



# **F5 SLEDFest 2022**

**BIG-IP Next**

**VELOS & rSeries Platforms**

# Session Agenda

- Current application landscape & evolving requirements of ADC's
- Overview of the next generation software architecture and design
- Key capabilities and the value the software will deliver
- Overview of the BIG-IP Next and it's hardware platforms: rSeries & VELOS



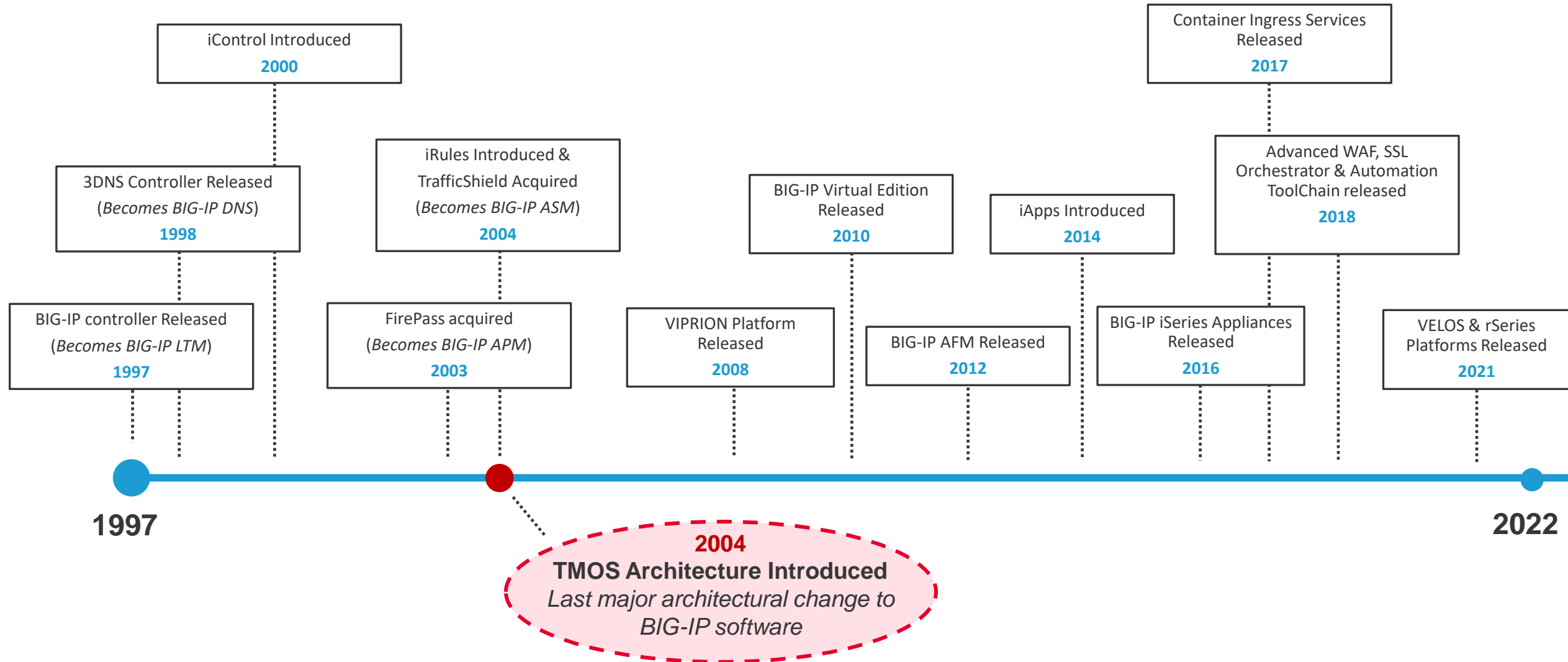
# Adaptive Apps

Adaptive Applications bring **intelligence and real-time changes** to the world of application deployments, which today are mostly static and manual



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# BIG-IP TMOS – The most trusted ADC for the last **25 years**

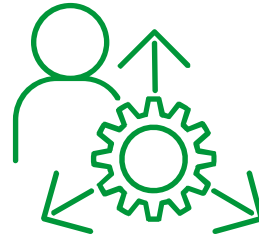


# The application landscape is transforming



## The future remains cloudy

- 87% of customers are adopting multi-cloud<sup>1</sup>
- On average 2.6 public clouds and 2.7 private clouds in use<sup>2</sup>
- 58% state ensuring security & compliance is the #1 challenge<sup>1</sup>



## Automation & DevOps rise

- 83% of orgs are now implementing DevOps processes and tools<sup>3</sup>
- 73% of organizations are automating network operations to boost efficiency<sup>1</sup>
- 25% of developers & DevOps teams solely responsible for app operations<sup>1</sup>



## Technology is changing

- 75% of organizations are modernizing applications<sup>1</sup>
- Containers will become the default choice for 75% of customer enterprise apps before 2024
- 83% of Internet traffic is now APIs, only 17% is HTML<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F5 State of Application Services Report 2020

<sup>2</sup> Flexera State of the Cloud Report 2021

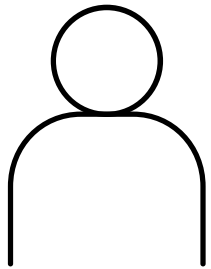
<sup>3</sup> State of DevOps Report 2021

<sup>4</sup> Gartner Forecast Analysis: container management

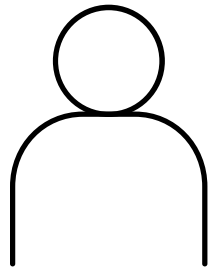
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# Requirements of ADC's are continuously evolving

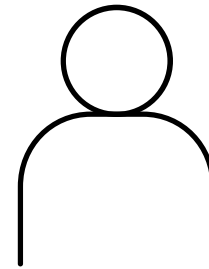
App Environments becoming much larger and complicated, spanning 100's/1000's of apps and requiring high level of orchestration



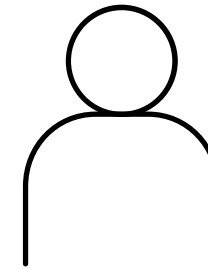
Traditional ADC solutions don't meet the requirements of modern DevOps practitioners – slowing deployment speeds and causing inter-team friction



Multi-cloud expansion results in service/tool inconsistency, increased management overhead, security gaps and a lack of visibility



Constantly evolving cyberthreats require advanced security solutions that can be updated quickly and on a regular basis to stop emerging threats



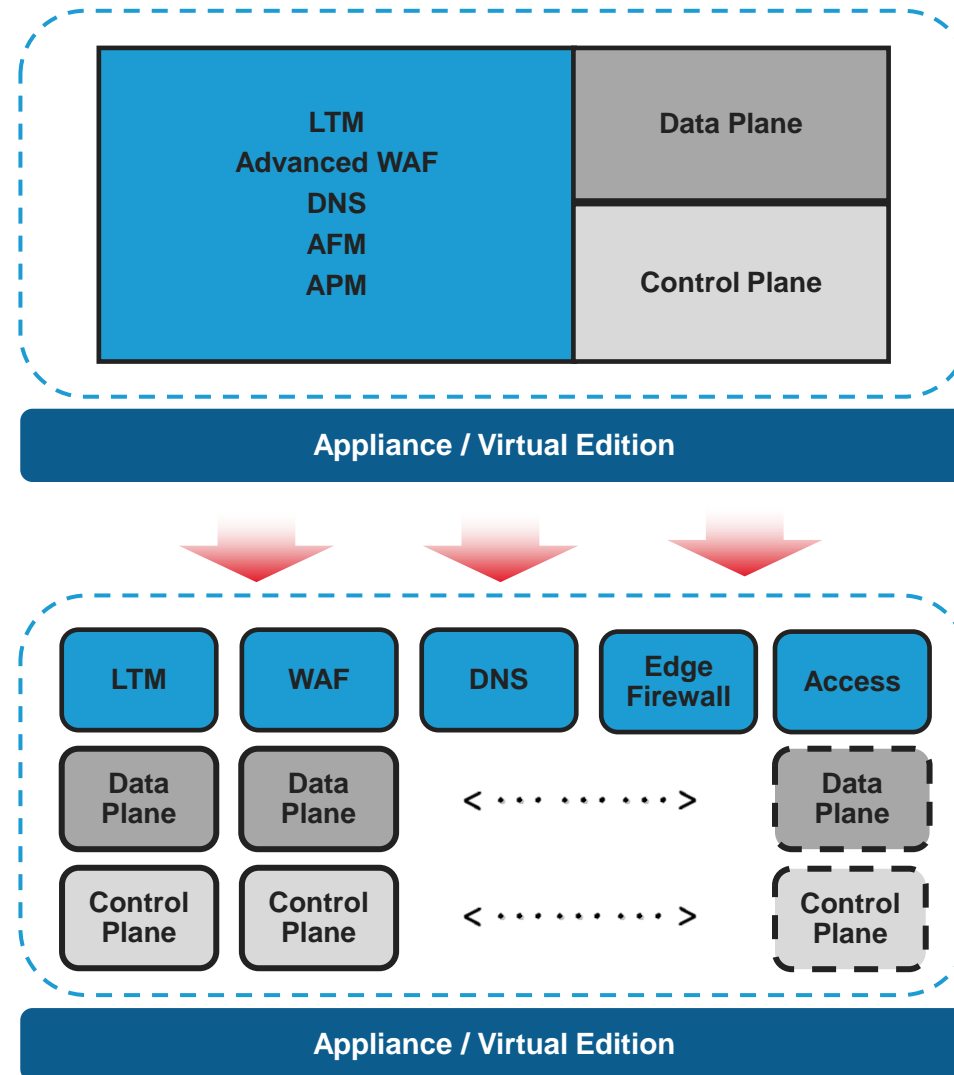
*The time has come for the next  
generation of BIG-IP software...*

***BIG-IP Next***



# BIG-IP Next - F5's Next Generation BIG-IP Software

- Modernized core using interconnected, containerized services
- Individually deployable BIG-IP product modules
- Declarative & app-centric, API-first framework
- Rearchitected, high performance control plane
- Fully integrated automation and telemetry tooling



