



F5 Networks Capability Use-Case Highlights

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F5 Networks U.S. Army Footprint

Army Analytics Group	US Army Human Resource Command	Joint Regional Sec Stacks
Army Benefits Center	Army Knowledge Online	JRSS JMS
National Guard Bureau	ALTESS	Redstone NEC
USMEPCOM	GCSS-Army	Belvoir NEC
Joint IED Defeat Organization	US Army ERP	US Army Ft. Eustis
AAFES	PEO Missiles & Space	US Army Europe
U.S. Army Pacific	PEO Aviation	Army Reserves Command
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US Army NETCOM	US Army Test & Evaluation Center	US Army TRADOC – ATSC
Yuma Proving Grounds	Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma National Guard	

F5 Networks List of Capabilities

Application Security

- Advance Web Application Firewall (AWF)
- AI / ML for increased security and improve the user experience (Nginx App Protection / Shape Security)
- Bot protection (ASM, IPI Subscription)
- Application acceleration

Access

- CAC authentication
- Invisible MFA
- VPN
- Remote access
- SSO
- VDI – authentication and reduction in infrastructure
- Privileged User Access – ephemeral password for PKI
- Webtop portal
- Identity and Access proxy

Networking

- IDAM
- DMZ STIG
- DNS & DNSSEC
- Improve User Experience
- Assured resilient communication
- Full Proxy – Forward, Reverse
- IP Intelligence
- IDS / IPS
- IoT (does this belong here or in DevOps or both?)
- Fully extensible via iRulesLX using node.js libraries

F5 as a Service

- Advanced WAF
- API Security & Management
- Bot protection
- Stop DDoS attacks
- Global Server Load Balancing
- Shape Enterprise Defense – Advanced Fraud and Automation Protection

Data Center - Local and Remote (COOP / DR)

- Server load balancing
- Geographic site to site load balancing
- Ability to scale for 100K(s)+ users across 100s of sites
- Traffic Steering (SSL-O)
- Traffic shaping
- All capabilities available in both Hardware & Software platforms
- Remote Device Management (BIG-IQ)

Zero Trust

- F5 can be a PEP (policy enforcement point) and a PDP (policy decision point)
- Identity Aware Proxy
- Attribute based look-up and validation
- AD/LDAP lookups
- End Point checks – interrogation – IP, Antivirus, Firewall, Certificate...etc.
- Per-Request policy checks
- Third Party telemetry integration
- Trust Algorithm Scoring

Cloud

- SCCA (Secure Cloud Computing Architecture)
- Multi Cloud

DevOps & DevSecOps

- Open Source (NGINX) – light weight
- NGINX Plus
- Light weight Application Firewall
- Service Mesh
- API Security & Management
- Per app side-car models
- Programmability/DevOps focus
- F5 Automation Tool Chain
- Integration with many A/O toolsAnsible, Terraform



- **CAC authentication**
- **VPN**
- **Remote access**
- **SSO (Single Sign On)**
- **VDI – authentication and reduction in infrastructure.**
- **Webtop portal** (Example Slide 8)
- **Identity and Access proxy - “Zero-Trust”**



Deployment Guide

CAC Auth - MFA

Department of Defense

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- At any time, the USG may inspect and seize data stored on this IS.
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- This IS includes security measures (e.g., authentication and access controls) to protect USG interests—not for your personal benefit or privacy.
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[OK, Proceed To Application](#)

NIST Definition: MFA, sometimes referred to as two-factor authentication or 2FA, is a security enhancement that allows you to present two pieces of evidence – your credentials – when logging in to an account

MFA Enablement



F5 APPLICATION PORTAL
https://federate.f5.com

Please sign in below

Username

Password

Sign In



F5 APPLICATION PORTAL
https://federate.f5.com

Choose an authentication method

Duo Push RECOMMENDED Send Me a Push

Passcode Enter a Passcode

Remember me for 5 days

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USG Warning and Consent Banner

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Windows Security

Select a Certificate

JOHN.DOE.A.1111111111
Issuer: DOD EMAIL CA-23
Valid From: 10/11/2009 to 12/31/2009
[Click here to view certificate details](#)

JOHN.DOE.A.1111111111
Issuer: DOD CA-24
Valid From: 8/26/2009 to 12/31/2009

OK Cancel



Windows Security

Microsoft Smart Card Provider

Please enter your PIN.

