UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 26, 2022

F5, Inc.

Washington	000-26041	91-1714307
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
801 5th Avenue		
Seattle, WA		98104
(Address of principal executive office	ees)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's telepho	one number, including area code	e (206) 272-5555
Former name of	Not Applicable r former address, if changed sin	ace last report
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intende rovisions:	ed to simultaneously satisfy the	filing obligation of the registrant under any of the follow
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Security	ities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c)) under the Exchange Act (17 C	CFR 240.13e-4(c))
ecurities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:	·	
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, no par value	FFIV	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Item 2.02 **Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On April 26, 2022, F5, Inc. issued a press release regarding its financial results for the second quarter ended March 31, 2022. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information in this report shall not be treated as filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01 **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release of F5, Inc. announcing quarterly earnings dated April 26, 2022. 104

Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

F5, INC. (Registrant)

Date: April 26, 2022 By: /s/ François Locoh-Donou

François Locoh-Donou

President and Chief Executive Officer

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F5 Reports 40% Software Revenue Growth in its Fiscal Second Quarter

SEATTLE, WA - April 26, 2022 - F5, Inc. (NASDAQ: FFIV) today announced financial results for its fiscal second quarter ended March 31, 2022.

"Our strong 40% software growth enabled us to deliver above the midpoint of our revenue guidance and at the top end of our non-GAAP earnings per share guidance for the quarter," said François Locoh-Donou, F5's President and CEO. "While our ability to ship systems remains constrained as a result of semiconductor component shortages, momentum in our software business is strong, driven by customers' growing need for multi-cloud application security and delivery."

Second Quarter Performance Summary

Second quarter fiscal year 2022 revenue was \$634 million, down 2% from \$645 million in the year-ago period. Software revenue grew 40% over the prior year period while systems revenue declined 27% as a result of semiconductor component shortages. Global services revenue was flat with the year-ago period.

GAAP net income for the second quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$56 million, or \$0.92 per diluted share compared to second quarter fiscal year 2021 GAAP net income of \$43 million, or \$0.70 per diluted share.

Non-GAAP net income for the second quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$131 million, or \$2.13 per diluted share, compared to \$155 million, or \$2.50 per diluted share, in the second quarter of fiscal year 2021.

A reconciliation of net income on a GAAP to non-GAAP basis is included in the attached Consolidated Income Statements. Additional information about non-GAAP financial information is included in this release.

Business Outlook

"We have clear visibility to continuing strong demand drivers across our software and systems portfolio. Near term, our ability to ship to meet demand for our systems-based solutions is gated by ongoing component shortages," said Locoh-Donou. "We continue to work every possible angle to expand our supply availability to match the demand we are seeing."

With the Company's ability to meet customers' demand for systems restricted by near term supply chain constraints, it expects fiscal year 2022 revenue growth in a range of 1.5% to 4%, down from its prior outlook for 4.5% to 8% growth. The Company continues to expect fiscal year 2022 software revenue growth near the top end of its previously provided 35% to 40% guidance range. For fiscal third quarter, the company expects revenue in a range of \$660 to \$680 million.

All forward-looking non-GAAP measures included in the Company's business outlook exclude estimates for amortization of intangible assets, share-based compensation expenses, significant effects of tax legislation and judicial or administrative interpretation of tax regulations (including the impact of income tax reform), non-recurring

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income tax adjustments, valuation allowance on deferred tax assets, and the income tax effect of non-GAAP exclusions, and do not include the impact of any future acquisitions or divestitures, acquisition-related charges and write-downs, restructuring charges, facility exit costs, or other non-recurring charges that may occur in the period. F5 is unable to provide a reconciliation of non-GAAP earnings guidance measures to corresponding U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or GAAP measures on a forward-looking basis without unreasonable effort due to the overall high variability and low visibility of most of the foregoing items that have been excluded. Material changes to any one of these items could have a significant effect on our guidance and future GAAP results. Certain exclusions, such as amortization of intangible assets and share-based compensation expenses, are generally incurred each quarter, but the amounts have historically varied and may continue to vary significantly from quarter to quarter.

