

# How to Configure Inbound Port Forwarding?

Inbound port forwarding, also known as Inbound Access, allows application servers such as web and mail servers hosted on the LAN side become accessible from the Internet.

Two configuration scenarios are available for the inbound port forwarding. Please follow the respective configuration information depending on:

- Inbound Port Forwarding in Drop-In Mode
- Inbound Port Forwarding in NAT Mode



## Inbound Port Forwarding in Drop-In Mode

When there is a firewall placed on the LAN side of the Peplink Balance, the inbound traffic should be forwarded to the firewall, not the LAN itself.

The firewall located on the LAN side of Peplink should already have Inbound port forwarding configured to translate the inbound traffic as follows:

• Destination IP 210.10.10.10 on TCP port 80 (secondary IP on firewall) will be translated to 192.168.1.10 on TCP port 80

In Drop-in Mode, inbound traffic to 210.10.10.10 through WAN1 on Peplink Balance should be passed through without any IP changes. Inbound traffic going through WAN2 or WAN3 should have destination IP translated as follows:

- WAN2: Destination IP 22.2.2.2 on TCP port 80 will be translated to 210.10.10.10 on TCP port 80
- WAN3: Destination IP 33.3.3.2 on TCP port 80 will be translated to 210.10.10.10 on TCP port 80





### Configuring Inbound Port Forwarding in Drop-In Mode

To setup inbound port forwarding on the Web Admin Interface, go to *Network > Inbound Access > Servers*, click on Add Server to define a new server.

Server Name	IP Address	2	
Web Server	210.10.10.10	Delete	
Add Server			

Go to Network > Inbound Access > Services, click on Add Service to create new service records.

Enable	Yes O No		
Service Name *	HTTP_TCP_PORT_80		
IP Protocol 🤇	ТСР 💽 🗲 НТТР	Select Protocol	
Port ?	Single Port -	Service Port: 80	
Inbound IP Address(es) * (? (Require at least one IP address)	Connection / IP Addr	ress(es)	
	WAN2	22.2.2.2 (Interface IP)	
		Select WAN(s) and IP(s) that should listen for inbound traffic	
	WAN3	☑ 33.3.3.2 (Interface IP)	
Included Server(s) *	Server	Select server	
(Require at least one Server)	Web_Server (210.10	0.10.10) Weight 1	
* Required Fields			

Click Save and Apply Changes to activate settings.

Service	IP Address(es)	Server	Protocol	Action
HTTP TCP PORT 80	WAN2: Interface IP WAN3: Interface IP	Web_Server (210.10.10.10)	TCP:80	Delete
Add Service				

With these new settings, the inbound traffic for a specific protocol from a selected WAN(s) will be forwarded to the destination. If more than one server is selected under **Included Server(s)**, Peplink Balance will distribute the requests to servers according to the assigned weight.



### **Inbound Port Forwarding in NAT Mode**

Inbound traffic going through WAN1, WAN2 or WAN3 should be port forwarded to the LAN directly and have destination IP translated as follows:

- WAN1: Destination IP 210.10.10.2 on TCP port 80 will be translated to 192.168.1.10 on TCP port 80
- WAN2: Destination IP 22.2.2.2 on TCP port 80 will be translated to 192.168.1.10 on TCP port 80
- WAN3: Destination IP 33.3.3.2 on TCP port 80 will be translated to 192.168.1.10 on TCP port 80



### **Configuring Inbound Port Forwarding in NAT Mode**

To set up inbound port forwarding on the Web Admin Interface, go to *Network > Inbound Access > Servers*, click on Add Server to define a new server.

Server Name	IP Address	?
Web Server	192.168.1.10	Delete
	Add Server	

Go to Network > Inbound Access > Services, click on Add Service to add new service records.



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Enable	• Yes O No		
Service Name *	HTTP_TCP_PORT_80		
IP Protocol 🥝	ТСР 🗨 🗲 НТТР	Select Protocol	
Port 🕜	Single Port   Ser	vice Port: 80	
Inbound IP Address(es) * ?	Connection / IP Address(es)	All	
address)	WAN1	☑ 210.10.10.2 (Interface IP)	
	WAN2	22 2 2 2 (Interface IP)	
		E 22.2.2.2 (Interface IP)	
	Select WAN(s) and IP(s) that should listen for inbound traffic		
	WAN3	33.3.3.2 (Interface IP)	
Included Server(s) *	Server	Select server	
(Require at least one betver)	Web_Server (192.168.1.10)	Weight 1 🔹	
* Required Fields			
Save Cancel			

Click Save and Apply Changes to activate settings.

Service	IP Address(es)	Server	Protocol	Action
<u>HTTP TCP PORT 80</u>	WAN1: Interface IP WAN2: Interface IP WAN3: Interface IP	Web_Server (192.168.1.10)	TCP:80	Delete
Add Service				

With these new settings, the inbound traffic for a specific protocol from a selected WAN(s) will be forwarded to the destination. If more than one server is selected under **Included Server(s)**, Peplink Balance will distribute the requests to servers according to the assigned weight.

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