

GR Installation - VMware

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GR Installation Process

In this chapter, Active/Standby Geographic Redundancy model has been used to describe the database and configuration changes required to modify the current installed HA system into Geo-HA.

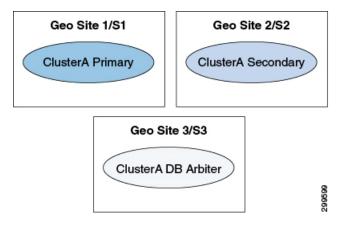
If you want to deploy historical Active/Active model, just deploy additional flipped pair of this active/standby model.

Overview

An overview of active/standby model has been provided in this section.

1. Active/Standby solution has only one CPS cluster at each site, CA-PRI (referenced as ClusterA Primary henceforth) at S1 site (referenced as Geo-site-1/site-1 henceforth) and CA-SEC (referenced as ClusterA secondary henceforth) at S2 site (referenced as Geo-site-2/site-2 henceforth).

Figure 1: Geographical Sites



In the above figure, you have primary cluster (Geo Site 1/S1), secondary cluster (Geo Site 2/S2) and arbiter (Geo Site 3/S3).

- Geo site 1/S1 could be any site (for example, Mumbai)
- Geo site 2/S2 could be any site (for example, Chennai)
- Geo site 3/S3 could be any site (for example, Kolkata)
- **2.** For Site1 PCEF, there are two CPS clusters. One is primary, CA-PRI on S1 and other is secondary, CA-SEC on S2. They are geographically redundant.
- **3.** Upon failure of primary CPS Cluster, secondary CPS cluster would seamlessly serve the subscriber's sessions. For that, session replication is enabled between primary and secondary clusters and for session replication high bandwidth is expected. For more information, contact your Cisco technical representative.
- **4.** We recommend to use Replication interface for Database replication between Geo sites (that is, S1 and S2) to segregate Network traffic with Database replication traffic. For example, setting up separate VLAN's for segregating Network and Database traffic.
- **5.** The secondary CPS cluster is not configured as passive.
- **6.** We recommend to place the arbiter on site-3.
- 7. We recommend the SPR and balance databases to be on SSD and session database to be on tmpfs for optimized performance.

Prerequisites

- Base install (CPS-HA) has been completed on both sites and verified basic validation on both sites.
- Call model has been validated on both HA sites as per your TPS/traffic.
- CPS VMs should have Replication IP address.
- Familiarity with CPS Installation Guide for VMware.
 Familiarity with CPS Release Notes.

- For third site, Arbiter must be deployed and running the same build (The ISO used to prepare the Geo-Redundant Setup).
- The database configuration is planned.

Reference for CPS VM and Host Name Nomenclature



Note

This section is for reference only. You need to follow the nomenclature based on your network requirements. As a prerequisite, HA must be already deployed.

For better usability of the system, install the HA system according to the following nomenclature:

1. In order to know the exact geo site details, we recommend to have the following entries in VMSpecification sheet of CPS_deployment_config_template.xlsm or VMSpecification.csv.

Host Name Prefix field value as Sx:

Table 1: Host Name Prefix Example

Cluster Name	Recommended Value
CA-PRI	S1-
CA-SEC	S2-

- **2.** In order to know the exact cluster name and role (primary/secondary) details, we recommend to have the following entries in Hosts sheet of CPS_deployment_config_template.xlsm or Hosts.csv:
 - Guest Name field value as:

CA-PRI-XXX for primary cluster (like CA-PRI-lb01, CA-PRI-qns01, and so on.) and CA-SEC-XXX for secondary cluster (like CA-SEC-qsn01, CA-SEC-lb01, and so on.)

3. We recommend to distribute session manager VMs equally between primary and secondary clusters, example:

```
sessionmgr01, sessionmgr02, sessionmgr03, sessionmgr04 on CA-PRI and sessionmgr01, sessionmgr02, sessionmgr03, sessionmgr04 on CA-SEC
```

4. The following convention must be used while creating cross site replica-set for the session database:

You must create the session database replica-set members on same VM and same port on both sites. For example, among four replica-set members (except arbiter), if sessionmgr01:27717 and sessionmgr02:27717 are two members of replica-set from SITE1 then choose sessionmgr01:27717 and sessionmgr02:27717 of SITE2 as other two replica-set members as shown in following example:

```
[SESSION-SET]
    SETNAME=set01
    OPLOG_SIZE=5120
    ARBITER1=SITE-ARB-sessionmgr05:27717
    ARBITER_DATA_PATH=/var/data/sessions.1/set1
    PRIMARY-MEMBERS
    MEMBER1=SITE1-sessionmgr01:27717
```

MEMBER2=SITE1-sessionmgr02:27717 SECONDARY-MEMBERS MEMBER1=SITE2-sessionmgr01:27717 MEMBER2=SITE2-sessionmgr02:27717 DATA_PATH=/var/data/sessions.1/set1 [SESSION-SET-END]

- 5. pcrfclient01 and pcrfclient02 of each site require Management/Public IP
- **6.** Site1 HA Blade naming conventions of VMs looks like (This information is for reference only):

Table 2: Naming Convention

Blade	Virtual Machines
CC Blade 1	S1-CA-PRI-cm
	S1-CA-PRI-lb01
	S1-CA-PRI-pcrfclient01
CC Blade 2	S1-CA-PRI-lb02
	S1-CA-PRI-pcrfclient02
CPS Blade 1	S1-CA-PRI-qns01
	S1-CA-PRI-sessionmgr01
CPS Blade 2	S1-CA-PRI-qns02
	S1-CA-PRI-sessionmgr02
CPS Blade 3	S1-CA-PRI-qns03
	S1-CA-PRI-sessionmgr03
CPS Blade 4	S1-CA-PRI-qns04
	S1-CA-PRI-sessionmgr04

7. Site2 HA configuration looks like (This information is for reference only):

Table 3: Naming Convention

Blade	Virtual Machines
CC Blade 1	S1-CA-SEC-cm
	S1-CA-SEC-lb01
	S1-CA-SEC-pcrfclient01
CC Blade 2	S1-CA-SEC-lb02
	S1-CA-SEC-pcrfclient02
CPS Blade 1	S1-CA-SEC-qns01
	S1-CA-SEC-sessionmgr01

Blade	Virtual Machines
CPS Blade 2	S1-CA-SEC-qns02
	S1-CA-SEC-sessionmgr02
CPS Blade 3	S1-CA-SEC-qns03
	S1-CA-SEC-sessionmgr03
CPS Blade 4	S1-CA-SEC-qns04
	S1-CA-SEC-sessionmgr04

Replication Network Interface name should be configured as Replication in VLAN.csv and Hosts.csv files.

