

Dialogic® PowerVille® LB

Load Balancer for Real-Time Communications

Dialogic PowerVille LB is a software-based high-performance, cloud-ready, purpose built, and fully optimized network traffic load-balancer uniquely designed to meet challenges for today's demanding real-time communication infrastructure in both carrier and enterprise applications. The software-based PowerVille LB allows application developers, service providers and enterprises to dynamically scale, distribute and manage traffic associated with a diverse set of real-time and non-real-time applications deployed in today's networks across disparate applications and datacenters.



Features	Benefits
Efficient Application-Aware Real-Time Traffic Management	Automatic load balancing for a variety of services including database, SIP, Web and generic TCP traffic across a cluster of applications
Rapid Network Integration	Designed for rapid "plug-and-play" style integration, with minimal service disruption of existing applications and network infrastructure
Increased Reliability	Functionality including high availability, intelligent failover, contextual awareness and call state awareness can increase uptime for service nodes
Efficient Resource Utilization	Efficient load balancing, resource assignment, and failover allow for full utilization of available network resources, to reduce costs without sacrificing reliability
Reduced Operational Expenses	Software agility and powerful management interface can reduce the effort and costs to install, maintain and operate
Flexible Licensing	Licensed on a per-node basis; packaged in service bundles with optional SIP, encryption, database and protocol conversion support

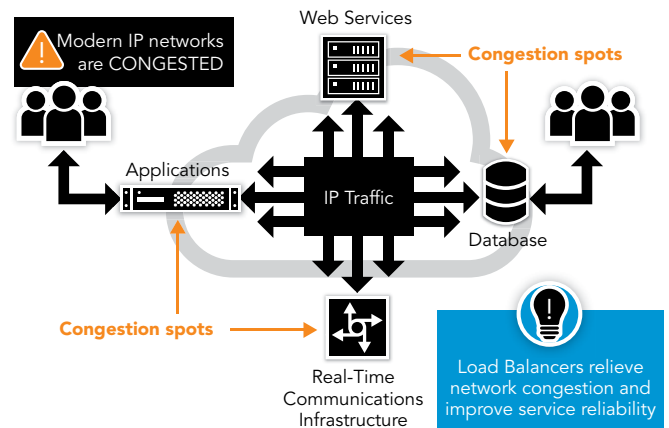
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Datasheet

Overview

Dialogic is recognized as an industry leader in delivering software and virtualization solutions for communications networks. PowerVille LB is yet another advancement by Dialogic in delivering innovative software-based solutions to application delivery control (ADC) and network traffic management market segments. PowerVille LB can be deployed across leading commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) server platforms as well as leading hypervisors and cloud platforms. PowerVille LB supports a range of Application and Network services including advanced traffic management, web traffic management, traffic acceleration, encryption offload, protocol interworking and other core network services. The underlying software platform of PowerVille LB enables enterprise and service provider customers to rapidly provision consistent application services across hardware, hypervisor and cloud infrastructure.



PowerVille LB provides a unique combination of intelligent traffic management features that take into account contextual awareness, quality of experience, and session management considerations needed for delivering seamless service in a real-time communications network. PowerVille LB features efficiently manage incoming traffic across application server clusters, significantly reducing application design complexity and improving network performance. High availability, redundancy, and smart failover with call preservation features provide scalability and reliability. Improved resource efficiency coupled with the flexibility of cloud-ready software can translate to lower OPEX and CAPEX for the solution provider. PowerVille LB supports a rich set of services and protocols, facilitating rapid application integration and system interoperability without sacrificing performance.

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IP communications networks designed to support today's rich, contextual and immersive communications applications have drastically different and unique sets of requirements that have not previously been seen in IP network design. Today's Real-Time Communications (RTC) Networks:

- Are highly sensitive to latency and jitter
- Require a high degree of network resiliency and fault tolerance
- Must support multi modal, ad-hoc and encrypted long living sessions
- Need encryption offload – the offloading of encryption overhead from the individual service nodes, helping to improve application performance
- Combine communication infrastructure with authentication, policy management, database access, charging mechanisms and other ancillary functions on IP infrastructure
- Must support service agility to rapidly introduce next generation communication Apps

With a rich legacy of engineering unmatched communication solutions for over 30 years, Dialogic is uniquely positioned to address the needs of the RTC networks with its 100% software-based, cloud-ready PowerVille LB. PowerVille LB supports a rich set of network services and applications without compromising performance. The core functions delivered include:

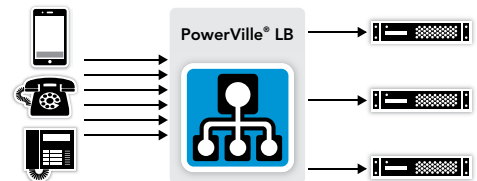
- Balancing requests from multiple application servers or App server clusters
- Efficient utilization and allocation of incoming traffic across pools of service nodes
- Improving overall application server performance via assistive functions such as encryption offload, and service affinity
- Seamless integration with existing network infrastructure for rapid and quantifiable network impact
- Ease of use, as well as low complexity operations management

