

NAME

gxa-setup is a *HOWTO* manual to set up GigA+ on a single (non-balanced) server.

SYNOPSIS

This document provides an example of the steps needed to install and configure **GigA+** on a single server, without data replication or load balancing involved.

INSTALLATION and REMOVAL

GigA+ is installed on **Linux** from either a *.deb* package or an *.rpm*, depending on the target distribution. On **FreeBSD**, the installation is done from a compressed *tar* archive.

Installing (removing) from RPM

The initial file for an RPM installation is a *tarball* archive that one uploads to the destination server. Once copied, the contents of the archive must be extracted: there'll be an RPM and a shell script inside. The script is invoked (with admin privileges) given the name of the *rpm* as a parameter.

Here's an example of how it's done:

```
tar -xvf gigaplus-0.1-2.2.x86_64.tar
gigaplus-0.1-2.2.x86_64.rpm
install-gigaplus-rpm.sh

sudo ./install-gigaplus-rpm.sh gigaplus-0.1-2.2.x86_64.rpm
```

The installation script will install the necessary repositories and packages, invoking **yum(8)** in the process. To uninstall, one must invoke **yum(8)** manually, as in

```
sudo yum remove gigaplus
```

Installing (removing) from DEB

For a Debian-compliant install the GigA+ *tarball* archive contains a *.deb* package and **install-deb.sh** script. To install, one simply runs the script with the path to the *.deb* as a parameter. The underlying call to **apt-get(8)** takes care of the dependencies. Uninstall would be performed with **apt-get** as well. Here are the relevant examples:

```
sudo ./install-deb.sh gigaplus.deb
~/tmp$ sudo ./install-deb.sh gigaplus.deb
Selecting previously unselected package gigaplus.
(Reading database ... 88467 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack gigaplus.deb ...
```

```

Unpacking gigaplus (1.5-7.4) ...
Setting up gigaplus (1.5-7.4) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.6.7.1-1ubuntu1) ...
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 9 not upgraded.

```

To uninstall:

```

~/tmp$ sudo apt-get remove gigaplus
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages will be REMOVED:
  gigaplus
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 1 to remove and 9 not upgraded.
After this operation, 6636 MB disk space will be freed.
Removing gigaplus (1.5-7.4) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.6.7.1-1ubuntu1) ...

```

NB: GigA+ dependencies will **not** be uninstalled automatically. Please use **apt-get autoremove** to purge them.

Installing (removing) on FreeBSD

A *tarball* archive is provided for installation on FreeBSD. Extract it into a separate directory and follow the instructions in the *INSTALL.txt* file. Here's an example:

```

$ ls
INSTALL.txt      Makefile          install-bsd-deps.sh  opt          tarball-setup.sh  usr
$ cat INSTALL.txt
# @(#) installation instructions for Gigaplus (tarball)
#

```

To install Gigaplus, just run at the prompt:

```

    make install - to install into the default location (root-based);
OR

```

PREFIX=/your/cursom/root make install - to install to a custom root location.

To uninstall, do the same but with the 'uninstall' make target:

make uninstall - to uninstall from the default location;

OR

PREFIX=/your/cursom/root make uninstall

 NB: uninstall will attempt to delete all previously installed files,
 but not the directories or any files that you've created there.

__EOF__

\$

\$ sudo make install

Installing GigA+

All dependencies already installed

Done.

\$ type gxws

gxws is /usr/local/bin/gxws

Uninstalling is as simple:

\$ sudo make uninstall

Uninstalling GigA+

Done.

IMPORTANT: the installation script under FreeBSD uses **pkg(8)** system to install dependencies. If ports are to be used instead, please modify the *install-bsd-deps.sh* (part of the archive) accordingly.

NB: GigA+ dependencies will **not** be uninstalled automatically.

LICENSE

A license is required to run GigA+ modules. If we just run a module now, we would see that a valid license is missing.

\$ gxws -V

gxws (Web service) 0.1-1.5 (fea395-bsd) regular [FreeBSD 11.0 FreeBSD (amd64) - 11.0-RELEASE-p1/amd64] (undefined) 6f1662e2/0; built on 2017-07-19

```

==
= ERROR: License not found, please contact support@gigapxy.com ==
==
License validation failed

```

Generate the server key

For a license to be generated, a *server key* is required. Almost every module of GigA+ can generate one using the **-K** option.

```

$ sudo -u gigaplus gxws -K
System key:      [1dbd23e4d70f2ff6662ff30816958087c9800a2d8354a532] (0x188a)

```

NB: Under Linux you can generate key without **sudo(8)** ; however, on FreeBSD you need to use **sudo -u gigaplus** or add your current user to the **kmem** group.

Get and validate the license

Include the server key(s) in the license-request email to support@gigapxy.com. Get a license *tarball* containing *gxa.lic* file – this is your license. Save the license in a safe place and make sure you have a backup copy.

Validating a license is simple: copy *gxa.lic* to a temporary folder and run *gxws -V*:

```

$ uname -svr
FreeBSD 11.0-RELEASE-p1 FreeBSD 11.0-RELEASE-p1 #0 r306420: Thu Sep 29 01:43:23 UTC 2016  root@releng2.nyi.freebsd.org:/usr/obj/usr/src/sys/GENERIC
$ gxws -V
gxws (Web service) 0.1-3.2 (gigaplus) regular [FreeBSD 11.0 FreeBSD (amd64) - 11.0-RELEASE-p1/amd64] (2017-12-31) 61671e1f/2253082; built on 2017-08-01

```

In the info string the license expiration date in the round brackets, past the build platform: (2017-12-31). We're good to go until the year's end. Now that we know this license works, we can copy (or link) *gxa.lic* to */etc* (Linux) or */usr/local/etc* (FreeBSD). With the license copied, it can be seen from anywhere on the host.

```

cp gxa.lic /opt/gxa/etc
sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/gxa.lic /usr/local/etc/gxa.lic
pushd /tmp
$ gxws -V
gxws (Web service) 0.1-3.4 (fea454-setup) regular [FreeBSD 11.0 FreeBSD (amd64) - 11.0-RELEASE-p1/amd64] (2017-12-31) c11d899c/2253082; built on 2017-08-02

```

PRE-CONFIGURATION TASKS

There are a few things that should be done before we get to setting up configuration and running GigA+ modules.

Read the documentation

Not **all** of it, of course. But don't go any further until you've read **gigapplus(1)** man page and understood what kind of a setup you need. Do you need HLS? Single- or multi-server setup? Will you use **gxng(1)** as the file server or would you rely on NginX to do the job? It makes sense to get acquainted with the names of **GigA+** modules, for they will keep getting used throughout this manual without any additional hints on their purpose.

Check your source streams

The streams that would become your *channels* need to be accessible on this server, period. So, please check that you can read them. For multicast streams, you can use tools like **multicat(1)** from VideoLAN or **ncl(1)** supplied with GigA+, or any other tool. If you are going to deliver a stream via *HLS*, make sure that it is **HLS-compliant** in codecs and can be analyzed with **ffprobe(1)** utility.

NB: **ffprobe(1)** and **ffmpeg(1)** are *NOT* installed by default, so you might need to install them (as part of **ffmpeg** suite) manually.

Decide on your data storage

If you intend to use *DVR* in your HLS delivery (non-HLS DVR is not available), you might need quite a bit of storage space for video segments. That storage could be all in one logical volume or spread across different (sharded) disks. You need to know all the partitions to be involved. If needed, replace one of the */opt/gxa* (GigA+ data root) directories with a soft link, as in:

```
$ ls -ld /opt/gxa/channel
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 gigapplus gigapplus 16 ÐÑÐ» 20 19:27 /opt/gxa/channel -> /mnt/hd1/channel
```

Adjust ownership on GigA+ data directories

Make sure that ownership/permissions on */opt/gxa* (data root for GigA+) and its subdirectories match your expectations. Initially they are owned by gigapplus:wheel.

```
$ ls -ld /opt/gxa
drwxrwxr-x 8 gigapplus wheel 512 Aug 2 11:53 /opt/gxa/
```

Enable core dumps

Core dumps are essential (to analyze crashes of binary components). Please ensure core dumps are enabled, get generated and go to the directory of your choice in the format of your choosing. Having process id in the core-dump name is a lot of help to whoever works on it later. The following script enables core dumps on Linux:

```
cat corep.sh
```

```
# @(#) Makes sure cores are dumped in a proper format.

core_dir=/opt/gxa/core
[ -d "${core_dir:?}" ] || mkdir -m 777 ${core_dir}

echo '1' > /proc/sys/fs/suid_dumpable
echo '/opt/gxa/core/%e.%p.core' > /proc/sys/kernel/core_pattern

# __EOF__
```

Ensure emails can be sent

Email notifications are sent by at least one GigA+ script, so SMTP should be working on your server. **vsm** uses **mailx(1)** to send email notifications.

SETTING UP CONFIGURATION

There are two default config files supplied with GigA+ package: *gigaplus-default.env* and *gigaplus-default.conf*. Both should be made copies of, edited and then copied to */etc (/usr/local/etc)* as *gigaplus.env* and *gigaplus.conf*. The default config files are initially at */opt/gxa/etc*, their copies are also at */etc (/usr/local/etc)*.

```
cd /opt/gxa/etc
cp gigaplus-default.env gigaplus.env
cp gigaplus-default.conf gigaplus.conf
```

The *.env* config is a small one, but *gigaplus.conf* contains sections for all the GigA+ modules, so we'll be editing it in phases, step by step. In order to understand a section of *gigaplus.conf*, one must read the relevant page(s) of the documentation.

gigaplus.env

This configuration is a shell script used by GigA+ to set global environment variables.

```
$ cat gigaplus.env
# @(#) GigA+ settings for shell scripts
#
# This file is included by GigA+ shell scripts
# to initialize the runtime environment.

# NB: It is YOUR responsibility to set the correct values and
```

```
# uncomment the necessary parameters.

# Root directory for GigA+ data (MANDATORY).
GXA_ROOT=/opt/gxa

# Root directory for channel data (MANDATORY).
GXA_CHANNEL_ROOT=/opt/gxa/channel

# Directory for channel specs.
GXA_SPEC_DIR=/opt/gxa/etc/spec

# Directory for log archives.
# Channel-specific logs reside within channel-named subdirectories,
# others under "${GXA_LOG_ARCHIVE}/common" subdirectory.
#
# Re-define when logs are to be stored on a different volume/partition.
#
GXA_LOG_ARCHIVE=/opt/gxa/log/archive

# Email for the system administrator (to send system reports to).
GXA_ADMIN_EMAIL=

# __EOF__
```

The first thing to do is to set the *GXA_ADMIN_EMAIL* properly. If you skip that no alert emails would be sent when one of your channels goes offline or stops due to another abnormal situation. Please set the address and **make sure** that **mailx** sends emails out and your admin can receive them (emails don't go straight to junk).

