

HOT OFF THE PRESSES – VMware and F5 Hands-On-Lab Now Available!



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VMware and F5 are proud to announce the availability of one of the first partner-centric labs utilizing VMware's global Hands-On-Lab infrastructure. In close collaboration with the VMware End User Computing Technical Enablement team, the VMware Alliance team at F5 created this lab to create easy-to-use yet rich technical exercises.

This lab will show you the ease of configuration and benefits of using the F5 BIG-IP platform in support of your VMware EUC enterprise solutions. This includes Horizon 6, both for virtual desktop infrastructure and application publishing. The lab provides a walkthrough from initial setup of F5 BIG-IP with Horizon 6 to configuring and providing additional security and fault tolerance to your VMware EUC solutions.



This 1st release of the lab includes:

- Brief overview of intelligent, VMware Horizon-aware system availability, security, and network traffic management capabilities using F5 BIG-IP's Local Traffic Manager (LTM), Global Traffic Manager (GTM), and Access Policy Manager (APM).
- Deploying the F5 BIG-IP [Virtual Edition](#) on vSphere
- Running through the basic setup and configuration of the F5 BIG-IP Virtual Edition
- How to upload certificates and [iApps](#) (F5's interactive, simple-to-use configuration templates) to the F5 BIG-IP
- Step-by-step instructions on how to load balance multiple Horizon Connection Servers and Security Servers
- Implementing and configuring F5 Access Policy Manager's (APM) PCoIP Proxy as a Security Server alternative

This lab is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction into the key products, technologies, and solutions VMware and F5 have developed to bring enhanced availability, scalability, and security to your Horizon environment. After completion, you will have gained a solid understanding of how to deploy and configure F5's BIG-IP Application Delivery Services together with VMware Horizon.

Here's the link that will take you directly to the VMware and F5 Hands-On-Lab:

<http://vmware.com/go/f5lab>

The screenshot shows a promotional card for the lab. On the left is the F5 logo. To its right, the title reads "HOL-MBL-1459 - F5 BIG-IP Integration with VMware EUC Products". Below the title is a short description: "Learn the benefits of using F5 BIG-IPs with your VMware EUC enterprise products, such as Horizon 6 with View and VMware Workspace Portal." There is a "Read more" link. To the right of the text are two buttons: "INVITE A FRIEND" and "ENROLL". A blue "NEW" banner is in the top right corner. At the bottom left, there is a "LAB DETAILS" button with a right-pointing arrow.

Before you start this lab – you'll first need to register (it's FREE). After clicking on the link, choose the "Login/Register" tab in the upper right corner of the browser window.

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying the VMware Hands-On Labs interface. The address bar shows "labs.hol.vmware.com/eucolutions/catalogs/lab/1933". The VMware logo and "End-User Solutions" are in the top left. The "HOL-MBL-1459 - F5 BIG-IP Integration with VMware EUC Products" card is visible, with a "NEW" banner. To the right is a "RELATED LABS" section with a link to "HOL-MBL-1451 - Horizon 6 with View from A to Z" and a brief description: "Complete a guided tour of Horizon 6 features, learn how to optimize, and learn steps to troubleshoot a Horizon 6 environment and avoid common issues." A "LOGIN/REGISTER" link is in the top right corner.

Continue following the directions on the subsequent screens to complete the enrollment and then login to the lab.

We're open to any feedback or suggestions - just send you comments or feedback to vmwarepartnership@f5.com!

Enjoy the lab!

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