PIN [Click here for more information](#)

OK Cancel



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Welcome to F5 Networks

Logout

Enter an internal resource

Help

Applications and Links



Install View5 Client



Salesforce (SAML)



Google (SAML)



Sharepoint (NTLM)



IdP Discover (SAML)



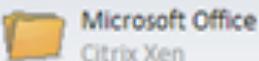
Office 365 (SAML)
Outlook Web Access



Concur



Browsers
Citrix Xen



Microsoft Office
Citrix Xen

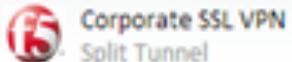


My Desktop
My Desktop



Java_RDP

Network Access



Corporate SSL VPN
Split Tunnel



Go_VoIP
Dedicated Tunnel



HIPAA SSL VPN

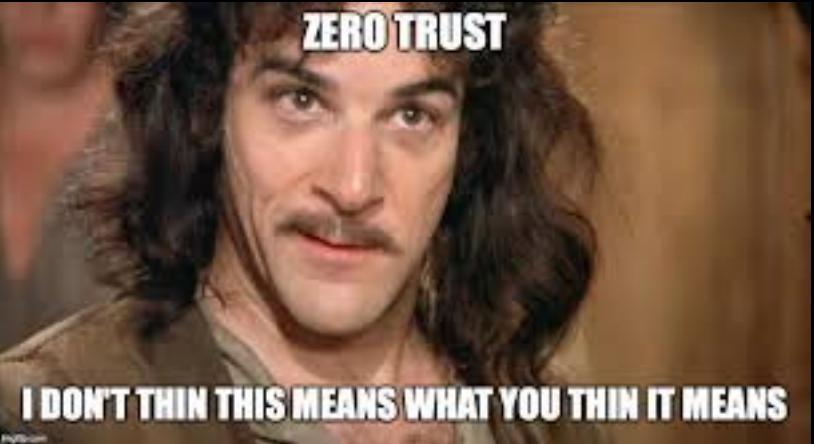


PCI SSL VPN



VMware View

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...and i should care,
why?

Why

Zero Trust is an ***architectural concept*** that has caught on in online media and become a buzzword, spawning analyst frameworks and intense customer interest.

WHAT?

Pioneered by Google "Beyond Corp" to enable protected access to their own internal applications by their employees, the focus of the movement is ***away from protecting networks and toward authenticating and authorizing devices and users.***



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- Identity Aware Proxy [🔗](#)
- Attribute based look-up and validation
- AD/LDAP lookups
- End Point checks – interrogation – IP, Antivirus, Firewall, Certificate...etc.
 - Are HBSS Virus definitions up to date? - Yes or No - *If No, the user will be Denied access !
 - “Comply To Connect”

Per-Request policy checks – “Never trust, always Verify!”

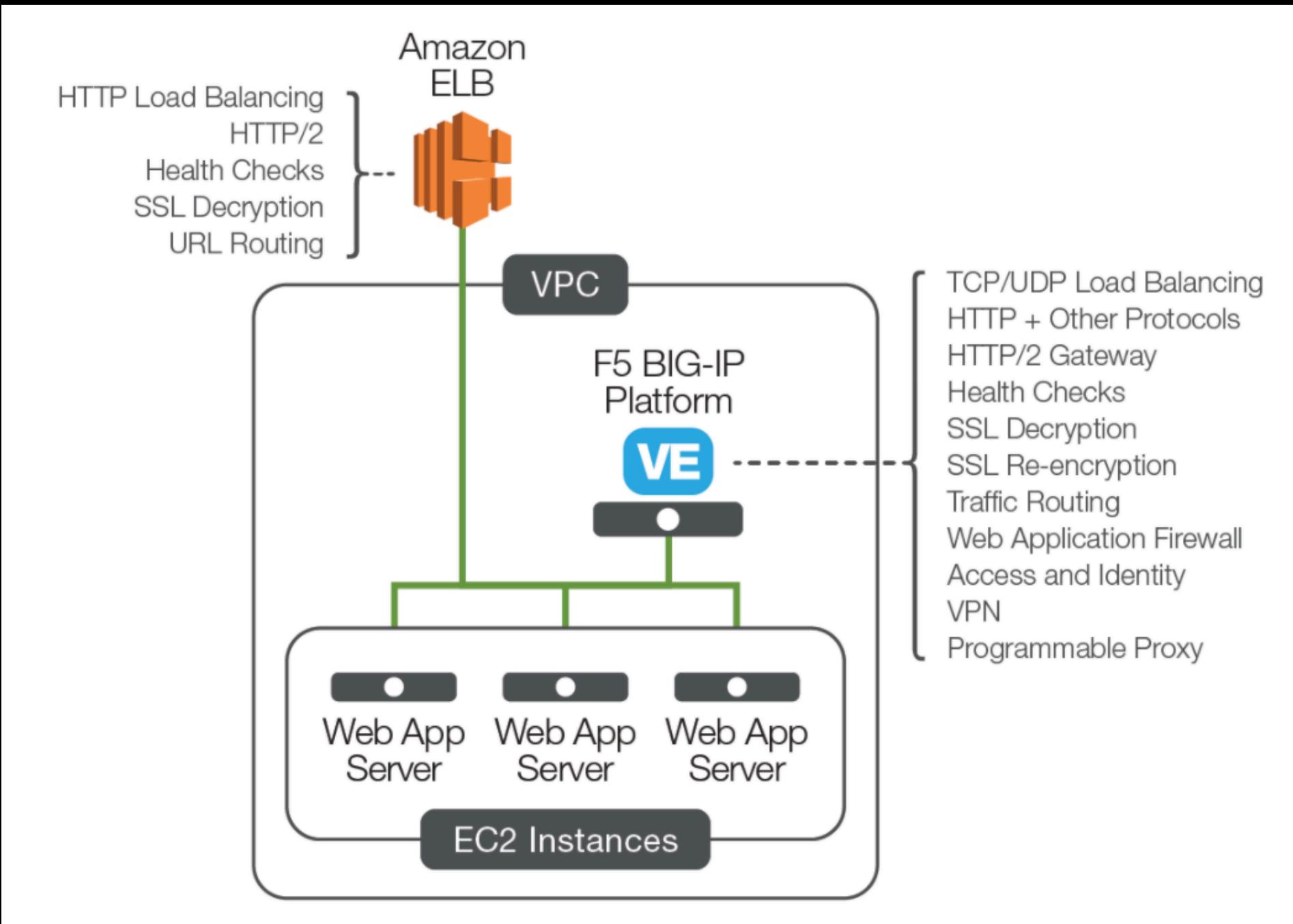
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- Trust Algorithm Scoring

