

F5 Configuring Big-IP Local Traffic Manager (LTM)

Duration: 3 Days

Course Description:

This course is intended for system and network administrators responsible for the installation, setup, configuration, and administration of the BIG-IP LTM system. In this course, you'll learn how to configure and manage BIG-IP Local Traffic Manager (LTM) as it is commonly deployed in an application delivery network to achieve operational efficiency and maintain critical business applications. Through a combination of lecture and hands-on labs, explore features and functionality to process and modify traffic behavior using profiles, persistence, caching, compression, and source network address translation (SNAT). Monitor application health at layers 3, 4, and 7, and implement dynamic load balancing methods. Use traffic management shell (TMSH), the Configuration utility, and Linux commands to create traffic processing and monitoring objects, observe the resulting traffic statistics, and effectively operate the BIG IP LTM system. Customize application delivery with iRules, establish application security, and harden system security using BIG-IP LTM functionality.

Course Outlines:

Chapter 1: Introducing the BIG-IP System

- Introducing the BIG-IP System
- Initially Setting Up the BIG-IP System
- Archiving the BIG-IP Configuration
- Leveraging F5 Support Resources and Tools

Chapter 2: Reviewing Local Traffic Configuration

- Reviewing Nodes, Pools, and Virtual Servers
- Reviewing Address Translation
- Reviewing Routing Assumptions
- Reviewing Application Health Monitoring
- Reviewing Traffic Behavior Modification with Profiles
- Reviewing the TMOS Shell (TMSH)
- Reviewing Managing BIG-IP Configuration Data

Chapter 3: Load Balancing Traffic with LTM

- Exploring Load Balancing Options
- Using Priority Group Activation and Fallback Host
- Comparing Member and Node Load Balancing

Chapter 4: Modifying Traffic Behavior with Persistence

- Reviewing Persistence
- Introducing Cookie Persistence
- Specifying Default and Fallback Persistence
- Introducing SSL Persistence
- Introducing SIP Persistence
- Introducing Universal Persistence
- Introducing Destination Address Affinity Persistence
- Using Match Across Options for Persistence

Chapter 5: Monitoring Application Health

- Differentiating Monitor Types
- Customizing the HTTP Monitor
- Monitoring an Alias Address and Port
- Monitoring a Path vs. Monitoring a Device
- Managing Multiple Monitors
- Using Application Check Monitors
- Using Manual Resume and Advanced Monitor Timer Settings

Chapter 6: Processing Traffic with Virtual Servers

- Understanding the Need for Other Virtual Server Types
- Forwarding Traffic with a Virtual Server
- Understanding Virtual Server Order of Precedence
- Path Load Balancing

Chapter 7: Processing Traffic with SNATs

- Overview of SNATs
- Using SNAT Pools
- SNATs as Listeners
- SNAT Specificity
- VIP Bounceback
- Additional SNAT Options
- Network Packet Processing Review

Chapter 8: Modifying Traffic Behavior with Profiles

- Profiles Overview
- TCP Express Optimization
- TCP Profiles Overview
- HTTP Profile Options
- HTTP/2 Profile Options
- OneConnect
- Offloading HTTP Compression to BIG-IP
- Web Acceleration Profile and HTTP Caching
- Stream Profiles
- F5 Acceleration Technologies

Chapter 9: Selected Topics

- VLAN, VLAN Tagging, and Trunking
- Restricting Network Access
- SNMP Features
- Segmenting Network Traffic with Route Domains

Chapter 10: Customizing Application Delivery with iRules

- Getting Started with iRules
- Understanding When iRules are Triggered
- Deploying iRules
- Constructing an iRule
- Testing and Debugging iRules
- Exploring iRules Documentation

Chapter 11: Customizing Application Delivery with Local Traffic

- Policies
- Getting Started with Local Traffic Policies
- Configuring and Managing Policy Rules

Chapter 12: Securing Application Delivery with LTM

- Understanding Today's Threat Landscape
- Integrating LTM Into Your Security Strategy
- Defending Your Environment Against SYN Flood Attacks
- Defending Your Environment Against Other Volumetric Attacks
- Addressing Application Vulnerabilities with iRules and Local Traffic Policies
- Detecting and Mitigating Other Common HTTP Threats

Chapter 13: Final Lab Project

- About the Final Lab Project

Chapter 14: Additional Training and Certification

- Getting Started Series Web-Based Training
- F5 Instructor Led Training Curriculum
- F5 Professional Certification Program

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