-to-site VPN tunnel. For more information, see How to Create a TINA VPN Tunnel between F-Series Firewalls or How to Create a VPN Tunnel with the VPN GTI Editor.
- Add one or more additional transports in the same TI class to the VPN tunnel. For more information, see How to Add a VPN Transport to a TINA VPN Tunnel or How to Configure Traffic Intelligence Using the VPN GTI Editor.

Step 1. Enable Packet-Based Balancing

Packet-Based Balancing must be enabled for all transports in the transport class.

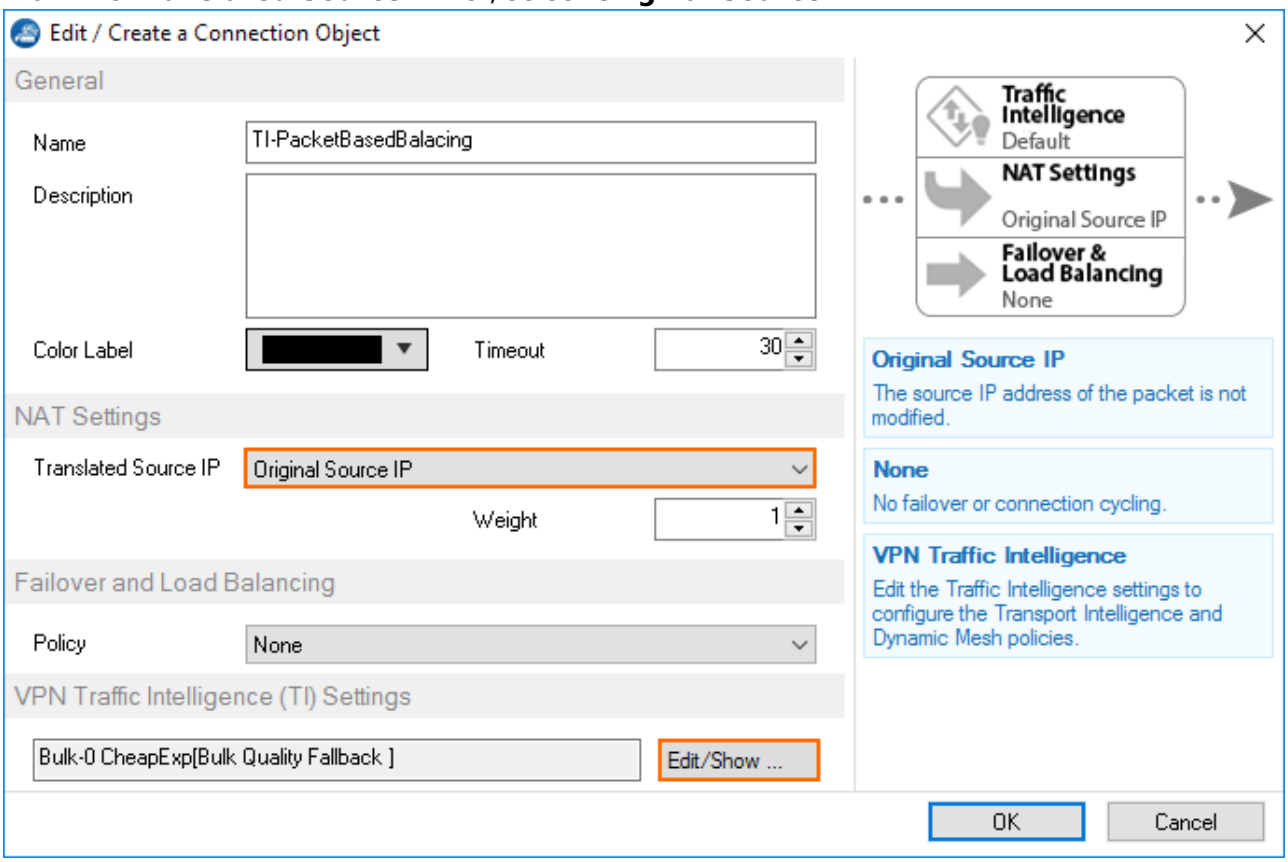
1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > Assigned Services > VPN Service > Site to Site VPN**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Double-click the TINA VPN tunnel. The **TINA Tunnel** window opens.
4. Click the **Advanced** tab.
5. From the **Packet Balancing** list, select **Cycle within a Transport Class**.



