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Overview

This document describes the installation and configuration of CloudShell in a High Availability (HA) environment.

This document should be read in conjunction with the *CloudShell High Availability Deployment Guide*.

A failover cluster is a group of independent servers (nodes) that work together to increase the availability and scalability of clustered nodes. The clustered nodes are connected by physical cables and by software. If a disaster occurs and the active cluster node goes down, the clustering solution changes the active node automatically to the standby server and Quali server starts on the new active node.

Requirements and Prerequisites

This section describes the CloudShell clustering requirements.

The following table lists the requirements for the following infrastructure components: NICs, Switches and host.

Based on the CloudShell High Availability Deployment Guide, the administrator should select the optimal set up for the environment (4/6/8 nodes on physical or virtual machines).

4 machines High availability setup

Component	Requirements
Quali Application Server , License server, CloudShell Portal	 2 machines running Windows 2012 Server Standard or Datacenter edition and above 2 network adapters (one for cluster use and one for client use)
	Failover cluster role installed
	Windows Failover Cluster Manager installed
	 4 IP addresses free in the client subnet (for Cluster front, and components roles)
SQL cluster	According to prerequisites listed in the SQL clustering solution

6 machines High availability setup

Component	Requirements		
CloudShell HA (Quali Application	 2 machines running Windows 2012 Server Standard or Datacenter edition and above 		
Server plus License server)	 2 network adapters (one for cluster use and one for client use) 		
	Failover cluster role installed		
	Windows Failover Cluster Manager installed		
	 3 Available IPs in the client subnet (for Cluster front and components roles) 		
CloudShell Portal	 2 machines running Windows 2012 Server Standard or Datacenter edition and above 		
	 2 network adapters (one for cluster use and one for client use) 		
	Failover cluster role installed		
	 Cluster is configured using Windows Failover Cluster Manager 		
	Available IP in the client subnet (for Cluster front)		
	IIS 8.0 installed		
	 ASP.NET 4.5 enabled on IIS 8.0 web server (see http://www.iis.net/learn/get-started/whats-new-in-iis-8/iis-80-using-aspnet-35-and-aspnet-45) 		
SQL cluster	 According to prerequisites listed in the SQL clustering solution 		
8 machines High availability setup			
Component	Requirements		
CloudShell HA (Quali Application	 2 machines running Windows 2012 Server Standard or Datacenter edition and above 		
Server plus License	2 network adapters (one for cluster use and one for client		

server)

use)

- Failover cluster role installed
- Windows Failover Cluster Manager installed
- 3 Available IPs in the client subnet (for Cluster front and components roles)

CloudShell Portal (2 Portal servers plus 2 Load Balancing Servers) 2 machines with CloudShell Portal (see 6 machines setup)

2 machines with:

- Windows 2012 Server Standard or Datacenter edition and above
- 2 network adapters (one for cluster use and one for client use)
- Network load balancing installed (see <u>Installing Windows</u> <u>Network Load Balancing</u>)
- IIS 8 and above installed
- ASP.NET 4.5 enabled on IIS 8.0
- Server farm installed (for installation procedures, see <u>Configuring the Server Farm</u>)

SQL cluster

According to prerequisites listed in the SQL clustering solution

Software licenses

- Windows server 2012
- SQL Server 2012 Enterprise or SQL Server 2014 Enterprise or SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition
- CloudShell HA license

Supported versions of MS SQL Server

- SQL Server 2012 Enterprise Edition
- SQL Server 2014 Enterprise Edition

• SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition

To deploy on a virtual environment with VMware vCenter 5.5 or above that has HA clustering configured across two different ESXi hosts, ssee https://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-55/in-dex.jsp#com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-E90B8A4A-BAE1-4094-8D92-8C5570FE5D8C.html.

Installation procedure

This section describes the installation and configuration procedure. Perform the steps in the following table:

Download and install the latest official CloudShell

High Availability Solution Pack

Database configuration

Quali server installation

Quali server configuration

Configure the AlwaysOn availability Group (for

MSSQL AlwaysOn users)

Portal Installation and configuration (not for

advanced setup users)

Install and configure ARR and load balancing

Configure SSL

Downloading the CloudShell High Avail-

ability Solution Pack

Configuring the database server cluster

Installing Quali server

Configuring Quali server

AlwaysOn Availability Groups (SQL

Server)

Installing and configuring CloudShell

Portal

Microsoft Application Request Routing

Configuring CloudShell Portal to support

SSL

Downloading the CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack

The CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack is available from the Quali's Download Center.

Each folder contains an .md5 file with a list of files in that folder and their md5 checksum.

Note: Registration to the QualiSystems portal is required, so if you have not already done so, register in advance.

Download the CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack (zip file) and extract all the files under one folder, for example: C:\Quali. Ensure files are placed on the exact path on each of the cluster nodes.

The CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack for this version (zip file) contains the following files:

- Quali Server folder: files required to cluster Quali server plus elastic search
- CloudShell Portal folder: files required to cluster CloudShell portal using Windows cluster (basic setup)
- LicenseServer folder: LicenseServer.vbs script that is used in a Windows cluster and is triggered by cluster events

- Documentation folder: the CloudShell High Availability Deployment Guide and the CloudShell High Availability Installation and Configuration Guide
- The HASqlPortal.sql file

Install and configure the License Server

The License server component is co-hosted with the application server. A Windows script monitors the license server service.

Use the procedures in this section to install and configure the License Server and apply the license.

License Server installation

To install the License Server:

Follow the License Server installation procedure in the CloudShell Suite Installation Guide.

Configuring each node with License Server

To configure each node in the system:

- 1. Install License Server on each node.
- 2. Configure the License Server.

Note: Use the CloudShell Suite Installation Guide for more information about License Server Installation.

3. Apply the license.

Create a Configuration Role for WSFC

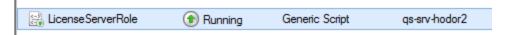
To create a configuration role:

1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.



- 2. Right-click Roles and select Configure Role.
- 3. Click Next, select the Generic Script option, then click Next.
- 4. Enter the path to the LicenseServer.vbs file. (for example: c:\Quali\LicenseServer.vbs)
- 5. Enter a name for the role and click **Next**.
- 6. Click **Next** to complete the wizard.

This creates a new role that starts to run cluster events.



Configuring CloudShell components to the License Server Role address

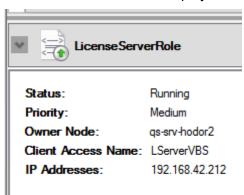
Use the procedures described in this section to configure CloudShell components after completing the High Availability configuration.

All CloudShell components can be configured to the clustered License Server Role address.

To configure CloudShell components to the License Server Role address:

- 1. Open the Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 2. Click the required **License Server** role.

The role's **IP Address** is displayed in the bottom half of the screen.



Note: The CloudShell HA License Server solution requires a dual set of licenses – a license for each of the nodes.

Alternative license server solution

An alternative license server solution is to host the license server on a separate machine (VM). Use either MS Clustering or VM Fault Tolerance solution to handle failover.

Configuring the database server cluster

The SQL server database clustering uses the AlwaysOn Availability Group solution.

AlwaysOn Availability Groups (SQL Server)

The **AlwaysOn Availability Groups** feature is a high-availability and disaster-recovery solution that provides an enterprise-level alternative to database mirroring. AlwaysOn Availability Groups maximizes the availability of a set of user databases for an enterprise. An availability group supports a failover environment for a discrete set of user databases, known as availability databases that fail over together. An availability group supports a set of read-write primary databases and one to four sets of corresponding secondary databases. Optionally, secondary databases can be made available for read-only access and/or some backup operations.

An availability group fails over at the level of an availability replica. Failovers are not caused by database issues, such as, a database becoming suspect due to a loss of a data file, deletion of a database, or corruption of a transaction log. For more information about AlwaysOn Availability Groups, see https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh510230(v=sql.110).aspx.