Live Webcast and Conference Call

F5 will host a live webcast and conference call to review its financial results and outlook today, April 26, 2022, at 4:30 pm ET. The live webcast can be accessed from the investor relations portion of F5.com. To participate in the live call via telephone in the U.S. and Canada, dial (833) 714-0927. Outside the U.S. and Canada, dial +1 (778) 560-2886. Reference Meeting ID 7769889. Please call at least 5 minutes prior to the call start time. The webcast replay will be archived on the investor relations portion of F5's website.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements including, among other things, statements regarding the continuing strength and momentum of F5's business, future financial performance including revenue, revenue growth and earnings growth; demand for application security and delivery services, and software products; expectations regarding availability of future supply, future customer demand, markets, and the benefits of products; and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to the safe harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain risk factors. Such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions and other factors that, if they do not fully materialize or prove correct, could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: customer acceptance of offerings; potential disruptions to F5's business and distraction of management as F5 integrates acquired businesses, teams, and technologies; F5's ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses' products with F5 technologies; the ability of F5's sales professionals and distribution partners to sell acquired businesses' product and service offerings; the timely development, introduction and acceptance of additional new products and features by F5 or its competitors; competitive factors, including but not limited to pricing pressures, industry consolidation, entry of new competitors into F5's markets, and new product and marketing initiatives by our competitors; increased sales discounts; the business impact of the acquisitions and potential adverse reactions or changes to business or employee relationships, including those resulting from the announcement of completion of acquisitions; uncertain global economic conditions which may result in reduced customer demand for our products and services and changes in customer payment patterns; continued disruptions to the global supply chain resulting in inability to source required parts for F5's products or the ability to only do so at greatly increased prices thereby impacting our revenues and/or margins; global economic conditions and uncertainties in the geopolitical environment; overall information technology spending; litigation involving patents, intellectual property, shareholder and other matters, and governmental investigations; potential security flaws in the Company's networks, products or services; cybersecurity attacks on its networks, products or services; natural catastrophic events; a pandemic or epidemic; F5's ability to sustain, develop and effectively utilize distribution relationships; F5's ability to attract, train and retain qualified product development, marketing, sales, professional services and customer support personnel; F5's ability to expand in international markets; the unpredictability of F5's sales cycle; the ability of F5 to execute on its share repurchase program including the timing of any repurchases; future prices of F5's common stock; and other risks and uncertainties described more fully in our documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K and other documents that we may file or furnish from time to time, which could cause actual results to vary from expectations. The financial information contained in this release should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in F5's most recent reports on Forms 10-Q and

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10-K as each may be amended from time to time. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information available as of the date hereof and qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. F5 assumes no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements.

GAAP to non-GAAP Reconciliation

F5's management evaluates and makes operating decisions using various operating measures. These measures are generally based on the revenues of its products, services operations, and certain costs of those operations, such as cost of revenues, research and development, sales and marketing and general and administrative expenses. One such measure is GAAP net income excluding, as applicable, stock-based compensation, amortization of purchased intangible assets, acquisition-related charges, net of taxes, restructuring charges, facility-exit costs, significant litigation and other contingencies and certain non-recurring tax expenses and benefits, which is a non-GAAP financial measure under Section 101 of Regulation G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This measure of non-GAAP net income is adjusted by the amount of additional taxes or tax benefit that the Company would accrue if it used non-GAAP results instead of GAAP results to calculate the Company's tax liability.

The non-GAAP adjustments, and F5's basis for excluding them from non-GAAP financial measures, are outlined below:

Acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue. Included in its GAAP financial statements, F5 records acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue to fair value, which results in lower recognized revenue over the term of the contract. F5 includes revenue associated with acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue in its non-GAAP financial measures as management believes it provides a more accurate depiction of revenue arising from our strategic acquisitions.

Stock-based compensation. Stock-based compensation consists of expense for stock options, restricted stock, and employee stock purchases through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Although stock-based compensation is an important aspect of the compensation of F5's employees and executives, management believes it is useful to exclude stock-based compensation expenses to better understand the long-term performance of the Company's core business and to facilitate comparison of the Company's results to those of peer companies.

Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets. Purchased intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, and generally cannot be changed or influenced by management after the acquisition. On a non-recurring basis, when certain events or circumstances are present, management may also be required to write down the carrying value of its purchased intangible assets and recognize impairment charges. Management does not believe these charges accurately reflect the performance of the Company's ongoing operations, therefore, they are not considered by management in making operating decisions. However, investors should note that the use of intangible assets contributed to F5's revenues earned during the periods presented and will contribute to F5's future period revenues as well.

Facility-exit costs. F5 has incurred charges in connection with the exit of facilities as well as other non-recurring lease activity. These charges are not representative of ongoing costs to the business and are not expected to recur. As a result, these charges are being excluded to provide investors with a more comparable measure of costs associated with ongoing operations.

Acquisition-related charges, net. F5 does not acquire businesses on a predictable cycle and the terms and scope of each transaction can vary significantly and are unique to each transaction. F5 excludes acquisition-related charges from its non-GAAP financial measures to provide a useful comparison of the Company's operating results to prior periods and to its peer companies. Acquisition-related charges consist of planning, execution and integration costs incurred directly as a result of an acquisition.

Impairment charges. In fiscal year 2021, F5 recorded impairment charges related to the permanent exit of certain floors at its Seattle headquarters. These charges are not representative of ongoing costs to the business and are not expected to recur. As a result, these charges are being excluded to provide investors with a more comparable measure of costs associated with ongoing operations.

Restructuring charges. F5 has incurred restructuring charges that are included in its GAAP financial statements, primarily related to workforce reductions and costs associated with exiting facility-lease commitments. F5 excludes

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these items from its non-GAAP financial measures when evaluating its continuing business performance as such items vary significantly based on the magnitude of the restructuring action and do not reflect expected future operating expenses. In addition, these charges do not necessarily provide meaningful insight into the fundamentals of current or past operations of its business.

Management believes that non-GAAP net income per share provides useful supplemental information to management and investors regarding the performance of the Company's core business operations and facilitates comparisons to the Company's historical operating results. Although F5's management finds this non-GAAP measure to be useful in evaluating the performance of the core business, management's reliance on this measure is limited because items excluded from such measures could have a material effect on F5's earnings and earnings per share calculated in accordance with GAAP. Therefore, F5's management will use its non-GAAP earnings and earnings per share measures, in conjunction with GAAP earnings and earnings per share measures, to address these limitations when evaluating the performance of the Company's core business. Investors should consider these non-GAAP measures in addition to, and not as a substitute for, financial performance measures in accordance with GAAP.

F5 believes that presenting its non-GAAP measures of earnings and earnings per share provides investors with an additional tool for evaluating the performance of the Company's core business and is used by management in its own evaluation of the Company's performance. Investors are encouraged to look at GAAP results as the best measure of financial performance. However, while the GAAP results are more complete, the Company provides investors these supplemental measures since, with reconciliation to GAAP, it may provide additional insight into the Company's operational performance and financial results.

For reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, please see the section in our attached Condensed Consolidated Income Statements entitled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

About F5

F5 (NASDAQ: FFIV) is a multi-cloud application security and delivery company that enables our customers—which include the world's largest enterprises, financial institutions, service providers, and governments—to bring extraordinary digital experiences to life. For more information, go to f5.com. You can also follow @F5 on Twitter or visit us on LinkedIn and Facebook for more information about F5, its partners, and technologies.

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Source: F5, Inc.