Arbiter Installation



Note

If you want to add the MongoDB authentication on Arbiter, refer to *General Configuration* section in *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*. You need to mention password for all the sites separately using CSV file and that should be same for all the sites.

On Third Site



Important

Currently, SNMP and statistics are not supported on third site arbiter.

Do not install Arbiter if third site is not there or Arbiter is already installed on primary site.

Additionally, if third site blades are accessible from one of the GR sites, you can spawn the Arbiter VM from one of the sites, say, Site1, and installer will sit on third site blades. In that case also, this section is not applicable. Just have appropriate configurations done (On Primary Site, on page 8) so that destination VM is on a third site's blade.

The automatic GR site failover happens only when arbiters are placed on third site thus we recommend the MongoDB arbiter to be on third site that is, S3.



Note

Arbiter VM name should be sessionmgrxx.

Site3 HA configuration looks like (This information is for reference only):

Table 4: Naming Convention

Blade	Virtual Machines	vCPU	Memory (GB)
CPS Blade 1	S3-ARB-cm	1	8
	S3-CA-ARB-sessionmgr01	4	8

For more information about deploying VMs, refer to CPS Installation Guide for VMware.

Step 1 Configure system parameters for deployment for new Arbiter VM. We need the following CSV files to deploy and configure arbiter VM:

They are:

- VLANs.csv
- Configuration.csv
- VMSpecification.csv
- · AdditionalHosts.csv
- · Hosts.csv
- **a. VLAN.csv:** Here configurations need to be as per targeted deployment/availability. An example configuration is shown:

Table 5: VLAN.csv

VLAN Name	Network Target Name	Netmask	Gateway	VIP Alias
Internal	VM Network	x.x.x.x	x.x.x.x	-
Management	VM Network-1	x.x.x.x	x.x.x.x	-

Note Replication Network Interface name should be configured as **Replication**.

- **b.** Configuration.csv: Here configurations need to be as per targeted deployment/availability. For more information on MongoDB, refer to *MongoDB Authentication Process* in *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*.
- c. VMSpecification.csv: Here configurations need to be as per targeted deployment/availability.
- **d. AdditionalHosts.csv:** Here configurations need to be as per targeted deployment/availability. An example configuration is shown where we need to provide site1 and site2 session managers details:

Table 6: AdditionalHosts.csv

Host	Alias	IP Address
ntp-primary	ntp	X.X.X.X
ntp-secondary	btp	X.X.X.X
CA-PRI-sessionmgr01	-	X.X.X.X

Host	Alias	IP Address
CA-PRI-sessionmgr02	-	X.X.X.X
CA-SEC-sessionmgr01	-	X.X.X.X
CA-SEC-sessionmgr02	-	X.X.X.X

e. Hosts.csv: Take the template file /var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer/templates from Cluster Manager VM and make changes.

An example configuration is shown:

Figure 2: Hosts.csv

Hypervisor Name	Guest Name	Role	Alias	Datastore	Networks>	Internal	Management Gx
x.x.x.x	CA-ARB-sessionmgr01	smarb	sessionmgr01	x.x.x.x		x.x.x.x	

Note

- Datastore name should be as per deployment/availability.
- Arbiter VM alias should be sessionmgrXX only. In the above example, it is sessionmgr01.
- Replication Network Interface name should be configured as Replication.
- Step 2 Convert the Excel spreadsheet into a CSV file and upload the file to the Cluster Manager VM in /var/qps/config/deploy/csv directory.
 - a) Execute the following commands to import CSV files and conversion to JSON data:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/import/import_deploy.sh

b) Execute the following command to validate the imported data:

```
cd /var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer/support/
python jvalidate.py
```

The above script validates the parameters in the Excel/csv file against the ESX servers to make sure ESX server can support the configuration and deploy VMs.

Note If you are deploying the VMs using the --nossh feature, jvalidate will not work as jvalidate needs SSH login credentials to get the memory, CPU and network details from the ESXi. Since --nonssh feature doesn't have the SSH login credentials, the script execution fails for getting the details. You can login to the vCenter where the ESXi's are mapped and check the required details to plan the VM design.

Step 3 For each host that is defined in the Hosts sheet of the deployment spreadsheet, perform the manual deployment (Refer to the *Manual Deployment* section in the *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*).

Example:

An example is shown below:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer
./deploy.sh sessionmgr01

On Primary Site



Note

Optional: Do not perform the following steps if Arbiter is installed on third site.

If third site is not available then deploy arbiter VM on Primary Cluster that is, CA-PRI.



Note

Arbiter VM name should be sessionmgrXX only. XX should be replaced with a digit higher than the last used digit of the session manager. For example, if there are a total of six sessionmgrs (sessionmgr01-sessionmgr06) then, the Arbiter session manager must be sessionmgr07.

To deploy arbiter on primary site, perform the following steps:

Step 1 Configure system parameters for deployment.

Add the following arbiter entry in **Hosts** sheet of deployment template sheet or **Hosts.csv** file. An example entry is shown below m:

Figure 3: Arbiter Entries

Hypervisor Name	Guest Name	Role	Alias	Datastore	Networks>	Internal	Management Gx	Replication
x.x.x.x	CA-PRI-sessionmgr07	smarb	sessionmgr07	datastore1		x.x.x.x		x.x.x.x

Step 2 Import modified CSV files using the following command:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/import/import deploy.sh

Step 3 Execute the following command to validate the imported data:

cd /var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer/support/

python jvalidate.py

Note The above script validates the parameters in the Excel/csv file against the ESX servers to make sure ESX server can support the configuration and deploy VMs.

Note If you are deploying the VMs using the --nossh feature, jvalidate will not work as jvalidate needs SSH login credentials to get the memory, CPU and network details from the ESXi. Since --nonssh feature doesn't have the SSH login credentials, the script execution fails for getting the details. You can login to the vCenter where the ESXi's are mapped and check the required details to plan the VM design.

