Install and Configure HAProxy on CentOS 8

HAProxy is a **free**, **very fast** and **reliable reverse-proxy** offering high availability, load balancing.

It is also particularly suited for very high traffic web sites, and power a significant.

we can say HAProxy is used to provide fault tolerance and high availability in case when one Pc/Node is getting too many concurrent requests. It is used by most famous web sites like **GitHub**, **Stack Overflow** and **Tumbler**.

Today, we have install haproxy and also configuration on CentOS-8,we have used three Virtual Machine.

```
1. Haproxy_Server IP Address :- 192.168.122.244
```

- 2. Nginx_Node_01 IP Address :- 192.168.122.48
- 3. Nginx Node 02 IP Address: 192.168.122.83

STEP:1

First of all, I will search where i install haproxy add the following line in /etc/hosts file.

```
192.168.122.244 haproxy_server
192.168.122.48 Nginx_Node_01
192.168.122.83 Nginx_Node_02
```

After that update and save then you can ping both nginx nodes.

```
[root@haproxy_Server ~]# ping 192.168.122.244
PING 192.168.122.244 (192.168.122.244) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.163 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.165 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.197 ms
^C
```

Nginx_Node_01 ping on 192.168.122.244

```
[root@Nginx_Node_01 ~]# ping 192.168.122.83
PING 192.168.122.83 (192.168.122.83) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.122.83: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.29 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.122.83: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.944 ms
^C
```

Nginx_Node_02 ping on **192.168.122.48**

```
[root@Nginx_Node_02 ~]# ping 192.168.122.244

PING 192.168.122.244 (192.168.122.244) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.990 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.781 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.928 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.122.244: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.928 ms
^C
```

STEP:- 2 Install and Configuration Haproxy

First of all, Haproxy package is available in the default package repositories of CentOS 8, so it can be easily installed with **Yum command**. You can run execute the following command.

[root@haproxy_Server ~]# yum install haproxy

when haproxy pacakege successfully installed after that i can configuration and file /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg

[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]#vim /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg

In configuration file,i will modify two sections **frontend** and **backend**. In frontend section IP and its port, stats uri and backend name.In Backend section i define the type of **load balance** algorithm i will use like **round robin** & least connection and also addition backend server's name, IPs and port, as you can see given bellow.

Save and Exit the file.

```
frontend http balancer
    bind 192.168.122.244:80
    option http-<mark>server</mark>-close
    option forwardfor
    stats uri /haproxy?stats
     acl url_static path_beg -i /static /images /javascript /stylesheets acl url_static path_end -i .jpg .gif .png .css .js
    use_backend static if url_static
default_backend nginx_webservers
#backend static
     balance roundrobin
server static 127.0.0.1:4331 check
 round robin balancing between the various backends
backend nginx webservers
     balance roundrobin
     mode
                http
     balance roundrobin
     option httpchk HEAD / HTTP/1.1\r\nHost:\ localhost
      server Nginx Node 01 192.168.122.48:80 check
server Nginx Node 02 192.168.122.83:80 check
              appl 127.0.0.1:5001 check
app2 127.0.0.1:5002 check
      server
      server
      server
               app4 127.0.0.1:5004 check
  aproxv.cfg" 101L, 36460
```

STEP:3

Configure rsyslog so that edit rsyslog config file "/etc/rsyslog.conf" and uncomment line 19 and 20.

[root@haproxy_Server ~]#vim /etc/rsyslog.conf

```
module(load="imudp")
```

```
input(type="imudp" port="514")
```

Save and Exit the File.

Now i create haproxy .conf file for rsyslog, paste given bellow line in this file.

[root@haproxy_Server ~]# vim /etc/rsyslog.conf

```
root@haproxy_Server:/etc/haproxy * root@haproxy_Server:~

local2.=info /var/log/haproxy-access.log

local2.notice /var/log/haproxy-info.log
```

After update above two line then you can save and Exit file. You can complete all then you can Restart and enable rsyslog service as you can see given bellow.

```
[root@haproxy_Server ~]# systemctl restart rsyslog
[root@haproxy_Server ~]# systemctl enable rsyslog
[root@haproxy_Server ~]#
[root@haproxy_Server ~]#
```

Now finally start haproxy but before starting haproxy service, set the following selinux rule,

[root@haproxy Server ~]# setsebool -P haproxy connect any 1

After that you can start and enable haproxy using systemctl using following command.