Another reason to edit this file is to use a non-standard path. We strongly suggest that you do **not** do that unless absolutely necessary. If, for instance, you decide that your log archives should be on a different partition, just link the default */opt/gxa/log/archive* to it, as in

```
ln -s /big1/log-archive /opt/gxa/log/archive
```

and stay with the default values. **NB**: remember to check the permissions each and every time you create (or link to) a directory.

Once done with editing *gigaplus.env*, make sure it's available as **the** environment file from */etc (/usr/local/etc)*. In order to avoid confusion with many copies of *gigaplus.env*, you might just create a link from */etc (/usr/local/etc)* to it.

```
sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.env /usr/local/etc/gigaplus.env
[gigaplus etc]$ ls -l /etc/gigaplus.env
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 25 "µD½ 29 16:37 /usr/local/etc/gigaplus.env -> /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.env
```

gigaplus.conf: GXWS and GXNG

For this step you must first study **gxws(1)** and **gxng(1)** pages. Without reading them in full, not much could be made sense of here.

In the **ws** the first thing you might want to look at are *network interface* names for the user/admin listeners (set by default to *all* so that you can try the module without any modifications).

HLS is enabled by default (**ws.hls.enabled = true**), set it to *false* if you don't need HLS.

Turn off built-in TPUT stats if you won't be using reports: stats consume CPU and (under much stress) have been known to cause some instability. **ws.tput_stats.enabled = false**.

In this scenario, we'll be using HLS **and** linear streaming but (in in this example) will **not** use the TPUT stats (**ws.tput_stats.enabled = false**).

```
$ sudo gxws -C ./gigaplus.conf
2017-08-02 13:07:07.135342 MSK (INF) GWS Config file=[./gigaplus.conf]
$
$ sudo ps aux | grep gxws
gigaplus 3773  0.0  0.8 14140 4152 - S   13:07   0:00.00 gxws -C ./gigaplus.conf (gxa)
```

```
$ tail -f /opt/gxa/log/gxws.log
```

```
=====
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139158 MSK 3773 (NRM) GWS gxws (Web service) 0.1-3.4 (fea454-setup) regular [FreeBSD 11.0 FreeBSD (amd64) - 11.0-RELEASE-p1/amd64] (
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139171 MSK 3773 (INF) GWS Config read from [./gigaplus.conf]
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139199 MSK 3773 (INF) GWS Runtime pid=3773 uid/gid = 1002/1002 running in [/usr/home/bsl45/tmp]
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139362 MSK 3773 (INF) GWS STARTED listener fd4 for ADMIN requests on lo0:4047; 0 requests pending
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139447 MSK 3773 (INF) GWS STARTED listener fd5 for MODULE requests on /opt/gxa/run/comm.socket;; 0 requests pending
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139469 MSK 3773 (CRI) GWS GWS [pid=3773] is running.
2017-08-02 13:07:07.139730 MSK 3773 (INF) GWS Entering event loop
```

It's fair to note that **gxws** is not (yet) listening for user requests because it's waiting for the first **gxng** to attach. In the scenario where we don't need a **gxng** to process requests (only **gxws** and **NginX**), we could mark a listener as *no_gng = true*.


```
{ alias="int1"; ifc = "all"; port = "5146"; default_af = "inet"; is_safe = true; no_gng = true; }
```

That would cause **gxws** to start listening on *int1* right away.

The **ng** section of the config is rather complex by itself (please do not neglect to read **gxng(1)** manpage thoroughly), but for the immediate purpose (initial setup, not tuning), we change only one thing: **ws.tput_stats.enabled = false**.

NB: if we were to go for an **HLS-only** setup, we could completely disable buffers (**ng.bufd.enabled = false**) and save on memory consumption. Since we'd be using linear streams too, we need the buffers, so **bufd** stays enabled.

We start **gxng** manually to make sure the configuration works:

```
$ sudo gxng -C ./gigaplus.conf
$ ps aux | egrep "gxng|gxws"
gigaplus 6099 0.0 0.8 14140 4152 - I 16:24 0:00.00 gxws -C ./gigaplus.conf (gxa)
gigaplus 6111 0.0 0.9 1128440 4380 - I 16:25 0:00.00 gxng -C ./gigaplus.conf (gxa)

$ tail -f /opt/gxa/log/gxng.log
2017-08-02 16:25:25.033550 MSK 6111 (INF) GNG new_bufd_rec: 0x8014422c0 path=[]: BR15 - fd-1/m(0x83d600000)
2017-08-02 16:25:25.033562 MSK 6111 (INF) GNG new_bufd_rec: 0x801442400 path=[]: BR16 - fd-1/m(0x841600000)
2017-08-02 16:25:25.033850 MSK 6111 (INF) GNG open_domain_client: fd=2 connected to [/opt/gxa/run/comm.socket]
2017-08-02 16:25:25.034177 MSK 6111 (CRI) GNG CONNECTED to WS [/opt/gxa/run/comm.socket], fd=2
2017-08-02 16:25:25.034426 MSK 6111 (CRI) GNG GNG [pid=6111] is running.
2017-08-02 16:25:25.034575 MSK 6111 (INF) GNG Entering event loop

$ sudo kill 6099 6111
```

Now that we know that the configuration works, we make it permanent and start **gxws** and **gxng** from the script:

```
$ sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.conf /usr/local/etc/gigaplus.conf

$ ln -s /usr/local/share/gigaplus/scripts/gxa-requests.sh
$ ./gxa-requests.sh
Usage: ./gxa-requests.sh [--nopm|--killpm] start|stop|status [num]
Where:
  gxpm will NOT launch if --nopm specified at start;
  will NOT stop gxpm unless --killpm specified at stop;
  num = number of (gng) engines to launch [1..64]
```

Set `GXA_DEBUG=1` to see what commands are run.

```
$
$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh --nopm --nopin start 2
[GXWS] is not running.
Starting GXWS ...
Starting GXNG1 ...
Starting GXNG2 ...
Pausing for 1 second(s).
GXWS [6651] STARTED
GXNG [6664] STARTED
GXNG [6678] STARTED
[GXPM] is not running.
$
$ sudo ps aux | egrep 'gxws|gxng' | grep -v egrep
gigapplus 6651 0.0 0.8 14140 4152 - S 17:19 0:00.00 /usr/local/bin/gxws -q -l /opt/gxa/log/gxws.log -p /opt/gxa/run/gxws.pid (gxa)
gigapplus 6664 0.0 0.9 1128440 4380 - S 17:19 0:00.00 /usr/local/bin/gxng -q -l /opt/gxa/log/gxng1.log -p /opt/gxa/run/gxng1.pid (gxa)
gigapplus 6678 0.0 0.9 1128440 4380 - S 17:19 0:00.00 /usr/local/bin/gxng -q -l /opt/gxa/log/gxng2.log -p /opt/gxa/run/gxng2.pid (gxa)
$
$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh stop
GXWS [6651] is running
GXWS [6651] stopped.
$
```

We've used `--nopm not` to start `gxpm`, because we have not configured it yet, and `--nopin` not to assign CPU affinity to `gxngs`, because the test box has just one core.

This configuration is enough for one to start testing linear streaming. Start `gxws` and `gxngs` as above and use `vlc`, `wget` or any other tool with an available multicast group (or a unicast HTTP URL) to see the data flowing. See `gigapplus(1)` for examples of linear-streaming requests. Example of a linear-stream request:

```
$ wget -O /dev/null 'http://192.168.1.112:4046/udp/239.1.2.30:3333'
```

gigapplus.conf: GXPM using GXNG

This part requires one to read `gxpm(1)` page first. Here we edit the `gpm` section of `gigapxy.conf` and test-launch `gxpm`.

`gxng(1)` will be the HTTP server delivering HLS data segments, so we change the `gpm.item_url_prefix`. The prefix will now direct traffic back to `gxws(1)` user listener and the `hls-fra` URL segment specify to `gxws` that this query is for a data segment via `gxng`.

```

$ diff /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.conf /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus-default.conf
206c211
< item_url_prefix = "http://192.168.1.112:4046/hls-fra/";
---
> item_url_prefix = "http://acme.tv:4046/hls-fra/";

$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh --nopin start 2
[GXWS] is not running.
[GXPM] is not running.
Starting GXPM ...
Starting GXWS ...
Starting GXNG1 ...
Starting GXNG2 ...
Pausing for 1 second(s).
GXWS [6768] STARTED
GXNG [6781] STARTED
GXNG [6794] STARTED
GXPM [6760] STARTED
GXNG [6794] is running

```

SETTING UP HLS CHANNELS

This chapter requires that you study and understand the **vsm(1)**, **vsm-scripts(1)** and **gxseg(1)** pages, on top of all the prior reading requirements. You may also consider reading **wux(1)** page (not a must).

Launching a simple multicast-based channel (that requires no trans-coding) would be the first step. The chapter concludes with setting up and testing three channels, this would cover both DVR and immediate trans-coding.

