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Preface

This preface describes who should read the *Catalyst 6500 Series Content Switching Module Installation and Configuration Note*, how it is organized, and its document conventions.



Note

Except where specifically differentiated, the term “Catalyst 6500 series switches” includes both Catalyst 6500 series and Catalyst 6000 series switches.

This publication does not contain the instructions to install the Catalyst 6500 series switch chassis. For information on installing the switch chassis, refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Installation Guide*.



Note

For translations of the warnings in this publication, see the [“Safety Overview” section on page xiv](#).

Audience

Only trained and qualified service personnel (as defined in IEC 60950 and AS/NZS3260) should install, replace, or service the equipment described in this publication.

Organization

This publication is organized as follows:

Chapter	Title	Description
Chapter 1	Product Overview	Presents an overview of the Catalyst 6500 series Content Switching Module (CSM).
Chapter 2	Networking with the Content Switching Module	Describes how the CSM operates on a network.
Chapter 3	Getting Started	Provides quick start guide to content switching on the CSM.
Chapter 4	Configuring VLANs	Describes how to set up client and server VLANs for the CSM.
Chapter 5	Configuring Real Servers and Server Farms	Describes how to configure load balancing on the CSM.
Chapter 6	Configuring Virtual Servers, Maps, and Policies	Describes how to configure health monitoring on the CSM.

Chapter	Title	Description
Chapter 7	Configuring Redundant Connections	Describes how to configure fault tolerance, HSRP, connection redundancy, and hitless upgrades.
Chapter 8	Configuring Additional Features and Options	Describes how to configure sticky groups and route health injection (RHI), Global Server Load Balancing (GSLB), and network management.
Chapter 9	Configuring Health Monitoring	Describes how to configure and monitor the health of servers and server farms.
Chapter 10	Configuring CSM Scripts	Describes how to use Toolkit Command Language (TCL) scripts to configure the CSM.
Chapter 11	Configuring Firewall Load Balancing	Describes firewalls in a load-balancing configuration with the CSM.
Appendix A	Configuration Examples	Lists sample CSM configurations.
Appendix B	Troubleshooting and System Messages	Provides troubleshooting information and lists system messages.
Appendix C	CSM XML Document Type Definition	Lists CSM error messages with explanations about why they occurred and actions required to correct the problem.

Conventions

This publication uses the following conventions:

Convention	Description
boldface font	Commands, command options, and keywords are in boldface .
<i>italic font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in <i>italics</i> .
[]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
{ x y z }	Alternative keywords are grouped in braces and separated by vertical bars.
[x y z]	Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars.
string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.
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boldface screen font	Information you must enter is in boldface screen font .
<i>italic screen font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in <i>italic screen font</i> .

Convention	Description
^	The symbol ^ represents the key labeled Control—for example, the key combination ^D in a screen display means hold down the Control key while you press the D key.
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Notes use the following conventions:

**Note**

Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the publication.

Tips use the following conventions:

**Tip**

Means *the following information will help you solve a problem*. The tips information might not be troubleshooting or even an action, but it could be useful information, similar to a Timesaver.

Cautions use the following conventions:

**Caution**

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Safety Overview

Safety warnings appear throughout this publication in procedures that, if performed incorrectly, may harm you. A warning symbol precedes each warning statement.



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- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Module Installation Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Software Configuration Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Command Reference*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Cisco IOS Command Reference*
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Product Overview

The Catalyst 6500 series Content Switching Module (CSM) provides high-performance server load balancing (SLB) among groups of servers, server farms, firewalls, caches, VPN termination devices, and other network devices, based on Layer 3 as well as Layer 4 through Layer 7 packet information.

Server farms are groups of load-balanced devices. Server farms that are represented as virtual servers can improve scalability and availability of services for your network. You can add new servers and remove failed or existing servers at any time without affecting the virtual server's availability.

Clients connect to the CSM directing their requests to the virtual IP (VIP) address of the virtual server. When a client initiates a connection to the virtual server, the CSM chooses a real server (a physical device that is assigned to a server farm) for the connection based on configured load-balancing algorithms and policies (access rules). Policies manage traffic by defining where to send client connections.

Sticky connections limit traffic to individual servers by allowing multiple connections from the same client to *stick* (or attach) to the same real server using source IP addresses, source IP subnets, cookies, and the secure socket layer (SSL) or by redirecting these connections using Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) redirect messages.

These sections describe the CSM:

- [Features, page 1-2](#)
- [Front Panel Description, page 1-5](#)
- [Operation, page 1-7](#)
- [Traffic Flow, page 1-8](#)

Features

Table 1-1 lists the new CSM features in this release.

Table 1-1 New CSM Feature Set Description

Features New in this Release	Description
Added management features from release 3.1(1)	Includes the XML DTD (document definition type), the Cisco IOS MIB extensions for the CSM, and the system object identifier (SYSOB ID MIB).
Backup (sorry server)	Allows a backup at the real server level.
Denial of service (DoS) improvements	Allows TCP termination for all connections to the CSM providing SYN attacks.
Failover improvements	Provides enhancements for preempt delay, the forced failover command, Layer 2 MAC address rewrites, and improved tracking.
Idle and pending timeouts	Allows for the configuration of the idle and pending timeouts for server-initiated connections.
Improved TCL (Toolkit Command Language) functionality	Provides User Datagram Protocol (UDP) socket and global variable support.
Increased VLAN support	Supports up to 512 server and client VLANs.
Jumbo Frame support	Jumbo Frame support has been added to the CSM software release 3.2 to allow support of frames of up to 9 KB for Layer 4 load balancing.
Limited MIB write support	Allow you to change the weights of servers.
Load balancing per packet	Allows the CSM to make load balancing decisions without creating a flow. This feature is useful when load balancing UDP traffic with flows that exist for a short time period, such as DNS.
Route lookup	Allows the CSM to work more efficiently with upstream gateways regardless of their redundancy implementation (HSRP, VRRP, proprietary, etc.)
Stateful Firewall Load Balancing (FWLB)	Allows all connections, both existing and new, to failover to the secondary firewall in a redundant pair. This feature works only with active-active stateful firewall configurations.
Static ARP entry	Provides the ability to manually add entries to the CSM ARP table.
Static sticky entries	The sticky table can be prepopulated with entries to force certain users to connect to specific servers.

Table 1-1 New CSM Feature Set Description (continued)

Features New in this Release	Description
Sticky debug tools	Includes a show command for the number of sticky table entries and the ability to enter a specific IP address and receive the sticky information for that IP address.
TCP fragments	Provides support for fragmented TCP packets.
UDP Probe	Provides the ability to send UDP probes to specified ports to verify that the CSM does not receive a “port unreachable” message.
XML configuration from TCL scripts	Adds the ability to send CSM configuration commands within a TCL script.

Table 1-2 lists the CSM features available in this release and previous releases.

Table 1-2 CSM Feature Set Description

Features
Supported Hardware
Supervisor 1A with MSFC and PFC
Supervisor 2 with MSFC and PFC
Supervisor 720—requires CSM software release 3.1(4) or later
Supported Protocols
TCP load balancing
UDP generic IP protocol load balancing
Special application-layer support for FTP and the Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)
Layer 7 Functionality
Full regular expression matching
URL, cookie switching, Generic HTTP header parsing, HTTP method parsing
Miscellaneous Functionality
VIP connection watermarks
Backup (sorry server) and server farm
Optional port for health probes
IP reassembly
TCL (Toolkit Command Language) scripting
XML configuration interface
SNMP
GSLB (Global Server Load Balancing)—requires a license
Resource usage display
Configurable idle and pending connection timeout
Idle timeout for unidirectional flows

Table 1-2 CSM Feature Set Description (continued)

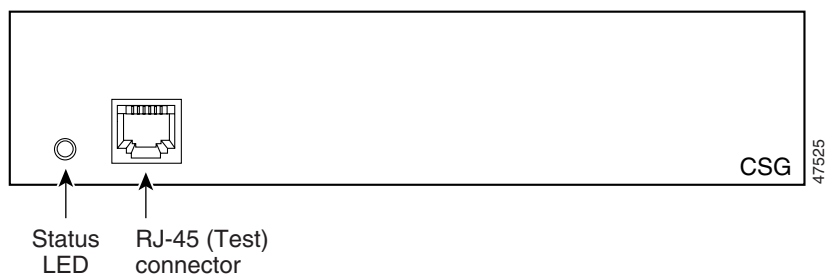
Features
STE integration for SSL load balancing
Real server names
TCP connection redundancy for all types of flows (TCP, UDP, and IP)
Fault tolerant show command enhancements
IOS SLB FWLB interoperation (IP reverse-sticky)
Multiple CSMs in a chassis
CSM and IOS-SLB functioning simultaneously in a chassis
Configurable HTTP 1.1 persistence (either all GETs are made to the same server or are balanced to multiple servers)
Fully configurable NAT
Server-initiated connections
Route health injection
Load-balancing Algorithms
Round-robin
Weighted round-robin (WRR)
Least connections
Weighted least connections
URL hashing
Source IP hashing (configurable mask)
Destination IP hashing (configurable mask)
Source and Destination IP hashing (configurable mask)
Load Balancing Supported
Server load balancing (TCP, UDP, or generic IP protocols)
Firewall load balancing
DNS load balancing
Stealth firewall load balancing
Transparent cache redirection
Reverse proxy cache
SSL off-loading
VPN-Ipsec load balancing
Generic IP devices and protocols
Stickiness
Cookie sticky with configurable offset and length
SSL ID
Source IP (configurable mask)
HTTP redirection
Redundancy

Table 1-2 CSM Feature Set Description (continued)

Features
Sticky state
Full stateful failover (connection redundancy)
Health Checking
HTTP
ICMP
Telnet
TCP
FTP
SMTP
DNS
Return error-code checking
Inband health checking
User-defined TCL scripts
Management
SNMP traps
Full SNMP and MIB support
XML interface for remote CSM configuration

Front Panel Description

Figure 1-1 shows the CSM front panel.

Figure 1-1 Content Switching Module Front Panel**Note**

The RJ-45 connector is covered by a removable plate.

Status LED

When the CSM powers up, it initializes various hardware components and communicates with the supervisor engine. The Status LED indicates the supervisor engine operations and the initialization results. During the normal initialization sequence, the status LED changes from off to red, orange, and green.

**Note**

For more information on the supervisor engine LEDs, refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Module Installation Guide*.

Table 1-3 describes the Status LED operation.

Table 1-3 Content Switching Module Status LED

Color	Description
Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The module is waiting for the supervisor engine to provide power.The module is not online.The module is not receiving power, which could be caused by the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Power is not available to the CSM.Module temperature is over the limit¹.
Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The module is released from reset by the supervisor engine and is booting.If the boot code fails to run, the LED stays red after power up.
Orange	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The module is initializing hardware or communicating with the supervisor engine.A fault occurred during the initialization sequence.The module has failed to download its Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) on power up but continues with the remainder of the initialization sequence and provides the module online status from the supervisor engine.The module has not received module online status from the supervisor engine. This problem could be caused by the supervisor engine detecting a failure in an external loopback test that it issued to the CSM.
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The module is operational; the supervisor engine has provided module online status.
Green to orange	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The module is disabled through the supervisor engine CLI² using the set module disable <i>mod</i> command.

1. Enter the **show environment temperature** *mod* command to display the temperature of each of four sensors on the CSM.

2. CLI = command-line interface.

RJ-45 Connector

The RJ-45 connector, which is covered by a removable plate, is used to connect a management station device or a test device. This connector is used by field engineers to perform testing and to obtain dump information.

Operation

Clients and servers communicate through the CSM using Layer 2 and Layer 3 technology in a specific VLAN configuration. (See [Figure 1-2](#).) In a simple Server Load Balancing (SLB) deployment, clients connect to the client-side VLAN and servers connect to the server-side VLAN. Servers and clients can exist on different subnets. Servers can also be located one or more Layer 3 hops away and connect to the CSM through routers.

A client sends a request to one of the module's VIP addresses. The CSM forwards this request to a server that can respond to the request. The server then forwards the response to the CSM, and the CSM forwards the response to the client.

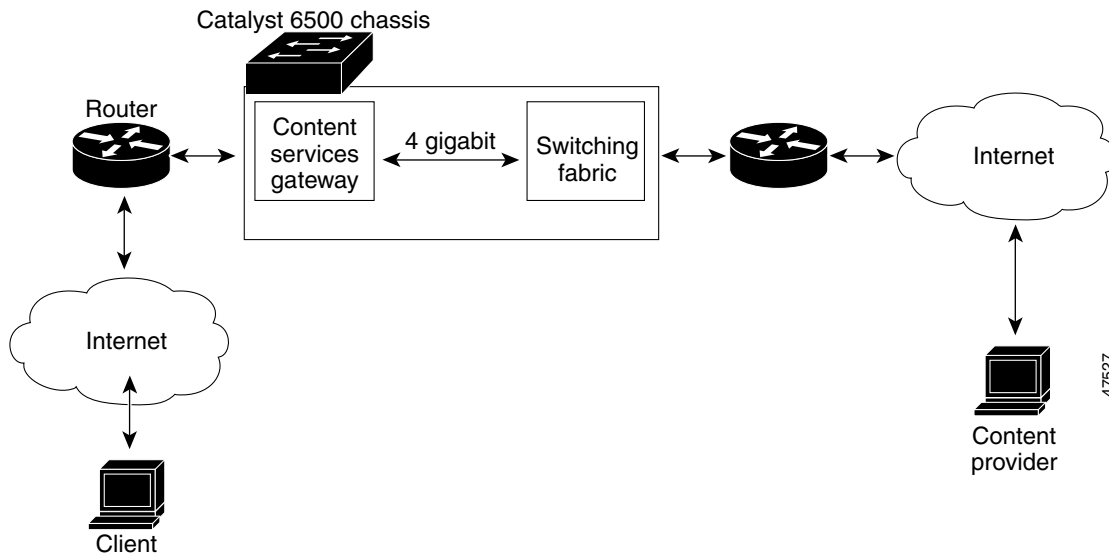
When the client-side and server-side VLANs are on the same subnets, you can configure the CSM in single subnet (bridge) mode. For more information, see the [“Configuring the Single Subnet \(Bridge\) Mode”](#) section on page 2-1.

When the client-side and server-side VLANs are on different subnets, you can configure the CSM to operate in a secure (router) mode. For more information, see the [“Configuring the Secure \(Router\) Mode”](#) section on page 2-4.

You can set up a fault-tolerant configuration in either the secure (router) or single subnet (bridged) mode using redundant CSMs. For more information, see the [“Configuring Fault Tolerance”](#) section on page 7-1.

Single subnet (bridge) mode and secure (router) mode can coexist in the same CSM with multiple VLANs.

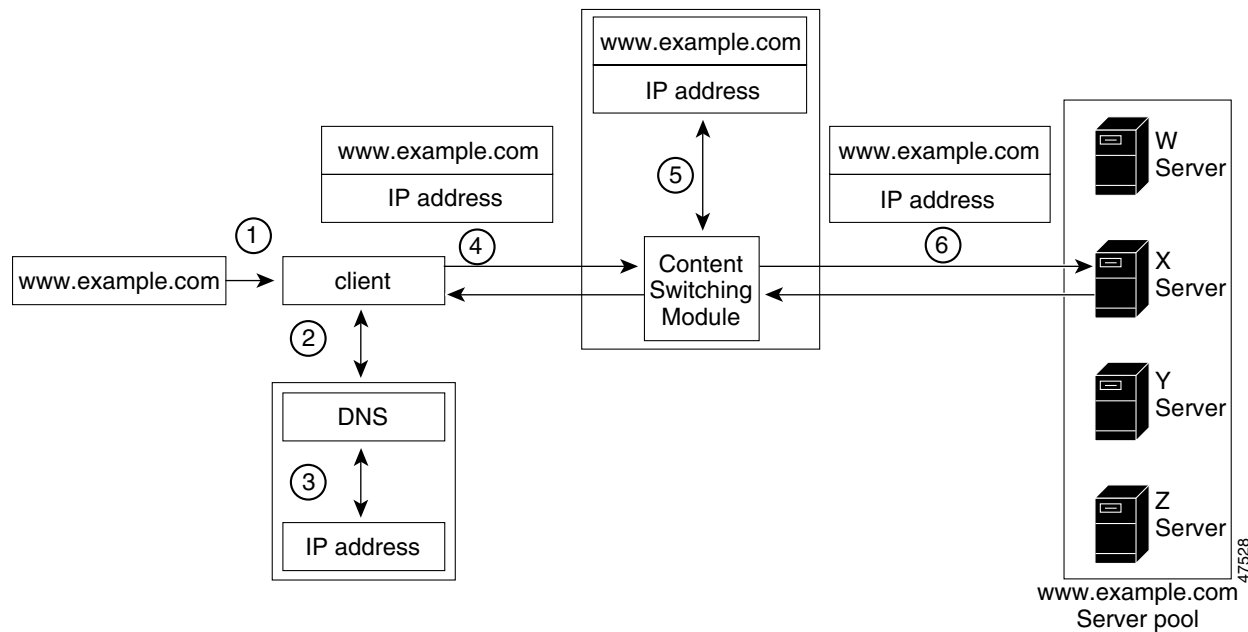
Figure 1-2 Content Switching Module and Servers



Traffic Flow

This section describes how the traffic flows between the client and server in a CSM environment. (See [Figure 1-3](#).)

Figure 1-3 Traffic Flow Between Client and Server



Note

The numbers in [Figure 1-3](#) correspond to the steps in the following procedure.

When you enter a request for information by entering a URL, the traffic flows as follows:

1. You enter a URL. ([Figure 1-3](#) shows `www.example.com` as an example.)
2. The client contacts a DNS server to locate the IP address associated with the URL.
3. The DNS server sends the IP address of the virtual IP (VIP) to the client.
4. The client uses the IP address (CSM VIP) to send the HTTP request to the CSM.
5. The CSM receives the request with the URL, makes a load-balancing decision, and selects a server. For example, in [Figure 1-3](#), the CSM selects a server (X server) from the `www.example.com` server pool, replacing its own VIP address with the address of the X server (directed mode), and forwards the traffic to the X server. If the NAT server option is disabled, the VIP address remains unchanged (dispatch mode).
6. The CSM performs Network Address Translation (NAT) and eventually TCP sequence numbers translation.



Networking with the Content Switching Module

This chapter describes networking the CSM and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Modes for Networking, page 2-1](#)
- [CSM Networking Topologies, page 2-4](#)
- [Routing with the CSM, page 2-7](#)
- [Protecting Against Denial-of-Service Attacks, page 2-8](#)

Configuring Modes for Networking

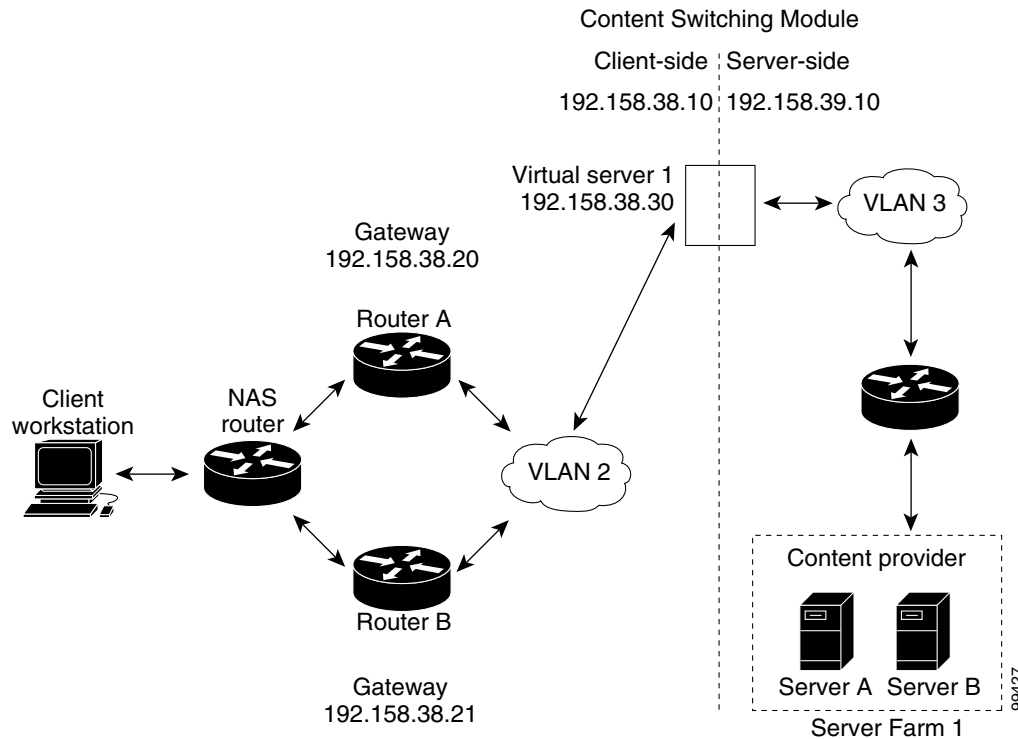
You can configure the CSM in a single subnet or bridged mode and a secure or router mode. These sections describe the modes:

- [Configuring the Single Subnet \(Bridge\) Mode, page 2-1](#)
- [Configuring the Secure \(Router\) Mode, page 2-4](#)

Configuring the Single Subnet (Bridge) Mode

In the single subnet (bridge) mode configuration, the client-side and server-side VLANs are on the same subnets. [Figure 2-1](#) shows how the single subnet (bridge) mode configuration is set up.

Figure 2-1 Single Subnet (Bridge) Mode Configuration

**Note**

The addresses in [Figure 2-1](#) refer to the steps in the following task table.

**Note**

You configure single subnet (bridge) mode by assigning the same IP address to the CSM client and server VLANs.

To configure content switching for the single subnet (bridge) mode, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # vlan database	Enters the VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(vlan) # vlan 2	Configures a client-side VLAN ² .
Step 3	Router(vlan) # vlan 3	Configures a server-side VLAN.
Step 4	Router(vlan) # exit	Exits the mode for the configuration to take effect.
Step 5	Router(config-module-csm) # vlan 2 client	Creates the client-side VLAN 2 and enters the SLB VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 6	Router(config-slb-vlan-client) # ip addr 192.158.38.10 255.255.255.0	Assigns the CSM IP address on VLAN 2.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-vlan-client) # gateway 192.158.38.20	Defines the client-side VLAN gateway to Router A.
Step 8	Router(config-slb-vlan-client) # gateway 192.158.38.21	Defines the client-side VLAN gateway to Router B.

	Command	Purpose
Step 9	Router(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 3 server	Creates the server-side VLAN 3 and enters the SLB VLAN mode.
Step 10	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip addr 192.158.38.10 255.255.255.0	Assigns the CSM IP address on VLAN 3.
Step 11	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# exit	Exits the submode.
Step 12	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vip1	Creates a virtual server and enters the SLB virtual server mode.
Step 13	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 192.158.38.30 tcp www	Creates a virtual IP address.
Step 14	Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm farm1	Associates the virtual server with the server farm ³ .
Step 15	Router(config-module-csm)# inservice	Enables the server.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.
3. This step assumes that the server farm has already been configured. (See the ["Configuring Server Farms" section on page 5-1.](#))

**Note**

Set the server's default routes to Router A's gateway (192.158.38.20) or Router B's gateway (192.158.38.21).

Configuring the Secure (Router) Mode

In secure (router) mode, the client-side and server-side VLANs are on different subnets.

To configure content switching in secure (router) mode, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan database	Enters the VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(vlan)# vlan 2	Configures a client-side VLAN ² .
Step 3	Router(vlan)# vlan 3	Configures a server-side VLAN.
Step 4	Router(vlan)# exit	Exits the mode for the configuration to take effect.
Step 5	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 2 client	Creates the client-side VLAN 2 and enters the SLB VLAN mode.
Step 6	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip addr 192.158.38.10 255.255.255.0	Assigns the CSM IP address on VLAN 2.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# gateway 192.158.38.20	Defines the client-side VLAN gateway to Router A.
Step 8	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# gateway 192.158.38.21	Defines the client-side VLAN gateway to Router B.
Step 9	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 3 server	Creates the server-side VLAN 3 and enters the SLB VLAN mode.
Step 10	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip addr 192.158.39.10 255.255.255.0	Assigns the CSM IP address on VLAN 3.
Step 11	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# exit	Exits the submode.
Step 12	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver VIP1	Creates a virtual server and enters the SLB virtual server mode.
Step 13	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 192.158.38.30 tcp www	Creates a virtual IP address.
Step 14	Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm farm1	Associates the virtual server with the server farm ³ .
Step 15	Router(config-module-csm)# inservice	Enables the server.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.
3. This step assumes that the server farm has already been configured. (See the [“Configuring Server Farms”](#) section on page 5-1.)



Note

Set the server's default routes to the CSM's IP address (192.158.39.10).

CSM Networking Topologies

This section describes CSM networking topologies and contains these sections:

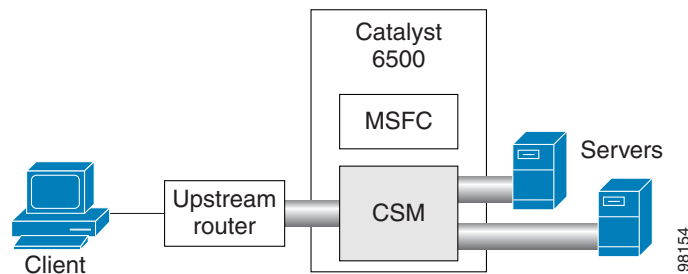
- [CSM Inline, MSFC Not Involved, page 2-5](#)
- [CSM Inline, MSFC on Server Side, page 2-5](#)

- [CSM Inline, MSFC on Client Side, page 2-6](#)
- [CSM in Aggregate Mode, page 2-6](#)
- [Direct Server Return, page 2-7](#)

CSM Inline, MSFC Not Involved

Figure 2-2 shows the CSM in a Layer 3 configuration without interaction with the MSFC.

Figure 2-2 CSM Inline, MSFC Not Involved



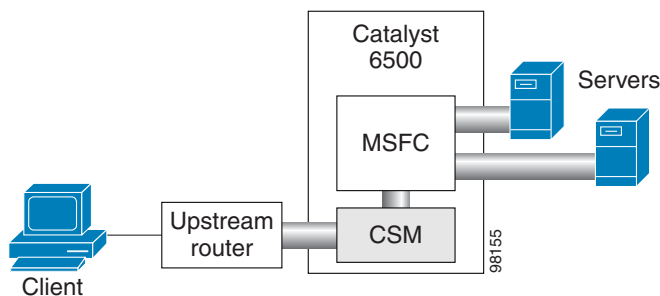
This configuration has these characteristics:

- The MSFC is not routing CSM VLANs.
- All server-to-server communications (direct Layer 3 or load balanced) are through the CSM.
- The CSM must use static routes to the upstream router (default gateway).

CSM Inline, MSFC on Server Side

Figure 2-3 shows the CSM in a configuration where the MSFC is located on the server side.

Figure 2-3 CSM Inline, MSFC Located on Server Side



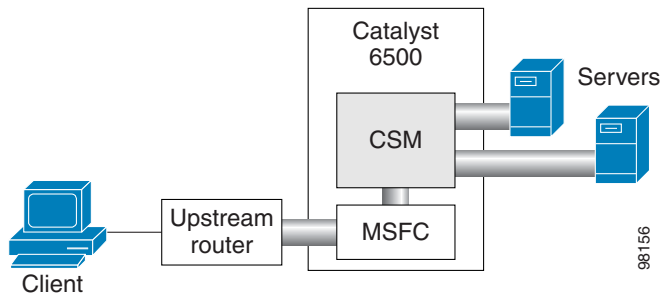
This configuration has these characteristics:

- Server-to-server direct communications bypass the CSM.
- Server-to-server load-balanced connections always require secure NAT (SNAT).
- The CSM must use static routes to the upstream router (default gateway).
- Routing protocols can be used in the back end.
- Layer 2-rewrite is not possible.

CSM Inline, MSFC on Client Side

Figure 2-4 shows the CSM in a configuration where the MSFC is located on the client side.

Figure 2-4 CSM Inline, MSFC Located on the Client Side



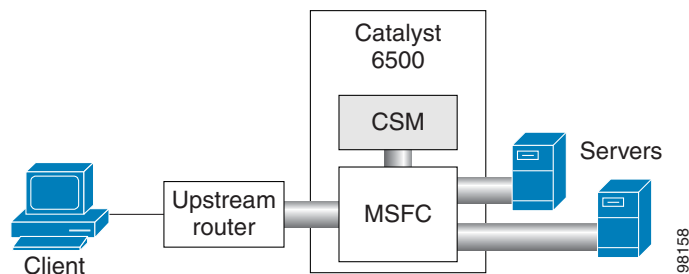
This configuration has these characteristics:

- The configuration is easy to deploy.
- Server-to-server Layer 3 communications pass through the CSM.
- Routing protocols can be used between the MSFC and the upstream router.
- All traffic to or from the servers passes through the CSM.

CSM in Aggregate Mode

Figure 2-5 shows the CSM in an aggregate-mode configuration.

Figure 2-5 CSM Located in Aggregate Mode



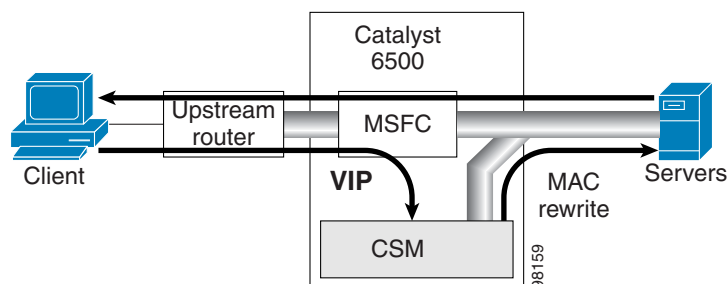
This configuration has these characteristics:

- The CSM is not inline and the module does not see unnecessary traffic.
- Easy routing and CSM configuration.
- Requires PBR or client SNAT because return traffic is required.
- Server-to-server load-balanced connections always require SNAT.
- Layer 2-rewrite is not possible.

Direct Server Return

Figure 2-6 shows the CSM in a direct server return configuration.

Figure 2-6 Direct Server Return



This configuration has these characteristics:

- High throughput or bandwidth is not required in the load balancer.
- The load balancer does not recognize return traffic.
- TCP flows have to be always timed-out.
- TCP termination not possible (only Layer 4 load balancing).
- Inband health monitoring is not possible.
- Servers must be Layer 2-adjacent, with a loopback address.

Routing with the CSM

When forwarding and maintaining load-balancing connections, the CSM must make routing decisions. However, the CSM does not run any routing protocols and does not have access to the MSFC routing tables. The CSM builds its own routing table with three types of entries:

- Directly attached IP subnets

These are the configured on the CSM client or the server VLANs.

- Default gateways

Default gateways are configured with the **gateway** keyword from within a client or server VLAN configuration submode. See [Chapter 4, “Configuring VLANs.”](#) In this release, you may have up to 511 default gateways. However, you cannot have more than seven default gateways for the same VLAN.

Most configurations have (or can be simplified to have) a single default gateway. This gateway points to the upstream router (or to an HSRP IP address that represents the upstream router pair), and eventually to various static routes.

- Static routes

Static routes are configured with the **route** keyword from within a client or server VLAN configuration submode of configuration. See [Chapter 4, “Configuring VLANs.”](#) Static routes are very useful when some servers are not Layer 2 adjacent.

Multiple default gateways are supported, however, they create a situation where if the CSM needs to make a routing decision to an unknown destination, the CSM will randomly select one of the gateways without your intervention or control. To control this behavior, use the predictor forward option described in the next paragraph.

There are three situations in which the CSM must make a routing decision:

- Upon receiving a new connection.
At this time, the CSM needs to decide where to send the return traffic for that connection. Unlike other devices, the CSM will not perform a route lookup, but memorizes the source MAC address from where the first packet of the connection was received. Return traffic for that connection is sent back to the source MAC address. This behavior also works with redundancy protocols between upstream routers, such as HSRP.
- The CSM is configured in router mode.
The servers are pointing to the CSM as their default gateway and the servers are originating connections.
- A server farm is configured with the predictor forward option (see [Chapter 5, “Configuring Real Servers and Server Farms”](#)). This predictor instructs the CSM to route the connection instead of load balancing it.

In case of multiple gateways, the first two situations can be simplified by using a server farm configured with the gateway as a unique real server. See the example [“Configuring Source NAT for Server-Originated Connections to the VIP”](#) section on page A-7.

Protecting Against Denial-of-Service Attacks

The CSM implements a variety of features to protect the devices that it is load balancing and to protect itself from a DoS attack. You cannot configure many of these features because they are controlled by the CSM and adjust to the amount of incoming traffic.

The CSM provides these DoS-protection features:

- SYN cookies



Note

Do not confuse a SYN cookie with synchronization of cookies because these are different features. This discussion refers only to the SYN cookies feature.

When the number of pending connections exceeds a configurable threshold, the CSM begins using the SYN cookies feature, encrypting all of the connection state information in the sequence numbers that it generates. This action prevents the CSM from consuming any flow state for pending (not fully established) TCP connections. This behavior is fully implemented in hardware and provides a good protection against SYN attacks.

- Connection pending timeout
This feature is configurable on a per-virtual server basis and allows you to time out connections that have not been properly established within the configured timeout value specified in seconds.
- Connection idle timeout
This feature is configurable on a per-virtual server basis, and allows you to time out established connections that have not been passing traffic for longer than an interval configured on a timer.

- Generic TCP termination

Some connections may not require TCP termination for Layer 7 load balancing. You can configure any virtual server to terminate all incoming TCP connections before load balancing those connections to the real servers. This configuration allows you to take advantage of all the CSM DoS features located in Layer 4 load balancing environments.



Getting Started

This chapter describes what is required before you begin configuring the CSM and contains these sections:

- [Operating System Support, page 3-1](#)
- [Preparing to Configure the CSM, page 3-1](#)
- [Saving and Restoring Configurations, page 3-3](#)
- [Configuring SLB Modes, page 3-3](#)
- [Configuration Overview, page 3-9](#)
- [Upgrading to a New Software Release, page 3-11](#)

Operating System Support

The CSM is supported on switches running both the Catalyst operating system on the supervisor engine and Cisco IOS on the MSFC. The CSM is also supported on switches running Cisco IOS on both the supervisor engine and the MSFC.

Because the CSM is configured through the MSFC CLI, if you are using a switch running both the Catalyst operating system and Cisco IOS, you must first session into the MSFC for access to the MSFC CLI, from where the CSM is configured. When you access the MSFC CLI, the CSM configuration is identical for the Catalyst operating system and Cisco IOS switch.

All the Layer 2 configurations (such as VLAN and port associations) are performed on the supervisor engine when using a switch running both the Catalyst operating system and Cisco IOS.



Note

When running the CSM on a switch with only the Cisco IOS software, configured VLANs are automatically added to the trunk or channel that connects the CSM to the switch backplane. In a switch running both the Catalyst operating system and the Cisco IOS software, you will have to manually add the CSM VLANs to the trunk or channel.

Preparing to Configure the CSM

Before you configure the CSM, you must take these actions:

- Be sure that the Cisco IOS versions for the switch and the module match. Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Content Switching Module Installation Guide*.

- Before you can configure server load balancing, you must obtain the following information:
 - Network topology that you are using in your installation
 - Real server IP addresses
 - An entry for the CSM VIPs in the Domain Name Server (DNS) (if you want them to be reached through names)
 - Each virtual server's IP address
- Configure VLANs on the Catalyst 6500 series switch before you configure VLANs for the CSM. VLAN IDs must be the same for the switch and the module. Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Software Configuration Guide* for details.

This example shows how to configure VLANs:

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# vlan 130
Router(config-vlan)# name CLIENT_VLAN
Router(config-vlan)# exit
Router(config)# vlan 150
Router(config-vlan)# name SERVER_VLAN
Router(config-vlan)# end
```

- Place physical interfaces that connect to the servers or to the clients in the corresponding VLAN.

This example shows how to configure a physical interface as a Layer 2 interface and assign it to a VLAN:

```
Router>
Router> enable
Router# config
Router(config)# interface 3/1
Router(config-if)# switchport
Router(config-if)# switchport access vlan 150
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
Router(vlan)# exit
```

- If the Multilayer Switch Function Card (MSFC) is used on the next-hop router on either the client or the server-side VLAN, then you must configure the corresponding Layer 3 VLAN interface.



Caution

You cannot use the MSFC simultaneously as the router for both the client and the server side unless policy-based routing or source NAT is used and the CSM is configured in router mode. This situation occurs because the CSM must see both flow directions it load balances or forwards. If you use the CSM in bridge (single subnet) mode, do not configure the Layer 3 VLAN interface on the MSFC for both the client and the server side. If you use the CSM in router mode, do not configure the Layer 3 VLAN interface on the MSFC for both the client and the server side unless you properly configure policy-based routing or source NAT to direct return traffic back to the CSM.

This example shows how to configure the Layer 3 VLAN interface:

```
Router>
Router> enable
Router# config
Router(config)# interface vlan 130
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.10.1.10 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
Router(vlan)# exit
```


Using the Command-Line Interface

The software interface for the CSM is the Cisco IOS command-line interface. To understand the Cisco IOS command-line interface and Cisco IOS command modes, refer to Chapter 2 in the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide*.

**Note**

Because of each prompt's character limit, some prompts may be truncated. For example: Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# may appear as Router(config-slb-vlan-serve)#.

Accessing Online Help

In any command mode, you can get a list of available commands by entering a question mark (?) as follows:

```
Router> ?
```

or

```
Router(config)# module csm 5  
Router(config-module-csm)# ?
```

**Note**

Online help shows the default configuration values and ranges available to commands.

Saving and Restoring Configurations

For information about saving and restoring configurations, refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide*.

Configuring SLB Modes

Server load balancing on the Catalyst 6500 series switch can be configured to operate in two modes: the routed processor (RP) mode and the CSM mode. The switch configuration does not affect CSM operation. By default, the CSM is configured in RP mode. The RP mode allows you to configure one or multiple CSMs in the same chassis and run Cisco IOS SLB on the same switch.

**Note**

The RP mode is the default mode and is the recommended mode. The CSM mode is used only for backward compatibility with CSM software images previous to 2.1. When installing a new CSM or CSM image, use the RP mode.

CSM mode allows you to configure a single CSM only. The CSM mode is supported for backward compatibility with previous software releases. The single CSM configuration will not allow Cisco IOS SLB to run on the same switch.

The following sections provide information about the modes:

- [Mode Command Syntax, page 3-4](#)
- [Migrating Between Modes, page 3-5](#)

- [Differences Between CSM and RP Modes, page 3-5](#)
- [Changing Modes, page 3-7](#)

Mode Command Syntax

Before you can enter CSM configuration commands on the switch, you must specify the CSM that you want to configure. To specify a CSM for configuration, use the **module csm slot-number** command. The *slot-number* value is the chassis slot where the CSM being configured is located.

The **module csm** command places you in CSM configuration submode. All additional configuration commands that you enter apply to the CSM installed in the slot you have specified.



Note

Unless otherwise specified, all the examples in this publication assume that you have already entered this command and entered the configuration submode for the CSM you are configuring.

The command syntax for CSM mode and RP mode configuration is identical with these exceptions:

- When configuring in CSM mode, you must prefix each top-level command with **ip slb**.
- Prompts are different for CSM mode and for RP mode configurations.

To configure a virtual server for a CSM in slot 5, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# module csm 5	Specifies the location of the CSM you are configuring.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vs1	Configures the virtual server.

This example shows the complete list of CSM commands in the config-module-csm mode.

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# module csm 5
Router(config-module-csm)# ?
SLB CSM module config
  arp          configure a static ARP entry
  capp         configure Content Application Peering Protocol
  default      Set a command to its defaults
  dfp          configure Dynamic Feedback Protocol manager
  exit         exit SLB CSM module submode
  ft           configure CSM fault tolerance (ft) feature
  map          configure an SLB map
  natpool      configure client nat pool
  no           Negate a command or set its defaults
  owner        configure server owner
  policy       configure an SLB policy
  probe        configure an SLB probe
  real         configure module real server
  script       configure script files and tasks
  serverfarm   configure a SLB server farm
  static       configure static NAT for server initiated connections
  sticky       configure a sticky group
  variable     configure an environment variable
  vlan         configure a vlan
  vserver      configure an SLB virtual server
  xml-config   settings for configuration via XML
```

Migrating Between Modes

Existing CSM configurations are migrated to the new configuration when the mode is changed from CSM to RP using the **ip slb mode** command. If a CSM configuration exists, you are prompted for the slot number.

