
API Mgmt and Security Lab

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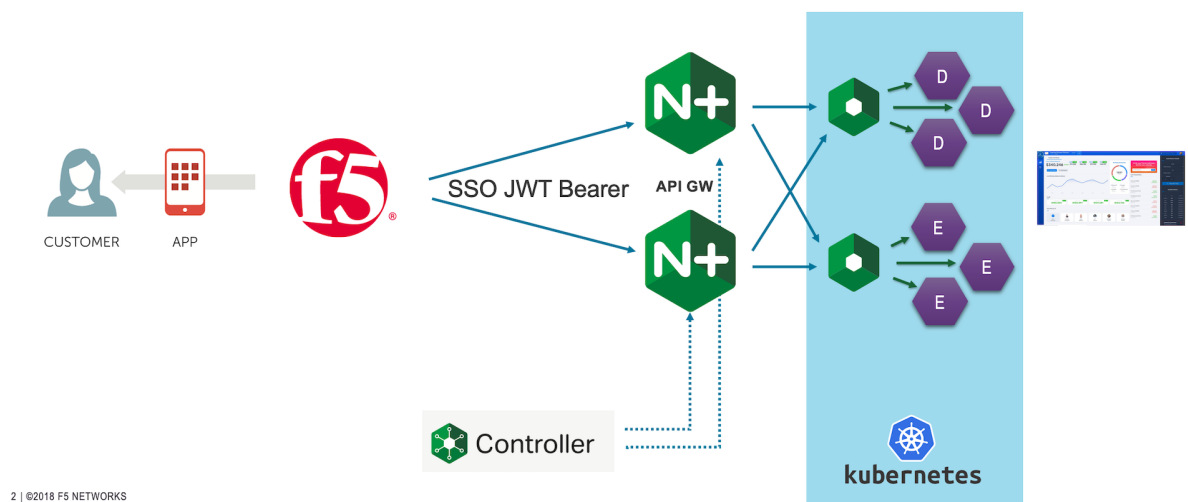
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PUBLISH AND PROTECT MODERN APPLICATIONS

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API mgmt. with controller and BIG-IP



1.1 Class 1 - Understand the infrastructure and the workflow

Welcome into the NGINX Controller 3.x with BIG-IP Lab

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Note: The video below will explain you how Arcadia Finance application works and is structured. It is important to understand this part before configuring the lab. In the next section, we present the same if you don't want to watch the

video.

1.1.1 Architecture of Arcadia Application

Note: We will use the famous Arcadia Finance application in this lab. This application is based on 4 microservices. You can find below the different IP addresses and Ports used by NGINX and BIG-IP.

Note: This application is available in GitLab in case you want to build your own lab : <https://gitlab.com/arcadia-application>

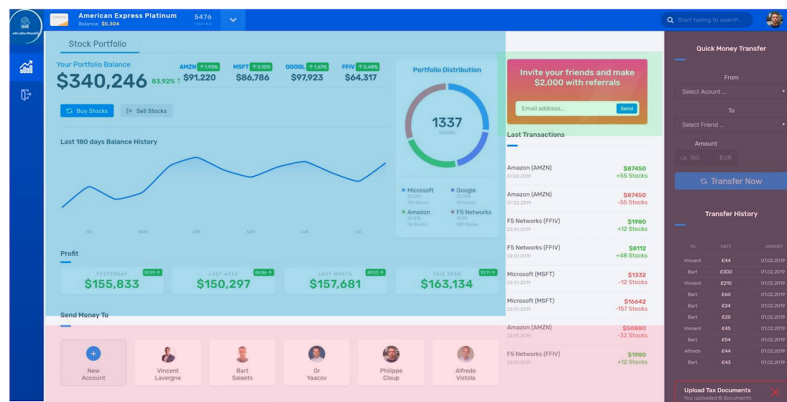
First of all, it is important to understand how Arcadia app is split between microservices

This is how Arcadia App looks like when the 4 microservices are up and running, and you can notice how traffic is routed based on URI

API schema

ARCADIA FINANCE

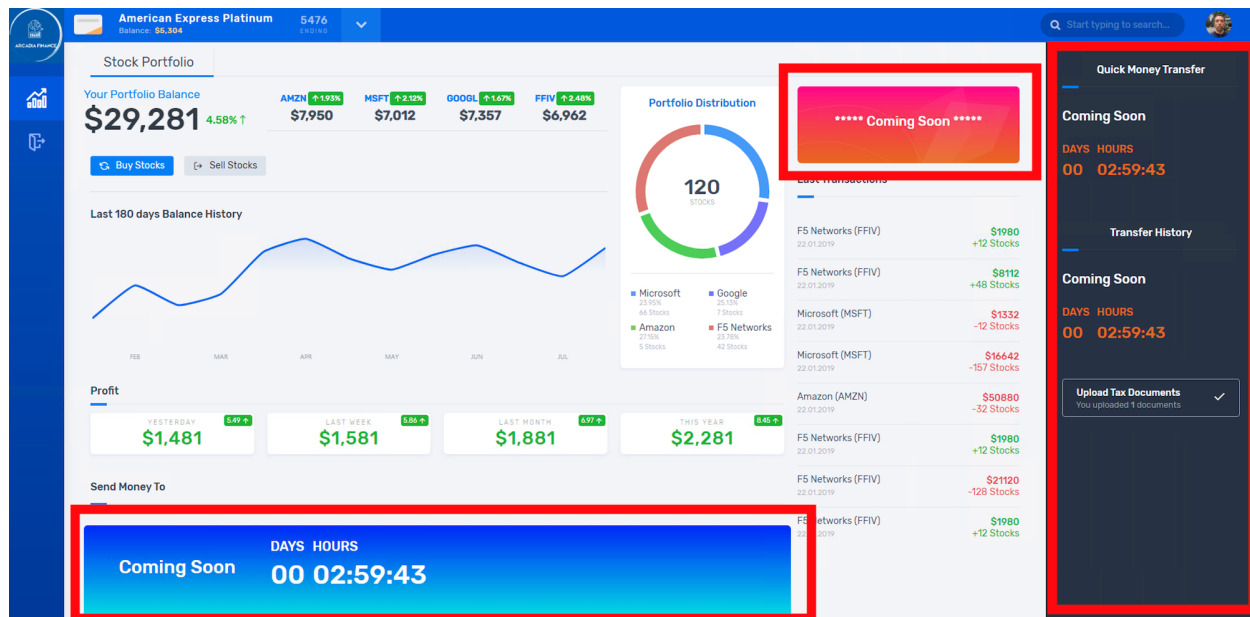
- 4 microservices deployed
 - Main App
 - /*
 - Back End
 - /files
 - App2 (Money Transfer)
 - /api
 - App3 (Refer Friend)
 - /app3



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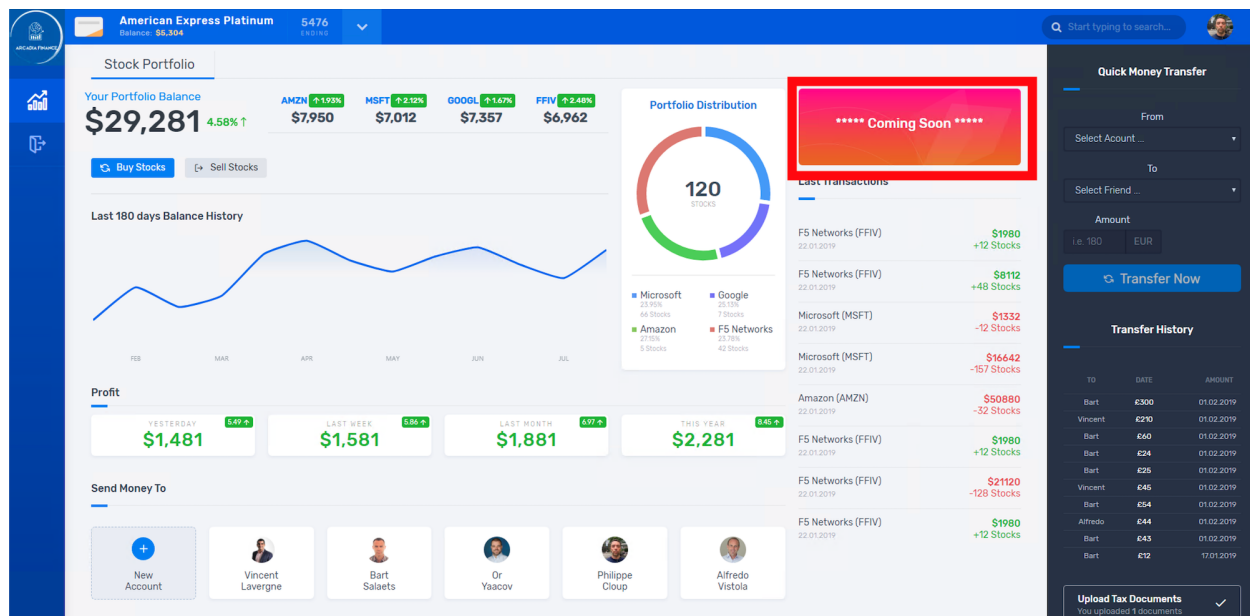
But you can deploy Arcadia Step by Step

If you deploy only Main App and Back End services.

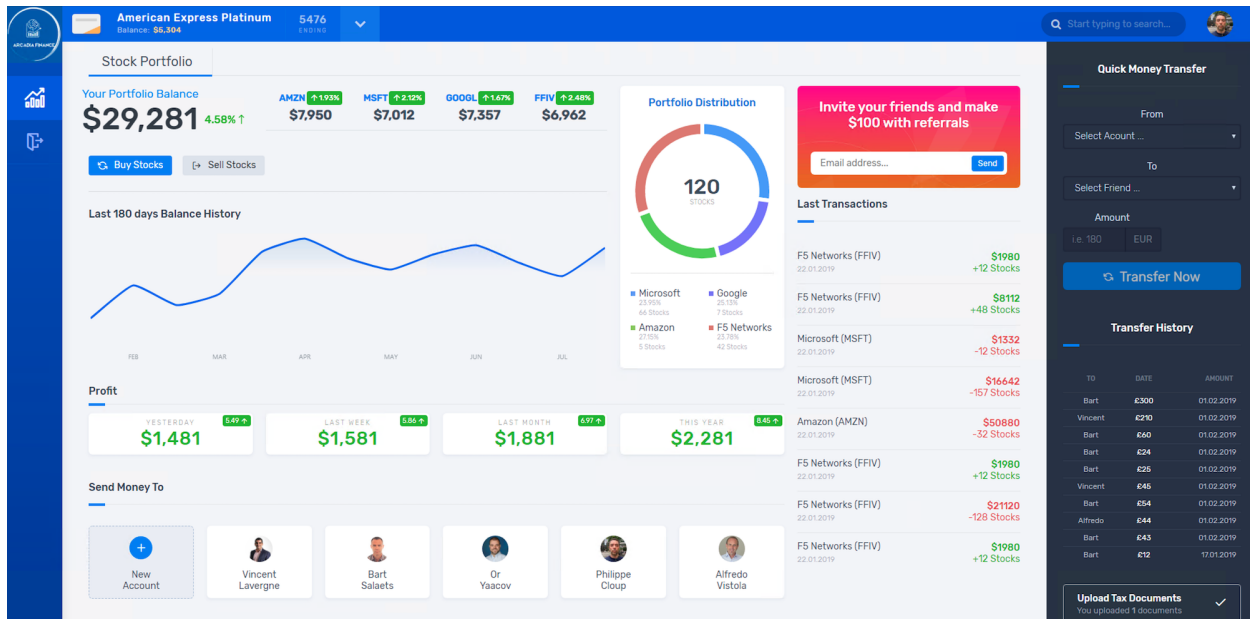


Note: You can see App2 (Money Transfer) and App3 (Refer Friend) are not available. There is dynamic content showing a WARNING instead of a 404 or blank frame.

If you deploy Main App, Back End and Money Transfer services.

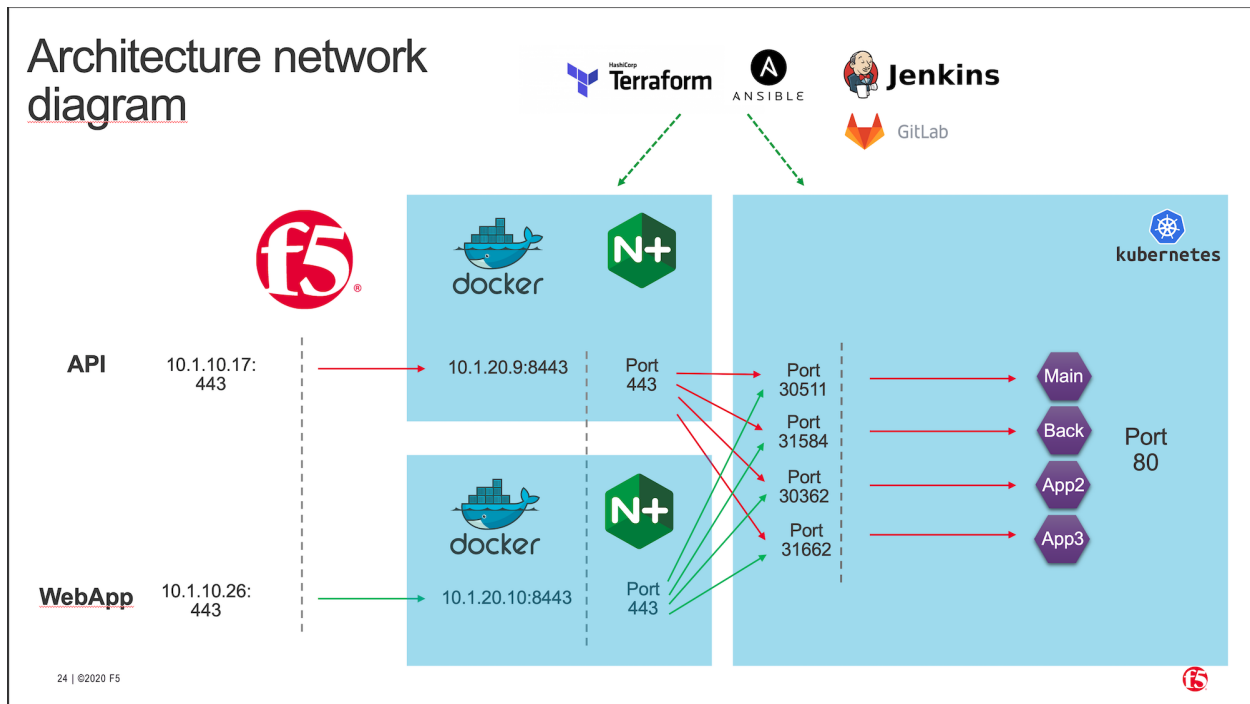


If you deploy Main App, Back End, Money Tranfer and Refer Friend services.



The diagram belows show the IP addresses and the ports used for all the routes

Note: For a lab standpoints, these IP addresses and ports does not change. But in a real life, they are dynamic.