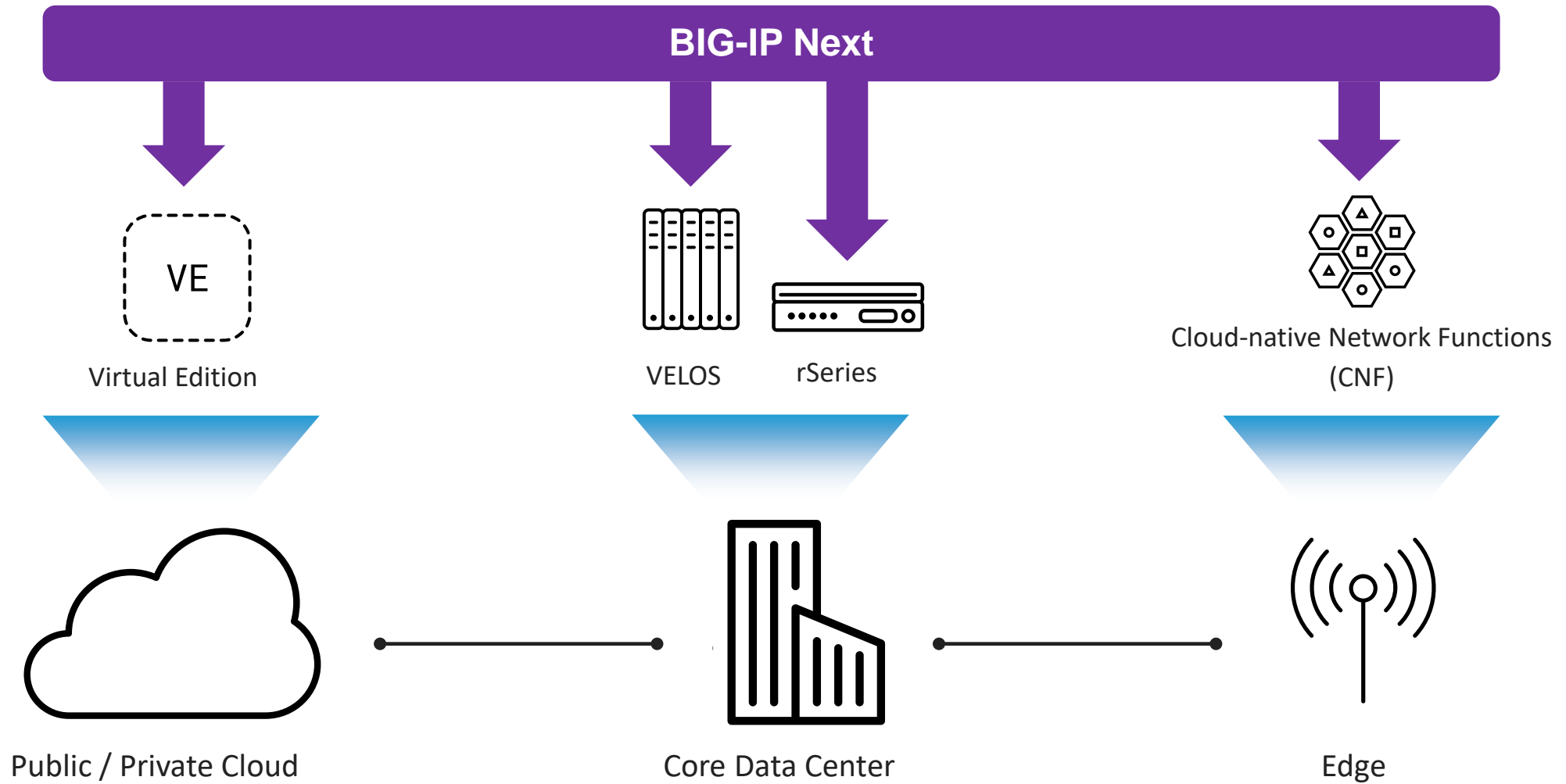
**BIG-IP TMOS**  
*(Monolithic)*

**BIG-IP Next**  
*(Container-based)*

# All the value of BIG-IP TMOS carried forward

1. **Product Modules\***: All existing BIG-IP modules carried forward: LTM, DNS, Access (APM\*\*), WAF (Advanced WAF\*\*), Edge Firewall (AFM\*\*), SSL Orchestrator, Policy Enforcer (PEM\*\*) & CGNAT
2. **Platform Flexibility**: On-premises, cloud and edge deployment options, including VELOS, rSeries, Virtual Edition and Cloud-native Network Functions
3. **Automation Suite**: Fully integrated AS3 & FAST templates empower declarative L4-L7 services configuration, while device instantiation will be possible via an API similar to Declarative Onboarding (DO)
4. **Container Ingress Services**: Advanced application services for containerized apps, leveraging integrations with container orchestration systems including Kubernetes and OpenShift
5. **Telemetry Streaming**: Stream application & BIG-IP health & usage data in real-time to 3<sup>rd</sup> party visualization and analytics tools with streaming capabilities built-upon OpenTelemetry
6. **iRules\***: Obtain complete control over L4-L7 traffic flows by programmatically manipulating the data plane - iRules will be mostly compatible across both BIG-IP TMOS and BIG-IP Next
7. **Flexible Licensing**: Variety of licensing options including subscriptions, pay-as-you-go and flexible consumption program (formerly Enterprise Licensing Agreement) to align to your organizations purchasing preferences

# Built for distributed app portfolios



# Management of BIG-IP Next

## Instance Manager (On-Box UI)

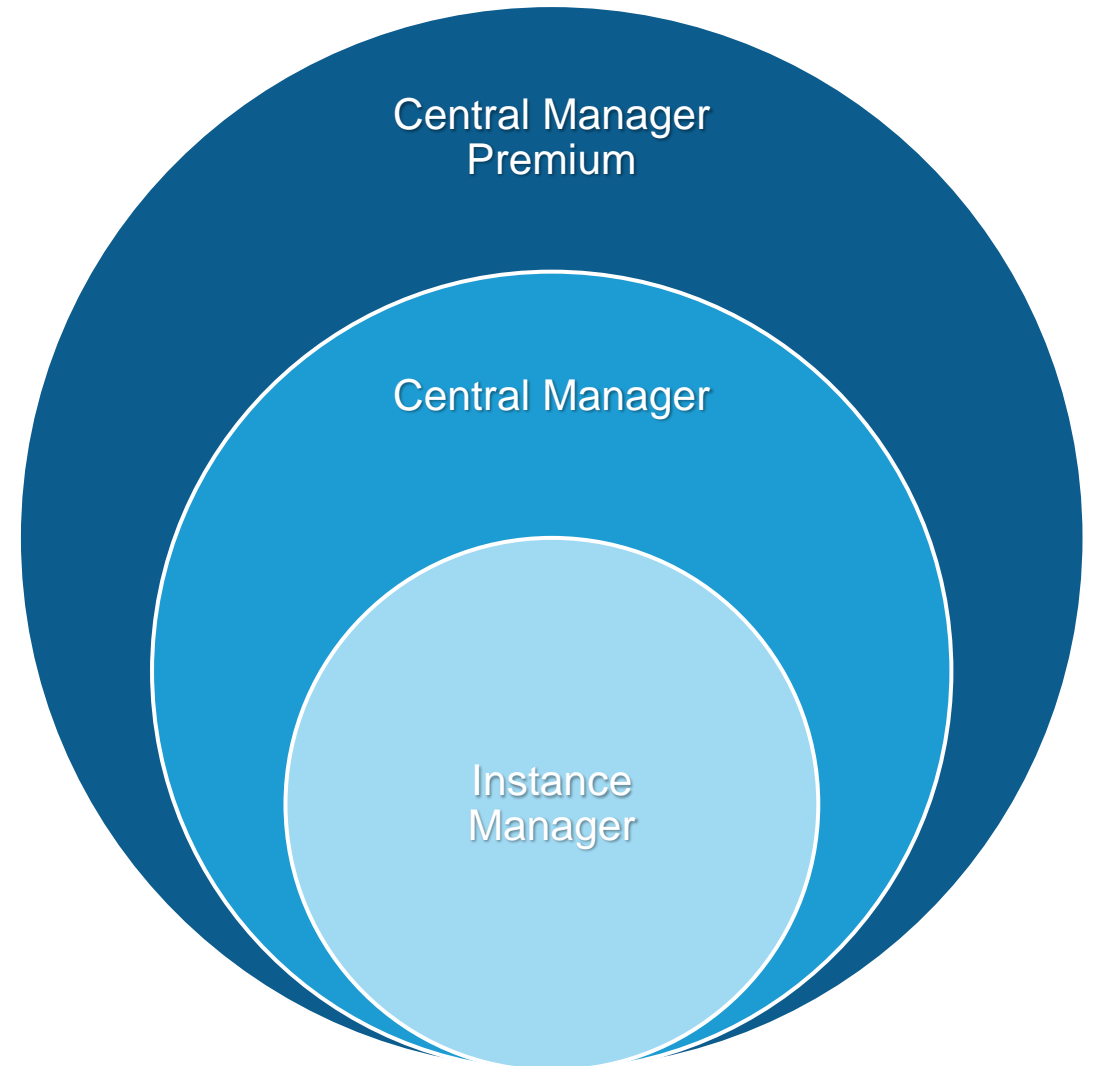
- Packaged with every Next-Gen BIG-IP instance.
- Capabilities reduced to a minimal set of workflows to get the BIG-IP Next instance up and running.
- On Box UI can only bring up a single BIG-IP Next instance

## Central Manager

- Easily deployable central management solution with light footprint.
- Available as a Virtual Edition
- No added cost

## Central Manager Premium

- Offers rich workflow management, deep visibility and analytics, and 3rd party integrations.



# High automatability for accelerated time to value

ACCELERATING DEPLOYMENTS & CONFIGURATION CHANGES WITHIN THE MOST DYNAMIC APP ENVIRONMENTS

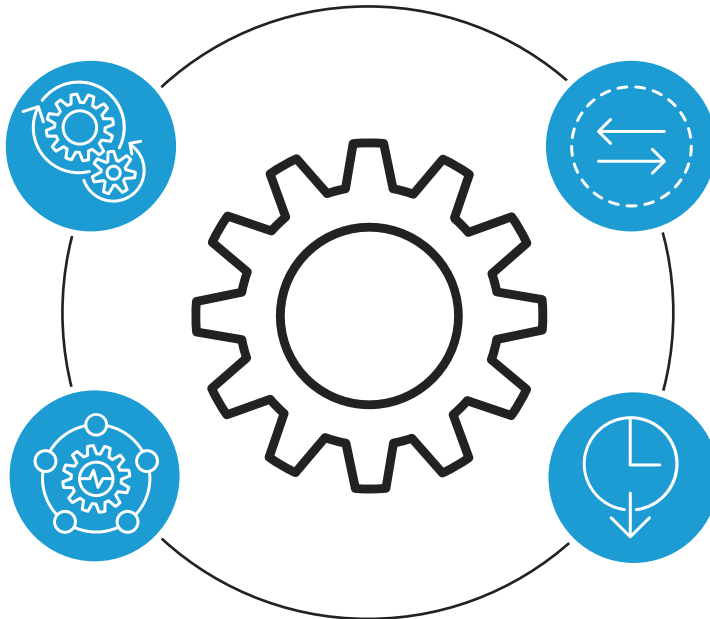
	BIG-IP TMOS	BIG-IP NEXT	BENEFITS
<b>API Design</b>	Imperative (iControl) & Declarative (AS3) API's	Declarative API (AS3)	<i>Simplified orchestration, empowering users to declare end-state configurations without defining individual steps needed to get there. Significantly reduces number of operations and F5 domain knowledge needed to complete tasks</i>
<b>API Efficiency</b>	Tens of operations / sec	Hundreds of operations / sec	<i>Prevent control plane overload and ensure configurations are updated in real-time in even the most dynamic environments.</i>
<b>Task Concurrency</b>	Non-concurrent	Concurrent (atomic operation)	<i>No need to serialize tasks – multi-threading enables numerous tasks from multiple disparate orchestrators to be performed simultaneously. Benefits multi-tenancy deployments and highly dynamic &amp; automated environments.</i>
<b>Automation Tool Compatibility</b>	Integration with most leading orchestration & automation tools	Integration with most leading orchestration & automation tools	<i>BIG-IP Next's declarative API (AS3) can be used by operations teams, DevOps teams or developers to automate deployment/configuration of app services via leading automation/orchestration tools.</i>