You can migrate from an RP mode configuration to CSM mode configuration on the Catalyst 6500 series switch. You can migrate manually only from a Cisco IOS SLB configuration to a CSM configuration.

Differences Between CSM and RP Modes

The CSM and RP modes only affect the way in which the CSM is configured from CLI, not the operation and functionalities of the CSM itself. The RP mode is required to configure multiple CSMs in one chassis as well as the Cisco IOS SLB in the same chassis with a CSM.

CSM Mode

You can use the **ip slb mode csm** command mode to configure a CSM in 1.x releases. This mode allows the configuration of a single CSM in the chassis (other CSMs or Cisco IOS SLB cannot be configured in the same chassis).

In this mode, all the CSM configuration commands begin with **ip slb**.

CSM show commands begin with **show ip slb**.

This mode is not recommended if you are using CSM 2.1 or later releases, where it is provided as an option in the Cisco IOS CLI for backward compatibility.

The following is an example of a configuration for a single CSM in the chassis:

```
Cat6k# show running-config
Building configuration...
Current configuration : 5617 bytes

ip slb mode csm
ip slb vlan 110 server
ip address 10.10.110.1 255.255.255.0

ip slb vlan 111 client
ip address 10.10.111.2 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.10.111.1

ip slb probe HTTP_TEST http
request method get url /probe/http_probe.html
expect status 200
interval 5
failed 5

ip slb serverfarm WEBFARM
nat server
no nat client
real 10.10.110.10
inservice
real 10.10.110.20
inservice
probe HTTP_TEST

ip slb vserver HTTPVIP
virtual 10.10.111.100 tcp www
```

```

persistent rebalance
serverfarm WEBFARM
inservice

```

RP Mode

You can use the **ip slb mode rp** command mode (the default) to configure multiple CSMs in a chassis with Cisco IOS SLB. You can only configure the CSM using this mode starting from release 2.1.

In this mode, the CSM is configured from this command submode:

```
mod csm X
```

The *X* is the slot number of the CSM that you want to configure.

CSM show commands start with **show mod csm X**.

Beginning with CSM software release 2.1, the RP mode is the recommended mode when configuring the CSM. While in this mode, all the commands apply to Cisco IOS SLB and not to a CSM in the chassis. These commands begin with **ip slb**.

The following is an example of a configuration for a single CSM in the chassis:

```

Cat6k# show running-config
Building configuration...

Current configuration : 5597 bytes
!---

module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 110 server
ip address 10.10.110.1 255.255.255.0

vlan 111 client
ip address 10.10.111.2 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.10.111.1

probe HTTP_TEST http
request method get url /probe/http_probe.html
expect status 200
interval 5
failed 5

serverfarm WEBFARM
nat server
no nat client
real 10.10.110.10
inservice
real 10.10.110.20
inservice
probe HTTP_TEST

vserver HTTPVIP
virtual 10.10.111.100 tcp www
persistent rebalance
serverfarm WEBFARM
inservice

```

Changing Modes

You can change the CSM operating mode from CSM mode to RP mode or RP mode to CSM mode. The next sections provide examples of how to change the modes.

CSM Mode to RP Mode

This example shows how to change from CSM mode to RP mode. This example is typical of a migration from CSM 1.x to 2.1 or later releases and does not require a module reset.

```
Cat6k# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

Cat6k(config)# ip slb mode ?
    csm  SLB in Content Switching Module
    rp   SLB in IOS system

Cat6k(config)# ip slb mode rp
% The current SLB mode is CSM-SLB.
% You are selecting RP-SLB mode.
% All configuration for CSM-SLB will be moved to module submode.
% Confirm switch to RP-SLB mode? [no]: yes
% Enter slot number for CSM module configuration, 0 for none [5]: 5
% Please save the configuration.
Cat6k(config)# end

Cat6k# write
Building configuration...
[OK]
Cat6k#
```

RP Mode to CSM Mode

This example shows how to migrate from RP mode to CSM mode and requires a module reset:

```
Cat6k# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

Cat6k(config)# ip slb mode ?
    csm  SLB in Content Switching Module
    rp   SLB in IOS system

Cat6k(config)# ip slb mode csm
% The current SLB mode is RP-SLB.
% You are selecting CSM-SLB.
% All SLB configurations for RP will be ERASED.
% After execution of this command, you must
% write the configuration to memory and reload.
% CSM-SLB module configuration will be moved to ip slb submodes.
% Confirm switch to CSM-SLB mode? [no]: yes
% Enter slot number for CSM module configuration, 0 for none [5]: 5
% Please save the configuration and reload.

Cat6k(config)# end
Cat6k# write
Building configuration...
Cat6k# reload
Proceed with reload? [confirm] y
Verify Mode Operation
```

Verifying the Configuration

To confirm that your configuration is working properly, use these commands in the RP mode:

```
Cat6k# show ip slb mode
      SLB configured mode = rp
```

```
Cat6k# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
```

```
Cat6k-1(config)# ip slb ?
      dfp          configure Dynamic Feedback Protocol manager
      entries      initial and maximum SLB entries
      firewallfarm configure an SLB firewall farm
      mode         configure SLB system mode
      natpool      define client nat pool
      probe        configure an SLB probe
      serverfarm   configure an SLB server farm
      vserver      configure an SLB virtual server
```

To confirm that your configuration is working properly, use these commands in the Cisco IOS SLB mode:

```
Cat6k(config)# module csm 5
Cat6k(config-module-csm)# ?
      SLB CSM module config
      default      Set a command to its defaults
      dfp          configure Dynamic Feedback Protocol manager
      exit         exit SLB CSM module submode
      ft           configure CSM fault tolerance (ft) feature
      map          configure an SLB map
      natpool      configure client nat pool
      no           Negate a command or set its defaults
      policy       configure an SLB policy
      probe        configure an SLB probe
      serverfarm   configure an SLB server farm
      static       configure static NAT for server initiated connections
      sticky       configure a sticky group
      vlan         configure a vlan
      vserver      configure an SLB virtual server
```

To confirm that a single CSM in the chassis configuration is working properly, use these commands in the CSM mode:

```
Cat6k# show ip slb mode
      SLB configured mode = csm
```

```
Cat6k-1# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
```

```
Cat6k(config)# ip slb ?
      dfp          configure Dynamic Feedback Protocol manager
      ft           configure CSM fault tolerance (ft) feature
      map          configure an SLB map
      mode         configure SLB system mode
      natpool      configure client nat pool
      policy       configure an SLB policy
      probe        configure an SLB probe
      serverfarm   configure an SLB server farm
      static       configure static NAT for server initiated connections
      sticky       configure a sticky group
      vlan         configure a vlan
      vserver      configure an SLB virtual server
```

Configuration Overview

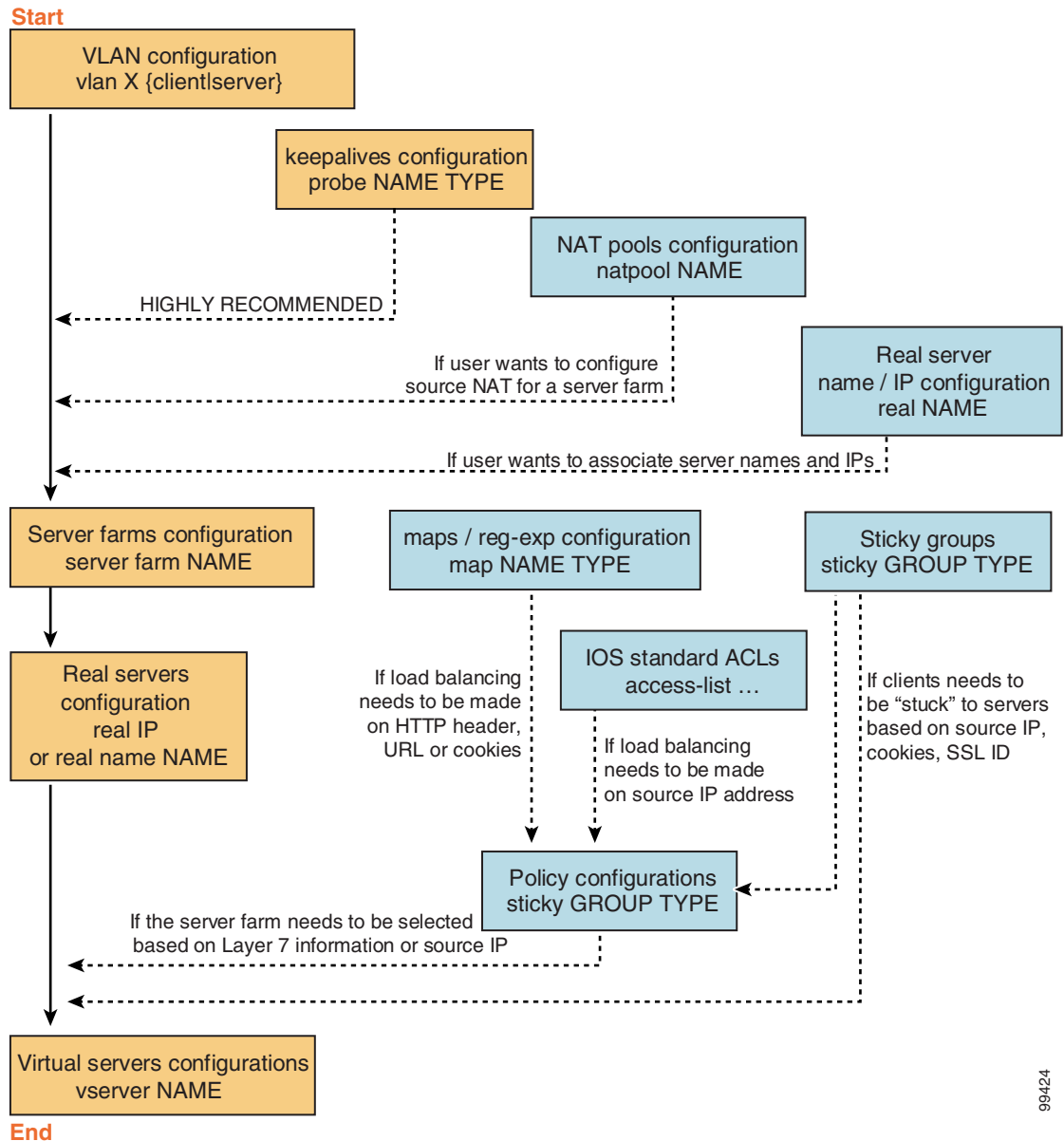
The configuration process described here assumes that the switch is in the RP mode. [Figure 3-1](#) shows an overview of the required and optional operations in the configuration process.



Note

Configuring policies is not necessary for Layer 4 load balancing.

Figure 3-1 Configuration Overview



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To configure the required parameters, see the following sections:

- [Configuring Client-Side VLANs, page 4-2](#)
- [Configuring Server-Side VLANs, page 4-3](#)
- [Configuring Server Farms, page 5-1](#)
- [Configuring Real Servers, page 5-2](#)
- [Configuring Virtual Servers, page 6-1](#)

After you configure the required load-balancing parameters on the CSM, you can configure the optional parameters in the following sections:

- [Configuring Redirect Virtual Servers, page 6-5](#)
- [Configuring Client NAT Pools, page 5-5](#)
- [Configuring Server-Initiated Connections, page 5-6](#)
- [Configuring TCP Parameters, page 6-4](#)

To work with advanced configurations, refer to the following sections in Chapter 2 through Chapter 11:

- [Configuring the Single Subnet \(Bridge\) Mode, page 2-1](#)
- [Configuring the Secure \(Router\) Mode, page 2-4](#)
- [Configuring URL Hashing, page 5-6](#)
- [Configuring Generic Header Parsing, page 6-12](#)
- [Configuring Route Health Injection, page 8-2](#)
- [Configuring Fault Tolerance, page 7-1](#)
- [Configuring Persistent Connections, page 8-8](#)
- [Configuring HSRP, page 7-5](#)
- [Configuring Connection Redundancy, page 7-8](#)
- [Configuring SNMP Traps for Real Servers, page 8-13](#)
- [Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring, page 9-1](#)
- [Configuring Inband Health Monitoring, page 9-7](#)
- [Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking, page 9-8](#)
- [Configuring TCL Scripts, page 10-1](#)
- [Configuring Stealth Firewall Load Balancing, page 11-7](#)
- [Configuring Regular Firewall Load Balancing, page 11-16](#)
- [Configuring Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls, page 11-24](#)

Upgrading to a New Software Release

This section describes three methods for upgrading the CSM:

- [Upgrading from the Supervisor Engine Bootflash, page 3-11](#)
- [Upgrading from a PCMCIA Card, page 3-12](#)
- [Upgrading from an External TFTP Server, page 3-14](#)



Note

When upgrading to a new software release, you must upgrade the CSM image before upgrading the Cisco IOS image. Failure to do so causes the supervisor engine not to recognize the CSM. In this case, you would have to downgrade the Cisco IOS image, upgrade the CSM image, and then upgrade the Cisco IOS image.

To upgrade the CSM, you need to session into the CSM module being upgraded. During the upgrade, enter all commands on a console connected to the supervisor engine. Enter each configuration command on a separate line. To complete the upgrade, enter the **exit** command to return to the supervisor engine prompt. See [“Configuring SLB Modes” section on page 3-3](#).



Caution

You must enter the **exit** command to terminate sessions with the CSM that is being upgraded. If you do not terminate the session and you remove the CSM from the Catalyst 6500 series chassis, you cannot enter configuration commands to the CSM unless you press **Ctrl + ^**, enter **x**, and enter the **disconnect** command at the prompt.

Upgrading from the Supervisor Engine Bootflash



Note

Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Supervisor Engine Flash PC Card Installation Note* for instructions on loading images into bootflash.

To upgrade the CSM from the supervisor engine bootflash, perform these steps:

Step 1

Enable the TFTP server to supply the image from bootflash as follows:

```
Router>
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# tftp-server sup-bootflash:c6slb-apc.revision-num.bin
Router(config)
```

Step 2

Set up a session between the supervisor engine and the CSM:

```
Router# session slot csm-slot-number processor 0
```

Step 3

Load the image from the supervisor engine to the CSM:

```
CSM> upgrade 127.0.0.zz c6slb-apc.revision-num.bin
```

The **zz** is 12 if the supervisor engine is installed in chassis slot 1.

The **zz** is 22 if the supervisor engine is installed in chassis slot 2.



Note The supervisor engine 1 and 2 can only be installed in chassis slot 1 or slot 2.

The IP address of a linecard on the backplane is designated 127.0.0.XY, where X is the slot number and Y is the processor number. In a supervisor engine 1 and supervisor engine 2, the LCP was processor 0, the SP was processor 1, and the RP was processor 2. The CSM always upgrades from the RP. For example if you have a supervisor engine 1 or supervisor engine 2 in slot 1, the address to upgrade from would be 127.0.0.12 (X = slot1, Y = processor 2). If the supervisor engine 1 or supervisor engine 2 were in slot 2, the address to upgrade from would be 127.0.0.22.

In the case of the supervisor engine 720, the LCP and the SP are consolidated into one processor, and the numbering scheme is changed. The processor that services both LCP functionality and the SP is numbered processor 0, and the RP is numbered processor 1. If the supervisor engine 720 is in slot 1, the upgrade takes place from IP address 127.0.0.11 (X = slot1, Y = processor 1).

Step 4 Close the session to the CSM, and return to the Cisco IOS prompt:

```
CSM> exit
```

Step 5 Reboot the CSM by power cycling the CSM or by entering the following commands on the supervisor engine console:

```
Router(config)# hw-module module csm-slot-number reset
```

Upgrading from a PCMCIA Card



Note Throughout this publication, the term *Flash PC card* is used in place of the term *PCMCIA card*.

To upgrade the CSM from a removable Flash PC card inserted in the supervisor engine, perform these steps:

Step 1 Enable the TFTP server to supply the image from the removable Flash PC card:

```
Router>
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# tftp-server slotx:c6s1b-apc.revision-num.bin
```

The x value is 0 if the Flash PC card is installed in supervisor engine PCMCIA slot 0.

Step 2 Set up a session between the supervisor engine and the CSM:

```
Router# session slot csm-slot-number processor 0
```

Step 3 Load the image from the supervisor engine to the CSM:

```
CSM> upgrade slot0: c6s1b-apc.revision-num.bin
```



Note The supervisor engine can only be installed in chassis slot 1 or slot 2.

Step 4 Close the session to the CSM and return to the IOS prompt:

```
CSM> exit
```

- Step 5** Reboot the CSM by power cycling the CSM or by entering the following commands on the supervisor engine console:

```
Router# hw-module module csm-slot-number reset
```

Upgrading from an External TFTP Server

To upgrade the CSM from an external TFTP server, perform these steps:

-
- Step 1** Create a VLAN on the supervisor engine for the TFTP CSM runtime image download.



Note You can use an existing VLAN, however, for a reliable download, you should create a VLAN specifically for the TFTP connection.

- Step 2** Configure the interface that is connected to your TFTP server.

- Step 3** Add the interface to the VLAN.

- Step 4** Enter the CSM **vlan** command.

See [Chapter 4, “Configuring VLANs”](#) for more information.

- Step 5** Add an IP address to the VLAN for the CSM.

- Step 6** Enter the **show csm slot vlan detail** command to verify your configuration.

See the [Chapter 4, “Configuring VLANs”](#) for more information.

- Step 7** Verify the CSM connectivity to the TFTP server:

```
Router# ping module csm csm-slot-number TFTP-server-IP-address
```

- Step 8** Set up a session between the supervisor engine and the CSM:

```
Router# session slot csm-slot-number processor 0
```

- Step 9** Upgrade the image:

```
CSM> upgrade TFTP-server-IP-address c6slb-apc.rev-number.bin
```

- Step 10** Close the session to the CSM and return to the Cisco IOS prompt:

```
CSM> exit
```

- Step 11** Reboot the CSM by power cycling the CSM or by entering the following commands on the supervisor engine console:

```
Router# hw-module module csm-slot-number reset
```



Configuring VLANs

This chapter describes how to configure VLANs on the CSM and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Client-Side VLANs, page 4-2](#)
- [Configuring Server-Side VLANs, page 4-3](#)

When you install the CSM in a Catalyst 6500 series switch, you need to configure client-side and server-side VLANs. (See [Figure 4-1](#).)

Client-side or a server-side VLAN terminology logically distinguishes the VLANs facing the client-side and the VLANs connecting to the servers or destination devices. However, CSM client and server VLANs function very similarly. For example, new connections can be received on a server VLAN, and then be load-balanced out to a client VLAN.

The differences between client-side and server-side VLANs are as follows:

- When configuring bridge mode, you cannot bridge two server VLANs or two client VLANs. You can only bridge a client and a server VLAN.
- Denial of service (DoS) protection features are more aggressive on the client side VLANs, especially when rate limiting control traffic is sent to the central processing unit.



Note

You must configure VLANs on the Catalyst 6500 series switch before you configure VLANs for the CSM. VLAN IDs must be the same for the switch and the module.

Figure 4-1 Configuring VLANs

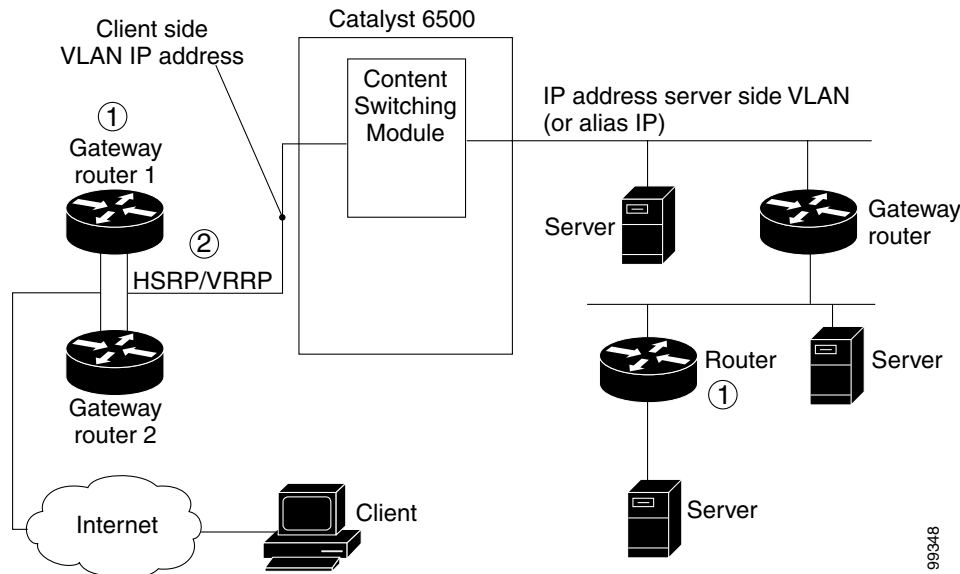


Diagram notes:

1— The CSM does not perform a Layer 3 lookup to forward traffic; the CSM cannot respond to ICMP redirects.

2— You can configure up to 7 gateways per VLAN for up to 511 client and server VLANs and up to 224 gateways for the entire system. If an HSRP gateway is configured, the CSM uses 3 of the 224 gateway entries because traffic can come from the virtual and physical MAC addresses of the HSRP group. (See the “[Configuring HSRP](#)” section on page 7-5.) The fault tolerant VLAN does not use an IP interface, so it does not apply toward the 512 VLAN limit.

Configuring Client-Side VLANs

To configure client-side VLANs, perform this task:



Caution

You cannot use VLAN 1 as a client-side or server-side VLAN for the CSM.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # vlan <i>vlanid</i> client	Configures the client-side VLANs and enters the client VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-vlan-client) # ip <i>ip-address netmask</i>	Configures an IP address to the CSM used by probes and ARP requests on this particular VLAN ² .
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vlan-client) # gateway <i>ip-address</i>	Configures the gateway IP address.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure the CSM for client-side VLANs:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 130 client
Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip addr 123.44.50.6 255.255.255.0
Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# gateway 123.44.50.1
Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# exit
Router# show module csm vlan 1
```

Configuring Server-Side VLANs

To configure server-side VLANs, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan <i>vlanid</i> server	Configures the server-side VLANs and enters the server VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip <i>ip-address netmask</i>	Configures an IP address for the server VLAN ² .
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# alias <i>ip-address netmask</i>	(Optional) Configures multiple IP addresses to the CSM as alternate gateways for the real server ³ .
Step 4	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# route <i>ip-address netmask gateway gw-ip-address</i>	Configures a static route to reach the real servers if they are more than one Layer 3 hop away from the CSM.
Step 5	Router # show module csm slot <i>vlan</i> [<i>client</i> <i>server</i> <i>ft</i>] [<i>id vlan-id</i>] [<i>detail</i>]	Displays the client-side and server-side VLAN configurations.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submenu. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.
3. The alias is required in the redundant configuration. (See the [Chapter 7, "Configuring Redundant Connections"](#).)

This example shows how to configure the CSM for server-side VLANs:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 150 server
Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip addr 123.46.50.6 255.255.255.0
Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# alias 123.60.7.6 255.255.255.0
Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# route 123.50.0.0 255.255.0.0 gateway 123.44.50.1
Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# exit
```




Configuring Real Servers and Server Farms

This chapter describes how to configure the servers and server farms and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Server Farms, page 5-1](#)
- [Configuring Real Servers, page 5-2](#)
- [Configuring Dynamic Feedback Protocol, page 5-4](#)
- [Configuring Client NAT Pools, page 5-5](#)
- [Configuring Server-Initiated Connections, page 5-6](#)
- [Configuring URL Hashing, page 5-6](#)

Configuring Server Farms

A server farm or server pool is a collection of servers that contain the same content. You specify the server farm name when you configure the server farm and add servers to it, and when you bind the server farm to a virtual server. When you configure server farms, do the following:

- Name the server farm.
- Configure a load-balancing algorithm (predictor) and other attributes of the farm
- Set or specify a set of real servers. (See the “[Configuring Real Servers](#)” section on page 5-2.)
- Set or specify the attributes of the real servers.

You also can configure inband health monitoring for each server farm. (See the “[Configuring Inband Health Monitoring](#)” section on page 9-7.) You can assign a return code map to a server farm to configure return code parsing. (See the “[Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking](#)” section on page 9-8.)

To configure server farms, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i>	Creates and names a server farm and enters the server farm configuration mode ^{1 2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-sfarm) # predictor [roundrobin leastconns hash url hash address [source destination] [ip-netmask] forward]]	Configures the load-balancing prediction algorithm ² . If not specified, the default is roundrobin .

	Command	Purpose
Step 3	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# nat client <i>client-pool-name</i>	(Optional) Enables the NAT mode client ² . (See the “Configuring Client NAT Pools” section on page 5-5.)
Step 4	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# no nat server	(Optional) Specifies that the destination IP address is not changed when the load-balancing decision is made.
Step 5	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# probe <i>probe-name</i>	(Optional) Associates the server farm to a probe that can be defined by the probe command ² .
Step 6	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# bindid <i>bind-id</i>	(Optional) Binds a single physical server to multiple server farms and reports a different weight for each one ² . The bindid command is used by DFP.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# failaction { purge reassign }	(Optional) Sets the behavior of connections to real servers that have failed ² .
Step 8	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# health retries 20 failed 600	Configures inband health monitoring for all the servers in the server farm.
Step 9	Cat6k-2(config-slb-sfarm)# retcode-map <i>NAME_OF_MAP</i>	Configures HTTP return error code checking (requires the configuration of a map of type retcode).
Step 10	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real <i>ip_address</i>	Defines a real server.
Step 11	Router(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real servers.
Step 12	Router# show module csm slot serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i> [detail]	Displays information about one or all server farms.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure a server farm, named `pl_nat`, using the least-connections (**leastconns**) algorithm. The real server with the fewest number of active connections will get the next connection request for the server farm with the `leastconns` predictor.

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm pl_nat
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor leastconns
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.106
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
```

Configuring Real Servers

Real servers are physical devices assigned to a server farm. Real servers provide the services that are load balanced. When the server receives a client request, it sends the reply to the CSM for forwarding to the client.

You configure the real server in the real server configuration mode by specifying the server IP address and port when you assign it to a server farm. You enter the real server configuration mode from the server farm mode where you are adding the real server.

To configure real servers, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real <i>ip-address [port]</i>	Identifies a real server as a member of the server farm and enters the real server configuration mode. An optional translation port can also be configured ^{1, 2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-real)# weight <i>weighting-value</i>	(Optional) Sets the weighting value for the virtual server predictor algorithm to assign the server's workload capacity relative to the other servers in the server farm if the round robin or least connection is selected ² . Note The only time the sequence of servers starts over at the beginning (with the first server) is when there is a configuration or server state change (either a probe or DFP agent). When the least connection predictor is configured, a slow-start mechanism is implemented to avoid sending a high rate of new connections to the servers that have just been put in service.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-real)# maxconns <i>max-conns</i>	(Optional) Sets the maximum number of active connections on the real server ² . When the specified maximum is reached, no more new connections are sent to that real server until the number of active connections drops below the minimum threshold.
Step 4	Router(config-slb-real)# minconns <i>min-conns</i>	(Optional) Sets the minimum connection threshold ² .
Step 5	Router(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real server for use by the CSM ^{2 3} .
Step 6	Router# show module csm slot [sfarm <i>serverfarm-name] [detail]</i>	(Optional) Displays information about configured real servers. The sfarm option limits the display to real servers associated with a particular virtual server. The detail option displays detailed real server information.
Step 7	Router# show module csm slot [vserver <i>virtserver-name] [client ip-address]</i> [detail]	Displays active connections to the CSM. The vserver option limits the display to connections associated with a particular virtual server. The client option limits the display to connections for a particular client. The detail option displays detailed connection information.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.
3. Repeat Steps 1 through 5 for each real server you are configuring.

This example shows how to create real servers:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm serverfarm
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.7
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.8
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.9
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.10
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
```

```
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105  
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice  
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.106  
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# inservice  
Router(config-slb-real)# end  
Router# show mod csm slot reals detail  
Router# show mod csm slot conns detail
```

The CSM performs graceful server shutdown when a real server is taken out of service using the **no inservice** command. This command stops all new sessions from being load balanced to the real server while allowing existing sessions to complete or time out. New sessions are load balanced to other servers in the server farm for that virtual server.

This example shows how to remove a real server from service:

```
Router(config-slb-real)# no inservice
```

For more information on configuring server farms, see [“Configuring Server Farms” section on page 5-1](#).

The CSM also performs a graceful server shutdown when a real server fails a health probe and is taken out of service. For more information on configuring CSM health probes, see [“Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring” section on page 9-1](#).

If a client making a request is stuck to an out-of-service server (using a cookie, SSL ID, source IP, etc), this connection is balanced to an in-service server in the farm. If you want to be stuck to an out-of-service server, enter the **inservice standby** command. When you enter the **inservice standby** command no connections are sent to the standby real server with the exception of those connections that are stuck to that server and those servers with existing connections. After the specified standby time, you can use the **no inservice** command to allow only existing sessions to be sent to that real server. Sticky connections are then sent to an in service real server in the server farm.

Configuring Dynamic Feedback Protocol

When you configure the Dynamic Feedback Protocol (DFP), the servers can provide feedback to the CSM to enhance load balancing. DFP allows host agents (residing on the physical server) to dynamically report the change in status of the host systems providing a virtual service.



Note

A DFP agent may be on any host machine. A DFP agent is independent of the IP addresses and port numbers of the real servers that are managed by the agent. DFP Manager is responsible for establishing the connections with DFP agents and receiving load vectors from DFP agents.

To configure DFP, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# dfp [password <i>password</i>]	Configures DFP manager, supplies an optional password, and enters the DFP agent submode ^{1, 2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-dfp)# agent <i>ip-address port</i> [<i>activity-timeout</i> [<i>retry-count</i> [<i>retry-interval</i>]]]	Configures the time intervals between keepalive messages, the number of consecutive connection attempts or invalid DFP reports, and the interval between connection attempts ² .
Step 3	Router# show module csm slot dfp [agent [detail <i>ip-address port</i>] manager [<i>ip_addr</i>] detail weights]	Displays DFP manager and agent information.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure the dynamic feedback protocol:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# dfp password password
Router(config-slb-dfp)# agent 123.234.34.55 5 6 10 20
Router(config-slb-dfp)# exit
```

Configuring Client NAT Pools

When you configure client Network Address Translation (NAT) pools, NAT converts the source IP address of the client requests into an IP address on the server-side VLAN. Use the NAT pool name in the serverfarm submode of the **nat** command to specify which connections need to be configured for client NAT pools.

To configure client NAT pools, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# natpool <i>pool-name start-ip end-ip netmask mask</i>	Configures a content-switching NAT. You must create at least one client address pool to use this command ^{1, 2} .
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i>	Enters the serverfarm submode to apply the client NAT.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# nat client <i>clientpool-name</i>	Associates the configured NAT pool with the server farm.
Step 4	Router# show module csm natpool [<i>name pool-name</i>] [detail]	Displays the NAT configuration.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure client NAT pools:

```
Router(config)# natpool pool1 102.36.445.2 102.36.16.8 netmask 255.255.255.0
Router(config)# serverfarm farm1
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# nat client pool1
```

Configuring Server-Initiated Connections

The NAT for the server allows you to support connections initiated by real servers and to provide a default configuration used for servers initiating connections that do not have matching entries in the server NAT configuration. By default, the CSM allows server-originated connections without NAT.

To configure NAT for the server, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# static [drop nat [<i>ip-address</i> virtual]]	Configures the server-originated connections. Options include dropping the connections, configuring them with NAT with a given IP address, or with the virtual IP address that they are associated with ^{1, 2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-static)# real <i>ip-address</i> [<i>subnet-mask</i>]	Configures the static NAT submode where the servers will have this NAT option. You cannot use the same real server with multiple NAT configuration options.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Configuring URL Hashing

When you choose a server farm for a connection, you can select a specific real server in that server farm. You can choose least connections, round robin, or URL hashing to select a real server.

URL hashing is a load-balancing predictor for Layer 7 connections. You can configure URL hashing on the CSM on a server farm-by-server farm basis. The CSM chooses the real server by using a hash value based on a URL. This hash value may be computed on the entire URL or on a portion of it. To select only a portion of the URL for hashing, you can specify the beginning and ending patterns in the URL so that only the portion of the URL from the specified beginning pattern through the specified ending pattern is hashed. The CSM supports URL hashing in software release 2.1(1).

Unless you specify a beginning and an ending pattern (see the [“Configuring Beginning and Ending Patterns”](#) section on page 5-7), the entire URL is hashed and used to select a real server.

Configuring a URL Hashing Predictor

You must configure URL hashing for all server farms that will be using the URL hashing predictor, regardless of whether they are using the entire URL or a beginning and ending pattern.

To configure URL hashing as a load-balancing predictor for a server farm, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor hash url	Configures the URL hashing and load-balancing predictor for a server farm.

This example shows how to configure URL hashing and load-balancing predictor for a server farm:

```
Router(config)# mod csm 2
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm farm1
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor hash url
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
```

Cache servers perform better using URL hashing. However, the hash methods do not recognize weight for the real servers. The weight assigned to the real servers is used in the round-robin and least connection predictor methods.



Note

The only time the sequence of servers starts over at the beginning (with the first server) is when there is a configuration or server state change (either a probe or DFP agent).

To create different weights for real servers, you can list multiple IP addresses of the cache server in the server farm. You can also use the same IP address with a different port number.

To configure real servers with a weight when using the URL hash predictor, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# serverfarm MYFARM	Creates a server farm named MYFARM.
Step 2	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 1.1.1.1 80	Specifies the real server at port 80
Step 3	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# inservice	Enables the real server in service.
Step 4	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 1.1.1.1 8080	Specifies the real server at port 8080.
Step 5	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# inservice	Enables the real server in service.

Configuring Beginning and Ending Patterns

You configure a beginning and ending pattern at the virtual server level. The pattern you define applies to all the server farms assigned to all of the policies in that virtual server that have URL hashing enabled.

The beginning and ending pattern delimits the portion of the URL that will be hashed and used as a predictor to select a real server from a server farm that belongs to any policy assigned to that virtual server.

To hash a substring of the URL instead of the entire URL, specify the beginning and ending patterns in **vserver vserver-name** submode with the **url-hash begin-pattern pattern-a** command and **url-hash end-pattern pattern-b** command. Hashing occurs at the start of the beginning pattern and goes to the ending pattern.

For example, in the following URL, if the beginning pattern is **c&k=**, and the ending pattern is **&**, only the substring **c&k=c** is hashed:

http://quote.yahoo.com/q?s=csc&d=c&k=c1&t=2y&a=v&p=s&l=on&z=m&q=l\

**Note**

Beginning and ending patterns are restricted to fixed constant strings. General regular expressions cannot be specified as patterns. If no beginning pattern is specified, hashing begins at the beginning of the URL. If no ending pattern is specified, hashing ends at the end of the URL.

This example shows how to configure beginning and ending patterns for URL hashing:

```
Router(config-module-csm)#  
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vs1  
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.81 tcp 80  
Router(config-slb-vserver)# url-hash begin-pattern c&k= end-pattern &  
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm farm1  
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice  
Router(config-slb-vserver)#  
Router(config-slb-vserver)# exit  
Router(config-module-csm)# exit
```




Configuring Virtual Servers, Maps, and Policies

This chapter describes how to configure content switching and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Virtual Servers, page 6-1](#)
- [Configuring Maps, page 6-8](#)
- [Configuring Policies, page 6-11](#)
- [Configuring Generic Header Parsing, page 6-12](#)

Configuring Virtual Servers

This section describes how to configure virtual servers and contains these sections:

- [Configuring TCP Parameters, page 6-4](#)
- [Configuring Redirect Virtual Servers, page 6-5](#)



Note

When a virtual server is configured with an IP address, it will start replying to ARP requests for that specific IP, even if it is still out of service. This is important especially when migrating operational virtual servers from existing devices over to the CSM. Make sure that you never have a virtual server on the CSM configured with the same IP of another device in the same network.

Virtual servers represent groups of real servers and are associated with real server farms through policies. Configuring virtual servers requires that you set the attributes of the virtual server specifying the default server farm (default policy) and that you associate other server farms through a list of policies. The default server farm (default policy) is used if a request does not match any SLB policy or if there are no policies associated with the virtual server.

Before you can associate a server farm with the virtual server, you must configure the server farm. For more information, see the [“Configuring Server Farms” section on page 5-1](#). Policies are processed in the order in which they are entered in the virtual server configuration. For more information, see the [“Configuring Policies” section on page 6-11](#).

You can configure each virtual server with a pending connection timeout to terminate connections quickly if the switch becomes flooded with traffic. This connection applies to a transaction between the client and server that has not completed the request and reply process.

In a service provider environment in which different customers are assigned different virtual servers, you may need to balance the connections to prevent an individual server from absorbing most or even all of the connection resources on the CSM. You can limit the number of connections going through the CSM

to a particular virtual server by using the VIP connection watermarks feature. With this feature, you may set limits on each virtual server, allowing a fair distribution of connection resources among all virtual servers.

**Note**

You can configure a single virtual server to operate at either Level 4 or Level 7. To configure a virtual server to operate at Level 4, specify the server farm (default policy) as part of the virtual server configuration. (See Step 3 in the following task table.) To configure a virtual server to operate at Level 7, add SLB policies in the configuration of the virtual server. (See Step 7 in the following task table.)

The CSM can load-balance traffic from any IP protocol. When you configure a virtual server in virtual server submode, you must define the IP protocol that the virtual server will accept.

**Note**

Although all IP protocols have a protocol number, the CSM allows you to specify TCP or UDP by name instead of requiring you to enter their numbers.

Configure the virtual server in the virtual server configuration submode.

To configure virtual servers, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# owner <i>owner-name address</i> <i>street-address-information billing-info</i> <i>billing-address-information</i> <i>email-address email-information</i> maxconns 1:MAXULONG	Restricts access to virtual servers to a specific owner object.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver <i>virtserver-name</i>	Identifies the virtual server and enters the virtual server configuration mode ^{1, 2} .
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vserver)# vs-owner <i>owner-name maxconns</i> 1:MAXULONG	Sets the owner object name for this virtual server.
Step 4	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual <i>ip-address [ip-mask] protocol</i> <i>port-number [service ftp]</i>	Sets the IP address for the virtual server optional port number or name and the connection coupling and type ² . The <i>protocol</i> value is tcp , udp , Any (no port number is required), or a <i>number</i> value (no port number is required).
Step 5	Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i>	Associates the default server farm with the virtual server ^{2 3} . Only one server farm is allowed. If the server farm is not specified, all the requests not matching any other policies will be discarded.
Step 6	Router(config-slb-vserver)# sticky <i>duration</i>	(Optional) Configures connections from the client to use the same real server ^{2 3} . The default is sticky off.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-vserver)# sticky <i>group-number reverse</i>	(Optional) Ensures that the CSM changes connections in the appropriate direction back to the same source.
Step 8	Router(config-slb-vserver)# client <i>ip-address network-mask [exclude]</i>	(Optional) Restricts which clients are allowed to use the virtual server ^{2 3} .
Step 9	Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy <i>policy-name</i>	(Optional) Associates one or more content switching policies with a virtual server ² .

	Command	Purpose
Step 10	Router(config-slb-vserver) # inservice	Enables the virtual server for use by the CSM ² .
Step 11	Router# show module csm slot vserver [details]	Displays information for virtual servers defined for content switching.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.
3. These parameters refer to the default policy.

This example shows how to configure a virtual server named barnett, associate it with the server farm named bosco, and configure a sticky connection with a duration of 50 minutes to sticky group 12:

```
Router(config)# mod csm 2
Router(config-module-csm)# sticky 1 cookie foo timeout 100
Router(config-module-csm)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)#
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm bosco
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)#
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# vserver barnett
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.85 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm bosco
Router(config-slb-vserver)# sticky 50 group 12
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# end
```

This example shows how to configure a virtual server, named vs1, with two policies and a default server farm when client traffic matches a specific policy. The virtual server will be load balanced to the server farm attached to that policy. When client traffic fails to match any policy, the virtual server will be load balanced to the default server farm named bosco.

