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# SECURING THE DIGITAL CORE

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## ADVANCED DATA CENTER SECURITY SOLUTIONS IN A REGULATED ENVIRONMENT

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# Event Overview

On June 27, 2024 F5 in collaboration with ObserveNow Media, hosted a special event titled “Securing the Digital Core – Advanced Data Center Security Solutions in a Regulated Environment” at the Sofitel BKC in Mumbai. The event brought together high-ranking officials from public sector undertakings, consulting companies & banks for a discussion on the current state of digital transformation and the essential nature of data centre security. Given the growing complexity of cyber threats and strict regulatory requirements, effective security measures are crucial.



The event focused on the detailed aspects of data centre architecture and security protocols, highlighting advanced solutions such as API Security, Big IP Next, and bot mitigation.

Additionally, the session underscored the importance of advanced security measures, including Advanced Web Application Firewall (WAF), SSLO, DDoS protection, and DNS security, in ensuring the protection of data centres within the framework of stringent regulations.



## Esteemed attendees:

- Sameer Unhale, State Joint Commissioner, Urban Maharashtra
- Shakti Singh Chauhan, Advisor at State Project Directorate, Dept of Higher & Technical Education, Govt of Maharashtra
- Pradeep Meher, CISO, Mumbai Port Trust
- Amogh D Zade, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
- Anil Sangvekar, Assistant Vice President, Cloud Infrastructure Services, IFTAS
- Akash Shukla, Senior Information Technology Project Manager, Bharat Petroleum
- Mayuresh Joshi, AVP, National Stock Exchange of India
- Rajesh More, DGM, MahaIT
- Sandeep Singh, AGM IT, MMRCL
- Prashant Rangdal, General Manager -IT, Maharashtra State Power Generation Company
- Rajesh Bhalekar, GM IT, Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd
- Prashant Maldikar, HEAD CYBER SECURITY, IFTAS
- Rahul Jadhav, AVP - Head IT Infra, Bob Financial
- Akshay Chaudhari, Network Operation Maintenance Manager, Maha IT
- Dipesh Mistry, Network Security Manager, Maha It
- Anubhav Bhargava, Director Cybersecurity, KPMG
- Binu R, Chief Manager, Bharat Petroleum
- Brambha Pada Chattaraj, Specialist, KPMG
- C B BALMIKI, Senior Manager, Bharat Petroleum
- Dinesh Parmar, Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- Ganesh Myakala, CM, National Stock Exchange of India
- Ganesh Gulhane, DGMIT, Maharashtra State Power Generation Company
- Jagjit Singh, SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER, SBI CAP Securities Ltd
- Mahaveer Singh, Deputy Manager, SBICAP Securities
- Mahesh Bhangale, Chief Manager, EXPORT IMPORT BANK OF INDIA
- Akshay Ashani, Manager, Deloitte
- Mithun Shende, Assistant General Manager - IT, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
- Om Sharma, Chief Manager, Union Bank of India
- Rahul Chakravorty, Assistant Manager -IT, Central Bank of India
- Abhishek Verma, Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- Sanket Buddhiwant, Associate Director, Deloitte
- Shri Neeraj Gaur, Senior Manager IS Development, HPCL
- Somesh Ajmera, Manager - Cyber Assurance, KPMG
- Subramanian V, Chief Information Security Officer, IDBI Bank Ltd
- Denis Willy Xalxo, Information Security Manager, Union Bank of India
- Gaurav Salvi, NSE
- Abhishek Kumar, Senior Manager, Central Bank of India
- Sumit Saxena, Deputy General Manager - Network, IDBI Bank Ltd.
- Anoop Bajpai, AGM, IDBI Bank Ltd.

## Event Structure

The event's agenda was meticulously crafted to ensure a well-balanced mix of informal and formal engagements, tailored to achieve multiple objectives. The carefully planned schedule was designed to facilitate meaningful interactions where leaders could thoroughly explore and understand the full spectrum of offerings from F5. This setup was intended to create an environment that encouraged deep engagement and comprehensive understanding of F5's solutions. Simultaneously, it provided F5's team with the opportunity to gather essential insights into current trends and developments in the industry, as well as to receive valuable feedback from prominent cybersecurity experts.

