

Avaya Solution & Interoperability Test Lab

Application Notes for Dialogic PowerVille LB with Avaya Aura[®] **Session Manager – Issue 1.0**

Abstract

These Application Notes describe configuration steps required for Dialogic PowerVille LB to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Session Manager.

Dialogic PowerVille LB is a software based load-balancer for SIP traffic. During the compliance test Dialogic PowerVille LB load balanced SIP traffic between two Avaya Aura[®] Session Managers.

Readers should pay attention to **Section 2**, in particular the scope of testing as outlined in **Section 2.1** as well as the observations noted in **Section 2.2**, to ensure that their own use cases are adequately covered by this scope and results.

Information in these Application Notes has been obtained through DevConnect compliance testing and additional technical discussions. Testing was conducted via the DevConnect Program at the Avaya Solution and Interoperability Test Lab.

1. Introduction

These Application Notes describe configuration steps required for Dialogic PowerVille LB (PowerVille LB) to interoperate with Avaya Aura® Session Manager (Session Manager).

Dialogic PowerVille LB is a software based load-balancer for SIP traffic. During the compliance test PowerVille LB load-balanced inbound SIP traffic between two Session Managers. PowerVille LB has the ability to work in either Active/Active or Active/Standby mode. In Active/Active mode, SIP traffic is divided, approximately 50%, between two Session Managers. In Active/Standby mode, SIP traffic is sent to primary Session Manager. In an event where primary Session Manager is unavailable, SIP traffic is sent to secondary Session Manager.

2. General Test Approach and Test Results

The compliance test focused on verifying load-balancing features offered by PowerVille LB. During the compliance testing, ingress SIP traffic from SIP trunk (SIP Entity) was a primary focus.

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2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The compliance test included the following feature tests. During the compliance test, a pair of PowerVille LB was tested. All calls were generated using a SIP call generation tool:

- SIP OPTIONS to and from PowerVille LB
- SIP traffic load-balancing for SIP Trunk (SIP Entity) in Active/Active mode
- SIP traffic for SIP Trunk (SIP Entity) in Active/Standby mode
- SIP traffic failover in Active/Active and Active/Standby modes
- SIP traffic failover between PowerVille LB

Serviceability tests for Session Manager were performed by network disconnects and Deny Service. For PowerVille LB, network disconnects and server reboots were performed.

2.2. Test Results

All planned test cases were passed with following observations:

- When PowerVille LB is in Active/Active mode, and one of the Session Managers becomes unavailable, calls that are mid-stream, may fail. Calls in-progress will continue to work.
- When PowerVille LB is in Active/Standby mode, and the primary Session Manager becomes unavailable, new calls may fail until PowerVille LB detects the unavailability.

• OPTIONS messages from a SIP trunk (SIP Entity) to Session Manager are responded by PowerVille LB.

Note that SIP EndpointRegistration via PowerVille LB is not supported by Avaya.

2.3. Support

Technical support for Dialogic PowerVille LB can be obtained via following means:

• Web: http://www.dialogic.com/support/contact/default.aspx

• Email: america.support@dialogic.com

• **Phone:** +1-973-993-1443

3. Reference Configuration

Figure 1 illustrates the compliance test configuration consisting of:

- Avaya Aura[®] Communication Manager
- Avaya Aura® Session Manager
- Avaya Aura® System Manager
- Avaya Aura[®] Media Server
- Avaya G450 Media Gateway
- Avaya 96xx IP Deskphone
- Avaya Digital and Analog Phones
- Dialogic PowerVille LB

All Avaya and Dialogic products were installed on a virtualization platform, with the exception of Avaya G450 Gateway.

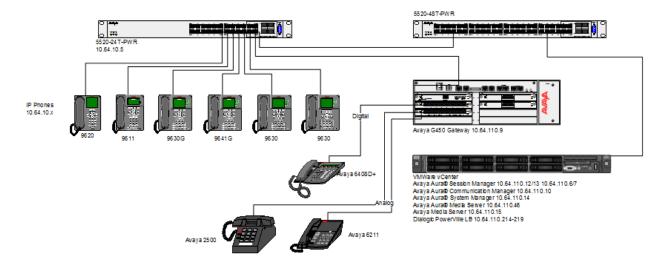


Figure 1 – Test Configuration

Figure 2 diagram below displays logical view of the inbound calls routed to Session Manager via PowerVille LB.