Step 4 For each host that is defined in the Hosts sheet of the excel document perform the manual deployment (Refer to the *Manual Deployment* section in the *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*).

An example is shown below:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer

./deploy.sh sessionmgr07

Standalone Arbiter Deployment On VMware



Note

If you want to add the MongoDB authentication on Arbiter, refer to *General Configuration* section in *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*. You need to mention password for all the sites separately using CSV file and that must be same for all the sites.

To install Arbiter on VM, perform the following steps:

Step 1 Convert the Cluster Manager VM to an Arbiter (VMware).

Note

Here you are converting the Cluster Manager deployed at Site3 to an Arbiter. For more information on how to deploy Cluster Manager VM, refer to *Deploy the Cluster Manager VM* section in the *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*.

Step 2 Run install.sh from ISO directory.

```
cd /mnt/iso ./install.sh Please enter install type [mobile|mog|pats|arbiter|andsf|escef]: arbiter ----> Select arbiter for this option Would you like to initialize the environment... [y|n]: y ----> Enter y to continue
```

- **Note** RADIUS-based policy control is no longer supported in CPS 14.0.0 and later releases as 3GPP Gx Diameter interface has become the industry-standard policy control interface.
- Note Currently, eSCEF is an EFT product and is for Lab Use Only. This means it is not supported by Cisco TAC and cannot be used in a production network. The features in the EFT are subject to change at the sole discretion of Cisco.
- Step 3 When prompted for Please pick an option for this setup:.

Select **1** for new Arbiter deployment.

Step 4 To enable the firewall, it is required to add the following configuration in

/etc/facter/facts.d/qps firewall.txt file:

Step 5 When install.sh finishes its run, execute the reinit.sh script to apply the appropriate configurations to the system:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/upgrade/reinit.sh

- **Step 6** To enable/disable MongoDB authentication on Arbiter:
 - a) If you want to enable MongoDB authentication on Arbiter, create the file /etc/facter/facts.d/mongo_auth.txt using the following data. The password should be same with all other sites.

```
db_authentication_enabled=TRUE
db_authentication_admin_passwd=XXXXX
db authentication readonly passwd=YYYYY
```

where, *XXXXX* and *YYYYY* are encrypted passwords. For encrypted passwords, you need to SSH to a Cluster Manager and execute the following command:

/var/qps/bin/support/mongo/encrypt passwd.sh <Password>

OR

To disable MongoDB authentication on Arbiter, update /etc/facter/facts.d/mongo auth.txt file.

db authentication enabled=FALSE

- b) After enabling/disabling MongoDB authentication, run /var/qps/install/current/scripts/upgrade/reinit.sh on all Arbiter VMs.
- c) Verify the Key file on all arbiter VMs (when MongoDB authentication is enabled).

```
root@ARBITER01 ~]# ls /root/.dbkey
/root/.dbkey
```

d) Execute disable MongoDB authentication script:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/modules/mongo auth upgrade.py only on one Site i.e., Sitel or Site2

- e) Restart all the JAVA processes on sites.
- Step 7 Edit /etc/hosts/ and add the information related to all the replica members entries as per your requirement (replica members in mongoConfig.cfg file).

Example:

Step 8 After performing the upgrade/new installation, unmount the ISO image. This prevents any "device is busy" errors when a subsequent upgrade/new installation is performed.

```
cd /root
umount /mnt/iso
```

Step 9 (Optional) After unmounting the ISO, delete the ISO image to free the system space.

rm xxxx.iso

where, xxxx.iso is the name of the ISO image used.

- **Step 10** (Optional) Change the host name of the Arbiter.
 - a) Run hostname xxx, where xxx is the new host name for the Arbiter.
 - b) Edit /etc/hostname to add the new host name for the Arbiter.

Multiple Arbiter Installation - VMware

Step 1 Update the arbiter member information in /etc/broadhop/mongoConfig.cfg file.

Example:

```
[SESSION-SET1]
SETNAME=set01a
OPLOG_SIZE=5120
HEARTBEAT_TIMEOUT=3
ARBITER1=arbitervip:27717
ARBITER2=arbiterscale02:27717
ARBITER3=arbiterscale03:27717
ARBITER_DATA_PATH=/var/data/sessions.1/WSP1/set01a
MEMBER1=WSP1SM01:27717
MEMBER2=WSP2SM01:27717
MEMBER3=SFP1SM01:27717
MEMBER4=SFP2SM01:27717
DATA_PATH=/var/data/sessions.1/WSP1/set01a
[SESSION-SET2-END]
```

Note

With the above configuration, CPS can handle sessions even in case of three cluster failure. But if one site and arbiter goes down, then primary selection may fail. To avoid this, Cisco recommends to increase the number of arbiters to three or more.

Step 2 Rebuild etc directory on cluster with the updated mongoConfig.cfg file.

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/build/build etc.sh

Step 3 Copy mongoConfig.cfg file to all the nodes using copytoall.sh from Cluster Manager.

 $\verb|copytoall.sh|/etc/broadhop/mongoConfig.cfg|/etc/broadhop/mongoConfig.cfg|$

Configure Remote/Peer Site VM

Session Manager VM Information on Local Site



Note

The following steps need to be performed on other sites as well.



Note

In this section, to configure remote/peer site VM in local site, sessionmgr has been taken as an example. You can use this section to add peer policy server (qns) and peer policy directors (lbs) entries in AdditionalHosts file.

- Add the following entry in Additional Hosts sheet of CPS deployment template or Additional Hosts.csv on CA-PRI-cm: Objective of this section is for primary cluster to add other cluster (that is, secondary cluster) session manager's details.
 - a) Add sessionmgr VM information of secondary cluster (that is, Name, Replication Interface IP addresses).
 - b) In Alias column add psessionmgrxx (that is, peer sessionmgr).
 - c) Add arbiter VM entry, also in Alias column add the same host name.
 - If it is on third site, then add IP address of arbiter VM which is reachable from all other sessionmgrs from both sites
 - Else add internal interface IP address of arbiter VM.

Example:

Example of /var/qps/config/deploy/csv/AdditionalHosts.csv (on CA-PRI-cm):

```
Host, Alias, IP Address
-----
CA-SEC-sessionmgr01, psessionmgr01, xx.xx.xx
CA-SEC-sessionmgr02, psessionmgr02, xx.xx.xx
CA-ARB-sessionmgr01, CA-ARB-sessionmgr01, xx.xx.xx
```

Step 2 Import modified CSV files by executing the following command:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/import/import deploy.sh

Step 3 Execute the following command to validate the imported data:

```
cd /var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer/support/
python jvalidate.py
```

Note The above script validates the parameters in the Excel/csv file against the ESX servers to make sure ESX server can support the configuration and deploy VMs.

