Deployment Guide for Microsoft Exchange 2010

Securing and Accelerating Microsoft Exchange with Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall and Citrix NetScaler Joint Solution

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1. Overview

Business productivity hinges on providing users of IT resources secure access to the right applications and the right content – on demand. Enterprise IT strategies are rapidly evolving to support a world in which any user can safely access any application or data, using any device, from any location.

One of the biggest impediments in achieving this degree of flexibility is the enterprise network. Legacy networks were built to provide highly reliable connectivity between users, hosts, and networks, but with no awareness or context of application-layer traffic. This inherently limits the ability of the network to deliver to users the secure and transparent access to apps, data and virtual desktops they need to be productive, and to protect the organization from attack. What is required is a new approach – a next-generation cloud network that safely enables applications with the best-in-class performance and availability.

Palo Alto Networks and Citrix have come together to deliver best-in-class functionality upon which enterprises can build next-generation cloud networks. In addition to sharing a common vision of which networks must evolve, each company is delivering best-in-class solutions that already meet these requirements.

1.1 Best-in-Class Solution for Microsoft Exchange 2010

Citrix® NetScaler® and Palo Alto Networks take a best-in-class approach to optimizing and securing applications. This approach ensures the best total cost of ownership (TCO), security, availability, and performance for enterprise applications. The combined solution is a comprehensive network system that takes the best of high-speed load balancing, content switching, state-of-the-art application acceleration, layer 4-7 traffic management, data compression, dynamic content caching, SSL acceleration, network optimization, deep packet inspection, and next-generation network security to provide a robust, tightly integrated solution. Deployed in front of application servers, the NetScaler and Palo Alto Networks firewalls significantly reduce processing overhead on application and database servers and improves security

The purpose of this guide is to help organizations deploy NetScaler and Palo Alto Networks next-generation firewalls for securing and load balancing Microsoft® Exchange 2010 Client Access servers. Inside this guide you will find a concise set of step-by-step deployment instructions required to configure both devices to accelerate and safely enable a Microsoft Exchange 2010 OWA application.

Within the Exchange 2010 server architecture, a NetScaler and next generation firewall is located in front of the Client Access Servers (CAS) with one single Virtual IP (VIP) address. The next-generation firewall secures the CAS systems and the NetScaler provides load balancing and traffic optimization. Exchange client traffic is bound to a Client Access Server through NetScaler. Each CAS system within the server pool handles the server applications, security, authentication, and connection and protocol processing. The Mailbox server at the back end handles the mailbox data, such as mail and contacts.

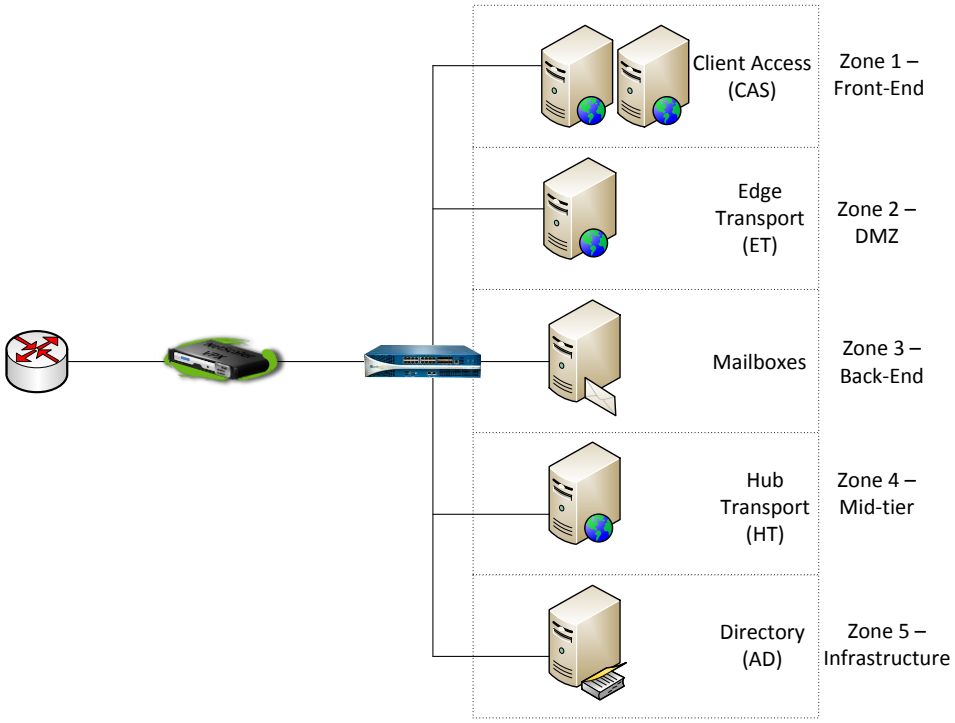
For readers less familiar with the architecture of Exchange 2010, Microsoft provides a useful overview at http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/video/microsoft-exchange-server-2010-architecture.aspx.

2. Requirements

Required Component	Used in this Document	Note
Citrix NetScaler	NS 10.0 VPX Build 69.4.nc with Platinum License	
Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall	PAN-OS 4.1	
Microsoft Exchange 2010 Servers	6 Physical/VM servers	2x CAS (Web); 1x Edge Transport; 1x Mailboxes; 1x Hub Transport; 1x AD
AppExpert Microsoft Outlook Web Access Template	Template File	http://community.citrix.com/download/attachments/49186776/OWA.xml
	Deployment File	http://community.citrix.com/download/attachments/49186776/OWA_deployment.xml

3. Microsoft Exchange Server Network Topology

3.1 Environment diagram



3.2 IP allocations

Functional Device	IP:Port	Subnet Mask
NetScaler IP (NSIP)	10.5.172.124	255.255.255.0
NetScaler Subnet IP (SNIP)	10.5.172.126	255.255.255.0
Exchange OWA (VIP) – Web	10.5.172.165:443	255.255.255.0
Exchange OA (VIP) – Outlook	10.5.172.165:443	255.255.255.0
Exchange AS (VIP) – Mobile	10.5.172.165:443	255.255.255.0
Exchange IMAP4 – IMAP Client	10.5.172.165:993	255.255.255.0
Exchange POP3 – POP Client	10.5.172.165:995	255.255.255.0
Exchange SMAP Relay	10.5.172.166:25	255.255.255.0
Exchange CAS Server 1	10.5.172.160	255.255.255.0
Exchange CAS Server 2	10.5.172.161	255.255.255.0
Exchange ET Server	10.5.172.162	255.255.255.0
Exchange Mailbox Server	10.5.172.163	255.255.255.0
Exchange HT Server	10.5.172.164	255.255.255.0
Active Directory Server	10.5.172.155	255.255.255.0

4. Microsoft Exchange Installation and Configurations

The configuration of Citrix NetScaler for Microsoft Exchange 2010 is made up of 5 key steps:

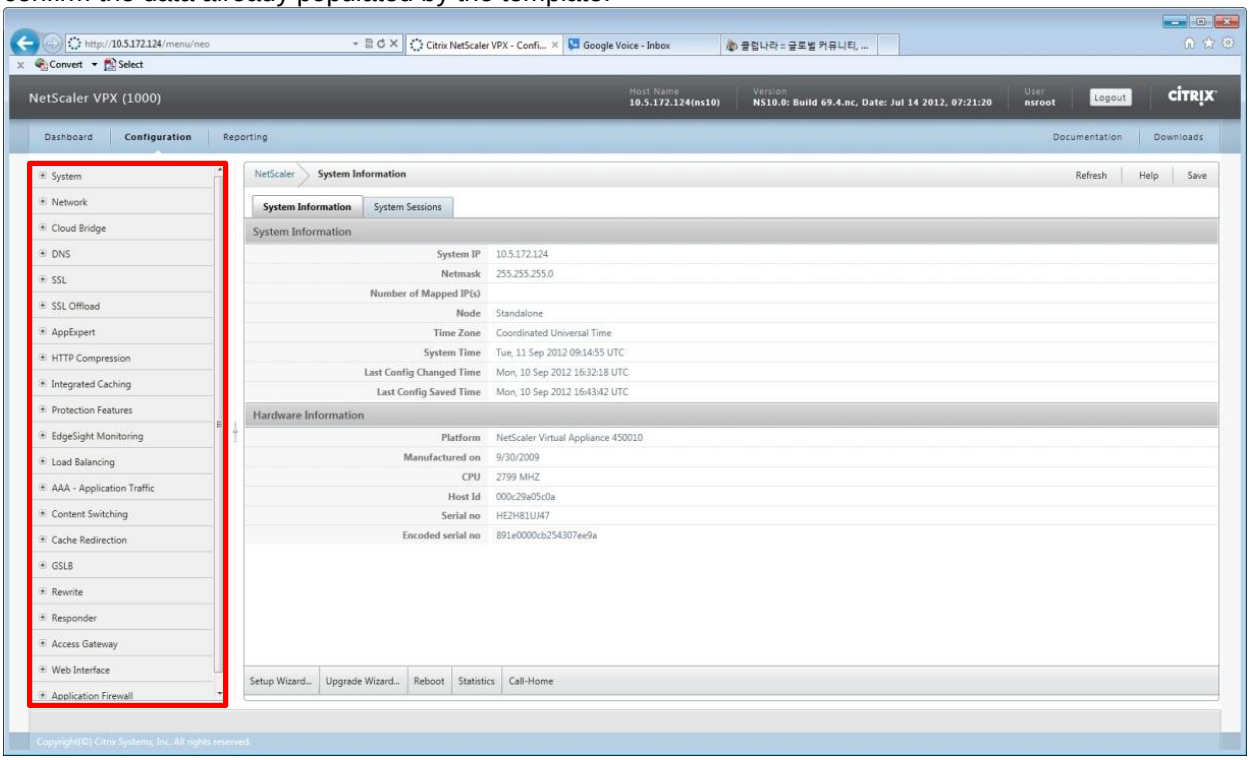
1. Setup the underlying network
2. License the system
3. Configure the policies for Microsoft Exchange 2010
4. Setup SSL
5. Setup which servers will receive traffic from the NetScaler

The third step in particular is noteworthy.Traditionally, there are numerous policies that must be configured to correctly enable all of the features for optimal traffic management for Microsoft Exchange. Everything from traffic switching to optimization is affected in this step. With Citrix NetScaler, we are able to leverage the AppExpert AppTemplate for Microsoft Exchange 2010 which provides a single configuration file to load in order to get all of the correct settings configured. For additional AppExpert Templates for other applications, visit http://community.citrix.com/display/ns/AppExpert+Templates.

The AppExpert Templates published by Citrix do not contain certain application- and custom environment-specific parameter settings. Elements which are not predefined include IP addresses, number of servers, SSL parameters and others. Since the AppExpert Template for Exchange 2010 only supports Microsoft Outlook Web Access (OWA), there will be separate steps to manually configure the rest of Exchange services such as Outlook Anywhere (OA, i.e., Outlook client), ActiveSync (AS, i.e., mobile client), IMAP4, POP3 and external SMTP relay services. The following steps guide where and how each custom data will be added.

4.1 NetScaler Configuration

During the installation and configuration process, from the main NetScaler screen, administrators will be able to navigate the menu (in red) panel to configure application-specific parameters or to confirm the data already populated by the template.



The table below summarizes the specific menu and actions within NetScaler which need to be configured properly in order to complete the Exchange configuration:

Service	NetScaler Menu	NetScaler Sub-Menu	Action	Comment
All	System	Licenses	Manage Licenses	Custom added*
		Settings	Configure basic features	Custom added*
All	Network	IPs	NetScaler IP, Subnet IP	Custom added*
			Virtual IP	Auto added **
All	SSL	Certificate	Root-CA, Server	Custom added*
All	SSL Offload	Servers	Per VM/Physical Server	Auto added
		Service Group	Per Port	Auto added
		Virtual Servers	VIP per Port	Auto added
OWA	AppExpert	Applications	Import	Custom added*
			Configure Public	Custom

			Endpoints	added*
			Configure Backend Services	Custom added*
OWA	Load Balancing	Servers	Per VM/Physical Server	Auto added
		Service Groups	Per Port	Auto added
IMAP4	Load Balancing	Service Groups	Per Port	Custom added*
		Virtual Servers	VIP per Port	Custom added*
		Servers	Per VM/Physical Server	Auto added
POP3	Load Balancing	Service Groups	Per Port	Custom added*
		Virtual Servers	VIP per Port	Custom added*
		Servers	Per VM/Physical Server	Auto added
SMTP	Load Balancing	Service Groups	Per Port	Custom added*
		Virtual Servers	VIP per Port	Custom added*
		Servers	Per VM/Physical Server	Auto added
OWA	Content Switching	Virtual Servers	Per VM/Physical Server	Auto added
OA/AS	AppExpert	Applications	Service confirmation	Auto added***

** Please refer below 4.2 Step-by-step Installation for custom environment setup*
*** Auto added –The data will be populated automatically when the template is installed and 'Custom added' data is added (Please do not modify manually 'Auto added' data)*
**** Auto added – The Exchange environment in this deployment doc shares the same CAS servers for OA/AS services with OWA, and sharing same port numbers. Therefore, no additional service configuration is required.*

4.2 Step –by-Step Installation

The following steps are required to get the downloaded Exchange AppExpert template installed and operational.

Step	Action	Detail	Custom Data
1	NetScaler IP, Subnet IP	NetScaler initial Configuration (by Setup Wizard)	NetScaler IP (NSIP), Subnet IP (SNIP)
2	Manage Licenses	NetScaler license installation	.lic license file
3	Configure basic features	NetScaler basic feature settings	Feature settings
4	Import	Template Import	Template, Deployment files (XML format)
5	Root-CA, Server	Security Certificate Installation	
6	Configure Public Endpoints	Creating virtual servers (IP) to talk to multiple backend servers	OWA Virtual IP (VIP)
7	Configure Backend Services	Creating a Service Group	IPs for Web Server 1 and Web Server 2
8	Per Port, VIP/Port	IMAP4 Service Installation	IMAP4 port

9	Per Port, VIP/Port	POP3 Service Installation	POP3 port
10	Per Port, VIP/Port	SMTP Service Installation	SMTP VIP and Port
11	Service confirmation	OA/AS service confirmation	OWA data

5. Deployment Instructions

This section will describe details of the NetScaler VPX installation and initial configuration, Exchange AppExpert template download, and full SharePoint service configuration within NetScaler.
Administrators can use the NetScaler command-line to set up the initial NSIP, Mapped IP (MIP), and Subnet IP (SNIP). Administrators can also configure advanced network settings and change the time zone.

For information about MIP, SNIP, other NetScaler-owned IP addresses, and network settings, see the "*Citrix NetScaler Networking Guide"* at http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX132369.

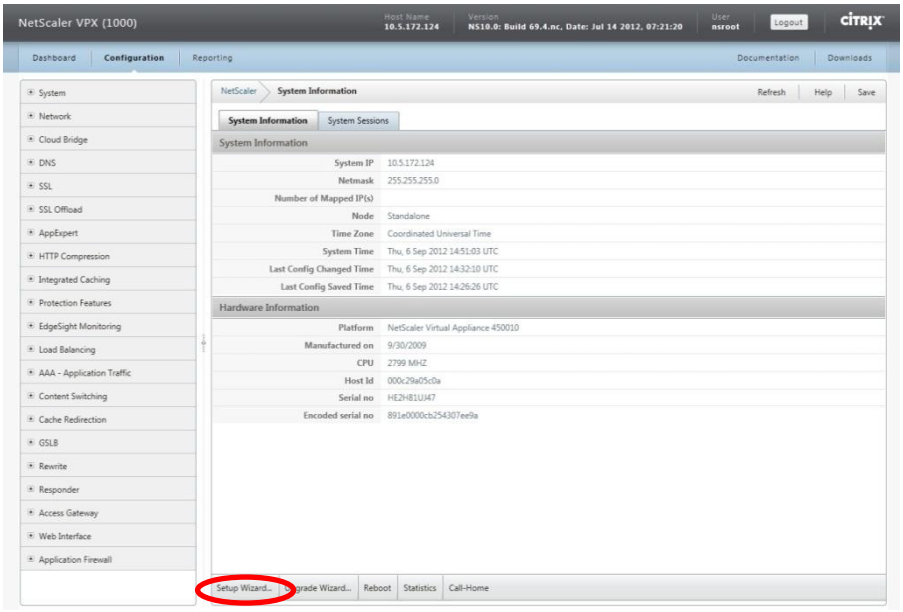
5.1.1 Add NSIP, Subnet Mask, and Default Gateway on NetScaler:

At the Console prompt from XenCenter or vSphere client, enter the NSIP address, subnet mask, and then save the configuration. Use either the SSH client or the NetScaler VPX Console to access the NetScaler command line to complete initial configuration with default gateway.

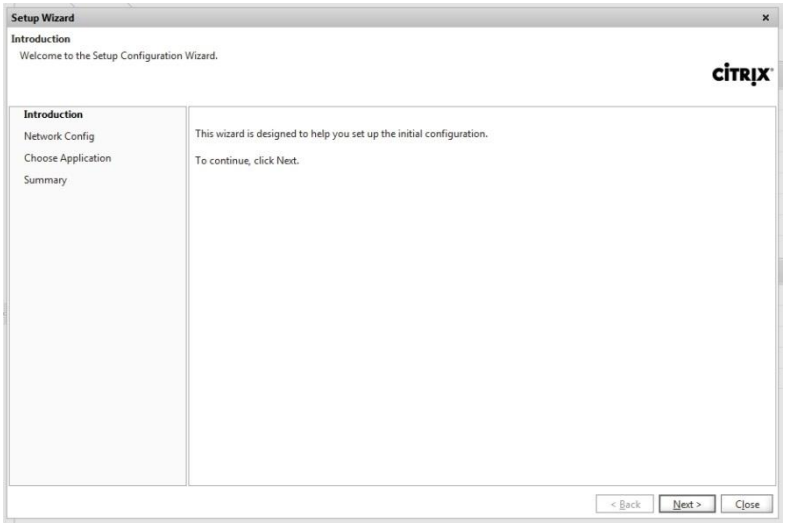
```
> add route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 <gateway ip>
> show route
> save ns config
```

5.1.2 NetScaler Configuration by Using the Configuration Utility

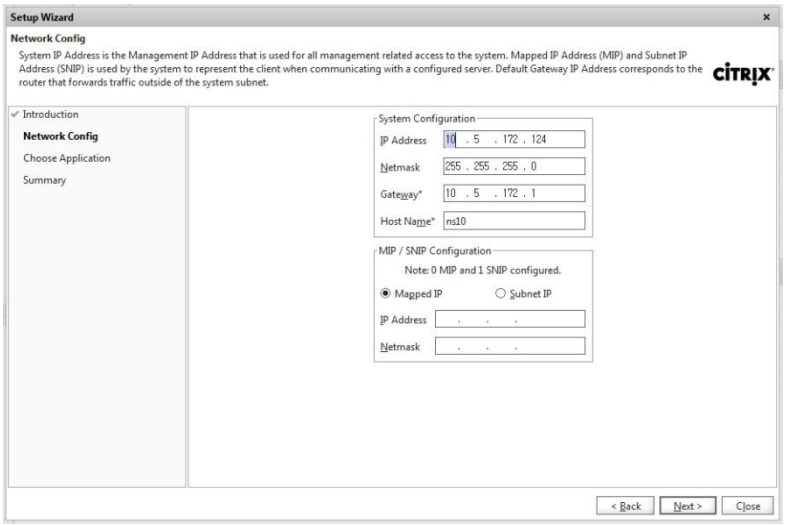
Once the network connectivity to NetScaler is established, the Configuration Utility can be accessed from a browser to complete the rest of the Microsoft Exchange configuration. Connect to NetScaler on a web browser: `http://<NSIP address>`. In **Start in**, select **Configuration**, and then click **Login**. **Setup Wizard** should start up automatically. Otherwise, **Setup Wizard** can be started from menu under **Netscaler>System Information**:



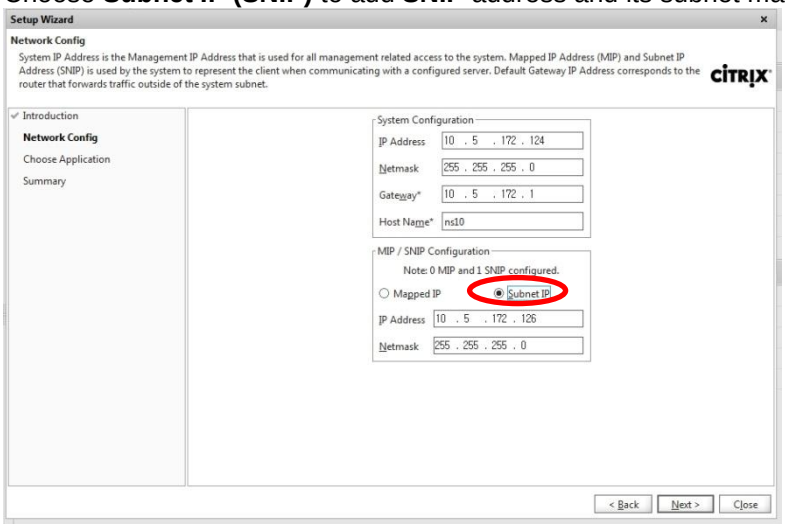
5.1.3 Setup Wizard



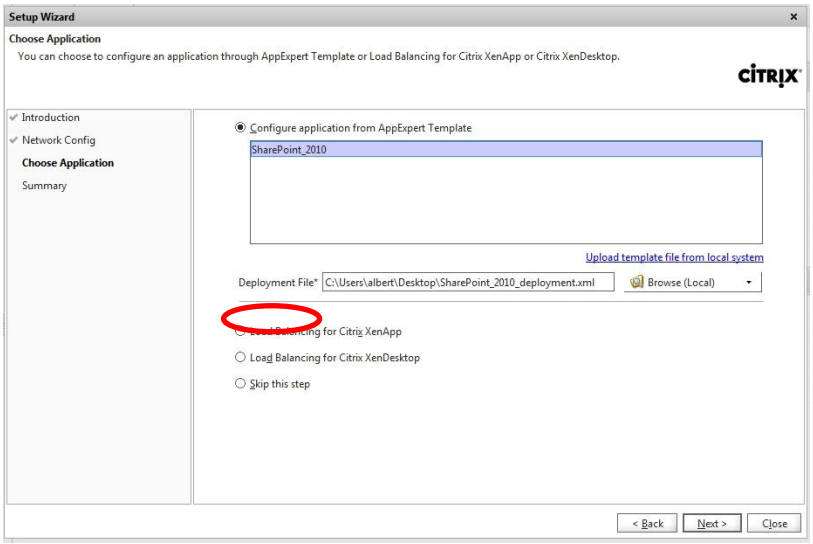
Click **Next** to follow the instructions. Confirm the pre-populated **NSIP**, **Netmask** and **Gateway** addresses.



Choose **Subnet IP (SNIP)** to add **SNIP** address and its subnet mask (**Netmask**) and Click **Next**.

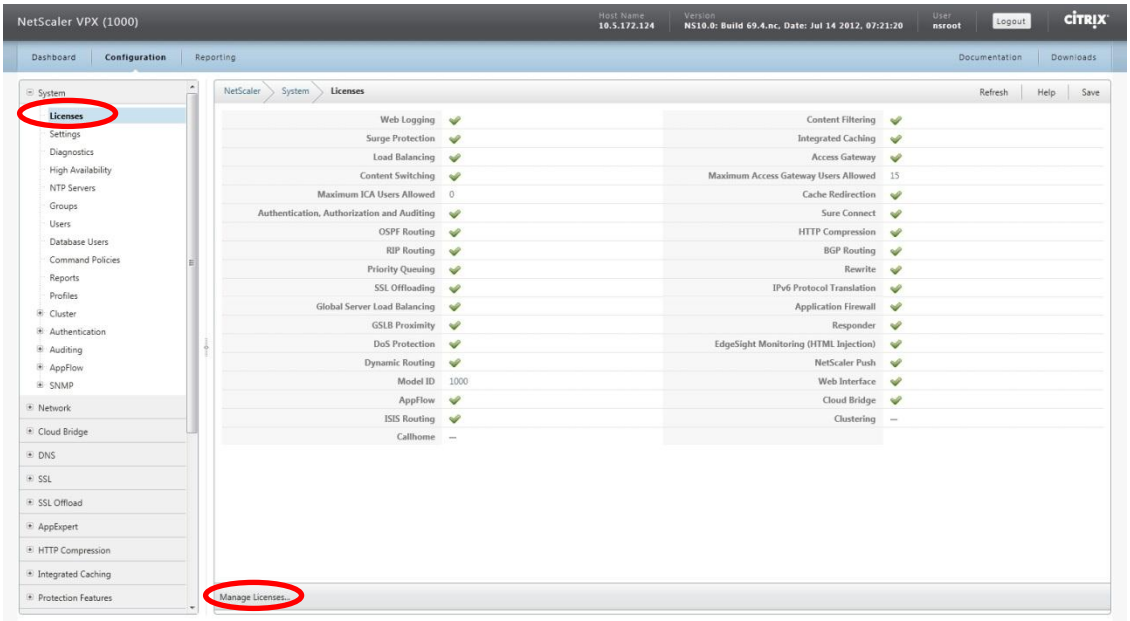


Choose **Skip this Step** for now. AppExpert Template can be added in another step.

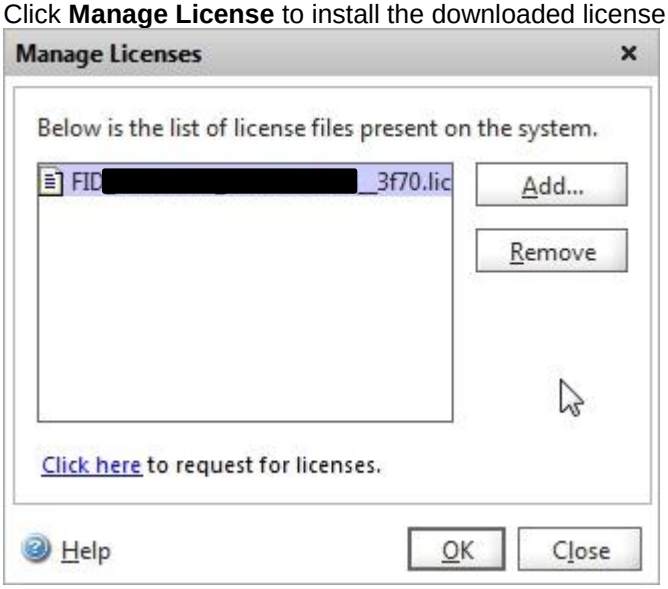


5.2 NetScaler License installation

Proper licenses are required in order to enable necessary services for the Exchange configuration. Refer to the "*Citrix NetScaler VPX Licensing Guide"* at http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX122426.



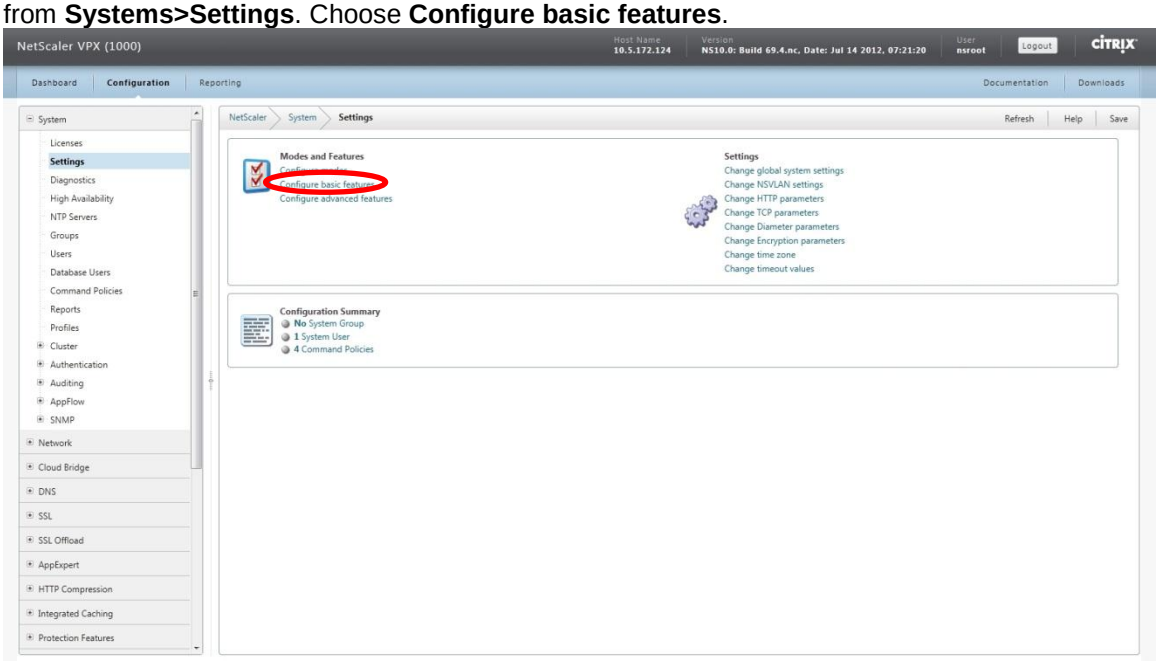
Click **Manage License** to install the downloaded license.



5.3 NetScaler Basic Feature Setting

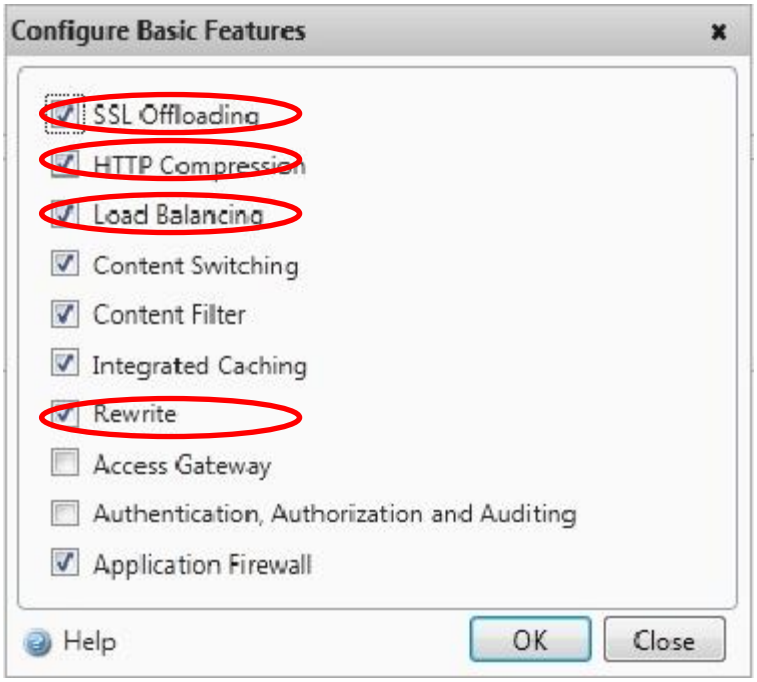
5.3.1 Systems Settings

Once a proper license is installed, administrator can select the available features to enable them from **Systems>Settings**. Choose **Configure basic features**.



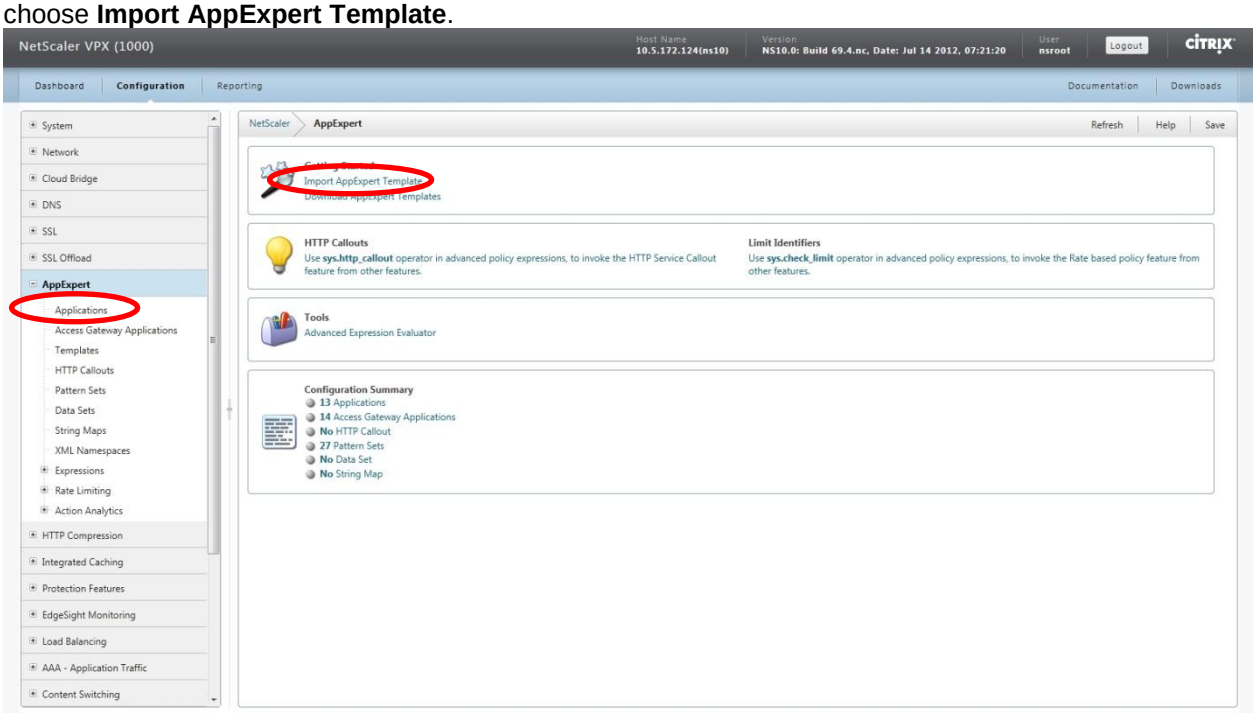
5.3.2 Basic Features

The following services are the minimal services required in order to enable and complete the Exchange configuration.

