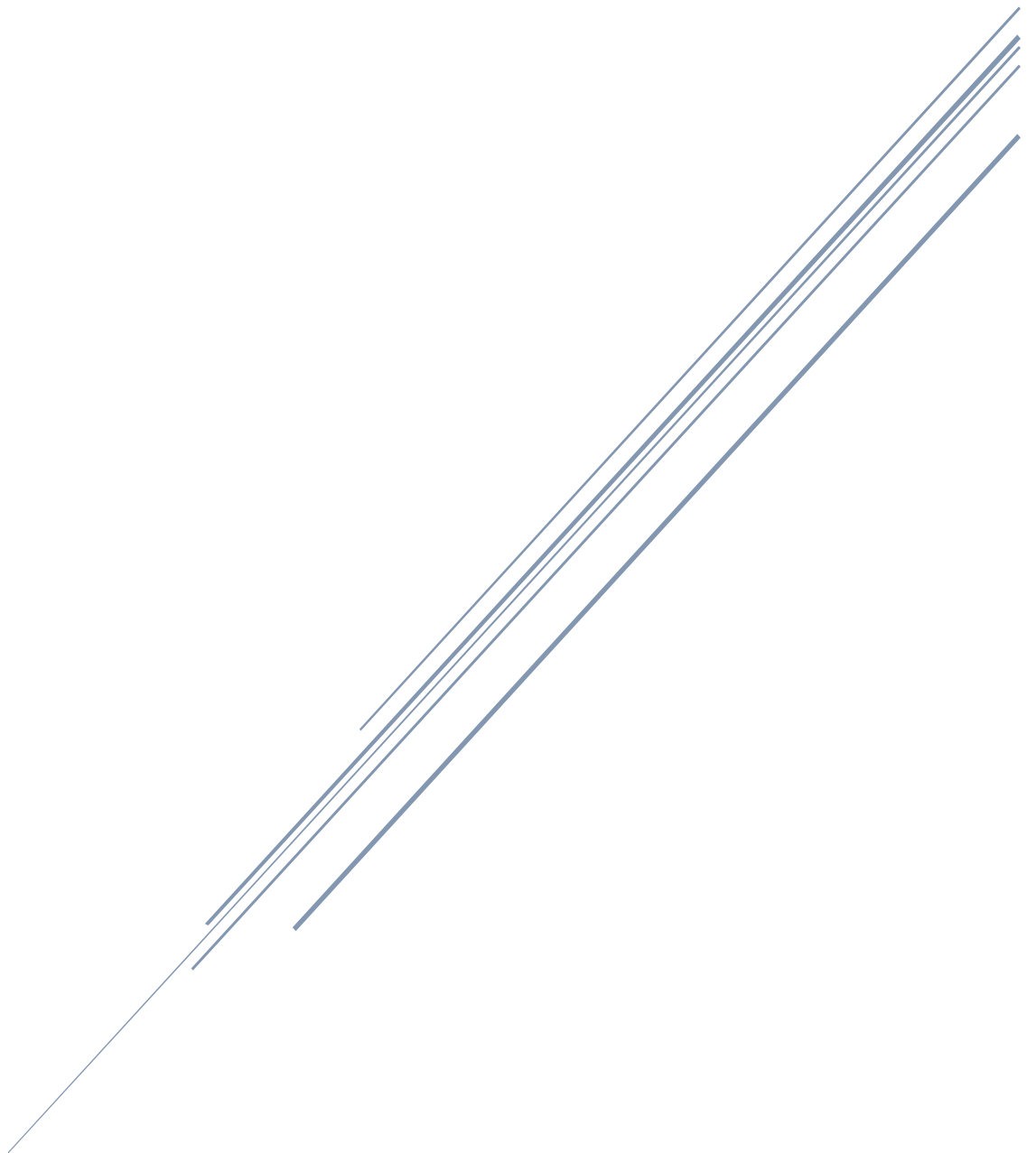


# POLICY SUPERVISOR PROJECT

## Getting Started & User Guide



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# Policy Supervisor Overview

Policy Supervisor is an online tool that enables operators of F5 WAF technologies to easily convert policy files between BIG-IP AWAF, F5 Distributed Cloud WAF, and NGINX App Protect formats. In the process we're using an intermediate JSON-based common declarative format called CDP (Common Declarative Policy).

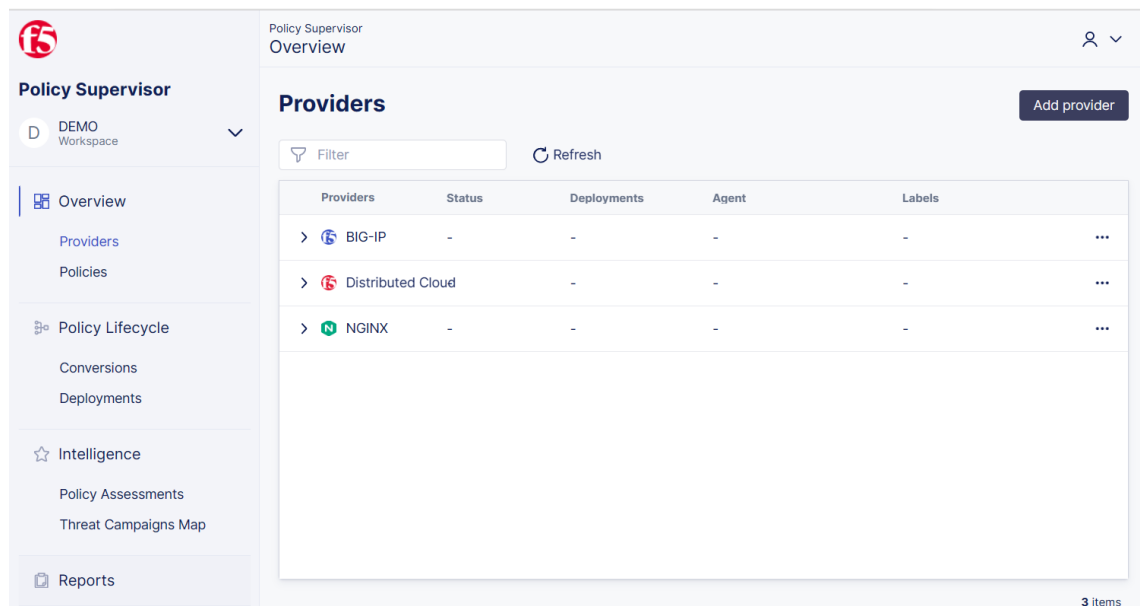
After a policy is converted to CDP, it can then be deployed to any supported WAF Solution, which is referred to as a Provider in Policy Supervisor lingo. Please refer to the [GitHub repo for the Policy Supervisor Tutorial](#) for currently supported Provider types.

Policy Supervisor provides a graphical interface for visual policy creation, editing and management for traditional SecOps and DevSecOps personas.

## Getting Started

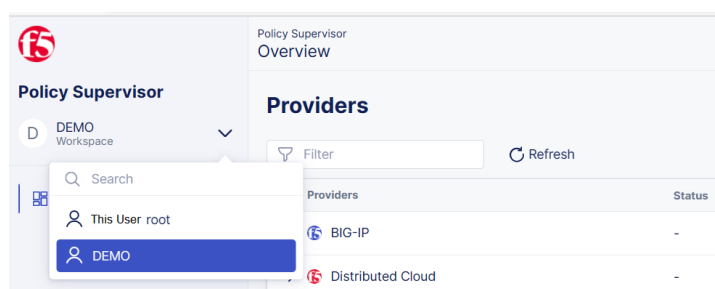
Go to the Policy Supervisor host site <https://policysupervisor.io> and log in using your organization Azure Active Directory (AAD) account, or your personal Microsoft account.

When you log in, your account is automatically created so you don't need to request account creation from an administrator or super user.



## Workspaces

Your default workspace is your Azure/Microsoft account name followed by *root*. Only you can view this personal workspace and make updates. Any other workspaces are accessible by invitation only; therefore, you will only see your own workspace, and those that you were invited to.



# Providers

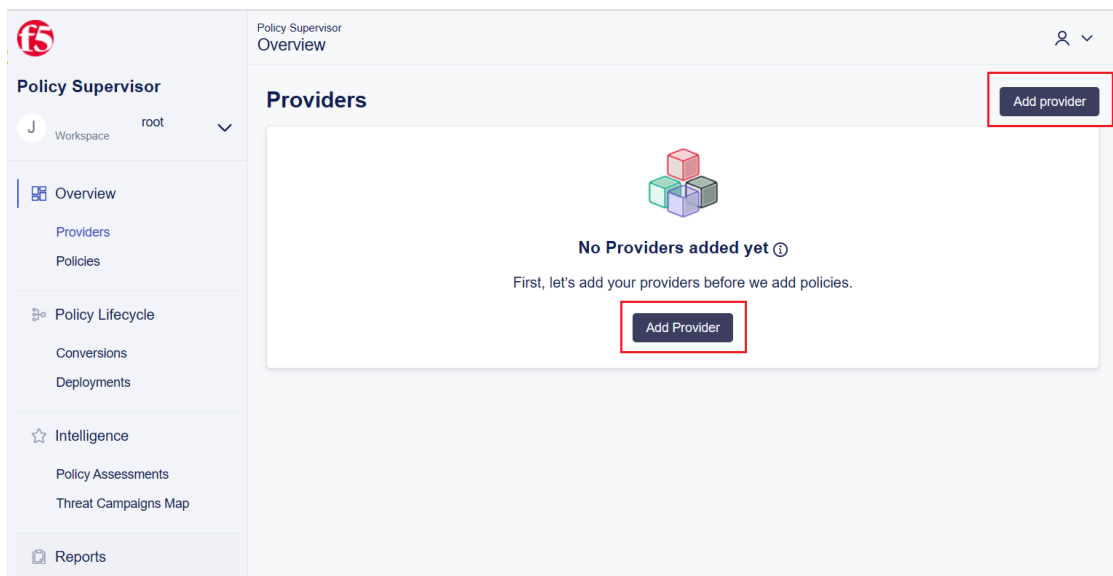
A Provider is a generic name used by Policy Supervisor to indicate an F5 Web App Firewall. The supported Provider types are: F5 Distributed Cloud WAF, BIG-IP Advanced WAF (AWAF), and NGINX Application Protection (NAP). Add and connect providers in Policy Supervisor to enable the deployment of your configuration policies across endpoints and load balancers for complete WAF protection.