1.1.2 Workflow of the demo

The demo is split in 3 classes

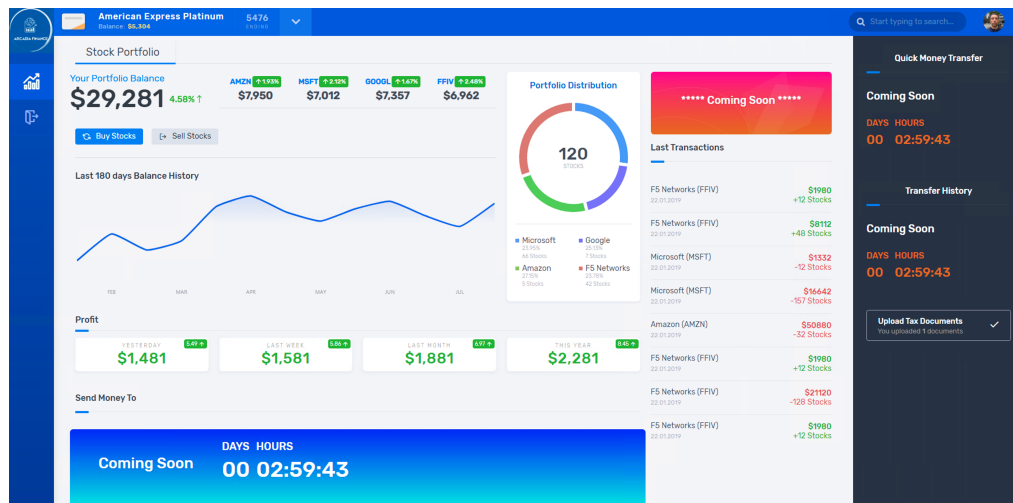
- **Deploy, publish and protect Arcadia Web application**
 - Deploy and publish Arcadia Main App
 - Deploy and publish Money Transfer App
 - Deploy and publish Refer Friends App
 - Apply WAF policy
- **Publish and protect Arcadia API**
 - Publish the API using an OpenAPI 3.0 spec file
 - Protect the API with Advanced WAF and APM using OpenAPI 3.0 spec file
 - Discover the new Developer Portal

Step 1 - DevOps deploy Arcadia application

Note: Goal is to use the GUI in the NGINX Controller for our traditional customers. NetOps will configure the services (MainApp and BackEnd) manually.

Tasks:

1. DevOps commit a new code in GitLab in order to publish a brand new application “Arcadia Bank”
2. **GitLab webhooks this commit and asks Jenkins to run a pipeline. This pipeline:**
 1. Deploy Arcadia application in Kubernetes (Terraform).
 2. Deploy nodeports in Kubernetes (but it could be KIC) (Terraform).
 3. Deploy NGINX+ instances (ADC) in Docker, in front of this K8S cluster (Terraform)
 4. Create Gateways in NGINX Controller for each NGINX+ instance (Ansible)
 5. Deploy AS3 template into front BIGIP to publish publically the application - without WAF (Ansible)
3. NetOps create ADC configuration in NGINX controller in order to “route” traffic to the right K8S service
 1. MainApp /* to service MainApp
 2. BackEnd /file* to service BackEnd



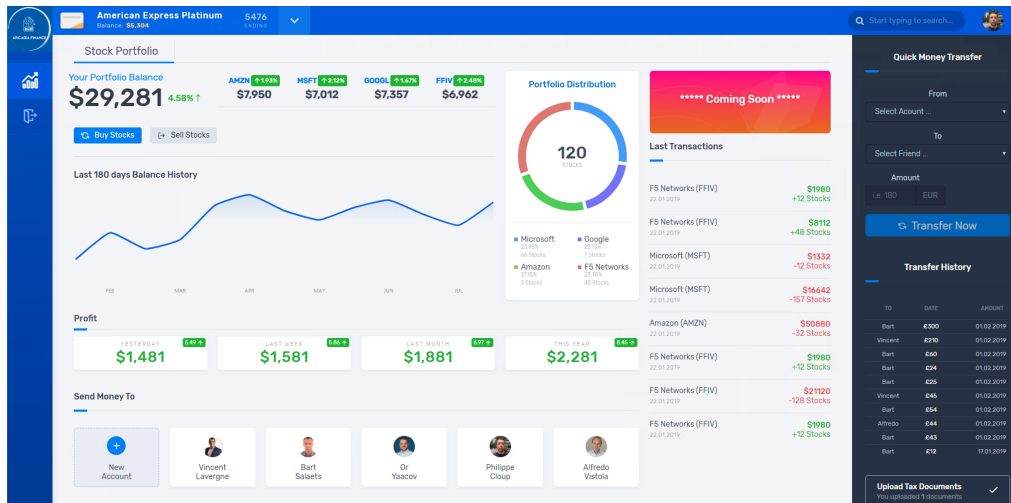
Warning: At this stage, the first part of the application is published and can be accessed and demonstrated. We can see Money Transfer application is not yet there, same for Refer Friends.

Step 2 - DevOps deploy Money Transfer application

Note: Goal is to demonstrate NGINX Controller has a REST API to configure objects. NetOps will configure the service (Money Transfer) via REST API.

Tasks:

1. DevOps commit a new code in GitLab in order to publish the second part of the Arcadia Bank website. This new application allows money transfer between friends.
2. **GitLab webhooks this commit and ask Jenkins to run a pipeline. This pipeline:**
 1. Deploy Money Transfer application in Kubernetes (Terraform)
 2. Deploy nodeports in Kubernetes (Terraform)
3. NetOps use REST API to publish this new app on NGINX+ instances



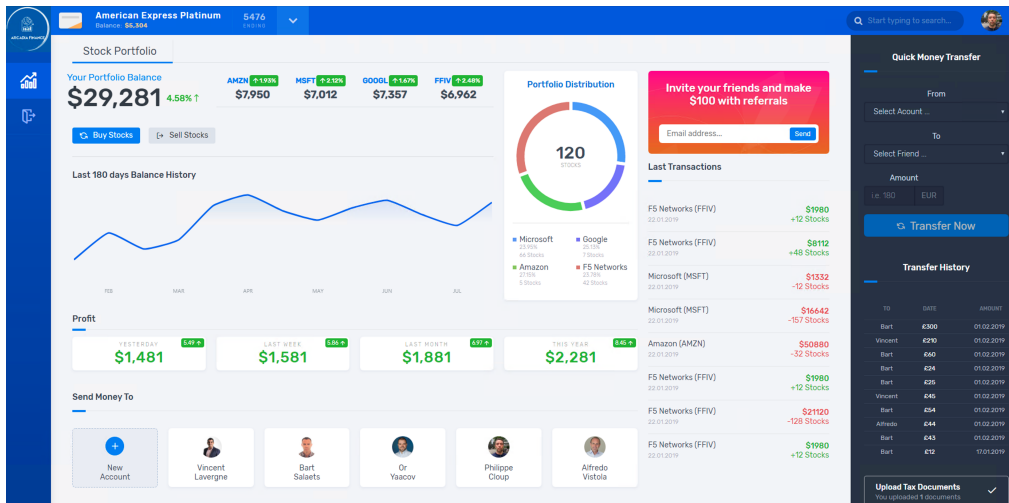
Warning: At this stage, the Money Transfer application is published and can be accessed and demonstrated

Step 3 - DevOps deploy Refer Friends application

Note: Goal is to demonstrate NGINX Controller can be part of the application lifecycle and CICD. NetOps don't configure anything.

Tasks:

1. DevOps commit a new code in GitLab in order to publish the third and last part of the Arcadia Bank website. This new application allow a customer to refer friends with their email address.
2. **GitLab webhooks this commit and ask Jenkins to run a Pipeline. This pipeline:**
 1. Deploy Refer Friends application in Kubernetes (Terraform)
 2. Deploy nodeports in Kubernetes (Terraform)
 3. Configure all components in NGINX Controller (Ansible)



Warning: At this stage, the Refer Friends application is published and can be accessed and demonstrated. The Arcadia Bank website is finished, but not yet secured.

Step 4 - NetOps/SecOps publish WAF policy to protect Arcadia application

Note: Goal is to demonstrate BIG-IP Advanced WAF has a Declarative API interface to push WAF policies.

Task:

1. NetOps run a Jenkins pipeline that will push a new AS3 declaration with a WAF policy built by Secops

Warning: At this stage, the Arcadia Bank website is published and secured.

Step 5 - Publish Arcadia API

Note: Goal is to demonstrate the new Controller capabilities with API management and gateway

Task:

1. DevOps provide with an API specification file (OpenAPI 3.0 - OAS3)
2. NetOps import this file into the Controller APIm and publish the API
3. SecOps import his file into the BIG-IP and protect the API (WAF + Access)
4. Developpers can access the new Developer Portal

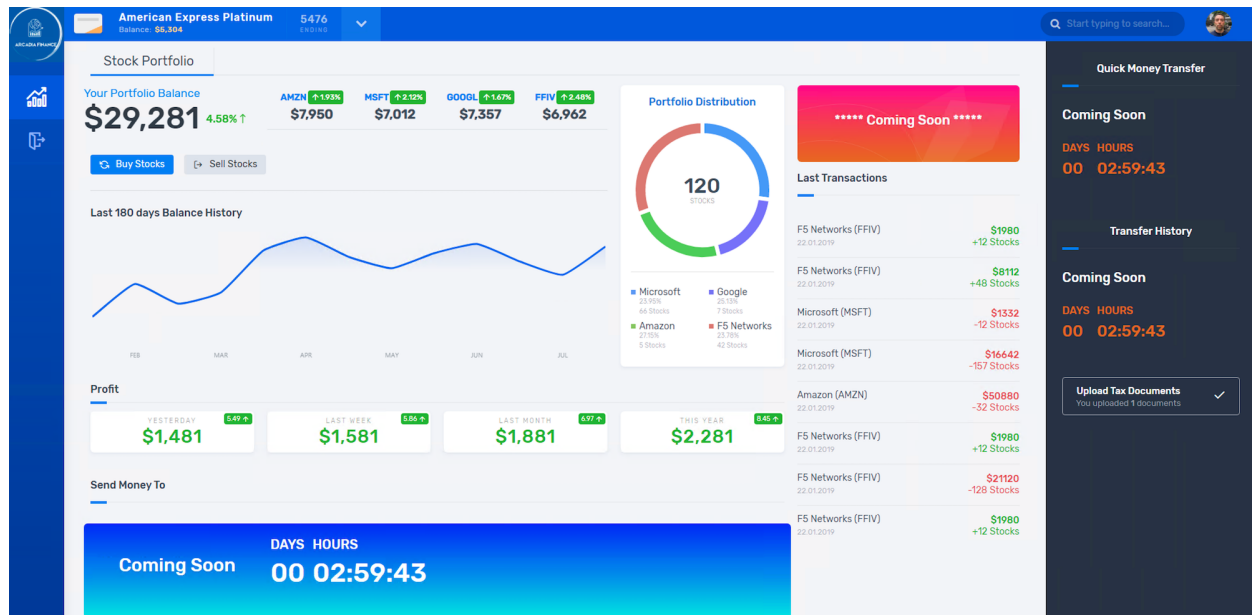
1.2 Class 2 - Deploy, Publish and Protect Arcadia Web Application

In this section, we will deploy, publish and protect Arcadia application

1.2.1 DevOps deploy Arcadia Application - Main app

In this module, we will deploy the 2 main containers for Arcadia Bank application and we will publish them.

Note: At the end of this module, Arcadia Bank application will look like this.



Note: As a DevOps, you will deploy Arcadia Application (main and back end pods) with an automation tool set

Step 1 - Deploy Arcadia Main app with a CI/CD pipeline like a DevOps

Connect to Jumhost RDP and Login as user / user

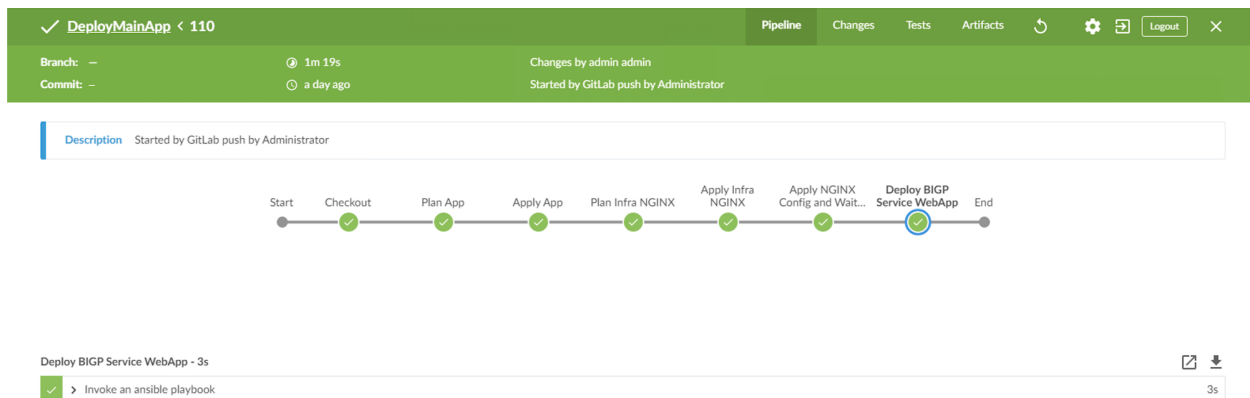
1. Open Chrome, you can notice Chrome opens all the tabs for you
2. Login to all tools
 1. Controller : `admin@nginx-udf.internal` / `admin123!`
 2. Jenkins : `admin` / `admin`
 3. GitLab : `root` / `F5twister$`

Warning: If GitLab does not start, restart the docker in the GitLab VM (WebSSH > docker restart gitlab). Wait 5 minutes.

4. Kubernetes : click on skip
5. BIG-IP : admin / admin
3. In Gitlab, click on Administrator / Arcadia-MainApp
 1. Click on file deploy
 2. Click edit and make a modification, like YES !!!!!
 3. Click Commit changes

Note: At this moment, you simulate a commit like a DevOps. This commit will trigger a webhook to Jenkins, so that Jenkins executes a pipeline.

1. In Jenkins, click on DeployMainApp pipeline
2. A pipeline is running, click on it
3. You can follow the steps



Note: At this stage, Arcadia Main app and Back End app are deployed un K8S. But you need to publish them with NGINX+ via the controller.

