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Change Log

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Overview of FortiADC HA pairing on the Azure platform

Microsoft Azure supports FortiADC HA (High Availability) in Active-Active-VRRP mode. Azure can only support the VRRP HA mode because other modes that require access to Layer 2 are inaccessible in Public Cloud environments. For more information on FortiADC HA modes or the Azure Virtual Network, see the FortiADC Handbook on High Availability Deployments and the Azure Virtual Network FAQ.

There are 2 methods to deploy the FortiADC VRRP HA on Azure:

- 1. Deploy the VRRP HA using an API call to Azure
- 2. Deploy the VRRP HA using Azure Load Balancers

Introduced in the FortiADC 6.2.0 release, the method of using Azure Load Balancers to pair FortiADC HA on the Azure platform was developed to resolve the issues created by the Azure API call. Previously, VRRP HA on Azure used the API call to Azure to migrate the public IPs associated with the FortiADC-VM on the Azure backend in the event of HA failover. The IP migration process may take several minutes during the HA failover, causing business traffic to break until the migration is complete. With using Azure Load Balancers, the downtime for the FortiADC member may only be seconds during the HA failover because it does not require IP migration.

For more details on the two HA deployment methods, see VRRP HA using API call to Azure on page 7 and VRRP HA using Azure Load Balancers on page 9.

Checking the prerequisites

You need to meet the following prerequisites to deploy HA on Azure:

- A Microsoft Azure account that can be used to log into the Azure portal. If you do not have an Azure account, please follow the instructions on the Microsoft Azure website on how to obtain one.
- A Microsoft Azure subscription that allows you to purchase the FortiADC-VM and launch in a desired location.
- If you choose a BYOL image type, then you will need valid FortiADC licenses (for a minimum of two CPUs) for all HA members.

VRRP HA using API call to Azure

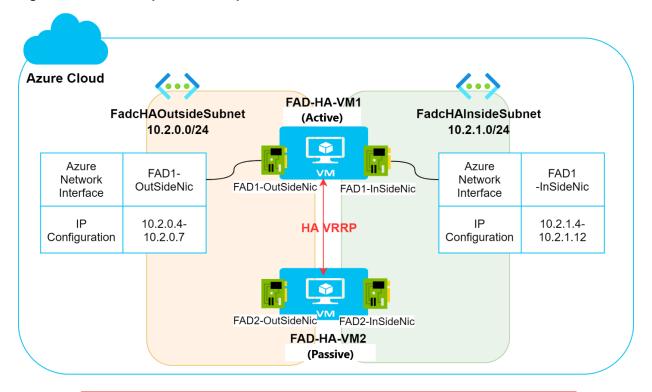
In this VRRP HA deployment mode that uses an API call to Azure, each FortiADC network interface on Azure maintains its own IP configuration table. You can add secondary IPs in the IP configuration table and use the IPs in the FortiADC configuration, such as virtual server IPs.



Prior to the FortiADC 6.2.0 release, deploying VRRP HA on Azure using an API call was the standard deployment mode. In version 6.2.0, deploying VRRP HA using Azure Load Balancers was introduced to mitigate the issues caused by the Azure API call deployment mode. We recommend deploying VRRP HA on Azure using Azure Load Balancers as the preferred deployment mode.

In the Figure 1 example below, there are two (2) FortiADC-VMs in HA VRRP mode that share the same configuration for Virtual Server, Virtual Server NAT Pool, Firewall NAT SNAT, Firewall 1-1 NAT, and the network interface floating IP. On the Azure platform side, the corresponding IP configuration is only attached to the active FortiADC-VM, which is the FAD-HA-VM1 in this example.

Figure 1 FortiADC HA pair on Azure platform



Shared FAD Configuration	Virtual Server	IPPool(Virtual Server NAT Pool)	Firewall NAT SNAT	Firewall 1-1 NAT	Interface FloatingIP
IP Address	10.2.0.4- 10.2.0.6	10.2.1.4- 10.2.1.10	10.2.0.7	10.2.1.11	10.2.1.12

In the event of HA failover, the FAD-HA-VM2 becomes the active node. This requires the IP configuration to be migrated from FAD-HA-VM1 to FAD-HA-VM2 in the Azure backend. More specifically, this disassociates the related IP configuration on the FAD1-OutSideNic / FAD1-InSideNic and associates them on the FAD2-OutSideNic / FAD2-OutSideNic. This IP migration process is executed using an Azure API call, as illustrated in the Figure 2 example below.

Azure Cloud FAD-HA-VM1 FadcHAOutsideSubnet **FadcHAInsideSubnet** (down) 10.2.0.0/24 10.2.1.0/24 Azure Azure FAD2-FAD2 Network Network OutSideNic FAD1-OutSideNic -InSideNic FAD1-InSideNic Interface Interface ΙP 10.2.0.4-ΙP 10.2.1.4-HA VRRP Configuration Configuration 10.2.0.7 10.2.1.12 2. Migrating IP configuration to FAD2 Network Interface FAD2-OutSideNic FAD2-InSideNic FAD-HA-VM2 (Active) 1.Azure API Calling

Figure 2 IP Migration between the Azure network interface when HA failover occurs

The major downside to the IP migration process is the significant amount of time required to propagate the change into the Azure environment. This may cause the business traffic to break for several minutes during the HA failover. Other critical issues may also occur, such as losing IP configuration on the Azure side during the failover.

For these reasons, FortiADC has developed a new deployment mode to avoid the issues created by the Azure API call. For more details on the new deployment mode, see VRRP HA using Azure Load Balancers on page 9.



For the Firewall 1-1 NAT configuration, the Azure API calling method is still required to migrate the IP during HA failover.

VRRP HA using Azure Load Balancers

To avoid the issues caused by the Azure API call HA deployment mode, FortiADC has developed a new design that incorporates the use of external and internal Azure Load Balancers. The objective of this design is to eliminate the need for IP migration by making the IP configurations that are affected during an HA failover independent on each FortiADC. For more information, see Deploying VRRP HA using Azure load balancers via the ARM template on page 13.

In the event of an HA failover, there are 5 configurations that will be affected:

- 1. Virtual Server IP
- 2. IP used in the VS NAT pool
- 3. IP used in the Firewall NAT SNAT
- 4. IP used as the network interface floating IP
- 5. IP used in the Firewall 1-1 NAT

To avoid IP migration, the IP configuration needs to be independent on each FortiADC. This means that these FortiADC IPs should not be synchronized even when HA is active. Each FortiADC should maintain its own IP configuration (for all 5 configurations listed above), both on the FortiADC and Azure side as shown in Figure 3 below.

To achieve this, the FortiADC units are configured to maintain their own IP configuration. However, this is only achievable for 4 of the total 5 configurations listed above; the 5th configuration, the IP used for the Firewall 1-1 NAT, would still require using the Azure API call method for HA failover.



For the Firewall 1-1 NAT configuration, the Azure API calling method is required to migrate the IP during HA failover.

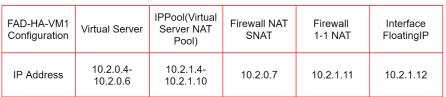
In FortiADC 6.2.0/6.2.1, the following IP configurations are not available in the VRRP HA in Azure:

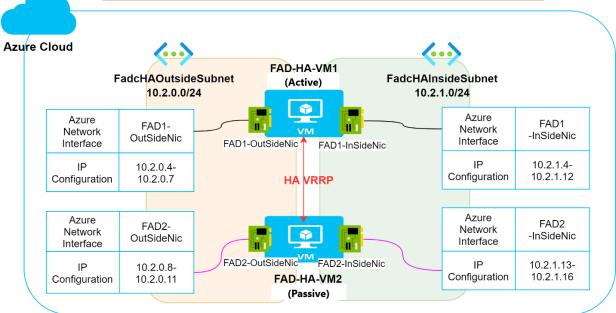


- IP used in the VS NAT pool
- IP used in the Firewall NAT SNAT

In FortiADC 6.2.2, these IP configurations are available in the VRRP HA in Azure. For more information, see Virtual Server NAT Pool and Firewall NAT SNAT configuration in HA mode on page 48.

Figure 3 Independent IP configuration on both FortiADC side and Azure side





FAD-HA-VM2 Configuration	Virtual Server	IPPool(Virtual Server NAT Pool)	Firewall NAT SNAT	Firewall 1-1 NAT	Interface FloatingIP
IP Address	10.2.0.8- 10.2.0.10	10.2.1.13- 10.2.1.14	10.2.0.11	10.2.1.15	10.2.1.16

For more details on configuring the FortiADC for this new deployment mode, see Configuring the FortiADC-VMs to use Azure Load Balancer on page 11.



If you are using a virtual server IP and/or an interface floating IP, you will need to set up an Azure Load Balancer to achieve a single access endpoint.



For FortiADC version 6.2.0 or above, the VRRP HA deployment mode using Azure API call is no longer supported for virtual server IP and interface floating IP. An Azure Load Balancer is required for deploying HA for these IP configurations.

Why use the Azure Load Balancer?

The independent configuration of the virtual server IP on both FortiADCs would now be using Azure Load Balancers to provide the single access point for customers in the event of HA failover. The Azure Load Balancer publishes the IP address used by customers to provide the single point of contact for clients. Azure Load Balancer (ALB) distributes inbound flows that arrive at the load balancer's front end to backend pool instances. For deploying the FortiADC VRRP HA, the ALB distributes the inbound traffic to the FortiADC units (the backend pool instances). These flows are determined according to configured load-balancing rules and health probes.

ALB provides flexibility in defining the load-balancing rules. The function of the load-balancing rule is to declare how an address and port on the front end would be mapped to the destination address and port on the backend.