Note: AlwaysOn Availability Groups is a Microsoft feature.

The supported versions of MS SQL Server are:

- SQL Server 2012 Enterprise Edition
- SQL Server 2014 Enterprise Edition
- SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition

Setting up and configuring an instance of SQL Server to Support AlwaysOn Availability Groups

For more information about AlwaysOn Availability Groups, see https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/lib-rary/gg509118(v=sql.110).aspx.

Prerequisite

Set-up nodes with Windows Server Failover Clustering (WSFC)

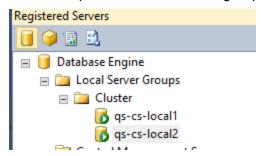
Configuring SQL Server AlwaysOn availability group

To configure the SQL Server AlwaysOn availability group:

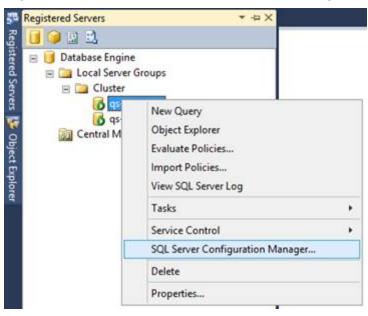
- 1. Open SQL Server on one of the nodes.
- 2. Connect to all SQL servers that should be part of the SQL cluster.
- 3. Choose View > Registered Servers.



4. Add the required servers to a new group.



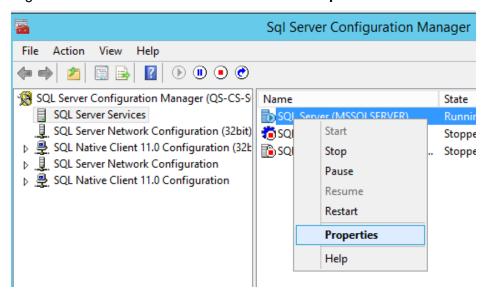
5. Right-click on a server and click **SQL Server Configuration Manager**.



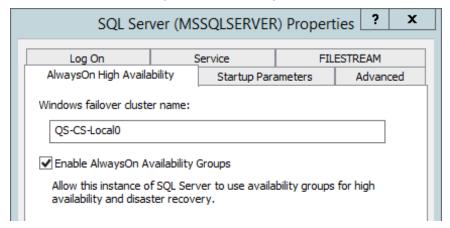
6. Select SQL Server Services.



7. Right-click the SQL Server instance and select **Properties**.

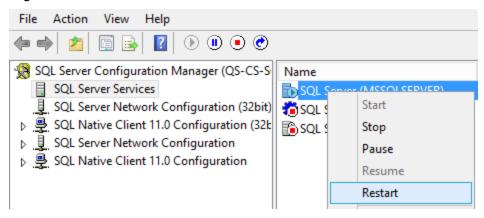


- 8. Open the AlwaysOn High Availability tab.
- 9. Check the Enable AlwaysOn Availability Groups check-box.

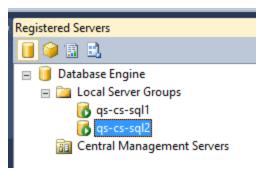


Note: If there is no cluster name, make sure to install Windows failover cluster and configure a cluster first.

10. Right-click the SQL Server instance and click Restart.



- 11. Enable AlwaysOn for each of the DB cluster nodes.
- 12. Repeat steps 5-10 for each SQL server presented in the MSSQL registered servers pane.



The cluster is now configured for **AlwaysOn**.

Configure the Application Server

Quali server works with only one active node in Active-Passive mode. You can change any node in the cluster to be the active node. However, only one Quali server should be up at any time. Elastic-search (a search engine that achieves fast search responses), is synchronized between nodes to ensure that the latest state is available in all nodes. After a node recovery, the node starts and elasticsearch launches automatically for synchronization with the online node.

Use the following procedures to configure Quali server to work in a cluster environment.

Modifying the elasticsearch.yml configuration file

To modify the elasticsearch.yml configuration file:

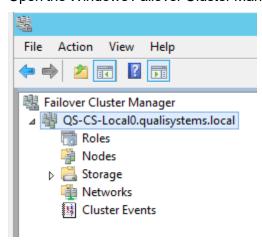
- 1. Save the extracted elasticsearch.yml file under the name: elasticsearch.yml.old. Keep this file as a backup.
- 2. Open the elasticsearch.yml file in a text editor.
- 3. In the cluster section, modify the value of cluster.name to your cluster name. Use a unique name to distinguish between CloudShell environments in your network. For example:

Locating the cluster name

Cluster names are displayed in the **Windows Failover Cluster Manager**. After creating a cluster, open the Windows Failover Cluster Manager.

To display the cluster name:

· Open the Windows Failover Cluster Manager.



In the explorer tree, the cluster name is displayed under Failover Cluster Manager.

Modify the Quali.vbs file

To modify the Quali.vbs file:

- 1. Rename the extracted Quali.vbs file to: "Quali.vbs.old". Keep this file as a backup.
- 2. Open the Quali.vbs file in a text editor.
- 3. Modify the following values:
 - Eventlog The values are \$true or \$false. If the value is \$true, all scripts write logs to the Windows event log while running set to \$true by default. It's recommended to leave it with the default.
 - ScriptPath The folder which in you store all the PowerShell scripts that are in the downloaded CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack zip file. For example:

```
Const EventLog = "$true"
Const ScriptPath = "c:\Quali\QualiServer"
```

4. Save the file.

Installing and configuring Quali server

Use the following procedures to install and then configure Quali server to work in a cluster environment.

Installing Quali server

To install Quali Server:

• Follow the Quali Server installation procedure in the CloudShell Suite Installation Guide.

Configuring Quali server

Configure Quali server to communicate with the computer where the database is installed. You can either create a new database or use an existing QualiSystem database.

AlwaysOn Users: Set the Quali server to one of the AlwaysOn nodes. This setting changes after configuring the AlwaysOn listener.

To configure Quali server on the first cluster node:

- Configure Quali server (note that during configuration, when you specify the License server IP
 or name, ensure that you use the License server role IP that you configured earlier, see the
 Configuring License Server section).
- 2. Run the following command at the command prompt: services.mcs
- 3. Right-click the Quali server service and select **Stop**.
- 4. When the service has stopped, right-click the Quali server service and select **Properties**.
- 5. In the Quali server **Properties** window, in the **Startup** type menu, select **Manual**.
- 6. Using Windows Explorer, navigate to the following directory: [CloudShell Server Directory]\QualiSystems\CloudShell\Server Where [CloudShell Server Directory] is the directory where CloudShellServer is

7. Rename the customer.config file to: "customer.config.old". Keep this file as a backup.

- installed.
- 8. Double-click the customer.config file.

9. In the <appSettings> section, add the following line:

```
<add key="FtsReplicasShards" value="1"/>
```

10. Using Windows Explorer, navigate to the following directory:

```
[CloudShell Server Directory]\QualiSystems\CloudShell\Server\QuickSearch\Config
```

Where [CloudShell Server Directory] is the directory where CloudShell Server is installed.

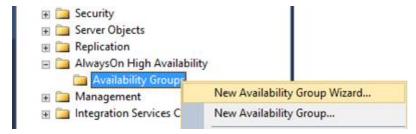
- 11. Rename the elasticsearch.yml file to: "elasticsearch.yml.old". Keep this file as a backup.
- 12. Copy the elasticsearch.yml file that was modified in the procedure Modifying the elasticsearch.yml configuration file to the QuickSearch folder.
- 13. Start the Quali server service.
- 14. Stop the Quali Server.

Setting up AlwaysOn availability groups (only for AlwaysOn users)

Note: Make sure to perform the steps in the <u>Configuring Quali server</u> topic in order to work with the Availability group listener step after configuring the **AlwaysOn availability** group.

