

DevCentral Top5 9/5/08



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It's almost the end of summer. Kids are back in school, vacations are wrapping up, and everyone's hunkering down for the fall months. DevCentral is as active as ever, and it's only going to amplify as the team keeps on kicking out the jams. I'm hoping this means the Top5 is even more useful as I walk you through what's been going on this week in DCLand and show you some of the things I think are a "must-see". That said, here's your Top5:

The First VIPRION Review

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/Joe/archive/2008/09/03/the-first-viprion-review.aspx>

Faster than a speeding bullet and able to handle more traffic than I-5, VIPRION has finally been reviewed, officially. Joe brings us his blog summary of the review as well as the link to the ITPro article where you can read all about it. It's great to see that not only was the review positive, but it included some great sentiment about the future of the ADC and how we're leading the way. Take a look at the full review (link included in Joe's blog post) as it's definitely worth a read.

Google Chrome - Review

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/Joe/archive/2008/09/02/google-chrome---review.aspx>

Joe's second review of the week is a big one. The much anticipated Google Chrome has had quite a buzz in the IT community this week, and Joe's review has been right there at the top of the Google results garnering over 100 comments from visitors that want to share their feelings about the shiny, new, sleek browser. I'm not a user yet, personally, but Joe has taken it for a spin and shares his thoughts. Probably even more interesting (sorry Joe) is browsing through the slough of comments and seeing the reactions of the masses. It's fantastic to see this kind of turn-out on DC and I had to share. Not to mention a new browser could quite possibly affect the way people use and view web applications.

If Kernighan were a network architect he would say...

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/macvittie/archive/2008/09/03/3585.aspx>

Lori pontificates about network architectures and troubleshooting them, comparing and contrasting those thoughts to software development and the troubleshooting involved with that. This is a good illustration of some of the challenges our customers go through when dealing with their deployments, and is something to keep in mind when trying to think of ways that we can help them get where they're trying to go. It all got started by a great quote from Brian Kernighan - "Debugging is twice as hard as writing the code in the first place. Therefore, if you write the code as cleverly as possible, you are, by definition, not smart enough to debug it." I love it.

Agility or just Change?

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/dmacvittie/archive/2008/09/02/3582.aspx>

The other half of the Dynamic MacVittie Duo was hardly resting on his laurels this week. My offering to you, from Don, is his awesome look at IT agility or the lack thereof. As he mentions, we've been at it for over 20 years (IT agility, not F5 in particular) and it's interesting to pause and think about how far we've gotten, where we are, and where we're trying to go. Have we progressed? Has it been enough to warrant the time invested? Get Don's take in his Persistently Different blog. I did, and I don't regret it.

DevCentral Weekly Roundup Episode 53 - No Mercy

<http://devcentral.f5.com/weblogs/dcpodcast/archive/2008/09/04/3591.aspx>

Finally, this week, we had the entire team back on the Podcast. I can't recall how long that's been, but it's certainly been too long. For the fifty third episode of the weekly roundup the entire team discusses many things, including our distinct lack of mercy when it comes to dealing with each other. Listen in, as I recommend almost every week, to get a good recap of what's been going on, who's working on what, what to expect in coming weeks, the weather...wait...strike that last one. This week we also announce [DevCentral](#)'s entry into Forrester's "Groundswell" competition. Listen in and follow the links to learn more about what that is and how you can help us take home the gold!

Thanks for tuning in. If you have any feedback or suggestions I'd love to hear them, as always.

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