Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Practice Load Balancer Service

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Overview

The Load Balancing Service provides automated traffic distribution from one entry point to multiple servers within your Virtual Cloud Network (VCN). The service offers a Public load balancer with a public IP address, provisioned bandwidth, and high availability. The Load Balancing Service provisions the public IP address across two subnets within a VCN to ensure accessibility even during an Availability Domain outage.

In this practice, you create a simple public load balancer and verify it with a basic web server application.

Pre-Requisites

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure account credentials (User, Password, and Tenant)



Practice 6-1: Signing in to the Console

Overview

In this practice, you sign in to the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure console using your credentials.

Assumptions

Note: Some of the UIs might look a little different than the screenshots included in the instructions, but students can still use the instructions to complete the hands-on labs.

Before You Begin

To sign in to the Console, you need the following:

- Tenant, User name and Password
- URL for the Console: https://console.us-ashburn-1.oraclecloud.com/
- Any browser from the supported browsers list (Recommended)

Note:

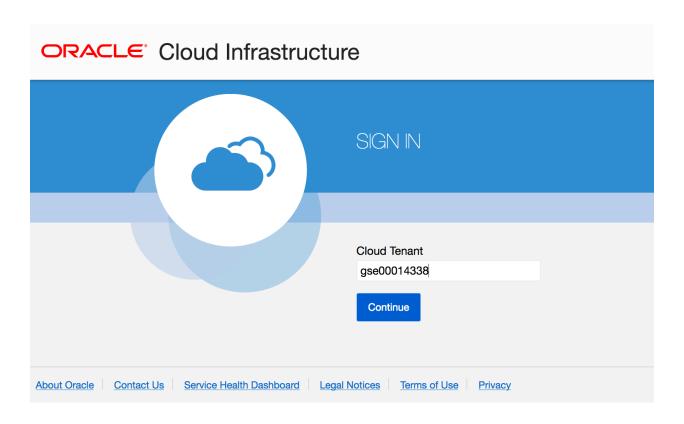
- For this lab we use cloud.admin and <your-name@oracle.com> as the user name to demonstrate the scenarios. You must use your cloud.admin when you perform these tasks.
- Oracle Cloud Infrastructure supports the latest versions of Google Chrome, Firefox and Internet Explorer 11.
- When you are provisioned, you will receive a customized URL for your organization. For example, https://console.us-ashburn-1.oraclecloud.com?tenant=<your-tenant-id>
- If you omit the tenant argument, the system will ask you to input your tenancy before you can log in.

Duration: 5 minutes

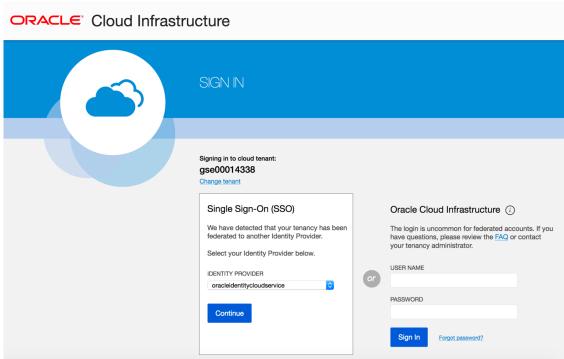
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- 1. Sign In
 - a. Open a supported browser and go to the Console URL. For example, https://console.us-ashburn-1.oraclecloud.com.
 - b. Enter your tenant name: <Tenant> and click Continue.