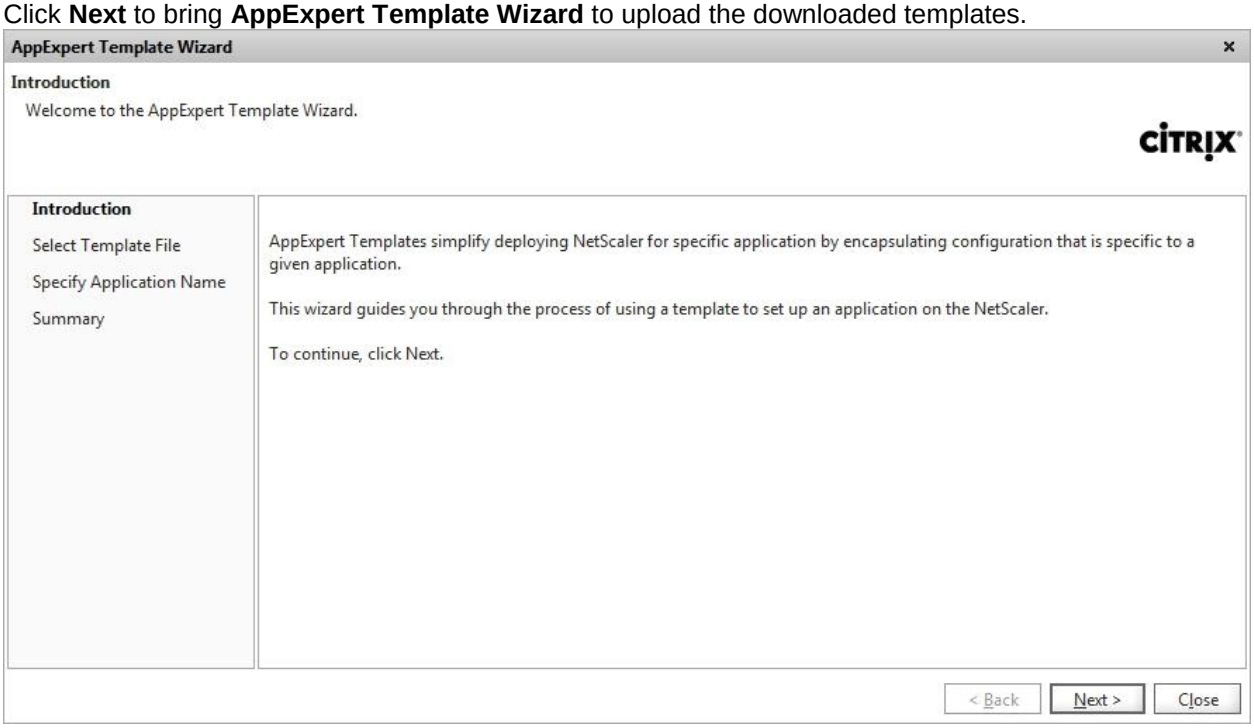


5.4 NetScaler AppExpert Outlook Web Access Template Install

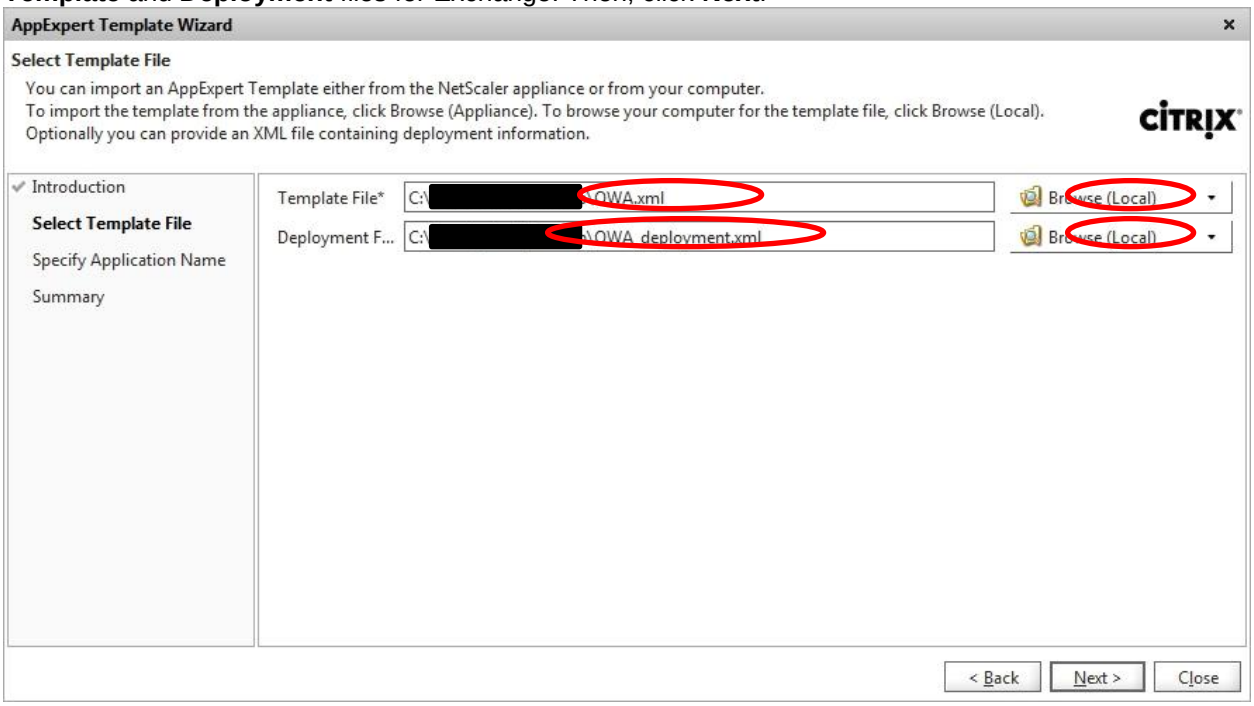
AppExpert Outlook Web Access template can be imported under **AppExpert** navigation panel then choose **Import AppExpert Template**.



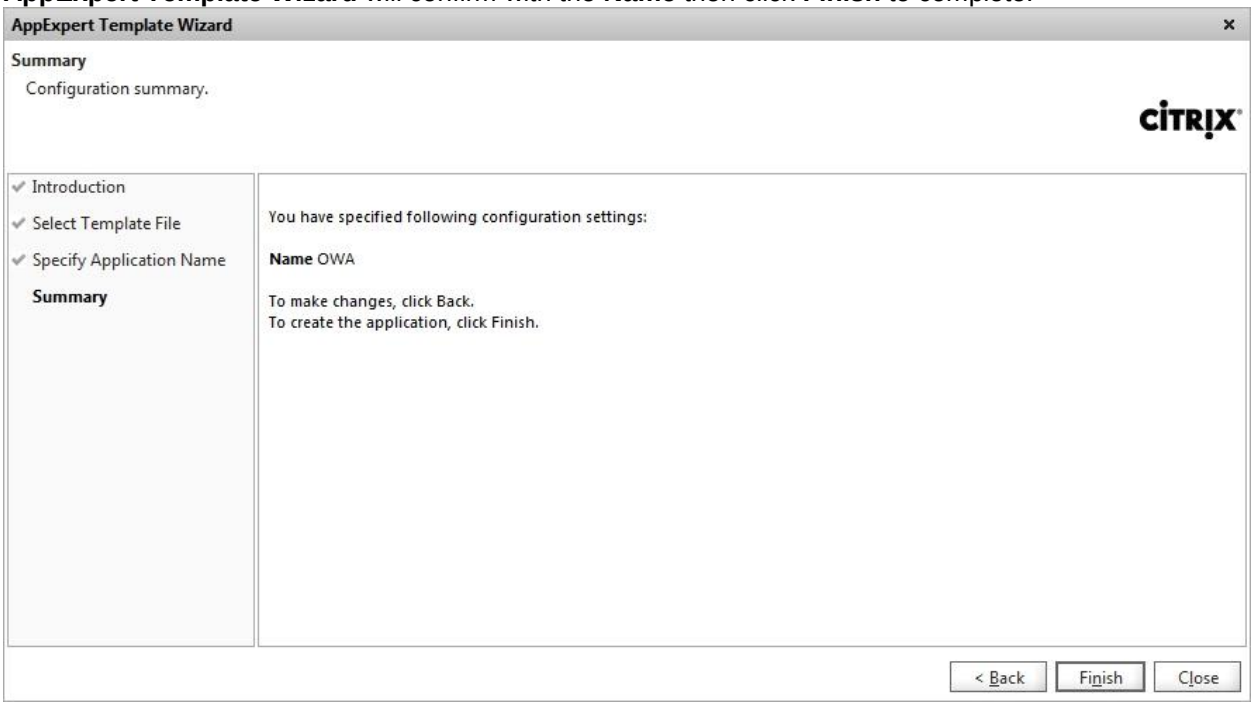
Click **Next** to bring **AppExpert Template Wizard** to upload the downloaded templates.



Choose **Browse (Local)** if the files were downloaded to local system, then choose the proper **Template** and **Deployment** files for Exchange. Then, click **Next**.

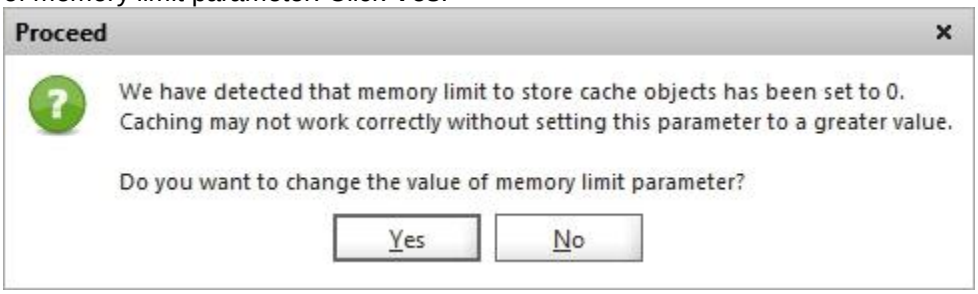


AppExpert Template Wizard will confirm with the **Name** then click **Finish** to complete.

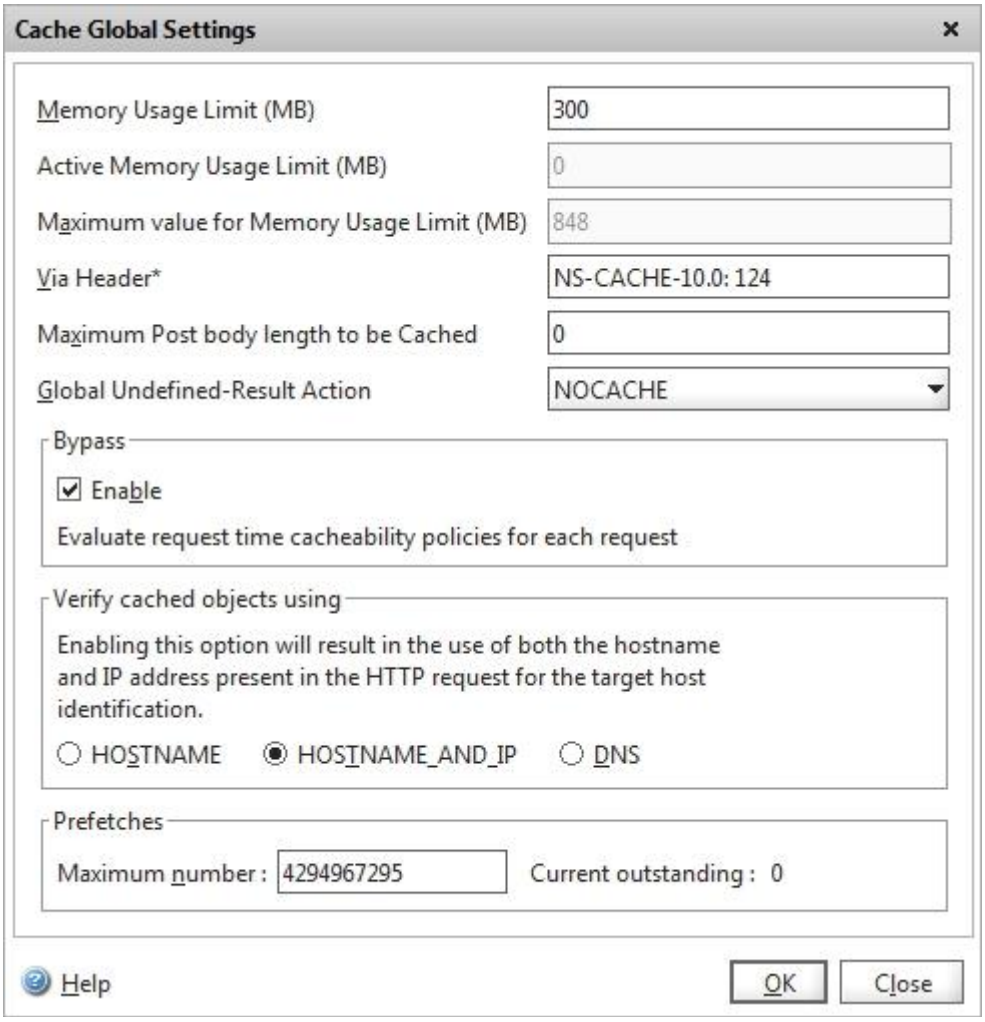


If any of required services for OWA were not enabled, the following **Warning** will guide through to enable those features. Click **Yes**.

By default, the memory usage limit was set to 0. **Proceed** message will prompt to change the value of memory limit parameter. Click **Yes**.



Set **Memory Usage Limit (MB)** to **300**. Then click **OK**.



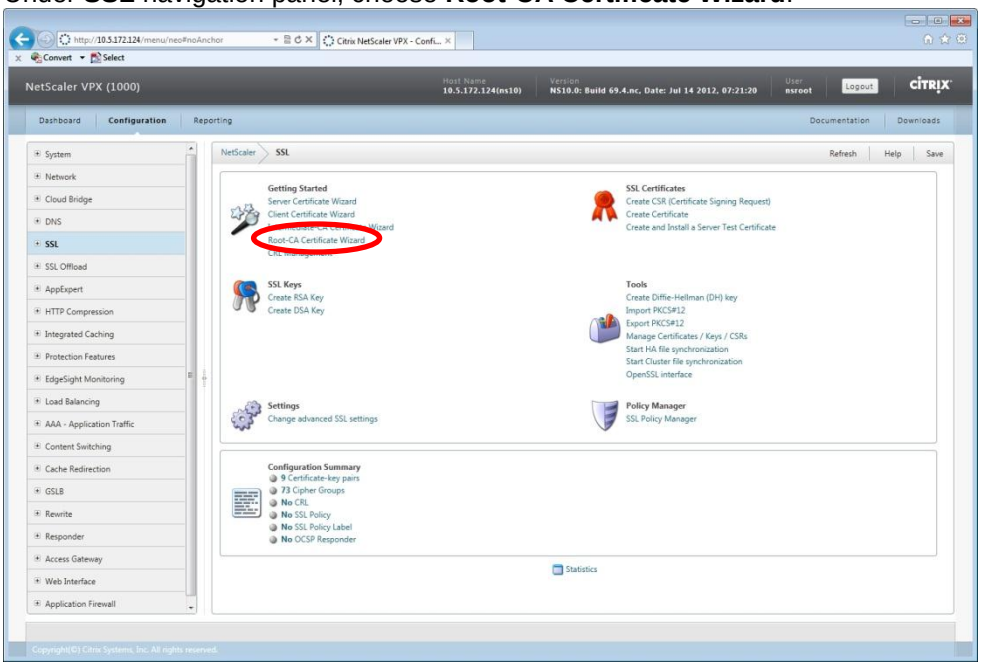
Confirm enabled **Basic Features**. Click **OK**.

5.5 NetScaler SSL Security Certificate installation (Self-Signed Certificate example)

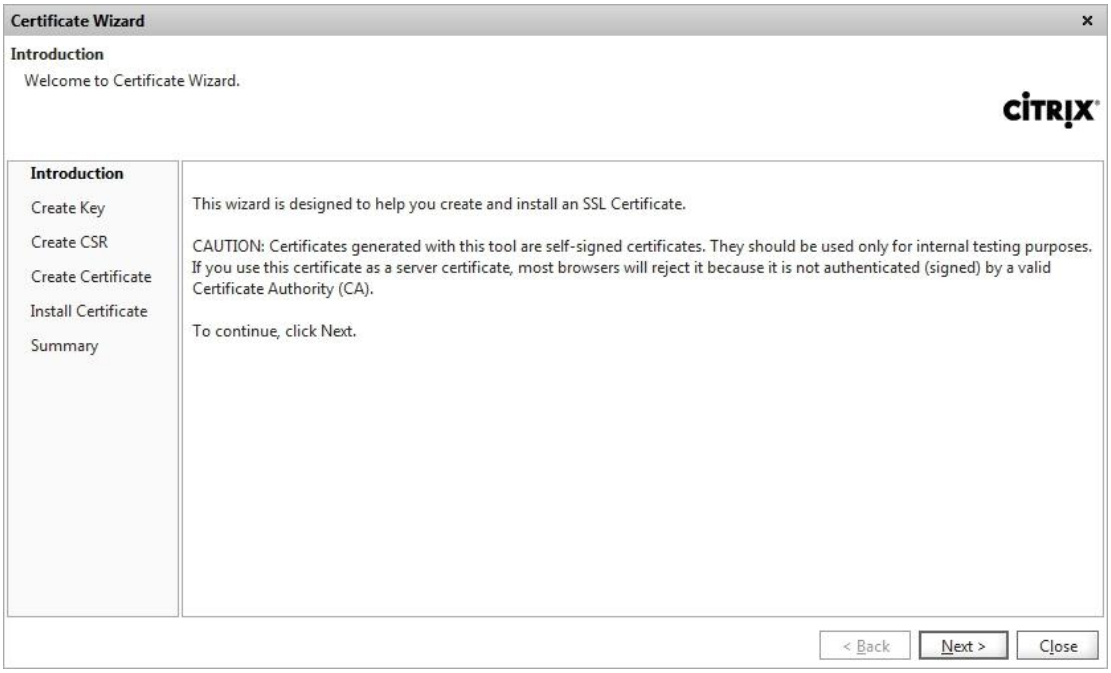
If production certificates are available, these can be imported through the processes within the NetScaler management interface. Consult Chapter 11 , "*Securing Load Balanced Traffic by Using SSL*" of the NetScaler product documentation entitled "*NetScaler VPX Getting Started Guide*" for details pertaining to the user of existing certificate/key pairs.
The following steps were used in this reference environment to create of self-signed certificates used to implement the HTTP to HTTPS rewrite.

5.5.1 Root-CA Certificate

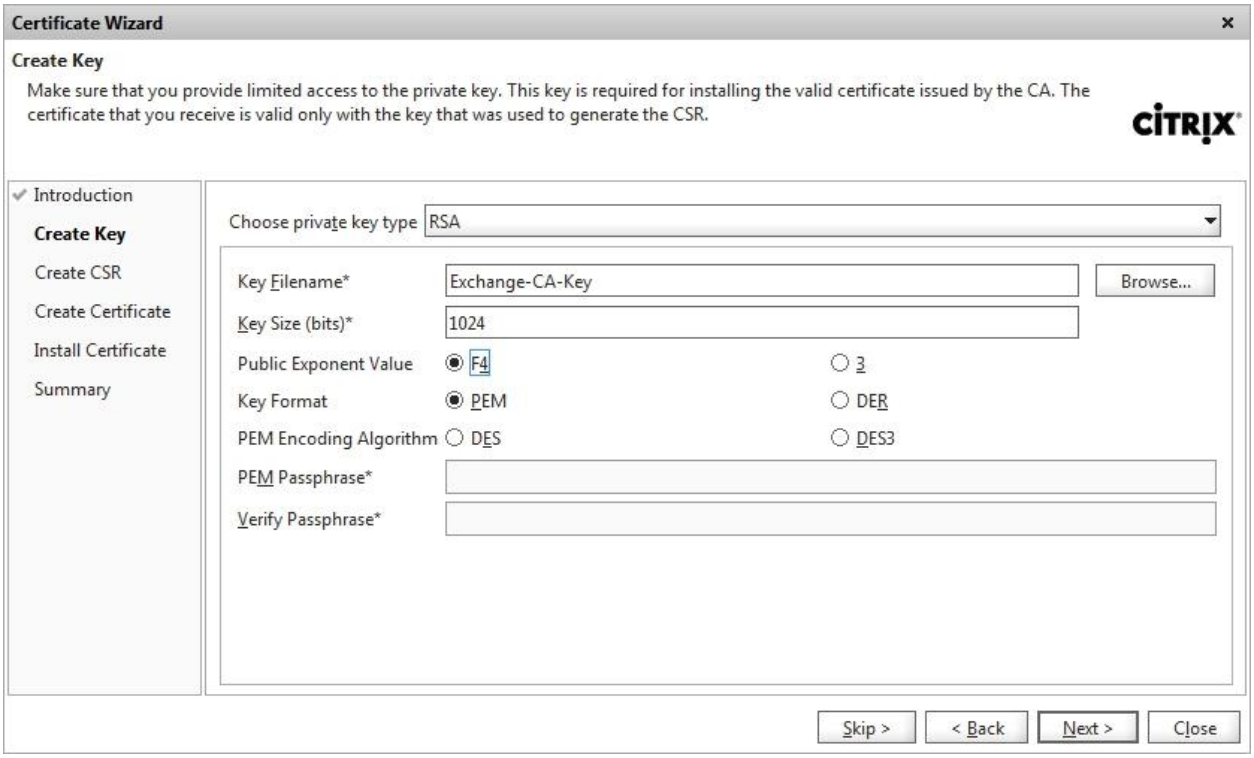
Under **SSL** navigation panel, choose **Root-CA Certificate Wizard**.



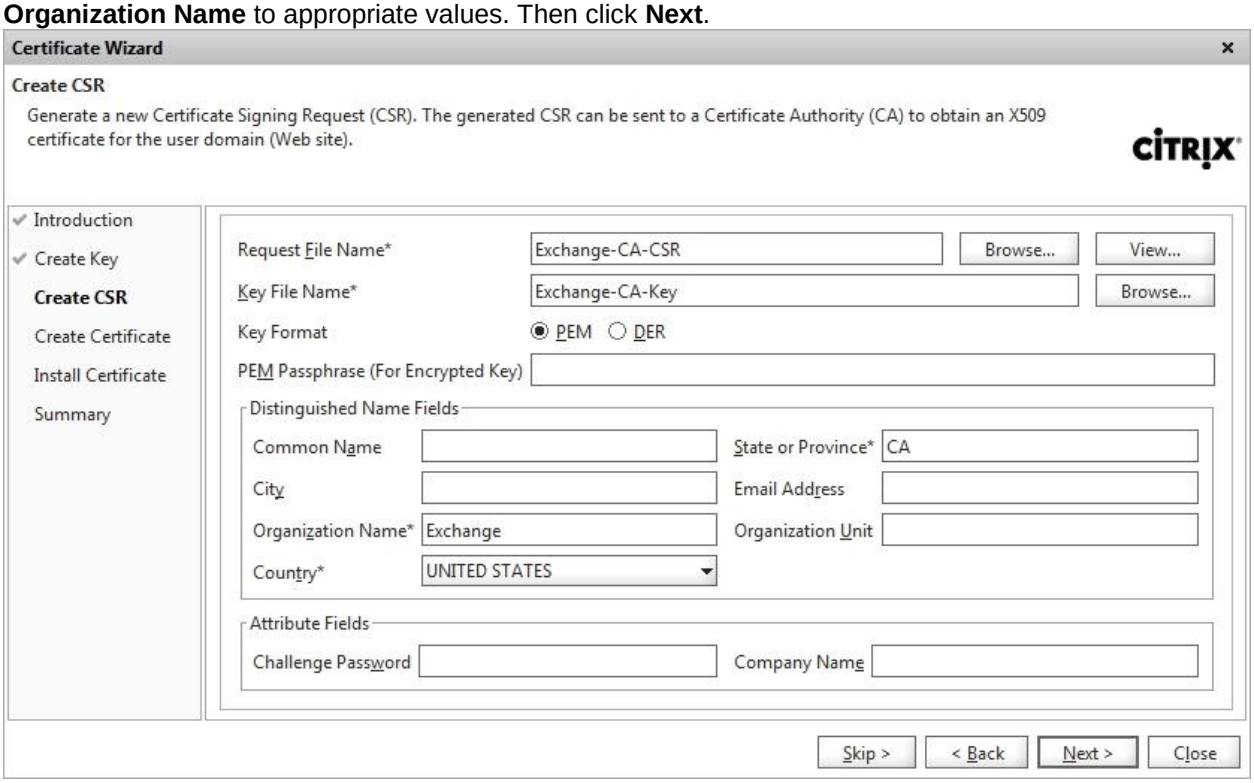
Click **Next**.



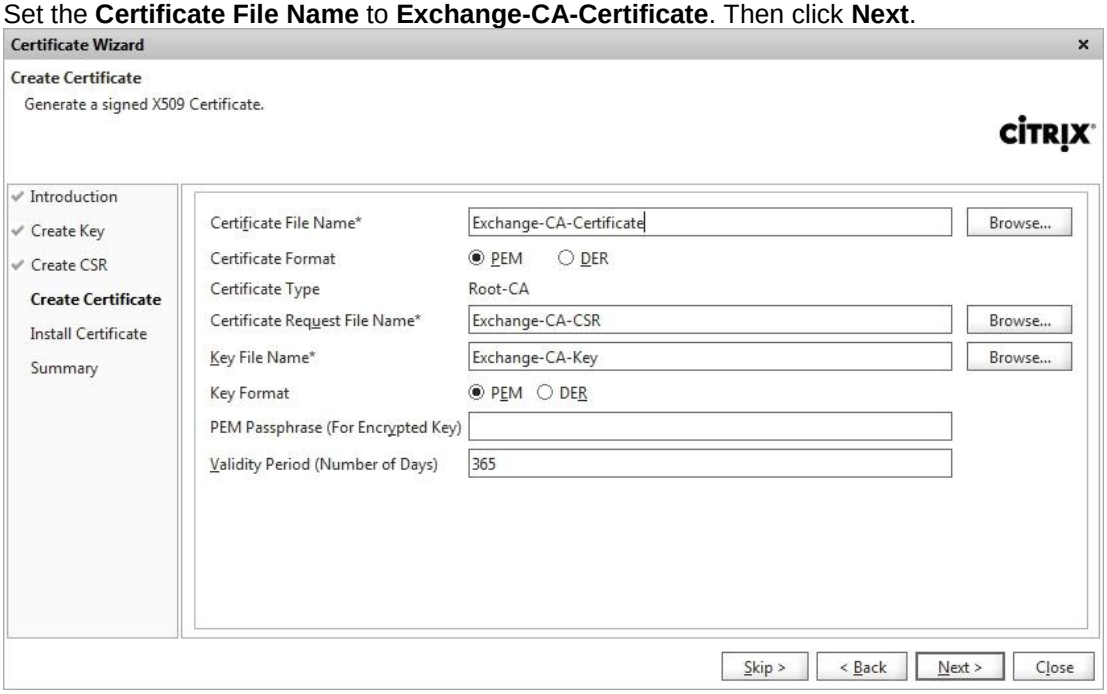
Set the **Key Filename** to **Exchange-CA-Key**. And set **Key Size** to **1024** or any value that reflects customized datacenter's standard. Then click **Next**.



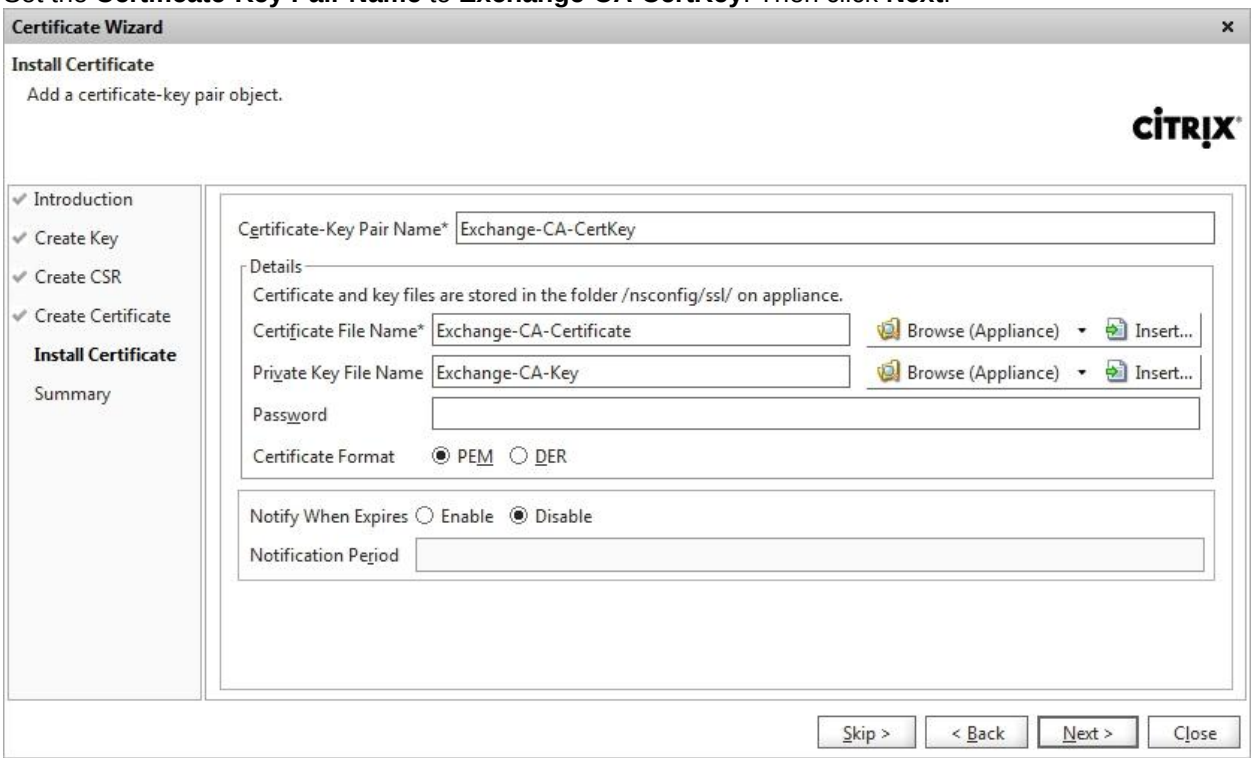
Set the **Request File Name** to **Exchange-CA-CSR**. And set **City** and **State** or **Province**, **Organization Name** to appropriate values. Then click **Next**.



