Cisco ACI App Center Empowers F5 BIG-IP Application Services Deployment in ACI

Extend APIC functionality using F5 ACI App to gain ACI-to-BIG-IP visibility, configure network stitching, and apply BIG-IP application services to ACI workload.

F5 and Cisco are reinvigorating the Cisco ACI™ and BIG-IP joint solution to give customers L4–L7 capabilities within APIC with speed and flexibility via Cisco ACI App Center. As the leading SDN solution, Cisco ACI uses a policy-driven data center approach that allows the IT team to rapidly provision and scale **network services**. Cisco ACI App Center is an innovative platform enabling Cisco's technology partners to build ACI applications that simplify and enhance joint solutions.
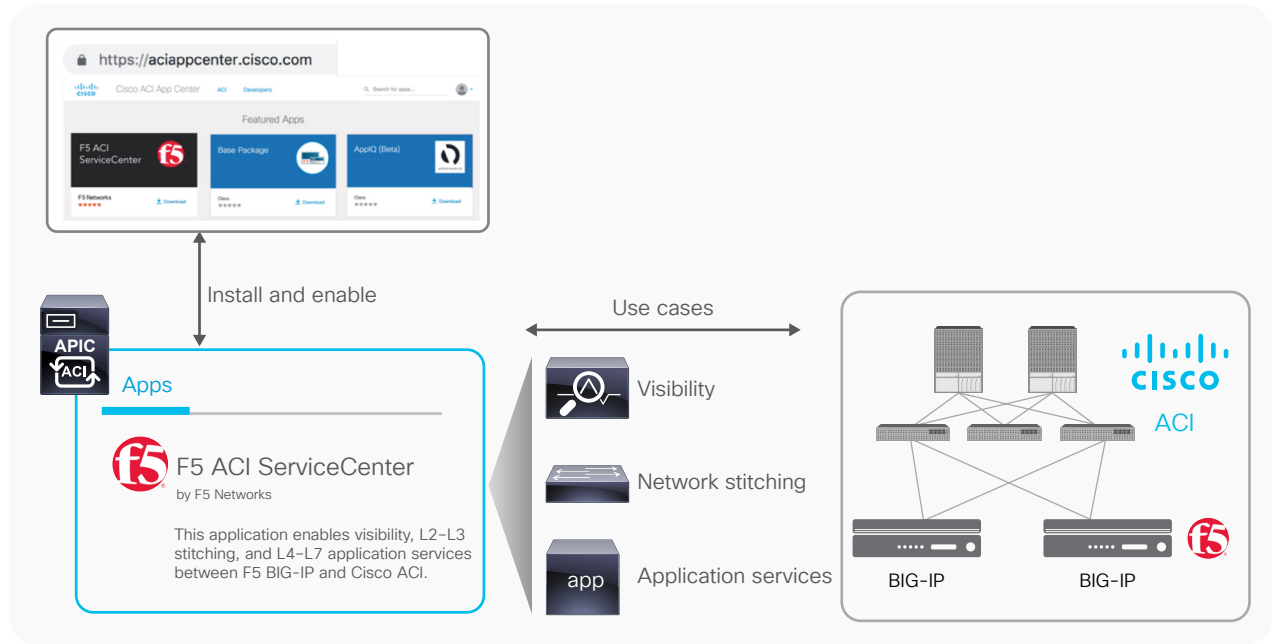
F5 is introducing an application powered by Cisco ACI App Center. This F5 ACI App provides a direct, fluid, and efficient way to provision **application services** in Cisco ACI and BIG-IP deployments.

F5 ACI App runs natively in APIC, providing the administrator a single point of automation and visibility for L2-L3, plus L4–L7 infrastructures. F5 aims to offer enhanced ACI-to-BIG-IP visibility; network stitching capability, and application services to Cisco ACI workloads.

The benefits of F5 ACI App:

- Native and easy deployment via Cisco ACI App Center

- Operational model alignment with Cisco ACI users

- Loosely coupled declarative Cisco API integration approach using F5 Automation Toolchain delivers features with flexibility and velocity

- Visibility, network stitching and application services use cases that meet business requirements

The F5 ACI App can be driven as part of the Cisco ACI REST API model, which allow the administrator to integrate the L2–L7 workflow into organization's automation and orchestration model seamlessly. The Cisco ACI App Center gives creative freedom to F5 by providing a platform to foster innovative use cases with agility and velocity to address the demand and speed of today's IT organization.