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On Sat, Apr 08, 2006 at 06:02:58PM +0000, Jan Tietze wrote:

On Fri, 7 Apr 2006 16:06:42 -0400, "Paul Melson" <pmelson@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The only other firewall vendor I can think of that does (or at least claims to do) load-balancing is Symantec Enterprise Firewall. However, you may also want to look at third-party load-balancing solutions like Radware FireProof or Foundry ServerIron.

StoneSoft StoneGate has really neat clustering with dynamic re-distribution of load etc. They also used to do deliver load balancing solutions for Checkpoint for a long time.

Maybe OpenBSD or FreeBSD is an option – depending on the requirements, of course (pf is also part of FreeBSD):

http://redundancy.org/fbsd_lb.html

<http://www.openbsd.org/faq/pf/pools.html>

Mind you, I have never used these setups myself (although I am tempted to try). Currently we use a single firewall with 3 quad-DC-cards (and a backup-system as cold standby).

Depending on the applications (haven't read this thread) separate load-balancers (eg for web applications) exist, eg <http://www.apsis.ch/pound/> (yymm)

Regards,
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