



**CourseCast of the Week – March 10, 2008 – Episode 39**

**Key Topics:**

- Apple Releases iPhone Software Development Kit
- Microsoft R & D Expo
- Malware Turns to Mobile Devices
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. What do the initials SDK stand for? What is significant about the SDK being released for the iPhone and iPod Touch? (Apple Releases iPhone Software Development Kit)
2. What is malware? What is the malware designed to do on mobile devices? What potential problems do you see that malware will cause in the next few years? What are some solutions? (Malware Turns to Mobile Devices)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Research the projects presented at Microsoft's R & D Expo. Discuss some of the ones that you think will make a significant contribution. Discuss at least one that surprised you. (Microsoft R & D Expo)
2. See if you can find news items where Google has had an influence in the past three months. See if you can find news items where Yahoo! has had an influence in the past three months. Compare and contrast your findings. (News Briefs)

**Think Critically:**

1. Why do you think Steve Jobs released the SDK? Do you think that the iPhone will be competitive with Blackberry? Why or why not? (Apple Releases iPhone Software Development Kit)
2. In the news this week are articles about the Pentagon being upset with Google, the U.S. Homeland Security Department testing new video technology, botnet armies, and an international database. How do you feel about how technology affects United States security? (News Briefs)