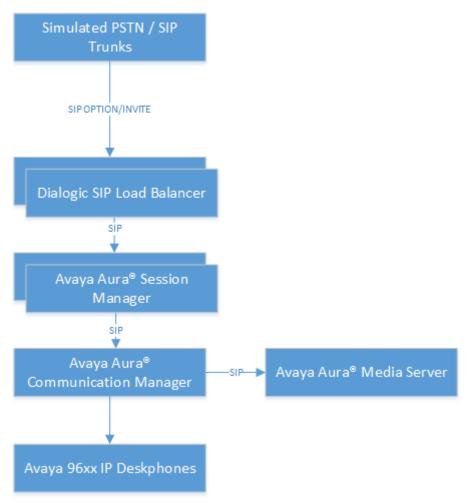


Figure 2 – Call Flow

4. Equipment and Software Validated

The following equipment and version were used in the reference configuration described above:

Equipment	Version
Avaya Aura® Communication Manager	7.0.1.1.1-FP1SP1
Avaya Aura® Session Manager	7.0.1.1.701114
Avaya Aura® System Manager	7.0.1.1
Avaya Aura® Media Server	7.7.0.359
Avaya G450 Gateway	37.19.0
Avaya 96xx IP Deskphones	Latest - Various
Dialogic PowerVille LB	lb-1.4.6

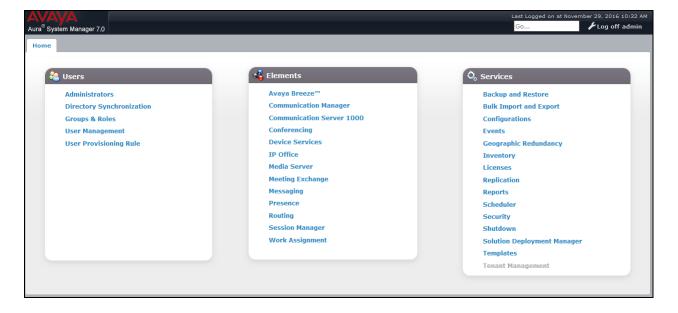
5. Configure Avaya Aura® Session Manager

This section provides the steps for configuring Session Manager to interoperate with PowerVille LB. For more details, refer to [2] in **Section 9**.

Session Manager is configured using browser access to System Manager. Enter the URL of System Manager such as https://<hostname>/network-login/SMGR where <hostname> is the ip address or qualified domain name of the System Manager. Log in using appropriate credentials.

Note that the basic configuration for Session Managers and Communication Manager had been pre-configured and is not documented. Two Session Managers were installed and configured. Please refer to the documentation in **Additional References** for more information.

The home page is a navigation screen as shown below. Each of these links will open a new tab from which to navigate to the details of the managed environment.



5.1. Configure SIP Entity and Entity Links

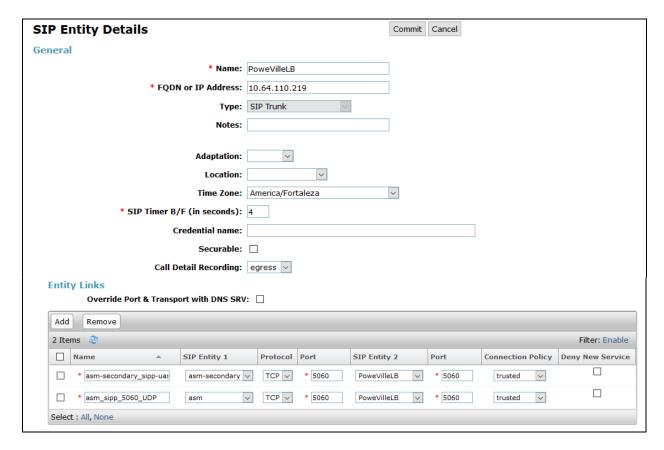
Navigate to **Routing** → **SIP Entity.** Select **New** to add a SIP entity for PowerVille LB.

- Enter the Name and FQDN or IP Address
- Type in the IP Address of the PowerVille LB for **FQDN or IP Address**

Under Entity Link, add two Entity Links, select Add.

- Type in a name in **Name**
- For **SIP Entity 1** select Session Manager
- For **Protocol** select **TCP**
- For **SIP Entity 2** select the SIP Entity that is currently being configured.

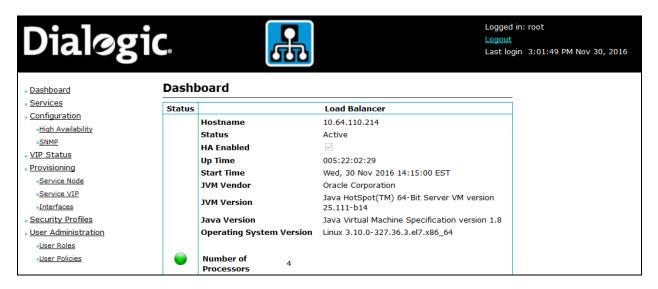
Add another Entity Link following the steps above, however select the secondary Session Manager for **SIP Entity 1**.