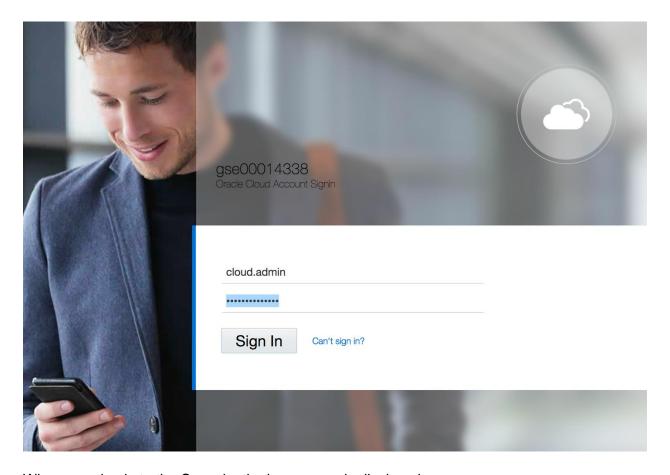
c. Oracle Cloud Infrastructure is integrated with Identity Cloud Services, you will see a screen validating your Identity Provider. You can just click **Continue**.



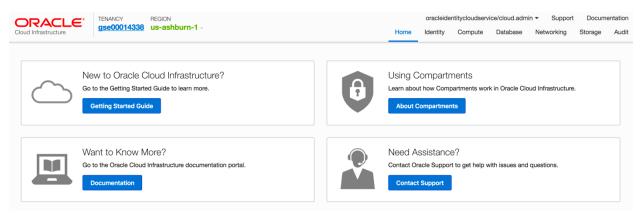
d. Enter your user name and password

Username: cloud.admin

Password: <instructor will provide password>



When you sign in to the Console, the home page is displayed.



The home page gives you quick links to the documentation and to Oracle Support.



Practice 6-2: Create Virtual Cloud Network (VCN)

Overview

When you work with Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, one of the first steps is to set up a Virtual Cloud Network (VCN) for your cloud resources. This practice gives you an overview of Network Service components and a typical scenario for using a VCN.

For an instance in a given subnet to have direct access to the Internet, it must have the following networking components:

- The VCN must have an Internet Gateway that is enabled
- The subnet must have a route rule that directs traffic to the gateway and must be a Public Subnet
- The subnet must have security list rules that allow the traffic (and each instance's firewall must allow the traffic)
- Each instance must have a public IP address

Before You Begin

You need the following:

- User name, password and compartment
- URL previously used for signing into the Console: (https://console.us-ashburn-1.oraclecloud.com/)

Note: Some of the UIs might look a little different than the screenshots included in the instructions, but students can still use the instructions to complete the hands-on labs.

Duration: 10 minutes

Tasks

2. Create a Cloud Network - Public Subnets

Create a VCN for Load Balancer with the following components:

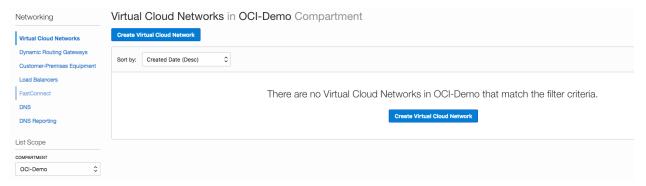
- One public subnet per Availability Domain
- The default security list
- The default set of DHCP options

Note: You can launch one or more compute instances in a subnet. Each instance gets both a public and private IP address. The launch instance dialog now has a check box for choosing whether the instance has a public IP address.

You can communicate with the instances over the Internet via the public IP address from your on-premises network.

- a. Open the Console, click **Networking**.
- b. Select a compartment on the left that you have permission to work in.





- Click Create Virtual Cloud Network.
- d. Enter the following details:
 - 1) **Create in Compartment:** This field defaults to the currently selected compartment. Select the compartment you want to create the VCN in, if not already selected.
 - Name: Enter a name for your cloud network (for example, LB-DEMO).

Note: Enter a friendly name for the cloud network. It doesn't have to be unique, and it cannot be changed later in the Console (but you can change it with the API).



e. Select **Create Virtual Cloud Network plus related resources**. The dialog box expands to list the items that will be created with your cloud network.