```
Router(config)# mod csm 2
Router(config-module-csm)# map map3 url
Router(config-slb-map-url)# match protocol http url *finance*
Router(config-slb-map-url)#
Router(config-slb-map-url)# map map4 url
Router(config-slb-map-url)# match protocol http url *mail*
Router(config-slb-map-url)#
Router(config-slb-map-url)# serverfarm bar1
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)#
Router(config-slb-real)# serverfarm bar2
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.106
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)#
Router(config-slb-real)# serverfarm bosco
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.107
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)#
Router(config-slb-real)# policy pc1
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm bar1
Router(config-slb-policy)# url-map map3
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)#
Router(config-module-csm)# policy pc2
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm bar2
```

```

Router(config-slb-policy)# url-map map4
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)#
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver bar1
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.86 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy pc1
Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy pc2
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm bosco
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)#

```

Configuring TCP Parameters

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) is a connection-oriented protocol that uses known protocol messages for activating and deactivating TCP sessions. In server load balancing, when adding or removing a connection from the connection database, the Finite State Machine correlates TCP signals such as SYN, SYN/ACK, FIN, and RST. When adding connections, these signals are used for detecting server failure and recovery and for determining the number of connections per server.

The CSM also supports User Datagram Protocol (UDP). Because UDP is not connection-oriented, protocol messages cannot be generically sniffed (without knowing details of the upper-layer protocol) to detect the beginning or end of a UDP message exchange. Detection of UDP connection termination is based on a configurable idle timer. Protocols requiring multiple simultaneous connections to the same real server are supported (such as FTP). Internet Control Management Protocol (ICMP) messages destined for the virtual IP address are also handled (such as ping).

To configure TCP parameters, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver <i>virtserver-name</i>	Identifies the virtual server and enters the virtual server configuration mode ^{1,2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-vserver)# idle <i>duration</i>	Configures the amount of time (in seconds) that connection information is maintained in the absence of packet activity for a connection ² .

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. To return to the Router (config)> top level of the menu, enter the **end** command.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure TCP parameters for virtual servers:

```

Router(config-module-csm)# vserver barnett
Router(config-slb-vserver)# idle 10

```

The CSM provides support for fragmented TCP packets. The TCP fragment feature only works with VIPs that have Level 4 policies defined and will not work for SYN packets or for Layer 7 policies. To support fragmented TCP packets, the CSM matches the TCP fragments to existing data flows or by matching the bridging VLAN ID. The CSM will not reassemble fragments for Layer 7 parsing. Because the CSM has a finite number of buffers and fragment ID buckets, packet resending is required when there are hash collisions.

When enabling TCP splicing, you must designate a virtual server as a Layer 7 device even when it does not have a Layer 7 policy. This option is only valid for the TCP protocol.

To configure TCP splicing, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver <i>virtserver-name</i>	Identifies the virtual server and enters the virtual server configuration mode ^{1,2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-vserver)# vserver tcp-protect	Designates the virtual server for TCP splicing ² .
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 100.100.100.100 tcp any service tcp-termination	Enables TCP splicing.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. To return to the Router (config)> top level of the menu, enter the **end** command.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Configuring Redirect Virtual Servers

The **redirect-vserver** command is a server farm submode command that allows you to configure virtual servers dedicated to real servers. This mapping provides connection persistence, which maintains connections from clients to real servers across TCP sessions.

Redirection configuration with the CSM this can be done by creating the initial virtual server which loadbalances to the redirect serverfarm as either a L4 or L7 (policy based) virtual server, depending on your preference.

The redirect server farm must have a redirect virtual server configured along with a redirection string, as follows:

```
serverfarm REDIR-FARM
 nat server
 nat client CLIENTNAT
 redirect-vserver REDVS1
 webhost relocation 10.86.213.216
 inservice
```

The name given to the redirect virtual server only identifies it and plays no role unless you want the virtual server to stop issuing redirects if the real server is down. You will need to configure a virtual address under the redirect virtual server, add a real server, and configure the real server to the redirect virtual server. When this real server goes down the redirect virtual server goes down and it will stop sending redirects. For example:

```
!
serverfarm REDIR-FARM
 nat server
 nat client CLIENTNAT
 redirect-vserver REDVS1
 webhost relocation 10.86.213.216
 virtual 10.86.213.216 tcp www
 inservice
 real 10.86.213.193
 redirect-vserver REDVS1
 inservice
 probe TEST-TCP
!
vserver REDVS
 virtual 10.86.213.212 tcp www
 serverfarm REDIR-FARM
 persistent rebalance
```

```

inservice

Router(config-slb-real)# do sho mod csm 6 serverfarm name redir-farm det
REDIR-FARM, type = SLB, predictor = RoundRobin
  nat = SERVER, CLIENT(CLIENTNAT)
  virtuals inservice = 1, reals = 1, bind id = 0, fail action = none
  inband health config: <none>
  retcode map = <none>
  Redirect virtual servers: 1
    REDVS1, virtual 10.86.213.216:80, webhost 10.86.213.216 302, OUTOFSERVICE
  Probes:
    TEST-TCP, type = tcp
  Real servers:
    10.86.213.193, weight = 8, PROBE_FAILED, conns = 0
  Total connections = 0

```

The server farm always issues the redirect unless configured in this manner. The virtual address under the redirect virtual server works as a virtual server and load balances to the real server configured in a 1-to-1 mapping. You cannot add more real servers to load balance under this virtual server, because you must create unique redirect virtual server for each real server.

```

serverfarm WEBFARM
  redirect-vserver SERV40_6000
    webhost relocation 172.1.2.40:6000
    virtual 172.1.2.40 tcp 6000
    inservice
  redirect-vserver SERV30_6000
    webhost relocation 172.1.2.30:6000
    virtual 172.1.2.30 tcp 6000
    inservice
  real 10.10.2.40
    redirect-vserver SERV40_6000
    inservice
  real 10.10.2.30
    redirect-vserver SERV30_6000
    inservice
  probe TEST-TCP
!
vserver WEBSITE
  virtual 172.1.2.150 tcp www
  serverfarm WEBFARM
  inservice

```

The **webhost backup** command allows a backup redirect server to be issued if the real server has failed. This command can only be used when you are using the virtual server under the redirect virtual server, under the server farm. This allows for clients that were given a redirect to this virtual server, but the server has gone down before the new request could come in. The backup string would be sent, which redirects the client to a different virtual server. This command backs up the real server associated with the redirect virtual server, not the redirect virtual server.

In the next example when the probe fails on real 10.86.213.188 8881, a redirect for test.url.com will be sent when a connection is made to the virtual 10.86.213.178 9991.

```

!
serverfarm SF1-REDIR
  nat server
  nat client CLIENT-NAT
  redirect-vserver VS1
    webhost relocation 10.86.213.178:9991
    webhost backup test.url.com
    virtual 10.86.213.178 tcp 9991
    inservice
  real 10.86.213.188 8881

```

```

    redirect-vserver VS1
    inservice
    probe TCP
!
vserver V2
    virtual 10.86.213.179 tcp 82
    serverfarm SF1-REDIR
    persistent rebalance
    inservice
!

```

Additional options for the redirect virtual server are available. You can add **%p** to the end of the relocation string so that it appends the remainder of the URL with the redirection. Enter **CTRL+V ?** to embed a question mark into the URL. The default is to a type 302 redirect, but you can change the redirection to a 301 as follows:

```

serverfarm SF1-REDIR
    nat server
    nat client CLIENT-NAT
    redirect-vserver 22
    webhost relocation www.jw?.com%p 301
    inservice

```

You may also put **https://** or **ftp://** into the string, but this can also be done with the **ssl word** command. Any number other than 21 or 80 prepends the **https://** and uses the port number given. Ports 21 and 80 prepend **ftp://** and **http://** respectively.

```

Route(config-slb-redirect-vs)# ssl ?
<1-65535>  ssl port number
ftp        File Transfer Protocol (21)
https      Secure Hypertext Transfer Protocol (443)
www        World Wide Web - Hypertext Transfer Protocol (80)

```

To configure redirect virtual servers, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# redirect-vserver <i>name</i>	Configures virtual servers dedicated to real servers and enters the redirect server submode ^{1, 2} .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-redirect-v)# webhost relocation <i>relocation string</i>	Configures the destination URL host name when redirecting HTTP requests arrive at this server farm. Only the beginning of the URL can be specified in the relocation string. The remaining portion is taken from the original HTTP request ² .
Step 3	Router(config-redirect-v)# webhost backup <i>backup string</i>	Configures the relocation string sent in response to HTTP requests in the event that the redirect server is out of service. Only the beginning of the relocation string can be specified. The remaining portion is taken from the original HTTP request ² .
Step 4	Router(config-redirect-v)# virtual <i>v_ipaddress tcp port</i>	Configures the redirect virtual server IP address and port ² .
Step 5	Router(config-redirect-v)# idle <i>duration</i>	Sets the CSM connection idle timer for the redirect virtual server ² .
Step 6	Router(config-redirect-v)# client <i>ip-address network-mask [exclude]</i>	Configures the combination of the IP address and network mask used to restrict which clients are allowed to access the redirect virtual server ² .

	Command	Purpose
Step 7	Router(config-redirect-v)# inservice	Enables the redirect virtual server and begins advertisements ² .
Step 8	Router(config-redirect-v)# ssl port	(Optional) Enables SSL forwarding by the virtual server.
Step 9	Router# show module csm vserver redirect [detail]	Shows all redirect servers configured.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's-top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure redirect virtual servers to specify virtual servers to real servers in a server farm:

```
Router (config)# serverfarm FARM1
Router (config-slb-sfarm)# redirect-vserver REDIR_1
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# webhost relocation 127.1.2.30 301
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# virtual 172.1.2.30 tcp www
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# inservice
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# exit
Router (config-slb-sfarm)# redirect-vserver REDIR_2
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# webhost relocation 127.1.2.31 301
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# virtual 172.1.2.31 tcp www
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# inservice
Router (config-slb-redirect-)# exit
Router (config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.8
Router (config-slb-real)# redirect-vserver REDIR_1
Router (config-slb-real)# inservice
Router (config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.9
Router (config-slb-real)# redirect-vserver REDIR_2
Router (config-slb-real)# inservice
Router (config-slb-real)# end
Router# show module csm serverfarm detail
```

Configuring Maps

You configure maps to define multiple URLs, cookies, HTTP headers, and return codes into groups that can be associated with a policy when you configure the policy. (See the [“Configuring Policies”](#) section on page 6-11.) Regular expressions for URLs (for example, *url1* and *url2*) are based on UNIX filename specifications. See [Table 6-1](#) for more information.

To add a URL map, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# map url-map-name url	Creates a group to hold multiple URL match criteria. ^{1, 2}
Step 2	Router(config-slb-map-url)# match protocol http url <i>url-path</i>	Specifies a string expression to match against the requested URL ² .

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Table 6-1 Special Characters for Matching String Expressions

Convention	Description
*	Zero or more characters.
?	Exactly one character. Note You must precede the question mark with a Ctrl-V command to prevent the CLI Parser from interpreting it as a help request
\	Escaped character.
Bracketed range [0-9]	Matching any single character from the range.
A leading ^ in a range	Do not match any in the range. All other characters represent themselves.
.\a	Alert (ASCII 7).
.\b	Backspace (ASCII 8).
.\f	Form-feed (ASCII 12).
.\\n	New line (ascii 10).
.\r	Carriage return (ASCII 13).
.\t	Tab (ASCII 9).
.\\v	Vertical tab (ASCII 11).
.\0	Null (ASCII 0).
.\\	Backslash.
.\x##	Any ASCII character as specified in two-digit hex notation.

To add a cookie map, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# map cookie-map-name cookie	Configures multiple cookies into a cookie map ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-map-cookie)# match protocol http cookie cookie-name cookie-value cookie-value-expression	Configures multiple cookies ¹ .

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure maps and associate them with a policy:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm pl_url_url_1
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.26
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# exit
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm pl_url_url_1
Router(config-slb-policy)# url-map url_1
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm pl_url_url_2
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.8.0.27
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
```

```

Router(config-slb-sfarm)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# map url_1 url
Router(config-slb-map-url)# match protocol http url /url1
Router(config-slb-map-url)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# map url_2 url
Router(config-slb-map-url)# match protocol http url /url/url/url
Router(config-slb-map-url)# match protocol http url /reg/*long.*
Router(config-slb-map-url)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# policy policy_url_1
Router(config-module-csm)# policy policy_url_2
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm pl_url_url_2
Router(config-slb-policy)# url-map url_2
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vs_url_url
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.8.0.145 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy policy_url_1
Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy policy_url_2
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)# exit

```

Using the **map** command, you create a map group with the type HTTP header. When you enter the **map** command, you are placed in a submode where you can specify the header fields and values for CSM to search for in the request.

To create a map for the HTTP header, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-module-csm)# map <i>name</i> header	Creates and names an HTTP header map group.

For more information about header maps, see the [“Configuring Generic Header Parsing”](#) section on page 6-12.

To create a map for return code checking, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-module-csm)# map <i>name</i> retcode	Creates and names a return code map group.

To configure HTTP return error code checking, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# retcode-map <i>name_of_map</i>	Configures HTTP return error code checking.

For more information about return code maps, see the [“Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking”](#) section on page 9-8.

Configuring Policies

Policies are access rules that traffic must match when balancing to a server farm. Policies allow the CSM to balance Layer 7 traffic. Multiple policies can be assigned to one virtual server, creating multiple access rules for that virtual server. When configuring policies, you first configure the access rules (maps, client-groups, and sticky groups) and then you combine these access rules under a particular policy.



Note

You must associate a server farm with a policy. A policy that does not have an associated server farm cannot forward traffic. The server farm associated with a policy receives all the requests that match that policy.

When the CSM is able to match policies, it selects the policy that appears first in the policy list. Policies are located in the policy list in the sequence in which they were bound to the virtual server.

A policy can be matched even if all the servers in the associated server farm are down. The default behavior of the policy in that case is to not accept those connections and send back a reset (RST) to the clients. To change this behavior, add a backup server farm for that policy.

You can reorder the policies in the list by removing policies and reentering them in the correct order. To remove and enter policies, enter the **no slb-policy** *policy name* command and the **slb-policy** *policy name* command in the virtual server submode.

To configure load-balancing policies, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # policy <i>policy-name</i>	Creates the policy and enters the policy submode to configure the policy attributes ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-policy) # url-map <i>url-map-name</i>	Associates a URL map to a policy ² . You must have previously created and configured the URL maps and cookie maps with the map command. See the “ Configuring Generic Header Parsing ” section on page 6-12.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-policy) # cookie-map <i>cookie-map-name</i>	Associates a cookie map to a policy ² .
Step 4	Router(config-slb-policy) # header-map <i>name</i>	Associates an HTTP header map to a policy.
Step 5	Router(config-slb-policy) # sticky-group <i>group-id</i>	Associates this policy to a specific sticky group ² .
Step 6	Router(config-slb-policy) # client-group <i>value</i> <i>std-access-list-name</i>	Configures a client filter associated with a policy. Only standard IP access lists are used to define a client filter.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-policy) # serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i>	Configures the server farm serving a particular load-balancing policy. Only one server farm can be configured per policy ² .
Step 8	Router(config-slb-policy) # set ip dscp <i>dscp-value</i>	Marks traffic with a DSCP value if packets matched with the load-balancing policy ² .

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.
2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example assumes that the URL map, map1, has already been configured and shows how to configure server load-balancing policies and associate them to virtual servers:

```
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm pl_sticky
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# inservice
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# policy policy_sticky_ck
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm pl_sticky
Router(config-slb-policy)# url-map map1
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vs_sticky_ck
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.80 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy policy_sticky_ck
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# inservice
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
```

Configuring Generic Header Parsing

In software release 2.1(1), the CSM supports generic HTTP request header parsing. The HTTP request header contains fields that describe how content should be formatted to meet the user's requirements.

Understanding Generic Header Parsing

The CSM uses the information it learns by parsing and matching fields in the HTTP header along with policy information to make load-balancing decisions. For example, by parsing the browser-type field in the HTTP header, the CSM can determine if a user is accessing the content with a mobile browser and can select a server that contains content formatted for a mobile browser.

An example of a HTTP Get request header record is as follows:

```
GET /?u HTTP/1.1<0D><0A>
Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg<0D><0A>
Referer: http://www.yahoo.com/<0D><0A>
Accept-Language: en-us<0D><0A>
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate<0D><0A>
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Windows NT; DigExt)<0D><0A>
Host: finance.yahoo.com<0D><0A>
Connection: Keep-Alive<0D><0A>
Cookie: B=51g3cjstaq3vm; Y=1<0D><0A>
<0D><0A>
```

Generic Header Parsing Configuration

You configure generic header parsing by entering commands that instruct the CSM to perform policy matching on fields in the HTTP header. These sections describe how to configure generic header parsing on the CSM:

- [Creating a Map for the HTTP Header, page 6-13](#)
- [Specifying Header Fields and Match Values, page 6-14](#)
- [Assigning an HTTP Header Map to a Policy, page 6-14](#)
- [Assigning the Policy to a Virtual Server, page 6-15](#)

- [Generic Header Parsing Example, page 6-15](#)

Creating a Map for the HTTP Header

Using the **map** command, you create a map group with the type HTTP header. When you enter the **map** command, you are placed in a submode where you can specify the header fields and values for CSM to search for in the request.

To create a map for the HTTP header, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-module-csm)# map <i>name</i> header	Creates and names a HTTP header map group.



Note

Other map types include a URL and a cookie.

Specifying Header Fields and Match Values

You can specify the name of the field and the corresponding value for the CSM to match when receiving an HTTP request by using the **match** command.

To specify head fields and match values, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-slb-map-header)# match protocol http header <i>field header-value expression</i>	Specifies the name of the field and value. The field can be any HTTP header except cookie. You can configure cookie map if you want to configure cookie header.



Note

The CSM allows you to specify one or more fields in the HTTP header to be the criteria for policy matching. When multiple fields are configured in a single HTTP header group, all of the expressions in this group must match in order to satisfy this criteria.

Assigning an HTTP Header Map to a Policy

In policy submode, you specify the header map to include in that policy. The header map contains the HTTP header criteria to be included in a policy.

To assign an HTTP header map to a policy, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# policy <i>policy-name</i>	Creates a policy.
Step 2	Router(config-slb-policy)# header-map <i>name</i>	Assigns an HTTP header map to a policy.



Note

By default, a policy rule can be satisfied with any HTTP header information. The HTTP URL and HTTP cookie are specific types of header information and are handled separately by the CSM.

Assigning the Policy to a Virtual Server

In virtual server submode, specify the name of the policy that has the header map assigned, using the **vserver** *virtserver-name* command.

To specify a policy with a header map assigned, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # vserver <i>virtserver-name</i>	Configures a virtual server.
Step 2	Router(config-slb-policy) # header-map <i>name</i>	Assigns an HTTP header map to a policy.

Generic Header Parsing Example

This example shows how to configure generic header parsing:

```
Router(config)# mod csm 2
Router(config-module-csm) # !!!configure generic header map
Router(config-module-csm) # map map2 header
Router(config-slb-map-header) # $col http header Host header-value *.yahoo.com

Router(config-slb-map-header) # !!! configure serverfarm
Router(config-slb-map-header) # serverfarm farm2
Router(config-slb-sfarm) # real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real) # inservice
Router(config-slb-real) # exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm) # exit

Router(config-module-csm) # !!! configurate policy
Router(config-module-csm) # policy pc2
Router(config-slb-policy) # serverfarm farm2
Router(config-slb-policy) # header-map map2
Router(config-slb-policy) # exit

Router(config-module-csm) # !!! config vserver
Router(config-module-csm) # vserver vs2
Router(config-slb-vserver) # virtual 10.1.0.82 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver) # slb-policy pc2
Router(config-slb-vserver) # inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver) # end
Router(config) # show module csm 2 map det
```




Configuring Redundant Connections

This chapter describes how to configure redundant connections and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Fault Tolerance, page 7-1](#)
- [Configuring HSRP, page 7-5](#)
- [Configuring Connection Redundancy, page 7-8](#)
- [Configuring a Hitless Upgrade, page 7-9](#)

Configuring Fault Tolerance

This section describes a fault-tolerant configuration. In this configuration, two separate Catalyst 6500 series chassis each contain a CSM.



Note

You can also create a fault-tolerant configuration with two CSMs in a single Catalyst 6500 series chassis. You also can create a fault-tolerant configuration in either the secure (router) mode or nonsecure (bridge) mode.

In the secure (router) mode, the client-side and server-side VLANs provide the fault-tolerant (redundant) connection paths between the CSM and the routers on the client side and the servers on the server side. In a redundant configuration, two CSMs perform active and standby roles. Each CSM contains the same IP, virtual server, server pool, and real server information. From the client-side and server-side networks, each CSM is configured identically. The network sees the fault-tolerant configuration as a single CSM.



Note

When you configure multiple fault-tolerant CSM pairs, do not configure multiple CSM pairs to use the same FT VLAN. Use a different fault-tolerant VLAN for each fault-tolerant CSM pair.

Configuring fault tolerance requires the following:

- Two CSMs that are installed in the Catalyst 6500 series chassis.
- Identically configured CSMs. One CSM is configured as the active; the other is configured as the standby.
- Each CSM connected to the same client-side and server-side VLANs.
- Communication between the CSMs provided by a shared private VLAN.
- A network that sees the redundant CSMs as a single entity.

- Connection redundancy by configuring a link that has a 1-GB per-second capacity. Enable the calendar in the switch Cisco IOS software so that the CSM state change gets stamped with the correct time.

The following command enables the calendar:

```
Cat6k-2# configure terminal  
Cat6k-2(config)# clock timezone WORD offset from UTC  
Cat6k-2(config)# clock calendar-valid
```

Because each CSM has a different IP address on the client-side and server-side VLAN, the CSM can send health monitor probes (see the [“Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring”](#) section on page 9-1) to the network and receive responses. Both the active and standby CSMs send probes while operational. If the passive CSM assumes control, it knows the status of the servers because of the probe responses it has received.

Connection replication supports both non-TCP connections and TCP connections. Enter the **replicate csrp {sticky | connection}** command in the virtual server mode to configure replication for the CSMs.

**Note**

The default setting for the **replicate** command is disabled.

To use connection replication for connection redundancy, enter these commands:

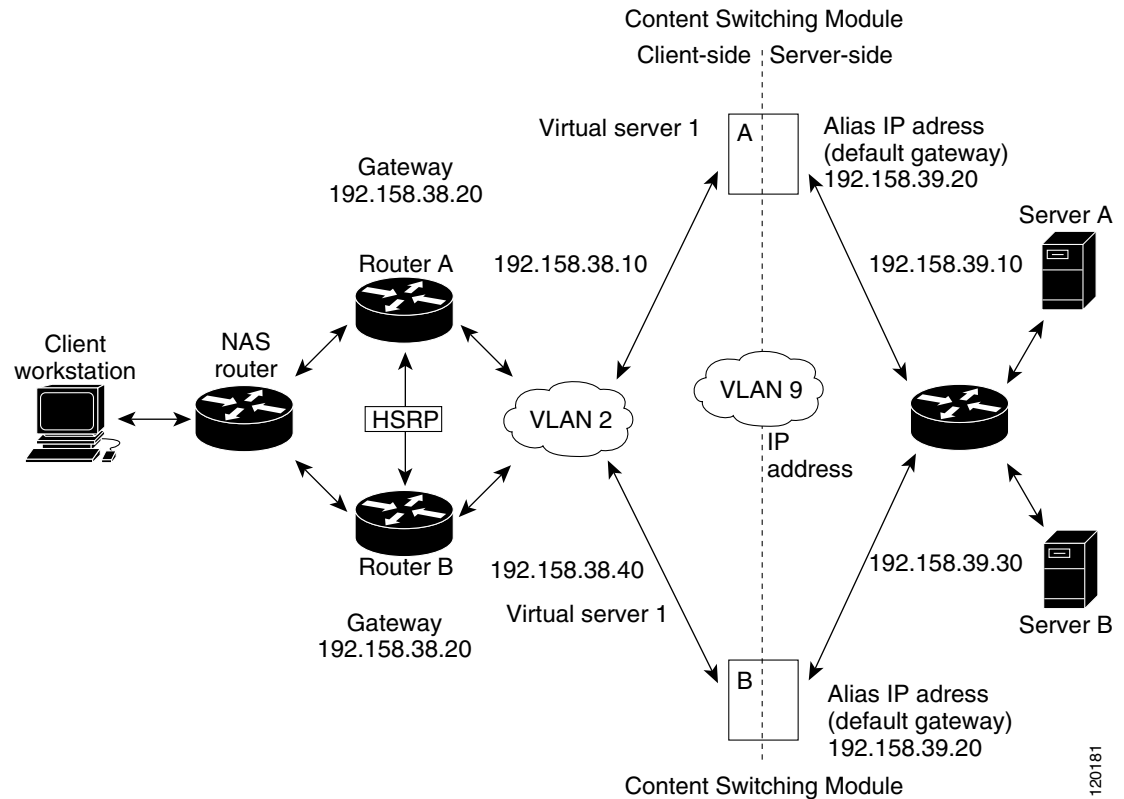
```
Cat6k-2# configure terminal  
Cat6k-2(config)# no ip igmp snooping
```

You need to enter the **no ip igmp snooping** command because the replication frame has a multicast type destination MAC with a unicast IP address. When the switch listens to the Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) to find the multicast group membership and build its multicast forwarding information database (FIB), the switch does not find group members and prunes the multicast table. All multicast frames, from active to standby, are dropped causing erratic results.

If no router is present on the server-side VLAN, then each server's default route points to the aliased IP address.

[Figure 7-1](#) shows how the secure (router) mode fault-tolerant configuration is set up.

Figure 7-1 Fault-Tolerant Configuration

**Note**

The addresses in [Figure 7-1](#) refer to the steps in the following two task tables.

To configure the active (A) CSM for fault tolerance, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 2 client	Creates the client-side VLAN 2 and enters the SLB VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip addr 192.158.38.10 255.255.255.0	Assigns the content switching IP address on VLAN 2.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# gateway 192.158.38.20	(Optional) Defines the client-side VLAN gateway for an HSRP-enabled gateway.
Step 4	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vip1	Creates a virtual server and enters the SLB vserver mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 5	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 192.158.38.30 tcp www	Creates a virtual IP address.
Step 6	Router(config-module-csm)# inserveice	Enables the server.
Step 7	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 3 server	Creates the server-side VLAN 3 and enters the SLB VLAN mode.
Step 8	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip addr 192.158.39.10 255.255.255.0	Assigns the CSM IP address on VLAN 3.
Step 9	Router(config-slb-vlan-server)# alias ip addr 192.158.39.20 255.255.255.0	Assigns the default route for VLAN 3.
Step 10	Router(config-slb-vlan-server) vlan 9	Defines VLAN 9 as a fault-tolerant VLAN.
Step 11	Router(config-module-csm)# ft group ft-group-number vlan 9	Creates the content switching active and standby (A/B) group VLAN 9.
Step 12	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan	Enters the VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 13	Router(vlan)# vlan 2	Configures a client-side VLAN 2 ² .
Step 14	Router(vlan)# vlan 3	Configures a server-side VLAN 3.
Step 15	Router(vlan)# vlan 9	Configures a fault-tolerant VLAN 9.
Step 16	Router(vlan)# exit	Enters the exit command to have the configuration take affect.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.

2. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

To configure the standby (B) CSM for fault tolerance, perform this task (see [Figure 7-1](#)):

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 2 client	Creates the client-side VLAN 2 and enters the SLB VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip addr 192.158.38.40 255.255.255.0	Assigns the content switching IP address on VLAN 2.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vlan-client)# gateway 192.158.38.20	Defines the client-side VLAN gateway.
Step 4	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vip1	Creates a virtual server and enters the SLB virtual server mode.
Step 5	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 192.158.38.30 tcp www	Creates a virtual IP address.
Step 6	Router(config-module-csm)# inserveice	Enables the server.
Step 7	Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 3 server	Creates the server-side VLAN 3 and enters the SLB VLAN mode.
Step 8	Router(config-slb-vserver)# ip addr 192.158.39.30 255.255.255.0	Assigns the CSM IP address on VLAN 3.
Step 9	Router(config-slb-vserver)# alias 192.158.39.20 255.255.255.0	Assigns the default route for VLAN 2.
Step 10	Router(config-module-csm) vlan 9	Defines VLAN 9 as a fault-tolerant VLAN.

	Command	Purpose
Step 11	Router(config-module-csm)# ft group <i>ft-group-number</i> vlan 9	Creates the CSM active and standby (A/B) group VLAN 9.
Step 12	Router(config-module-csm)# show module csm all	Displays the state of the fault tolerant system.

1. Enter the **exit** command to leave a mode or submode. Enter the **end** command to return to the menu's top level.

Configuring HSRP

This section provides an overview of a Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP) configuration (see [Figure 7-2](#)) and describes how to configure the CSMs with HSRP and CSM failover on the Catalyst 6500 series switches.

HSRP Configuration Overview

[Figure 7-2](#) shows that two Catalyst 6500 series switches, Switch 1 and Switch 2, are configured to route from a client-side network (10.100/16) to an internal CSM client network (10.6/16, VLAN 136) through an HSRP gateway (10.100.0.1). The configuration shows the following:

- The client-side network is assigned an HSRP group ID of HSRP ID 2.
- The internal CSM client network is assigned an HSRP group ID of HSRP ID 1.



Note

HSRP group 1 must have tracking turned on so that it can track the client network ports on HSRP group 2. When HSRP group 1 detects any changes in the active state of those ports, it duplicates those changes so that both the HSRP active (Switch 1) and HSRP standby (Switch 2) switches share the same knowledge of the network.

In the example configuration, two CSMs (one in Switch 1 and one in Switch 2) are configured to forward traffic between a client-side and a server-side VLAN:

- Client VLAN 136



Note

The client VLAN is actually an internal CSM VLAN network; the actual client network is on the other side of the switch.

- Server VLAN 272

The actual servers on the server network (10.5/1) point to the CSM server network through an aliased gateway (10.5.0.1), allowing the servers to run a secure subnet.

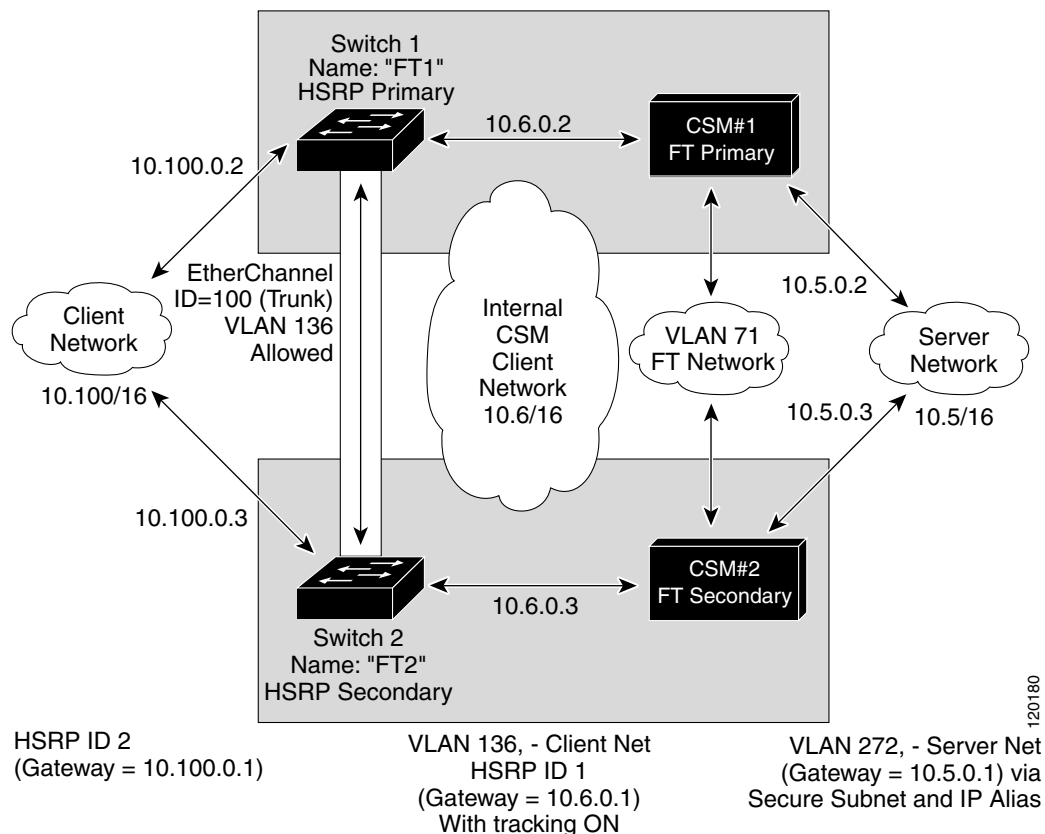
In the example configuration, an EtherChannel is set up with trunking enabled, allowing traffic on the internal CSM client network to travel between the two Catalyst 6500 series switches. The setup is shown in [Figure 7-2](#).



Note

EtherChannel protects against a severed link to the active switch and a failure in a non-CSM component of the switch. EtherChannel also provides a path between an active CSM in one switch and another switch, allowing CSMs and switches to fail over independently, providing an extra level of fault tolerance.

Figure 7-2 HSRP Configuration



Creating the HSRP Gateway

This procedure describes how to create an HSRP gateway for the client-side network. The gateway is HSRP ID 2 for the client-side network.



Note

In this example, HSRP is set on Fast Ethernet ports 3/6.

To create an HSRP gateway, follow these steps:

Step 1 Configure Switch 1—FT1 (HSRP active) as follows:

```
Router(config)# interface FastEthernet3/6
Router(config)# ip address 10.100.0.2 255.255.0.0
Router(config)# standby 2 priority 110 preempt
Router(config)# standby 2 ip 10.100.0.1
```

Step 2 Configure Switch 2—FT2 (HSRP standby) as follows:

```
Router(config)# interface FastEthernet3/6
Router(config)# ip address 10.100.0.3 255.255.0.0
Router(config)# standby 2 priority 100 preempt
Router(config)# standby 2 ip 10.100.0.1
```

Creating Fault-Tolerant HSRP Configurations

This section describes how to create a fault-tolerant HSRP secure-mode configuration. To create a nonsecure-mode configuration, enter the commands described with these exceptions:

- Assign the same IP address to both the server-side and the client-side VLANs.
- Do not use the **alias** command to assign a default gateway for the server-side VLAN.

To create fault-tolerant HSRP configurations, follow these steps:

Step 1 Configure VLANs on HSRP FT1 as follows:

```
Router(config)# module csm 5
Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 136 client
Router(config-slbf-vlan-client)# ip address 10.6.0.245 255.255.0.0
Router(config-slbf-vlan-client)# gateway 10.6.0.1
Router(config-slbf-vlan-client)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 272 server
Router(config-slbf-vlan-server)# ip address 10.5.0.2 255.255.0.0
Router(config-slbf-vlan-server)# alias 10.5.0.1 255.255.0.0
Router(config-slbf-vlan-server)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 71

Router(config-module-csm)# ft group 88 vlan 71
Router(config-slbf-ft)# priority 30
Router(config-slbf-ft)# preempt
Router(config-slbf-ft)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# interface Vlan136
ip address 10.6.0.2 255.255.0.0
standby 1 priority 100 preempt
standby 1 ip 10.6.0.1
standby 1 track Fa3/6 10
```

Step 2 Configure VLANs on HSRP FT2 as follows:

```
Router(config)# module csm 6
Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 136 client
Router(config-slbf-vlan-client)# ip address 10.6.0.246 255.255.0.0
Router(config-slbf-vlan-client)# gateway 10.6.0.1
Router(config-slbf-vlan-client)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 272 server
Router(config-slbf-vlan-server)# ip address 10.5.0.3 255.255.0.0
Router(config-slbf-vlan-server)# alias 10.5.0.1 255.255.0.0
Router(config-slbf-vlan-server)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vlan 71
```

```
Router(config-module-csm)# ft group 88 vlan 71
Router(config-slb-ft)# priority 20
Router(config-slb-ft)# preempt
Router(config-slb-ft)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# interface Vlan136
ip address 10.6.0.3 255.255.0.0
standby 1 priority 100 preempt
standby 1 ip 10.6.0.1
standby 1 track Fa3/6 10
```



Note To allow tracking to work, preempt must be on.

Step 3 Configure EtherChannel on both switches as follows:

```
Router(console)# interface Port-channel100
Router(console)# switchport
Router(console)# switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q
Router(console)# switchport trunk allowed vlan 136
```



Note By default, all VLANs are allowed on the port channel.

Step 4 To prevent problems, remove the server and fault-tolerant CSM VLANs as follows:

```
Router(console)# switchport trunk remove vlan 71
Router(console)# switchport trunk remove vlan 272
```

Step 5 Add ports to the EtherChannel as follows:

```
Router(console)# interface FastEthernet3/25
Router(console)# switchport
Router(console)# channel-group 100 mode on
```

Configuring Connection Redundancy

Connection redundancy prevents open connections from ceasing to respond when the active CSM fails and the standby CSM becomes active. With connection redundancy, the active CSM replicates forwarding information to the standby CSM for each connection that is to remain open when the active CSM fails over to the standby CSM.

To configure connection redundancy, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters router configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# no ip igmp snooping	Removes IGMP snooping from the configuration.
Step 3	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vrtserver-name	Identifies a virtual server and enters the virtual server submenu.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual ip-address [ip-mask] protocol port-number [service ftp]	Configures the virtual server attributes.
Step 5	Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm serverfarm-name	Associates a server farm with a virtual server.
Step 6	Router(config-slb-vserver)# sticky duration [group group-id] [netmask ip-netmask]	Ensures that connections from the same client use the same real server.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-vserver)# replicate csrp sticky	Enables sticky replication.
Step 8	Router(config-slb-vserver)# replicate csrp connection	Enables connection replication.
Step 9	Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server for load balancing.
Step 10	Router(config-module-csm) # ft group group-id vlan vlanid	Configures fault tolerance and enters the fault-tolerance submode.
Step 11	Router(config-slb-ft)# priority value	Sets the priority of the CSM.
Step 12	Router(config-slb-ft)# failover failover-time	Sets the time for a standby CSM to wait before becoming an active CSM.
Step 13	Router(config-slb-ft)# preempt	Allows a higher priority CSM to take control of a fault-tolerant group when it comes online.