F5, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited, in thousands)

	March 31, 2022		September 30, 2021		
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	586,543	\$ 580,977		
Short-term investments		300,591	329,630		
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$4,336 and \$3,696		414,218	340,536		
Inventories		27,883	22,055		
Other current assets		405,596	 337,902		
Total current assets		1,734,831	1,611,100		
Property and equipment, net		178,742	191,164		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		227,576	244,934		
Long-term investments		34,911	132,778		
Deferred tax assets		158,357	128,193		
Goodwill		2,259,951	2,216,553		
Other assets, net		482,805	472,558		
Total assets	\$	5,077,173	\$ 4,997,280		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	=				
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	69,131	\$ 62,096		
Accrued liabilities		301,206	341,487		
Deferred revenue		1,043,482	968,669		
Current portion of long-term debt		359,410	19,275		
Total current liabilities		1,773,229	1,391,527		
Deferred tax liabilities		2,729	2,414		
Deferred revenue, long-term		556,254	521,173		
Operating lease liabilities, long-term		276,416	296,945		
Long-term debt		_	349,772		
Other long-term liabilities		71,417	75,236		
Total long-term liabilities		906,816	 1,245,540		
Commitments and contingencies					
Shareholders' equity					
Preferred stock, no par value; 10,000 shares authorized, no shares outstanding		_	_		
Common stock, no par value; 200,000 shares authorized, 60,465 and 60,652 shares issued and outstanding		82,133	192,458		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(22,628)	(20,073)		
Retained earnings		2,337,623	2,187,828		
Total shareholders' equity	_	2,397,128	2,360,213		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	5,077,173	\$ 4,997,280		

F5, Inc.
Consolidated Income Statements
(unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)

		Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,			
		2022	cii 31,	2021	_	2022	cii 31,	2021
Net revenues		2022		2021				2021
Products (1)	\$	297,518	\$	309,189	\$	640,667	S	597,23
Services	Ψ	336,706	Ψ	336,098	Ψ	680,657	Ψ	672,67
Total		634,224		645,287	_	1,321,324		1,269,90
Cost of net revenues (2)(3)(4)(5)(6)		034,224		045,207		1,321,324		1,200,00
Products		71,234		73,289		152,896		140,32
Services		55,125		55,296		108,536		103,23
Total		126,359		128,585	_	261,432		243,56
Gross profit		507,865		516,702	_	1,059,892	_	1,026,34
		307,803		310,702		1,039,692		1,020,34
Operating expenses (2)(3)(4)(5)(6)		228,826		244,908		462,861		459,45
Sales and marketing Research and development		135,838		140,453		266,109		254,64
General and administrative		68,554		77,840		134,215		140,99
Restructuring charges		08,334		77,840		7,909		140,99
Total		433,218		463,201	_	871,094	_	855.09
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ncome from operations		74,647		53,501		188,798		171,24
Other expense, net	_	(1,934)	_	(1,377)	_	(4,365)	_	(2,060
ncome before income taxes		72,713		52,124		184,433		169,18
Provision for income taxes		16,477	•	8,883	_	34,638	_	38,27
Net income	\$	56,236	\$	43,241	\$	149,795	\$	130,91
Net income per share — basic	\$	0.93	\$	0.71	\$	2.47	\$	2.1
Weighted average shares — basic		60,573		60,667		60,693		61,05
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Net income per share — diluted	\$	0.92	\$	0.70	\$	2.43	\$	2.1
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Weighted average shares — diluted	_	61,405	_	62,158	_	61,661	=	62,292
Non-GAAP Financial Measures								
Net income as reported	\$	56,236	\$	43,241	\$	149,795	S	130,91
Acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	-	Ψ	1,28
Stock-based compensation expense		64,129		63,220		127,886		121,28
Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets		12,850		12,206		32,287		22,91
Facility-exit costs		3,518		5,065		6,260		6,40
Acquisition-related charges		12,966		27,978		29,857		45,64
Impairment charges				33,825		´—		33,82
Restructuring charges		_				7,909		
Tax effects related to above items		(18,896)		(30,388)		(44,160)		(45,66
Net income excluding acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue, stock-based compensation expense, amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets, facility-exit costs, acquisition-related charges, impairment charges and restructuring charges		120.002	•	155145	•	200.024	•	216.61
(non-GAAP) - diluted	\$	130,803	\$	155,147	\$	309,834	\$	316,61
Net income per share excluding acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue, stock-based compensation expense, amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets, facility-exit costs, acquisition-related charges, impairment charges and restructuring								
charges (non-GAAP) - diluted	\$	2.13	\$	2.50	\$	5.02	\$	5.0
Weighted average shares - diluted		61,405		62,158	_	61,661	_	62,29
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(1) GAAP net product revenues	\$	297,518	\$	309,189	\$	640,667	\$	597,23
Acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue								1,28
Non-GAAP net product revenues		297,518		309,189		640,667		598,51
GAAP net service revenues		336,706		336,098		680,657		672,67
Acquisition-related write-downs of assumed deferred revenue								
Non-GAAP net service revenues		336,706		336,098		680,657		672,67
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Cost of net revenues	\$	7,341	\$	7,352	\$	14,886	\$	14,694
Sales and marketing		27,613		27,040		54,366		52,283
Research and development		18,233		17,717		36,816		32,704
General and administrative		10,942		11,111		21,818		21,608
	\$	64,129	\$	63,220	\$	127,886	\$	121,289
(3) Includes amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets as follows:								
Cost of net revenues	\$	9,959	\$	8,799	\$	19,918	\$	16,181
Sales and marketing	Þ	2,476	Ф	,	Ф	11,391	Ф	5,581
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General and administrative		415	•	575	•	978	•	1,150
	\$	12,850	\$	12,206	\$	32,287	\$	22,912
(4) Includes facility-exit costs as follows:								
Cost of net revenues	\$	611	\$	984	\$	1,093	\$	1,156
Sales and marketing		888		1,457		1,637		1,863
Research and development		1,216		1,544		2,128		1,878
General and administrative		803		1,080		1,402		1,504
	\$	3,518	\$	5,065	\$	6,260	\$	6,401
(5) Includes acquisition-related charges as follows:								
Cost of net revenues	\$	108	\$	32	P	195	\$	2,522
Sales and marketing	φ	3,609	Ф	9,917	Φ	9,773	Φ	14,688
Research and development		5,697		9,046		11,691		13,439
General and administrative		3,552		8,983		8,198		14,994
Ocherar and administrative	\$	12,966	\$	27,978	\$	29,857	\$	45,643
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(6) Includes impairment charges as follows:								
Cost of net revenues	\$	_	\$		\$	_	\$	4,388
Sales and marketing		_		10,256		_		10,256
Research and development		_		9,845		_		9,845
General and administrative		_		9,336				9,336
	\$	_	\$	33,825	\$		\$	33,825