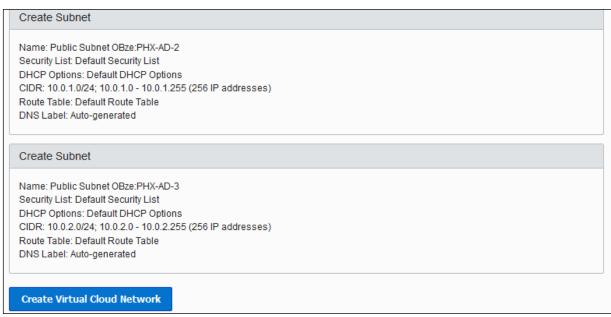
Note: This option is the quickest way to get a working cloud network in the fewest steps.



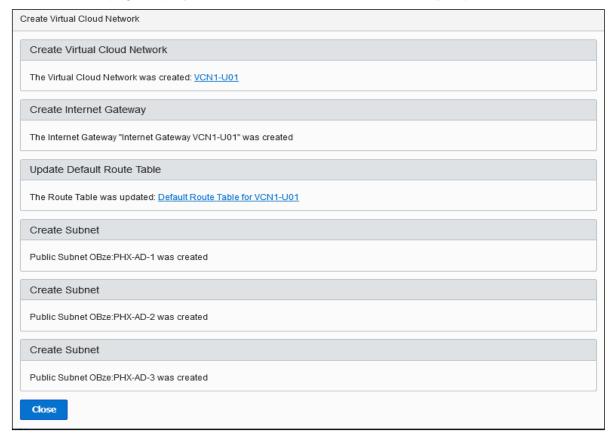
Create Virtual Cloud Network USE DNS HOSTNAMES IN THIS VCN ment of DNS hostname when launching an Instance Name: VCN1-U01 CIDR: 10.0.0.0/16 DNS Label: vcn1u01 DNS Domain Name: vcn1u01.oraclevcn.com Create Internet Gateway Name: Internet Gateway Update Default Route Table Add Route Rule: 0.0.0.0/0 - Internet Gateway Create Subnet Name: Public Subnet OBze:PHX-AD-1 Security List: Default Security List DHCP Options: Default DHCP Options CIDR: 10.0.0.0/24; 10.0.0.0 - 10.0.0.255 (256 IP addresses) Route Table: Default Route Table DNS Label: Auto-generated Create Subnet Name: Public Subnet OBze:PHX-AD-2 Security List: Default Security List DHCP Options: Default DHCP Options CIDR: 10.0.1.0/24; 10.0.1.0 - 10.0.1.255 (256 IP addresses) Route Table: Default Route Table DNS Label: Auto-generated



f. Scroll to the bottom of the dialog box and click **Create Virtual Cloud Network**.



g. A confirmation page displays the details of the cloud network that you just created.







For example, the cloud network above has the following resources and characteristics:

- CIDR block range of 10.0.0.0/16
- An Internet Gateway
- A route table with a default route rule to enable traffic between VCN and the Internet Gateway
- A default security list that allows specific ingress traffic to and all egress traffic from the instance
- A public subnet in each Availability Domain
- The VCN will automatically use the Internet and VCN Resolver for DNS



Practice 6-3: Creating Two Web Servers

Overview

You will create two web servers that will work as backend servers for your Public Load Balancer.

Duration: 10 minutes

Tasks

Launch Two Instances

This example uses a VM.Standard2.1 shape.

- a. In the Console, click **Compute**.
- b. Click Launch Instance.
- c. In the **Launch Instance** dialog box, enter the following:
 - 1) Name: Enter a name (for example: Webserver1).
 - 2) Availability Domain: Select the first Availability Domain in the list, AD-1.
 - 3) **Image:** Select the Oracle-Linux-7.x image. (The image name has the latest patch date appended to it.)
 - 4) Shape: Select VM Standard2.1.
 - 5) Virtual Cloud Network: Select the cloud network that you created (LB_Network).
 - 6) **Subnet:** Select the public subnet LB Subnet 1 in Availability Domain 1.
 - 7) **DNS name:** Leave blank.
 - 8) **SSH Keys:** Use the pub key generated to create this instance. NOTE: Make sure to use the keys that you have access too as you will use this key to ssh into the instances in next steps.
- d. Click Launch Instance.
- e. Repeat the previous steps, but this time enter the name **Webserver2**, select **Availability Domain AD-2**, **LB_Network** for the VCN, and **LB Subnet 2 for the subnet**.