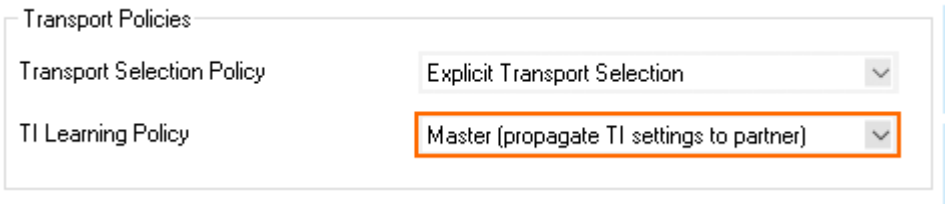
6. Click **OK**.
7. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 2. Create a Custom Connection Object for the TI Master

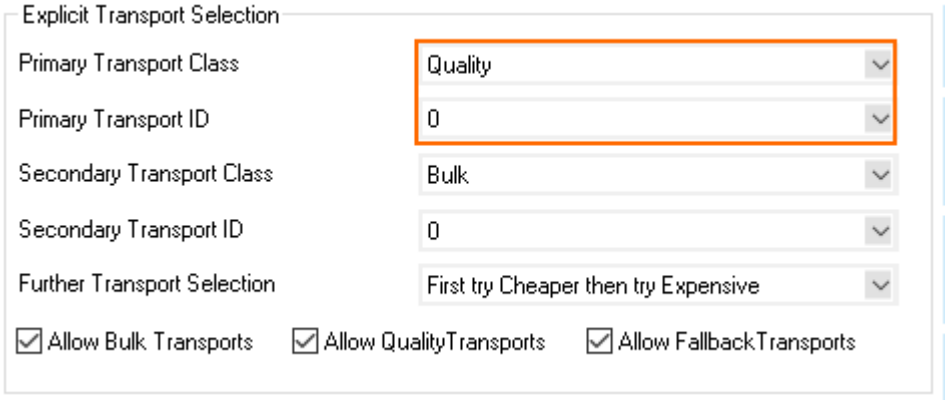
1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > *your virtual server*** **> Assigned Services > Firewall > Forwarding Rules**.
2. In the left menu, click **Connections**.
3. Right-click the table and select **New Connection**. The **Edit/Create a Connection Object** window opens.
4. Enter a **Name**
5. From the **Translated Source IP** list, select **Original Source IP**.



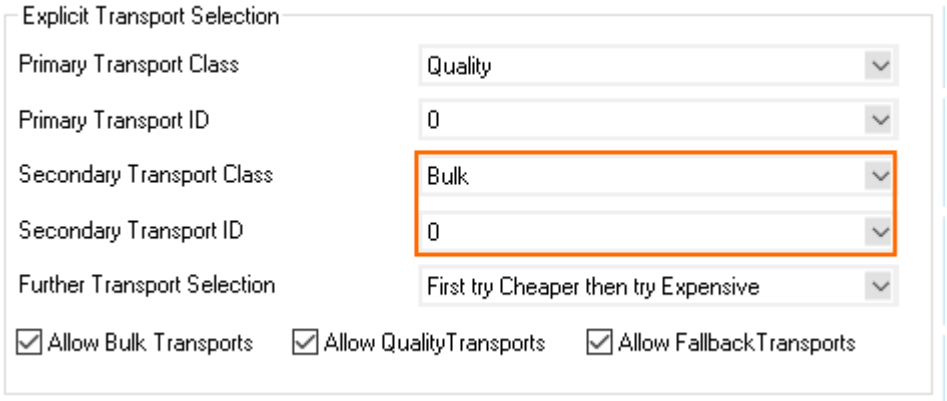
6. To edit the **VPN Traffic Intelligence** settings, click **Edit/Show**. The **TI Transport Selection** window opens.
7. From the **TI Learning Policy** list, select **Master**.



8. From the **Primary Transport Class** list, select the primary transport class.
9. From the **Primary Transport ID** list, select the ID for the primary transport.



10. From the **Secondary Transport Class** list, select the same transport class used for the primary transport.
11. From the **Secondary Transport ID** list, select the ID for the secondary transport.