Step 2 - Publish Arcadia application with NGINX+ and Controller

The Jenkins pipeline did several things

1. Deployed Arcadia application (main and back end pods) in Kubernetes
 1. Connect to Kubernetes and check that.
 2. You can see 2 deployments (main and back) with nodeports services
2. Started 3 NGINX+ instances in a docker
 1. WebSSH to CICD and DOCKER (NGINX API gw, Dev Portal)
 2. Run a docker ps

```
ubuntu@ip-10-1-1-9:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID        IMAGE               COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS          PORTS                               NAMES
bf86e23a9807       nginx-plus:36v1    "sh /entrypoint.sh"    31 seconds ago   Up 31 seconds   10.1.20.9:8080->80/tcp, 10.1.20.9:8443->443/tcp   NginxPlusAPI
74d679bdf5fb       nginx-plus:36v1    "sh /entrypoint.sh"    31 seconds ago   Up 31 seconds   80/tcp, 10.1.20.12:8090->8090/tcp   NginxPlusDevPortal
ac12c0f3148a       nginx-plus:36v1    "sh /entrypoint.sh"    32 seconds ago   Up 32 seconds   10.1.20.10:8080->80/tcp, 10.1.20.10:8443->443/tcp   NginxPlusWebApp
ab75d7bd60bb       nginx              "nginx -g 'daemon of...' 13 hours ago    Up 13 hours     0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp                  lab-nginx
35ddc5adc34d       sameersbn/bind:9.11.3-20190706 "/sbin/entrypoint.sh..." 13 hours ago    Up 13 hours     0.0.0.0:53->53/tcp, 0.0.0.0:10000->10000/tcp, 0.0.0.0:53->53/udp   bind
```

3. Check if NGINX+ instances appears in the controller
 1. In the controller GUI, click top left corner icon, and infrastructure
 2. You can see 3 instances running

Instances

Filter ...			
Name	Location	Type	Status
devportal	unspecified	OTHER_INSTANCE	Running
API	unspecified	OTHER_INSTANCE	Running
WebApp	unspecified	OTHER_INSTANCE	Running
Displaying 3 Instances			

4. Deployed an AS3 declaration into the BIG-IP in order to publish the NGINX+ instance externally

Note: It is time to configure the NGINX+ instances in order to publish Arcadia application (main and back services)

Configure the Controller

Warning: For all the commands below, there are CASE SENSITIVE

1. Connect to the controller (`admin@nginx-udf.internal` / `admin123!`)
2. Click on top left corner icon and Services
3. Click on Apps and create app
 1. Application name : `app_webapp`
 2. Display name : `Web Application Arcadia`
 3. Environment : `Production Environment`
4. Click submit

Create App

Name * ⓘRequired

app_webapp

Display NameOptional

Web Application Arcadia

DescriptionOptional

TagsOptional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Environment *Required

Production Environment ▼

+ CREATE NEW

VIEW API REQUEST ▼

Cancel

Submit

5. Click on Create Component

1. Configure the component as below

Create App Component

Cancel

Submit

GENERAL

☒ Configuration

INGRESS

☐ Gateways☐ URIs☒ Methods☒ Advanced

BACKEND

☐ Workload Groups☒ Monitoring☒ Advanced

PROGRAMMABILITY

☒ URI Rewrites☒ Header Modifications

REVIEW

☐ API Spec

Configuration

Name * 

Required

cp_mainapp

Display Name

Optional

Main App


Description

Optional

Tags

Optional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Error Response Format 

Optional

Error Log



Access Log



Log Format

Optional

Next →

Create App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

INGRESS

✓ Gateways

○ URIs

✓ Methods

✓ Advanced

BACKEND

○ Workload Groups

✓ Monitoring

✓ Advanced

Gateways

Gateway Refs ⓘ

Optional

Gateway WebApp ✕

Search 🔍

☐ Select All

☒ Gateway WebApp

☐ Gateway API

☐ Gateway Dev Portal

Create App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

INGRESS

✓ Gateways

✓ URIs

✓ Methods

✓ Advanced

BACKEND

○ Workload Groups

✓ Monitoring

✓ Advanced

PROGRAMMABILITY

✓ URI Rewrites

✓ Header Modifications

REVIEW

URIs

Add URI

URI *
Required

http://www.arcadia-finance.io/

Match Method
Optional

TLS SETTINGS

☒ Customize for this URI

Cancel Done

Shared TLS Settings

Warning: Don't forget to click on done

Create App Component

[Cancel](#) [Submit](#)

GENERAL

☒ Configuration

INGRESS

☒ Gateways☒ URIs☒ Methods☒ Advanced

BACKEND

☒ Workload Groups☒ Monitoring☒ Advanced

PROGRAMMABILITY

Workload Groups

[Add Workload Group](#)Workload Group Name * [?](#)

Required

wl_mainapp

Location References [?](#)

Optional

v

DNS SERVICE DISCOVERY

[Add DNS Server](#)

BACKEND WORKLOAD URIS

[Add Backend Workload URI](#)URI * [?](#)

Required

http://mainapp.nginx-udf.internal:30511

SRV Service Name (for DNS Service Discovery) [?](#)

Optional

Weight [?](#)

Optional

Max Conns [?](#)

Optional

Max Fails [?](#)

Optional

Is Backup [?](#)

Optional

Is Down [?](#)

Optional

Is Drain [?](#)

Optional

FALSE

v

FALSE

v

FALSE

v

[Cancel](#) [Done](#)

Warning: Don't forget to click on done twice

Note: Click submit

1. Get back to Web App and add a new Component
2. Do the same, but for the back end service

Create App Component

Cancel **Submit**

GENERAL

☒ Configuration

INGRESS

☐ Gateways

☐ URIs

☒ Methods

☒ Advanced

BACKEND

☐ Workload Groups

☒ Monitoring

☒ Advanced

PROGRAMMABILITY

☒ URI Rewrites

☒ Header Modifications

REVIEW

☐ API Spec

Configuration

Name * ⓘ

Required

cp_back

Display Name

Optional

DataBase BackEnd

Description

Optional

Tags

Optional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Error Response Format ⓘ

Optional

Error Log

☐ ×

Access Log

☐ ×

Log Format

Optional

Next →

Create App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

Configuration

INGRESS

Gateways

URIs

Methods

Advanced

BACKEND

Workload Groups

Monitoring

Advanced

Gateways

Gateway Refs

Optional

Gateway WebApp

Search

☐ Select All

☒ Gateway WebApp

☐ Gateway API

☐ Gateway Dev Portal

Gateway WebApp

Create App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

Configuration

INGRESS

Gateways

URIs

Methods

Advanced

BACKEND

Workload Groups

Monitoring

Advanced

PROGRAMMABILITY

URI Rewrites

Header Modifications

REVIEW

API Spec

URIs

Add URI

URI * Required

http://www.arcadia-finance.io/files/

Match Method Optional

TLS SETTINGS

☒ Customize for this URI

Cancel Done

Shared TLS Settings

Cert Reference

Optional

No Certs

+ CREATE NEW

Next

Warning: Don't forget to click on done

Create App Component

Cancel **Submit**

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

INGRESS

✓ Gateways

✓ URIs

✓ Methods

✓ Advanced

BACKEND

✓ Workload Groups

✓ Monitoring

✓ Advanced

PROGRAMMABILITY

✓ URI Rewrites

✓ Header Modifications

REVIEW

Workload Groups

[Add Workload Group](#)

Workload Group Name * ⓘ

Required

wl_backend

Location References ⓘ

Optional

▼

DNS SERVICE DISCOVERY

[Add DNS Server](#)

Looks like you don't have any dns server items yet.

DNS Lookup Timeout

Optional

DNS TTL Override

Optional

BACKEND WORKLOAD URIS

Add Backend Workload URI

URI * ?

Required

http://backend.nginx-udf.internal:31584

SRV Service Name (for DNS Service Discovery) ?

Optional

Weight ?

Optional

Max Conns ?

Optional

Max Fails ?

Optional

Is Backup ?

Optional

Is Down ?

Optional

Is Drain ?

Optional

FALSE

FALSE

FALSE

Cancel

Done

Warning: Don't forget to click on done twice

Note: Click submit

Step 3 - Test your Controller deployment

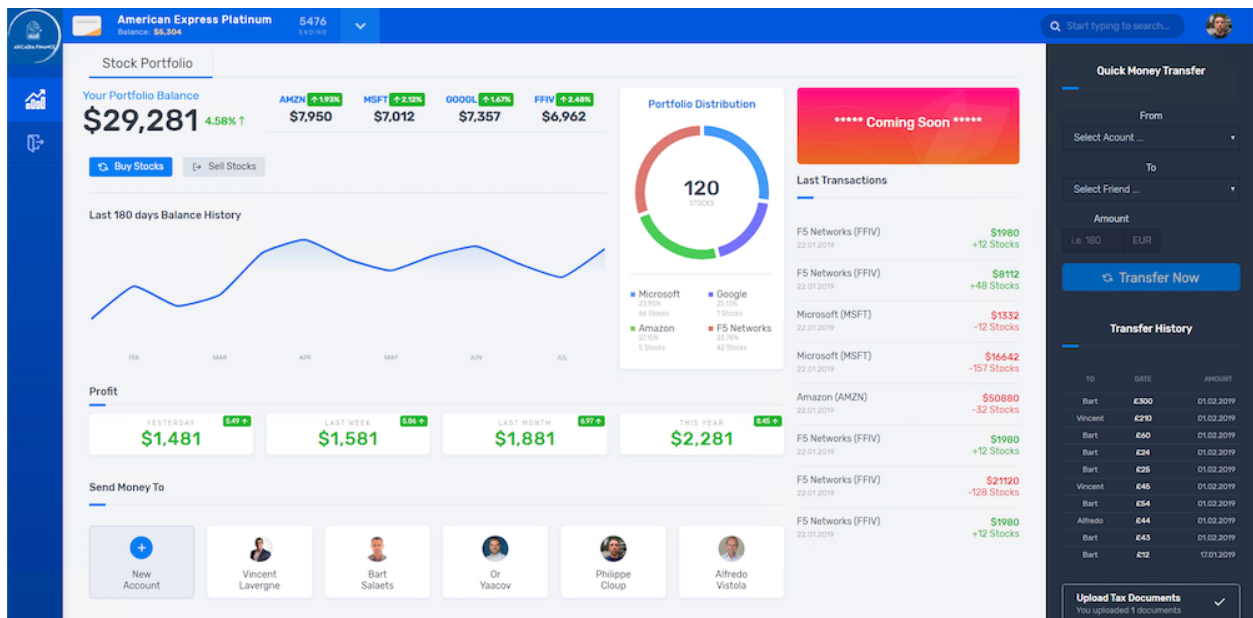
1. Open Chrome and click on the bookmark Arcadia Finance
2. Click on Login
3. Login as matt / ilovef5
4. You should see the main app without App2 nor App3

Warning: Congratulations, you have deployed your first modern app with NGINX+ and the NGINX Controller

1.2.2 DevOps deploy Money Transfer application

In this module, we will deploy the Money Transfer container for Arcadia Bank application and we will publish it.

Note: At the end of this module, Arcadia Bank application will look like this.



Note: In this lab, we will automate some tasks in the controller. As you noticed in the previous lab, it is long to create and you can make mistakes. We will deploy a new component using the NGINX Controller API.

Step 1 - Deploy Arcadia App2 with a CI/CD pipeline like a DevOps

1. In Gitlab, click on Administrator / Arcadia-App2
 1. Click on file deploy
 2. Click edit and make a modification - like YES !!!!!
 3. Click Commit changes

Note: At this moment, you simulate a commit like a DevOps. This commit will trigger a webhook to Jenkins, so that Jenkins execute a pipeline.

2. In Jenkins, click on DeployApp2 pipeline
3. A pipeline is running, click on it
4. You can follow the steps



Note: At this stage, App2 (Money Transfer app) is deployed on K8S. But you need to publish it via the controller.

Step 2 - Publish Money Transfer App with NGINX+ and Controller

1. In the Jumphost open Postman
2. Open collection Deploy Component App2
 1. Send the first call Log in NGINX Controller
 2. Send the second call Create App2 Component

Note: With one click, you created the component. Fast and no human mistake.

3. Connect to Controller GUI and check the new component in web application arcadia

Web Application Arcadia Status: Configured Last 6 hours Compare to: Prev day

Summary Metrics Go to Analytics Latency Metrics

Metric	Value
HTTP 5XX ERRORS	No Data
TOTAL REQUESTS	No Data
BYTES IN	No Data
BYTES OUT	No Data

Latency Metrics

Metric	Value
CLIENT NETWORK LATENCY	No Data
CLIENT RESPONSE LATENCY	No Data
UPSTREAM NETWORK LATENCY	No Data
UPSTREAM RESPONSE LATENCY	No Data

Components

Filter ...

Name	Tags	Description	Status
Money Transfer cp_app2	—	—	Configured
Database BackEnd cp_back	—	—	Configured
Main App cp_mainapp	—	—	Configured

Displaying 3 Components

Note: You can notice the new Money Transfer component is created

4. In Chrome refresh the page. You can see the new App Money Transfer
5. Transfer some money to your friends in order to populate analytics

American Express Platinum 5476 Balance: \$5,304

Stock Portfolio

Your Portfolio Balance: **\$29,281** 4.58% ↑

AMZN +1.93% \$7,950 MSFT +2.12% \$7,012 GOOGL +1.47% \$7,357 FFIIV +2.48% \$6,962

Buy Stocks Sell Stocks

Last 180 days Balance History

Portfolio Distribution: 120 Stocks

Profit:

Period	Profit
YESTERDAY	\$1,481 1.49% ↑
LAST WEEK	\$1,581 1.86% ↑
LAST MONTH	\$1,881 1.57% ↑
THIS YEAR	\$2,281 1.46% ↑

Send Money To:

New Account Vincent Lavergne Bart Salets Or Yaacov Philippe Cloup Alfredo Vistola

Quick Money Transfer

From: Select Account ...

To: Select Friend ...

Amount: (e.g. 100) EUR

Transfer Now

Last Transactions

Transaction	Amount	Stocks
F5 Networks (FFIV)	\$1980	+12 Stocks
F5 Networks (FFIV)	\$8112	+48 Stocks
Microsoft (MSFT)	\$1332	-12 Stocks
Microsoft (MSFT)	\$16642	-157 Stocks
Amazon (AMZN)	\$50880	-32 Stocks
F5 Networks (FFIV)	\$1980	+12 Stocks
F5 Networks (FFIV)	\$21120	-128 Stocks
F5 Networks (FFIV)	\$1980	+12 Stocks

Transfer History

TO	DATE	AMOUNT
Bart	€300	01.02.2019
Vincent	€210	01.02.2019
Bart	€60	01.02.2019
Bart	€24	01.02.2019
Bart	€25	01.02.2019
Vincent	€45	01.02.2019
Bart	€54	01.02.2019
Alfredo	€44	01.02.2019
Bart	€43	01.02.2019
Bart	€12	17.01.2019

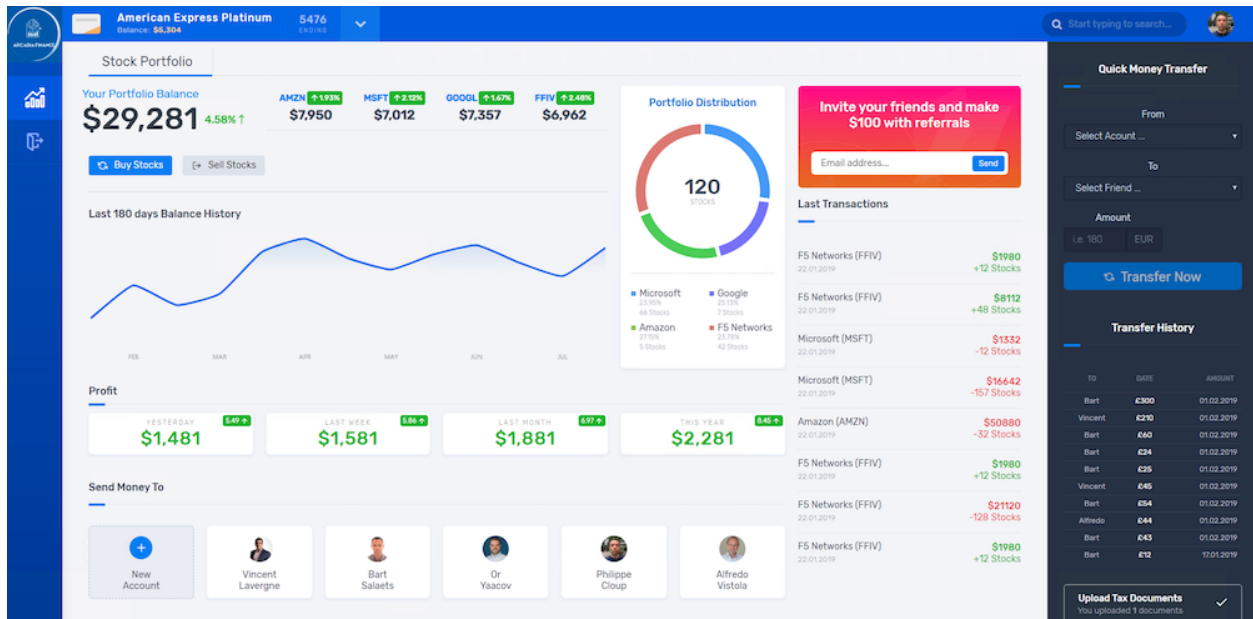
Upload Tax Documents ☒

You uploaded 1 documents

1.2.3 DevOps deploy Refer Friends Application

In this module, we will deploy the Refer Friends container for Arcadia Bank web application and we will publish it.

