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Featured News:

Quarterly Security Notifications (QSNs)

- F5 shifted how we handle the public communication of security issues in our products earlier this year. When we have vulnerabilities and security exposures to disclose, we will align these across all F5 products in Quarterly Security Notifications.
- Fixes for security issues will continue to be included in sustaining releases across our products and we recommend you always run the most current release to optimize the security and performance of your system. Aligning the communication of security issues to a pre-published date provides the opportunity to plan necessary updates in advance of or as close to the public disclosure as possible.
- The latest QSN was published on October 19th, 2022. For more information on this change and our vulnerability management policy, you can read our blog or **visit AskF5**.
- The next scheduled QSN will be on **February 1st, 2023**.



Mark Your Calendars!

Latest Software Release:

- F5 is excited to announce the release of BIG-IP version 17.0.0! Just a few useful features in this version include - Improvements to the AWAFF Policy Layout, GraphQL Support, F5 Distributed Cloud (XC) Bot Defense and Application Traffic Insight (ATI) via the BIG-IP native connector. F5 is changing the standard support phase for all x.1 releases from 5 years to 4 years. For a full list **click here**.
- BIG-IP version 13.1 will reach End of Software Development on December 31st 2022. Learn more on how this might impact your BIG-IPs.

F5 Subscription Center

Sign-up now to receive regular updates on security alerts, eNewsletters, TechNews, and signature updates directly from F5.

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Helpful Hints

Have questions on what platforms are compatible with various releases of TMOS? Check out **this resource**.

View F5's platform lifecycle support policy and relevant dates for continuing maintenance coverage.

Events

Join F5 at one of our upcoming events!

▸ 2023 Public Sector Symposium

March 21-23, 2023
Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner
Virtually on March 21
[Register Now!](#)

Security Corner

- **Security Best Practices for BIG-IP & BIG-IQ systems.**
- Catch up on the latest **OpenSSL vulnerabilities** (CVE-2022-3786 and CVE-2022-3602) and see if any F5 products were affected.



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DevOps

- **F5 NGINX for Azure** is an Azure native SaaS offering co-developed by F5 & Microsoft that enables enterprises to seamlessly extend workloads to the cloud and deliver secure and high-performance applications in Azure using the familiar and trusted load balancing solution, NGINX.
- **DevOps explained to the Layman** - DevCentral Article by an MVP.

Training and Certification

- **F5 Training Programs.** F5's training program web site has been updated. There are quite a few new courses and some of them are free, like F5OS, VELOS, NGINX, and rSeries contents.
- Ever wondered how to integrate VMWare Horizon with F5 APM or better yet deliver modern apps at the edge but just didn't want to dedicate the time or resources to see how it works? F5 has you covered, head over to **F5's Simulator Hub** where you can run through vast amounts of use cases using a simulated GUI as well as command line interfaces.

Cloud News

- Gartner recently published an **article** for CIOs that defines what a distributed cloud is and how adoption is growing at a rapid pace. And as customers add workloads to public, private, and hybrid clouds the need to add common services and reduce complexities becomes paramount.
- F5's response – **Distributed Cloud Services (XCS).**
 - ▶ F5 XCS is a complete system for securing digital experiences. Our ease of deployment, multiple persona support, embedded security, and streamlined app delivery framework removes the need for multiple mpls, and sdwan components. Simply put, F5 XC allows you to stitch disparate cloud environments together with ease.

What's New on GitHub?

GitHub is where the developers go! It is quickly becoming the de-facto standard as a central repository for F5 code related to Orchestration, Automation Containerization and Cloud. F5 supports two communities on.

- **F5Networks**
- **F5DevCentral**

Here you can find the latest Ansible modules, OpenStack drivers, Cloud Formation Templates and Kubernetes information along with much more!

What's Trending?

F5 was identified as a Strong Performer in The Forrester Wave™: Web Application Firewalls, Q3 2022. F5's WAF features, strategy, and market presence play well, in our opinion, into Forrester's recommendations. They include threat intelligence to improve analysis and automate protection in complex app environments, and ease of integration for both DevOps and SecOps teams, helping to simplify configuration and management of WAFs.

For their report, Forrester interviewed F5 WAF customers, identifying attack detection as a strength and "with more than one reference calling it excellent."

Feel free to read a recent blog on **F5's status in the report** or the complete **The Forrester Wave™: Web Application Firewalls, Q3 2022.**

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