2. Start a Web Application on Each Instance. Use ssh to access the instances and start the web server by executing the following commands on each instance:

Note: You can use two separate ssh sessions to execute these commands on both instances in parallel to save time.

- a. ssh -i </path/privateKey> opc@<PublicIP Address>
- b. Run yum update:

```
$> sudo yum -y update
```

c. Install the Apache HTTP Server:

```
$> sudo yum -y install httpd
```

d. Open port 80 on the firewall to allow http and https traffic through:

```
$> sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=80/tcp
```

e. Reload the firewall:

```
$> sudo firewall-cmd --reload
```

f. Start the web server:

```
$> sudo systemctl start httpd
```

g. Add an index.htm file on each instance to indicate which server it is.

On the first instance enter:

```
$> sudo su
$> echo 'WebServer1' >>/var/www/html/index.html
$> exit
```

h. On the second instance enter:

```
$> sudo su
$> echo 'WebServer2' >>/var/www/html/index.html
$> exit
```



Practice 6-4: Creating and Testing Load Balancer

Note: Your load balancer should always reside in different subnets than your application instances. This allows you to keep your application instances secured in private subnets, while allowing public Internet traffic to the load balancer in the public subnets.

Duration: 26 minutes Tasks

- 1. Add Two Subnets to Your VCN to Host Your Load Balancer
 - a. Add a Security List.
 - 1) In the **Console**, click **Networking**, and then click **Virtual Cloud Networks**. This displays the list of VCNs in the current compartment.
 - 2) Click the name of the VCN that includes your Web Instances.
 - 3) Under Resources, click Security Lists.
 - 4) Click Create Security List
 - a) Create in Compartment: This field defaults to the current compartment
 - b) Enter a Name (for example, LB Security List).
- c) Delete the entry for the ingress rule and the entry for the egress rule by clicking on the red X icon.

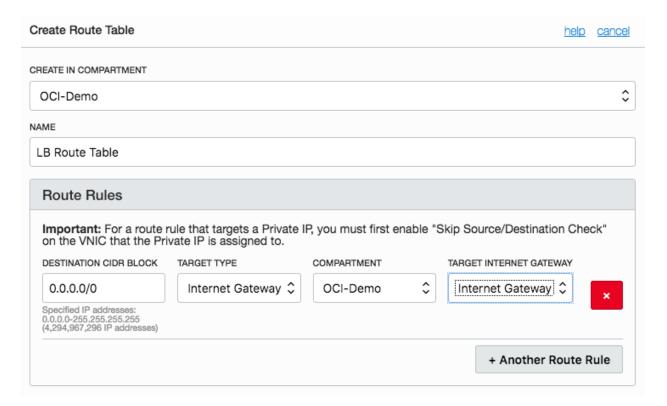
Note: The security list should have no rules. The correct rules are automatically added during the load balancer workflow.

- d) Click Create Security List.
- e) Return to your Virtual Cloud Network Details page.
- b. Add a Route Table.
 - 1) Under Resources, click Route Tables.
 - 2) Click Create Route Table. Enter the following:



a) **Create in Compartment**: This field defaults to your current compartment. Select the compartment you want to create the route table in, if not already selected.

- b) Name: Enter a name (for example, LB Route Table)
- c) **Destination CIDR Block**: Enter 0.0.0.0/0
- d) Target: Select the Internet Gateway for your VCN.
- e) Click Create Route Table.



- 2. Create the first subnet.
 - a) Under Resources, click Subnets.
 - b) Click Create Subnet.
 - c) Enter the following:

Name: Enter a name (for example, LB Subnet 1).