Note: At the end of this module, Arcadia Bank application will look like this.



Note: In this lab, all tasks will be automated. DevOps will deploy the app in K8S, and NetOps will create the new component at the same time.

Step 1 - Deploy Arcadia App3 and the new component with a CI/CD pipeline

1. In Gitlab, click on Administrator / Arcadia-App3
 1. Click on file deploy
 2. Click edit and make a modification - like YES !!!!!
 3. Click Commit changes

Note: At this moment, you simulate a commit like a DevOps. This commit will trigger a webhook to Jenkins, so that Jenkins execute a pipeline.

2. In Jenkins, click on DeployApp3 pipeline

3. A pipeline is running, click on it
4. You can follow the steps

DeployApp3 < 30

Branch: — 7s Changes by admin admin
Commit: — a few seconds ago Started by GitLab push by Administrator

Description Started by GitLab push by Administrator

Start Checkout Plan Apply Infra Apply Controller End

Apply Controller - 3s

Invoke an ansible playbook

5. Connect to Controller GUI and check the new component in web application arcadia

Components

Name	Tags	Description	Status
Refer Friend cp_app3	—	—	Configured
Money Transfer cp_app2	—	—	Configured
Database Backend cp_backend	—	—	Configured
Main App cp_mainapp	—	—	Configured

Displaying 4 Components

6. In Chrome refresh the page. You can see the new App Refer friends

American Express Platinum \$476

Stock Portfolio

Your Portfolio Balance \$29,281 4.58% ↑

AMZN +1.93% \$7,950 MSFT +2.10% \$7,012 GOOGL +1.67% \$7,357 FFIV +2.48% \$6,962

Buy Stocks Sell Stocks

Last 180 days Balance History

Profit

YESTERDAY \$1,481 LAST WEEK \$1,581 LAST MONTH \$1,881 THIS YEAR \$2,281

Portfolio Distribution 120 STOCKS

Quick Money Transfer

From Select Account ... To Select Friend ... Amount i.e. 100 EUR Transfer Now

Last Transactions

FS Networks (FFIV)	22.01.2019	\$1980 +12 Stocks
FS Networks (FFIV)	22.01.2019	\$8112 +48 Stocks
Microsoft (MSFT)	22.01.2019	\$1332 +12 Stocks
Microsoft (MSFT)	22.01.2019	\$16642 +157 Stocks
Amazon (AMZN)	22.01.2019	\$50880 +32 Stocks
FS Networks (FFIV)	22.01.2019	\$1980 +12 Stocks
FS Networks (FFIV)	22.01.2019	\$21120 +128 Stocks
FS Networks (FFIV)	22.01.2019	\$1980 +12 Stocks

Send Money To

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Transfer History

TO	DATE	AMOUNT
Bart	€300	01.02.2019
Vincent	€210	01.02.2019
Bart	€60	01.02.2019
Bart	€24	01.02.2019
Bart	€25	01.02.2019
Vincent	€45	01.02.2019
Bart	€54	01.02.2019
Alfredo	€44	01.02.2019
Bart	€43	01.02.2019
Bart	€12	17.01.2019

Upload Tax Documents You uploaded 1 documents

Note: Congrats, as you can notice, with one commit in Gitlab, you triggered a webhook that deployed the app and

the infrastructure

Warning: Now, it's time to protect Arcadia Finance web application with a BIG-IP.

1.2.4 Protect Arcadia Application with Declarative WAF

Warning: ONLY IF YOU START THE LAB FROM HERE - ELSE DON'T READ THIS WARNING. If you want to start from here (because you are only interested by Declarative WAF), and do not want to run all the steps before, you can use Postman and Jenkins to create everything for you. To do so, follow the steps below.

1. Open Jenkins and run the pipeline `DeployMainApp`
2. Open Postman, and select the collection `Arcadia Manual Pipeline - no CICD`
3. Run the calls
 1. Login to NGINX Controller
 2. Create WebApp Application
 3. Create MainApp Component
 4. Create BackEnd Component
4. Open Jenkins and run the pipeline `DeployApp2`
5. Open Postman, and select the collection `Arcadia Manual Pipeline - no CICD`
6. Run the call
 1. Create App2 Component
7. Open Jenkins and run the pipeline `DeployApp3`

Now, Arcadia App is fully deployed and the NGINX Controller is set up.

In this module, we will deploy a WAF policy to protect Arcadia Bank application and we will publish it. With v16.0 (and in draft in v15.1), the WAF policy can be deployed via a declarative call, and the WAF policy itself is a JSON file.

Note: We use the new v15.1/v16.0 Declarative WAF policy. You can retrieve the JSON Policy in the GitLab repo and below.

Note: You can learn more on the Declarative WAF policy here : <https://f5.sharepoint.com/sites/EMEASystemsEngineering/SitePages/Adv.-WAF-v16.0-Declarative-API.aspx>

```
{
  "policy": {
    "name": "policy-fund-1",
    "description": "Policy Example - Rapid Deployment",
    "template": {
      "name": "POLICY_TEMPLATE_RAPID_DEPLOYMENT"
```

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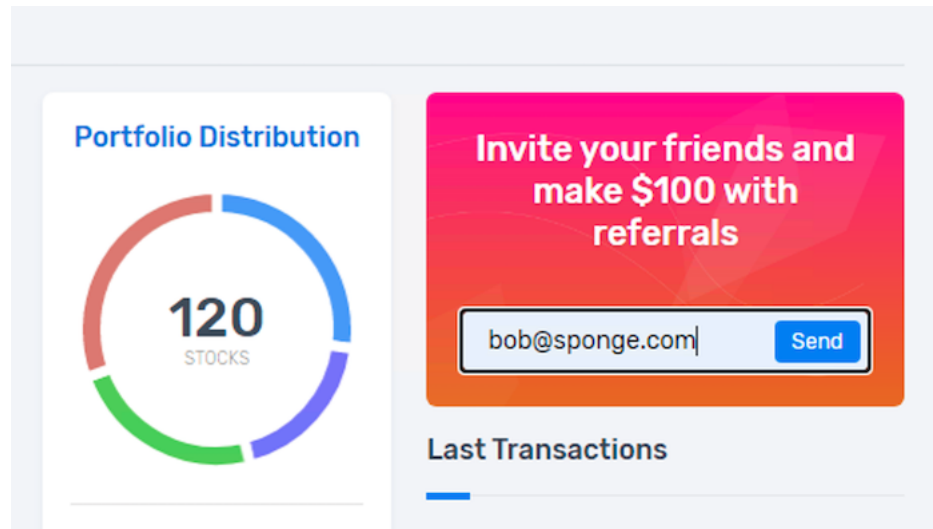
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```
    },
    "enforcementMode": "blocking",
    "server-technologies": [
      {
        "serverTechnologyName": "MySQL"
      },
      {
        "serverTechnologyName": "Unix/Linux"
      },
      {
        "serverTechnologyName": "MongoDB"
      }
    ],
    "signature-settings": {
      "signatureStaging": false
    },
    "policy-builder": {
      "learnOnlyFromNonBotTraffic": false
    },
    "response-pages": [
      {
        "responsePageType": "ajax",
        "ajaxEnabled": true,
        "ajaxPopupMessage": "My customized popup message! Your support ID is:
↪<%TS.request.ID()%>"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Note: You can notice this JSON policy is based in Rapid Deployment template and we added few things like Server-Technologies, Signature Staging, Policy Buidler and Response Page.

Step 1 - Send an attack

1. In Chrome, in Arcadia web application, refer a friend
 1. Refer `bob@sponge.com`

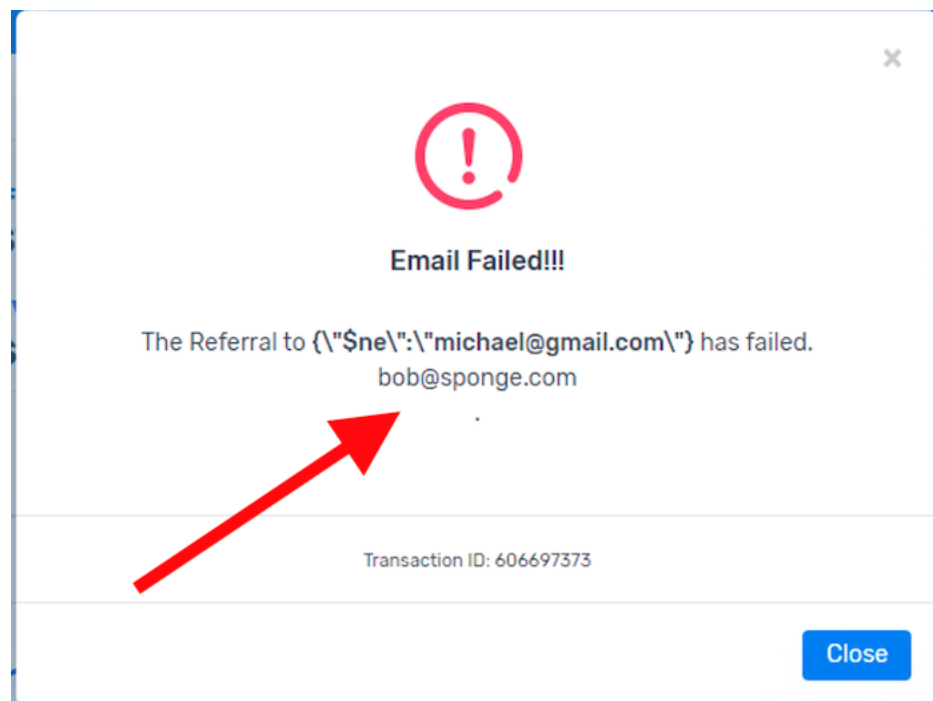


2. Send an attack with the below payload in the `refer_friend` field

```
{\"$ne\": \"michael@gmail.com\"}
```

Note: This attacks means return everything not equals to `michael@gmail.com`

3. Attack succeed and you can get the DB content



Step 2 - Push AS3 declaration to deploy the WAF policy

Note: It is important to understand what we are doing here. We are leveraging all the new v16.0 Adv. WAF Declarative policy features. With one API call (done by Jenkins and Ansible), we will deploy a new AS3 declaration with a WAF policy.

Check the files used here

1. In Gitlab, open Administrator / as3-waf project
2. You can see several files, but the most important are
 1. playbook-v16.yaml
 2. as3-v16.json
 3. policy-fund-1.json
3. Open policy-fund-1.json

```
{
  "policy": {
    "name": "policy-fund-1",
    "description": "Policy Example - Rapid Deployment",
    "template": {
      "name": "POLICY_TEMPLATE_RAPID_DEPLOYMENT"
    },
    "enforcementMode": "blocking",
    "server-technologies": [
      {
        "serverTechnologyName": "MySQL"
      },
      {
        "serverTechnologyName": "Unix/Linux"
      },
      {
        "serverTechnologyName": "MongoDB"
      }
    ],
    "signature-settings": {
      "signatureStaging": false
    },
    "policy-builder": {
      "learnOnlyFromNonBotTraffic": false
    },
    "response-pages": [
      {
        "responsePageType": "ajax",
        "ajaxEnabled": true,
        "ajaxPopupMessage": "My customized popup message! Your_
↩support ID is: <%TS.request.ID()%>"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Note: This is our declarative JSON WAF policy

4. Open as3-v16.json

```
{
  "class": "AS3",
  "action": "deploy",
  "persist": true,
  "declaration": {
    "class": "ADC",
    "schemaVersion": "3.2.0",
    "id": "Prod_Web_AS3",
    "Web-Prod": {
      "class": "Tenant",
      "defaultRouteDomain": 0,
      "arcadia": {
        "class": "Application",
        "template": "generic",
        "VS_WebApp": {
          "class": "Service_HTTPS",
          "remark": "Accepts HTTPS/TLS connections on port 443",
          "virtualAddresses": ["10.1.10.26"],
          "redirect80": false,
          "pool": "pool_NGINX_WebApp",
          "policyWAF": {
            "use": "Arcadia_WAF_policy"
          },
          "securityLogProfiles": [{
            "bigip": "/Common/Log all requests"
          }],
          "profileTCP": {
            "egress": "wan",
            "ingress": { "use": "TCP_Profile" } },
          "profileHTTP": { "use": "custom_http_profile" },
          "serverTLS": { "bigip": "/Common/arcadia_client_ssl" }
        },
        "Arcadia_WAF_policy": {
          "class": "WAF_Policy",
          "url": "http://10.1.20.4/root/as3-waf/-/raw/master/
↩policy-fund-1.json",
          "ignoreChanges": true
        },
        "pool_NGINX_WebApp": {
          "class": "Pool",
          "monitors": ["http"],
          "members": [{
            "servicePort": 8080,
            "serverAddresses": ["10.1.20.10"]
          }]
        },
        "custom_http_profile": {
          "class": "HTTP_Profile",
          "xForwardedFor": true
        },
        "TCP_Profile": {
          "class": "TCP_Profile",
```

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```
        "idleTimeout": 60 }
      }
    }
  }
```

Note: In this AS3 declaration, you can notice the new v16.0 Adv. WAF Reference section (Arcadia_WAF_policy). This section refers to our external JSON policy file, and will upload, import and apply the policy in the BIG-IP.

5. Open `playbook-v16.yaml`

```
---
- hosts: bigip
  connection: local
  gather_facts: false
  vars:
    my_admin: "admin"
    my_password: "admin"
    bigip: "10.1.1.12"

  tasks:
    - name: Deploy AS3 WebApp
      uri:
        url: "https://{{ bigip }}/mgmt/shared/appsvcs/declare"
        method: POST
        headers:
          "Content-Type": "application/json"
          "Authorization": "Basic YWRtaW46YWRtaW4="
        body: "{{ lookup('file', 'as3-v16.json') }}"
        body_format: json
        validate_certs: no
        status_code: 200
```

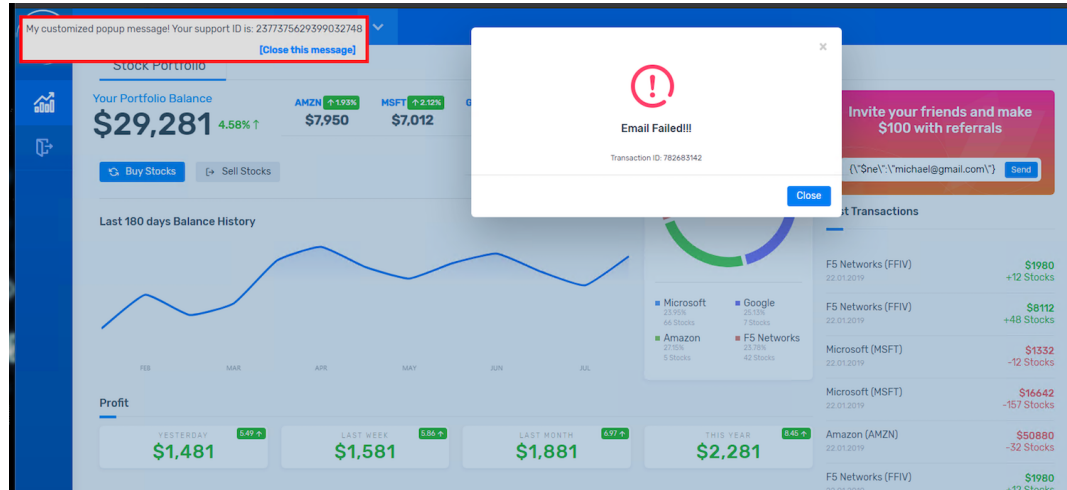
Note: You can see the playbook is very simple in v16.0 thanks to the AS3 call. It will do all the job for us. This playbook is just sending an AS3 declaration call to the BIGIP.

