F5 Networks announces an expansion of the BIG-IP offering with iSeries-- application delivery controllers incorporating node.js support via iRules LX, allowing customers to tailor systems for evolving infrastructure needs.



The iSeries also includes TurboFlex technology to enable selectable performance profiles and deliver cloud, security and app delivery optimisations. Customers can configure the platforms to support enhanced DDoS protection, as well as private cloud and SDN technologies from 3rd parties including OpenStack, Cisco and VMware,

Application Services Proxy and Container Connector allow ecosystem-friendly orchestration, making it easy for customers to integrate management and orchestration tools such as Kubernetes and Mesos/Marathon.

"With the introduction of the BIG-IP iSeries platform today, our aim is to give our customers the freedom to deploy any application, anywhere, with consistent application services and security," the company says. "Comprised of both hardware and software components, the BIG-IP platform works as a bridge across these islands of apps and environments, ranging from the data center to the cloud."

Another F5 Networks announcement involves a partnership with interconnection specialist Equinix. It allows customers to combine the F5 cloud gateway with Equinix Performance Hub to take advantage of a hybrid interconnection model promising high-speed and low-latency connectivity between multiple cloud providers and enterprise networks.

Meanwhile connection with Equinix Cloud Exchange provides F5 customers with direct cloud service access, bypassing the public internet to increase both performance and security.

"A digital economy means that applications and services must be easy to deploy, low-friction, and quick to scale to help organizations pivot toward new market opportunities," the company concludes. "Our solutions further reduce deployment time through valuable integrations, native orchestration capabilities, and compelling partnership solutions, such as our colocation offerings with Equinix."

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