

Interactive F5 SOA Reference Architecture



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I do an awful lot of talking about SOA: [problems](#), [challenges](#), [concepts](#), [solutions](#), [security](#), [products](#). But I don't often present "the big picture", and certainly rarely discuss how [F5](#) and SOA go together like ice-cream and pretzels. I know, that isn't a traditional simile, but if you've ever tried hot pretzels and ice-cream you might agree with me in saying that while they don't *sound* like they go together they really do, and they do so well.

It's also applicable because when you think of ice-cream you don't immediately think of pretzels, and I'm fairly certain when you think of SOA you don't think of [F5](#). But once you've tried ice-cream and pretzels, you probably will associate the two, and the same is true of SOA and [F5](#).

But it's a lot less of an investment to run out and grab a hot pretzel and some ice-cream than it is to invest in all the products that make up an application delivery network. So you probably want to know a bit more before you consider it an option.

SOA reference architectures are nothing new, and there's a fairly well-defined reference architecture model for folks to use in order to fit all the applicable pieces together and understand what each entails. So what this interactive presentation offers is a look at [F5](#) and how it fits into that reference architecture in an interactive Articulate presentation, and the suggestion to go ahead - try the pretzel with some ice-cream.

[Launch the Interactive F5 SOA Reference Architecture.](#)

Additional resources:

[F5 SOA Reference Architecture \(White Paper\)](#)

[SOA Challenges and Solutions \(White Paper\)](#)



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