Run the CI/CD pipeline

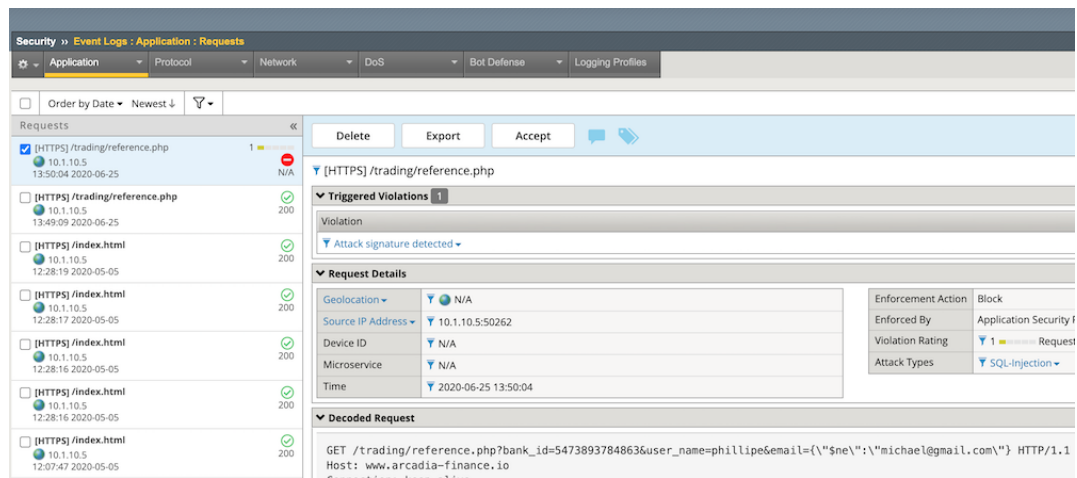
1. In Jenkins, click on DeployWAF pipeline
2. Run the pipeline
3. In Chrome, launch an incognito window, and retry the attack

```
{\"$ne\": \"michael@gmail.com\"}
```

4. Attack fails and you can notice the AJAX blocking page set in the JSON declarative WAF policy



5. Check logs in the BIG-IP

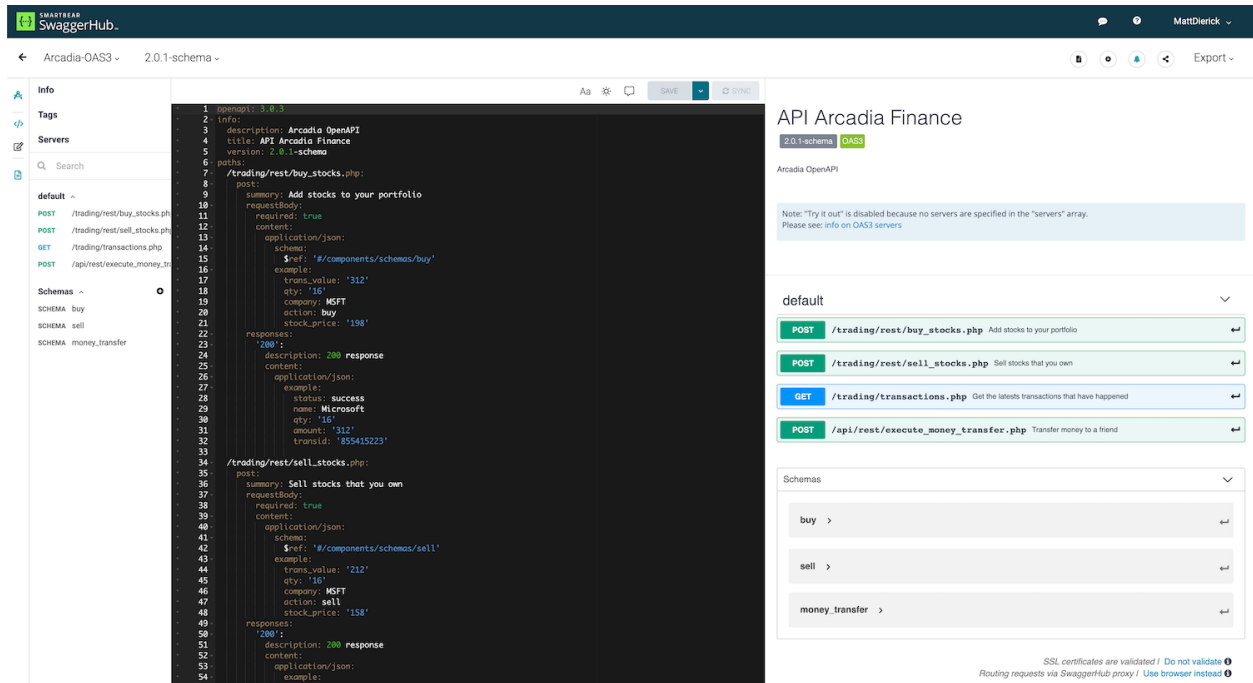


1.3 Class 3 - Publish and Protect Arcadia API

In this section, we will publish and protect Arcadia API. There are 4 API allowing us to :

- See last transactions
- Buy stocks
- Sell stocks
- Make a money transfer

The API specification is available here : <https://app.swaggerhub.com/apis/F5EMEASSA/Arcadia-OAS3/2.0.1-schema>



1.3.1 Module 1 - Publish API with OAS3 spec file from the Controller GUI

Note: In this section we will push OAS3 specification file into the controller GUI in order to create the API

Connect to Controller GUI via your laptop's browser or the jumphost

login: `admin@nginx-udf.internal`

password: admin123!

Step 1 - Create an New Application

1. Click on top left corner icon, and click on Apps
2. Click Create
3. Create a new Application
 1. name : app_api
 2. display name : API Application Arcadia
 3. Environment : Production Environment
4. Click Summit

The screenshot shows the 'Create App' interface. On the left, a sidebar titled 'My Apps' contains an 'Overview' link and a 'QUICK ACTIONS' section with a '+ Create App' button. Below this is a 'RECENT APPS' section showing 'No Recent Apps'. The main area is titled 'Create App' and contains several input fields: 'Name *' (Required) with the value 'app_api', 'Display Name' (Optional) with the value 'API Application Arcadia', 'Description' (Optional), 'Tags' (Optional) with a placeholder 'Ex: tag1, tag2, ...', and 'Environment *' (Required) with a dropdown menu showing 'Production Environment'. Below these fields are two buttons: '+ CREATE NEW' and 'VIEW API REQUEST' with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons.

Step 2 - Create an API Definition

1. Click on the left menu APIs
2. Click Create API Definition
 1. Name : arcadia-api-def
 2. Display Name : Arcadia API Definition
 3. Version : v1
 4. Select OpenAPI specification
 1. and Copy and paste specification text **if you are not connected in the jumphost** from here : <https://app.swaggerhub.com/apis/F5EMEASSA/Arcadia-OAS3/2.0.1-schema>
 2. or Import file **if your are connected in the jumphost**, the file is located in the Desktop folder and its name is OAS3-Arcadia.yaml

Create API Definition

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

☒ Configuration☐ Resources

REVIEW

☐ API Spec

Configuration

Name * ?

Required

arcadia-api-def

How would you like to describe the API?

☒ OpenAPI Specification ☐ Configure manually

How would you like to import your OpenAPI Specification?

☐ Import file ☒ Copy and paste specification text

OpenAPI Specification (JSON or YAML) ?

```
amount:
  type: integer
  format: int64
account:
  type: integer
  format: int64
currency:
  type: string
friend:
  type: string
```

Version ?

Optional

2.0.1-schema

Display Name

Optional

API Arcadia Finance

Description

Optional

Arcadia OpenAPI

Tags

Optional

Example: tag1, tag2, ...

Next →

5. Click Next
6. You can see all the resources have been imported from the `swagger` file and please open one resource to check its content.

Create API Definition









Cancel Submit

- GENERAL
- ✓ Configuration

✓ Resources
- REVIEW
- API Spec

Resources

API RESOURCE Add API Resource

GET /trading/transactions.php	 
POST /trading/rest/sell_stocks.php	 
POST /trading/rest/buy_stocks.php	 
POST /api/rest/execute_money_transfer.php	 

Next →

Create API Definition

[Cancel](#)[Submit](#)

GENERAL

[Configuration](#)[Resources](#)

REVIEW

[API Spec](#)

Resources

API RESOURCES

[Add API Resources](#)

Match Type *

Required

Path *

Required

EXACT

/api/rest/execute_money_transfer.php

HTTP Methods *

Required

POST

Documentation

☒ Enable Portal Documentation

Summary *

Required

Transfer money to a friend

Description

Optional

REQUEST BODY

Description

Optional

Sample Request

Optional

{
 "amount": "92",
 "account": "2075894",
 "currency": "GBP",
 "friend": "Vincent"
}

7. Click Submit

Step 3 - Publish the API

Note: At this stage, the API definition is created. So the controller knows the different URI but doesn't know yet where to forward the traffic to.

1. Click on the API definition row, and on the right frame, click on + Add Published API

The screenshot shows the 'API Definitions' section on the left with a table containing one entry: 'arcadia-api-def' with version '1'. On the right, the 'arcadia-api-def' details are shown, including a 'PUBLISHED APIS' section with a '+ Add Published API' button highlighted by a red arrow.

2. Configure the mandatory settings

1. Name: prod-api
2. Display Name: Production API

Create Published API Cancel Submit

GENERAL

☒ Configuration

☐ Deployment

☐ Routing

REVIEW

☐ API Spec

Configuration

Version * Required Base Path Optional

2.0.1-schema Strip Base Path ☒

Name * Required

prod-api

Display Name Optional

Description Optional

Tags Optional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Next →

3. Click Next
4. Configure the deployment
 1. Environment: Production Environment
 2. App: API Application Arcadia
 3. Gateways: Gateway API

Create Published API

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

☒ Configuration

☒ Deployment

☐ Routing

REVIEW

☐ API Spec

Deployment

Environment *

Required

Production Environment

+ CREATE NEW

App *

Required

API Application Arcadia

+ CREATE NEW

Gateways *

Required

Gateway API

+ CREATE NEW

Dev Portals

Optional

No Dev Portals

+ CREATE NEW

Next →

5. It is time to configure the Routing. It is similar to the components in the WebApp configuration
6. Create a new component, routing the traffic to the MainApp
 1. Click Add New in the Components section and configure it as below

Create App Component

Cancel Submit

- GENERAL
- Configuration
- BACKEND
- Workload Groups
- Health Monitoring
- PROGRAMMABILITY
- URI Rewrites
- SECURITY
- Rate Limiting
- Authentication
- ADVANCED
- Advanced
- REVIEW
- API Spec

Configuration

Name * ⓘ Required

cp_mainapp_api

Display Name Optional

Component to MainApp

Description Optional

Tags Optional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Error Response Format ⓘ Optional

Error Log ☒ ⓘ

Access Log ☒ ⓘ

Log Format Optional

Next →

Create App Component

Cancel

Submit

GENERAL

☒ Configuration

BACKEND

☒ Workload Groups

☐ Health Monitoring

PROGRAMMABILITY

☐ URI Rewrites

SECURITY

☐ Rate Limiting

☐ Authentication

ADVANCED

☐ Advanced

REVIEW

☐ API Spec

Workload Groups

Workload Group Name * ⓘ Required

wl_mainapp_api

Location References ⓘ Optional

BACKEND WORKLOAD URIS

Add Backend Workload URI

URI * ⓘ Required

http://mainapp.nginx-udf.internal:30511

SRV Service Name (for DNS Service Discovery) ⓘ Optional

Weight ⓘ

Optional

Max Conns ⓘ

Optional

Max Fails ⓘ

Optional

Is Backup ⓘ

Optional

Is Down ⓘ

Optional

Is Drain ⓘ

Optional

FALSE

FALSE

FALSE

Cancel Done

Note: Click Done then click Next

Note: We only configure one workload as the API we will test is hosted in the main app K8S service (sell stocks and buy stocks)

2. Click Next until the end and click Submit

7. Now, drag and drop the 3 URI starting by /trading to the right Component MainApp

Create Published API

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

- ☒ Configuration
- ☒ Deployment
- ☒ Routing

REVIEW

- ☐ API Spec

Routing

Create and modify routes by moving resources to a component

Unrouted

/api/rest/execute_money_transfer.php	POST
--------------------------------------	------

Components

Add New

Component to MainApp	
mainapp.nginx-udf.internal:30511	
No Security Settings	
/trading/rest/buy_stocks.php	POST
/trading/rest/sell_stocks.php	POST
/trading/transactions.php	GET

Next →

8. Click Next and Submit

API Definitions + Create

Filter ...

