Software Load Balancing for Azure VMware® Solution

Multiple Application Environments Increase Complexity
Workloads now span on-premises and cloud environments, which significantly increases complexity for IT teams. For example, application networking functions that are effective in the data center don’t work in the cloud, and cloud provider solutions don’t work in the data center. Enterprises need to seamlessly integrate infrastructure environments to enable better workload portability and create consistent delivery of application and networking services across on-premises data centers and the cloud.

Avi Networks, now part of VMware, provides a next-generation application delivery fabric - VMware NSX® Advanced Load Balancer™ that spans on-premises and cloud environments. The centrally managed solution consists of a Software Load Balancer and Intelligent Web Application Firewall (iWAF) that provides automation, analytics, and security for all applications across hybrid environments.

Unify workloads in the data center and in the cloud

NSX Advanced Load Balancer + Azure VMware Solution = Speed and Simplicity
Azure VMware Solution enables customers to run, manage and secure applications in a production-ready, simple, and consistent hybrid IT environment. The service enables organizations to continue using existing VMware tools to manage Azure VMware Solution environments without having to purchase custom hardware, rewrite applications, or modify their operating model. With access to the broad range of Azure services, and the functionality, elasticity, and security customers have come to expect from the Azure Cloud, the service lays the foundation to run, manage and secure production applications across vSphere®-based private, public and hybrid cloud environments with access to innovative Azure services.

Azure VMware Solution Key Benefits
Azure VMware Solution is an Azure service built with VMware that delivers a vSphere-based, single-tenant, dedicated cloud on Azure. VMware workloads run on bare metal hardware in Azure data centers. Customers can stand up a native VMware environment instantly and quickly gain access to their VM resources. Microsoft operates and supports the environment, and all the necessary networking, storage, and management services.

Azure VMware Solution is ideal for customers who want/need to:

- Exit their existing datacenter while maintaining operational consistency for VMware environments.
- Protect on-premises VMware environments with BC/DR in Azure.
- Accelerate migration of their VMware-based workloads to Azure.
- Add agility to their on-premises VMware vSphere-based environments by extending them to Azure.
- Pragmatically modernize VMware-based applications with Azure services at their own pace.
- Take advantage of licensing and extended support in the cloud for existing on-premises Windows Server and SQL Server.
Elastic, Automated, and Analytics-Driven Application Delivery Across VMware and Azure VMware Solution

Avi Networks is a 100% software application delivery solution that runs across containers, virtual machines, and bare metal—on-premises and in the cloud. The platform provides elastic L4-L7 load balancing as well as detailed analytics for the application, infrastructure, and end-users. By separating the data and control plane, Avi Networks can provide centralized management and consistent operations across hybrid cloud environments and is ideal for enterprises with cloud migration and hybrid cloud initiatives.

Avi for Azure VMware Solution addresses two use cases:

**App Migration - Enterprise-Class Elastic Load Balancing for Azure VMware Solution**

Enterprise-class Elastic L4-L7 Load Balancing for workloads in Azure VMware Solution provides a cloud-native experience but with a powerful enterprise-class app delivery feature set across availability, security, and real-time application performance monitoring.

**Hybrid-Cloud Load Balancing for Data Center Extension**

Extend consistent operations across on-premises VMware based workloads and Azure VMware Solution, with ability to scale workloads in either environment using Avi’s GSLB and Elastic LB capabilities.

Enhanced Security with Intelligent Web Application Firewall

Avi iWAF can help enhance application security further, so that the rules can be managed and monitored from a central location. With iWAF, Avi provides simple way to enable a web application firewall with both machine learning based application security as well as pre-canned OWASP ruleset, that can be customized further to suit application needs.