A simple channel

An example of a **vsm(1)** channel spec is provided in `/usr/local/share/doc/gigaplus/examples/` (FreeBSD, skip 'local' under Linux). We copy and edit it to suit our needs. Our channel is going to be multicast-based, without much data saved, since it would be serving only *LIVE* HLS requests.

```

$ cp /usr/local/share/doc/gigaplus/examples/vsm-channel.spec spec/cable1.spec
$ vim spec/cable1.spec
$ diff spec/cable1.spec /usr/local/share/doc/gigaplus/examples/vsm-channel.spec
6c6
< cha_ID="cable1"
---
> cha_ID="sample1-hd"

```

```

12c12
< cha_URL="udp://239.1.2.30:33333"
---
> cha_URL="http://acme.tv:4046/udp/239.1.2.30:33333"
18c18
< # cha_PFX="http://localhost:8181/seg/"
---
> cha_PFX="http://localhost:8181/seg/"
23c23
< # cha_SHARDS="vol1:vol2:vol3"
---
> cha_SHARDS="vol1:vol2:vol3"
35c35
< # cha_DURATION=6
---
> cha_DURATION=6
41c41
< # cha_ROLLOVER=3600
---
> cha_ROLLOVER=3600

```

No shards are needed (since we don't keep much data). For temporary segments we assume that the default choice (/tmp) is fine. Automatic roll-overs were disabled: we will schedule roll-overs via **cron**(8) using *force-rollover.sh* script. Segment duration is 6 seconds. Channel-specific prefix is not needed since we have the global **gpm.item_url_prefix** set up in *gigaplus.conf*.

If you already know how much of data each channel would be expected to hold, you should set *cha_LMARK_DISKSIZE* and *cha_HMARK_DISKSIZE* parameters. The second of those is the high threshold that your channel should never over-reach in size. The first one is the minimal amount of data that the channel should accumulate before **hos**(1) considers removing stale data segments.

Before we go further, let's check if the channel's codecs are HLS-compliant. Video: H.264 format and audio in AAC, MP3, AC-3 or EC-3. From **ffprobe**(1) we get HLS-compliant A/V specs:

```

Stream #0:0[0x100]: Video: h264 (High) ([27][0][0][0] / 0x001B), yuv420p(progressive), 1280x640 [SAR 1:1 DAR 2:1], 23.98 fps, 23.98 tbr, 90k tbn, 47.95 tbc
Stream #0:1[0x101](eng): Audio: ac3 ([129][0][0][0] / 0x0081), 48000 Hz, 5.1(side), fltp, 448 kb/s

```

A directory must be created for the channel. There **vsm** will store data segments as well as channel meta-data, such as manifests, pidfiles, channel-specific logs, etc.

```
$ sudo -u gigaplus mkdir -m 775 -p /opt/gxa/channel/cable1
```

```
$ ls -ld /opt/gxa/channel/cable1
drwxrwxr-x 2 gigaplus wheel 512 Aug 2 22:46 /opt/gxa/channel/cable1/
$
$ vsm
vsm (GigA+ Video stream manager) 0.1.3-8
Usage: /usr/local/bin/vsm [-l logfile] specfile [gxseg-options]
$
```

First we start **vsm(1)** without the log to see if the spec works.

```
$ sudo -u gigaplus vsm spec/cable1.spec
2017-08-04 MSK 11:30:47 vsm 17801 START vsm 0.1.3-15-.: /usr/local/bin/vsm specs/cable1.spec
2017-08-04 MSK 11:30:47 vsm 17801 Re-loading spec=specs/cable1.spec
2017-08-04 MSK 11:30:47 vsm 17801 Set /opt/gxa/channel/cable1/vsm.pid with vsm(17801)
2017-08-04 MSK 11:30:57 vsm 17801 Launched cable1/udp://239.1.2.30:3333
2017-08-04 MSK 11:30:57 vsm 17801 Waiting for gxseg(17868)
1501835465: >> SEGMENT: cable1/20170804-11/64728487.ts 1501835457 8.300000 3957964 0 64728487
1501835470: >> SEGMENT: cable1/20170804-11/65475487.ts 1501835465 5.214000 2478780 0 65475487
1501835477: >> SEGMENT: cable1/20170804-11/65944747.ts 1501835470 6.798000 3314252 0 65944747
1501835483: >> SEGMENT: cable1/20170804-11/66556567.ts 1501835477 5.505000 2890876 0 66556567
```

The bottom lines (after *Waiting for gxseg(17868)*) are the STDOUT from the channel-bound **gxseg**. They lines contain meta-data sent to **gxpm(1)** via **wux(1)** utility. For the immediate purpose they indicate that the stream is being segmented – the spec is operational.

Next, we want to be able to manage (start|stop|status) this channel via the control script: **gxa-channels.sh**. For that, we first need to copy out spec to */opt/gxa/etc/spec*, where it would be seen by the script. Then we can check for the channel's status/uptime, start and stop it.

```
$ cp specs/cable1.spec /opt/gxa/etc/spec/
$ ln -s /usr/local/share/gigaplus/scripts/gxa-channels.sh
$ ./gxa-channels.sh
Usage: ./gxa-channels.sh [--nopm] [--pause N] start|stop|status|shutdown [{channel}]|all]
```

Options:

- nopm = do NOT attempt to start/stop gxpm.
- pause = wait N [5] seconds before checking on channels after start.

Note:

shutdown mode needs no parameters, it will stop all channels and gxpm.

GigA+ channel launch script (feel free to modify).

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\$

\$./gxa-channels.sh --nopm status

gxpm [17158] is running

Channels:

cable1: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:06m:23s

\$

\$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh --nopm stop

gxpm [17158] is running

Channels:

cable1: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:06m:53s

Stopping all

cable1 stopped (pid=17958)

One second...

gxpm [17158] is running

Channels:

cable1: (OFF) - stale pidfile (17958) removed

\$

Channel with noncompliant audio

Moving on to a more complex case, another source. We will use **ffprobe**(1) (again) to check whether the source stream is HLS-compliant.

Stream #0:0[0xcd]: Video: h264 (High) ([27][0][0][0] / 0x001B), yuv420p(tv, bt470bg, top first), 720x576 [SAR 12:11 DAR 15:11], 25 fps, 50 tbr, 90k tbn, 50 tbc

Stream #0:1[0x131](rus): Audio: mp2 ([4][0][0][0] / 0x0004), 48000 Hz, stereo, s16p, 192 kb/s

As we see, audio is **mp2** – noncompliant. NOTE: it does not mean that **all** players would not play the stream back, but some definitely will reject it. Before you decide to transcode, check if you may **NOT** require trans-coding for your particular players. If you do opt to transcode, read on.

Unlike video, audio is (relatively) easy to trans-code on the fly, and that's what we'll do by adding a transcoding task to the spec. First we test though:

```
$ ffmpeg -re -i http://acme.tv:4404/champ2 -map 0:0 -map 0:1 -vcodec copy -c:a aac -map_metadata 0:p:0 -f mpegts transcoded.ts
$ ffprobe transcoded.ts
  Stream #0:0[0x100]: Video: h264 (High) ([27][0][0][0] / 0x001B), yuv420p(tv, bt470bg, top first), 720x576 [SAR 12:11 DAR 15:11], 25 fps, 50 tbr, 90k tbn, 50 tbc
  Stream #0:1[0x101](rus): Audio: aac (LC) ([15][0][0][0] / 0x000F), 48000 Hz, stereo, fltp, 133 kb/s
```

The **ffmpeg** options we supplied keeps video AS-IS and trans-codes audio to AAC. Our transcoding task will look as below:

```
# Transcode to AAC audio.
cha_TRANSOPT="--map 0:0 -map 0:1 -vcodec copy -c:a aac"
```

As we test-run the channel, we verify that our audio is now AAC:

```
ffmpeg -loglevel quiet -i http://acme.tv:4404/champ2 -map 0:0 -map 0:1 -vcodec copy -c:a aac -map_metadata 0:p:0 -f mpegts - | gxseg -N champ2 --source pipe:

$ ffprobe /opt/gxa/channel/champ2/20170804-14/14910240.ts
  Stream #0:0[0x100]: Video: h264 (High) ([27][0][0][0] / 0x001B), yuv420p(tv, bt470bg, top first), 720x576 [SAR 12:11 DAR 15:11], 25 fps, 50 tbr, 90k tbn, 50 tbc
  Stream #0:1[0x101](rus): Audio: aac (LC) ([15][0][0][0] / 0x000F), 48000 Hz, stereo, fltp, 126 kb/s
```

NOTE: Sometimes a channel would start manually but not the first time from the *gxa-channels.sh* script. The first clue would be the *vsm.log* found at the channel root (in this case *–/opt/gxa/channel/champ2/vsm.log*). From there, it may take one to a **gxseg** log, in the same directory. With plenty of warnings there like below:

```
2017-08-04 14:21:41.051865 MSK 18826 app_run: WARNING: stream[1] no PTS/DTS provided, PTS/DTS=-9223372036854775808/-9223372036854775808
```

it would make sense just to re-try the launch:

```
$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh start champ2
gxpm [17158] is running
appending output to nohup.out
champ2 [18904] is running
Pausing for [5] seconds..
gxpm [17158] is running
```

```
Channels:
champ2: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:00m:06s
$
$ ./gxa-channels.sh status
gxpm [17158] is running
```

```
Channels:
cable1: (OFF)
champ2: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:09m:42s
$
```

Meanwhile, **gxpm** rotates the stale segments (beyond our 600-second window), as we see from the log:

```
2017-08-04 14:36:12.328090 MSK 17158 (INF) GPM apply_src_changes: retiring [champ2/20170804-14/732720.ts] (m1) 6.440000 sec, new-total=594.520003 sec
2017-08-04 14:36:12.328097 MSK 17158 (INF) GPM recycle_segfile: removing [/opt/gxa/channel/champ2/20170804-14/232320.ts]
```