To cluster the database:

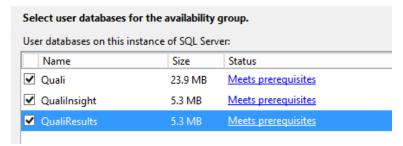
- 1. Ensure that you create a full back up for all clustered CloudShell databases. For more information, see (https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms187510.aspx).
- 2. Make sure to open port 5022 on all cluster machines firewalls
- 3. Open the SQL server in which you created the CloudShell DBs, expand **AlwaysOn High Availability** and right-click **Availability Groups**.
- 4. Click New Availability Group Wizard.



5. Specify a group name.

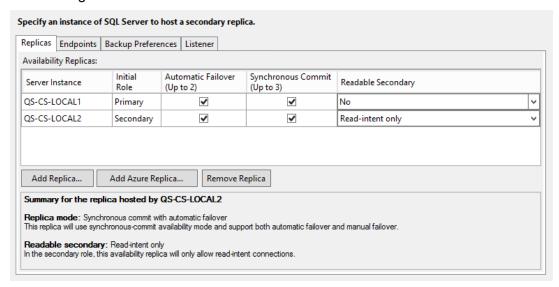


- 6. Associate the availability groups to the CloudShell databases (Quali Database, Results Database, Insight Database):
 - For SQL Server Enterprise Edition, associate all three databases to the availability group.
 - For SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition, create two additional AlwaysOn availability
 groups by repeating steps 4-5 (3 groups in total), and associate each database to a different group.
- **7**. Make sure that status in the **Status** column of every database is **Meets prerequisites**. If not, click the database status, follow the error message and resolve the issue.



- 8. Click Next.
- 9. Under the Replicas tab, click Add Replicas and connect to all of the environment SQL

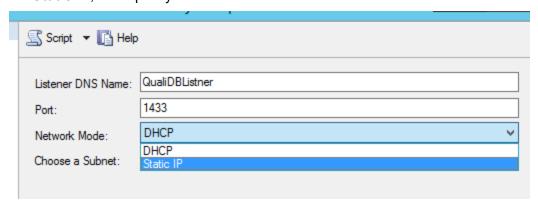
nodes using SQL or windows authentication.



10. Select the **Automatic Failover** checkbox for each of the servers and for each of the servers, select **Read-intent only** from the **Readable Secondary** dropdown list.

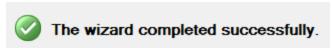
Note: SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition does not support this feature.

11. Click the **Listener** tab, insert the values for **Listener DNS Name**, **Port** (1433 for MSSQL default) and select **Network Mode**. If you selected **DHCP**, then select **subnet**. If you selected **Static IP**, then specify an available IP in the subnet.

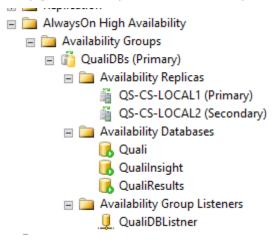


- 12. Click Next.
- 13. Select Full. Specify the database backup file location on the server and click Next.
- 14. Wait for the validation step to finish.
- 15. If an error occurs during this process, click on the error, resolve the problem and run the validation step again.

- 16. When all steps are free of errors, click **Next**.
- 17. Click **Finished**. The wizard is finalized and the clustering Role dependencies are created.



Now, the availability group is set up, and you can see all relevant data for it under the availability group name you specified in early step:



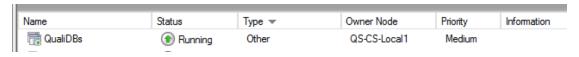
Displaying cluster health information

To see more information about the cluster health:

- 1. Right click the availability group name.
- 2. Click Show Dashboard.



Note that a new Role was generated under the Microsoft Clustering manager with type **Other**:

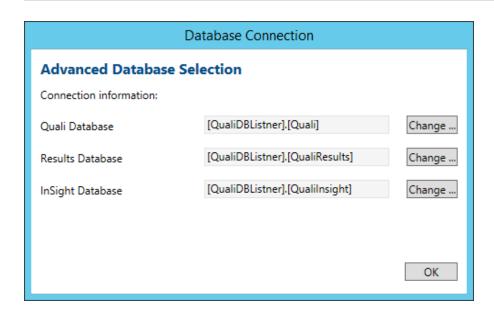


Configuring Quali server to work with the Availability group listener

To configure Quali server to work with the Availability group listener

- 1. Run the Quali Server Configuration again on the first node.
- 2. In the databases section, select the **Availability Group Listener** as the database hostname.

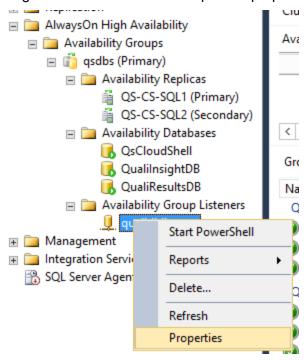
Note: In SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition, for each database, specify its specific listener.

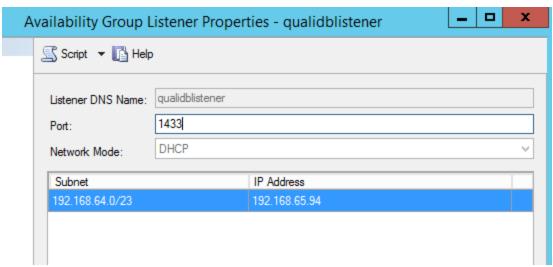


3. Stop the Quali Server service.

To see the AlwaysOn listener properties:

• Right click on the listener and open the properties:





Configuring the remaining cluster nodes

To configure the rest of the cluster nodes:

- 1. For each node in the cluster, except the first one that is already configured, repeat steps 1-13 from the Configuring Quali server topic.
- 2. Make sure to use the License server role IP and the AlwaysOn SQL listener IP.

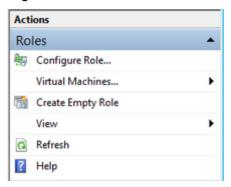
Creating a Configuration Role in Quali Server

To create a configuration role:

- 1. Make sure the **Quali Server** service is stopped on all Quali Server nodes.
- 2. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.



3. Right-click Roles.



- 4. Select Configure Role.
- 5. Click Next, select the Generic Script option, then click Next.
- 6. Enter the path to the Quali.vbs file (for example: c:\Quali\QualiServer\Quali.vbs).
- 7. Enter a name for the role and click **Next**.
- 8. Click **Next** to complete the wizard.

This creates a new role that starts to run. This role uses the PS1 files to operate Quali server and elasticsearch during cluster events.



Activating Quali server setup on all nodes

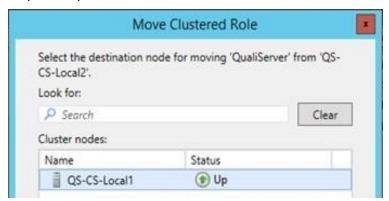
Use Windows Failover Cluster Manager to move between all nodes.

To activate Quali server setup in all nodes:

- 1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 2. Right-click Move and select Select Node.



- 3. Browse to the required node and move the role to it.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all the nodes in the cluster.



Configuring CloudShell components to the Quali Server Role address

Use the procedures described in this section to configure all other CloudShell components after completing the High Availability configuration for the Quali Application server.

All CloudShell components must be configured to the Quali Server Role address.

To configure CloudShell components to the Quali Server Role address:

1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.



2. Select the required Quali Server role.

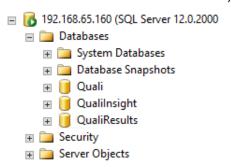
The role IP Address are displayed in the bottom half of the screen.



In cases where a database is not present

To activate AlwaysOn where a database is not present:

- 1. Install Quali server.
- 2. Run the configuration of the Quali server from one of the nodes and configure the database connection to one of the database cluster nodes (in that way the Quali database is generated in one of the database cluster nodes).



- 3. Stop the Quali server service.
- 4. Go to the **Clustering the database** section.