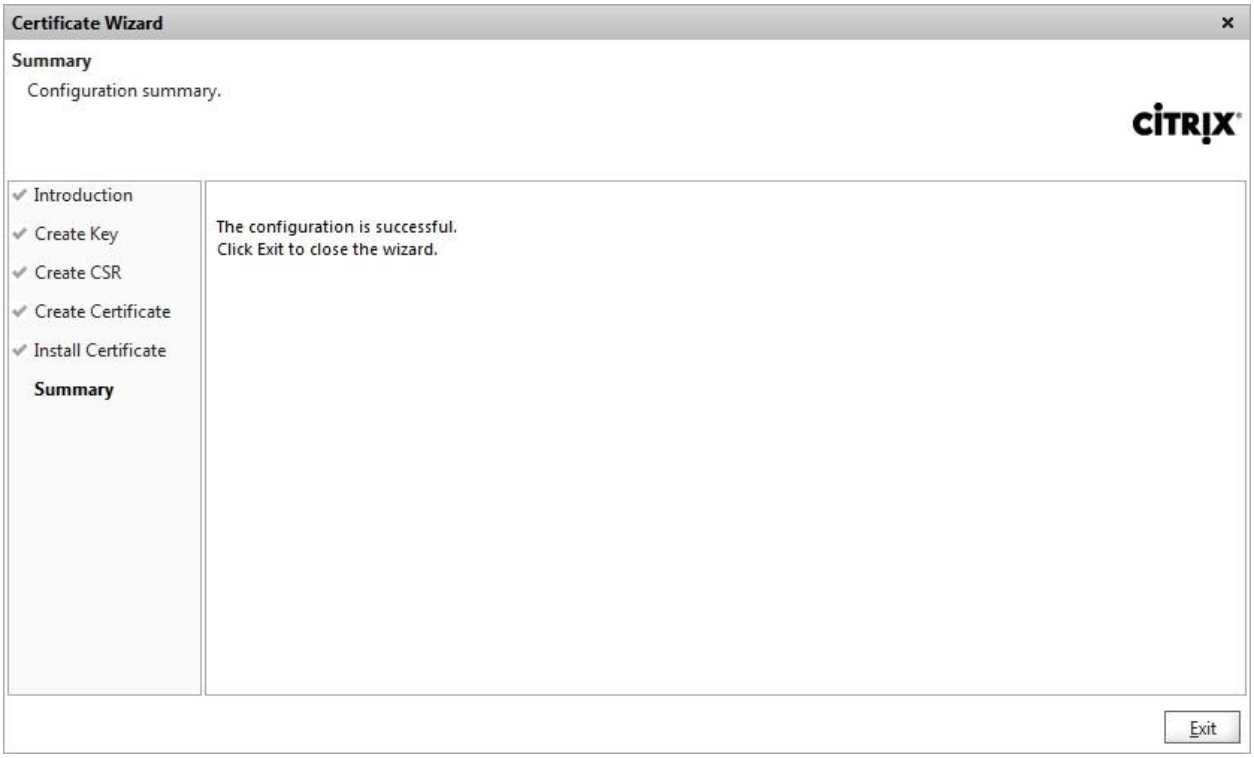
Set the **Certificate File Name** to **Exchange-CA-Certificate**. Then click **Next**.



Set the **Certificate-Key Pair Name** to **Exchange-CA-CertKey**. Then click **Next**.

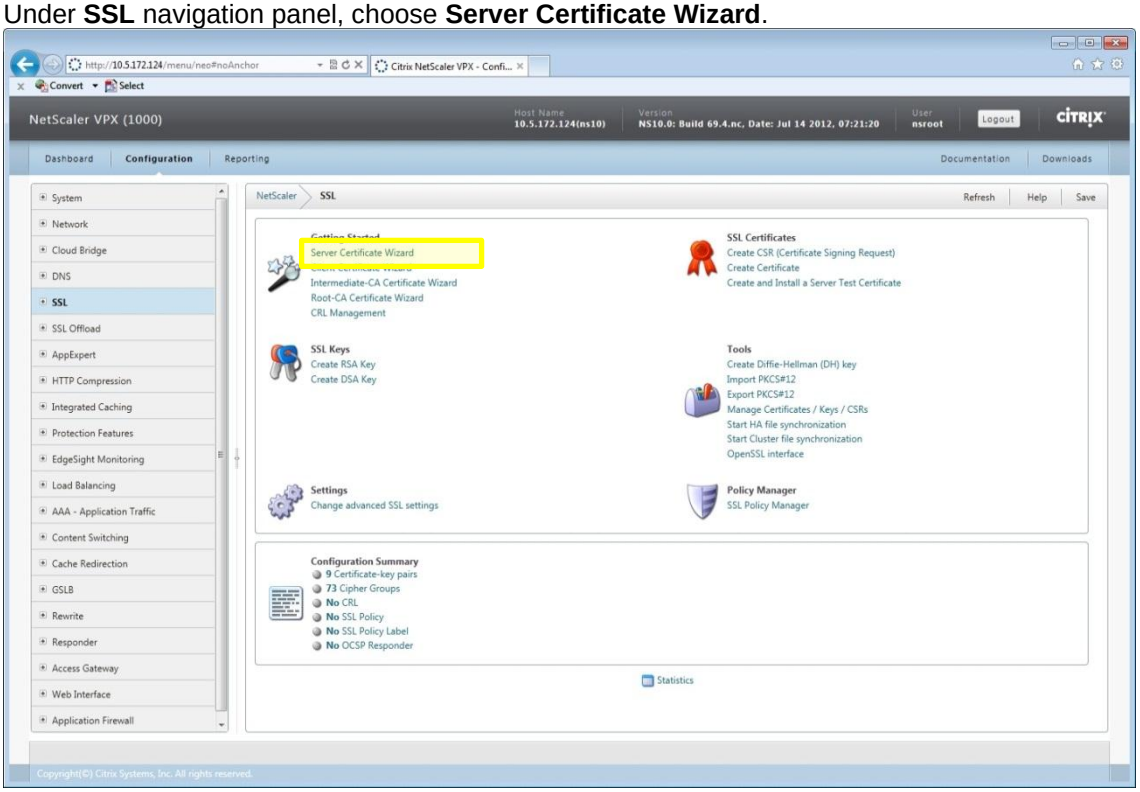


Click **Finish** then **Exit**.

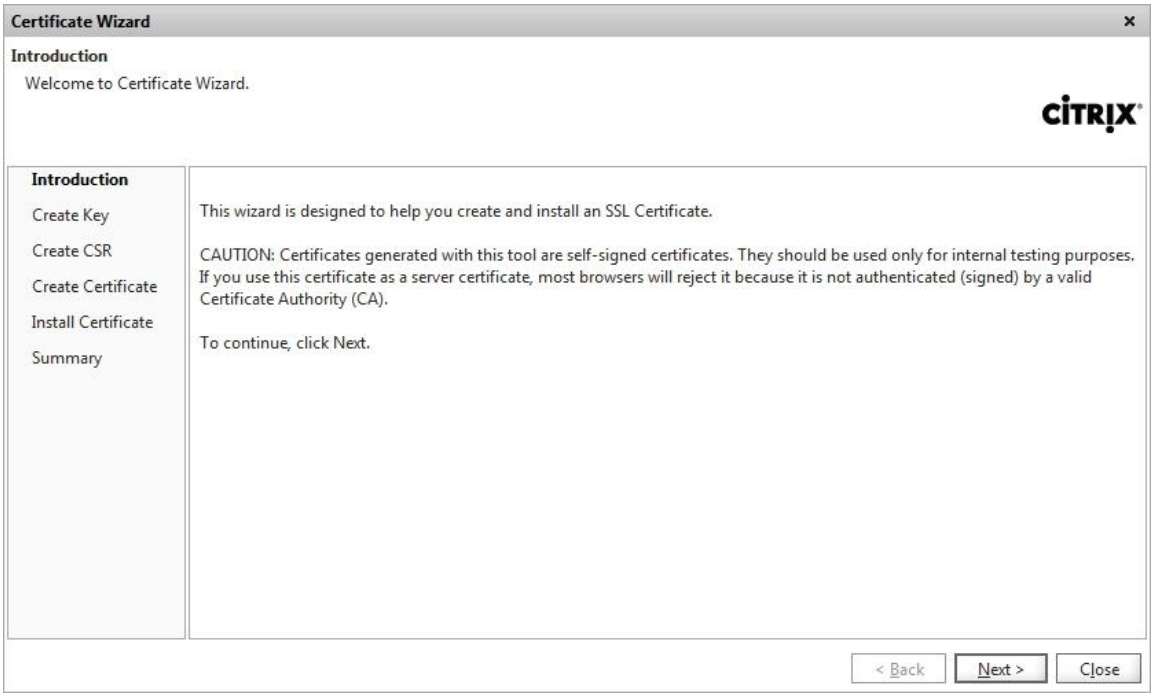


5.5.2 Server Certificate

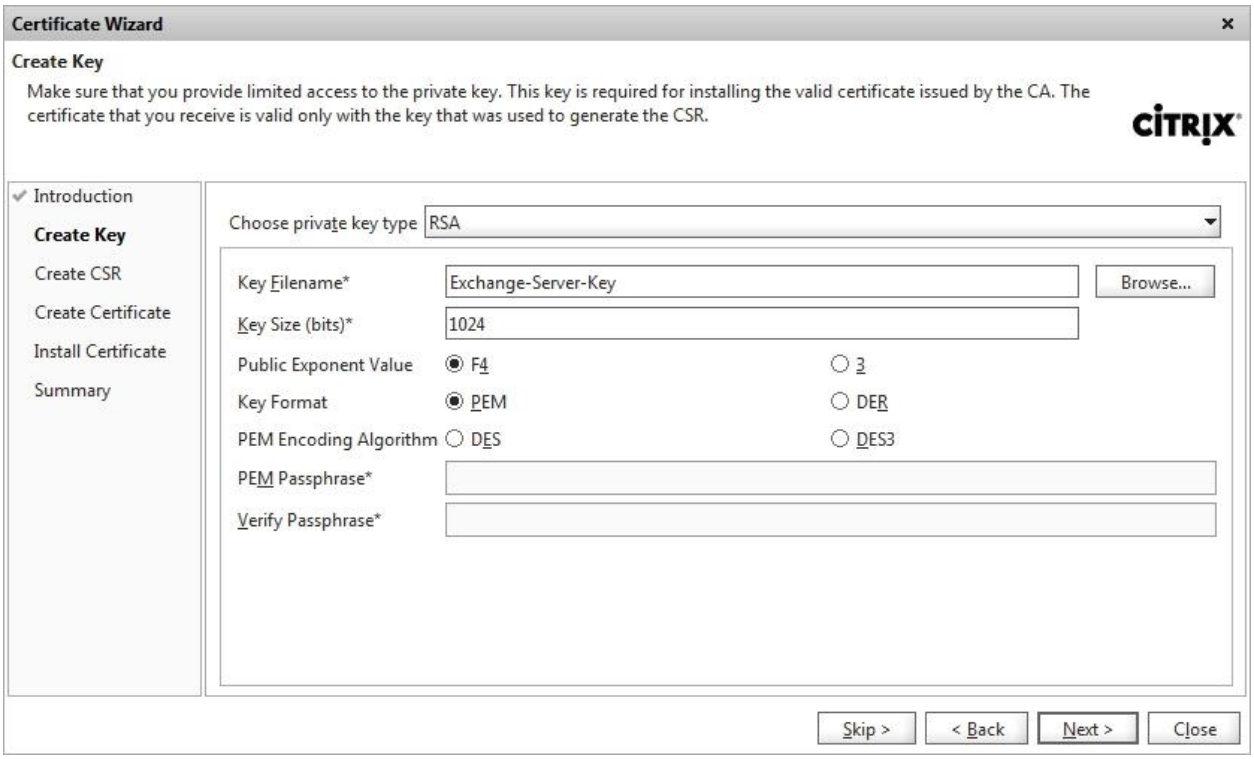
Under **SSL** navigation panel, choose **Server Certificate Wizard**.



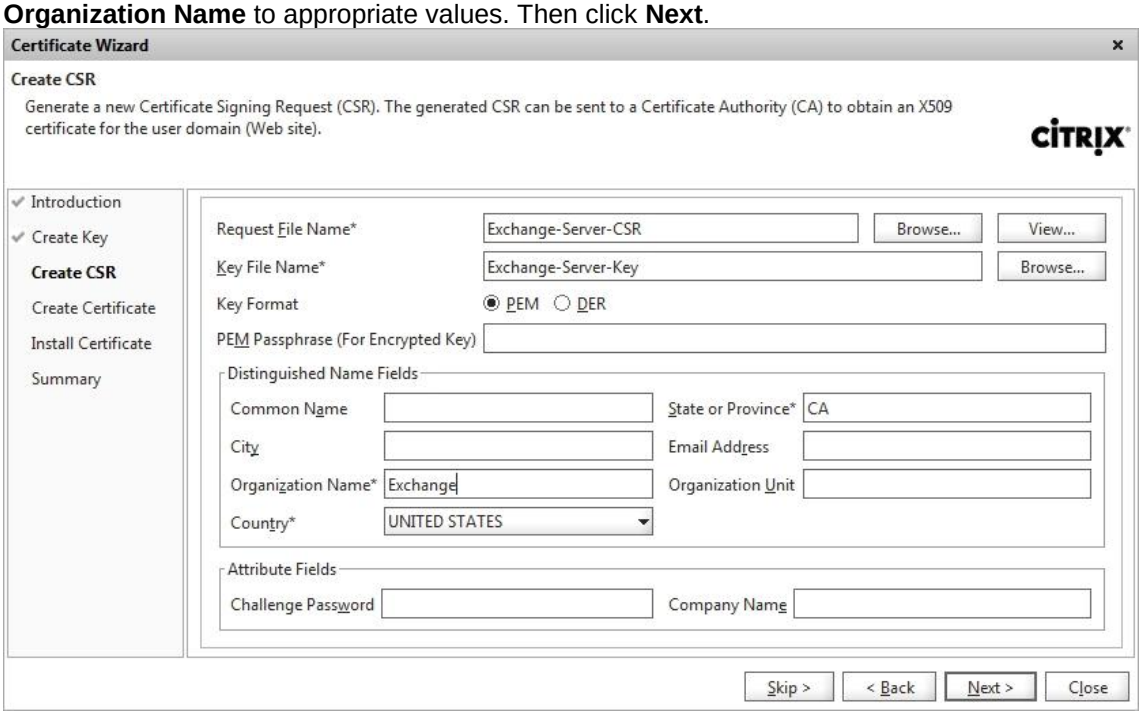
Click **Next**.



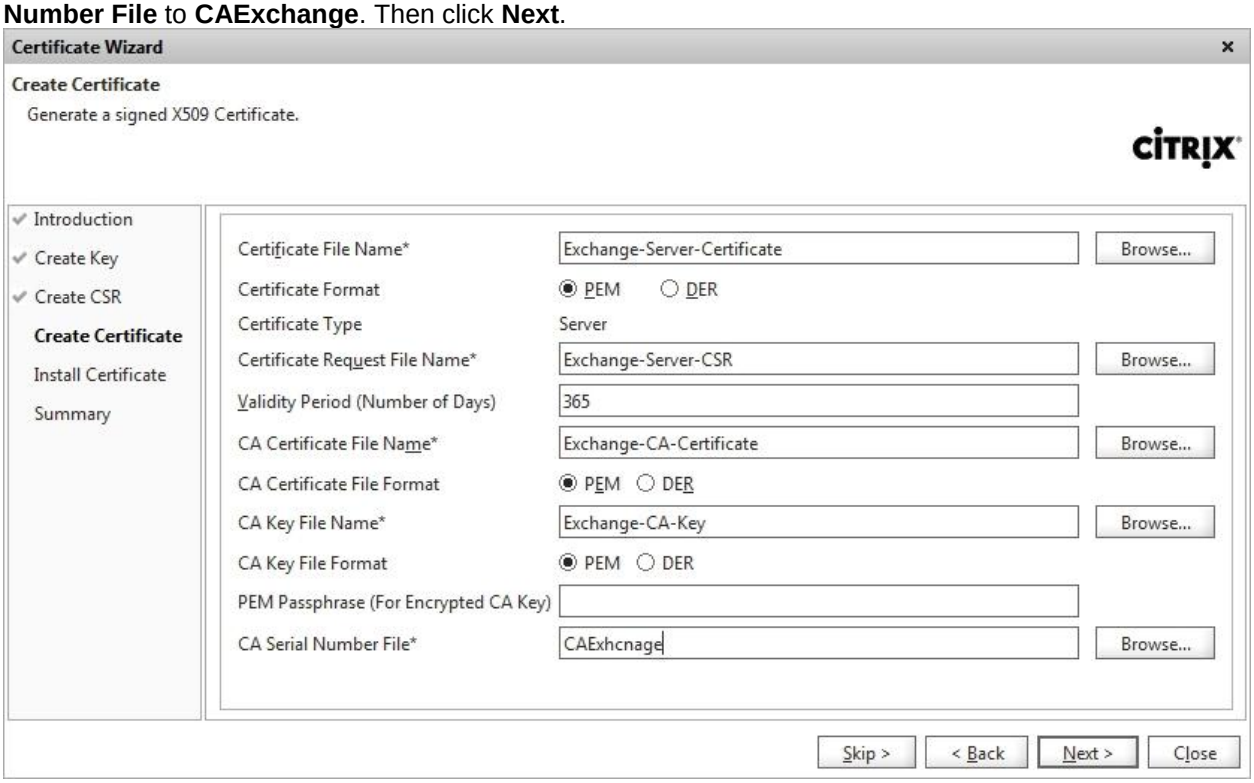
Set the **Key Filename** to **Exchange-Server-Key**. And set **Key Size** to **1024** or any value that reflects customized datacenter's standard. Then click **Next**.



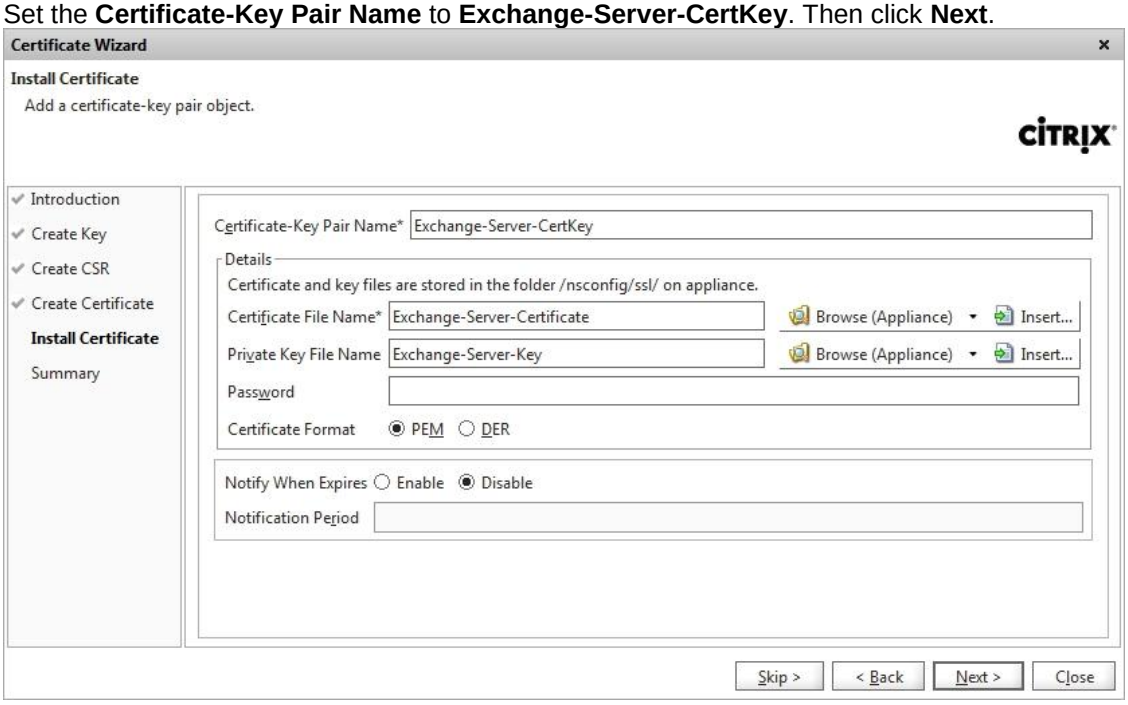
Set the **Request File Name** to **Exchange-Server-CSR**. And set **City** and **State** or **Province**, **Organization Name** to appropriate values. Then click **Next**.



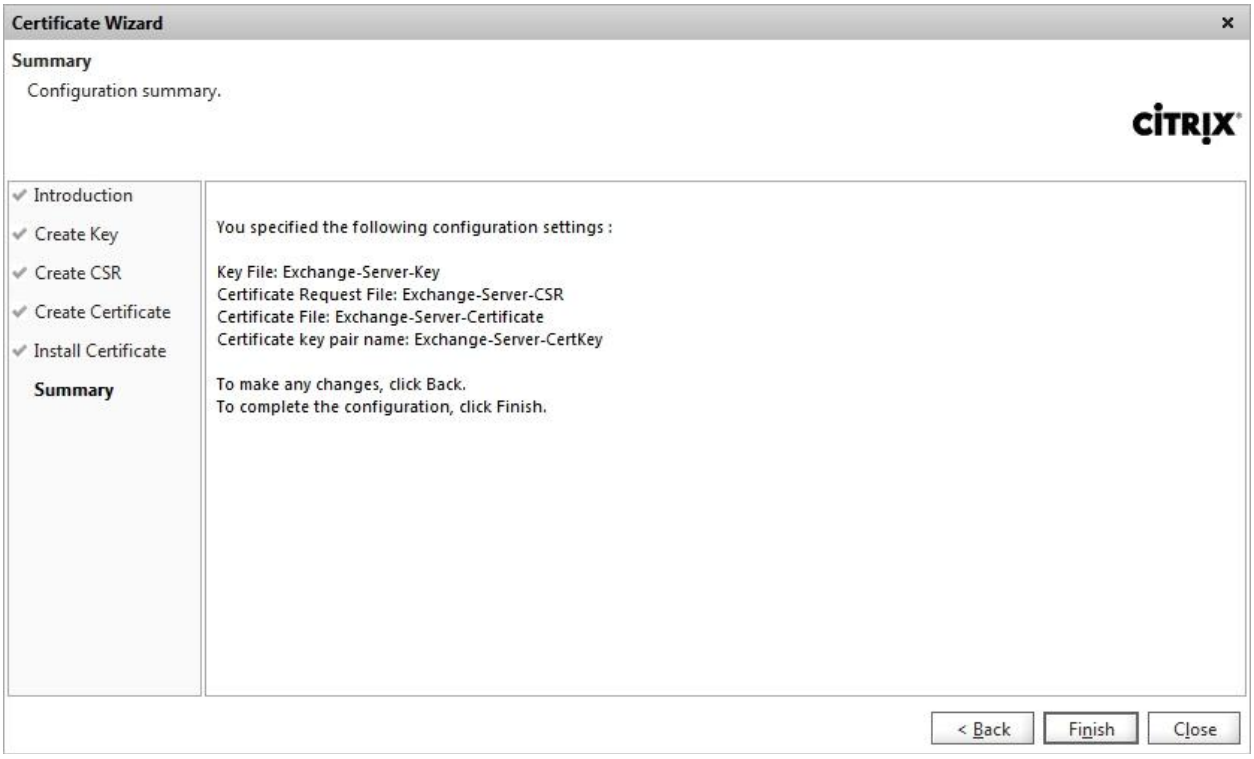
Set the **Certificate File Name** to **Exchange-Server-Certificate**. And set **CA Certificate File Name** to **Exchange-CA-Certificate**. Set **CA Key File Name** to **Exchange-CA-Key**. And **CA Serial Number File** to **CAExchange**. Then click **Next**.



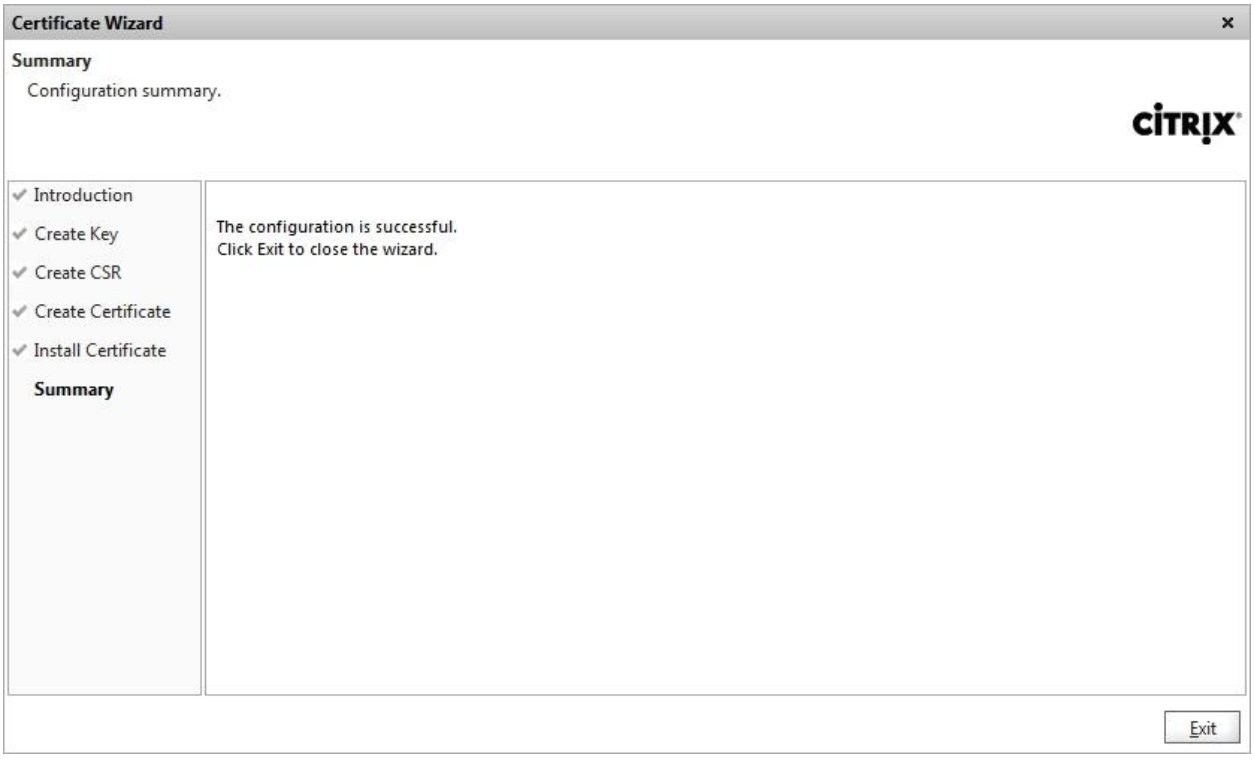
Set the **Certificate-Key Pair Name** to **Exchange-Server-CertKey**. Then click **Next**.



Click **Finish**.



Click **Exit**.

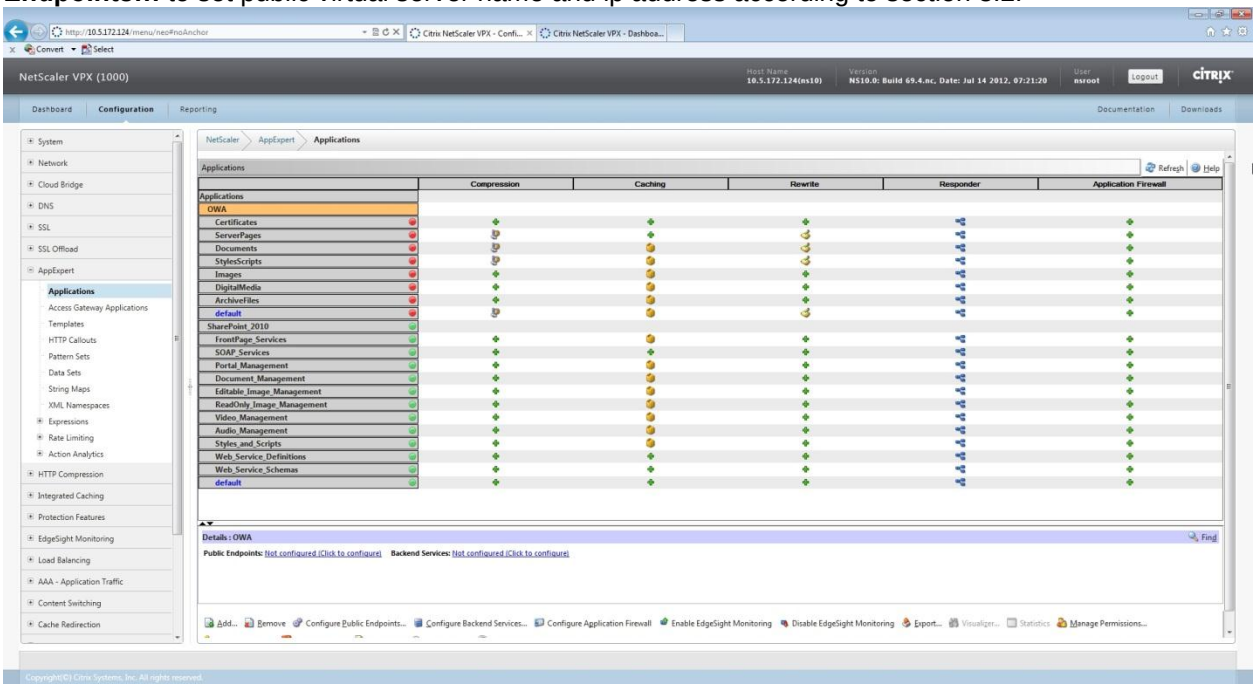


5.6 Creating virtual servers (VIP)

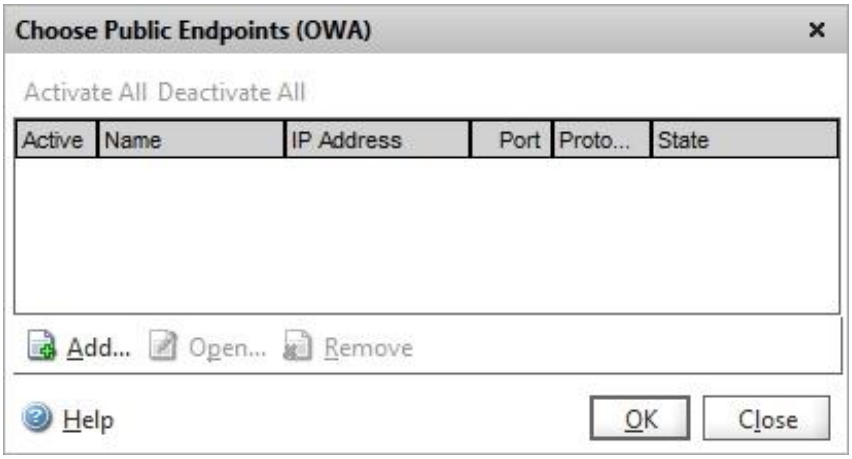
Virtual servers (or Virtual IP, VIP) will be used for users to connect to Exchange service. Once completed, users will be able to access their SharePoint environment to `http(s)://<VIP>` or `http(s)://<VIP>/owa` depending on their configuration.

5.6.1 HTTP VIP

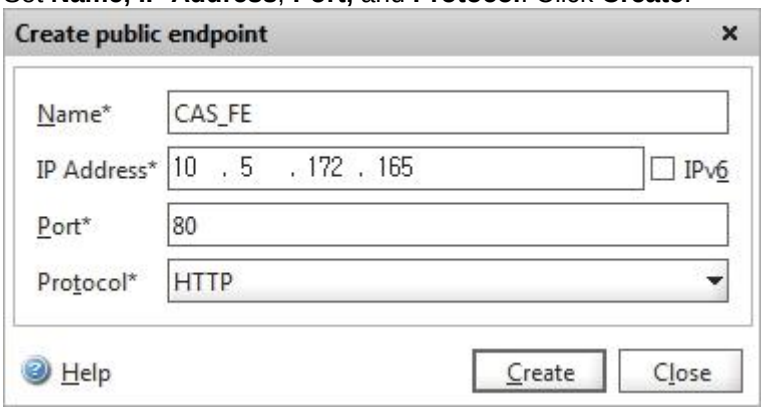
Under **AppExpert** navigation panel, choose **Applications** to view those installed templates. Under **OWA**, all the pre-defined Exchange service components will be listed. Choose **Configure Public Endpoints…** to set public virtual server name and ip address according to section 3.2.



