

Deploying Array Networks APV Series Application Delivery Controllers with Oracle WebLogic 12c

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1 Introduction

This document is written with the assumption that you are familiar with Oracle WebLogic products. For more information on planning and deploying the WebLogic 12c, Please reference the appropriate documentation at docs.oracle.com:

http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E24329_01/Web.1211/e24443/deploy.htm

1.1 Array Networks APV Appliance

The APV appliance must be running version ArrayOS™ 8.x or later. For more information on deploying the APV appliance please refer to the ArrayOS Web UI Guide, which is included in the product CD or may be accessed through the product Web User Interface.

We assume that the APV appliance is already installed in the network with management IP, interface IP, VLANs and default gateway configured.

Learn about your WebLogic deployment in your network and note down VLAN information and IP address. You will need them for configuring virtual sites and load balancing policies on the APV appliance.

1.2 Basic APV Configuration for WebLogic

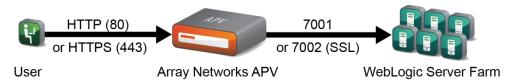


Figure 1: Basic APV Configuration for WebLogic

For the APV series, the ArrayOS APV 8.5.0.x software version is used in this deployment guide.

1.3 APV Application Delivery Controller Benefits

The Array Networks APV Series application delivery controllers provide all required application delivery functions for optimizing application delivery for WebLogic environments, such as Layer 4 server load balancing, high availability, SSL acceleration and offloading, DDoS protection, and TCP connection multiplexing, caching and compression – all in a single, easy-to-manage appliance.

Availability & Scalability

The APV's server load balancing ensures 99.999% uptime for WebLogic Server deployments. Customers can scale their WebLogic environment to meet capacity and performance needs with APV server load balancers.

Site Resilience

The APV's global server load balancing directs traffic away from failed data centers and intelligently distributes services between sites based on proximity, language, capacity, load and response times for maximum performance and availability.

ISP Link Availability

The APV's link load balancing with advanced link failover and bandwidth management optimizes the availability, security, cost and performance of WebLogic deployments across multiple WAN connections.

TCP Connection Multiplexing

The APV appliance multiplexes several client TCP connections into fewer WebLogic TCP connections for increased throughput and performance. The APV appliance also reuses existing server connections.

Content Cache

The APV appliance serves frequently requested content from cache for increased performance and helps scale the capacity of the WebLogic Server environment.

HTTP Compression

The APV appliance compresses and delivers WebLogic traffic over LAN and WAN networks.

Network and Server Protection

The APV appliance protects the WebLogic Server from malicious network and server attacks such as DDoS attacks, SYN floods, TCP port scans, UDP floods and UDP port scans, etc.

1.4 APV SSL Offloading/Acceleration

Each APV Series appliance (including the vAPV virtual appliance with software SSL) comes with SSL enabled to support SSL offloading for backend servers. SSL offloading (also called SSL acceleration) reduces server load, provides SSL acceleration with high performance hardware, and provides simple key management and advanced 2-way (client) certificate support.

Following are a few ways to use the APV Series with WebLogic SSL traffic:

SSL Offloading

When performing SSL offloading, the APV Series accepts client-encrypted traffic, decrypts (or terminates) it, and then sends the traffic to the servers unencrypted. By saving the servers from having to perform the decryption duties, the APV Series improves server efficiency and frees server resources for other tasks. SSL certificates and keys are stored on the APV system.

SSL Inside

In this scenario, the APV Series accepts unencrypted client traffic and then encrypts it before sending it to the servers. While less common than SSL offloading or bridging, this can be useful for organizations that require all traffic behind the system to be encrypted.

SSL Bridging (SSL Offloading + SSL Inside)

With SSL Bridging, also known as SSL re-encryption/inside, the APV Series accepts client-encrypted traffic, decrypts it for processing, and then re-encrypts the traffic before sending it to the servers. This is useful for organizations that have requirements for the entire transaction to be SSL encrypted. In this case, SSL certificates and keys are stored on both the APV Series appliance and the WebLogic Servers.

1.5 APV Configuration Summary

WebLogic	Virtual Service		Real Service		Health Check
Service	Protocol	Port	Protocol	Port	nealth Check
Basic	HTTP	80	HTTP	7001	HTTP
SSL Offloading	HTTPS	443	HTTP	7001	HTTP
SSL Inside	HTTP	80	HTTPS	7002	HTTPS
SSL Bridging	HTTPS	443	HTTPS	7002	HTTPS

2 Configuring the APV Series for WebLogic Load Balancing

2.1 Configuration Steps

Ensure that the APV/vAPV appliance is accessible from the network, and that WebUI is enabled. To access the APV appliance's WebUI, enter <a href="https://<apv ip>:8888">https://<apv ip>:8888 from the browser (we recommend using Internet Explorer). Log-in; the default user account/password is "array/admin". For the Array Networks pilot login, the default is no enable password. Simply click Login to enter the WebUI.

2.1.1 Create the WebLogic HTTP Health Check

The APV Series' HTTP Health Check is highly customizable. The customer may define a special page for a more comprehensive application health check. Basic protocol-based Health Checks, such as ICMP and TCP/TCPS, are built-in and can be used as default.

For the deployment example, the APV Series' Health Check can simulate access to the WebLogic Administration Console: <a href="http://<wls-host:wsl_port>/console">http://<wls-host:wsl_port>/console and check for the HTTP return code.