Configuring each node

To configure each node in the system:

- 1. Install CloudShell Portal on each node. For more information, see the "Installing CloudShell Portal" section in this document.
- 2. Configure the CloudShell Portal with IIS.

Note: Use the CloudShell Suite Installation Guide for more information about installing License Server.

Installing and configuring CloudShell Portal

Use the following procedures to install and then configure License Server to work in a cluster environment.

Installing CloudShell Portal

To install CloudShell Portal:

• Follow the CloudShell Portal installation procedure in the CloudShell Suite Installation Guide.

Note: To use CloudShell Portal in a High Availability environment, make sure to configure it with IIS 8 and above (do not use the default IIs Express). For more information, see the *CloudShell Suite Installation Guide*.

Modify the CloudShellPortal.vbs file

To modify the CloudShellPortal.vbs file:

- 1. Rename the extracted CloudShellPortal.vbs file to: "CloudShellPortal.vbs.old". Keep this file as a backup.
- 2. Open the CloudShellPortal.vbs file in a text editor.
- 3. Modify the following values:
 - SITE_NAME = "Default Web Site" use your site name (can be found in the IIS manager)
 - APP_POOL_NAME = "DefaultAppPool" use your application pool (can be found in the IIS manager)

For example:

```
SITE_NAME = "CloudShell"

APP_POOL_NAME = "CloudShell"
```

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@ Classic .NET AppPool	Started	v2.0	Classic
CloudShell	Started	v4.0	Integrated
DefaultAppPool	Started	v4.0	Integrated



4. Save the file.

Creating a Configuration Role in Windows Failover Cluster

To create a configuration role:

- 1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 2. Right-click **Roles** and select **Configure Role**.



- 3. Click Next, select the Generic Script option, then click Next.
- 4. Enter the path to the CloudShell Portal.vbs file (for example: c:\Qu-ali\Portal.vbs).
- 5. Enter a name for the role and click Next.
- 6. Click **Next** to complete the wizard.

This creates a new role that starts to run.



To configure the portal virtual front with Quali Server:

- 1. In Cluster Manager, open the Roles window.
- 2. Click the portal role.
- 3. At the bottom of the page, locate the **IP address** of your Portal virtual front.

 For example, when using Windows cluster to cluster the CloudShell Portal, the information in the following image is displayed:



Priority: Medium

Owner Node: QS-CS-Local2

Client Access Name: Portal-Microsoft

IP Addresses: 192.168.65.69

The virtual IP for the portal in this example is: 192.168.65.69.

- 3. Connect to the Quali database using Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. (if you are using **SQL AlwaysOn** connect to the AlwaysOn Listener).
- 4. Copy the SQL statements below and paste them after changing these parameters:

SQL Statement Parameter details

<<Quali Database>> Select the Quali Database your system uses

<<CloudShell Portal Ip Select the CloudShell Portal Virtual front IP or DNS name

<<CloudShell Portal Select the CloudShell Portal Virtual front port

Select the CloudShell Portal Virtual front port

5. Run the following SQL statement. This SQL statement ensures that Quali server is aware of the portal cluster and does not use the portal cluster nodes for communication (for example, links that are in emails sent from Quali server should redirect you to the CloudShell Portal cluster and not to one of the individual nodes).

```
USE <<Quali Database>>
GO

IF (select count(*) from PortalInfo) > 0
BEGIN

/*Choose your CloudShell Portal Virtual front Ip or name*/
DECLARE @ip NVARCHAR(15) = <<CloudShell Portal Ip or Name>>
/*Choose your CloudShell Portal Virtual front portal port*/
```

```
DECLARE @port INT = <<CloudShell Portal Port>>

UPDATE [dbo].[PortalInfo]

SET [MachineName] = @ip

,[Port] = @port

/*If http is in use, change the http to https*/

,[PortalUri] = 'http://' + @ip + ':' + CONVERT(varchar (10), @port) + '/'

,[ModificationDate] = GETDATE()

WHERE Id = (select max(Id) from [dbo].[PortalInfo])

END

ELSE

PRINT 'No registered CloudShell Portal in the system, please register the Portal and run this statement again...'
GO
```

Note: You do not need to restart the server.

Configuring CloudShell Portal to support SSL

Use the procedures in this section in basic (4 machines) and performance (6 machines) setups. For 8 machines setup, SSL off-loading should be set.

For information about setting up TestShell Portal on IIS including HTTPS, see the QualiSystems support article at this link:

https://support.quali.com/hc/en-us/articles/231607987-Setting-up-Testshell-Portal-on-IIS-including-HTTPS-

Configuring the Web Server Load Balancing

This step is only needed for the advanced deployment option. For more information, see Deployment Options. For the Basic and Performance options, see to the WSFC role configuration step.

CloudShell Portal load balancing solution is based on Microsoft Application Request Routing (ARR).

Software requirements:

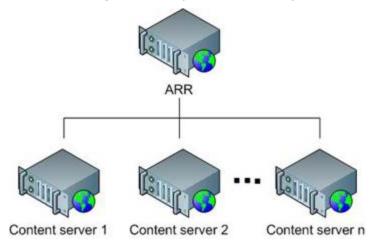
- Windows Server 2012 or Windows Server 2012 R2
- IIS 8

Hardware requirements

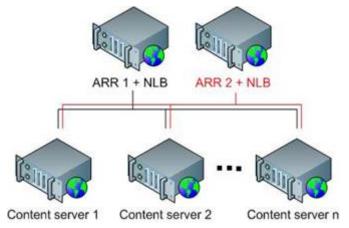
The HA solution may be deployed on physical servers or virtual servers.

Microsoft Application Request Routing

Microsoft Application Request Routing (ARR) for IIS 7.0 and above is a proxy-based routing module that forwards HTTP requests to content servers based on HTTP headers, server variables, and load balance algorithms. A typical ARR deployment is depicted in the diagram below:



ARR does not provide fault tolerant deployment features for itself and must rely on other complementary technologies and solutions to achieve high availability for the ARR tier.



For more information about Application Request Routing, see http://www.iis.net/learn/extensions/configuring-application-request-routing-(arr)/achieving-high-availability-and-scalability-arr-and-nlb.

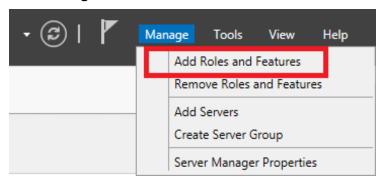
Installing and configuring Network Load Balancing

This section describes how to install and configure the Network Load Balancing (NLB) Manager and to use it to create and manage NLB clusters from a single computer as well as replicate the cluster configuration to other hosts.

Installing Windows Network Load Balancing

To install Windows Network Load Balancing:

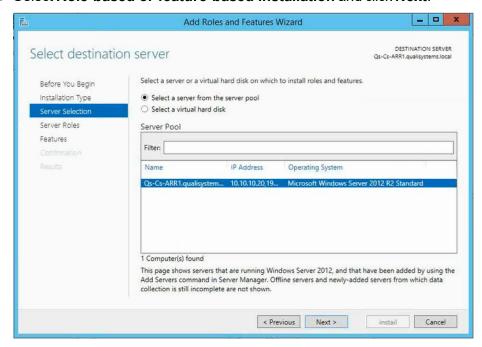
- 1. Click Start > Administrative Tools > Server Manager.
- 2. Click Manage and then select Add Roles and Features.



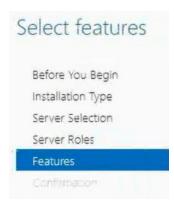
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. In the Add Roles and Features Wizard, select Installation Type.



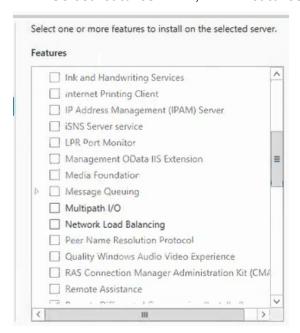
5. Select Role-based or feature-based installation and click Next.