Availability Domain: Choose the first Availability Domain (AD-1).

CIDR Block: Enter 10.0.4.0/24.

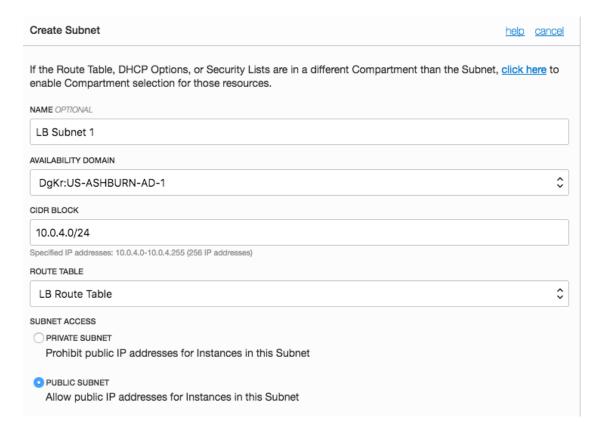
Route Table: Select the LB Route Table you created.

Subnet Access: Make sure you have Public selected.

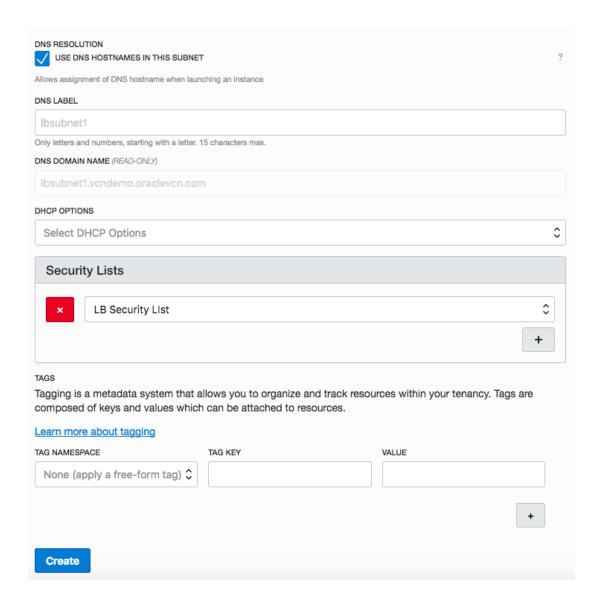
DHCP Options: Leave blank.

Security Lists: Select the LB Security List you created.

d. Click Create.







3. Create the second subnet.

Create a second load balancer subnet in a different Availability Domain from the subnet you previously created.

- 1) In the details page of your VCN, click Create Subnet.
- 2) Enter the following:
 - a) Name: Enter a name (for example, LB Subnet 2).
 - b) Availability Domain: Choose the second Availability Domain (AD-2).
 - c) CIDR Block: Enter 10.0.5.0/24.



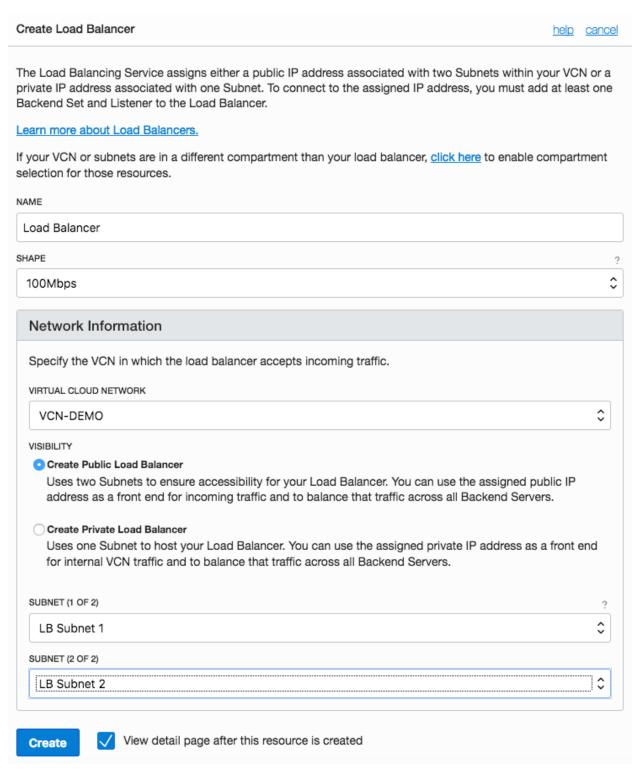
- d) Route Table: Select the LB Route Table you created.
- e) Subnet Access: Make sure you have Public selected
- f) **DHCP Options:** Leave blank.
- g) Security Lists: Select the LB Security List you created.
- h) Click Create.