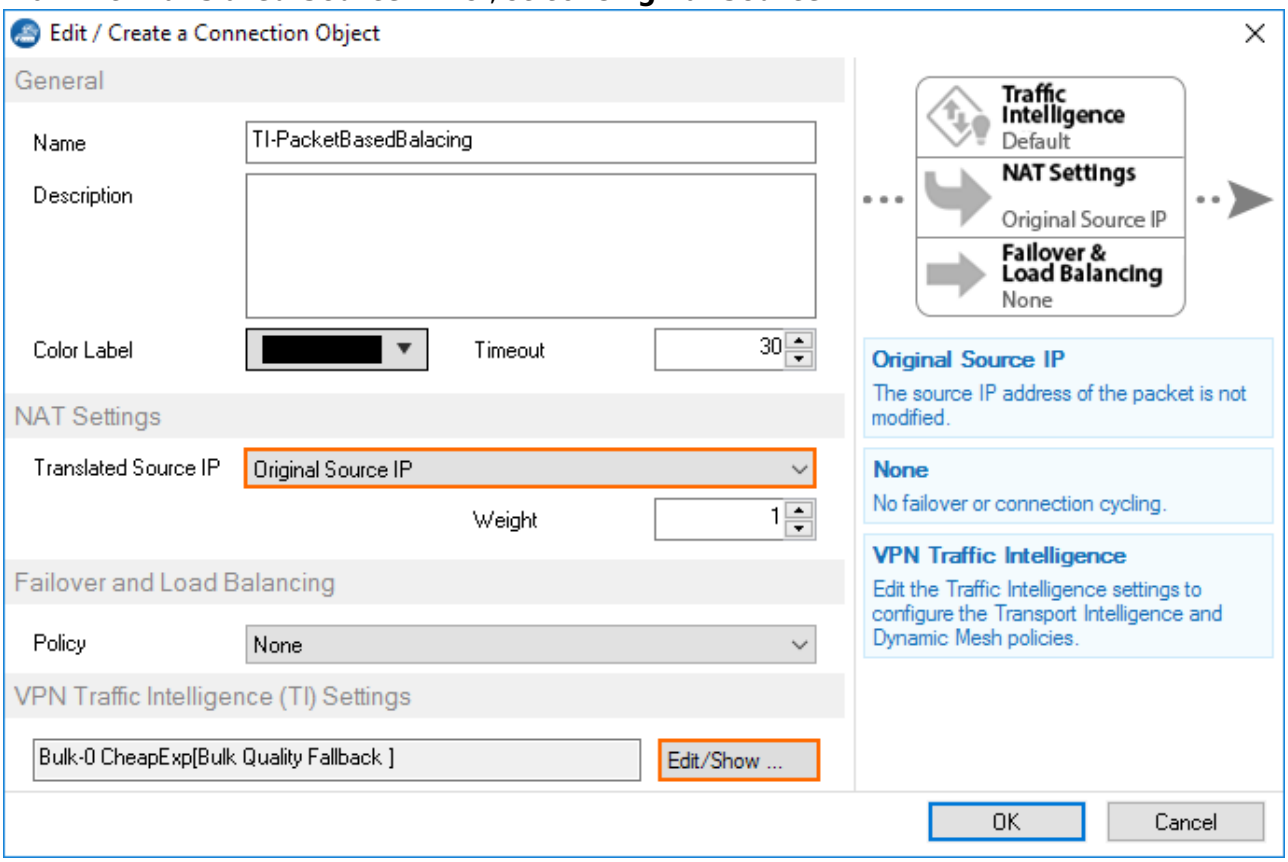


12. Click **OK**.
13. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 3. Create a Custom Connection Object for the TI Slave

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > *your virtual server* > Assigned Services > Firewall > Forwarding Rules**.
2. In the left menu, click **Connections**.
3. Right-click the table and select **New Connection**. The **Edit/Create a Connection Object** window opens.
4. Enter a **Name**.

