



F5 Enterprise License Agreement for BIG-IP Virtual Editions

In today's quickly evolving marketplace, large enterprises are becoming more agile to remain competitive. This level of agility requires IT operations to quickly build out application services that meet the lifespan requirements of rapid development/test cycles, as well as seasonal and operational expansion.

Deploy Industry-Leading Application and Security Services Anywhere

F5 makes it simple for organizations to reduce time and effort by enabling self-licensing of F5® BIG-IP® virtual editions (VEs). The F5 Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) enables on-demand, self-service deployment (spin-up/spin-down) of BIG-IP VEs for the quick delivery of application and security services. BIG-IP VEs can be deployed to public and private clouds—as well as in on-premises data centers to ensure consistent policies and operation across all environments.

Three-Year License Subscription with Yearly Budget Protection

The F5 ELA is an annual spend commitment that allows you to deploy services from the F5 catalog wherever and whenever you need. This helps you dynamically create or scale IT infrastructure to meet business needs. With the three-year license subscription, you can commit to a minimum annual spend over three years for application and security services, with room to grow. The annual fee is adjusted for subsequent years based on the prior year's usage. If you exceed your yearly budget, you won't be penalized with a retroactive charge-back.

F5 ELA Benefits at a Glance

Architectural agility:

- Deploy what you want, when you want, where you want
- Redeploy, retire, or change BIG-IP VEs as needed—align capacity with business requirements
- Migrate to and within cloud environments

Predictable budgeting

- Secure predictable pricing with a three-year agreement
- Grow with the comfort of an annual fee regardless of actual usage

Easy deployments:

- Reduce procurement overhead through self-service provisioning of VEs
- Automate and integrate with third-party IT management solutions
- Track compliance and manage BIG-IP VE assets via BIG-IQ License Manager and monthly reporting

How Does the F5 ELA Work?

The ELA provides IT groups with an agile, flexible model for utilizing application and security services to meet business needs while maintaining control over costs. Control comes via monthly reporting that provides visibility over application and security services consumption.

- Commit to a minimum annual spend over term of 3-year agreement
- Frictionless deployment of BIG-IP VE instances across your enterprise
- Annual fee adjusted for subsequent years based on prior year's usage



Figure 1: Annual fees in the three-year license subscription are based on the prior year's usage.

Available F5 VE Licenses

The F5 ELA enables organizations to instantiate and revoke BIG-IP VE licenses on demand for BIG-IP Local Traffic Manager™ (LTM), BIG-IP DNS, BIG-IP Advanced Firewall Manager™ (AFM), BIG-IP Access Policy Manager (APM), BIG-IP Application Security Manager™ (ASM), and BIG-IP Advanced Routing™ Module.

Max Throughput	25Mbps	200Mbps	1Gbps	3Gbps	5Gbps	10Gbps
Good (LTM)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Better (LTM, DNS, AFM, Advanced Routing)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Best (LTM, DNS, AFM, Advanced Routing, APM, ASM)	•	•	•	•	•	•

Standalone F5 BIG-IP VE Modules	25Mbps	200Mbps	1Gbps	3Gbps	5Gbps	10Gbps
BIG-IP Application Security Manager		•	•	•		
BIG-IP Application Firewall Manager	•	•	•	•	•	•
BIG-IP Advanced Policy Manager*		•	•			
BIG-IP DNS**		(250 Kbps)	(1 Mbps)			

Per-App VE	25Mbps	200Mbps
BIG-IP LTM	•	•
BIG-IP ASM	•	•

*Maximum license

**250Kbps / 1Mbps License – End of Jan. 2018

Figure 2: Choose from F5 simplified licensing options (Good, Better, or Best) or licenses for standalone BIG-IP VEs.

Furthermore, BIG-IP VE implementation templates for Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, and Red Hat OpenStack reduce the average implementation time of a BIG-IP VE to 40 minutes or less.

F5 Premium Support Included

To ensure successful deployment and reliable application and security services, all deployed BIG-IP VEs are covered automatically with F5 Premium 24x7 support. Software updates are also a part of the F5 ELA to enable new functionality, and platform support, or address bug fixes.

Learn More

For more information about the F5 ELA and how it can help you align your IT operations with your business needs, contact your F5 Account Manager.