DVR channel with disk shards

The next steps would be to set up a long-term DVR channel – **news3**. The channel will hold a lot of data, this means that we'd need more space for its segments than for the two previous channels. We will spread the segments of the new channels across three large disks mounted to */opt/disk1*, */opt/disk2* and */opt/disk3*. The structure of */opt/gxa/channel* directory will look as below:

```
$ ls -l
total 12
drwxrwxr-x 3 gigaplus wheel 512 Aug 4 17:23 cable1
drwxr-xr-x 3 gigaplus wheel 512 Aug 4 17:04 champ2
lrwxr-xr-x 1 gigaplus wheel 10 Aug 4 17:45 disk1 -> /opt/disk1
lrwxr-xr-x 1 gigaplus wheel 10 Aug 4 17:45 disk2 -> /opt/disk2
lrwxr-xr-x 1 gigaplus wheel 10 Aug 4 17:45 disk3 -> /opt/disk3
drwxr-xr-x 2 gigaplus wheel 512 Aug 4 17:46 news3
$ ls -l disk1/
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 2 gigaplus wheel 512 Aug 4 17:46 news3
$
```

The top-level *news3* subdirectory will hold meta-data, the *news3* subdirectories under *disk1..disk3* will hold data segments. The channel will hold 24 hours, i.e. 86400 seconds of data. The relevant changes in the spec would be:

```
cha_SHARDS="disk1:disk2:disk3"
cha_CAPACITY=86400
```

As we test-run *news3*, we can see how data segments are spread:

```
1501858803: >> SEGMENT: disk1/news3/20170804-18/7820397290.ts 1501858802 5.000000 1664364 0 7820397290
2017-08-04 MSK 18:00:03 vsm 2256 base gxseg(2304) is running, playlist=/opt/gxa/channel/news3/gxseg0-news3.m3u8
```



```

2017-08-04 MSK 18:00:03 vsm 2256 Launched news3/http://enc14.4net.tv:4046/udp/239.222.55.102:5000
2017-08-04 MSK 18:00:03 vsm 2256 Waiting for gxseg(2304)
1501858808: >> SEGMENT: disk2/news3/20170804-18/7820847290.ts 1501858803 5.000000 1706852 0 7820847290
1501858813: >> SEGMENT: disk3/news3/20170804-18/7821297290.ts 1501858808 5.000000 1658160 0 7821297290
1501858818: >> SEGMENT: disk1/news3/20170804-18/7821747290.ts 1501858813 5.000000 1675644 0 7821747290
1501858823: >> SEGMENT: disk2/news3/20170804-18/7822197290.ts 1501858818 5.000000 1700648 0 7822197290
1501858828: >> SEGMENT: disk3/news3/20170804-18/7822647290.ts 1501858823 5.000000 1604768 0 7822647290
1501858833: >> SEGMENT: disk1/news3/20170804-18/7823097290.ts 1501858828 5.000000 1758176 0 7823097290
----
$ ls /opt/disk1/news3/20170804-18/
7820397290.ts 7821747290.ts 7823097290.ts 7824447290.ts 7825797290.ts
$

```

We start *news3* in the regular fashion now:

```

$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh start news3
gxp [1902] is running
appending output to nohup.out
news3 [2410] is running
Pausing for [5] seconds..
gxp [1902] is running

```

Channels:

```
news3: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:00m:06s
```

Setting up for 24/7 service

Reading material for this section is **vsm-scripts(5)** page from GigA+ and the **crontab(8)** page from the system documentation. For reference on spec parameters, please consider re-reading **vsm(1)** documentation.

The first thing we do is: we add (uncomment) **cha_ADMIN_EMAIL** parameter in all our specs and set it to a valid email of a dedicated tech-support person.

The next thing to consider is **scheduling rollovers**. From prior experience, a rollover should happen at least once per day. Things *scan* (potentially) go wrong during a rollover, so it should not be done at the busy hours. Neither should it be at an hour when a failure would be unnoticed – it's truly your call when it should happen. For this example I picked the time close to **5 am** for rollovers on the three channels we've set up.

Another consideration is **NOT** to roll over **all channels at once**. Should rollovers fail on more than one channel, nobody wants to handle it all at once. But scheduling is truly your call.

Log rotation for **vsm** and **gxseg** is next. **hos** script will do that (see **vsm-scripts(5)** for proper options). For each channel we create (set up) a log–archive directory under `/opt/gxa/log`: `archive/channel1`, `archive/champ2`, etc. Of course, those directories could be just links to another partition/storage, if needed (would make sense to keep archives on a slower medium than segment files and meta–data).

hos also does segment rotation. **gxpm** handles rotation only when a channel is *ONLINE*, so **hos** is needed for the (inevitable) cases when a channel goes *OFFLINE* and **gxsm** no longer remembers the segments left behind. **hos** is a safety belt, in a way. We want to schedule at least one run of it that would rotate *vsm.log*. We also schedule a status report that would alert us if any channels are offline. A channel that is **supposed** to be of fine should have a *SUSPEND* file in its root directory, as in `/opt/gxa/channel/champ2/SUSPEND`.

The crontab now looks like below:

```
$ sudo -u gigaplus crontab -l
PATH=/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/local/sbin
SHELL=/usr/local/bin/bash
#
# CABLE1
#
# Hourly hos(1).
34 * * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --sysrep cable1
# Daily hos(1) to rotate vsm log.
20 2 * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --sysrep -L cable1
# Roll-over
30 0 * * * /opt/gxa/scripts/force-rollover.sh /opt/gxa/channel/cable1
#
# CHAMP2
#
# Hourly hos(1).
12 * * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --sysrep champ2
# Daily hos(1) to rotate vsm log.
45 2 * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --sysrep -L champ2
# Roll-over
40 0 * * * /opt/gxa/scripts/force-rollover.sh /opt/gxa/channel/champ2
#
# NEWS3
#
# Hourly hos(1).
05 * * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --sysrep news3
```

```

# Daily hos(1) to rotate vsm log.
57 2 * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --sysrep -L news3
# Roll-over
20 0 * * * /opt/gxa/scripts/force-rollover.sh /opt/gxa/channel/news3
##
# COMMON
##
# Hourly alert:
36 * * * * /opt/gxa/scripts/gxa-channels.sh --alert status
40 * * * * /usr/local/bin/hos --common --sysrep any
#
# END OF TABLE

```

NB: having *PATH* and *SHELL* assignments is **crucial** for cron jobs' work under **FreeBSD**. **hos** relies on finding **bash**(1) via **env**(1) which is impossible from **cron**(8) environment without the pre-set *PATH*. Do note that under Linux **bash** is NOT under */usr/local*.

Once you've set up the **crontable**(8) , do make sure you've seen your jobs run before you leave the system be. Go to a mail client (like **alpine**(1)) and check your email from cron jobs. Make sure to invoke the mail client under **gigaplus** user as in:

```
$ sudo -u gigaplus alpine
```

We start all channels with the **gxa-channels.sh** script now.

```

[bsl45@wi-fbsd11 ~/tmp]$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh start
gxp [1902] is running
appending output to nohup.out
cable1 [3554] is running
appending output to nohup.out
champ2 [3645] is running
appending output to nohup.out
news3 [3732] is running
Pausing for [5] seconds..
gxp [1902] is running

```

Channels:

```

cable1: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:00m:07s
champ2: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:00m:06s
news3: (ON) uptime: 00d 00h:00m:06s

```

```
$
```

Playback: testing the whole chain

We start **gxws**, **gxng** using the control script:

```
$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh --nopin start
Password:
[GXWS] is not running.
GXPM [18474] is running
Starting GXWS ...
Starting GXNG1 ...
Pausing for 1 second(s).
GXWS [19155] STARTED
GXNG [19167] STARTED
GXPM [18474] STARTED
$
$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh status
GXPM [18474] is running
GXWS [19155] is running
GXNG [19167] is running
$
```

Requesting non-HLS channel from **gxws**:

```
$ wget -O /dev/null 'http://192.168.1.112:4046/udp/239.1.2.30:3333'
--2017-08-09 18:40:01-- http://192.168.1.112:4046/udp/239.1.2.30:3333
Connecting to 192.168.1.112:4046... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: /dev/null
```

```
[          <=>          ] 9Â 839Â 276 652KB/s ^
```

Using the same URL with **vlc** or another player should result in the playback of the unicast-relayed channel.

Playing back an HLS channel:

```
$ cvlc -vvv http://192.168.1.112:4046/hls-m3u/champ2/playlist.m3u8
```

```
[00007f25a0c03df8] httplive stream debug: updating hls stream (program-id=0, bandwidth=0) has 6 segments
[00007f25a0c03df8] httplive stream debug: - segment 85 appended
[00007f25a0c03df8] httplive stream debug: - segments new max duration 4
[00007f25a0c03df8] httplive stream debug: - segment 86 appended
[00007f25a0c03df8] httplive stream debug: - segments new max duration 4
[00007f25a0c03df8] core stream debug: creating access 'http' location='192.168.1.112:4046/hls-fra/champ2/20170810-13/41849760.ts', path='(null)'
[00007f259c000958] core access debug: looking for access module matching "http": 25 candidates
[00007f259c000958] http access debug: querying proxy for http://192.168.1.112:4046/hls-fra/champ2/20170810-13/41849760.ts
[00007f259c000958] http access debug: no proxy
[00007f259c000958] http access debug: http: server='192.168.1.112' port=4046 file='/hls-fra/champ2/20170810-13/41849760.ts'
[00007f259c000958] core access debug: net: connecting to 192.168.1.112 port 4046
[00007f259c000958] core access debug: connection succeeded (socket = 12)
[00007f259c000958] http access debug: protocol 'HTTP' answer code 200
[00007f259c000958] http access debug: Server: gxws/0.1-3.24 (fea454-setup)
[00007f259c000958] http access debug: Content-Type: video/MP2T
```

This concludes the single-server setup for GigA+. Steps involving multi-server load-balanced setup procedure are given in the **gxa-lb-setup(5)** page of the documentation.