In FortiADC 6.2.0, the default rule type mapping of ALB is supported, using the secondary IP of the FortiADC in the ALB backend pool configuration. As shown in Figure 4 below, with the default rule type, Azure exposes a traditional load balancing IP address scheme for ease of use (such as the VM instances' IP). In the Figure 4 example, when receiving business traffic, ALB changes the packet destination IP from 51.x.x.x to 10.2.0.7, which is the secondary IP of the FAD1-OutSideNic attached to the HA active node, FAD-HA-VM1.

FAD1-Primary IP Secondary IP OutSideNic Azure LB Health Probing IP Address 10206 10.2.0.7 IP Address Backend Result Pools probing vs AD-HA-VM1 FAD-HA-VM1 10.2.0.7 (Active) FAD-HA-VM2 10.2.0.5 FAD1-OutSideNic FAD-HA-VM2 Azure LB Backend Pools probing vs 215.X.X.X FAD2-OutSideNic Packet Header Packet Header Secondary IP Primary IP SRC IP DST IP SRC IP DST IP OutSideNic 215.X.X.X 51.X.X.X → 215.X.X.X Default Rule Type Mapping 10.2.0.7 IP Address 10.2.0.4 10.2.0.5

Figure 4 Azure Load Balancer with FortiADC HA pair

Azure Load Balancer uses health probes to monitor the FortiADCs in the backend pool by periodically sending the health check packet to all FortiADCs in the backend pool. The probing virtual server configured on FortiADC will respond to the health check packet from the ALB. Under known conditions in HA VRRP mode, only the probing virtual server on the active FortiADC will respond to the packet. Based on the health check result, ALB can direct the business traffic to the correct (active) FortiADC.

Configuring the FortiADC-VMs to use Azure Load Balancer

In FortiADC 6.2.0, the new configuration object "Azure LB Backend" was introduced. This can be found via the GUI in **System > Azure LB Backend**. When adding a new entry in the Azure LB Backend configuration on one node, the entry will be synchronized to the other node but excluding the IP address of the unit. On the second node, you will see the entry as 0.0.0.0. You will need to change this value to the Azure LB Backend IP of the

second node. The Azure LB Backend configuration is designed to be used in the virtual server configuration screen to prevent configuration mistakes and re-using the same IP address.



As the IP address in the Azure LB Backend configuration object would not be synchronized in HA mode, you must configure it on both the FortiADCs in the cluster.

This feature is only available in the FortiADC Azure based images.

Using the Figure 4 example, the FAD-HA-VM1 configuration should look like this:

```
FAD-HA-vm1 # show system azure-lb-backend-ip
config system azure-lb-backend-ip
   edit "FADHaLBBackendAddrPool"
     set ip 10.2.0.7
end
```

And the FAD-HA-VM2 configuration should look like this:

```
FAD-HA-vm2 # show system azure-lb-backend-ip config system azure-lb-backend-ip edit "FADHaLBBackendAddrPool" set ip 10.2.0.5 end
```

Settings	Guidelines
Name	Azure LB Backend Pool Name. Valid characters are $A-Z$, $a-z$, $0-9$, _, and No spaces. After you initially save the configuration, you cannot edit the name.
IP	IP address used in the Azure LB Backend Pool. Note: The IP address would not be synchronized in HA mode.

The Azure LB Backend configuration object can be used in the virtual server configuration to reference the Azure LB Backend IP as the virtual server IP.

```
FAD-HA-vml # show load-balance virtual-server probing-vs config load-balance virtual-server edit "17-vs"

set type 17-load-balance
set use-azure-lb-backend-ip enable
set azure-lb-backend FADHaLBBackendAddrPool
set interface port1
set port 8080
set load-balance-profile LB_PROF_HTTP
set load-balance-method LB_METHOD_ROUND_ROBIN
set load-balance-pool pool
set traffic-group default
next
end
```

Settings	Guidelines
use-azure-lb-backend- ip	Enable or disable the virtual server to reference Azure LB Backend IP as the virtual server IP.
azure-lb-backend	Select the Azure LB Backend IP Configuration used as the virtual server IP.

The Azure LB Backend IP configuration is an independent configuration on all FortiADC nodes. The virtual server references the Azure LB Backend IP as the virtual Server IP. In this way, the virtual server IP is no longer a shared configuration for FAD-HA-VM1 and FAD-HA-VM2.

Therefore, when an HA failover occurs, the traffic will be directed to the new active FortiADC by the ALB.

For more information, see Deploying VRRP HA using Azure load balancers via the ARM template on page 13.

Deploying VRRP HA using Azure load balancers via the ARM template

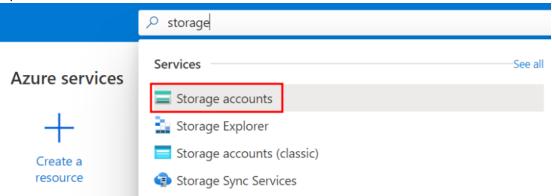
Follow the workflow below to deploy VRRP HA using Azure load balancers via the ARM (Azure Resource Manager) template.

- 1. Creating an Azure storage account
- 2. Uploading license files to Azure storage container
- 3. Creating an Azure Active Directory application
- 4. Getting the subscription ID and tenant ID
- 5. Deploying FortiADC HA resources from the ARM template
- 6. Connecting to the FortiADC GUI and CLI

Creating an Azure storage account

The Azure storage account is used for storing the boot diagnostics for the serial console usage of the FortiADC instance. If you are using a FortiADC BYOL image, you will also require an Azure storage account to upload the license files.

Go to the Storage accounts service to create a storage account or use an existing storage account. Refer
to this Azure documentation for details. Take note of the Storage account name. It will be used in later
steps.

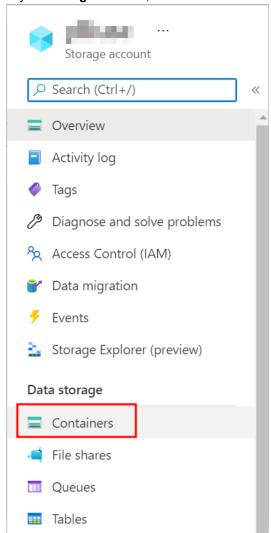


- 2. The **Subscription** and **Resource Group** of the storage account should be the same as the HA resources to be deployed.
- 3. For the **Networking** settings, it is recommended to select **Public endpoint (all networks)**. If you prefer to restrict access by allowing only selected networks or private endpoints, make sure to plan the network accordingly so that the FortiADC-VMs can successfully obtain license files from this storage account.

Uploading license files to Azure storage container

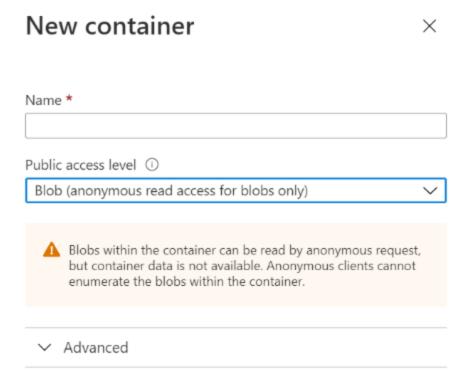
If the FortiADC-VM image type to be deployed is BYOL, prepare the license files and store the files to an Azure Storage container. If you want to deploy the PAYG image, skip this step and go directly to the next step Creating an Azure Active Directory application on page 15.

1. In your Storage account, select Containers.



2. Click +Container.

3. Enter a name for this Container and set the **Public access level** to **blob** or **container** that is enabled for read access. Take note of this Container name. It will be used in later steps.



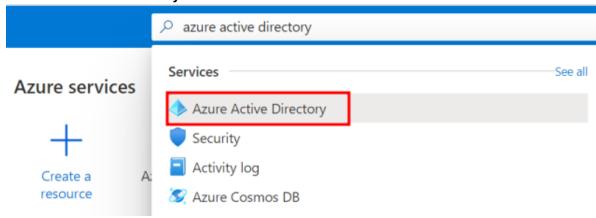
- 4. Click Create.
- 5. In the **Containers** list, select the container you have just created.
- 6. Click Upload.
- **7.** Select the license files from your local directory, then click **Upload**. The number of license files should be the same as the number of FortiADC-VMs you want to deploy.

If you upload license files to an existing container, be sure to delete the used license files in the container if there are any. Otherwise, the FortiADC-VMs to be deployed in the next steps may mistakenly fetch these used license files.

Creating an Azure Active Directory application

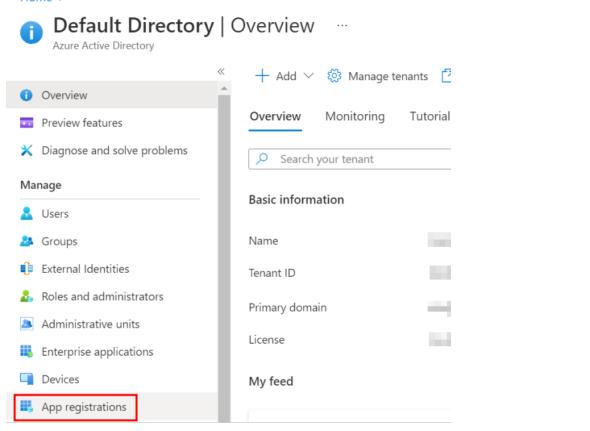
Create an Azure Active Directory application to authorize the function application to access the Azure resources.

- 1. Sign in to your Azure Account through the Azure portal.
- 2. Select Azure Active Directory.



3. Select App registrations.

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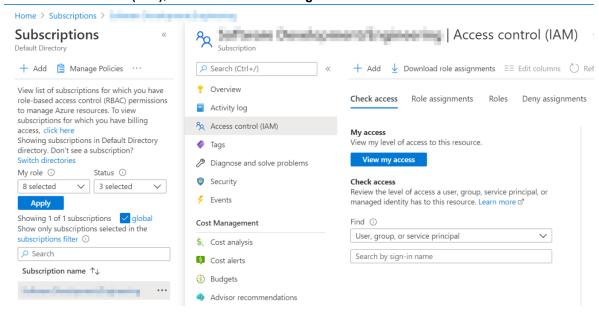


- 4. Click New registration.
- **5.** Provide a name and URL for the application. For more information, refer to this Azure documentation. After setting the values, click **Create**. Take note of the application name. You will use it later.