# Reduced Operational Complexity

**Fully-Integrated Automation & Telemetry Suite**  
AS3, FAST, automated device instantiation & telemetry streaming (OpenTelemetry) built-in to all instances

**Comprehensive Fleet Management via CM**  
Perform majority of management & configuration tasks from BIG-IP for Distributed Cloud Central Manager



**Optimized Cluster Management**

Simplify cluster management by controlling both instances via a single management interface

**Accelerated & Hitless Upgrades**

Fast, simplified upgrade process without the need for application downtime

# Elevated Control Plane Scale & Performance

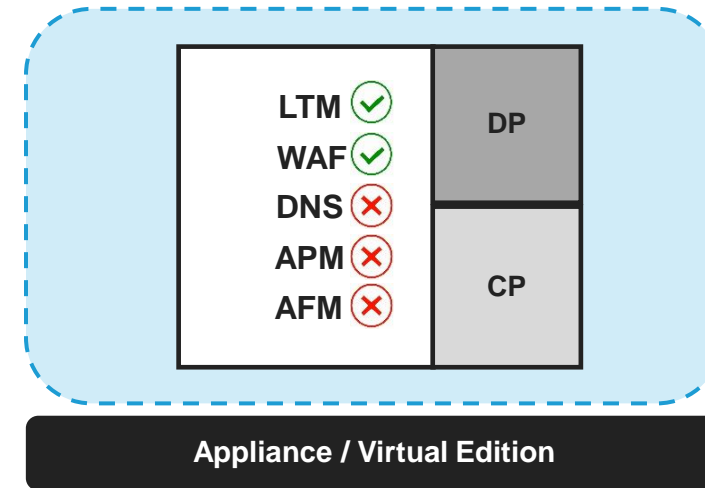
BUILT TO SUPPORT THE MOST RESOURCE INTENSIVE APP CONFIGURATIONS



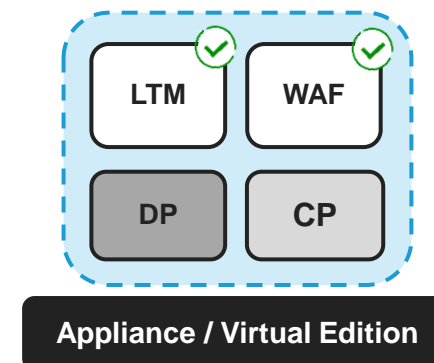
1. Manage **many more configuration objects** with a single instance of the Next-Gen BIG-IP
2. Allocate **dedicated compute resources** to support the BIG-IP Next control plane as environment demands change

# Lower cloud operational costs through instance optimization

- Right-size instances by deploying only the modules required – shrinking cloud footprint
- Smaller image sizes enables faster spin-up times to accelerate time to value
- Instances are optimized to reduce resource consumption (RAM, CPU etc.) to cut infrastructure costs



**BIG-IP TMOS**  
*Monolithic Instance*



**BIG-IP Next**  
*Optimized Instance*

CP = Control Plane  
DP = Data Plane

# Accelerated Feature Delivery & Improved Release Quality



- Incremental app delivery & security features delivered **4 x per year** within 1 LTS release and 3 STS releases
- Implement the most **cutting-edge security posture** by upgrading to protect against newly detected threat vectors
- All releases developed following an optimized CI/CD development process with a security-first mandate, ensuring **frequent, high quality & secure releases**

# rSeries - Next Generation Appliance



# Next Generation Appliance: rSeries



## Previous generation

- Traditional BIG-IP platforms
- Limited Programmable FPGA



## BIG-IP iSeries

- Programmable FPGA (TurboFlex)
- Improved optics and port configurations
- Around 2x scale over previous generation
- Runs current gen of BIG-IP software



## rSeries

- Rearchitected with new delayed F5OS platform software
- Runs current BIG-IP (future: new BIG-IP modular)
- Larger, modern FPGAs
- Further improved optics and port configurations
- Up to 2x performance improvement vs. iSeries

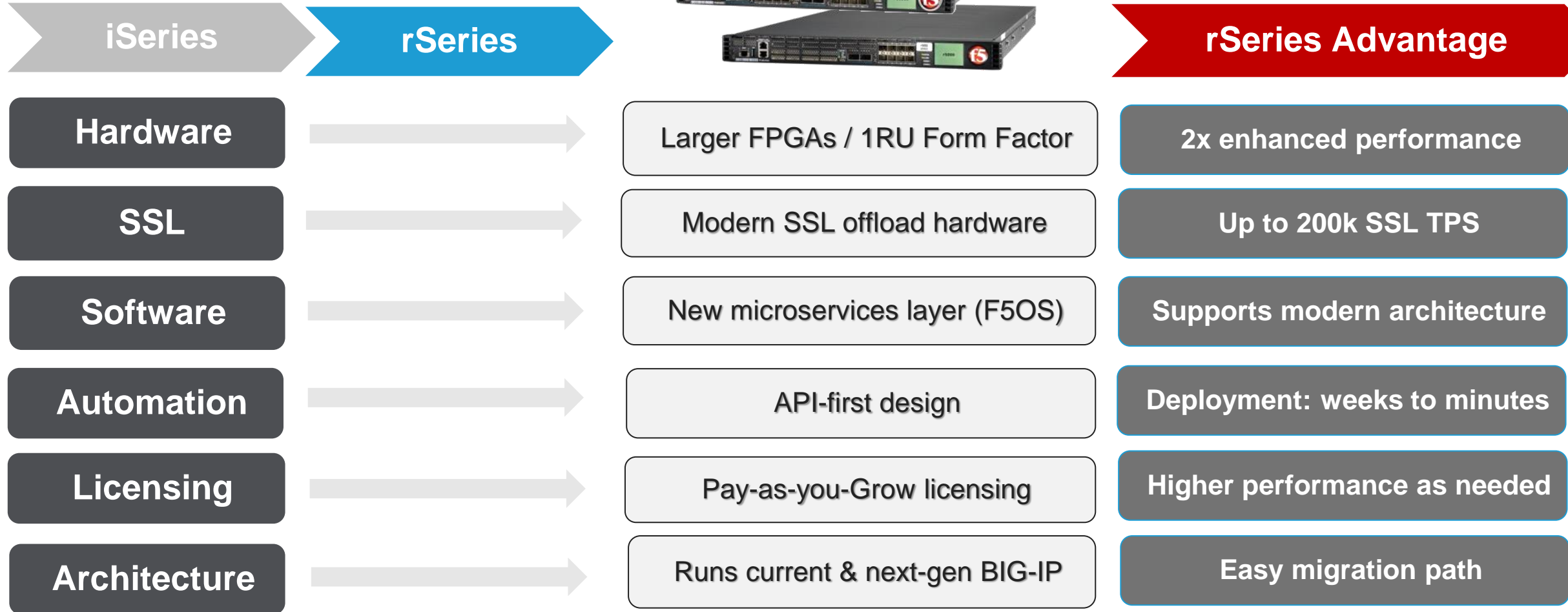
rSeries platform– rSeries 5k/10k and rSeries 2k/4k

# iSeries to rSeries Transition

- No projected End of Sale (EoS) date.
- Our typical EoS policy is to provide a one-year notice for EoS of hardware platforms
- EoS will be 3 years from EoS
- There is still a long lifecycle for customers who want to buy iSeries HW.
- First customer ship was 2016-2018 (depending on model)
- Previous HW platforms, average time from first customer ship to EoS is 6-7 years
- Last Classic BIG-IP version for iSeries projected to be v17.1
- rSeries will be replacement for iSeries