On the APV Series, the HTTP Health Check Request/Response Table is used to configure the content-based Request/Response health check. The APV Series' health check will send the string and match the response to determine the availability of the real service.

To configure the content-based health check request/response, enter WebUI, Mode: **Config**,

- From the sidebar SERVER LOAD BALANCE, select "Real Services" => "Health Check Setting". The HEALTH CHECK SETTING screen opens.
- 2. Enter a number for the **Request Index** (0 for the example) and enter "**HEAD** /console HTTP/1.0 \text{Ir\n}" string for the **Request String**.
- Enter a number for the Response Index (1 for the example) and enter "302" string for the Response String. Click SAVE CHANGES.



2.1.2 Create the WebLogic Real Services

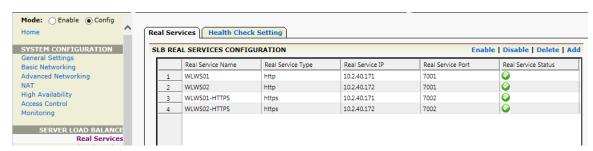
Real Services are two WebLogic Web servers. Add each server with its unique name, IP/port and protocol information as a Real Service using the following steps:

- From WebUI, Mode: Config. From the sidebar, select Real Services -> Real Services (tab) -> Add to access the "ADD REAL SERVICE ENTRY" configuration page.
- 2. The "ADD REAL SERVICE ENTRY" screen is for you to configure real servers. In our example, we entered "WLWS01" as the Real Service Name. Select "HTTP" as the Real Service Type, enter IP addresses "10.2.40.171" and port "7001" which is used by the WebLogic Web Server.



- Select HTTP as the Health Check Type for the real service health check. The default Request Index 0 and Response Index 0 are used. Click Save & Add Another to add more real services.
- 4. Follow the same steps as above: add "WLWS02" server as a real service with the IP address 10.2.40.172.

Note: You may also add WebLogic Web Services with the Real Service type. The default port used by the WebLogic Web Service for HTTPS is 7002. You may use HTTPS as the Health Check Type.



Technical Notes:

Enable this Service: Check the box to enable or disable the Real Service. If disabled, the APV Series will not dispatch new traffic to the Real Service.

Connection Limit: 1000

Set the maximum connections to the real service. This setting helps with application stability without overloading the server or application. Increase the number if the server is capable of handling greater loads.

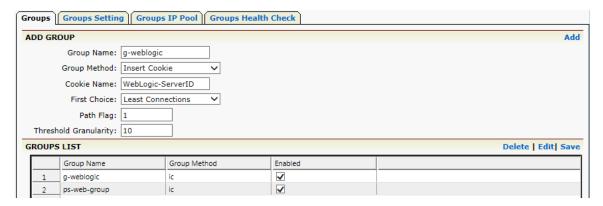
Health Check Setup:

The HTTP Health Check Request and Response is editable to simulate HTTP requests and responses to determine the real service's availability. Each real service can have its own health check.

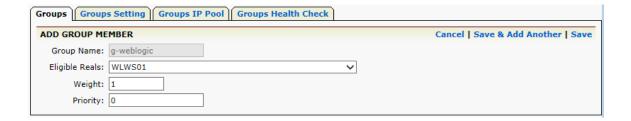
2.1.3 Create the WebLogic Group

The APV Series' SLB Group is a set of servers grouped together to receive traffic according to the chosen load balancing method. To create an SLB Group, from WebUI, Mode: **Config**;

- Select "Groups" from the sidebar. The ADD GROUP configuration window will display.
- 2. Input a unique name for the Group Name; in the example, we used "g-weblogic". Select the "Insert Cookie" group method by selecting from the pull down menu. Enter a unique cookie name. Select the "Least Connections" group method by selecting from the pull down menu. Enter "1" for the Path Flag. After making configurations on those parameter fields, click on the action link "Add" to create the SLB group. All configured SLB Groups will be displayed in the GROUPS LIST.



- 3. To assign the WebLogic Servers to the SLB group, choose "g-weblogic" in the GROUPS LIST by double clicking on it or selecting it and clicking on the action link "Edit". The GROUP INFORMATION configuration screen opens.
- Under the "GROUP MEMBERS" section, click "Add"; the ADD GROUP MEMBER configuration screen opens. Assign real services "WLWS01" and "WLWS02" to the group and click "Save".



2.1.4 Create the WebLogic (HTTP) Virtual Service

The next step is to create a WebLogic Virtual Service for the external WebLogic client to access. On the APV appliance, a Virtual Service is defined by a Virtual IP/Port and the protocol. External WebLogic client requests will be terminated on it and the APV appliance forward them to the designated SLB Group, based on the SLB Group method, The APV Series will load balance or assign the requests to the selected WebLogic server.

From WebUI, Mode: Config to add a new SLB Virtual Service:

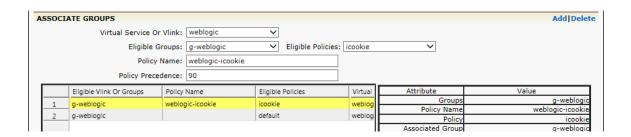
- Select the feature link Virtual Services from the sidebar. The "ADD VIRTUAL SERVICE" configuration screen opens.
- 2. Enter "weblogic" for the Virtual Service Name. Use the check box to enable the virtual service. Select the virtual service type "HTTP" from the pull down menu. Set the virtual service IP and port 80. Use the check box to enable ARP. Set the maximum number of open connections per virtual service. "0" means unlimited. Depending on which type of virtual service is specified, certain parameter fields will appear, change or disappear. Click "Add" to create the new SLB Virtual Service. Once a virtual service has been added, it will be on the VIRTUAL SERVICES LIST.