+ Add Version + Add Published API Delete

Name	Version(s)	Tags	Description
arcadia-api-def	1	—	—

Displaying 1 API Definition

arcadia-api-def

ARCADIA API DEFINITION - V1

Edit Version Delete Version

Resources 4

PUBLISHED APIS

+ Add Published API

Production API

App API Application Arcadia

Environment Production Environment

Gateway Host Names http://api.arcadia-finance.io

Step 4 - Test your API

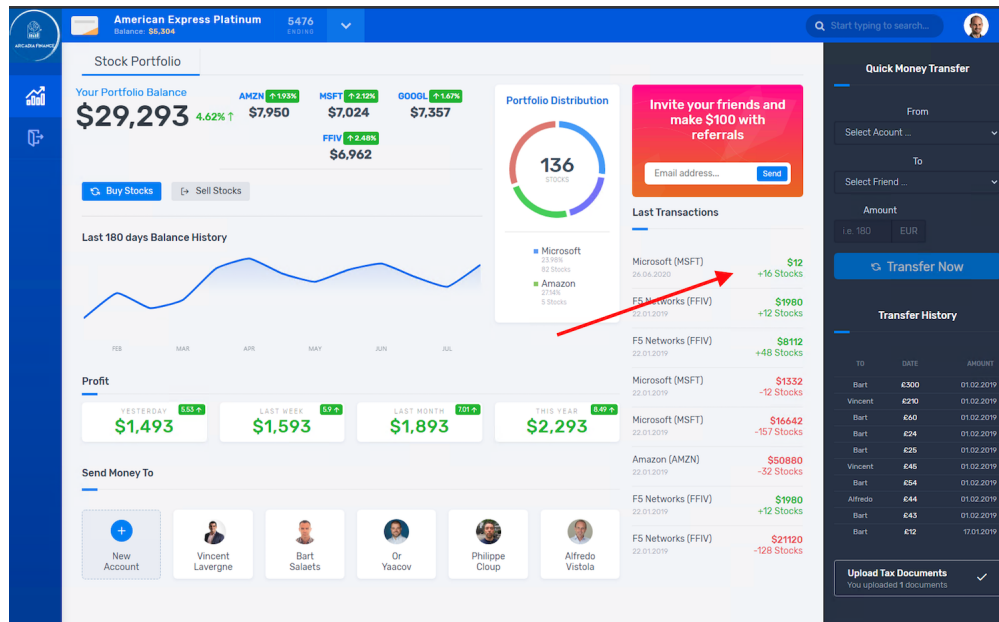
RDP to the jump host

login: user

password: user

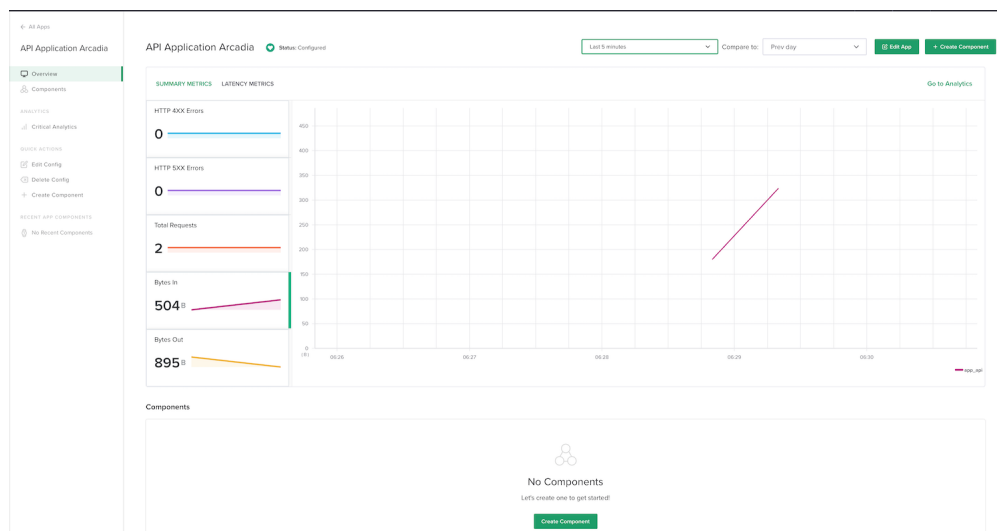
1. Open Postman
2. Open up the collection Arcadia API
3. Make 2 calls
 1. Last transactions
 2. POST Buy Stocks
4. Both works and are routed to the MainApp pod in K8S thanks to the Nginx+ API GW.

5. You can check in the Web Application in Chrome if your Buy Stock call passed. It should appear in the last transaction GUI.



Step 5 - Look at the analytics

1. In the controller GUI
2. Click on the left icon Apps
3. Click on your API Application Arcadia
4. You can see your analytics for this API

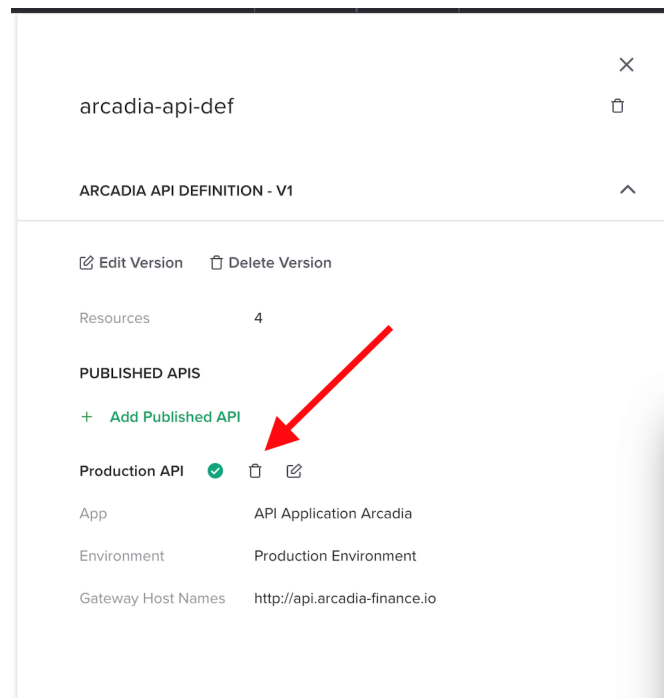


1.3.2 Module 2 - Publish API with OAS3 spec file via API

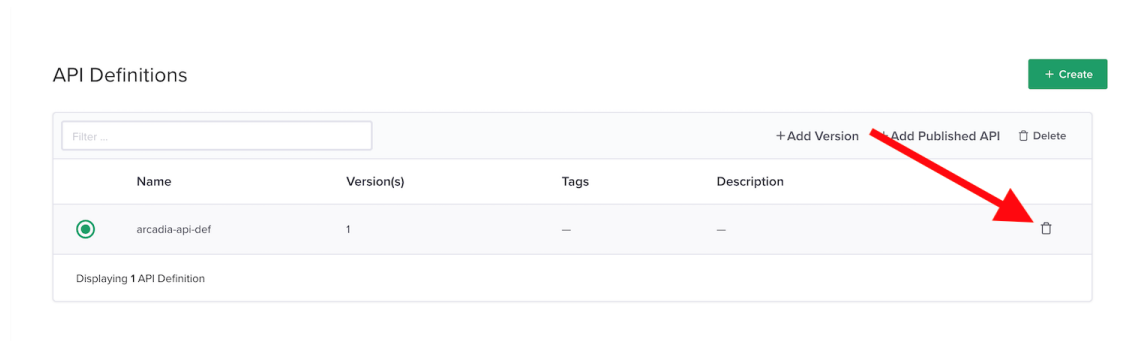
Note: We will clean up the previous lab in order to configure exactly the same objects but with API calls only.

Clean up the APIm configuration

1. In the controller GUI, go to APIs left menu and click on the existing API definition `arcadia-api-def`
2. On the right panel
 1. Delete the `Production API` by clicking the trash button



2. Delete the API definition `arcadia-api-def`



Note: Your API Definitions environment is clean.

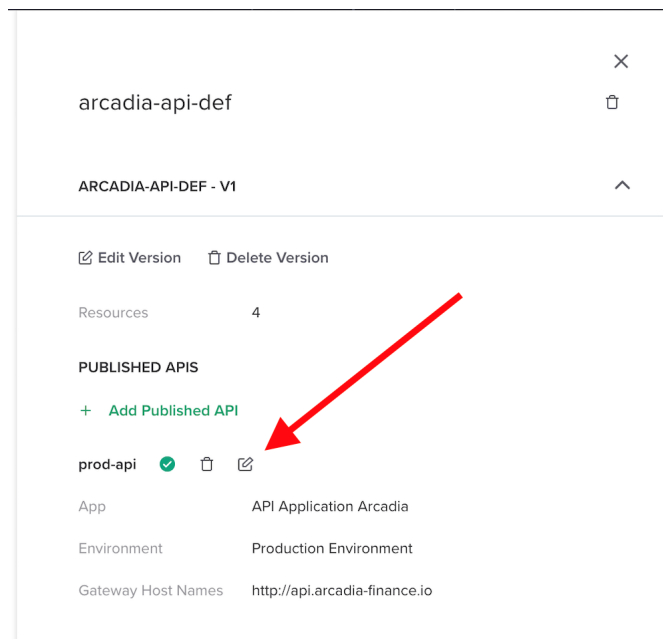
Create and publish an API Definition with the Controller API

Note: We will execute exactly the same job but by using the NGINX Controller control plane only. No GUI.

1. Connect to the Jumphost (user / user)
2. Launch Postman
 1. Open Arcadia OAS collection
 2. And run all calls from top to bottom

Note: For every call, check what is happening in the controller GUI

3. At then end, you should have the same results as the previous lab.
4. Edit the Published API



5. Check the Routing. You can see the routes are imported from the OAS3 file and the mapping is done with the components.

Edit Published API

Cancel

Submit

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

✓ Deployment

✓ Routing

REVIEW

✓ API Spec

Routing

Create and modify routes by moving resources to a component

Unrouted

/api/rest/execute_money_transfer.php	POST
--------------------------------------	------

Components

Add New

cp_mainapp_api	
mainapp.nginx-udf.internal:30511	
No Security Settings	
/trading/rest/buy_stocks.php	POST
/trading/rest/sell_stocks.php	POST
/trading/transactions.php	GET

Next →

6. Make a quick test with the Arcadia API postman collection

Warning: Check the call Import API Definition OAS3, we imported an OAS3 YAML File directly in the Controller with all the definitions and documentations

Note: In a near future, we will learn more on API definition versions

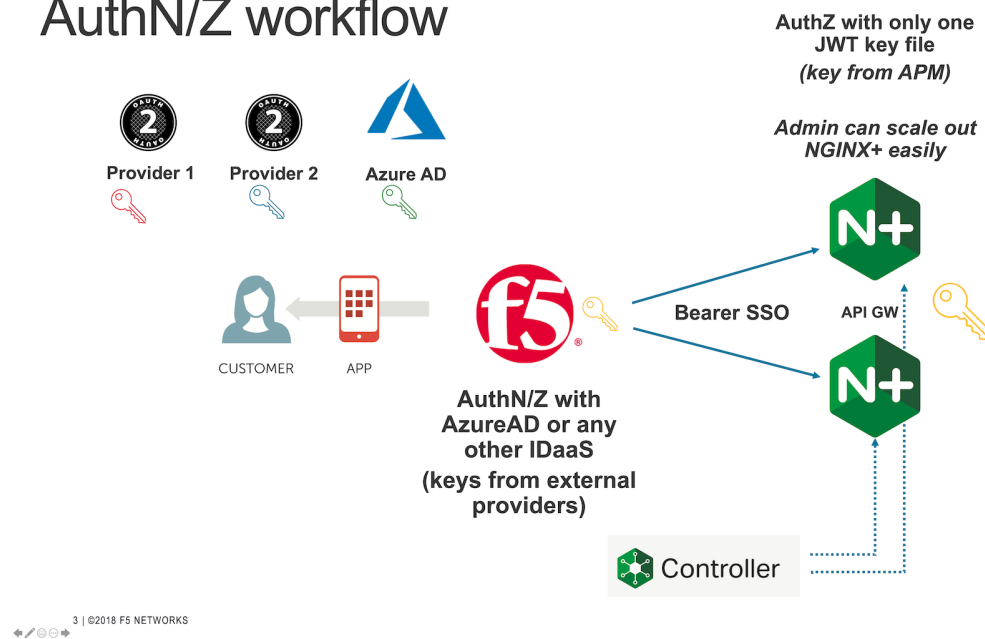
Warning: As you can notice, there is no security applied on the Component. Let's move to the next lab to assign a BIG-IP and Controller security policy

1.3.3 Module 3 - Protect Arcadia API with Adv. Waf and APM (Bearer SSO)

In this lab we will deploy a BIG-IP security policy based on Adv. WAF and APM, in front of the NGINX+ API GW. In order to make life better and simple for DevOps, we will delegate all the Authentication layer to APM. APM will authenticate JWT tokens coming from different providers with different keys, and we will use APM Bearer SSO in order to share a unique JWT key with the API gateways.

Note: APM will download keys from external providers automatically (by using OIDC discovery process) and will use another unique key for internal SSO with NGINX API Gateways. This will allow DevOps to know only one key for all their deployments. And SecOps will manage the external providers.

AuthN/Z workflow



Configure NGINX Controller with a new Identity Provider

1. In the left menu, click on Identity Provider icon
2. Create a new Identity Provider as below. Use the JSON code below for the JWK

```
{
  "keys": [
    {
      "k": "aWxvdmVuZ21ueA",
      "kid": "9876543210",
      "kty": "oct"
    }
  ]
}
```

Note: I invite you to decode the “k” value to know what is the key. As you can notice, we don’t use a RSA key, but a secret (just to simplify the lab). This secret is BASE64 encoded.

Create Identity Provider

Name * Required

jwt-bearer-ss0-apm

Display Name Optional

JWT Bearer SSO

Description Optional

Tags Optional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Environment * Required

Production Environment

+ CREATE NEW

Type * Required

JWT

JWT Settings

How would you like to upload your JWT?

- ☐ Enter a URL for the file's location
- ☒ Enter JSON Web Key Set (JWK)

Required

```
{
  "keys": [
    {
      "k": "aWxvdmVuZ2lueA",
      "kid": "9876543210",
      "kty": "oct"
    }
  ]
}
```

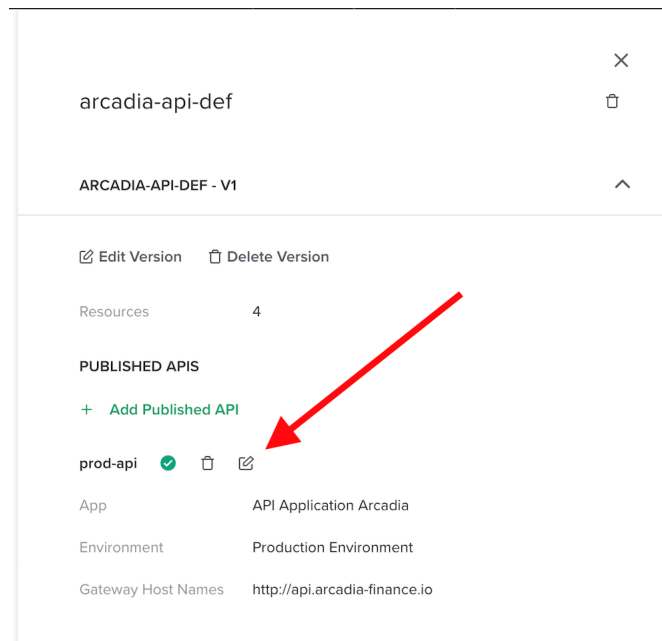
VIEW API REQUEST

Cancel

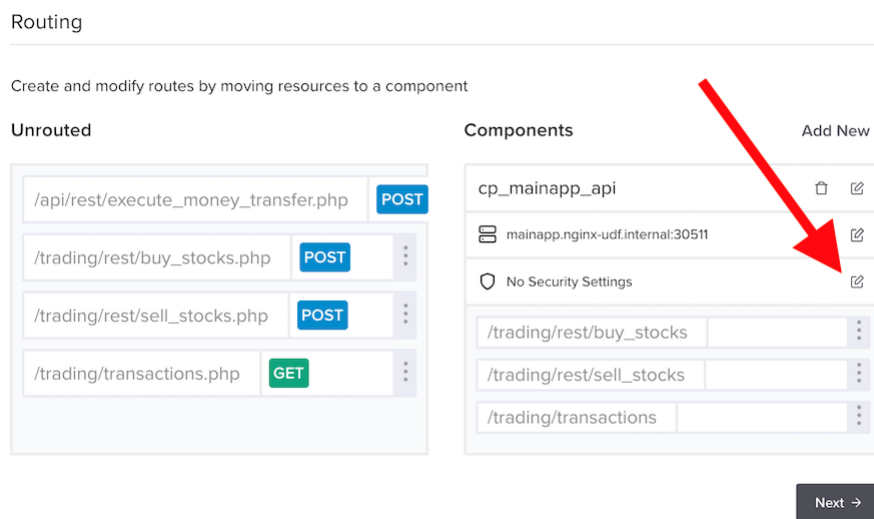
Submit

3. Assign this Identity Provider with your API Definition

1. Get back to your API definition and edit the Published API



2. Click on routing and edit the Security Settings



3. Click on Add Authentication

Edit App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

BACKEND

✓ Workload Groups

✓ Health Monitoring

PROGRAMMABILITY

✓ URI Rewrites

SECURITY

✓ Rate Limiting

✓ Authentication

ADVANCED

✓ Advanced

REVIEW

✓ API Spec

Authentication

Add Authentication

Looks like you don't have any authentication items yet.