This example shows how to set fault tolerance for connection redundancy:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver VS_LINUX-TELNET
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.6.0.100 tcp telnet
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm SF_NONAT
Router(config-slb-vserver)# sticky 100 group 35
Router(config-slb-vserver)# replicate csrp sticky
Router(config-slb-vserver)# replicate csrp connection
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# ft group 90 vlan 111
Router(config-slb-ft)# priority 10
Router(config-slb-ft)# failover 3
Router(config-slb-ft)# preempt
Router(config-slb-ft)# exit
```

Configuring a Hitless Upgrade

A *hitless upgrade* allows you to upgrade to a new version without any major service disruption due to the downtime for the upgrade. To configure a hitless upgrade, perform these steps:

- Step 1** If you have preempt enabled, turn it off.
- Step 2** Perform a write memory on standby.
- Step 3** Upgrade the standby system with the new release, and then reboot the CSM.

The standby CSM boots as standby with the new release. If you have sticky backup enabled, keep the standby CSM in standby mode for at least 5 minutes.

Step 4 Upgrade the active CSM.

Step 5 Reboot the active CSM.

When the active CSM reboots, the standby CSM becomes the new active CSM and takes over the service responsibility.

Step 6 The rebooted CSM comes up as standby.



Configuring Additional Features and Options

This chapter describes how to configure content switching and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Sticky Groups, page 8-1](#)
- [Configuring Route Health Injection, page 8-2](#)
- [Environmental Variables, page 8-4](#)
- [Configuring Persistent Connections, page 8-8](#)
- [Configuring Global Server Load Balancing, page 8-8](#)
- [Configuring Global Server Load Balancing, page 8-8](#)
- [Configuring Network Management, page 8-13](#)

Configuring Sticky Groups

Configuring a sticky group involves configuring the attributes of that group and associating it with a policy. Sticky time specifies the period of time that the sticky information is kept. The default sticky time value is 1440 minutes (24 hours).

To configure sticky groups, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-module-csm) # sticky <i>sticky-group-id</i> { netmask <i>netmask</i> cookie <i>name</i> ssl } [address [source destination both]] [timeout <i>sticky-time</i>]	Ensures that connections from the same client matching the same policy use the same real server ¹ .

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

This example shows how to configure a sticky group and associate it with a policy:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # sticky 1 cookie foo timeout 100
Router(config-module-csm) # serverfarm pl_stick
Router(config-slb-sfarm) # real 10.8.0.18
Router(config-slb-real) # inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm) # real 10.8.0.19
Router(config-slb-real) # inservice
Router(config-slb-real) # exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm) # exit
Router(config-module-csm) # policy policy_sticky_ck
Router(config-slb-policy) # serverfarm pl_stick
```

```

Router(config-slb-policy)# sticky-group 1
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver vs_sticky_ck
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.8.0.125 tcp 90
Router(config-slb-vserver)# slb-policy policy_sticky_ck
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)# exit

```

Configuring Route Health Injection

These sections describe how to configure route health injection (RHI):

- [Understanding RHI, page 8-2](#)
- [Configuring RHI for Virtual Servers, page 8-4](#)

Understanding RHI

These sections describe the RHI:

- [RHI Overview, page 8-2](#)
- [Routing to VIP Addresses Without RHI, page 8-3](#)
- [Routing to VIP Addresses with RHI, page 8-3](#)
- [Understanding How the CSM Determines VIP Availability, page 8-3](#)
- [Understanding Propagation of VIP Availability Information, page 8-4](#)

RHI Overview

RHI allows the CSM to advertise the availability of a VIP address throughout the network. Multiple CSM devices with identical VIP addresses and services can exist throughout the network. One CSM can override the server load-balancing services over the other devices if the services are no longer available on the other devices. One CSM also can provide the services because it is logically closer to the client systems than other server load-balancing devices.



Note

RHI is restricted to intranets because the CSM advertises the VIP address as a host route and most routers do not propagate the host-route information to the Internet.

To enable RHI, configure the CSM to do the following:

- Probe real servers and identify available virtual servers and VIP addresses
- Advertise accurate VIP address availability information to the MSFC whenever a change occurs



Note

On power-up with RHI enabled, the CSM sends a message to the MSFC as each VIP address becomes available.

The MSFC periodically propagates the VIP address availability information that RHI provides.

**Note**

RHI is normally restricted to intranets; for security reasons, most routers do not propagate host-route information to the Internet.

Routing to VIP Addresses Without RHI

Without RHI, traffic reaches the VIP address by following a route to the client VLAN to which the VIP address belongs. When the CSM powers on, the MSFC creates routes to client VLANs in its routing table and shares this route information with other routers. To reach the VIP, the client systems rely on the router to send the requests to the network subnet address where the individual VIP address lives.

If the subnet or segment is reachable but the virtual servers on the CSM at this location are not operating, the requests fail. Other CSM devices can be at different locations. However, the routers only send the requests based on the logical distance to the subnet.

Without RHI, traffic is sent to the VIP address without any verification that the VIP address is available. The real servers attached to the VIP might not be active.

**Note**

By default, the CSM will not advertise the configured VIP addresses.

Routing to VIP Addresses with RHI

With RHI, the CSM sends advertisements to the MSFC when VIP addresses become available and withdraws advertisements for VIP addresses that are no longer available. The router looks in the routing table to find the path information it needs to send the request from the client to the VIP address. When the RHI feature is turned on, the advertised VIP address information is the most specific match. The request for the client is sent through the path where it reaches the CSM with active VIP services.

When multiple instances of a VIP address exist, a client router receives the information it needs (availability and hop count) for each instance of a VIP address, allowing it to determine the best available route to that VIP address. The router chooses the path where the CSM is logically closer to the client system.

**Note**

With RHI, you must also configure probes because the CSM determines if it can reach a given VIP address by probing all the real servers that serve its content. After determining if it can reach a VIP address, the CSM shares this availability information with the MSFC. The MSFC, in turn, propagates this VIP availability information to the rest of the intranet.

Understanding How the CSM Determines VIP Availability

For the CSM to determine if a VIP is available, you must configure a probe (HTTP, ICMP, Telnet, TCP, FTP, SMTP, or DNS) and associate it with a server farm. When probes are configured, the CSM performs these checks:

- Probes all real servers on all server farms configured for probing
- Identifies server farms that are reachable (have at least one reachable real server)
- Identifies virtual servers that are reachable (have at least one reachable server farm)
- Identifies VIPs that are reachable (have at least one reachable virtual server)

Understanding Propagation of VIP Availability Information

With RHI, the CSM sends advertise messages to the MSFC containing the available VIP addresses. The MSFC adds an entry in its routing table for each VIP address it receives from the CSM. The routing protocol running on the MSFC sends routing table updates to other routers. When a VIP address becomes unavailable, its route is no longer advertised, the entry times out, and the routing protocol propagates the change.



Note

For RHI to work on the CSM, the MSFC in the chassis in which the CSM resides must run Cisco IOS Release 12.1.7(E) or later and must be configured as the client-side router.

Configuring RHI for Virtual Servers

To configure RHI for the virtual servers, follow these steps:

- Step 1** Verify that you have configured VLANs. (See the [Chapter 4, “Configuring VLANs”](#).)
- Step 2** Associate the probe with a server farm. (See the [“Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring”](#) section on page 9-1.)
- Step 3** Configure the CSM to probe real servers. (See the [“Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring”](#) section on page 9-1.)
- Step 4** Enter the **advertise active** SLB virtual server command to enable RHI for each virtual server:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # vserver virtual_server_name
Router(config-slb-vserver) # advertise active
```

This example shows how to enable RHI for the virtual server named vserver1:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # vserver vserver1
Router(config-slb-vserver) # advertise active
```

Environmental Variables

This example shows how to enable the environmental variables configuration:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # variable name string
```

You can get the current set of variables by running the **show module csm slot variable [detail]** command. For example:

```
Router# show mod csm 5 variable
```

variable	value
-----	-----
ARP_INTERVAL	300
ARP_LEARNED_INTERVAL	14400
ARP_GRATUITOUS_INTERVAL	15
ARP_RATE	10
ARP_RETRIES	3
ARP_LEARN_MODE	1

```

ARP_REPLY_FOR_NO_INSERVICE_VIP 0
ADVERTISE_RHI_FREQ 10
AGGREGATE_BACKUP_SF_STATE_TO_VS 0
DEST_UNREACHABLE_MASK 0xffff
FT_FLOW_REFRESH_INT 60
GSLB_LICENSE_KEY (no valid license)
HTTP_CASE_SENSITIVE_MATCHING 1
MAX_PARSE_LEN_MULTIPLIER 1
NAT_CLIENT_HASH_SOURCE_PORT 0
ROUTE_UNKNOWN_FLOW_PKTS 0
NO_RESET_UNIDIRECTIONAL_FLOWS 0
SYN_COOKIE_INTERVAL 3
SYN_COOKIE_THRESHOLD 5000
TCP_MSS_OPTION 1460
TCP_WND_SIZE_OPTION 8192
VSERVER_ICMP_ALWAYS_RESPOND false
XML_CONFIG_AUTH_TYPE Basic
Cat6k-2#
Cat6k-2#
Cat6k-2#show mod csm 5 variable detail
Name:ARP_INTERVAL Rights:RW
Value:300
Default:300
Valid values:Integer (15 to 31536000)
Description:
Time (in seconds) between ARPs for configured hosts

Name:ARP_LEARNED_INTERVAL Rights:RW
Value:14400
Default:14400
Valid values:Integer (60 to 31536000)
Description:
Time (in seconds) between ARPs for learned hosts

Name:ARP_GRATUITOUS_INTERVAL Rights:RW
Value:15
Default:15
Valid values:Integer (10 to 31536000)
Description:
Time (in seconds) between gratuitous ARPs

Name:ARP_RATE Rights:RW
Value:10
Default:10
Valid values:Integer (1 to 60)
Description:
Seconds between ARP retries

Name:ARP_RETRIES Rights:RW
Value:3
Default:3
Valid values:Integer (2 to 15)
Description:
Count of ARP attempts before flagging a host as down

Name:ARP_LEARN_MODE Rights:RW
Value:1
Default:1
Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
Description:
Indicates whether CSM learns MAC address on responses only (0) or all traffic (1)

Name:ARP_REPLY_FOR_NO_INSERVICE_VIP Rights:RW
Value:0

```

Default:0
 Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
 Description:
 Whether the CSM would reply to ARP for out-of-service vserver

Name:ADVERTISE_RHI_FREQ Rights:RW
 Value:10
 Default:10
 Valid values:Integer (1 to 65535)
 Description:
 The frequency in second(s) the CSM will check for RHI updates

Name:AGGREGATE_BACKUP_SF_STATE_TO_VS Rights:RW
 Value:0
 Default:0
 Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
 Description:
 Whether to include the operational state of a backup serverfarm into the state of a virtual server

Name:DEST_UNREACHABLE_MASK Rights:RW
 Value:0xffff
 Default:65535
 Valid values:Integer (0 to 65535)
 Description:
 Bitmask defining which ICMP destination unreachable codes are to be forwarded

Name:FT_FLOW_REFRESH_INT Rights:RW
 Value:60
 Default:60
 Valid values:Integer (1 to 65535)
 Description:
 FT slowpath flow refresh interval in seconds

Name:GSLB_LICENSE_KEY Rights:RW
 Value:(no valid license)
 Default:(no valid license)
 Valid values:String (1 to 63 chars)
 Description:
 License key string to enable GSLB feature

Name:HTTP_CASE_SENSITIVE_MATCHING Rights:RW
 Value:1
 Default:1
 Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
 Description:
 Whether the URL (Cookie, Header) matching and sticky to be case sensitive

Name:MAX_PARSE_LEN_MULTIPLIER Rights:RW
 Value:1
 Default:1
 Valid values:Integer (1 to 16)
 Description:
 Multiply the configured max-parse-len by this amount

Name:NAT_CLIENT_HASH_SOURCE_PORT Rights:RW
 Value:0
 Default:0
 Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
 Description:
 Whether to use the source port to pick client NAT IP address

Name:ROUTE_UNKNOWN_FLOW_PKTS Rights:RW
 Value:0

Default:0
Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
Description:
Whether to route non-SYN packets that do not matched any existing flows

Name:NO_RESET_UNIDIRECTIONAL_FLOWS Rights:RW
Value:0
Default:0
Valid values:Integer (0 to 1)
Description:
If set, unidirectional flows will not be reset when timed out

Name:SYN_COOKIE_INTERVAL Rights:RW
Value:3
Default:3
Valid values:Integer (1 to 60)
Description:
The interval, in seconds, at which a new syn-cookie key is generated

Name:SYN_COOKIE_THRESHOLD Rights:RW
Value:5000
Default:5000
Valid values:Integer (0 to 1048576)
Description:
The threshold (in number of pending sessions) at which syn-cookie is engaged

Name:TCP_MSS_OPTION Rights:RW
Value:1460
Default:1460
Valid values:Integer (1 to 65535)
Description:
Maximum Segment Size (MSS) value sent by CSM for L7 processing

Name:TCP_WND_SIZE_OPTION Rights:RW
Value:8192
Default:8192
Valid values:Integer (1 to 65535)
Description:
Window Size value sent by CSM for L7 processing

Name:VSERVER_ICMP_ALWAYS_RESPOND Rights:RW
Value:false
Default:false
Valid values:String (1 to 5 chars)
Description:
If "true" respond to ICMP probes regardless of vserver state

Name:XML_CONFIG_AUTH_TYPE Rights:RW
Value:Basic
Default:Basic
Valid values:String (5 to 6 chars)
Description:
HTTP authentication type for xml-config:Basic or Digest

Configuring Persistent Connections

The CSM allows HTTP connections to be switched based on a URL, cookies, or other fields contained in the HTTP header. Persistent connection support in the CSM allows for each successive HTTP request in a persistent connection to be switched independently. As a new HTTP request arrives, it may be switched to the same server as the prior request, it may be switched to a different server, or it may be reset to the client preventing that request from being completed.

In software release 2.1(1), the CSM supports HTTP 1.1 persistence. This feature allows browsers to send multiple HTTP requests on a single persistent connection. After a persistent connection is established, the server keeps the connection open for a configurable interval, anticipating that it may receive more requests from the same client. Persistent connections eliminate the overhead involved in establishing a new TCP connection for each request.

HTTP 1.1 persistence is enabled by default on all virtual servers configured with Layer 7 policies. To disable persistent connections, enter the **no persistent rebalance** command. To enable persistent connection, enter the **persistent rebalance** command.

This example shows how to configure persistent connection:

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with
CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# mod csm 2
!!! configuring serverfarm
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm sf3
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
!!! configuring vserver
Router(config-slb-real)# vserver vs3
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.83 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver)# persistent rebalance
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm sf3
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)# end
```

Configuring Global Server Load Balancing

This section contains the Content Switching Module (CSM) global server load balancing (GSLB) advanced feature set option and instructions for its use. You should review the terms of the [“Software License Agreement”](#) carefully before using the advanced feature set option.



Note

By downloading or installing the software, you are consenting to be bound by the license agreement. If you do not agree to all of the terms of this license, then do not download, install, or use the software.

Using the GSLB Advanced Feature Set Option

To enable GSLB, perform this task in privileged mode:

Command	Purpose
Router# config t Router(config)# mod csm 5	Enters the configuration mode, and enters CSM configuration mode for the specific CSM (for example, module 5, as used here).
Router(config-module-csm)# variable name value	Enables GSLB by using the name and value provided as follows: Name= ¹ Value=
Router(config-module-csm)# exit Router (config)# write mem	Exits CSM module configuration mode, and save the configuration changes.
Router#: hw-module slot number reset	Reboots your CSM to activate changes.

1. GSLB requires a separately purchased license. To purchase your GSLB license, contact your Cisco representative.

Configuring GSLB

Global Server Load Balancing (GSLB) performs load balancing between multiple, dispersed hosting sites by directing client connections through DNS to different server farms and real servers based on load availability. GSLB is performed using access lists, maps, server farms, and load balancing algorithms. [Table 8-1](#) gives an overview of what is required for a GSLB configuration on the CSM.

Table 8-1 *GSLB Operations*

Client Request (From)	Domain (For)	Server farm (To)	Algorithm (Method)
Access lists can be used to filter incoming DNS requests, and policies are used to associate the configured maps, client-groups, and server farms for incoming DNS requests.	<p>A map is configured to specify the domain names that client requests must match. Regular expression syntax is supported.</p> <p>For example, domain names are cnn.com or yahoo.com that a client request must be matched against. If the domain name matches the specified map of a policy, the primary server farm is queried for a real server to respond to the request.</p>	A server farm specifies a group of real servers where information is located that satisfies the client's request.	<p>The GSLB probe is available for determining a target real server's availability, using the probe type configured on the real server.</p> <p>GSLB server farm predictors are round-robin least load, ordered list, hash address source, hash domain, hash domain address source.</p>

[Figure 8-1](#) shows a basic configuration for GSLB.

Figure 8-1 Global Server Load Balancing Configuration

In this configuration illustration, the following guidelines apply to the configuration task and example:

- CSM 1 does both GSLB and SLB, while CSM 2 and CSM 3 only do SLB.
- CSM 1 has both a virtual server for SLB where the real servers in the server farm are the IP addresses of the local servers and a virtual server for GSLB.
- The DNS policy uses a primary server farm where one of the real servers is local and the other two real servers are virtual servers configured on CSM 2 and CSM 3, respectively.
- Probes should be added for both the remote locations and the local real and virtual server.
- DNS requests sent to a CSM 1 management IP address (a CSM 1 VLAN address or alias IP) will receive as a response one of the three real server IPs configured in the server farm GSLBFARM.

To configure GSLB, perform these tasks:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-slb-vserver) # serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i>	Creates a server farm to associate with the virtual server.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # vserver <i>virtserver-name</i>	Identifies a virtual server for SLB on CSM 1, and enters the virtual server submode.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-vserver) # virtual <i>ip-address</i> [<i>ip-mask</i>] <i>protocol</i> <i>port-number</i> [service ftp]	Configures the virtual server attributes.
Step 4	Router(config-slb-vserver) # inservice	Enables the virtual server for load balancing.
Step 5	Router(config-module-csm) # vserver <i>virtserver-name</i> dns	Identifies a virtual server for GSLB, and enters the virtual server submode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 6	Router(config-slb-vserver)# dns-policy [group group-id] [netmask ip-netmask]	Ensures that connections from the same client use the same server farm.
Step 7	Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server for GSLB.
Step 8	Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm GSLBFARM dns-vip	Creates and names the GSLBFARM server farm (actually a forwarding policy) and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 9	Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor hash address source	Configures the hash address source for the load-balancing predictor for the server farm.
Step 10	Router(config-module-csm)# real ip-address	Identifies the alias IP address of the real server and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 11	Router(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the virtual server for load balancing.
Step 12	Router(config-module-csm)# map dns-map-name dns	Configures a DNS map.
Step 13	Router(config-dns-map)# match protocol dns domain name	Adds a DNS name to the DNS map.
Step 14	Router(config-module-csm)# policy policy name	Configures a policy.
Step 15	Router(config-slb-policy)# dns map map_name	Adds the DNS map attribute to the policy
Step 16	Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm primary-serverfarm [backup sorry-serverfarm [sticky]]	Associate the server farm with the policy.
Step 17	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver virtserver-name	Configures a virtual server on CSM 2, and enters the virtual server submode.
Step 18	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual ip-address [ip-mask] protocol port-number [service ftp]	Configures the virtual server attributes.
Step 19	Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm serverfarm-name	Associates a server farm with the virtual server.
Step 20	Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server for load balancing.
Step 21	Router(config-module-csm)# vserver virtserver-name	Configures a virtual server on CSM 3, and enters the virtual server submode.
Step 22	Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual ip-address [ip-mask] protocol port-number [service ftp]	Configures the virtual server attributes.
Step 23	Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm serverfarm-name	Associates a server farm with the virtual server.
Step 24	Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server for load balancing.

This example shows how to configure GSLB:

On CSM1:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm WEBFARM
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor round-robin
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 3.5.5.5
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 3.5.5.6
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vserver WEB
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.10.10.10 tcp www
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm WEBFARM
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice

Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm GSLBSERVERFARM dns-vip
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor round-robin
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.10.10.10
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 20.20.20.20
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 30.30.30.30
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# map MAP1 dns
Router(config-dns-map)# match protocol dns domain foobar.com
Router(config-dns-map)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# policy DNSPOLICY dns
Router(config-slb-policy)# dns map MAP1
Router(config-slb-policy)# serverfarm primary GSLBSERVERFARM ttl 20 responses 1
Router(config-slb-policy)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vserver DNSVSERVER dns
Router(config-slb-vserver)# dns-policy DNSPOLICY
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
```

On CSM 2:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm WEBFARM
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor round-robin
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 4.5.5.5
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 4.5.5.6
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# exit

Router(config-module-csm)# vserver WEB
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 20.20.20.20 tcp www
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm WEBFARM
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
```

On CSM 3:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm WEBFARM
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor round-robin
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 5.5.5.5
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
```

```

Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 5.5.5.6
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# exit
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# exit
Router(config-module-csm)# vserver WEB
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 30.30.30.30 tcp www
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm WEBFARM
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice

```

Configuring Network Management

This section describes how to manage the CSM on the network and contains these sections.

- [Configuring SNMP Traps for Real Servers, page 8-13](#)
- [Configuring the XML Interface, page 8-13](#)

Configuring SNMP Traps for Real Servers

When enabled, an SNMP trap is sent to an external management device each time a real server changes its state (for example, each time a server is taken in or out of service). The trap contains an object identifier (OID) that identifies it as a real-server trap.



Note

The real server trap OID is 1.3.6.1.4.1.9.9.161.2

The trap also contains a message describing the reason for the server state change.

Use the **snmp-server enable traps slb ft** command to either enable or disable fault-tolerant traps associated with the SLB function of the Catalyst 6500 switch. A fault-tolerant trap deals with the fault tolerance aspects of SLB. For example, when fault-tolerant traps are enabled and the SLB device detects a failure in its fault-tolerant peer, it sends an SNMP trap as it transitions from standby to active.

To configure SNMP traps for real servers, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router (config)# snmp-server community public	Defines a password-like community string sent with the notification operation. The example string is public .
Step 2	Router (config)# snmp-server host host-addr	Defines the IP address of an external network management device to which traps are sent.
Step 3	Router (config)# snmp-server enable traps slb csrp	Enables SNMP traps for real servers ¹ .

1. The **no** form of this command disables the SNMP fault-tolerant traps feature.

Configuring the XML Interface

In previous releases, the only method available for configuration of the CSM was the IOS command line interface. With XML, you can configure the CSM using a Document Type Definition or DTD. Refer to [Appendix C, “CSM XML Document Type Definition”](#) for a sample of an XML DTD.

These guidelines apply to XML for the CSM:

- Up to five concurrent client connections are allowed.
- The XML configuration is independent of the IP SLB mode with the following exception: the **csm_module slot='x' sense='no'** command does not have the desired effect and generates an XML error.
- Pipelined HTTP posts are not supported.
- There is a 30-second timeout for all client communication.
- Bad client credentials cause a message to be sent to the IOS system log.
- A single CSM can act as proxy for other CSM configuration by specifying a different slot attribute.

When you enable this feature, a network management device may connect to the CSM and send the new configurations to the device. The network management device sends configuration commands to the CSM using the standard HTTP protocol. The new configuration is applied by sending an XML document to the CSM in the data portion of an HTTP POST.

This example shows an HTTP conversation:

```
***** Client *****
POST /xml-config HTTP/1.1
Authorization: Basic VTpQ
Content-Length: 95

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config><csm_module slot="4"><vserver name="FOO"/></csm_module></config>
***** Server *****
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 21

<?xml version="1.0"?>
***** Client *****
POST /xml-config HTTP/1.1
Content-Length: 95

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config><csm_module slot="4"><vserver name="FOO"/></csm_module></config>
***** Server *****
HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
Connection: close
WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm=/xml-config
```

Table 8-2 lists the supported HTTP return codes:

Table 8-2 HTTP Return Codes for XML

Return Code	Description
200	OK
400	Bad Request
401	Unauthorized (credentials required, but not provided)
403	Forbidden (illegal credentials submitted, syslog also generated)
404	Not Found (“/xml-config” not specified)
408	Request Time-out (more than 30 seconds has passed waiting on receive)
411	Missing Content-Length (missing or zero Content-Length field)
500	Internal Server Error

Table 8-2 HTTP Return Codes for XML (continued)

Return Code	Description
501	Not Implemented (“POST” not specified)
505	HTTP Version not supported (“1.0” or “1.1” not specified)

The following HTTP headers are supported:

- Content-Length (non-zero value required for all POSTs)
- Connection (*close* value indicates that request should not be persistent)
- WWW-Authenticate (sent to client when credentials are required and missing)
- Authorization (sent from client to specify Basic credentials in base64 encoding)

For the XML feature to operate, the network management system must connect to a CSM IP address, not a switch interface IP address.

Because the master copy of the configuration must be stored in Cisco IOS, as it is with the command line interface, when XML configuration requests are received by the CSM, these requests must be sent to the supervisor engine.

**Note**

XML configuration allows a single CSM to act as proxy for all the CSMs in the same switch chassis. For example, an XML page with configuration for one CSM may be successfully posted through a different CSM in the same switch chassis.

The Document Type Description (DTD), now publicly available, is the basis for XML configuration documents you create. (See [Appendix C, “CSM XML Document Type Definition.”](#)) The XML documents are sent directly to the CSM in HTTP POST requests. To use XML, you must create a minimum configuration on the CSM in advance, using the Cisco IOS command line interface. Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Content Switching Module Command Reference* for information on the **xml-config** command.

The response is an XML document mirroring the request with troublesome elements flagged with child-error elements, and with an error code and error string. You can specify which types of errors should be ignored by using an attribute of the root element in the XML document.

There will be an addition to the Cisco IOS command line interface for enabling XML configuration capabilities for a particular CSM interface. Along with the ability to enable and disable the TCP port, security options for client access lists and HTTP authentication are supported.

To configure XML on the CSM, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # module csm slot	Specifies the module and slot number.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # xml-config	Enables XML on the CSM and enters the XML configuration mode.
Step 3	Router(config-slbf-xml) # port port-number	Specifies the TCP port where the CSM HTTP server listens.
Step 4	Router(config-slbf-xml) # vlan id	Restricts the CSM HTTP server to accept connections only from the specified VLAN.

	Command	Purpose
Step 5	Router(config-slb-xml) # client-group [1-99 name]	Specifies that only connections sourced from an IP address matching a client-group are accepted by the CSM XML configuration interface.
Step 6	Router(config-slb-xml) # credentials <i>user-name password</i>	Configures one or more username and password combinations. When one or more credentials commands are specified, the CSM HTTP server authenticates user access using the basic authentication scheme described in RFC 2617.
Step 7	Router# show module csm 4 xml stats	Displays a list of XML statistics.

This example shows how to run configure XML on the CSM:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # configure terminal
Router(config-module-csm) # m odule csm 4
Router(config-module-csm) # xml-config
Router(config-slb-xml) # port 23
Router(config-slb-xml) # vlan 200
Router(config-slb-xml) # client-group 60
Router(config-slb-xml) # credentials eric @$#%#@
Router# show module csm 4 xml stats
```

When an untolerated XML error occurs, the HTTP response contains a 200 code. The portion of the original XML document with the error is returned with an error element that contains the error type and description.

This example shows an error response to a condition where a virtual server name is missing:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config>
  <csm_module slot="4">
    <vserver>
      <error code="0x20">Missing attribute name in element
vserver</error>
    </vserver>
  </csm_module>
</config>
```

The error codes returned also correspond to the bits of the error tolerance attribute of the configuration element. The following are the returned XML error codes:

```
XML_ERR_INTERNAL           = 0x0001,
XML_ERR_COMM_FAILURE       = 0x0002,
XML_ERR_WELLFORMEDNESS     = 0x0004,
XML_ERR_ATTR_UNRECOGNIZED  = 0x0008,
XML_ERR_ATTR_INVALID       = 0x0010,
XML_ERR_ATTR_MISSING       = 0x0020,
XML_ERR_ELEM_UNRECOGNIZED  = 0x0040,
XML_ERR_ELEM_INVALID       = 0x0080,
XML_ERR_ELEM_MISSING       = 0x0100,
XML_ERR_ELEM_CONTEXT       = 0x0200,
XML_ERR_IOS_PARSER         = 0x0400,
XML_ERR_IOS_MODULE_IN_USE  = 0x0800,
XML_ERR_IOS_WRONG_MODULE   = 0x1000,
XML_ERR_IOS_CONFIG         = 0x2000
```

The default error_tolerance value is 0x48, which corresponds to ignoring unrecognized attributes and elements.



Configuring Health Monitoring

This chapter describes how to configure the health monitoring on the CSM and contains these sections:

- [Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring, page 9-1](#)
- [Configuring Inband Health Monitoring, page 9-7](#)
- [Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking, page 9-8](#)

Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring

Configuring health probes to the real servers allows you to determine if the real servers are operating correctly. A real server's health is categorized as follows:

- **Active**—The real server responds appropriately.
- **Suspect**—The real server is unreachable or returns an invalid response. The probes are retried.
- **Failed**—The real server fails to reply after a specified number of consecutive retries. You are notified and the CSM adjusts incoming connections accordingly. Probes continue to a failed server until the server becomes active again.

The CSM supports probes used to monitor real servers. Configuring a probe involves the following:

- Entering the probe submode
- Naming the probe
- Specifying the probe type

The CSM supports a variety of probe types that monitor real servers, including FTP, DNS, or HTTP.



Note

By default, no probes are configured on the CSM.

When configuring the CSM for health probe monitoring, you can use a multiple-tiered approach which includes the following actions:

- **Active probes**—These probes run periodically. ICMP, TCP, HTTP and other predefined health probes fall into this category. Scripted health probes are included here as well. Active probes do not impact the session setup or teardown system.
- **Passive monitoring (in-band health monitoring)**—Monitors sessions for catastrophic errors that can remove a server from services. Catastrophic errors may be reset (RST) from the server or no response from a server. These health checks operate at a full-session rate, and recognize failing servers quickly.

- Passive HTTP error code checking (in-band response parsing)—The CSM parses HTTP return codes and watches for codes such as “service unavailable” so that it can take a server out of service. Passive HTTP error code checking has a small impact on session performance.

To set up a probe, you must configure it by naming the probe and specifying the probe type while in probe submode.

After configuring a probe, you must associate it with a server farm for the probe to take effect. All servers in the server farm receive probes of the probe types that are associated with that server farm. You can associate one or more probe types with a server farm.

If you assign a port number when configuring either the real server or the virtual server you do not need to specify a port number when you configure a probe. The probe inherits the port number from the real or virtual server configuration.

You can override the real server’s and virtual server’s port information by explicitly specifying a port to probe in the health probe configuration using the optional health probe port feature. This feature allows you to set a port for use by the health probes when no port is specified either in the real server or virtual server.

After you configure a probe, associate single or multiple probes with a server farm. All servers in the server farm receive probes of the probe types that are associated with that pool.



Note

If you associate a probe of a particular type with a server farm containing real servers that are not running the corresponding service, the real servers send error messages when they receive a probe of that type. This action causes the CSM to place the real server in a failed state and disable the real server from the server farm.

To specify a probe type and name, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# probe probe-name { http icmp telnet tcp ftp smtp dns kal-ap-upd }	Specifies a probe type and a name ^{1 2} : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>probe-name</i> is the name of the probe being configured; it has a character string of up to 15 characters. • http creates an HTTP probe with a default configuration. • icmp creates an ICMP probe with a default configuration. • telnet creates a Telnet probe with a default configuration. • tcp creates a TCP probe with a default configuration. • ftp creates an FTP probe with a default configuration. • smtp creates an SMTP probe with a default configuration. • dns creates a DNS probe with a default configuration. • kal-ap-upd creates a GSLB target probe.
Step 2	Router(config-slb-probe-tcp)# port port-number: 1-MAXUSHORT	Configures an optional port for a probe ³ .
Step 3	Router# show module csm slot probe	Displays all probes and their configuration.
Step 4	Router# show module csm slot tech-support probe	Displays probe statistics.

1. The **no** form of this command removes the probe type from the configuration.

2. Inband health monitoring provides a more scalable solution if you are receiving performance alerts.
3. The **port** command does not exist for the ICMP or PING health probe.

**Note**

When you specify a probe name and type, it is initially configured with the default values. Enter the probe configuration commands to change the default configuration.

This example shows how to configure a probe:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# probe probe1 tcp
Router(config-slb-probe-tcp)# interval 120
Router(config-slb-probe-tcp)# retries 3
Router(config-slb-probe-tcp)# failed 300
Router(config-slb-probe-tcp)# open 10
Router(config-slb-probe-tcp)# serverfarm sf4
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.105
Router(config-slb-real)# inservice
Router(config-slb-real)# probe probe1
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# vserver vs4
Router(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.84 tcp 80
Router(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm sf4
Router(config-slb-vserver)# inservice
Router(config-slb-vserver)# end
```

**Note**

There are two different timeout values: open and receive. The open timeout specifies how many seconds to wait for the connection to open (that is, how many seconds to wait for SYN ACK after sending SYN). The receive timeout specifies how many seconds to wait for data to be received (that is, how many seconds to wait for an HTTP reply after sending a GET/HHEAD request). Because TCP probes close as soon as they open without sending any data, the receive timeout is not used.

Probe Configuration Commands

These commands are common to all probe types:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-slb-probe)# interval <i>seconds</i>	Sets the interval between probes in seconds (from the end of the previous probe to the beginning of the next probe) when the server is healthy ¹ ² . Range = 2–65535 seconds Default = 120 seconds
Router(config-slb-probe)# retries <i>retry-count</i>	Sets the number of failed probes that are allowed before marking the server as failed ¹ . Range = 0–65535 Default = 3

Command	Purpose
Router(config-slb-probe)# failed <i>failed-interval</i>	Sets the time between health checks when the server has been marked as failed. The time is in seconds ¹ . Range = 2–65535 Default = 300 seconds
Router(config-slb-probe)# open <i>open-timeout</i>	Sets the maximum time to wait for a TCP connection. This command is not used for any non-TCP health checks (ICMP or DNS ¹). Range = 1–65535 Default = 10 seconds

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.
2. Inband health monitoring provides a more scalable solution if you are receiving performance alerts.

Configuring an HTTP Probe

An HTTP probe establishes an HTTP connection to a real server and then sends an HTTP request and verifies the response. The **probe probe-name http** command places the user in HTTP probe configuration submode.

To configure an HTTP probe, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm)# probe <i>probe-name http</i>	Configures an HTTP probe and enters the HTTP probe submode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-probe-http)# credentials <i>username</i> [<i>password</i>]	Configures basic authentication values for the HTTP SLB probe ¹ .
Step 3	Router(config-slb-probe-http)# expect status <i>min-number</i> [<i>max-number</i>]	Configures a status code to expect from the HTTP probe. You can configure multiple status ranges by entering one expect status command at a time ¹ . <i>min-number</i> —If you do not specify a <i>max-number</i> , this number is taken as a single status code. If you specify a maximum number, this number is taken as the minimum status code of a range. <i>max-number</i> —The maximum status code in a range. The default range is 0–999. (Any response from the server is considered valid.) Note If no maximum is specified, this command takes a single number (min-number). If you specify both a minimum number and a maximum number, it takes the range of numbers.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	Router(config-slb-probe-http) # header <i>field-name</i> [<i>field-value</i>]	Configures a header field for the HTTP probe. Multiple header fields may be specified ¹ .
Step 5	Router(config-slb-probe-http) # request [<i>method</i> [get head]] [<i>url path</i>]	Configures the request method used by an HTTP probe ¹ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get—The HTTP get request method directs the server to get this page. • head—The HTTP head request method directs the server to get only the header for this page. • url—A character string of up to 1275 characters specifies the URL path; the default path is “/”. <p>Note The CSM supports only the get and head request methods; it does not support the post and other methods. The default method is get.</p>

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Configuring an ICMP Probe

An ICMP probe sends an ICMP echo (for example, ping) to the real server. The **probe icmp** command enters the ICMP probe configuration mode. All the common **probe** commands are supported except the **open** command, which is ignored.

To configure an ICMP probe, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # probe <i>probe-name</i> icmp	Configures an ICMP probe and enters the ICMP probe submenu ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # interval	Configures the intervals to wait between probes of a failed server and between probes.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # receive	Specifies the time to make a TCP connection to receive a reply from the server.
Step 4	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # retries	Limits the number of retries before considering the server as failed.

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Configuring a TCP Probe

A TCP probe establishes and removes connections. The **probe tcp** command enters the TCP probe configuration mode. All the common **probe** commands are supported.

To configure a TCP probe, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # probe <i>probe-name</i> tcp	Configures a TCP probe and enters the TCP probe submode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # interval	Configures the intervals to wait between probes of a failed server and between probes.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # retries	Limits the number of retries before considering the server as failed.

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Configuring FTP, SMTP, and Telnet Probes

An FTP, SMTP, or Telnet probe establishes a connection to the real server and verifies that a greeting from the application was received. The **probe** (**ftp**, **smtp**, or **telnet**) command enters the corresponding probe configuration mode. All the **probe** common options are supported. Multiple status ranges are supported, one command at a time.

To configure a status code to expect from the FTP, SMTP, or Telnet probe, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # probe <i>probe-name</i> [ftp smtp telnet]	Configures an FTP, SMTP, or Telnet probe and enters the FTP, SMTP, or Telnet probe submode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # interval	Configures the intervals to wait between probes of a failed server and between probes.
Step 3	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # receive	Specifies the time to make a TCP connection to receive a reply from the server
Step 4	Router(config-slb-probe-icmp) # retries	Limits the number of retries before considering the server as failed.

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Specifying the DNS Resolve Request

A DNS probe sends a domain name resolve request to the real server and verifies the returned IP address. The **probe dns** command places the user in DNS probe configuration submode. All the probe common options are supported except **open**, which is ignored.

To specify the domain name resolve request, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # probe <i>probe-name</i> dns	Configures a DNS probe and enters the tcp probe submode ¹ .
Step 2	Router(config-slb-probe-dns) # [failed interval retries receive]	Configures the times to wait between probes to make a DNS connection, to receive a reply from the server, and to limit the number of retries before considering the real server as failed.

1. The **no** form of this command restores the defaults.

Configuring Inband Health Monitoring

These sections describe inband health monitoring:

- [Understanding Inband Health Monitoring, page 9-7](#)
- [Configuring Inband Health Monitoring, page 9-7](#)

Understanding Inband Health Monitoring

To efficiently balance connections, the CSM must continuously monitor the health of all real servers in its configuration. The inband health monitoring feature is configured for each server farm to monitor the health of the servers. The parameters configured per server farm are then applied to each real server in that server farm. You can configure the number of abnormal end sessions that occur before the system considers the real server unreachable and you also can specify a time to wait before a real server is reintroduced into the server farm and a connection attempt is made.

This feature works with health probes. If health probes and inband health monitoring are both configured on a particular server, both sets of health checks are required to keep a real server in service within a server farm. If either health-checking feature finds a server out of service, the server will not be selected by the CSM for load balancing.

Configuring Inband Health Monitoring

To configure inband health monitoring, follow these steps:

Step 1	Verify that you have configured server farms. (See the “Configuring Server Farms” section on page 5-1.)
Step 2	Enter the serverfarm submode command to enable inband health monitoring for each server farm: Router(config-module-csm) # serverfarm <i>serverfarm-name</i> Router(config-slb-sfarm) # health retries <i>count</i> failed <i>seconds</i>

**Note**

Retries are the number of abnormal end sessions that the CSM will tolerate before removing a real server from service. The failed time is the number of seconds which the CSM waits before reattempting a connection to a real server that was removed from service by inband health checking.

This example shows how to enable inband health monitoring for a server farm named geo:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm geo
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# health retries 43 failed 160
```

Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking

These sections describe HTTP return code checking:

- [Understanding HTTP Return Code Checking, page 9-8](#)
- [Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking, page 9-9](#)

Understanding HTTP Return Code Checking

The return error code checking (return code parsing) feature is used to indicate when a server is not returning web pages correctly. This feature extends the capability of CSM to inspect packets, parse the HTML return codes, and act upon the return codes returned by the server.

After receiving an HTTP request from the CSM, the server responds with an HTTP return code. The CSM can use the HTTP return error codes to determine the availability of the server. The CSM can be configured to take a server out of use in response to receiving specific return codes.

A list of predefined codes (100 through 599) are in RFC 2616. For return code checking, some codes are more usable than others. For example, a return code of 404 is defined as a URL not found, which may be the result of the user entering the URL incorrectly. Error code 404 also might mean that the web server has a hardware problem, such as a defective disk drive preventing the server from finding the data requested. In this case, the web server is still alive, but the server cannot send the requested data because of the defective disk drive. Because of the inability of the server to return the data, you do not want future requests for data sent to this server. To determine the error codes you want to use for return code checking, refer to RFC 2616.

When HTTP return code checking is configured, the CSM monitors HTTP responses from all balanced HTTP connections and logs the occurrence of the return code for each real server. The CSM stores return code counts. When a threshold for a return code is reached, the CSM may send syslog messages or remove the server from service.

A default action, counting return codes, syslog messaging, or removing the real server from service or a set of these actions can be applied to a server farm. You also can bind a single virtual group to multiple server farms allowing you to reuse a single return code server farm policy on multiple server farms.

**Note**

When you configure HTTP return code checking on a virtual server, the performance of that virtual server is impacted. Once return code parsing is enabled, all HTTP server responses must be parsed for return codes.

Configuring HTTP Return Code Checking

When you configure return error code checking, you configure the attributes of a server farm and associate it with a return code map.

To configure the return code checking, follow these steps:

Step 1 Verify that you have configured HTTP virtual servers. (See the [“Configuring Redirect Virtual Servers” section on page 6-5.](#))

Step 2 Enter the map return code command to enable return code mapping and enter the return code map submode:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# map name retcode
```

Step 3 Configure the return code parsing:

```
Router(config-slb-map-retcode)# match protocol http retcode min max action [count | log |  
remove] threshold [reset seconds]
```

You can set up as many matches as you want in the map.