F5, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited, in thousands)

Six Months Ended March 31,

		2022		2021	
		2022		2021	
Operating activities Net income	\$	149,795	\$	130,919	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	149,793	Þ	130,919	
Stock-based compensation		127,886		121,289	
Depreciation and amortization		59,798		56,185	
Non-cash operating lease costs		19,363		19,415	
Deferred income taxes		(15,832)		(17,962)	
Impairment of assets		6,175		40,698	
Other		(439)		105	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities (excluding effects of the acquisition of businesses):		(137)		103	
Accounts receivable		(72,777)		(79,649)	
Inventories		(5,828)		3,327	
Other current assets		(60,896)		(32,939)	
Other assets		(27,893)		(29,066)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(35,649)		(14,529)	
Deferred revenue		99,303		93,493	
Lease liabilities		(26,131)		(25,447)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		216,875		265,839	
Investing activities					
Purchases of investments		(53,715)		(65,725)	
Maturities of investments		96,349		126,711	
Sales of investments		78,988		269,986	
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired		(67,911)		(411,319)	
Purchases of property and equipment		(15,792)		(14,090)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		37,919		(94,437)	
Financing activities		-	_		
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options and purchases of stock under employee stock purchase plan		28,628		28,687	
Repurchase of common stock		(250,023)		(500,000)	
Payments on term debt agreement		(10,000)		(10,000)	
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards		(16,816)		(7,928)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(248,211)		(489,241)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		6,583	-	(317,839)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(997)		494	
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period		584,333		852,826	
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$	589,919	\$	535,481	
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information					
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities	\$	30,346	\$	30,809	
Cash paid for interest on long-term debt	•	2,383	-	2,724	
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash activities		,		,	
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	\$	818	\$	9,523	
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