Why is Secure Cloud Architecture Important?

- **Secure connectivity to the cloud is the biggest hurdle for the federal government's cloud adoption.**
- **Agencies need a secure architecture that is easy to deploy, use, and sustain.**
- **The architecture needs to comply with DISA's Secure Cloud Computing Architecture functional and security requirements regulations.**

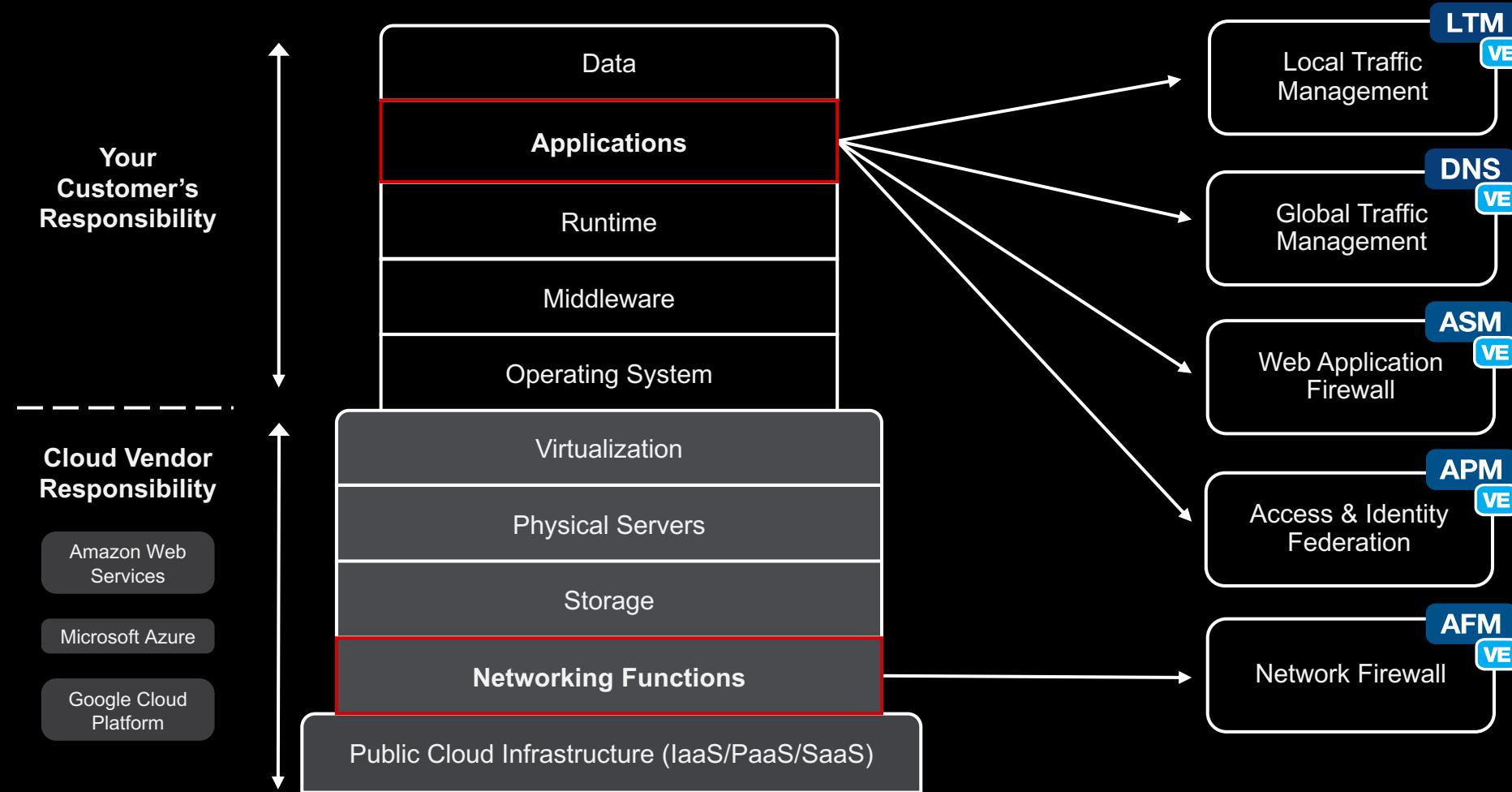
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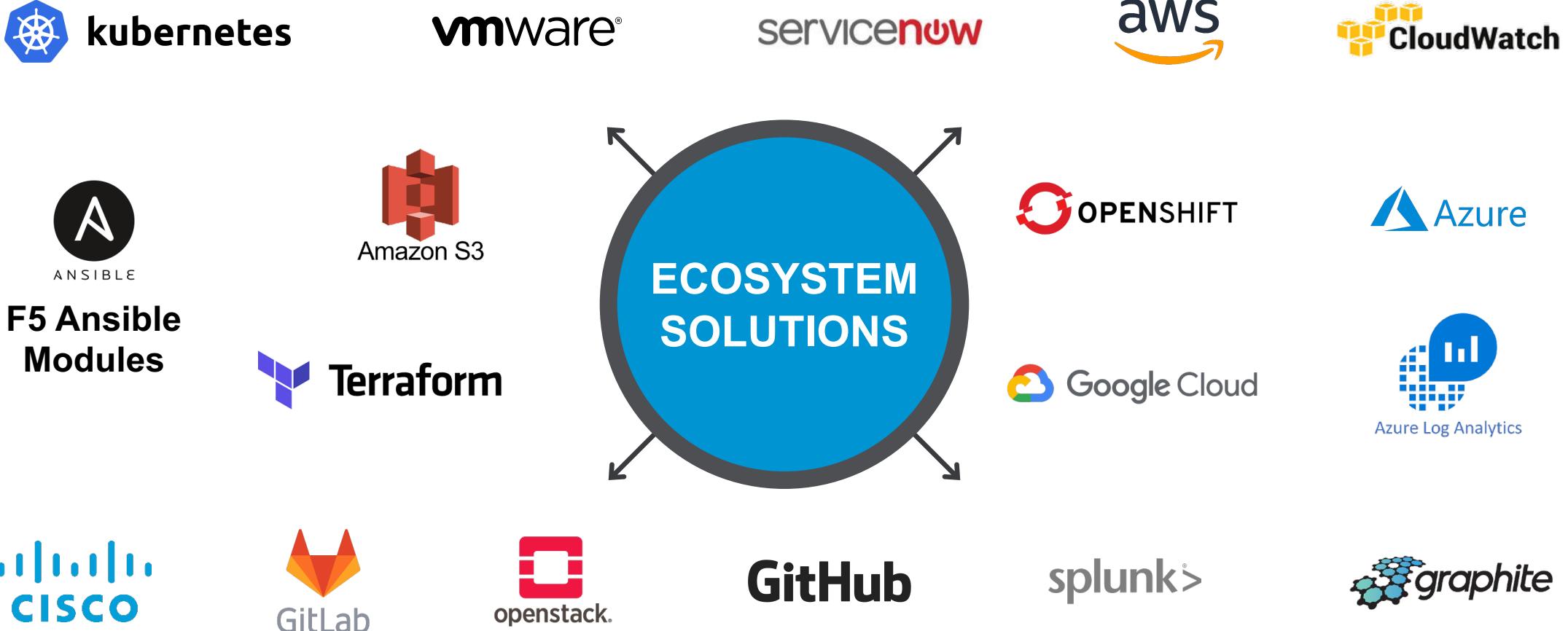


Shared Responsibility Model

Cloud vendors leave layer 4-7 services to the cloud customer



Ecosystem Integrations



BIG-IP is an Application Delivery Controller (ADC)

