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Load Balancing for the rest of us

A hardware load balancer can perform some nifty tricks, but the gear is out of reach for mere mortals. Prices currently float in the 6-digits. Yikes! So, what's a thrifty small- and medium-sized business geek to do? Look for alternatives, of course!



And happily, you need not look any further than the Coyote Point E550i (<http://coyotepoint.com/>). Based on FreeBSD, the latest in the company's Equalizer series features 21 gigabit ports, handles 100,000 connections per second, offloads SSL for improved performance, and multiplexes load balancing in network layers 4-7 to unlimited virtual clusters.

Scaling an application horizontally is smart and efficient, but load balancing and redundancy are key and frequent stumbling blocks for developers. The E550si, priced at \$10,000, makes simple setup and high-reliability load balancing hardware approachable and affordable.

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