5. From the **Translated Source IP** list, select **Original Source IP**.



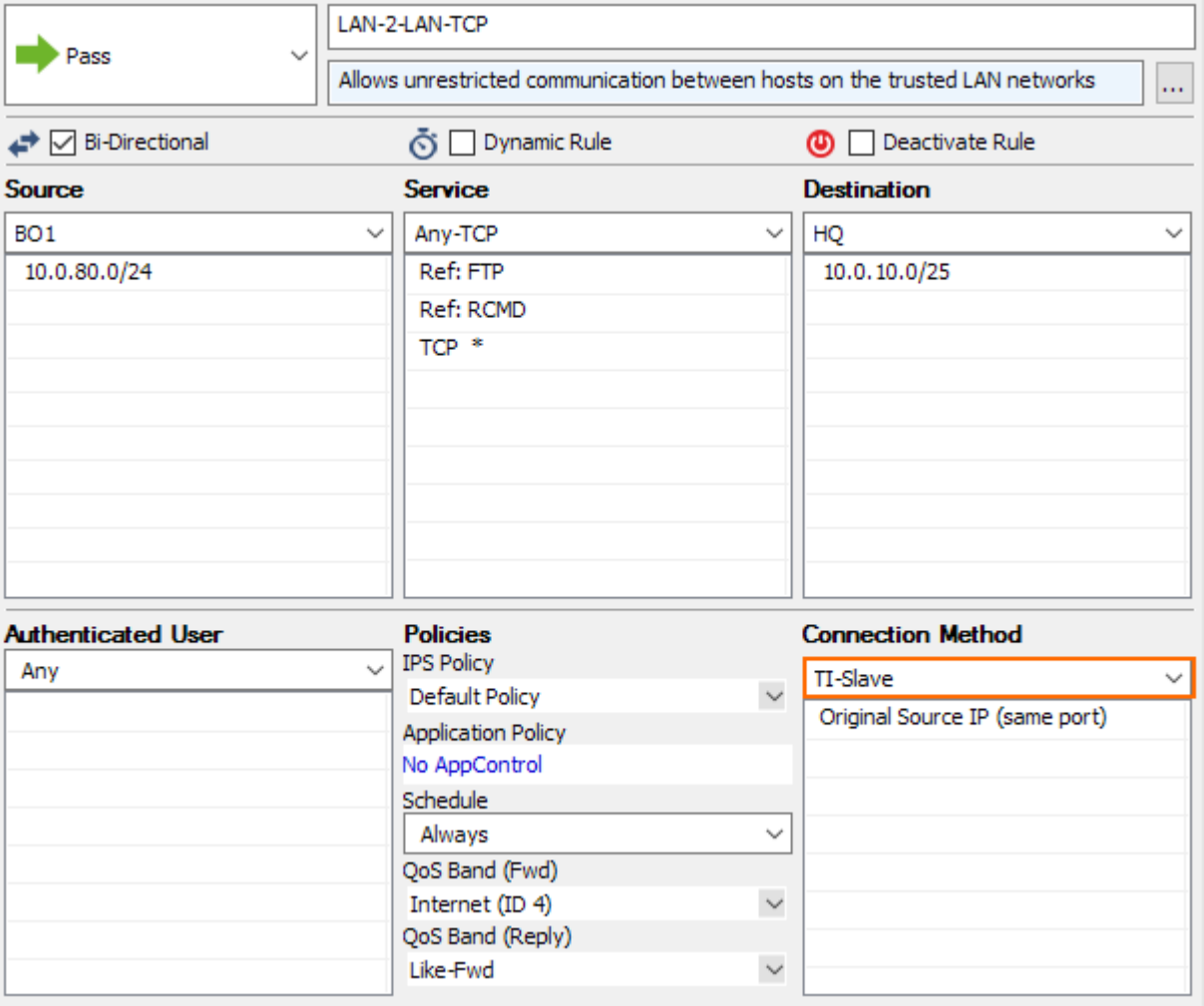
6. To edit the **VPN Traffic Intelligence** settings, click **Edit/Show**. The **TI Transport Selection** window opens.
7. From the **TI Learning Policy** drop-down list, select **Slave.**

8. Click **OK**.
9. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 4. Modify Access Rule on the Firewall Acting as TI Master

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > *your virtual server* > Assigned Services > Firewall > Forwarding Rules**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Right-click the ruleset and select **New > Rule** to create an access rule to match the VPN traffic you want to balance:
   - **Action** – Select **Pass**.
   - **Bi-Directional** – Select the check box to apply the rule in both directions.

- **Source** – Select a network object for all local networks.
- **Service** – Select a service object from the list.
- **Destination** – Select the network object containing the remote networks.
- **Connection Method** – Select the connection object for the TI master created in step 2.

