

F5 Recognized as a Web Application and API Protection (WAAP) Leader by SecureIQLab

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New comparative testing report commends F5 for critical secure-by-design and operational efficiency metrics

SEATTLE--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- F5 (NASDAQ: FFIV) announced that it is rated as a Leader in the [2024 Cloud WAAP CyberRisk Validation Report by SecureIQLab](#). The report is based on completed testing for leading enterprise-class web application and API protection (WAAP) solutions, including [F5 Distributed Cloud WAAP](#), to determine their security efficacy and operational efficiency.

“SecureIQLab completed testing for 12 of the leading enterprise-class WAAP solutions to determine their security efficacy, which implicitly evaluated AI/ML capabilities, and operational efficiency. The higher the security efficacy and operational efficiency scores, the better. F5 Distributed Cloud WAAP was markedly superior to the group average,” said David Ellis, VP of Research and Corporate Relations at SecureIQLab.

The protection of API connections and the data that runs through them is the critical security challenge that companies must face as they deploy more AI-enabled services. Modern app and API environments span data centers, clouds, and edge locations, resulting in challenges around consistent policy enforcement and remediation. Similarly, this broader and more distributed threat surface has made apps and APIs increasingly attractive targets for cybercriminals and automated attacks.

In the SecureIQLab report, F5 provided effective integration of API discovery and OWASP API protection with DDoS and bot mitigation as part of an all-encompassing WAAP solution with centralized visibility and management. In addition, the F5 solution is differentiated in that it empowers organizations to easily deploy critical security controls and apply consistent policies to secure all applications in any public or private cloud, data center, or remote edge site.

F5 Distributed Cloud WAAP earned SecureIQLab’s “Secure by Design” rating as one of the seven vendors to pass the WAAP vulnerability assessment with a perfect score. It rates high in both security efficacy and operational efficiency, achieving:

- Complete Security Score of 98.54% (ranked among the top two performers)
- Operational Efficiency Rating of 93% (ranking in the top three)
- 99.37% top score for WAF OWASP with zero false positives

“With WAAP, our priority is to provide AI-ready app and API security in a unified, simple to deploy solution,” said Arul Elumalai, SVP & GM, Distributed Cloud Platform & Security Services at F5. “F5 is the only technology provider that can credibly combine full-lifecycle API security with advanced web application firewall and bot management capabilities. Customers now have the reassurance of SecureIQLab’s thorough testing and Secure by Design rating that F5 Distributed Cloud WAAP is one of the most effective solutions on the market.”

For a detailed look at testing criteria and F5’s WAAP performance, visit [this blog](#) from Navpreet Gill, Sr. Product Marketing Manager at F5. The SecureIQLab report can be downloaded [here](#).

About SecureIQLab

SecureIQLab is a US-based independent, third-party cloud security solution validation and advisory provider. SecureIQLab's cloud security methodology is tailored to what enterprises want, blending research, risk management and data modeling performed by our deep bench of domain experts. SecureIQLab is a member of the Anti-Malware Testing Standards Organization (AMTSO), NetSecOPEN, and Association of Anti-Virus Researchers (AVAR).

About F5

F5 is a multicloud application security and delivery company committed to bringing a better digital world to life. F5 partners with the world's largest, most advanced organizations to secure every app —on premises, in the cloud, or at the edge. F5 enables businesses to continuously stay ahead of threats while delivering exceptional, secure digital experiences for their customers. For more information, go to [f5.com](https://www.f5.com). (NASDAQ: FFIV)

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