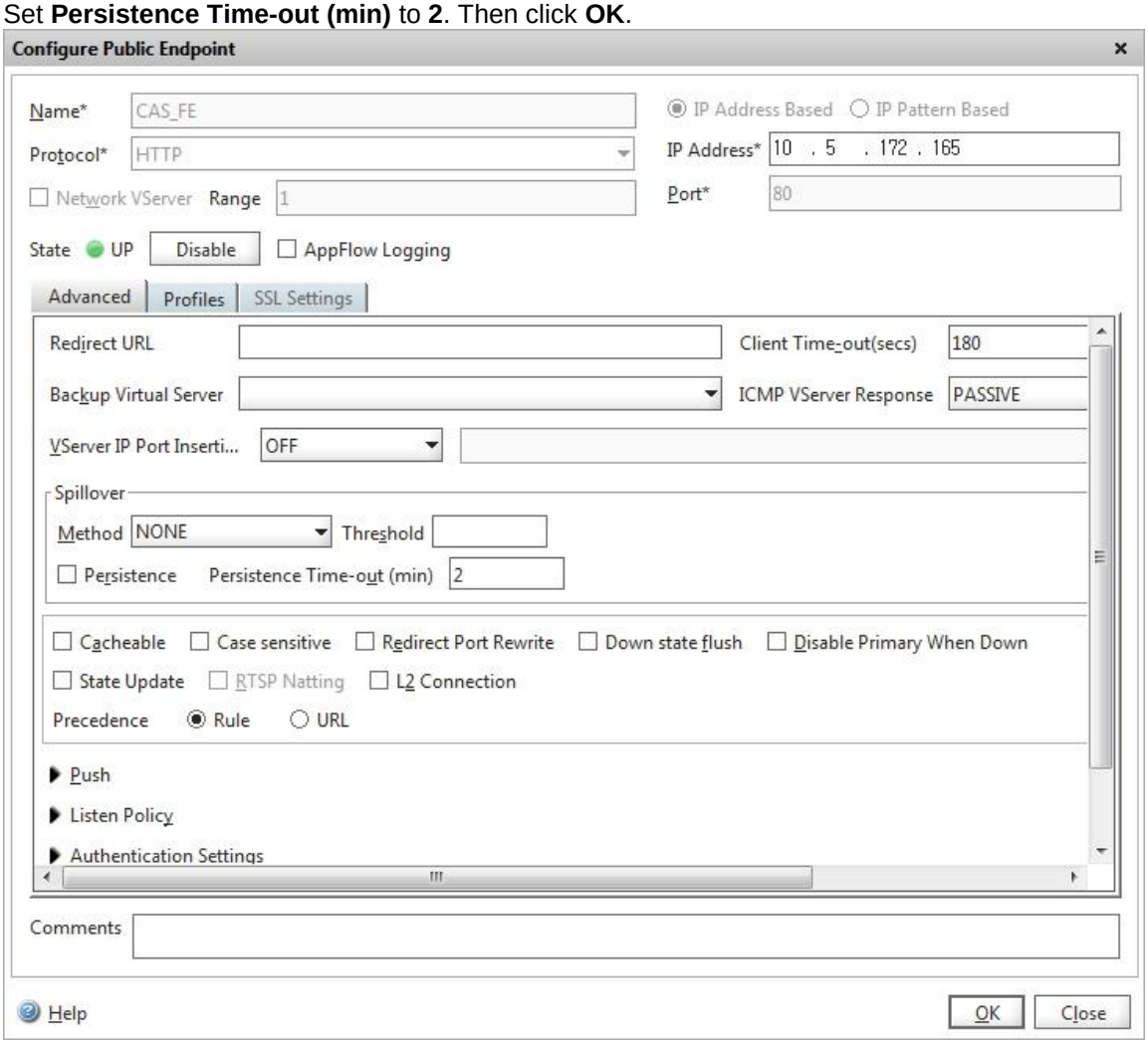
Choose **Add**.



Set **Name, IP Address**, **Port,** and **Protocol**. Click **Create**.

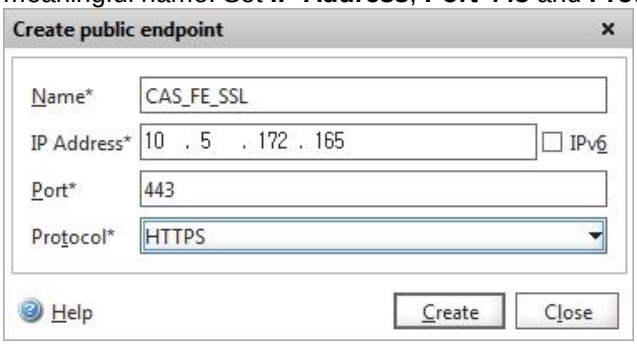


Set **Persistence Time-out (min)** to **2**. Then click **OK**.

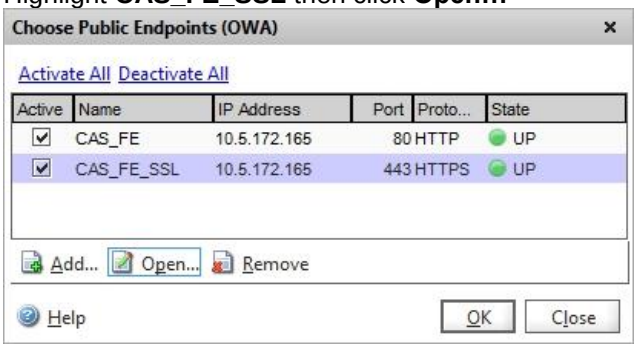


5.6.2 HTTPS VIP

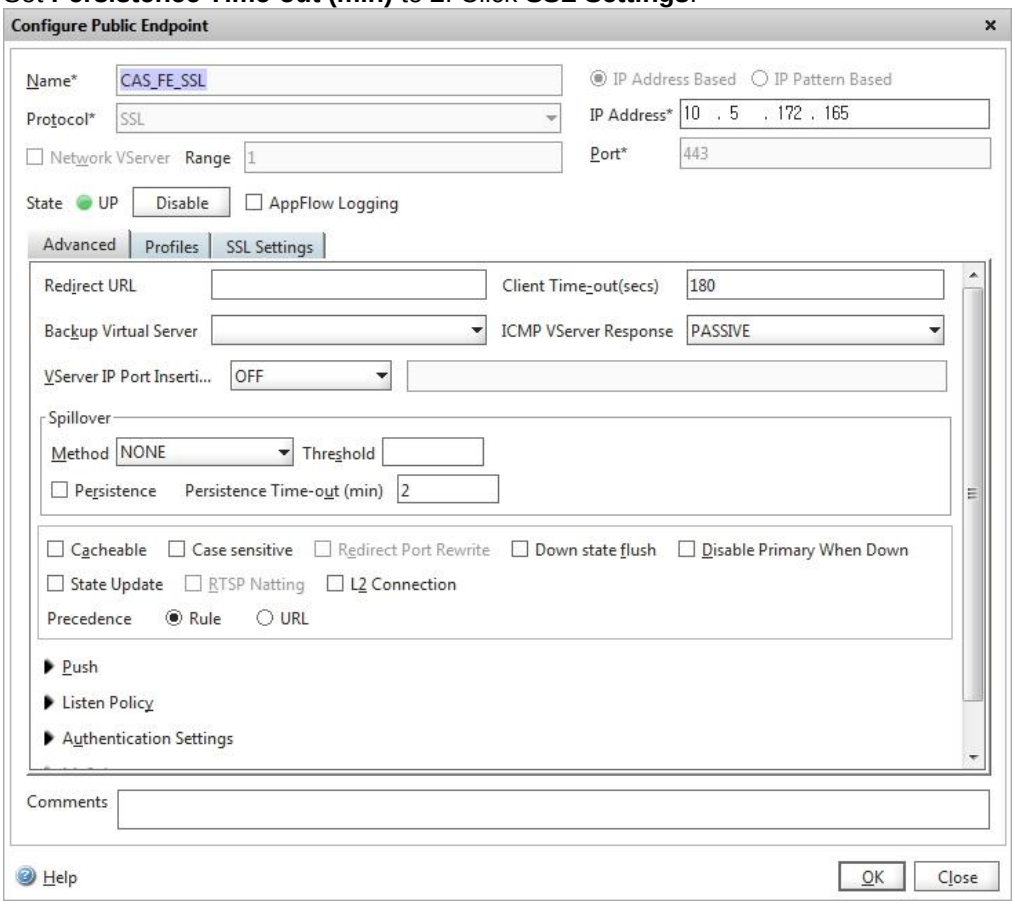
From the main NetScaler Configuration Utility screen, under **AppExpert** and **Applications**, and **OWA**, choose **Configure Public Endpoints…** to set public virtual server name and ip address according to section 3.2. (Note. This IP address will be the same as HTTP VIP which was just created in previous section. It will just use a different port.). Set **Name** to **CASSe_FE_SSL** or meaningful name. Set **IP Address**, **Port 443** and **Protocal** as **HTTPS**. Then click **Create**.



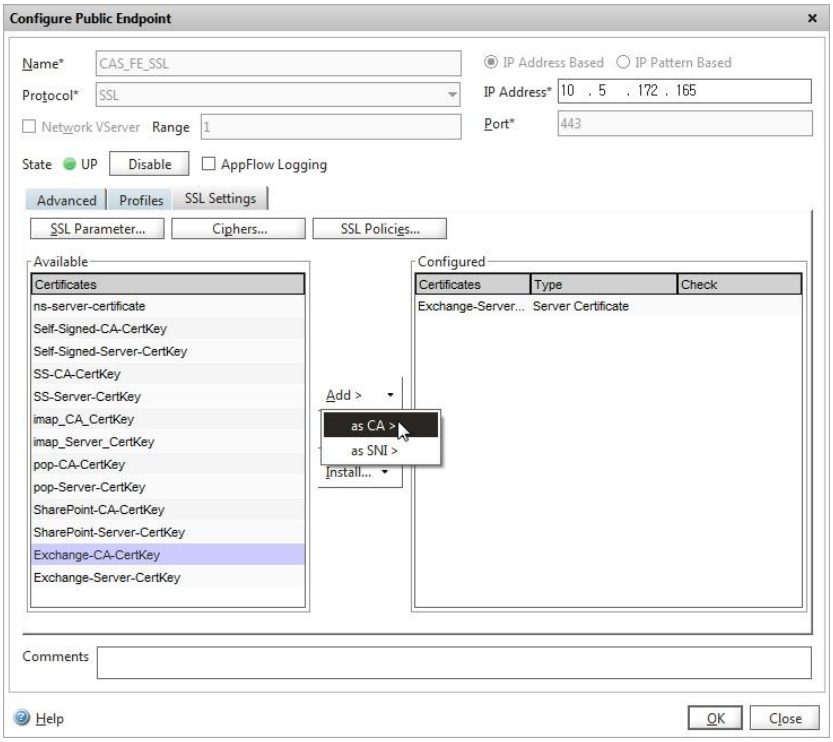
Highlight **CAS_FE_SSL** then click **Open…**



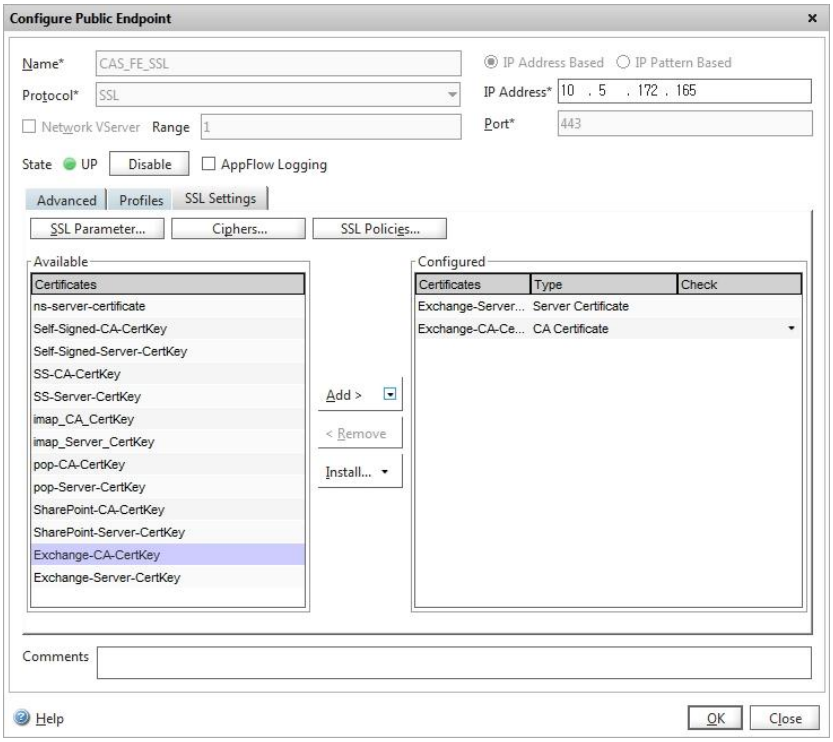
Set **Persistence Time-out (min)** to **2**. Click **SSL Settings**.



Choose the **Certificates** which were created in previous section 5.5. Click the arrow button under **Add>** to choose **as CA>** to add **CA CertKey**.

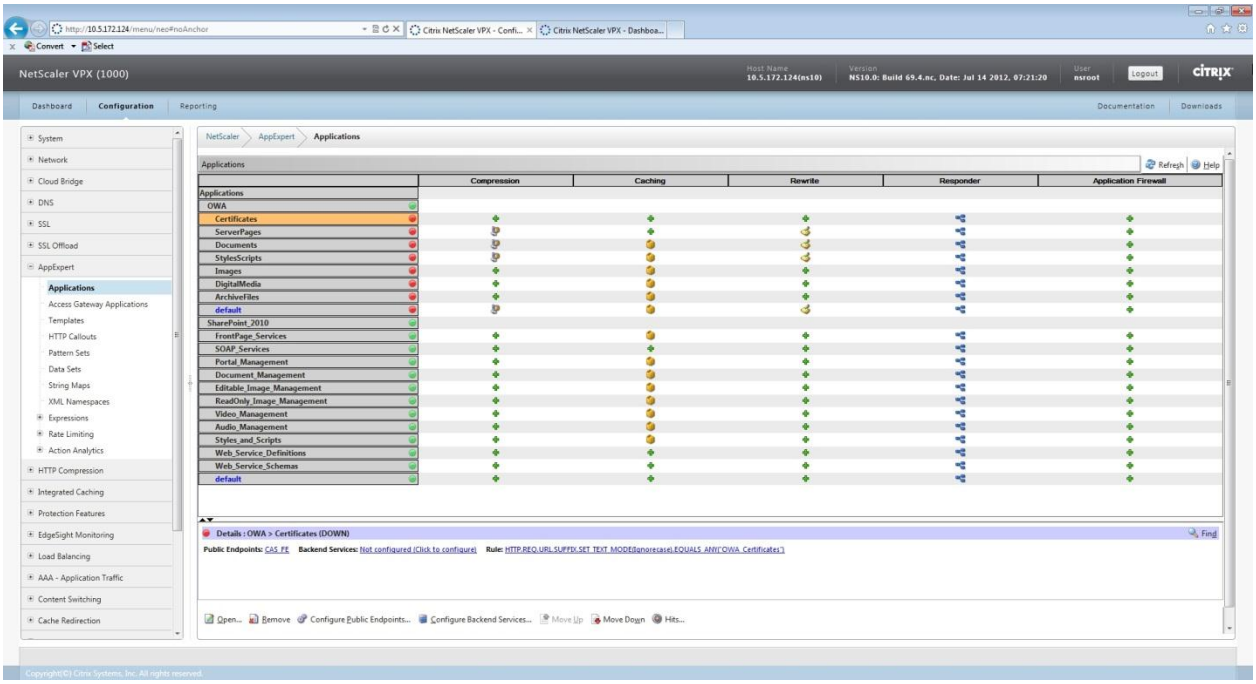

Configure Public Endpoint
Name* CAS_FE_SSL
Protocol* SSL
Network VServer Range 1
IP Address Based IP Pattern Based
IP Address* 10 . 5 . 172 . 165
Port* 443
State UP Disable AppFlow Logging
Advanced Profiles SSL Settings
SSL Parameter... Ciphers... SSL Policies...
Available
Certificates
ns-server-certificate
Self-Signed-CA-CertKey
Self-Signed-Server-CertKey
SS-CA-CertKey
SS-Server-CertKey
imap_CA_CertKey
imap_Server_CertKey
pop-CA-CertKey
pop-Server-CertKey
SharePoint-CA-CertKey
SharePoint-Server-CertKey
Exchange-CA-CertKey
Exchange-Server-CertKey
Add >
as CA >
as SNI >
Install...
Configured
Certificates Type Check
Exchange-Server... Server Certificate
Comments
Help
OK Close

Click **OK**.

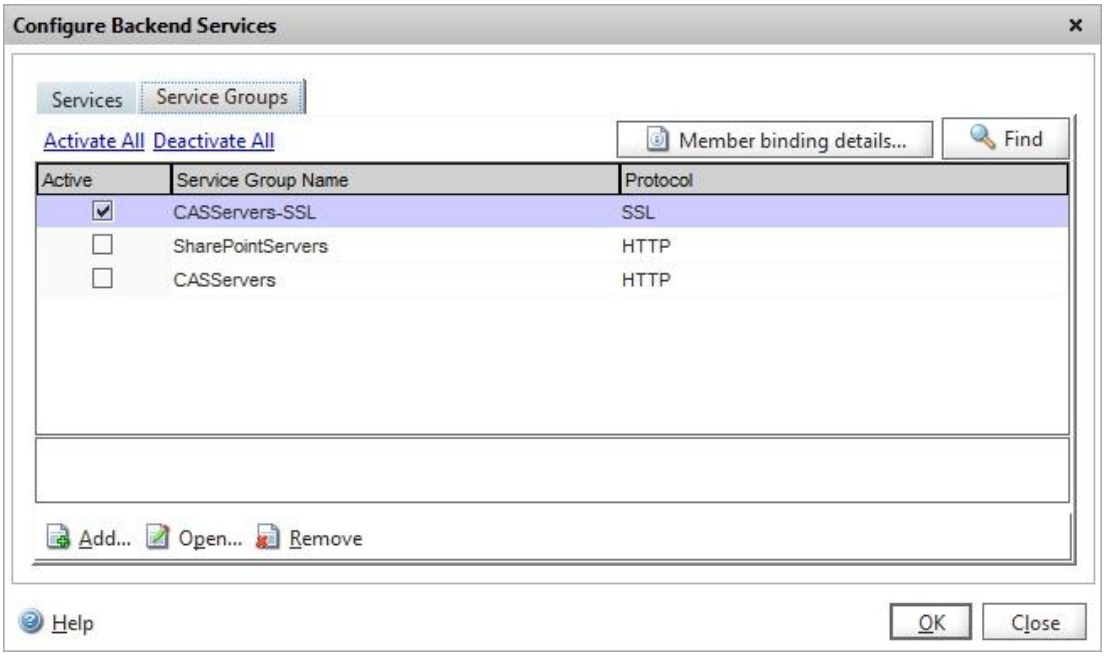

Configure Public Endpoint
Name* CAS_FE_SSL
Protocol* SSL
Network VServer Range 1
IP Address Based IP Pattern Based
IP Address* 10 . 5 . 172 . 165
Port* 443
State UP Disable AppFlow Logging
Advanced Profiles SSL Settings
SSL Parameter... Ciphers... SSL Policies...
Available
Certificates
ns-server-certificate
Self-Signed-CA-CertKey
Self-Signed-Server-CertKey
SS-CA-CertKey
SS-Server-CertKey
imap_CA_CertKey
imap_Server_CertKey
pop-CA-CertKey
pop-Server-CertKey
SharePoint-CA-CertKey
SharePoint-Server-CertKey
Exchange-CA-CertKey
Exchange-Server-CertKey
Add >
< Remove
Install...
Configured
Certificates Type Check
Exchange-Server... Server Certificate
Exchange-CA-Ce... CA Certificate
Comments
Help
OK Close

5.7 Creating a Service Group

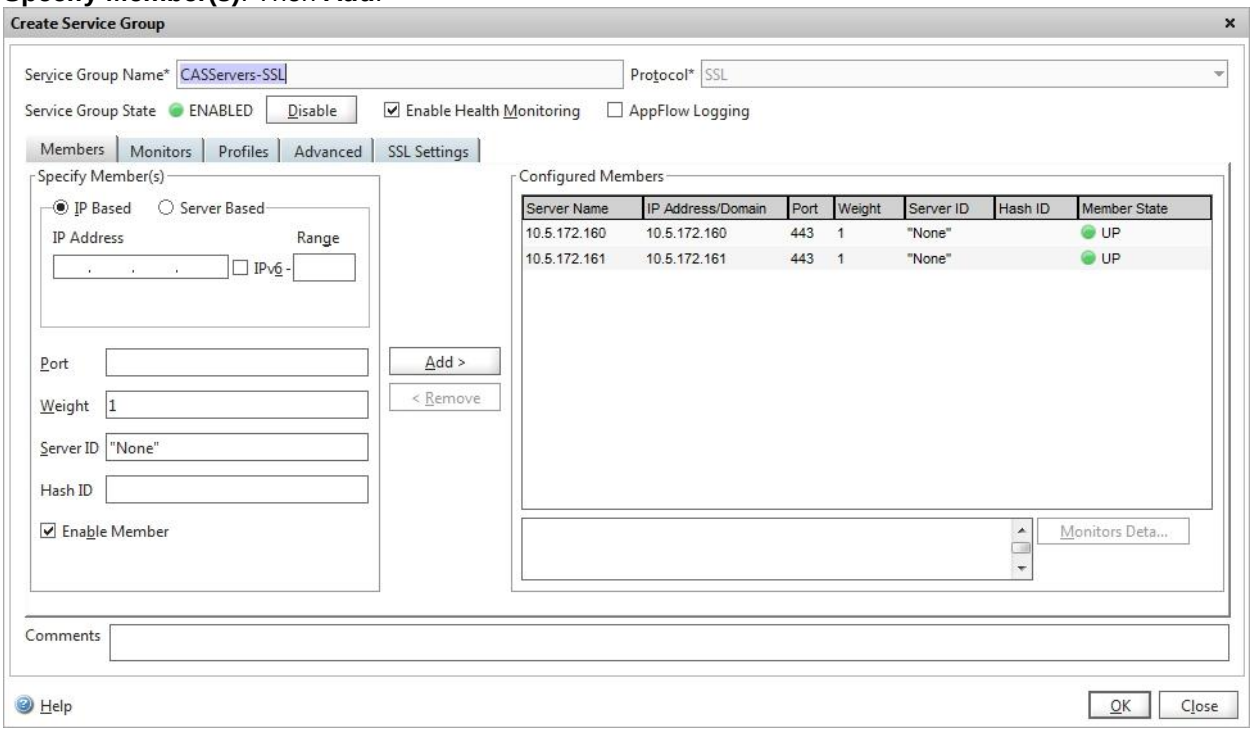
From the main NetScaler Configuration Utility screen, under **AppExpert** and **Applications**, and **OWA**, choose **Configure Backend Services…** to set **Service Groups** to add physical/VM server IP addresses.



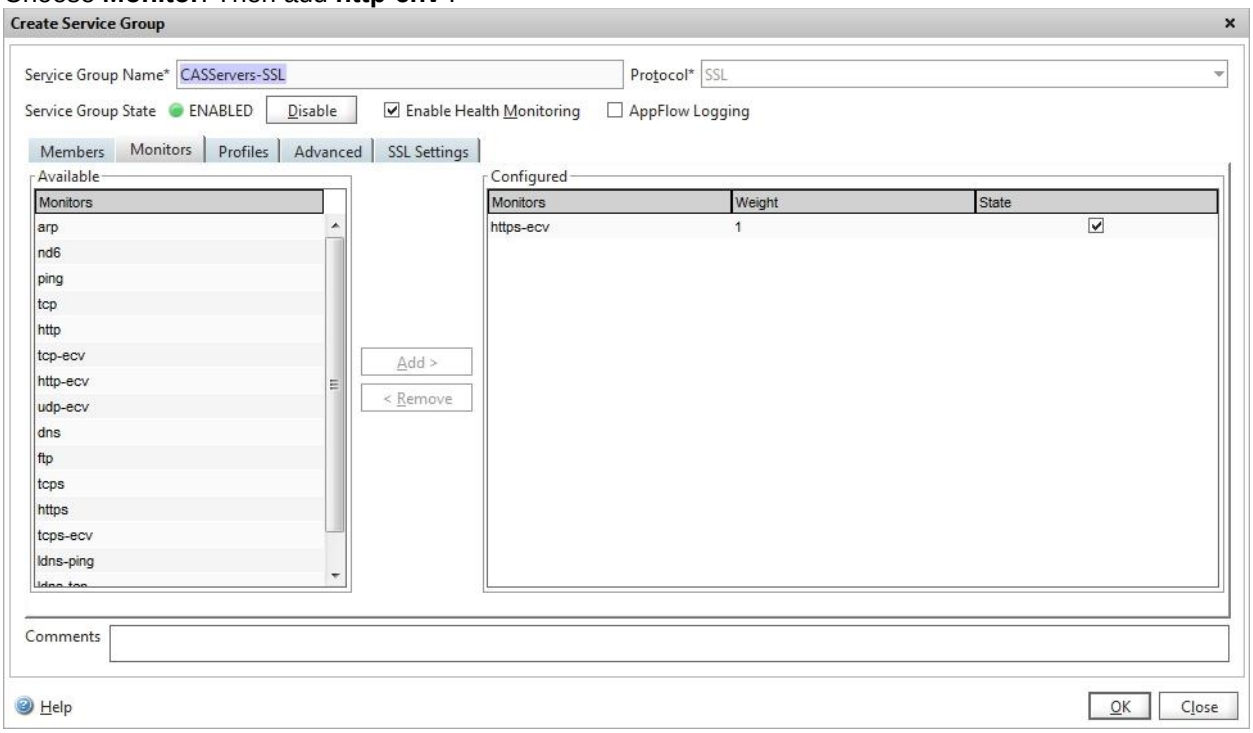
Click **Add…**



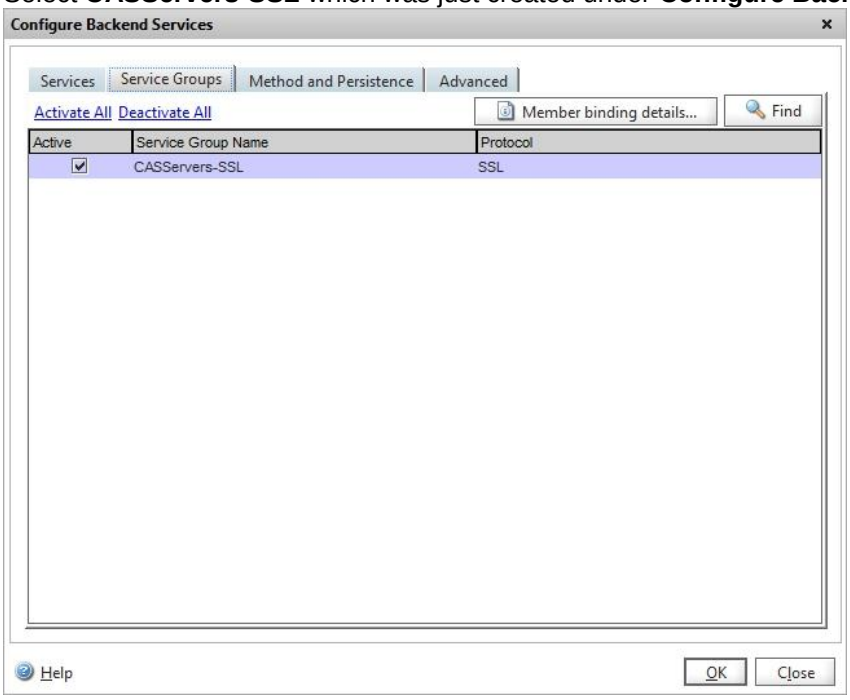
Set **Service Group Name** to **CASServers-SSL** or proper meaningful name. Set **IP address** under **Specify Member(s)**. Then **Add**.



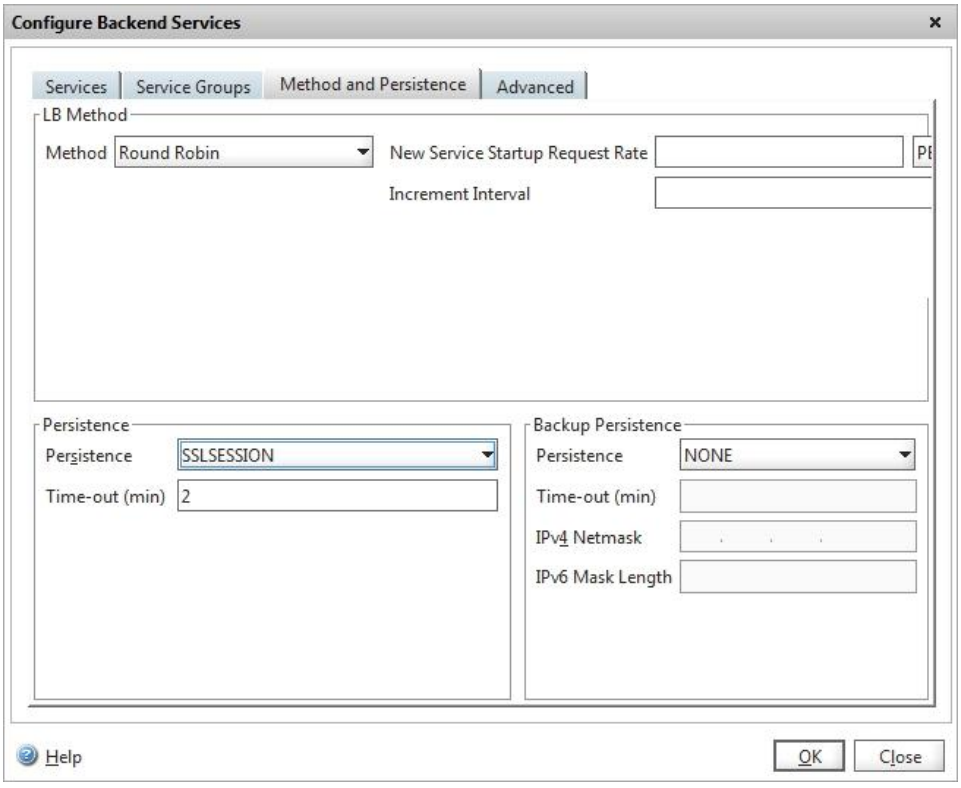
Choose **Monitor**. Then add **http-env** .



Select **CASServers-SSL** which was just created under **Configure Backend Services**.

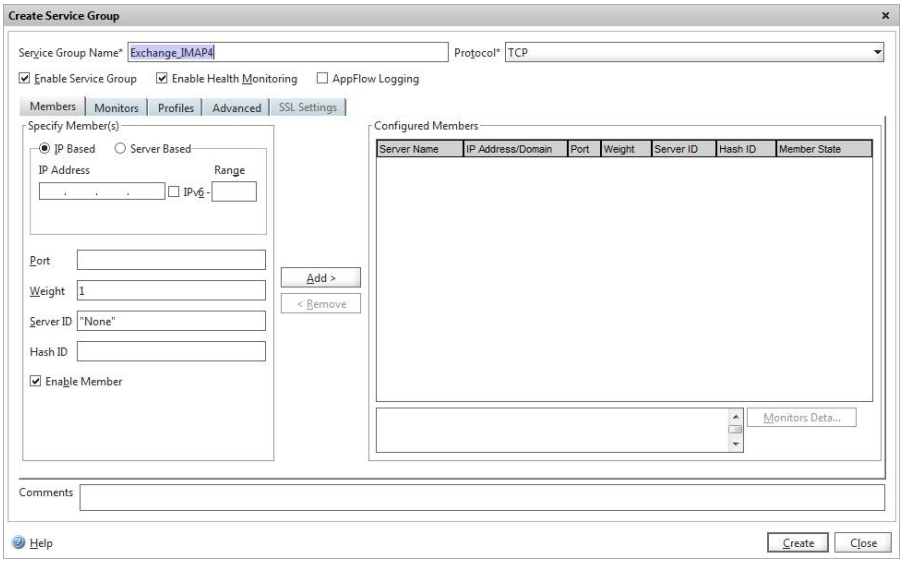


Choose **Method and Persistence** to set **Round Robin** under **Method**. And set **Persistence** to **SSLSESSION**.