6. Configure Dialogic PowerVille LB

This section provides the steps for configuring the PowerVille LB. For more details on configuring PowerVille LBincluding how to install the PowerVille LB, please refer to the administration guide in **Additional References** [8].

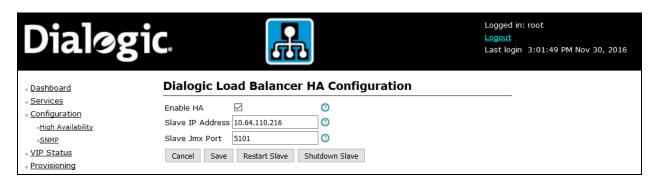
The PowerVille LB console is a web-based graphical user interface (WebGUI) used to manage the PowerVille LB. Launch the PowerVille LB admin UI login page in a web browser using the following URL: http://{server_address}:8888/lb. Log on using appropriate credentials.



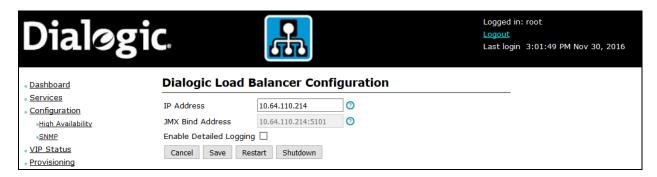
6.1. Enabling High Availability

Navigate to Configuration → High Availability.

- Select the **Enable HA** check box.
- Enter the IP Address of the secondary PowerVille LB node in the Slave IP Address field.
- Click the **Save** button at the bottom of the page followed by **Restart Slave**.



Navigate to the **Configuration** page and click the **Restart** button.



6.2. Configuring Routing Interfaces

Navigate to **Provisioning** → **Interfaces** (not shown). Click the **Add** button.

- Select the chosen signaling interface from the **Interface** drop down list.
- Click the **Add** button.



6.3. Configuring Virtual IP Address

Navigate to **Provisioning** → **Service VIP**. Click the **Add** button.

- Enter the Ingress VIP (A side VIP) IP Address (10.64.110.218) in the **address** field (not shown).
- Select the previously added Interface from the **Interface Name** drop down list (not shown).
- Repeat the above steps for the Egress VIP (B side VIP) IP Address (10.64.110.219).

Screen capture below displays the configured VIPs during compliance testing.



6.4. Configuring PowerVille LB for Session Manager

Navigate to **Provisioning** → **Service Node**. Click the **Add** button.

- Enter the SIP IP Address of first Session Manager in the **Address** field (not shown).
- Click the **Save** button (not shown).
- Repeat above steps for the secondary Session Manager.

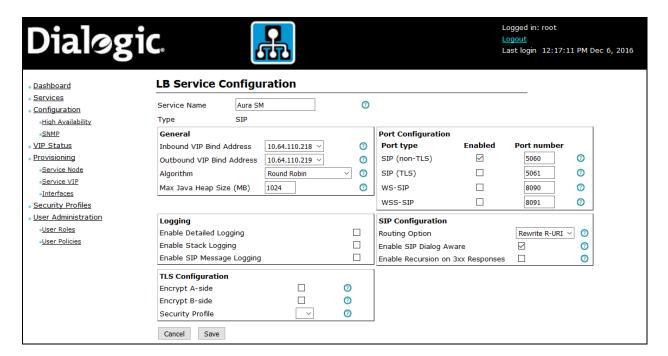
Screen capture below displays the configured Service Nodes during compliance testing.



6.5. Adding a Loadbalancer Service for an Active/Active Set Up (Round Robin)

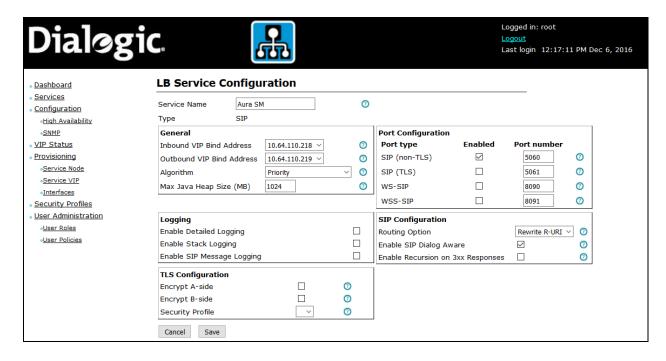
Navigate to **Services**. Click the **Add Service** button.