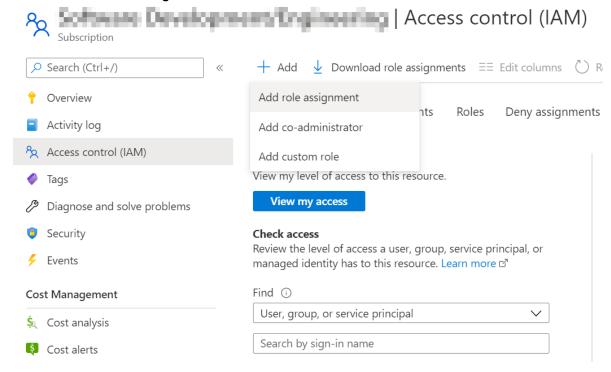
Assigning the application to the owner role of the subscription

You must assign the application to the owner role of the subscription where the HA resources will be deployed to ensure it can have the privilege to authorize the HA resources in the subscription.

- 1. Go to **Subscriptions**, choose the subscription to assign the application to. This is the subscription in which all the resources in the HA cluster will be deployed.
- 2. Go to Access control (IAM), and select the Role assignments tab.

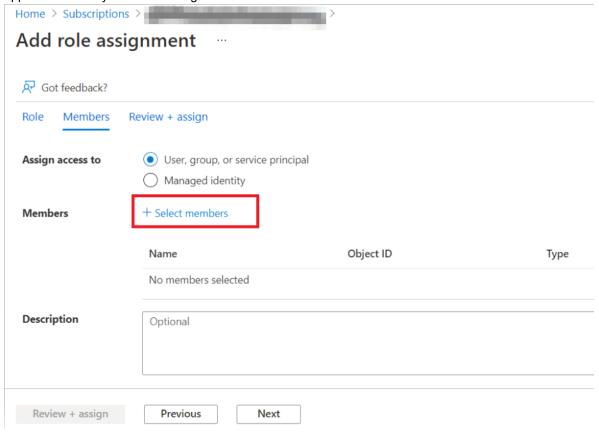


3. Click Add > Add role assignment.



4. On the Roles tab, select Owner and click Next.

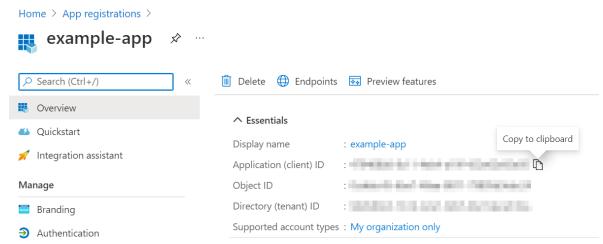
5. On the **Members** tab, select **User group, or service principal**. In the **Members** field, select the application name you want to assign the Owner role to.



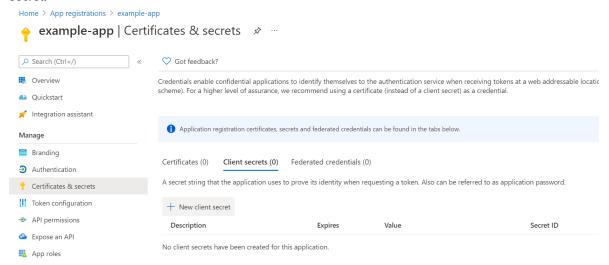
6. Click Review + assign.

Getting the Application ID and authentication key

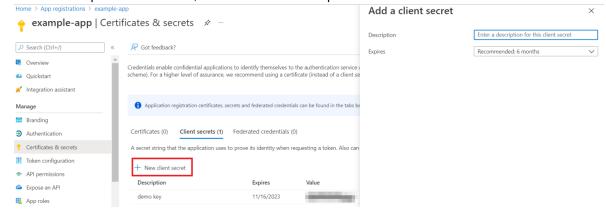
- 1. Go to Azure Active Directory > App registrations.
- 2. Select the function App you have just created. Take note of the **Application ID**. It will be used in later steps.



3. Select Certificates & secrets and select the Client secrets tab. Click New client secret to create a new secret.

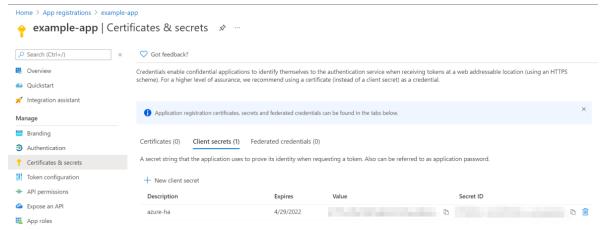


4. Enter a description for the secret, select when it would expire.



- 5. Click Add.
- 6. Take note of the Value of the secret. It will be used in later steps.

Note: It is recommended that you copy this value as it cannot be retrieved later. This key value and the application ID is required to sign in as the application. Store the key value where your application can retrieve it.

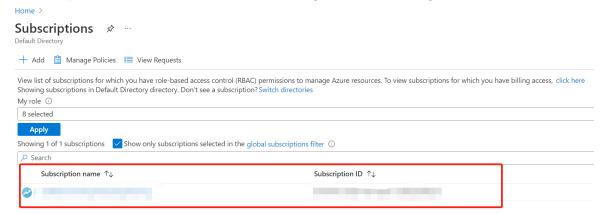


Getting the subscription ID and tenant ID

Follow the steps below to obtain the values for the ARM template parameters. You will use these values later when deploying the ARM template.

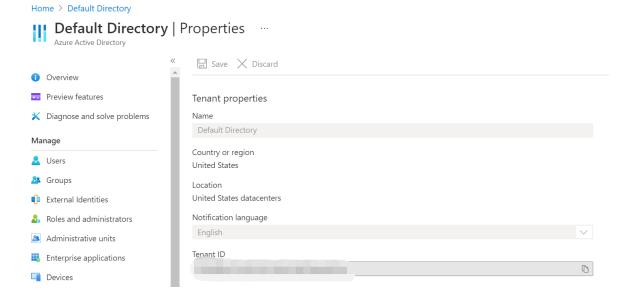
Getting the subscription ID

- 1. Sign in to your Azure Account through the Azure portal.
- 2. Select Subscriptions
- Get the Subscription ID in which the FortiADC-VMs are deployed.
 The subscription should also be the one where the storage account containing the license files is located.



Getting the tenant ID

- 1. Sign in to your Azure Account through the Azure portal.
- 2. Select Azure Active Directory.
- 3. Select Properties.
- 4. Copy the Tenant ID.



Deploying FortiADC HA resources from the ARM template

To deploy VRRP HA using Azure Load Balancer, the FortiADC HA resources need to be created through the ARM template. Follow the steps below to deploy the FortiADC HA resources from the ARM template.

Accessing the ARM template

You can access the ARM template through the following 2 options:

- Launching the prepared ARM template from the Fortinet GitHub to deploy directly to Azure.
- Building a custom template in Azure using the code for the ARM template as the base.

To launch the ARM template directly from the Fortinet GitHub:

- 1. Go to the Fortinet GitHub: https://github.com/fortinet/fortiadc-azure-ha.
- 2. Click Deploy to Azure.

FortiADC HA

This project contains the code and templates for the Microsoft Azure FortiADC HA deployments.

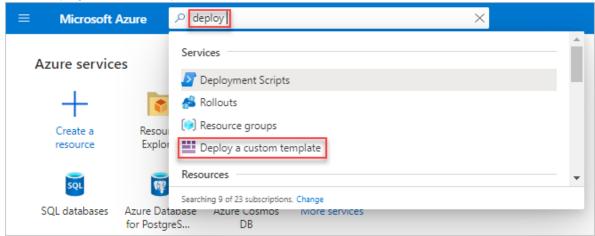
Azure Portal



The ARM template is launched directly to Azure as a Custom deployment.

To build a custom template using the ARM template code:

- 1. Sign in to your Azure Account through the Azure portal.
- 2. Select Deploy a custom template.



3. Click Build your own template in the editor.

Custom deployment
Deploy from a custom template

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4. Delete the content in the default template.

- **5.** Go to the Fortinet GitHub: https://github.com/fortinet/fortiadc-azure-ha/blob/main/templates/deploy_fadc_ha.json.
- 6. Copy the text from deploy_fadc_ha.json.
- 7. In the Azure template editor, paste the copied text. You may modify the ARM template as needed from here.
- 8. Click Save.

Configuring the ARM template deployment parameters

After you have successfully launched your ARM template, configure the following parameters to complete the ARM template deployment.

- 1. In the Azure Custom deployment where you have launched your ARM template, select the **Basics** tab.
- Under the Project details, select the applicable Subscription and Resource group.
 Note: The Subscription and Resource group should be the same as the ones where your license files are stored. For more information, refer to Uploading license files to Azure storage container on page 14.
- 3. Under the **Instance details**, configure the following settings:

Parameter Name	Description
Region	Select the region according to the Subscription and Resource group.
Subscription Id	Apply the subscription ID in previous steps. For details, refer to Getting the subscription ID and tenant ID on page 20.
Tenant Id	Apply the tenant ID in previous steps. For details, refer to Getting the subscription ID and tenant ID on page 20.