Conditional Access

☒ Enable Conditional Access

Next →

4. Select the provider created previously JWT Bearer SSO and Bearer

Edit App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

BACKEND

✓ Workload Groups

✓ Health Monitoring

PROGRAMMABILITY

✓ URI Rewrites

SECURITY

✓ Rate Limiting

✓ Authentication

ADVANCED

✓ Advanced

REVIEW

✓ API Spec

Authentication

Add Authentication

Identity Provider * ⓘ Required

JWT Bearer SSO

Credential Location * ⓘ Required

BEARER

Cancel Done

Conditional Access

☒ Enable Conditional Access

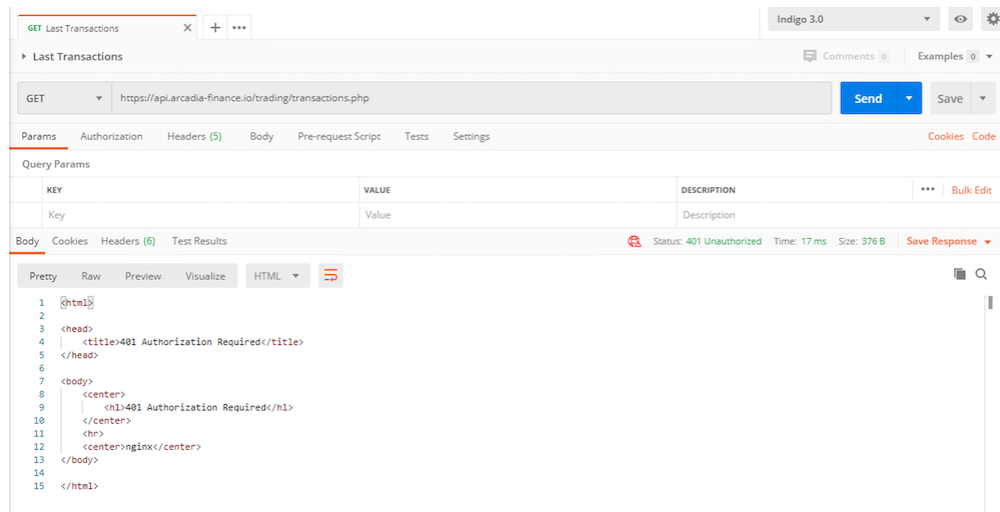
Next →

5. Click Done and Submit

6. Click Submit again

4. Make a quick test with Postman by sending a request to the Arcadia API like Last Transactions or Buy stocks

1. You can see a 401 Unauthorized



Note: As you don't insert any JWT token in your request, the API GW rejected the request. It is time to configure APM to inject this JWT Bearer SSO

Configure Adv. WAF and APM

Note: In this lab we will use Access Guided Configuration and we will do some custom tuning in the policies. There are several ways to protect API with BIG-IP, but at the moment, we will focus on AGC so that you can understand how it works. GSA team is working on a dedicated UDF Blueprint for API Declarative WAF policy with v16.0

1. Connect to the Jumhost (user / user)
2. Open Chrome and connect to the BIG-IP (admin / admin)
3. Delete the existing vs-arcadia-api Virtual Server in the BIG-IP. We are going to create a new one from the Guided Configuration.
4. Create a JWK Bearer SSO key. If you remember below, the key (encoded64) was aWxvdmVuZ21ueA, and decoded64 ilovenginx
 1. Click Access > Federation > JSON Web Token > Key Configuration
 2. Create a new key as below with the value ilovenginx as Shared Secret

Access » Federation : JSON Web Token : Key Configuration » Key_bearer_sso_nginx

⚙️ Properties

General Properties

Name	Key_bearer_sso_nginx
ID	9876543210
Type	Octet ▼
Signing Algorithm	HS256 ▼
Use Client Secret	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encoding Format	None ▼
Shared Secret

Cancel Save

Warning: Don't forget to set an ID. It is mandatory in order to use this key in the Bearer SSO profile

5. In Access, click on Guided Configuration and select the template API Protection Proxy in API Protection group

ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone

Main Help About

Access » Guided Configuration

Statistics
IApps
Wizards
DNS
Local Traffic
Traffic Intelligence
Acceleration
Access

Guided Configuration
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Federation Zero Trust Microsoft Product Proxy **API Protection** Credential Protection

API Protection
Provides access control and security to your API's.

API Protection Proxy
Configure BIG-IP APM as an API Protection Proxy

Configurations
Import

Status	Name	Type
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6. Configure the template as below.

Warning: The AGC template does not support yet OpenAPI spec file Version 3. But only Version 2. We will use another version of the OAS file.

Note: The OAS file is located in Downloads directory and its name is swaggerArcadia2.json

1. Check the boxes Use Rate Limiting and OAuth 2.0

The screenshot shows the 'API Protection Configuration' interface. At the top, there's a breadcrumb 'Access » Guided Configuration' and a status 'NOT SAVED'. Below this is a progress bar with five steps: General Properties (active), Paths, Responses, Security Set, and a final step with a shield icon. The main section is titled 'API Protection Properties'. It contains a 'Configuration Name' field with the value 'arcadia-api'. Below this is a note: 'Type a name for this guided configuration.' The next section is 'Import OpenAPI Spec File' with a file input showing 'swaggerArcadia2.json' and buttons for 'Clear File' and 'Choose File'. A note states: 'The file is uploaded when you click Save & Next.' The 'Options' section has three checkboxes: 'Use Pool' (unchecked), 'Use Rate Limiting' (checked), and 'Use Whitelist / Blacklist' (unchecked). The 'Authorization Method' section has two options: 'OAuth 2.0' (checked) and 'HTTP Basic' (unchecked). The 'DNS Resolver Mode' section has a dropdown menu set to 'IPv4'. The 'DNS Resolver' section has a dropdown menu set to 'f5-aws-dns'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Save Draft', and 'Save & Next'.

- Select the default Server at the bottom of the screen

API Protection Configuration

Paths ⓘ

Add

Path ID	URI	Method	Server	Description	Active
1	/api/rest/execute_n	POST			true
2	/trading/rest/buy_sl	POST			true
3	/trading/rest/sell_st	POST			true
4	/trading/transaction	GET			true

Base Path ⓘ

Servers ⓘ

Add

Name	URL	Description	SSL Profile
arcadia-api_server1	http://10.1.20.9:8080		

Default Server ⓘ

arcadia-api_server1 ▾

Note: You can notice the URI and the back server have been imported from the OAS2 file

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API Protection Responses

Responses ⓘ Add

Name	Description	Status Code	Status	
arcadia-api_auto_response1		403	Forbidden	
arcadia-api_auto_response2		%{perflow.oauth.scope.status_cod	%{perflow.oauth.scope.status_strir	
arcadia-api_auto_response_:		429	Too Many Requests	

Default Response
arcadia-api_auto_response1 ▾
Select a default response from the list of configured response objects.

Scope Agent Response ⓘ
arcadia-api_auto_response2 ▾

Cancel Save Draft Back Save & Next

Access » Guided Configuration

API Protection Configuration :arcadia-api NOT DEPLOYED

General Properties Paths Responses Security Settings

Web Application Security Policy Properties

Enforcement Mode ⓘ
Blocking ▾

Cancel Save Draft Back Save & Next

2. Select AzureAD AAD-F5Sales as provider

Warning: Due to a bug in AGC, we can't add more providers here. We will modify the list later on directly in the APM configuraiton (ID 835509)

The screenshot shows the 'Access >> Guided Configuration' section for 'API Protection Configuration :arcadia-api'. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step is 'General Properties', with 'Paths' as the next step. The configuration settings are as follows:

- OAuth Provider Type:** AzureAD
- Choose OAuth Provider:** AAD-F5Sales
- Token Type:** JSON Web Token
- OpenID Connect:** ☐ Enable

At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

3. Configure Single Sign-On Settings as below

Single Sign-On Settings

[Hide Advanced Setting](#)

☒ Enable Single Sign-On (Optional)

SSO Method Configuration

Send Token ⓘ

☒ Always ☐ On 4xx Response

Token Source ⓘ

Generate JWT ▾

Issuer

Type the issuer of the JWT. This must be a URL.

Subject ⓘ

Enable Token Cache ⓘ

☒

Access Token Lifetime ⓘ

minutes

Ignore Expired Certificate Validation ⓘ

☐

Signing Key ⓘ

Audience

Scope

Specify one or more space-separated scope strings (using the ASCII character set) or session variables.

Claim

Add

Available

Filter

No available items

Selected



[Cancel](#)

[Save Draft](#)

[Back](#)

[Save & Next](#)

Note: We will focus on Claims later on

4. Configure Rate Limiting as below. We will limit request per user based on their Email address extracted from the JWT token. The value used for the User ID Key is `subsession.oauth.scope.last.jwt.Email`

The screenshot shows the 'API Protection Configuration' page for 'arcadia-api', which is marked as 'NOT DEPLOYED'. The top navigation bar includes tabs for General Properties, Paths, Responses, Security Settings, Provider Settings, and SSO. The 'Security Settings' tab is active, displaying the 'Rate Limiting Configuration' section. This section includes a 'Rate Limiting Factor' dropdown set to 'User', a 'User ID Key' text field containing 'subsession.oauth.scope.last.jwt.Email' with a preview key below it, and 'Default Rate Limiting Settings' with checkboxes for 'Enable Request Quota' (checked), 'Enable Spike Arrest', 'Users Override', and 'API Endpoints Override'. The 'Enable Request Quota' section shows a limit of 3 requests per 1 minute. At the bottom are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Save Draft', 'Back', and 'Save & Next'.

Access » Guided Configuration

API Protection Configuration : arcadia-api NOT DEPLOYED

General Properties Paths Responses Security Settings Provider Settings SSO

Rate Limiting Configuration

Rate Limiting Factor ⓘ

User ▾

User ID Key ⓘ

subsession.oauth.scope.last.jwt.Email

Key: %{ subsession.oauth.scope.last.jwt.Email }

Default Rate Limiting Settings ⓘ

☒ Enable Request Quota

Allow 3 requests per 1 minutes

☐ Enable Spike Arrest

☐ Users Override

☐ API Endpoints Override

Cancel Save Draft Back Save & Next

1. Configure the Virtual Server as below

- VS : 10.1.10.18
- Log All Requests
- Client SSL arcadia_client_ssl

Virtual Server Properties
Show Advanced Setting ⓘ

Destination Address ⓘ
10.1.10.18

Service Port ⓘ
443 HTTPS

☐ Enable Redirect Port
Select to specify port for redirecting traffic to the Service Port.

Security Logging Profile ⓘ
Log all requests

Client SSL Profile ⓘ
☐ Create new ☒ Use Existing

Available
Filter
Common
clientssl
clientssl-insecure-compatible
Create Profile in BIG-IP UI

Selected
Common
arcadia_client_ssl

Server SSL Profile ⓘ
☐ Create new ☒ Use Existing

Available
Filter
Common
apm-default-serverssl
crypto-client-default-serverssl
Create Profile in BIG-IP UI

Selected

Cancel Save Draft Back Save & Next

2. Click Deploy
7. Now we have to add manually the 2 more providers in the APM configuration (due to the BUGID in AGC 6.0)
 1. Unstrict the configuration in AGC, by clicking on the lock icon and approve the change.

Access > Guided Configuration
Version: 6.0 ⓘ Upgrade Guided Configuration

Federation
Zero Trust
Microsoft Product Proxy
API Protection
Credential Protection

Configurations
Import
Filter Configurations by Name

Status	Name	Type	
DEPLOYED	arcadia-api	API Protection Proxy	⌵ ⌶ ⌵ ⌵ ⌵

2. Click Access > Federation > JSON Web Token > Provider List and edit the existing profile

3. Add provider1 and provider2 into the list

The screenshot shows the 'Properties' dialog for the 'arcadia-api_providerList' configuration. The 'General Properties' section includes a 'Name' field with the value 'arcadia-api_providerList', an 'Access Token Expires In' field set to '0' minutes, and a 'Provider' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of providers: '/Common/AAD-F5Sales', '/Common/provider1', and '/Common/provider2'. The 'Provider' field is currently set to '/Common/provider2'. There are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons at the bottom.

Note: Congratulation, Arcadia API is protected by an Advanced WAF (you can check the policy) and APM in order to authenticate requests from 3 providers.

Note: I invite you to check the Access > API Protection configuration

Warning: In order to use Oauth with Azure AD, you have to force an update of the Azure JWT keys. In Federation > Oauth Client / Resource Server > Provider, click on Start button to force APM to download the new keys.

The screenshot shows a table titled 'Providers' with the following columns: Name, Type, Use Auto JWT, Discovery Task, Task Status, OAuth Server, and Partition. The table contains several providers, including 'AAD-F5Sales', 'AzureAD', 'AzureAD-B2C', 'F5', 'Facebook', 'Google', 'Okta', 'Ping', 'provider1', and 'provider2'. A red arrow points to the 'Start' button in the 'Discovery Task' column for the 'AAD-F5Sales' provider.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Use Auto JWT	Discovery Task	Task Status	OAuth Server	Partition
<input type="checkbox"/>	AAD-F5Sales	AzureAD	true	Start	NO TASK		Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	AzureAD	AzureAD	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	AzureAD-B2C	AzureAD-B2C	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	F5	F5	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook	Facebook	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google	Google	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	Okta	Okta	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ping	Ping	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	provider1	Custom	false				Common
<input type="checkbox"/>	provider2	Custom	false				Common


- GET NEW ACCESS TOKEN

Token Name

AAD


Grant Type

Authorization Code


Callback URL 

https://www.getpostman.com/oauth2/callback


☐ Authorize using browser

Auth URL 


https://login.microsoftonline.com/e569f29e-b098-4cea-b6f0-48fa8532df

Access Token URL 


https://login.microsoftonline.com/e569f29e-b098-4cea-b6f0-48fa8532df

Client ID 


d0c3011a-34e9-489b-b8db-4461a540a4ab

Client Secret 

x28CGRYKxG-S_e1BNiSwN~r3~r45anhbL

Scope 

e.g. read:org

State 

State

Client Authentication

Send as Basic Auth header

Cancel

Request Token

- Note:** It passes. Token is approved by APM, and a new token is generated by APM and sent to the NGINX API GW (Bearer SSO)

- eyJpc3MiOiJwYXJ0bmVybSIsImhhIjoiMTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwiZXhwIjoxNjc4MDYyOTg1LCJhdWQiOiJhcGkuYXJjYW
- JRboDFKwvSLVU3md6OULGiFoVxJ-ryx7y-ODKrOlPOM (continues on next page)

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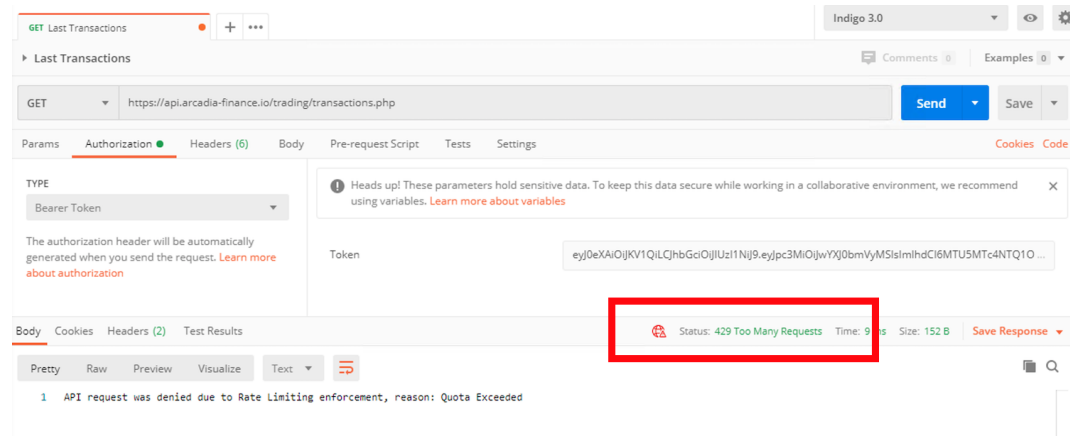
Partner 2:

eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.