Reverse (Web) Proxy

- Load Balancing
- Local Traffic Management
- Global Traffic Management
- Web Content Acceleration Caching
- Session Management
- Context Management
- Geo-Intelligence
- Layer 2 & 3 Aware
- PKI Enablement
- TCP Optimization
- HTTP Compression
- HTTP Protocol Optimization
- Rate Shaping
- IPv6
- NAT64
- SSL Acceleration
- SSL Bridging
- SSL Off Loading
- SSL Translation (SH Intelligent DNS
- DNSSec
- Web App Firewall
- OPSWAT Protections
- PII Security
- Web Forms Protection
- L2 - L4 Firewall IP Intelligence
- End Point Inspection
- API Extensibility
- Authentication
- DDOS Protection
- HTTP 2.0
- WebSocket Support
- Programmability
- Management & Orchestration
- VDI Integration
- BYoD Integration
- Cloud Ready
- Xero Trust

Forward (Web) Proxy

- SSL Visibility & Break & Inspect
- SSL Air Gap
- URL Categorization
- Malware Inspection
- Authentication
- Transparent Proxy
- Explicit Proxy
- Web Content Filtering
- Per Request Policy
- Outbound Bandwidth Control
- End Point Inspection

The F5 BIG-IP is **NOT** just a Load Balancer



Advanced Web Application Firewall

Advanced WAF is the evolution of F5's Web Application Firewall

- F5's standalone WAF Application Security Manager (ASM) AWF is included in the Best Bundle

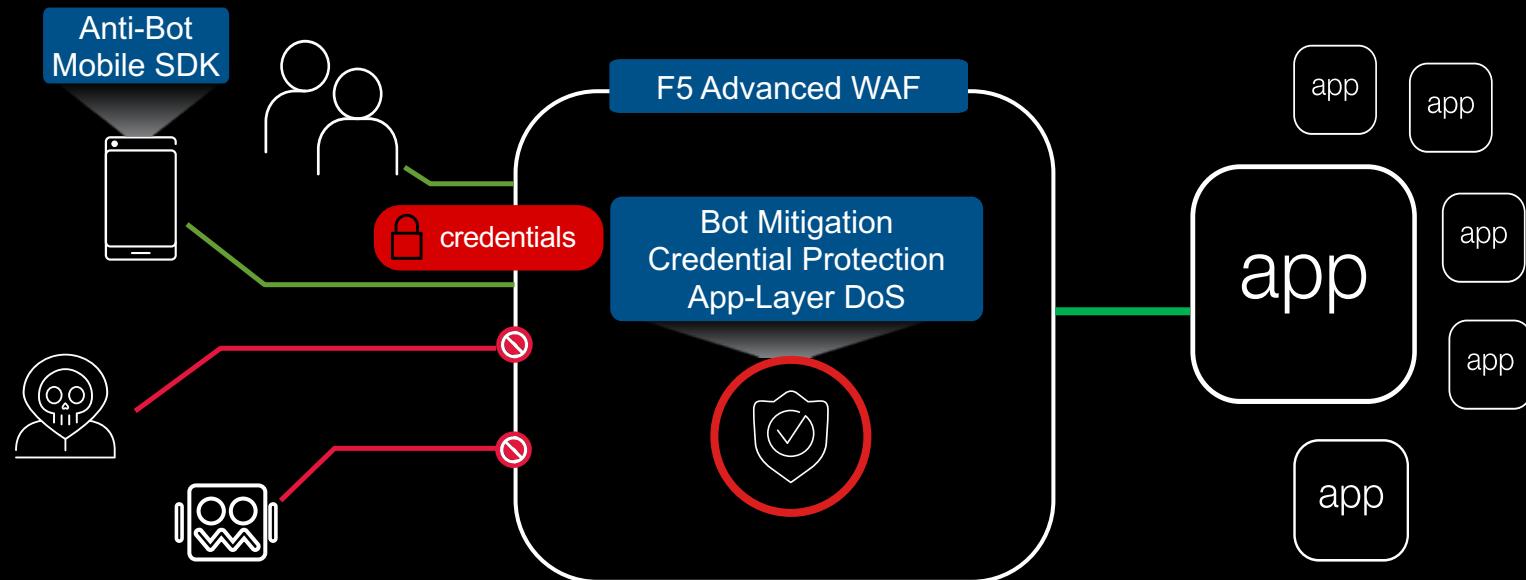
Advanced WAF introduces unique capabilities to the WAF market

- Bot detection beyond signatures and reputation to block evolving automated attacks
- Credential protection including application layer encryption to protect against credential theft
- Application layer (L7) DDoS detection using machine learning and behavioral analytics for high accuracy

WAF Definition - A ““web application firewall (WAF)”” is an application firewall for HTTP applications. It applies a set of rules to an HTTP conversation