Note If you are deploying the VMs using the --nossh feature, jvalidate will not work as jvalidate needs SSH login credentials to get the memory, CPU and network details from the ESXi. Since --nossh feature doesn't have the SSH login credentials, the script execution fails for getting the details. You can login to the vCenter where the ESXi's are mapped and check the required details to plan the VM design.

Step 4 Execute the following command in Cluster Manager to copy updated /etc/hosts file to all deployed VMs:

```
SSHUSER PREFERROOT=true copytoall.sh /etc/hosts /etc/hosts
```

Step 5 Validate setup using diagnostics.sh script.

Policy Director (Ib) VM Information on Local Site

Before you begin

Redis must be enabled as IPC. For more information on how to enable REDIS, refer to CPS Installation Guide for VMware.

- Step 1 Add the following entry in Additional Hosts sheet of CPS deployment template or Additional Hosts.csv on CA-Site1-cm: Objective of this section is for local site to add other site (that is, remote clusters) policy director (lb) VM details.
 - Add policy director (lb) VM information of secondary cluster (that is, Name, Policy Director (LB) External Interface Name).
 - b) In Alias column add plbxx (that is, peer policy director (lb). For example, plb01, plb02 and so on).

Add IP address of remote policy director (lb) VM which is reachable from all policy director (lb) VMs of primary cluster.

Example:

Example of /var/qps/config/deploy/csv/AdditionalHosts.csv (on CA- Site1-cm):

```
Host, Alias, IP Address
----
CA- Site2-lb01, plb01, xx.xx.xx
CA- Site2-lb02, plb02, xx.xx.xx.xx
```

Step 2 Add the number of remote redis instances in Configuration.csv with key as *remote_redis_server_count* and value as the number of redis instances running on remote site:

Example:

If the remote site contains three redis instances per policy director (lb), add the following:

```
remote redis server count,3
```

For more information in remote_redis_server_count, refer to CPS Installation Guide for VMware.

Step 3 Import modified CSV files by executing the following command:

```
/var/qps/install/current/scripts/import/import deploy.sh
```

Step 4 Execute the following commands in Cluster Manager to copy updated /etc/hosts file to all deployed VMs:

```
SSHUSER_PREFERROOT=true copytoall.sh /etc/hosts /etc/hosts copytoall.sh /etc/broadhop/redisTopology.ini /etc/broadhop/redisTopology.ini
```

Step 5 Verify that the /etc/broadhop/redisTopology.ini contains the remote policy director (lb) redis instances entry as follows:

```
cat /etc/broadhop/redisTopology.ini

policy.redis.qserver.1=lb01:6379
policy.redis.qserver.2=lb01:6380
policy.redis.qserver.3=lb01:6381
policy.redis.qserver.4=lb02:6379
policy.redis.qserver.5=lb02:6380
policy.redis.qserver.6=lb02:6381
remote.policy.redis.qserver.1=plb01:6379
remote.policy.redis.qserver.2=plb01:6380
remote.policy.redis.qserver.3=plb01:6381
remote.policy.redis.qserver.3=plb01:6381
remote.policy.redis.qserver.5=plb02:6380
remote.policy.redis.qserver.4=plb02:6379
remote.policy.redis.qserver.5=plb02:6380
```

If the number of redis instances/lb instances are to be increased/decreased on the remote cluster(s), the same should first be updated in all other clusters in the CSV files as mentioned in Step 1, on page 13 and Step 2, on page 13.

Repeat the steps from Step 3, on page 13 to Step 5, on page 13 after changing the CSV files so as to update the redisTopology file on all the VMs.

Database Configuration



Note

While configuring mongo ports in a GR environment, there should be a difference of 100 ports between two respective sites. For example, consider there are two sites: Site1 and Site2. For Site1, if the port number used is 27717, then you can configure 27817 as the port number for Site2. This is helpful to identify a mongo member's site. By looking at first three digits, one can decide where the mongo member belongs to. However, this is just a guideline. You should avoid having mongo ports of two different sites close to each other (for example, 27717 on Site-1 and 27718 on Site2).

Reason: The reason is that the <code>build_set.sh</code> script fails when you create shards on the site (for example, Site1). This is because the script calculates the highest port number in the <code>mongoConfig</code> on the site where you are creating shards. This creates clash between the replica-sets on both sites. Since the port number which it allocates might overlap with the port number of <code>mongoConfig</code> on other site (for example, Site2). This is the reason why there should be some gap in the port numbers allocated between both the sites.

- **Step 1** Log in to Cluster Manager as a root user.
- Step 2 Modify the /etc/broadhop/gr_cluster.conf file. For example, if /etc/broadhop/qns.conf file has the following entries for Site ID:.

-DSiteId=clusterA

-DRemoteSiteId=clusterB

a) Add cluster name that is, clusterA followed by pcrfclient01/pcrfclient02 management interface public IP address of the Primary ClusterA.

For example, clusterA:a.b.c.d, w.x.y.z

where.

a.b.c.d is the perfelient01 management interface public IP address of the Primary ClusterA.

a.b.c.d is the perfelient02 management interface public IP address of the Primary ClusterA.

b) On next line add remote site name that is, clusterB followed by perfclient01/perfclient02 Management-interface public IP address of the Secondary ClusterB (these public IP addresses should be pingable from Site1).

For example, clusterA:e.f.g.h,p.q.r.s

where,

e.f.g.h is the perfelient01 management interface public IP address of the Secondary ClusterB.

p.q.r.s is the perfelient02 management interface public IP address of the Secondary ClusterB.

These entries need to match with site name entries given in gns.conf file.

File contents look like:

```
cat /etc/broadhop/gr_cluster.conf
#<site name>:<pcrfclient01 IP address>:<pcrfclient02 IP address>
#Primary sites
clusterA:a.b.c.d,w.x.y.z
#Secondary sites
clusterB:e.f.g.h,p.q.r.s
```

Step 3 Verify MongoConfig: Do not miss to add #SITEX_START and #SITEX_END tags to the block of replica set entries in /etc/broadhop/mongoConfig.cfg file, where x is the site number. To add these tags at proper location, refer to sample configuration file (geo_mongoconfig_template) present in /etc/broadhop directory. The SiteIDs must be obtained from /etc/broadhop/qns.conf file from the field -DSiteID.