Parameter Name	Description
Restapp Id	Apply the restapp ID in previous steps. For details, refer to the steps on how to get the Application ID and authentication key in Creating an Azure Active Directory application on page 15
Restapp Secret	Apply the restapp secret in previous steps. For details, refer to the steps on how to get the Application ID and authentication key in Creating an Azure Active Directory application on page 15
Region	Select the Azure server region.
Resource Name Prefix	Specify a prefix for the resources to be deployed. The names of the resources will contain the specified prefix.
Vm Sku	Specify the FortiADC-VM instance types. Select from the following instance types: Standard_F2s_v2 Standard_F4s_v2 Standard_F8s_v2 Standard_F16s_v2 Standard_F32s_v2 To ensure high performance, it is recommended to deploy a VM instance with at least 2 vCPUs and 8 GB memory. If you are using BYOL licensing type, specify an instance type that matches your FortiADC-VM licenses. For example, if your FortiADC-VM license supports 4 vCPUs, you can choose from the instance types that have 4 vCPUs.
FAD Admin Username	Enter an administrator username for the FortiADC instances. Note: The username cannot be "admin" or "root".
FAD Admin Password	Enter a password for the administrator account if you have chosen password for Authentication Type. The Azure password policy requires the password to include at least 3 of the 4 from the following: • Lowercase characters • Uppercase characters • Numerical digits • Special characters (Regex match [\W_])
FAD Image Type	Select BYOL or PAYG .
FAD Image Version	Select the image version of FortiADC-VMs. It is recommended to deploy the latest version.
FAD Count	Specify the number of virtual machines to be created in the HA group. The minimum is 1 and maximum is 2; the default is 2.
Vnet New Or Existing	Select whether to use a new or existing virtual network.

Parameter Name	Description
Vnet Resource Group	If you selected existing for Vnet New Or Existing , then specify the resource group to which the existing virtual network belongs.
Vnet Name	Specify a name for the new virtual network or enter the name of the existing virtual network.
Vnet Address Prefix	Specify the virtual network address prefix. For example, 10.2.0.0/16.
Vnet Subnet1Name	Specify a name for the public-facing subnet.
Vnet Subnet1Prefix	Specify the prefix of the public-facing subnet. For example, 10.2.0.0/24.
Vnet Subnet2Name	Specify a name for the private subnet.
Vnet Subnet2Prefix	Specify the prefix of the private subnet. For example, 10.2.1.0/24.
Internal LB Frontend IP	Specify an internal load balancer front end IP. For example, 10.2.1.6.
FAD1HAPort2IP	Specify the FAD1 HA Port2 IP. For example, 10.2.1.4.
FAD2HAPort2IP	Specify the FAD2 HA Port2 IP. For example, 10.2.1.5.
FAD1internal LB backendip	Specify the FAD1 internal load balancer IP. For example, 10.2.1.8.
FAD2internal LB backendip	Specify the FAD2 internal load balancer IP. For example, 10.2.1.9.
Fortiadc Ha Group Name	Specify a name for the FortiADC HA group.
Fortiadc Ha Group Id	Specify an ID for the FortiADC HA group. All the members in the HA group will be marked with this group ID. The minimum is 0 and the maximum is 63.
Storage Account Name	Specify the name of the storage account. Note: This is applicable for the serial console and if BYOL is selected as the FAD Image Type.
Storage License Container Name	Enter the name of the containers where the license files are stored. Note: This is applicable only if BYOL is selected as the FAD Image Type.
Storage Licensefile1	Enter one of the names of the two licenses you have uploaded into the storage license container. For example, FADXXXIic.
Storage Licensefile2	Enter one of the names of the two licenses you have uploaded into the storage license container. For example, FADXXXIic.

4. Click Review + create.

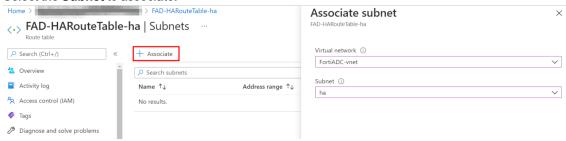
5. Check the resource group with all the deployment resources. The following lists the major deployed resources with the resource prefix "FAD-HA-example".

Deployed Resource	Description
FAD-HA-example-vm1	FortiADC in the HA group.
FAD-HA-example-vm2	FortiADC in the HA group.

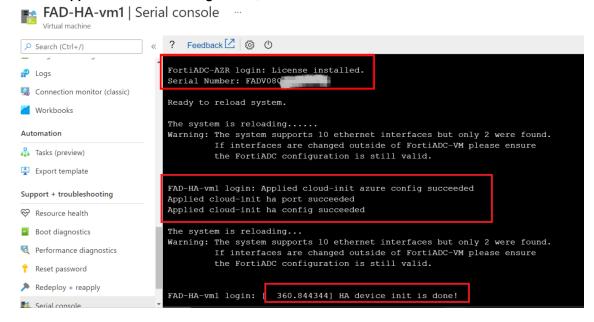
Deployed Resource	Description
FAD-HA-example-external-nic1	External interface of the FAD-HA-example-vm1 for external access.
FAD-HA-example-internal-nic1	Internal interface of the FAD-HA-example-vm1 for internal access to the protected server. The primary IP of this network interface is also used as the HA VRRP unicast IP.
FAD-HA-example-external-nic2	External interface of the FAD-HA-example-vm2 for external access.
FAD-HA-example-internal-nic2	Internal interface of the FAD-HA-example-vm2 for internal access to the protected server. The primary IP of this network interface is also used as the HA VRRP unicast IP.
FAD-HA-example- loadbalance-internal	Internal Azure Load Balancer. This is used in the FortiADC L4 virtual server topology. For more information, see Example: FortiADC L4 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology on page 37.
FAD-HA-example- loadbalance-external	External Azure Load Balancer.
FAD-HA-example-nicPublic-IP1	Provides public access to the FAD-HA-example-vm1.
FAD-HA-example-nicPublic-IP2	Provides public access to the FAD-HA-example-vm2.
FAD-HA-example- loadbalance-IP	External access to the ALB FAD-HA-example-loadbalance-external. This provides the single access endpoint for the FortiADC virtual servers.
FAD-HA- exampleRouteTable- FadcHAInsideSubnet	Routing table for L4 virtual server topology. For more information, see Example: FortiADC L4 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology on page 37.
FAD-HA-example- availabilitySet	Provided for redundancy and availability.
FAD-HA-example- securityGroup	Access rules for the external subnet.
FAD-HA-example- securityGroup2	Access rules for the internal subnet.
FortiADC-vnet-example	Virtual network where the FortiADCs are located.

- **6.** If you are using an existing virtual network, you will need to manually associate the subnet2 to the route table for the FAD-HA-exampleRouteTable-FadcHAInsideSubnet.
 - **a.** From the list of deployed resources in the existing virtual network, select **FAD-HA-exampleRouteTable-FadcHAInsideSubnet**.
 - b. In the Settings section, select Subnets.
 - c. Click +Associate.

d. Select the Subnet to associate.



- e. Click OK.
- 7. Check the FortiADC console to ensure the license (BYOL) is installed and the ha init is done.
 - a. Select the FortiADC-VM in the HA group. For example, the FAD-HA-example-vm1.
 - b. In the Support + troubleshooting section, select Serial console.



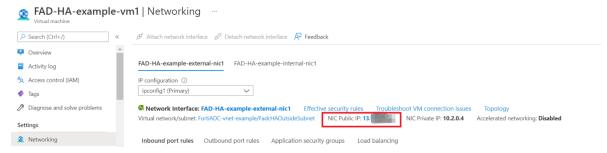
Connecting to the FortiADC GUI and CLI

After deploying the FortiADC HA resources on Azure, you will need to access the FortiADC to configure for the L7 or L4 virtual server scenario.

Obtaining the public IP address of the FortiADC-VMs

- 1. Go to the Azure portal to manage your resource group. Search for and select **Resource groups**.
- 2. Locate the resource group you have selected for the ARM template deployment and click the resource group name.
- 3. Locate the FortiADC-VMs by the Resource Name Prefix you have defined in the ARM template parameters and click the name.
- 4. In the Settings section, select Networking.

5. Take note of the NIC Public IP.

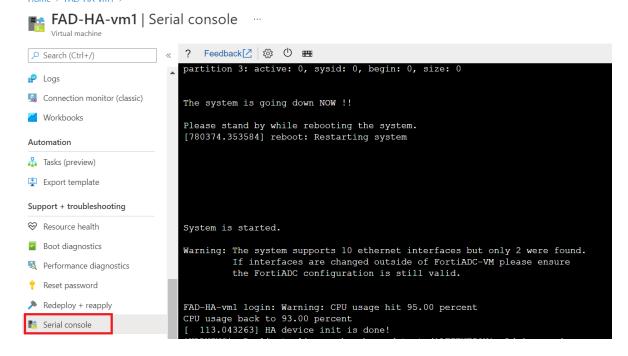


To connect to the FortiADC web UI:

- 1. Enter the FortiADC-VM's public IP address in a web browser's address field. For example, https://13.x.x.x. The HTTP access to the FortiADC GUI will be automatically redirected to HTTPS, so if you enter the HTTP port number (e.g., 80), it will be redirected to the HTTPS port (e.g., 443).
- 2. Log in using the FAD Admin Username and FAD Admin Password that were specified during the ARM template deployment.

To connect to the FortiADC CLI via console:

- 1. Go to the Azure portal to manage your resource group. Search for and select Resource groups.
- 2. In the Support + troubleshooting section, select Serial console.



To connect to the FortiADC CLI via SSH:

Follow the steps below to connect to the FortiADC-VM for Azure using the PuTTY terminal emulation software.

1. On your management computer, start PuTTY.

- 2. To ensure that your configuration does not use environment variables that can interfere with the connection, in the **Category** tree, expand **Connection**, and then click **Data**. Remove any environment variables.
- 3. Click **Session**. For the **Host Name (or IP Address)**, enter the public IP address of the FortiADC-VM. For example, 13.x.x.x.
- 4. In Port, type 22.
- 5. For Connection type, select SSH.
- 6. Click Open.
 - The SSH client connects to the FortiADC appliance.
 - The SSH client may display a warning if this is the first time you are connecting to the FortiADC appliance and its SSH key is not yet recognized by your SSH client, or if you have previously connected to the FortiADC appliance but it used a different IP address or SSH key.
- 7. Click **Yes** to verify the fingerprint and accept the FortiADC appliance's SSH key. You cannot log in until you accept the key.
 - The CLI displays a login prompt.
- Enter the FAD Admin Username and FAD Admin Password that were specified during the ARM template deployment.