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SEE ALSO

gigaplus(1), gxng(1), gxpm(1), vsm(1), vsm-scripts(1), gxseg(1), ncl(1), multicat(1), ffprobe(1), mailx(1)

NAME

gxa-lb-setup is a *HOWTO* manual to set up GigA+ on one central-point (CP) server with $N \geq 1$ additional load-balancing nodes (LBNs).

SYNOPSIS

This document provides an example of the steps needed to set up **GigA+** on a central-point (CP1) server, with data replication covering multiple ($N \geq 1$) load-balancing nodes. The manual will be specific to **HLS-only** setup, without linear-stream delivery, and with **nginx(1)** third-party HTTP server used both for segment delivery (instead of **gxng(1)**) and as the load-balancing gateway (or *router*).

INSTALLATION and REMOVAL

These steps should be re-traced from **gxa-setup(5)** page, they won't differ since the package is the same. All functionality already covered by the non-balanced setup manual will be skipped.

Our **CP1** server is going to be running **Ubuntu 14.04 LTS** (only for the sake of example).

SETUP of request handlers

The first steps would be to set up **gxws(1)** to work without **gxng(1)** modules and then **nginx(1)** as the webserver for the segment files.

gxws setup

The initial alterations are, as usual, for the concrete network interfaces, so we change **all** as the interface name to *eth0*. Another thing to do is to mark the user interface as one not requiring a **gxng(1)** component. This is done in **gigaplus.conf** as:

```
listener: {
    admin = { ifc = "lo"; port = "4047"; default_af = "inet"; };
    user = { ifc = "eth0"; port = "4046"; default_af = "inet"; no_gng = true; };
};
```

First we run **gxws** manually in debug mode to see that the config works:

```
~/tmp$ rm -f gxws.log && sudo -u gigaplus gxws -Tvvv -C /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.conf -l gxws.log
```

```
less gxws.log
```

```
2017-08-11 17:04:46.326512 MSK 4962 (INF) GWS STARTED listener fd7 for USER requests on eth0:4046; 0 requests pending
```

```
~ $ wget -O /dev/null 'http://192.168.1.103:4046/ping'
--2017-08-11 16:56:20-- http://192.168.1.103:4046/ping
Connecting to 192.168.1.103:4046... connected.
```

```
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 400 Bad request
2017-08-11 16:56:20 ERROR 400: Bad request.
$
```

The listener is up and responded to a ping with HTTP 400 (Bad request), which indicates that requests are received and processed. We can proceed to the next step.

nginx setup

We install nginx and set up web-accessible directories to allow access to segment files. Setting up is quite simple:

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install nginx
~/tmp$
```

There is an example of a **NginX** config in `/usr/share/doc/gigaplus/examples/nginx/server.conf` (on Linux, please use `/usr/local` on BSD). **It has a section that opens up access to our `/opt/gxa/channel` directory via HTTP port 8181.**

```
#
# Direct access to data segments.
#
location /channel/ {
    root /opt/gxa/;
    autoindex on;
}
```

We can add this config to NginX and test the access.

```
$ cp /usr/share/doc/gigaplus/examples/nginx/server.conf /opt/gxa/etc/nginx-gxa.conf
$ sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/nginx-gxa.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/nginx-gxa.conf
$ pgrep nginx
5492
5493
5494
5495
5496
$ sudo nginx -s reload
$ echo 'empty' > /opt/gxa/channel/empty.txt
```

```

$ wget -O /dev/null 'http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/empty.txt'
--2017-08-11 17:40:55-- http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/empty.txt
Connecting to 192.168.1.103:8181... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 6 [text/plain]
Saving to: â/dev/nullâ

100%[=====>] 6      --.-K/s  in 0s

2017-08-11 17:40:55 (635 KB/s) - â/dev/nullâ saved [6/6]

$

```

Also, you can open `http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/` (mind the IP) in a browser to see `empty.txt` listed. In any case, we can now retrieve files from our CP1 server via NginX.

gxpm setup

We can modify `gxpm(1)` config to provide NginX-oriented URLs in the playlists. First we make it point at CP1 server, which is NOT the final version of the config since data segments will be distributed across the nodes (LBNs). The nodes we are yet to set up, but we enable notifications via a multicast group. For now, we make the following changes in `/opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.conf`:

```

gpm.item_url_prefix = "http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/";
gpm.md_report: {
    enabled = true;
    pub_url = "udp://227.3.2.160:2020";
    lid: { prefix = "wi-ub1404"; min = 100; max = 299; };
    src_base = "http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel";
    mcast_ifc = "eth0";
};

```

Setting `item_url_prefix` will provide URLs for access via NginX. Enabling reports means that for each new segment registered by `gxpm` there'll be a multicast message to the `pub_url` group that `dwgs` should subscribe to. We link our configs to `/etc` to make them globally visible and test-start `gxws(1)` and `gxpm(1)` via script.

```

$ sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.env /etc/gigaplus.env
$ sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/gigaplus.conf /etc/gigaplus.conf
$ ln -s /usr/share/gigaplus/scripts/gxa-requests.sh
$ ln -s /usr/share/gigaplus/scripts/gxa-channels.sh
$
$ ./gxa-requests.sh status

```



```

[GXPM] is not running.
[GXWS] is not running.
$
$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh --nopin start none
[GXWS] is not running.
[GXPM] is not running.
Starting GXPM ...
Starting GXWS ...
Pausing for 1 second(s).
GXWS [6225] STARTED
GXPM [6220] STARTED
$
$ tail -f /opt/gxa/log/gxws.log
=====
2017-08-11 18:14:49.699713 MSK 6225 (INF) GWS STARTED listener fd5 for USER requests on eth0:4046; 0 requests pending
2017-08-11 18:14:49.699736 MSK 6225 (INF) GWS STARTED listener fd6 for ADMIN requests on lo:4047; 0 requests pending
2017-08-11 18:14:49.699807 MSK 6225 (INF) GWS STARTED listener fd7 for MODULE requests on /opt/gxa/run/comm.socket;; 0 requests pending
2017-08-11 18:14:49.699828 MSK 6225 (CRI) GWS GWS [pid=6225] is running.
2017-08-11 18:14:49.699892 MSK 6225 (INF) GWS Entering event loop
$
$ tail -f /opt/gxa/log/gpm.log
-----
2017-08-11 18:14:44.658837 MSK 6220 (INF) GPM STARTED listener fd4 for URQ requests on /opt/gxa/run/gpm-S.sock;; 0 requests pending
2017-08-11 18:14:44.658894 MSK 6220 (INF) GPM STARTED listener fd5 for URQ requests on /opt/gxa/run/gpm-Y.sock;; 0 requests pending
2017-08-11 18:14:44.658922 MSK 6220 (NRM) GPM gxpm (Playlist manager) 0.1-4.4 (fea468-lb) regular [Ubuntu 14.04.5 Linux (amd64)]
2017-08-11 18:14:44.658931 MSK 6220 (INF) GPM Config read from [/etc/gigaplus.conf]
2017-08-11 18:14:44.658943 MSK 6220 (INF) GPM Entering event loop
$

```

Both components are running, with **gxws** running without **gxngs**. Please kindly note that in order NOT to start **gxngs** we've used the **none** parameter in `gxa-requests.sh`.

Setting up channels

We set up the same channels we did in the single-server manual (see `gxa-setup(5)` for details).

Checking URLs in the playlist

We will set up one channel and verify that **gxpm** generates playlists with valid URLs, resolvable via **nginx**.

```
$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh start cable1
[gxpm] is not running.
Starting GXPM ...
gxpm [8210] is running
nohup: redirecting stderr to stdout
cable1 [8218] is running
Pausing for [5] seconds..
gxpm [8210] is running
----- channels -----
(ON) cable1 uptime: 00d 00h:00m:05s
-----
$
$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh --nopin start none
[GXWS] is not running.
GXPM [8210] is running
Starting GXWS ...
Pausing for 1 second(s).
GXWS [8333] STARTED
GXPM [8210] STARTED
$
$ wget 'http://192.168.1.103:4046/hls-m3u/cable1/playlist.m3u8'
--2017-08-11 22:32:04-- http://192.168.1.103:4046/hls-m3u/cable1/playlist.m3u8
Connecting to 192.168.1.103:4046... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 601 [application/x-mpegURL]
Saving to: âplaylist.m3u8â

100%[=====>] 601  --.-K/s  in 0s

2017-08-11 22:32:04 (62,1 MB/s) - âplaylist.m3u8â saved [601/601]

$ cat playlist.m3u8
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-ALLOW-CACHE:YES
```

```
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:5
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:21
#EXTINF:4.800000,
http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/768766796.ts
#EXTINF:4.800000,
http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/769198796.ts
#EXTINF:4.800000,
http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/769630796.ts
#EXTINF:4.800000,
http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/770062796.ts
#EXTINF:4.800000,
http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/770494796.ts
#EXTINF:4.800000,
http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/770926796.ts
$
```

Let's see if we can get one of the segments by that link (bypassing **gxws** and going directly to **nginx**):

```
$ wget -O /dev/null http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/770926796.ts
--2017-08-11 22:32:40-- http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170811-22/770926796.ts
Connecting to 192.168.1.103:8181... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 6242540 (6,0M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: /dev/null

100%[=====>] 6Â 242Â 540 --K/s in 0,05s

2017-08-11 22:32:40 (114 MB/s) - /dev/null saved [6242540/6242540]
$
```

SEGMENT REPLICATION

In order to load-balance streams, we are planning to replicate data segments (from selected channels) to multiple servers (*three*, for this example) and have a mediator component bounce requests between them. We start with a simple case of replicating a channel to one additional server (LBN1).

In **GigA+** **dwg(1)** is the component (*download agent*) on the receiving end of the replication. Please read **dwg(1)** manpage for details.

Install and configure dwg on LBN1

In this section we install the necessary component? get a system key + license and set *dwg* up to receive download tasks (as the only agent on that host). Although we only need one module, it's easier to install the whole package. The received license will apply only to **dwg** though. We get the key the usual way:

```
wi-deb8:~/tmp$ dwg -K
System key:      [dcd184816e87f8b0abc90936212c6c91b7dd2c72cbb156fc] (0x204a)
```

We also add the current user to the *adm* group to enable access to newly-created */opt/gxa* and subdirectories. From */etc/gxa-lb.conf* we copy a generic config for load-balancing components and modify it to suit our needs. For now, we disable *dwag.lbdb* by setting **dwag.lbdb.port = 0**; We also change *local_url* prefix as: **local_url_prefix = "http://192.168.1.105:8181"**; to match the IP address of the host.

We also disable (for now) *dwag.lbdb* on the CP host (wi-ub1404) and adjust its **local_url_prefix**.

Let's run **dwg(1)** with default config and check if it starts:

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo dwg -0
sudo dwg -0
wi-deb8:~/tmp$ pgrep dwg
16569
wi-deb8:~/tmp$ tail -f /opt/gxa/log/dwg.log
    task time-out      = 3000 ms
    mmap up to         = 3 MB
    local URL prefix   = http://192.168.1.105:8181

-----
2017-08-16 16:08:27.080209 MSK 16569 (INF) DWG mcast_join: using GENERIC multicast API to MCAST_JOIN group 227.3.2.160:2020
2017-08-16 16:08:27.082231 MSK 16569 (INF) DWG udl_ctx_init: fd2 set up to listen on [udp://227.3.2.160:2020]
2017-08-16 16:08:27.082385 MSK 16569 (NRM) DWG dwg (Download manager) 0.1-4.13 (fea468-lb2) regular [Debian 8 Linux (amd64)]
2017-08-16 16:08:27.082402 MSK 16569 (INF) DWG Config read from [./dwg.conf]
2017-08-16 16:08:27.082417 MSK 16569 (INF) DWG Entering event loop
-----
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/dwg.conf /etc/dwg.conf
```

It makes sense to check if multicast data is received well. We do that via **ncl(1)** utility, running it on both ends:

```
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/etc$ ncl -wuv -a 227.3.2.160 -p 2020 -d 50
mk_sock: client socket fd=[3]
WRITE [+MEM+] to fd=3, msg_size=1400 delay=50 ms
49000 bytes 2 sec 23.926 Kb/sec, total=47.852 Kb
```

```
56000 bytes 2 sec 27.344 Kb/sec, total=102.539 Kb
56000 bytes 2 sec 27.344 Kb/sec, total=157.227 Kb
56000 bytes 2 sec 27.344 Kb/sec, total=211.914 Kb
56000 bytes 2 sec 27.344 Kb/sec, total=266.602 Kb
^CSIG(2) DONE
total sent to fd=3: 287000 bytes

I/O: 280.273438 Kb within 10.236886 sec; 27.378780 Kb/sec
-----
```

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ ncl -ru -a 227.3.2.160 -p 2020
reading from fd=3, msg_size=1400 delay=0 ms
15.723 Kb/sec, total=31.445 Kb
27.344 Kb/sec, total=86.133 Kb
27.344 Kb/sec, total=140.820 Kb
^CSIG(2) DONE
total received from fd=3: 162400 bytes
```

We also need to create directories for the channels we'd be replicating: **cable1**, **champ2** and **news3**:

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo -u gigaplug mkdir -p -m 775 /opt/gxa/channel/cable1 /opt/gxa/channel/champ2
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo -u gigaplug mkdir -p -m 775 /opt/gxa/channel/news3 /opt/gxa/channel/disk1/news3 /opt/gxa/channel/disk2/news3 /opt/gxa/channel/disk3/news3
```

We start *cable1* on CP host (wi-ub1404) and check for multicast-group messages on our LBN1 (*wi-deb8*):

```
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh start cable1

wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ ncl -ruv -a 227.3.2.160 -p 2020
reading from fd=3, msg_size=1400 delay=0 ms
READ [108]:0.053 Kb/sec, total=0.105 Kb
$
```

Now we start **dwg** on LBN1 and see if it would process notifications correctly and download segments where they belong.

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo dwg -0
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ pgrep dwg
17409
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ tail -f dwg.log
```

```
2017-08-16 19:39:49.856307 MSK 17475 (INF) T0002 read_src_response: ready to download 5857704 bytes to [/opt/gxa/channel/cable1/20170816-19/4362345228.ts-Dwa
2017-08-16 19:39:49.872506 MSK 17475 (NRM) T0002 downloaded: 5857704 bytes, [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170816-19/4362345228.ts] to [/opt/gxa
```

```
2017-08-16 19:39:54.606954 MSK 17475 (INF) T0003 read_src_response: ready to download 6144968 bytes to [/opt/gxa/channel/cable1/20170816-19/4362777228.ts-Dwa
2017-08-16 19:39:54.620001 MSK 17475 (NRM) T0003 downloaded: 6144968 bytes, [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/cable1/20170816-19/4362777228.ts] to [/opt/gxa
```

We'll need **hos** set up on LBNx (node hosts) to clean up stale data segments. For that, we first copy *cable1.spec* from CB. Then we need to mark **cable1** as a *REPLICA* channel (this way **gxa-channels.sh** won't alert on **vsm** being down).

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/scripts$ ln -s /usr/share/gigaplus/scripts/gxa-channels.sh
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/scripts$ touch /opt/gxa/channel/cable1/REPLICA
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/scripts$ ./gxa-channels.sh status
[gxpm] is not running.
----- channels -----
(REPL) cable1 [214 MB]
-----
$
wi-deb8:~/tmp$ sudo -u gigaplus crontab -l
##
# CABLE1
##
# Hourly hos(1)
55 * * * * /usr/bin/hos --sysrep cable1
# Common logs
30 02 * * * /usr/bin/hos --common any
# END OF TABLE
```

NB: If setting up under FreeBSD, please make sure to include *PATH* and *SHELL* settings as the top lines of your **crontab**(8) and also verify that your jobs work by checking (sudo -u gigaplus) local email from **cron**.

LOAD BALANCING ON MULTIPLE NODES

In this section we need to set up a small NoSQL (*Redis*) database for load balancing – hereinforth *LBDB*. Then we hook up the existing (*LBN1*) node to it. Then we set up and plug in two additional nodes: *LBN2* and *LBN3*. In the end we'd have CP1 replicating to LBN1–LBN3, with load balancing across CP1 and the nodes.

Set up LBDB on CP1 and LBN1

Our database could be set up on CP1 or on any LBN host, you should use your own judgement to decide where it should be. (Think of how far and busy your server may get, consider RAM resources for the database – those would depend on how many segments you keep for the replicated channels.)

For reference on how to set up and administer *Redis DB*, please refer to the documentation on their website.

For the database host you do not need a GigA+ license. All you need is **Redis DB** installed and connectivity established from other hosts to LBDB. In this manual we'll set it up on a separate host that is neither a CP or an LBN.

```
[wi-c70 tmp]$ type redis-cli
redis-cli is /usr/bin/redis-cli
[wi-c70 tmp]$
[wi-c70 tmp]$ /sbin/ifconfig
ens192: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.101 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
```

Before we go further, we edit `redis.conf` (here in `/etc`) and bind the listener to both the external and the loop interface.

```
[@wi-c70 tmp]$ sudo systemctl status redis
redis.service - Redis persistent key-value database
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/redis.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
   Drop-In: /etc/systemd/system/redis.service.d
           â€”limit.conf
   Active: inactive (dead)
[@wi-c70 tmp]$
[@wi-c70 tmp]$ sudo systemctl enable redis
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/redis.service to /usr/lib/systemd/system/redis.service.
[@wi-c70 tmp]$ sudo systemctl start redis
[@wi-c70 tmp]$ sudo systemctl status redis
redis.service - Redis persistent key-value database
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/redis.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabled)
   Drop-In: /etc/systemd/system/redis.service.d
           â€”limit.conf
   Active: active (running) since 2017-08-21 14:00:24 MSK; 6s ago
   Main PID: 2422 (redis-server)
   CGroup: /system.slice/redis.service
           â€”2422 /usr/bin/redis-server 192.168.1.101:6379
```

```
2017-08-21 14:00:24 wi-c70.localdomain systemd[1]: Started Redis persistent key-value database.
2017-08-21 14:00:24 wi-c70.localdomain systemd[1]: Starting Redis persistent key-value database...
```

```
[wi-c70 tmp]$ redis-cli ping
PONG
```

On CP1 and LBN1 we install `redis-tools` and check the connectivity.

```
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo apt-get install redis-tools
```

```

Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.19-0ubuntu6.13) ...
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts $
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ redis-cli -h 192.168.1.101 -p 6379 ping
PONG
$
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/scripts$ redis-cli -h 192.168.1.101 -p 6379 ping
PONG

```

Now we can initialize the LBDB, and we'll do it from CP1. The distribution provides with the means to set up the Redis *Lua scripts* – LBDB's stored procedures. There is an LBDB-specific directory under /opt/gxa, we do it from there:

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ cd /opt/gxa/lbdb/
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo -u gigapln ln -s /usr/share/gigapln/scripts/lbdb lua
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ ls -l lua/
total 20
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1020 Aug 18 20:41 add_url.lua
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 527 Aug 18 20:41 del_url.lua
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 1721 Aug 18 20:41 load-lbdb-lua.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3687 Aug 18 20:41 mbget_url.lua
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1967 Aug 18 20:41 next_url.lua
$
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ lua/load-lbdb-lua.sh
Usage: lua/load-lbdb-lua.sh [-n] lua
You may wish to define:

```

