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VMware announces the acquisition of Avi Networks, a provider of multi-cloud application delivery networks currently deployed at "hundreds" of global enterprises. The financial details of the deal are not available.

The purchase, VMware says, will allow it to bring the public cloud experience to the entire datacentre, making it automated, highly scalable and more secure, with the ability to deploy applications with a single click. Once the deal closes, VMware and Avi Networks will deliver what they claim is the only complete software-defined networking stack from L2-7 built for the multi-cloud era.

The Avi platform allows organisations to overcome the rigidity and complexity of legacy systems and ADC appliance with modern, software-defined services. It includes a Software Load Balancer, Intelligent Web Application Firewall (iWAF), Advanced Analytics and Monitoring and a Universal Service Mesh to enable a fast, scalable and more secure application experience. A central control plane and distributed data plane deliver application services as a dynamic, multi-cloud fabric able to automate decisions and provide "unprecedented" application analytics and on-demand elasticity.

"VMware is committed to making the data center operate as simply and easily as it does in the public cloud, and the addition of Avi Networks to the growing VMware networking and security portfolio will bring us one step closer to this goal after the acquisition closes," the company adds. "This acquisition will further advance our Virtual Cloud Network vision, where a software-defined distributed network architecture spans all infrastructure and ties all pieces together with the automation and programmability found in the public cloud. Combining Avi

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Networks with VMware NSX will further enable organisations to respond to new opportunities and threats, create new business models, and deliver services to all applications and data, wherever they are located."

Post-acquisition VMware will offer both built-in load balancing capabilities as part of NSX Data Center and an advanced standalone ADC. The deal is set to close on fiscal Q2 2020.

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