If 3 incorrect login or password attempts occur in a row, FortiADC temporarily blacklists your IP address from the GUI and CLI. This action protects the appliance from brute force login attacks. Wait 1 minute, and then attempt the login again.

The CLI displays a prompt, such as:

FortiADC#

Managing the admin account

In its factory default configuration, FortiADC has one administrator account named admin. This administrator has permissions that grant full access to FortiADC's features.

The account you have created in the VM basic settings is not the admin account. To use the admin account, you need to log in to FortiADC's CLI using the account you have created, then set the password for the admin account.

```
config system admin
  edit "admin"
    set password "P@ssw0rd"
  next
end
```

The password for the admin account on Azure should not be empty.

FortiADC Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer

After you have deployed the ARM template, you will see the following objects in your resource group (this list includes only a small subset of all the objects you will see):

- An external Azure Load Balancer (FAD-HA-loadbalance-external)
- Azure Virtual Network (FadcHAOutsideSubnet/FadcHAInsideSubnet)
- 2 FortiADC-VMs (FAD-HA-VM1 and FAD-HA-VM2)

The FortiADC nodes are already configured with HA VRRP.

The external Azure Load Balancer is also configured with load-balancing rules that use port 80/443 for the HTTP(S) services since these are the most commonly used services in the FortiADC virtual server.

In addition to HTTP(S) services, using the Azure Load Balancer also enables the FortiADC virtual server in HA VRRP mode to provide TCP/UDP services. The protected servers located in the FadcHAInsideSubnet can be used as a non-webserver as well, such as for a FTP server. For this, you will need to adjust the protocol/port on both the Azure and FortiADC sides accordingly to accommodate the configuration in your scenario.

The following will need to be configured to allow the Azure Load Balancer to work with the FortiADC virtual server in HA VRRP mode to enable TCP/UDP services:

On the Azure side

- ALB load-balancing rules for the TCP/UDP service
- · ALB health probes
- The network security group attached to the external NIC of the FortiADC to allow TCP/UDP service traffic

On the FortiADC side

- The Azure LB Backend
- The virtual server/ real server providing the TCP/UDP service
- The probing virtual server to respond to the ALB health probe packets

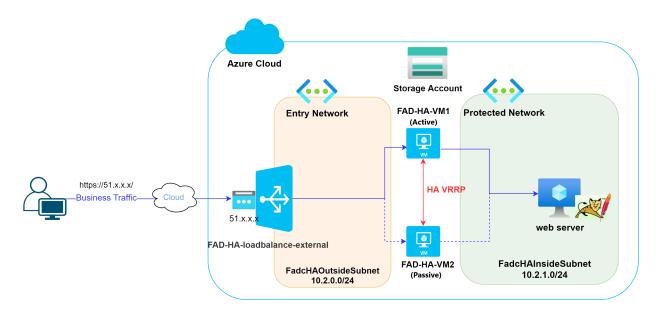
For example, if a FTP service is provided, the service link will look like ftp://51.x.x.x/file. On the Azure side, the service port used in the ALB load-balancing rule and the TCP port used in the ALB health probe are 21. The inbound traffic for port 20/21 should be allowed in the network security group attached to the FortiADC's external interface card. On the FortiADC side, configure the Azure LB Backend and the FTP virtual server with port 21. The FTP virtual server itself also acts as the probing virtual server.

For more detailed examples, see the following:

Example: FortiADC L7 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology on page 30

Example: FortiADC L4 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology on page 37

Example: FortiADC L7 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology



Creating an L7 virtual server to allow user access to protected resources from the internet

Follow the steps below to create an L7 virtual server to let the user access the protected resources from the internet.

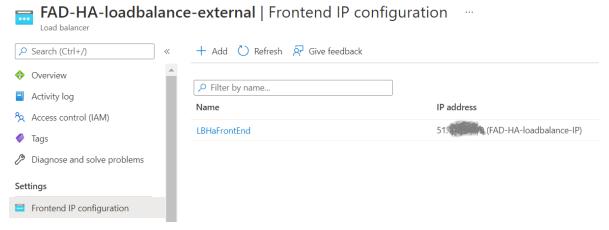
In this example, we assume the following:

- The protected server is a web server.
- The web server is configured to use the VNET named FadcHAInsideSubnet.

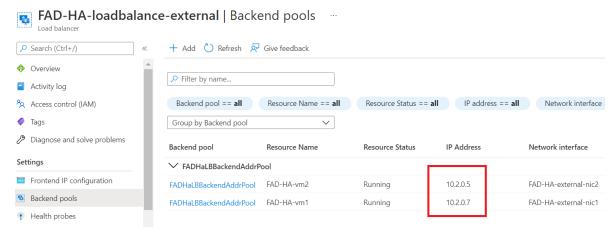
In the example below, we will show you how to enable secure access from internet clients to a published Apache Tomcat server.

1. Prepare your protected resource (the web server) and ensure it is connected to the VNET, FadcHAInsideSubnet. For this scenario, we have prepared an Apache Tomcat server.

2. Check the Frontend IP configuration of the ALB, FAD-HA-loadbalance-external. This IP configuration, such as 51.x.x.x, is the Public IP for users to access the protected resource.

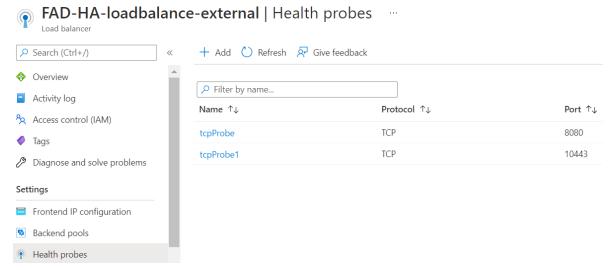


3. Check the Backend pools of the ALB, FAD-HA-loadbalance-external. You will see both the FortiADC-VMs are in the FADHaLBBackendAddrPool with IP allocated from FadcOutSideSubnet.



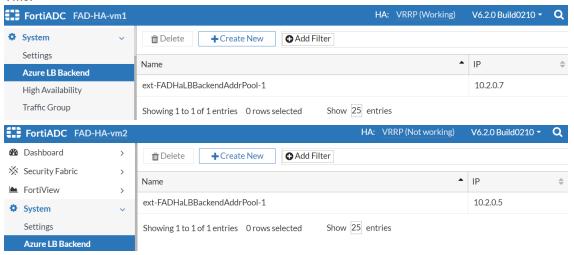
4. Check the Health Probe in ALB FAD-HA-loadbalance-external.

When receiving business traffic from the user, FAD-HA-loadbalance-external directs the business traffic to the HA VRRP active FortiADC-VM, FAD-HA-VM1. ALB determines which FortiADC-VM is the active node by sending the health check packet to both FortiADC-VMs to see which will respond to the health check packet.



You can see there are 2 TCP Health Probes with port 8080 and 10443 respectively.

- **5.** To enable the health check flow to work, the probing virtual server needs to be configured to respond to the health check packet on the FortiADC side.
 - a. Configure the backend pool IP information of the FAD-HA-loadbalance-external on both FortiADC-VMs.

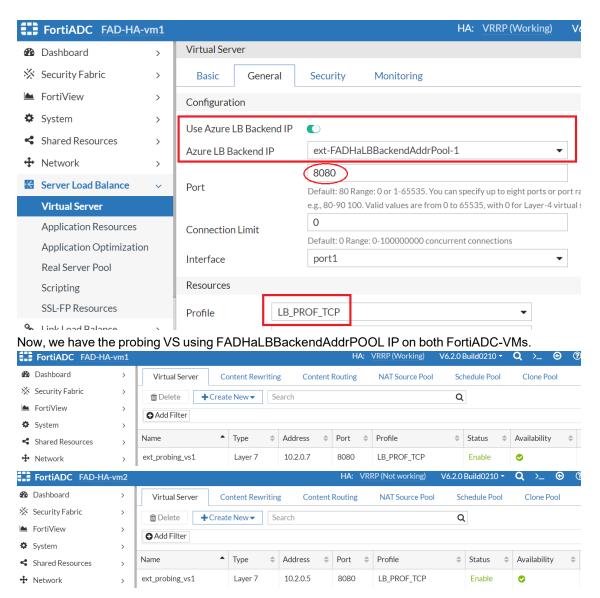


b. Configure the probing VS which references the ext-FADHaLBBackendAddrPool-1 as the virtual server IP

Set the probing VS with port 8080 and profile LB_PROF_TCP according to the topprobe as defined in the Health Probes of FAD-HA-loadbalance-external.

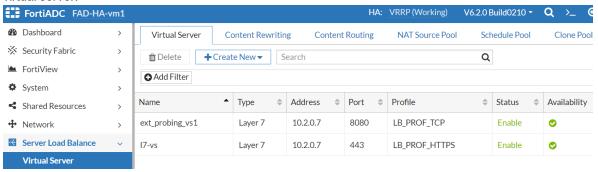


For FortiADC version 6.2.0 or later, LB_PROF_TCP is deprecated. Please use LB_PROF_L7_TCP instead.

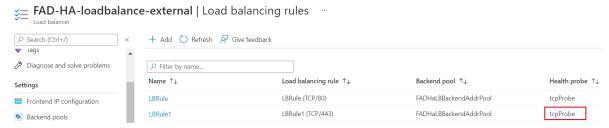


6. Create the L7 virtual server with port 443 and LB_PROF_HTTPS profile on the FortiADC-VM1. This virtual server is going to serve the HTTPS service.