Example:

For example, if Site1 (clusterA_PRI) and Site2 (clusterA_SBY) are the two sites, then you need to add Site1 and Site2 entries in mongoconfig.cfg file as per the sample configuration file (geo_mongoconfig_template) present in /etc/broadhop directory.

Example:

To monitor the Arbiter VM alarms, the mongoConfig.cfg file must identify the local and remote replica-sets separately. The sets should be marked by SiteID of the site. This SiteID must be obtained from /etc/broadhop/qns.conf file from the field -DsiteID. For marking/separating the two sites replica-sets, identify the start and end of the replica-sets.

Note Make sure case sensitivity for SiteID as well as START and END tags.

For example, one site is having SiteId as Site1 (clusterA_PRI) and other has Site2 (clusterA_SBY). So, the mongoconfig.cfg looks like:

```
#Site1_START
#clusterA_PRI_START
.
.
<All replica sets for Site1.>
.
.
#clusterA_PRI_END
#Site1_END

#Site2_START
#clusterA_SBY_START
.
.
<All Replica sets for Site2.>
.
#clusterA_SBY_END
#Site2_END
```

Step 4 To install the database and synchronize the mongoConfig.cfg file across the cluster execute the following commands:

```
/var/qps/install/current/scripts/build/build_etc.sh
/var/qps/bin/update/syncconfig.sh
```

Step 5 Set priority using set priority.sh command. The following are example commands:

```
cd /var/qps/bin/support/mongo/; ./set_priority.sh --db session
cd /var/qps/bin/support/mongo/; ./set_priority.sh --db spr
cd /var/qps/bin/support/mongo/; ./set_priority.sh --db admin
cd /var/qps/bin/support/mongo/; ./set priority.sh --db balance
```

The primary member of individual replica-sets are on respective sites.

Step 6 Verify replica set status and priority is set correctly using the following command:

```
diagnostics.sh --get replica status
```

Note

If a member is shown in an unknown state, it is likely that the member is not accessible from one of other members, mostly an arbiter. In that case, you must go to that member and check its connectivity with other members.

Also, you can login to mongo on that member and check its actual status.

When the Session replication is configured then the Host collection of the Cluster database should have all the "admin replica-set" members, entries with Internal and Replication VLAN IP's.

By default, db.hosts file gets populated if you configure /etc/broadhop/gr_cluster.conf file. If the entries are not present then use the following commands to add these entries (XX is internal/replication IP address of "admin replica-set" and YY is siteId (defined in qns.conf):

```
mongo --host <admin DB primary host> --port <admin DB port> clusters
> db.hosts.update({"ip" : "XX"},{"siteName" : "YY", "ip" : "XX"}, true)
```

Example:

```
mongo CA-PRI-sessionmgr02:27721/clusters
MongoDB shell version: 2.6.3
connecting to: CA-PRI-sessionmgr02:27721/clusters
set05:PRIMARY> db.hosts.find()
{ " id" : ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc119027d"), "siteName" : "clusterA PRI", "ip" :
"192.168.109.127" }
{ " id" : ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc119027e"), "siteName" : "clusterA PRI", "ip" :
"192.168.109.128" }
{ " id" : ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc1190281"), "siteName" : "clusterA SBY", "ip" :
"192.168.109.227" }
{ " id" : ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc1190282"), "siteName" : "clusterA SBY", "ip" :
"192.168.109.228" }
{ "id": ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc119027d"), "siteName": "clusterA PRI", "ip": "11.11.11.127"
{ "id": ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc119027e"), "siteName": "clusterA PRI", "ip": "11.11.11.128"
 " id" : ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc1190281"), "siteName" : "clusterA SBY", "ip" : "11.11.11.227"
  " id" : ObjectId("545e0596f4ce7b3cc1190282"), "siteName" : "clusterA SBY", "ip" : "11.11.11.228"
```

a. (Optional) By default, db.hosts gets populated if there is a difference between IP addresses of sessionmgr* VMs in /etc/hosts file on both sites.

Example:

```
For sessionmgr01 SITE-A, in /etc/hosts file, if the entry is: 10.10.10.1 sessionmgr01 sessionmgr01-SITE-A and for SITE-B on sessionmgr01, in /etc/hosts, if the entry is: 172.20.20.1 sessionmgr01-SITE-A
```

As, IP addresses of sessionmgr VMs are different in this case, user needs to run the following scripts on both SITEs.

```
cd /var/qps/bin/support/mongo/; ./set_clusterinfo_in_admindb.sh
```

Step 8 From this Cluster Manager, copy mongoConfig.cfg and gr cluster.conf files to peer Cluster Managers (CM).

Balance Backup Database Configuration

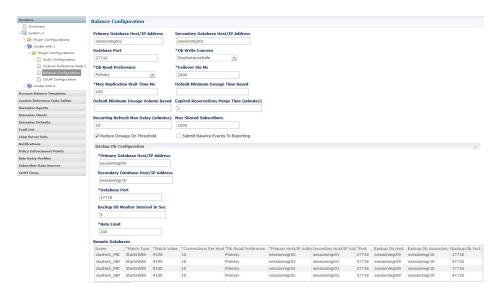
CPS provides extra high availability for balance database during failover. During failover or switchover, or when primary is not available due to network reachability, balance writes happen in the backup database. After primary database is available, the records in backup database are reconciled with the primary.

The balance backup database configuration in mongoConfig appears like any other balance database with two members of replica-set on a given site. The replica-set must be created in the same manner in which regular balance database replica-sets are created.

Step 1 In Policy Builder, click **Reference Data > Systems > name of your primary system > Plugin Configurations** and select **Balance Configuration** from right side. In **Balance Configuration**, configure the primary database information. For parameter description, refer to *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

An example configuration is shown:

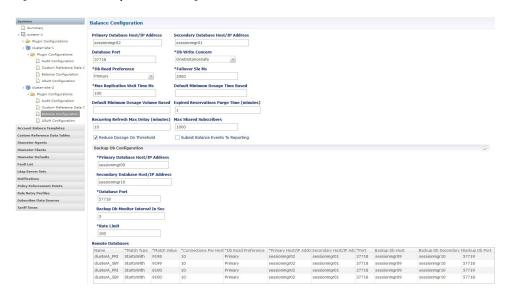
Figure 4: Balance Backup Database Configuration - 1



Step 2 In Policy Builder, click Reference Data > Systems > name of your backup system > Plugin Configurations and select Balance Configuration from right side. In Balance Configuration, configure the backup database information. For parameter description, refer to CPS Mobile Configuration Guide.