Step 4 Assign a return code map to a server farm:

```
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# retcode-map name
```

This example shows how to enable return error code checking:

```
Router(config-module-csm)# map httpcodes retcode  
Route(config-slb-map-retcode)# match protocol http retcode 401 401 action log 5 reset 120  
Route(config-slb-map-retcode)# match protocol http retcode 402 415 action count  
Route(config-slb-map-retcode)# match protocol http retcode 500 500 action remove 3 reset 0  
Route(config-slb-map-retcode)# match protocol http retcode 503 503 action remove 3 reset 0  
Route(config-slb-map-retcode)# exit  
Router(config-module-csm)# serverfarm farm1  
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# retcode-map httpcodes  
Router(config-slb-sfarm)# exit  
Router(config-module-csm)# end
```




Configuring CSM Scripts

This chapter describes how to configure content switching and contains these sections:

- [Configuring TCL Scripts, page 10-1](#)
- [Configuring Scripts for Health Monitoring Probes, page 10-10](#)

Configuring TCL Scripts

The CSM now allows you to upload and execute Toolkit Command Language (TCL) scripts on the CSM. TCL scripts allow you to write customized TCL scripts to develop customized health probes or standalone tasks. The TCL interpreter code in CSM is based on Release 8.0 of the standard TCL distribution. You can create a script to configure health probes (see [“Configuring Probes for Health Monitoring” section on page 9-1](#)) or perform tasks on the CSM that are not part of a health probe. The CSM periodically executes the scripts at user-configurable intervals.

Before CSM Release 3.1(1a), you could not configure a health probe for a protocol that did not include the basic health-monitoring code. You can now write probes to customize the CSM for your specific application. CSM Release 3.2 supports UDP socket functions. TCL is a widely used scripting language within the networking community. TCL also has huge libraries of scripts developed that can easily found from various sites.

The CSM currently supports two script modes:

- Health-monitoring script mode—These scripts must be written using some simple rules. The execution of these scripts is controlled by health-monitoring module.
- Standalone script mode—These scripts are TCL scripts that you can download from the web. You control the execution of these scripts through the CSM configuration.

For your convenience, sample scripts are available to support the TCL feature. Other custom scripts will work, but these sample scripts are supported by Cisco TAC. The file with sample scripts is located at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/cat6000-intellother>

The file containing the scripts is named: c6slb-script.3-1-1a.tcl.

These sections describe how to load prepared TCL scripts, write your own customized TCL scripts, and then run your TCL scripts:

- [Loading Scripts, page 10-2](#)
- [Writing TCL Scripts, page 10-3](#)
- [Running TCL Scripts, page 10-8](#)

Loading Scripts

Scripts are loaded onto the CSM through script files. A script file may contain zero, one, or more scripts. Each script requires 128 KB of stack space. Because there can be a maximum of 50 health scripts, the maximum stack space for script probes is 6.4 MB. Standalone scripts may also be running, which would consume more stack space.

Scripts can be loaded from a TFTP server, bootflash, slot0, and other storage devices using the **script file** *[file-url]* command.

This example shows how to load a script:

```
Router(config)# module csm 4
Router(config-module-csm)# script file tftp://192.168.1.1/httpProbe.test
```

The script name is either the filename of the script or a special name encoded within the script file. Each script file may contain a number of scripts in the same file. To run the script or create a health probe using that script, you must refer to the script name, not the script file from which the script was loaded.

In order to identify each relevant script, each script must start with a line:

```
#!name = script_name
```

This example shows a master script file in which the scripts are bundled:

```
#!name = SCRIPT1
puts "this is script1"
#!name = SCRIPT2
puts "this is script2"
```

This example shows how to find the scripts available in a master script file:

```
Router(config)# configure terminal
Router(config-t)# module csm 4
Router(config-module-csm)# script file tftp://192.168.1.1/script.master
Router(config-module-csm)# end
```

This example shows three scripts available from the script.master file:

```
Router(config)# show module csm 4 file tftp://192.168.1.1/script.master
RECURSIVE_TCL, file tftp://192.168.1.1/script.master
  size = 304, load time = 03:49:36 UTC 03/26/93
ECHO_TCL, file tftp://192.168.1.1/script.master
  size = 228, load time = 03:49:36 UTC 03/26/93
HTTP_PROBE, file tftp://192.168.1.1/script.master
  size = 920, load time = 03:49:36 UTC 03/26/93
```

To show the contents of a loaded script file, use this command:

```
Router(config)# show module csm slot script full_file_URL code
```

One major difference between a script task and a script probe is that the execution of a health script is scheduled by the health monitoring CSM module. These conditions apply:

- A script can be modified while a script probe is active. The changes are applied automatically in the next script execution, and for command line arguments.
- During probe configuration, a particular script is attached to the probe. If the script is unavailable at that time, the probe executes with a null script. If this situation occurs, a warning flag is generated. However, when the script is loaded again, the binding between the probe object and the script does not run automatically. You must use the **no script** and **script** commands again to do the binding.
- After a script is loaded it remains in the system and cannot be removed. You can modify a script by changing a script, and then by entering the **no script file** and **script file** commands again.

- Each script is always identified by its unique name. If two or more scripts have identical names, the last loaded script is used by the CSM. When there are duplicate script names, a warning message is generated by the CSM.

Writing TCL Scripts

The CSM Release 3.1(1a) TCL script feature is based on the TCL 8.0 source distribution software. CSM TCL is modified so that it can be interrupted to call another process unlike the standard TCL library, allowing for concurrent TCL interpreter execution. The CSM TCL library does not support any standard TCL file I/O command, such as file, fcopy, and others. [Table 10-1](#) lists the TCL commands that are supported by CSM.

Table 10-1 TCL Commands Supported by the CSM

Command			
Generic TCL Commands			
append	array	binary	break
catch	concat	continue	error
eval	exit	expr	fblocked
for	foreach	format	global
gets	if	incr	info
join	lappend	lindex	linsert
list	llength	lrange	lreplace
lsearch	lsort	proc	puts
regexp	regsub	rename	return
set	split	string	subst
switch	unset	uplevel	upvar
variable	while	namespace	
Time-Related Commands			
after	clock	time	
Socket Commands			
close	blocked	fconfigured	fileevent
flush	eof	read	socket
update	vwait		
UDP Command Set			
udp bind handle readable [script]	udp bind handle writable [script]	udp connect host port	udp close handle
udp info handle	udp open [port]	udp receive handle	udp send handle [host port] message
CSM-Specific Commands			
ping	enable real	disable real	

Table 10-2 *TCL Commands Not Supported by the CSM*

Generic TCL Commands			
cd	fcopy	file	open
seek	source	tell	filename
load	package		

UDP Commands

The UDP command set allows Scotty based TCL scripts to run on the CSM. Scotty is the name of a software package that allows you to implement site-specific network management software using high-level, string-based APIs.

Table 10-3

Command	Definition
udp open [port]	Opens a UDP datagram socket and returns a UDP handle. The socket is bound to given port number or name. An unused port number is used if the port argument is missing.
udp connect host port	Opens a UDP datagram socket and connects it to a port on a remote host. A connected UDP socket only allows sending messages to a single destination. This usually allows shortening the code because there is no need to specify the destination address for each udp send command on a connected UDP socket. The command returns a UDP handle.
udp send handle [host port] message	Sends a datagram containing a message to the destination specified by host and port. The host and port arguments may not be used if the UDP handle is already connected to a transport endpoint. If the UDP handle is not connected, you must use these optional arguments to specify the destination of the datagram.
udp receive handle	Receives a datagram from the UDP socket associated with handle. This command blocks until a datagram is ready to be received. In most cases, it might be a good idea to check for pending datagrams using the udp bind command.
udp close handle	Closes the UDP socket associated with handle.
udp bind handle readable [script] udp bind handle writable [script]	Allows binding scripts to a UDP handle. A script is evaluated once the UDP handle becomes either readable or writable, depending on the third argument of the udp bind command. The script currently bound to a UDP handle can be retrieved by calling the udp bind command without a script argument. Bindings are removed by binding an empty string.
udp info [handle]	Without the handle argument this command returns a list of all existing UDP handles. Information about the state of a UDP handle can be obtained by supplying a valid UDP handle. The result is a list containing the source IP address, the source port, the destination IP address and the destination port.

All UDP commands are thread safe (allowing you to share data between several programs) like the rest of the CSM TCL commands.

Writing Health Scripts

After you configure each interval of time, an internal CSM scheduler schedules the health scripts. Write the script as if you intend to perform only one probe. You must declare the result of the probe using the **exit** command.

A health script typically performs these actions:

- Opens a socket to an IP address.
- Sends one or more requests.
- Reads the responses.
- Analyzes the responses.
- Closes the socket.
- Exits the script by using `exit 5000` (success) or `exit 5001` for failure.

This example shows how to probe an HTTP server using a health script:

```
Router(config)# !name = HTTP_TEST

# get the IP address of the real server from a predefined global array csm_env
set ip $csm_env(realIP)
set port 80
set url "GET /index.html HTTP/1.0\n\n"

# Open a socket to the server. This creates a TCP connection to the real server
set sock [socket $ip $port]
fconfigure $sock -buffering none -eofchar {}

# Send the get request as defined
puts -nonewline $sock $url;

# Wait for the response from the server and read that in variable line
set line [ read $sock ]

# Parse the response
if { [ regexp "HTTP/1.. ([0-9\\+]) " $line match status ] } {
    puts "real $ip server response : $status"
}

# Close the socket. Application must close the socket once the
# is over. This allows other applications and tcl scripts to make
# a good use of socket resource. Health monitoring is allowed to open
# only 200 sockets simultaneously.
close $sock

# decide the exit code to return to control module.
# If the status code is OK then script MUST do exit 5000
# to signal successful completion of a script probe.
# In this example any other status code means failure.
# User must do exit 5001 when a probe has failed.
if { $status == 200 } {
    exit 5000
} else {
    exit 5001
}
```

Exit Codes

The CSM uses exit codes to signify various internal conditions. The exit code information can help you troubleshoot your scripts if they do not operate correctly. You can only use the **exit 5000** and **exit 5001** exit codes.

The TCL script may stop operating for these reasons:

- **Syntax errors**—Occurs when there is no change in the state of the suspected improper syntax. The syntax error is a stored script control object and can be viewed using the **show mod csm X tech script** command. A suspect will be denied.
- **A stopped script**—Caused by an infinite loop or caused when the script attempts to connect to an invalid IP address. Each script must complete its task within the configured time interval. If the script does not complete its task, then the script controller terminates the script and the suspect will be failed implicitly.
- **Error conditions**—Occurs when a connection timeout or a peer refused connection is also treated as an implicit failure.

Table 10-4 shows all exit codes used in the CSM.

Table 10-4 CSM Exit Codes

Exit Code	Meaning and Operational Effect on the Suspect
5000	Suspect is healthy. Controlled by user.
5001	Suspect has failed. Controlled by user.
4000	Script is aborted. The state change is dependent on other system status at that time. Reserved for system use.
4001	Script is terminated. Suspect is failed. Reserved for system use.
4002	Script panicked. Suspect is failed. Reserved for system use.
4003	Script has failed an internal operation or system call. Suspect is failed. Reserved for system use.
unknown	No change.

This example shows how to use the EXIT_MSG variable to track script exit points to detect why a script is not working:

```
set EXIT_MSG "opening socket"
set s [socket 10.2.0.12 80]
set EXIT_MSG "writing to socket"
puts -nonewline $sock $url
```

Use the **show module csm slot tech script** command to check the EXIT_MSG variable.

Use the `errorInfo` and `errorCode` variables that are automatically set by the TCL core to determine why an error occurred. TCL stores internal error information using the `errorInfo` variable whenever a script task is aborted. Syntax errors, for example, panic, will set these variables with the appropriate information, which you can use to troubleshoot the error.

Environment Variable

Health scripts have access to many configured items through a predefined TCL array. The most common use of this array is to find the current real server IP addresses of the suspect during any particular launch of the script. Table 10-5 lists the members of the `esm_env` array.

Table 10-5 Member list for the *csm_env* Array

Member name	Content
realIP	Suspect IP address
realPort	Suspect IP port
intervalTimeout	Configured probe interval in seconds
openTimeout	Configured socket open timeout for this probe
recvTimeout	Configured socket receive timeout for this probe
failedTimeout	Configure failed timeout
retries	Configured retry count
healthStatus	Current suspect health status

You can use the new **probe probe-name script** command for creating a script probe in Cisco IOS. This command enters a probe submode that is similar to the existing CSM health probe submodes (such as HTTP, TCP, DNS, SMTP, etc.). The probe script submode contains the existing probe submode commands **failed**, **interval**, **open**, **receive**, and **retries**.

A new **script script-name** command was added to the probe script submode. This command can process up to five arguments that are passed to the script when it is run as part of the health probe function.

You can also use the corresponding **show module csm slot probe script name probe-name code** command. Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Content Switching Module Command Reference* for release 3.2(1).

System Resource Usage

The Vxworks support application has 255 file descriptors that are divided across all applications, for example, standard input and output, and any socket connections (to or from). When developing standalone scripts, you must be extremely careful when opening a socket. We recommend that you close a socket as soon as the operation is complete because you may run out of resources. The health monitoring module controls the number of open sockets by way of controlling the number of actively running scripts. Standalone scripts do not have this control.

Memory, although a consideration, is not a big limiting factor because the module generally has enough memory available. Each script uses a 128 KB stack, and the rest of the memory is allocated at runtime by the script.

The script tasks are given the lowest priority in the system so that the real-time characteristics of the system remain more or less the same while executing scripts. Unfortunately, scripts having low priority also means that if the system is busy doing non-TCL operations, all TCL threads may take longer to complete. This situation may lead to some health scripts being terminated and the unfinished threads marked failed. To prevent scripts being failed, all script probes should have a retry value of 2 or more. You may want to use native CSM probes (for example, HTTP, DNS, etc.) whenever possible. The scripted health probes should be used to support non-supported applications. The purpose is to provide features, not speed.

TCL supports both synchronous and asynchronous socket commands. Asynchronous socket commands return immediately without waiting for true connections. The internal implementation of the asynchronous script version involves a much more complicated code path with many more system calls per each such command. This condition generally slows down the system by causing some critical

resources to wait while other commands are processing system calls. We do not recommend using the asynchronous socket for scripted probes unless this is a definite requirement. However, you may use this command in a standalone system.

Writing Standalone Scripts

There are no special guidelines for developing a standalone script.

Running TCL Scripts

After a script file has been loaded, the scripts in that file exist in the CSM independent of the file from which that script was loaded. If a script file is subsequently modified, use the **script file** command to reload the script file and enable the changes on the CSM. (Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Content Switching Module Command Reference* for more information.)

The **no script file** command removes the **script file** command from the running configuration. This command does not unload the scripts in that file and does not affect scripts that are currently running on the CSM. You cannot unload scripts that have been loaded. If a loaded script is no longer needed, it is not necessary to remove it; however, do not use it.

In addition to displaying general script information, the **code** version of the **script** command (refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Content Switching Module Command Reference*) displays the actual code within the script.

One of the key requirements of porting the TCL standard distribution to the CSM is to modify this base distribution so that multiple vxWorks threads can execute TCL interpreters simultaneously (reentrant behavior). This facility allows many health scripts and other custom scripts to simultaneously execute in multiple TCL interpreters.

Running Probe Scripts

A probe script indicates that the relative health and availability of a real server using the exit code of the script. By calling exit (5000), a script indicates the server successfully responded to the probe. Calling exit (5001) indicates that the server did not respond correctly to the health probe.

Whenever a script probe is executed on the CSM, a special array called `esm_env` is passed to the script. This array holds important parameters that may be used by the script. Refer to [Table 10-5](#) for a list of the array parameters.

To run a probe script, you must configure a script probe type and then associate a script name with the probe object as follows (refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Content Switching Module Command Reference*) as follows:

```
Router(config)# probe probe_name script
Router(config-probe-script)# script script_name [command line arguments]
```

To run a probe script, use this configuration:

```
Router(config)# script file tftp://192.168.10.102/csmScripts
Router(config)# probe ECHOSCRIPt script
Router(config-probe-script)# script echoProbe.tcl
Router(config-probe-script)# interval 10
Router(config-probe-script)# retries 1
Router(config-probe-script)# failed 30
```

Running Standalone TCL Scripts

The **script file** command may be stored in the startup configuration so that it will run when the CSM boots. The script continues to run while the CSM is operating.

To run a TCL script when booting the module, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # module csm slot	Specifies the module and slot number.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # script file file-url	Loads the scripts into a script file.
Step 3	Router(config-module-csm) # show module csm slot script task [index script-index] [detail]	Displays all the loaded scripts.

This example shows how to run a script as a task when booting the CSM:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # configure terminal
Router(config-module-csm) # module csm 4
Router(config-module-csm) # script file tftp://192.168.1.1/httpProbe.test
```

One of the arguments of the **script task** command is *script index*, which is an integer between 1 and 100. The script index is used to halt a specific executing script task instance using the **no script task** command.

To run a standalone TCL script, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # module csm slot	Specifies the module and slot number.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # script task script-index script-name [arg1 [arg2...]]	Runs the script with any command line arguments.
Step 3	Router(config-module-csm) # show module csm slot script [name script-name] [code]	Displays the content of all loaded scripts.

This example shows how to run a script as a task when booting the CSM:

```
Router(config-module-csm) # configure terminal
Router(config-module-csm) # Module csm 4
Router(config-module-csm) # script task 1 RECURSIVE_TCL
```

As shown in the examples, use the **show module csm slot script task index script-index detail** and the **show module csm slot script name script-name code** commands to display information about a specific running script.

Halting TCL Scripts

To stop the script task, enter the **no script task id** command. The task object will be available for troubleshooting and status even after the task finishes executing.

If you need to rerun the same script again, you must do the following:

- Use a different task ID.
- Run the **no script task id** command first, and then retype the command for that script.

**Note**

If you decide to modify the script or the command line arguments while a **script task** command is running, you must stop the task using the **no script task** command and then rerun the task.

Configuring Scripts for Health Monitoring Probes

The CSM supports several specific types of health probes, such as HTTP health probes, TCP health probes, and ICMP health probes when you need to use a diverse set of applications and health probes to administer your network. The basic health probe types supported in the current CSM software release often do not support the specific probing behavior that your network requires. To support a more flexible health-probing functionality, the CSM now allows you to upload and execute TCL scripts on the CSM. (See the [“Configuring TCL Scripts” section on page 10-1.](#))

You can create a script probe that the CSM periodically executes for each real server in any server farm associated with a probe. Depending upon the exit code of such a script, the real server is considered healthy, suspect, or failed. Probe scripts test the health of a real server by creating a network connection to the server, sending data to the server, and checking the response. The flexibility of this TCL scripting environment makes the available probing functions possible.

To load the script file to the switch, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # module csm slot	Specifies the module and slot number.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # script file script file to load	Loads the script file to the CSM.
Step 3	Router(config-module-csm) # show module csm slot script [file] [name script-name] [code]]	Displays all loaded scripts.

There are two ways to execute a script on the CSM:

- Creating a script probe
- Performing a standalone script task

As part of a script probe, the script is executed periodically, and the exit code returned by the executing script indicates the relative health and availability of specific real servers. Script probes operate similar to other health probes available in the current implementation of CSM software.

To run the script as a health probe, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # module csm slot	Specifies the module and slot number.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # probe probe-name script	Creates a script probe, and enters the probe script submenu.
Step 3	Router(config-probe-script) # script script-name [arg1 [arg5]	Sets up to five arguments used by the script when the script executes.
Step 4	Router(config-module-csm) # show module csm slot probe	Displays all configured probes.

To run a script as a standalone task, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-module-csm) # module csm slot	Specifies the module and slot number.
Step 2	Router(config-module-csm) # probe probe-name script	Creates a script probe, and enters the probe script submenu.
Step 3	Router(config-module-csm) # script task id script name	Runs the script as a stand alone task one time.
Step 4	Router(config-module-csm) # show module csm slot script task	Displays all started script tasks.



Configuring Firewall Load Balancing

This chapter describes how to configure firewall load balancing and contains these sections:

- [Understanding How Firewalls Work, page 11-1](#)
- [Configuring Stealth Firewall Load Balancing, page 11-7](#)
- [Configuring Regular Firewall Load Balancing, page 11-16](#)
- [Configuring Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls, page 11-24](#)
- [Configuring Stateful Firewall Connection Remapping, page 11-26](#)

Firewall load balancing allows you to scale firewall protection by distributing traffic across multiple firewalls on a per-connection basis. All packets belonging to a particular connection must go through the same firewall. The firewall then allows or denies transmission of individual packets across its interfaces.

Understanding How Firewalls Work

A firewall forms a physical barrier between two parts of a network for example, the Internet and an intranet. When a firewall accepts a packet from one side (the Internet), it sends the packet through to the other side (the intranet). A firewall can modify a packet before passing it through or send it through unaltered. When a firewall rejects a packet, it usually drops the packet and logs the dropped packet as an event.

After a session is established and a flow of packets begins, a firewall can monitor each packet in the flow or allow the flow to continue, unmonitored, depending on the policies that are configured on that firewall.

This section contains the following:

- [Firewalls Types, page 11-2](#)
- [How the CSM Distributes Traffic to Firewalls, page 11-2](#)
- [Supported Firewalls, page 11-2](#)
- [Layer 3 Load Balancing to Firewalls, page 11-2](#)
- [Types of Firewall Configurations, page 11-3](#)
- [IP Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls, page 11-3](#)
- [CSM Firewall Configurations, page 11-3](#)
- [Fault-Tolerant CSM Firewall Configurations, page 11-6](#)

Firewalls Types

The two basic types of firewalls are as follows:

- Regular firewalls
- Stealth firewalls

Regular firewalls have a presence on the network; they are assigned an IP address that allows them to be addressed as a device and seen by other devices on the network.

Stealth firewalls have no presence on the network; they are not assigned an IP address and cannot be addressed or seen by other devices on the network. To the network, a stealth firewall is part of the wire.

Both firewall types examine traffic moving in both directions (between the protected and the unprotected side of the network) and accept or reject packets based on user-defined sets of policies.

How the CSM Distributes Traffic to Firewalls

The CSM load-balances traffic to devices configured in server farms. These devices can be servers, firewalls, or any IP-addressable object including an alias IP address. The CSM uses load-balancing algorithms to determine how the traffic is balanced among the devices configured in server farms, independent of device type.

**Note**

We recommend that you configure Layer 3 load balancing on server farms that contain firewalls because of the interactions between higher-layer load-balancing algorithms and server applications.

Supported Firewalls

The CSM can load-balance traffic to regular or stealth firewalls.

For regular firewalls, a single CSM or a pair of CSMs balances traffic among firewalls that contain unique IP addresses, similar to how it balances traffic to servers.

For stealth firewalls, a CSM balances traffic among unique VLAN alias IP address interfaces on another CSM that provide paths through stealth firewalls. A stealth firewall is configured so that all traffic moving in both directions across that VLAN moves through the firewall.

Layer 3 Load Balancing to Firewalls

When the CSM load-balances traffic to firewalls, the CSM performs the same function that it performs when it load-balances traffic to servers. To configure Layer 3 load balancing to firewalls, follow these steps:

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- Step 1** Create a server farm for each side of the firewall.
 - Step 2** In serverfarm submode, enter the predictor **hash address** command.
 - Step 3** Assign that server farm to the virtual server that accepts traffic destined for the firewalls.
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**Note**

When you configure Layer 3 load balancing to firewalls, use source NAT in the forward direction and destination NAT in the reverse direction.

Types of Firewall Configurations

The CSM supports these two firewall configuration types:

- Dual-CSM configuration—Firewalls are located between two CSMs. The firewalls accept traffic from one CSM and send it to a second CSM for load balancing to servers or return to the requesting device.
- Single-CSM configuration—Firewalls accept traffic from a CSM and send it back to the same CSM for load balancing to servers, or they can return traffic to the requesting device.

IP Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls

The CSM currently supports sticky connections. Sticky connections ensure that two distinct data flows originating from the same client are load balanced to the same destination.

Load-balanced destinations are often real servers. They may be firewalls, caches, or other networking devices. Sticky connections are necessary for the proper functioning of load-balanced applications. These applications utilize multiple connections from the same client to a server. The information transferred on one connection may affect the processing of information transferred on another connection.

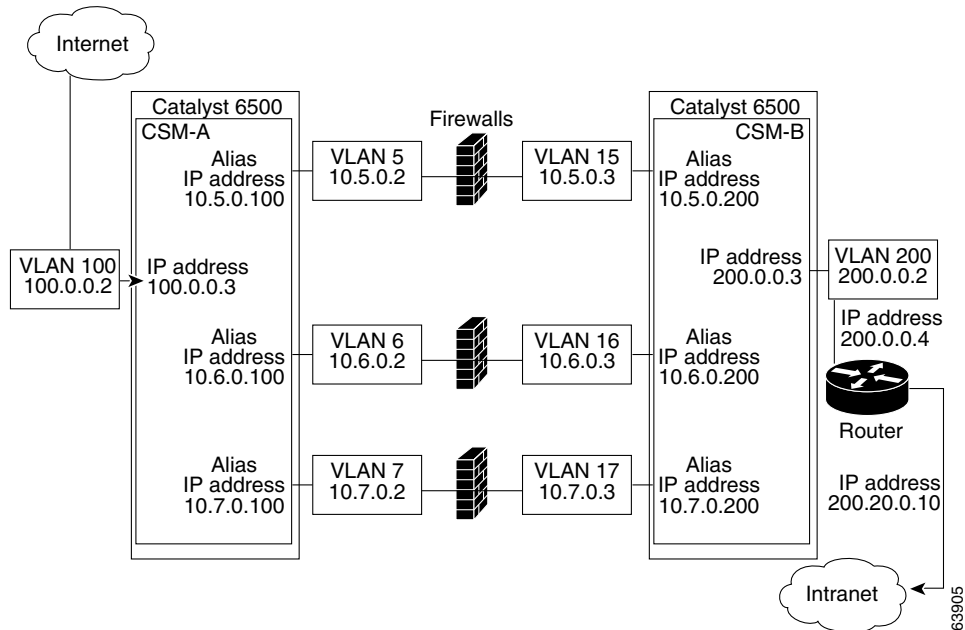
The IP reverse-sticky feature is configured for balancing new connections from the same client to the same server, as described in [“Configuring Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls” section on page 11-24](#). This feature is especially important in the case of buddy connections, such as an FTP data channel or a streaming UDP data channel.

CSM Firewall Configurations

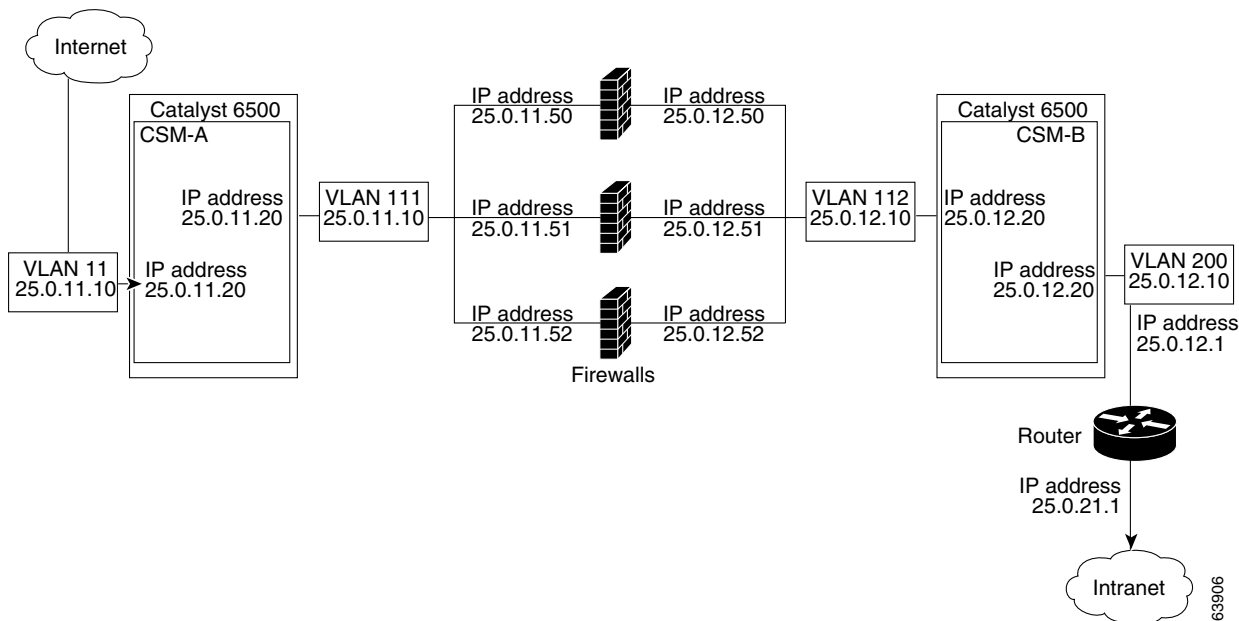
The CSM can support these firewall configurations:

- Stealth firewalls for dual CSM configurations ([Figure 11-1](#))
- Regular firewalls for dual CSM configurations ([Figure 11-2](#))
- Regular firewalls for single CSM configurations ([Figure 11-3](#))
- Mixed firewalls (stealth and regular) for dual CSM configurations ([Figure 11-4](#))

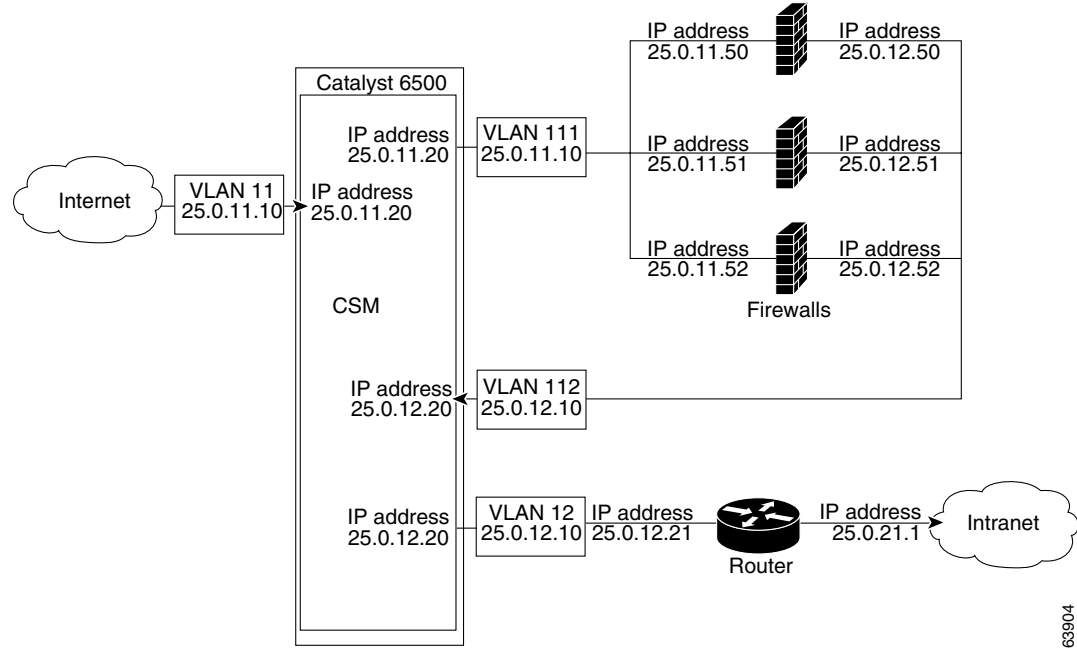
In [Figure 11-1](#), traffic moves through the firewalls and is filtered in both directions. The figure shows the flow from the Internet to the intranet. On the path to the intranet, CSM A balances traffic across VLANs 5, 6, and 7 through firewalls to CSM B. On the path to the Internet, CSM B balances traffic across VLANs 15, 16, and 17 through firewalls to CSM A. CSM A uses the VLAN aliases of CSM B in its server farm, and CSM B uses the VLAN aliases of CSM A in its server farm.

Figure 11-1 Stealth Firewall Configuration (Dual CSMs Only)

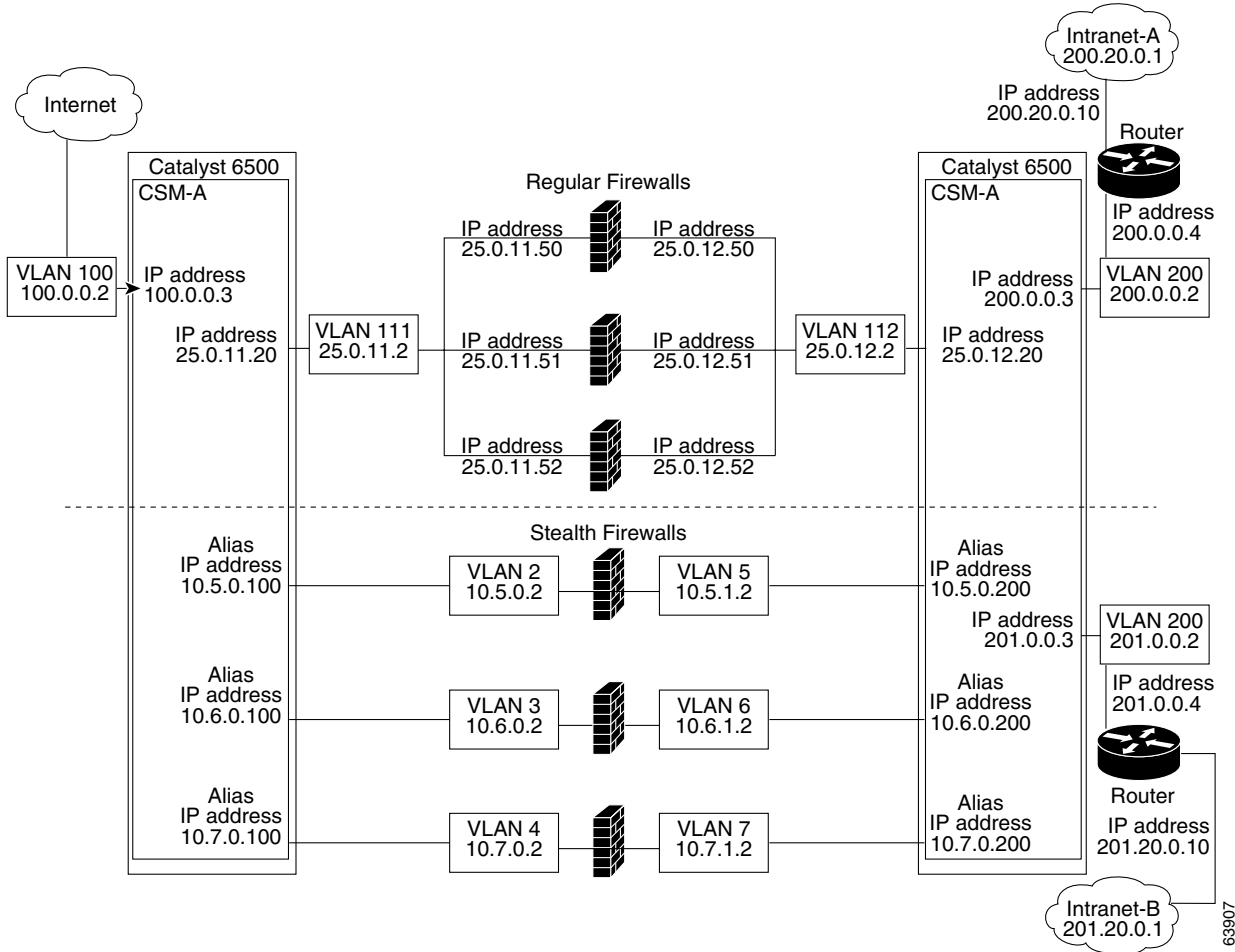
In [Figure 11-2](#), traffic moves through the firewalls and is filtered in both directions. The figure shows the flow from the Internet to the intranet. VLANs 11 and 111 are on the same subnet, and VLANs 12 and 112 are on the same subnet.

Figure 11-2 Regular Firewall Configuration (Dual CSMs)

In [Figure 11-3](#), traffic moves through the firewalls and is filtered in both directions. The figure shows only the flow from the Internet to the intranet, and VLANs 11 and 111 are on the same subnet. VLANs 12 and 112 are on the same subnet.

Figure 11-3 Regular Firewall Configuration (Single CSM)

In [Figure 11-4](#), traffic moves through both the regular and stealth firewalls and is filtered in both directions. The figure shows the flow from the Internet to the intranet. VLANs 5, 6, and 7 are shared between CSM A and CSM B. On the path to the intranet, CSM A balances traffic across VLANs 5, 6, and 7 through firewalls to CSM B. On the path to the intranet, CSM B balances traffic across VLANs 5, 6, and 7 through firewalls to CSM A.

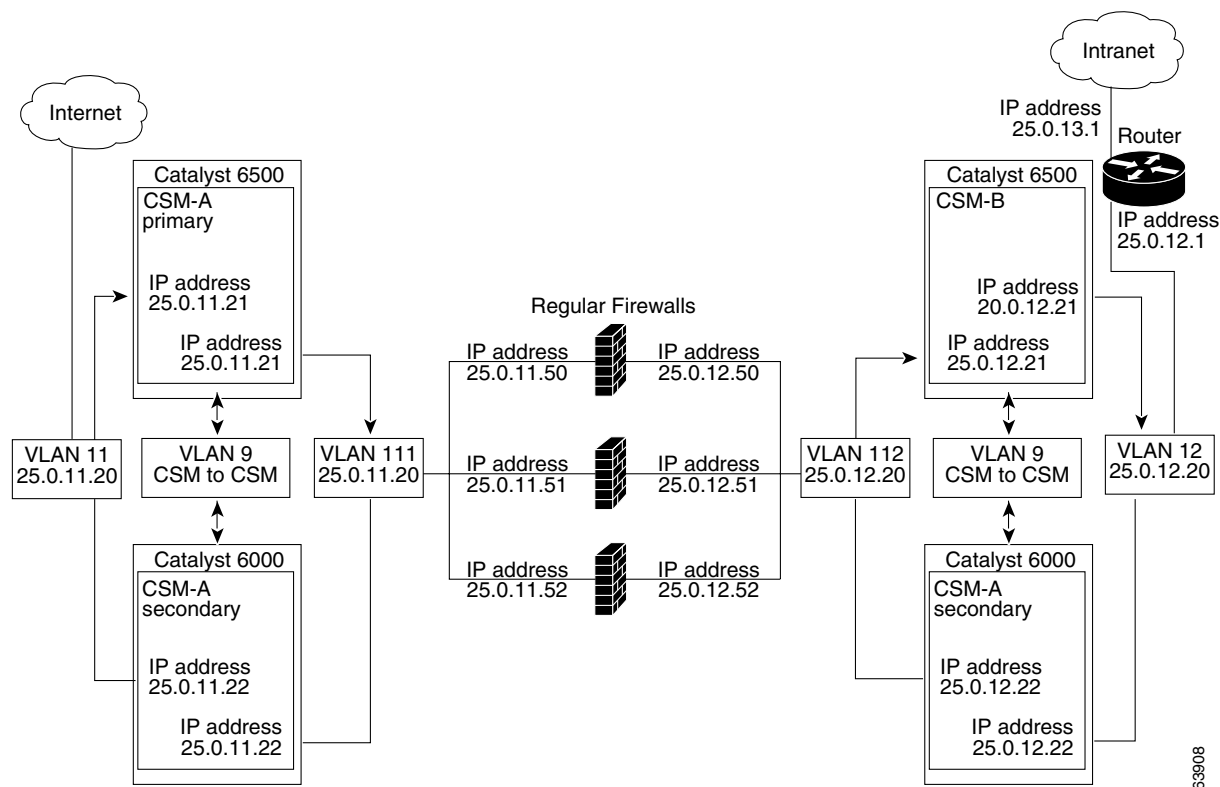
Figure 11-4 Mixed Firewall Configuration for Stealth and Regular Firewalls (Dual CSMs Only)

Fault-Tolerant CSM Firewall Configurations

The CSM supports fault tolerance for these configurations:

- Stealth firewalls in a fault-tolerant dual CSM configuration
- Regular firewalls in a fault-tolerant dual CSM configuration
- Regular firewalls in a fault-tolerant single CSM configuration
- Mixed firewalls (stealth and regular) in a fault-tolerant dual CSM configuration

In [Figure 11-5](#), the traffic moves through the firewalls and is filtered in both directions. The figure only shows the flow from the Internet to the intranet through the primary CSMs, and VLANs 11 and 111 are on the same subnet. VLANs 12 and 112 are on the same subnet.

Figure 11-5 Fault-Tolerant, Regular Firewall Configuration—(Dual CSMs)

Configuring Stealth Firewall Load Balancing

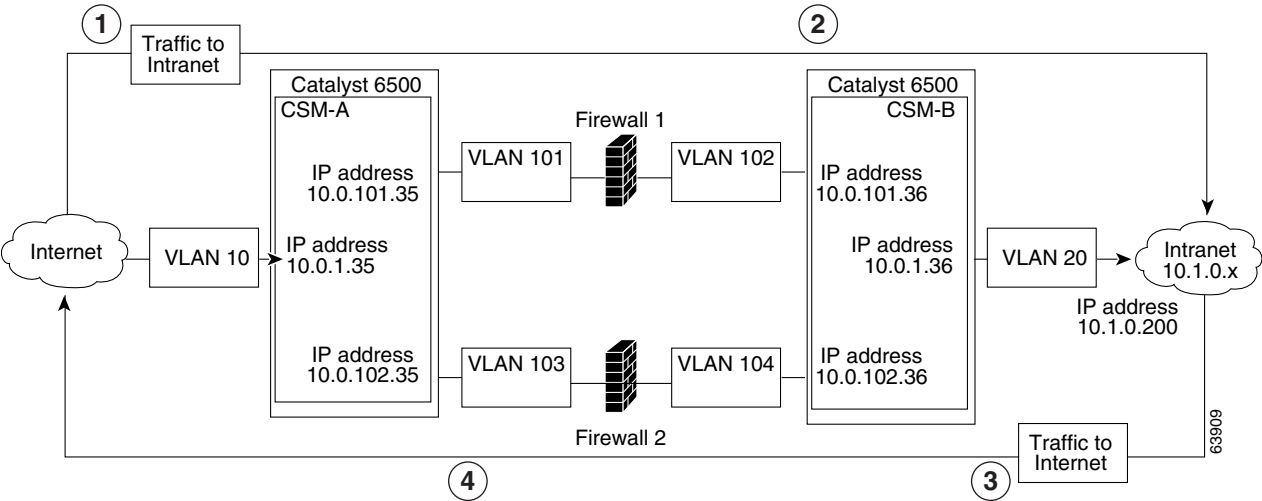
This section describes how to configure firewall load balancing for stealth firewalls and covers the following information:

- [Stealth Firewall Configuration, page 11-7](#)
- [Stealth Firewall Configuration Example, page 11-8](#)

Stealth Firewall Configuration

In a stealth firewall configuration, firewalls connect to two different VLANs and are configured with IP addresses on the VLANs to which they connect. (See [Figure 11-6](#).)

Figure 11-6 Stealth Firewall Configuration Example



Location	Traffic Direction	Arrives On	Exits On
1	To intranet	VLAN 10	VLANs 101 and 103
2	To intranet	VLANs 101 and 103	VLAN 20
3	To Internet	VLAN 20	VLANs 102 and 104
4	To Internet	VLANs 101 and 103	VLAN 10

Figure 11-6 shows two regular firewalls (Firewall 1 and Firewall 2) sandwiched between two CSMs (CSM A and CSM B).



Note

Stealth firewalls do not have addresses on VLANs.

On the path from the Internet to the intranet, traffic enters the insecure side of the firewalls through separate VLANs, VLAN 101 and VLAN 103, and exits the secure side of the firewalls through separate VLANs, VLAN 102 and VLAN 104. On the path from the intranet to the Internet, the flow is reversed. VLANs also provide connectivity to the Internet (VLAN 10) and to the intranet (VLAN 20).

In a stealth configuration, CSM A and CSM B load balance traffic through the firewalls.

Stealth Firewall Configuration Example

The stealth firewall configuration example contains two CSMs (CSM A and CSM B) installed in separate Catalyst 6500 series switches.



Note

In a stealth firewall configuration, each CSM must be installed in a separate Catalyst 6500 series switch.

This section describes how to create the stealth firewall configuration for CSM A and CSM B.

Configuring CSM A (Stealth Firewall Example)

To create the regular configuration example, perform these tasks for CSM A:

- [Creating VLANs on Switch A, page 11-9](#)
- [Configuring VLANs on CSM A, page 11-9](#)
- [Configuring Server Farms on CSM A, page 11-10](#)
- [Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM A, page 11-11](#)



Note

Although the configuration tasks are the same for both for CSM A and CSM B, the steps, commands, and parameters that you enter are different.

Creating VLANs on Switch A

To create two VLANs on switch A, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config)# vlan	Enters the VLAN mode. ¹
Step 2	Switch-A(vlan)# vlan 10	Creates VLAN 10 ² .
Step 3	Switch-A(vlan)# vlan 101	Creates VLAN 101 ³ .
Step 4	Switch-A(vlan)# vlan 103	Creates VLAN 103 ⁴ .

1. Perform this step on the switch console of the switch that contains CSM A.
2. VLAN 10 connects CSM A to the Internet.
3. VLAN 101 provides a connection through Firewall 1 to CSM B.
4. VLAN 103 provides a connection through Firewall 2 to CSM B

Configuring VLANs on CSM A

To configure the three VLANs, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config)# module csm 5	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM A is installed in slot 5.
Step 2	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vlan 10 client	Specifies VLAN 10 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a client VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip address 10.0.1.35 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 10.
Step 4	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-client)# alias 10.0.1.30 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 10 ¹ .
Step 5	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-client)# exit	Returns to VLAN configuration mode.
Step 6	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vlan 101 server	Specifies VLAN 101 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 7	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip address 10.0.101.35 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 101.

	Command	Purpose
Step 8	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-server) # alias 10.0.101.100 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 101 ¹ .
Step 9	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-server) # exit	Returns to VLAN configuration mode.
Step 10	Switch-A(config-module-csm) # vlan 103 server	Specifies VLAN 103 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 11	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan) # ip address 10.0.102.35 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 103.
Step 12	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan) # alias 10.0.102.100 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 103 ¹ .

1. This step provides a target for CSM B to use in making a load-balancing decision.

Configuring Server Farms on CSM A



Note Because the IP addresses of CSM B are listed in the INSIDE-SF server farm as real servers, CSM A will load balance the two firewalls that exist in the path to CSM B.

To configure two server farms on CSM A, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config) # module csm 5	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM A is installed in slot 5.
Step 2	Switch-A(config-module-csm) # serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Creates and names the FORWARD-SF ¹ server farm (actually a forwarding policy) and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # no nat server	Disables the NAT of server IP addresses and port numbers ² .
Step 4	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # predictor forward	Forwards traffic in accordance with its internal routing tables rather than a load-balancing algorithm.
Step 5	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 6	Switch-A(config-module-csm) # serverfarm TO-INSIDE-SF	Creates and names the INSIDE-SF ³ server farm (that will contain alias IP addresses rather than real servers) and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 7	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # no nat server	Disables the NAT of server IP address and port number ⁴ .
Step 8	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # predictor hash address source 255.255.255.255	Selects a server using a hash value based on the source IP address ⁵ .
Step 9	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # real 10.0.101.200	Identifies the alias IP address of CSM B that lies on the path to Firewall 1 as a real server and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 10	Switch-A(config-slb-real) # inservice	Enables the firewall.
Step 11	Switch-A(config-slb-real) # exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 12	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.0.102.200	Identifies the alias IP address of CSM B that lies on the path to Firewall 2 as a real server and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 13	Switch-A(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the firewall.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FORWARD-SF is actually a route forwarding policy, not an actual server farm, that allows traffic to reach the Internet (through VLAN 10). It does not contain any real servers. 2. This step is required when configuring a server farm that contains a forwarding policy rather than real servers. 3. INSIDE-SF contains the two alias IP addresses of CSM B listed as real servers that allow traffic from the intranet to reach CSM B. 4. This step is required when configuring a server farm that contains firewalls. 5. We recommend that you perform this step when configuring insecure-side firewall interfaces in a server farm. 	

Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM A

To configure three virtual servers on CSM A, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config)# module csm 5	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that the CSM A is installed in slot 5.
Step 2	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vserver FORWARD-V101	Specifies FORWARD-V101 ¹ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 any	Specifies a match for any IP address and any protocol ² .
Step 4	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 101	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 101, which is traffic arriving from the insecure side of the firewalls.
Step 5	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ³ .
Step 6	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 7	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 8	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vserver FORWARD-V103	Specifies FORWARD-V103 ⁴ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 9	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 any	Specifies a match for any IP address and any protocol ⁵ .
Step 10	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 103	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 103, which is traffic arriving from the insecure side of the firewalls.
Step 11	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ³ .
Step 12	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 13	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 14	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vserver OUTSIDE-VS	Specifies OUTSIDE-VS ⁶ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 15	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 10.1.0.0 255.255.255.0 any	Specifies the IP address, netmask, and protocol (any) for this virtual server. Clients reach the server farm represented by this virtual server through this address.
Step 16	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 10	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 10, which is traffic arriving from the Internet.
Step 17	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm TO-INSIDE-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ⁷ .
Step 18	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.

1. FORWARD-V101 allows Internet traffic to reach the insecure side of the firewalls (through VLAN 101).
2. Client matching is only limited by VLAN restrictions. (See Step 4.)
3. This server farm is actually a forwarding predictor rather than an actual server farm containing real servers.
4. FORWARD-V103 allows Internet traffic to reach the insecure side of the firewalls (through VLAN 103).
5. Clients will always match—only being limited by VLAN restrictions. (See Step 10.)
6. OUTSIDE-VS allows traffic from the Internet to reach CSM A (through VLAN 10).
7. The server farm contains the alias IP addresses of CSM B that lie along the path of Firewall 1 and Firewall 2.

Configuring CSM B (Stealth Firewall Example)

To create the regular configuration example, perform the following configuration tasks for CSM B:

- [Creating VLANs on Switch B, page 11-12](#)
- [Configuring VLANs on CSM B, page 11-13](#)
- [Configuring Server Farms on CSM B, page 11-13](#)
- [Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM B, page 11-15](#)



Note

Although the configuration tasks are the same for both CSM A and CSM B, the steps, commands, and parameters that you enter are different.

Creating VLANs on Switch B

To create three VLANs on Switch B, perform this task:



Note

This example assumes that the CSMs are in separate Catalyst 6500 series switches. If they are in the same chassis, you can create all of the VLANs on the same Catalyst 6500 series switch console.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# vlan	Enters the VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Switch-B(vlan)# vlan 102	Creates VLAN 102 ² .
Step 3	Switch-B(vlan)# vlan 104	Creates VLAN 104 ³ .
Step 4	Switch-B(vlan)# vlan 200	Creates VLAN 200 ⁴ .

1. Do this step on the switch console of the switch that contains CSM B.
2. VLAN 102 provides a connection through Firewall 1 to CSM A.

3. VLAN 104 provides a connection through Firewall 2 to CSM A.
4. VLAN 200 provides the connection to the internal network.

Configuring VLANs on CSM B

To configure the three VLANs, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# module csm 6	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM B is installed in slot 6.
Step 2	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vlan 102 server	Specifies VLAN 102 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip address 10.0.101.36 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 102.
Step 4	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# alias 10.0.101.200 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 102 ¹ .
Step 5	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 6	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vlan 104 server	Specifies VLAN 104 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 7	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip address 10.0.102.36 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 104.
Step 8	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan)# alias 10.0.102.200 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 104 ¹ .
Step 9	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 10	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vlan 20 server	Specifies VLAN 20 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 11	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip address 10.1.0.36 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 20.

1. This step provides a target for CSM A to use in making a load-balancing decision.

Configuring Server Farms on CSM B

To configure three server farms on CSM B, perform this task:



Note SERVERS-SF specifies that client NAT will be performed using a pool of client NAT addresses that are created earlier in the example using the **natpool** command. You must create the NAT pool before referencing the command.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# module csm 6	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM B is installed in slot 6.
Step 2	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Creates and names the FORWARD-SF ¹ server farm (actually a forwarding policy) and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# no nat server	Disables the NAT of server IP addresses and port numbers ² .
Step 4	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# predictor forward	Forwards traffic in accordance with its internal routing tables rather than a load-balancing algorithm.
Step 5	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 6	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# serverfarm TO-OUTSIDE-SF	Creates and names the GENERIC-SF server farm and enters server farm configuration mode ³ .
Step 7	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# no nat server	Disables NAT of server IP addresses and port numbers ⁴ .
Step 8	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.0.101.100	Identifies the alias IP address of CSM A that is locked on the path to Firewall 1 as a real server and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 9	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real server (actually an alias IP address).
Step 10	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 11	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.0.102.100	Identifies the alias IP address of CSM B that is located on the path to Firewall 2 as a real server and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 12	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real server (actually an alias IP address).
Step 13	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 14	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# serverfarm SERVERS-SF	Creates and names the SERVERS-SF ⁵ server farm and enters serverfarm configuration mode.
Step 15	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.101	Identifies a server in the intranet as a real server, assigns it an IP address, and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 16	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real server.
Step 17	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 18	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.102	Identifies a server in the intranet as a real server, assigns it an IP address, and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 19	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real server.
Step 20	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 10.1.0.103	Identifies a server in the intranet as a real server, assigns it an IP address, and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 21	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the real server.

1. FORWARD-SF is actually a route forwarding policy, not an actual server farm, that allows traffic to reach the intranet (through VLAN 20). It does not contain any real servers.

2. This step is required when configuring a server farm that contains a forwarding policy rather than real servers.
3. OUTSIDE-SF contains the two alias IP addresses of CSM A as the real servers allowing traffic from the intranet to reach CSM A.
4. This step is required when configuring a server farm that contains a forwarding policy rather than real servers.
5. SERVERS-SF contains the IP addresses of the real servers located within the intranet.

Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM B

To configure three virtual servers on CSM, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# module csm 6	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM B is installed in slot 6.
Step 2	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vserver FORWARD-VS-102	Specifies FORWARD-VS as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 any	Specifies a match for any IP address and any protocol ¹ .
Step 4	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 102	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 102, which is traffic arriving from the secure side of the Firewall 1.
Step 5	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ² .
Step 6	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 7	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 8	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vserver FORWARD-VS-104	Specifies FORWARD-VS ³ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 9	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 any	Specifies a match for any IP address and any protocol ¹ .
Step 10	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 104	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 104, which is traffic arriving from the secure side of the Firewall 2.
Step 11	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ² .
Step 12	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 13	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 14	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vserver INSIDE-VS	Specifies INSIDE-VS ⁴ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 15	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 any	Specifies a match for any IP address and any protocol ¹ .
Step 16	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 20	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 20, which is traffic arriving from the intranet.

	Command	Purpose
Step 17	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # serverfarm TO-OUTSIDE-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server (containing the alias IP addresses of CSM A as real servers and allowing traffic to flow through Firewalls 1 and 2) and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 18	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 19	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 20	Switch-B(config-module-csm) # vserver TELNET-VS	Specifies TELNET-VS ⁵ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode. Note TELNET-VS does not use a VLAN limit; any source traffic (from firewalls or internal network) will be load balanced through this address.
Step 21	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # virtual 10.1.0.200 255.255.255.0 tcp telnet	Specifies the IP address, netmask, protocol (TCP), and port (Telnet) for this virtual server ⁶ .
Step 22	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # serverfarm SERVERS-SF	Specifies the server farm containing real servers for this virtual server.
Step 23	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # inservice	Enables the virtual server.

1. Client matching is only limited by VLAN restrictions.
2. This server farm is actually a forwarding predictor rather than an actual server farm containing real servers.
3. FORWARD-VS allows traffic from the Internet to reach the intranet through VLAN 20.
4. INSIDE-VS allows traffic from the intranet to reach CSM A through Firewall 1 (through VLANs 102 and 101) or Firewall 2 (through VLANs 104 and 103).
5. TELNET-VS allows traffic from the Internet to reach Telnet servers in the internal network.
6. Clients reach the server farm represented by this virtual server through this address.

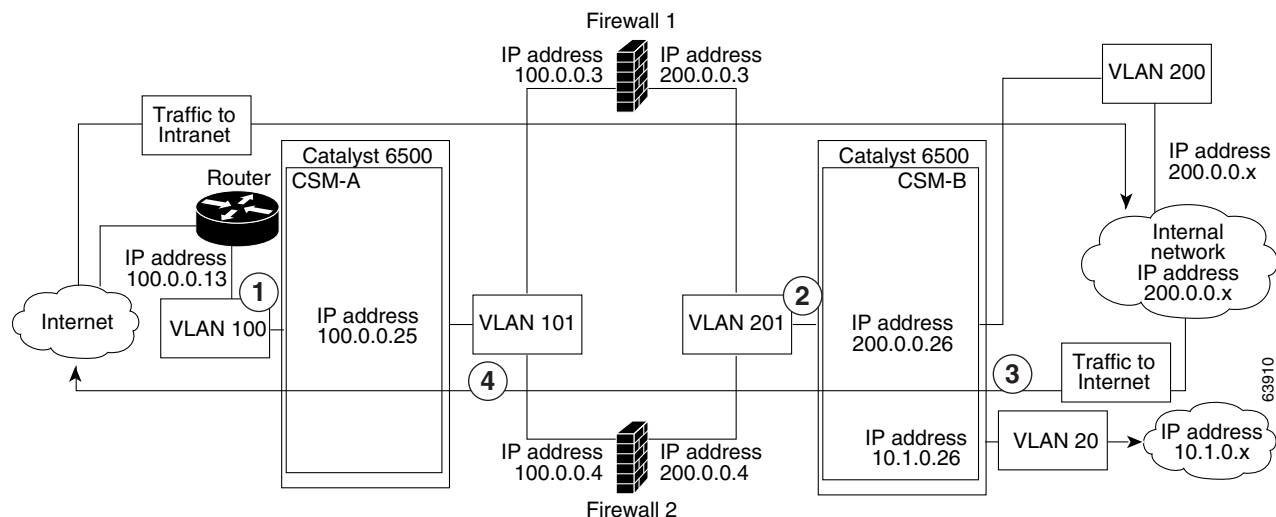
Configuring Regular Firewall Load Balancing

This section describes how to configure firewall load balancing for regular firewalls and provides the following information:

- [Packet Flow in a Regular Firewall Configuration, page 11-16](#)
- [Regular Firewall Configuration Example, page 11-17](#)

Packet Flow in a Regular Firewall Configuration

In a regular firewall configuration, firewalls connect to two different VLANs and are configured with IP addresses on the VLANs to which they connect. (See [Figure 11-7](#).)

Figure 11-7 Regular Firewall Configuration Example

Item	Traffic Direction	Arrives On	Exits On
1	To intranet	VLAN 100	VLANs 101
2	To intranet	VLANs 201	VLAN 200 and 20
3	To Internet	VLAN 200 and 20	VLANs 201
4	To Internet	VLANs 101	VLAN 100

Figure 11-7 shows two regular firewalls (Firewall 1 and Firewall 2) located between two CSMs (CSM A and CSM B). Traffic enters and exits the firewalls through shared VLANs (VLAN 101 and VLAN 201). Both regular firewalls have unique addresses on each shared VLAN.

VLANs provide connectivity to the Internet (VLAN 100), the internal network (VLAN 200), and to internal server farms (VLAN 20).

The CSM balances traffic among regular firewalls as if they were real servers. Regular firewalls are configured in server farms with IP addresses like real servers. The server farms to which regular firewalls belong are assigned a load-balancing predictor and are associated with virtual servers.

Regular Firewall Configuration Example

The regular firewall configuration example contains two CSMs (CSM A and CSM B) installed in separate Catalyst 6500 series switches.



Note

You can use this example when configuring two CSMs in the same Catalyst 6500 series switch chassis. You can also use this example when configuring a single CSM in a single switch chassis, assuming that you specify the slot number of that CSM when configuring both CSM A and CSM B.

Configuring CSM A (Regular Firewall Example)

To create the regular configuration example, perform the following configuration tasks for CSM A:

- [Creating VLANs on Switch A, page 11-18](#)
- [Configuring VLANs on CSM A, page 11-18](#)
- [Configuring Server Farms on CSM A, page 11-19](#)
- [Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM A, page 11-20](#)



Note

Although the configuration tasks are the same for both CSM A and CSM B, the steps, commands, and parameters that you enter are different.

Creating VLANs on Switch A

The example, shown in [Figure 11-7](#), requires that you create two VLANs on Switch A.



Note

This example assumes that the CSMs are in separate Catalyst 6500 series switch chassis. If they are in the same chassis, all of the VLANs can be created on the same Catalyst 6500 series switch console.

To configure VLANs on Switch A, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config)# vlan	Enters the VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Switch-A(vlan)# vlan 100	Creates VLAN 100 ² .
Step 3	Switch-A(vlan)# vlan 101	Creates VLAN 101 ³ .

1. Do this step on the switch console of the switch that contains CSM A.
2. VLAN 100 connects CSM A to the Internet.
3. VLAN 101 connects CSM A to the insecure side of the firewalls.

Configuring VLANs on CSM A

To configure the two VLANs, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config)# module csm 5	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM A is installed in slot 5.
Step 2	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vlan 100 client	Specifies VLAN 100 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a client VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-client)# ip address 100.0.0.25 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 100.
Step 4	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-client)# gateway 100.0.0.13	Configures a gateway IP address for the router on the Internet side of CSM A.
Step 5	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-client)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 6	Switch-A(config-module-csm) # vlan 101 server	Specifies VLAN 101 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 7	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-server) # ip address 100.0.0.25 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 101.
Step 8	Switch-A(config-slb-vlan-server) # alias 100.0.0.20 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 101 ¹ .

1. This step provides a target for CSM B to use in making a load-balancing decision.

Configuring Server Farms on CSM A



Note Firewall 1 and Firewall 2 secure-side IP addresses are configured as real servers in the SEC-SF server farm associated with CSM B.

To configure two server farms on CSM A, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config) # module csm 5	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM A is installed in slot 5.
Step 2	Switch-A(config-module-csm) # serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Creates and names the FORWARD-SF ¹ server farm (actually a forwarding policy) and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # no nat server	Disables the NAT of server IP addresses and port numbers ² .
Step 4	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # predictor forward	Forwards traffic by adhering to its internal routing tables rather than a load-balancing algorithm.
Step 5	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 6	Switch-A(config-module-csm) # serverfarm INSEC-SF	Creates and names the INSEC-SF ³ server farm (which will contain firewalls as real servers) and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 7	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # no nat server	Disables the NAT of the server IP address and port number ⁴ .
Step 8	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # predictor hash address source 255.255.255.255	Selects a server using a hash value based on the source IP address ⁵ .
Step 9	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # real 100.0.0.3	Identifies Firewall 1 as a real server, assigns an IP address to its insecure side, and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 10	Switch-A(config-slb-real) # inservice	Enables the firewall.
Step 11	Switch-A(config-slb-real) # exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 12	Switch-A(config-slb-sfarm) # real 100.0.0.4	Identifies Firewall 2 as a real server, assigns an IP address to its insecure side, and enters real server configuration submode.
Step 13	Switch-A(config-slb-real) # inservice	Enables the firewall.

1. FORWARD-SF is actually a route forwarding policy, not an actual server farm, that allows traffic to reach the Internet (through VLAN 100); it does not contain any real servers.
2. This is a required step when configuring a server farm that contains a forwarding policy rather than real servers.
3. INSEC-SF contains (Firewall 1 and Firewall 2); their insecure-side IP addresses are configured as real servers in this server farm.
4. This is a required step when configuring a server farm that contains firewalls.
5. We recommend this step when configuring insecure-side firewall interfaces in a server farm.

Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM A

To configure two virtual servers on CSM A, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-A(config)# module csm 5	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that the CSM A is installed in slot 5.
Step 2	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vserver FORWARD-VS	Specifies FORWARD-VS ¹ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 any	Specifies a match for any IP address and any protocol ² .
Step 4	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 101	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 101, which is traffic arriving from the insecure side of the firewalls.
Step 5	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm FORWARD-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ³ .
Step 6	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 7	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 8	Switch-A(config-module-csm)# vserver INSEC-VS	Specifies INSEC-VS ⁴ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 9	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 200.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 any	Specifies the IP address, netmask, and protocol (any) for this virtual server ⁵ .
Step 10	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 100	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 100, which is traffic arriving from the Internet.
Step 11	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm INSEC-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ⁶ .
Step 12	Switch-A(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.

1. FORWARD-VS allows Internet traffic to reach the insecure side of the firewalls (through VLAN 101).
2. Client matching is only limited by VLAN restrictions. (See Step 4.)
3. This server farm is actually a forwarding predictor rather than an actual server farm containing real servers.
4. INSEC-VS allows traffic from the Internet to reach CSM A (through VLAN 101).
5. Clients reach the server farm represented by this virtual server through this address.
6. The server farm contains firewalls rather than real servers.

Configuring CSM B (Regular Firewall Example)

To create the regular configuration example, perform the following configuration tasks for CSM B:

- [Creating VLANs on Switch B, page 11-21](#)
- [Configuring VLANs on CSM B, page 11-21](#)
- [Configuring Server Farms on CSM B, page 11-22](#)
- [Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM B, page 11-23](#)



Note

Although the configuration tasks are the same for both CSM A and CSM B, the steps, commands, and parameters that you enter are different.

Creating VLANs on Switch B



Note

This example assumes that the CSMs are in separate Catalyst 6500 series switch chassis. If they are in the same chassis, all of the VLANs can be created on the same Catalyst 6500 series switch console.

To create three VLANs on Switch B, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# vlan	Enters the VLAN mode ¹ .
Step 2	Switch-B(vlan)# vlan 201	Creates VLAN 201 ² .
Step 3	Switch-B(vlan)# vlan 200	Creates VLAN 200 ³ .
Step 4	Switch-B(vlan)# vlan 20	Creates VLAN 20 ⁴ .

1. Do this step on the switch console of the switch that contains CSM B.
2. VLAN 201 provides the connection to the secure side of the firewalls.
3. VLAN 20 provides the connection to the internal server farms.
4. VLAN 200 provides the connection to the internal network.

Configuring VLANs on CSM B

To configure the three VLANs on CSM B, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# module csm 6	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM B is installed in slot 6.
Step 2	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vlan 201 server	Specifies VLAN 201 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# ip address 200.0.0.26 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 201.
Step 4	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# alias 200.0.0.20 255.255.255.0	Specifies an alias IP address and netmask for VLAN 201 ¹ .
Step 5	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server)# exit	Returns to VLAN configuration mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 6	Switch-B(config-module-csm) # vlan 20 server	Specifies VLAN 20 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a server VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 7	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server) # ip address 10.1.0.26 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 20.
Step 8	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan-server) # exit	Returns to VLAN configuration mode.
Step 9	Switch-B(config-module-csm) # vlan 200 client	Specifies VLAN 200 as the VLAN that is being configured, identifies it as a client VLAN, and enters VLAN configuration mode.
Step 10	Switch-B(config-slb-vlan) # ip address 200.0.0.26 255.255.255.0	Specifies an IP address and netmask for VLAN 200.

1. This step provides a target for CSM A to use in making a load-balancing decision.

Configuring Server Farms on CSM B



Note Firewall 1 and Firewall 2 secure-side IP addresses are configured as real servers in the INSEC-SF server farm associated with CSM A.

To configure two server farms on CSM B, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config) # module csm 6	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM B is installed in slot 6.
Step 2	Switch-B(config-module-csm) # serverfarm GENERIC-SF	Creates and names the GENERIC-SF ¹ server farm and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm) # real 10.1.0.101	Identifies a server in the internal server farm as a real server, assigns it an IP address, and enters real server configuration submenu.
Step 4	Switch-B(config-slb-real) # inservice	Enables the real server.
Step 5	Switch-B(config-slb-real) # exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 6	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm) # real 10.1.0.102	Identifies a server in the internal server farm as a real server, assigns it an IP address, and enters real server configuration submenu.
Step 7	Switch-B(config-slb-real) # inservice	Enables the real server.
Step 8	Switch-B(config-slb-real) # exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 9	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm) # exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 10	Switch-B(config-module-csm) # serverfarm SEC-SF	Creates and names the SEC-SF ² server farm and enters server farm configuration mode.
Step 11	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm) # no nat server	Disables the NAT of server IP address and port number ³ .
Step 12	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm) # predictor hash address destination 255.255.255.255	Selects a server using a hash value based on the destination IP address ⁴ .

	Command	Purpose
Step 13	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 200.0.0.3	Identifies Firewall 1 as a real server, assigns an IP address to its insecure side, and enters real server configuration submenu.
Step 14	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the firewall.
Step 15	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# exit	Returns to server farm configuration mode.
Step 16	Switch-B(config-slb-sfarm)# real 200.0.0.4	Identifies Firewall 2 as a real server, assigns an IP address to its insecure side, and enters real server configuration submenu.
Step 17	Switch-B(config-slb-real)# inservice	Enables the firewall.

1. GENERIC-SF contains the real servers in the internal server farm.
2. SEC-SF contains (firewall 1 and firewall 2)—their secure-side IP addresses are configured as real servers in this server farm.
3. This is a required step when configuring a server farm that contains firewalls.
4. We recommend this step when configuring secure-side firewall interfaces in a server farm.

Configuring Virtual Servers on CSM B

To configure three virtual servers on CSM B, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch-B(config)# module csm 6	Enters multiple module configuration mode and specifies that CSM B is installed in slot 6.
Step 2	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vserver GENERIC-VS	Specifies GENERIC-VS ¹ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 200.0.0.127 tcp 0	Specifies the IP address, protocol (TCP), and port (0=any) for this virtual server ² .
Step 4	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 201	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 201, which is traffic arriving from the secure side of the firewalls.
Step 5	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm GENERIC-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ³ .
Step 6	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 7	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.
Step 8	Switch-B(config-module-csm)# vserver SEC-20-VS	Specifies SEC-20-VS ⁴ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 9	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# virtual 200.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 any	Specifies the IP address, netmask, and protocol (any) for this virtual server ² .
Step 10	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# vlan 20	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 20, which is traffic arriving from the internal server farms.
Step 11	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# serverfarm SEC-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ⁵ .
Step 12	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# inservice	Enables the virtual server.
Step 13	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver)# exit	Returns to multiple module configuration mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 14	Switch-B(config-module-csm) # vserver SEC-200-VS	Specifies SEC-20-VS ⁶ as the virtual server that is being configured and enters virtual server configuration mode.
Step 15	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # virtual 200.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 any	Specifies the IP address, netmask, and protocol (any) for this virtual server ² .
Step 16	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # vlan 200	Specifies that the virtual server will only accept traffic arriving on VLAN 200, which is traffic arriving from the internal network.
Step 17	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # serverfarm SEC-SF	Specifies the server farm for this virtual server ⁵ .
Step 18	Switch-B(config-slb-vserver) # inservice	Enables the virtual server.

1. GENERIC-VS allows traffic from the internal server farms and the internal network that is destined for the Internet to reach the secure side of the firewalls (through VLAN 101).
2. Clients reach the server farm represented by this virtual server through this address.
3. The server farm exists in the internal server farms network.
4. SEC-20-VS allows traffic from the Internet to reach the internal server farms (through VLAN 20).
5. The server farm contains firewalls rather than real servers.
6. SEC-200-VS allows traffic from the Internet to reach the internal network (through VLAN 20).

Configuring Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls

The reverse-sticky feature creates a database of load-balancing decisions based on the client's IP address. This feature overrides the load-balancing decision when a reverse-sticky entry is available in the database. If there is no reverse-sticky entry in the database, a load-balancing decision takes place, and the result is stored for future matching.

Understanding Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls

Reverse-sticky provides a way of inserting entries into a sticky database as if the connection came from the other direction. A virtual server with reverse-sticky places an entry into the specified database containing the inbound real server.



Note

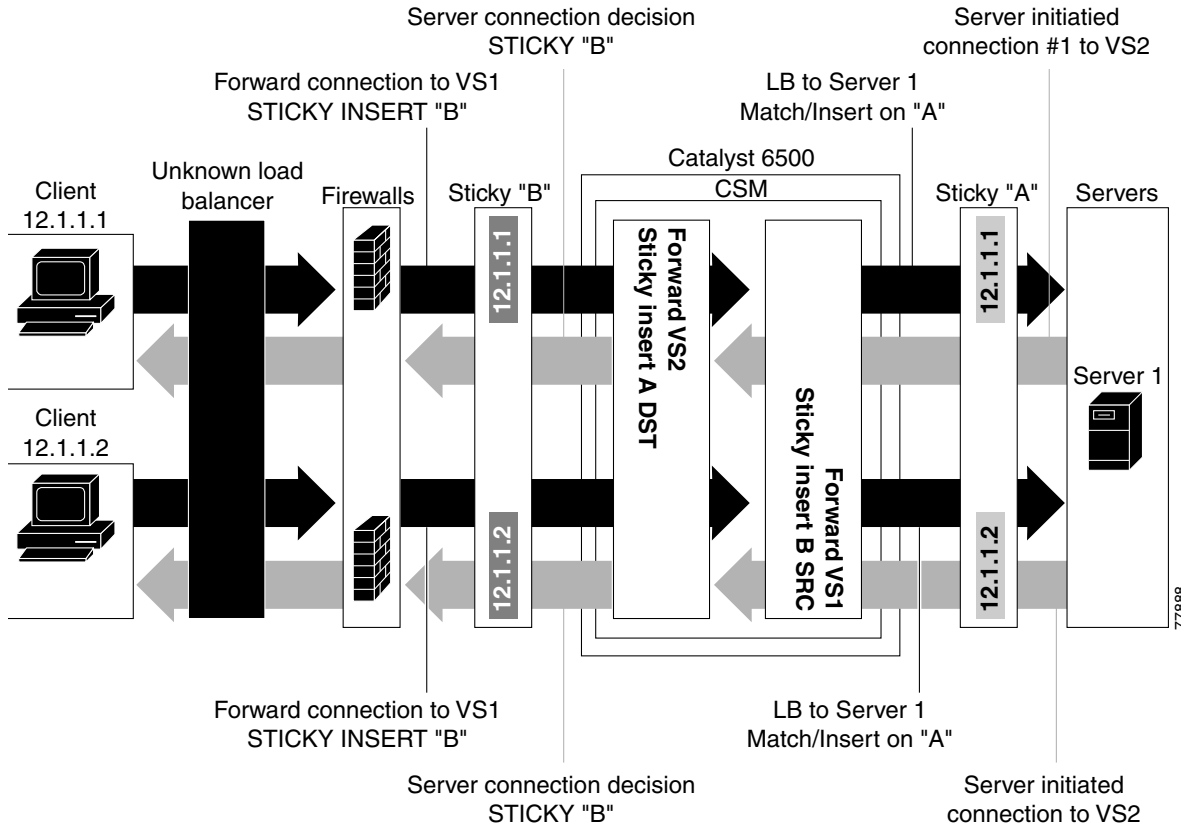
The inbound real server must be a real server within a server farm.

This entry is matched by a sticky command on a different virtual server. The other virtual server sends traffic to the client, based on this pregenerated entry.

The CSM stores reverse-sticky information as links from a source IP key to a real server. When the load balancer gets a new session on a virtual server with an assigned sticky database, it first checks the database for an existing entry. If a matching entry is found, the session is connected to the specified real server. Otherwise, a new entry is created linking the sticky key with the appropriate real server.

Figure 11-8 shows how the reverse-sticky feature is used for firewalls.

Figure 11-8 Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls



As shown in [Figure 11-8](#), the reverse-sticky process is as follows:

- A client connects to the CSM virtual server, VS1, through a load-balanced firewall. This load balancing decision is made without interaction with the CSM.
- Server 1 creates a connection back to the original client. This connection matches virtual server VS2. VS2 uses the sticky information inserted by the original VS1 reverse-sticky. The connection now is forced to the same Firewall 1.
- A second client, coming in through a different firewall, connects to the same VS1. Reverse-sticky creates a new entry into database B for the second client, pointing to Firewall 2. VS1 also performs a normal sticky to Server 1.
- Server 1 creates a connection back to Client 2. The connection matches the connection in VS2. VS2 uses the sticky information inserted by the original VS1 reverse-sticky. This connection is used for the connection to Firewall 2.
- If the server had originated the first connection, the link back to the server would have been inserted by VS2, and a normal load balancing decision would have generated a connection to one of the firewalls.



Note

This configuration supports forward direction connections (client to server) using any balancing metric. However, the balancing metric to the firewalls from VS2 must match that of the unknown load balancer, or the unknown load balancer must stick new buddy connections in a similar manner if client responses to server initiated traffic are to be sent to the correct firewall.

Configuring Reverse-Sticky for Firewalls

To configure IP reverse-sticky for firewall load balancing, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	SLB-Switch(config)# module csm slot	Associates load-balancing commands to a specific CSM module and enters the CSM module configuration submode for the specified slot.
Step 2	SLB-Switch(config-module-csm)# vserver virtserver-name	Identifies a virtual server and enters the virtual server configuration submode.
Step 3	SLB-Switch(config-slb-vserver)# sticky duration [group group-id] [netmask ip-netmask] [source destination both]	Defines the portion of the IP information (source, destination, or both) that is used for the sticky entry key.
Step 4	SLB-Switch(config-slb-vserver)# reverse-sticky group-id	Ensures that the CSM maintains connections in the opposite direction back to the original source.
Step 5	SLB-Switch# show module csm slot sticky	Displays the sticky database.

Configuring Stateful Firewall Connection Remapping

To configure the Firewall Reassignment feature, you must have an MSFC image from Cisco IOS 12.1(19)E software release.

To configure firewall reassignment, follow these steps:

-
- Step 1** In the serverfarm submode for firewalls, configure the action:
- ```
Cat6k-2(config)# serverfarm FW-FARM
failaction reassign
```
- Step 2** Assign a backup real server for each firewall if it failed (probe or ARP), with these commands:
- ```
Cat6k-2(config-slb-sfarm)# serverfarm FW-FARM
Cat6k-2(config-slb-sfarm)# real 1.1.1.1
Cat6k(config-slb-module-real)# backup real 2.2.2.2
Cat6k(config-slb-module-real)# inservice
Cat6k-2(config-slb-sfarm)# real 2.2.2.2
Cat6k(config-slb-module-real)# backup real 3.3.3.3
Cat6k(config-slb-module-real)# inservice
Cat6k-2(config-slb-sfarm)# real 3.3.3.3
Cat6k(config-slb-module-real)# backup real 1.1.1.1
Cat6k(config-slb-module-real)# inservice
```

- Step 3** Configure the ICMP probe (through firewall) for this serverfarm.

- Step 4** Configure the ICMP probes for the CSMs outside and inside the firewall.

Make sure that the backup real server is configured in the same order in both CSM's.

The inservice standby option assigned to a real server specifies that this server only receives connections if they destined or load-balanced to the failed primary server. If you configure the real server designated as real 2.2.2.2 with inservice standby, then all connections would go to either of the real servers designated as real 1.1.1.1 or real 3.3.3.3. When real server real 1.1.1.1 failed, the real server designated as real 2.2.2.2 will be active in place of real server real 1.1.1.1.



Configuration Examples

Each example in this appendix includes only the relevant portions of the configuration. In some cases, some portions of the Layer 2 and Layer 3 Catalyst switch configuration are included. Lines with comments start with # and can be pasted in the configuration once you are in configuration mode after entering the **configuration terminal** command.

Make sure that you create all the VLANs used in the CSM configuration on the switch using the **vlan** command.

Configuring Router Mode with the MSFC on the Client Side

This example provides configuration parameters for setting up the router mode:

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0

# The servers' default gateway is the alias IP address
# Alias IP addresses are needed any time that you are
# configuring a redundant system.
# However, it is a good practice to always use a
# alias IP address so that a standby CSM can easily
# be added without changes to the IP addressing scheme

!
vlan 221 client
ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1

# The CSM default gateway in this config is the
# MSFC IP address on that VLAN

!
serverfarm WEBFARM
nat server
no nat client
real 10.20.220.10
inservice
real 10.20.220.20
inservice
real 10.20.220.30
no inservice
!
vserver WEB
```

```

virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
serverfarm WEBFARM
persistent rebalance
inservice

# "persistence rebalance" is effective ONLY when performing
# L7 load balancing (parsing of URLs, cookies, header, ...)
# and only for HTTP 1.1 connections.
# It tells the CSM to parse and eventually make a new
# load balancing decision for each GET within the same
# TCP connection.

interface FastEthernet2/2
no ip address
switchport
switchport access vlan 220

# The above is the port that connects to the real servers

interface FastEthernet2/24
ip address 10.20.1.1 255.255.255.0

# The above is the interface that connects to the client side network

interface Vlan221
ip address 10.20.221.1 255.255.255.0

# The above is the MSFC interface for the internal VLAN used
# for MSFC-CSM communication