↪eyJpc3MiOiJwYXJ0bmVyMiIsImhhdCI6MTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwiZXhwIjoxNjg4MDYzOTg1LCJhdWQiOiJhcGkuYXJjYXZlbnQ1IiwiaWF0IjoiMTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwifQ==

↪aQTx6X4z7EFijJsyiuq8mZAKMLG519Bmjz1ra24L-s

5. Test the **Rate Limiting** by sending 4 calls with the same token. The 4th will be block. You can notice the reponse code 429 Too Many Requests



6. Send an **attack**

1. Select the call POST Buy Stocks XSS attack
2. Send the request and notice the 200 OK response. It means the WAF didn't block the request
3. Check why and change your policy accordingly.

Note: Tip : attack signatures are in Staging mode

1.3.4 Module 4 - Fine grained access with NGINX Controller API module

In this lab, we will allow access to the Arcadia API, only for Manager Role. To do so, we will first check the JWT token claims and understand how to forward a claim from a provider into the Bearer SSO.

Step 1 - Understand the JWT token claims

In the previous lab, we used 2 tokens:

Partner 1:

eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.

↪eyJpc3MiOiJwYXJ0bmVyMSIsImhhdCI6MTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwiZXhwIjoxNjg4MDYzOTg1LCJhdWQiOiJhcGkuYXJjYXZlbnQ1IiwiaWF0IjoiMTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwifQ==

↪JRboDfKwvSLVU3md6OULGiFoVxJ-ryx7y-0DKrOlPOM

Partner 2:

eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJwYXJ0bmVyMiIsImIhdCI6MTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwiZXhwIjoxNjg4MDYzOTg1LCJhdWQiOiJhcGkuYXJjYWRpYS5qYXZ4Z7EFijJsyiuq8mZAKMLG519Bmjz1ra24L-s

1. Navigate to <https://jwt.io/> and paste Partner1 JWT token into the website. And check the claim Role. Partner 1 is a manager.

The screenshot shows the JWT.io website interface. The 'Encoded' section contains the JWT token. The 'Decoded' section shows the header and payload. The payload is a JSON object with the following claims: 'iss': 'partner1', 'iat': 1593455985, 'exp': 1688063985, 'aud': 'api.arcadia-finance.io', 'sub': 'api.arcadia-finance.io', 'GivenName': 'Johnny', 'Surname': 'Rocket', 'Email': 'jrocket@example.com', and 'Role': 'Manager'. A red arrow points to the 'Role' claim. The 'VERIFY SIGNATURE' section shows the HMACSHA256 algorithm and the text 'Invalid Signature'.

2. Do the same with Partner2 JWT token. Partner 2 is a contractor

Note: The providers will inject a Claim into the JWT. This claim is `role`. We need to re-inject this claim into the Bearer SSO token so that NGINX GW only accept requests from users belonging to Manager Role.

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Step 3 - Modify the Bearer SSO in order to inject this new Claim

Note: Now, it is time to tell to the Bearer SSO profile to inject this claim in the JWT SSO token

1. In Single Sign-on > OAuth Bearer > arcadia-api-sso
2. Add the previous created Claim into the Selected list
3. Click Update

Access » Single Sign-On » arcadia-api_sso

⚙️ Properties

General Properties: Basic ▾

Name	arcadia-api_sso
Partition / Path	Common/arcadia-api.app
SSO Method	OAuth Bearer
Send Token	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> On 4xx Response
Log Settings	+ From Access Profile ▾

OAuth Bearer SSO Configuration

Token Source	Generate JWT ▾
Issuer	https://api.arcadia-finance.io
Subject	
Enable Token Cache	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access Token Lifetime	5 minutes
Ignore Expired Certificate Validation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signing Key	Key_bearer_sso_nginx ▾
Audience	<div><input type="text"/> Add</div> <div>Edit Delete</div>
Scope	<input type="text"/>

JWT Claims

Selected	Available
/Common Claim_Role	

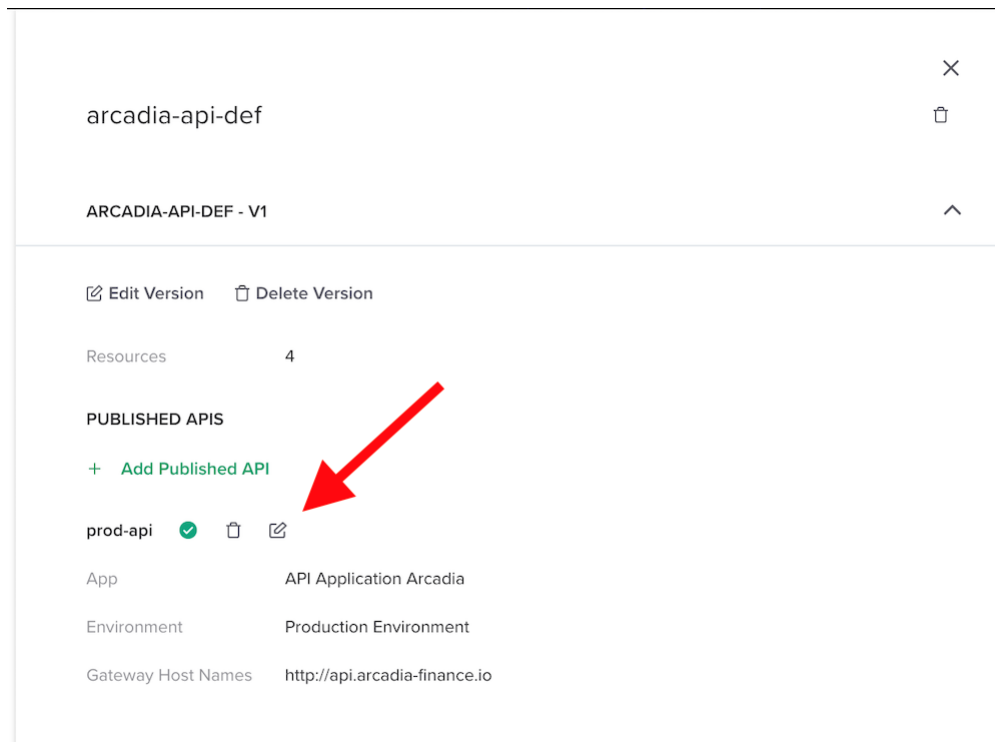
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Update Delete

Step 4 - Update the authorization component setting in the controller

Note: Now, the BIG-IP APM is injecting the Claim in the JWT Bearer SSO token. It is time to tell to the NGINX GW, to only grant access if the Role contains Manager

1. In the controller GUI
2. In APIs > arcadia-api-def, edit the published API prod-api



3. Edit Authentication

Routing

Create and modify routes by moving resources to a component

Unrouted

/api/rest/execute_money_transfer.php	POST
/trading/rest/buy_stocks.php	POST
/trading/rest/sell_stocks.php	POST
/trading/transactions.php	GET

Components

cp_mainapp_api	
mainapp.nginx-udf.internal:30511	
Authentication	
/trading/rest/buy_stocks	
/trading/rest/sell_stocks	
/trading/transactions	

Add New

Next →

4. Click on Enable Conditional Access

5. And enter the values below. This will allow access only if the Claim contains Manager. Select 401 as Failure Response as 403 is not allowed as response type by Adv. Waf (by default)

Edit App Component

Cancel Submit

GENERAL

✓ Configuration

BACKEND

✓ Workload Groups

✓ Health Monitoring

PROGRAMMABILITY

✓ URI Rewrites

SECURITY

✓ Rate Limiting

✓ Authentication

ADVANCED

✓ Advanced

REVIEW

✓ API Spec

Authentication

Add Authentication

JWT Bearer SSO - BEARER

Conditional Access

✓ Enable Conditional Access

Policy Type *

Required

Allow when

Source Data Type *

Required

JWT claim

Source Data Value *

Required

Role

Comparison Type *

Required

Contains

Value *

Required

Manager

Failure Response *

Required

401

Next →

6. Click Submit and Submit

Step 5 - Make a test

1. In Postman, send a request with Partner1 JWT token. As a reminder, he is Manager. Request passes.

Partner 1:

```
eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.
```

```
eyJpc3MiOiJwYXJ0bmVyMSIsImIhdCI6MTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwiZXhwIjoxNjg4MDYzOTg1LCJhdWQiOiJhcGkuYXJjYWRpYS
```

```
eyJRb0RfKWVSLVU3md6OULGifoVxJ-ryx7y-0DKrOlPOM
```

2. Then, send the same request with Partner2 JWT token. As a reminder, he is Contractor. Request fails.

Partner 2:

```
eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.
```

```
eyJpc3MiOiJwYXJ0bmVyMiIsImIhdCI6MTU5MzQ1NTk4NSwiZXhwIjoxNjg4MDYzOTg1LCJhdWQiOiJhcGkuYXJjYWRpYS
```

```
eyJRb0RfKWVSLVU3md6OULGifoVxJ-ryx7y-0DKrOlPOM
```

Note: As you can notice, APM is collecting the different claims and only forward the relevant claims to the internal API GW. Then, API GWs grant access based on the claim values.

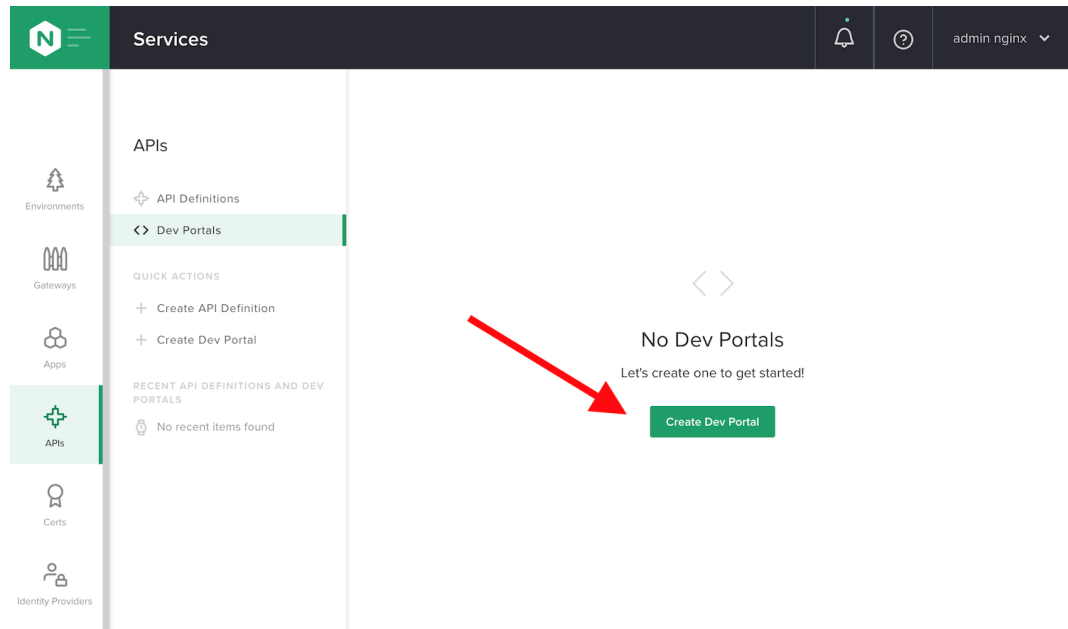
1.3.5 Module 5 - Developer Portal

Note: If you remember, we deployed 3 instances. One for the WebApp, one for the APIs and another one for the DevPortal. We will use the latest in this lab.

When we uploaded the OAS3 file, this file included the API documentation as well. There is only one step to publish the documentation into the DevPortal instance.

Step 1 - Create a Dev Portal object

1. In APIs, then Dev Portals create a new Dev Portal object



2. Configure the object as below

1. Name: devportal
2. Display Name: Dev Portal Arcadia
3. Environment: Production Environment
4. Gateway: Gateway Dev Portal
5. Published API: prod-api

Create Dev Portal

Cancel

Submit

GENERAL

Configuration

THEME

Brand

Colors

Fonts

REVIEW

API Spec

Configuration

Name *

Required

devportal

Display Name

Optional

Dev Portal Arcadia

Description

Optional

Tags

Optional

Ex: tag1, tag2, ...

Environment *

Required

Production Environment

+ CREATE NEW

Gateways *

Required

Gateway Dev Portal ✕

+ CREATE NEW

Published APIs

Optional

prod-api ✕

Next →

6. Click Next

3. Give a Brand name like API for Arcadia Application, and upload any logo if you want

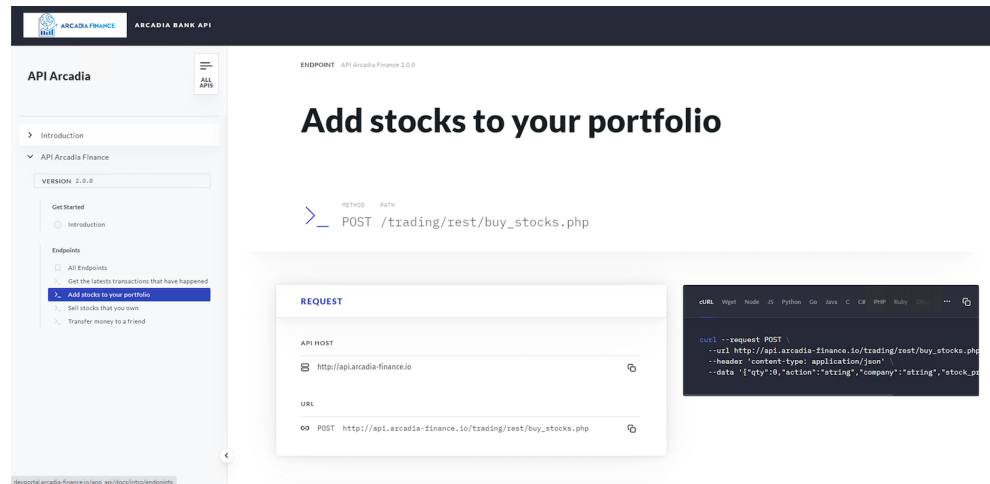
4. Click Next and Submit

Step 2 - Navigate to the Developer Portal

1. RDP to Jumphost as user/user

2. Open Chrome and click on bookmark Dev Portal API

1. Click on Explore API and Get Started



Note: Navigate in the Developer Portal. As you can notice, this has been populated automatically thanks to the OAS file. As a reminder, the OAS file looks like that (this is an extract for the `buy stock` API).

```
/trading/rest/buy_stocks.php:
post:
  summary: Add stocks to your portfolio
  requestBody:
    required: true
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          $ref: '#/components/schemas/buy'
        example:
          trans_value: '312'
          qty: '16'
          company: MSFT
          action: buy
          stock_price: '198'
  responses:
    '200':
      description: 200 response
      content:
        application/json:
          example:
            status: success
            name: Microsoft
            qty: '16'
            amount: '312'
            transid: '855415223'
```