Advanced WAF Overview

PROTECT AGAINST BOTS, CREDENTIAL ATTACKS, AND APP LAYER DOS



Defend against bots

- Proactive bot defense
- Anti-bot mobile SDK
- Client and server monitoring

Prevent account takeover

- App-level encryption
- Mobile app tampering
- Brute force protection

Key Benefits:

- Protects web and mobile apps from exploits, bots, theft, app-layer DoS
- Prevent malware from stealing data and credentials
- Prevent brute force attacks that use stolen credentials
- Eliminate time-consuming manual tuning for app-layer DoS protection

Protect apps from DoS

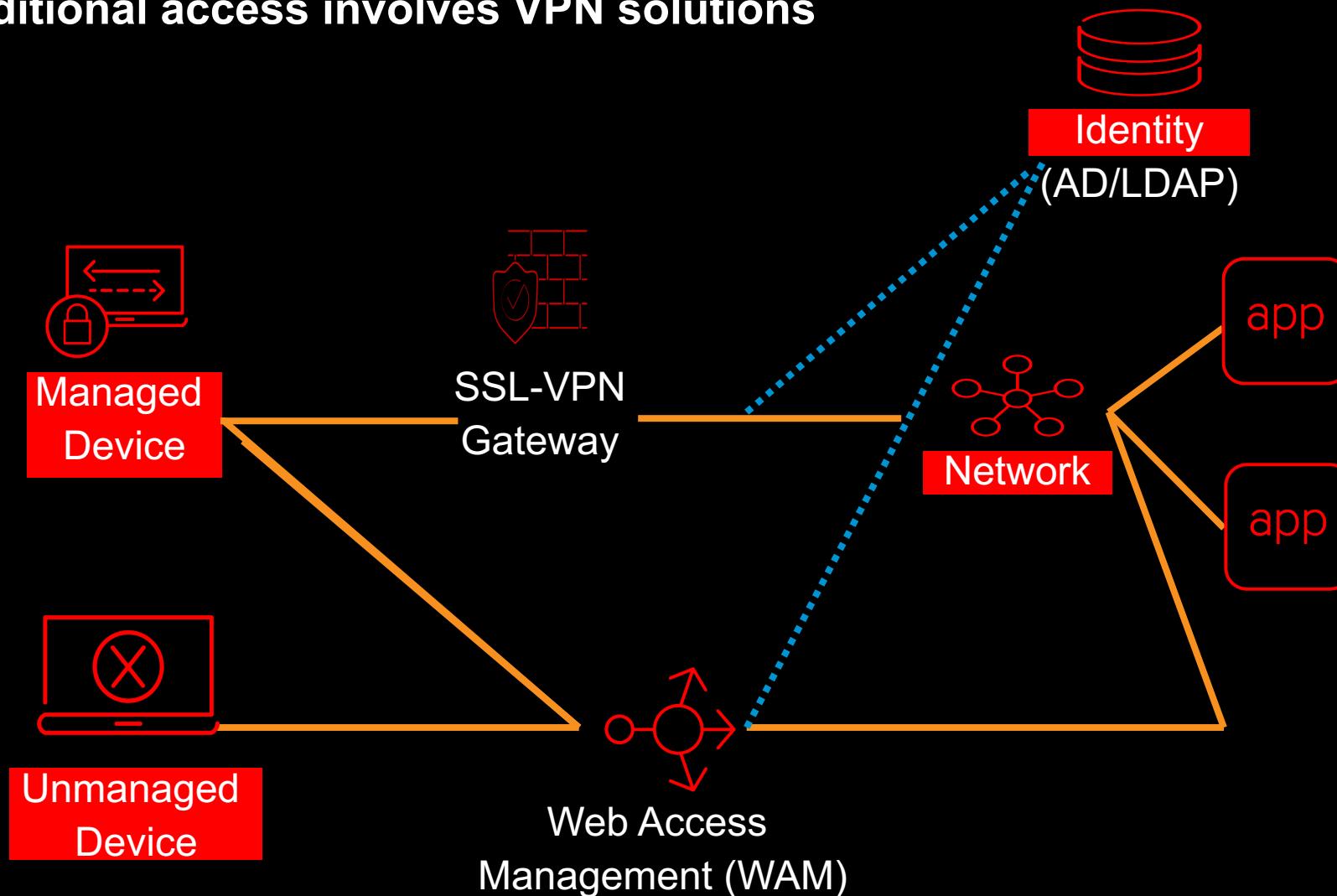
- Auto-tuning
- Behavioral analytics
- Dynamic signatures