4. Create a Load Balancer

When you create a load balancer, you choose its shape (size) and you specify two subnets from different Availability Domains. This ensures that the load balancer is highly available and is only active in one subnet at a time.

- a. In the Console, click **Networking**, and then click **Load Balancers**. Ensure that the compartment designated for you is selected on the left.
- b. Click Create Load Balancer.
- c. Enter the following:
 - 1) Name: Enter a name for your load balancer.
 - 2) **Shape:** Select 100Mbps. This specifies the bandwidth of the load balancer. For this tutorial, use the smallest shape. Note that the shape cannot be changed later.
 - 3) Virtual Cloud Network: Select the Virtual Cloud Network for your load balancer.
 - 4) Visibility: Create Public Load Balancer
 - 4) Subnet (1 of 2): Select LB Subnet 1.
 - 5) **Subnet (2 of 2):** Select LB Subnet 2. Note that the second subnet must reside in a different Availability Domain from the first.
- d. Click Create.





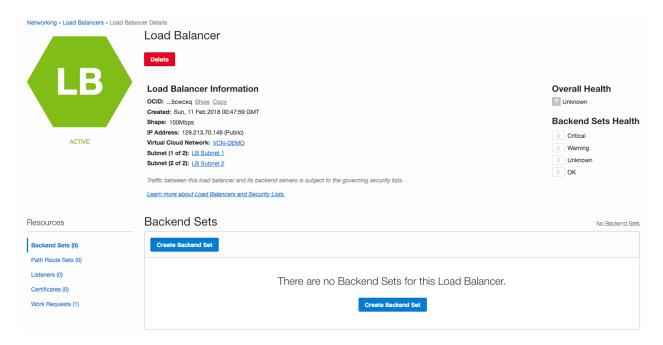
When a load balancer is created, you're assigned a public IP address to which you route all incoming traffic. The IP address is highly available, meaning it is available from both subnets that you specified. Note that it is only active in one subnet at a time.

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5. Create a Backend Set with Health Check

A backend set is a collection of backend servers to which your load balancer directs traffic. Define the backend set policy and health check.

a. Click the name of your load balancer to view its details.



- b. Click Create Backend Set.
- c. In the dialog box, enter:
 - 1) **Name:** Give your load balancer backend set a name. The name cannot contain spaces.
 - 2) Policy: Choose Weighted Round Robin.
- d. Enter the Health Check details.

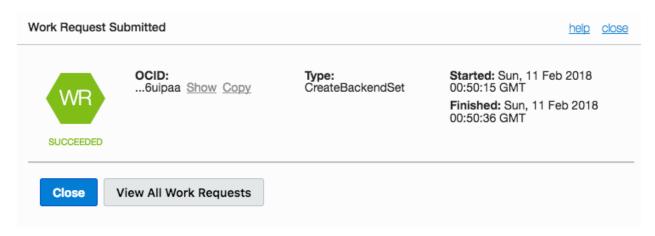
1) Protocol: Select HTTP

2) Port: Enter 80

3) URL Path (URI): Enter "/" The rest of the fields are optional and can be left blank for this practice.

e. Click Create.

When the Backend Set is created, the Work Request status changes to Succeeded. Close the Work Request dialog box.



