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Celebrating 10 years of making your applications secure, fast, and available

WELCOME TO THE April issue of *F5 World*, providing you with the tools, news, and information you need to deliver your business-critical applications quickly, securely, and reliably.

Hard to believe, but F5 recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary—which is really a lifetime, it seems, in the technology industry. For me, this last year has perhaps been the most exciting of all.

In January 2006, we introduced Link Controller and Global Traffic Manager (GTM) as software modules that run on the BIG-IP platform. The following month, we announced the availability of Application Security Manager (ASM) as a standalone appliance running our TMOS operating system and as a software module on BIG-IP. In July, we introduced a TMOS-based version of WebAccelerator, also available as both a standalone product and a software module. WebAccelerator addresses an important segment of the promising WAN Optimization market that is unique to F5, and we believe its availability on TMOS adds enormous value to its core functions. A TMOS-based version of WANJet is being developed now. Concurrently, we are also developing a TMOS-based version of FirePass, our SSL VPN product.

As you can see, there's a

lot going on at F5. Read more about it in this issue of *F5 World*. And as always, let us know what topics you would like us to cover in future issues, and please don't hesitate to share with others your solution to a particularly challenging network problem. *F5 World* is here for you.

Sincerely,
 John McAdam

INSIDE: WAN acceleration lies at the heart of successful data replication, p. 12.



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