## Adding a BIG-IP Provider

When you add a BIG-IP instance as a provider, you must first set up an agent and associated secret on the private network to enable a secure connection between the BIG-IP instance and Policy Supervisor. For more information, see the following section: [Adding and Configuring an Agent: BIG-IP and NGINX](#).

When you have installed your agent on the Linux machine/VM located on the same network as the BIG-IP instance, you can complete the setup in Policy Supervisor as follows:

1. On the *Overview > Providers* page, click **Add Provider**. If this is the first provider being added, there are two Add Provider buttons on the screen.



2. On the resultant *Add Providers* pane, in the *Provider Type* drop-down, choose **BIG-IP**.
3. In the *Select Agent* field, choose the agent that will be used to connect to the BIG-IP provider. Either select an existing agent or create a new one as described in [Adding and Configuring an Agent: BIG-IP and NGINX](#).
4. The *Secrets* field is then displayed. From the *Secrets* drop-down list, choose the secret to use and click **Continue**.

### Add Providers

Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAF.

Provider Type \*

BIG-IP

Select Agent ⓘ \*

new-agent

+ Add new agent

Secrets \*

Search

new-secret

admin

Close Continue

**Note:** An agent can have more than one secret associated with it, and all secrets are displayed in the *Secrets* drop-down list.

5. In the *Provider Name* field, enter a name for this provider, and then in the *Provider URL* field, enter the URL where the BIG-IP provider instance is located.

### Add Providers

Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAF.

Provider Type \*

BIG-IP

Select Agent ⓘ \*

new-agent

+ Add new agent

Secrets \*

new-secret

Provider Name \*

Test Provider

Provider URL \*

https://12.34.56.789

Labels

Enter tags

CloseTest Connection

**Note:** Ensure that you enter the full URL description, including *https://*

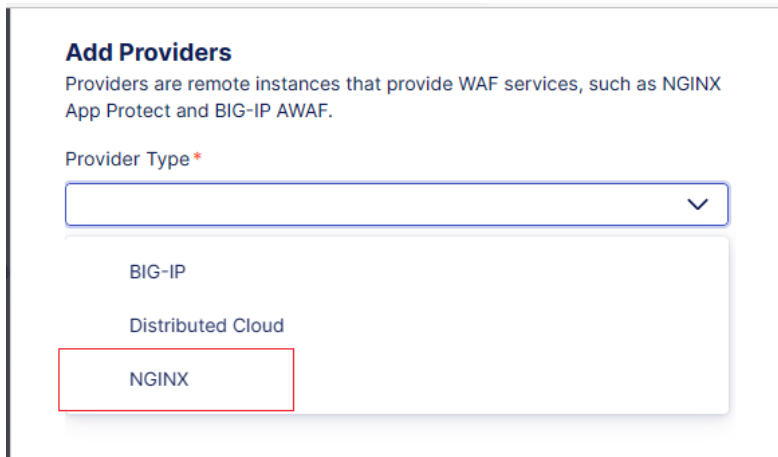
- In the *Labels* field, optionally add some label tags if you would like to have user-generated text that can be used to search for and organize your providers.
- Click **Test Connection** and wait for the connection processes to complete between Policy Supervisor and the provider.
- When the connection has completed, a *Success* message is displayed showing the connection details. From here you can add another provider or return to the *Providers Overview* page.

## Adding an NGINX Provider

When you add an NGINX instance as a provider, you must first set up an agent and associated secret on the private network to enable Policy Supervisor to securely connect to the NGINX instance. For more information, see the following section: [Adding and Configuring an Agent: BIG-IP and NGINX](#).

When you have installed your agent on the Linux machine/VM located on the same network as the NGINX instance, you can complete the setup in Policy Supervisor as follows:

1. On the *Providers* page, click **Add Provider**. If this is the first provider across all provider types being added, there are two Add Provider buttons on the screen.
2. On the resultant *Add Providers* pane, in the *Provider Type* drop-down, choose NGINX.



**Add Providers**  
Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAf.

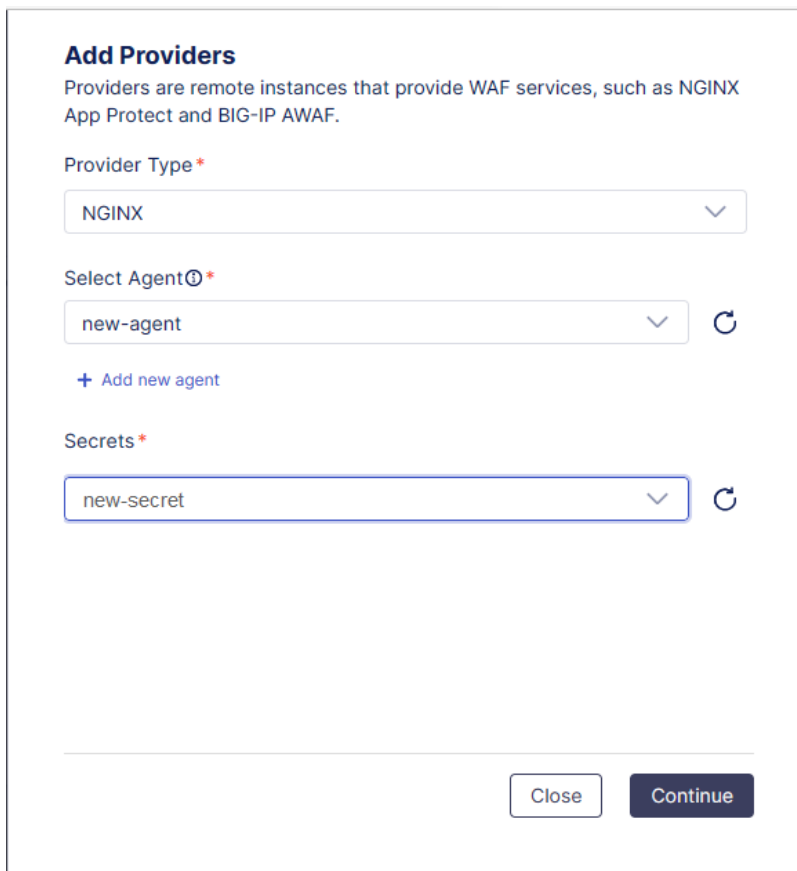
Provider Type \*

BIG-IP

Distributed Cloud

NGINX

3. In the *Select Agent* field, choose the agent that will be used to securely connect to the NGINX provider. Either select an existing agent or create a new one as described in [Adding and Configuring an Agent: BIG-IP and NGINX](#).
4. The *Secrets* field is then displayed. From the *Secrets* drop-down list, choose the secret to use and click **Continue**.



**Add Providers**  
Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAf.

Provider Type \*

NGINX

Select Agent ⓘ \*

new-agent

+ Add new agent

Secrets \*

new-secret

Close Continue

5. The remaining fields are then displayed. In the *Provider Name* field, enter a name for this provider.
6. In the *SSH Server and Port* field, enter the IP address of the Nginx instance, and the ssh port number in the following format: `<ssh_server_ip>:<ssh_port>`

**Add Providers**

Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAF.

Provider Type \*

NGINX

Select Agent ⓘ \*

new-agent

+ Add new agent

Secret \*

new-secret

Provider Name \*

nap-provider

SSH Server and Port \*

127.0.0.1:22

Labels

Enter tags

Close Test Connection

**Note:** The *SSH Server and Port* field contains placeholder text with an example of the required data format.

7. In the *Labels* field, optionally add some label tags if you would like to have user-generated text that can be used to search for and organize your providers.
8. Click **Test Connection** and wait for the connection processes to complete between Policy Supervisor and the provider.
9. When the connection has completed, a *Success* message is displayed showing the connection details. From here you can add another provider or return to the *Providers Overview* page.