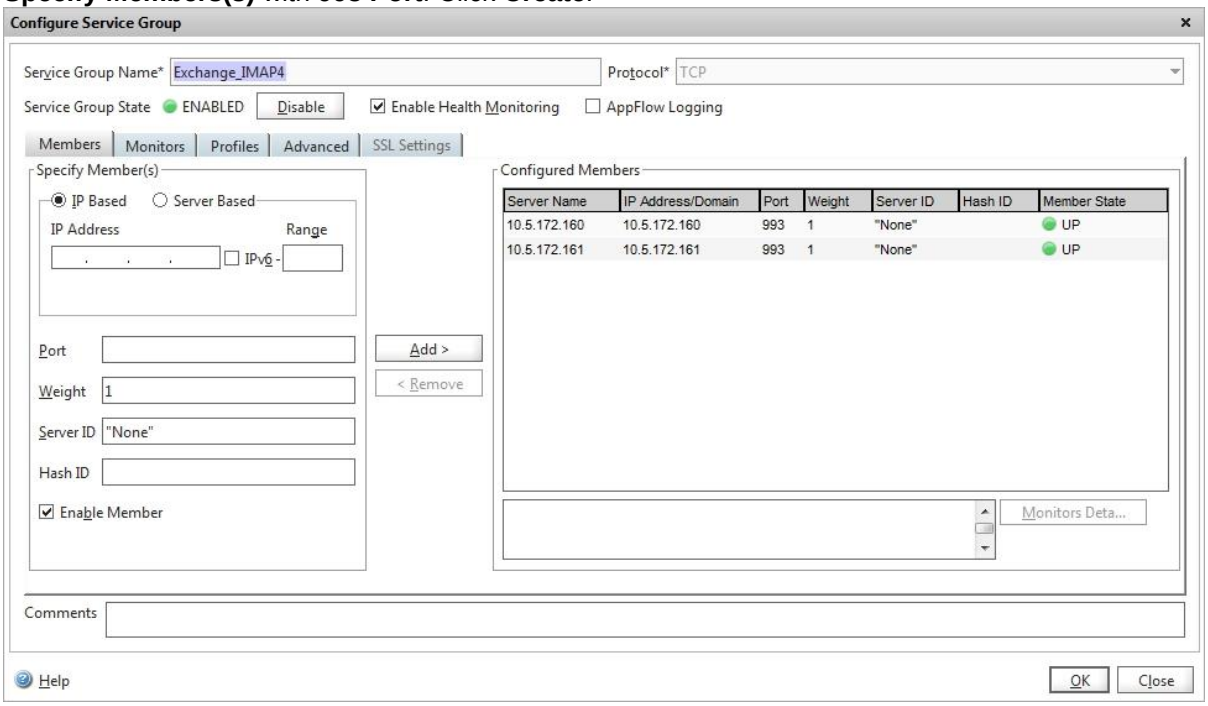


5.8 IMAP4 installation

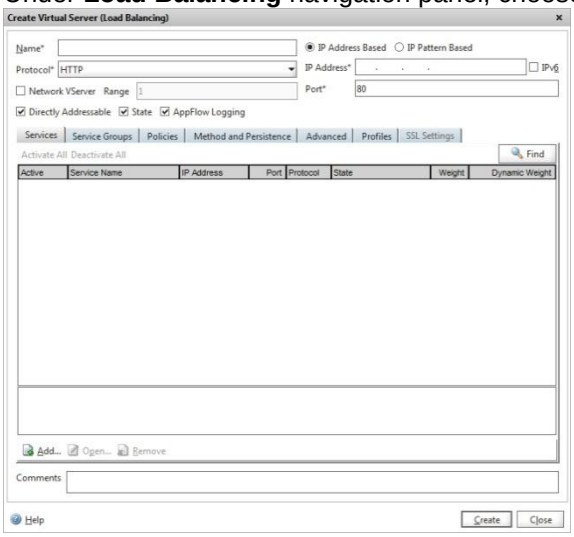
IMAP4 service was not added as part of Exchange (OWA) AppExpert Template. In order to install and configure the service, a *service group* needs to be created with physical/VM servers to be load balanced. Then a *virtual server* will be created using the service group.
From main NetScaler navigation panel, choose **Service Groups** under **Load Balancing**. Click **Add…**



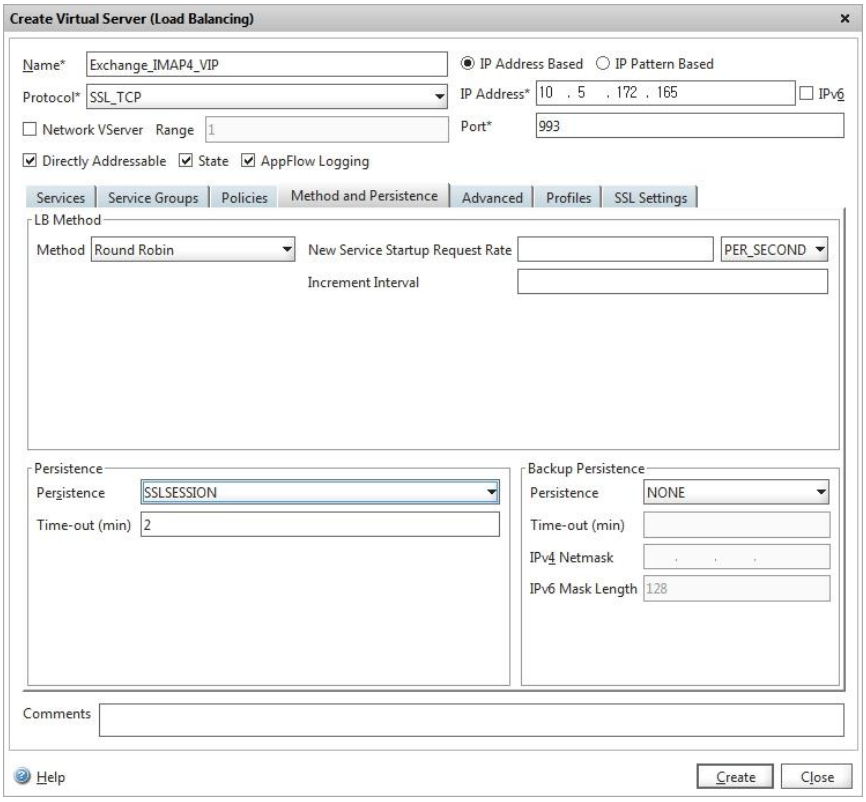
Set **Service Group Name** to **Exchange_IMAP4** and add designated physical/VM servers under **Specify Members(s)** with **993 Port**. Click **Create**.



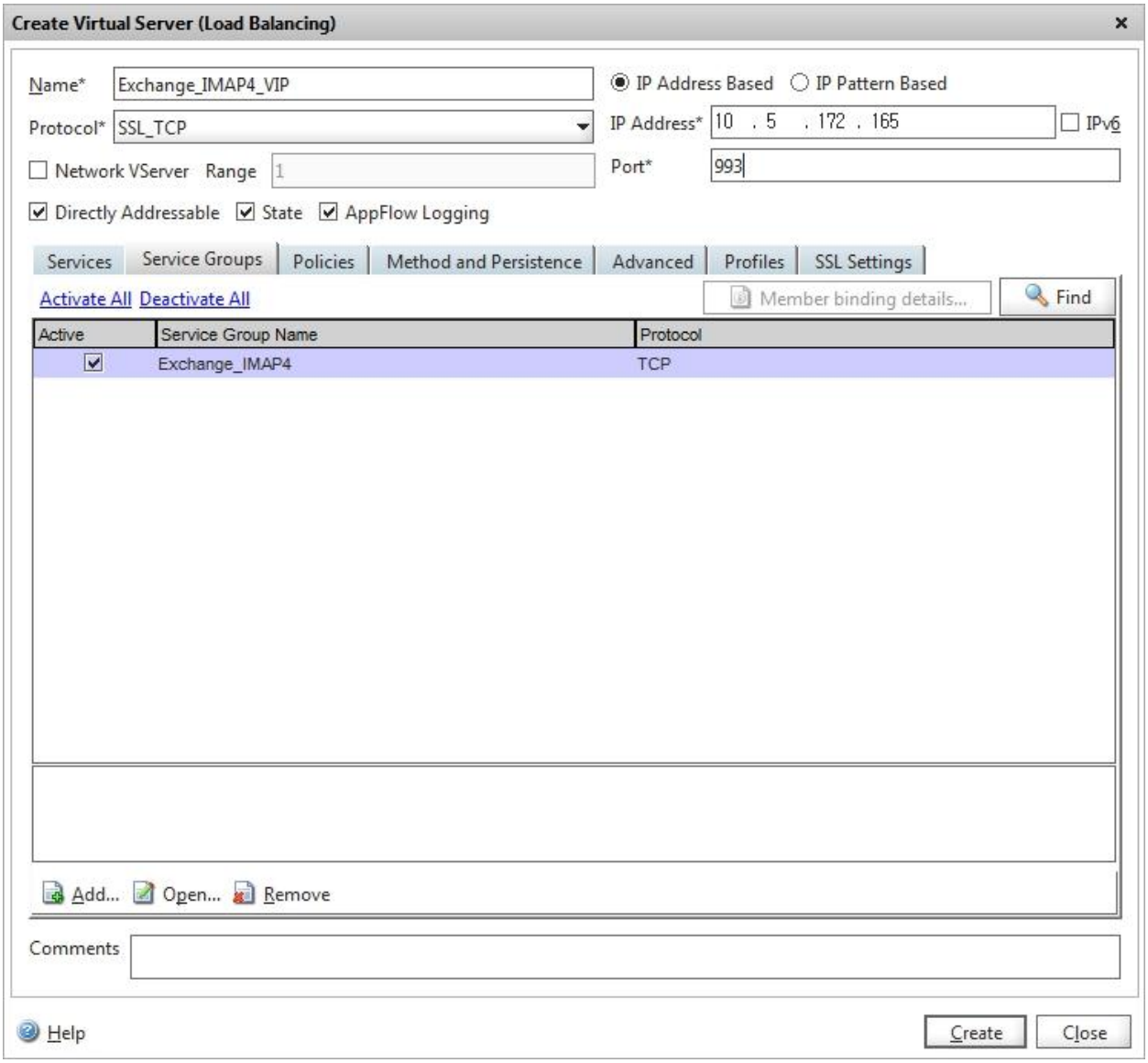
Under **Load Balancing** navigation panel, choose **Virtual Servers**. Click **Add…**



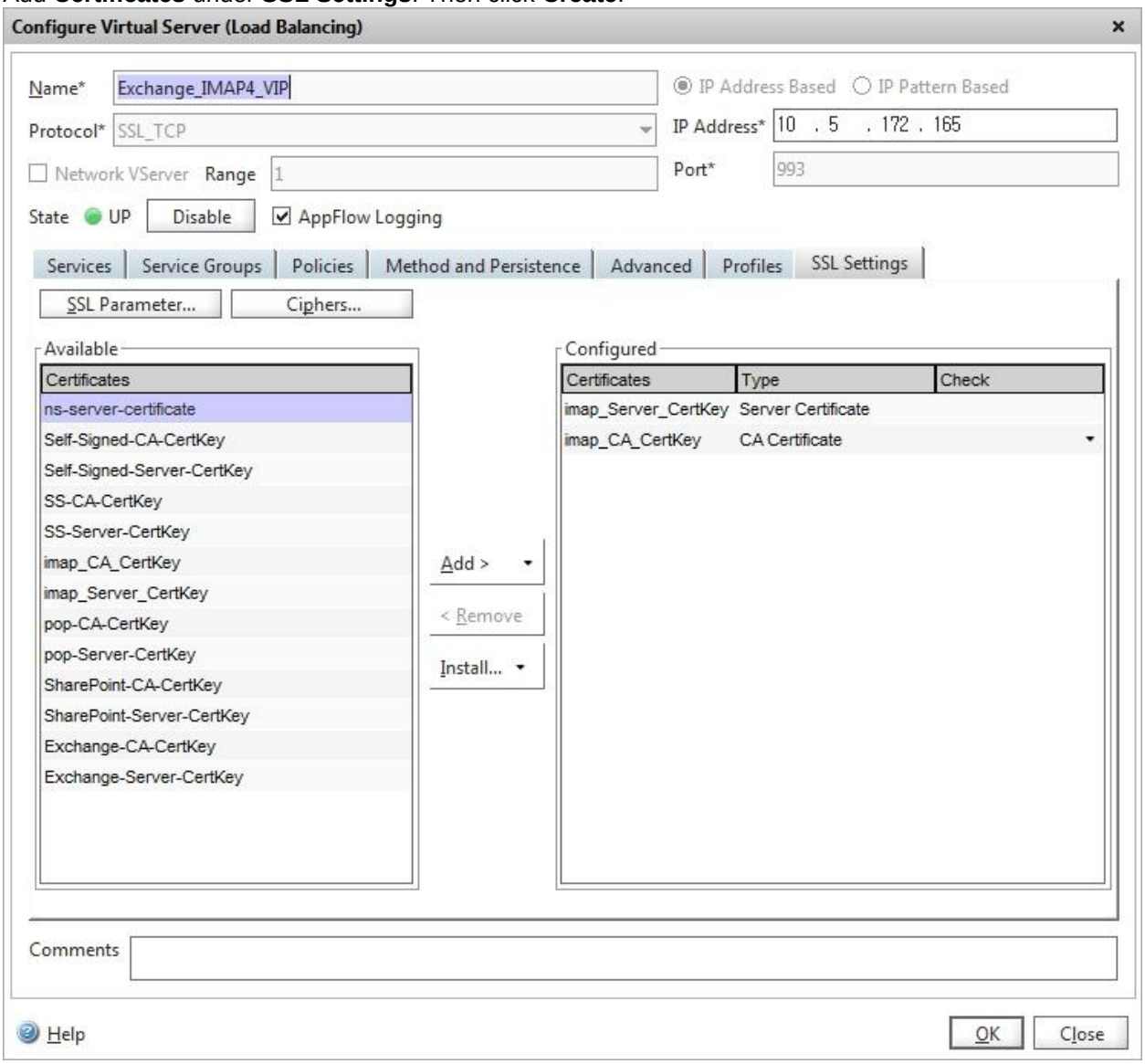
Set **Name** to **Exchange_IMAP4_VIP** and **IP Address**. **Protocol** to **SSL_TCP**. Choose **Method and Persistence** tab. Set **Round Robin** Method and **SSLSESSION** Persistence.



Binding **Exchange_IMAP4** service group under **Service Groups** tab.


Create Virtual Server (Load Balancing)
Name* Exchange_IMAP4_VIP
IP Address Based
IP Pattern Based
Protocol* SSL_TCP
IP Address* 10 . 5 . 172 . 165
IPv6
Network VServer Range 1
Port* 993
Directly Addressable
State
AppFlow Logging
Services
Service Groups
Policies
Method and Persistence
Advanced
Profiles
SSL Settings
Activate All
Deactivate All
Member binding details...
Find
Active
Service Group Name
Protocol
Exchange_IMAP4
TCP
Add...
Open...
Remove
Comments
Help
Create
Close

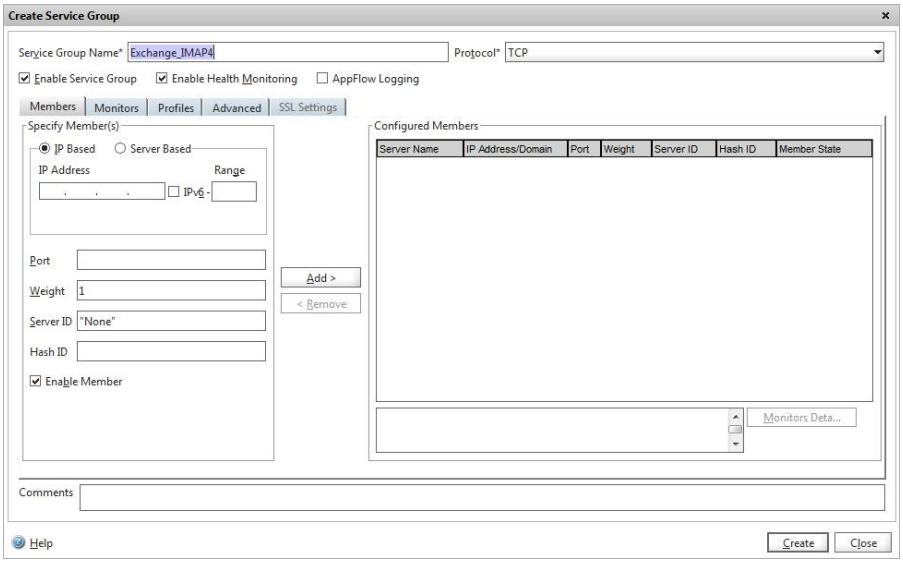
Add **Certificates** under **SSL Settings**. Then click **Create**.



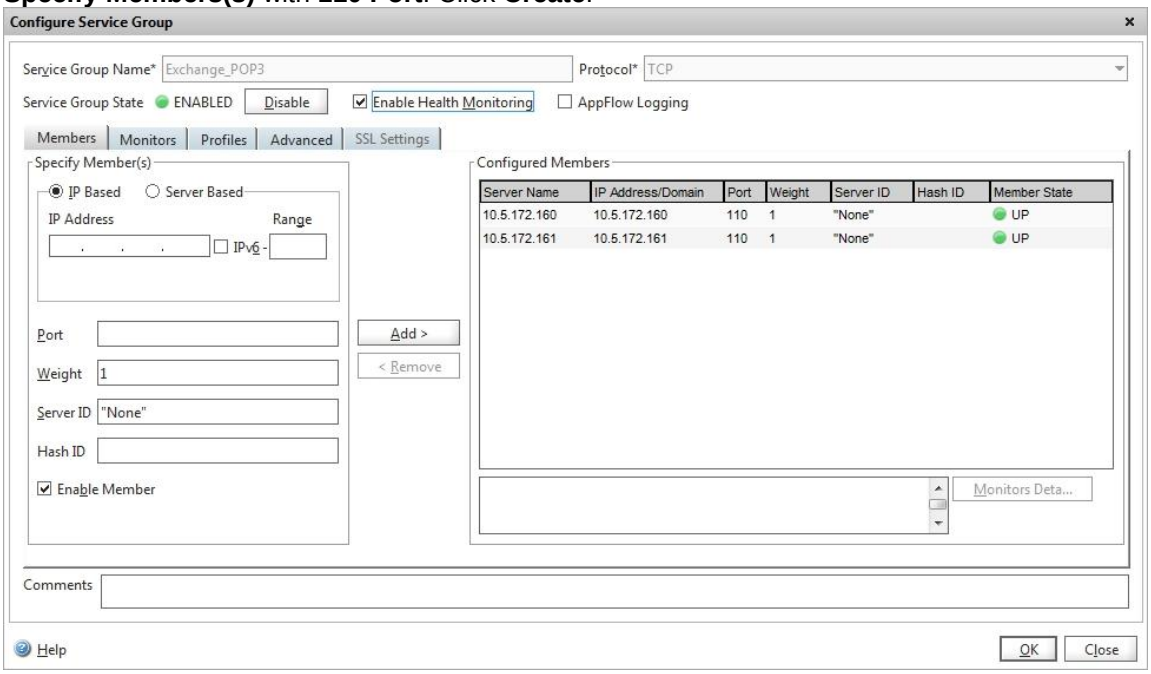
5.9 POP3 installation

POP3 service was not added as part of Exchange (OWA) AppExpert Template. In order to install and configure the service, a *service group* needs to be created with physical/VM servers to be load balanced. Then a *virtual server* will be created using the service group.

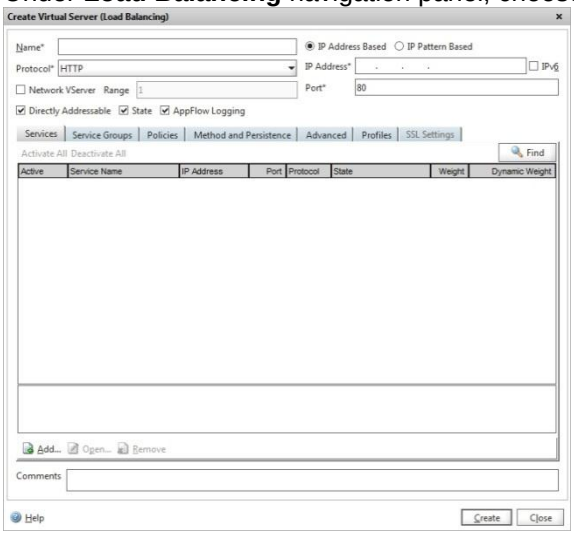
From main NetScaler navigation panel, choose **Service Groups** under **Load Balancing**. Click **Add…**



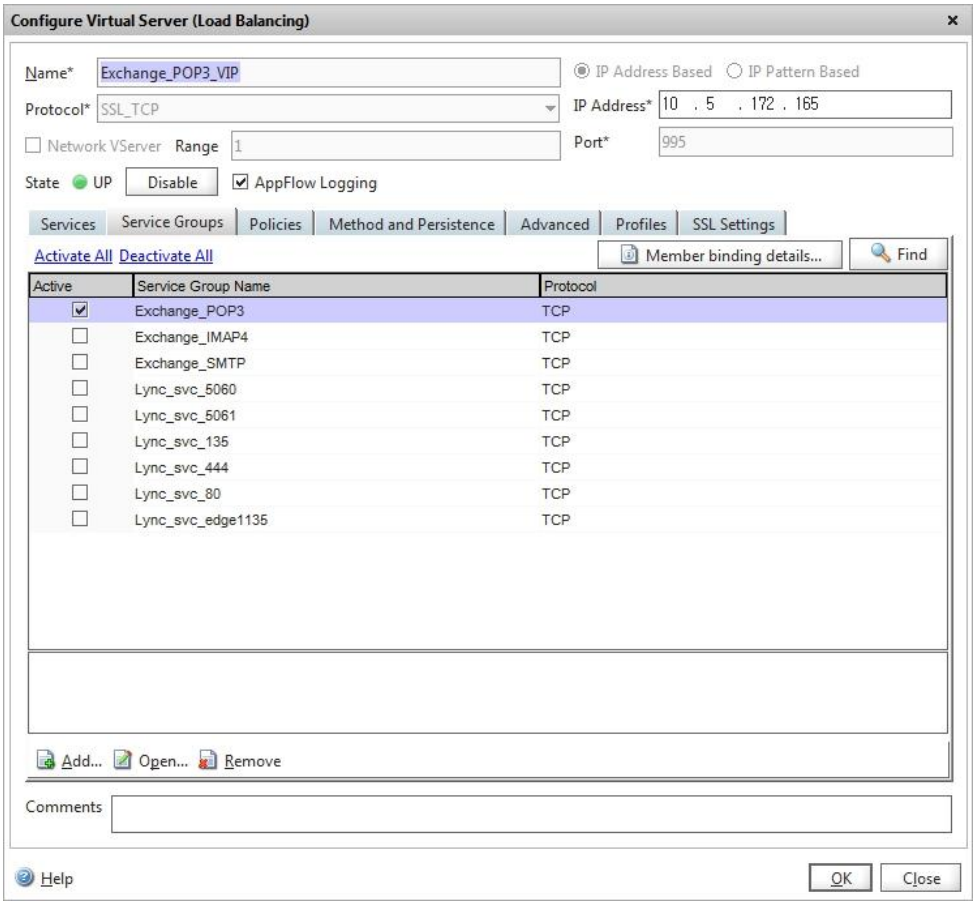
Set **Service Group Name** to **Exchange_POP3** and add designated physical/VM servers under **Specify Members(s)** with **110 Port**. Click **Create**.



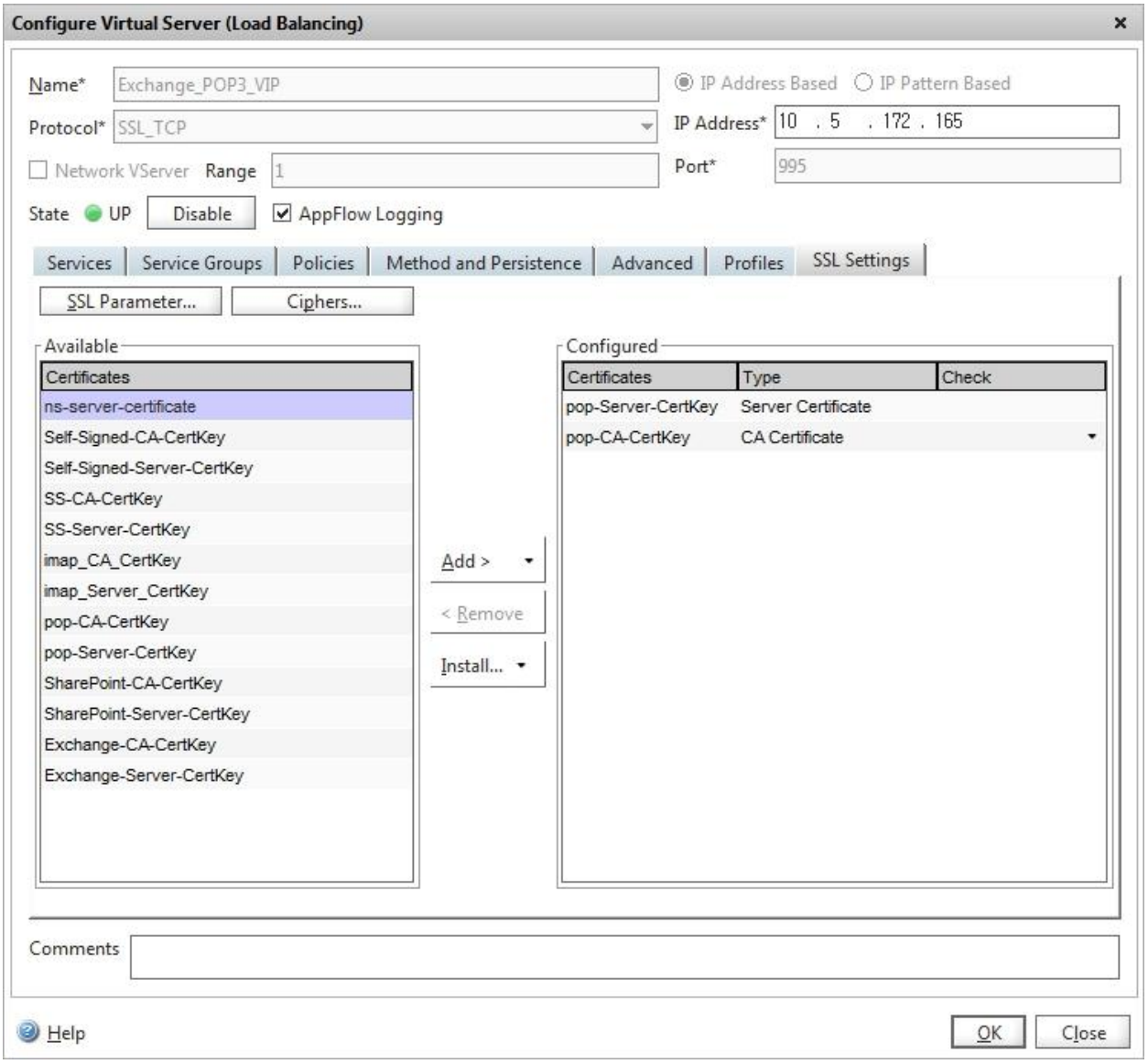
Under **Load Balancing** navigation panel, choose **Virtual Servers**. Click **Add…**



Set **Name** to **Exchange_POP3_VIP** and **IP Address**. **Protocol** to **SSL_TCP**. Choose **Method and Persistence** tab. Set **Round Robin** Method and **SSLSESSION** Persistence. Binding **Exchange_POP3** service group under **Service Groups** tab.

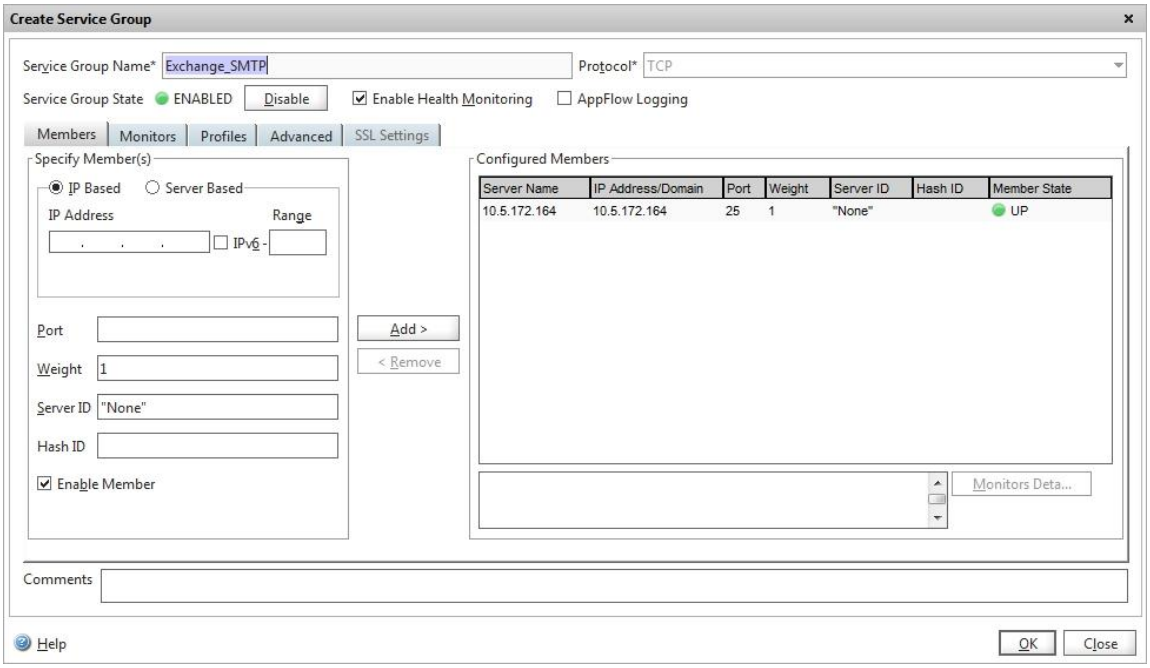


Add **Certificates** under **SSL Settings**. Then click **Create**.

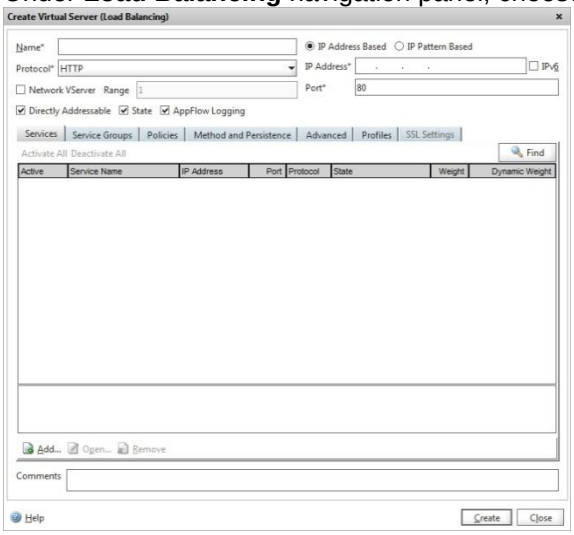


5.10 SMTP installation

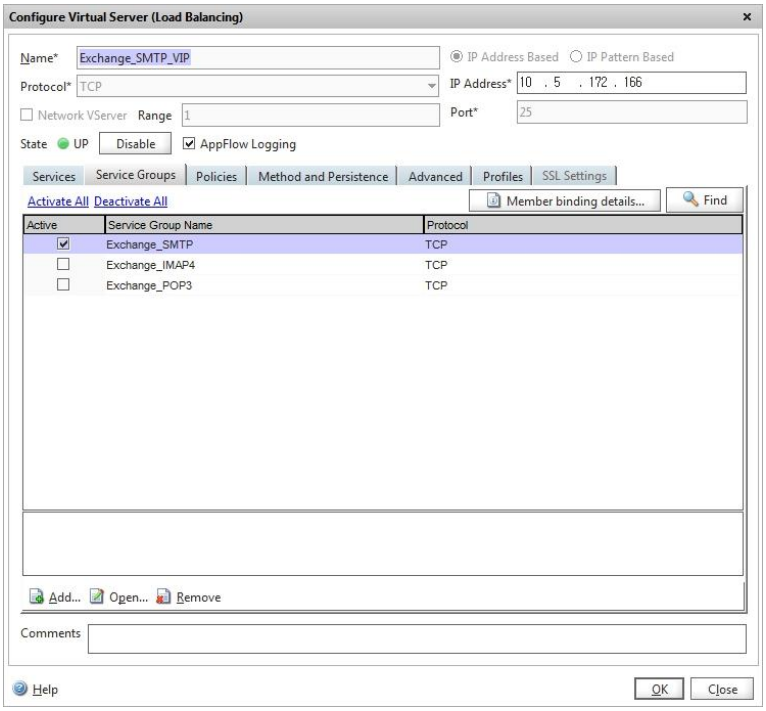
SMTP service was not added as part of Exchange (OWA) AppExpert Template. In order to install and configure the service, a *service group* needs to be created with physical/VM servers to be load balanced. Then a *virtual server* will be created using the service group.
From main NetScaler navigation panel, choose **Service Groups** under **Load Balancing**. Click **Add…**



Set **Service Group Name** to **Exchange_SMTP** and add designated physical/VM servers under **Specify Members(s)** with **25 Port**. Click **Create**.
Under **Load Balancing** navigation panel, choose **Virtual Servers**. Click **Add…**



Set **Name** to **Exchange_SMTP_VIP** and **IP Address**. **Protocol** to **TCP**. Choose **Method and Persistence** tab. Set **Round Robin** Method and **SSLSESSION** Persistence. Binding **Exchange_SMTP** service group under **Service Groups** tab.



