

# DevCentral Top5 9/12/2008



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This week Don and Joe traveled to Boston while Jeff and I held things down here at DC Headquarters. Those guys were even contributing while on the road...hawsome as they are. There was plenty going on this week on [DevCentral](#) including a great announcement, so be sure to check out this week's Top5. Speaking of which, here it is:

## **Support, Social Technology, and Trust**

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/JeffB/archive/2008/09/11/3607.aspx>

Probably the most exciting news from the world of [DevCentral](#) this week is that we've entered into Forrester's Groundswell competition for social networking sites. Jeff's blog post discussing what that is, why we entered and the road we've traveled getting to a point where this is even possible is a great look at some of the things you might not know about DC. It's also a great form of kudos to the fantastic community members that make [DevCentral](#) what it is. Thanks to everyone that's contributed to make this possible, and be sure to take a look on DC to see where you can go to [vote for DevCentral!](#) Okay, it's really a "review", but who's counting?

## **DevCentral Groundswell Success Story**

<http://devcentral.f5.com/Default.aspx?tabid=63&articleType=ArticleView&articleId=268>

Don MacVittie helped the team by spearheading the Groundswell effort. As such, he put together a couple of great documents for use in our submission and for giving the community some info about the contest and what it means to be a part of it. This is one of those docs that will talk a little more about what the contest is, in depth, the category we chose to enter in and why. Don does a great job at pointing out some of the things that make [DevCentral](#) truly unique, and some of the ways you might not realize you can get more out of the site, both of which are worthy reasons to dive in and give this doc a read.

## **The impact of the network on ... everything**

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/macvittie/archive/2008/09/11/3606.aspx>

Lori's at it again, writing those insightful, interesting posts to her blog that we're glad to have on [DevCentral](#). In this particular post she discusses the days of yesteryear when she was actually allowed near a programming terminal. In the interesting pontification she brings up some very interesting and salient points about current performance concerns, the network affecting applications and why it's critically important to have a firm understanding of what the applications are going to need and be doing before assuming the network is going to be able to properly serve them.

## **Class ordering in an iRule**

<http://devcentral.f5.com/Default.aspx?tabid=63&articleType=ArticleView&articleId=270>

My tech tip offering this week delves into a discussion whose impetus stems from an email thread wherein one of the many bright Development types here at F5 discussed some interesting points about Classes as they're implemented in iRules. It was a reminder to me that not everyone knows this, and it might be quite valuable or at least offer some insight into the nuts and bolts behind the iRules foo we all know and love. I figured it was my duty to get this out to the community at large so...here you go. I hope it does the original discussion justice, and is interesting all at the same time.

## **DevCentral Weekly Roundup Episode 54 - Stream Scrubbing**

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/dcpodcast/archive/2008/09/11/3608.aspx>

This week we have the whole team on the line for the podcast, albeit from opposite sides of the country this time. The discussion ranged from the relevant to the wacky and back, as it always does when we get to chatting. I think there were some pretty decent comments and insights along the way, though. At the very least there's a summary of what we've been up to, what's been going on behind the scenes in the land of [DevCentral](#), and some great discussion about the Groundswell submission I've already mentioned a couple times above. Check it out, listen up, and let us know what you thought.

Thanks for coming along for this week's Top5 from [DevCentral](#). As always, comments and suggestions are quite welcome, so send in that feedback.

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