PowerVille LB Use Cases

Supporting a wide array of RTC and non-RTC network use cases, PowerVille LB performs commonly used functions of a load balancer such as:

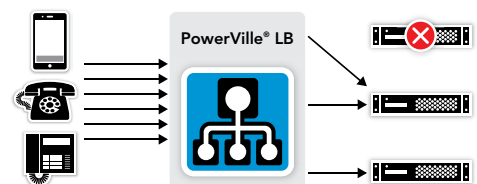
Intelligent Traffic Management

The most common use for a load-balancer is to harness its ability to intelligently distribute traffic associated with a service (e.g., SIP) across one or more available service nodes in the network. Intelligent traffic management is critical in order to provide and preserve service response time and service uptime, and for full utilization of available network resources dedicated to a particular service. PowerVille LB has the ability to steer traffic among available service nodes based on a variety of policies including – Round Robin, Service Node loading and priority, Service awareness (e.g., SIP Connection Affinity) and other advanced techniques. PowerVille LB is a high-performance load balancer that can simultaneously process a high volume of all supported services (e.g., HTTP, Database, SIP) while providing that specific service flows are directed to appropriate service nodes responsible for handling traffic related to those service flows.



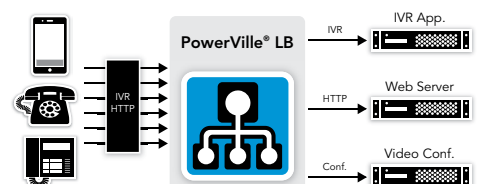
Service Resilience

One of the key benefits offered by PowerVille LB, is the ability to monitor and track real-time status, availability and service readiness of all the nodes serviced by PowerVille LB. This dynamic service status is fed to the PowerVille LB traffic management algorithms to distribute traffic among available service nodes. Customizable connectivity scripts enable health checks to be tailored to different protocol services and use cases. This allows networks to self-learn and work around faulty network conditions, preserving service continuity. Incorporating this capability, along with graceful out of service rules, optimal network planning and dimensioning principles, enables creation of highly resilient networks. Additionally, these capabilities are highly useful and desirable for scheduled maintenance, network expansion and other routine administrative tasks, while minimizing service disruption.



Application Aware Contextual Routing

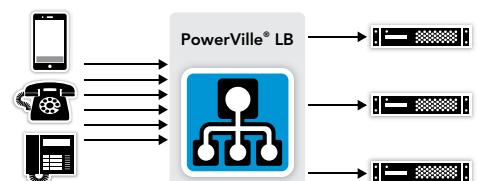
PowerVille LB inspects the incoming flows and classifies the flows based on the service type. For some of the key services such as SIP and HTTP, PowerVille LB performs a deeper inspection to extract insights into sessions and transactions. This allows the PowerVille LB to route messages belonging to a particular session and/or transaction to specific service nodes, preserving service continuity. Contextual Routing is beneficial in several use cases. Examples include, being able to route SIP messages belonging to a session to the appropriate hosting service node or grouping of HTTP traffic associated with a web transaction to a particular web server.



Local and Geographic Redundancy

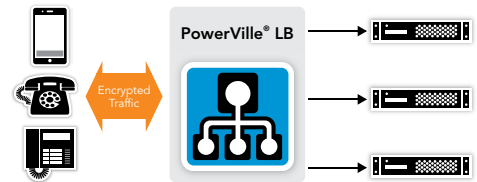
PowerVille LB can be deployed in either standalone or redundant configuration. In a redundant configuration, PowerVille LB prevents service disruption in case of device or power failure.

In a redundant configuration, PowerVille LB can provide redundancy in case of any individual service node outage as described in the Service Resilience section above. In addition, redundant implementations support geographic distribution of the underlying service nodes, and can distribute load across distinct geographic locations, helping to avoid large scale outages should a whole data center fail. Redundant PowerVille LB implementations also support automatic disaster recovery functions, moving flows from one datacenter to another.



Encryption Offload

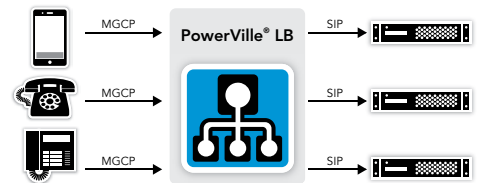
Increasingly, encryption is becoming a key requirement for securing RTC and non-RTC traffic. For instance, encryption is called for in WebRTC-enabled communication solutions. Depending on the level of sophistication of the encryption and decryption techniques employed, the techniques can result in a significant computation overhead, causing degraded performance. Further, due to different product upgrade cycle and maturity, all the nodes in a network are unlikely to provide same levels of encryption support. This makes it difficult for network administrators to impose uniform encryption requirements across all supported services.



PowerVille LB supports an efficient encryption engine capable of processing large volumes of encryption traffic. PowerVille LB can be configured to offload encryption overhead from the individual service nodes, which can help to significantly improve application performance. Utilizing PowerVille LB as an encryption anchor point also enables application of uniform encryption across supported services.