5.11 Outlook Anywhere, ActiveSync confirmation

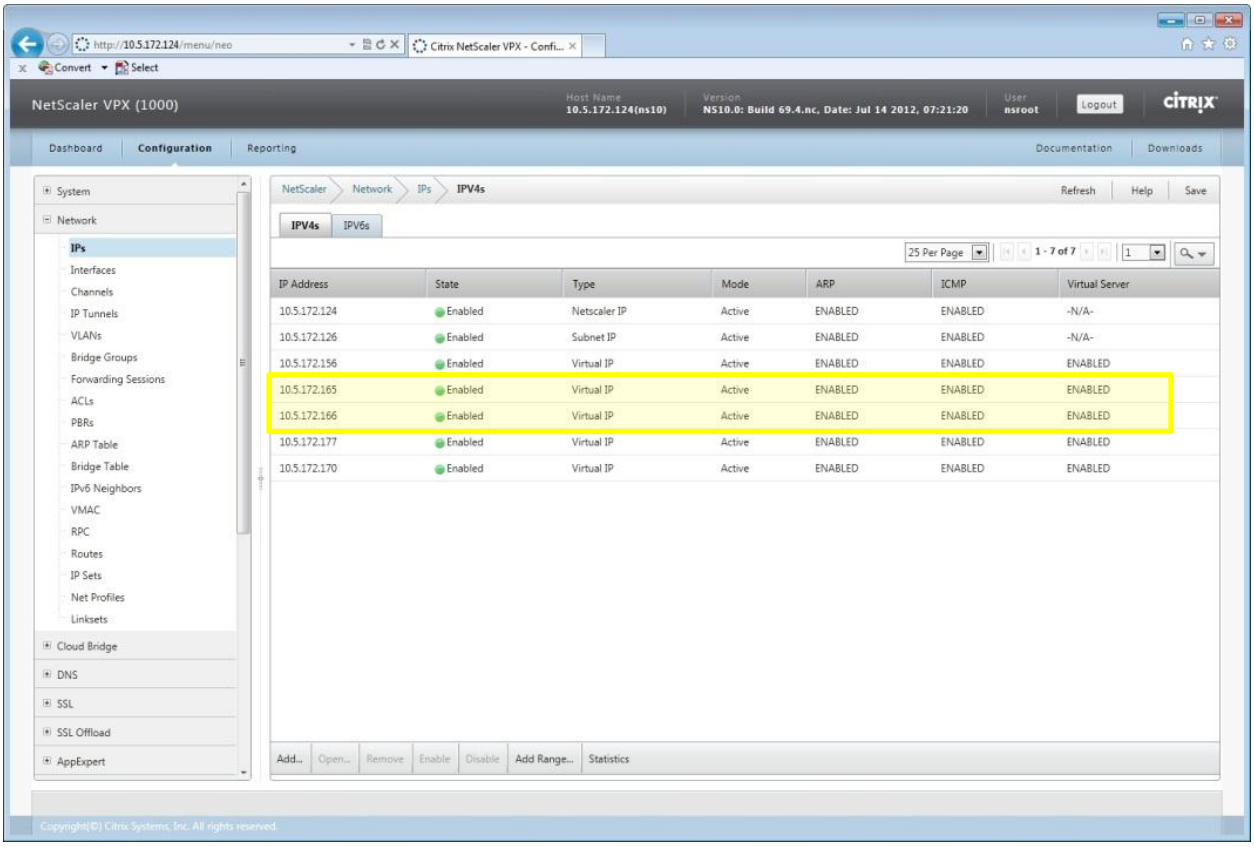
Microsoft Outlook Anywhere (OA) allows Exchange access through the Microsoft Outlook client by tunneling Outlook's MAPI protocol over an HTTP connection.
Microsoft Exchange ActiveSync (AS) client synchronizes data between mobile devices and Exchange 2010. E-mail, contacts, calendar information, and tasks can be synchronized over an HTTP connection.
Since OA and AS services are connecting to Exchange servers over secured SSL (443) tunneling to an HTTP (80) connection which is the same way Outlook Web App (OWA) does, if Client Access Server (CAS) was set up as a multi-mode service including OWA, OA and AS, then there won't be any necessary service configuration for OA and AS. If OA and AS are serviced in a separated server from OWA, the configuration steps will be the same as OWA in previous chapter 5.

6. Services Verifications

As described in section 4.1, some required configuration will be added automatically as part of installation and configuration of '*Custom added*' data. Once all the data is installed and configured properly in chapter 5, administrators should be able to confirm and verify other data ('*Auto added*') which were added automatically.

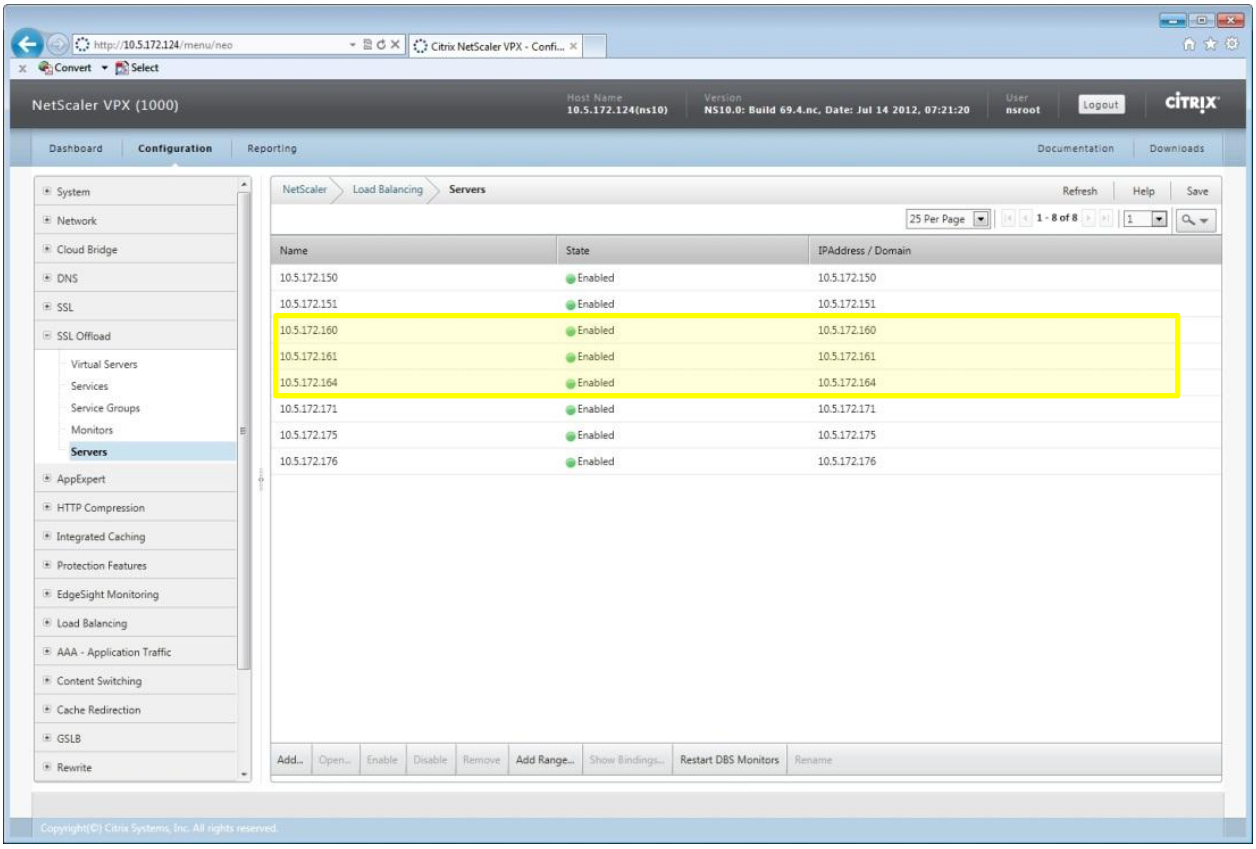
6.1 Network IPs and Virtual IPs

NetScaler IP, **Subnet IP** and **Virtual IP** can be found under **Network>IPs>IPV4s**:



6.2 SSL Offload – Servers, Service Groups

Under **SSL Offload**, *Backend Servers* which were created with *Backend Service Group* can be found under **Servers**:


NetScaler VPX (1000)
Host Name
10.5.172.124(ns10)
Version
NS10.0: Build 69.4.nc, Date: Jul 14 2012, 07:21:20
User
nsroot
Logout
Dashboard
Configuration
Reporting
Documentation
Downloads
System
Network
Cloud Bridge
DNS
SSL
SSL Offload
Virtual Servers
Services
Service Groups
Monitors
Servers
AppExpert
HTTP Compression
Integrated Caching
Protection Features
EdgeSight Monitoring
Load Balancing
AAA - Application Traffic
Content Switching
Cache Redirection
GSLB
Rewrite
NetScaler
Load Balancing
Servers
Refresh
Help
Save
25 Per Page
1 - 8 of 8
Name
State
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10.5.172.150 Enabled 10.5.172.150
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10.5.172.176 Enabled 10.5.172.176
Add...
Open...
Enable
Disable
Remove
Add Range...
Show Bindings...
Restart DBS Monitors
Rename

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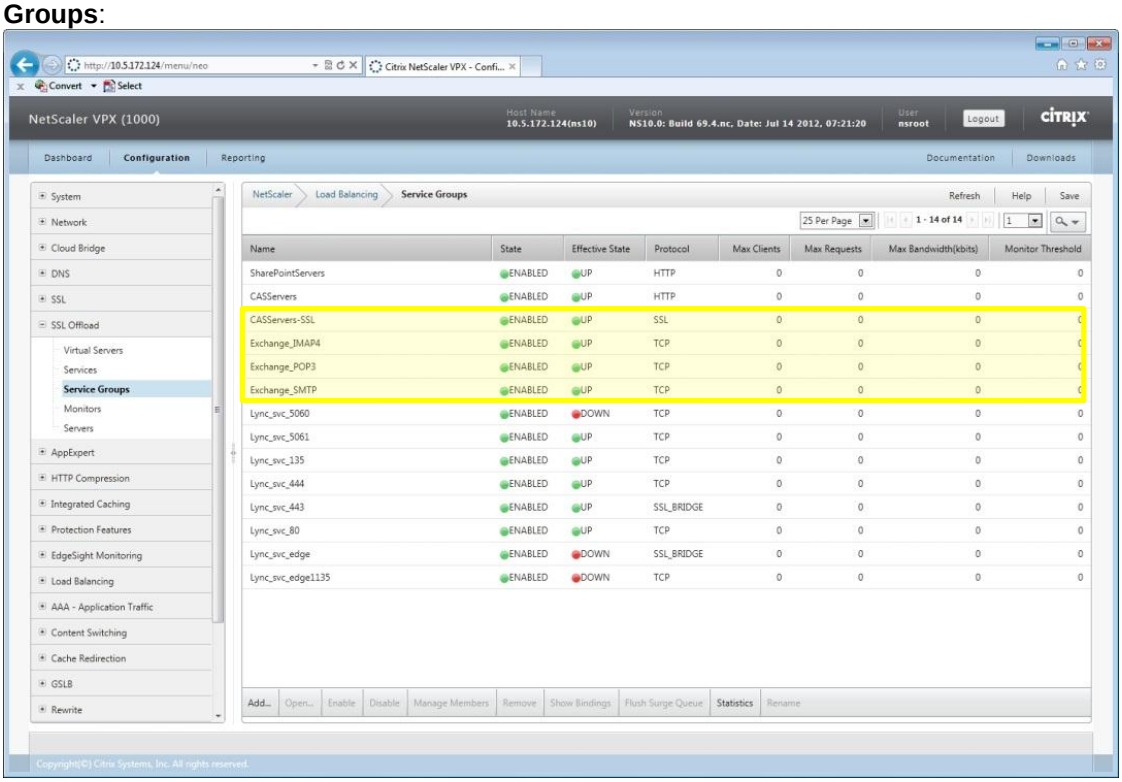

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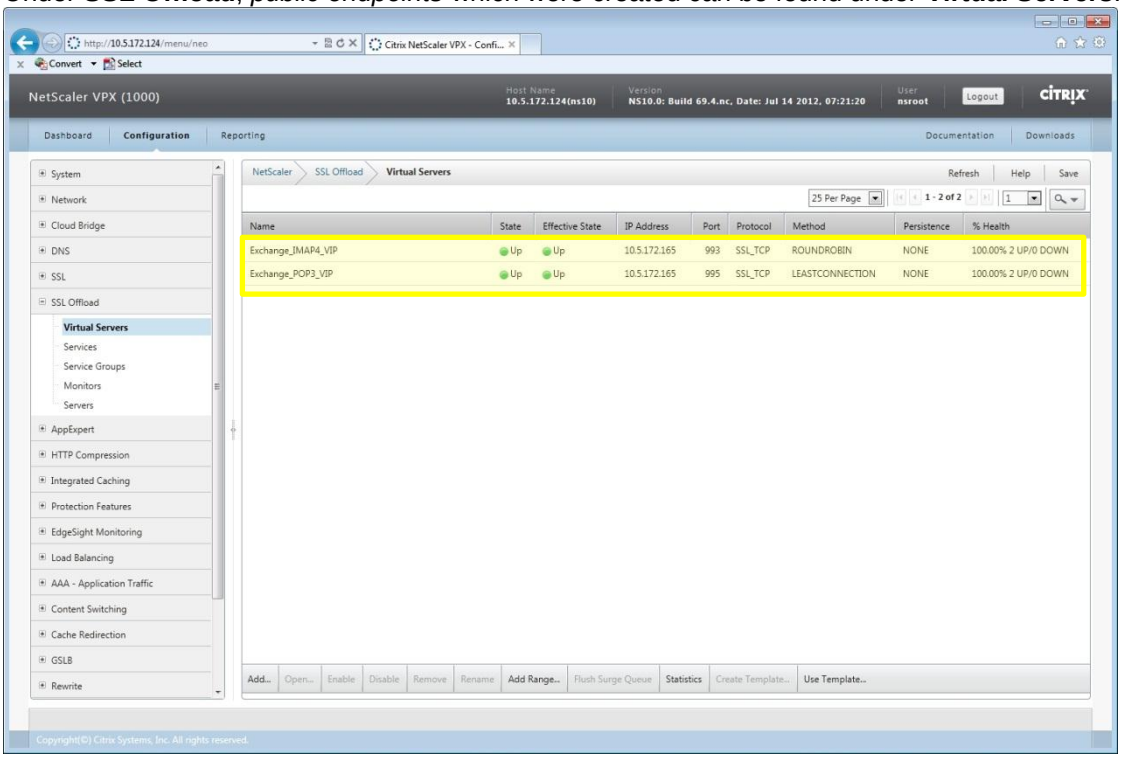
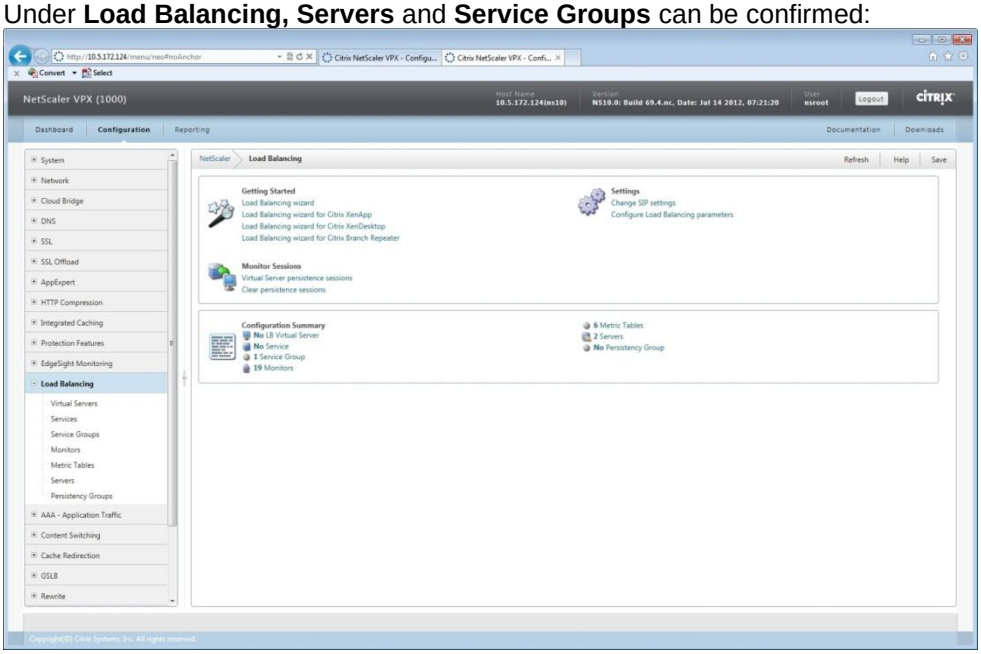
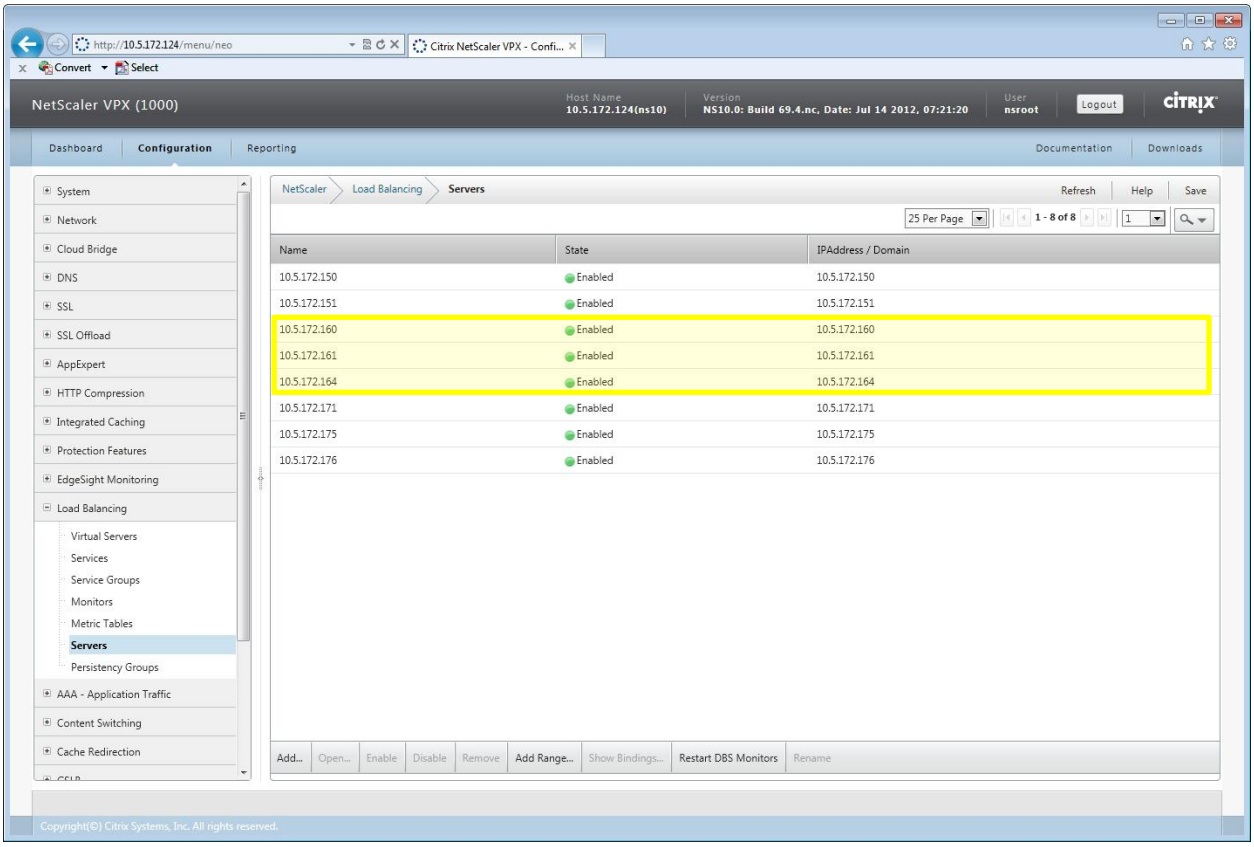


6.3 Load Balancing – Servers, Service Group

Under **Load Balancing, Servers** and **Service Groups** can be confirmed:

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DNS
SSL
SSL Offload
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HTTP Compression
Integrated Caching
Protection Features
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AAA - Application Traffic
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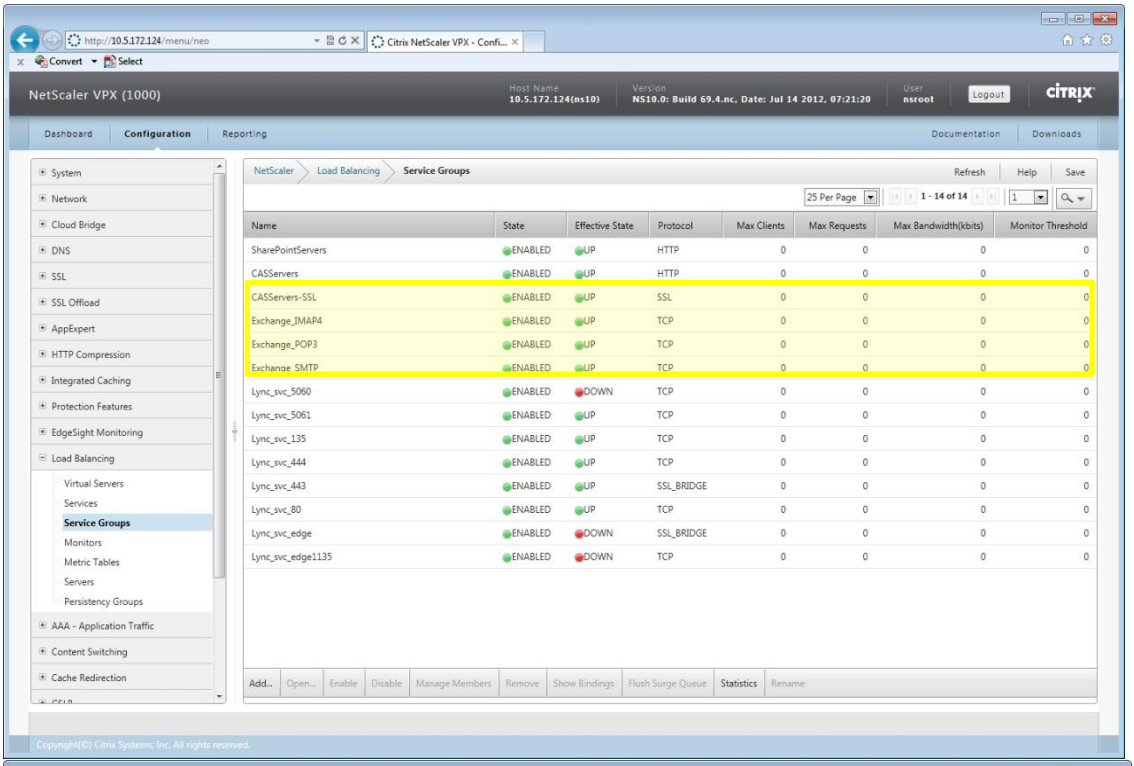
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Name
State
Effective State
Protocol
Max Clients
Max Requests
Max Bandwidth(kbits)
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SharePointServers ENABLED UP HTTP 0 0 0 0
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CASServers-SSL ENABLED UP SSL 0 0 0 0
Exchange_IMAP4 ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
Exchange_POP3 ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
Exchange_SMTP ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
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Lync_svc_5061 ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
Lync_svc_135 ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
Lync_svc_444 ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
Lync_svc_443 ENABLED UP SSL_BRIDGE 0 0 0 0
Lync_svc_80 ENABLED UP TCP 0 0 0 0
Lync_svc_edge ENABLED DOWN SSL_BRIDGE 0 0 0 0
Lync_svc_edge1135 ENABLED DOWN TCP 0 0 0 0
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Open...
Enable
Disable
Manage Members
Remove
Show Bindings
Flush Surge Queue
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Rename
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Cloud Bridge
DNS
SSL
SSL Offload
AppExpert
HTTP Compression
Integrated Caching
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AAA - Application Traffic
Content Switching
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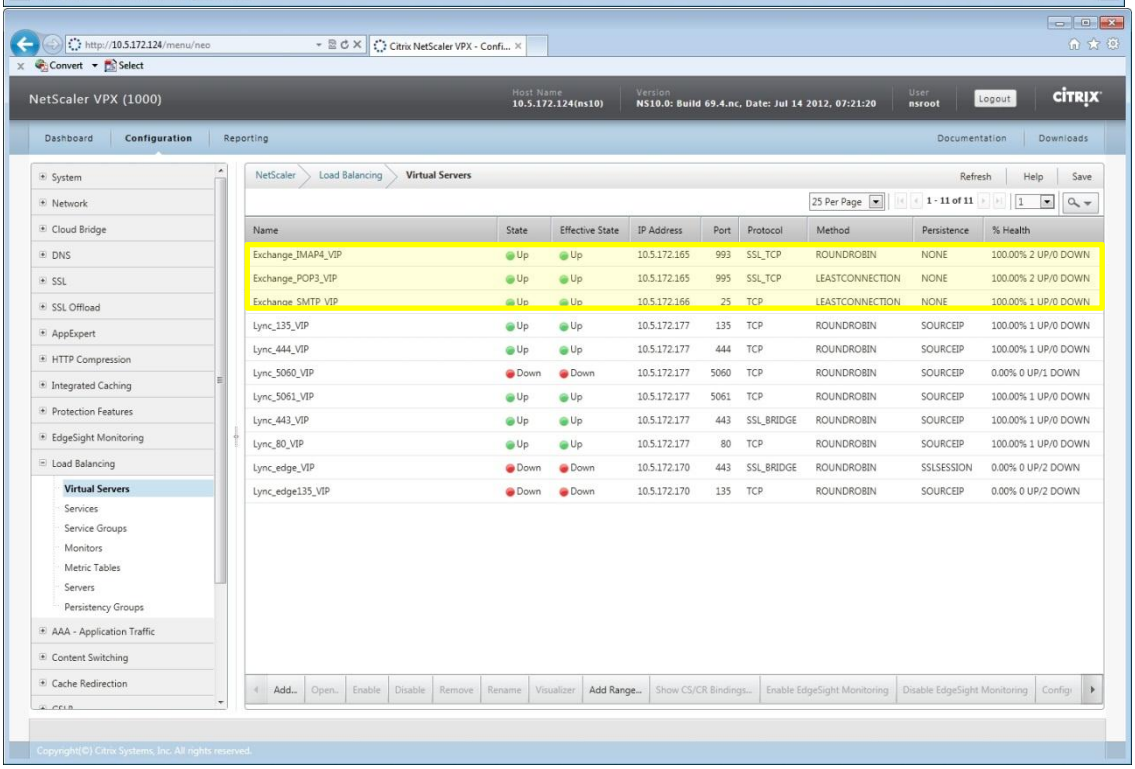
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Exchange_POP3_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.165 995 SSL_TCP LEASTCONNECTION NONE 100.00% 2 UP/0 DOWN
Exchange_SMTP_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.166 25 TCP LEASTCONNECTION NONE 100.00% 1 UP/0 DOWN
Lync_135_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.177 135 TCP ROUNDROBIN SOURCEIP 100.00% 1 UP/0 DOWN
Lync_444_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.177 444 TCP ROUNDROBIN SOURCEIP 100.00% 1 UP/0 DOWN
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Lync_5061_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.177 5061 TCP ROUNDROBIN SOURCEIP 100.00% 1 UP/0 DOWN
Lync_443_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.177 443 SSL_BRIDGE ROUNDROBIN SOURCEIP 100.00% 1 UP/0 DOWN
Lync_80_VIP Up Up 10.5.172.177 80 TCP ROUNDROBIN SOURCEIP 100.00% 1 UP/0 DOWN
Lync_edge_VIP Down Down 10.5.172.170 443 SSL_BRIDGE ROUNDROBIN SSLSESSION 0.00% 0 UP/2 DOWN
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Add...
Open...
Enable
Disable
Remove
Rename
Visualizer
Add Range...
Show CS/CR Bindings...
Enable EdgeSight Monitoring
Disable EdgeSight Monitoring
System
Network
Cloud Bridge
DNS
SSL
SSL Offload
AppExpert
HTTP Compression
Integrated Caching
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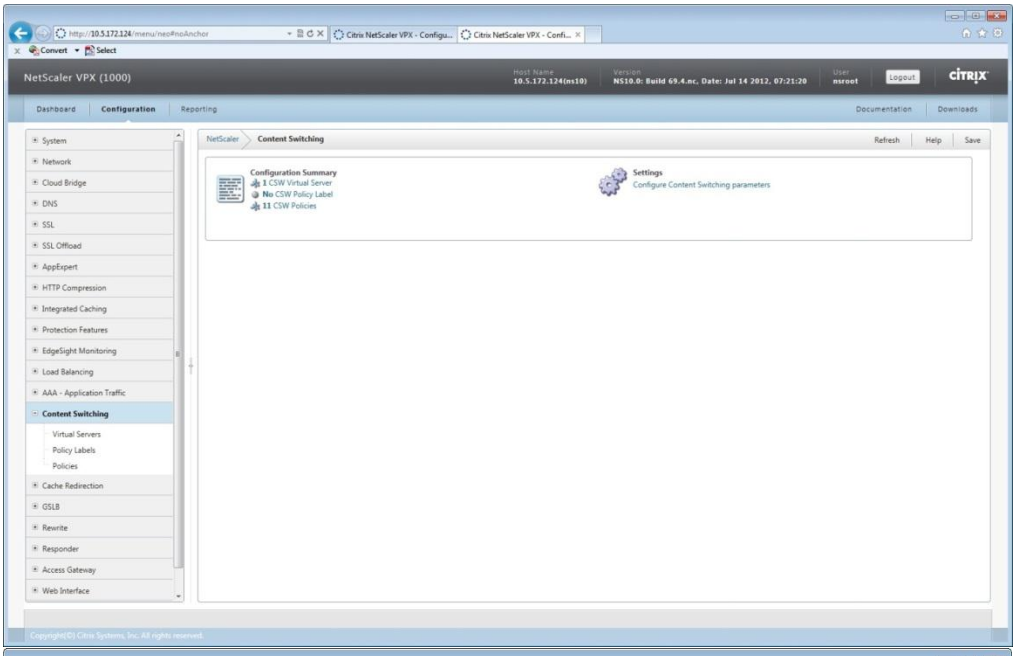
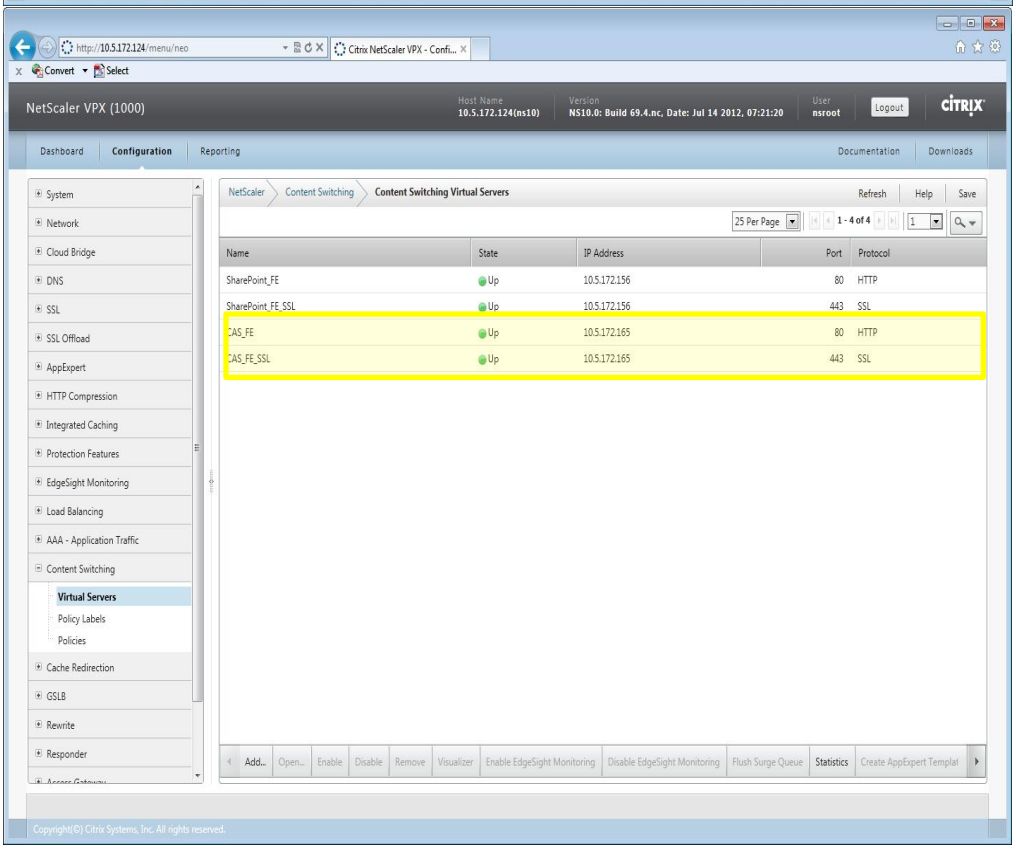
6.4 Content Switching