```

LBDB_HOST    = DB hostname
LBDB_PORT    = DB port
LBDB_LUA_DIR = source directory
LBDB_SHA1_DIR = destination directory

```

in `lbdb.config`

As the load-script (`load-lbdb-lua.sh`), we should set up `lbdb.config`, which is just a shell script to set up the environment for `load-lbdb-lua.sh`. We also create a separate directories for **SHA1 signatures** of the LBDB stored procedures.

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ cat lbdb.config
#!/bin/sh
# @(#) LBDB configuration script.

# Host and port for RedisDB

```



```

#
LBDB_HOST=192.168.1.101
LBDB_PORT=6379

# Directory with LBDB lua scripts:
LBDB_LUA_DIR=/opt/gxa/lbdb/lua

# Directory for SHA1 signatures.
LBDB_SHA1_DIR=/opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1

# __EOF__
$
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ chown gigaplus:adm lbdb.config
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo -u gigaplus mkdir sha1
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ ls -l
total 8
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gigaplus adm    160 Aug 21 14:50 lbdb.config
lrwxrwxrwx 1 gigaplus gigaplus  32 Aug 21 15:40 lua -> /usr/share/gigaplus/scripts/lbdb
drwxr-xr-x 2 gigaplus gigaplus 4096 Aug 21 15:40 sha1
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ ./lua/load-lbdb-lua.sh
Usage: ./lua/load-lbdb-lua.sh [-n] lua
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$

```

We first run *load-lbdb-lua.sh* in simulation mode, to see if every check it makes passes, and also to see what exactly it does:

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo -u gigaplus lua/load-lbdb-lua.sh -n
2017-08-21 MSK 16:20:07 WARNING: dry-run mode
redis-cli -h 192.168.1.101 -p 6379 SCRIPT LOAD cat /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/add_url.lua > /opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1/add_url.sha1
redis-cli -h 192.168.1.101 -p 6379 SCRIPT LOAD cat /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/del_url.lua > /opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1/del_url.sha1
redis-cli -h 192.168.1.101 -p 6379 SCRIPT LOAD cat /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/next_url.lua > /opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1/next_url.sha1
redis-cli -h 192.168.1.101 -p 6379 SCRIPT LOAD cat /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/mbget_url.lua > /opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1/mbget_url.sha1
2017-08-21 MSK 16:20:07 Done

```

The script quite simply loads stored procedures (a.k.a. Redis Lua scripts) into LDBD and stores the returned SHA1 signatures as *.sha1* files.

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo -u gigaplus lua/load-lbdb-lua.sh lua
2017-08-21 MSK 16:25:48 /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/add_url.lua to 192.168.1.101:6379
add_url SHA1=[94357c7cad39fe76cfd90567c88d6f4d483d5dc1]
2017-08-21 MSK 16:25:48 /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/del_url.lua to 192.168.1.101:6379
del_url SHA1=[b8da283c527d6d8d5a1ffed82f6f135dd186fc8d]
2017-08-21 MSK 16:25:48 /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/next_url.lua to 192.168.1.101:6379

```

```

next_url SHA1=[abac8ac437da8c3b1ab7647954bb51fec5a2a950]
2017-08-21 MSK 16:25:48 /opt/gxa/lbdb/lua/mbget_url.lua to 192.168.1.101:6379
mbget_url SHA1=[05e67bab2fa4c3bc48844d5a511adc6f803c625b]
2017-08-21 MSK 16:25:48 Done
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ cat sha1/add_url.sha1
94357c7cad39fe76cfd90567c88d6f4d483d5dc1

```

The load-balancing hosts will reference LDBD stored procedures via their SHA1 signatures, so for LBN1 all we need are those signatures that we've just generated on CP1. We just make a directory on LBN1 (wi-deb8) and copy signatures there:

```

wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/scripts$ cd ../ldb
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo -u gigaplug mkdir -m 775 sha1
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo chown gigaplug:adm sha1
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ ls -l
total 4
drwxrwxr-x 2 gigaplug adm 4096 Aug 21 16:34 sha1
$
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ scp sha1/*.sha1 wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1/
add_url.sha1      100% 41  0.0KB/s  00:00
del_url.sha1      100% 41  0.0KB/s  00:00
mbget_url.sha1    100% 41  0.0KB/s  00:00
next_url.sha1     100% 41  0.0KB/s  00:00
$
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/lbdb$ sudo chown gigaplug:adm sha1/*.sha1
$

```

We'll re-configure **dwg**(1) now on both hosts to reference LDBD. Then we'll test-launch **dwg** to see that the settings work.

```

wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ diff dwg.conf dwg.conf.old
40c40
< max_mmap_mb = 8;
---
> max_mmap_mb = 3;
43,44c43,45
< host = "192.168.1.101";
< port = 6379;
---
> host = "127.0.0.1";
> port = 0;
> # port = 6379;

```

```

47c48
< sha1_dir = "/opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1";
---
> sha1_dir = "/opt/gxa/lbdb";
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$

```

First we increased the maximum size of the file that **dwg** would **mmap(2)** into memory (to save on repeated **write(2)** syscalls) to 8 Mb – judging by the maximum size of segments processed so far. This has nothing to do with load balancing, it's just an optimization that we've applied before **dwg** starts working under load.

Then we changed localhost binding to the address:port of the database we've set up. By setting *port* to non-zero, we made **dwg** LBDB-aware. We also corrected *sha1_dir* to point at the directory for the SHA1 signatures. Now we can test-launch **dwg**:

```

wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/log$ tail -f dwg.log
Load-balancer DB: 192.168.1.101:6379
  Connect timeout      = 0.500000 sec
  SHA1 directory       = /opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1
-----
2017-08-21 16:55:33.137712 MSK 1303 (INF) DWG mcast_join: using GENERIC multicast API to MCAST_JOIN group 227.3.2.160:2020
2017-08-21 16:55:33.139722 MSK 1303 (INF) DWG udl_ctx_init: fd2 set up to listen on [udp://227.3.2.160:2020]
2017-08-21 16:55:33.140318 MSK 1303 (INF) DWG ldb_connect: connected to 192.168.1.101:6379
2017-08-21 16:55:33.140914 MSK 1303 (NRM) DWG dwg (Download manager) 0.1-4.22 (fea468-lb3) regular [Debian 8 Linux (amd64)]
2017-08-21 16:55:33.140935 MSK 1303 (INF) DWG Config read from [/etc/dwg.conf]
2017-08-21 16:55:33.140945 MSK 1303 (INF) DWG Entering event loop
^C

```

We can see now that **dwg** has successfully connected to LBDB from LBN1. The procedure (update config and test-launch) is then repeated on CP1 (and later, on all other participating LBNs).

Please note, that **dwg** needs to be running **ONLY** on the hosts participating in load balancing and **servicing data segments**. If you opted for a configuration where CP1 is just generating data (to replicate to LBNs), then you don't need **dwg** running on CP1.

Set up flb – load balancing FastCGI module on CP1

Now we are to set up the component that would do the actual balancing, i.e. decide which of the nodes (including the participating CP1) to direct data-segment requests to. The name of the component is **flb(1)** and it is run not as a stand-alone executable, but as a FastCGI module of a web server, **NginiX** in our case. Support for other web servers, such as Apache, has not been tested yet. **flb(1)** will use LBDB to make routing decisions, so we must edit its configuration (in *gigaplus.conf*).

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/etc$ diff gigaplus.conf g1.conf
294,295d293
< listener = ":9191";
<
302c302,303

```

```

<   host = "192.168.1.101";
---
>   # Database connection:
>   host = "127.0.0.1";
306c307
<   sha1_dir = "/opt/gxa/lbdb/sha1";
---
>   sha1_dir = "/opt/gxa/lbdb";
310c311
<   error_url = "http://192.168.1.50";
---
>   error_url = "http://some-resource.url";
320c313
<   lbr_prefix = "gxa-lb";
---
>   # lbr_prefix = "giga-lbr";

```

Out listener path stays default: local TCP port 9191 (go for a UNIX socket if you will). We've changed database-connection settings, signature directory path and the URL to re-direct to if the requested segment is found unavailable. In that case, the full URL would also include parameters identifying the resource. For instance, for

```
GET /channel/news2/20170823-16/3685452938.ts
```

The result would be:

```
HTTP 302 Moved temporarily
```

```
Location: http://192.168.1.50?origin=channel%2Fnews2%2F20170823-16%2F3685452938.ts
```

We've added **lbr_prefix = "gxa-lb"** to the load-balancer configuration. This prefix should be in URLs for load-balanced requests, the URLs come from the playlist served by **gxp**. We must now adjust the *gpm.item_url_prefix* in the config:

```

< gpm.item_url_prefix = "http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/";
--
> gpm.item_url_prefix = "http://192.168.1.103:8181/gxa-lb/channel/";

```

Now **gxp** should generate playlist items with the prefix, as below:

```

http://192.168.1.103:8181/gxa-lb/channel/news2/20170823-17/3998832938.ts
http://192.168.1.103:8181/gxa-lb/channel/news2/20170823-17/3999282938.ts
http://192.168.1.103:8181/gxa-lb/channel/news2/20170823-17/3999732938.ts

```

We should also update NginX config to allow re-direction to our FastCGI module. We add the following section to *nginx-gxa.conf* (in */opt/gxa/etc*):

```

location ~ ^/gxa-lb/channel/.*.*.ts$ {
    include /etc/nginx/fastcgi_params;

```

```

    fastcgi_pass 127.0.0.1:9191;
}

```

Now we can test-launch **flb**(1) on port 9191, to make sure the config is valid.