Once the SLB Virtual Service is created, the APV Series needs know how (via SLB Policy or Rule) and which SLB Group to pass the traffic to. For the Virtual Service to associate an SLB Group and "default" policy, please follow these steps:

Select the "weblogic" Virtual Service on the VIRTUAL SERVICES LIST by
double clicking on it or clicking on it and selecting the action link "Edit". The
VIRTUAL SERVICE INFORMATION configuration page will open and present a
new series of tabs for completing the virtual services configuration.

- 4. Go down to In the **ASSOCIATE GROUPS** section, select SLB Group **g-weblogic** from Eligible Groups, and select "**default**" from Eligible Policies. Click **Add**.
- 5. Under the same **ASSOCIATE GROUPS** section, for the same SLB Group **g-weblogic**, select "**icookie**" from Eligible Policies. Enter a unique name for the Policy Name and a priority for Policy Precedence. Click **Add** to complete the Virtual Service configuration.



2.2 Validate the Configuration and Service

Validate that the basic configuration is functioning correctly:

- 1. From WebUI, **SERVER LOAD BALANCE**, *Monitoring* -> *Status* -> *Virtual Service Status*, select "weblogic" as the virtual service.
- 2. Verify that all "Service Status" icons are green.



3. Launch the Web browser and navigate to the VIP address



4. Input the required Username and Password to login.

3 Configure the APV Series for WebLogic SSL Offload

For SSL offloading, the APV Series' SLB Service needs to be HTTPS, and WebLogic Servers will run with HTTP. The SLB Group and SLB Real Service are configured the same as for normal WebLogic load balancing. However, new HTTPS Virtual Services need to be added and SSL Virtual Hosts need to be configured to take care of SSL processing.

In summary, based on the SLB Real Services and Groups configured in the previous example, we add the following to support SSL Offload:

- Create an SLB Virtual Service of type "HTTPS" and associate it to the WebLogic SLB Group (see section 2.1.2)
- Create SSL Virtual Hosts:
 - Import SSL certificates signed by a certificate authority or create a self-signed certificate on the APV Series.
 - Enable the SSL Virtual Hosts.

3.1 Configuration Steps

3.1.1 Create the WebLogic Real Services

Follow the same steps as section 2.1.2 Create the WebLogic Real Services

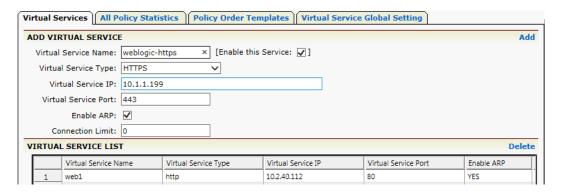
3.1.2 Create the WebLogic SLB Group

Follow the same steps as section 2.1.3 Create the WebLogic Group

3.1.3 Create the Secured "HTTPS" WebLogic Virtual Service

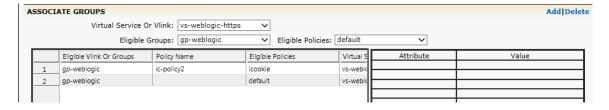
The next step is to create the HTTPS-based WebLogic Virtual Service for secured access. Similar to section 2.1.4, following are the steps to create the WebLogic HTTPS Virtual Service from WebUI (**Config**),

- 1. Select "Virtual Services" from the sidebar. The ADD VIRTUAL SERVICE configuration screen opens.
- 2. Enter a unique Virtual Service Name (weblogic-https in the example), select HTTPS as the Virtual Service Type. Enter the IP address and port (443) used by the Virtual Service. Use the check box to enable ARP. Set the maximum number of open connections per virtual service. "0" means unlimited. Click Add to create the new WebLogic HTTPS Virtual Service.



Once added, the newly created **weblogic-https** virtual service will be available on the **VIRTUAL SERVICE LIST**. The next step is to associate the SLB Virtual Service with the WebLogic HTTPS SLB Group. Following are the steps:

- Choose "weblogic-https" in the VIRTUAL SERVICE LIST by double clicking on it or selecting it and clicking on the action link "Edit". The VIRTUAL SERVICE INFORMATION configuration page for the Virtual Service will be displayed.
- To associate the WebLogic SLB Group, go down to the ASSOCIATE GROUPS section and select the WebLogic SLB Group (g-weblogic) from Eligible Groups. Also, select "default" for Eligible Policies. Click Add.
- 5. Under the same **ASSOCIATE GROUPS** section, for the same **g-weblogic** group, select "**icookie**" from Eligible Policies. Enter a unique name for the Policy Name and a priority for Policy Precedence. Click **Add** to complete the association.



Note: for SSL offloading, because the APV Series will terminate the client SSL connections, a WL-Proxy-SSL header can be inserted with the client request so that the WebLogic server will continue to build its URIs to use HTTPS. To insert the WL-Proxy-SSL header for each WebLogic client request on the APV Series, please refer to section 6.2 How to Insert a WL-Proxy-SSL Header.

