



F5 Web Application Firewall Assessment Service

KEY BENEFITS

- A comprehensive review of your F5 Web Application Firewall configuration by an F5 Professional Services expert
- Guidance on how to align business requirements with features available in your F5 Web Application Firewall solution
- Help in planning for your move from transparent to blocking mode
- A detailed report with findings and recommendations

Applications are the lifeblood of business, so it's imperative to have an agile security program in place to protect them. With your organization constantly evolving, new or enhanced applications and technology, increased network traffic, data center consolidations, and key business initiatives can strain your infrastructure. Your F5 Web Application Firewall (WAF) solution can help safeguard your data, enable compliance, and provide ongoing protection against application threats.

Maximize your F5 WAF investment

You may already be realizing benefits from your F5 WAF solution, but to keep pace with change you need to ensure your network remains both secure and adaptable. The F5 WAF Assessment Service can give you the confidence that your systems are configured to withstand today's powerful and varied application-layer attacks.

With this service, F5 experts will review your current environment to uncover potential issues or areas for improvement and make recommendations that help you optimize your F5 WAF solution. At the conclusion of the assessment, you'll have an action plan designed to boost your F5 WAF performance, strengthen your overall security, and increase the availability of your applications.

How the assessment works

Conducted by F5 Professional Services experts, the WAF Assessment Service is based on a three-phase health check plus a final review. The WAF Assessment Service is designed to evaluate your existing F5 WAF infrastructure, identify improvement opportunities, and provide recommendations for enhancements.

WAF Assessment Service Schedule

Phase 1: Prepare and Plan

An F5 Professional Services consultant works with you to understand your business goals, flag deployment dependencies, capture device details, and set a solid foundation for the analysis.

Phase 2: Analyze

During this phase of the process, an F5 Professional Services consultant assesses your current WAF configuration and offers recommendations in the following areas:

- Overview of the business and technological requirements surrounding your F5 WAF solution deployment
- Evaluation of your current policy parameters to ensure compliance with F5 recommended practices
- Review of F5 WAF operating mode (transparent or blocking), and development of plan to move from transparent mode to blocking mode
- Guidelines for other F5 security-related services and educational deliverables to provide continued enhancements to your F5 WAF solution

Phase 3: Report

F5 Professional Services will consolidate the results into a custom written report specifically for you that details the findings and leverages the expertise of F5 consultants who intimately understand the F5 WAF solution and its operation, configuration parameters, and future evolution. F5 Professional Services will also document any recommended practices identified as productivity enhancements that would benefit your organization.

Review

Following the WAF Assessment, F5 Professional Services will present the custom-written report to you during a web-based or in-person review meeting. During this meeting, an F5 Professional Services consultant will highlight the findings, and review the recommended configuration alterations aimed to boost performance, strengthen security, and increase application availability.

F5 Professional Services can also be requested to draft and submit a fully customized Statement of Work (SoW) to further aid you and provide guidance for your F5 WAF device configuration.

Conclusion

The WAF Assessment Service is intended to mitigate risk and increase confidence for you and your business to help you establish an improved security posture that allows you to achieve your desired business goals.

Why F5 Professional Services

The world's largest businesses, service providers, government entities, and consumer brands rely on F5's intelligent services framework to secure and deliver their applications and services while ensuring people stay connected. The mission of F5 Professional Services is to simplify the deployment of F5 solutions and maximize the value of your F5 product investment throughout its lifecycle for a faster, smarter, safer application environment.

LEARN MORE

For more information about how the F5 WAF Assessment Service helps you get the most out of your F5 investment—or to inquire about beginning the optimization process—contact your F5 Professional Services Sales team at consulting.sales@f5.com.

