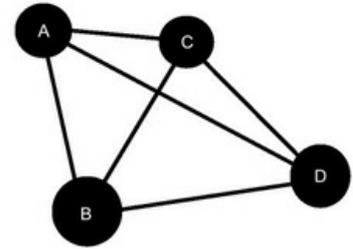


# Making difficult things possible



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Wow, another intensely productive day in a room at HQ headquarters with some of the best & brightest iRules/iControl F5 minds from Field Services, Consulting, Product Development, Business Development, IT and Product Management. [Colin posted after yesterday's session](#), which was a-mazing, and today was even better.



We previewed some long-awaited iRules functionality that's slated for an upcoming release, and discussed at least a dozen more actionable product enhancement ideas passed along by your SE's, covering everything from usability enhancements to some crazy useful additional iRules functionality. So many case studies I don't even know where to start, but just let me say these guys are really pushing the envelope to solve a huge variety of application woes for customers all over the globe. We're recording some of these stories for DCTV, and you'll see a lot of the resulting code in the DevCentral codeshares in upcoming weeks, so keep an eye out for that.

Looking forward to Day 3 -- apparently we'll be talking mostly about iControl and taking the [pyControl](#) & [Java Wrappers](#) our for a spin...

The day drew to a late close with a tasty impromptu dinner gathering at [T.S. McHughe's Irish Pub](#) that also included one of the F5 Training content developers who are working hard to bring you the much-requested upcoming iRules class. It's shaping up nicely, and should help create some more "iRules experts" for our little community here.

[iRules](#) and [iControl](#) are truly, as one of the SE's put it, "making simple things easy and difficult things possible" in the realm of application management, and although I've been around a long time, I'm still impressed and pleasantly surprised at every turn by the depth and breadth of business issues we can address with our little "boxes".

more later...

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