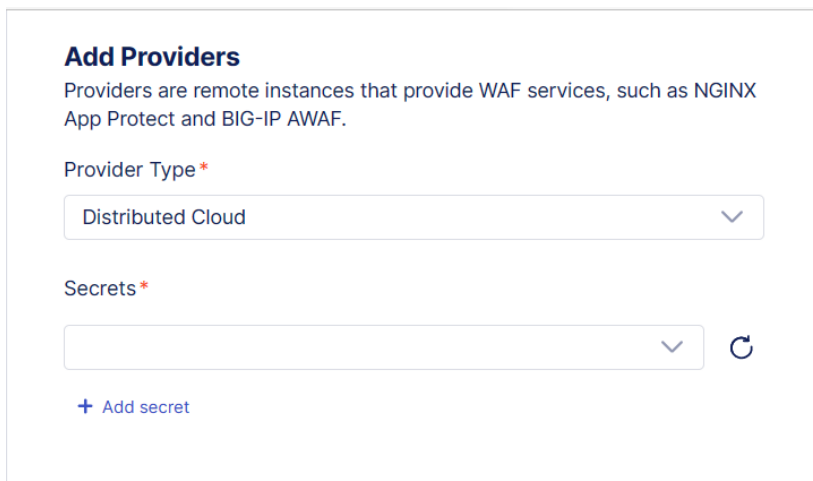
## Adding a Distributed Cloud Provider

When you add a provider of type Distributed Cloud, you are setting up a connection to a Distributed Cloud namespace, to which you can then deploy policy files and configurations. Distributed Cloud namespaces are on a more open internet platform; therefore, you connect to Policy Supervisor via a global agent and secret to begin communication.

Unlike the other two provider types, you don't need to install an agent behind a private network for a Distributed Cloud instance. The agent for Distributed Cloud is stored on the Policy Supervisor system, and you set up an API credential and secret for connecting to the platform. For information on generating the API Token credential, see the following section: [Generating a Distributed Cloud API Token credential](#).

To add a Distributed Cloud provider, complete the following steps.

1. On the *Providers* page, click **Add Provider**. If this is the first provider across all provider types being added, there are two Add Provider buttons on the screen.
2. On the *Add Providers* pane, click the *Provider Type* drop-down and choose **Distributed Cloud** from the list.



**Add Providers**

Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAFF.

Provider Type \*

Distributed Cloud

Secrets \*

+ Add secret

3. Select a secret from the Secrets drop-down list or add a new secret. To add a new secret, click **+ Add secret**, which opens the *Add Secret* pane.

4. Enter a name for this secret in the *Secret Name* field.

The screenshot shows a form titled "Add Secret". It contains two input fields: "Secret Name" with a red asterisk and "API Token" with a red asterisk. The "Secret Name" field contains the text "new-secret". Below the "API Token" field, there are instructions on how to generate an API token. At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Create".

Add Secret

Secret Name \*

new-secret

API Token \*

Instructions to generate API Token:

1. Go to **Account > Account Settings > Personal Management > Credentials > Add Credentials**.
2. At **Credential Type** select **API Token**
3. Enter a name and an expiration date and click Generate

Cancel Create

5. In the *API Token* field, enter the generated token from your account in the Distributed Cloud console, as described in [Generating a Distributed Cloud API Token credential](#).
6. Once you have entered the API Token, click **Create**.
7. When you return to the *Add Providers* pane, choose your new secret from the *Secrets* drop-down list, and click **Continue**.  
**Note:** Click the *Refresh* button to update the Secrets list with the new secret.
8. Add a name for this provider instance, and enter the URL for your F5 Distributed Cloud tenant, typically in the following format:  
*https://your\_tenant.console.ves.volterra.io/*
9. In the *Labels* field, optionally add some label tags if you would like to have user-generated text that can be used to search for and organize your Providers.
10. Click **Test Connection** and wait for the connection processes to complete between Policy Supervisor and the provider.
11. When the connection has completed, a *Success* message is displayed showing the connection details. From here you can add another provider or return to the *Providers Overview* page.

## Adding and Configuring an Agent: BIG-IP and NGINX

Before you can add a BIG-IP or NGINX provider instance in Policy Supervisor, you must set up an “Agent” on the private network where the provider is running to ensure a secure connection between Policy Supervisor and the provider.

- Ensure you have a machine or VM with Linux OS with an outbound connection located on the same network as the BIG-IP or NGINX instance that you’d like to use as a Provider in Policy Supervisor.
- The Policy Supervisor “Agent” is a Linux binary that is first installed on this machine/VM and is registered using a unique token generated in the Policy Supervisor UI for your Policy Supervisor workspace only.
- The Agent is used to create “Secrets”, which are stored in your environment only and are not transmitted outside of your network.
- These secrets are used to connect to your BIG-IP AWAFF or NGINX NAP instance to execute various policy-related functions within a Docker container environment on that machine/VM.
- Ensure that Docker and wget are installed on your Linux machine/VM.

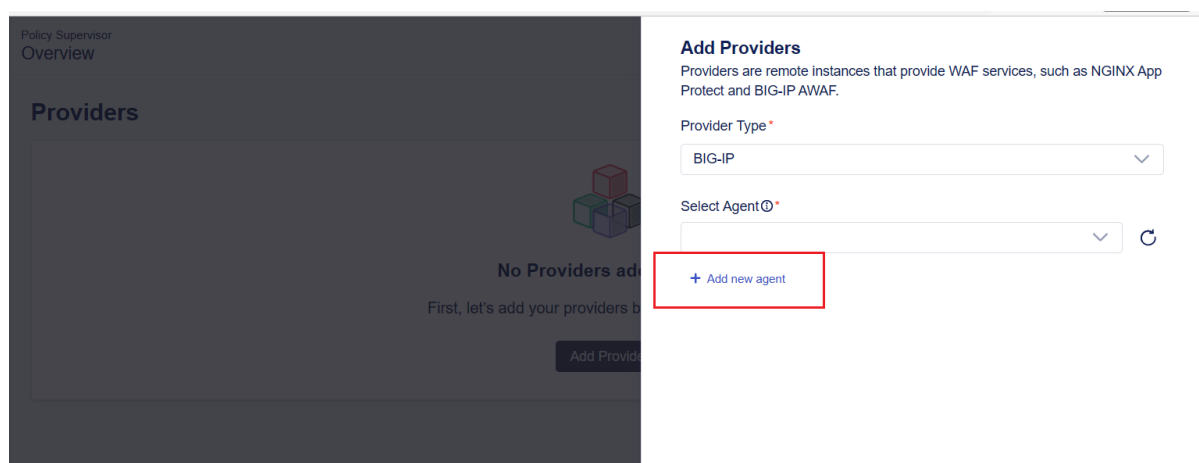
Adding and configuring an agent consists of the following sections:

- [Download the agent-installer package](#)
- [Run the installer and configure the agent](#)
- [Set up the agent options](#)

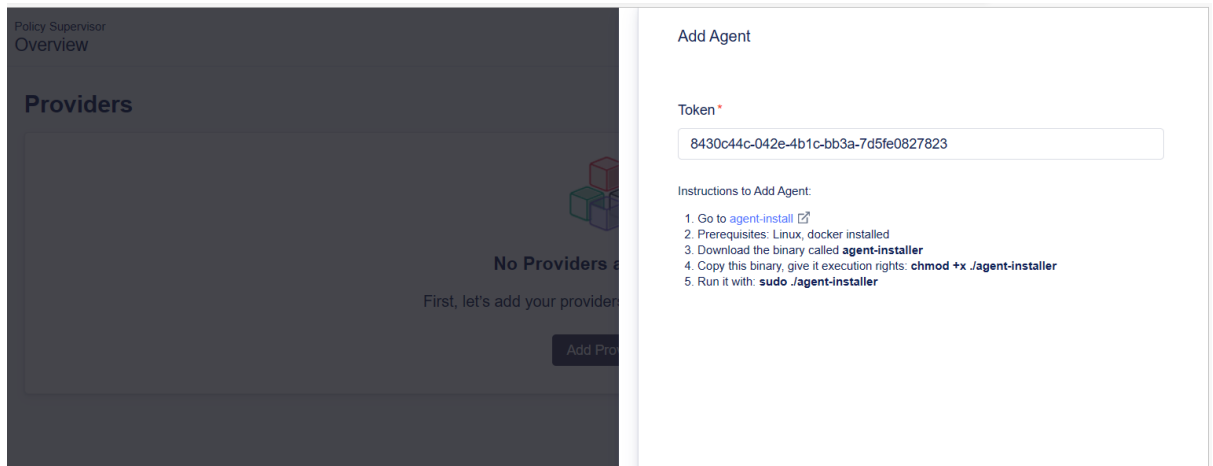
### Download the agent-installer package

To download the installer package, complete the following steps:

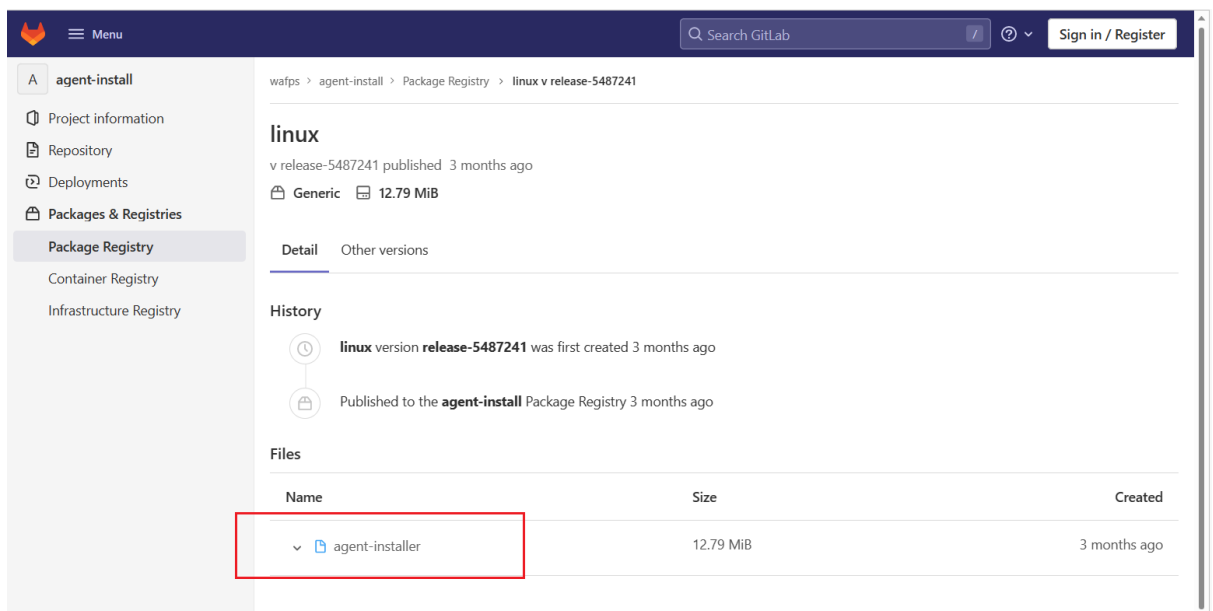
1. On the **Add Providers** pane on Policy Supervisor, having selected the provider type of *BIG-IP* or *NGINX*, in the *Select Agent* section click **+ Add new agent**.



2. An *Add Agent* pane slides out, with a token generated as a long text string. Copy and paste the Token to a text file to be used later.



3. In the *Add Agent* pane, click the **agent-install** link to open the GitLab repository.
4. On the *gitlab.policysupervisor.io* site, right-click on the **agent-installer** file name and select **Copy Link**.



The following URL is copied to your clipboard:

[https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package\\_files/322/download](https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download)

5. Go to your Linux machine (navigate to it on an AWS virtual machine, or through puTTY for example), which is on the same network as your BIG-IP or NGINX instance.
6. Download the installer via the command line by using the `wget` command and the GitLab URL:  

```
wget https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download
```

```

{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:38:14+01:00","message":"bye!"}
d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % ls
agent-install  config  report-copy  template
d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % wget https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download

```

7. Wait for the package to download.

```

d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % wget https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download
--2023-01-23 17:38:45-- https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download
Resolving gitlab.policysupervisor.io (gitlab.policysupervisor.io)... 107.22.50.101
Connecting to gitlab.policysupervisor.io (gitlab.policysupervisor.io)|107.22.50.101|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 13406208 (13M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'download'

download                               56%[=====>] 7.22M 2.21MB/s eta 3s

```

8. When the package is downloaded, use the `ls` command to show the downloaded package, which is shown as `download`.

```

d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % wget https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download
--2023-01-23 17:38:45-- https://gitlab.policysupervisor.io/wafps/agent-install/-/package_files/322/download
Resolving gitlab.policysupervisor.io (gitlab.policysupervisor.io)... 107.22.50.101
Connecting to gitlab.policysupervisor.io (gitlab.policysupervisor.io)|107.22.50.101|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 13406208 (13M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'download'

download                               100%[=====>] 12.79M 2.26MB/s in 5.6s

2023-01-23 17:38:51 (2.28 MB/s) - 'download' saved [13406208/13406208]

d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % ls
agent-install  config  download  report-copy  template
d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin %

```

You will rename it from `download` in the next section.

Run the installer and configure the agent

When the package has downloaded, use the following commands to run the agent installation.

1. Rename the downloaded package from `download` to `agent-installer` by using the following command:

```
mv download agent-installer
```

List the directory contents again, and verify that the package is now displayed as `agent-installer`

2. Next, give the installer package execution rights to enable it to run:

```
chmod +x ./agent-installer
```

3. Then, go ahead and run the agent installer by using the following command:

```
sudo ./agent-installer
```

Some messages are displayed while the agent installer is running.

```

d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % sudo ./agent-installer
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:40:59+01:00","message":"Vault is already installed"}
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:40:59+01:00","message":"secrets will be stored on vault: http://localhost:8200"}
Checking requirements...
{"level":"error","time":"2023-01-23T17:41:00+01:00","message":"failed to load config, will try again: Config File \"config\" Not Found in \
\"[/Users/d.daian/Documents/gitswarm/policy-supervisor-services/bin/config]\""}
Enter agent token:

```

4. You are then prompted to enter the agent token.

**Note:** This step is only required when running the installer for the first time.

Copy the agent token from the *Add Agent* screen on Policy Supervisor, or the text file where you pasted it previously, and paste it here.

```
d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin % sudo ./agent-installer
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:42:21+01:00","message":"Vault is already installed"}
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:42:21+01:00","message":"secrets will be stored on vault: http://localhost:8200"}
Checking requirements...
{"level":"error","time":"2023-01-23T17:42:23+01:00","message":"failed to load config, will try again: Config File \"config\" Not Found in \
/Users/d.daian/Documents/gitswarm/policy-supervisor-services/bin/config\""}
Enter agent token: *****
```

5. Create the secret that will store the credentials to connect to the provider. Enter a name for the secret, which must be a unique secret name that hasn't been used before.

```
Checking requirements...
{"level":"error","time":"2023-01-23T17:42:23+01:00","message":"failed to load config, will try again: Config File \"config\" Not Found in \
/Users/d.daian/Documents/gitswarm/policy-supervisor-services/bin/config\""}
Enter agent token: *****
Enter secret name: new-secret
```

6. Informational messages are displayed for the connection and authentication methods to different providers.

```
Enter secret name: new-secret
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:44:27+01:00","message":"BigIp and XC providers use username & password for connection"}
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:44:27+01:00","message":"NAP can connect using ssh key or username & password. The ssh key if set, tak
es precedence over username & password."}
```

**Note:** For NGINX, you must have generated an ssh public and private key, with the public key placed on your remote Nginx App Protect instance. The private key is located on the Linux machine/VM where you are creating the agent. All ssh key and certificate details are normally stored in `.pem` format on the Linux machine. In the next step, you enter the path to this `.pem` file, so that it will be used when connecting Policy Supervisor to the NGINX instance.

7. Enter the username and password that will be stored in the secret, and for NGINX, the path to the `.pem` file containing the ssh key details, for example,  
`/home/<your name>/.ssh/file.pem`

```
Enter secret name: new-secret
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:44:27+01:00","message":"BigIp and XC providers use username & password for connection"}
{"level":"info","time":"2023-01-23T17:44:27+01:00","message":"NAP can connect using ssh key or username & password. The ssh key if set, tak
es precedence over username & password."}
Enter username: admin
Enter password: *****
Enter ssh key path (private key in pem format, NAP only): /home/johndoe/.ssh/file.pem
```

**Note:** The username and password you enter here are the credentials that you use when you are logging in to the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.

8. You can then assign the name for the agent, which is the name that will be displayed when selecting it in the *Add Provider* screen.

```
es precedence over username & password."}
Enter username: admin
Enter password: *****
Enter ssh key path (private key in pem format, NAP only): /home/johndoe/.ssh/file.pem
✓ Enter agent name: new-agent
```

9. When you assign the agent name, the installation continues.

When the installation is completed, you are then provided with some additional setup options for the agent.

### Complete the setup and agent options

When you have downloaded and run the *agent-installer*, there are some additional setup options to complete for the agent installation.

1. The following setup options are displayed:

Finish  
Add Secret  
Remove Secret  
Update Secret  
Reset  
View

```
{
  "status": "Status: Image is up to date for registry.gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-runner:alpine"
}
{"level": "info", "time": "2023-01-23T17:45:53+01:00", "message": "runner config path is mapped to: /Users/d.daian/Documents/git swarm/policy-supervisor-services/bin, on the host machine. Make sure docker has access to this path."}
{"level": "info", "time": "2023-01-23T17:45:56+01:00", "message": "Waiting for runner to read config and connect"}
{"level": "info", "time": "2023-01-23T17:46:27+01:00", "message": "Agent config complete. You can now add another Secret or select Finish to exit setup."}
Use the arrow keys to navigate: ↑ ↓ → ←
? Select an option:
  ▶ Finish
    Add Secret
    Remove Secret
    Update Secret
    Reset
```

2. Use the arrow keys to navigate and select each option:

**Finish** – completes the agent installation and exits the process.

**Add Secret** – allows you to add another secret to the agent, whereby you would enter an additional secret name, with another username and password.

**Remove Secret** – displays the existing secrets for this agent, and enables you to select one and remove it.

**Update Secret** - displays the existing secrets for this agent, and enables you to select one and update it. For example, change the secret name, username, and/or password.

**Reset** – removes the agent completely.

**View** - this shows the name and workspace from Policy Supervisor for this agent, for example 'Firstname Surname - C Workspace test'.

3. When you select **Finish** on the list of options, the agent installation is completed.

```
✓ Finish
{"level": "info", "time": "2023-01-23T17:47:49+01:00", "message": "bye!"}
d.daian@C02YJ554JGH6 bin %
```

4. Your agent will now be available for selection in the *Select Agent* drop-down list when you add a provider in Policy Supervisor, and the associated secrets in the *Secrets* drop-down list.