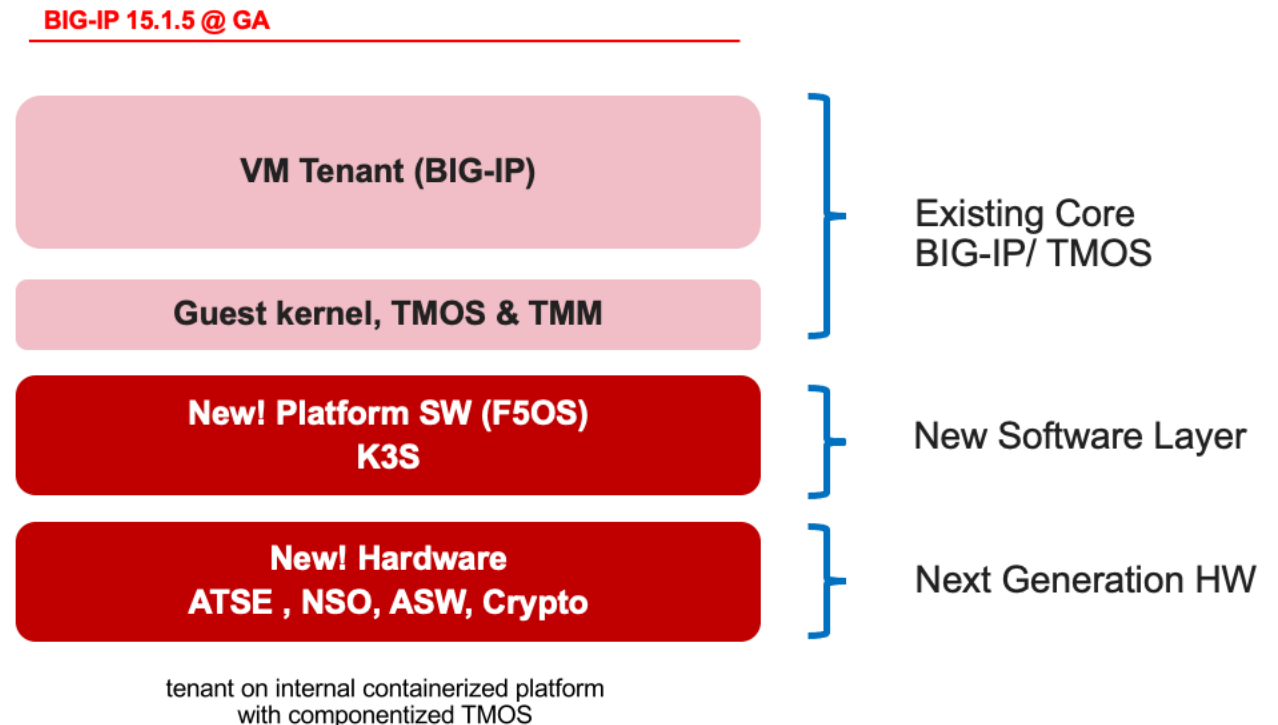
# rSeries Improvements Over iSeries

DESIGNED FOR A NEW APPLICATION LANDSCAPE



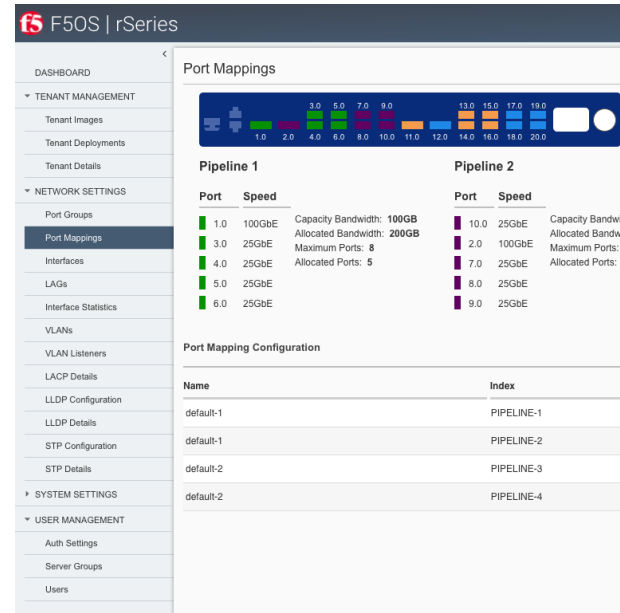
# More Than Just a Hardware Refresh

- Leverages microservices architecture to break beyond constraints of TMOS
  - Common F5OS architecture layer with VELOS
  - Kubernetes manages workloads, but is abstracted from the admin, no microservices knowledge required to manage rSeries
- Multitenant by default architecture
- API First design – Full automation @ the F5OS layer
- Lays the foundation for next generation BIG-IP software: BIG-IP Next