To enable SSL termination for SLB HTTPS/TCPS/FTPS Virtual Services on the APV Series, an SSL Certificate/Private Key needs to be associated to the SLB Virtual Service. To do so, the APV Series needs to associate an SSL Virtual Host to the SLB Virtual Service. Each SSL Virtual Host needs to have its own SSL Certificate and Private Key assigned.

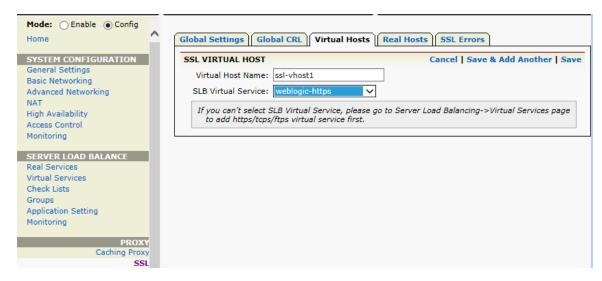
3.1.4 Create the SSL Virtual Hosts

Once the HTTPS SLB Virtual Service is configured, we need to set up SSL for the SLB Virtual Service. On the APV Series, SSL setup includes creating an SSL Virtual Host to hold SSL-related information, assigning a Certificate/Private Key, and enabling it. Additional SSL/TLS protocol/cipher options and error handling can be configured as well.

The SSL Virtual Host is the SSL engine used to process traffic with the associated certificate and private key. An SSL Virtual Host can associate with multiple SLB Virtual Services and different application types on top of SSL support, such as HTTPS, FTPS or TCPS.

To create an SSL Virtual Host, from WebUI Mode: Config:

- Navigate to SSL -> Virtual Hosts -> Add. The SSL VIRTUAL HOST screen opens.
- 2. Enter a unique SSL Virtual Host Name (**ssl-vhost1**) and select the HTTPS SLB Virtual Service, then click **Save**.



The newly created SSL Virtual Host should appear in the SSL Virtual Host name list.



3.1.5 Import the Cert/Key or Create a CSR with Self-Signed Cert/Key

The SSL server requires a proper Certificate (and Private Key) for the SSL/TLS handshake so that the client knows it is connected to the intended server with security.

There are two options to add a certificate/key to be used by the SSL Virtual Host on the APV:

- A. Import an SSL Certificate and Key
- B. Generate a Self-Signed CSR/Certificate and Key

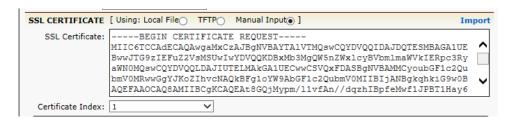
Option A: Import an SSL Certificate and Key

To import an SSL key and certificate for an SSL Virtual Host, go to the WebUI **Mode: Config.**

- 1. Navigate to **SSL** -> **Virtual Hosts** and double click the SSL Virtual Host **ssl-vhost1** for which you would like to import a Certificate and/or Key.
- 2. Click the "Import Cert/Key" tab.
- In the SSL KEY window, the key can be imported through Local File, TFTP, or Manual Input. The following example is using a local disk file "ps-ent-9sslkey.pfx.zip" which is password protected.



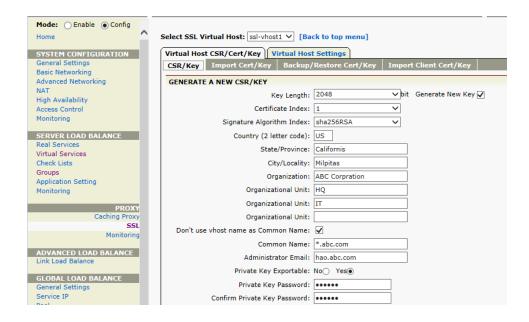
In SSL CERTIFICATE, Local File, TFTP or Manual Input can import a certificate.
The following example is using Manual Input (cut and paste) of the certificate
text in PEM format.



Option B: Generate a Self-Signed Certificate from the APV.

Go WebUI, Mode: Config.

 Navigate to SSL -> Virtual Hosts -> and double click the newly created SSL Virtual Host. Click on Virtual Host CSR/Cert/Key -> CSR/Key, enter the information and click Apply to generate a CSR/Private Key (option) and a Self-Signed Certificate (which can be used for testing).

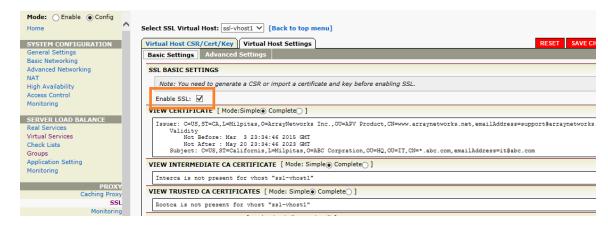


Once the Private Key/Certificate is available for the SSL Virtual Host, we can enable the SSL Virtual Host to process encrypted traffic by the following steps.

3.1.6 Enable the SSL Virtual Host

Login to WebUI, Mode: Config -

 Navigate to SSL -> Virtual Hosts and double click the SSL Virtual Hosts. Click on the Virtual Host Settings tab and select Enable SSL under the SSL BASIC SETTINGS. Click SAVE CHANGE to enable the SSL Virtual Host.



3.2 Validate Configuration and Service

Validate that the basic configuration is functioning correctly:

 From WebUI, SERVER LOAD BALANCE, Monitoring -> Status -> Virtual Service Status. Select "weblogic" as the virtual service.