**Add Providers**  
Providers are remote instances that provide WAF services, such as NGINX App Protect and BIG-IP AWAf.

Provider Type\*

BIG-IP

Select Agent\*

new-agent

bigip-test-agent2

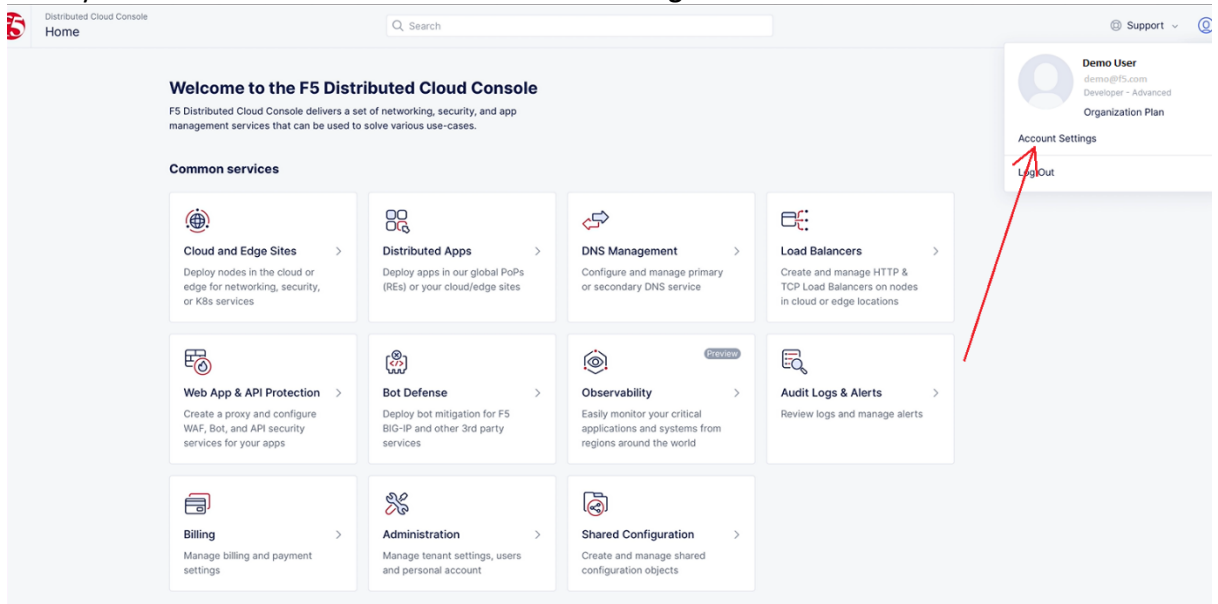
bigip-test-agent

## Generating a Distributed Cloud API Token credential

Distributed Cloud providers are on an open internet connection; therefore, they don't need an agent installed and configured on a private network. However, there is a requirement to set up a secret before you can connect to a Distributed Cloud provider in Policy Supervisor.

As part of the secret setup, you must first generate an API Token credential in the Distributed Cloud console. To generate this token credential, complete the following steps.

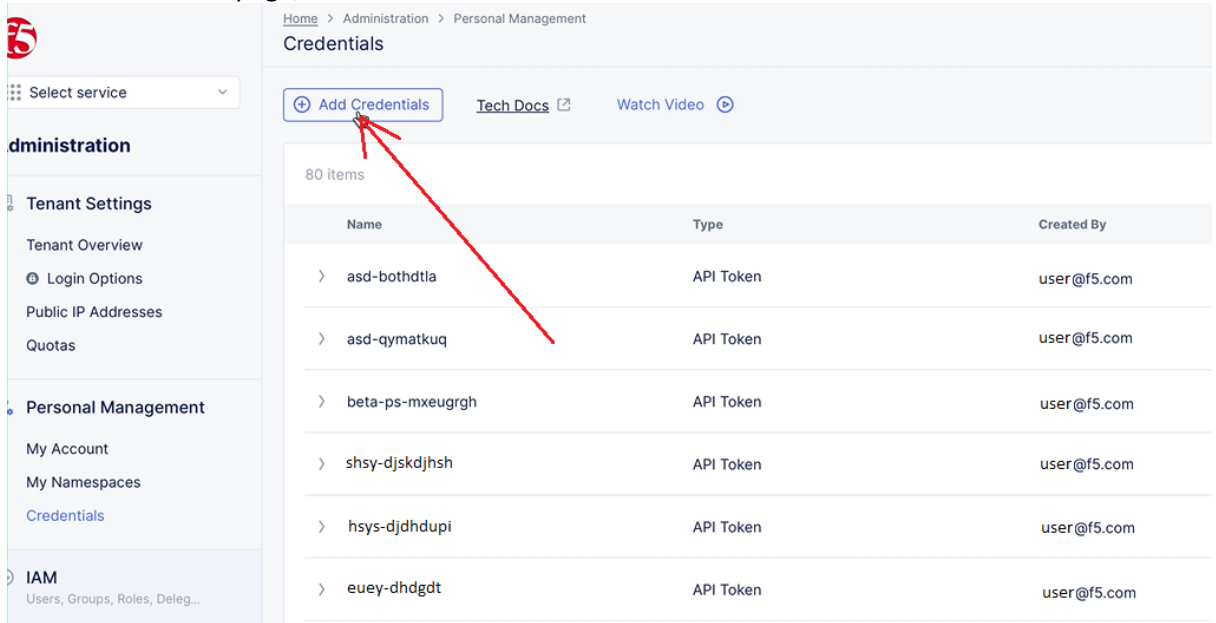
1. Log on to the *F5 Distributed Cloud UI*.
2. Go to your *User Account* menu and click **Account Settings**.



3. On the *My Account* page, go to the left-hand Administration menu > *Personal Management*, and click **Credentials**.



4. On the *Credentials* page, click the **Add Credentials** button.

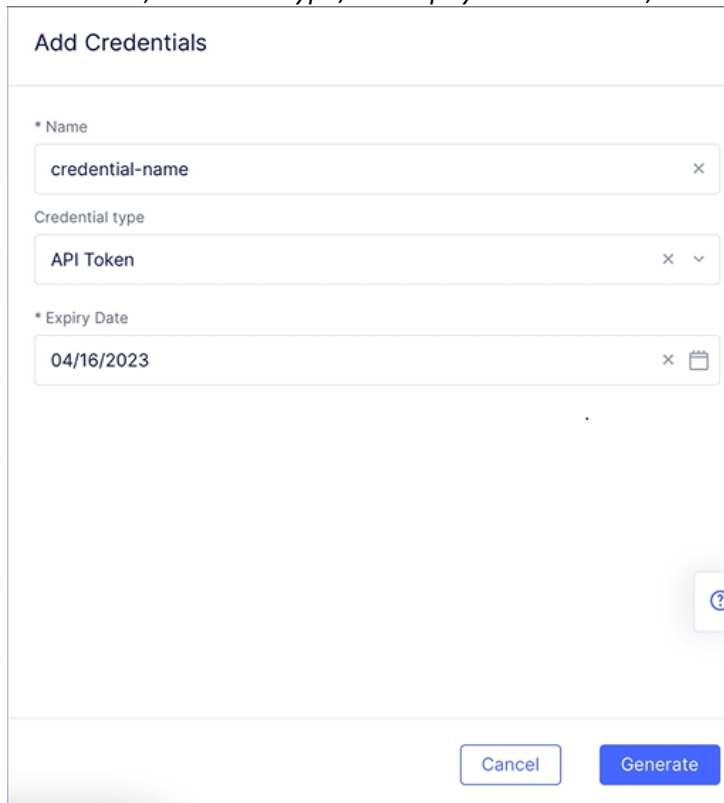


The screenshot shows the 'Credentials' page in a web application. The left sidebar contains navigation links: 'Select service', 'Administration' (with sub-links: 'Tenant Settings', 'Tenant Overview', 'Login Options', 'Public IP Addresses', 'Quotas'), 'Personal Management' (with sub-links: 'My Account', 'My Namespaces', 'Credentials'), and 'IAM' (with sub-links: 'Users, Groups, Roles, Deleg...'). The main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Administration > Personal Management' and the title 'Credentials'. Below the title are links for 'Add Credentials' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Tech Docs', and 'Watch Video'. A table below shows a list of credentials with columns 'Name', 'Type', and 'Created By'. The table contains 80 items, with the first six rows visible.

Name	Type	Created By
asd-bothdtla	API Token	user@f5.com
asd-qymatkuq	API Token	user@f5.com
beta-ps-mxeugrgh	API Token	user@f5.com
shsy-djskdjhsh	API Token	user@f5.com
hsys-djdhdupi	API Token	user@f5.com
euvey-dhdgdt	API Token	user@f5.com

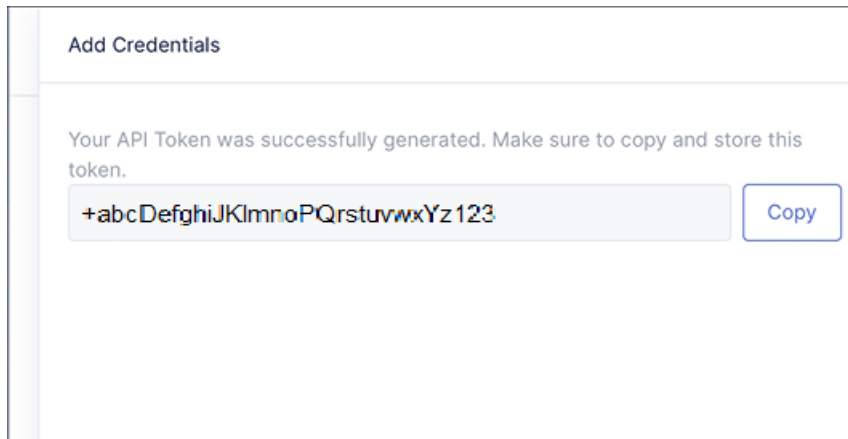
The *Add Credentials* pane slides out with fields and details to be completed.