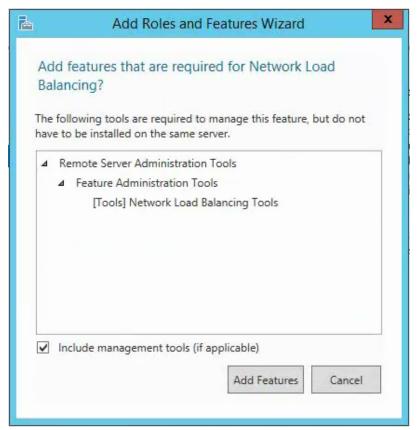
6. Select a server for the installation and click Next.



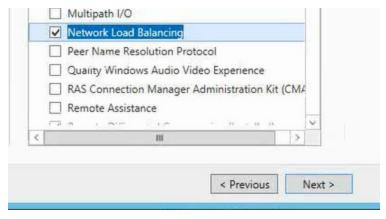
7. In the **Select features** menu, select **Features**.



8. In the Features selection pane, select the Network Load Balancing option.



- 9. In the Add features that are required for Network Load Balancing dialog box, click Add Features.
- 10. In the **Features selection** pane, click **Next**.



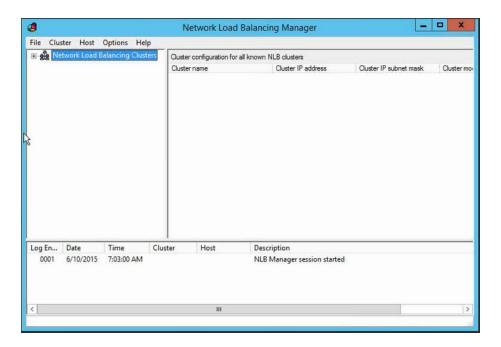
- 11. In the Confirm installation selections window, select the Restart the destination server automatically if required option.
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- 12. Click Install.
- 13. Repeat steps 1-13 in each of the ARR servers (this can be done in parallel).

Configuring Windows Network Load Balancing

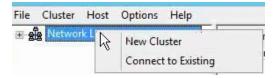
This section describes how to configure Windows Network Load Balancing using the NLB Manager.

To configure Windows Network Load Balancing:

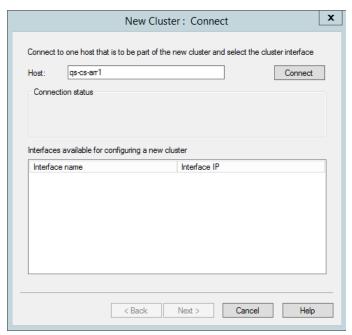
1. Click **Start > Administrative Tools > Network Load Balancing Manager** or from the command prompt, type **NLBMgr** and then press **Enter**).



2. Right click Network Load Balancing Clusters.



3. Select New Cluster.



Next >

4. In the **Host** field, enter the details of the ARR servers and then click **Connect**.

5. Select the client's network and click **Next**.

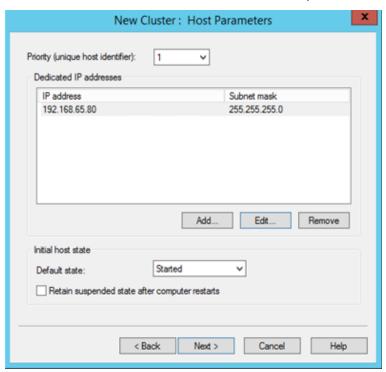
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Note: Due to a limitation, the network card must use a static IP address and not DHCP. (see <u>Known</u> issues and limitations).

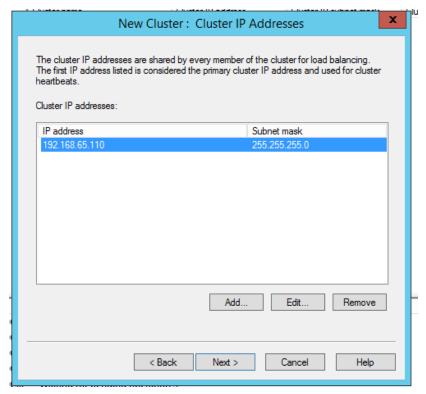
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Help

6. In the New Cluster: Host Parameters window, click Add.



7. In the New Cluster: Cluster IP Addresses window, click Add.

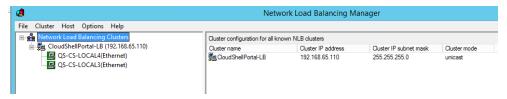


- 8. In the **Cluster Parameters** section, add the cluster "full Internet name" and click **Next**. This name is used in the DNS as the Virtual front name.
- 9. In the Port Rules section, click Edit.
- 10. Select the port range to use in the cluster. This is the port range that is redirected in the cluster to other hosts.
 - Usually http users use from: 80 to:80
 - Usually SSL users use from:443 to:443
- 11. Under Filtering mode, select Single host and click OK.
- 12. Click Finish.

Adding another host to the Network Load balancing cluster

To add another host to NLB cluster:

1. Open Network Load Balancing Manager.



- 2. Right-click the required cluster name.
- 3. In the pop-up menu, select **Add Host to Cluster**.
- In the Add Host to Cluster section, enter the host name details and click Connect.
- 5. Select the client network and click Next.
- 6. Click Next and then click Finish.

Working with the ARR cluster Virtual front

After configuring the ARR load balancing cluster, you can use the cluster IP or name (for example, 192.162.63.110 or CloudShellPortal-LB) to browse the portal.

To configure the portal virtual front with Quali Server:

 Connect to the Quali database using Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. (if you are using SQL AlwaysOn - connect to the AlwaysOn Listener). 2. Copy the SQL statements below and paste them after changing these parameters:

SQL Statement	Parameter details	
< <quali database="">></quali>	Select the Quali Database your system uses	
< <cloudshell ip="" name="" or="" portal="">></cloudshell>	Select the CloudShell Portal Virtual front IP or DNS name	
< <cloudshell port="" portal="">></cloudshell>	Select the CloudShell Portal Virtual front port	

3. Run the following SQL statement. This SQL statement ensures that Quali server is aware of the portal cluster and does not use the portal cluster nodes for communication (for example, links that are in emails sent from Quali server should redirect you to the CloudShell Portal cluster and not to one of the individual nodes).

```
USE <<Quali Database>>
GO
IF (select count(*) from PortalInfo) > 0
BEGIN
/*Choose your CloudShell Portal Virtual front Ip or name*/
DECLARE @ip NVARCHAR(15) = <<CloudShell Portal Ip or Name>>
/*Choose your CloudShell Portal Virtual front portal port*/
DECLARE @port INT = <<CloudShell Portal Port>>
UPDATE [dbo].[PortalInfo]
  SET [MachineName] = @ip
,[Port] = @port
/*If http is in use, change the http to https*/
,[PortalUri] = 'http://' + @ip + ':' + CONVERT(varchar
(10), @port) + '/'
, [ModificationDate] = GETDATE()
WHERE Id = (select max(Id) from [dbo].[PortalInfo])
```

```
END
ELSE
PRINT 'No registered CloudShell Portal in the system, please
register the Portal and run this statement again...'
GO
```

Note: You do not need to restart the server.

Monitoring the Cluster environment

To monitor the ARR cluster, you can use features of the Network load balancing manager:

- Cluster log in the bottom of the application
- · Right click on specific host and click 'host status'

Working with HTTPS Portal

To work with HTTP with the CloudShell Portal:

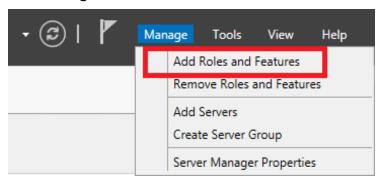
• Configure the port range in the cluster to include SSL port (443). For more information, see Configuring Windows Network Load Balancing.

Configuring Portal load balancing

To be able to communicate in a load balancing environment, start by configuring all web servers. This section describes how to enable communication between IIS on the load balancing server and it should be configured on load balancing servers using Windows Server Manager.