- 2. Verify that the SSL offloading configuration is as intended: HTTPS for the Virtual Service and HTTP for the Real Service.
- 3. Verify that that all "Service Status" icons are green.



4 Configure the APV Series for WebLogic SSL Inside

For SSL Inside configuration, the SLB Virtual Service is HTTP (port 80) and the WebLogic Servers (SLB Real Services) are HTTPS (port 7002, which is the default HTTPS port for WebLogic Web Server).

The APV appliance utilizes SSL session multiplexing to reuse existing SSL sessions with the real services, thus avoiding CPU-intensive key exchange (full handshake) operations. This reduces the overall number of SSL sessions on the WebLogic server, and therefore accelerates SSL transactions while maintaining secured access to the WebLogic server. This also serves as the basis for SSL Bridging (see next section).

4.1 Configuration Steps

4.1.1 Create the WebLogic (HTTPS) Real Services

Login to WebUI and set Mode: Config.

- Navigate to Real Services -> Add; the ADD REAL SERVICE ENTRY screen opens.
- Enter a unique name for the Real Service name (WLWS01-HTTPS); select HTTPS for the Real Service Type. Enter the IP and Port (7002) used by the WebLogic Server(s). Select HTTPS for the Health Check Type. Click Save & Add Another until the last Real Service is entered, then click Save.



3. Follow the same steps as above to add "WLWS02-HTTPS" server as a Real Service. The IP address in this example is 10.2.40.72.

Note: the HTTPS Health Check provides an SSL health check for the real service. If the SSL handshake succeeds, the Array appliance will send the pre-defined HTTP request to the real service. If the response from the real service is the same as the expected response, the real service is marked as "up"; otherwise, it is marked as "down". When

using HTTPS Health Check, users should pre-define HTTP requests and matched responses.

4.1.2 Create the SSL Real Host

Login to WebUI, set Mode: Config.

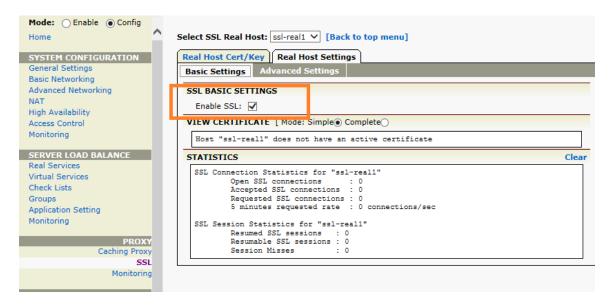
- Navigate to SSL -> Real Hosts -> Add. The SSL REAL HOST screen opens.
- Enter a unique name for the Real Host Name (i.e. ssl-real1). Select the WebLogic real service(s) from the pull down of SLB Real Service. Click Save & Add Another until all are entered, and click Save after the last SLB Real Service has been entered.



The **SSL REAL HOSTS** lists all available SSL Real Hosts that are configured on the APV Series, as well as its associated SLB Real Service (the WebLogic Web Server with HTTPS/7002 interface).

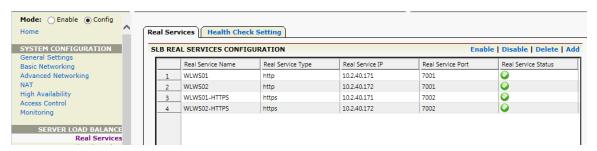


- 3. Enable the SSL Real Host go to **SSL -> Real Hosts**. On the **SSL REAL HOSTS** window, double click the SSL Real Host. Then click **Real Host Settings**. The **SSL BASIC SETTINGS** screen open.
- 4. Under the **Basic Settings** tab, in the SSL **BASIC SETTINGS** section, check the **Enable SSL** box then click "**SAVE CHANGES**" to enable the APV Series to use HTTPS to communicate with WebLogic servers.



- The same SSL Real Host can be associated with multiple backend services. If backend servers have different SSL requirements, different SSL Real Host can be configured to accommodate the different needs.
- o If the APV SSL Real Host simulates an SSL/TLS client, the SSL Certificate/Private key is an option. If the real service requires a client certificate (two ways, which is quite normal for machine-to-machine), the APV SSL Real Host can import/associate a Client Certificate and Private Key. The imported client certificate must be encoded by DER rules during client authentication.
- The APV Series' SSL Real Host will validate the Real Service server certificate. If the server certificate is invalid per the APV, the SSL/TLS handshake will fail. For example, if the issuer of the certificate is unknown. In order to be a Trusted Certificate Authority, import the issuer certificate (root/intermediate CAs) to the APV appliance. Alternatively, you can disable the server certificate check. See section 6.4 How to Disable Server Certificate Verification.

Once the WebLogic real services are added, all SLB Real Services should be on the real service list with their status. To check this, just click **Real Services** from sidebar from WebUI. For Real Service Status, green means the Real Service is available (this is updated by the APV health check); red means it is unavailable. The APV Series SLB will not select unavailable server(s) to send client traffic to for application service.

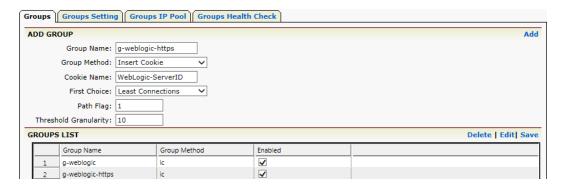


After the SLB Real Services are configured, we can proceed to add the SLB Group, configure the SLB Group Method, assign member(s) and set various parameters as needed.

