F5 Launches LineRate® Product Line Focused on Delivering Solutions for DevOps

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Delivers programmable, high-performance application proxy software solution that is easy to deploy and manage

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- F5 Networks (NASDAQ:FFIV) today announced the launch of the LineRate[®] product line and the availability of its first software offering. The LineRate application proxy software, running on commodity hardware or virtual machines, eliminates the need for DevOps to manually set up complex proxies or incorporate networking logic into applications, freeing their time to focus on core business logic and develop new value-added product capabilities. This will save companies significant time and effort when developing and deploying new or updated applications. Today, LineRate is available in a downloadable free tier.

The LineRate software makes it simple to create and deploy a broad range of complex networking functionality that helps DevOps scale, manage, and optimize their applications. With LineRate, DevOps can now solve complex problems such as steering and transforming XML/SOAP messages in the network and improving application testing by replicating real production traffic to their staging environment. Solutions like these are easy for developers to create with only a few lines of Node.js code deployed on LineRate's scalable, high-performance software platform.

Node.js is a powerful JavaScript framework that is highly regarded for its event-driven, asynchronous model and ability to scale, and it has tens of thousands of open source modules that run within its framework. LineRate incorporates Node.js into its high-performance, highly scalable platform, enabling DevOps to support a variety of next-generation architectures that require highly programmable proxies, as well as to develop and deploy common services such as API metering and centralized authentication.

"We wanted to simplify difficult application-aware networking tasks so that developers can stay agile, both in their development practices and in rolling out new services. The LineRate product also lets them focus on the actual business logic rather than get bogged down by complex network-centric programming," said Manish Vachharajani, Sr. Architect and LineRate co-founder.

LineRate Availability

Today, the complete LineRate product is being made available at linerate.f5.com with a rate-limited free tier. In early 2014, LineRate will launch a digital storefront where customers can purchase tiers of performance licenses on a subscription basis.

To learn more about how LineRate helps DevOps, or to download the product and get started immediately, please visit linerate.f5.com or submit a request to linerate-sales@f5.com.

F5 at Node Summit – December 3 and 4, 2013

As part of F5's continuing commitment to the Node.js community, the company is a sponsor of Node Summit, December 3 and 4 in San Francisco. Visit the LineRate team at the Node Summit

sponsors table to see demos and get any questions answered about LineRate, F5, and its application proxy software.

At the conference, F5 representatives will explain how LineRate's highly programmable traffic management solution positively impacts the development cycle and reduces operational costs and deployment times:

- Manish Vachharajani, Sr. Architect and LineRate co-founder, will present "Embedding Node.is into a High-performance Network Data Path."
- Nojan Moshiri, LineRate Product Manager, and David Adrian, LineRate Systems Engineer, will present a workshop on "Using Node.js in the Network Data Path to Enable DevOps." Hear more from Nojan about LineRate and DevOps in this video.
- Lori MacVittie, Sr. Product Manager for Emerging Technologies at F5, will join a panel session highlighting "Node.js in the Enterprise." For more from Lori, please follow her blog posts on DevCentral[™] during the Node Summit.

For a full schedule of events and times, please visit the Node Summit agenda.

F5 SynthesisTM

To better support the DevOps community, F5 has developed a DevOps reference architecture to be available at the launch of the digital storefront in early 2014. This reference architecture is a part of F5 Synthesis, the company's recently announced architectural vision for unified and real-time application delivery and management. F5 Synthesis includes a catalog of Software Defined Application Services TM (SDAS) and reference architectures that enable customers to deliver device, network, and application services without constraints across data center, cloud, and hybrid environments.

About LineRate

Recognizing the importance of the DevOps movement to its customers, F5 acquired LineRate in February 2013. The LineRate application proxy software is the first product to be delivered post-acquisition. LineRate builds products that help DevOps teams simplify the deployment and management of network services, enabling them to spend less time on infrastructure so they can focus on creating and improving their most critical and revenue-generating applications. For more information, please visit linerate.f5.com.

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