- 4. Add Backend Servers to Your Backend Set
- a. On the details page of your load balancer, click **Backend Sets**. The backend set you created is displayed.
- b. Click the name of the backend set to view its details.
- c. Click **Edit Backends** In the dialog box, do the following:
- 1) Ensure that **Help me create proper security list rules** is selected.
 - a) Updates to the security list for your load balancer subnets are as follows:
 - (i) Allow egress traffic to the backend server 1 subnet (for example, Public-Subnet-AD1)
 - (ii) Allow egress traffic to the backend server 2 subnet (for example, Public-Subnet-AD2)



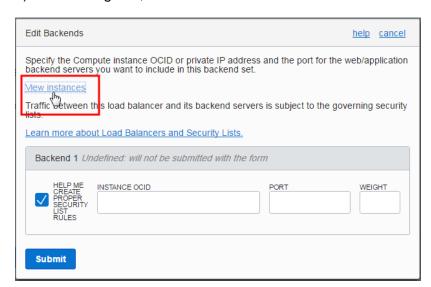
b) Updates to the security list for your backend server subnets are as follows:



- (i) Allow ingress traffic from load balancer subnet 1 [1]
- (ii) Allow ingress traffic from load balancer subnet 2



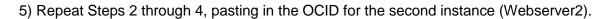
- 2) **OCID:** Paste the OCID of the first instance (Webserver1).
- a) In the dialog box, click View Instances.



This opens a new browser tab that displays the instances in the current compartment.

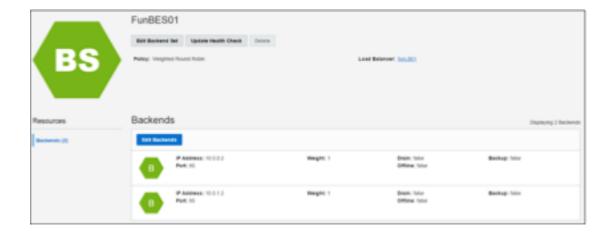
- b) If your instances are not in the current compartment, select the compartment to which the instance belongs (select from the list on the left side of the page). A shortened version of the instance's OCID is displayed next to each instance.
- c) Click Copy to copy the OCID. You can then paste it into the Instance ID field.
- 3) Port: Enter 80.
- 4) Weight: Leave blank to weight the servers evenly.







- 6) Click Submit. [SEP]
- 7) Scroll down and click **Create Rules** once it turns green.

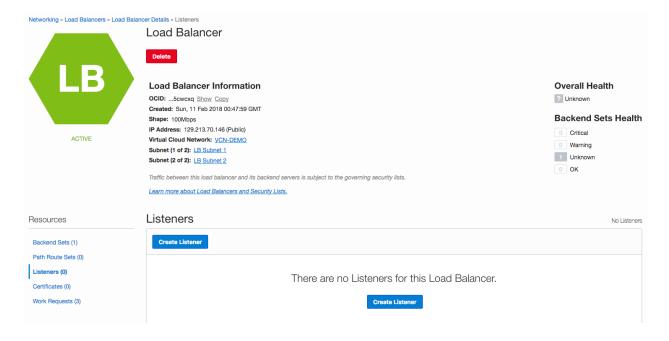




5. Create a Listener

A listener is an entity that checks for connection requests. The load balancer listener listens for ingress client traffic using the port you specify within the listener and the load balancer's public IP. In this practice, you define a listener that accepts HTTP requests on port 80.

a. On your Load Balancer Details page, click Listeners.



b. Click Create Listener.

c. Enter the following:

1) Name: Enter a friendly name.