4.1.3 Create the WebLogic (HTTPS) Group

To add and configure an SLB Group, login to WebUI, Mode: Config:

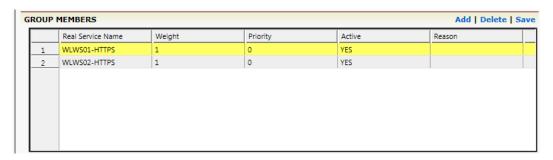
- 1. Select **Groups** from side bar to access the **ADD GROUP** configuration page.
- 2. Input a unique name for the Group Name; in the example, we used "g-WebLogic-https". Select the "Insert Cookie" group method by selecting from the pull down menu. Give a unique cookie name. Select the "Least Connections" group method by selecting from the pull down menu. Enter "1" for the Path Flag. After making configurations on those parameter fields, click on the action link "Add" to create the SLB group. The newly created SLB Group will be displayed on the GROUPS LIST.



3. To assign WebLogic Servers (HTTPS) to the SLB Group, choose "g-weblogic-https" under the GROUPS LIST by double clicking on it or selecting it and clicking on the action link "Edit". The GROUP INFORMATION configuration page will be displayed. Go to the GROUP MEMBERS section, and click Add. Then select the WebLogic HTTPS real services to add to the group.



Once you are finished adding real services to the SLB Group, check the **GROUP MEMBERS** to make sure the members are properly displayed.

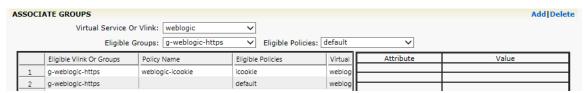


4.1.4 Create a WebLogic HTTP SLB Virtual Service

The Virtual Service configured in section 2.1.4 Create the WebLogic Virtual Service ("weblogic") can be modified to associate with the WebLogic HTTPS SLB group (g-weblogic-https) to complete the SSL Inside setup.

To change the Virtual Service to a different SLB Group with "insert cookie" and "default" policies login to WebUI, Mode: **Config**:

- Navigate to Virtual Services; double click the Virtual Service (weblogic). The VIRTUAL SERVICE INFORMATION screen opens.
- Under ASSOCIATE GROUPS, click the existing group with Eligible Vlink or Eligible Groups to select it, then click "Delete". Do this for both the "icookie" and "default" Eligible Policies.
- 3. Then select the HTTPS Group (**g-weblogic-https**) from the Eligible Groups pull down menu, and "**default**" form Eligible Policies. Click **Add**.
- 4. Under the same ASSOCIATE GROUPS section, for the same SLB Group g-weblogic-https, select "icookie" from Eligible Policies. Enter a unique name for the Policy Name and a priority for Policy Precedence. Click Add to complete the SSL Inside Virtual Service configuration.



4.2 Validate Configuration and Service

Validate that the basic configuration is functioning correctly:

- 1. From the WebUI, **SERVER LOAD BALANCE**, **Monitoring -> Status -> Virtual Service Status**, select "weblogic" as the virtual service.
- 2. Verify that the SSL Inside configuration is as intended: HTTP for the Virtual Service and HTTPS for the Real Service.
- 3. Verify that all "Service Status" icons are green.



Note: If your certificates of **SSL REAL HOSTS** are self-signed, you should disable **Enable Server Certificate Verification**, see 6.4 How To Disable Server Certificate Verification.

5 Configure the APV Series for WebLogic SSL Bridging

For SSL Bridging, the SLB Virtual Service is HTTPS (port 443) and the WebLogic Servers (SLB Real Services, port 7002) is configured with HTTPS.

To do so, we need to configure the WebLogic Web Server with HTTPS and default port 7002.

5.1 Configuration Steps

5.1.1 Create the WebLogic (HTTPS) Real Services

For the WebLogic servers, **WLWS01-HTTPS** and **WLWS02-HTTPS** can be used to support SSL Bridging. Please refer to section 4.1.1 for the configuration steps. Also, make sure SSL Real Host is configured as well.

After the SLB Real Service is configured and SSL Real Host is enabled, we can proceed to create the SLB Group, configure the SLB method, assign member(s) and set up various parameters as needed.

5.1.2 Create the WebLogic (HTTPS) Group,

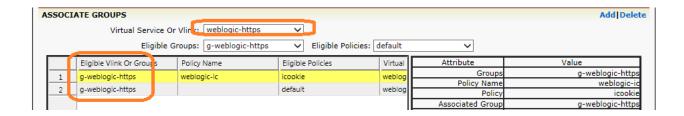
The WebLogic HTTPS Group, **g-weblogic-https**, can be used to support SSL Bridging. Please see section 4.1.2 for detailed setup steps.

5.1.3 Create the WebLogic (HTTPS) Virtual Services

The WebLogic Virtual Service **weblogic-https** configured earlier for SSL Offloading can be used to support SSL Bridging as the Virtual Service. Please refer to section 3.1.3 for detailed HTTPS Virtual Service and SSL Virtual Host configuration steps.