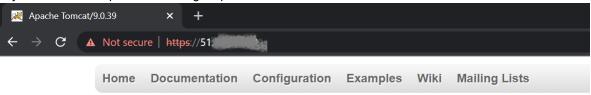
We only support the ALB default route type. We also reference the azure loadbalancer backend IP in the L7 virtual server.



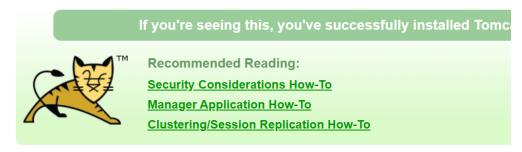
7. Check the Load balancing rules in FAD-HA-loadbalance-external. Change the LBRule1 to use topprobe as the Heath probe.



8. Try to connect to https://51.x.x.x to get apache tomcat service.

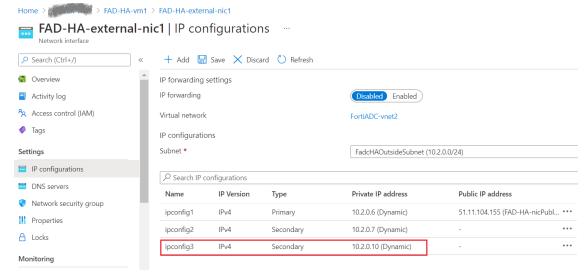


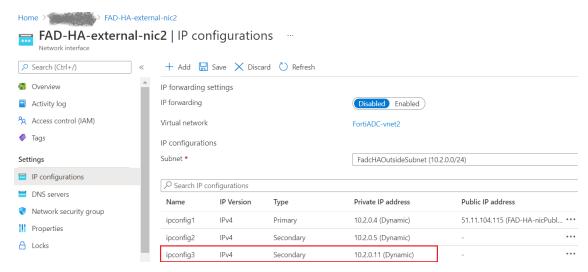
Apache Tomcat/9.0.39



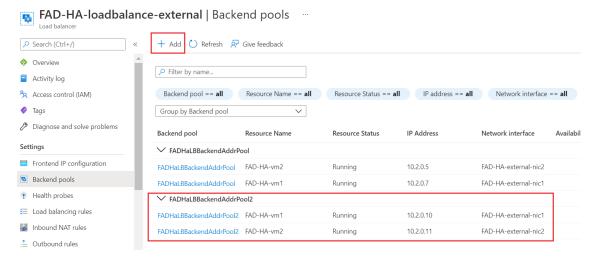
Now, FAD-HA-VM1 is the active node. When HA failover occurs, the health check packet returns from FAD-HA-VM2, and the FAD-HA-loadbalance-external directs the business traffic to FAD-HA-VM2. The connection to https://51.x.x.x may lose a few seconds during the failover, but will recover soon after.

- **9.** If you want to reuse the port on the backend FortiADC, you can add more backend pools in the ALB, FAD-HA-loadbalance-external.
 - **a.** Add a third IP to the IP Configuration of the external interface for both of the FortiADC-VMs associated with the FadcOutSideSubnet.

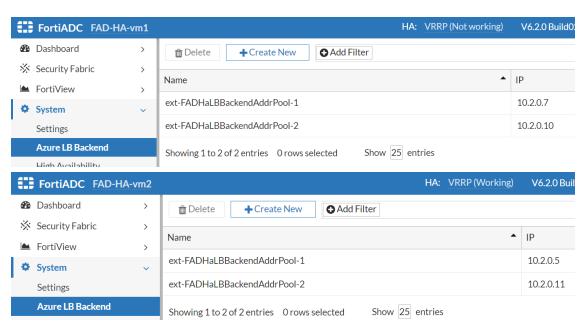




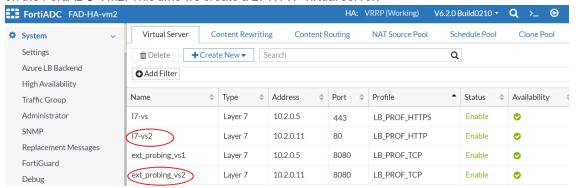
b. Add the ipconfig3 of both FortiADC-VMs to a new Backend pool for the ALB, FAD-HA-loadbalance-external.



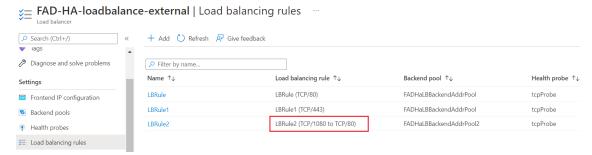
 Configure the backend pool IP information of the FAD-HA-loadbalance-external on both FortiADC-VMs.



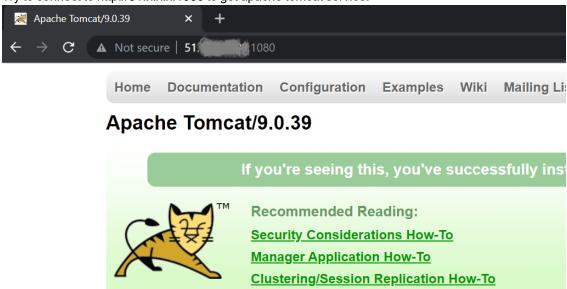
d. Create the probing virtual server and L7 virtual server to reference ext-FADHaLBBackendAddrPool-2 on the FortiADC-VM2. This time we create a L7 HTTP virtual server.



e. Create a Load balancing rule to use the FADHaLBBackendAddrPool2 on FAD-HA-loadbalance-external. Map the front end port 1080 to backend port 80.



f. Try to connect to http://51.x.x.x:1080 to get apache tomcat service.

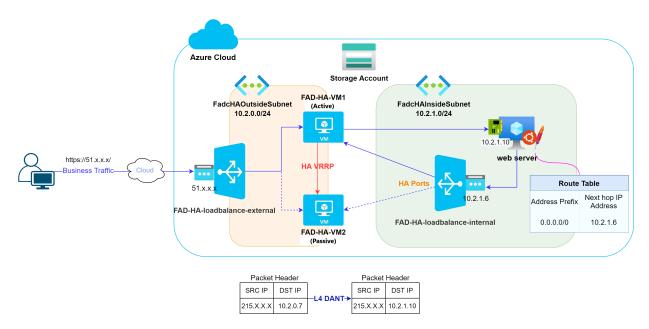


Example: FortiADC L4 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology

Typically, an L4 virtual server using DNAT as the packet forwarding method requires the backend real server to have a route back to FortiADC. For this, the FortiADC uses the floating IP in the network interface as the default gateway for the backend real server.

In the Azure platform, the floating IP needs to be migrated in the event of an HA failover by using an Azure API call. To avoid the issues caused by the IP migration process, the internal Azure Load Balancer was introduced into the design.

Figure 5 FortiADC HA using Azure Load Balancer for L4 VS using DNAT topology



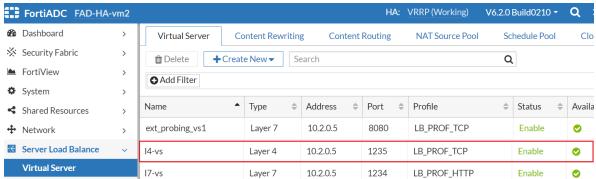
The Figure 5 example above shows the business traffic flow from the client \rightarrow external ALB (FAD-HA-loadbalance-external) \rightarrow the active FortiADC in HA VRRP mode \rightarrow Ubuntu Apache web server \rightarrow internal ALB (FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal) \rightarrow the active FortiADC in HA VRRP mode \rightarrow external ALB (FAD-HA-loadbalance-external) \rightarrow the client.

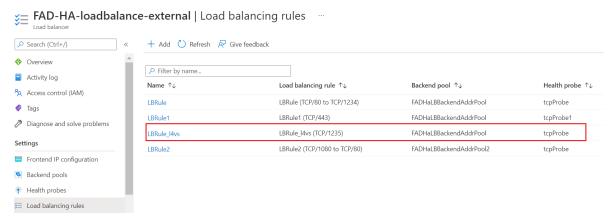
In this deployment, we use the front end IP of the internal Azure Load Balancer instead of the floating IP in the FortiADC network interface as the web server default gateway. By doing so, there is no need to migrate the floating IP during an HA failover.

Creating an L4 virtual server using DNAT as the packet forwarding method with Azure Load Balancer

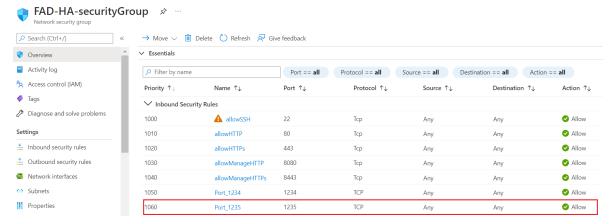
Similar to the steps taken for the Example: FortiADC L7 Virtual Server with HA VRRP mode using Azure Load Balancer Topology on page 30, follow the steps below to build an L4 virtual server using DNAT as the packet forwarding method on FortiADC.

1. Create the L4 virtual server on FortiADC and add the corresponding Load balancing rule on the external ALB, FAD-HA-loadbalance-external.

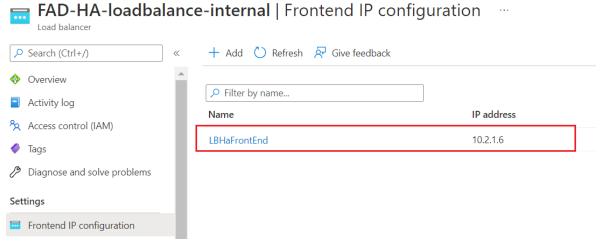




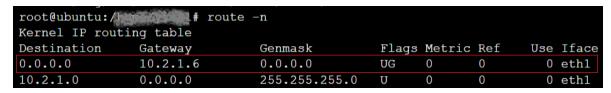
2. Check the inbound rule to allow access to port 1235 in the security group FAD-HA-Security-Group that is attached to both the FortiADC-VMs' network interface in the FadcHAOutsideSubnet.