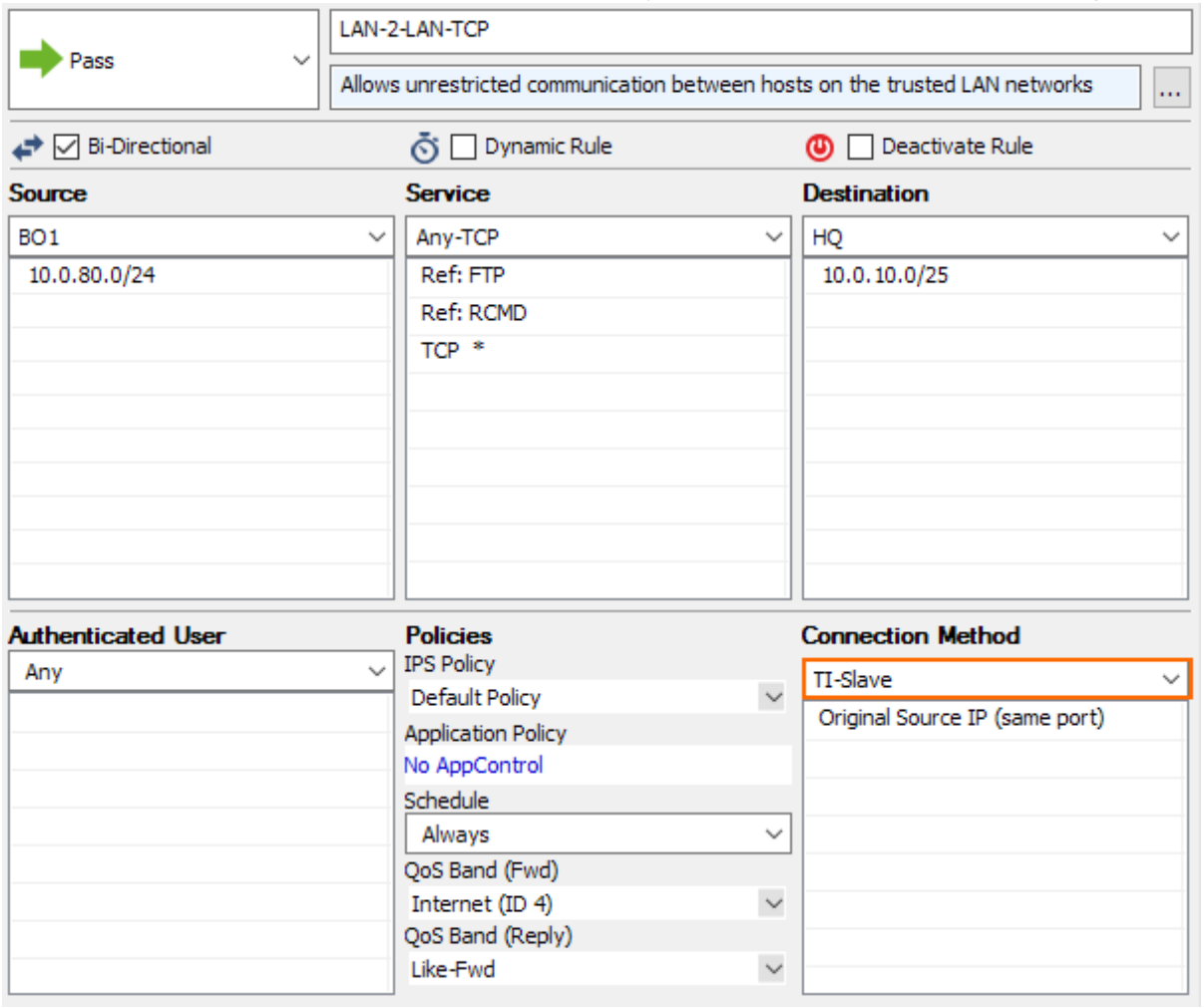


4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 5. Modify Access Rule on the Firewall Acting as TI Slave

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Virtual Servers > *your virtual server* > Assigned Services > Firewall > Forwarding Rules**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Right-click the ruleset and select **New > Rule** to create an access rule to match the VPN traffic you want to balance:
   - **Action** – Select **Pass**.
   - **Bi-Directional** – Select the check box to apply the rule in both directions.
   - **Source** – Select a network object for all local networks.
   - **Service** – Select a service object from the list.

- **Destination** – Select the network object containing the remote networks.
- **Connection Method** – Select the connection object for the TI slave created in step 3.



4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Traffic matching these access rules and using the VPN transports are now balanced per packet within the transport class.

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