To change the Group, login to WebUI, Mode: Config:

- Select "Virtual Services" from the sidebar. Double click the Virtual Service (weblogic-https) to select it. The VIRTUAL SERVICE INFORMATION screen opens.
- 2. Under **ASSOCIATE GROUPS**, click the existing group (**g-weblogic**) with **Eligible Vlink** or **Eligible Groups** to select it and click "**Delete**". Do this for both "icookie" and "default" Eligible Policies.
- 3. Then select the HTTPS Group (**g-weblogic-https**) from the Eligible Groups pull down menu, and "**default**" form Eligible Policies. Click **Add**.
- 4. Under the same **ASSOCIATE GROUPS** section, for the same SLB Group **g-weblogic-https**, select "**icookie**" from Eligible Policies. Enter a unique name for the Policy Name and a priority for Policy Precedence. Click **Add** to complete the SSL Bridge Virtual Service configuration.



5.2 Validate the Configuration and Service

Validate that the basic configuration is functioning correctly:

- 1. From WebUI, SERVER LOAD BALANCE, Monitoring -> Status -> Virtual Service Status, select "weblogic-https" as the virtual service.
- 2. Verify that the SSL Bridge configuration is as intended: HTTPS for the Virtual Service and HTTPS for the Real Service.
- 3. Verify that all "Service Status" icons are green.



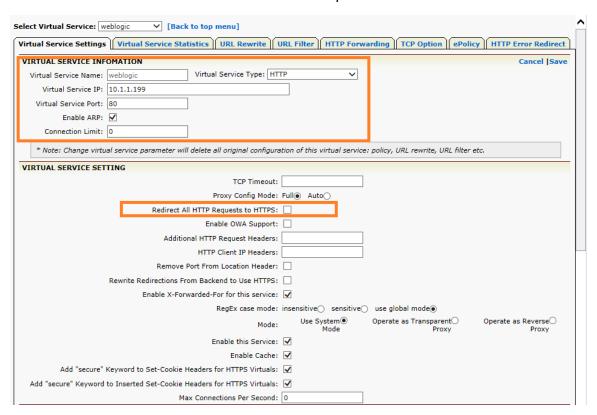
6 Configure Other APV Series Features for WebLogic

6.1 HTTP Rewrite/Redirect

For SSL Offloading, we provide only secure HTTPS access to the WebLogic servers. However, the client may inadvertently type http://...(unsecured) rather than https://... to access the secured WebLogic service. Rather than waiting for timeout, to make this more user friendly, the APV appliance can be configured to auto redirect http requests to https.

To configure the HTTP to HTTPS redirection:

- 1. Add a new Virtual Service "weblogic" for HTTP and virtual service port "80" with the same IP address for the HTTPS Virtual Service (port 443).
- Select the "weblogic" Virtual Service on the VIRTUAL SERVICES LIST by double clicking on it or clicking on it and selecting the action link "Edit". The VIRTUAL SERVICE INFORMATION configuration page will open and present a new series of tabs for completing the virtual services configuration.
- 3. Select the virtual service "weblogic" to edit.
- 4. Check the box for "Redirect ALL HTTP Requests to HTTPS"

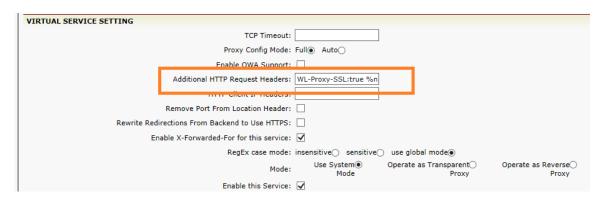


6.2 How to Insert a WL-Proxy-SSL Header

For SSL Offloading, the **WL-Proxy-SSL** header can be checked by WebLogic Web applications and thus confirm the client is connected over SSL (secured connection). To insert the custom header:

Login to WebUI, Mode: Config.

- Select Virtual Services from the sidebar; double click "ps-ent-https" Virtual Service to select it.
- 2. Enter "WL-Proxy-SSL: true %n" for the "Additional HTTP Request Headers."
- 3. Click SAVE CHANGES.

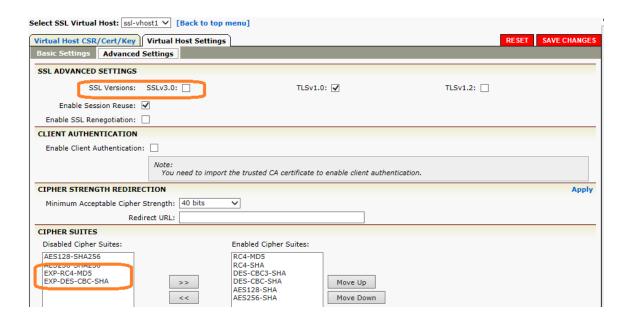


6.3 Advanced SSL Virtual Host Settings – Disable SSLv3

The APV Series' SSL Virtual Host has many options. In particular, SSLv3 has many known vulnerabilities, so if backward compatibility is not required, we suggest disabling it.

To disable SSLv3, login to WebUI, Mode: Config:

- 1. Navigate to SSL -> Virtual Hosts and double click SSL Virtual Hosts to select it.
- Go to Virtual Host Settings -> Advanced Settings. The SSL ADVANCED SETTINGS screen opens.
- 3. For **CIPHER SUITES**, disable **EXP-DES-CBC-SHA** and **EXP-RC4-MD5**, both of which are only supported by SSL3.0.
- 4. Uncheck SSLv3.0, and click **SAVE CHANGES** to store the change.