An example configuration is shown:

Figure 5: Balance Backup Database Configuration - 2



Step 3 The following is an example output for balance backup database:

diagnostics.sh --get re

The balance database replica-sets for Site1 and Site2 are displayed in the example output.

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```
Checking replica sets...
                        MONGODB REPLICA-SETS STATUS INFORMATION OF SITE1
| Mongo:x.x.x
                                                                                 Date
: 2016-09-26 10:59:52 |
| SET NAME - PORT : IP ADDRESS - REPLICA STATE -
                                                      HOST NAME
                                                                       - HEALTH -
LAST SYNC - PRIORITY |
| ADMIN:set08
| Member-1 - 27721 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15 - ON-LINE -
         - 0
| Member-2 - 27721 : 172.20.17.83 - PRIMARY
                                              - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr09
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
              4
| Member-3 - 27721 : 172.20.17.87 - SECONDARY
                                              - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr10
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
1 sec
| Member-4 - 27721 : 172.20.19.53 - SECONDARY
                                              - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr09
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
            2
1 sec -
| Member-5 - 27721 : 172.20.19.57 - SECONDARY - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr10
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
     - 1 |
1 sec
| BALANCE:set05
| Member-1 - 27718 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER
                                            - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
              0
                  | Member-2 - 27718 : 172.20.17.40 - PRIMARY
                                              - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr02
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
              4
Member-3 - 27718 : 172.20.17.38 - SECONDARY
                                              - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr01
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
            3
0 sec -
| Member-4 - 27718 : 172.20.19.29 - SECONDARY
                                              - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr02
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
0 sec
| Member-5 - 27718 : 172.20.19.27 - SECONDARY - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr01
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
0 sec -
           1
```

```
| BALANCE:set09a
| Member-1 - 47718 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER
                                               - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
              0
| Member-2 - 47718 : 172.20.17.87 - PRIMARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr10
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
              2
Member-3 - 47718 : 172.20.17.83 - SECONDARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr09
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
| BALANCE:set10a
| Member-1 - 17718 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER
                                               - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
| Member-2 - 17718 : 172.20.17.83 - PRIMARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr09
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
              2
                   | Member-3 - 17718 : 172.20.17.87 - SECONDARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr10
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
0 sec
             1
| REPORTING:set07
| Member-1 - 27719 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER
                                               - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
              0
| Member-2 - 27719 : 172.20.17.44 - PRIMARY - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr04
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
             2
                   | Member-3 - 27719 : 172.20.17.42 - SECONDARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr03
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
0 sec -
            1 |
| SESSION:set01
| Member-1 - 27717 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER
                                               - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
        - 0
                  | Member-2 - 27717 : 172.20.17.38 - PRIMARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr01
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
  ____
              4
Member-3 - 27717 : 172.20.17.40 - SECONDARY
                                               - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr02
                                                                       - ON-LINE -
| Member-4 - 27717 : 172.20.19.27 - SECONDARY
                                               - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr01
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
0 sec
 Member-5 - 27717 : 172.20.19.29 - SECONDARY
                                                - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr02
                                                                         - ON-LINE -
0 sec
| Mongo:x.x.x
                              GODB REPLICA-SETS STATUS INFORMATION OF SITE2
                                                                                  Dat.e
: 2016-09-26 11:00:06 |
| SET NAME - PORT : IP ADDRESS
                                                           HOST NAME
                                                                        - HEALTH -
                                   - REPLICA STATE -
LAST SYNC - PRIORITY |
| BALANCE:set.25
| Member-1 - 37718 : 172.20.18.54
                                    - ARBITER
                                                  - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15 - ON-LINE -
              Ω
| Member-2 - 37718 : 172.20.19.29
                                    - PRIMARY
                                                  - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr02 - ON-LINE -
              4
Member-3 - 37718 : 172.20.19.27
                                    - SECONDARY
                                                  - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr01 - ON-LINE - 0
Member-4 - 37718 : 172.20.17.38
                                                  - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr01 - ON-LINE - 0
                                   - SECONDARY
| Member-5 - 37718 : 172.20.17.40
                                    - SECONDARY
                                                  - L2-CA-PRI-sessionmgr02 - ON-LINE - 0
            1 |
sec -
| BALANCE:set26
| Member-1 - 57719 : 172.20.18.54 - ARBITER
                                                - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15 - ON-LINE -
```

```
| Member-2 - 57719 : 172.20.19.57 - PRIMARY - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr10 - ON-LINE -
----- - 2 |
| Member-3 - 57719 : 172.20.19.53
                                - SECONDARY
                                            - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr09 - ON-LINE - 0
sec - 1 |
| BALANCE:set27
| Member-1 - 57718 : 172.20.18.54
                                            - L2-CA-ARB-sessionmgr15 - ON-LINE -
----- - O I
                               - PRIMARY - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr09 - ON-LINE -
| Member-2 - 57718 : 172.20.19.53
----- - 2
| Member-3 - 57718 : 172.20.19.57
                                - SECONDARY - L2-CA-SEC-sessionmgr10 - ON-LINE - 0
sec - 1 |
```

Session Cache Hot Standby



Important

Cisco recommends to configure standby session for GR.

CPS runs a distributed database called MongoDB. MongoDB uses a replication concept for high availability called replica-sets. A replica-set is made up of independent MongoDB instances that run in one of the following three modes:

- Primary: A primary database is the only database available that can accept writes.
- Secondary: A secondary database is a database that is read only and is actively synchronizing to a primary database by replaying the primary's oplog (operations log) on the local node.
- Recovering: A secondary database that is currently synchronizing to the primary and has not caught up to the primary.

Session data is highly concurrent, the application always reads and writes from the primary database. The secondary database(s) provide HA for the primary in the event of VM shutdown or process shutdown. Hot standby session cache replica set is configured to take over the load while primary database is failing over to secondary session cache database. In this fail-over process, it minimizes the call failures and provides high system availability.

Prerequisites

- Hot standby replica-set must be created on different blades (for maximum protection).
- Admin database and session cache databases must be separate replica-sets.
- Hot standby replica-set should be added to shard configuration as backup database true.

Configuration

Step 1 The hotstandby database must be configured just like any other session cache database in mongo config and a replica-set needs to be created.

The following is an example backup database configuration in mongoDB:

```
[SESSION-SET1] SETNAME=set01
ARBITER1=pcrfclient01-prim-site-1:37718
ARBITER_DATA_PATH=/data/sessions.3
MEMBER1=sessionmgr01-site1:27718
MEMBER2=sessionmgr02-site1:27718
DATA_PATH=/data/sessions.3
[SESSION-SET1-END]
```

Note Hotstandby replica sets must be on different ports.

This needs to be created for VMware. For more information, refer to CPS Installation Guide for VMware.

For OpenStack, user /api/system/config/replica-sets. For more information, refer to CPS Installation Guide for OpenStack.

Step 2 Verify CPS application is running on both the sites (pcrfclient01 and pcrfclient02) and without any application errors.

Example:

By executing diagnostics.sh script you can get the diagnostics of application. The diagnostics.sh output should not contain any application errors.

Step 3 Verify whether shard command is available in OSGi console or not. From perfelient01, login as root user into the OSGi console and run the help.

You can find the following shard command:

```
telnet qns01 9091
osgi> help
---QNS Commands---
    reload - Reload reference data
    genpassword <db password>
---Sharing Commands---
    addshard seed1[,seed2] port db-index [backup]
rebalance
migrate
---Controlling the Console---
more - More prompt for console output
disconnect - Disconnects from telnet session
help <commmand> - Display help for the specified command.
```

Step 4 To configure hot standby session management, execute the following commands:

```
telnet qns01 9091
addshard sessionmgr03,sessionmgr04 27717 1 Sitel backup
addshard sessionmgr03,sessionmgr04 27717 2 Sitel backup
addshard sessionmgr03,sessionmgr04 27717 3 Sitel backup
addshard sessionmgr03,sessionmgr04 27717 4 Sitel backup
rebalance
migrate
disconnect
Y
```

Step 5 To verify the configuration:

a. Login to primary administration database using port#<admin DB port> and verify the collection shards in shading database.

