

F5 Joins OpenStack Community

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F5's participation to expand customers' cloud deployment choices

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- F5 is an official Corporate Sponsor of the [OpenStack Foundation](#).
- By providing direct support for the OpenStack cloud platform and technical community, F5 is helping broaden the range of choices for customers implementing private and public clouds.
- F5's sponsorship will further the development of standards-based layer 4-7 application delivery solutions for the OpenStack platform.

FRANKFURT, Germany--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [F5 Networks](#) (NASDAQ: [FFIV](#)) announced today it is joining the OpenStack Foundation as a Corporate Sponsor. By supporting the rapidly emerging and popular [OpenStack cloud software](#), F5 is demonstrating its commitment to evolving standards-based cloud platforms and providing customers with greater choice and flexibility in deploying public and private cloud solutions.

OpenStack is an open source cloud computing platform that helps organizations manage compute, storage, and networking resources in private and public cloud environments. Service providers, enterprises, government agencies, and academic institutions around the world use OpenStack to power demanding production workloads.

KEY BENEFITS

- **More Cloud Choices** – F5's community participation and engineering support for OpenStack initiatives will enhance the resources and guidance available to F5 customers, helping them confidently support production-quality cloud environments.
- **Evolution of Layer 4-7 Network Services** – F5 is interested in contributing to the development of layer 4-7 solutions for the OpenStack cloud platform.
- **F5 and OpenStack Integration** – Enterprises and service providers using OpenStack to support their public and private clouds will benefit from the integration of a full range of F5 application delivery services.

SUPPORTING QUOTES

"Companies like F5 help drive adoption of OpenStack through their established relationships, expertise, and integrations that give consumers more choice when setting up their cloud environments. We welcome F5 to the OpenStack community and look forward to advancing the mission of OpenStack with their contributions."

Mark Collier, Chief Operating Officer, OpenStack Foundation

"F5's sponsorship of the OpenStack Foundation is great news for continued innovation around layer 4-7 network services and is further validation of the significance of the OpenStack platform in the cloud market."

John Engates, Chief Technology Officer, Rackspace

“Key to OpenStack’s success will be a robust ecosystem of global technology leaders backing the project and working to advance OpenStack in the enterprise. Red Hat collaborates with F5 as part of this ecosystem through the Red Hat OpenStack Cloud Infrastructure Partner Network, and we’re looking forward to our continued collaboration to help customers get the most out of Red Hat’s OpenStack offerings and our open hybrid cloud solutions.”

Mike Werner, Senior Director, Global Ecosystems, Red Hat

“When deploying public, private, and hybrid cloud solutions, customers require agility and flexibility to evolve open standards-based cloud platforms. By joining forces with OpenStack, F5 demonstrates how organizations are working together to deliver valuable resources that help customers manage and benefit from resources in cloud environments.”

Mike Banic, Vice President, Global Marketing, HP Networking

“Promoting standards for an extensible cloud platform with motivated developers at the OpenStack Foundation is an important element of our cloud strategy, and F5’s support for this platform will add substantial value for our customers.”

Masahisa Kawashima, Director of Cloud Technologies, NTT Innovation Institute, Inc.

“F5 has always designed solutions that integrate with other technologies and architectures, including open source. By joining the OpenStack Foundation, we’re able to engage in a meaningful way to develop and promote open source cloud computing. Ultimately, this gives our customers a broader range of choices for deploying both public and private cloud solutions.”

Mallik Tatipamula, VP of Service Provider and Cloud Solutions, F5 Networks

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