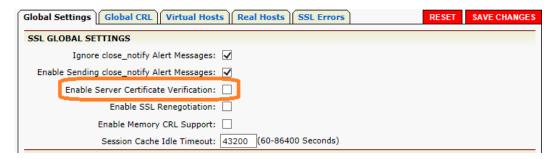


6.4 How to Disable Server Certificate Verification.

For the SSL Inside configuration, the APV appliance works similar to a client browser. The APV Series has a list of known, trusted CA certificates/public keys that are used to verify real service (application server) certificates' authenticity. If the APV Series cannot identify the issuing CA for the server certificate from the APV's trusted CAs, communication with the real service will fail. If the server certificate is self-signed for quick testing, we can disable the SSL server certificate check on the APV system so that communication with the real service will not fail.

To disable the server certificate verification, from WebUI, Mode: Config:

- 1. Navigate to SSL; the SSL GLOBAL SETTINGS screen opens.
- 2. Uncheck the box for Enable Server Certificate Verification.
- Click SAVE CHANGES.

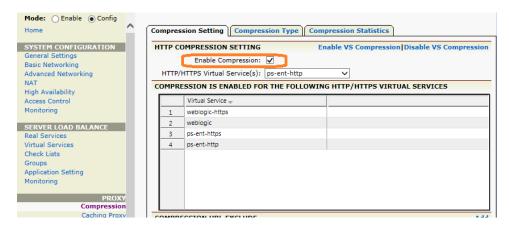


6.5 HTTP Compression

The APV appliance supports in-line/dynamic compression of HTTP objects, which reduces bandwidth use and speeds up application delivery. Following are the steps for the basic setup.

From WebUI, Mode: Config:

- 1. Click Compression to open the HTTP COMPRESSION SETTING screen.
- Check the box Enable Compression to enable global compression. By default, all HTTP/HTTPS Virtual Services are enabled with HTTP compression. Individual Virtual Services can be selected and disabled.

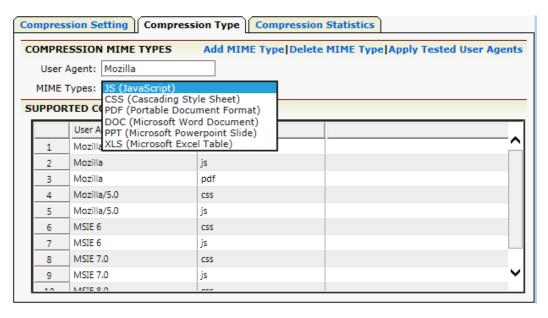


Note: By default, the following MIME types are compressed by the APV Series for all browsers (User-Agent):

- Text (text/plain)
- HTML (text/HTML)
- XML (text/XML)

Due to compatibility issues, not all MIME types are supported on all browsers. Therefore, the APV appliance allows configuration of additional User Agent/MIME types to be compressed for more effective compression use.

- Click the Compression Type tab. The COMPRESSION MIME TYPES screen opens.
- 4. Click **Apply Tested User Agents**; more compression types added.
- 5. For each **Add MIME Type**, enter **Mozilla** for the User Agent and add "JS", "CSS", and "PDF" to complete.



Note: For compression statistics, from WebUI go to **Compression => Compression Statistics.**

Note: In some cases, certain HTTP objects have an issue with compression. To exclude particular HTTP object(s) from compression, go to **Compression** => **Compression Setting**, and add the URL to the **URL EXCLUDE LIST**.

7. Conclusion

This concludes the Array Networks APV deployment guide for Oracle WebLogic Web Server. Array Networks APV Series application delivery controllers provide Layer 7 server load balancing, high availability, SSL acceleration and offloading, DDoS protection, and TCP connection multiplexing, caching and compression to improve the performance, scalability, availability and security for WebLogic server deployments.

Appendix: CLI Configuration Lab Example

```
[Real Services]
slb real http "WLWS01" 10.2.40.171 7001 1000 http 3 3
slb real http "WLWS02" 10.2.40.172 7001 1000 http 3 3
slb real https "WLWS01-HTTPS" 10.2.40.171 7002 1000 https 3 3
slb real https "WLWS02-HTTPS" 10.2.40.172 7002 1000 https 3 3
[Group information]
slb group method "gp-weblogic" ic "WebLogic-ServerID" 1 lc 10
slb group member "gp-weblogic" "WLWS01"
slb group member "gp-weblogic" "WLWS02"
slb group method "gp-weblogic-https" ic "WebLogic-ServerID" 1 lc 10
slb group member "gp-weblogic-https" "WLWS01-HTTPS"
slb group member "gp-weblogic-https" "WLWS02-HTTPS"
[Virtual Services]
slb virtual http "vs-weblogic" 10.1.1.11 80 arp 0
slb virtual https "vs-weblogic-https" 10.1.1.11 443 arp 0
[Regular SLB]
slb policy icookie "ic-policy1" "vs-weblogic" "gp-weblogic" 11
slb policy default "vs-weblogic" "gp-weblogic"
[SSL Offload]
slb policy icookie "ic-policy2" "vs-weblogic-https" "gp-weblogic" 12
slb policy default "vs-weblogic-https" "gp-weblogic"
[SSL Inside]
slb policy icookie "ic-policy2" "vs-weblogic-https" "gp-weblogic" 13
slb policy default "vs-weblogic-https" "gp-weblogic"
[SSL Bridge]
slb policy icookie "ic-policy3" "vs-weblogic-https" "gp-weblogic-https" 14
slb policy default "vs-weblogic-https" "gp-weblogic-https"
[SSL Configuration Information]
ssl host real "ssl-real1"
ssl host virtual "ssl-vhost1"
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