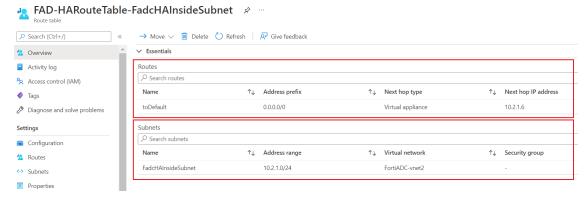
3. In the FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal, check the front end IP, which is the default gateway for the backend web server.



4. Check the default route gateway of the backend web server. In this example, we use the Ubuntu Apache2 server as the backend web server. The default gateway should be configured to 10.2.1.6 to ensure the responding business traffic will go through the internal ALB, FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal.

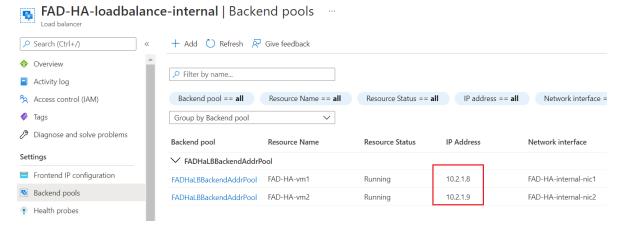


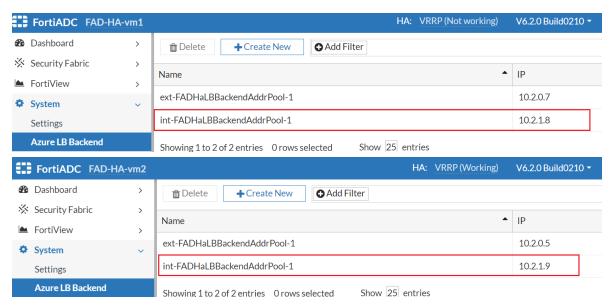
a. Check the route table attached to the FadcHAInsideSubnet on Azure Cloud.



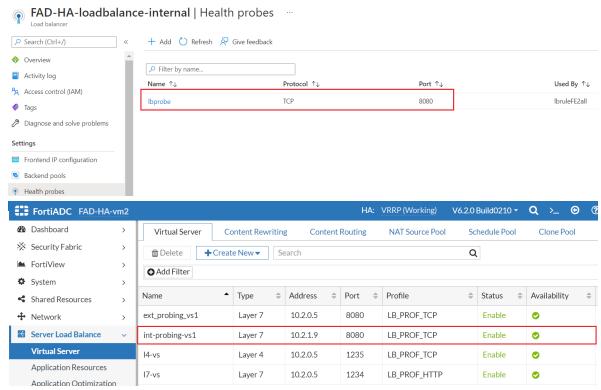
If you are using the ARM template to create the FortiADC HA pair with an **existing** network, you will need to manually associate the route table FAD-HARouteTable-FadcHAInsideSubnet to FadcHAInsideSubnet.

5. Check the Backend pools of FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal and add the ALB backend configuration on both FortiADC-VMs.





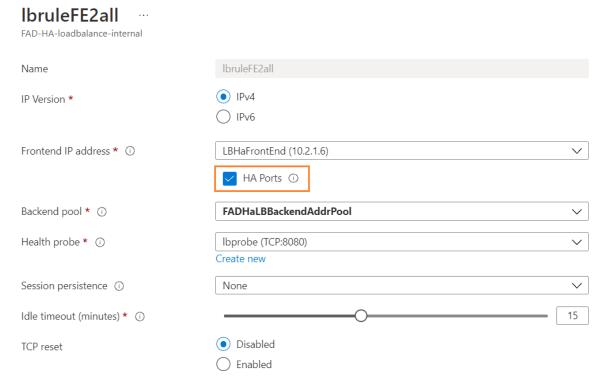
6. Check the Health Probe of the FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal and add the internal probing VS.



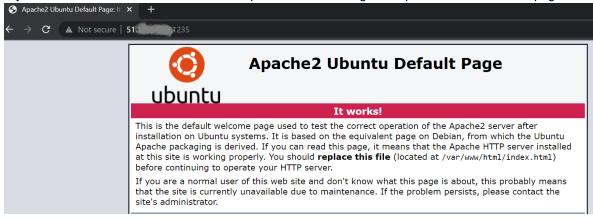
7. Check the Load balancing rule of FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal.

The HA port is enabled so the FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal can load balance on all ports for TCP and UDP protocols. This means that the FAD-HA-loadbalance-internal can accept any TCP and UDP service

traffic and direct them to the active FortiADC-VM based on the health probe.



8. Try to connect to the L4 virtual server with http://51.x.x.x:1235 to get an Apache2 Ubuntu default page.



FortiADC Virtual Server with traffic group in HA VRRP using Azure Load Balancer

In FortiADC, the virtual server is specified with a default traffic group. In the traffic group, there will be one active node among all nodes in the group. The virtual servers located in the active node serve the services. Therefore,

if you have multiple traffic groups with multiple virtual servers assigned to each traffic group, ensure that there is at least one probing virtual server active in each traffic group. For more information, see FortiADC Handbook on traffic groups.

In the example scenario below, the following specifications are defined for the traffic groups *default* and *trafficGroup2*:

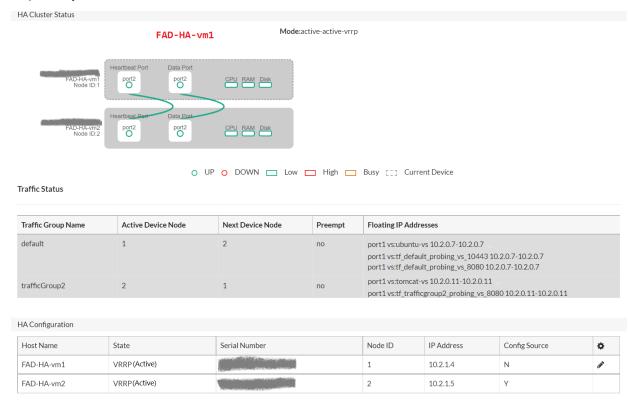
default

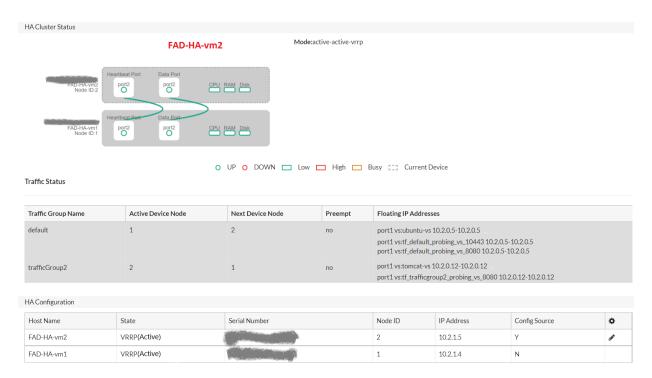
- Virtual server: ubuntu-vs/tf_default_probing_vs_10443/tf_default_probing_vs_8080
- Probing virtual server: tf_default_probing_vs_10443/tf_default_probing_vs_8080
- · Active node: FAD-HA-vm1

trafficGroup2

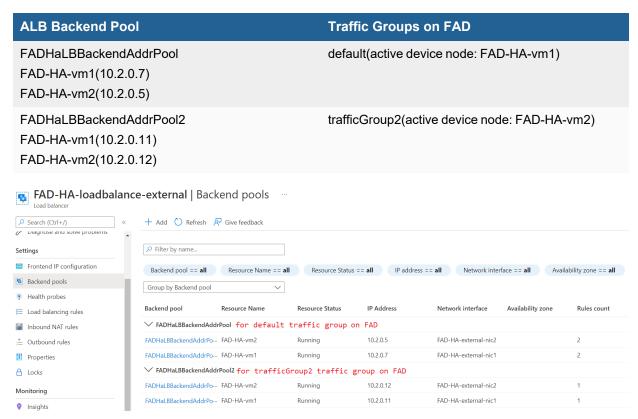
- Virtual server: tomcat-vs/tf trafficgroup2 probing vs 8080
- Probing virtual server: tf_trafficgroup2_probing_vs_8080
- Active node: FAD-HA-vm2

Below is the virtual server and HA traffic group configuration on the FAD-HA-vm1 and FAD-HA-vm2 respectively.





Compare the backend pool in the external ALB shown in the table and figure below. The virtual servers in the default traffic group references the IP configuration from FADHaLBBackendAddrPool and the virtual servers in the trafficGroup2 traffic group references the IP configuration from FADHaLBBackendAddrPool2.



Important Note:

- The IP (floating IP) cannot be cross assigned in two different traffic groups. For example, IP
 10.2.0.5/10.2.0.7 is used in the default traffic group, then it cannot be used in trafficGroup2. Therefore,
 when creating a new traffic group on FortiADC, you must create the corresponding ALB backend pool on
 the Azure side, and configure the new ALB backend pool on the FortiADC Azure LB Backend for further
 usage.
- When changing the IP references in the virtual server, you must change the traffic group together. If the
 change of IP references and traffic group in the virtual server is not performed in one step, there will be
 abnormal HA behavior. In this case, you have to reboot both FortiADC nodes to allow HA to function
 correctly.

Cross reference the above traffic group information with the ALB Load balancing rules and Health probes configuration: the LBRule for ubuntu-vs and LBRule3 for tomcat-vs uses the ALB health probe, tcpProbe, which sends the TCP health check packet with the destination port 8080 to the ALB backend pool, FADHaLBBackendAddrPool and FADHaLBBackendAddrPool2. And LBRule1 uses the ALB health probe, tcpProbe1, which sends the TCP health check packet with the destination port 10443 to the ALB backend pool, FADHaLBBackendAddrPool.

