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# Navigating the complexities of hybrid multicloud application delivery

The F5<sup>®</sup> Application Delivery and Security Platform (ADSP) simplifies and optimizes hybrid and multicloud environments, surpassing users' most demanding requirements.

#### **Key benefits**

# Operate with consistency across environments

Simplify operational workflows with consistent management experiences and in-depth traffic and data telemetry, all enabled via unified app delivery and security policies.

#### Avoid cloud lock-in

Gain the flexibility to optimize costs, boost resilience, and adapt quickly to changing user demands by running your apps across any cloud or on premises.

# Enhance reliability and reduce downtime

Ensure seamless user experiences and minimize service interruptions with advanced application services and network performance monitoring.

#### Deliver predictable performance and security across any environment

Deliver seamless, reliable experiences to end users while safeguarding sensitive data against threats, all without disruption, even as environments scale.

#### Accelerate time-to-market

Enable rapid deployment and operational savings with SaaS options and consistent application, network, and security services across multicloud environments.

### The modern application delivery challenge

Delivering applications to users began with hardware running on premises in data centers that were designed to serve applications as requested. As the application landscape grew to cater to the needs of our digital world, applications and APIs increasingly moved to the cloud. For organizations with a global user base, bringing applications closer to users meant improved performance, higher availability, and enhanced security.

However, this shift led to the rise of hybrid and multicloud environments—a necessary evolution to manage the growing sprawl of applications and APIs while meeting escalating user demands and business needs. As applications became distributed across public clouds, private data centers, edge locations, and SaaS environments, the resulting fragmentation introduced significant challenges, such as inconsistent security policies, an increased threat landscape, performance blind spots, redundant tools, and operational inefficiencies. This tangled complexity is what F5 calls the Ball of Fire.

This highly distributed reality makes it increasingly difficult to deliver instant, secure, and seamless user experiences everywhere users or applications reside. Without addressing these challenges, organizations risk losing their competitive edge, damaging brand reputation, and forfeiting revenue opportunities.

To overcome these hurdles, teams must focus on achieving three critical goals:

- Frictionless delivery across a diverse, multicloud environment
- · Consistent security and performance policies
- Streamlined operations through centralized control and automation

#### **Key features**

## Balance traffic across hybrid and multicloud environments

Route traffic across on-premises, cloud, and edge environments without friction to ensure seamless application performance and consistent user experiences.

### Centralize management and observability

Gain holistic visibility and insights across all apps and APIs with centralized management, wherever and however they're deployed.

#### Improve integrated security

Protect business-critical apps with advanced security features that help detect and mitigate vulnerabilities and threats.

#### Optimize app delivery with flexible deployment

Ensure app delivery with cloudagnostic solutions delivered as SaaS, lightweight software, virtualized software, or hardware for any architecture.

F5's hybrid multicloud application delivery solution pairs cutting-edge technology with a proven approach to tackle today's complexities.

### Unified application delivery and security

F5's approach to hybrid multicloud application delivery addresses the challenges of operating in disjointed environments by providing a unified platform that spans public clouds, private data centers, edge locations, and SaaS environments. This empowers organizations to efficiently manage applications and APIs across any environment while maintaining high performance, consistent security, and streamlined operations.

Here's what to expect from hybrid multicloud application delivery with F5:

#### Consistent security and compliance across all environments

F5 is infrastructure agnostic, meaning security policies stay consistent regardless of where applications or APIs reside. This helps reduce cloud vendor lock-in, offering organizations the flexibility to operate across diverse environments without compromising security. It also ensures compliance requirements are met while reducing risks, closing security gaps introduced by fragmented architectures, and protecting critical assets against attacks or malicious actors.

#### Enhanced performance for seamless user experiences

By optimizing traffic steering and load balancing to deliver applications across hybrid and multicloud environments, F5 not only enhances performance but also empowers organizations to avoid dependence on a single cloud provider. This ensures fast, seamless, and reliable interactions, no matter where your users or applications live.

#### Unified visibility for proactive management

Gain real-time insights into application health, performance, and security with F5's unified dashboard capabilities. This clear, comprehensive view of your multicloud environment allows teams to identify bottlenecks, resolve issues faster, and make informed decisions— all while reducing performance blind spots and improving operational efficiency.

#### Simplified operations with unified control

Eliminate the chaos of fragmented tools and unnecessary duplication. F5's hybrid multicloud application delivery solutions bring everything together with F5 BIG-IQ® Centralized Management, F5 Distributed Cloud Console, and NGINX One<sup>™</sup> Console. Native integrations with cloud providers' tools and interfaces further streamline operations, leveraging intelligent orchestration and automation to reduce complexity. Shift your focus from troubleshooting inefficiencies to driving innovation, empowered by seamless observability and control.

#### Scalable and resilient architecture

Built to scale with your organizational needs, F5's solutions dynamically adapt to handle increasing user demand, global traffic flows, and growing application ecosystems. This scalability ensures you're ready to meet modern performance demands without sacrificing security, visibility, or control.



Figure 1: Users need to access apps quickly and securely, wherever they are located.

### **Embracing unified application delivery**

As enterprises navigate the complexities of hybrid and multicloud environments, adopting a group of complementary application delivery and security solutions, like those found in the F5 ADSP, becomes essential. By simplifying operations, enhancing performance, and ensuring consistent security across all environments, F5 empowers organizations to deliver exceptional digital experiences at scale.

F5's hybrid multicloud application delivery solutions pair cutting-edge technology with a proven approach to tackle today's complexities. By unifying application services management, security, and performance into a single platform, F5 enables organizations to meet growing user demands, safeguard brand reputation, and maintain a competitive edge in today's fast-moving digital economy.

#### Contact F5 to get started or learn more about Hybrid Multicloud Application Delivery.



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