Taniya Tikoo, Editor-in-Chief and Co-founder of ObserveNow Media, opened the event with a compelling welcome address. In her speech, she emphasised the critical importance of having an in-depth comprehension of data centre architecture. Tikoo pointed out that understanding the intricate details of data centres and the associated security challenges is vital for effectively managing and safeguarding these complex systems. Her address underscored the necessity for professionals to stay informed about the evolving security landscape and the technical intricacies involved.

By setting the stage with a focus on data centre security, Taniya highlighted the event's central theme and framed the discussions that followed. Her remarks served as a catalyst for deeper exploration into the subject, encouraging participants to think critically about the current and future challenges in data centre security. This approach not only established a solid foundation for the day's activities but also aligned the attendees' focus with the overarching goal of enhancing their understanding and strategic approach to cybersecurity.



## AI-Powered Security Solutions for Legacy and Modern Applications in Public Sector Organizations

Mr. Parag Parab, Solutions Engineering Manager at F5, and Mr. Deepak Chopra, Solutions Engineering Team Lead at F5, delivered a detailed presentation focusing on the intricate architecture of data centres and the security challenges they face. Their talk covered the following key areas:

**Understanding Data Center Architecture and Security Challenges:** They provided a thorough analysis of data centre structures, highlighting the specific security issues encountered in both traditional and contemporary setups.

**Regulatory Compliance and Best Practices:** The presentation included insights into regulatory compliance requirements relevant to public sector units and recommended best practices for adhering to these regulations.

**Advanced Solutions for Modern Security Needs:** Attendees learned about cutting-edge technologies such as API Security, Big IP Next, and bot mitigation solutions, which are crucial for safeguarding modern digital environments.

**Practical Strategies for Enhancing Security:** The session offered actionable strategies for improving data centre security by leveraging advanced solutions from F5.

The presentation delved deeply into technical solutions designed to protect both legacy systems and modern applications within the public sector. Additionally, there was a focus on how AI-powered services can significantly bolster security measures, offering enhanced protection and efficiency.



## Voice of the Customer: Securing the Digital Core Vision Together

An open discussion between the attendees highlighted the importance of incorporating customer perspectives into the strategy for securing digital cores. An open discussion revealed the real-world challenges that customers face when trying to protect their digital infrastructures. Customers shared their experiences and concerns about securing their digital assets, which include both legacy systems and modern applications. By focusing on the voice of the customer, the discussion aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical security strategies and practical, real-world implementation. Understanding these customer perspectives helps in tailoring security solutions that are not only technically sound but also aligned with the actual needs and challenges faced by organisations.



## Importance of Securing the Digital Core in the Current Regulatory Environment

In an exclusive fireside chat, Mr Pratik Shah, Managing Director for India & Saarc at F5, and Mr. Kamaljit Chawla, Partner at Deloitte, discussed the critical need to secure the digital core of organisations. This discussion emphasised how securing the digital core is becoming increasingly vital due to the evolving landscape of regulations. In today's environment, organisations are subject to stringent regulatory requirements that mandate robust data protection measures. These regulations are designed to ensure that sensitive data is adequately protected against breaches and other cyber threats. As regulatory frameworks become more complex, businesses must navigate a maze of compliance requirements while implementing effective security measures. This makes securing the digital core not only a technical challenge but also a strategic necessity for maintaining compliance and protecting organisational integrity.





## Event Wrap-Up

The evening concluded with a relaxing networking session where the leaders gathered to enjoy dinner and cocktails. This informal yet engaging atmosphere provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to connect, share insights, and foster professional relationships. Events like these play a crucial role in advancing industry development by facilitating meaningful exchanges and collaborations among key stakeholders. Such gatherings not only strengthen existing connections but also pave the way for future partnerships and innovations within the sector.