```
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo -u gigaplus flb -0
```

```
-----
```

```

2017-08-23 13:58:19.808986 MSK 10448 (NRM) FLB flb (FastCGI load balancer) 0.1-4.27 (fea468-lb3) regular
2017-08-23 13:58:19.808997 MSK 10448 (INF) FLB Config read from [/etc/gigaplus.conf]
2017-08-23 13:58:19.809433 MSK 10448 (INF) FLB lldb_connect: connected to 192.168.1.101:6379
2017-08-23 13:58:19.810209 MSK 10448 (NRM) FLB Listening on :9191
^C2017-08-23 13:58:33.073055 MSK 10448 (NRM) FLB Received QUIT-SIG(2), flb will exit.

```

Load-balance a channel between CP1 and LB1

We will now complete the setup for one channel – *news2* (same as *news3* but w/o shards). Segments will be replicated from CP1 to LB1. Segment requests for this channel will be balanced by **flb** running on CP1. When replicating, leaf nodes must be started first, so we set up on LBN1 (wi-deb8). Let's not forget that *NginX* will be serving data segments, so we'd need it installed (and configured) on each LBN. First we install and configure NignX:

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ cat nginx-gxa.conf
```

```
# @(#) nginx server config
```

```
server {
```

```
    listen 8181;
```

```
    location /channel/ {
```

```
        root /opt/gxa/;
```

```
        autoindex on;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
$
```

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/channel/news2$ sudo apt-get install nginx
```

```
Setting up nginx-common (1.6.2-5+deb8u5) ...
```

```
Setting up nginx-full (1.6.2-5+deb8u5) ...
```

```
Setting up nginx (1.6.2-5+deb8u5) ...
```

```
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.19-18+deb8u10) ...
```

```
Processing triggers for systemd (215-17+deb8u7) ...
```

```
$
```

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo ln -s /opt/gxa/etc/nginx-gxa.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/nginx-gxa.conf
```

```
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo nginx -s reload
```

```
bsl45@wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ pgrep nginx | wc -l
```

```
5
```

```
$
```

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa$ wget -O /dev/null 'http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/empty1'
--2017-08-23 16:06:51-- http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/empty1
Connecting to 192.168.1.105:8181... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 0 [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: '/dev/null'

[ <=> ] 0      --.-K/s  in 0s

2017-08-23 16:06:51 (0.00 B/s) - '/dev/null' saved [0/0]
$
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/etc$ sudo -u gigaplug rm /opt/gxa/channel/news2/empty1
$

```

As you see, we've installed/configured NginX and verified that it works with our config. Now we can launch **dwg** on LBN1 and let it wait for the download tasks. Please note that **dwg** is **the only** module we need on leaf hosts.

```

wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/channel$ sudo -u gigaplug mkdir -m 775 news2
wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/channel$ touch news2/REPLICA
$
bsl45@wi-deb8:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh --dwg 1 --nopm start -
Starting dwg#1
dwg [13969] is running
$

```

Next, on CP1 (wi-ub1404) we start *news2* channel and the request modules (**gxws** and **gxng**):

```

wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh --lb --dwg 1 start news2
[sudo] password for bsl45:
Starting dwg#1
dwg [23115] is running
Starting flb ...
flb [23123] is running
[gxpm] is not running.
Starting GXPM ...
gxpm [23131] is running
nohup: redirecting stderr to stdout
news2 [23138] is running
1 channel(s) started
Pausing for [5] seconds..
gxpm [23131] is running

```

```

----- channels -----
(ON) news2 [37 MB] uptime: 00d 00h:00m:05s
-----
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$
wi-ub1404:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo ./gxa-requests.sh --nopin start 2
[GXWS] is not running.
GXPM [23131] is running
Starting GXWS ...
Starting GXNG1 ...
Starting GXNG2 ...
Pausing for 1 second(s).
GXWS [23317] STARTED
GXNG [23328] STARTED
GXNG [23340] STARTED
GXPM [23131] STARTED
$

```

First we look at LBN1 to see if **dwg** is picking up download tasks:

```

2017-08-24 16:48:09.784244 MSK 13969 (NRM) uDI TASK-START [T0046] (0x7f96875b4010/idx=0) [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834528346.ts-Dwa
2017-08-24 16:48:09.785609 MSK 13969 (INF) T0046 read_src_response: ready to download 1652144 bytes to [/opt/gxa/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834528346.ts-Dwa
2017-08-24 16:48:09.788903 MSK 13969 (INF) T0046 add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2834528346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/201
2017-08-24 16:48:09.789237 MSK 13969 (NRM) T0046 downloaded: 1652144 bytes, [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834528346.ts] to [/opt/gxa
2017-08-24 16:48:09.789324 MSK 13969 (NRM) DWG TASK-END [T0046] (0x7f96875b4010/idx=0) [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834528346.ts-Dwa
2017-08-24 16:48:14.923215 MSK 13969 (NRM) uDI TASK-START [T0047] (0x7f96875b4010/idx=0) [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834978346.ts-Dwa
2017-08-24 16:48:14.926020 MSK 13969 (INF) T0047 read_src_response: ready to download 1862704 bytes to [/opt/gxa/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834978346.ts-Dwa
2017-08-24 16:48:14.932606 MSK 13969 (INF) T0047 add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2834978346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/201
2017-08-24 16:48:14.933132 MSK 13969 (NRM) T0047 downloaded: 1862704 bytes, [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834978346.ts] to [/opt/gxa
2017-08-24 16:48:14.933300 MSK 13969 (NRM) DWG TASK-END [T0047] (0x7f96875b4010/idx=0) [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2834978346.ts-Dwa

```

We can also observe that CP1 **dwg** is also picking up tasks, but now downloading since files are local, just updating LBDB:

```

2017-08-24 16:44:58.220605 MSK 23115 (INF) uDI add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2816978346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2816978346.ts]
2017-08-24 16:45:03.390771 MSK 23115 (INF) uDI add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2817428346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2817428346.ts]
2017-08-24 16:45:08.095992 MSK 23115 (INF) uDI add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2817878346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2817878346.ts]
2017-08-24 16:45:13.219761 MSK 23115 (INF) uDI add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2818328346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2818328346.ts]
2017-08-24 16:45:18.242066 MSK 23115 (INF) uDI add_lbdb_url: id=[channel/news2/20170824-16/2818778346.ts], url=[http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2818778346.ts]

```

We start a video player on *news2* and watch how requests get routed by **flb** in the log:

```

2017-08-24 16:44:20.247549 MSK 23123 (NRM) FLB Listening on :9191
2017-08-24 16:45:44.436927 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2820128346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/20170824-16/2820128346.ts]

```

```

2017-08-24 16:45:44.654632 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2820578346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 16:45:44.864475 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2821028346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 16:45:49.886095 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2821478346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 16:45:54.882847 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2821928346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 16:45:59.881699 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2822378346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 16:46:04.872757 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2822828346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 16:46:09.874338 MSK 23123 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-16/2823278346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017

```

As you can see, **flb** alternates between the two participating nodes: CP1 and LBN1.

This is the simplest kind of load balancing where leafs hosts are iterated in a round-robin fashion. More complex ways, involving numeric metrics will be covered later.

We've used one **dwg** per host for simplicity. A more complex set-up, with $N > 1$ **dwg** instances balancing download tasks on a multi-core server is possible, we will cover it later on.

Set up LBN2

We set up replication on one more host, which will become our LBN2. As before, licenses for **dwg** will be needed, otherwise, the procedure is the same as with LB1. We will start LBN2 after CP1 and LB1 and see how **flb** picks up its presence from LBDB. Then we'll shut down news2 on LBN2 and see that **flb** would no longer route requests to it.

Set up on LBN2 (wi-ub1604) is similar to what we did for LBN1, so there's no need to cover it here. We launch LBN1 first (so that it can catch ALL download tasks), then start CP1. If we started CP1, LBN1 would probably miss a few segments. Then we launch a video player *forne ws2* and watch **flb** routing entries in the log:

```

2017-08-24 19:08:28.814307 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3590618346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:29.018511 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3591068346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:29.243510 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3591518346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:34.239602 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3591968346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:34.444548 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3592418346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:44.248617 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3592868346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:44.350908 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3593318346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2

```

As expected, we alternate between CP1 and LBN1. In a bit we start LBN2 (wi-ub1604 = 192.168.1.173) and see **flb** entries reflect the appearance of the new host:

```

2017-08-24 19:08:54.231491 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3593768346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:08:59.239232 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3594218346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.173:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:04.236200 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3594668346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:04.412276 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3595118346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:14.250755 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3595568346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.173:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:19.234769 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3596018346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017

```



```

2017-08-24 19:09:24.238210 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3596468346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:29.233826 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3596918346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.173:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:34.237161 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3597368346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:34.426468 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3597818346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:44.234789 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3598268346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.173:8181/channel/news2/2017

```

Then we shut down relication on LBN2:

```

wi-ub1604:/opt/gxa/scripts$ sudo ./gxa-channels.sh --dwg 1 --nopm shutdown -
Stopping [all]
<skip> news2
0 channels stopped.
Stopped dwg[5205]
[flb] is not running.
$

```

We see that **flb** dropped it too, no 192.168.1.173 from this point on:

```

2017-08-24 19:09:49.235374 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3598718346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:54.240530 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3599168346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:09:59.259531 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3599618346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:10:04.250137 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3600068346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:10:04.454696 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3600518346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:10:14.240247 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3600968346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:10:14.442211 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3601418346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:10:24.250055 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3601868346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.103:8181/channel/news2/2017
2017-08-24 19:10:29.249214 MSK 23716 (INF) FLB run_app: [channel/news2/20170824-19/3602318346.ts] redirecting to [http://192.168.1.105:8181/channel/news2/2017

```

This concludes our goal of setting the simplest kind of load balancing on 2+ hosts. Read further for advanced topics.

ADVANCED LOAD BALANCING

This chapter will cover using numeric *sensors* for load balancing (as vs. doing it round-robin style). We will also set up multiple **dwg** instances on the same box and have them handle the same channels, balancing download tasks between them.

Using numeric sensors

TODO TODO

Balancing download tasks between multiple dwg instances.

TODO TODO

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SEE ALSO

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