5. Enter a *Name* for the credential and choose *API Token* as the authentication type to be generated, along with an *Expiry Date*.
- Credential Name
  - Choose API Token
  - Expiry date
6. With *Name*, *Credential type*, and *Expiry Date* selected, click **Generate**.



The screenshot shows the 'Add Credentials' form. It has three main input fields: 'Name' (with a placeholder 'credential-name'), 'Credential type' (with a dropdown menu showing 'API Token'), and 'Expiry Date' (with a date picker showing '04/16/2023'). At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Generate'.

7. The API token is generated, which you can copy to the clipboard for using in the *Add Provider* setup in Policy Supervisor.



8. Click **close** on the *API token* pane to return to the *Credentials* page.

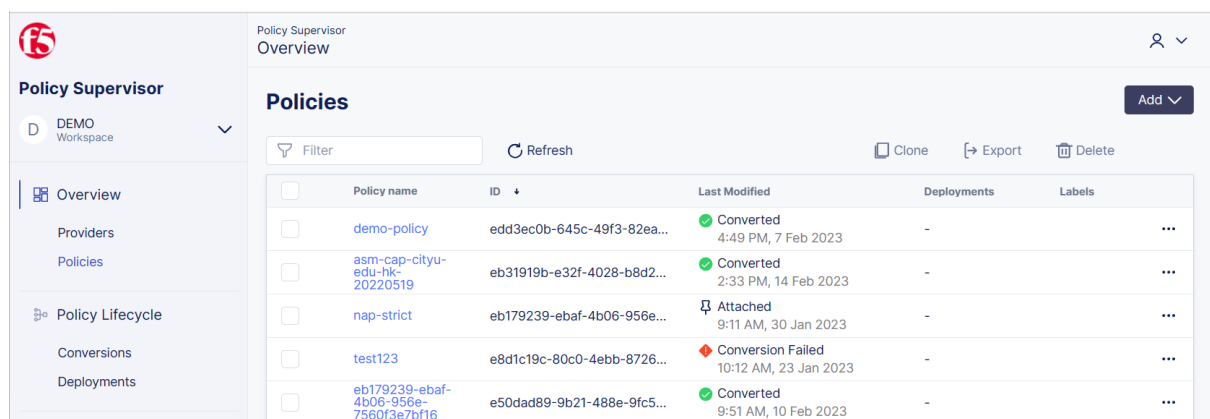
## Deleting a provider

You can disconnect from an existing provider and remove it from Policy Supervisor if required. To delete a provider, complete the following steps:

1. On the *Providers* page, click the *Action menu (...)* for the provider you want to delete.
2. From the *Action menu*, choose **Delete**.
3. The connection is stopped, and the provider is removed from the *Providers* page.

## Policies

The Policies page displays the existing policies that you are working with in Policy Supervisor and enables you to import and add new policies that you can edit and deploy.



To add policies to Policy Supervisor, you have the following options:

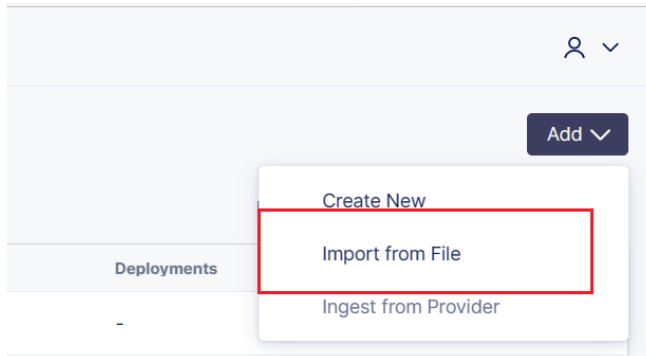
- **Import** a policy from file.
- **Ingest** directly from provider.
- **Create** a new policy.

## Importing a Policy from File (BIG-IP, NGINX)

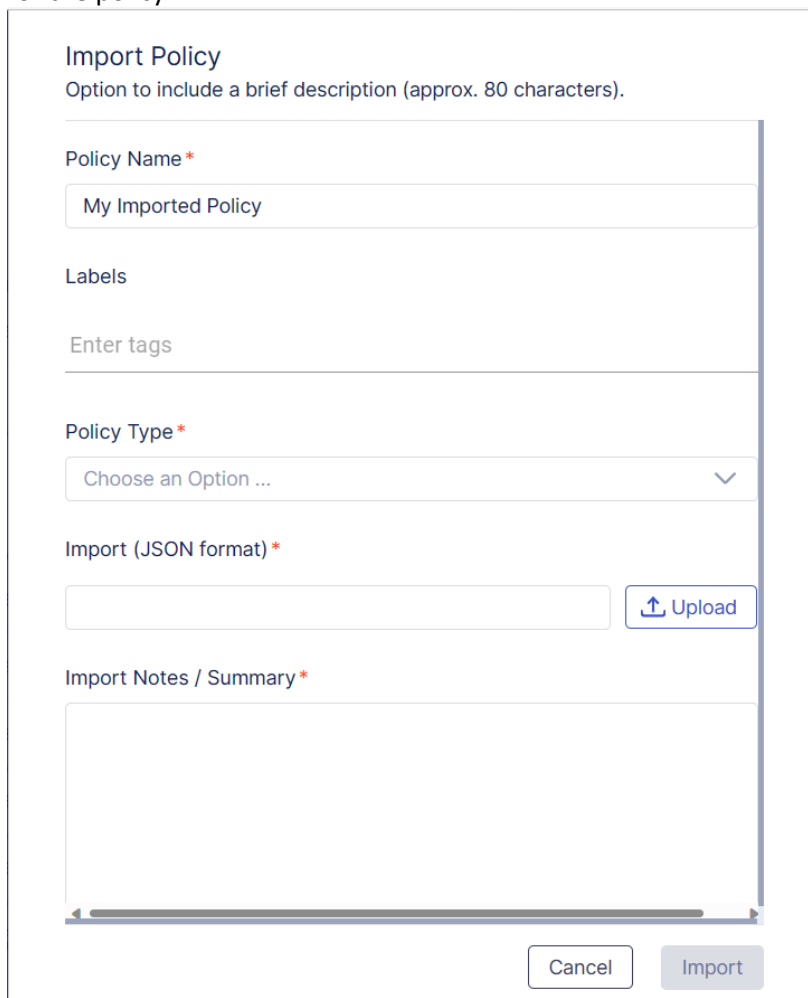
If you have exported policy files from your provider interface such as BIG-IP or NGINX into .JSON format, you can import them to Policy Supervisor for conversion and deployment.

To import a policy from file, complete the following steps:

1. In the top-right corner of the *Policies* page, click the **Add** button and choose *Import from File*.



2. On the *Import Policy* pane, in the *Policy Name* field, enter the name that you want to display for the policy.

A screenshot of the 'Import Policy' form. The form has a title 'Import Policy' and a subtitle 'Option to include a brief description (approx. 80 characters)'. It contains several fields: 'Policy Name \*' with the text 'My Imported Policy'; 'Labels' with a placeholder 'Enter tags'; 'Policy Type \*' with a dropdown menu showing 'Choose an Option ...'; 'Import (JSON format) \*' with a text input field and an 'Upload' button; and 'Import Notes / Summary \*' with a large text area. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Import' buttons.

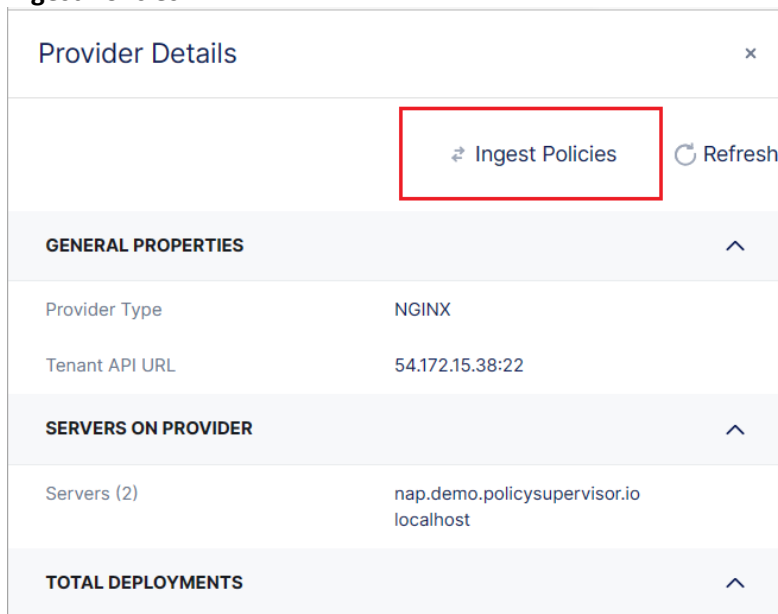
3. In the *Policy Type* field, choose **BIG-IP** or **NGINX** from the drop-down list.  
**Note:** Distributed Cloud policy type isn't supported for file import in the current release.
4. Upload the JSON export of the AWAF or NAP policy by clicking the **Upload** button and browsing to the file on your computer.
5. Add some descriptive notes about the policy in the *Import Notes/Summary* field and click **Import**.  
**Note:** The text that you enter in the Import Notes/Summary field is used as the name of the Report that is created for the conversion on the Reports page.
6. The files are imported and the conversion to CDP format completes. A conversion summary report displays the policy settings (configurations) that have been successfully converted, partially converted, or not supported. For more information on these details, see [Reports](#).
7. At the bottom of the *Conversion Completed* pane, click the **Edit Policy** button to view the imported policy in the Editor. Here you can review and make updates to the imported policy if necessary.