# F5OS Management

- New F5OS platform layer can be managed via CLI, API, or GUI
- Intuitive GUI, CLI & API provides initial platform setup, monitoring, and tenant lifecycle
- TMOS Tenants are still managed as they are on existing platforms
  - Similar to a vCMP guest management experience



```

GET /data/f5-tenants:tenants

RESPONSE SAMPLES

200 OK

{
  - "f5-tenants:tenants": {
    - "tenant": [
      - {
        "name": "string",
        - "config": {
          "name": "string",
          "tenantID": 0,
          "unit-key": "string",
          "unit-key-hash": "string",
          "tenant-op": "configured",
          "type": "BIG-IP",
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
    
```

```

Boston-r10900-1# show running-config
cluster disk-usage-threshold config warning-limit 85
cluster disk-usage-threshold config error-limit 90
cluster disk-usage-threshold config critical-limit 97
cluster disk-usage-threshold config growth-rate-limit 10
cluster disk-usage-threshold config interval 60
cluster nodes node node-1
config name node-1
config enabled
!
fdb mac-table entries entry 00:94:a1:69:59:27 500 tag_type_vid
config mac-address 00:94:a1:69:59:27
    
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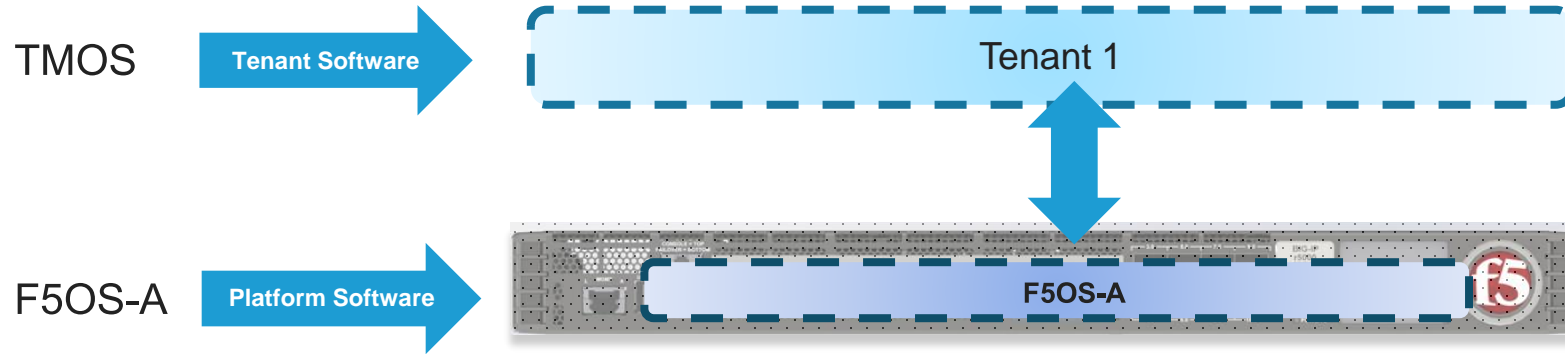
# | r2000 Series

# r2000 Series (r2800) Platform Specs

Available May/June 22

Runs F5OS-A R2R4 Image

- Total CPU Cores - 8
- Total vCPU's – **No Hyperthreading**
- CPU Speed – 2.2Ghz
- vCPU's Available for Tenants – 8 **CPU**
- Total Memory – 32GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 480GB SSD
- Max Tenants - 1



**Subject to Change**

Ships with support for TMOS 15.1.6 Tenants only

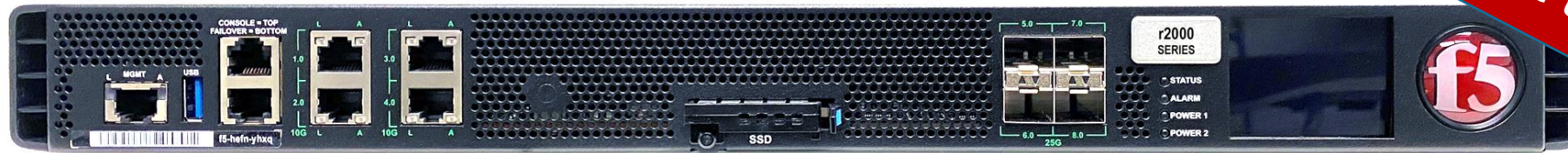
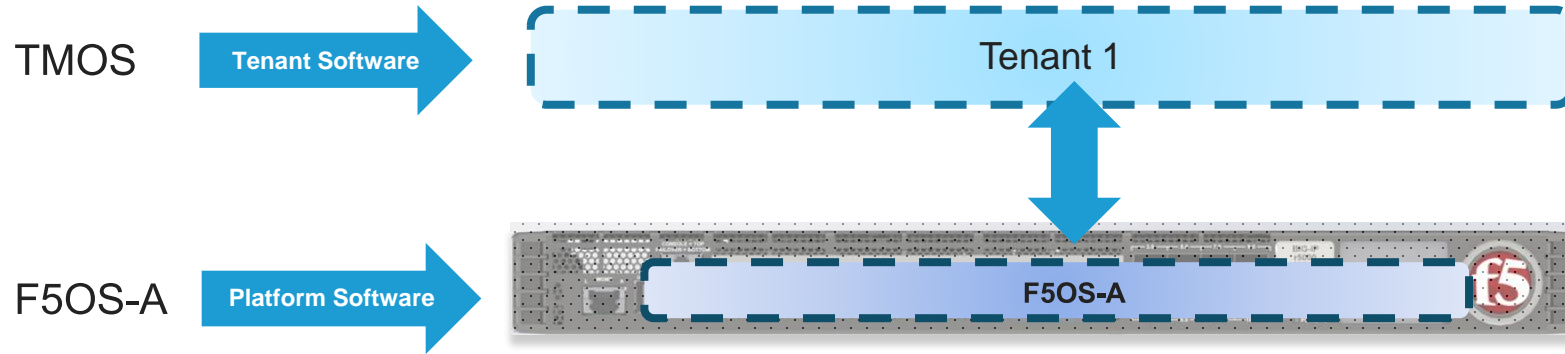
No CPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer

# r2000 Series (r2600) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores - 8
- Total vCPU's – **No Hyperthreading**
- CPU Speed – 2.2Ghz
- Disabled CPU's (Licensing) - 4
- vCPU's Available for Tenants – 4 **CPU**
- Total Memory – 32GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 480GB SSD
- Max Tenants - 1



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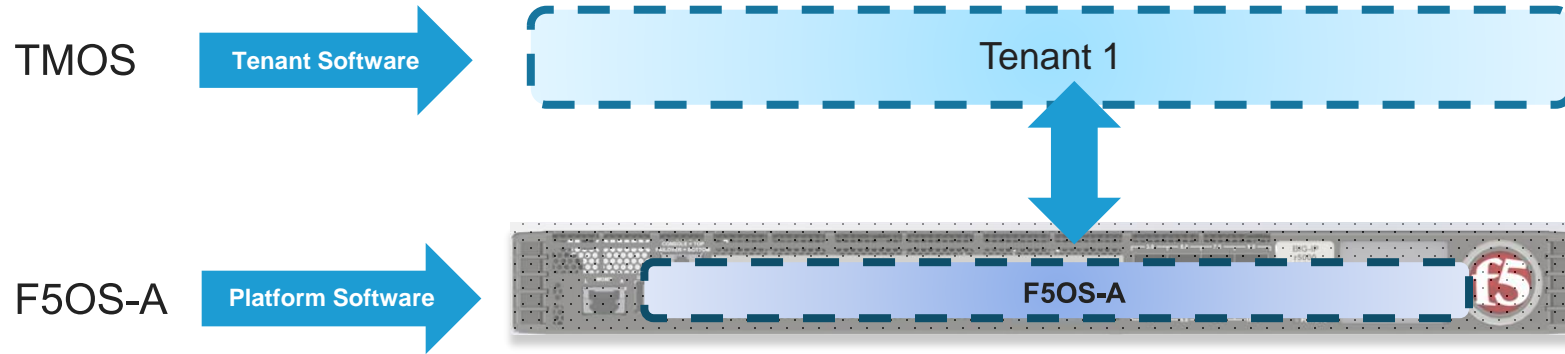
No CPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer



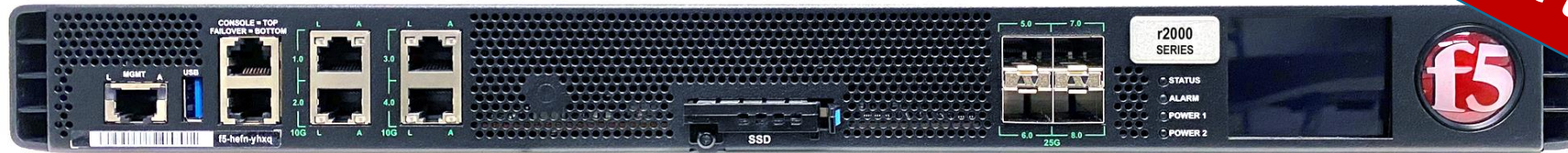
# r2000 Series (r2600) Platform Specs

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Runs F5OS-A R2R4 Image



- Total CPU Cores - 8
- Total vCPU's – **No Hyperthreading**
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- Disabled CPU's (Licensing) - 4
- vCPU's Available for Tenants – 4 **CPU**
- Total Memory – 32GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 480GB SSD
- Max Tenants - 1



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No CPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer

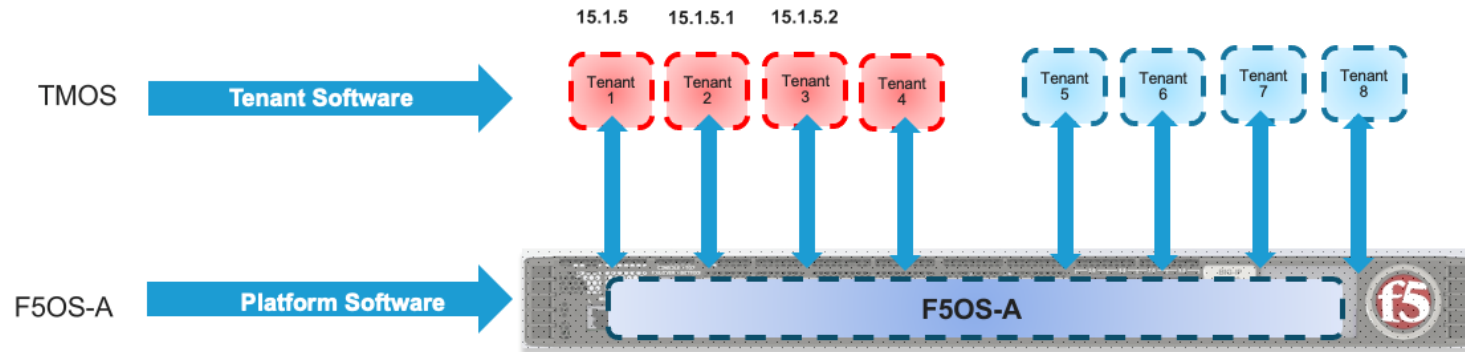
# | r4000 Series



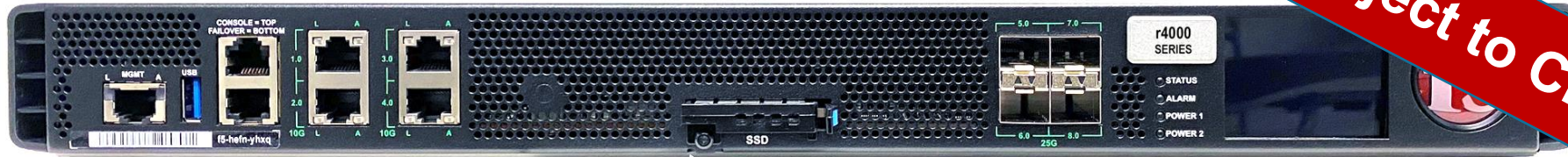
# r4000 Series (r4800) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores - 16
- Total vCPU's – **No Hyperthreading**
- CPU Speed – 2.2Ghz
- vCPU's Available for Tenants – 16 **CPU**
- Total Memory – 64GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 480GB SSD
- Max Tenants - 4



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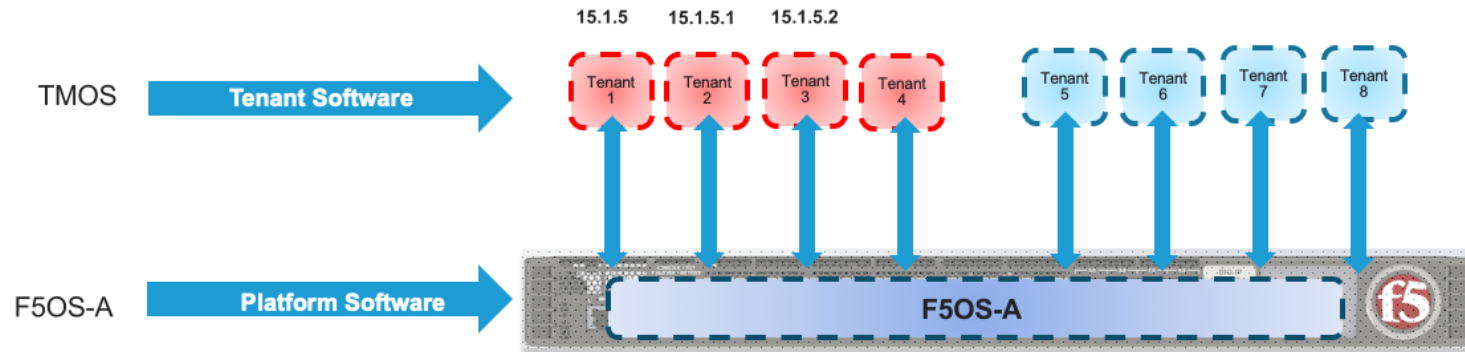
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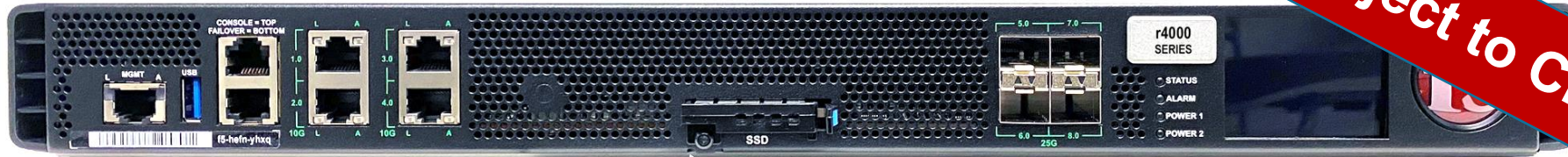
# r4000 Series (r4600) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores - 16
- Total vCPU's – **No Hyperthreading**
- CPU Speed – 2.2Ghz
- Disabled CPU's (Licensing) - 8
- vCPU's Available for Tenants – 8 **CPU**
- Total Memory – 64GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 480GB SSD
- Max Tenants - 2



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Ships with support for TMOS 15.1.6 Tenants only

No CPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer

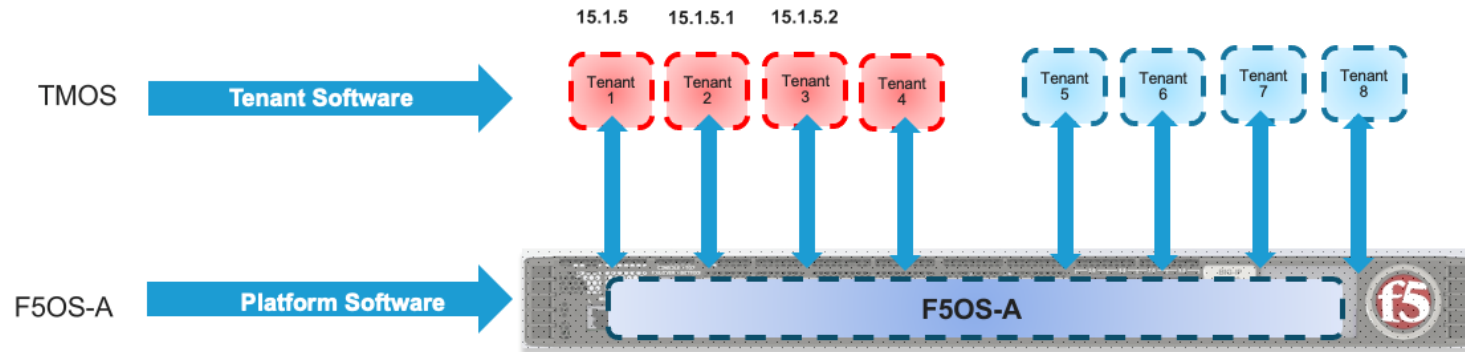
# | r5000 Series



# r5000 Series (r5800) Platform Specs

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Runs F5OS-A R5R10 Image



- Total CPU Cores / vCPU's – 16 / 32
- CPU Speed – 2.4 Ghz
- Disabled vCPU's (Licensing) – 8
- vCPU's for F5OS - 6
- vCPU's Available for Tenants - 18
- Total Memory – 128GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 1TB – M.2 SSD
- 1 Power Supply Included / 2<sup>nd</sup> Optional
- Max Tenants - 18



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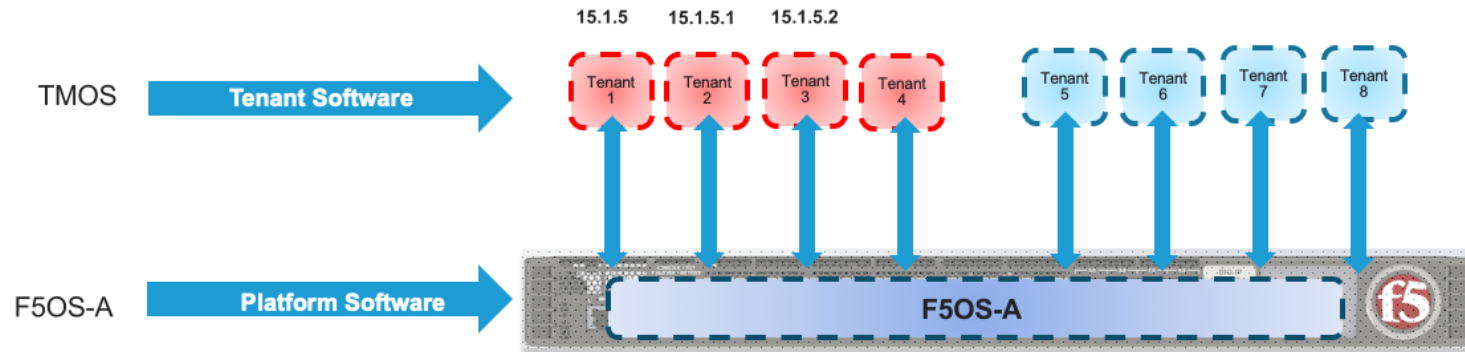
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6 x vCPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer

# r5000 Series (r5600) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores / vCPU's – 16 / 32
- CPU Speed – 2.4 Ghz
- Disabled vCPU's (Licensing) – 14
- vCPU's for F5OS - 6
- vCPU's Available for Tenants - 12
- Total Memory – 128GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 1TB – M.2 SSD
- 1 Power Supply Included / 2<sup>nd</sup> Optional
- Max Tenants - 8



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6 x vCPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer

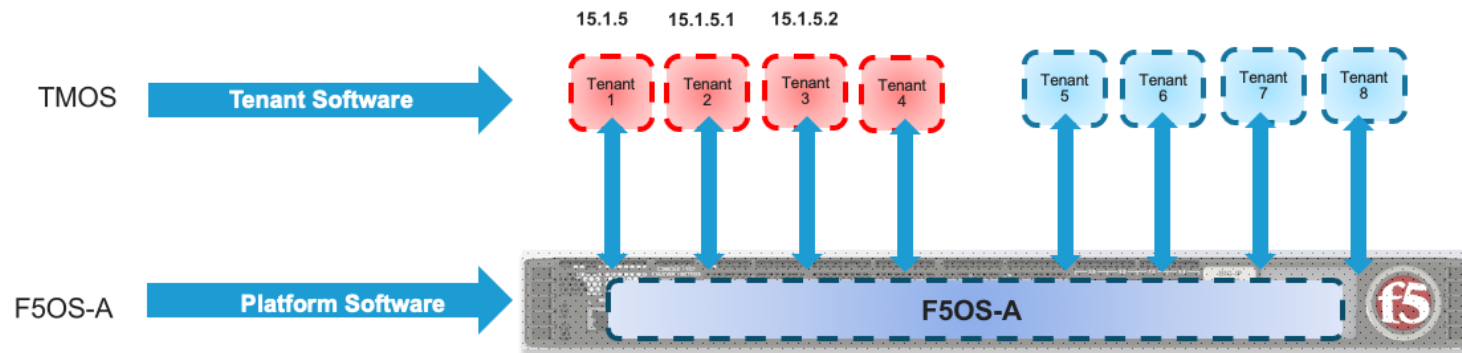
# | r10000 Series



# r10000 Series (r10900) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores / vCPU's – 24 / 48
- CPU Speed – 2.4Ghz
- vCPU's for F5OS - 12
- vCPU's Available for Tenants - 36
- Total Memory – 256GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 2 x 1TB U.2 SSD
  - RAID1 Mirrored
- 2 Power Supplies Included
- Max Tenants – 36



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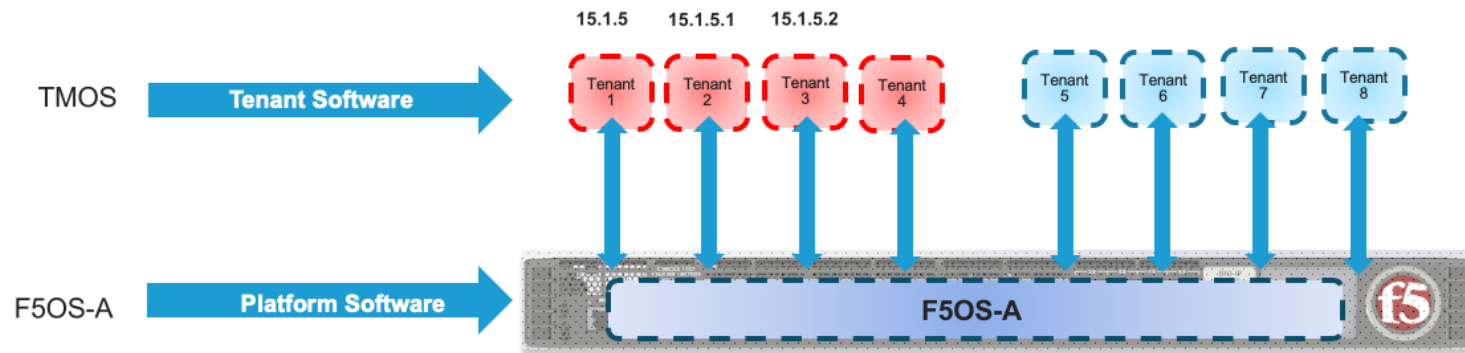