```

Output of show commands:

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 arp

Internet Address	Physical Interface	VLAN	Type	Status
10.20.220.1	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	220	-ALIAS-	local
10.20.220.2	00-02-FC-E1-68-EC	220	--SLB--	local
10.20.220.10	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.221.1	00-02-FC-CB-70-0A	221	GATEWAY	up(0 misses)
10.20.221.5	00-02-FC-E1-68-EC	221	--SLB--	local
10.20.220.20	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.220.30	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.221.100	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	0	VSERVER	local

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vlan detail

vlan	IP address	IP mask	type
220	10.20.220.2	255.255.255.0	SERVER
ALIASES			
	IP address	IP mask	
	10.20.220.1	255.255.255.0	
221	10.20.221.5	255.255.255.0	CLIENT
GATEWAYS			
	10.20.221.1		

Cat6k-2#

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real

real	server farm	weight	state	conns/hits
10.20.220.10	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
10.20.220.20	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
10.20.220.30	WEBFARM	8	OUTOFSERVICE	0

```

Cat6k-2#
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real detail
10.20.220.10, WEBFARM, state = OPERATIONAL
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 5, total conn failures = 0
10.20.220.20, WEBFARM, state = OPERATIONAL
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 5, total conn failures = 0
10.20.220.30, WEBFARM, state = OUTOFSERVICE
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0

Cat6k-2#
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vserver detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 17
  virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
  idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
  max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
  ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
  conns = 0, total conns = 10
  Default policy:
    server farm = WEBFARM, backup = <not assigned>
    sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
  Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
  -----
  (default)       10           50           50

Cat6k-2#
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 stats
Connections Created:      28
Connections Destroyed:   28
Connections Current:      0
Connections Timed-Out:   0
Connections Failed:      0
Server initiated Connections:
  Created: 0, Current: 0, Failed: 0
L4 Load-Balanced Decisions: 27
L4 Rejected Connections:   1
L7 Load-Balanced Decisions: 0
L7 Rejected Connections:
  Total: 0, Parser: 0,
  Reached max parse len: 0, Cookie out of mem: 0,
  Cfg version mismatch: 0, Bad SSL2 format: 0
L4/L7 Rejected Connections:
  No policy: 1, No policy match 0,
  No real: 0, ACL denied 0,
  Server initiated: 0
Checksum Failures:  IP: 0, TCP: 0
Redirect Connections: 0, Redirect Dropped: 0
FTP Connections:    0
MAC Frames:
  Tx: Unicast: 345, Multicast: 5, Broadcast: 25844,
  Underflow Errors: 0
  Rx: Unicast: 1841, Multicast: 448118, Broadcast: 17,
  Overflow Errors: 0, CRC Errors: 0

```

Configuring Bridged Mode with the MSFC on the Client Side

This example provides configuration parameters for configuring bridged mode:

```

module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 221 client
  ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
  gateway 10.20.220.1
!
vlan 220 server
  ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0

# Two VLANs with the same IP address are bridged together.

!
serverfarm WEBFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real 10.20.220.10
    inservice
  real 10.20.220.20
    inservice
  real 10.20.220.30
    no inservice
!
vserver WEB
  virtual 10.20.220.100 tcp www
  serverfarm WEBFARM
  persistent rebalance
  inservice

interface FastEthernet2/2
  no ip address
  switchport
  switchport access vlan 220

# The above is the port that connects to the real servers

interface FastEthernet2/24
  ip address 10.20.1.1 255.255.255.0

# The above is the MSFC interface that connects to the client side network

interface Vlan221
  ip address 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0

# The above is the MSFC interface for the internal VLAN used
# for MSFC-CSM communication.
# The servers use this IP address as their default gateway
# since the CSM is bridging between the client and server VLANs

```

Output of **show** commands:

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 arp

Internet Address	Physical Interface	VLAN	Type	Status
10.20.220.1	00-02-FC-CB-70-0A	221	GATEWAY	up(0 misses)
10.20.220.2	00-02-FC-E1-68-EC	221/220	--SLB--	local
10.20.220.10	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.220.20	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.220.30	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.220.100	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	0	VSERVER	local

Configuring Probes

This example provides configuration parameters for configuring probes:

```

module ContentSwitchingModule 5
  vlan 220 server
    ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
    alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
  !
  vlan 221 client
    ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
    gateway 10.20.221.1
  !
  probe PING icmp
    interval 5
    failed 10
    receive 4

# Interval between the probes is 5 seconds for healthy servers
# while it is 10 seconds for failed servers.
# The servers need to reply within 4 seconds.

!
  probe TCP tcp
    interval 5
    failed 10
    open 4

# The servers need to open the TCP connection within 4 seconds.

!
  probe HTTP http
    request method head url /probe/http_probe.html
    expect status 200 299
    interval 20
    port 80

# The port for the probe is inherited from the vservers.
# The port is necessary in this case, since the same farm
# is serving a vserver on port 80 and one on port 23.
# If the "port 80" parameter is removed, the HTTP probe
# will be sent out on both ports 80 and 23, thus failing
# on port 23 which does not serve HTTP requests.

  probe PING-SERVER-30 icmp
    interval 5
    failed 10
  !
  serverfarm WEBFARM
    nat server
    no nat client
    real 10.20.220.10
    inservice
    real 10.20.220.20
    inservice
    real 10.20.220.30
    health probe PING-SERVER-30
    inservice
    probe PING
    probe TCP
    probe HTTP
  !
  vserver TELNET

```

```

virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp telnet
serverfarm WEBFARM
persistent rebalance
inservice
!
vserver WEB
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
serverfarm WEBFARM
persistent rebalance
inservice
!

```

Output of show commands:

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 probe

probe	type	port	interval	retries	failed	open	receive
PING	icmp	5	3	10		4	
TCP	tcp	5	3	10	4		
HTTP	http	80	20	3	300	10	10
PING-SERVER-30	icmp	5	3	10		10	

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 probe detail

probe	type	port	interval	retries	failed	open	receive
PING	icmp	5	3	10		4	
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy	status		
10.20.220.30:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.20:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.10:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.30:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.20:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.10:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
TCP	tcp	5	3	10	4		
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy	status		
10.20.220.30:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.20:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.10:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.30:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.20:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.10:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
HTTP	http	80	20	3	300	10	10
Probe Request: HEAD /probe/http_probe.html							
Expected Status Codes: 200 to 299							
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy	status		
10.20.220.30:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.20:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	FAILED		
10.20.220.10:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.30:80	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.20:80	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	FAILED		
10.20.220.10:80	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
PING-SERVER-30	icmp	5	3	10		10	
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy	status		
10.20.220.30:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		
10.20.220.30:23	TELNET		WEBFARM	(default)	OPERABLE		

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real

real	server farm	weight	state	conns/hits
10.20.220.10	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
10.20.220.20	WEBFARM	8	PROBE_FAILED	0
10.20.220.30	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0

Configuring Source NAT for Server-Originated Connections to the VIP

This example shows a situation where servers open connections to the same VIP address that clients access. Because servers are balanced back to themselves, source NAT is required. To set source NAT, use the **vlan** parameter in the virtual server configuration to distinguish the VLAN where the connection is originated. A different server farm is then used to handle server-originated connections. Source NAT is configured for that server farm. No source NAT is used for client-originated connections so that the servers can log the real client IPs.



Note

A very similar configuration needs to be used any time that server-to-server load-balanced connections need to be supported with the source and destination servers located in the same VLAN.

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1
!
natpool POOL-1 10.20.220.99 10.20.220.99 netmask 255.255.255.0
!
serverfarm FARM
nat server
no nat client
real 10.20.220.10
inservice
real 10.20.220.20
inservice
real 10.20.220.30
inservice
!
serverfarm FARM2
nat server
nat client POOL-1
real 10.20.220.10
inservice
real 10.20.220.20
inservice
real 10.20.220.30
inservice
!
vserver FROM-CLIENTS
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp telnet
vlan 221
serverfarm FARM
persistent rebalance
```

```

inservice
!
vserver FROM-SERVERS
  virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp telnet
  vlan 220
  serverfarm FARM2
  persistent rebalance
inservice

```

Output of **show** commands:

```

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 vser
vserver          type  prot virtual          vlan state      conns
-----
FROM-CLIENTS    SLB   TCP  10.20.221.100/32:23   221 OPERATIONAL  1
FROM-SERVERS    SLB   TCP  10.20.221.100/32:23   220 OPERATIONAL  1

```

```

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 conn detail

```

```

      prot vlan source          destination          state
-----
In  TCP  220  10.20.220.10:32858    10.20.221.100:23    ESTAB
Out TCP  220  10.20.220.20:23      10.20.220.99:8193   ESTAB
    vs = FROM-SERVERS, ftp = No, csrp = False

In  TCP  221  10.20.1.100:42443    10.20.221.100:23    ESTAB
Out TCP  220  10.20.220.10:23      10.20.1.100:42443   ESTAB
    vs = FROM-CLIENTS, ftp = No, csrp = False

```

```

# The command shows the open connections and how they are translated.
#
# For each connection, both halves of the connection are shown.
# The output for the second half of each connection
# swaps the source and destination IP:port.
#
# The connection originated by server 10.20.220.10 is source-NAT'ed
# and source-PAT'ed (also its L4 source port needs to be translated)
# Its source IP changes from 10.20.220.10 to 10.20.220.99
# Its source L4 port changes from 32858 to 8193

```

```

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real

```

```

real          server farm      weight  state      conns/hits
-----
10.20.220.10   FARM             8      OPERATIONAL  1
10.20.220.20   FARM             8      OPERATIONAL  0
10.20.220.30   FARM             8      OPERATIONAL  0
10.20.220.10   FARM2            8      OPERATIONAL  0
10.20.220.20   FARM2            8      OPERATIONAL  1
10.20.220.30   FARM2            8      OPERATIONAL  0

```

```

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 natpool
nat client POOL-1 10.20.220.99 10.20.220.99 netmask 255.255.255.0

```

```

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 serverfarm

```

```

server farm      type      predictor  nat  reals  redirect  bind id
-----
FARM             SLB       RoundRobin S    3      0        0
FARM2            SLB       RoundRobin S,C  3      0        0

```

Configuring Session Persistence (Stickiness)

This example provides configuration parameters for configuring session persistence or stickiness:

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
  ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
  alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
  ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
  gateway 10.20.221.1
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real 10.20.220.10
  inservice
  real 10.20.220.20
  inservice
  real 10.20.220.30
  inservice
!
sticky 10 netmask 255.255.255.255 timeout 20
!
sticky 20 cookie yourname timeout 30
!
vserver TELNET
  virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp telnet
  serverfarm WEBFARM
  persistent rebalance
  inservice
!
vserver WEB1
  virtual 10.20.221.101 tcp www
  serverfarm WEBFARM
  sticky 20 group 10
  persistent rebalance
  inservice
!
vserver WEB2
  virtual 10.20.221.102 tcp www
  serverfarm WEBFARM
  sticky 30 group 20
  persistent rebalance
  inservice
!
```

Output of **show** commands:

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 sticky group 10
```

group	sticky-data	real	timeout
10	ip 10.20.1.100	10.20.220.10	793

```
Cat6k-2#show mod csm 5 sticky group 20
```

group	sticky-data	real	timeout
20	cookie 4C656B72:861F0395	10.20.220.20	1597

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 sticky
```

group	sticky-data	real	timeout
20	cookie 4C656B72:861F0395	10.20.220.20	1584
10	ip 10.20.1.100	10.20.220.10	778

Direct Access to Servers in Router Mode

This example shows how to configure a virtual server to give direct access to the backend servers when you are using router mode:



Note

In router mode, any connection that does not hit a virtual server is dropped.

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
  ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
  alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
  ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
  gateway 10.20.221.1
  alias 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0

# The alias IP is only required in redundant configurations
# This is the IP address that the upstream router (the MSFC
# in this case) will use as next-hop to reach the
# backend servers
# See below for the static route added for this purpose.
#
!
serverfarm ROUTE
  no nat server
  no nat client
  predictor forward

#
# This serverfarm is not load balancing, but is simply
# routing the traffic according to the CSM routing tables
# The CSM routing table in this example is very simple,
# there is just a default gateway and 2 directly attached
# subnets.
#
# The "no nat server" is very important, since you do not
# want to rewrite the destination IP address when
# forwarding the traffic.
#
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real 10.20.220.10
  inservice
  real 10.20.220.20
  inservice
!
vserver DIRECT-ACCESS
  virtual 10.20.220.0 255.255.255.0 tcp 0
```

```

serverfarm ROUTE
persistent rebalance
inservice

# This vserver is listening to all TCP connections destined to the
# serverfarm IP subnet.
# Note: ping to the backend servers will not work with this example

!
vserver WEB
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
serverfarm WEBFARM
persistent rebalance
inservice

interface Vlan221
ip address 10.20.221.1 255.255.255.0

# vlan221 is the L3 interface on the MSFC that connects to the CSM
# Client requests are being routed by the MSFC, from its other
# interfaces (not shown in this example) to vlan221.

!
ip classless
ip route 10.20.220.0 255.255.255.0 10.20.221.2

# This static route is necessary to allow the MSFC to reach
# the backend servers.

```

Output of some **show** commands:

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 conn detail

	prot	vlan	source	destination	state
In	TCP	221	10.20.1.100:44268	10.20.220.10:23	ESTAB
Out	TCP	220	10.20.220.10:23	10.20.1.100:44268	ESTAB

vs = DIRECT-ACCESS, ftp = No, csrp = False

The information displayed shows that the CSM is not rewriting any IP addresses while forwarding the connection from VLAN 221 (client) to VLAN 220 (server). This connection has been created because it was destined to the virtual server DIRECT-ACCESS.

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 vsrver detail

```

WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 14
virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 0
Default policy:
  server farm = WEBFARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)         0           0           0

```

```

DIRECT-ACCESS, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 15
virtual = 10.20.220.0/24:0 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 1, total conns = 1
Default policy:

```

```

server farm = ROUTE, backup = <not assigned>
sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)       1           48          35

```

Server-to-Server Load Balanced Connections

This example shows a CSM configuration with three VLANs, one client and two server VLANs. This configuration allows server-to-server load balanced connections. There is no need for source NAT since the source and destination servers are in separate VLANs.

```

module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1
!
vlan 210 server
ip address 10.20.210.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.210.1 255.255.255.0
!
serverfarm TIER-1
nat server
no nat client
real 10.20.210.10
inservice
real 10.20.210.20
inservice
!
serverfarm TIER-2
nat server
no nat client
real 10.20.220.10
inservice
real 10.20.220.20
inservice
!
vserver VIP1
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp telnet
vlan 221
serverfarm TIER-1
persistent rebalance
inservice
!
vserver VIP2
virtual 10.20.210.100 tcp telnet
vlan 210
serverfarm TIER-2
persistent rebalance
inservice
!

```

Output of some **show** commands:

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 arp
```

Internet Address	Physical Interface	VLAN	Type	Status
10.20.210.1	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	210	-ALIAS-	local
10.20.210.2	00-02-FC-E1-68-EC	210	--SLB--	local
10.20.210.10	00-D0-B7-A0-68-5D	210	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.210.20	00-D0-B7-A0-68-5D	210	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.220.1	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	220	-ALIAS-	local
10.20.220.2	00-02-FC-E1-68-EC	220	--SLB--	local
10.20.210.100	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	0	VSERVER	local
10.20.220.10	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.221.1	00-02-FC-CB-70-0A	221	GATEWAY	up(0 misses)
10.20.221.5	00-02-FC-E1-68-EC	221	--SLB--	local
10.20.220.20	00-D0-B7-A0-81-D8	220	REAL	up(0 misses)
10.20.221.100	00-02-FC-E1-68-EB	0	VSERVER	local

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 vser
```

vserver	type	prot	virtual	vlan	state	conns
VIP1	SLB	TCP	10.20.221.100/32:23	221	OPERATIONAL	1
VIP2	SLB	TCP	10.20.210.100/32:23	210	OPERATIONAL	1

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 conn detail
```

	prot	vlan	source	destination	state
In	TCP	221	10.20.1.100:44240	10.20.221.100:23	ESTAB
Out	TCP	210	10.20.210.10:23	10.20.1.100:44240	ESTAB
vs = VIP1, ftp = No, csrp = False					
In	TCP	210	10.20.210.10:45885	10.20.210.100:23	ESTAB
Out	TCP	220	10.20.220.10:23	10.20.210.10:45885	ESTAB
vs = VIP2, ftp = No, csrp = False					

```
# The previous command shows a connection opened from a client coming in from VLAN 221
# (client is 10.20.1.100). That connection goes to virtual IP address 1 (VIP1) and is
# balanced to 10.20.210.10. Another connection is opened from server 10.20.210.10, goes to
# VIP2 and is balanced to 10.20.220.10
```

Route Health Injection

The CSM supports virtual servers in any IP subnet. If a virtual server is configured in a subnet that is not directly attached to the MSFC, you can configure the CSM to inject a static route into the MSFC routing tables, depending on the health of the server farm serving that virtual server.

You can use this mechanism also for disaster recovery or GSLB solutions, where two distinct CSMs inject a static route for the same VIP. The static routes can then be redistributed, eventually with different costs, to prefer a specific location.

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1
alias 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0
```

The alias IP is very important because it is the IP that the CSM instructs the MSFC to use as the next-hop to reach the advertised virtual server

```

!
probe PING icmp
  interval 2
  retries 2
  failed 10
  receive 2
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real 10.20.220.10
    inservice
  real 10.20.220.20
    inservice
  probe PING
!
vserver WEB
  virtual 10.20.250.100 tcp www
  vlan 221

```

By default, a virtual server listens to traffic coming in on any VLAN. You can restrict # access to a virtual server by defining a specific VLAN. When using Route Health # Injection, it is required to specify the VLAN for the virtual server. This tells the CSM # which next-hop it needs to program in the static route that it will inject in the MSFC # routing tables.

```

serverfarm WEBFARM
  advertise active

```

This is the command that tells the CSM to inject the route for this virtual server. The # option "active" tells the CSM to remove the route if the backend serverfarm fails.

```

persistent rebalance
  inservice

```

Output of some **show** commands:

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 probe detail
```

probe	type	port	interval	retries	failed	open	receive
PING	icmp	2	2	2	10	2	
real		vserver		serverfarm		policy	status
10.20.220.20:80	WEB			WEBFARM		(default)	OPERABLE
10.20.220.10:80	WEB			WEBFARM		(default)	OPERABLE

```
Cat6k-2# sh ip route
```

```

Codes: C - connected, S - static, I - IGRP, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2, E - EGP
       i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, ia - IS-IS inter area
       * - candidate default, U - per-user static route, o - ODR
       P - periodic downloaded static route

```

```
Gateway of last resort is 10.20.1.100 to network 0.0.0.0
```

```

      10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 8 subnets, 3 masks
C       10.21.1.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan21
S       10.20.250.100/32 [1/0] via 10.20.221.2, Vlan221

```



```
# The static route to 10.20.250.100 has been automatically created by the CSM, since both
# servers were healthy.
```

```
C      10.20.221.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan221
S*    0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 10.30.1.100
```

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 vser deta
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 14
  virtual = 10.20.250.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = TRUE
  idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = 221, pending = 30, layer 4
  max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
  ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
  conns = 0, total conns = 6
Default policy:
  server farm = WEBFARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)        6             36           30
```

```
# Failing the servers causes the route to be removed This behaviour is configured with the
# advertise active command.
```

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 probe detail
1d20h: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by vty0 (probe detail
probe          type      port  interval  retries  failed  open  receive
-----
PING           icmp        2      2         10         2
real          vservers    serverfarm  policy    status
-----
10.20.220.20:80  WEB        WEBFARM  (default) TESTING
10.20.220.10:80  WEB        WEBFARM  (default) TESTING
```

```
Cat6k-2#
1d20h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: ICMP health
probe failed for server 10.20.220.20:80 in serverfarm 'WEBFARM'
1d20h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: ICMP health
probe failed for server 10.20.220.10:80 in serverfarm 'WEBFARM'
```

```
\Cat6k-2#
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 probe detail
probe          type      port  interval  retries  failed  open  receive
-----
PING           icmp        2      2         10         2
real          vservers    serverfarm  policy    status
-----
10.20.220.20:80  WEB        WEBFARM  (default) FAILED
10.20.220.10:80  WEB        WEBFARM  (default) FAILED
```

```
Cat6k-2#
```

```
Cat6k-2# sh ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, I - IGRP, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2, E - EGP
       i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, ia - IS-IS inter area
       * - candidate default, U - per-user static route, o - ODR
       P - periodic downloaded static route
```

```
Gateway of last resort is 10.20.1.100 to network 0.0.0.0
  10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 8 subnets, 3 masks
C      10.21.1.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan21
C      10.20.221.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan221
S*    0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 10.30.1.100
```

Server Names

This example shows a different way to associate servers to server farms by using server names. This method is preferred when the same servers are associated to multiple server farms, because it allows the user to take a server out of rotation from all the server farms with only one command.

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
  ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
  alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
  ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
  gateway 10.20.221.1
  alias 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0
!
probe PING icmp
  interval 2
  retries 2
  failed 10
  receive 2
!
probe FTP ftp
  interval 5
  retries 2
  failed 20
  open 3
  receive 3
!
probe HTTP http
  request method head
  expect status 200 299
  interval 5
  retries 2
  failed 10
  open 2
  receive 2
!
real SERVER1
  address 10.20.220.10
  inservice
real SERVER2
  address 10.20.220.20
  inservice
!
serverfarm FTPFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real name SERVER1
  inservice
  real name SERVER2
  inservice
  probe PING
  probe FTP
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real name SERVER1
  inservice
  real name SERVER2
  inservice
```

```

probe PING
probe HTTP
!
vserver FTP
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp ftp service ftp
serverfarm FTPFARM
persistent rebalance
inservice
!
vserver WEB
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
serverfarm WEBFARM
persistent rebalance
inservice
!

```

Output of some **show** commands:

```
Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 probe detail
```

probe	type	port	interval	retries	failed	open	receive
PING	icmp	2	2	10	2		
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy		status	
10.20.220.20:21	FTP		FTPFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
10.20.220.10:21	FTP		FTPFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
10.20.220.20:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
10.20.220.10:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
FTP	ftp	5	2	20	3	3	
Expected Status Codes: 0 to 999							
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy		status	
10.20.220.20:21	FTP		FTPFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
10.20.220.10:21	FTP		FTPFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
HTTP	http	5	2	10	2	2	
Probe Request: HEAD /							
Expected Status Codes: 200 to 299							
real	vserver		serverfarm	policy		status	
10.20.220.20:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	
10.20.220.10:80	WEB		WEBFARM	(default)		OPERABLE	

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real
```

real	server farm	weight	state	conns/hits
SERVER1	FTPFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER2	FTPFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER1	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER2	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0

Taking a server out of service at the server farm level will only take the server out of
service for that specific farm

```

Cat6k-2# conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Cat6k-2(config)# mod csm 5
Cat6k-2(config-module-csm)# serv webfarm
Cat6k-2(config-slb-sfarm)# real name server1
Cat6k-2(config-slb-real)# no inservice
Cat6k-2(config-slb-real)# end

```

```
1d20h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: Configured
server 10.20.220.10:0 to OUT-OF-SERVICE in serverfarm 'WEBFARM'
```

```
Cat6k-2#
```

```
1d20h: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by vty0 (10.20.1.100)
```

```
Cat6k-2#
```

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real
```

real	server farm	weight	state	conns/hits
SERVER1	FTPFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER2	FTPFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER1	WEBFARM	8	OUTOFSERVICE	0
SERVER2	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0

```
Cat6k-2#
```

```
# Taking the server out of service at the real server level will take the server out of
# service for all the server farms
```

```
Cat6k-2# conf t
```

```
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
```

```
Cat6k-2(config)# mod csm 5
```

```
Cat6k-2(config-module-csm)# real server1
```

```
Cat6k-2(config-sl module-real)# no ins
```

```
Cat6k-2(config-sl module-real)# end
```

```
Cat6k-2#
```

```
1d20h: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by vty0 (10.20.1.100)
```

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real
```

real	server farm	weight	state	conns/hits
SERVER1	FTPFARM	8	OUTOFSERVICE	0
SERVER2	FTPFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER1	WEBFARM	8	OUTOFSERVICE	0
SERVER2	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0

```
Cat6k-2#
```

Backup Server Farm

This example shows you how to configure a backup server farm for a virtual server. If all the servers in the primary server farm fail, the CSM starts directing requests to the backup server farm. The sticky options allows you to control the backup operation if stickiness is configured for that virtual server.

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1
alias 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 210 server
ip address 10.20.210.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.210.1 255.255.255.0
!
probe PING icmp
interval 2
retries 2
failed 10
```

```

    receive 2
!
real SERVER1
    address 10.20.220.10
    inservice
real SERVER2
    address 10.20.220.20
    inservice
real SERVER3
    address 10.20.210.30
    inservice
real SERVER4
    address 10.20.210.40
    inservice
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
    nat server
    no nat client
    real name SERVER1
    inservice
    real name SERVER2
    inservice
    probe PING
!
serverfarm WEBFARM2
    nat server
    no nat client
    real name SERVER3
    inservice
    real name SERVER4
    inservice
    probe PING
!
vserver WEB
    virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
    serverfarm WEBFARM backup WEBFARM2
    persistent rebalance
    inservice
!

```

Output of some **show** commands:

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real
```

real	server farm	weight	state	conns/hits
SERVER1	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER2	WEBFARM	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER3	WEBFARM2	8	OPERATIONAL	0
SERVER4	WEBFARM2	8	OPERATIONAL	0

```
# All the servers are shown as operational.
```

```
Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 serverfarm detail
```

```

WEBFARM, type = SLB, predictor = RoundRobin
    nat = SERVER
    virtuals inservice = 1, reals = 2, bind id = 0, fail action = none
    inband health config: <none>
    retcode map = <none>
    Probes:
        PING, type = icmp
    Real servers:
        SERVER1, weight = 8, OPERATIONAL, conns = 0
        SERVER2, weight = 8, OPERATIONAL, conns = 0
    Total connections = 0

```

```

WEBFARM2, type = SLB, predictor = RoundRobin
nat = SERVER
virtuals inservice = 1, reals = 2, bind id = 0, fail action = none
inband health config: <none>
retcode map = <none>
Probes:
    PING, type = icmp
Real servers:
    SERVER3, weight = 8, OPERATIONAL, conns = 0
    SERVER4, weight = 8, OPERATIONAL, conns = 0
Total connections = 0

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vserver detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 18
virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 0
Default policy:
    server farm = WEBFARM, backup = WEBFARM2 (no sticky)
    sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)        0            0            0

# No connections have been sent to the virtual server yet.

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vserver detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 18
virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 14
Default policy:
    server farm = WEBFARM, backup = WEBFARM2 (no sticky)
    sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)       14            84           70

# A total of 14 connections have been sent to the virtual server and have been balanced to
# the primary server farm. For each connection, the client has sent 6 packets and the #
server has sent 5 packets. Two servers are taken out of service

Cat6k-2#
1d21h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: ICMP health
probe failed for server 10.20.220.10:80 in serverfarm 'WEBFARM'
1d21h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: ICMP health
probe failed for server 10.20.220.20:80 in serverfarm 'WEBFARM'

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 serverfarm detail
WEBFARM, type = SLB, predictor = RoundRobin
nat = SERVER
virtuals inservice = 1, reals = 2, bind id = 0, fail action = none
inband health config: <none>
retcode map = <none>
Probes:
    PING, type = icmp
Real servers:
    SERVER1, weight = 8, PROBE_FAILED, conns = 0
    SERVER2, weight = 8, PROBE_FAILED, conns = 0

```

```

Total connections = 0

# The two servers have failed the probe but the CSM has not yet refreshed the ARP table
# for them, so the servers are not yet shown in the failed state

WEBFARM2, type = SLB, predictor = RoundRobin
nat = SERVER
virtuals inservice = 1, reals = 2, bind id = 0, fail action = none
inband health config: <none>
retcode map = <none>
Probes:
    PING, type = icmp
Real servers:
    SERVER3, weight = 8, OPERATIONAL, conns = 0
    SERVER4, weight = 8, OPERATIONAL, conns = 0
Total connections = 0

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vserver detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OUTOFSERVICE, v_index = 18
virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 14
Default policy:
    server farm = WEBFARM, backup = WEBFARM2 (no sticky)
    sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)       14           83          70

# The virtual server is displayed as out of service, even if it is configured with a
# backup server farm, which is healthy. This behaviour is useful if the backup server farm
# is configured as an HTTP redirect server farm to a different site and you are using some
# DNS-based GSLB method, where some connections are still being directed to the failed
# virtual server.

# If you want the CSM to consider the virtual server healthy and operational if the backup
# server farm is healthy, you just need to change an environmental variable.

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 var

variable                               value
-----
ARP_INTERVAL                           300
ARP_LEARNED_INTERVAL                   14400
ARP_GRATUITOUS_INTERVAL                15
ARP_RATE                               10
ARP_RETRIES                            3
ARP_LEARN_MODE                         1
ARP_REPLY_FOR_NO_INSERVICE_VIP       0
ADVERTISE_RHI_FREQ                    10
AGGREGATE_BACKUP_SF_STATE_TO_VS      0
DEST_UNREACHABLE_MASK                 0xffff
FT_FLOW_REFRESH_INT                   15
GSLB_LICENSE_KEY                      (no valid license)
HTTP_CASE_SENSITIVE_MATCHING          1
MAX_PARSE_LEN_MULTIPLIER              1
NAT_CLIENT_HASH_SOURCE_PORT           0
ROUTE_UNKNOWN_FLOW_PKTS               0
NO_RESET_UNIDIRECTIONAL_FLOWS         0
SYN_COOKIE_INTERVAL                   3
SYN_COOKIE_THRESHOLD                   5000
TCP_MSS_OPTION                        1460

```

```

TCP_WND_SIZE_OPTION           8192
VSERVER_ICMP_ALWAYS_RESPOND   false
XML_CONFIG_AUTH_TYPE          Basic

# The variable that you want to change is AGGREGATE_BACKUP_SF_STATE_TO_VS

Cat6k-2#
1d21h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: Server
10.20.220.20 failed ARP request
Cat6k-2#

# The CSM has refreshed the ARP entry for 10.20.220.20 which is now reported in the failed
state.

Cat6k-2# conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Cat6k-2(config)# mod csm 5
Cat6k-2(config-module-csm)# var AGGREGATE_BACKUP_SF_STATE_TO_VS 1
Cat6k-2(config-module-csm)#
Cat6k-2(config-module-csm)# end

1d21h: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by vty0 (10.20.1.100)

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 var

variable                               value
-----
ARP_INTERVAL                           300
ARP_LEARNED_INTERVAL                   14400
ARP_GRATUITOUS_INTERVAL                 15
ARP_RATE                               10
ARP_RETRIES                             3
ARP_LEARN_MODE                           1
ARP_REPLY_FOR_NO_INSERVICE_VIP        0
ADVERTISE_RHI_FREQ                     10
AGGREGATE_BACKUP_SF_STATE_TO_VS        1
DEST_UNREACHABLE_MASK                   0xffff
FT_FLOW_REFRESH_INT                     15
GSLB_LICENSE_KEY                       (no valid license)
HTTP_CASE_SENSITIVE_MATCHING            1
MAX_PARSE_LEN_MULTIPLIER                1
NAT_CLIENT_HASH_SOURCE_PORT             0
ROUTE_UNKNOWN_FLOW_PKTS                 0
NO_RESET_UNIDIRECTIONAL_FLOWS           0
SYN_COOKIE_INTERVAL                     3
SYN_COOKIE_THRESHOLD                    5000
TCP_MSS_OPTION                          1460
TCP_WND_SIZE_OPTION                     8192
VSERVER_ICMP_ALWAYS_RESPOND             false
XML_CONFIG_AUTH_TYPE                    Basic

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vserver detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 18
  virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
  idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
  max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
  ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
  conns = 0, total conns = 14
  Default policy:
    server farm = WEBFARM, backup = WEBFARM2 (no sticky)
    sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
  Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
  -----
  (default)       14           83           70

```



```
# The virtual server is now shown as operational.

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 real detail
SERVER1, WEBFARM, state = PROBE_FAILED
  address = 10.20.220.10, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 7, total conn failures = 0
SERVER2, WEBFARM, state = FAILED
  address = 10.20.220.20, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 7, total conn failures = 0
SERVER3, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.210.30, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0
SERVER4, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.210.40, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0
Cat6k-2#

1d21h: %CSM_SLB-6-RSERVERSTATE: Module 5 server state changed: SLB-NETMGT: Server
10.20.220.10 failed ARP request

# The ARP entry for the other server has been refreshed.

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 real detail
SERVER1, WEBFARM, state = FAILED
  address = 10.20.220.10, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 7, total conn failures = 0
SERVER2, WEBFARM, state = FAILED
  address = 10.20.220.20, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 7, total conn failures = 0
SERVER3, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.210.30, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0
SERVER4, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.210.40, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0

# So far, each of the servers in the primary server farm have received 7 connections. New
# connections are now sent only to the backup server farm.

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 real detail
SERVER1, WEBFARM, state = FAILED
  address = 10.20.220.10, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 7, total conn failures = 0
SERVER2, WEBFARM, state = FAILED
  address = 10.20.220.20, location = <NA>
```

```

conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
total conns established = 7, total conn failures = 0
SERVER3, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
address = 10.20.210.30, location = <NA>
conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
total conns established = 6, total conn failures = 0
SERVER4, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
address = 10.20.210.40, location = <NA>
conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
total conns established = 6, total conn failures = 0
Cat6k-2#

```

Balancing Based on the Source IP Address

This example shows how to make a load-balancing decision based on the source IP address of the client. This configuration requires the use of slb-policies.

```

module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1
alias 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0
!
probe PING icmp
interval 2
retries 2
failed 10
receive 2
!
real SERVER1
address 10.20.220.10
inservice
real SERVER2
address 10.20.220.20
inservice
real SERVER3
address 10.20.220.30
inservice
real SERVER4
address 10.20.220.40
inservice
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
nat server
no nat client
real name SERVER1
inservice
real name SERVER2
inservice
probe PING
!
serverfarm WEBFARM2
nat server

```

```

no nat client
real name SERVER3
  inservice
real name SERVER4
  inservice
!
policy SOURCE-IP-50
  client-group 50
  serverfarm WEBFARM2

# A policy consists of a series of conditions, plus the actions to take if those
# conditions are matched. In this case, the only condition is client-group 50 which
# requires the incoming connection to match the standard access-list 50. The only action
# to take is to use server farm WEBFARM2 to serve those requests.

!
vserver WEB
  virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
  serverfarm WEBFARM
  persistent rebalance
  slb-policy SOURCE-IP-50

# Slb-policies associated to a virtual server are always examined in the order in which
# they are configured. The definition of the server farm under the virtual server
# configuration is the default policy and is always used as a last resort if no policy
# matches, or if there are no policies configured.

# In this case, incoming requests are processed to see if they match the conditions of the
# slb-policy SOURCE-IP-50. If they do, then the server farm WEBFARM2 is used, otherwise
# the default policy is selected (for example, WEBFARM is used).

# If a default server farm is not configured, then connections that do not match any
# policy are dropped.

# This example shows how to configure the IOS standard access list. You can configure any
# of the 1-99 standard access lists, or you can configure named access lists

inservice
!
access-list 50 permit 10.20.1.100

```

Output of some show commands:

```

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vser detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 18
  virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
  idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
  max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
  ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
  conns = 0, total conns = 0
Default policy:
  server farm = WEBFARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
SOURCE-IP-50    0            0            0
(default)       0            0            0

```

This example shows that six connections have matched the slb-policy SOURCE-IP-50.

```

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 5 vser detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 18
  virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
  idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4

```

```

max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 6
Default policy:
  server farm = WEBFARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
SOURCE-IP-50    6             36           30
(default)       0             0            0

# This example shows that SERVER3 and SERVER4 have received 3 connections each.

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 real detail
SERVER1, WEBFARM, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.220.10, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0
SERVER2, WEBFARM, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.220.20, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 0, total conn failures = 0
SERVER3, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.220.30, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 3, total conn failures = 0
SERVER4, WEBFARM2, state = OPERATIONAL
  address = 10.20.220.40, location = <NA>
  conns = 0, maxconns = 4294967295, minconns = 0
  weight = 8, weight(admin) = 8, metric = 0, remainder = 0
  total conns established = 3, total conn failures = 0
Cat6k-2#

```

Layer 7 Load Balancing

This example shows how to make load-balancing decisions based on Layer 7 information. In this case, the CSM terminates the TCP connection, buffers the request, and parses it to see if the request matches the policy conditions. When a load-balancing decision is made, the CSM opens the connection to the selected server and splices the two flows together.

The configuration in this example requires the use of maps and policies. A policy is a list of conditions and actions that are taken if all the conditions are true.

```

Cat6k-2(config-module-csm)# policy test
Cat6k-2(config-slb-policy)# ?
SLB policy config
  client-group  define policy client group
  cookie-map    define policy cookie map
  default       Set a command to its defaults
  exit          exit slb policy submode
  header-map    define policy header map
  no            Negate a command or set its defaults
  reverse-sticky define sticky group for reverse traffic
  serverfarm    define policy serverfarm
  set           set policy parameters
  sticky-group  define policy sticky group
  url-map       define policy URL map

```

```
# The conditions are:
# -client-group (source IP matches a certain ACL)
# -cookie-map (match based on cookies)
# -header-map (match based on HTTP headers)
# -url-map (match based on URLs)

# The actions are:
# -serverfarm (the most common: use this serverfarm)
# -sticky-group (use sticky)
# -reverse-sticky (use reverse sticky)
# -set (set ip dscp)

\module ContentSwitchingModule 5
vlan 220 server
  ip address 10.20.220.2 255.255.255.0
  alias 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
vlan 221 client
  ip address 10.20.221.5 255.255.255.0
  gateway 10.20.221.1
  alias 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0
!
probe PING icmp
  interval 2
  retries 2
  failed 10
  receive 2
!
map TEST header
  match protocol http header Host header-value www.test.com
!
map SPORTS url
  match protocol http url /sports/*

# The definition of maps is based on the header and the URL. The URL starts right after
# the host. For example, in the URL http://www.test.com/sports/basketball/ the URL portion
# that the URL map applies to is /sports/basketball/.

!
real SERVER1
  address 10.20.220.10
  inservice
real SERVER2
  address 10.20.220.20
  inservice
real SERVER3
  address 10.20.220.30
  inservice
real SERVER4
  address 10.20.220.40
  inservice
!
serverfarm WEBFARM
  nat server
  no nat client
  real name SERVER1
  inservice
  real name SERVER2
  inservice
  probe PING
!
serverfarm WEBFARM2
  nat server
```

```

no nat client
real name SERVER3
  inservice
real name SERVER4
  inservice
!
policy TEST-SPORTS-50
url-map SPORTS
header-map TEST
client-group 50
serverfarm WEBFARM2

# Three conditions need to match for this policy to have a match.

!
vserver WEB
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
serverfarm WEBFARM
persistent rebalance
slb-policy TEST-SPORTS-50
inservice
!
# If the three conditions defined in the policy are true then WEBFARM2 is used otherwise
# WEBFARM is.