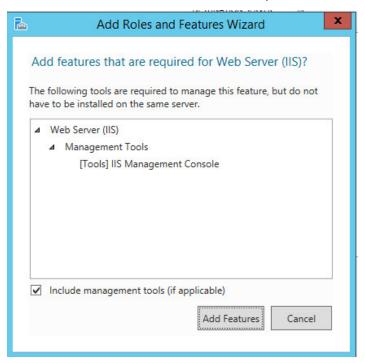
To configure all web servers to communicate in a load balancing environment:

- 1. Click Start > Administrative Tools > Server Manager.
- 2. Click Manage and then select Add Roles and Features.



- 3. In the **Before You Begin** tab, click **Next**.
- 4. In the Installation type tab, select Role-based or feature-based installation.
- 5. In the **Server selection** tab, select the server.
- 6. In the Server Roles tab, select the Web Server (IIS) option.

7. In the Add Roles and Features Wizard, click Add Features.



- 8. In the Feature tab click Next.
- 9. In the Web Server Role tab click Next.
- 10. In **Role Services**, expand the **Application Development** section and select the **Management Tools** section.



- 11. In the window, click **Add Feature**, then click **Next**.
- 12. Click Install.

13. Open IIS and under the IIS server configurations, select Management Service.

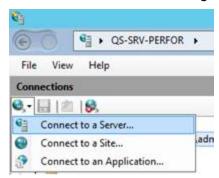


- 14. Stop the **Management Service**.
- 15. Select the Enable remote connection option and click Apply.
- 16. Start the **Management Service**.
- 17. Repeat steps 1-16 for each Portal server.

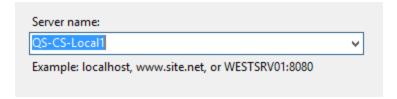
Adding Servers to the main IIS Manager

To add all Portal servers to the IIS Manager in the ARR machines:

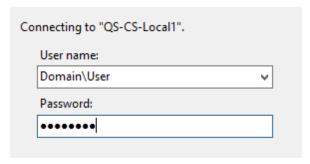
- 1. Click Start > Administrative Tools > IIS Manager.
- 2. On the left side of the IIS Manager window, click the **Connect** icon.



3. Select Connect to a Server.



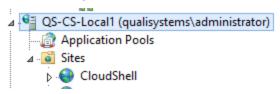
4. In the **Server name** field, specify the remote web server name.



5. If a server certificate alert is displayed, click **Connect**.



6. Specify a name for the server. This name is displayed in the **Start page** tree in the left pane of the IIS Manager.



The server name is now displayed in the **Connection** pane.

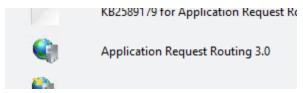
7. Repeat steps 1-6 for each of the Portal machines.

Configuring the ARR server

To Configure the ARR server:

Download and install Microsoft Web Platform Installer 5.0: http://www.-microsoft.com/web/downloads/platform.aspx

2. Open the Microsoft web platform installer and search for Application Request Routing 3.0.



For more information, see http://blogs.iis.net/roman/archive/2013/07/26/application-request-router-arr-3-0-rtm-is-now-available.aspx

- 3. Click Add > Install.
- 4. Click I accept.

Configuring the Server Farm

To configure the server farm:

1. Open the IIS manager on the ARR server.



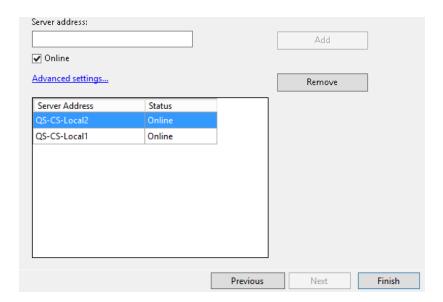
2. Under your local server, right-click Server Farm.



3. Click Create Server Farm.



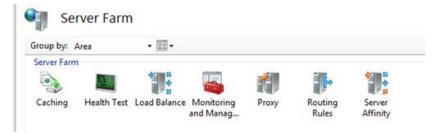
- 4. In the Server farm name text field, enter the Server Farm name, and click Next.
- 5. Add the Portal machines details and click **Finish**.



6. In the Rewrite Rules window, click Yes.



7. To open the **Server Farm** main menu, click on the server farm name.



- 8. Open the Server Affinity section.
- 9. Select the Client affinity option.

10. In the Cookie name field, change the name to "QualiARRAffinity" and click Apply.



10. Return to the Server Farm main menu and click the Load Balance section.

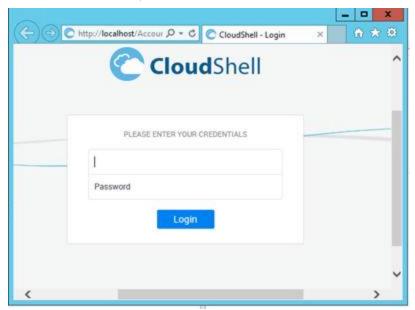
Verifying that the system is up and working

To verify that the system is up and working:

- 1. Open IIS manager and click **Default Web Site** in the ARR server.
- 2. Under the management Website section in the Action pane click Restart.
- 3. Under the Browse Website menu item, click Browse *:80 (http).



A browser opens with the CloudShell login screen (there might be a short delay the first time that this is performed).



4. In the Server Farm Main menu, go to Monitoring and Management.



5. Ensure that all servers have the **Available and Healthy** status.

Alternatives

Load balancing the IIS web servers with MS ARR. There are limitations for using that solution (see Known issues and limitations).

Configuring ARR and IIS to support SSL in an HA scenario

The SSL off-loading approach is used to support SSL in Advanced CloudShell Portal setup.

Before you begin

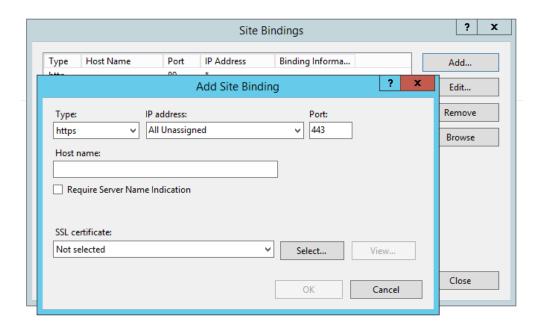
Ensure that:

- · ARR is installed and configure on at least two machines
- The ARR machines are configured in a Load balancing cluster using Load balancing manager
- Load balancing manager is configured to handle traffic from port 443 (SSL)
- CloudShell Portal machines are configured to be used with http binding

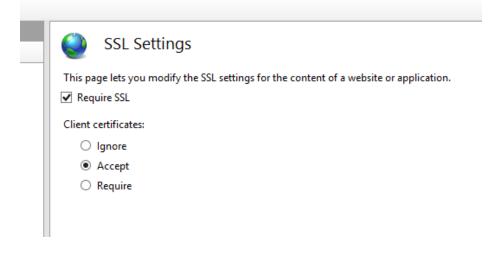
Configuring ARR to support SSL

To configure the ARR to support SSL:

- 1. Open the IIS Manager on the ARR machine.
- 2. Go to the Default Web Site configuration and open the **Bindings**.
- 3. In the **Add Site Binding** window, add a new binding of type **http**, specify the **Host name** and select the relevant **SSL certificate**.



- 4. Click **OK** and close the bindings menu.
- 5. Open the **Default Web Site** configuration and select **SSL Settings**.
- 6. Select the Require SSL checkbox and then select the required Client certificates setting.



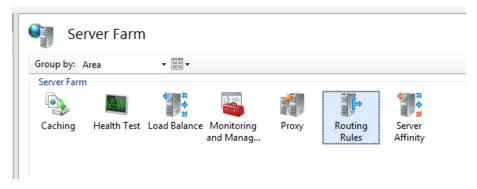
7. Repeat steps 1-6 on all ARR machines.