```
mongo sessionmgr01:27721
MongoDB shell version: 2.6.3
connecting to: sessionmgr01:27721/test
set05:PRIMARY> use sharding
switched to db sharding
set05:PRIMARY> db.shards.find()
{ "id": 1, "seed 1": "sessionmgr03", "seed 2": "sessionmgr04", "port": 27717, "db":
"session cache 2", "online" :
true.
"count" : NumberLong(0), "backup db" : true }
{ "_id" : 2, "seed_1" : "sessionmgr03", "seed_2" : "sessionmgr04", "port" : 27717, "db" :
"session_cache 3", "online" :
"count" : NumberLong(0), "backup_db" : true }
{ "_id" : 3, "seed_1" : "sessionmgr04", "seed_2" : "sessionmgr04", "port" : 27717, "db" :
"session cache 4", "online":
"count" : NumberLong(0), "backup db" : true }
{ "id" : 4, "seed 1" : "sessionmgr03", "seed 2" : "sessionmgr04", "port" : 27717, "db" :
"session cache", "online":
"count" : NumberLong(0), "backup db" : true }
set05:PRIMARY
```

Failover Detection

There are three possible ways a MongoDB node can fail and trigger a fail over to another node:

- 1. Replica set step down: This scenario is the cleanest method since it disconnects all client sockets and immediately initiates a new election for a master node.
- 2. Process abort: This scenario occurs when a node aborts due to an internal failure. Since this is unplanned, the other replica nodes will not request a new election for a master node until a majority of the nodes have detected the master as down.
- **3.** VM power off: This scenario occurs when a node is powered off without a proper shutdown. In this case sockets are usually hung on all clients and the other replica nodes will not request a new election for a master node until a majority of the nodes have detected the master as down.

The Cisco Policy Server detects client failure by:

- 1. Utilizing the pre-packaged MongoDB Java driver software to detect failure.
- 2. Detecting server power off via server pings to rapidly detect power off situations.

Limitation

You can configure only one backup database. Thus, in GR Active/Standby configuration, if you configure backup database on the standby site, during local primary to local secondary database fail over on active site, the sessions would be saved on the backup database which is on secondary site. This might increase cross-site traffic temporarily.

Policy Builder Configuration

Step 1 Configure and publish Policy Builder changes from each site. Use **about.sh** command to find out Policy Builder URL.

Cisco recommends to configure and publish Policy Builder data separately from each site. But if the user wants to publish Policy Builder data from single site to all other sites then it is difficult to access Policy Builder data from other sites when the primary site goes down.

To access Policy Builder data from other sites when primary site is down, refer Access Policy Builder from Standby Site when Primary Site is Down, on page 26.

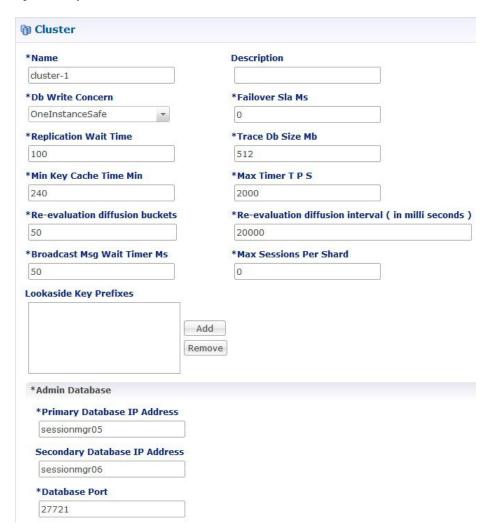
- **Step 2** Set appropriate Primary Database IP address, Secondary Database IP address and Port numbers for the following plug-ins:
 - USuM Configuration
 - Balance Configuration
 - Custom Reference Data Configuration
 - Voucher Configuration
 - Audit Configuration
- **Step 3** Set **Balance Configuration** > **Db Read Preference** as **SecondaryPreferred** for all databases except balance database.

Figure 6: Db Read Preference



An example **Cluster** configuration is given:

Figure 7: Policy Builder Screen



Also update **Lookaside Key Prefixes** and **Admin Database** sections. For more information, refer to *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

Step 4 It is recommended to publish Policy Builder changes from each site. If a user is using primary site to publish Policy Builder changes then publishing into all the following cluster repositories is not recommended:

Table 7: Publishing

Cluster	Publish URL
CA-PRI	http:// <management address="" ca-pri-pcrfclient01="" interface="" ip="" of="" public="">/repos/run</management>
CA-SEC	http://< Management interface public IP address of CA-SEC-pcrfclient01>/repos/run

Step 5 Add all the above repositories. Repository and Publish screen looks like:

Figure 8: Repository Screen

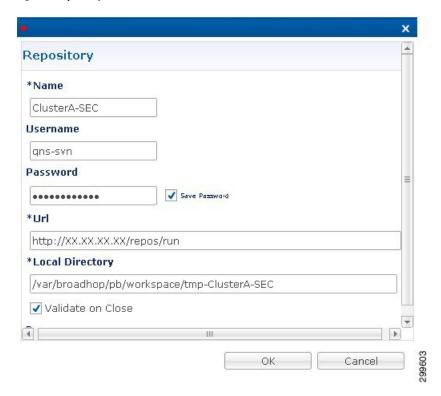
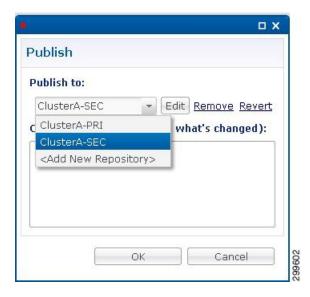


Figure 9: Publish Screen

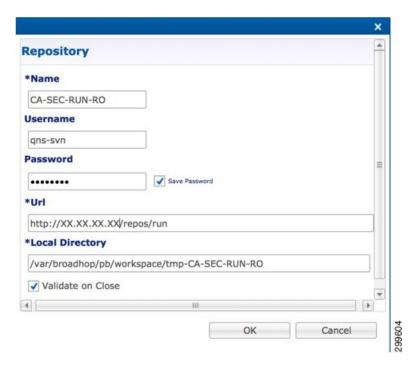


Validate both setups using **diagnostics.sh**, after publishing the repository (wait for five minutes) OR follow the Validate VM Deployment section in the *Cisco Policy Suite Installation Guide* for this release.

Access Policy Builder from Standby Site when Primary Site is Down

- **Step 1** This is recommended only when primary site is down and secondary is only for reading/viewing purpose. It is applicable only where user publishes policy builder data from single site that is, primary site to all other sites.
- **Step 2** Open Policy Builder from secondary site (use **about.sh** command to find out PB URL).
- Step 3 Create new data repository SEC-RUN-RO using URL 'http://< Management interface public IP address of secondary perfelient01>/repos/run', screen looks like:

Figure 10: New Data Repository



Step 4 Access Policy Builder from secondary site using newly created repository.

qns.conf Configuration Changes for Session Replication

The following changes are required in qns.conf file when session replication is required for active/active or active/standby GR deployments.

For active/active GR deployment, Geo HA feature needs to be enabled. For more information, refer to Active/Active Geo HA - Multi-Session Cache Port Support.

- Step 1 Add the following GR related parameters in /etc/broadhop/qns.conf file of Cluster A Primary cluster manager VM that is, CA-PRI-cm:
 - -DGeoSiteName=clusterA PRI
 - -DSiteId=clusterA PRI
 - -DRemoteSiteId=clusterA SBY
 - -DheartBeatMonitorThreadSleepMS=500
 - -Dcom.mongodb.updaterConnectTimeoutMS=1000
 - -Dcom.mongodb.updaterSocketTimeoutMS=1000
 - -DdbConnectTimeout=1200
 - -Dmongo.client.thread.maxWaitTime=1200
 - -DdbSocketTimeout=600
 - -DclusterFailureDetectionMS=2000
- Step 2 Add the following GR related parameters in /etc/broadhop/qns.conf file of Cluster A Secondary cluster manager VM that is, CA-SEC-cm:
 - -DGeoSiteName=clusterA_SBY
 - -DSiteId=clusterA SBY
 - -DRemoteSiteId=clusterA PRI
 - -DheartBeatMonitorThreadSleepMS=500
 - -Dcom.mongodb.updaterConnectTimeoutMS=1000
 - -Dcom.mongodb.updaterSocketTimeoutMS=1000
 - -DdbConnectTimeout=1200
 - -Dmongo.client.thread.maxWaitTime=1200
 - -DdbSocketTimeout=600
 - -DclusterFailureDetectionMS=2000
- **Step 3** For multi-cluster, the following setting should be present only for GR (multi-cluster) CPS deployments:
 - -DclusterFailureDetectionMS=1000
 - **Note** In an HA or GR deployment with local chassis redundancy, the following setting should be set to true. By default, this is set to false.
 - -Dremote.locking.off
- Step 4 Create etc directory on each cluster using /var/qps/install/current/scripts/build/build_etc.sh script.
- **Step 5** Copy the changes in qns.conf to other VMs:

copytoall.sh /etc/broadhop/qns.conf /etc/broadhop/qns.conf

Step 6 Restart all software components on the target VMs:

restartall.sh

Caution Executing restartall.sh will cause messages to be dropped.

Step 7 Validate setup using diagnostics.sh or follow Validate VM Deployment section in the CPS Installation Guide for VMware for this release.

Configurations to Handle Database Failover when Switching Traffic to Standby Site Due to Load Balancer Fail/Down



Note

To understand traffic switch over, refer to Load Balancer VIP Outage.

Step 1 Add the list of databases that needs to be migrated to primary on other site after traffic switch over in mon_db_for_lb_failover.conf file (/etc/broadhop/mon_db_for_lb_failover.conf) in Cluster Manager.

Note Contact your Cisco Technical Representative for more details.

Add the following content in the configuration file (mon db for lb failover.conf):

The following is an example and needs to be changed based on your requirement.

#this file contains set names that are available in mongoConfig.cfg. Add set names one below other.
#Refer to README in the scripts folder.
SESSION-SET1
SESSION-SET2
BALANCE-SET1
SPR-SET1

Step 2 Rebuild etc directory on cluster by executing the following command:

/var/qps/install/current/scripts/build/build etc.sh