Advanced Firewall Manager Protocol Inspection

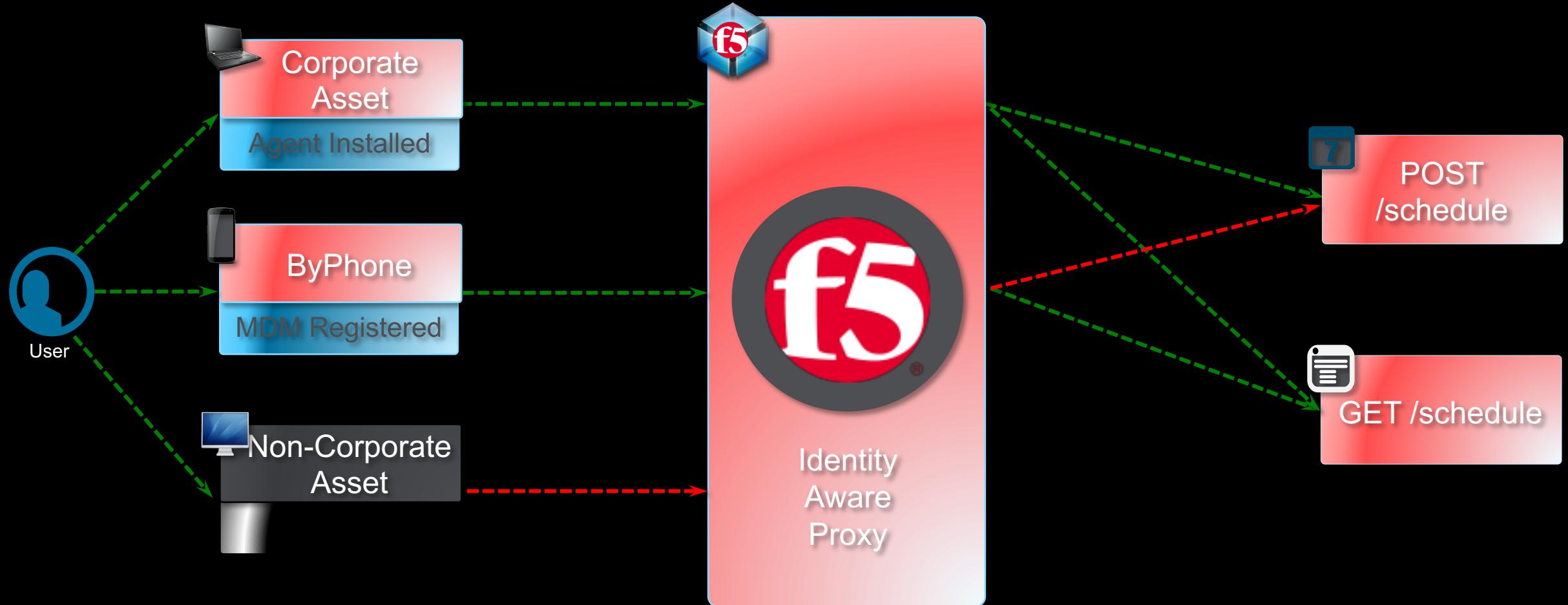
- Protocol Inspection Profiles as an Advanced Firewall Manager (AFM) Rule Action
- Supports Conformance & Signature Matching
- 20+ Protocols: HTTP, DNS, GTP, SIP, Diameter, RADIUS, DHCP, MQTT
- Protocol Security leverages Telus signatures, but SNORT signatures can be imported
- <https://telussecuritylabs.com/>
- IP Intelligence offers reputation based access control
- GeoIP offers location based access control
- SSH Proxy feature secures management connectivity

Traditional Remote Access

Traditional access involves VPN solutions



Identity Aware Proxy (IAP)