```

Output of some **show** commands:

```

# In this example, 17 requests have matched the policy Of those, 12 requests have not
# matched the policy

```

```

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 vserver detail
WEB, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 18
virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30, layer 4
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 29
Default policy:
  server farm = WEBFARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot matches  Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
TEST-SPORTS-50  17           112         95
(default)       12           82         72

```

```

# This example shows that the 29 connections that were load balanced have been load
# balanced at Layer 7. For example, the CSM has to terminate TCP and parse Layer 5 through
# Layer 7 information.

```

```

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 5 stats
Connections Created:      29
Connections Destroyed:   29
Connections Current:      0
Connections Timed-Out:    0
Connections Failed:       0
Server initiated Connections:
  Created: 0, Current: 0, Failed: 0
L4 Load-Balanced Decisions: 0
L4 Rejected Connections:  0
L7 Load-Balanced Decisions: 29
L7 Rejected Connections:
  Total: 0, Parser: 0,
  Reached max parse len: 0, Cookie out of mem: 0,
  Cfg version mismatch: 0, Bad SSL2 format: 0

```

```

L4/L7 Rejected Connections:
  No policy: 0, No policy match 0,
  No real: 0, ACL denied 0,
  Server initiated: 0
Checksum Failures: IP: 0, TCP: 0
Redirect Connections: 0, Redirect Dropped: 0
FTP Connections:      0
MAC Frames:
  Tx: Unicast: 359, Multicast: 0, Broadcast: 8,
  Underflow Errors: 0
  Rx: Unicast: 387, Multicast: 221, Broadcast: 1,
  Overflow Errors: 0, CRC Errors: 0

```

HTTP Redirect

This example shows how you can configure the CSM to send HTTP redirect messages:

This configuration represents the configuration of site A

```

module ContentSwitchingModule 6
  vlan 211 client
    ip address 10.20.211.2 255.255.255.0
    gateway 10.20.211.1
  !
  vlan 210 server
    ip address 10.20.210.1 255.255.255.0
  !
  map SPORTMAP url
    match protocol http url /sports*
  !
  serverfarm REDIRECTFARM
    nat server
    no nat client
    redirect-vserver WWW2
    webhost relocation www2.test.com 301
    inservice
  !
  serverfarm WWW1FARM
    nat server
    no nat client
    real 10.20.210.10
    inservice
    real 10.20.210.20
    inservice
  !
  policy SPORTPOLICY
    url-map SPORTMAP
    serverfarm REDIRECTFARM
  !
  vserver WWW1VIP
    virtual 10.20.211.100 tcp www
    serverfarm WWW1FARM
    persistent rebalance
    slb-policy SPORTPOLICY
    inservice

# This configuration represents the configuration of site B

module ContentSwitchingModule 7
  vlan 221 client

```

```

ip address 10.20.221.2 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.20.221.1
!
vlan 220 server
ip address 10.20.220.1 255.255.255.0
!
serverfarm WWW2FARM
nat server
no nat client
real 10.20.220.10
inservice
real 10.20.220.20
inservice
!
vserver WWW2VIP
virtual 10.20.221.100 tcp www
serverfarm WWW2FARM
persistent rebalance
inservice

```

Output of some **show** commands:

To test the configuration, the first nine requests are sent to www1.test.com requesting the home page "/." The 10th request is sent to http://www1.test.com/sports/.

```

Cat6k-2# show mod csm 6 vser deta
WWW1VIP, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 11
virtual = 10.20.211.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 10
Default policy:
  server farm = WWW1FARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot Conn      Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
SPORTPOLICY      1           3           1
(default)        9          45          45

```

```

Cat6k-2# sh mod csm 7 vser detail
WWW2VIP, type = SLB, state = OPERATIONAL, v_index = 26
virtual = 10.20.221.100/32:80 bidir, TCP, service = NONE, advertise = FALSE
idle = 3600, replicate csrp = none, vlan = ALL, pending = 30
max parse len = 2000, persist rebalance = TRUE
ssl sticky offset = 0, length = 32
conns = 0, total conns = 1
Default policy:
  server farm = WWW2FARM, backup = <not assigned>
  sticky: timer = 0, subnet = 0.0.0.0, group id = 0
Policy          Tot Conn      Client pkts  Server pkts
-----
(default)        1           5           5

```

Nine requests have matched the default policy for www1.test.com so they have been served by WWW1FARM. One request has matched the policy SPORTPOLICY and has been redirected to the second site that has then served the request.

The following is an example of the request that was sent to www1.cisco.com asking for /sports/.

```

10.20.1.100.34589 > 10.20.211.100.80: P 1:287(286) ack 1 win 5840 (DF)
0x0000  4500 0146 763c 4000 4006 da85 0a14 0164      E..Fv<@.@.....d
0x0010  0a14 d364 871d 0050 ec1d 69e6 7b57 aead      ...d...P..i.{W..

```



```

0x0020 5018 16d0 96b2 0000 4745 5420 2f73 706f P.....GET./spo
0x0030 7274 732f 2048 5454 502f 312e 310d 0a43 rts/.HTTP/1.1..C
0x0040 6f6e 6e65 6374 696f 6e3a 204b 6565 702d onnection:.Keep-
0x0050 416c 6976 650d 0a55 7365 722d 4167 656e Alive..User-Agen
0x0060 743a 204d 6f7a 696c 6c61 2f35 2e30 2028 t:.Mozilla/5.0.(
0x0070 636f 6d70 6174 6962 6c65 3b20 4b6f 6e71 compatible;.Konq
0x0080 7565 726f 722f 322e 322d 3131 3b20 4c69 ueror/2.2-11;.Li
0x0090 6e75 7829 0d0a 4163 6365 7074 3a20 7465 nux)..Accept:.te
0x00a0 7874 2f2a 2c20 696d 6167 652f 6a70 6567 xt/*,.image/jpeg
0x00b0 2c20 696d 6167 652f 706e 672c 2069 6d61 ,.image/png,.ima
0x00c0 6765 2f2a 2c20 2a2f 2a0d 0a41 6363 6570 ge/*,*/*..Accep
0x00d0 742d 456e 636f 6469 6e67 3a20 782d 677a t-Encoding:.x-gz
0x00e0 6970 2c20 677a 6970 2c20 6964 656e 7469 ip,.gzip,.identi
0x00f0 7479 0d0a 4163 6365 7074 2d43 6861 7273 ty..Accept-Chars
0x0100 6574 3a20 416e 792c 2075 7466 2d38 2c20 et:.Any,.utf-8,.
0x0110 2a0d 0a41 6363 6570 742d 4c61 6e67 7561 *..Accept-Langua
0x0120 6765 3a20 656e 5f55 532c 2065 6e0d 0a48 ge:.en_US,.en..H
0x0130 6f73 743a 2077 7777 312e 7465 7374 2e63 ost:.www1.test.c
0x0140 6f6d 0d0a 0d0a om....

```

```

# The following example is the message that the client has received back from
# www1.cisco.com. This message is the HTTP redirect message generated by the CSM

```

```

10.20.211.100.80 > 10.20.1.100.34589: FP 1:56(55) ack 287 win 2048 (DF)
0x0000 4500 005f 763c 4000 3e06 dd6c 0a14 d364 E.._v<@.>..l...d
0x0010 0a14 0164 0050 871d 7b57 aead ec1d 6b04 ...d.P.{W....k.
0x0020 5019 0800 8b1a 0000 4854 5450 2f31 2e30 P.....HTTP/1.0
0x0030 2033 3031 2046 6f75 6e64 200d 0a4c 6f63 .301.Found...Loc
0x0040 6174 696f 6e3a 2068 7474 703a 2f2f 7777 ation:.http://ww
0x0050 7732 2e74 6573 742e 636f 6d0d 0a0d 0a w2.test.com....

```

```

# The redirect location sent back to the client matches exactly the string configured with
# the webhost relocation www2.test.com 301 command because the client was browsing
# www1.test.com/sports/ and is redirected to www2.test.com/.

```

```

# In some cases this might not be the desired behaviour and there might be the need to
# preserve the original URL that the browser requested.

```

```

# To preseerve the URL that the browser requested, you can use the %p parameter as part of
# the redirect string.

```

```

# The configuration would then appear as:

```

```

# serverfarm REDIRECTFARM
# nat server
# no nat client
# redirect-vserver WWW2
# webhost relocation www2.test.com/%p
# inservice

```

```

# The following example shows the resulting redirect message which is sent back to the
# client:

```

```

10.20.211.100.80 > 10.20.1.100.34893: FP 1:64(63) ack 329 win 2048 (DF)
0x0000 4500 0067 7d95 4000 3e06 d60b 0a14 d364 E..g}.@.>.....d
0x0010 0a14 0164 0050 884d 7093 b53b 4e0b e8a8 ...d.P.Mp.;N...
0x0020 5019 0800 2800 0000 4854 5450 2f31 2e30 P...(...HTTP/1.0
0x0030 2033 3032 2046 6f75 6e64 200d 0a4c 6f63 .302.Found...Loc
0x0040 6174 696f 6e3a 2068 7474 703a 2f2f 7777 ation:.http://ww
0x0050 7732 2e74 6573 742e 636f 6d2f 7370 6f72 w2.test.com/spor
0x0060 7473 2f0d 0a0d 0a ts/....

```

```

# In other cases, you may need to redirect an HTTP request to an HTTPS VIP, on the same or
# on a remote CSM. In that case, the URL request must change from http:// to https://

```

```
# You can do this by using the parameter ssl 443

# The configuration would then be as follows:

# serverfarm REDIRECTFARM
# nat server
# no nat client
# redirect-vserver WWW2
# webhost relocation www2.test.com/%p
# ssl 443
# inservice

# The following is the resulting redirect message sent back to the client.

10.20.211.100.80 > 10.20.1.100.34888: FP 1:65(64) ack 329 win 2048 (DF)
0x0000 4500 0068 2cda 4000 3e06 26c6 0a14 d364 E..h,..@.>.&....d
0x0010 0a14 0164 0050 8848 7088 b087 21e5 a627 ...d.P.Hp...!...'
0x0020 5019 0800 f39e 0000 4854 5450 2f31 2e30 P.....HTTP/1.0
0x0030 2033 3032 2046 6f75 6e64 200d 0a4c 6f63 .302.Found...Loc
0x0040 6174 696f 6e3a 2068 7474 7073 3a2f 2f77 ation:.https://w
0x0050 7777 322e 7465 7374 2e63 6f6d 2f73 706f ww2.test.com/spo
0x0060 7274 732f 0d0a 0d0a rts/....
```



Troubleshooting and System Messages

This appendix describes how to troubleshoot the CSM and system messages you may receive.

Troubleshooting

When a CSM is out-of-service the module still replies to ARP requests but will not reply to pings.

System Messages

This section lists system log (syslog) messages supported in the CSM.

For the Cisco IOS, the message logs contain the warning level with this syntax:

`CSM_SLB_level-code`

[Table B-1](#) lists the level codes:

Table B-1 Error Message Level Codes

Message Level	Code
LOG_EMERG	0 /* system is unusable */
LOG_ALERT	1 /* action must be taken immediately */
LOG_CRIT	2 /* critical conditions */
LOG_ERR	3 /* error conditions */
LOG_WARNING	4 /* warning conditions */
LOG_NOTICE	5 /* normal but signification condition */
LOG_INFO	6 /* informational */
LOG_DEBUG	7 /* debug-level messages */

Error Message `CSM_SLB-3-IDB_ERROR` Unknown error occurred while configuring IDB

Explanation The MFSC could not create the internal interfaces for the CSM.

Recommended Action Either this version of the MFSC or the IDPROM were incorrectly programmed. Reprogram the MFSC or the IDPROM.

Error Message CSM_SLB-3-OUTOFMEM Module [dec] memory error

Explanation This is a general memory problem of the control module. The memory problem may lead to more serious operational problem in the CSM if it persists.

Recommended Action Run a memory check, or increase the memory size.

Error Message CSM_SLB-3-PORTCHANNEL Portchannel allocation failed for module [dec]

Explanation This problem occurs when there are more CSM modules inserted into the chassis than configured or the slot number where the module was inserted was higher than anticipated.

Recommended Action Move the CSM module to a lower slot number to resolve the problem.

Error Message CSM_SLB-3-RELOAD Module [dec] configuration reload failed

Explanation The MSFC could not reload the existing configuration into the CSM module that came online. The cause of the problem may be the CLI error checking of the CSM.

Recommended Action Check the status of the CSM module such as diagnostic failure or version mismatch.

Error Message CSM_SLB-3-UNEXPECTED Module [dec] unexpected error

CSM_SLB-3-REDUNDANCY Module [dec] FT error

CSM_SLB-4-REDUNDANCY_WARN Module [dec] FT warning

CSM_SLB-6-REDUNDANCY_INFO Module %d FT info

CSM_SLB-3-ERROR Module [dec] error

CSM_SLB-4-WARNING Module [dec] warning

CSM_SLB-6-INFO Module [dec] info

Explanation These messages are generic headlines for error or warning messages. Additional details are located in the information string.

Recommended Action None.

Error Message CSM_SLB-3-VERMISMATCH Module [dec] image version mismatch

Explanation This is a version mismatch between MFSC and the CSM code. This condition only occurs with the MFSC software versions before the 12.1(8)EX release or CSM software versions before the 2.1(1) release.

Recommended Action Upgrade or downgrade the MFSC version to match the CSM version to allow the CSM to come online.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-ARPCONFIG Module [dec] ARP configuration error

Explanation There is an error in creating or removing static ARP configuration.

Recommended Action Recheck your ARP configuration.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-ERRPARSING Module [dec] configuration warning
SLB-REGEX: Syntactic error in regular expression <x>.
SLB-REGEX: Parse error in regular expression <x>.

Explanation These are the syntax error-checking messages for the URL, cookie, or header regular expression matching.

Recommended Action Check the input matching strings.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-INVALIDID Module [dec] invalid ID
CSM_SLB-4-DUPLICATEID Module [dec] duplicate ID

Explanation These are error-checking messages between two modules when one module is calling another module.

Recommended Action Check errors at the CLI level, which should prevent these errors from appearing.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-PROBECONFIG Module [dec] probe configuration error

Explanation The CSM does not have enough memory to support the specified probe configuration.

Recommended Action Remove some of the probes from the server farm.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-REGEXMEM Module [dec] regular expression memory error
SLB-LCSC: Error detected while downloading URL configuration for vserver %s.
SLB-LCSC: Error detected while downloading COOKIE policy map for vserver <x>.
SLB-LCSC: Error detected while downloading COOKIE <x> for vserver <x>.
SLB-LCSC: There was an error downloading the configuration to hardware
SLB-LCSC: due to insufficient memory. Use the 'show ip slb memory' command to gather information about memory usage.

Explanation These errors may occur if you configured complex URL, cookie, or header matching expressions. The CSM has a limited amount of space to compute the matching strings. Currently, the limit of 10 keywords (for example, "name*") are allowed per virtual server.

Recommended Action Combine (or remove) the expression strings to work around this problem.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-TOPOLOGY Module [dec] warning

Explanation The CSM is detecting a "bridge loop" in the network.

Recommended Action Check the bridging device and the bridge-mode configurations of multiple CSMs located in the network.

Error Message CSM_SLB-4-VERWILDCARD Received CSM-SLB module version wildcard on slot

Explanation The CSM sends this message when you enter a debug command on the CSM console to work around the image version mismatch condition described in the previous error message.

Recommended Action This error is a debug condition only.

Error Message SLB-DIAG: WatchDog task not responding.

SLB-DIAG: Fatal Diagnostic Error %x, Info %x.

SLB-DIAG: Diagnostic Warning %x, Info %x.

Explanation Various diagnostic problems were encountered during the board boot procedure.

Recommended Action Check for a CSM hardware failure or corrupted software in the Flash memory.

Error Message SLB-FT: Heartbeat intervals are not identical between ft pair.

SLB-FT: heartbeat interval is identical again

SLB-FT: The configurations are not identical between the members of the fault tolerant pair.

Explanation These errors occur as a result of a misconfiguration between two redundant CSM modules.

Recommended Action Check the fault-tolerant configuration attributes and the real server and server farm configurations.

Error Message SLB-FT: Standby is not monitoring active now.

Explanation This problem is the result of a version mismatch of the fault tolerance protocol between two versions of the CSM. The standby CSM stays as standby and does not take over as active if the primary CSM fails.

Recommended Action The CSM does not support hitless (HA) upgrades in this situation.



CSM XML Document Type Definition

You can use this DTD to configure the CSM as described in the [“Configuring the XML Interface” section on page 8-13](#).

The CSM XML Document Type Definition (DTD) is as follows:

```
<!--
/*
 * cisco_csm.dtd - XML DTD for CSM 3.2
 *
 * January 2002 Paul Mathison
 *
 * Copyright (c) 2002, 2003 by cisco Systems, Inc.
 * All rights reserved
 */
-->

<!--
Notes:
Each element refers to a particular IOS CLI command.
Each attribute refers to a command parameter.
Except where noted, all "name" attributes are strings of length
1 to 15, with no whitespace.
IP address and mask attributes use standard "x.x.x.x" format.
-->

<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required by various other elements
*****
-->

<!ELEMENT inservice EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST inservice
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT inservice_standby EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST inservice_standby
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

<!--
    backup_name is a string of length 1 to 15
    backup_sticky default is "no"
-->
<!ELEMENT serverfarm_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST serverfarm_ref
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
```

```

    name          CDATA          #REQUIRED
    backup_name    CDATA          #IMPLIED
    backup_sticky  (yes | no)    #IMPLIED
  >

  <!--
    value is between 1 and 4294967295
  -->
  <!ELEMENT maxconns EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST maxconns
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  >

  <!--
    id is between 1 and 255
  -->
  <!ELEMENT reverse_sticky EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST reverse_sticky
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    id    NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  >

  <!--
  *****
  Elements and attributes required for env_variable
  *****
  -->

  <!--
    name is a string of length 1 to 31
    expression is a string of length 0 to 127
  -->
  <!ELEMENT env_variable EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST env_variable
    sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name        CDATA     #REQUIRED
    expression  CDATA     #REQUIRED
  >

  <!--
  *****
  Elements and attributes required for owner
  *****
  -->

  <!--
    string is of length 1 to 200
  -->
  <!ELEMENT billing_info EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST billing_info
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    string CDATA     #REQUIRED
  >

  <!--
    string is of length 1 to 200
  -->
  <!ELEMENT contact_info EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST contact_info
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    string CDATA     #REQUIRED
  >

```


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```

    Elements and attributes required for script_file and script_task
    *****
-->

<!--
    url is a string of length 1 to 200
-->
<!ELEMENT script_file EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST script_file
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    url    CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    id is between 1 and 100
    name is a string of length 1 to 31
    arguments is a string of length 0 to 199
-->
<!ELEMENT script_task EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST script_task
    sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    id         NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
    name       CDATA      #REQUIRED
    arguments  CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!--
    *****
    Elements and attributes required for probe
    *****
-->

<!--
    value is between 2 and 65535 (default is 300)
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_failed EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST probe_failed
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 2 and 65535 (default is 120)
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_interval EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST probe_interval
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 0 and 65535 (default is 3)
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_retries EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST probe_retries
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 1 and 65535 (default 10)
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_open EMPTY>

```

```

<!--
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
-->
<!--
  value is between 1 and 65535 (default 10)
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_receive EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_receive
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
-->
<!--
  value is between 1 and 65535
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_port EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_port
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
-->
<!--
  string is of length 1 to 64
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_domain EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_domain
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  string CDATA     #REQUIRED
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_address EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_address
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  ipaddress NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  mode (transparent | routed) "transparent"
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_expect_address EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_expect_address
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  ipaddress NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
-->
<!--
  expression is a string of length 1 to 200
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_header EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_header
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name CDATA       #REQUIRED
  expression CDATA  #REQUIRED
-->
<!--
  user is a string of length 1 to 15
  password is a string of length 1 to 15
-->
<!--ELEMENT probe_credentials EMPTY-->
<!--ATTLIST probe_credentials
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  user CDATA       #REQUIRED
  password CDATA   " "
-->

```

```

>

<!--
  url is a string of length 1 to 200
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_request EMPTY>
<!--
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  method (get | head) #REQUIRED
  url CDATA "/"
-->

<!--
  min_code is between 0 and 999
  max_code default is match min_code
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_expect_status EMPTY>
<!--
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  min_code NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  max_code NMTOKEN #IMPLIED
-->

<!--
  name is a string of length 1 to 31
  arguments is a string of length 0 to 199
-->
<!ELEMENT script_ref EMPTY>
<!--
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name CDATA #REQUIRED
  arguments CDATA #IMPLIED
-->

<!--
  secret is a string of length 1 to 32
-->
<!ELEMENT probe_secret EMPTY>
<!--
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  secret CDATA #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 255 probe_headers per http_probe
  probe_address must use mode "routed"
-->
<!ELEMENT http_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
  probe_open?, probe_receive?, probe_port?, probe_address?,
  probe_request?, probe_credentials?, probe_header*,
  probe_expect_status*)
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 255 probe_expect_addresses per dns_probe
  probe_address must use mode "routed"
-->
<!ELEMENT dns_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
  probe_receive?, probe_port?, probe_address?, probe_domain?,
  probe_expect_address*)
-->

<!--
  probe_address must use mode "transparent"
-->

```

```

-->
<!ELEMENT icmp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                      probe_receive?, probe_address?)
>

<!ELEMENT tcp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                     probe_open?, probe_port?)
>

<!ELEMENT udp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                     probe_receive?, probe_port?)
>

<!ELEMENT smtp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                      probe_open?, probe_receive?, probe_port?,
                      probe_expect_status*)
>

<!ELEMENT telnet_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                        probe_open?, probe_receive?, probe_port?,
                        probe_expect_status*)
>

<!ELEMENT ftp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                     probe_open?, probe_receive?, probe_port?,
                     probe_expect_status*)
>

<!ELEMENT script_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                        probe_open?, probe_receive?, probe_port?, script_ref?)
>

<!--
  probe_address must use mode "routed"
-->
<!ELEMENT kalap_udp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                           probe_receive?, probe_port?, probe_address?,
                           probe_secret?)
>

<!--
  probe_address must use mode "routed"
-->
<!ELEMENT kalap_tcp_probe (probe_failed?, probe_interval?, probe_retries?,
                           probe_open?, probe_receive?, probe_port?,
                           probe_address?, probe_secret?)
>

<!ELEMENT probe (http_probe | dns_probe | icmp_probe | tcp_probe | udp_probe |
                  smtp_probe | telnet_probe | ftp_probe | script_probe |
                  kalap_udp_probe | kalap_tcp_probe)
>

<!ATTLIST probe
  sense (yes | no)                #IMPLIED
  name CDATA                      #REQUIRED
  type (http | dns | icmp | tcp | udp |
        smtp | telnet | ftp | script |
        kal-ap-udp | kal-ap-tcp)  #REQUIRED
>

<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required for natpool

```

```

*****
-->

<!--
  Global maximum of 255 natpool addresses
-->
<!ELEMENT natpool EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST natpool
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name       CDATA      #REQUIRED
  first_ip   NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  last_ip    NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  ipmask     NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
*****
  Elements and attributes required by maps
*****
-->

<!--
  url is a string of length 1 to 200
  method is a string of length 1 to 15 (e.g. GET)
-->
<!ELEMENT url_rule EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST url_rule
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  url        CDATA      #REQUIRED
  method     CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!--
  name is a string of length 1 to 63
  expression is a string of length 1 to 127
-->
<!ELEMENT cookie_rule EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST cookie_rule
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name       CDATA      #REQUIRED
  expression CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  name is a string of length 1 to 63
  expression is a string of length 1 to 127
-->
<!ELEMENT header_rule EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST header_rule
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name       CDATA      #REQUIRED
  expression CDATA      #REQUIRED
  type       (match | insert) "match"
>

<!--
  min_code and max_code are between 100 and 599
  threshold is between 1 and 4294967295, no effect for count action
  reset is between 0 and 4294967295 (0 means no reset)
-->
<!ELEMENT retcode_rule EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST retcode_rule
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED

```

```

min_code  NMTOKEN          #REQUIRED
max_code  NMTOKEN          #REQUIRED
action    (count | log | remove) #REQUIRED
threshold NMTOKEN          #REQUIRED
reset     NMTOKEN          "0"
>

<!--
  domain is a string of length 1 to 127
-->
<!ELEMENT dns_rule EMPTY>
<!--ATTLIST dns_rule
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  domain CDATA      #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 1023 url_rules per map
-->
<!ELEMENT url_map (url_rule*)>
<!--ATTLIST url_map
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 5 cookie_rules per map
-->
<!ELEMENT cookie_map (cookie_rule*)>
<!--ATTLIST cookie_map
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 5 header_rules per map
-->
<!ELEMENT header_map (header_rule*)>
<!--ATTLIST header_map
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 100 retcodes (not ranges) per map
-->
<!ELEMENT retcode_map (retcode_rule*)>
<!--ATTLIST retcode_map
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  Maximum of 16 dns_rules per map
-->
<!ELEMENT dns_map (dns_rule*)>
<!--ATTLIST dns_map
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
  *****
-->

```

```

    Elements and attributes required for redirect_server
    *****
-->

<!--
    value is between 1 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT ssl_port EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST ssl_port
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    string is of length 1 to 127
-->
<!ELEMENT redirect_relocate EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST redirect_relocate
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    string CDATA      #REQUIRED
    code (301 | 302) "302"
>

<!--
    string is of length 1 to 127
-->
<!ELEMENT redirect_backup EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST redirect_backup
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    string CDATA      #REQUIRED
    code (301 | 302) "302"
>

<!ELEMENT redirect_server (ssl_port?, redirect_relocate?, redirect_backup?,
                           inservice?)
>
<!ATTLIST redirect_server
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA        #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    *****
    Elements and attributes required for named_real_server
    *****
-->

<!--
    string is of length 0 to 63
-->
<!ELEMENT location EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST location
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    string CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT real_address EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST real_address
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    ipaddress NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT named_real_server (real_address?, location?)>

```



```

<!ATTLIST named_real_server
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required for real_server
*****
-->

<!--
    value is between 0 and 100
-->
<!ELEMENT weight EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST weight
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 1 and 4294967295
-->
<!ELEMENT minconns EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST minconns
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 2 and 254 (default is 254)
-->
<!ELEMENT load_threshold EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST load_threshold
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    tag is a string of length 0 to 32
-->
<!ELEMENT real_probe_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST real_probe_ref
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA      #REQUIRED
    tag CDATA      #IMPLIED
>

<!--
    either ipaddress or named_real_server_ref is required
    port is between 0 and 65535 (0 means no port translation)
-->
<!ELEMENT real_server_backup EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST real_server_backup
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    ipaddress NMTOKEN #IMPLIED
    named_real_server_ref CDATA #IMPLIED
    port NMTOKEN      "0"
>

<!--
    either ipaddress or named_real_server_ref is required
    port is between 0 and 65535 (0 means no port translation)
-->

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    Global maximum of 4095 real_servers
-->
<!ELEMENT real_server (weight?, minconns?, maxconns?, load_threshold?,
                      real_probe_ref?, real_server_backup?, inservice?,
                      inservice_standby?)
>
<!ATTLIST real_server
    sense          (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    ipaddress       NMTOKEN    #IMPLIED
    named_real_server_ref CDATA    #IMPLIED
    port            NMTOKEN    "0"
>

<!--
*****
    Elements and attributes required for serverfarm
*****
-->

<!ELEMENT retcode_map_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST retcode_map_ref
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    retries is between 0 and 65534
    failed is between 0 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT health EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST health
    sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    retries    NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
    failed     NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT failaction EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST failaction
    sense (yes | no)          #IMPLIED
    value (purge | reassign) #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT probe_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST probe_ref
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT natpool_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST natpool_ref
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT server_nat EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST server_nat
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

<!--
    value is between 0 and 65533
-->
<!ELEMENT bind_id EMPTY>

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<!--
  This only applies to cookie and header-based sticky_groups
  offset is between 0 and 3999
  length is between 1 and 4000
-->
<!ELEMENT sticky_offset EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST sticky_offset
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  offset NMTOKEN   #REQUIRED
  length NMTOKEN   #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  This only applies to cookie-based sticky_groups
  name is a string of length 1 to 63
-->
<!ELEMENT cookie_secondary EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST cookie_secondary
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  id is between 1 and 255
  timeout is between 1 and 65535
  ipmask required for ip types
  cookie is a string of length 1 to 63, req for type=cookie or cookie_insert
  header is a string of length 1 to 63, req for type=header
-->
<!ELEMENT sticky_group (sticky_offset?, cookie_secondary?, static_sticky*)>
<!ATTLIST sticky_group
  sense (yes | no)          #IMPLIED
  id     NMTOKEN             #REQUIRED
  timeout NMTOKEN            "1440"
  type   (ip | cookie | ssl |
          ip_src | ip_dest | ip_src_dest |
          cookie_insert | header) #REQUIRED
  ipmask NMTOKEN             #IMPLIED
  cookie CDATA               #IMPLIED
  header CDATA               #IMPLIED
>

<!--
*****
  Elements and attributes required for policy
*****
-->

<!ELEMENT url_map_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST url_map_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT cookie_map_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST cookie_map_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT header_map_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST header_map_ref

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    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA      #REQUIRED
  >

<!ELEMENT dns_map_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST dns_map_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  order is between 1 and 3 (corresponds to "primary", "secondary", "tertiary")
  ttl is between 1 and 604800 (default is 20)
  response_count is between 1 and 8 (default is 1)
-->
<!ELEMENT dns_serverfarm_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST dns_serverfarm_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  order NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  name CDATA      #REQUIRED
  ttl NMTOKEN      #IMPLIED
  response_count NMTOKEN #IMPLIED
>

<!--
  Reference to an IOS standard IP access list
  Specify either the id (range 1 to 99) or name
  name is a string of length 1 to 200
-->
<!ELEMENT client_group_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST client_group_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name CDATA      #IMPLIED
  id NMTOKEN      #IMPLIED
>

<!--
  id is between 1 and 255
-->
<!ELEMENT sticky_group_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST sticky_group_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  id NMTOKEN      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  value is between 0 and 63
-->
<!ELEMENT dscp EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST dscp
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT policy (serverfarm_ref?, client_group_ref?, sticky_group_ref?,
  reverse_sticky?, dscp?, url_map_ref?, cookie_map_ref?,
  header_map_ref?)
>
<!ATTLIST policy
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

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Maximum of 3 dns_serverfarm_refs per dns_policy (one for each order)
-->
<!ELEMENT dns_policy (dns_serverfarm_ref*, client_group_ref?, dns_map_ref?)>
<!ATTLIST dns_policy
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required for vserver
*****
-->

<!--
protocol is between 0 and 255 (0 = any, 1 = icmp, 6 = tcp, 17 = udp)
port is between 0 and 65535 (0 means any)
ftp and termination service valid only for tcp protocol
rtsp service valid for tcp and udp protocol
per-packet service valid only for non-tcp protocols
-->
<!ELEMENT virtual EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST virtual
  sense (yes | no)          #IMPLIED
  ipaddress NMTOKEN         #REQUIRED
  ipmask    NMTOKEN         "255.255.255.255"
  protocol  NMTOKEN         #REQUIRED
  port      NMTOKEN         #REQUIRED
  service   (none | ftp | rtsp |
             termination | per-packet) "none"
>

<!ELEMENT client EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST client
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  ipaddress NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  ipmask    NMTOKEN "255.255.255.255"
  exclude   (yes | no) "no"
>

<!--
timeout is between 1 and 65535
group is between 0 and 255 (if nonzero, refers to an ip sticky_group)
-->
<!ELEMENT sticky EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST sticky
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  timeout NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  group   NMTOKEN "0"
  ipmask  NMTOKEN "255.255.255.255"
>

<!ELEMENT policy_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST policy_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT dns_policy_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST dns_policy_ref
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  name  CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

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<!--
    begin and end are strings, 0-length ok
    total length of begin and end should not exceed 200
-->
<!ELEMENT url_hash EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST url_hash
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    begin CDATA      #REQUIRED
    end   CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 2 and 4094
-->
<!ELEMENT vlan_id EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST vlan_id
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 2 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT idle EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST idle
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    value is between 1 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT pending EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST pending
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT replicate_csrp EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST replicate_csrp
    sense (yes | no)          #IMPLIED
    value (sticky | connection) #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT advertise EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST advertise
    sense (yes | no)          #IMPLIED
    value (always | active)  #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT persistent EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST persistent
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

<!--
    value is between 1 and 4000
-->
<!ELEMENT parse_length EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST parse_length
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

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<!--
    string is of length 1 to 127
-->
<!ELEMENT domain EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST domain
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    string CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT unidirectional EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST unidirectional
    sense (yes | no | default) #IMPLIED
>

<!ELEMENT owner_ref EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST owner_ref
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    offset is between 0 and 3999
    length is between 1 and 4000
-->
<!ELEMENT ssl_sticky_offset EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST ssl_sticky_offset
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    offset NMTOKEN   #REQUIRED
    length NMTOKEN   #REQUIRED
>

<!--
    Maximum of 1023 domains per vserver
    Default idle is 3600
    Default pending is 30
-->
<!ELEMENT vserver (virtual?, vlan_id?, unidirectional?, owner_ref?,
    maxconns?, ssl_sticky_offset?, idle?, pending?,
    replicate_csrp?, advertise?, persistent?, parse_length?,
    inservice?, url_hash?, policy_ref*, domain*,
    serverfarm_ref?, sticky?, reverse_sticky?, client*)
>
<!ATTLIST vserver
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT dns_vserver (inservice?, dns_policy_ref*)>
<!ATTLIST dns_vserver
    sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
    name CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
*****
    Elements and attributes required for dfp
*****
-->

<!--
    port is between 1 and 65535
-->

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<!ELEMENT dfp_manager EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST dfp_manager
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  port  NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  port is between 1 and 65535
  timeout is between 0 and 65535
  retry is between 0 and 65535 (must specify timeout)
  interval is between 1 and 65535 (must specify retry)
-->
<!ELEMENT dfp_agent EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST dfp_agent
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  ipaddress  NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  port       NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  timeout    NMTOKEN    "0"
  retry      NMTOKEN    "0"
  interval   NMTOKEN    "180"
>

<!--
  password is a string of length 1 to 64
  timeout is between 0 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT dfp (dfp_manager?, dfp_agent*)>
<!ATTLIST dfp
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  password   CDATA      #IMPLIED
  timeout    NMTOKEN    "180"
>

<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required for udp_capp
*****
-->

<!--
  secret is a string of length 1 to 32
-->
<!ELEMENT capp_options EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST capp_options
  sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  ipaddress  NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
  encryption (md5)      "md5"
  secret     CDATA      #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  value is between 1 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT capp_port EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST capp_port
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!ELEMENT capp_secure EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST capp_secure
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

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<!--
  Maximum of 16 capp_options
  Default capp_port is 5002
-->
<!ELEMENT udp_capp (capp_port?, capp_secure?, capp_options*)>
<!ATTLIST udp_capp
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

<!--
*****
  Elements and attributes required for ft
*****
-->

<!ELEMENT ft_preempt EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST ft_preempt
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
>

<!--
  value is between 1 and 254
-->
<!ELEMENT ft_priority EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST ft_priority
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  value is between 1 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT ft_failover EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST ft_failover
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  value is between 1 and 65535
-->
<!ELEMENT ft_heartbeat EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST ft_heartbeat
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  value NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>

<!--
  group is between 1 and 254
  vlan_id is between 2 and 4094, and must *not* match id of
    existing client or server vlan configured for csm_module
  Default ft_preempt is off
  Default ft_priority is 10
  Default ft_failover is 3
  Default ft_heartbeat is 1
-->
<!ELEMENT ft (ft_preempt?, ft_priority?, ft_failover?, ft_heartbeat*)>
<!ATTLIST ft
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  group NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  vlan_id NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>

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<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required for static_nat
*****
-->

<!ELEMENT static_real EMPTY>
<!--ATTLIST static_real
sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
ipaddress  NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
ipmask     NMTOKEN    "255.255.255.255"
-->

<!--
ipaddress is required for type=ip
Global maximum of 16383 static_reals
-->
<!ELEMENT static_nat (static_real*)>
<!--ATTLIST static_nat
sense      (yes | no)          #IMPLIED
type       (drop | ip | virtual) #REQUIRED
ipaddress  NMTOKEN            #IMPLIED
-->

<!--
*****
Elements and attributes required for static_arp
*****
-->

<!--
macaddress has the form "hhhh.hhhh.hhhh", where h is a hex digit
vlan_id is between 2 and 4094
-->
<!ELEMENT static_arp EMPTY>
<!--ATTLIST static_arp
sense      (yes | no) #IMPLIED
ipaddress  NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
macaddress NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
vlan_id    NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
-->

<!--
*****
root definition for csm_module
*****
-->

<!--
slot is between 1 and MAXSLOT (depends on chassis)
Maximum of 4095 probes
Maximum of 1023 url_maps
Maximum of 1023 cookie_maps
Maximum of 1023 header_maps
Maximum of 1023 retcode_maps
Maximum of 1023 dns_maps
Maximum of 4095 serverfarms and dns_serverfarms
Maximum of 255 sticky_groups (including those id=0 groups created
                             implicitly for vservers)
Maximum of 4000 vservers and dns_vservers

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Maximum of 255 owners
Maximum of 16383 static_arp entries
-->
<!ELEMENT csm_module (env_variable*, owner*, vlan*, script_file*, script_task*,
                      probe*, natpool*, url_map*, cookie_map*, header_map*,
                      retcode_map*, dns_map*, named_real_server*,
                      serverfarm*, dns_serverfarm*, sticky_group*,
                      policy*, dns_policy*, vserver*, dns_vserver*,
                      dfp?, udp_capp?, ft?, static_nat*, static_arp*)
>
<!ATTLIST csm_module
  sense (yes | no) #IMPLIED
  slot  NMTOKEN    #REQUIRED
>

<!--
*****
actions
*****
-->

<!--
error_tolerance is a 32-bit value, specified
in hex or decimal, which acts as a bitmask
for specifying which error types should be
ignored. See valid error types below. Default is 0x0048.
dtd_version is a string that specifies the set of
configurable CSM features, and should match the CSM version
specified at the top of this DTD. Default is "2.2".
Note that if the version is higher than the CSM can
handle, an error may be returned. In most cases,
the CSM will do its best to interpret the document,
even if dtd_version is missing or higher than expected.
-->
<!ELEMENT config (csm_module)>
<!ATTLIST config
  error_tolerance NMTOKEN #IMPLIED
  dtd_version     NMTOKEN #IMPLIED

<!--
*****
In case of error, the response document will include an "error" child element
in the offending element. The error element takes the form:
<!ELEMENT error EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST error
  code NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>
The body of the error element is a description string.
Attribute "code" is a hex value representing a mask of possible error codes:
XML_ERR_INTERNAL      = 0x0001 /* internal memory or coding error */
XML_ERR_COMM_FAILURE  = 0x0002 /* communication failure */
XML_ERR_WELLFORMEDNESS = 0x0004 /* not a wellformed XML document */
XML_ERR_ATTR_UNRECOGNIZED = 0x0008 /* found an unrecognized attribute */
XML_ERR_ATTR_INVALID  = 0x0010 /* found invalid value in attribute */
XML_ERR_ATTR_MISSING   = 0x0020 /* required attribute missing */
XML_ERR_ELEM_UNRECOGNIZED = 0x0040 /* found an unrecognized element */
XML_ERR_ELEM_INVALID   = 0x0080 /* found invalid element */
XML_ERR_ELEM_MISSING   = 0x0100 /* required element missing */
XML_ERR_ELEM_CONTEXT   = 0x0200 /* valid element found in wrong place */
XML_ERR_IOS_PARSER     = 0x0400 /* IOS unable to parse command */
XML_ERR_IOS_MODULE_IN_USE = 0x0800 /* Another user is configuring CSM */
XML_ERR_IOS_WRONG_MODULE = 0x1000 /* Tried to configure unavailable CSM */
XML_ERR_IOS_CONFIG     = 0x2000 /* IOS configuration error */
*****

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