The table and figures below illustrates the relationship of the ALB load balancing rules with the FortiADC virtual server, ALB Backend Pool and ALB Health probe.

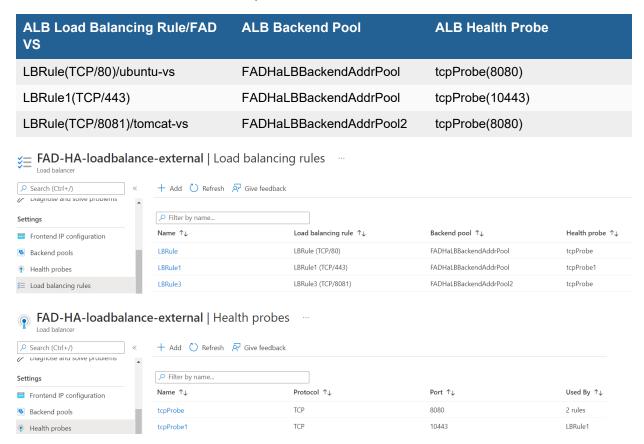


Figure 6 Business traffic flow for multiple traffic groups

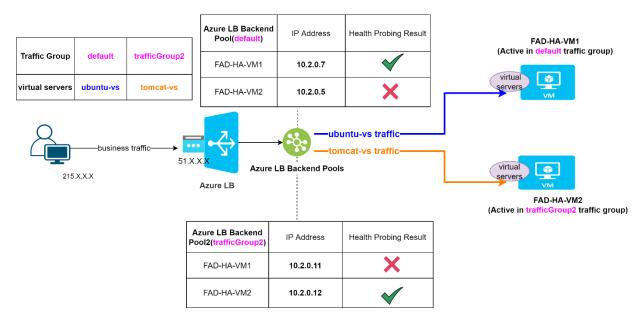
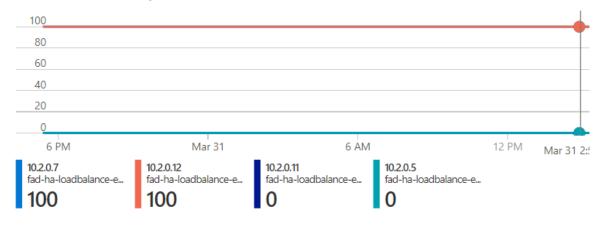


Figure 6 shows the business traffic flow in this example scenario, in which the active node in default traffic group is FAD-HA-vm1. When ALB receives the business traffic for ubuntu-vs that is assigned to the default traffic group, the ALB directs traffic to FAD-HA-vm1 based on the instant health probing status. See the ALB health probing status in the figure below, where FAD-HA-vm1(IP:10.2.0.7) responds to the health probe packets with 100% success rate, and FAD-HA-vm2(IP:10.2.0.5) does not respond because it is in HA passive mode in the default traffic group.

Likewise, the business traffic for tomcat-vs assigned to trafficGroup2 is directed to the active node, FAD-HA-vm2.

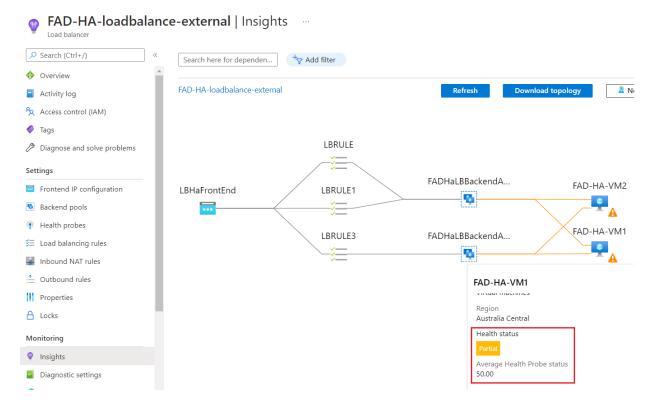
Health Probe Status by Backend IP Address



Backend Pool - Traffic Group - Nodes in the group (red means active)

FADHaLBBackendAddrPool - default- FAD-HA-vm2(10.2.0.5), FAD-HA-vm1(10.2.0.7)
FADHaLBBackendAddrPool2 - trafficGroup2 - FAD-HA-vm2(10.2.0.12), FAD-HA-vm1(10.2.0.11)

Since FAD-HA-vm2(10.2.0.5) in the default traffic group and FAD-HA-vm1(10.2.0.11) in trafficGroup2 are in HA passive mode, the ALB Health Probe status shows 0% success rate for these two IP configurations. Therefore, you will see an average health probe status with success rate 50% for FAD-HA-vm1 and FAD-HA-vm2.



Note:

ALB directs business traffic based on the instant health probe status, not the average one. Therefore, in the case where FAD-HA-vm1 is the active node in multiple ALB backend pools, and FAD-HA-vm2 is active in only one ALB backend pool, the average health probe status for FAD-HA-vm1 should be healthy/partial and for FAD-HA-vm2 is unhealthy. Regardless of what the average health probe status shows, the business traffic can still be forwarded to the correct FortiADC node based on the instant health probe status.

Virtual Server NAT Pool and Firewall NAT SNAT configuration in HA mode

For FortiADC 6.2.2, each FortiADC-VM instance maintains its own IP configuration in the HA VRRP mode for the virtual server NAT pool and firewall NAT SNAT on both the FortiADC side and the Azure platform. However, this means the IP configuration used in the VS NAT pool and the firewall NAT SNAT **will not be** synchronized in the HA cluster when HA VRRP mode is enabled. When these IP configurations are no longer synchronized in the HA cluster, it will impact the attributes in the IP configurations.

The following attributes will no longer be synchronized in the HA cluster for each IP configuration:

IP configuration	Attribute
VS NAT pool (IPPool)	ip-min, ip-max, ip6-min, ip6-max
Firewall NAT SNAT	trans-to-ip, trans-to-ip-start, trans-to-ip-end



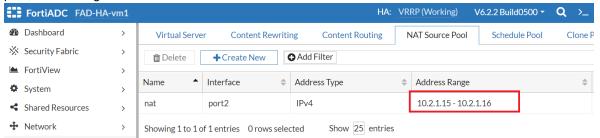
The independent IP configuration design for the VS NAT pool and the firewall NAT SNAT in HA VRRP mode is only applicable to Azure based FortiADC images.

After upgrading to 6.2.2, if you are using the VS NAT pool and/or firewall NAT SNAT IP configurations in your HA VRRP deployment, you must reconfigure these IP configurations on the passive FortiADC.

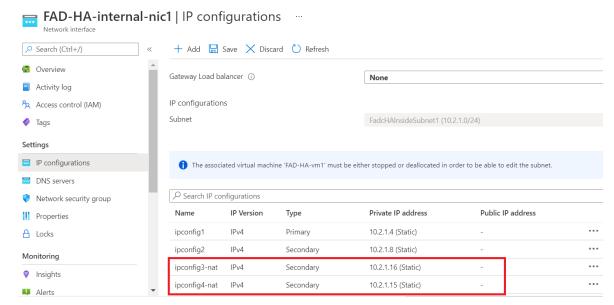
To reconfigure the VS NAT pool/ firewall NAT SNAT IP configurations on the passive FortiADC:

 Check the IP configuration of the VS NAT pool/ firewall NAT SNAT of the active FortiADC instance on both the FortiADC side and Azure platform.

In the example below, the FAD-HA-vm1 is the active node. The address range of the virtual server NAT pool, nat is configured as 10.2.1.15 - 10.2.1.16.

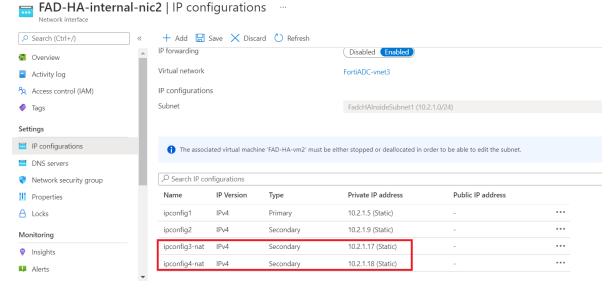


The corresponding address range should be configured on the associated network interface, FAD-HA-internal-nic1 on the Azure platform.



2. Add the new IP configuration of the network interface attached to the passive FortiADC instance on the Azure platform.

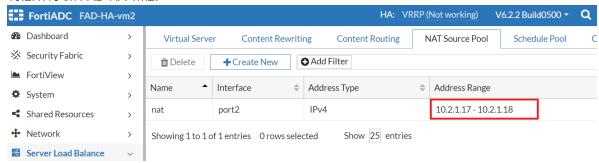
Continuing with the previous example, the FAD-HA-vm2 is the passive node. So, you will add the new IP configuration 10.2.1.17 - 10.2.1.18 for FAD-HA-internal-nic2 on the Azure platform. This address range will be used in the virtual server NAT pool, nat on the FortiADC, FAD-HA-vm2.



3. According to the IP allocated on the Azure platform in step 2, reconfigure the IP configuration in the VS NAT pool/ firewall NAT SNAT for the passive FortiADC.

In the example below, reconfigure the virtual server NAT pool, nat with the new address range 10.2.1.17 -

10.2.1.18 on FAD-HA-vm2.



Debugging Azure API call in HA mode

The Azure API call is still required to migrate the IP configuration on the Azure platform for the Firewall 1-1 NAT during an HA failover. To check the migration process, you can use the following command on the new active FortiADC-VM to get the migration status.

```
FAD-HA-vm2 # diagnose debug enable
FAD-HA-vm2 # diagnose debug module netd all set
```





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