F5 BIG-IP DNS

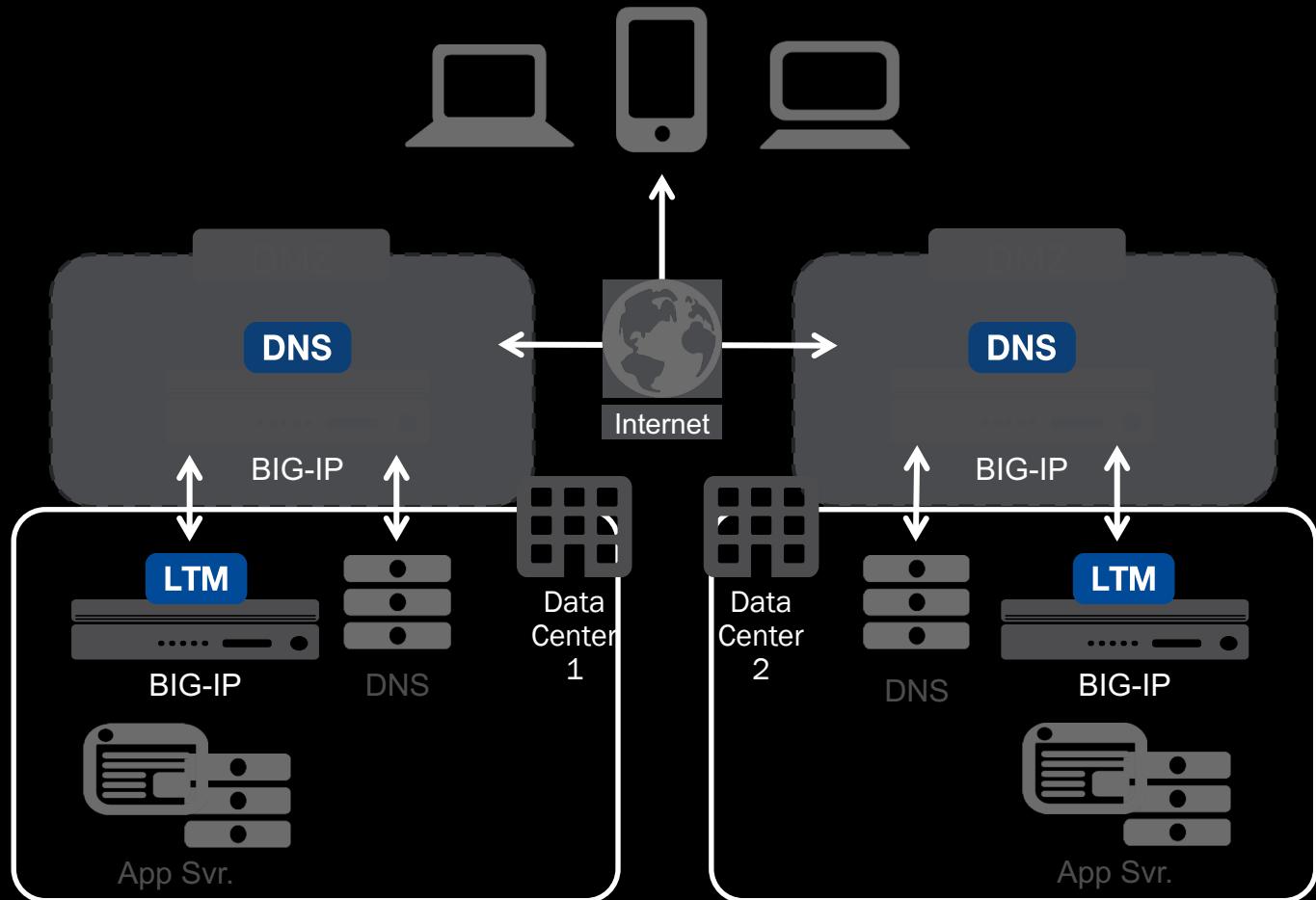
Scale and Security for Intelligent DNS and Global App Management

OPTIMIZED APPLICATIONS & DATA

- Auth. DNS Scalability up to 200x
- DNS Caching and Resolving
- Intelligent Global Load Balancing
- Geolocation routing
- Automatic site-to-site failover
- IPv6/IPv4 Translation
- DNS and App Health Monitoring

SECURE APPLICATIONS & DATA

- DNS DDoS Mitigation
- DNS Firewall Services
- Domain Filtering of malicious IPs
- Real-time DNSSEC signing
- DNSSEC Validation
- Transaction Assurance
- DNS iRules for programmability





F5 and NGINX



- Trusted open source leader in web and application server technology
- Mindshare with AppDevs and DevOps
- Provide cloud-native support for container-based microservices environments, including API management and reverse proxy services
- Fuels 375M+ web sites, 60% of the busiest 100K sites
- Provide application developers lightweight load balancing
- Software company that branched into hardware, and now cloud software
- Mindshare with NetOps and SecOps
- Broadest portfolio of best-in-class app services: WAF, DNS, DDoS protection, SSLO, Bot protection
- Enterprise footprint of 25,000 customers, with a professional services organization whose customer satisfaction is 9.6/10
- Cloud product portfolio that helps our customers “shift left” from app deployment, to continuous integration, continuous delivery in a multi-cloud environment

F5 Federal Certifications & Compliance

<https://f5.com/about-us/compliance-and-certifications>

- DODIN APL (TN#1312201): Cyber Tool
- DODIN APL (TN#1630801): Cyber Tool
- NIST FIPS 140-2 CMVP: Virtual Edition, iSeries Platform
- NIST SP 800-53r4
- USGv6 (IPV6)
- NIAP CC EAL2+ & EAL4+
- ICSA Certifications:
- WAF, Network Firewall, IPSEC, SSL-TLS VPN
- Legacy: JTIC PKE Certification
- Legacy: US Army's IA- APL
- C&A (RMF) Current ATO
- F5 Device STIG/SRG
- DISA
- NMCI
- JWICS
- SOCOM & CENTCOM
- ARMY
- USMC
- NAVY
- AF

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