- Enter an identifier for the service in the **Name** field.
- Select the service type SIP in the Type field.
- Click the **Next** button (not shown).
- Select the Ingress (A side inbound) VIP and Egress (B side outbound) VIP from the
 respective Inbound VIP Bind Address and Outbound VIP Bind Address drop down
 fields.
- Select **Round Robin** from the **Algorithm** drop down field.
- Select **Rewrite R-URI** in the **Routing Option** drop down field.
- Click the **Next** button (not shown).
- Configure the nodes for the service by following the steps outlined within **Nodes** subsection under the **Service Configuration** section of [8] in **Additional References**. Ensure the primary Session Manager node is added first.
- Click the **Save** button to add the service.



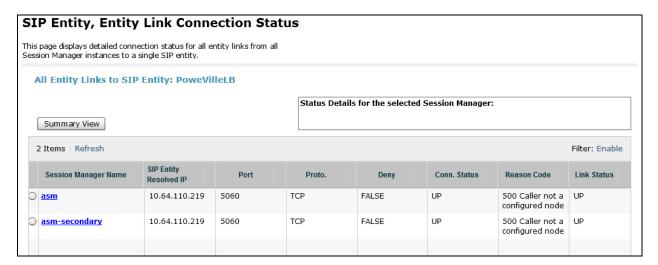
6.6. Adding a Loadbalancer Service for an Active/Standby Set Up (Priority)

Follow the steps outlined in **Section 6.5** but instead of selecting the **Round Robin** algorithm from the **Algorithm** drop down field select **Priority**.



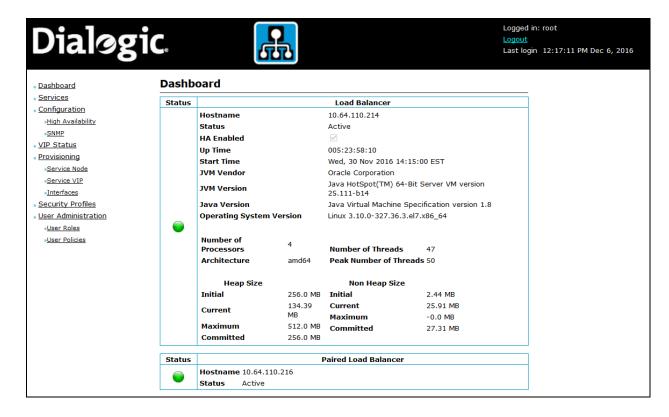
7. Verification Steps

Via System Manager, navigate to Session Manager → System Status → SIP Entity Monitoring. Verify the Entity Links to PowerVille LB is in UP Link State.

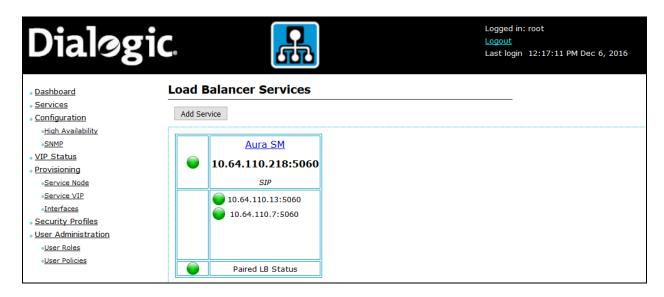


7.1. Loadbalancer Verification

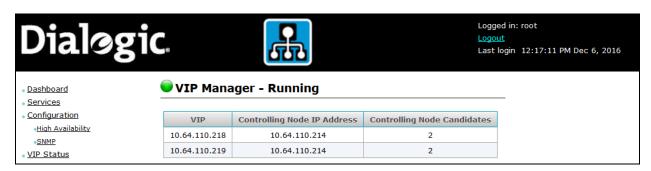
Navigate to the PowerVille LB WebGUI homepage and ensure the dashboard displays a green light status for the Master and Slave PowerVille LB node.



Navigate to **Services** via the WebGUI. Ensure the given service for both the Master and Slave loadbalancer displays the green status.



Navigate to the **Vip Status** page, ensure a green status is displayed and a valid loadbalancer node IP address is displayed in the **Controlling Node IP Address** column of the VIP status table.



8. Conclusion

Dialogic PowerVille LB successfully completed compliance testing with the observations noted in **Section 2.2.**

9. Additional References

Product documentation for Avaya products may be found at http://support.avaya.com.

- [1] Deploying Avaya Aura® System Manager, Release 7.0, August 2015
- [2] Administering Avaya Aura® System Manager, Release 7.0, August 2015
- [3] Deploying Avaya Aura® Session Manager on VMWare, Release 7.0, August 2015
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- [6] Deploying and Updating Avaya Aura® Media Server Appliance, Release 7.7, October 2015
- [7] Implementing Avaya Aura® Media Server, Release 7.7, January 2016
- [8] PowerVille LB Installation and Operations Guide, November 2016

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