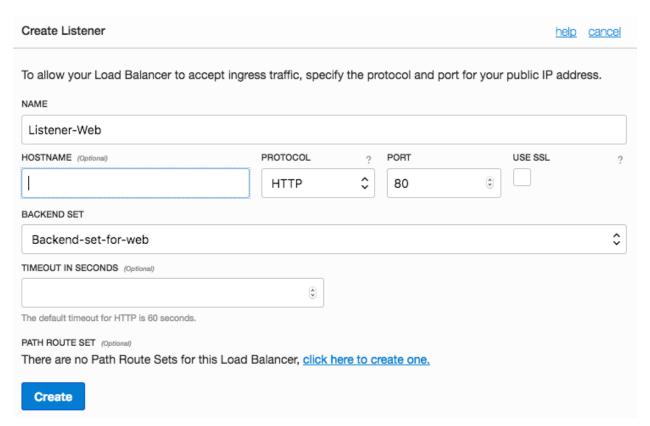
2) Hostname: Leave it blank.

3) Protocol: Select HTTP.

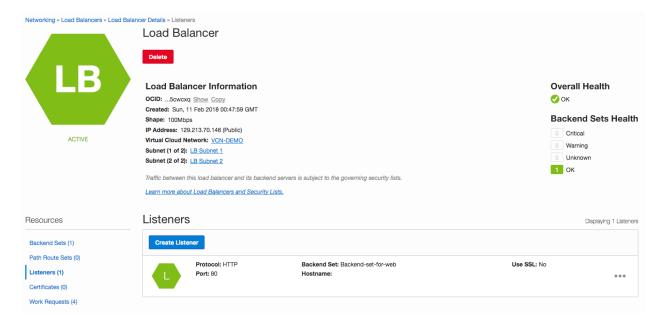
4) **Port:** Enter 80 as the port on which to listen for incoming traffic.

5) Backend Set: Select the backend set you created.





d. Click Create.





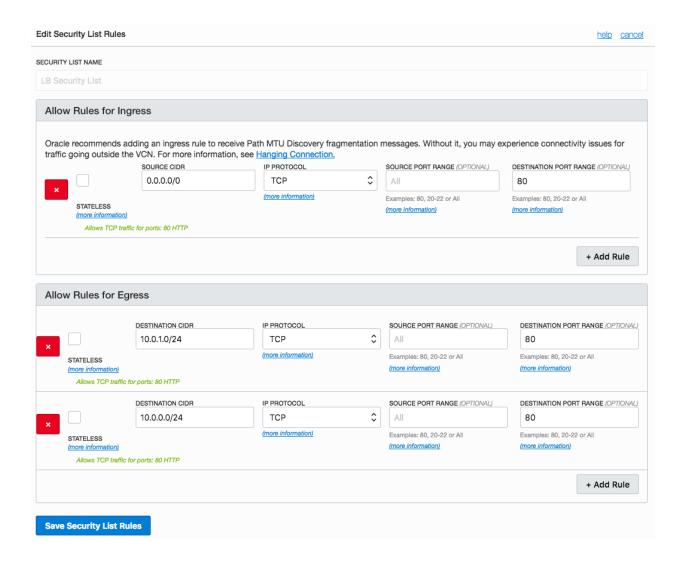
- 1. Update the **Load Balancer Subnet Security List** to Allow Internet Traffic to the Listener. To enable the traffic to get to the listener, update the load balancer subnet's security list.
 - a. Go to your VCN details page.
 - b. Click **Security Lists**. A list of the security lists in the cloud network is displayed.
 - c. Click the **LB Security List**. This displays the details of the LB Security List.
 - d. Click **Edit All Rules**.
 - e. Under Allow Rules for Ingress, click Add Rule.
 - f. Enter the following ingress rule:

Source CIDR: Enter 0.0.0.0/0

IP Protocol: Select TCP

Destination Port Range: Enter 80 (the listener port).





g. Click Save Security List Rules.

7. Verify Your Load Balancer

Test the functionality of the load balancer by navigating to its public IP address on a web browser.

- a) Open a web browser.
- b) Enter the load balancer's public IP address. The index.htm page from one of your web servers is displayed.
- c) Refresh the web page. The index.htm page from the other web server should now be displayed. This demonstrates that the load of the web server is being shared between both instances.