### Ingesting a Policy from a Provider (BIG-IP, NGINX)

You can ingest a policy directly from a connected BIG-IP or NGINX provider for conversion and deployment to another provider type.

To ingest a policy from a provider, complete the following steps:

1. On the *Providers* page, click on a provider name to display the *Provider Details* pane and click **Ingest Policies**.



2. On the *Ingest Policies* pane, select one or more policies from the list and click **Continue**.

Ingest Policies

NGINX

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	eb179239-ebaf-4b06-956e-7560f3e7bf16
<input type="checkbox"/>	NginxStrictPolicy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4f40de7c-53c3-4f70-b555-57948919be48
<input type="checkbox"/>	c079c29e-763d-4366-bf49-c6f5dce2bf82
<input type="checkbox"/>	51aed84e-85cf-49a3-899a-beae131971fa

60 items 2 selected Clear Selection X

Cancel Continue

3. In the *Ingest Policies Note* field, enter a commit message, and then click **Save & Ingest Policy**.

Ingest Policies

Provider

NGINX

Ingest Policies Note (commit message)\* Required

Test ingest from provider 25/50

Total Policies Selected (2)

Policy name
eb179239-ebaf-4b06-956e-7560f3e7bf16
4f40de7c-53c3-4f70-b555-57948919be48

Back Save & Ingest Policy

A status page is displayed while connecting to the provider and ingesting the policies.

4. When the policies have been successfully ingested, a *Success* page is displayed with the following options:

- **Ingest Policy report saved as:** *Commit message*; click this commit message text to open

the *Reports* page in a new window.

- **Policies Overview**; click to return to the *Policies* page.
- **View Full Report**; click to open the report details of the ingest and conversion. For more information on report details, see [Reports](#).

## Creating a New Policy from Template

You can create a policy directly in the Policy editor, using the CDP file template to structure the content correctly.

To create a new policy, complete the following steps:

1. In the top-right corner of the *Policies* page, click the **Add** button and choose **Create New**.
2. On the *Create a new policy* pane, enter a name for the new policy.  
**Note:** The policy name can't contain any spaces.
3. Click the *Template* field and select the template from the drop-down list.

Create a new policy

Create a new policy.

Policy Name\*

My\_New\_Policy

Labels

Enter tags

Template

Select a template to apply ...

Search

Base BaseAppSecPolicy

Clear Selection

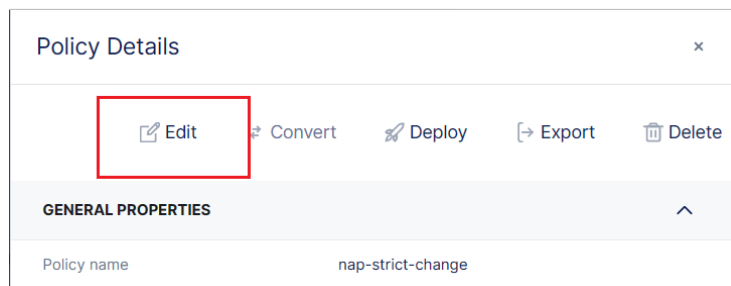
Cancel Continue

4. Add optional tags in the *Labels* field, then click **Continue**.
5. The policy editor is displayed in the CDP template format, enabling you to update any configuration details, or copy and paste a valid JSON policy in CDP format.
6. To save the new policy, click **Save**. The policy is then displayed on the *Policies* page.

## Working in the Policy Editor

When you import a policy or create a new one, you can make changes to the configurations and settings of the policy in the Policy Editor.

On the *Policies* page, click on a **Policy name** to open the *Policy Details* pane. In the Policy Details pane, click **Edit**.



The policy will open in the Policy Editor, enabling you to check the content and make updates if necessary.



## Syntax validation

The policy is displayed in Common Declarative Policy (CDP) format by default in the Policy Editor. When you work on a new policy or make changes to an existing one, your updates are checked automatically using real-time syntax validation.

```
14      },
15      {
16        Value expected json(516) lengthNotPositiveNum",
17        View Problem (Alt+F8) No quick fixes available
18      }, kjkjkjj
19    {
20      "HttpGenericCheckName": "CrLfBeforeRequest",
21      "HttpGenericCheckDisable": true
22    },

```

You can check for any information that might be available to further clarify the syntax error with a keypress of `ctrl` and `space`. If there is additional information available a message is displayed, otherwise it shows “No suggestions”.

```
23      {
24        "HttpGenericCheckName": "BadMultipart",
25        "HttpGenericCheckDisable" true
26      },
27    {

```

## References/Policy IDs

To enable the sharing of certain objects within policies such as Trust Lists and Overlay Protocols, you can add references within a protocol configuration, and this allows the object to be shared by multiple policies.

Every policy must have a Policy ID name/value pair, and this provides the ability to reference the ID from other policies.

Each reference object is given an auto-generated ID, and each policy in a workspace needs a unique name. If a policy that was converted to support references has a name conflict, a new name will be generated by appending a unique string at the end of the policy name.

An overlay protocol has an ID associated with it, enabling the sharing of this item in another policy.

**Note:** When a reference is being reused in another policy, these policies must be within the same workspace.

## Deleting a Policy

If you no longer need a policy, or it has become corrupt/invalid, you can delete it from Policy Supervisor if required. To delete a policy, complete the following steps:

1. On the *Policies* page, click the **Action menu (...)** for the policy you want to delete.
2. From the menu, choose **Delete**.  
A confirmation dialog box is displayed asking you to confirm that you want to proceed.
3. Click **Delete** on the confirmation dialog. The policy is deleted and is removed from the *Policies* page.

# Policy Conversion and Deployment

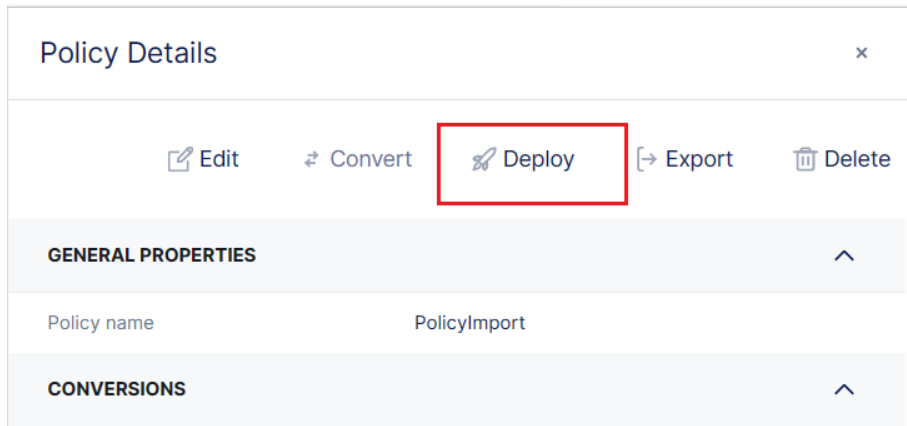
Valid policies can be deployed from the *Policies* page and attached to BIG-IP, NGINX, and Distributed Cloud providers. When you run the deployment function, the policy is first converted to the target provider type format. If successfully converted, the policy is then deployed and attached to the provider. A report is generated after each conversion.



## Deploying a policy: Conversion process

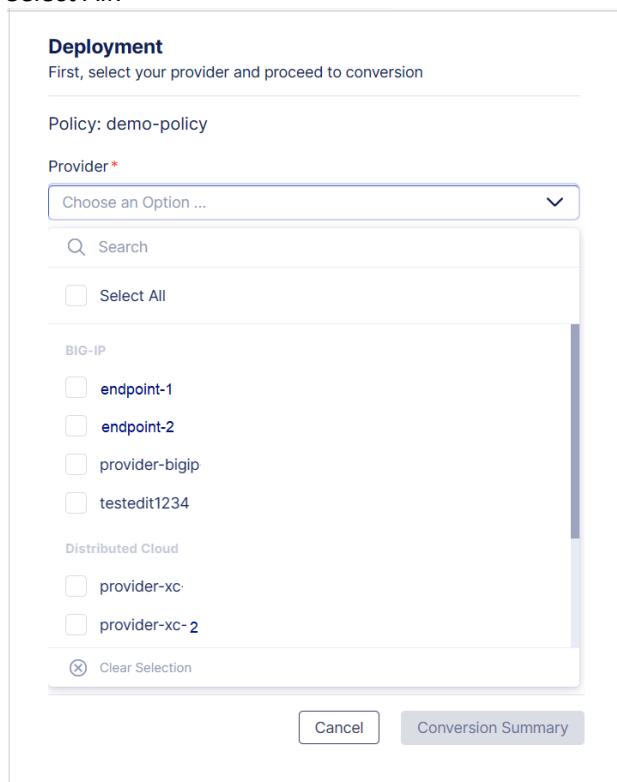
To run the deployment process beginning with the conversion, complete the following steps:

1. On the *Policies* page, select the *Policy name*, and on the *Policy Details* pane, click the **Deploy** button.



Alternatively, click the **action menu (...)** for the policy and choose **Deploy**.