Configuring ARR to support SSL offloading

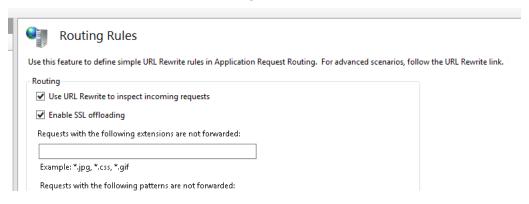
To configure ARR to support SSL offloading:

1. On the ARR machine, open the IIS manager.

2. Open the ARR server farm and double-click Routing Rules.



3. Make sure the **Enable SSL offloading** check box is selected.



4. Repeat steps 1-3 with all the ARR machines.

Recommendations

- Use Centralized SSL Certificate to share the same customer certificate between all ARR machines. For more information, see http://www.iis.net/learn/get-started/whats-new-in-iis-8/iis-80-centralized-ssl-certificate-support-ssl-scalability-and-manageability
- Use IIS Shared Configuration to share the IIS configuration between the servers. For more information, see http://www.iis.net/learn/manage/managing-your-configuration-set-tings/shared-configuration_264
- Use URL rewrite to redirect users from http to https. For more information, see http://www.iis.net/downloads/microsoft/url-rewrite
- Basic ARR configuration information, see http://www.iis.net/learn/extensions/configuring-application-request-routing-application-request-routing-application-request-routing-server-farm.

How to create a cluster in Windows failover manager

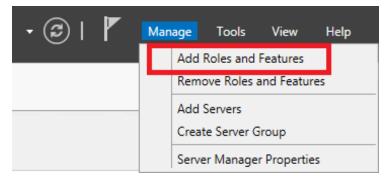
This section provides general instruction on how to configure a cluster with **Failover Cluster Manager**. Creating a cluster is a prerequisite to most of the CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack setups.

Installing the failover cluster feature

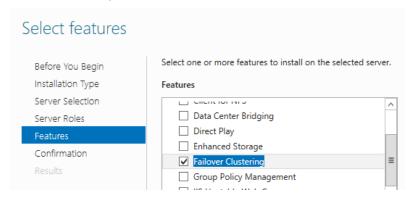
This section describes how to use Windows Server Manager to install a failover cluster.

To install the failover cluster feature:

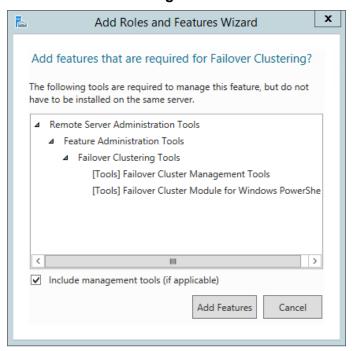
- 1. Click Start > Administrative Tools > Server Manager.
- 2. Click Manage and then select Add Roles and Features.



3. Click **Next** until you reach the **Features** tab.



4. Click Failover Clustering.



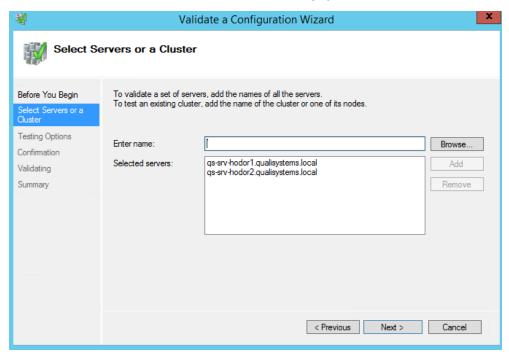
- 5. Click Add Features.
- 6. Click Next, install the feature and close the wizard.

Configuring a new cluster

To configure a new cluster:

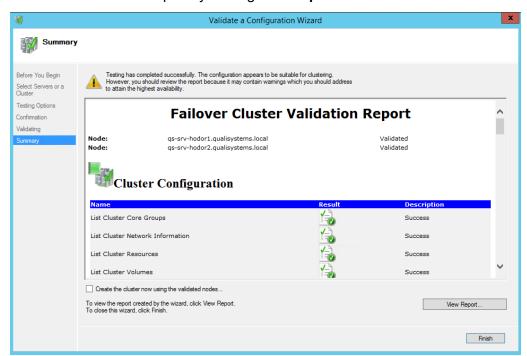
- 1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 2. In the main page, click **Validate configuration**. This opens a wizard that helps testing the cluster configuration and generates a report.
- 3. In the wizard, click Next.

4. Enter the names of the cluster nodes and click **Next**.



- 5. Select Run all tests and click Next.
- 6. Click **Next** to run the tests. This could take a few minutes.

After the tests have run, inspect the resultant report and see if there are errors. Do not consider errors that relate only to the storage section as the CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack does not use shared storage. To help with the examination of the results, you can open



the html version of the report by clicking **View report**Wew Report...

7. Select the Create the cluster now using the validated nodes check-box and click Finish.

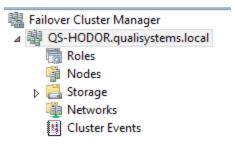
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The Create cluster wizard opens.

- 8. In the first page of the wizard, click **Next**.
- 9. Enter a cluster name. This name is published to the DNS. Click **Next**.
- 10. In the Confirmation page, click Next.
- 11. Click **Next**. The wizard concludes.

The cluster is now configured.

Cluster related information can be seen in the cluster tree in the left pane inside **Failover Cluster Manager**.



Maintenance of the HA solution

This section explains how to upgrade and manage configuration changes on the cluster.

Upgrading the CloudShell HA solution

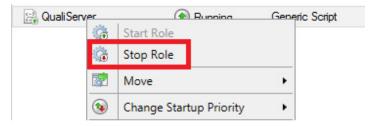
This section describes the required steps to upgrade the Quali server clustering environment to a new version of CloudShell.

Repeat the following procedure for each **Quali Server** node in the Quali server clustering environment.

Note: Do not perform this procedure in parallel. Upgrade each node separately.

To upgrade CloudShell:

- 1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 2. Right-click the Quali Server role and select Stop Role.



When the role stops, a Java process starts.

- In Task Manager, close the java.exe process (do this in all of the nodes in the cluster).
 If more than one Java process is running, the java.exe process that is running from the Quali server folder must be closed.
- 4. Navigate to the following folder:
 - ~Qualisystems\CloudShell\Server\Quicksearch\config
- 5. Make a backup copy of the elasticsearch.yml file and move the backup copy to another folder as this file is overwritten during the upgrade process.
- 6. Download the latest official CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack from the Quali's Download Center.
- 7. Copy the Quali server files to the same folder where the files from the earlier version are saved. Replace old files if needed. When upgrading, use the Quali.vbs file from the new

- version plus the Functions.ps1 file provided in the new CloudShell High Availability Solution Pack.
- 8. Perform the following steps for each node (do not perform this procedure in parallel, upgrade each node separately):
 - a. Install the new version of CloudShell.
 - b. Run the server Quali Server Configuration wizard.
- 9. Stop the **Quali Server** service and then perform the following steps:
 - a. Change the Quali Server service to Manual.
 - b. Copy the backup elasticsearch.yml file to the correct location:
 - ~Qualisystems\CloudShell\Server\Quicksearch\config
- 10. Start the Quali Server service, ensuring that the service starts successfully.
- 11. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 12. Right-click the **Quali Server** node and in the context menu click **Start Role** to start the Cluster Quali Server Role.
- 13. Move the role between all nodes see Moving a WSFC role between nodes.

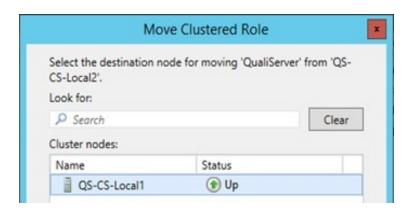
Moving a WSFC role between nodes

To move the role between all nodes:

- 1. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager.
- 2. Right-click **Move** and in the context menu, click **Select Node**.