12 x vCPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer



# r10000 Series (r10800) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores / vCPU's – 24 / 48
- CPU Speed – 2.4Ghz
- Disabled vCPU's (Licensing) – 8
- vCPU's for F5OS - 12
- vCPU's Available for Tenants - 28
- Total Memory – 256GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 2 x 1TB U.2 SSD
  - RAID1 Mirrored
- 2 Power Supplies Included
- Max Tenants – 28



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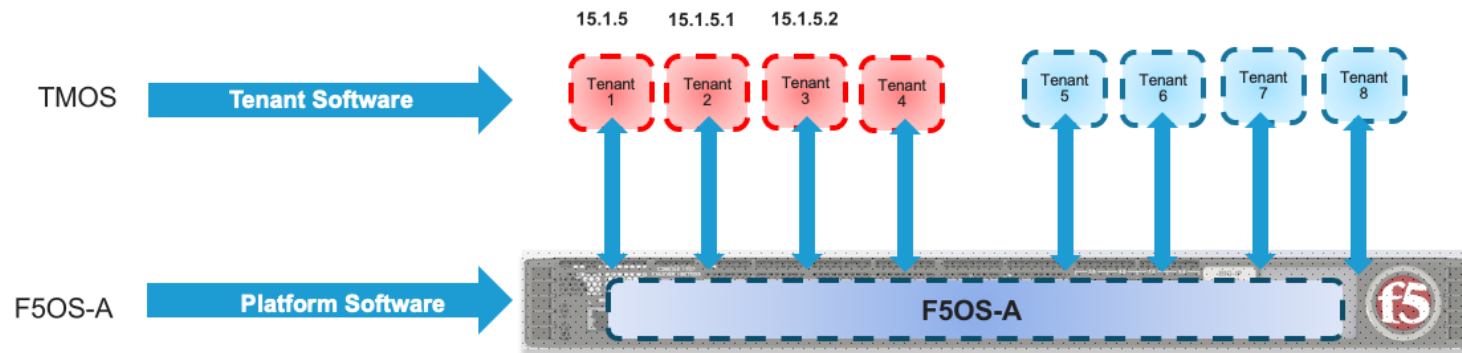
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12 x vCPU's reserved for F5OS platform layer

# r10000 Series (r10600) Platform Specs

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- Total CPU Cores / vCPU's – 24 / 48
- CPU Speed – 2.4Ghz
- Disabled vCPU's (Licensing) – 12
- vCPU's for F5OS - 12
- vCPU's Available for Tenants - 24
- Total Memory – 256GB RAM
- Disk Type/Capacity – 2 x 1TB U.2 SSD
  - RAID1 Mirrored
- 2 Power Supplies Included
- Max Tenants – 24



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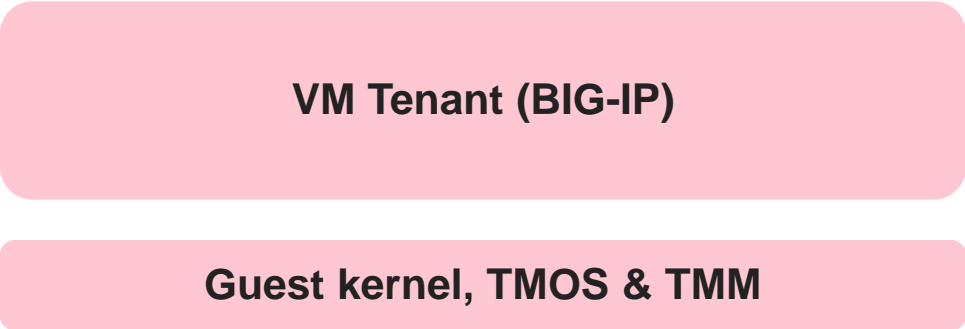
# VELOS - Next Generation Chassis

# VIPRION to VELOS Transition

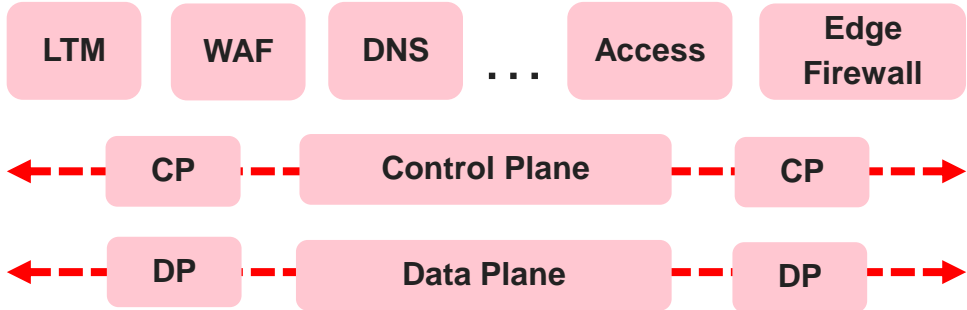
- End of sale announced for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- End of Software Development announced for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- First customer ship was anywhere from 2010 to 2014 (depending on model)
- Last classic BIG-IP version for VIPRION projected to be v17.1
- VELOS will be replacement for VIPRION

# Providing Flexibility and Investment Protection

## BIG-IP® 14.1.4, 15.1.4 and Future 17.1



## BIG-IP Next (Future) - Containerized



Monolithic tenant on internal containerized platform with componentized TMOS

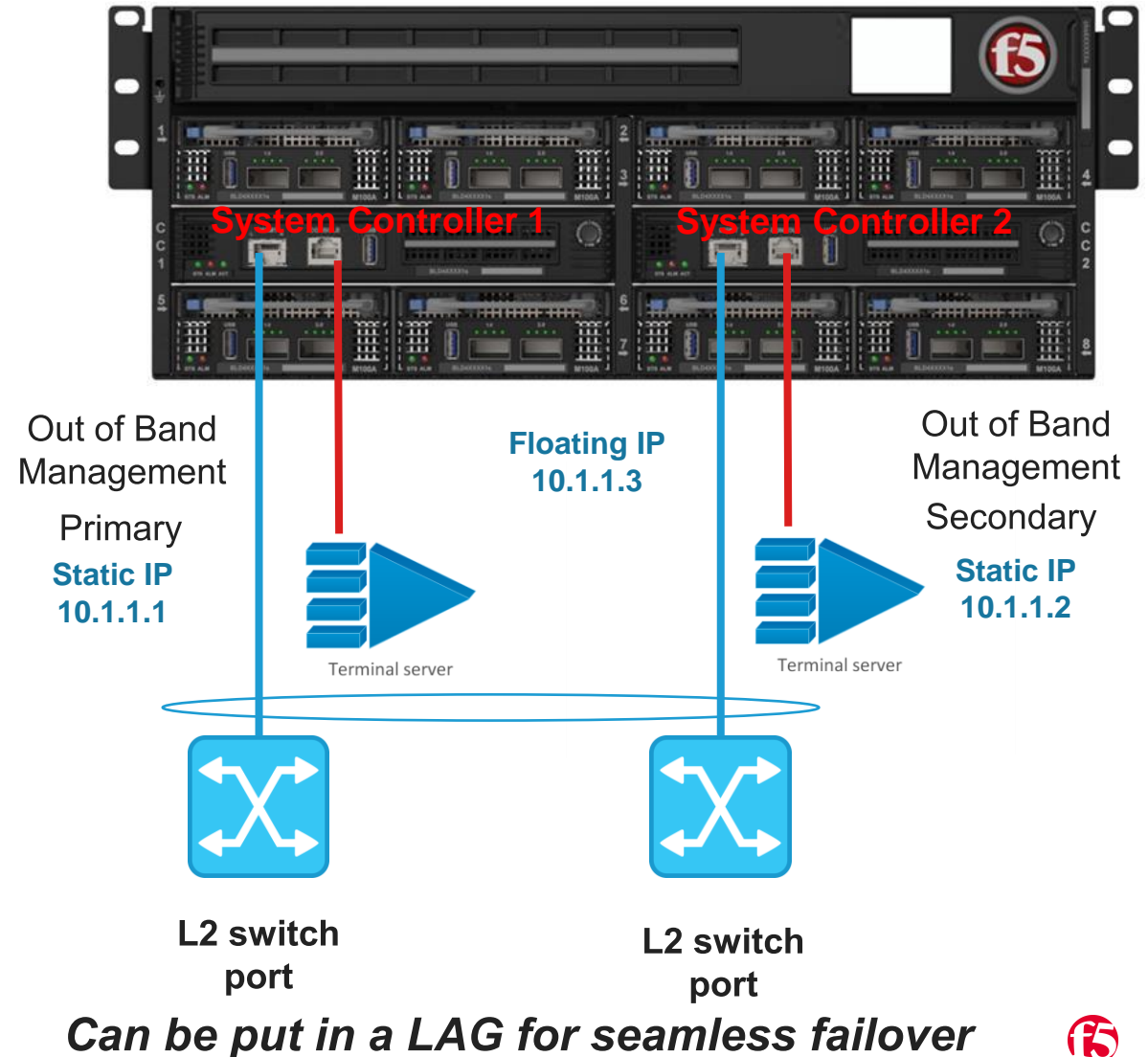
Application services and security delivered as pods on new hardware platform

Existing BIG-IP and BIG-IP Next can run within same VELOS chassis



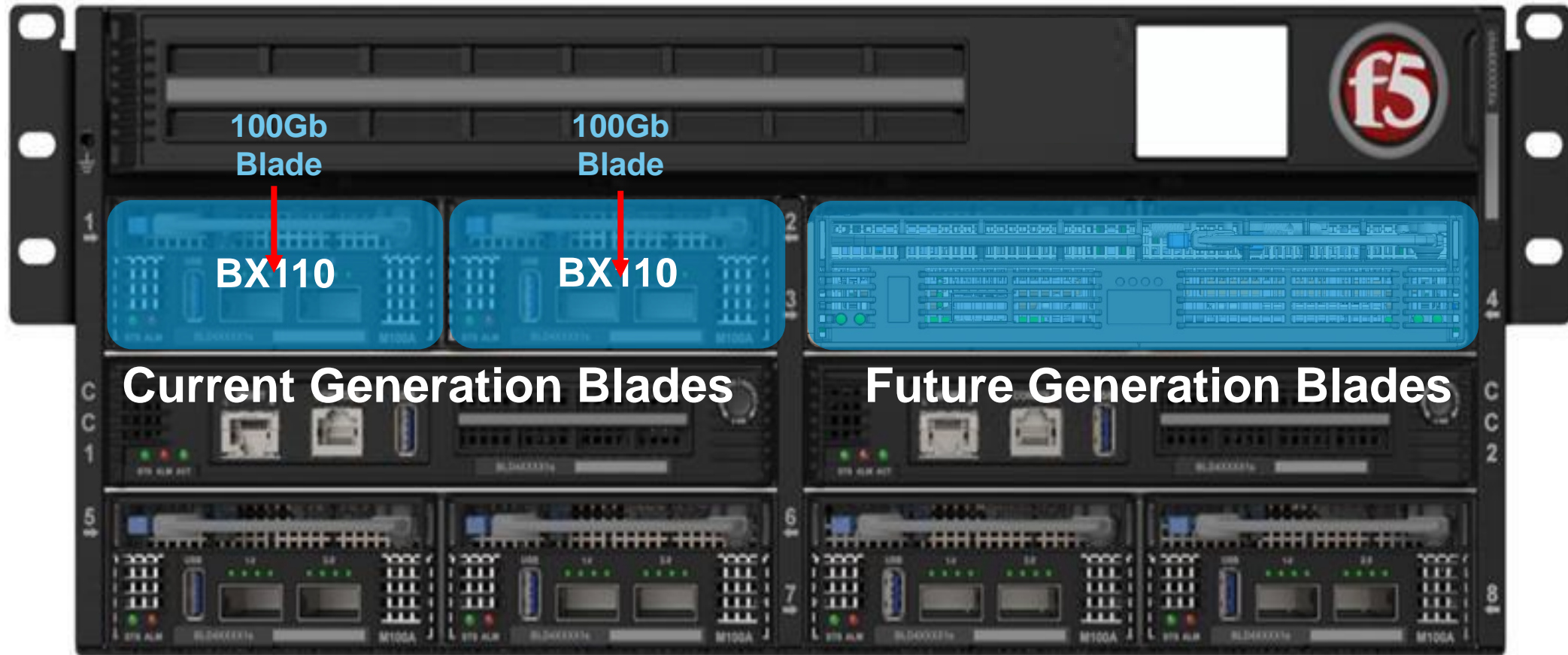
# VELOS Consolidated Cabling via System Controller

- In *VIPRION* each blade recommended to have their own console and out-of-band connections
- In *VELOS* all out-of-band and console connections are consolidated onto the two System Controllers
  - This simplifies and reduces the amount of cabling, Layer2 switch ports, and external terminal servers
  - Adding blades requires less cabling
  - Each System Controller has its own management IP address
  - A floating IP address will follow the primary



# VELOS Provides Improved Investment Protection over VIPRION

Ability to Mix and Match Different Blade Types/Generations



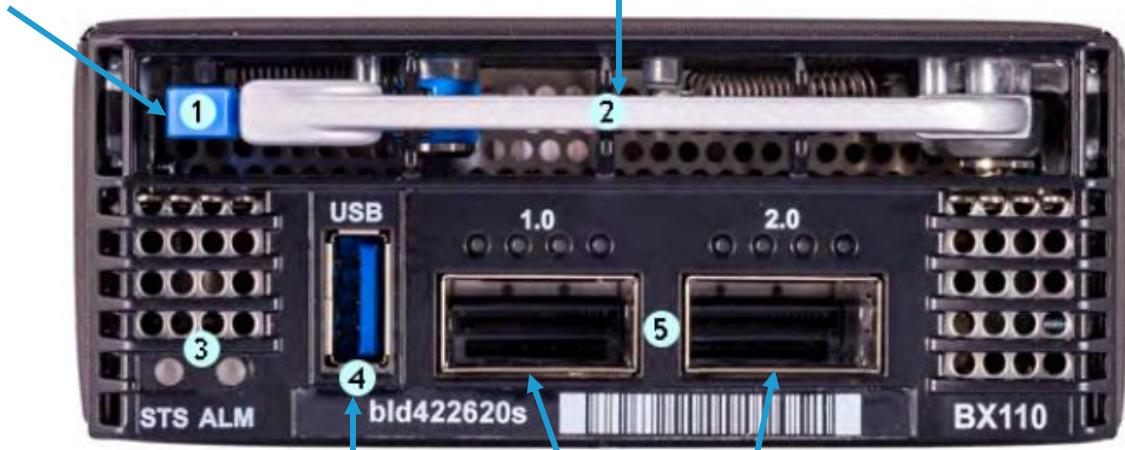
VIPRION only supported one generation of blades per chassis



# VELOS BX110 - Details

Latch Release

Ejector Handle



Status

Alarm

2 x QSFP28/QSFP+ ports

USB Port

1/4 Width Blade

