

Flexibility, Hyper-V and BIG-IP Virtual Edition



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Many (most) people don't want to depend on only one vendor for anything, whether that be security, storage or virtualisation, especially if it's a critical application, platform or technology. This is one of the reasons that Hyper-V is growing in importance as a virtualisation platform. Being able to use several virtualisation platforms within a single organisation is added to the usual virtualisation benefits of cost savings and greater efficiencies to give an added benefit – that of flexibility. When your organisation is looking to adapt the data centre into a cloud environment, extend it to a hosting provider, or simply to virtualise on-premise, flexibility and being able to rely on several virtualisation platforms is good because this builds in redundancy and robustness. A potential drawback is the possibility of needing separate application delivery controllers per platform, which is why [this blog](#) from [Damian Flynn](#) is really interesting from the F5 customer perspective, detailing how the [BIG-IP Virtual Edition](#) works well with Hyper-V (just as [F5 works well with VMware and Citrix](#)).



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