- 3. Browse to the required node and move the role to it.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all the nodes in the cluster.



Upgrading to a new version of CloudShell (with the latest HA solution pack)

Note: prior to performing this upgrade procedure, make sure you are familiar with CloudShells's installation procedure. For more information see CloudShell suite installation guide downloadable here.

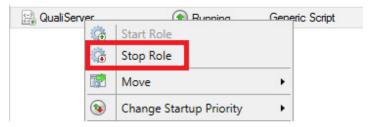
This section describes the required steps to upgrade the Quali server clustering environment to a new version of CloudShell with the latest official HA solution pack.

Repeat the following procedure for each cluster node in the clustered environment.

Note: Do not perform this procedure in parallel. Upgrade each node separately.

To upgrade to a new CloudShell version:

- Stop Quali Server
 - a. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager on the Quali Server cluster.
 - b. Right-click the Quali Server Role and select the option Stop Role



c. In Task Manager, close the java.exe process (do this in all of the nodes in the cluster). If more than one Java process is running, the java.exe process that is running from the Quali server folder must be closed.

- d. Browse to the folder Qualisys
 - tems\CloudShell\Server\Quicksearch\config.
- e. Make a backup copy of the elasticsearch.yml file and move the backup copy to another folder as this file is overwritten during the upgrade process.
- f. Repeat steps c-e for each of the Quali server nodes.
- 2. Stop CloudShell Portal
 - a. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager on the Portal cluster.
 - b. Stop the Portal role.
- 3. Stop the License Server
 - a. Open Windows Failover Cluster Manager on the License Server cluster.
 - b. Stop the License Server role.

Make sure to upgrade each node separately. The following steps should not be performed in parallel to the previous ones.

- 4. Upgrade the License Server:
 - a. Install the new version of CloudShell.
 - b. Configure the license server by running the Configuration Wizard.
 - c. Close all other configuration wizards (if other products installed on this machine).
 - d. Validate License Server is running under Windows' Services.
- 5. Repeat step 4 for each of the License Server nodes.
- 6. Start the License Server Role in Windows Cluster.
- 7. Upgrade Quali Server:
 - a. Install the new version of CloudShell. If the latest version is already installed on all nodes, skip this step.
 - b. Configure the Quali server by running the Configuration Wizard.
 - c. If other products are installed on this machine, close all other configuration wizards.
 - d. Validate Quali Server is running under Windows' Services.
 - e. Stop the Quali Server service and then perform the following steps:
 - i. Change the Quali server service to Manual.
 - ii. Move the backup elasticsearch.yml file to Qualisystems\CloudShell\Server\Quicksearch\config.
 - iii. Make sure that the following key exists in the Server's customer.config file:
 <add key="FtsReplicasShards" value="1"/>

- f. Start the Quali Server service, ensuring that the service starts successfully.
- g. Stop the Quali Server service.
- 8. Repeat step 7 for each of the QualiServer nodes.
- 9. Start the Quali Server Role in Windows Cluster.
- Move the role between all nodes. For further instructions, see <u>Moving a WSFC role between</u> nodes.
- 11. Upgrade CloudShell Portal:
 - a. Install the new version of CloudShell. If the latest version is already installed on all nodes, skip this step.
 - b. Configure the CloudShell portal by running the Configuration Wizard.
 - c. If other products are installed on this machine, close all other configuration wizards.
 - d. Validate portal is accessible using "localhost" address.
- 12. Repeat step 11 for each of the CloudShell Portal nodes.
- 13. Start the CloudShell Portal Role in Windows Cluster.
- Configure all other products in all clusters' nodes (Execution servers, Runtime, Sandbox API etc.)

Known issues and limitations

- CloudShell application warm upgrade is currently not supported.
- The CloudShell BI solution is currently not supported in a high availability setup. It is possible
 to use CloudShell BI with CloudShell High Availability Solution Packs (version 6.3 EA and
 above).
- Where the NLB Manager is connected through a DHCP IP address, the network card must be connected to a static IP address.

Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting topics are discussed in this section.

PowerShell Execution Policy

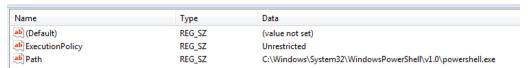
The Quali High Availability solution uses PowerShell code to manage the cluster. To use the solution, ensure that you have Execution Policy on the machine.

If, after starting the Quali Server Role, the role fails with an 'incorrect function' error (this error can be found both in the cluster manager and in the Windows event viewer), run the following steps:

To make sure that the execution policy is unrestricted on the machine:

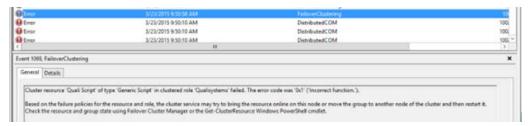
- 1. Open PowerShell using administrator credentials.
- 2. Run the following command: Get-ExecutionPolicy
 - The command should return the result: **Unrestricted**.
- 3. If this result is not received, in PowerShell, run the following command: Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted
- 4. In the registry, make sure that the following key value is valid:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\PowerShell\1\ShellIds\Microsoft.PowerShell



Example

The following image shows an 'incorrect function' error.



Appendix

This appendix contains reference information and a glossary of terms.

References

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Documentation

Additional technical documentation is available in the **Quali's Download Center**.

Operational documentation for all High Availability applications is available by clicking the Help option in any CloudShell application.

For our discussion forums, you can access the Quali Community Forum.

Glossary

Terms used in this guide are described in the following table.

Term	Description
Active-Active	All nodes in the cluster are active. A load balancing algorithm/policy determines the preferred node for a given session. This is a more scalable architecture. However, it is more complex to manage.
Active-Passive	A fully redundant instance of each node is present. The passive node is brought online when its associated primary node fails.
Active- Standby	One node in the cluster is active. The other node is inactive until failover is triggered (warm standby).
AlwaysOn Availability Groups	A high-availability and disaster-recovery solution that provides an enter- prise-level alternative to MSSQL database mirroring.
ARR	Active Request Routing. This is an IIS server native load balancing solution.
ARR Server Farm	A logical group of application servers where HTTP requests are routed based on HTTP inspection rules and load balance algorithm.
Availability databases	A failover environment for a discrete set of user databases (an availability group) that fail over together.
Availability rep- lica	An instantiation of an availability group that is hosted by a specific instance of SQL Server and that maintains a local copy of each availability database that belongs to the availability group.
	Two types of availability replicas exist: a single primary replica and one to four secondary replicas. The server instances that host the availability replicas for a given availability group must reside on different nodes of a single Windows Server Failover Clustering (WSFC) cluster.

Term	Description
NLB	Network Load Balancing. Use the NLB Manager to create and manage NLB clusters from a single computer.
SAN	Storage area network, dedicated network used to enhance storage devices. It is a high-speed network, providing a direct connection between servers and storage, including shared storage, clusters, and disaster-recovery devices.
SPOF	Single Point of Failure.
Warm Upgrade	An administrator is able to upgrade one node of the cluster to a new version of CloudShell (Quali Server) while the other node is active, then fall back to the new node and upgrade the standby without any downtime for the end user.
Windows load balancing man- ager	Windows load balancing manager enables you to create and manage Network Load Balancing (NLB) clusters from a single computer. By centralizing NLB administration tasks, many common configuration errors are eliminated.
WSFC	Windows Server Failover Clustering

Revision History

CloudShell Version	Doc revision number	Description
7.1 EA	4.0	Updated topic: "Upgrading to a new version of CloudShell (with the latest HA solution pack)"
	5.0	Added support of SQL Server 2016 Standard Edition
		Topic "Setting up AlwaysOn availability groups" updated for AlwaysOn users only.
7.1 GA	1.0	Terminology correction: Windows cluster manager replaced with Windows Failover Cluster Manager
	2.0	Updated links to download center and support portal
		Terminology correction: Generic Service role replaced with Gen- eric Script role