F5 ENTERPRISE LICENSING AGREEMENT

Boost agility and control costs with the flexible and powerful F5 Enterprise Licensing Agreement. Easily deploy what you want, when you want, and where you want.

CHALLENGES

In today's quickly evolving digital economy, applications are more important than ever—and enterprises must become far more agile to remain competitive. For networking teams, this means being able to respond immediately to business requirements by building out new application services for rapid development and deployment cycles, supporting dynamic capacity needs due to seasonal and operational shifts, and migrating from private data centers to global cloud environments. However, existing consumption models that rely on static and inflexible licensing make it challenging to achieve the agility needed to support digital transformation initiatives and deliver more value.

DEPLOY INDUSTRY-LEADING APPLICATION AND SECURITY SERVICES ANYWHERE ON DEMAND

F5 makes achieving this agility easy with its Enterprise Licensing Agreement (ELA). Under the F5 ELA, enterprises can use any combination of BIG-IP virtual editions (VEs) and NGINX software across private and public clouds, as well as BIG-IP software on F5's hardware appliances and chassis. Customers save time and effort with self-licensing of F5 BIG-IP and NGINX software instances for on-demand deployments and the quick delivery of application and security services.

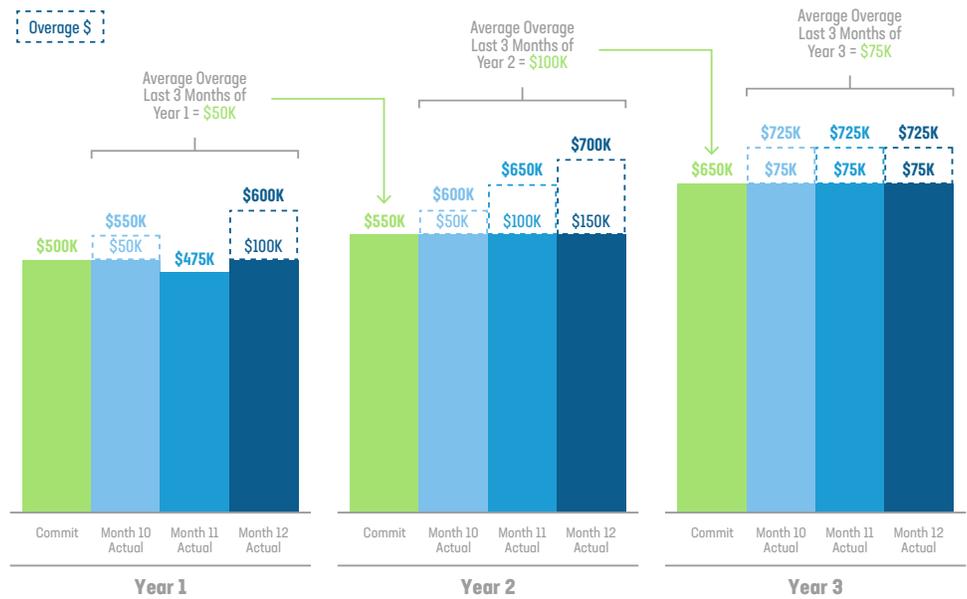# THREE-YEAR LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION WITH YEARLY BUDGET PROTECTION

The F5 ELA is an annual spend commitment you agree to upfront, which enables you to deploy services from the F5 solutions 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 on overage, which provides you with greater budget protection and confidence to deploy required F5 services.

HOW DOES THE F5 ELA WORK?

The ELA provides IT organizations with an agile, flexible model for taking advantage of F5 application and security services to meet business needs while maintaining control over costs. Control comes via monthly reporting that provides visibility into actual services consumption.

- Commitment to a minimum annual spend over three-year agreement

- Commitment/fee adjusted annually based on actual usage

- True-forward mechanics: adjustment based on prior year's usage (average of overage in last 3 months)

- Visibility and compliance via quarterly activity report

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

AVAILABLE F5 LICENSES

Now you can take advantage of all that F5 has to offer across its broad product portfolio. The F5 ELA gives organizations the flexibility to use BIG-IP and NGINX software licenses on demand on common systems across their application environments. Based on their needs, IT can instantiate and revoke a wide range of BIG-IP software modules—including BIG-IP LTM, BIG-IP DNS, BIG-IP AFM, BIG-IP APM, and BIG-IP Advanced WAF—with performance models from 25M to 10G throughput. Supplemental add-on features are also available for certain options, including FIPS, IPI, IPS, and Ext-HSM.

The F5 ELA enables similar flexibility in the use of NGINX software licenses, with per-instance NGINX+, Controller, Load Balancing, and API Management Module add-ons, and per-server NGINX+ (Container) licensing options.

In addition, the F5 ELA lets customers use and apply new BIG-IP software subscriptions that run on select hardware-only priced F5 appliances and chassis-based systems. F5 customers that currently want to invest in more hardware—but are going through digital transformation—can be confident that their F5 software purchase will not be tied indefinitely to that hardware. In other words, the software expense can be redirected in the future as needed if the F5 software is hosted on common servers.

AVAILABLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE F5 ELA

Virtual Software

- BIG-IP LTM, DNS, AFM, APM, Advanced WAF
- Select add-on modules
- Better/Best bundles
- BIG-IP Virtual Edition and Cloud Edition
- NGINX+ Controller

Hardware

- iSeries appliances (select models)
- VIPRION chassis systems (select models)

Services/Support

- Premium support

F5 PREMIUM SUPPORT INCLUDED

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

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.