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## Overview

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The Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series and Barracuda NextGen Control Center is a family of hardware and virtual appliances designed to protect your network infrastructure. On top of industry-leading centralized management, the highly resilient VPN technology combined with intelligent traffic management capabilities allows customers to save line costs and increase overall network availability.

### Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series

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The F-Series Firewall is an enterprise-grade, next-generation firewall that was purpose-built for efficient deployment and operation within dispersed, highly dynamic, and security-critical network environments. In addition to next-generation firewall protection, it provides industry-leading operations efficiency and added business value by safeguarding network traffic against line outages and link quality degradation.

User identity and application awareness are used to select the best network path, traffic priority, and available bandwidth for business-critical traffic. The F-Series Firewall can transparently move traffic to alternative lines to keep traffic flowing.

### Barracuda NextGen Control Center

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All policies and client and device settings for all F-Series Firewalls can be centrally managed and tracked by the NextGen Control Center. This allows the NextGen F-Series family to meet enterprise requirements of massive scalability, efficient configuration, and life cycle and license management across dispersed networks, while at the same time offering performance guarantees for business-critical applications. The concept of integrated WAN optimization coupled with industry-leading centralized management results in significantly lower overall operational costs for multi-site deployments.

### Platform Flexibility

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The Barracuda NextGen family offers hardware and virtual models in various sizes, from branch offices up to headquarters and datacenters. The NextGen Control Center Vx and Firewall F-Series Vx can run on a wide range of hypervisors, effortlessly integrating with your existing network and server infrastructure. The NextGen F-Series is designed for deployment across the entire enterprise,

including the Microsoft Azure, Amazon AWS public clouds

## **First Steps with the Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series and Control Center**

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Follow the deployment and getting started guides to get up and running:

- [Deployment](#) - Deployment for hardware, virtual, and public cloud NextGen Firewall F-Series and Control Center.
- [Getting Started](#) - Follow this guide to integrate your NextGen F-Series Firewall and Control Center into your existing network.

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