AppExpert Template uses **Content Switching** to add its virtual server. Under **Content Switching, Virtual Servers** can be found:



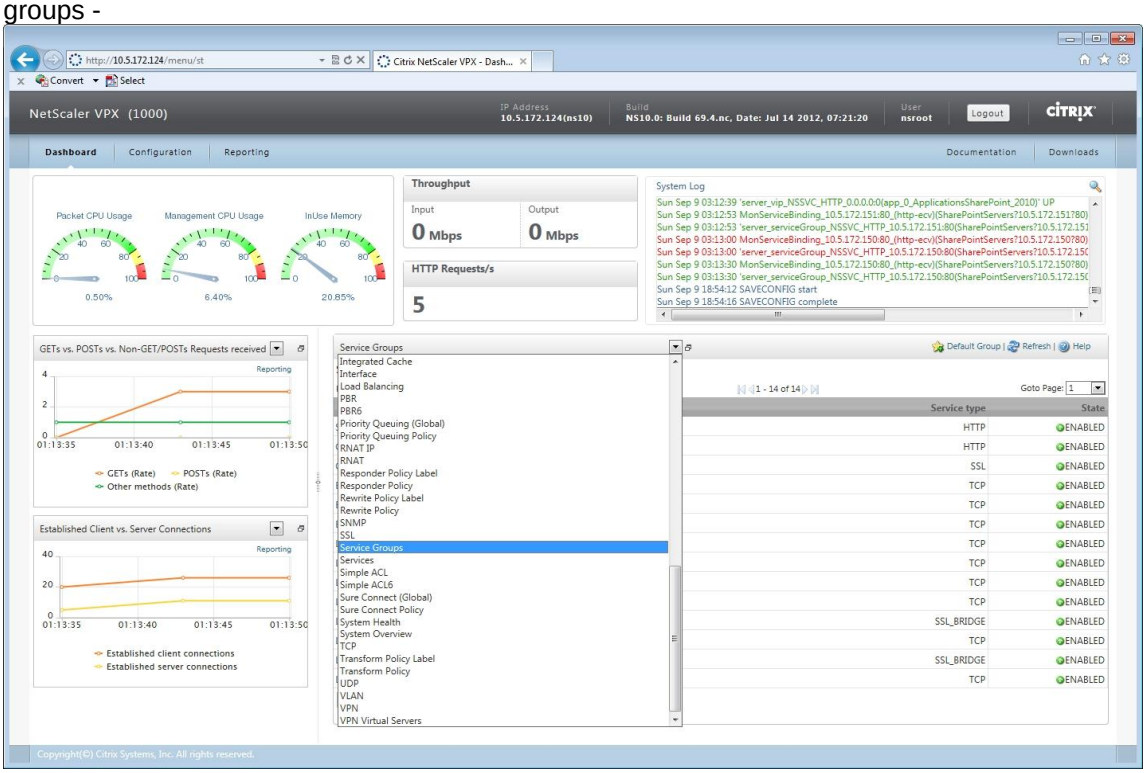


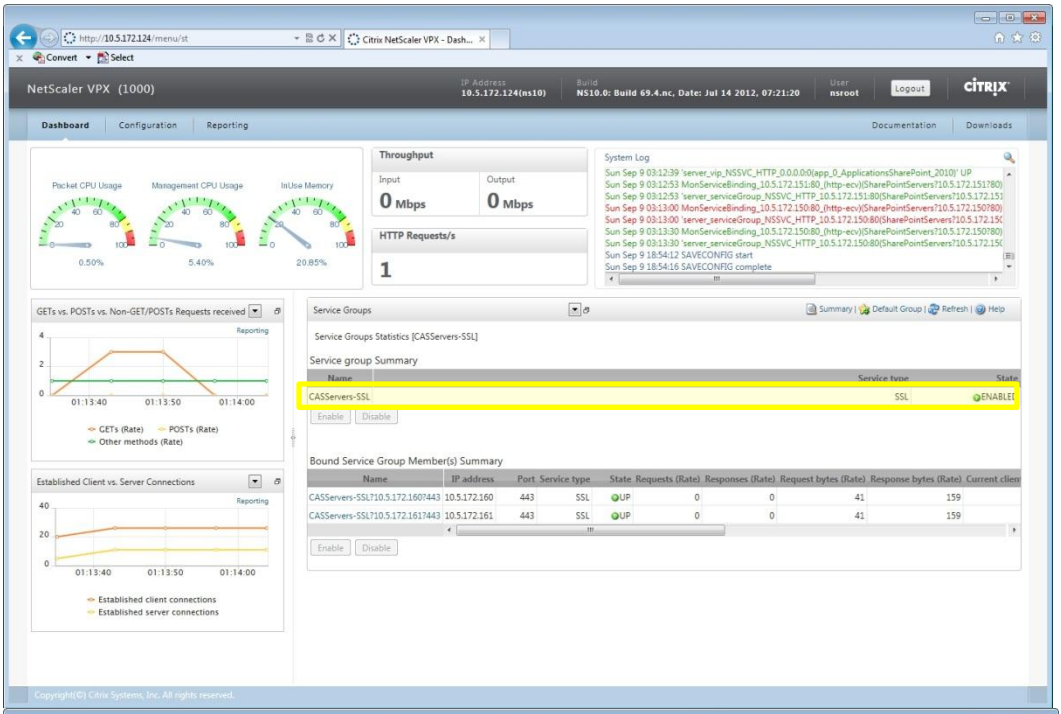
7. Monitoring – NetScaler Dashboard

NetScaler provides **Dashboard** to display System Overviews, Logs, and Service Summary per Service Group(s):

7.1 By Service Groups

Under **CASServers-SSL** , **Exchange_IMAP4**, **Exchange_POP3**, and **Exchange_SMTP** service groups -

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Service Groups
Service Groups Statistics [CASServers-SSL]
Service group Summary
CASServers-SSL
SSL
Bound Service Group Member(s) Summary
CASServers-SSL?10.5.172.160?443
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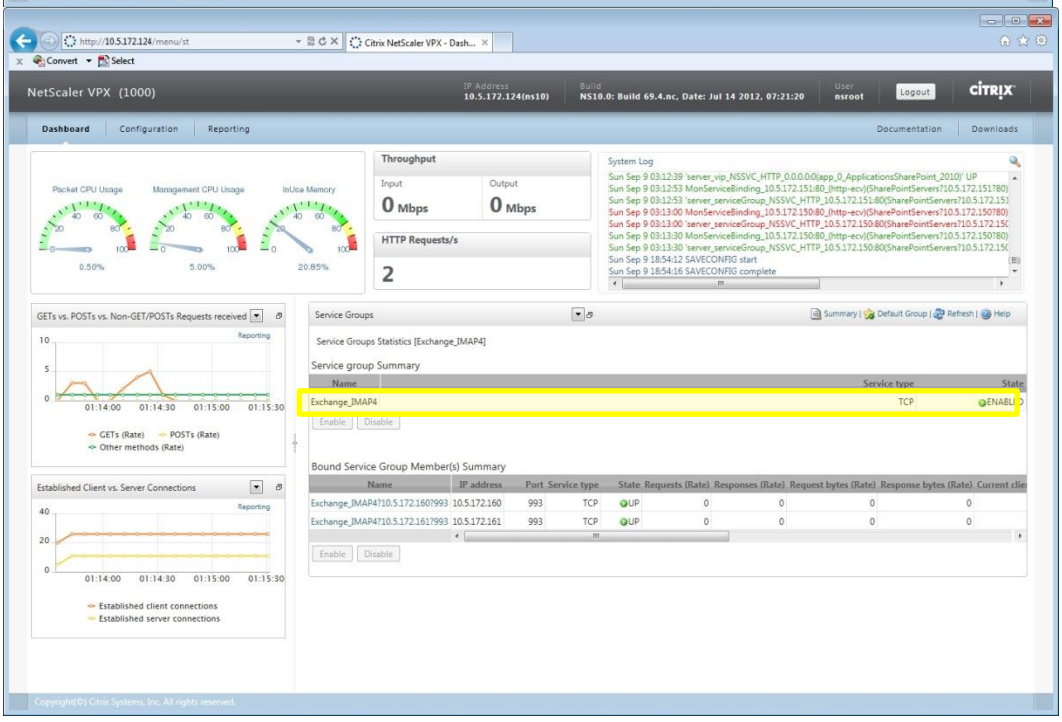
Established Client vs. Server Connections
Established client connections
Established server connections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Service group Summary
Exchange_IMAP4
TCP
Bound Service Group Member(s) Summary
Exchange_IMAP4?10.5.172.160?993
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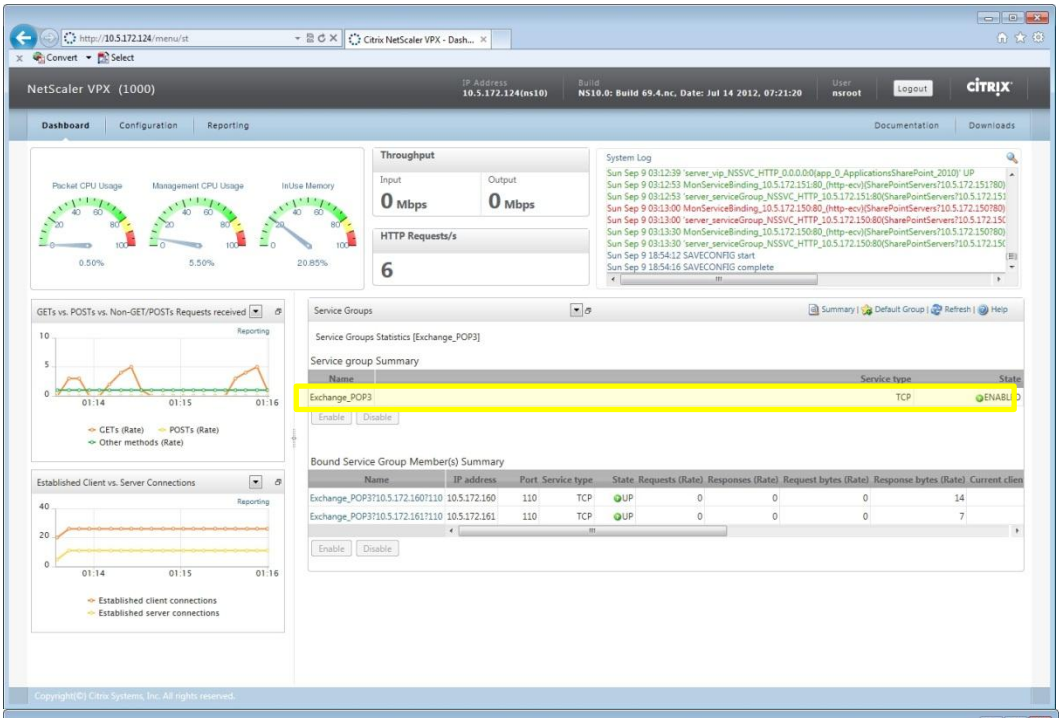
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Service group Summary
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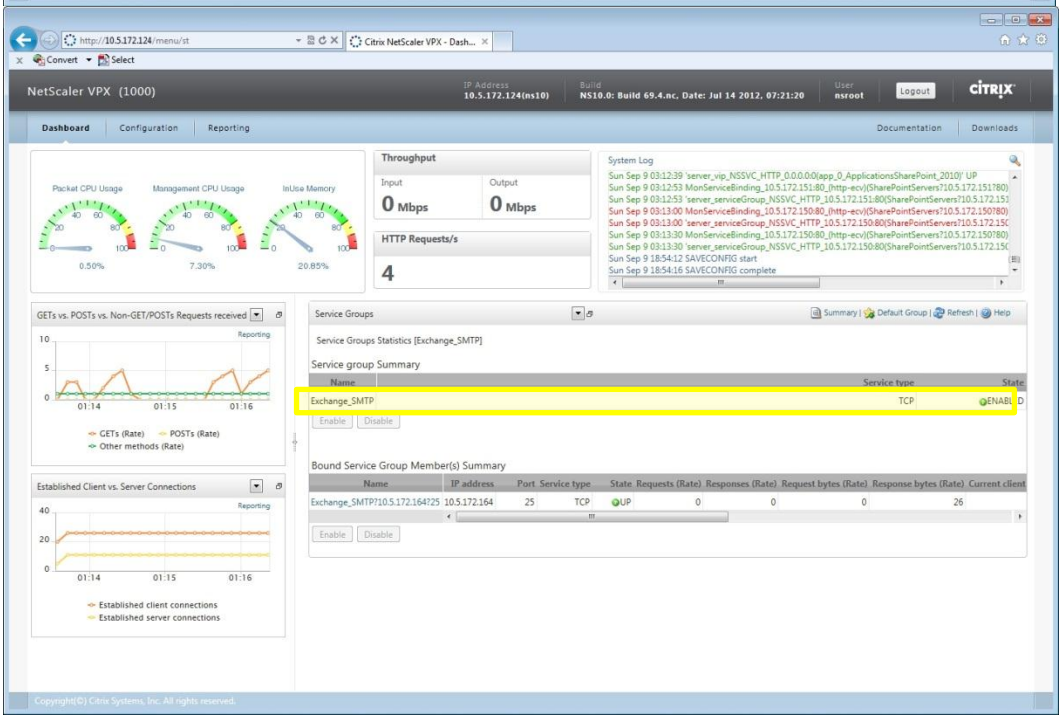
TCP
Bound Service Group Member(s) Summary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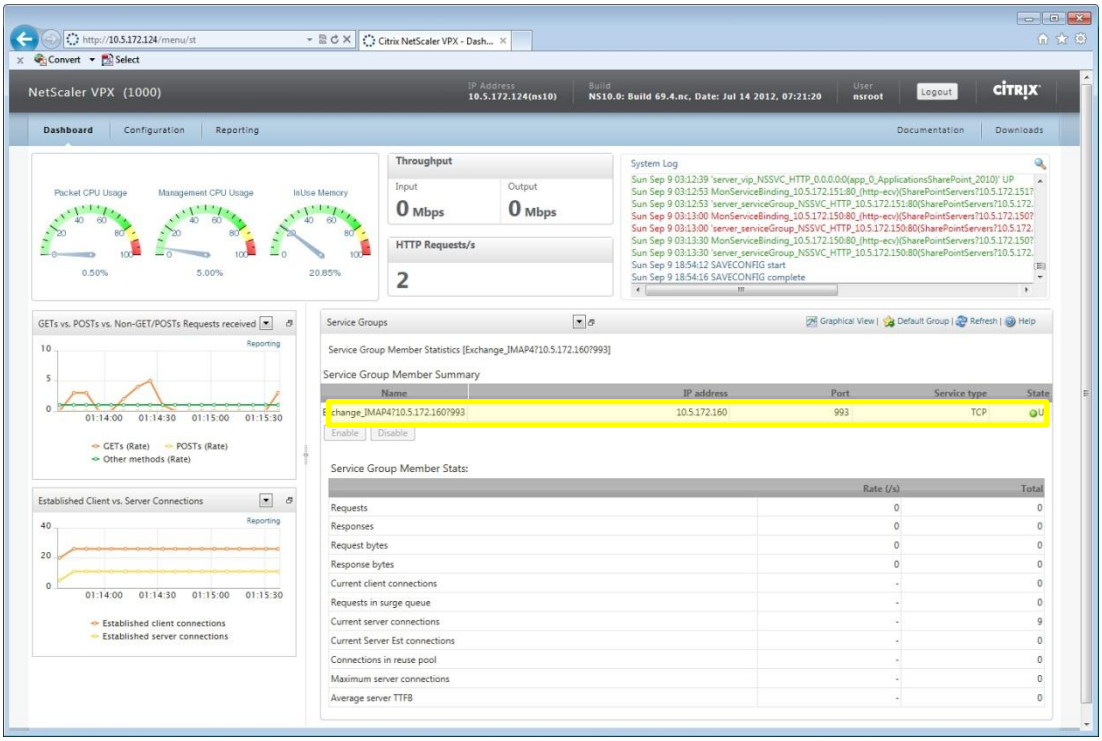
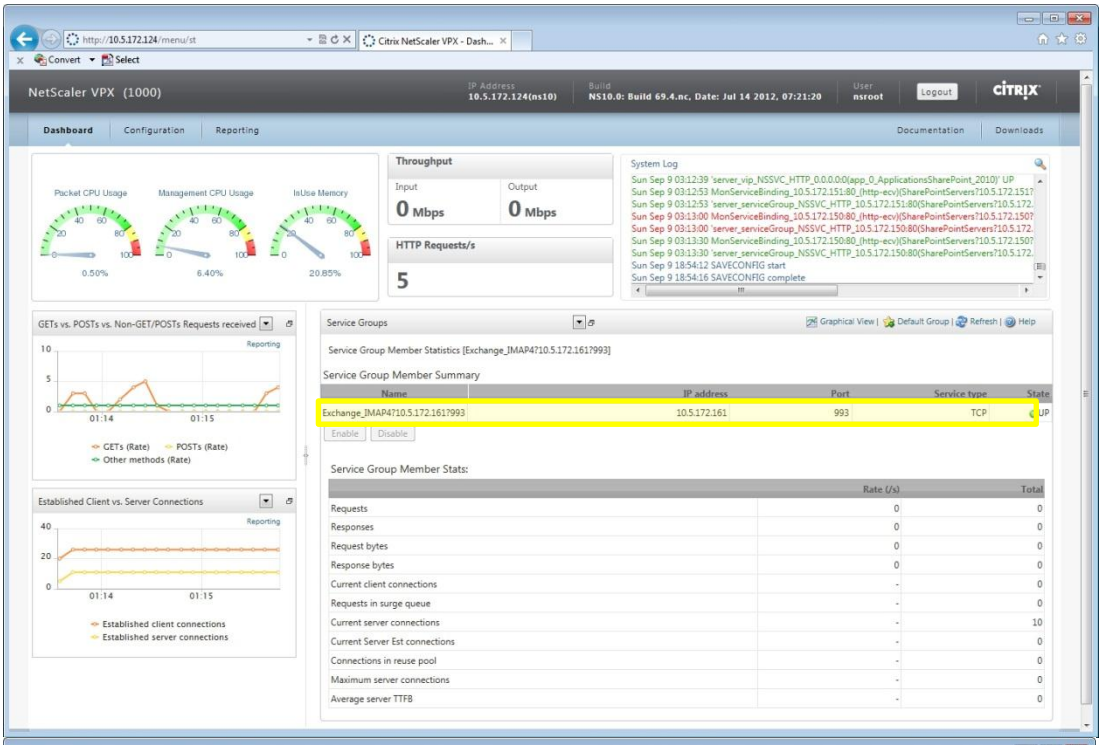
Service Groups Statistics [Exchange_SMTP]
Service group Summary
Exchange_SMTP
TCP
Bound Service Group Member(s) Summary

7.2 Per Server

Under **Service Group Member Summary**, service details including # of Requests, Reponses can be found:

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Management CPU Usage
InUse Memory
0.50%
6.40%
20.85%
System Log
Service Groups
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993
TCP
Service Group Member Stats:
Requests
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Response bytes
Current client connections
Requests in surge queue
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Connections in reuse pool
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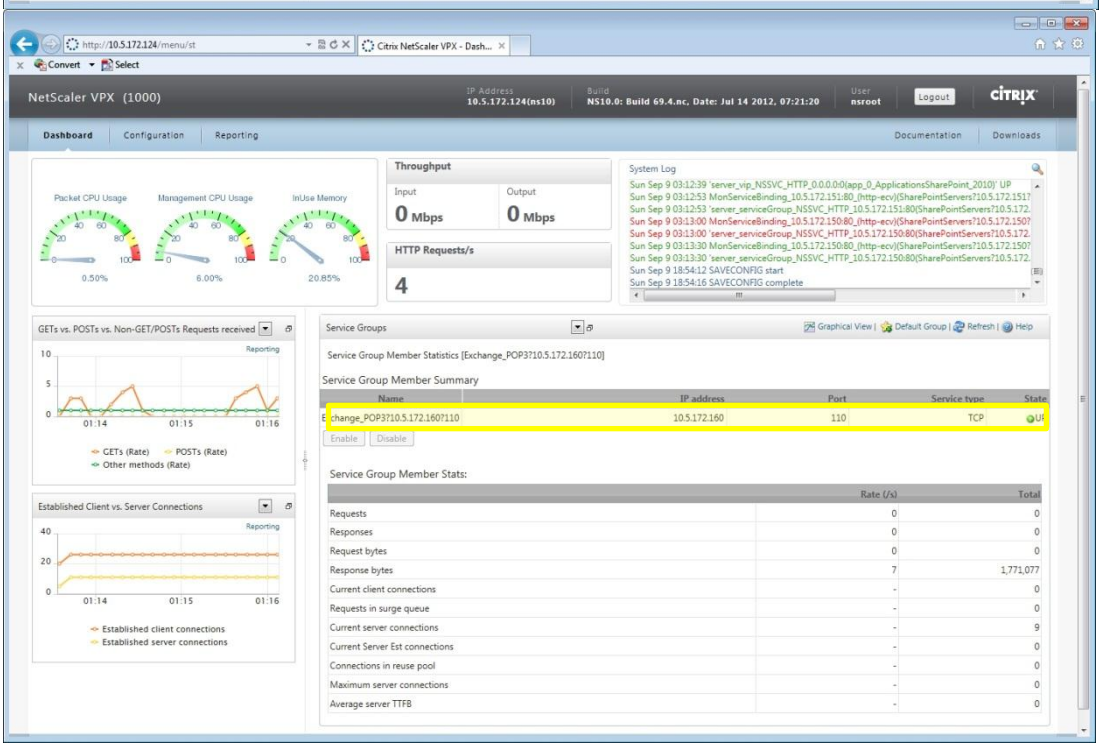
Average server TTFB
GETs vs. POSTs vs. Non-GET/POSTs Requests received
Established Client vs. Server Connections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0.50%
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System Log
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Service Group Member Summary
10.5.172.160
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Responses
Request bytes
Response bytes
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Requests in surge queue
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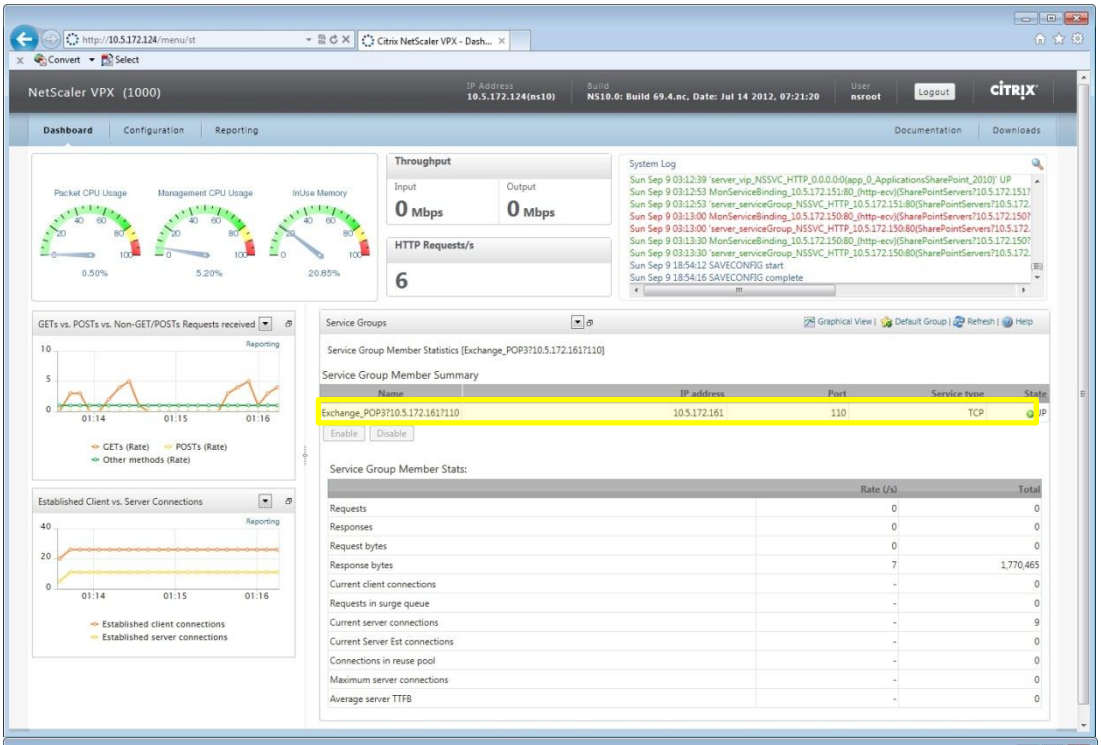
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Packet CPU Usage
Management CPU Usage
InUse Memory
0.50%
5.20%
20.85%
System Log
Service Groups
Service Group Member Statistics [Exchange_POP3?10.5.172.1617110]
Service Group Member Summary
Exchange_POP3?10.5.172.1617110
10.5.172.161
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TCP
Service Group Member Stats:
Requests
Responses
Request bytes
Response bytes
Current client connections
Requests in surge queue
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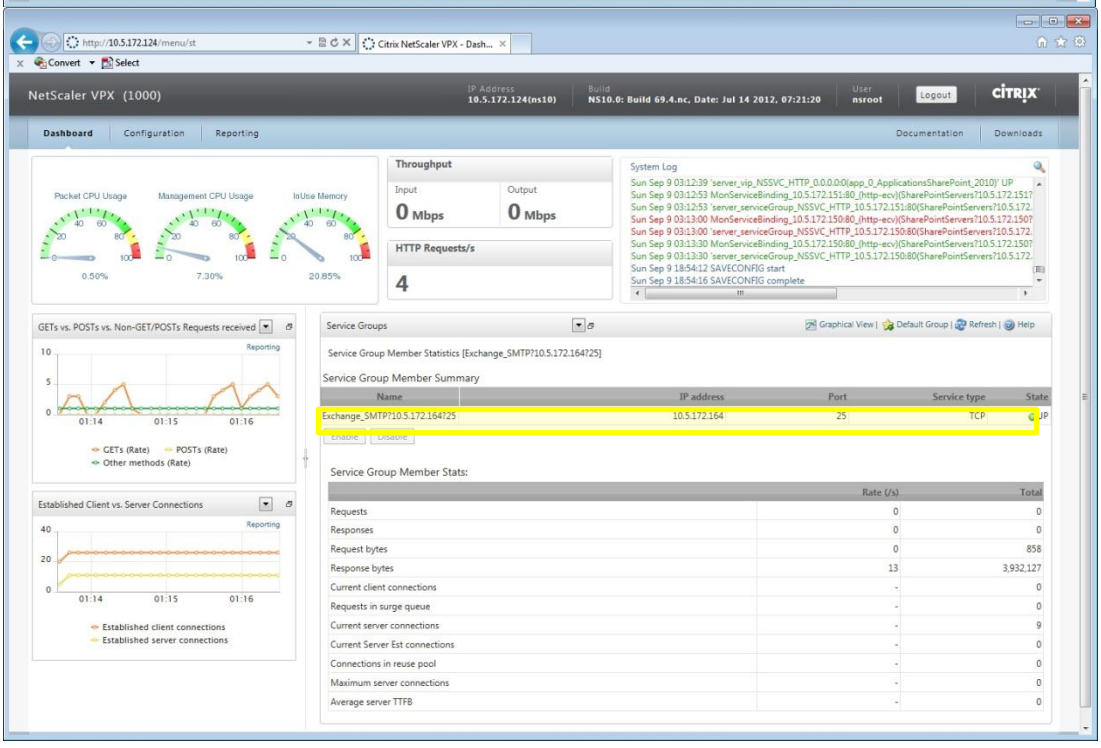
GETs vs. POSTs vs. Non-GET/POSTs Requests received
Established Client vs. Server Connections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Packet CPU Usage
Management CPU Usage
InUse Memory
0.50%
7.30%
20.85%
System Log
Service Groups
Service Group Member Statistics [Exchange_SMTP?10.5.172.164?25]
Service Group Member Summary
Exchange_SMTP?10.5.172.164?25
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TCP
Service Group Member Stats:
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Response bytes
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8. Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall Deployment

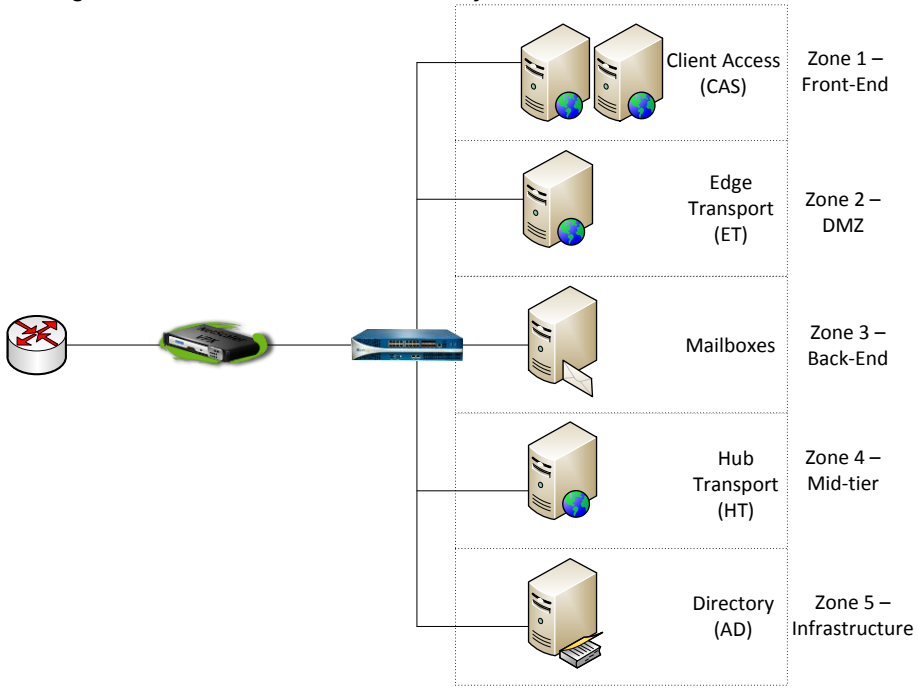
The Palo Alto Networks next-generation firewall safely enables enterprise applications in the data center and delivers meaningful segmentation by application, user and content. It identifies all traffic sent to the Microsoft Exchange servers, based on actual application, not just port or protocol. Access to the Microsoft Exchange servers can be further restricted to only the authorized users or groups. All content is scanned for malicious content - viruses, malware, and spyware – and dropped before they can reach the data center servers.

8.1 Data Center Segmentation

In an Exchange data center implementation, there will be several different roles performed by the servers. In smaller implementations, some of these roles can be combined in a single server. For large Exchange installations, the different server roles will be deployed on dedicated physical or virtual servers.

In order to properly segment and secure a large Exchange implementation, the different server roles will be isolated in dedicated security zones that can only be accessed by authorized users with authorized applications.

In this reference design, there will be segments for the Exchange Client Access Servers, Edge Transport Servers, Hub Transport Servers, and Mailbox Servers. Users and administrators accessing the Exchange servers will come from the External zone, and there will be an infrastructure segment in which the Active Directory Domain Controllers reside.