Allow the haproxy port (Port 80) in OS firewall, execute the beneath firewall-cmd command.

```
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=80/tcp
success
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# firewall-cmd --reload --
success
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]#
```

All setting and configuration for haproxy-server are completed successfully. After that i can configuration Client for nginx both nodes.

STEP:-4

In the section i will install nginx both virtual machine i am already define above, so first i install nginx in first Node .

```
[root@Nginx_Node_01 ~]# yum install nginx -y
Last metadata expiration check: 10:42:31 ago on Wednesday 19 January 2022 11:32:38 AM IST.
Package nginx-1:1.14.1-9.module_el8.0.0+184+e34fea82.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
```

After that you can start and enable nginx service systemctl using following command.

Here i modify index.html file for respective both Node /Virtula machine as you can see bellow.

For---- Nginx_Node_01

```
[root@Nginx_Node_01 ~]# cd /usr/share/nginx/html
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]# ls
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]# ls
404.html 50x.html index.html nginx-logo.png poweredby.png
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]# echo "Nginx Node01 - Welcome to My First Nginx Web Server" > index.html
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]#
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]#
```

For---- Nginx_Node_02

```
[root@Nginx Node 02 ~]# systemctl start nginx
[root@Nginx Node 02 ~]# systemctl enable nginx
[root@Nginx Node 02 ~]# systemctl status nginx
nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabled)
  Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-01-19 21:27:32 IST; 49min ago
 Main PID: 1437 (nginx)
   Tasks: 3 (limit: 8048)
  Memory: 14.3M
  CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
           —1437 nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx
            -1438 nginx: worker process
           1439 nginx: worker process
root@Nginx Node 02 ~]# cd /usr/share/nginx/html
root@Nginx Node 02 html]#
root@Nginx_Node_02 html]# echo "Nginx Node02 - Welcome to My 2nd Nginx Web Server" > index.html
```

Allow Nginx port (80) in the firewall in both Virtual Machine using below command.

```
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http
Warning: ALREADY_ENABLED: http
success
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]#
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]# firewall-cmd --reload
success
[root@Nginx_Node_01 html]# systemctl status firewalld
• firewalld.service - firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon
    Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/firewalld.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
    Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-01-19 21:25:15 IST; 57min ago
```

STEP:-5

First i will Login to haproxy server and run the curl command couple of times to see whether traffic is distributed in round-robin way.

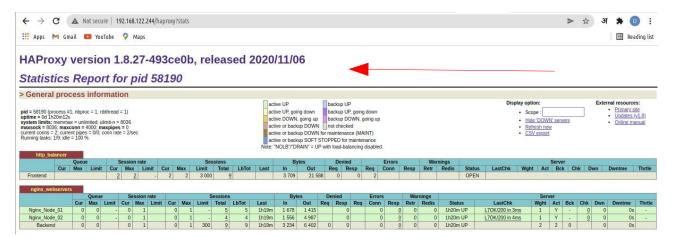
```
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# curl 192.168.122.244
Nginx Node01 - Welcome to My First Nginx Web Server
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# curl 192.168.122.244
Nginx Node02 - Welcome to My 2nd Nginx Web Server
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# curl 192.168.122.244
Nginx Node01 - Welcome to My First Nginx Web Server
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# vim haproxy.cfg
[root@haproxy_Server haproxy]# |
```

this confirms haproxy is working properly as it is given traffic between two nodes as you can see.

Let's i am verify from the Web browser and check where is working properly or not.



You can see Above and bellow browser confirms that HAProxy has configured successfully on CentOS 8.



We can also view HAProxy statistics from log file (/var/log/haproxy-access.log).

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