Internetworking

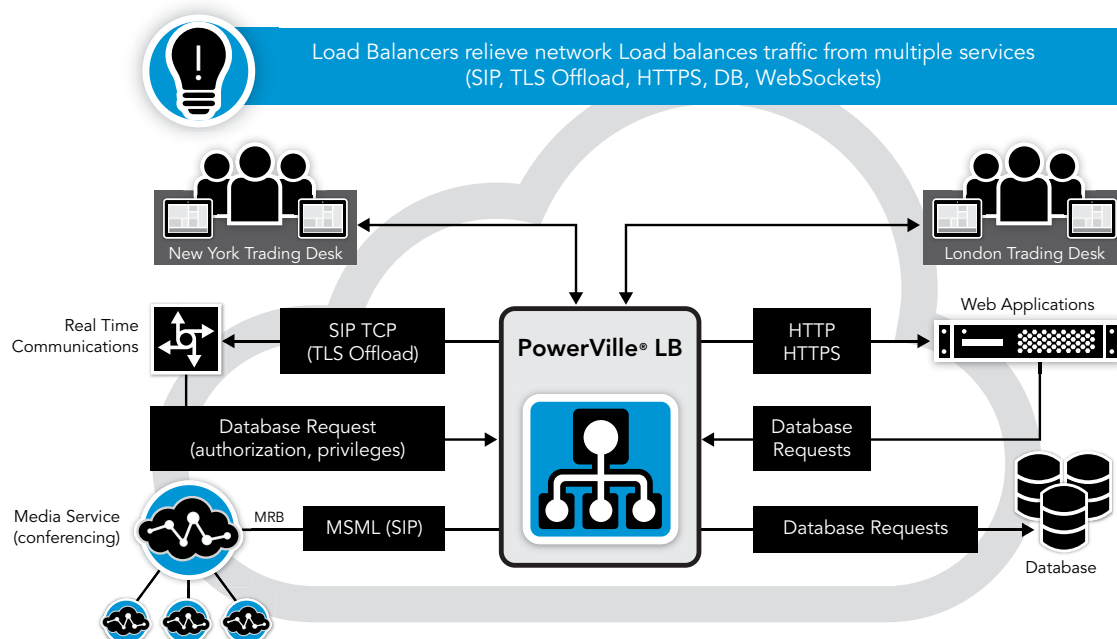
Communication networks often depend on multiple media control protocols, resulting in complex internetworking and integration challenges. To address the integration needs of multi-protocol networks, PowerVille LB facilitates protocol conversion, allowing applications to interoperate across protocols. Protocol conversions supported include the very popular MGCP and SIP.



Example Use Case

PowerVille LB Supporting RTC and non-RTC flows in a Financial Trading Network

The figure below illustrates an example of a complex financial trading network that includes RTC and business critical applications. Such a network supports a large number of financial professionals and helps them to direct their daily trading activities. Users on this type of network routinely use multi-party audio and video conferencing, along with a series of web and database applications fully integrated into their trading platforms. In the age of computerized trading, service response time, service uptime and multi-layer resilience are must haves for such network applications.



Technical Specifications

Services and Protocols

SIP, SIP over TLS
HTTP and HTTPS
WebSockets
Generic TCP Traffic Flows
Database access
SIP over Websockets

Protocol Interworking

Interworking between MGCP and SIP (MSML)

Security Features

TLS
Encryption Offload
Multiple Network Interfaces for traffic separation

Intelligent Traffic Distribution Algorithms

Round Robin
Priority
Priority plus Round Robin
Active Nodes (Service Availability)
Take Nodes out of service dynamically
Source Address Affinity
SIP Connection Affinity
Multiple interface support for bi-directional SIP traffic
HTTP Cookie Insert

QoS and Statistics

Real-time call statistics for each managed load balancer

Scalability

HTTP Transactions per second (stateful): 16000
HTTP Transactions per second (stateless): 19000
SIP Calls per second: 4000
SIP Concurrent Sessions (INVITE): 800,000

Management

Integrated web-based management (https) and real-time dashboard and analytics
SNMP based Alarms
Java Management Extensions
Role-based User Management
Configuration Import/Export
SIP Trunk Registration

Redundancy

1+1 (active/standby) Redundancy
Support for Local and Geographic redundancy of service nodes

Virtualization Support*

VMware ESXi 5.x
OpenStack
AWS

Hardware Support and Minimum System Requirements

Hardware: Intel Architecture-based server

- Operating System (64-bit OS):
 - CentOS Release 6.4 or 7.4 ISO installation OR
 - Oracle Enterprise Linux 6.4
- Processor: Intel Dual 56xx or greater
- Ethernet: Up to 3 1000Base-TX (RJ-45)
- Memory: 8 GB RAM minimum
- Storage: 60 GB HD minimum
- Network Interfaces (Recommended)
- Signaling - up to 2 Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000 Base-T)
- Management and High Availability - 1x Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000 Base-T)

** KVM and Oracle VM are planned features/functions in the area of Virtualization Support*

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