2. From the resultant *Deployment* page, click the *Provider* drop-down menu.
3. Each virtual server and namespace are shown for the BIG-IP, Distributed Cloud, and NGINX providers respectively. You can select the endpoints that you want to deploy the policy to or *Select All*.



4. When you have selected the provider endpoints, click outside the drop-down to close the list. The selected endpoints are displayed as items in the *Provider* field.

5. In the *Deployment Note/Summary* field, enter a commit message for the deployment.  
**Note:** The text that you enter in the Import Notes/Summary field is used as the name of the report that is created for the deployment on the Reports page.
6. Click **Conversion Summary** to start the conversion process. If you have selected two provider types, it will do the conversion for both. For example, from CDP to AWAF format, and from CDP to Distributed Cloud WAF.
7. On the *Conversion Summary* page, it shows the results for the conversion to the selected provider type. A report is displayed for the conversions, showing the numbers of configuration items that were converted with *Full Support*, *Partial support*, and *No Support*.

**Conversion Summary**  
Review the results, make your selection to save the conversion and proceed

Policy: PolicyImport

☒ **Distributed Cloud**

**Providers**  
provider-xc-working

Full Support	Partial Support	No Support
4	6	2

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
● BaseAppSecPolicy.metadata.namespace	
● BaseAppSecPolicy.specification.DataP	VIOL_DATA_GUARD
● OverlayProtocols.specification.Overlay	VIOL_JSON_MALFORMED
● OverlayProtocols.specification.Overlay	VIOL_XML_MALFORMED
● BaseAppSecPolicy.specification.Evasi	VIOL_REQUEST_MAX_LENGTH
ons	VIOL_COOKIE_MODIFIED
	VIOL_EVASION_BAD_UNESCAPE
	VIOL_EVASION_APACHE_WHITESPACE
	VIOL_EVASION_BARE_BYTE_DECODING

Back Save & Continue

8. Click **Save & Continue** to proceed with the Deployment.

## Deploying a policy: Deployment of successful conversion

Upon successful conversion of a policy, continue with the Deployment as follows:


1. On the *Conversion Success* screen, click **Continue Deployment**.

### Conversion Report

Brief descriptoin letting the user know they can continue working while conversion is continuing in the background

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Policy: PolicyImport



## Conversion success!

Conversion(s) saved as: [PolicyImport](#)

Continue Deployment

- The Endpoint Attachment screen will be displayed for the provider type you are deploying to: *Distributed Cloud, BIG-IP, NGINX*.
- For *Endpoint Attachment: Distributed Cloud*, click the **Load Balancers** drop-down for the provider, select the load balancer to deploy to and click **Next**.

### Endpoint Attachment: Distributed Cloud

Select the Namespace and corresponding Load Balancers to apply the policy

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Policy: PolicyImport

#### Load Balancers

provider-xc-working

Select Load Balancers

Back

Next

- For *Endpoint Attachment: BIG-IP*, select the partition and corresponding virtual servers to attach the policy to.

5. On the Deployment Attachments for Selected Providers page, review the tenants and load balancers, and the partitions and virtual servers that you are deploying to, then click **Deploy**.

### Deployment Attachments for Selected Providers

Review deployment and attachment configurations

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Policy: asd

#### Distributed Cloud

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Tenants	Namespace / Load Balancers
test2	ps-feasability-test / owasp-juice-shop

#### BIG-IP

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Instances	Partitions / Virtual Servers
test	Common / http-vs Common / https-vs

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BackDeploy

6. A successful deployment is displayed on the *Deployment Completed* page. From here you can click the following options:
  - **Back to Overview:** Returns you to the *Policies* page.
  - **View Report:** Takes you to the *Deployment report*.
  - **Deployment saved as [policy name]:** Takes you to the *Deployments* page for that policy.

## Policy Lifecycle

The *Policy Lifecycle* page displays details of the conversions and deployments that have taken place in Policy Supervisor.

### Conversions

The *Conversions* page provides a list of all conversions that have taken place for each policy. This includes conversions on imported files to CDP, and subsequent conversions for different provider types.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	Date	Target Provider Type	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	my policy	7:00 PM, 1 Feb 2023	Distributed Cloud	✓ JOB_SUCCESS ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	my policy	6:57 PM, 1 Feb 2023	Distributed Cloud	✓ JOB_SUCCESS ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	my policy	3:33 PM, 19 Jan 2023	Distributed Cloud	✓ JOB_SUCCESS ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	my policy	3:21 PM, 19 Jan 2023	CDP/OneWAF	✓ JOB_SUCCESS ...

Each conversion is listed with its *Policy name*, *Date*, *Target Provider Type*, and *Status* of the conversion.

From the **Actions (...)** menu for any conversion that is listed, you can *view the logs* of the conversion, as well as *download the policy* that was converted.

## Deployments

The Deployments page lists all the policy deployments along with the following information for each deployment: *Policy name*, *Deployment Date*, *Status*, *Provider*, and *number of attachments*.

To view the log files for any deployment, click the **Actions menu > View logs**. The log file is downloaded and saved with a file name composed of the policy and provider names.

## Reports

On the Reports page, the report for each conversion and deployment that has taken place is listed with details for each one.

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Policies

Deployments Date

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Deployment message for this one.

my policy

1 Feb 2023

Deployment

Message for this deployment

my policy

1 Feb 2023

Deployment

test deployment

my policy

19 Jan 2023

Deployment

test policy import

my policy

19 Jan 2023

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Reports

The Report name is taken from the deployment or commit message text that you provided when creating the conversion or deployment.

To see the details of a report, click the *Report name*, and the *Report details pane* slides out.

## Report Details

The Report details pane contains a **General Properties** section, a **Conversion** section, and a **Deployment** section if applicable. The General Properties section displays information such as the *Report Name*, *type* of report, and the *policies* converted/deployed.

### Conversion Reports

For conversion reports, the Conversion section displays the **Target Provider Type**. This will be CDP in the case of a policy ingestion/import from file.

To see the details of the conversion, expand the **Target Provider Type** section.

The screenshot shows a 'Report' details pane with a close button (X) in the top right. An 'Export' button is located in the top right corner of the pane. The pane is divided into three main sections: 'GENERAL PROPERTIES', 'Policy', and 'CONVERSION'. The 'GENERAL PROPERTIES' section contains a table with the following data:

Report Name	message
Type	Ingestion
Date	16 Feb 2023
Target Provider Type	

The 'Policy' section displays 'awafimportpolicyname\_316'. The 'CONVERSION' section has a 'Collapse all' button. Below it, the 'Target Provider Type' section is expanded, showing 'CDP/OneWAF'. A summary table indicates the conversion status:

Full Support	Partial Support	No Support
4	7	45

Below this summary is a table of items and their descriptions:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
● AwafPolicy.applicationLanguage	
● AwafPolicy.description	
● AwafPolicy.name	
● AwafPolicy.urls	
● AwafPolicy.blocking-settings	Bad unescape Apache whitespace Bare byte decoding IIS Unicode codepoints IIS backslashes %u decodina

The details of the policy items that have been converted are displayed in the following three states:

- **Full Support:** the settings converted fully from the source provider format to CDP.
- **Partial Support:** some settings in the category have been converted fully, some others have not been converted. This may happen either: A) because CDP may not have a corresponding

configuration or setting, or B) this feature is not yet supported by the Policy Supervisor converter.

- *No Support*: this group of features is not yet supported by the Policy Supervisor converter.

## Deployment Reports

For Deployment reports, the provider *type*, *attachments*, and items that were deployed during the process are displayed. The **Deployment** section shows the *Providers* that the policies were deployed to, along with the number of attachments to namespaces/virtual servers.

**Report** [X] [Export]

**GENERAL PROPERTIES**

Report Name	test default
Type	Deployment
Date	2 Feb 2023
Target Provider Type	

**Policy** zeljko-nap-test

**DEPLOYMENT** [Collapse all]

Provider	Attached
nap-test	1

**CONVERSION** [Collapse all]

**Target Provider Type** NGINX [Expand]

Full Support	Partial Support	No Support
1	0	1

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
● BaseAppSecPolicy.metadata.name	
● BaseAppSecPolicy.metadata.names	pace

Deployment reports also have a **Conversion** section with details of the conversion to the target provider type.

For reports that have multiple policies, you can click each **Target Provider Type** section to expand the details of that conversion.

For Questions, Comments or Issues please utilize the “Create a New Issue” under the project on GitHub [for the Policy Supervisor Tutorial](#) or email the alias: [polycysupervisor@f5.com](mailto:polycysupervisor@f5.com).