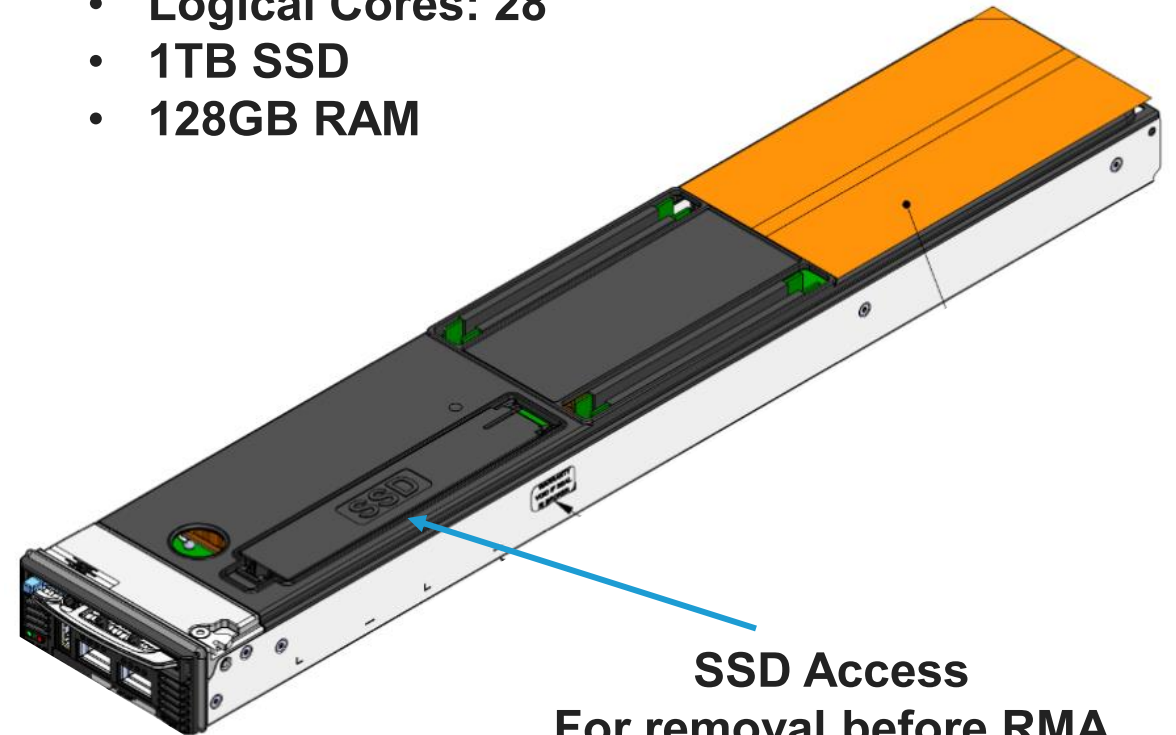
Onboard TPM2.0

Ports can be configured to be:

- Bundled 2 x (100Gb or 40Gb) or
- Unbundled 2 x (4 x 25Gb or 4 x 10Gb)

6 vCPU's reserved for platform layer

- Physical Cores: 14
- Logical Cores: 28
- 1TB SSD
- 128GB RAM



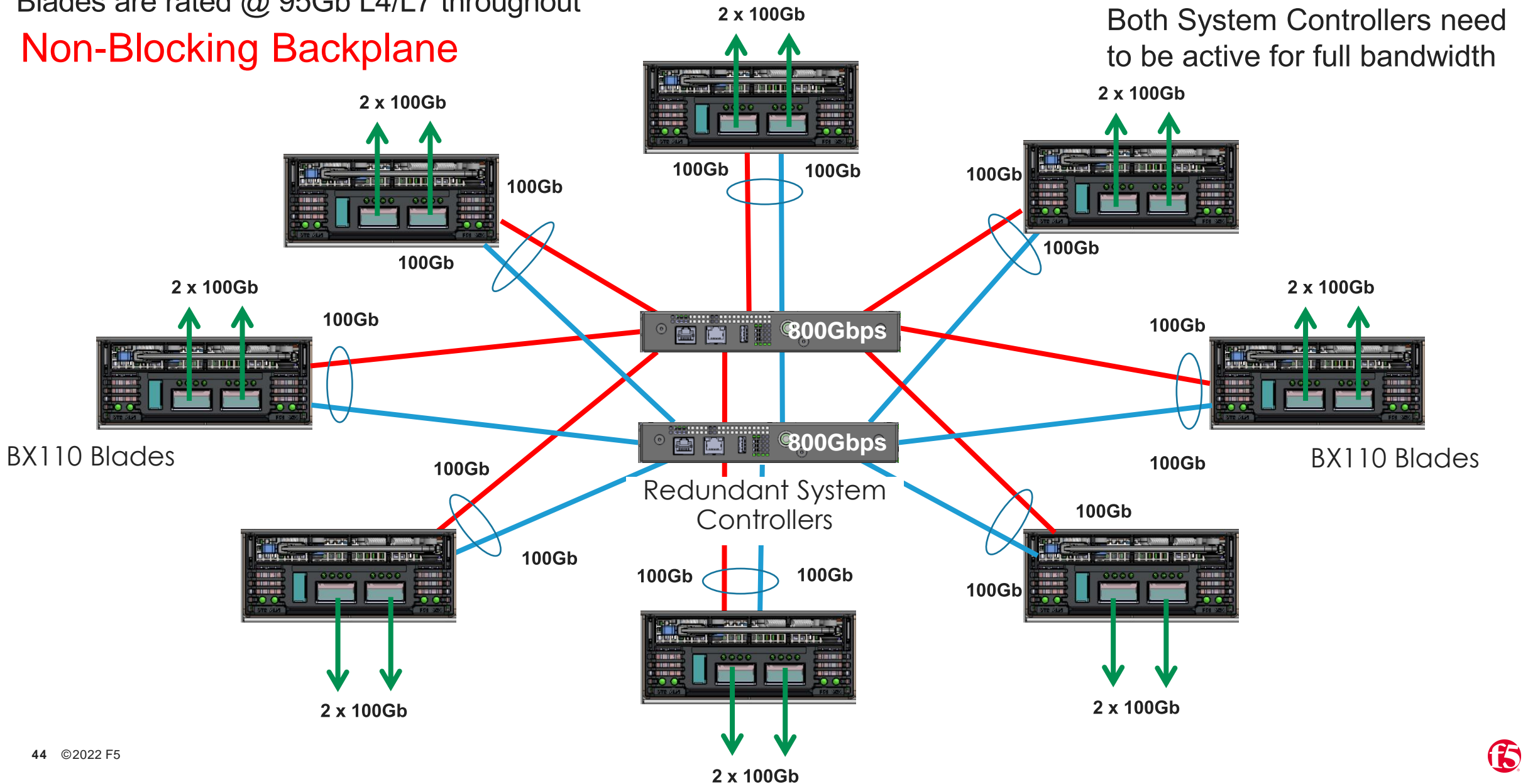
SSD Access

For removal before RMA  
Not Field Replaceable

# BX110 (2 x 100Gb) in VELOS 8 Slot Chassis

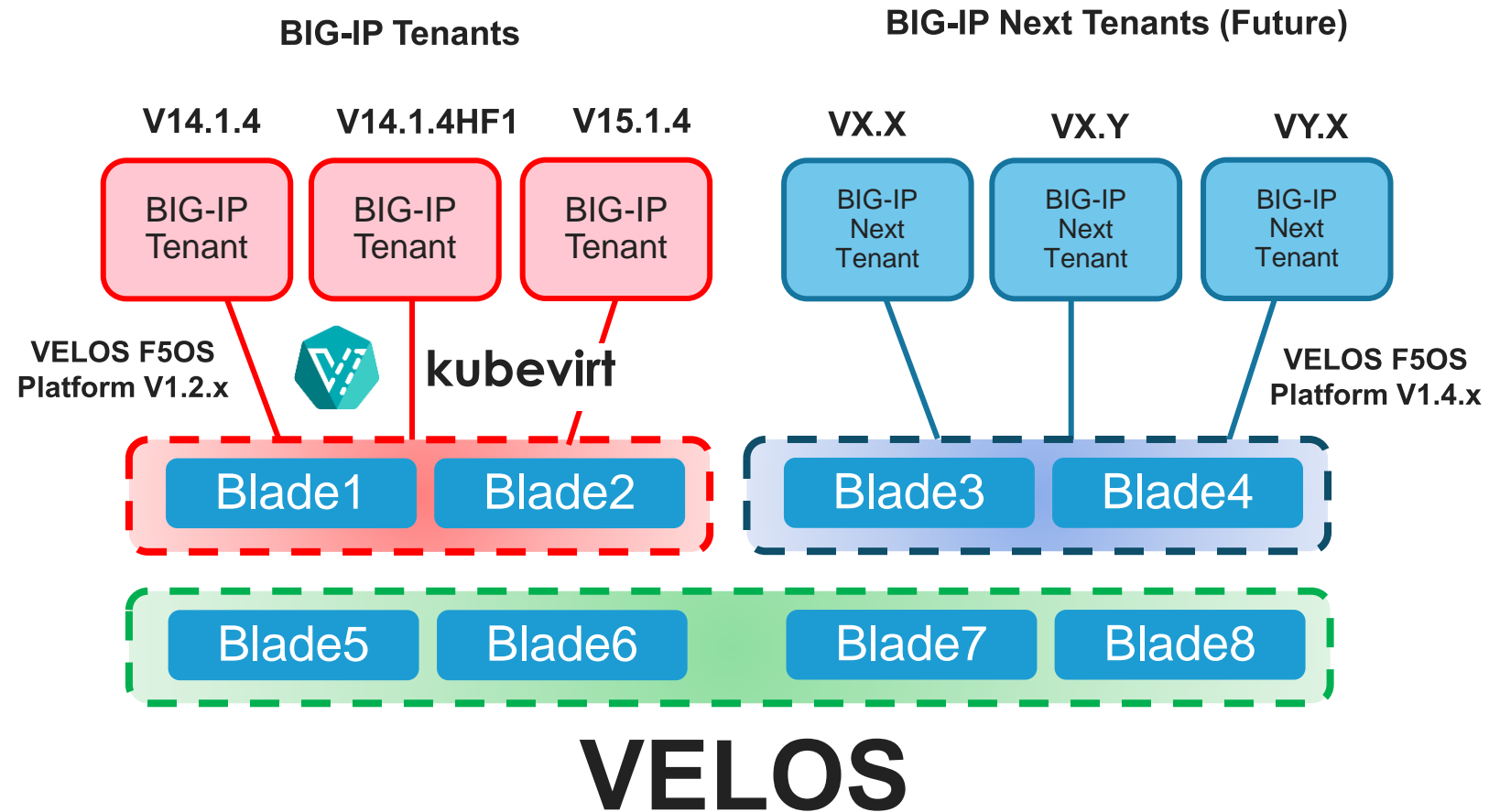
Blades are rated @ 95Gb L4/L7 throughput

**Non-Blocking Backplane**



# VELOS Multitenancy

- Similar to VIPRION there will be unique platform and tenant SW versions
- Each BIG-IP tenant can run its own unique instance of SW, just like vCMP
  - Initial release limited to v14.1.4, and now 15.1.4
- Each BIG-IP Next tenant will also be able to run its own unique instance of SW, just like vCMP
  - Software version TBD



# Main Differences between VIPRION and VELOS

- VELOS will allow mixing and matching different blade types and generations within the same chassis
- Blades on VELOS are  $\frac{1}{4}$  the width as VIPRION blades which allows double the number of blades per same size chassis.
- VELOS has Higher speed interfaces (2 100Gb interfaces and future 400Gb interfaces)
- VELOS BX110 has the ability to scale 3-6x for L7 RPS and up to 20x for SSL(RSA) vs 4 B2250
- VELOS “Chassis Partition” feature allows another layer of isolation that VIPRION does not offer
- VELOS backplane is non-blocking. VELOS backplane is star wired will fully redundant system controllers/switch fabrics interconnecting all the line cards
- Simplified cable management
- VELOS blades have more modern SSL hardware offload and supports ECC ciphers in HW
- VELOS can run current and future generations of BIG-IP within the same chassis



# Putting It All Together!

# Journeys App Migration Tool – Core BIG-IP

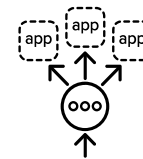
The Journeys application assists **F5 Customers** with **migrating a BIG-IP** configuration to a new **F5 device**. Choose a fully automated migration for ease of use and speed or a detailed, step-by-step process to have more granular control over changes made. Both options are available via API or intuitive GUI.



## Full Migration

Migrating a BIG-IP configuration from any version starting at 11.5.0 to a higher one, including VELOS & rSeries systems.

- Support All Modules\*
- Config Editor and Load Validation
- API available to automate the process
- Post-migration diagnostics and reporting



## Per-Application Services Migration

Migrating mission critical Applications and their dependencies to a new AS3 configuration and deploying it to a BIG-IP instance of choice.

- LTM only (including SSL cert and keys\*)
- App inventory building (using rules, e.g. RegEx)
- Conversion to AS3
- Deployment to BIG-IP or BIG-IQ

Thank you