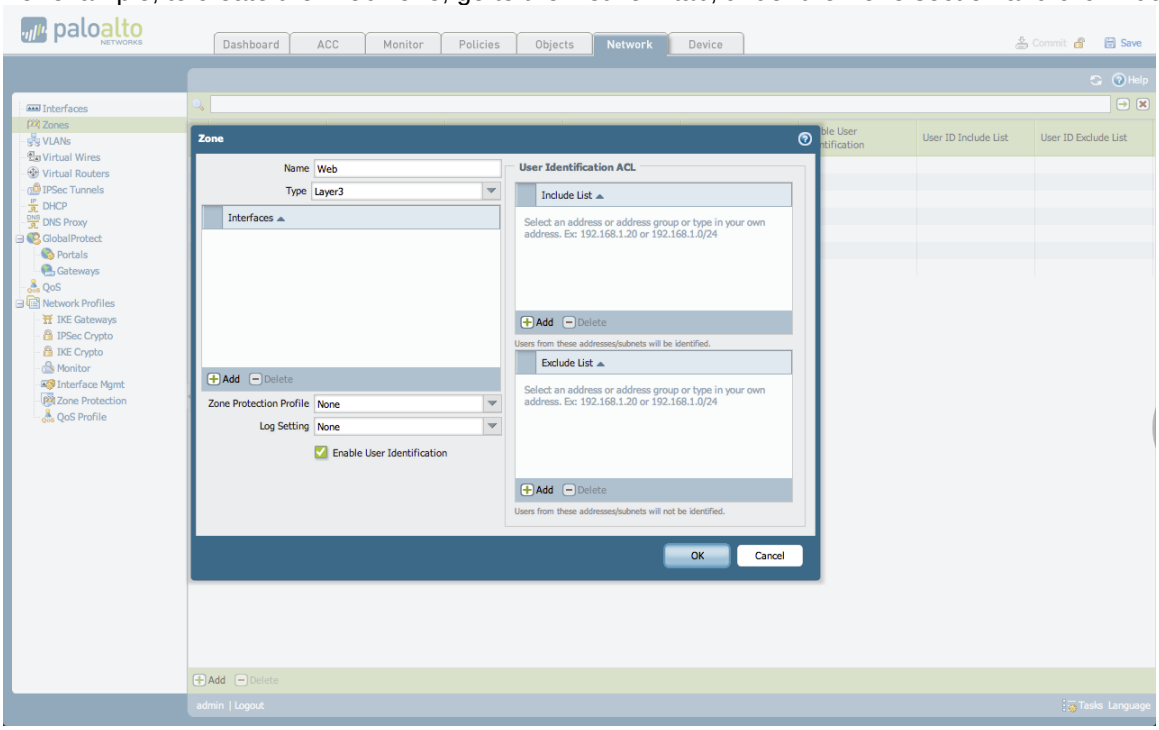


To build these segments in the Palo Alto Networks firewall, the following zones will be created:

Web – Exchange Client Access Servers
DMZ – Edge Transport Servers

Application – Hub Transport Servers
Database – Mailbox Servers
Active-Directory – Domain controller
External – Users and administrators

For example, to create the Web zone, go to the Network tab, under the Zone section and click Add.



Enter the name of the zone, the type – Layer2 or Layer3, and click the check box for Enable User Identification.

Repeat this for each of the required zones.

8.2 Security Policy

The Palo Alto Networks next-generation firewall security policy is zone-based. Each segment in a data center deployment will be in a separate zone. Once the traffic flow is understood, the security policy can be written based on actual application, not just ports and port ranges. Allowing the following protocols between the specified zones will enable Exchange, while restricting non-Exchange traffic.

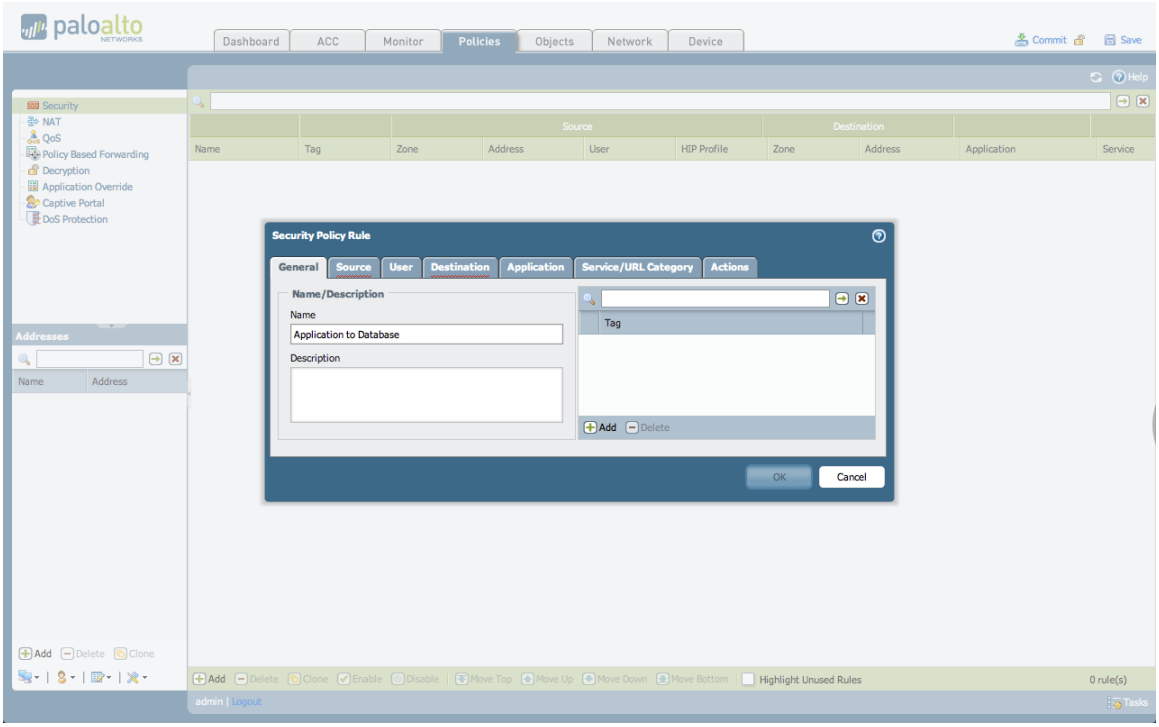
Every Exchange implementation is different, and depending on the features and services enabled, the specific applications between zones, as well as the required zones, may vary. This will serve as a starting reference for a working Exchange security policy.

Source Zone	Destination Zone	Application
Active-Directory	DMZ	netbios-ns

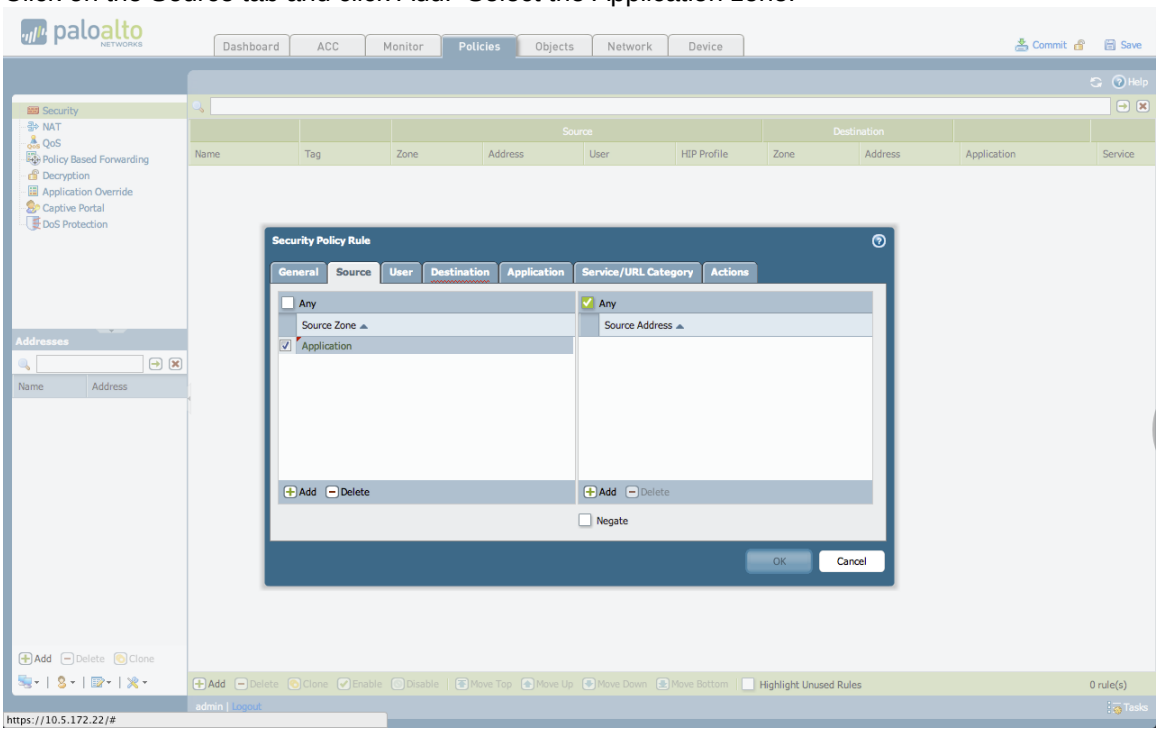
Active-Directory	External	dns
Active-Directory	Web	ms-ds-smb msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ns netbios-ss
Application	Active-Directory	dns kerberos ldap ms-ds-smb ms-netlogon msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss rpc
Application	Database	ms-ds-smb msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss
Application	External	dns kerberos rpc
Database	Active-Directory	active-directory dns kerberos ldap ms-ds-smb ms-netlogon msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss rpc
Database	Application	ms-ds-smb msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss
Database	External	web-browsing
DMZ	Active-Directory	dns ldap ms-ds-smb netbios-dg netbios-ss
DMZ	External	web-browsing
External	Active-Directory	active-directory dns kerberos ldap ms-ds-smb ms-netlogon msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss rpc
External	Application	smtp

External	Web	imap ms-ds-smb ms-exchange msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss outlook-web pop3 rpc-over-http ssl web-browsing
Web	Active-Directory	active-directory dns kerberos ldap ms-ds-smb ms-netlogon msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss rpc
Web	Application	ms-ds-smb msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss
Web	Database	ms-ds-smb msrpc ms-exchange netbios-dg netbios-ss rpc-over-http ssl web-browsing
Web	External	active-directory dns kerberos ldap ms-ds-smb ms-netlogon msrpc netbios-dg netbios-ss rpc web-browsing

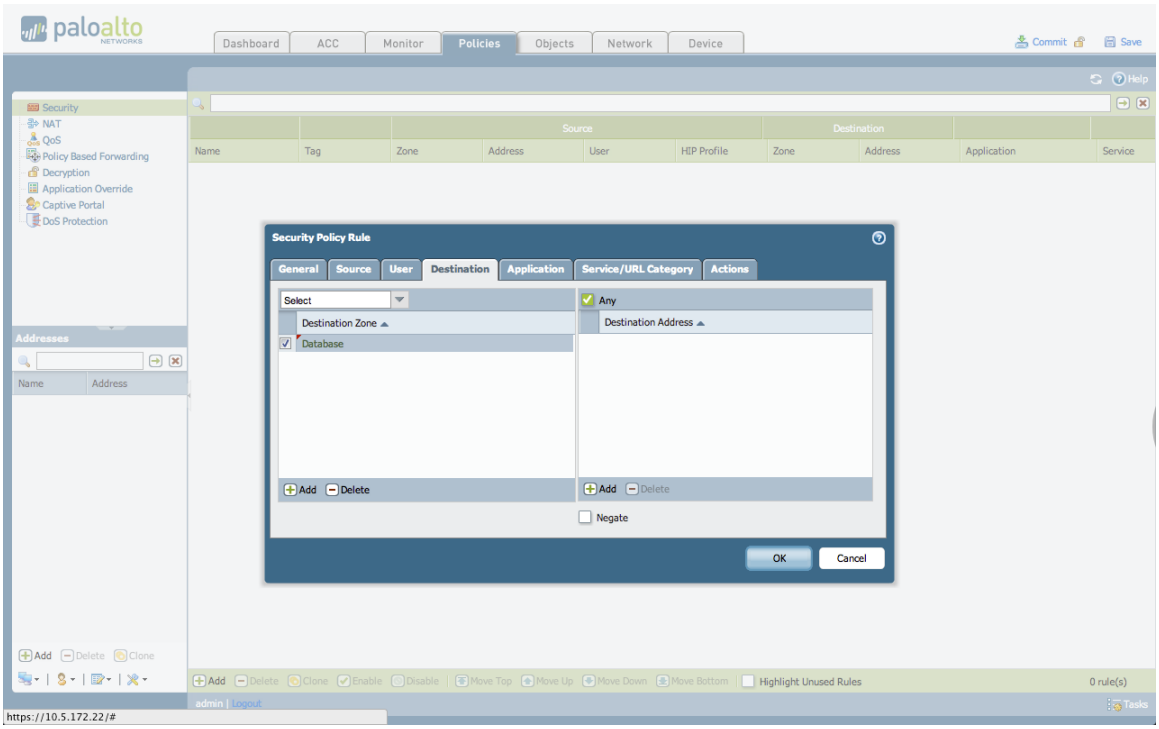
To create the security policy, each of these source and destination zone pairs will represent one rule in the security policy. For example, to create the “Application to Database” security policy, on the Palo Alto Networks firewall, go to the Policies tab (on top), and the Security section (on left), and click Add (on bottom). Enter the name of the security policy rule.



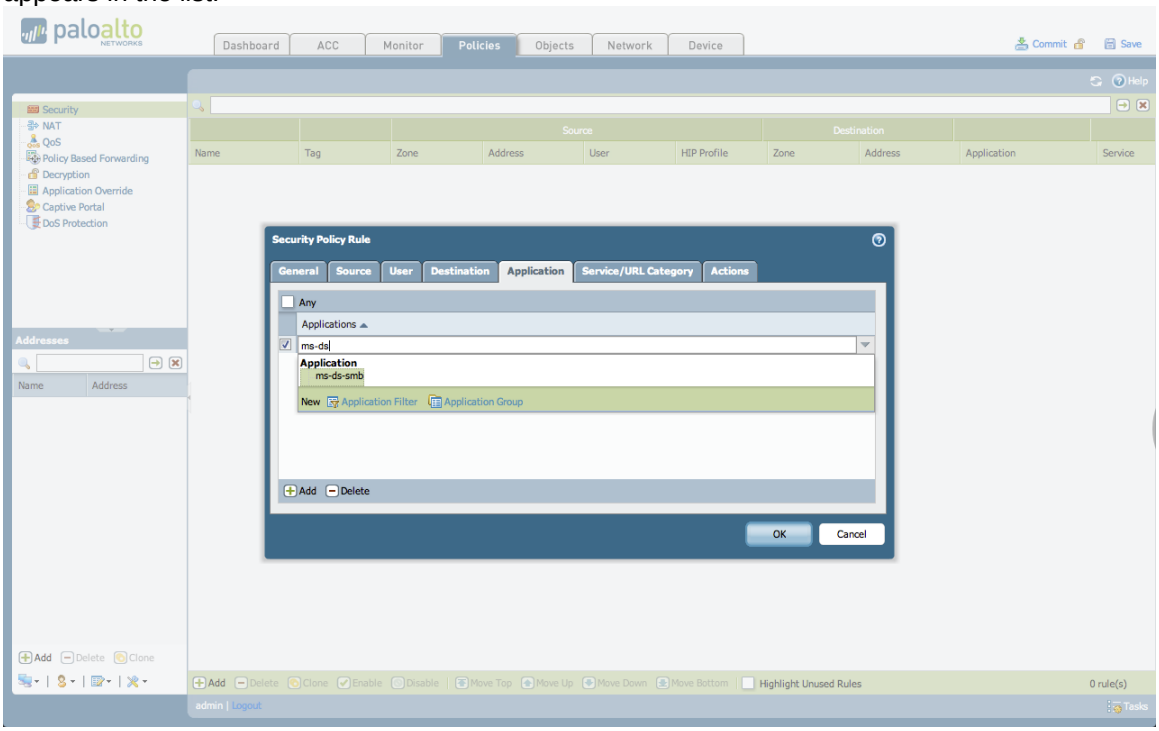
Click on the Source tab and click Add. Select the Application zone.



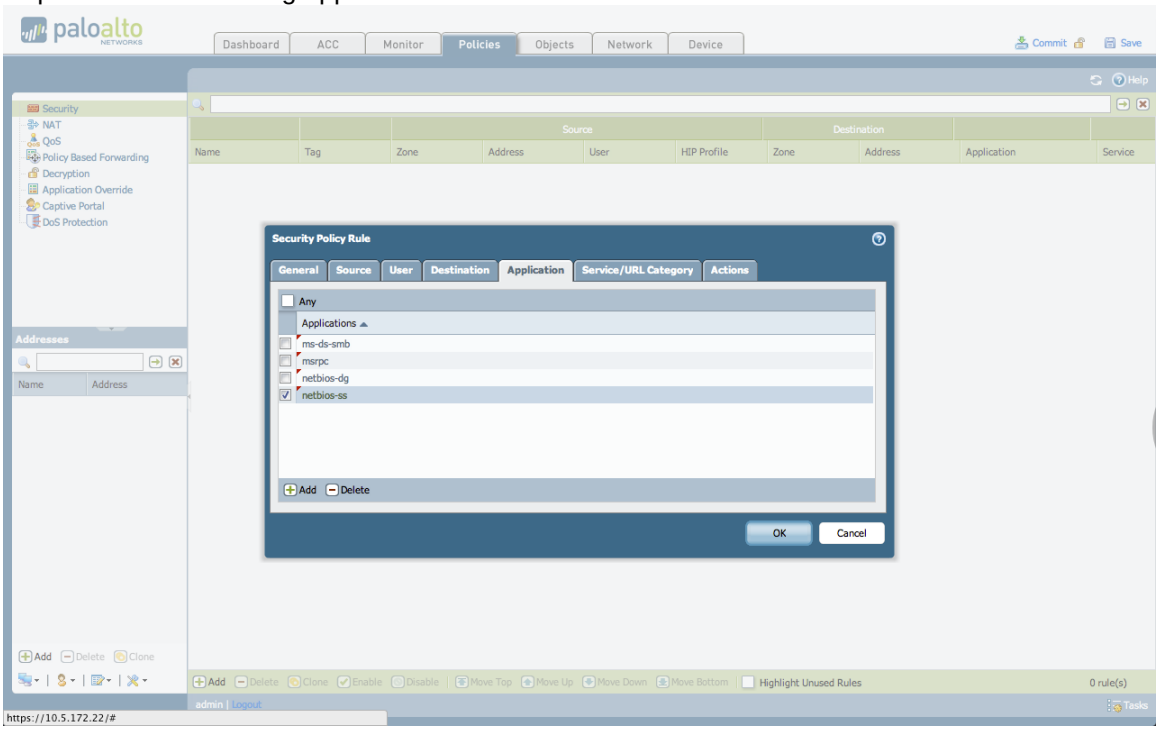
Click on the Destination tab and click Add. Select the Database zone.



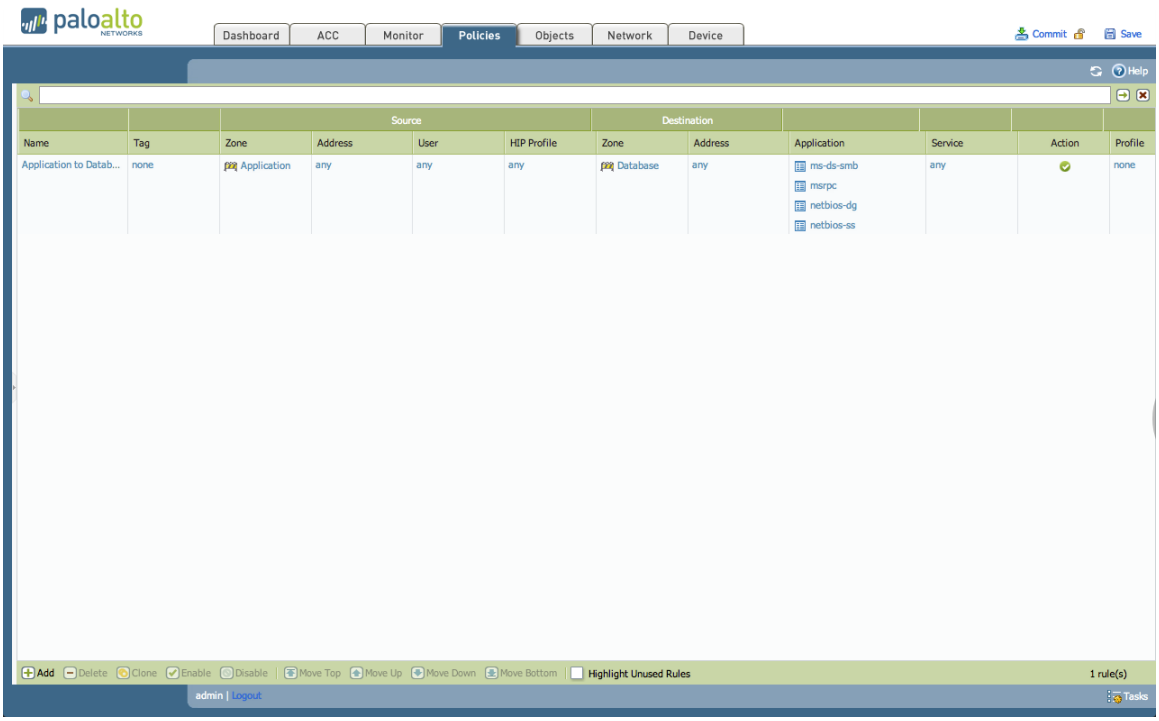
Click on the Application tab and click Add. Four applications will be added to this rule: ms-ds-smb, msrpc, netbios-dg, and netbios-ss. Begin typing the first application name and select it when it appears in the list.



Repeat for the remaining applications in this rule.



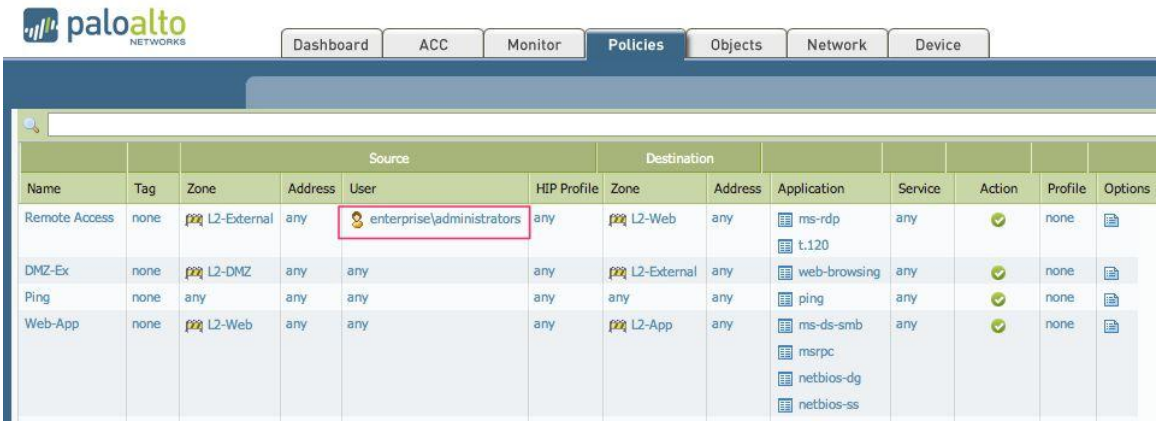
Click OK. The rule will be added to the security policy. Repeat this process for each of the source and destination zone pairs listed above.



8.3 User Identification

The Palo Alto Networks firewall also allows security policy to be further refined by end user or group, not just source IP. Certain servers, or certain applications in the data center may only need to be accessed by specific people or groups. The next-generation firewall will retrieve user and group information from the local user directory service, and allow that information to be used in security policies.

For example, the Exchange servers may need to be accessible by system administrators with Remote Desktop for management purposes. But, other users do not need this access. The security policy rule allowing the applications, in this case, ms-rdp and t.120, would only be accessible by the administrators group. Exchange would be accessible by other users using the client applications.

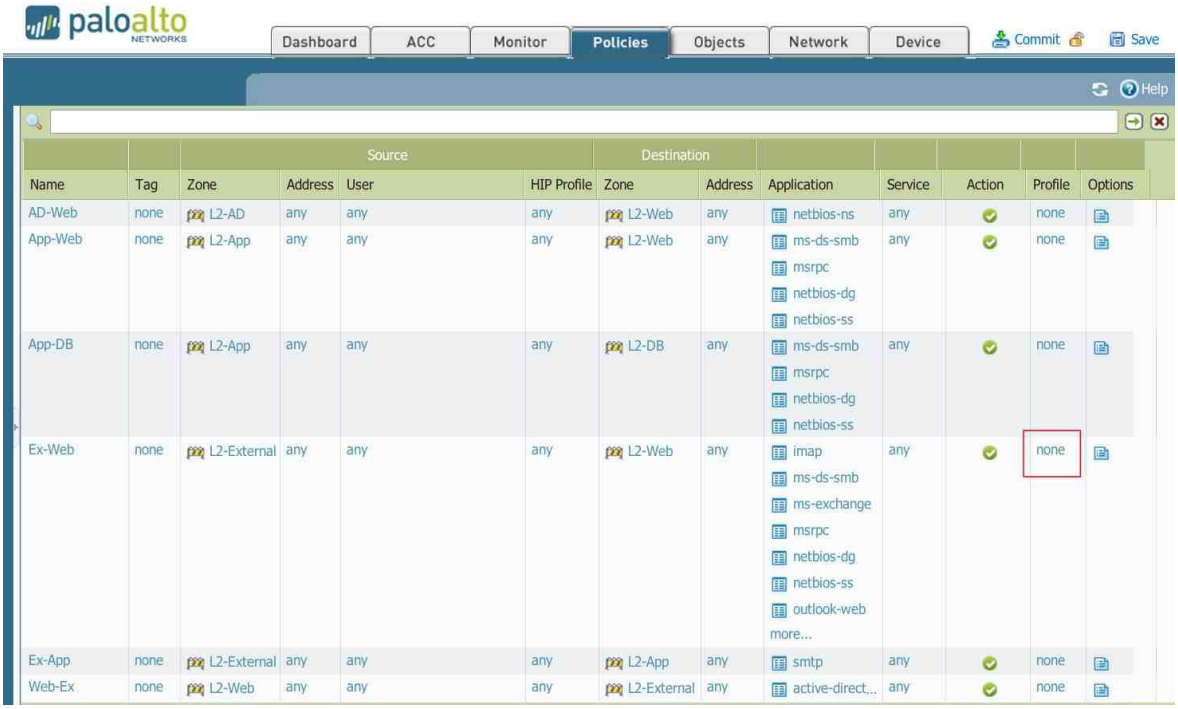


8.4 Threat Protection

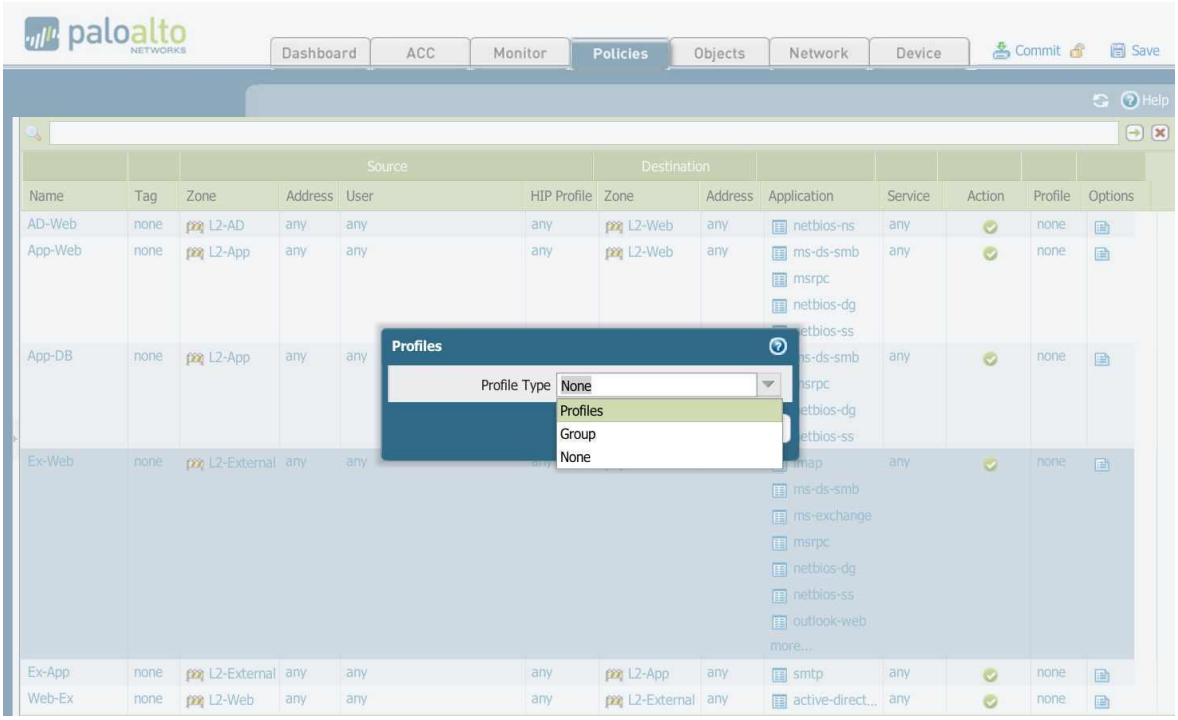
In addition to validating the application used to access a security zone and the user initiating the request, the next-generation firewall can scan the network traffic for known and unknown threats. These include viruses, malware, spyware, or files with confidential data. By creating a security profile that scans traffic into the data center, the firewall can prevent a user from unknowingly infecting data center servers with malware, or getting infected from a compromised server.

Each rule in the security policy can have its own security profile applied, allowing for the greatest flexibility in setting policy. For example, you may have a strict security profile blocking viruses, malware, and spyware on traffic that originates outside the data center and accesses the front-end servers, but not have any inspection on traffic between the application and database servers.

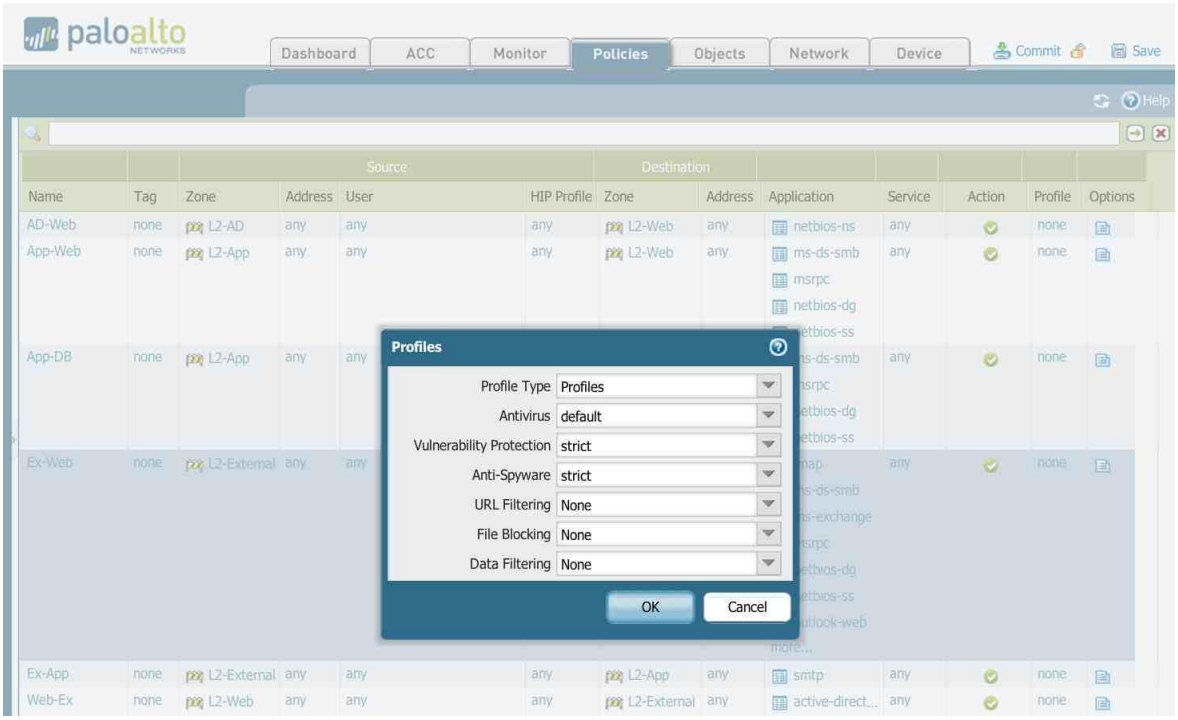
To begin creating the security profile, locate the Profile column in the security policy page. If nothing has been configured there yet, it will indicate “none”.



Click the “none” and a dialog window will open. Choose “Profiles” from this window to configure the security profile.



In the security profile window, select the specific profile settings for each of the different areas, Antivirus, Vulnerability Protection, etc. Some of these will have pre-configured profiles, such as “default” or “strict”. These pre-configured options can be chosen, or a customized profile can be created. Please see Palo Alto Networks Administration Guide for details on creating custom profiles.



Click OK, and the new security profile should now be part of the security policy rule. This will be displayed with icons for the specific areas that profiles were chosen for.

Repeat this process for all of the rules that a security profile should be applied to.

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