

Load Balancing 6310-DX, 6330-MX, and 6350-SR



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Difficulty level: Easy

Goal

To configure additional WAN interfaces on the 63xx-series router in tandem with its primary WAN uplink such that all interfaces share the network load for Internet connectivity.



NOTE: The cellular plug-in module is available as a WAN interface by default, though additional interfaces can be configured. For more information please refer to the configuration example for *Dual WAN Ethernet Ports*.

Setup

This article assumes the LAN ports are operating under default settings, which provide DHCP connectivity to devices connected to the 63xx-series router's LAN ports. For more details on the default settings of the 6350-SR, see the <u>Default Settings</u> section of the User Manual.

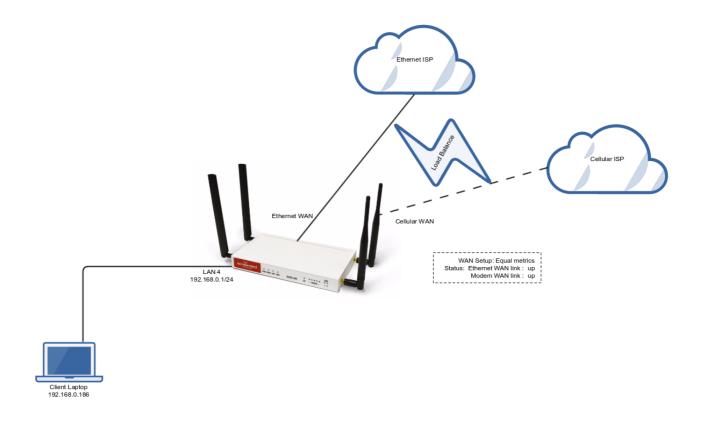
For this setup, you will need the 63xx-series router with both a primary WAN Ethernet connection and a secondary means of WAN access.

Sample

The sample configuration below shows a 6350-SR with two Internet connections: a cellular-based WAN connection through the 6350-SR's modem, and a broadband-based WAN connection through the 6350-SR's WAN Ethernet port. Both WAN interfaces will be utilized equally, sharing 50% of the WAN network traffic.

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Sample Configuration

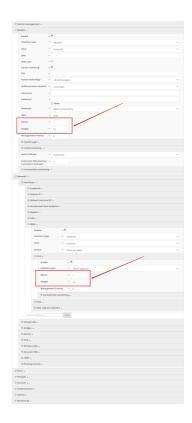
Open the configuration profile for the 63xx-series router and make the following changes.

- 1. In the *Modem -> Metric* entry, ensure the value is set to the same number set in the *Network -> Interfaces -> WAN -> IPv4 -> Metric* setting.
- 2. In the *Modem -> Weight* entry, ensure the value is set to the same number set in the *Network -> Interfaces -> WAN -> IPv4 -> Weight* setting. This will set a 1:1 ratio between the two WAN interfaces, so each interface is handling 50% of the WAN network traffic.

NOTE: The *weight* setting can be adjusted if you prefer to weigh the WAN traffic differently. For example, if you instead want 75% of the WAN traffic to go through the Ethernet WAN interface, and only 25% to go through the cellular modem's WAN interface (i.e. a 1:4 ratio), you would set the weight of the *Modem* interface to 3 and the weight of the *WAN -> IPv4* interface to 12 (or any 1:4 ratio of numbers, such as 1 and 4, or 2 and 8).

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